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Book Burnings & Conspiracies [was: Jeff Rense

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>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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>Subject: Re: * Jeff Rense Weekly E-News *

>Your argument, sir, seems to suggest that there is no
>conspiracy. I happen to think that there is abundant evidence
>for an institutional pervasiveness of conspiracy -- a
>metaphoric iceberg of convenient conspiracy with only the the
>tips of a watergate, Iran-contra, or savings and loan debacle
>sticking sullenly above the oily surface like dirty sea ice. I
>resent your indicating I may be a bigot because I am
>assaulted, and insulted by the obvious. Any rational run
>through the history of western civilization points up abundant
>conspiracy, evidence of conspiracy, and suggestions of
>conspiracy. Scratch YOU, sir, to see how bloodless you've
>become?

Wait....if "any rational run through the history of western
civilization points up abundant conspiracy," etc., then anyone
who doesn't believe in conspiracy isn't rational?

Sigh. The rhetoric heats up.

And it's interesting that Mr. L. thinks government scandals are
signs of conspiracy. It's not exactly news that (a) governments
have perfectly normal reasons for hiding what they do, ranging
from genuine issues of security to disreputable attempts to
cover their asses, and (b) that governments sometimes resort to
illegal means to keep themselves in power, or to enrich their
supporters.

All this is obvious enough without conspiracies. It's much worse
in the third world. And, interestingly, it used to be much worse
in the United States, generations ago. Does anyone remember
political bosses in big American cities? "Smoke-filled rooms" in
which political parties here decided on presidential candidates?
"Robber barons" around the turn of the (last) century who
controlled congressmen, senators, and entire state legislatures?

My impression, after watching American politics for 40-odd years
and after much reading, is that politics and government are in
many ways -- in everything, I'd guess, that's not concerned with
foreign policy and the military -- more open than they used to
be. Does that mean the conspiracy has less power?

Greg Sandow

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