



CATHERINE KANNER

ME/OSAMA

*I am he and we are everywhere
To you we are nothing but angry worms
But our thoughts are strong
The mountains might tremble when we lift our feet
But I am only trapping this angry bee
These kids or some say his freedom is ours
Will the lawmakers listen to the lightning of younger minds
Or will the pedal to the metal banzai the sky*

*Who will give a damn for American fighters
I am a skateboard and I deal with ignorance all the while
But my ignorance isn't a gun or a bomb yet
There ain't no room in heaven I cry in angry confusion
Polluted words create answers highly from within
Circles of power leave trails of smoking blood and shit
Timed refusals dimensional shuffling highest to lower
Lose the bait they hiss at themselves while sacrificing
Their own wives and children to their blinded demons*

*All the lights within us are flashing on and off faster than gunfire
The chill gleaming of the universe mocks shit slinging monkeys
There is no time for evolution of man anymore just conscience
Kabul Kabul the children of Kabul are going to stand against us
I am disgusted with it badly.*

~CHRIS KRAEMER

WORLD UPSIDE-DOWN FROM PAGE 3

JIM HALL

At 7:30 a.m. 11 Sept whilst awaiting my order of biscuits & gravy at Arnie's, noticed the quiet atmosphere eyes sat on burning skyscrapers stare of the other six mostly older fellows, knew it wasn't gonna be good. The NBC newscaster spoke and I figured this wasn't an escape from New York rerun, it was for real. Didn't eat much that morning.

Immediately the shock, dismay, denial, anger, hope and forecasts began exposing themselves in limited chatter among the men present.

Down the road a few weeks now, not having stared at a TV screen since, have watched and listened to co-tradesmen discuss the situation. Topics dealing with retaliation, biological and chemical warfare concerns, our personal civil liberties, economic ramifications, psychological impact. Being patted down at the airport, first time ever my suspenders set off an alarm. Never had six men and one woman place their hands on handguns while looking at me before. Interesting times. Sorry statement for our claimed consciousness level 2001 mankind.

Not surprising though. Figure we've crapped in our nest to the tune of our extinction already. Some time ago.

My heart and prayers go out to all the innocent victims of this and every cruelty mankind imparts. Find it particularly ludicrous to bring God's name anywhere close to being the driving force and/or reward for such actions, either direction. That's mankind's show.

GENNA HALL

On the morning of September 11 I was listening to the radio as usual in my room, getting ready for school (I am 15 and a sophomore at Neah Kah Nie High School), expecting another mediocre Tuesday with little activity. I overheard something mentioned to the effect of "The World Trade Center in Manhattan has been hit. Damage unknown. A plane has hit the North Tower causing mass confusion in the downtown area."

Being a teenager of the West Coast in a small town, I had never seen the WTC, hardly acknowledging its existence. I don't know anyone in New York, nor ever been there.

I attended school as usual. My curiosity fed by concern led me to research the entirety of the situation. I still remain confused and somewhat frightened, with concern regarding our

next move as a nation. I can only hope we don't make a wrong move in the near future.

As for those lost in the terrorist attacks and their families --- I sympathize immensely. I cannot even begin to comprehend the magnitude of this horrid tragedy.

LIZ MOORE

On the morning of September 11, I remember waking up and getting a phone call from my step-mom's brother. He told us to turn on the TV to the news. To my surprise I found out the World Trade Center had just been struck down. I was so shocked and didn't know what to think, and then it seemed like just two minutes later everything just hit the fan. People were running up the streets, and there was yelling and screaming. Well, since I'm only 15 years old (and a sophomore at Neah Kah Nie High School), I don't really think about stuff happening to our country that is so horrible like that.

Now that days and weeks have passed and some people are wanting to have a war and others want nothing to do with it, me being on the non-violent side, I think to myself, "Why?" But all I guess people can do is wait until more evidence comes up to get this whole tragedy fixed and over with. I'm sure I will never forget this, and maybe I'll be able to pass this story on.

TAYLOR DURKEE

"Now that God's laid his hands on him, I've taken mine off." Some old politician said that. I've always thought that was great. George Bush has got some respect now. Someone said he must be the unluckiest politician because of what happened on September 11 --- but now he's in total support of Bush as Commander in Chief.

In my opinion Bush was good from the get-go. A lot of my friends said he stole the election. I don't feel that way. Half the nation voted for him. I wish some of my friends had been kinder in the way they described Bush.

A lot of people think he's a puppet and somebody's pulling his strings. But I don't think so. Bush is speaking our

mind. He is doing what we as a country want him to do.

I am for my President, as well as I was for Clinton when he was President even though I didn't vote for him and was disappointed when he was reelected.

I thought it was unfair when Bush became President and everybody jumped on him. The election was close and I think the right man won. Everybody portrayed Bush as a bumbling idiot, but now the world respects him for the man he really is.

I am not afraid that Bush is my President. I am proud he is my President and I am behind him 100%.

TONY SALES

I hope and pray nobody else is hurt and this problem will be resolved in a civilized manner.

I think we have a lot of trouble. We haven't seen the end of this.

I just wish it had never happened, but it has.

BONNIE LIVELY

We have a gluttonous society. We needed a very catastrophic wakeup call to realize the extent of our gluttony and its effect on the rest of the world. It is tragic that 6,000 people had to die to wake us up to what we are. If we don't wake up to what we have done to the world the lesson we can learn from this horror we have experienced will have been in vain.

We have to pay attention to the way we have acted toward the world and understand why people hate us enough to do what they have done to us. Once we get to the root of that problem we can start to repair it.

I know that right now we have to deal with what will make us safe and protect us against further horror, but it always takes something catastrophic for us to change. You can go back to the American Revolution and the Civil War to see the type of dramatic pivotal point of change that forces people to step up to the plate.

Something good generally comes out of something horrible. If not, those deaths we have just experienced will have no meaning.

KELCEY ELLIOTT

I would hope the intelligence that has been gathered will avoid collateral damage. I don't want innocent people killed. We've had enough of that.

I don't believe in an eye for an eye.

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ARM THE WOMEN

One way to save to billions of dollars on all-out warfare would be to supply arms to Afghanistan's women. They must be tired of oppression. They are not allowed to get a higher education; they cannot work outside the home or go places without a family member.

The world is looking for unprecedented answers. We should provide supplies and arms to millions of women the world over who are oppressed/enslaved. Nations should mandate that governments require at least 50% of women in all bodies of government.

Men have had a disproportionate share of power for too long. If we are to save this wonderful planet, we must wrest control from the testosterone-driven male species. It is time for a new consciousness.

Make love, not war.

~ED PATTON
(Yakima, Washington)

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