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The year 2012 is quickly approaching ...

According to twisted conspiracy theorists and enviro-maniacs, that means that the end is near.

This *Force of Nature Special Report* looks at the conspiracy theories that are hardly based on sound science..

This document may be deemed suitable for the classroom, public meetings, or media outlets. It helps set the record straight on a number of important issues regarding conspiracy theories.

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Twisted Theory No. 1 : Global warming ...



Conspiracy theorists have predicted that so-called *global warming* will affect the Arctic, as well as the African and Asian countries, North America, and Europe. Consequently, it is expected that dozens of millions of refugees will be created, and that famine will affect 80 to 200 million people.

We should all be reminded that many experts view *global warming* as purely speculative. We are also advised to get a grasp on factual existing problems that plague our entire planet. As we speak, we have real problems, with poverty, AIDS, polluted drinking water, and malaria, which are afflicting and killing many times more people than so-called *global warming* ever will.

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Hunger is the most extreme form of poverty. Presently, 854 million people across the world are hungry. Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes. Almost 6 million children die annually due to hunger.

The latest statistics on the world epidemic of AIDS and HIV indicate that 39½ million people are living with it. AIDS deaths for 2006 were 2.9 million, despite recent improvements to access to antiretroviral treatment.

Equally serious is the fact that a worldwide shortage of fresh drinking water affects forty per cent of the planet's population. Each year, 11 million people die of diseases related to water that is not clean enough for consumption.

Finally, it is believed that malaria acutely afflicts more than 515 million people per year. This number is more people than live in Canada, the United States, and Mexico, combined. Two-thirds of all cases occur in Africa. Additionally, it causes more than 1 million deaths per year, principally among children under the age of five years and pregnant women. At least eighty-six per cent of these deaths are in Sub-Saharan Africa. Globally, an estimated 3,000 women, children, and infants die from malaria every day. Twelve billion dollars per year is lost to malaria.

In some countries, more people die of malaria than HIV/AIDS — and recently, a new study showed that people who contract malaria become more likely to spread HIV.

We have REAL problems to deal with NOW.

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Twisted theory No. 2 : Global cooling ...

Before so-called *global warming*, there was global cooling.

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So-called global cooling was the premise for the plot of the film “The Day after Tomorrow”. For some reason the earth gets too cold too fast causing death for many polar and temperate region animals. This in turn would cause a mass migration to the equator, and make more of the earth a desert. Also good luck finding water as most of it is now ice and snow. This event humanity could probably survive though, so breath easy.



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Twisted Conspiracy No. 3 : DDT killed birds ...

Beginning in the 1950s, DDT was used on a massive scale to control the insect vectors of the Dutch Elm Disease, as well as the larvae of the Gypsy Moth and the Spruce Budworm. Wherever DDT was used, some consequences were observed — this usually involved a noticeable reduction in bird activity, or a change in their habits. Some people have commented that a reduction in bird activity after an application of DDT could mean several things. Using DDT would remove a food source from the birds. This would lead to the birds flying elsewhere for food. It would not necessarily mean that DDT was killing birds.

In 1965, an article was repeated in each of the magazines Ecology and Science regarding the alleged death of certain bird species following DDT applications for Dutch Elm Disease in Hanover, New Hampshire. It was claimed that ... “ *Severe mortality of both resident and migrant birds occurred in Hanover during spring 1963, and the evidence implicates DDT as its cause.* ” (Underlined emphasis our own.) This was not necessarily an exhaustive study — it was merely a visual comparison between Hanover, and Norwich, Vermont, which itself was never sprayed with DDT. A mere 151 dead birds were found in Hanover, 10 in Norwich, and the feeding habits of some birds appeared changed. Incredibly, the dead birds were not always analyzed for traces of DDT. Obviously, DDT was held accountable !

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The article discussed in the preceding paragraph was co-written by Charles Frederick Wurster Junior. He eventually became a co-founder and *volunteer scientist* for *Environmental Defense Fund* (E.D.F.) beginning in 1967. The E.D.F. instigated a major terror campaign against DDT. However, the intentions of this organization may not have been pure-at-heart.

On October 5th, 1969, Wurster made the following damning statement in the *Seattle Times* — “ *If the environmentalists win on DDT, they will achieve, and probably retain in other environmental issues, a level of authority they have never had before. In a sense, then, much more is at stake than DDT* ”. Clearly, some environmental terror organizations used DDT as a means to increase their power. There may never have been a bird issue !

In fact, there appear to be no valid scientific reports of « bird carcasses littering the countryside » following the application of DDT. Let's not forget that during the « DDT years » (1941–1972), approximately 1,350,000,000 pounds of DDT was used domestically in the U.S. If the environmental movement was correct about DDT and its effect on birds, where were the thousands of dead bodies ? We are not the only people that have noticed this !

Michael Crichton is the famous author who wrote books like « State of Fear » and « Jurassic Park ». He was also a scientist and researcher. In 2003, Crichton made following remarks —

<< I can tell you that DDT [...] did not cause birds to die, and should never have been banned. [...] Banning DDT is one of the most disgraceful episodes in the Twentieth Century history of America. >>

(Crichton, 2003.)

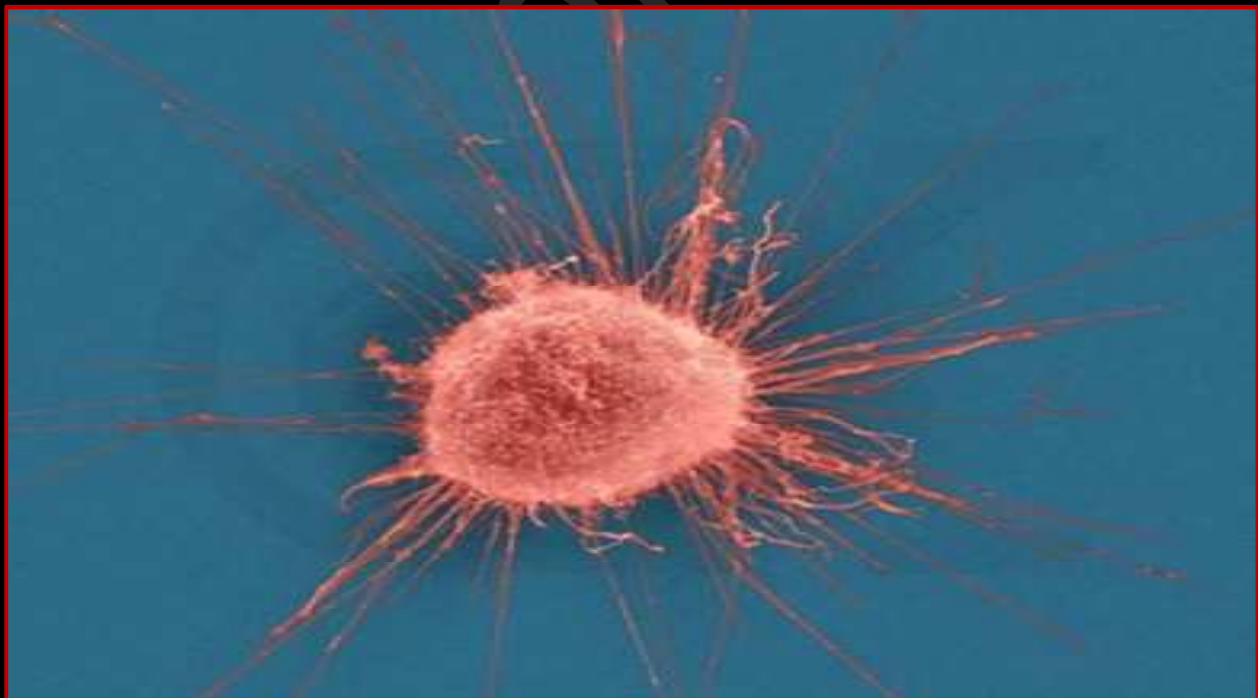
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Misconception No. 7 : All lumps are cancerous ...

It is a misconception to believe that any lumps or large masses detected during cancer screenings are cancerous. NOT EVERY abnormality is an automatic cancer diagnosis. It could just be a cyst that would either reabsorb itself into the body, or it may need to be surgically removed. Some tumours are benign, meaning they are non-cancerous. Screenings are important in determining which tumours are benign, pre-cancerous, or cancerous.



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Misconception No. 6 : Artificial sweeteners cause cancer ...

This is a misconception that has regularly shown up in news headlines since the 1970s, because of a 1969 study on the effects of cyclamate on mice. It was later disclosed that the mice had been given the cyclamate equivalent of 800 cans of diet soda per day for several weeks. NO studies using moderate amounts of artificial sweeteners have shown that cyclamate can lead to cancer. Artificial sweeteners have become controversial as the most prevalent food myth, but misconceptions also exist concerning other kitchen goods, from coffee, to broccoli, and to even water (specifically the fluoride content in water). Just as with the test conducted on the mice with cyclamate, TOO MUCH OF ANYTHING could lead to cancer, but it requires an EXCESSIVE AMOUNT of the product to be POTENTIALLY cancerous.



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Misconception No. 5 : A positive attitude is enough to beat cancer ...

It is a misconception to believe that all you need to beat cancer is a positive attitude, and not treatment. Nonetheless, it can be said that a good attitude DOES wonders to help alleviate the gravity of the situation. For this reason, many staff members of a cancer ward tend to have a very pleasant demeanor. It certainly helps that the patient can maintain a positive outlook throughout treatment. However, cancer is much more than simply MIND OVER MATTER, and to date, Western medical research has provided the ONLY avenue that has been repeatedly and comprehensively studied and has consistently proven to be THE MOST effective treatment against cancer.



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Misconception No. 4 : Surgery may cause cancer to spread ...

Could surgery cause cancer to spread throughout the body ? This myth probably originated several decades ago, when physicians could diagnose only the most advanced stages of cancer, and when surgeries were exploratory. Cancer treatment was still pretty rudimentary, and without modern equipment, and there was no way to fully determine if every cancerous cell was removed. Today's equipment is vastly improved, and can provide a much clearer picture of what needs to be done during surgery.



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Misconception No. 3 : Only women get breast cancer ...

Women are 100 times more likely to get breast cancer than men but since men also have breast tissue, it is still possible for them to develop breast cancer. The American Cancer Society has stated that approximately 2000 men are diagnosed with breast cancer every year.



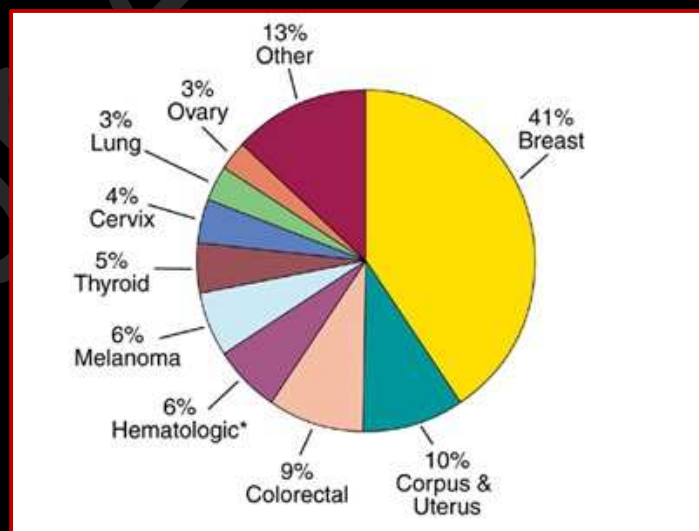
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Misconception No. 2 : The prevalence of cancer is on the rise ...

It's true that there are more cases of cancer than in the past but this does not take into account many other factors, such as increased population and longevity. An increased life span is important since the risk for certain cancers will increase with age. When compared to populations of the past, there has actually been a DECREASE in the risk of cancer. This misconception may be prevalent simply because the topic of cancer is no longer taboo, and people hear about cancer more often than they did in the past.



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Misconception No. 1 : Pest control products routinely cause cancer ...

The general consensus is that this is false. It is interesting to note that Canadian Cancer Society, through its promotional literature, continues to insist there is a link between pest control products and cancer, despite the fact that American Cancer Society does not share the same viewpoint. On the matter of weed control products such as 2,4-D, some health-care trade associations have cast some doubt on the safety of pest control products, particularly in relation to lawn care maintenance. The ultimate authority on the matter, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (P.M.R.A.) of Health Canada, recently released the DEFINITIVE RE-EVALUATION of 2,4-D, and reported that NO OTHER international regulatory body considers 2,4-D to be a human carcinogen. Based on all available and relevant data, Health Canada agreed that 2,4-D IS NOT a carcinogen, and concluded that the use of 2,4-D to treat lawns and turf DID NOT entail an unacceptable risk of harm to human health or the environment.



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