

*The following are my responses to an E-mail interview, wherein the author of an upcoming book on the lives of 9/11 Truth activists poses a number of questions to me. I feel my responses accurately show my views on the subject. I feel my views are worthwhile for all people to read, and so I am placing the contents of the interview on the Internet for universal access by all. I also wish my views to be archived throughout history by placing it in cyberspace. Kelly Winterton*

#### QUESTION #1 – HOW AND WHEN DID YOU FIRST GET INVOLVED IN SEEKING THE TRUTH ABOUT 9/11?

It is not possible to answer this question in a couple of short paragraphs. This question must be answered by explaining a lot of experiences in my life which prepared me to accept 9/11 Truth so readily the first time someone told me 9/11 was an inside job. This part of my life is what I wanted to convey most to you as you consider different persons' personal stories about 9/11 Truth.

My story begins when I was in the sixth grade of elementary school in Ogden Utah. This would have been back in the spring of 1967. The sixth-graders were visited by the Junior High School administrators to orient and sign us up for the coming school year. This was an intimidating thought, going from elementary school to the “big” Junior High School up the hill. We would have things like lockers, and we would have the opportunity to actually choose different types of classes and teachers according to our own desires. The thing I remember most was the counsel the administrators gave us sixth-graders. They told how almost every new seventh-grader wanted to take a foreign language class, but so very few students actually had the commitment to stick with the regimen that would be required of us. They actually cautioned us NOT to sign up for a foreign language.

I knew at that point that I wanted to learn German. I promised myself to stick with it so I could learn the language.

I took my German classes for six consecutive years. I actually earned very good grades, too.

My next stage of life concerns my religion. As a member of the “Mormon” church (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, a mouthful, I just like to call it the Mormon Church) young men are sort of expected to become a missionary for two years of their lives. That is, if you are a “good” Mormon. Often there is a stigma attached to young men who don't choose to serve a mission for their church, even though a two-year mission is not required to remain a full-fledged member. I chose to “do the right thing,” to serve my church and God who had given me a moral compass in my life.

In the spring of 1974, as a lad of 19 years of age, I found myself in Northern Germany serving as a missionary. I had a chance to really put the finishing touches on my German language abilities. I lived and worked among the people of Germany for the next two years, coming back home to Northern Utah in the summer of 1976.

While I did gain some very useful wisdom in political and foreign affairs, I will not expound on these. I did however get to hear what the Germans thought about the resignation of Richard Nixon, and did get to see the Iron Curtain in a few different places. My life was starting to see beyond the boundaries of the USA, where I as a Boy Scout pledged “to do my duty to God and my Country” and where we often stood in school class to repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

After my mission service in Germany concluded in the summer of 1976, I married in December 1976 to a Mormon girl here in Utah. My thoughts turned towards job, life in general, buying a home, raising kids, etc. I really had no desire to get involved politically, finding it confusing and boring. I thought the best solution to government was “the less government gets involved with me in my life, the better.” But, I did however, right from the start of my married life, have the desire to keep up on my German language skills. I thought the cool thing to do would be to subscribe to a German newspaper so that I could read it and keep up on European events. Seems I had more interest in European affairs than I had in US affairs. But alas, to subscribe to a German newspaper or periodical was next to impossible for a young father in Northern Utah at that time.

However, along came the Internet during the 90s. After getting the Internet at my desk at work, I made it a habit to scan the headlines of the German newspapers every day, in order to inform myself and to keep my language skills sharp.

Then came the run-up to the Iraq War in the early months of 2002. I would see Cheney on TV proclaim that Saddam Hussein had the worst WMD, and that he was going to use them on us and our allies. But, the German newspapers were not reporting any such thing. In fact, using sources and facts, were actually saying that WMD did not exist in Iraq. I found a huge chasm between German media and US media.

My wife at this time during the run-up to the war was working as a civilian on Hill Air Force Base. She was caught up somewhat in the “patriotic” movement on base, and actually was somewhat upset at me for my “unpatriotic” views. You see, I had already become convinced, even BEFORE the shock and awe bombing display on Baghdad, that there would never be any of Cheney’s WMD found.

I was naïve back then. I thought that if I proclaimed that if there were not ever any WMD found, then Bush and his gang would be ridiculed and forced out of office. Even though I have been vindicated in my stance of no WMDs, I was really taken aback at the attitude of Utah’s Mormons, when the failure to find WMD was quickly replaced by the “noble” goal of the war – to give the Iraqis freedom from a tyrant. Utahns had bought the propaganda hook, line and sinker. Bush was still their “fearless leader,” unswayed by any setbacks in Iraq.

In the meantime, I was in constant correspondence with some of my native German friends. Email made such correspondence cheap and easy. Not only were the German newspapers on the Internet wondering what stupid things the Americans were doing, but

so also had my German friends become quite sharp towards me in their questions concerning US actions. They were quite frank in their questions and remarks because they already knew full well of my disagreement with Bush's foreign policy.

My German friend would often tell me of things in their press, which were not reported in our press. I soon found out that US media was nothing more than cheerleaders for Bush. One big example I can cite was the Abu Ghraib prison torture scandal. As we now know, Rummy was aware of the torture months before it was forced into the open to US citizens. But, I was aware of the torture scandal almost two full months before it broke in the US media, because my German friend had told me in an email!

While I know the German press is not by any means perfect, I had come to trust the German media, and had come to believe that US media was all propaganda. Even if the press did tell the truth in something, it was still always massaged in such a way that made America sound like we wear white hats.

Now, to the question you posed, How and When did I become aware of 9/11. The fateful day was September 22, 2003. My dear German friend emailed me and worded it like this: "something else our media is reporting that you're not getting is that the attacks of 9/11 were orchestrated by the CIA and FBI."

As I read that email, I stopped, stunned. My initial thought was "Sure, like I'm supposed to believe that!!!" But, then logic took over and the next thought came so very clearly into my head: "But the Germans haven't been wrong yet! I probably ought to look into this!"

Knowing I wouldn't find a way to verify this claim in any mainstream sources, I turned to the internet. You can fill in the rest of my epiphany. It took all of a half an hour and I had become totally convinced that 9/11 really was an inside job.

## QUESTION 2 – WHAT PIECE OF EVIDENCE WAS MOST CONVINCING?

I can't really remember at all any of the specific websites I found on that September afternoon in 2003 as I did a google search. But, it became an obsession. I found myself reading not just the German Internet news, but found the beginnings of the 9/11 Truth community in cyberspace. There were however some standouts. The first one was an interview I heard from Von Kleist. I immediately ordered his 911 In Plane Site DVD, so that I could visually start showing it to other people. Next, I found Jimmy Walter's DVD called Confronting The Evidence. Another watershed moment was the reading of David Ray Griffin's New Pearl Harbor. I read the free on-line version, and was so impressed that I bought the book. Another key piece which was very helpful in putting it all in perspective was Barrie Zwicker's The Great Conspiracy The 9/11 News Special You Never Saw. Recently, I have come to like the DVD 9/11 Mysteries, Demolitions Part 1 as my favorite one to share with others.

Being a Mormon like Steven E. Jones, I have also come to like his research. I have given copies of his paper to many other Utahns, hoping they will consider some research from a fellow Mormon.

As I talk to others, it is often difficult to tell them in only few sentences the truth of 9/11 before they turn their brains off, dismissing me as some kind of unpatriotic conspiracy theorist. So, I like to dwell on two key points that for me are the most convincing:

- 1) The physical impossibility of the rate of speed in which the 3 towers came down, and
- 2) the presence of molten metal in the sub-basements for weeks after the “collapse.”

### QUESTION #3 – HOW HAS YOUR SEARCH FOR 9/11 TRUTH IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

Sorry Kevin, back to the Mormon twist in this again! But it is my story, and Utah’s Mormons shape the way in which I must deal with this issue.

Utah is the reddest of red Republican States in the Union. Probably a subject of a whole book as to the reasons why. I’m not sure of all the reasons myself, except for my own perceptions living as a Mormon among Mormons in Utah. My father years ago came to the conclusion that he was a conservative Republican. He tells me he studied the issues (once, back when he was a young man, probably about the year 1962 or so!) and decided the Republicans were the true way. His way of thinking never changed, and he was a Bush supporter in both his “elections.” He talked of Barry Goldwater a lot, and he liked Reagan. He thought it was always the Democrats that overspent the budget and got us into wars.

I think many other old-time Utahns think like he does. The problem as I see it, is that Mormons are really keen on “obtaining a testimony” of truth, and then holding fast to it – never wavering and enduring to the end no matter what the consequences – in order to obtain their reward in heaven later if the consequences are too dire here on earth in their lifetime now. This religious zeal apparently carries over into their political views also. Having once been convinced of the principles of smaller government, fiscal responsibility, value of human life (stem cells, abortion), and providing for one’s self before turning to welfare aid, they then never waiver from it and are in fact now enduring to the end believing that the old-time Republican planks are somehow, somewhere to be found in Bush’s Whitehouse. (Of course, these old-fashioned Republican virtues are nowhere to be found now, the Republican Party having been hijacked by the Neo-Cons.)

That is, of course, my short version of Utahns. But it has been a real uphill battle to proclaim 9/11 Truth in Northern Utah. I, having quite a German background, saw many similarities to the rise to power of Hitler and German Nationalism with the current themes of American Nationalism. I had read of the White Rose Society in Munich where Hans and Sophie Scholl distributed leaflets in an attempt to inform the people of Hitler’s intents. There is also a very similar, twin story among Mormons of a group of Mormon boys who did exactly the same thing. They had had access to a contraband radio, and had

heard what was being broadcast in England about Hitler. Becoming convinced that German media was just propaganda, they began printing up leaflets and clandestinely distributing them around Hamburg. Later they were caught, and one of the three Mormon boys was executed after a show-trial. The other two boys actually survived in prison and in concentration camps. I actually even had the chance to talk personally to one of these two survivors! So, these dissenters against Hitler are some of the people I look up to.

In my quest to do likewise, I bought a DVD burner and started burning copies of Von Kleist's DVD and started distributing them to family and friends. I later began to burn copies of Jimmy Walter's DVD. (I was not sure of Von Kleist's assumption of pods, because there was at that time so much disagreement among Truthers whether these pods were real.) I then started burning Loose Change DVDs. Now I burn the 9/11 Mysteries DVDs. I have burned literally hundreds of DVDs and have given them away to anyone who'll take them. I have also done as the White Rose people did, and I have even left DVDs in all my neighbors' mailboxes, newspaper tubes and doorsteps late at night when no one will see me. I haven't really tried to keep it a secret though, many of my neighbors know exactly where they came from. Many of the neighbors I know personally have received a DVD from me face to face. I have two bumper stickers on the tailgate of my truck proudly proclaiming 9/11 was an inside job. I ordered a dozen of these bumper stickers so I could put them up around town at the busiest of intersections. These stickers have mysteriously been displayed (by me) in the wee hours of the morning on places like stop-light poles, where during every red light, the lead car stopped there must stare at the 9/11 was an inside job bumper sticker. I often wonder how many hundreds of drivers read those stickers right in front of their noses. One of my crowning (pun intended) feats was when I had a local embroidery shop custom make me a hat to wear. In bold lettering, both front and back it states: **9/11 = Inside Job Google It & See** I wear this hat wherever I go. I chose the bright red color for maximum visibility.

In my study of 9/11 Truth, I have come across many crackpots. It is almost too bad there are some of those out there. I consider myself an average citizen. I have children, a stable marriage and job, own a home and generally lead a normal life. But when I so openly proclaim the truth of 9/11, I am sure others are quick to judge me and lump me in the group of "tin foil hat-wearing" conspiracy theorists. This is why I so quickly jumped onto the things that Steven Jones was saying. I have attended a couple of lectures that Jones has given, and I like his way and style. It says to me that I too can believe 9/11 was an inside job and not be some radical kook. Jones is quick to point out the reason we should question 9/11, and that is because he and I both are concerned for the future of our country. We both are of the opinion that the Constitution is a document we ought to go back to as we are now quickly making the Constitution "just a g\*\*damned piece of paper." In this regard, I consider myself and Steven Jones to be true patriots, and the blind sheep still buying the theory of a man in a cave directing 19 hijackers with boxcutters are really not patriotic at all!

Another aspect of how 9/11 Truth has changed my life has been in the trips I have taken to Germany. I spent a week traveling in Germany in October 2001, starting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This was almost exactly one month after 9/11. The plane to Germany was almost

empty! But, there seemed to be real sympathy toward America as I conversed with Germans. I traveled again to Germany for two weeks in July of 2004. As I talked with total strangers on the streets of Germany then, there had been an astounding change that had happened. Germans would be very frank, and more than once the first sentence coming out of their mouths was: "Who are you going to vote for, Bush or Kerry?" They were suddenly very open in their hostility toward Bush and his other cronies. However, they spoke quite nicely to me after I told them that I hated Bush and what he was doing.

In conclusion, I'm sure you can see that 9/11 Truth really has changed my life. I only hope the efforts to spread this truth can somehow save our country. I am thankful for your efforts in publishing a book to help bring awareness. God bless you for your efforts.

Question posed by Kevin Quirk: What do you hope or believe will happen regarding 911 Truth in the next five years?

Predicting the future is an invitation for someone to expose himself to ridicule when his predictions do not prove true. But, no one can claim to know the future, so therefore my thoughts will be as valid as the next person's thoughts. If someone had a corner on predicting the future, he would indeed be rich and famous. I do not claim to have this gift.

But, being a Mormon, I do believe that God *could* make known future events through revelation, if He felt the need to do so. God has made future events known in the past, as we who believe in the Bible can attest to. Mormons are a little bit different from the major mainstream Christian churches, in that they consider their current church leader to be a "prophet, seer and revelator."

A "prophecy" of Joseph Smith, the founder of the Mormon religion, touches upon this question of what might happen in the next five years. This "prophecy" of his was never written down on paper by himself, and was only recorded second-hand by those who heard him personally talk of this prophecy. Since it was never recorded on paper by himself, there is some controversy over the exact wording, or even if one can even consider this to be an "authentic" prophecy. I however, and many other Mormons consider this "prophecy" to be real.

The prophecy states that the Constitution of the United States will one day "hang by a thread," and if it is to be saved at all, it will be through the efforts of good God-fearing Christian people.

Kevin, whether the prophet Joseph Smith was truly inspired in his prophecy of the Constitution or not, is not important. I do however believe that the Constitution is now "hanging by that thread." In fact, I believe the Constitution is perhaps even in worse danger than just "hanging by a thread." The Constitution is almost totally dead, and the average American citizen is not aware of it, thanks to a compliant media that cheerlead anything and everything Washington and the Shadow Government says.

To further elaborate on Joseph Smith's prophecy of the Constitution, it is believed that "if it is to be saved at all, it will be through the efforts of God-fearing individuals who step forward to save it. THIS IS WHERE I BELIEVE THE 911 TRUTH MOVEMENT IS, OR SHOULD BE GOING.

I look at people like David Ray Griffin and Steven E. Jones in this same light. I like to think of people like you, Kevin, in the same light! I also like to think that there are thousands, perhaps tens of thousands of Kelly Wintertons out there, who perhaps are not as capable as Griffin and Jones, but none-the-less are necessary to further the truth so the Constitution can be saved.

Now, having given to you my basis in thinking of what I hope, or believe might happen in the next five years, I can further state some of my thoughts and beliefs in regard to your question.

I once thought, naively, that Bush could be defeated in the 2004 re-election simply because his lies could be exposed. I was frustrated to find that the power of the Mainstream Media was powerful enough in its propaganda to convince the general populace that Bush had actually "won" the election. (I believe Bush did NOT win, but the vote was manipulated.) I then placed much hope in the Impeachment movement, and once thought that Bush and Cheney would have been impeached already. But we now see the impeachment movements on many levels have met with opposition on many levels. (Like Pelosi stating that impeachment is off the table.) So, now I am quite saddened when I try to predict the future of the Movement in the next five years. I think now I am becoming more of a pessimist, instead of an optimist. I really don't want to make a prediction of triumph or victory in the next five years, because through my reading, I have come to believe the power and efforts of the Shadow Government are simply too strong for the 911 Truth Movement to overcome!

But now I can move forward with a little hope, to the part of your question of what I *hope* will happen in the next five years.

The Book of Revelation in Chapter 18 tells us of a total collapse of the world's economy which will precede the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. I actually think the Bible is correct in this prophecy of John the Revelator. I watch the exchange rates of the US dollar against the Euro every day, and anticipate that the dollar, through military overstretch and imperialism will continue to weaken. (I just returned from Europe last month, where the US\$/Euro exchange rate was painfully apparent to me!) I actually think this may be the only way that sanity and peace can gain the upper hand over Cheney's Shadow Government.

But I firmly believe in the power of the 911 Truth Movement as being the core issue of what will be able to save the USA from total collapse. If enough people are NOT aware of the false-flag nature of 911 when the economy goes south as in the prophecy of the Book of Revelation, then we are certainly doomed. I believe that 911 Truth is the core issue in educating the world's populace, which will empower the people to overthrow the

Shadow Government. Whether this will happen within the next five years or not, I will not venture a guess. But, the sooner the better!

There are many issues that concern me deeply. Two of the biggies are the diminishing rights of US citizens through things like the Patriot Act, and the power and effect of the Mainstream Media. There are hundreds of lesser concerns, like Genetically Modified crops, the overtaking of the Education System, to the power of the huge multi-national corporations as they manipulate government through lobbyists, the broken health care system and the unmanageable cost increases of private health insurance, illegal immigration, and even other less-known issues such as chemtrails. BUT, none of these issues in and of themselves will be the key in restitution of Constitutional principles to the USA. But the key and core issue is, I firmly believe, the revealing of 9/11 Truth!

I believe the unveiling and general accepting of 911 Truth can shock the general populace into unraveling the Shadow Government's hold upon World Hegemony. So, I want to be genuinely active in spreading the truth of the 911 false-flag attacks.

Now, while I realize that I have been wrong in my predictions of the past, I hesitate somewhat in actually writing down what I "think" might happen within the next 5 years. But, here goes!

The 911 Truth Movement will be one of the key powers keeping us from war with Iran, because the support of the general populace of America will not be there. The amount of Americans who oppose further restrictions of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution will increase to the amount of being a real force to be reckoned with. But, as the general populace grows to oppose the direction of the Shadow Government, the powers of the Shadow Government will react in the way a cornered animal reacts, and we will see many horrible acts come from government as a result of being cornered. These horrible acts will probably be in the form of internet restriction of free speech and even dumber decisions in foreign policy. Other horrible acts will be like the current black-listing of real patriots like Ron Paul. Any attempt by real patriots will be severely challenged. The power of other nations will increase, as we have already begun to witness, in the efforts of countries like Russia and China to further move away from US dollar hegemony into currencies like the Euro. This will challenge the efforts of the Neo-cons to propel the USA into a sole empirical power in the world. We will see further growth in the general populace to revolt against the actions of government. This revolt will be good in my eyes. The knowledge of 911 Truth will be key in changing history and will hopefully cause the defeat of much of the Shadow Government's efforts to ultimately bring the entire world into submission of their goals.

And now, to finish up, part of your question asked what I have been doing lately in the 911 Truth Movement, and if I've had any recent experiences. Unfortunately, I don't have much to report in this regard. My recent experiences have been quite undramatic. I had to buy a new truck, so my new truck does not have the 911 bumper stickers. I turned to the internet, and found it is now a whole heck-of-a-lot easier to order 911 bumper stickers

than it was years ago when I put stickers on my last truck. This was very encouraging to me. My stickers arrived in the mail yesterday for my new truck!

Last month I was blessed with the opportunity to spend two weeks in Europe. My way was paid for me by a group of people who wanted me along as translator for them. The travel dates were September 7<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> 2007. This means that I was in Germany during the 6 year anniversary of 911! Preceding September 11<sup>th</sup>, the TV ads were advertising a TV documentary which was to air on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The program was supposed to be covering “what really happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>.” This TV program was to air about 8 p.m. at night, which was during prime time. However, I did not get the opportunity to view it, because I was with a tour group, and our group was together eating in a restaurant at that time. But, after September 11<sup>th</sup>, I had the neat opportunity to spend some quality time with my German friends in their home, and talk to them about the TV program. (These are the same friends that alerted me by email years ago that 911 was an inside job!!!!) My question to them was if they had watched the TV program, and they most certainly had! I asked if the program was oriented toward those that believed in controlled demolition were kooks and crackpots, or if the program laid out various possibilities and then let the viewer decide, or if the program actively showed the US government’s theory of a guy in a cave directing 19 hijackers with boxcutters to bring down the WTC. They told me the program was all oriented toward two theories, either the LIHOP or MIHOP theories.

Of course, the US media would NEVER let a program on TV which preaches LIHOP and MIHOP. But, the rest of the world knows!