

THE TWIN WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

MEDIA AND MONEY

Enough has been said and printed about the subject of Weapons Of Mass Destruction in the past twenty years to last a lifetime. This four word phrase is now world famous and synonymous with the employment of nuclear and chemical instruments of warfare. The term itself has become a social and political weapon in and of its own self - a handy tool for speech writers and press conferences. It is designed to intimidate and warn “rogue” nations of the world that are proving to be nations and regions of “concern” for the new International League of Power Nations formed after 1945. These weapons are now seen as the ultimate “Sword Of Damocles” in today’s political affairs of modern man. One slight “miscue” and the ultimate tragedy begins or ends as the case may be.

Meanwhile, while this highly dangerous present day “weapons of mass destruction” political opera plays itself out towards its dramatic ending, an entire unnoticed obscure world of other programs of weapons of mass destruction works its way into our own private lives and homes via the cable wire which now penetrates the walls of our only sanctuary and fortress against the lies and the fabrications of the false and disreputable world of modern day political policies. This is the new and highly contagious world of Mass Media and Mega Money - weapons of social destruction.

Marshall McLuhan

Marshall McLuhan, a Canadian born, 1911-1980, “oracle” and communications “sage” saw the highly dangerous toxic and explosive effects of this volatile mixture of mass media and high octane fuel of money on modern man. Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man (1964) became McLuhan’s most widely read and influential book, explores the electronic age and its affect of both the individual and society in general.



After three thousand years of explosion, by means of fragmentary and mechanical technologies, the Western world is imploding. During the mechanical ages we had extended our bodies in space. Today, after more than a century of electric technology, we have extended our central nervous system itself in a global embrace, abolishing both space and time as far as our planet is concerned. Rapidly we approach the final phase of the extensions of man - the technological simulation of consciousness. When the creative process of knowing will be collectively and corporately extended to the whole of human society, much as we have already extended our senses and our nerves by the various media. Whether the extension of consciousness, so long sought by advertisers for specific products, will be "a good thing" is a question that admits of a wide solution.

Western man acquired from the technology of literacy the power to act without reacting. The advantages of fragmenting himself in this way are seen in the case of the surgeon who would be quite helpless if he were to become humanly involved in his operation. We acquired the art of carrying out the most dangerous social operations with complete detachment. But our detachment was a posture of non involvement. In the electric age, when our central nervous system is technologically extended to involve us in the whole of mankind and to incorporate the whole of mankind in us, we necessarily participate, in depth, in the consequences of our every action. it is no longer possible to adopt the aloof and disassociated role of the literate Westerner.

THE AGE OF THE SNOOP

*Under existing political forms, he says, the first illusion is participation. The second illusion is that there are solutions, e. g. there is no ignorance where there is no learning. There is no poverty where there is no affluence. There is no privacy where there is no public. These, and many other forms, are complementary. The white man creates the colored man, as affluence creates poverty. A convict has no privacy. He has solitude. A tribal man has no privacy. **Under electric conditions there can be no privacy. The privacy invaders are the bulwark of the new knowledge industries, from the pollsters, to the insurance companies, and the credit ratings, "the eye in the sky", the age of the snoop.***

(letter dated April 14,1969 from Marshall McLuhan to Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada)

NSA gathers contact lists for email, instant messaging accounts: reports



The National Security Agency building at Fort Meade, Md. is shown in this 2007 file photo. (AP / Charles Dharapak)

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WASHINGTON -- The National Security Agency has been sifting through millions of contact lists from personal email and instant messaging accounts around the world -- including those of Americans -- in its effort to find possible links to terrorism or other criminal activity, according to a published report.

^eThe ^mWashington Post reported late Monday that the spy agency intercepts hundreds of thousands of email address books every day from private accounts on Yahoo, Gmail, Facebook and Hotmail that ^amove through global data links. The NSA also collects about a half million buddy lists from live chat ⁱservices and email accounts.

The ^lPost said it learned about the collection tactics from secret documents provided by NSA leaker Edward Snowden and confirmed by senior intelligence officials. It was the latest revelation of the spy agency's practices to be disclosed by Snowden, the former NSA systems analyst who fled the U.S. and now resides in Russia.

Read more: <http://www.ctvnews.ca/world/nsa-gathers-contact-lists-for-email-instant-messaging-accounts-reports-1.1497112#ixzz2htCKXFBx>