

The Gage Page - Coast-to-Coast Debate and "Blueprint of Destruction" Refutations

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This page addresses claims made in the 2-hour AE911Truth DVD "Blueprint of Destruction," and the August 21st, 2010 Coast to Coast Debate.



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Review from the Coast-to-Coast Website:

Date Saturday - August 21, 2010

Host Ian Punnett

Guests [Richard Gage](#), [Dave Thomas](#), [Kim Johnson](#), [Niels Harrit](#)

[Richard Gage](#), from Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth, and [Dave Thomas](#) a physicist from New Mexicans for Science and Reason, joined Ian Punnett for the entire program to debate how the World Trade Center buildings collapsed on September 11, 2001.

Gage believes the WTC towers were brought down by controlled demolition involving thermite. "I think the dust of the World Trade Center reveals the secret of the cause that we're all looking for," he said. The dust contained billions of tiny spheres (about the diameter of a human hair) of previously molten iron, Gage revealed. This means the iron in the spheres sustained temperatures exceeding 2800 degrees, twice as high as what a jet fuel fire can produce, but within the range of a thermite reaction, he

noted. In addition, Gage said the dust contained hundreds of small red-gray chips, which he identified as highly-advanced nano-thermite composite explosive material.

Thomas expressed his support for the gravitational collapse model. As the planes slammed into the twin towers, they cut through steel support structures and ignited immense fires across the floors of the building, he said. Heat from the fires further weakened the floor trusses, causing them to sag and pull in the perimeter walls, he continued. The additional weight, along with reduced support, sent the first section crashing down onto the floor beneath it with a force 30 times that of its static weight, Thomas explained. "The collapse was considered inevitable because every floor had even more dynamic force going at it," he added.

Responding to Gage's dust claims, Thomas pointed out that scientific analysis uncovered nothing unusual about the iron microspheres, and any ingredients taken to be thermite could just as easily be from the building's ordinary components (iron beams, paint, aluminum siding, etc). The two men argued about whether or not pools of molten steel had been found at the WTC site, if explosions and flashes of light were heard and seen that day, and what happened to all of the pancaked floors. They also shared their theories about what brought down Building 7 (the one not hit by a plane). Gage said it was a implosion produced by thermite; Thomas blamed damage caused by the north tower collapse, huge fires within, and a design flaw.

Physicist **Kim Johnson** and chemist **Niels Harrit** joined the discussion in hour three. Johnson observed that the WTC skyscrapers began falling precisely where they had been struck by the planes and the fires broke out, evidence he believes favors the gravitational collapse model. "A steel-framed high riser does not collapse due to fire," Harrit responded, citing an experiment by British Steel that showed an 8-story steel structure could repeatedly withstand attempts to burn it down. Harrit, like Gage, thinks the three buildings were brought down by controlled thermite explosions. Johnson called attention to the fact that none of the hundreds of dogs used to locate survivors, many of them cross-trained to find explosives, detected any trace of thermite at the 9/11 disaster site.

Website(s):

- ae911truth.org
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[Video: Gage's Oslo Deception](#)

[Video: Gage False Statements](#)

On the C2C debate, re "symmetrical destruction", Gage said we agreed, but I never said this! And, I barely got a chance to follow up, because that's when Gage hung up or was knocked off the air.	The tower collapses were NOT symmetrical, as shown vividly at the bottom of this page: Weidlinger Associates Debris Maps And WTC 7 wasn't symmetrical, either.
We agreed that real thermite would create pools of molten iron. We disagree strongly on whether or not such pools of once molten metal were ever recovered at Ground Zero. I say they were not, and only anecdotal stories of their existence are offered.	<u>Debunking 911: molten steel found under ground zero.</u> And Dave Peraza, the engineer in charge of all Ground Zero cleanup: " <u>I never saw pools or lakes of molten, or previously molten, steel. Neither in the subgrade levels, nor as material that was loaded onto trucks by the grapplers and cranes.</u> "
We agree there were microspheres in the dust, but disagree completely about their significance. As I said, these were expected from the hot fires, and perhaps older welding traces, etc. The iron microspheres are not evidence of thermite.	This is pointed out in letters between Frank Greening, PhD Chemist, and thermite advocate Steven Jones, posted on this page by a Truther who is very frustrated with Jones: Dr. Greening says of the microspheres that " <u>...my main objection is that there appears to be a whole variety of microspheres with different chemical signatures. This suggests that most of the microspheres have a natural, chaotic, origin from many different source materials, all of which have simple</u> "
Re FEMA documenting melted steel, they were examining steel that was chemically corroded by cooking in the pile for weeks. No evidence for thermite was found.	NIST also examined such samples: in <u>NCSTAR1-3C, p. 229-232</u> , NIST notes that <u>a column from no higher than the 53rd floor was eroded while remaining in a horizontal position, during its time in the pile. There are photos of the recovered column, and these show no evidence of attack by thermite or thermate.</u>
Did Leslie Robertson, the structural engineer responsible for the design of the World Trade Center Towers, say that "As of 21 days after the attack, the fires were still burning and molten steel was still running."?	WTC Molten Steel The "Leslie Robertson" quote comes second-hand from James Williams, SEAU President, in an account of a Robertson presentation. "We emailed Roberston to find out if it was accurate, and his brief reply arrived quickly: 'I've no recollection of having made any such statements...nor was I in a position to have the required knowledge.' Williams notes of the presentation only talk of 'molten metal', not steel. ... this quote doesn't appear to have much substance.

Where are the explosions? In Gage's "Blueprint for Truth – The Architecture of Destruction" video, several explosive detonations are shown, but the sounds of the actual explosions have apparently been removed or muted. It seems Gage can't explain why there no sound recordings of "explosions" in the towers exist, so he simply removes these sounds from recordings of explosions he is using for comparison with the Towers.	To check on this yourself, check out these videos of the exact same demolition: One Two Big Hat Tip to ae911truth.INFO
The Blueprint of Destruction video makes much of Erik Swartz of the EPA, and studies of material from Ground Zero. What is usually said is that <i>"One molecule, described by the EPA's Erik Swartz, was present at levels 'that dwarfed all others': 1,3-diphenylpropane. 'We've never observed it in any sampling we've ever done,' Swartz said. ..."</i>	What is left out is the <i>rest</i> of the story: "<u>...it was most likely produced by the plastic of tens of thousands of burning computers.</u>"
Dutch expert on controlled demolitions, Danny Jowenko, believes that 7 World Trade was brought down with a controlled demolition	But, he also believes that the Towers were NOT demolished, wasn't aware of the fire or damage, and eventually said he was "guessing".
Gage says in his video that the "pancakes" - densely crushed layer of floors - have never been found. Also, his front-page Point 8 on the Twin Towers is "1200-foot-dia. debris field: no 'pancaked' floors found"	Ironically, Gage shows one of the "pancakes" right on his website. Here, it is called a "meteorite," and supposedly shows molten steel. But, it's really several alternating layers of crushed cement and steel structures.
Is it really impossible for flame-engulfed steel-framed high rises to collapse?	This article explains why the Towers were different from other buildings like the Mandarin Oriental, Beijing, China. (Original link has expired, archive.org to the rescue)