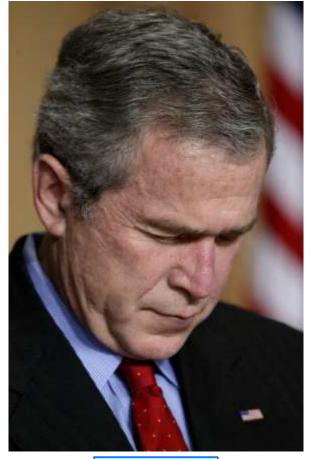
THE RECORD OF SERVICE OF PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH





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We were far from perfection in the process, and that left us vulnerable. But we did get to the truth. Fact one: through a political connection, a younger George Bush got into a so-called champagne unit of the National Guard to avoid having to go to Vietnam. Fact two: while he was at least a very good pilot for a while, he disappeared for a year.



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1917

When Italy called him up for military service, Benito Mussolini promptly got wounded during grenade practice (what luck) and was thus able to return to edit his newspaper Il Popolo d'Italia (The Italian People). And Adolf Hitler had enlisted in 1914, and would be gassed by the British in 1918. Thus it is possible for us to say that both the European leaders of World War II in Europe, Mussolini as well as Hitler, had themselves been casualties during World War I — in the very same sense in which it is possible for us to say that both of our Commanders in Chief in the war on Iraq, the Bush father and son, had previously themselves served in the US military! Imagine that.

PROTO-NAZISM WORLD WAR I



"Our prayer is: Lord God, let us never hesitate, let us never play the coward, let us never forget the duty which we have taken upon us."

- Adolf Hitler, March 1933



WORLD WAR II
GERMANY

"HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE" BEING A VIEW FROM A PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME (JUST AS THE PERSPECTIVE IN A PAINTING IS A VIEW FROM A PARTICULAR POINT IN SPACE), TO "LOOK AT THE COURSE OF HISTORY MORE GENERALLY" WOULD BE TO SACRIFICE PERSPECTIVE ALTOGETHER. THIS IS FANTASY-LAND, YOU'RE FOOLING YOURSELF. THERE CANNOT BE ANY SUCH THINGIE, AS SUCH A PERSPECTIVE.



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July 6, Saturday: George Walker Bush was born in New Haven, Connecticut.

November 4, Monday: <u>Laura Lane Welch</u> was born in Midland, Texas.



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November 6, Wednesday: At the age of 17 <u>Laura Lane Welch</u> drove through a stop sign while on her way to a local drive-in theater in her family's Chevrolet Impala and impacted a Corvair Monza killing its 17-year-old driver, who would turn out to be her friend and classmate Michael Dutton Douglas. The "vehicle speed" portion of the police report is unintelligible. No alcohol tests were performed and no legal charges would be filed.



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1968

January: While still attending <u>Yale University</u> with a major in history, <u>George W. Bush</u> completed the Air Force officer qualification test in New Haven, Connecticut.



When given an opportunity on his application forms to volunteer to go overseas, the adventurous young man would check the box next to DO NOT VOLUNTEER.



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- Jean-Paul Sartre (1905-1980)

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YOUR GARDEN-VARIETY ACADEMIC HISTORIAN INVITES YOU TO CLIMB ABOARD A HOVERING TIME MACHINE TO SKIM IN METATIME BACK ACROSS THE GEOLOGY OF OUR PAST TIMESLICES, WHILE OFFERING UP A GARDEN VARIETY OF COGENT ASSESSMENTS OF OUR PROGRESSION. WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP! YOU SHOULD REFUSE THIS HELICOPTERISH



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OVERVIEW OF THE HISTORICAL PAST, FOR IN THE REAL WORLD THINGS HAPPEN ONLY AS THEY HAPPEN. WHAT THIS SORT WRITES AMOUNTS, LIKE MERE "SCIENCE FICTION," MERELY TO "HISTORY FICTION":

IT'S NOT WORTH YOUR ATTENTION.

May 27, Monday: Yale University student George W. Bush was 12 days away from losing his valuable 2S student deferment from the draft and Americans were dying in combat in Vietnam at the rate of 350 per week. He interviewed with Texas Air National Guard Commander Colonel Walter B. "Buck" Staudt and despite the fact that he had scored only 25% on a pilot aptitude test, was instantly recommended, over a long long waiting list of eager young college men, for a direct commission to 2d Lieutenant to undergo pilot training. (Some people, unduly cynical, attribute this preferment to the fact that his daddy was a congressman.) On this day he took one step forward and enlisted in the Air National Guard at Ellington Air Force Base near Houston, Texas. Wearing the uniform of this elite stateside national guard unit flying obsolete aircraft was a practical guarantee that he would never be sent against his will into harm's way.



Immediately the enlistment ceremony needed to be repeated for the benefit of photographers, so that Texas Air National Guard Commander Colonel Walter B. "Buck" Staudt could be seen to personally hand this important young man his documents.



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THE TASK OF THE HISTORIAN IS TO CREATE HINDSIGHT WHILE INTERCEPTING ANY ILLUSION OF FORESIGHT. NOTHING A HUMAN CAN SEE CAN EVER BE SEEN AS IF THROUGH THE EYE OF GOD.

June: George W. Bush graduated from Yale University.

July 12, Friday: The Federal Recognition Examining Board determined that <u>George W. Bush</u> was qualified for promotion to 2d Lieutenant with the 111th Fighter Interceptor Squadron.

July 14, Sunday: George W. Bush entered basic training in San Antonio, Texas.

NEVER READ AHEAD! TO APPRECIATE JULY 14TH, 1968 AT ALL ONE MUST APPRECIATE IT AS A TODAY (THE FOLLOWING DAY, TOMORROW, IS BUT A PORTION OF THE UNREALIZED FUTURE AND IFFY AT BEST).



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August: George W. Bush satisfactorily completed basic training.





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September: George W. Bush was promoted to 2d Lieutenant.



<u>Texas</u> Air National Guard Commander Colonel Walter B. "Buck" Staudt had himself photographed personally handing the documents to this young pilot wannabee, with the proud father, Congressman George H.W. Bush, a supporter of the <u>Vietnam</u> War, standing in the background of the photograph.

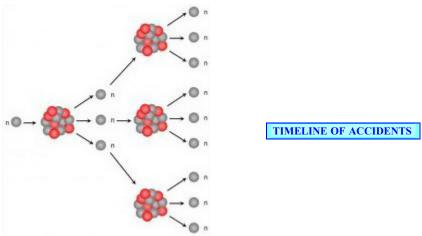
"NARRATIVE HISTORY" AMOUNTS TO FABULATION,
THE REAL STUFF BEING MERE CHRONOLOGY



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September 30, Monday: The 900th US aircraft was shot down over North Vietnam. (Curiously, not one of these shot-down aircraft were of the only type that our lucky George would be being trained to fly. This is one of those coincidences that make our historical trajectory so fascinating. It is almost as if this American boy were being reserved for some higher purpose.)

For the 20th time in the history of the nuclear agenda and the 3d time this year, this time at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, some fissile material unexpectedly went beyond <u>criticality</u> into <u>prompt-criticality</u>, the final stage before an <u>atomic explosion</u>.



Not to worry, however, for in the more than half century of our nuclear era there have been only a couple of dozen such incidents that we know of. We are told that a full A-bomb nuclear-weapon-like blast is a real engineering success story and very difficult to create, and therefore it is really really unlikely that any such prompt-criticality incident will ever produce a full A-bomb nuclear weapon-like blast without our really having intended for that to happen (even at Chernobyl the molten "corium" stuff in the "Elephant's Foot" formation in the basement failed to go off like a bomb). Just about the worst thing that might happen in a prompt-criticality situation is that the nuclear material in question goes off like what one might term a big "dirty" bomb —which is not at all in the same ballpark in terms of blast-effect although it is in the same ballpark in terms of contamination-effect—except that we must bear in mind that at the Fukushima Daiichi site, unfortunately, there are some 2,000 tons of such materials available within a few thousands of yards, in the six reactor cores and seven cooling pools.

<u>WALDEN</u>: If we read of one man robbed, or murdered, or killed by accident, or one house burned, or one vessel wrecked, or one steamboat blown up, or one cow run over on the Western Railroad, or one mad dog killed, or one lot of grasshoppers in the winter, -we never need read of another. One is enough.

ESSENCE IS BLUR. SPECIFICITY, THE OPPOSITE OF ESSENCE,



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IS OF THE NATURE OF TRUTH.

November: <u>George W. Bush</u> began year-long undergraduate pilot training at Moody Air Force Base outside Valdosta, Georgia. In the course of this training President <u>Richard Milhous Nixon</u> would send down a plane to carry him off for a 1st date with his older daughter, Tricia. (There would not be a 2d date.)

December: George W. Bush began serving as a trainee with the 111th Squadron.







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During the year, we had been taking more than 1,000 of our boys home in body bags per month. By the end of this year, US troop levels in <u>Vietnam</u> would have reached 495,000 and our total fatalities would have added up to 30,000. Although in late 1968 the US was conducting 200 air strikes each day against the traffic on the Ho Chi Minh trail, this just wasn't fazing them, as still at any given moment there were up to 10,000 supply trucks of the North Vietnamese Army en route. During the year an estimated additional 150,000 soldiers infiltrated from North Vietnam.



However, by careful design, Wubya would be seeing none of this, because the aircraft on which he was training would be a make and model of aircraft not capable of competing in actual air combats with any actual enemies, that would therefore be banned by the Pentagon from ever taking part in any fighting anywhere. Our rich boy might as well have been taking flight training on an Alfa-Romeo sports car.

ESSENCES ARE FUZZY, GENERIC, CONCEPTUAL;
ARISTOTLE WAS RIGHT: ALL TRUTH IS SPECIFIC, PARTICULAR.



PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

1969

January-December: Far from harm, <u>George W. Bush</u> was undergoing undergraduate pilot training at Moody Air Force Base.



NOBODY COULD GUESS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT





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December: George W. Bush moved to Houston, Texas and continued training with fighter/interceptor aircraft, with the 11th Squadron at Ellington Air Force Base.



"MAGISTERIAL HISTORY" IS FANTASIZING: HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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1970

January: George W. Bush was assigned flight duty as an F-102 fighter pilot with the 111th Squadron.



If the North Vietnamese attacked Texas, he would be among those ready to defend the countryside.



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LIFE IS LIVED FORWARD BUT UNDERSTOOD BACKWARD?

— NO, THAT'S GIVING TOO MUCH TO THE HISTORIAN'S STORIES.

LIFE ISN'T TO BE UNDERSTOOD EITHER FORWARD OR BACKWARD.



PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

March: When Lieutenant George W. Bush flew his aircraft solo for the 1st time, his unit celebrated by issuing a press release:

George Walker Bush is one member of the younger generation who doesn't get his kicks from pot or hashish or speed. ... As far as kicks are concerned, Lt. Bush gets his from the roaring afterburner of the F-102.

(Well, that puts the issue of illegal recreational drug use to rest!)

THE FUTURE IS MOST READILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT





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June 22, Monday: Our usage of defoliants in Vietnam was halted.



THE FUTURE CAN BE EASILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT





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June 23, Tuesday: George W. Bush finished combat crew training school.



'Bound for the 'Nam?

He was locked and loaded, and ready to serve his country. Well, but he had trained to fly the F-102 "Delta Dagger" and this aircraft had by this point become so obsolete that all overseas units flying the DD were being closed down as of June 30, 1970. Too bad how sad! —Who could have anticipated such a turn of events?

VIETNAM



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- Jean-Paul Sartre (1905-1980)

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June 24, Wednesday: The US Senate repealed the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin resolution.

VIETNAM

CHANGE IS ETERNITY, STASIS A FIGMENT



PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

August: The Air National Guard was flying its obsolete F-102 Delta Daggers around <u>Texas</u>, fully loaded with ordinance and ammunition, ready to respond instantly to any threat by attacking colored people.

A 3-member board recommended that 2dLt <u>George W. Bush</u> receive a promotion to 1stLt.



He was living in a one-bedroom at the Chateaux Dijon in Houston, a popular spot for singles. When he needed to go spend time in the alert shack at the air force base, the regulations were that he needed to abstain from alcohol for 24 hours before.



NO-ONE'S LIFE IS EVER NOT DRIVEN PRIMARILY BY HAPPENSTANCE





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November: George W. Bush was promoted to 1st Lieutenant.



DO I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION? GOOD.



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During this year <u>George W. Bush</u> regularly attended drills and alerts at Ellington Air Force Base while being employed as a management trainee at Stratford of <u>Texas</u>, a Houston agricultural company.

WHAT I'M WRITING IS TRUE BUT NEVER MIND YOU CAN ALWAYS LIE TO YOURSELF



PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

1972

January-April 1972: George W. Bush continued to serve in the Texas Air National Guard.



FIGURING OUT WHAT AMOUNTS TO A "HISTORICAL CONTEXT" IS WHAT THE CRAFT OF HISTORICIZING AMOUNTS TO, AND THIS NECESSITATES DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN THE SET OF EVENTS THAT MUST HAVE TAKEN PLACE BEFORE EVENT E COULD BECOME POSSIBLE, AND MOST CAREFULLY DISTINGUISHING THEM FROM ANOTHER SET OF EVENTS THAT COULD NOT POSSIBLY OCCUR UNTIL SUBSEQUENT TO EVENT E.



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May 24, Wednesday: George W. Bush asked for a transfer to Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama so he would be able to work in the Senate campaign of a family friend, Winton "Red" Blount Jr. Although his unit would not approve this transfer, the reserve pilot would go anyway.



YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT EITHER THE REALITY OF TIME OVER THAT OF CHANGE, OR CHANGE OVER TIME — IT'S PARMENIDES, OR HERACLITUS. I HAVE GONE WITH HERACLITUS.



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August: No longer in any danger whatever of being sent to <u>Vietnam</u> to get killed, <u>George W. Bush</u> failed to show up for a required flight physical examination. He joined his father at the Republican National Convention in Miami, Florida.





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ONE COULD BE ELSEWHERE, AS ELSEWHERE DOES EXIST.

ONE CANNOT BE ELSEWHEN SINCE ELSEWHEN DOES NOT.



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September: George W. Bush was suspended from flight status for failure to show up for the required physical examination. He requested, and received, approval for a 3-month transfer to the 187th Tactical Reconnaissance Group in Montgomery, Alabama.



October: During a routine examination, <u>Charles Lindbergh</u>'s doctor discovered an abnormal node that turned out to be cancerous.

Although <u>George W. Bush</u> was paid for two days service during this month, we have no idea at all what this was about. Surely he must have done **something** for his country.



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November: <u>George W. Bush</u> returned to his <u>Texas</u> unit at Ellington, and served there for a total of four days.





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1973

January: At the end of the month <u>Charles Lindbergh</u> underwent radiation therapy for cancer.

He would recuperate in Hawaii. He made all arrangements for a burial plot 30 feet wide near his home.

During this month fighter pilot George W. Bush was paid for serving his nation for a total of six days.



THE FALLACY OF MOMENTISM: THIS STARRY UNIVERSE DOES NOT CONSIST OF A SEQUENCE OF MOMENTS. THAT IS A FIGMENT, ONE WE HAVE RECOURSE TO IN ORDER TO PRIVILEGE TIME OVER CHANGE, A PRIVILEGING THAT MAKES CHANGE SEEM UNREAL, DERIVATIVE, A MERE APPEARANCE. IN FACT IT IS CHANGE AND ONLY CHANGE WHICH WE EXPERIENCE AS REALITY, TIME BEING BY WAY OF RADICAL CONTRAST UNEXPERIENCED — A MERE INTELLECTUAL CONSTRUCT. THERE EXISTS NO SUCH THING AS A MOMENT. NO INSTANT HAS EVER FOR AN INSTANT EXISTED.



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January 6, Saturday: The teeth of fighter pilot <u>George W. Bush</u> underwent examination at Dannelly Field Air National Guard Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

April: During the months of April, May, June, and July, the trained fighter pilot <u>George W. Bush</u> would serve his country for a total of 40 days, but since he was no longer allowed to drive any military aircraft, this would be by participating in nonflying drills. The last day for which he would receive pay was July 30th.

BETWEEN ANY TWO MOMENTS ARE AN INFINITE NUMBER OF MOMENTS, AND BETWEEN THESE OTHER MOMENTS LIKEWISE AN INFINITE NUMBER, THERE BEING NO ATOMIC MOMENT JUST AS THERE IS NO ATOMIC POINT ALONG A LINE. MOMENTS ARE THEREFORE FIGMENTS. THE PRESENT MOMENT IS A MOMENT AND AS SUCH IS A FIGMENT, A FLIGHT OF THE IMAGINATION TO WHICH NOTHING REAL CORRESPONDS. SINCE PAST MOMENTS HAVE PASSED OUT OF EXISTENCE AND FUTURE MOMENTS HAVE YET TO ARRIVE, WE NOTE THAT THE PRESENT MOMENT IS ALL THAT EVER EXISTS — AND YET THE PRESENT MOMENT BEING A MOMENT IS A FIGMENT TO WHICH NOTHING IN REALITY CORRESPONDS.

September: George W. Bush was at a sort of low point in his life. Gainful employment had been intermittent. One night on a visit home he had gotten drunk and driven over some garbage cans and then challenged his father to a fist fight — and then his father had arranged for him a job as a social worker helping poor black children. He requested discharge from the Texas Air National Guard so as to attend Harvard Business School, and got himself transferred to reserve status.



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October: Fighter pilot George W. Bush received an honorable discharge from the US military eight months prior to the expiration of his obligation.



He had been extremely fortunate and, during the entire <u>Vietnam</u> war, had had no dangerous encounters with enemy aircraft. He would be able to go and sit in a classroom at Harvard University and chew snuff like a fighter pilot and spit into a cup.



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September 16, Monday: President Gerald R. Ford announced a clemency program for draft evaders and military deserters. This program was to run through March 31, 1975, and would require the fugitives to take an oath of allegiance and provide up to two years of alternative community service. Out of an estimated 124,000 Americans who were eligible, about 22,500 would take advantage of the offer.

VIETNAM

Future Democratic president <u>William Jefferson Clinton</u> and future Republican president <u>George Walker Bush</u> would not need to take advantage of this offer because, although each of them had been evading the draft for many years, they had been doing so in such manner as always to manage to avoid being legally classifiable as a draft evader. They were either very, very cunning or they were so positioned as to have the advantage of very, very good counsel, or both. Their futures were open. They would rise to be our maximum leaders, commanders in chief of our armed forces.

At the French embassy in The Hague, Japanese Red Army terrorists released two of their hostages.

A federal judge dismissed all charges against two leaders of the American Indian Movement (their indictment had sprung out of the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee). The judge severely criticized the federal government's handling of the case.



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November 5, Saturday: Having known each other for 3 months, <u>George Walker Bush</u> and <u>Laura Welch</u> were wed in a small ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Midland, Texas.



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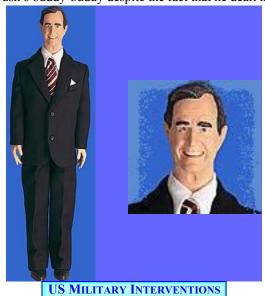
November 25, Wednesday: <u>Laura Bush</u> had developed toxemia during her pregnancy, so on this day an emergency Caesarian was performed and fraternal twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna, were born.



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1990

The United States of America invaded Panama to oust General "Pineapple Puss" Noriega, who used to be George Herbert Walker Bush's buddy-buddy despite the fact that he dealt in hard drugs.





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President William Jefferson Clinton, after being impeached in the federal House of Representatives for perjured testimony before a court of law and for obstruction of justice, was acquitted by the federal Senate. At the height of these impeachment proceedings, only one out of three of Americans polled believed the President ought to resign, whereas in 2005, one out of two Americans polled would believe that President George W. Bush should be impeached had he lied about "Iraq's weapons of mass destruction."

In addition to questions about American democracy, President Clinton's impeachment shined a spotlight on the secretive Richard Mellon Scaife and his anti-Clinton "Arkansas Project."

Presidential candidate George W. Bush made his rumored "king-making" speech before the Council of National Policy, fueling speculation that, if elected, he would appoint anti-abortion-rights judges to the US Supreme Court and instigate measures against gay and lesbian citizens. Governor Bush also met with the Committee to Restore American Values, chaired by LEFT BEHIND co-author Timothy LaHaye — foretelling a period of American history during which high-ranking government officials would consult with religious fundamentalists before setting policy and while selecting Supreme Court nominees. It would later be asserted in the pages of The New York Times Magazine that "Whatever else it achieves, the presidential campaign of 2000 will be remembered as the time in American politics when the wall separating church and state began to collapse."

In a related piece of news, the tomb of Pharaoh Rameses X (Khepermaatresetepenre) (also written as Ramses, 1,111 BCE-1,107 BCE) in the Valley of the Kings (#18) was re-excavated by Howard Carter (1874-1939) and was found to be entirely barren except for miscellaneous stuff that had washed in during subsequent floods, and indeed unfinished.

DIGGING UP THE DEAD



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2001

June 27, Wednesday: There was a Memorial Meeting for Worship under the care of <u>Durham</u> Friends Meeting at the <u>Carolina Friends School</u> for their former teacher <u>Calhoun Doty Geiger</u>, who had died at his home in Hillsborough, <u>North Carolina</u> on June 1st.



The George W. Bush White House announced that the Air Force's approximately 100 B-1B bombers, designed to hug the ground at speeds as high as Mach 2 while evading and jamming radar in order to penetrate toward and neutralize Soviet Union nuclear command centers, planes that had cost more than \$200 million each, had become aircraft without a mission (these Soviet Union nuclear command centers that this delivery system had been intended to neutralize having since ceased to exist). The 146-foot, swing-wing B-1B Lancers were being operated out of bases in Georgia and Kansas, so the congressmen of those states immediately objected to this tax-saving measure.

The principal judicial organ of the United Nations, the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands, determined that the United States of America had neglected to coordinate properly before executing the brothers Karl and Walter LaGrand for their murder of a bank manager during an attempted robbery in Arizona in 1982. The United States of America had failed to notify the German consulate in advance in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, which was necessary because these murderers, who had permanently resided in the United States since childhood, had remained citizens of



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Germany and had therefore been deprived of their right to assistance from their nation.



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May 1, Thursday: Outside Sacramento, California, <u>Ted Kaczynski</u>'s Montana cabin was minutes from demolition. The 10-by-12-foot plywood structure had already been wheeled out when Randy Turtle, president of SafeStore, showed up to assert "This cabin will not be dismantled today" (details unavailable).

In New York, Concertino: Baroque Meditations for orchestra by Lukas Foss was performed for the initial time.

USS *Abraham Lincoln* lay just over the horizon from the naval base at San Diego, California, well within reach of <u>George W. Bush</u>'s presidential helicopter *Marine One*. However, the President, to make his infamous speech before the "Mission Accomplished" banner, chose to be a passenger in a S-3B Viking landing on the aircraft carrier and then posture in a flight suit as if he had been at the controls of this aircraft. "America sent you on a mission to remove a grave threat and to liberate an oppressed people, and that mission has been accomplished," he was to inform our boots on the ground in Afghanistan. "Uh, yeah, if you say so."



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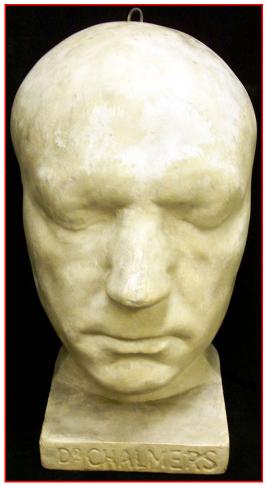


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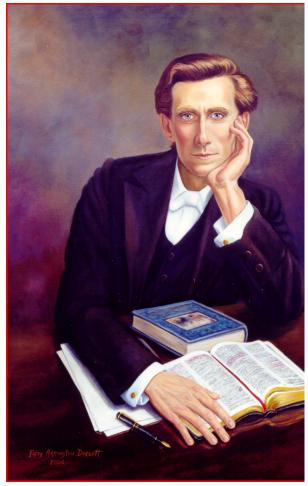
2004

Every other year, <u>President George W. Bush</u> confided to a reporter, he would read each day in the BIBLE, and then every alternate year he was in the practice of reading in a daily devotional by the Reverend <u>Oswald Chambers</u>:

Oswald Chambers was one of the great Christian thinkers \dots the easier it is to understand what he writes, I think, the more understanding of religion a person becomes.



Deathmask of the Reverend Chambers's inspiration, the Reverend Thomas Chalmers



Portrait of the Reverend Oswald Chambers with his BIBLE and his DAILY DEVOTIONAL

To learn about the "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" game, consult http//www.louisville.com/loumag/mar/bacon.htm. Here is how I construct a "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" linkage between Henry Thoreau and "Wubya":



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1.) On Easter Sunday, March 27, 1853, Aunt Maria Thoreau, who had been unable to prevail upon her nephew Henry Thoreau to read the MEMOIRS OF DR. <u>THOMAS CHALMERS</u>, a Scottish minister who had put up four containers of these preserves, "was heard through the Partition shouting to my Aunt Jane [Aunt Jane Thoreau], who is deaf,

'Think of it! He stood half an hour today to hear the frogs croak, and he wouldn't read the life of Chalmers."

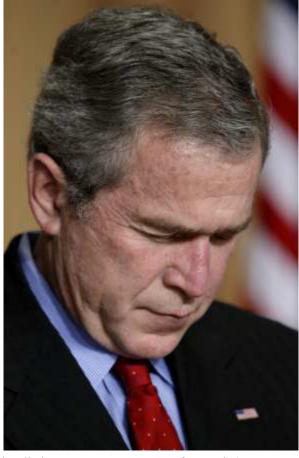
- 2.) A young Scots woman was converted under the ministry of the Reverend Thomas Chalmers.
- 3.) In 1874, <u>Oswald Chambers</u> was born to this Scots woman who had been converted under the ministry of the Reverend Thomas Chalmers (who had since become the wife of a Baptist preacher).
- 4.) The Reverend <u>Oswald Chambers</u>'s ministrations were taken down during his lifetime in shorthand by his wife.
- 5.) After the death of the Reverend <u>Oswald Chambers</u>, the shorthand notes taken by the wife were published in 1923 as a daily devotional entitled MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST. In the pages of this book Christians were urged to expend their lives for Christ as if they were "broken bread and poured out wine."
- 6.) <u>President George W. Bush</u> confided to reporters that his practice was to read each day in the Bible, one year, and then in the alternate year to read in a daily devotional by the Reverend <u>Oswald Chambers</u>. The President's comment was:

Oswald Chambers was one of the great Christian thinkers ... the easier it is to understand what he writes, I think, the more



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understanding of religion a person becomes.



Since we have now belatedly become aware, courtesy of YouTube's http://www.juancole.com/2010/05/kirchner-bush-angrily-said-war-would-grow-us-economy.html, that in January of this Year of Our Lord 2004, President Bush was decidedly of the opinion that the way for the US to improve its economy was for us to go to war. What I would like to point out here is how exceedingly congruent that attitude toward war is with this Chambers/Bush attitude toward the Christian religion, that, and I quote from point #5 above, what Christians should do is "expend their lives for Christ as if they were 'broken bread and poured out wine'." Two trains of thought, apparently quite different but leading to the exact same Hitlerian conclusion: war is good for us.

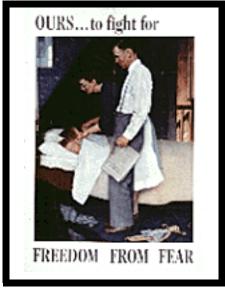
[A truncated version of this "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" linkage would be: The sort of religious literature that <u>President Bush</u> wanted to read while in office is the sort of religious literature that once upon a time <u>Thoreau</u> refused to read.]



PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

2005

July: In <u>Washington DC</u>, Vice President Dick Cheney began lobbying for the rejection of Senator John McCain's amendment preventing the cruel and inhumane treatment of prisoners. From Cheney's standpoint, clearly, McCain lacked an adequate understanding of the value <u>torture</u> offers in the protection of our liberties.



November: <u>Kenneth L. Carroll</u> spoke at the Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia on "American <u>Quakerism</u>'s 350th Birthday: A Look at its <u>Maryland</u> Birth Pangs."

"Reporters Without Borders" published its annual worldwide press freedom index, indicating that the US had again fallen in its Freedom-Of-The-Press score, to 44th place, down from 17th place in 2002 and 22d place in 2004 (well, thank God for the internet!).

<u>The Economist</u> lambasted the <u>George W. Bush</u> administration for its hypocrisy and deceit on the <u>torture</u> issue. "To add a note of farce to the tragedy, the administration has had to explain that the CIA is not torturing prisoners at its secret prisons in Asia and Eastern Europe — though of course it cannot confirm that such prisons exist."



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October 5, Monday: Attending the screening of the movie "Truth," at The New School in New York City, Dan Rather said to Robert Redford:

We were far from perfection in the process, and that left us vulnerable. But we did get to the truth. Fact one: through a political connection, a younger George Bush got into a so-called champagne unit of the National Guard to avoid having to go to Vietnam. Fact two: while he was at least a very good pilot for a while, he disappeared for a year.

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"It's all now you see. Yesterday won't be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago."

 Remark by character "Garin Stevens" in William Faulkner's INTRUDER IN THE DUST





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