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Stranger than Fiction

It is commonly said that fiction is often far less strange than truth. The several Holly-wood movies that are now or are soon to be bringing "energy from water"—free energy— into the public arena are a case in point. *None of these movies can even come close to the basic facts of the cold fusion / new energy saga.*

We at *Infinite Energy* are acutely aware of this "stranger than fiction" aspect of our field. Of course, the opponents of scientific investigation in this area would say that this science *IS* fiction, and therefore it is very strange! These are the opinions of the *paradigm paralyzed* who "refuse to look through the telescope" to see new vistas. "I have had fifty years of experience in nuclear physics, and I know what's possible and what's impossible," said MIT Professor Hermann Feshbach to me in 1991. "I don't want to see any more cold fusion evidence; it's all junk!" he continued angrily.

Well, this "junk" is now emerging as one of the greatest revolutions in the history of science. Yet to know that this revolution is occurring, one has to be among the select group of forward-looking individuals who read this magazine and its allied publications. **Here we are, at the end of the 20th century, the age of the "information superhighway"— the video age, and the basic facts of this new energy revolution are all but invisible in mainstream media.**

What could be stranger than this?: There is an issue of paramount importance to the public: cold fusion and new energy; it is not secret; major corporations and major industrial nations are already participating in the field, Japan to the tune of $100s of millions of dollars already; it could change the way nearly every person on the planet views the future of humanity, possibly from deep pessimism to wild optimism. And yet, this idea resides in the consciousness of only a minute fraction of people today.

It is deeply ironic that the current techno-thriller movie, *Chain Reaction*, speaks clearly in its *fictional* way of mysterious energy from water that could change the world, while the media organs of the scientific establishment have written-off mountains of *factual* evidence that this energy source really *does* exist—whatever its explanation turns out to be! When they aren't simply ignoring the field, we get from *Nature* and *Science* magazines one of two types of energy-from-water stories: (A) Some "cutesy," allegedly pathetic, or crazy thing has just happened in the "cold fusion" field or (B) Hot fusion researchers are struggling valiantly to preserve or increase funding for their schemes to mimic the stars and *maybe* (hah!) give us a working thermonuclear reactor in 25 to 50 more years!

Recently, some general media stories about the well-established sonoluminescence phenomenon link it with the possibility of *hot-fusion* in water, given the well-known high-temperatures of collapsing cavitation bubbles. They never mention *cold* fusion and they certainly do not mention the work of the E-Quest Sciences corporation or HydroDynamics, Inc. —extracting energy from water via cavitation bubbles.

Are these media malicious or merely stupid? Probably a little bit of both, though likely more of the latter. Let's face it, the Big Lies about cold fusion —"it can't be reproduced," "it's pathological science," etc., etc.— were unleashed by a relatively small clique of like-minded scientific bigots and bureaucratic turf-preservers. Their names are legion, among them: DOE's John Huizenga and Will Happer, MIT's hot fusioneers Ronald Parker and Richard Petrasso, Caltech's Nathan Lewis and Steven Koonin, CERN's "pathological science expert" Douglas O. Morrison, Harwell Laboratory's (UK) David Williams, and physicist Frank Close, whose cold fusion history *Too Hot to Handle* was certainly not frank and wasn't even "close."

The media bought onto the opinion of this small but vociferous clique, and hasn't budged since. Just as NO scientific experiment, no matter how well done, nor how well-published is likely to change the paradigm paralyzed in the scientific establishment, nothing in our science is likely to convert the herd-mentality journalists. By and large these so-called science journalists have abandoned reason in favor of consulting the "priests of science," i.e. those well-ensconced in big Federal science programs and those at prestigious academic institutions.

Is there then any hope for a breakthrough from fiction to fact? Yes, indeed! But here is where *NOT* to look for it. Certainly, don't waste any time with Clinton, Dole, Perot or other politicians. They will do *nothing* for this field, as they have amply demonstrated these past seven years. Each of them knows *something* about this field—we know lots about what they know—but they'll all do nothing to rock the boat. (Of course, if they actually *did* do something, like simply *talk* about cold fusion, the DOE HeavyWatergate scandal, etc., we'd love it, but don't hold your breath.)

Is there any hope in DOE's leader Hazel O'Leary? Forget it—she's too busy taking junket trips around the world. Any hope for other federal bureaucrats? Never! We know lots of people in government agencies—in Massachusetts and in Washington—who like to have "fun" with cold fusion, but who fail to do anything to change agency policy. Some of these folks, in fact, want to "get a piece of the action" in the commercial cold fusion field, but are unwilling to demonstrate civic responsibility *within* their agencies.

Sad, very sad. They should be raising hell!

Hope lies in only one direction: the introduction of commercial products. The stakes are very high. On the day that a bona fide self-sustaining cold fusion or new-energy system is marketed, is the day that the establishment view collapses in panic. On the *day* or *week* after one single mainstream magazine, TV network, or media channel testifies to the unambiguous reality of this commercial product, fossil fuel industry stocks will plunge—hopefully— to unheard-of lows. The ensuing economic panic will be the necessary price to be paid for seven years of neglect. It could have been otherwise, but it will not be. Instead of the gradual build-up to the commercial products— as could have happened if the scientific community had behaved responsibly, there will likely be "panic in-the streets." Certainly on Wall Street there will be panic. We'll leave it to your imagination what will happen soon after the low-energy transmutation of heavy elements gets talked about as the inevitable consequence of the Cold Fusion Victory. A gold panic? A precious metals panic? You bet!

Therein lies opportunity. Cold fusion and new energy investments are now HIGHLY undervalued. When the explosion of interest in these emerges after the introduction of the first commercial products, it will take a Ross Perot or Bill Gates to invest in the field (*Ross and Bill, better do it now!*) Now cold fusion and new energy investing can be the playground of the moderately rich. From $5 to $20 million invested *right now* in the U.S. in select U.S. and Japanese activities would have a dramatic effect. Those bold enough to seize the day and invest during this key window of opportunity could be richly rewarded. It does not take an economic genius to see that. During this critical transition time, every month that passes without investing makes future deals that much more expensive. On the "day after," well, Ross and Bill will know what to do!

The logic is very simple: (A) Cold fusion and new energy are real (though unexplained) and near-term marketable; (B) Cold fusion and new energy are *highly undervalued* (Thank you, Scientific Establishment!); (C) When commercial products emerge, demand for them and the complete conversion of the world's energy infrastructure will perhaps dwarf any market in history—the personal computer market will pale; (D) Ergo, those who invest now in a *multiplicity* of these technologies almost can't lose.

But where to invest, you ask? Check the pages of this magazine in coming months, or call us and we'll give you our best consulting advice—*not for free, mind you!* Please forgive us for charging for the experience, information, and insight hard won by battle scars in the "Cold Fusion War"!

The articles and briefs in this issue will, we trust, ratify what I have just said. Evidence builds that the Correa pulsed abnormal glow discharge device is real; read electrical engineer Mike Carrel's excellent investigation. This story is not going to go away. There is a forthcoming landmark low-energy transmutation meeting at College Station in Texas (see page 45). There, the cornucopia of transmuted heavy elements that have been confirmed within the metal layers of Patterson Power Cells will be revealed—and much else. Issue #9 of *IE* will have an extensive report on that meeting, which will be co-chaired by Professors John Bockris and George Miley (Editor of *Fusion Technology*). There are a host of other developments that we have covered in previous issues, all running parallel to this — more about them in future issues. Cheers!