The attacks of 11 September: "a controlled demolition!"

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WORLD TRADE CENTER ● The official version is out for architect Richard Gage, who spoke Tuesday in Geneva.

"Donate! Sign the petition! Buy the DVD! Help us to know the truth!" Tuesday evening at Uni-Dufour, Richard Gage sounded something like a guru, except he is a distinguished American architect, spearheading the challenge to the official version of attacks on the World Trade Center.

Founder of Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth, which sponsors a petition demanding the reopening of the investigation, Gage admits he long voted Republican before confronting the lies of the Bush administration. Gage has done speaking tours in the United States, Canada, and now Europe. In Geneva, he was invited by the group "Le 11 Septembre en Question". Two hundred curious came to hear Gage's presentation that included PowerPoint slides filled with graphs and chemical formulas.

"Flagrant Aberration"

Gage's thesis is two words: controlled demolition. More than five hundred and twenty architects, engineers and physicists dispute that the World Trade Center's "free fall" collapses could be caused by fire alone - aircraft impact had only "marginal" effect on the structures. Designed to withstand fire and consisting of tens of thousands of tons of steel and concrete, a skyscraper, says Richard Gage, can burn long without yielding - an example is the Empire State Building, struck in 1945 by a B-25 or the Windsor Building in Madrid, remained standing after twenty-four hours of fire in 2005.

Even more aberrant is the case of building No7 – home of the federal Secret Service, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Mayor Giuliani's Office of Emergency Management. Seven hours after the twin towers, this forty-seven story building collapsed like a house of cards when it was not hit by any aircraft. For many experts, such as Switzerland Hugo Bachmann, professor of static and construction at the ETH Zurich, is a clear case of controlled demolition, as is done on the buildings we want to destroy.

Al-Qaeda "irrelevant"

Mysterious explosions can be seen on YouTube videos, on conspiracy-theory websites, and in and documentaries like "Loose Change" (one of the most viewed on the Web). Had the foundations been simply blown? There were also chemical compounds found on Ground Zero of unknown origin, not explained by government reports (FEMA, NIST). Thermate is a mixture of iron oxide, aluminum and sulfur can melt steel at very high temperature (2500oC). The Thermate is is particularly used by the army.

This raises the question "who?", which Gage carefully avoids. He sticks to scientific evidence—assigning blame “would remove all credibility.” The Pentagon and its"ghost plane"are not addressed either, because there are “too many differing opinions.” What is certain, Gage says, is that “The Thermate is not produced in the caves of Afghanistan!” Gage refers to controversial authors like David Ray Griffin, an advocate of conspiracy theories. "Only public pressure can reopen the botched 9/11 investigations,” Gage says.

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