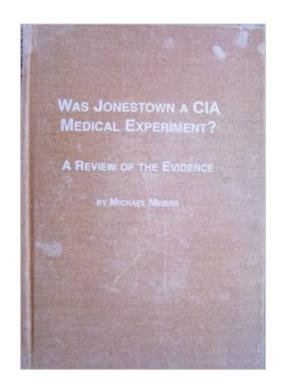
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Was Jonestown A CIA Medical Experiment?: A Review Of The Evidence (Studies In American Religion)





Synopsis

A work of investigative journalism that presents the theory that the Central Intelligence Agency employed the Reverend Jim Jones to administer a pharmaceutical field test in mind control and ethnic weaponry to a large test group, namely the membership of the Peoples Temple. The text proposes that Dr. Laurence Layton (former Chief of the U.S. Army's Chemical and Biological Warfare Division) cultured the AIDS virus to be tested and deployed in a CIA-backed experiment in Jonestown, Guyana.

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Customer Reviews

This account of Jim Jones, Peoples Temple and the Jonestown massacre is one of the most thorough and disturbing works in the genre. Covering events and personalities connected to Jonestown in such fine detail as to render the environment of the People's Temple almost palpable, this work is invaluable to those truly interested in the phenomena known as "Jonestown". Although I remain skeptical regarding the truth of Meiers' claim that the "mass suicide" at Jonestown was a CIA medical experiment, the wealth of evidence he presents leaves little doubt that there was more to Jim Jones, People's Temple and Jonestown than suggested by the standard histories and general media coverage. A powerful and valuable work of investigation and research

Researcher Michael Meiers reviews the many available facts concerning this CIA experiment and connects the dots in a way that media censorship does not allow in mass media: he tells us the truth

of what happened in Jonestown. He provides an excellent bibliography. Ane his researches lead him to the conclusion that Jonestown is part of a program that is not over. Unfortunately, the internet was not available when he published. Now it is possible to search out some of this info on the web. Another review here belittles the content about the CIA. Anyone currently can research the beginning of the CIA after WW II and find it was primarily made up of German Nazis. in fact the entire German Nazi Intelligence service for the Reich's eastern front under General Von Gehlen, who was hired by the CIA and put in charge of the fledgling West German Republic's new intelligence agancy. CIA OPERATION PAPERCLIP brought thousands of Nazi war criminal scientists to the USA to resume their aerospace, germ and chemical warfare research under often new names.See Nazi Dr. Traub and creation of Lyme Disease. CIA PROJECT MK_ULTRA of which Jonestown was a part was a mind control operation MK being German words for mind control. One aim was creation of the perfect assassin like the Manchurian candidate, and much more. Check it out, get this book from the library if you can't buy it. We are all Jonestown now.

This book is fascinating in its detail and even more illuminating when seen as a broader pattern of covert US activities since WWII. Rather than retread that history, the Jonestown massacre is a case study in the pattern itself: CIA, State Dept., military (US and British) presence crawling all over Jonestown in the months ahead, enormous amounts of psychotropic-medications on site consistent with other known CIA programs (MKUltra, MKDelta, et al.), scrubbing of site by military, 7 autopsies done for 913 deceased!...irregularities abound...and most suspicious...the slow-to-develop body count...183-408-780-913 over six days...aerial photos confirm. People were not suicidal, they were either drugged, coerced with threats of death by gunshot, crossbow, or flamethrower into drinking poison, or simply rounded-up and murdered--injected with poison or shot after having fled into the jungle taking days to completely retrieve.I'm afraid the brainwashing in the Jonestown incident was done against us. Michael Meiers is to be commended for his research. His connecting Jonestown to, ultimately, a legacy medical racial experiment (Jonestown was 85% black 90% female--with a white leadership) passed down from Nazi doctor Joseph Mengele is most thought-provoking, if not down-right frightful. Yet even this is consistent with other historical accounts' ommissions in covering Jim Jones' life...his tenure in Brazil in the 1960s. One much applauded made-for-TV film is an example Story of Jim Jones - Guyana Tragedy. While doing a great job of propping-up the lone gunman, I mean madman, Jim Jones, this crucial background is overlooked in this CBS production. One must be wary watching stuff like this. Buy Meiers' book, if you care about this subject, it's worth every penny.[...]

This book is rare and expensive. I suspect that is because those of us who have a copy won't let loose of it, as we're keeping it to give ourselves a laugh now and again. Certainly it gives a unique perspective on the world in general, and Jonestown in particular. To wit: The Allies did not win WWII. The Nazis simply allowed us to think this so that they could infiltrate the CIA and run our country. Castro is a CIA agent who is/was working with the US against the Russians. Jim Jones, too, is a Nazi sympathizer and a CIA agent. He was responsible for the kidnapping of Patty Hearst; he was instrumental in the Bay of Pigs; he unleashed the HIV virus onto the world; and Jonestown was a medical experiment designed to discover ways to kill Blacks and American Indians. He survived Jonestown and is presently living the life of Riley somewhere, probably Brazil. Who knew?Sadly Mr Meiers does not give us any insight as to where he came by all this fascinating information, but doubtless he has a good reason for that, and it's surely not that he made it all up out of whole cloth. Perhaps he's protecting his sources from the Nazis. Mr Meiers also generously provides us with a chapter that enumerates other books written on Jonestown and critiques them, so that we slow-thinking readers won't have to do it ourselves. Sadly, none of the other books gets a complete thumbs-up, as none of the other Jonestown researchers have his incredible insight that has allowed him to recognize that any time someone stubs his toe somewhere in the world, it is the result of a CIA conspiracy. This book is a tad too tedious, and the subject of nearly 1000 dead people too depressing, for the book to be considered true comic relief. Yet, admittedly, it would be delightful to meet someone who truly belives the charges set forth in this tome. That would definately be the sort of experience you could tell your grandchildren.

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