

Dispelling Wetiko – Breaking the Curse of Evil

An Introduction to Paul Levy and this book, which he wrote (©2013)

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I have not yet read this book but am drawn to do so.

In the meantime I want to introduce others to this book and have selected a number of sections from the book to introduce both and it and its author.

Do you know of this book and its author? If so I'd love to hear from you.

Gary

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From The Foreword by Catherine Austin Fitts

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Foreword

In 1997, a strategic planning group at the CIA made a visit to my company in Washington, DC. They brought with them a woman whose job and title were classified. I was not allowed to know them. Upon listening to my presentation on how to strengthen the American economy by transforming our investment model, she looked at me and said, “You know what your problem is? You don’t understand where evil comes from.”

My search to understand evil and its transformation is what attracted me to Paul Levy’s invaluable work.

The question of where evil comes from and how it transmits through our society like a contagious virus is profoundly important. Our economic problems are symptoms of our governance, which is, in turn, a symptom of a problem we have with evil. If we want to address our economic problems, we have to deal with the root problem—the ascendancy of evil and its institutionalized use of invisible weaponry and forces, including financial systems.

Paul Levy's book, *Dispelling Wetiko: Breaking the Curse of Evil*, is an exploration of our inhumanity and how we participate in it. Paul calls the collective psychosis under which we labor "wetiko," a Cree term that refers to a diabolically wicked person or spirit who terrorizes others. He leads us through the manifestation of *wetiko* in our culture, our media, our economy, and, most important, ourselves.

Solving a problem requires that we take responsibility for it. "This is my problem. I will study it. I will master it. I will take responsibility for it. And I will act to do that which I can do."

Taking responsibility is not something that is encouraged. We are encouraged to be victims. We are encouraged to blame "them." In doing so, we give away our power. We reject the opportunity to take responsibility, to identify our complicity in the process, and, by changing how we feel and act, to reinvent our world individually and collectively.

In the summer of 2000, I asked a group of 100 people at a conference of spiritually committed people who would push a red button if it would immediately stop all hard narcotics trafficking in their neighborhood, city, state, and country, thus offending the people who controlled an estimated \$500 billion to \$1 trillion a year in global money laundering and the accumulated capital therein. Out of 100 people, 99 said they would not push such red button. When surveyed, they said they did not want their mutual funds to go down if the U.S. financial system suddenly stopped attracting such capital. They did not want their government checks jeopardized or their taxes raised because of resulting problems financing the federal government deficit. They preferred, instead, for adults to actively attempt to addict their neighbors' children and engage them in illegal activities in a criminal, genocidal process.

Our financial profiteering and complicity are not limited to aristocrats and the elites who do their bidding. Our financial dependency on and participation in unsustainable economics in the form of suppressed knowledge and technology, covert force, organized crime, and global warfare are broad, ingrained, and deep.

Whatever is occurring in our world under highly centralized decision making, it takes millions of people to implement it. This means we are all involved.

In helping us understand and face the lies that weave through our lives, Paul Levy's work leads us to our extraordinary opportunity. We hold within our spirits, our thoughts, and our actions the power to transform our individual participation and, by so doing, our collective situation.

It is a rare philosopher and spiritual leader who can help us to look into the mirror of our collective participation and denial. Yet Paul Levy accomplishes this and more. He helps us find a way to explore the most intimate connections between our

spiritual and material lives and the wider psychic storm and power lines in which we struggle. He makes a way through our madness, our “spiritual starvation,” to invoke our imagination to literally “change our mind.”

As I read *Dispelling Wetiko*, I often hear in my mind a favorite passage from the New Testament:

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities,
against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world,
against spiritual wickedness in high places.
—Ephesians 6:12

About Paul Levy

Paul Levy was born in 1956 and grew up in Yonkers, New York. In the mid-'70s he attended the State University of New York at Binghamton (now called Binghamton University), receiving degrees in both economics and studio art. While an undergraduate, he was hired by Princeton University to do research in economics. After graduating college, he stopped his studies in economics and pursued his career in art, moving to the San Francisco Bay Area, where he both made and taught art.

In 1981, due to intense personal trauma suffered a few years before, he had a life-changing spiritual awakening in which he began to recognize the dreamlike nature of reality. During the first year of his spiritual emergence, Paul was hospitalized a number of times and was told he was having a severe psychotic break from reality.

Much to his surprise, he was (mis)diagnosed as having a chemical imbalance. He was informed that he had manic-depressive (bipolar) disorder and that he would have to live with his illness for the rest of his life. Little did the doctors realize, however, that he was taking part in a mystical-awakening/shamanic-initiation process, which at times mimicked psychosis but in actuality was a spiritual experience of a far different order that was completely off the map of the psychiatric system. Fortunately, he was able to extricate himself from the medical and psychiatric establishment so that he could continue his process of self-discovery. Thankfully, as Paul freed himself from the shackles of psychiatry, he found his spiritual teachers, who, instead of seeing Paul as crazy, recognized that he was beginning to spiritually awaken. A Tibetan Buddhist practitioner for more than thirty years, Paul has intimately studied with some of the greatest spiritual masters of Tibet and Burma.

After the trauma of his shamanic breakdown/breakthrough, he became a certified art teacher. Because of his intense interest in the work of C. G. Jung, by the end of the '80s he found himself the manager of the C. G. Jung Foundation Book Service in New York, as well as the advertising manager for the Jungian journal *Quadrant*.

In the fall of 1990, Paul moved to Portland, Oregon. In 1993, after many years of struggling to contain and integrate his nonordinary experiences, he started to openly share his insights about the dreamlike nature of reality by giving talks and facilitating groups based on the way life is a shared waking dream that we are all co-creating and co-dreaming together. Paul is the founder of the *Awakening in the Dream* community in Portland, Oregon, and facilitates a number of *Awakening in the Dream* groups every week, in which people who are awakening to the dreamlike nature of reality come together in a way that helps everyone deepen and stabilize their lucidity even further. A wounded healer in private practice, Paul is a pioneer in the field of spiritual emergence, assisting others who are also awakening to the dreamlike nature of reality.

Paul Levy is also the author of *The Madness of George W. Bush: A Reflection of Our Collective Psychosis*.

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Though he greatly looks forward to and reads every email, Paul regrets that he is not able to personally respond to all of them.

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