

9/11 Unmasked: An International Review Panel Investigation. By David Ray Griffin and Elizabeth Woodworth. U.S.: Olive Branch Press, 2018. ISBN 9781623719746 (pbk). Pp. 308

The sad events of September 9, 2011, known as 9/11, were followed by an onslaught of U.S. government and corporate media propaganda accusing the Muslims of being responsible for the attacks. This has led to a great increase in Islamophobia and the spreading of fear and anxiety on a great scale. Concerned governments have used 9/11 as a pretext to attack nations throughout the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa. David Ray Griffin who served as Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Theology, Emeritus, at the Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Graduate University (1973-2004), and Elizabeth Woodworth, a researcher and writer on climate change science and activism, arguing that the 9/11 story has been based on a complex deception, provide a carefully argued exposition of key problems with the official narrative.

9/11 Unmasked is the culmination of six years' work by the 9/11 Consensus Panel. This panel, according to the book, consisted of 23 experts from varying disciplines such as physics, chemistry, structural engineering, aeronautical engineering, airplane crash investigation, and journalism. Each of the panelists is identified and credited by name and qualifications. The panel has examined a variety of evidence which brings into question the "false" official narrative regarding 9/11. They employed a "best-evidence consensus model" in which each "consensus point" was accepted after three rounds of review and a vote of at least 85 percent. The book covers a wide area and questions the findings of the official 9/11 Commission Report. The book covers such areas as the collapse of the Twin Towers and the third building, WTC7, the attack on the Pentagon, the hijacked flights, the relationship between the alleged hijackers and Osama bin Laden and evidence concerning insider trading. The objective, as stated in the book is "to provide the world with a clear statement, based on expert independent opinion, of some of the best evidence opposing the official narrative about 9/11." There are 875 reference notes that document virtually every statement arrived at by the panel's consensus. The book concludes that the official version(s) of the attacks of 11 September 2001 are false.

The 9/11 Consensus panelists has reached agreement on 51 points with each point forming a chapter on its own. The 51 chapters are grouped into nine categories as follows:

- I. Destruction of the Twin Towers
- II. Destruction of WTC 7
- III. Attack on the Pentagon
- IV. The 9/11 Flights [includes Flight 93]
- V. U.S. Military Exercises
- VI. Claims About Military and Political Leaders
- VII. Osama Bin Laden and the Hijackers
- VIII. Phone Calls from the 9/11 Flights
- IX. The Question of Insider Trading

Each chapter is structured in a format that reads like an executive summary. The chapters, first, summarize the “official story” claims with references to source material and then proceeds to explain with facts that disprove it. Those facts are amply documented with notes at the end of the book. Taken as a whole, the 308-page book 9/11 Unmasked might rightly be considered an executive summary of the many years of research conducted by the two authors.

The book proves virtually every aspect of the “official story” false. The notion that Usama bin Laden was behind 9/11 attack, an accusation made by US leaders and believed by many others including some Muslim heads of states, was subsequently debunked by the FBI claiming that there is “no hard evidence” of Bin Laden’s involvement.

Similarly, the claim that Muhammad ‘Ata led a team of 19 Arab hijackers was equally fraudulent. The book shows that the ‘Ata who came to the US and was blamed for 9/11 is definitely not the same Muhammad al-Amir ‘Awad al-Sayyid ‘Ata who was in Hamburg, Germany in the 1990s and was victimized by identity theft. The movements of Mohamed Atta prior to 9/11 are discussed in Chapters 40, 41, and 44. They recorded only those movements of Atta that were solidly documented as being contrary to the official account and relevant to their purpose. The book devotes a good deal of space to establish that people were not where they said they were, which it accomplishes by piecing together timelines from the recollections of different people. As for the other “Arab hijackers” none were practicing Muslims and none of them were on the alleged attack planes. The authors also examined the alleged cell phone calls made by the hijackers and found these to be untrue. They also argue that jet-fuel-kindled office fires cannot melt 100-ton steel frames of the 110-story World Trade Center Towers as it did. In nine of the 51 chapters (Chapters 11, 12, 19, 20, 29, 30, 36,

49, and 50), the authors show how the government's story has changed over time. In each of those chapters, they provide verifiable evidence that discredits the multiple versions.

The question who actually master minded 9/11 attacks. Part 6 of *9/11 unmasked* examines eight (8) American military and political leaders who played some role in it. These people include: Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Richard Myers, Hugh Shelton, Gen Montague Winfield, Ralph Eberhart, and Rudolph Giuliani. None of these personalities have been arrested and interrogated for their treasonous activities on September 11, 2001. Instead, the official media keeps blaming the Muslims for this attack and for a purpose. As the authors of *9/11 unmasked* put it in their conclusion: “The claim that al-Qaeda operatives, under the inspiration of Osama bin Laden, attacked America on 9/11 was used by the Bush-Cheney administration as a pretext to attack Muslim majority nations... The belief that Muslims were responsible for the 9/11 attacks also led to a great increase in Islamophoobia in the world, especially in the United States.”

9/11 Unmasked noticeably lays out the facts that show the official story is simply not true. Reading any one of the 51 chapters, by itself, would convince that the official account is false. Reading all the 51 chapters together would show that the story behind 9/11 is utterly false, that the truth behind the incidents is to be found elsewhere and the Muslims should not be singled out for the incident. David Ray Griffin and Elizabeth Woodworth deserves commendation for exposing the lies perpetrated by official agencies. The book belongs on the bookshelf of anyone who is interested in knowing the truth and especially those reinvestigating that monumental event.