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3 Why Are There So Many Suicides In The US Military?

1. Underreported: Some soldiers would rather kill themselves than be involved in killing innocents.
2. Some faced with cancer caused by depleted uranium, rockefeller fuel toxins, and other carcinogens have taken the fast way out (though karmically it is the slowest way out.)
3. Some murders are called suicides.
4. Military statisticians are instructed to classify combat deaths as suicides to keep the kill numbers down. (Deaths of mercenaries are also not included in combat deaths.)
5. Homeless veterans like virtually every other American citizen find out they are expendable to the regime running the government.
6. Quadraplegics, paraplegics, horribly burned men and women would rather not go through life.
7. Medications linked to suicide include
Fluoxetine (Prozac) Sertraline (Zoloft) Paroxetine (Paxil)
Fluvoxamine (Luvox) Escitalopram (Lexapro) Citalopram (Celexa)
8. Soldier loneliness for family and friends
9. Spousal infidelity
10. The rodenticides and insecticides used by exterminators at military bases as one side effect can cause mental illness in base exterminators
11. The 135 degree heat in Iraq compoued by in some cases 100 pound packs is especially hard on those not raised in a hot climate.

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68,000 Mercenaries In Afghanistan,163.500 In Iraq

Hessian mercenaries employed by the UK
failed in America's Revolutionary War. US
Mercenaries are failing in Iraq and Afghanistan.
The senior British commander says the war
is unwinnable. In the 1800's, British imperialists
were defeated in Afghanistan. But even now
PM Gordon Brown is sending 'several hundred'
more young victims to the volcano of Afghanistan.
Please speak up. Please boycott war profiteers.
68,000 Mercenaries In Afghanistan,163.5 Thousand In Iraq
A privatized military is a war profiteers' military, a military
controlled by war profiteers.

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In Iraq
139,000 U.S. troops deployed now
4,256 U.S. military killed
1 million Iraqi civilians killed (est.)
Other numbers
38,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan
661 U.S. military deaths in Afghanistan
163,446 Contractors in Iraq
68,252 Contractors in Afghanistan

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Afghanistan, Graveyard of Empires

Which empires have lost their violent
invasion plans
in Afghanistan?
Alexander 'the Great', the British Empire
in the late 1800's, Russia and now the US,
governed by war profiteers.
The senior British commander has said the
war in Afghanistan is unwinnable.

Obama and Biden
.. while the homeless freeze under bridges,
the poor are evicted, their possessions
put on the curb, you are asking Americans
to go further into debt to bomb and burn the
babies of Afghanistan and Iraq.

You are sending the soldier children of the poor
to be blown apart at night over sharp snowy peaks...
in Afghanistan, shot down by stinger missiles
sent to the Mujahideen and Taliban by the CIA
in the 1980's.

Why? for the CIA's heroin trade, and for
another imperialist base.

It's time to shut down hundreds of the 900 bases
overseas.

We're not an empire.

God give you both courage to change.

An Israeli soldier as chief of staff in the
White House is not right. It is time to end
the role of dual citizen in government.

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Graveyard of Empires in relation to Afghanistan has
been the title of articles posted on Indymedia sites and other
publications.

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Alexander The Violent

You may call him Alexander the Great
if you wish,
but in reality he was Alexander the Violent

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Chicken Icicles

Chicken icicles
hang upside down in a row
headless
dripping not water but blood

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Costume Ball

COSTUME BALL

Perhaps you're famous
if attending a costume ball in blue
you see another
disguised as you

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Dyed Lifeline

Dried instant coffee crystals
dyed my palm's lifeline.
A message it was time to change to preserve life.
before I died.

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Energy Intensive Killing

In warm climes
one can from a tree
pluck an avocado
of the color lime

but a hunter must purchase a gun,
bullets, camping gear, knives,
spend gas money, perhaps
build from killed trees a tree stand,
spend gas, stalk an animal or
bird in the woods.. and then
skin his murdered body or
pluck out her feathers...
before using more fuel
to bake his or her flesh.

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Gaza Gazelles

Gaza Gazelles in the Palestinian Zoo, their backs broken, their legs crushed by IDF bulldozers
Lebanese cows... bombed by the IDF in blockaded ships in the harbor
Syrian dogs, cats, cows, sheep, pigs... bombed by the IDF
American cats, birds, dogs, bombed along with 3000 human
beings in the Israeli black op of 911.
Israeli pigs... vivisected in laboratories for the military
Israeli mice.. subjected to many tortures

In violation of Tu B' Shvat, the awakening of the trees,
the IDF has exterminated whole olive, lemon, lime, orange
and other orchards, palm, date, mango and fig groves, grape vines,
 in several Arab countries

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Isaiah: I delight not in your blood sacrifice.

Amor Omnia Vincit
Love Conquers All

Isaiah 11: 6 And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. aze 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox..
8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

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I Thirst

I thirst said Jesus, crucified, suffocating on the cross, thorncrowned.

I thirst, says every Palestinian, every Arab in Israel, denied
access to their own water by the IDF>

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Laurie King And The Politics Of Publishing

Politics in Publishing

LAURIE KING MYSTERY WRITER

Laurie King's writing is sometimes hypnotic. Her intellect sparkles. Among her compelling books are a series involving Mary Holmes, wife of Sherlock, and another featuring Kate Martinelli, gay San Francisco detective. She raises reader consciousness about the rights of women in many areas including the centuries of injustice to women artists, the total ban on women detectives.. She describes powerfully the sorrows of gay men. Her book To Play The Fool has a powerful saintly character who is abused by the police, held though innocent.

A few footnotes:

PROMOTION OF IMPERIALISM

Whether or not Doyle's Sherlock Holmes helped catch one time murderers to hang them, government murder is a barbarism, and unlike hot passionate killing, a cold premeditated murder done by judges, prosecutors, police, and prison industrial complexes.

Sherlock Holmes and James Bond are intelligence agency sponsored romanticizations of loanshark imperialist British capitalism's spies. King could have used poetic license to change this but did not. Many feminist groups have been coopted by the military, e.g. NOW. They have also been coopted by hunting groups.

In the book Oh Jerusalem and elsewhere, King portrays Mycroft Holmes, Sherlock's brother, has a man who would knowingly send his brother into situations in which the odds of his returning alive were low.

Laurie King's main character, Mary Holmes, wife of Sherlock, defines Indian opposition to invading Brits as treason.

In the book A Darker Place Laurie King attempts to obscure the FBI's role in the killing of children at Waco, Ruby Ridge and other places. (Many mystery writers in the US praise the FBI in order to be published.)

The book justifies the investigation of 'cults' by the FBI, which often manifested as harassment of vegetarian and vegan communities. (The US Army was buzzing the vegan Farm of Tennessee until Senator Gore intervened.) Rajneesh' land holdings in a Western livestock state threatened the zoocide politics of that state.

In actuality, the violent communities have been

started by government operatives. Jonestown and the People's Temple were begun as a Vacaville California behavior modification project. Representative Ryan was murdered when he tried to investigate govt. connections. Charles Manson was a govt. operative, part of an attack plan directed at Robert F Kennedy, AG and the President's brother.

THE RIGHTS OF ANIMALS

She justifies her character Mary Holmes' participation in and killing of pigs in a pigsticking hunt. Agents, she implies, may kill and inflict pain because that is their job.

King has had an odyssey. Her earlier books have many commercials for animal flesh. However her later ones sprinkle in some vegetarian references.

To write of Oxford University without mentioning the primate torture hidden there is to muzzle the tortured cries of despairing animals.

Laurie King did not have to create her heroine Mary Russell as a vicuna fur coat with sealskin collar brute, or a woman who caged a bird.

She need not have made Sherlock a beekeeper, someone who steals the labor of others, while imprisoning their queen and killing off many when the racks are slid in and out of the hives.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

She could have gone a different direction than that of age chauvinism, as she has Sherlock marry a much younger woman rather than one of equal age or older.

RELIGIOUS TENETS

Hindu tenets are not mythology.

Alexander the Violent never invaded India. He was driven out at the Indus River, as China also was repelled.

Mary Magdalene (mentioned in the book A LETTER TO MARY) was not a member of the militants
of the Mossad, but a follower of Jesus the pacifist.

There are many points of view to the Middle East conflict, not just a Zionist one. She does admit that the imperialist British capture of Palestine was the cause of all the present problems.

The millions of Jewish vegetarians in the world might object to her statement that the details of kashrut are holy. Jewish vegans do not just abstain from the flesh of murdered pigs but of all animals, birds, fishes, and from all products stolen from animals.

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Letter To Rita Mae Brown

Dear Rita,

Oscar Wilde referred to you as 'the unspeakable
in full pursuit of the inedible'. He was referring
to your love of gory bloodshedding, your glorification
of blood sports, specifically the ludicrous
practice of dressing up in silly clothes to
terrorize innocent foxes.
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Those who object to Ballantine's deforesting promotion
of this cruelty, banned in Britain now, and to Recorded Books,
please notify them.

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Paid

The woman at the grocery counter
lifted virtually a full leg of a pig
onto the counter. Too big for a bag it
was and the clerk put a 'paid' sticker
on it. Was that to signify that it
was the pig whose pain had paid
for the purchase?
What was the pig's name?

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Sahara Creators

Who created the Sahara?

Roman ship builders cut hundreds of thousands
of trees, and felled in addition to the trees
the fragile rain cycle.

Solomon to build his own temple
destroyed the pillars of God's jade temple.. the cedars
of Lebanon and in return his own temple did not last.

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Bayard Webster, nationally syndicated US writer:
each average sized tree evaporates 40 gallons of moisture
daily which becomes mist and then clouds and finally rain.
(paraphrased)

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Why Do The Homeless Freeze To Death In Our Country?

Why do the homeless freeze to death
in our country... under bridges, in school buses,
in cardboard shacks?
a. the psychotropics forced on them
by the drug pushers of the mental health
narco
medical complex
b. the Social Security number
and other roadblocks to homeless
shelters and food put up
by the federal government
c. Unlike the Salvation Army
historically, some other religiously
run shelters require attendance
of all faiths at their services
d. Many shelters treat the homeless
as children, requiring them to be in b6
as early as 6 pm and to be out
in the freezing cold of the morning by 6 am
e. we are commanded by our various religions
and ethical systems to feed the hungry, clothe
the naked, shelter the homeless... but trillions
of dollars is being diverted to bomb and burn
the babies of Baghdad and Afghanistan

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