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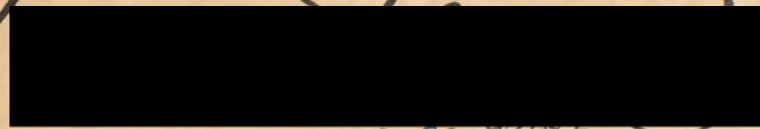
All I can say is that you are the  
most important station on TV and the  
only one I watch with regularity. Your coverage  
is indispensable to an informed electorate.  
I especially enjoy Brian Lamb and other interviewers.  
In these days of strictly managed reporting (ie. loss  
of freedom of the press)... you

Do you have a copy of the  
purer size Constitution of the  
U.S. that you might spare?  
THANK YOU!!!

are even more Special!

I enjoyed watching TBS (which is my main source  
of general news) FM being broadcast.  
The content and format of your station are  
impeccable! Keep up the "SUPERIOR"  
work!

Thank You!



I do have one suggestion!  
~~complaint!~~  
Please leave the name and  
title of speakers on the screen a  
little longer so that I can  
learn them or copy them down!

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F.A. The enclosed article may be worth  
looking into! More info. on ENERGY ALTERNATIVES  
would be EXCELLENT!

I enjoyed the info. from the Bible ... altho' I would have  
chosen different verses. Bible Prophecy is very relevant.

Also occasional summaries of the  
overall impact of the war on a variety  
of countries in the area would be welcomed  
Thank you for brief historical sketches  
of countries, cultures, governments &  
rulers in the area!

Also brief updates on ecological consequences  
of oil spills, etc.

Thanks!

Question): ECOLOGY

Heavy saturation  
bombing ("surgical" or  
not) must have some  
affect on the Earth in the  
Gulf area.

I am wondering if,  
SINCE THE LOWEST POINT OF  
LAND ON EARTH IS THE AREA  
WHICH SURROUNDS THE DEAD SEA  
IT IS 1,299' BELOW  
SEA LEVEL

Will bombing to such an  
extent (2 <sup>Hiroshima-power</sup> NUKES a day)  
affect the Earth's core or???

(OVER)

All Life  
is  
Holy  
All Life is  
One

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In a 1979 Almanac I noted that  
there were more earthquakes  
in NE IRAQ than any other  
single place (NUCLEAR TESTING  
FRAGILE EARTH THERE! OR ???)



*This may be worth looking into!*

# OIL, IRAQ, WAR—A NEW PARADIGM NEEDED NOW

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## GLOBAL ENERGY NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

As director of the Global Energy Network International (GENI), Peter Meisen is actively working to correct the conditions that allow for world crises like we now have with Iraq and Saddam Hussein. When reading it, keep in mind that it was written before military activity began in January.

**T**he actions of one man in the Middle East have created a crisis affecting nearly everyone in the modern world. How quickly, in bondage, we forget our good intentions of a few months ago, on Earth Day, when we declared our planet's health to be in a state of emergency. Today, our attention is locked onto an oil supply in jeopardy, skyrocketing gasoline prices and a world economy teetering in the balance.

For its part, the U.S. Department of Energy is currently working on a "National Energy Strategy" to be presented to the President later this year. (Never mind that the notion of "energy independence" is ludicrous, since the U.S. now imports half of its oil from foreign countries.)

It should be obvious by now that energy issues are global in scope, just like the global economy they impact. As such, they require global solutions. Developing a national energy strategy without an interdependent global energy strategy is putting the cart before the horse.

Fortunately, the U.S. now has the option to develop a global energy strategy. And the single positive consequence of our current crisis—consensus international cooperation—could be used to help implement this option.

Twenty years ago, inventor-mathematician R. Buckminster Fuller proposed interconnecting the world's regional power grids into an integrated global electric energy grid. High-voltage direct current (HVDC) power lines would connect northern and southern hemispheres to take advantage of seasonal demand variations. They would also connect time zones east to west, to take advantage of energy demand differences between the day and night sides of the planet. Through a global simulation

process called the World Game, this Global Grid proposal evolved as the number one priority. Its goal was the delivery of 15,000 kilowatt hours per person per year—worldwide—because electricity was seen to be the common denominator of modern civilization, providing the foundation for all of society's infrastructure.

Since that time,

and polluting generators have been phased out of operation.

In the 1990s, a Global Energy Grid would allow such power transfers to occur between continents and would also permit renewable generating systems to feed into the multi-terminal HVDC network, reducing

greatly reduced cost.

The Global Grid helps avoid arguments about which specific energy resources to develop. We have debated this for 18 years already and we know that all fuels have strengths and weaknesses. Rather, the Global Grid is a sure way to maximize the

*Not a solution*

*Food & Energy  
Necessity  
Opportunity*

The dymaxion map, designed by R. Buckminster Fuller, enables us to see how his idea for linking the world's electricity grids would work.

regional transmission networks have evolved and utilities have used them to maximize the efficiency of their power generation. Utilities now routinely buy and sell power among themselves on an hourly basis, allowing mutually beneficial business transactions.

This process has also proved beneficial to the environment, since generators are started and stopped less often (wasting less energy) and the most expensive

everyone's need for fossil fuel.

The first phase of the Global Grid would be an underwater transmission line between Alaska and the Siberian peninsula across the Bering Straits. This important 26-mile "Energy Bridge" would link East and West where they meet, at the International Date Line. While important in its symbolism, this critical link would also offer substance: the prospect of twice as much energy for both U.S. and U.S.S.R. at a

enough energy at the right place, at the right time."

In February 1991, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, in cooperation with the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, planned to hold an international conference to explore the technical feasibility, economic desirability and potential benefits of the Global Grid proposal.

Until August 2nd, the host for the conference was to be the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Re-

search. Saddam Hussein has now eliminated that site for the discussion, but he also has dramatically increased the world's need for such a dialogue. A Canadian site for the conference is now under consideration.

With no Cold War to fuel their respective economies, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. both need to convert their military-industrial capacity to better meet civilian needs. The Soviets need more food and better housing, and Americans need out from under a mountain of debt, including the incredible S & L debacle.

By cooperating on the Global Grid initiative, the two superpowers would solve their own problems, galvanize world attention, enhance global trade, and provide the Third World with the capital and infrastructure needed for its development.

As this new crisis grows more difficult by the day, we will quickly arrive at a critical moment: the time for a shift in our thinking—a new paradigm. In John Naisbitt's book, *Megatrends*, he suggests that the shortest path to world peace is world trade. A Global Electric Energy Grid would be the catalyst for a new era of world trade, connecting all nations into a mutually-cooperative, economically-beneficial relationship and speeding our recovery from our global addiction to fossil fuel.

Regardless of the outcome of our current crisis (two-thirds of the world's oil reserves will remain in the Mideast) Today's emergency is a rerun of 1973 and 1979, and is bound to recur until we embrace the critical thinking of men like Buckminster Fuller—and make the criminal extortion of men like Saddam Hussein not just unthinkable, but unnecessary.

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