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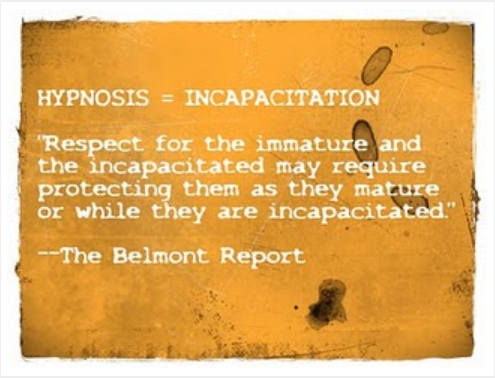
They're On to Me: The MPD Game from Hello to Goodbye

by Gary Haden

The issue of consent strikes at the heart of the Emma Woods Case. There are aspects to consent that rarely, if ever, enter into a conversation between believers in alien abduction hypnosis. Issues such as "capacity," "competence," "informed consent," and "impairment"(1) never seep into such conversations because faith in extraterrestrials is a mystical tradition that can, if it rots to the level of fundamentalism, destroy a person's ability to think.

A few cases in point leap to the forefront.

Firstly, one Internet wag began a treatise with the following:



"[Emma Woods] alleges that without her prior knowledge David Jacobs gave her post-hypnotic suggestions that she suffered from MPD in an attempt to throw hostile alien hybrids off his track."

"To support her claims," the case expert continues, "she has released highly abbreviated clip(s) from the hypnosis session. What seems to be forgotten amid the cries of foul that have ensued, is that, in the one statement he has released, he says that they talked about doing this in advance and she was a complicit party to the ruse."

This gentleman concludes that "until 'Emma Woods' releases the full unedited recording of the session from hello to goodbye (third party names redacted), or David Jacobs does the same, reasonable people should hold off from fitting him for a rope neck tie."

Emma Woods did release a full unedited recording of the session to this author. The suggestion that David Jacobs publish the same recording is astute, as a comparison of the two versions by independent investigators would be revealing as to who altered what.

I have listened to the entire unedited recording of the 29th Hypnosis Session. This post covers all material related to the Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD) Game Mr. Jacobs allegedly played with Miss Woods to evade pursuit of his person by alien beings. Material related to Miss Woods's experiences is not dealt with. That task should be the occupation of individuals who have faith in the existence of the extraterrestrials in question and I do not possess faith in nor will I aide in advertising the existence of said beings. Such work is irresponsible.

Faith in extraterrestrials directly contributed to Miss Woods's violation.

For those unfamiliar with the Emma Woods Scandal, please see all Emma Woods Posts or simply Google Emma Woods.

Secondly, once again, the defenders of David Jacobs cry that the audio recordings Miss Woods has released were altered, if not completely fabricated, by Miss Woods.

Another Internet commentator, responding to the musings of the above "authority,"

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stated the following:

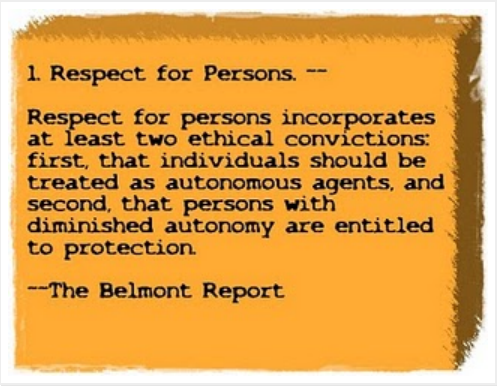
"[Jacobs] says he's working on a far more extensive response, where he will actually comment on the recordings and other issues. Also, since the recordings were evidently made by 'Emma' and not Jacobs, only she has access to the full unedited versions."

The only place where the recordings were *evidently* made by Emma is in the mind of the commentator. The recordings were *made by David Jacobs*. They were edited by Emma Woods. Most of Jacobs's more sober defenders, who don't have Internet media to market, acknowledge that.

David Jacobs disclosed the identities of other clients on the recordings. *He violated their confidentiality.* Two things emerge from that fact: (1) That Woods protected the confidentiality of *Jacobs's* clients (they were not *her clients* and she was under no obligation to protect them) by editing out their names in the recordings and, (2), David Jacobs could not be trusted to protect client confidentiality. This partly explains Woods's dogged refusal to reveal her true identity and her relentless investigation into whether Jacobs had disclosed it to Temple University colleagues.

That Jacobs has no respect for confidentiality is seen in his deployment of a spokesperson who, as proxy for Jacobs, continually harps on disclosing Woods's identity on every forum he participates in. In a communication to me, this person confirmed to me that he knew Woods's real name. How came he to that knowledge?

Those who know Miss Woods's real name, and there are only a handful, would never reveal it to a known Jacobs defender.



Ramblings on internet forums are rarely dispositive about anything, much less serious allegations of abuse. But since the above commentators are pretending that the aliens involved in the dispute actually exist, let's pretend as if an investigator into human subjects research violations existed and looked into the case.

Such a researcher, honestly investigating the Emma Woods Case, upon—here I smile—a *thorough review,* would have serious doubts about Emma Woods's capacity to consent, her competence to consent, whether informed consent was ever achieved and whether she was *impaired* when and if she ever did consent to what was done to her.

Consenting to having a post-hypnotic suggestion implanted in your mind that you have multiple personality disorder and should seek medication to treat it is prima facie evidence of impairment. Not only would it prove consent was impaired, it would prove the practitioner seeking it was *ethically impaired, if not criminal.*

That construct is made *WORSE* by the explanation that the act was being done for the purpose of evading capture by alien beings. Even if Emma Woods knew exactly what was going to happen, and she ***DIDN'T,*** her consent would be invalid because *NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD EVER CONSENT TO THE ACT PERPETRATED.*

But let's understand the situation: This wasn't an email exchange. This wasn't an office visit. This was a hypnosis session.

Hypnosis is a condition of incapacity. During hypnosis, the critical faculties of the subject are incapacitated. It is similar to being sedated. Consent obtained from an incapacitated subject is invalid. Saying it was invalid is the same as saying it was *NEVER RECEIVED.*

Was Emma Woods not in her right mind because she was crazy *a priori* or was she not in her right mind because her cooperation was being sought within the context of a hypnosis session during which she was in and out of the hypnotic state?

The idea that Woods gave her implied consent to actions Jacobs undertook that were so fundamentally heinous as to shock the conscience, accomplishes her incompetency to provide it, which makes David Jacobs's abuse of her, in my opinion, a criminal act.

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The consent Jacobs received, if any at all, is a weak form of implied consent. But because the act was so abusive, that consent cannot be deemed competent. No one in their right mind would permit it. It is like consenting to having one's head blown off. That consent says volumes about the ethical standing, if not the psychological constitution, of the practitioner acquiring it.

David Jacobs's Explanation to Emma Woods

In the 29th Hypnosis Session Jacobs conducted with Emma Woods, at the beginning of the recording which Emma Woods obtained from David Jacobs, he broaches the infamous subject of the threatening instant messages he received from Elizabeth Smith's computer.

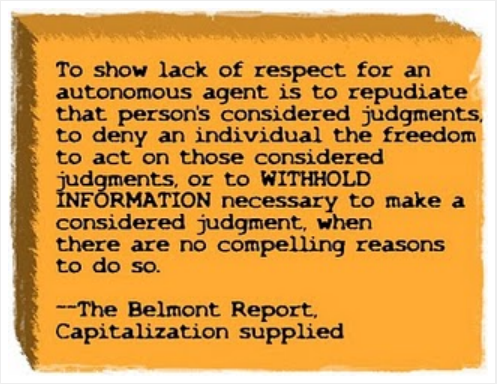
To restate, the source of these instant messages were "transgenic" alien human hybrids.

After discussing the incident with Emma Woods, he stated that as long as the Aliens believed Elizabeth Smith had multiple personality disorder, everything would be ok.

At the conclusion of Part I of the recording, at about the third hour, Emma Woods states that the hybrids threatened to kill David Jacobs and that she, Woods, would be blamed for his death.

At the beginning of Part II of the recording of the 29th Hypnosis Session, David Jacobs announces to Emma Woods, out of the blue, that he believes she has multiple personality disorder. It appears clear that Jacobs intends the information to be part of a game to be played. He, however, does not, at any time, inform Miss Woods that he *intends to administer a posthypnotic suggestion* that she has multiple personality disorder.

At no point in the four hours of recorded material from Hypnosis Session 29 did David Jacobs at any time *solicit* Miss Woods's permission to implant a posthypnotic suggestion in her mind that she had Multiple Personality Disorder.



David Jacobs decided on a course of action and took it, without consulting Miss Woods, informing her of the dangers of his actions, or consulting her outside of the context of the conduct of a hypnosis session. If such conversations took place, the onus is on Mr. Jacobs to prove it. In my opinion, the vocal tone in the recording does not give the impression that Mr. Jacobs had ever before dealt with the subject with Miss Woods. At times, Jacobs gives the impression that he was reading from prepared text.

"Comprehension. The manner and context in which information is conveyed is as important as the information itself," states the Belmont Report. "For example, presenting information in a disorganized and rapid fashion, allowing too little time for consideration or curtailing opportunities for questioning, all may adversely affect a [research] subject's ability to make an informed choice."

What follows is the transcript from the first fifteen minutes of Hour 4 of the hypnosis session, containing Mr. Jacobs's announcement. It is the author's transcription and not Miss Woods's. Jacobs's announcement asks nothing of Miss Woods. *He states to her his intentions.*

In my opinion, he explains to her his interest in MPD the way a parent explains to a child how they should eat their green vegetables. As the reader peruses the dialogue, I suggest you look specifically for a question from David Jacobs regarding permission in it.

Is there a substantive question posed by David Jacobs in the following at all?

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Jacobs: Well, now, uh, they seem to be pretty much onto me. And we're going to have to have a serious talk about multiple personality disorder and the new book I'm writing about it.

Emma: (Chuckles) God.

Jacobs: And uh we're going to have to have a serious talk about this. Because I believe that you are suffering from multiple personality disorder–I've just, I have studied this subject for a long, long time, and I've come to the conclusion that's what it's about. And people have these other sort of personalities that think they're being abducted and it's not really true. And I'm collecting all sorts of evidence about Multiple Personality Disorder. And so uh that's the word now.

Emma: I'm just devastated. (Chuckles.)

Jacobs: What's that?

Emma: I'm devastated. (Chuckles again.)

Jacobs: (Chuckling descending into coughing fit) Excuse me. I cannot laugh. Um, but, um, that's what you have to tell them.

Emma: Yeah.

Jacobs: That my theory is that it's multiple personality disorder.

Emma. Yeah.

Jacobs: It has nothing to do with reality. And I've come to that conclusion after years of looking.

Emma: Yeah.

Jacobs: And I've been doing a lot of very serious research in multiple personality disorder and um I will try to send you some emails about multiple personality disorder. And we will have a discussion about multiple personality disorder and all that sort of stuff. So, I want multiple personality disorder to be uppermost in your mind.

Emma: Right.

Jacobs: I want when they start talking to you about me, you have to start talking–you have to say, he thinks I've got multiple personality disorder.

Emma: Yeah.

Jacobs: They're not going to know what that is. They're going to think it's crazy. But they're not gonna say no.

Emma: (pause) Yeah.

Jacobs: And that's your deflection.

Emma: Okay.

Jacobs: Now, multiple personality disorder or not, they're not going to like you getting in touch with me. SO, uh, but, (sighs) we wanted to keep this on the multiple personality disorder level. And that's what you're telling me, you're telling me when you're slipping into another personality.

Emma: Right.

Jacobs: That's my theory. They're gonna think I'm wrong, but they're gonna allow me to be wrong.

Emma: Right.

Jacobs: See.

Emma: Yeah.

Jacobs: So. Uh. And it's of course it's what I think is happening with [another subject] she's suffering from multiple personality disorder and so is everybody I've dealt with, so, especially [another subject]. So, uh, and you're just another one. And they're all over the place. Very common disease. Brain disorder.

Emma. Right.

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Jacobs: So. That's gotta be very much in your mind and you have to sort of come out with that. He lives–he lives …

Emma: In England. No. New York.

Jacobs: Well, you know, or wherever I live–somewhere else. Actually, you could say I live in Cambridge, England.

Emma: Cambridge, England.

Jacobs: That's one of the great places in the world.

Emma: Right. It's nice.

Jacobs: But you better not. You better just say New York. Because there's probably a thousand David Jacobs live in New York.

Emma: Right.

(Jacobs fidgets with tapes and whispers to himself.)

Emma: It must be nice have a kind of nonunusual name.

Jacobs: Uh Um, I'm not sure about that. There's ten thousand David Jacobs. I'm always getting confused.

(Fidgets with tapes again, whispering to himself.)

Jacobs: And we're ready to go. Now this next thing that happens it's like a few days later . . .

Were there any open-ended questions asked in the above dialogue? Were any permissions sought? Was there discussion of any plan to plant a suggestion in Emma Woods's mind she had MPD?

Jacobs then continues with his standard investigation. At the conclusion of the session, at about the 48-minute mark in the fourth hour, he administers, out of the blue, without asking for permission, without discussing the action in a venue that didn't involve the conduct of a hypnosis session, a posthypnotic suggestion that Emma Woods has multiple personality disorder. He reinforces the suggestion in a concluding dialogue which includes the suggestion Miss Woods discuss medication options with her psychiatrist.

The MPD Diagnosis, Director's Cut

What follows is an unedited version of the posthypnotic suggestion. It contains no specific triggering information that the suggestion is part of a game. Its one specific trigger—when people ask Emma Woods about her contact with him—is so general a suggestion as to constitute blanket applicability. The suggestion does not say, for instance: "When aliens ask you about our work together tell them you have multiple personality disorder."

The suggestion states that when *PEOPLE* ask you about our work together tell them you have multiple personality disorder. There is a whiff of alibi about it. For a discussion of alibi and motive, see The Girl Who Saved Her Own Life, Part I.

In the following excerpt, Jacobs has just concluded about 48 minutes worth of investigation into Emma's experiences, an inquiry which contained no discussion of multiple personality disorder, nor any indication to Emma that he had in mind supplying her with a posthypnotic suggestion that she had multiple personality disorder.

TRANSCRIPTION RESUMES

Jacobs: Well, you've gotta' be getting' pretty tired by now.

(Inaudible mumbling by Emma)

Emma: I was in this room. (Mumbling) I remember something pressing on me ...

Jacobs: Something pressing? Where?

Emma: On my abdomen. I can't remember very well (inaudible)... I think I'm like I'm not sure if I'm even remembering the right stuff. My brains ...

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Jacobs: Well, we can sort of call it off here if you want.

Emma: I feel like I've lost where I am.

Jacobs: Well, my sense is that you're tired and we've been through a lot and so I'll just end it and we can – we can discuss it another time. I don't want to test the limits of their endurance. (Chuckles) Um, what do you think?

Emma: Yeah ok.

[Jacobs begins the posthypnotic suggestion.]

Jacobs: I'm going to count from five to one, and just remember now, my diagnosis is that this is Multiple Personality Disorder and you should take medication for it. (Nervous chuckle from Emma Woods) I have seen lots of cases of MPD, and this absolutely fits the MPD profile. And, my professional diagnosis therefore is Multiple Personality Disorder. I am studying it. I am writing a book about it. That is my next book. I feel that the whole sort of alien business is all a matter of multiple personality disorder. It's a much more widespread phenomenon than people think. Lots of people are walking around with it. It's a public health problem. And that, you are unfortunately suffering from it. And, my opinion is that yours is a classic case, and that – that the only thing that will help you will be medication. And um, I am not interested in – in – your stories, I am only interested in the fact that you tell those stories, because multiple personalities are all different. As you know, that each – each individual within Multiple Personality Disorder can be different –some can be male, some can be female. They all have different sort of experiences. Some imagine that they are lying on tables. Some imagine that they are talking with other people. It's just – it's all over the place. Depending on the personality that comes out. And, I think that we've been dealing with three or four personalities here (name)…. And so yours is, in fact, Multiple Personality Disorder. And, when people want to talk to you about the – about your contact with me, that is the first thing you tell them. I have decided it is all Multiple Personality Disorder, and that's what I'm going to be talking about. A psychiatric condition. Multiple Personality – Personality Disorder, well-known in the world. And, you think I may be wrong, but I think that I'm right. And, that's what it is. And, this is what it is. And this is where my studies are leading. My studies are going directly to multiple personality disorder. And that's all there is to it. So, now I'll count from five to one and bring you out of this. And, we'll talk about MPD a little bit more. Five, kind of coming out of this, feeling good, feeling alert, ready to have a semblance of an afternoon left, four, coming out even more, and feeling good, three, no depression, no fear, just threats, that's all, you've had these for years now, you can deal with it. Two, all the way out of it. And one, completely out of it.

(The post-hypnotic suggestion ends.)

Jacobs: (Continuing) You see, the record that you're doing is simply another manifestation of a written style of multiple personality disorder. We have many of these on record. One personality takes over and starts to write a record and starts to do these drawings. None of which are believable. They are all just a product of fantasy. This is not happening. It is just fantasy that comes from one of your alter personalities. And so when those personalities come out, that's when this – all this – nonsense comes out that you've been telling me. But I'm interested in the nonsense. Not that it's real. *I KNOW IT'S NOT HAPPENING.* I know that for an absolute fact it's not happening. But I also know for an absolute fact that people have multiple personality disorder and they make these kinds of claims and they don't even realize it themselves. It's their alter personalities who are doing it. And so, I think that you need to take medication for this and that's what I would remember.

Emma (nervously chuckling): What sort of medication?

Jacobs: Um, you and your psychiatrist will have to decide that.

Emma: Okay. Oh god.

Jacobs: But that is what uh, um – that's my professional considered opinion. And that's what you must have in your mind when they say (in fake accent) *Oh my god, you talked to that guy again we told you not to*, and that's what you have to decide, I mean, I'm sorry, that's what you have to have in your mind. YOU MUST HAVE THAT IN YOUR MIND. (Robotically)He thinks I'm sick. He thinks I have multiple personality disorder. He doesn't believe any of this. It's all multiple personality disorder. (End robot) They probably will not have heard of this. (Begin robotic tone again) But you will say, no, no, no it's real. He thinks I've got it. (Robotic tone ends) And if they have heard of it, it'll make sense to 'em.

Emma: Yeah.

Jacobs: There's no downside to this. This is all upside. So you have to say – I have –

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(Robotically) he thinks I have multiple personality disorder. Everything we've talked about he thinks is not true. He's told me I have multiple personality disorder and that I must take medication for it. (End robotic tone) Now that's important to say. Because it's not just that I'm saying it: I'm suggesting a course of action. So, I'm going to write you an email about that too.

Emma: Okay. Right.

Jacobs: And I'll write you maybe several emails about that.

Emma: Right

Jacobs: This has got to be kept uppermost in your mind because you're going to have a visit probably tonight and tomorrow night as well, and they're going to figure out ... oh, oh, uh-oh, she did it again and you've got to be able to counter–he doesn't believe anything, he thinks it's multiple personality disorder, that's got to be uppermost in your mind, so tonight, when you're putzing around the house and you're doing this and doing that, think MPD, MPD, MPD.

(Emma changes the subject. They discuss similarities between her case and Elizabeth Smith's. Jacobs changes the subject back.)

Jacobs: So, the object is to keep Multiple Personality Disorder in your mind–you want to deflect them –

Emma: (nervously chuckling) We've both got the same disease ....

Jacobs: Right – you want to deflect them away from me though so that it makes it safer for you and they don't harp so much on me and all the rest of that stuff. You've got to convince them that I am–I AM CONVINCED there's no question in my mind, that this is multiple personality disorder and nothing unusual is happening other than what is coming out of your mind. And that I fear for your mental health.

Emma (nervously): Yeah. Okay.

Jacobs: This is extremely important. It worked for [Elizabeth]. And this is extremely important and of course, as you know, it is true. (Laughs) So . . .

Emma: (Joking) Many would agree.

Jacobs: Yeah it's probably true. So – but you have to keep that in your mind you can't just sort of forget it, you gotta' keep that in your mind, because it is going to happen tonight and you're gonna wake up and this jerk's gonna be sitting on your bed again and then, he's gonna stare at you and he's gonna say, "Oh shit!"– that's what he's gonna say in his own inamicable fashion. And then you've got – the first thing he expresses – well, this is bad, you've been in contact with him – you've got to think multiple personality disorder. You might also wanta think New York City. That puts me away in my psychological thought and it also puts me away in distance. It makes them feel safer.

Emma: Yeah. Oh god.

Jacobs: So–there's got to be some sort of a counter here. In other words, we can't just let them have free reign or whatever they want.

Emma: Because you could feel what they're like, hey, on that thing?

Jacobs: Oh yeah, no, I could, even though it was instant messaging, it was clear the aggressiveness involved. It was–every line was an order. And you could tell the frustration also. Um. So. Anyway, I'm going to let you go.

Emma: Well, thank you.

Jacobs: Just think mpd, mpd, mpd. (Chuckles.)

Emma: I'm totally devastated. But I'll get through it.

Jacobs: You'll get through it. No, yeah. Well, this is what I think and that's what you report. I mean, this is my diagnosis. I've come up with this. I've studied this for a long time. And I know multiple personality disorder when I see it and this is it. It's an odd situation but this is what it is. And even though they have this big data dump from you in terms of how much you know about me – well, I've changed my opinion. I now believe it's—it's multiple personality disorder, that's all. I'm entitled to do that. And that's what I think.

Emma: Yeah.

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Jacobs: You have to understand that they--well, they have weaknesses and that's one of them. So, we're gonna play on that.

Emma (nervously): Yeah. Okay.

Jacobs: All right. Keep me posted on what's going on. And maybe I'll call you up and maybe we'll have another session about multiple personality disorder one of these days. But keep writing me your latest emails.

Emma: Yeah. Okay.

They exchange closing salutations and the call ends.

I'll remind the reader that indeed, today, David Jacobs does, in fact, think Emma Woods is sick. He continues to maintain she is afflicted with Borderline Personality Disorder. But he said on the Coast to Coast AM show that maybe Miss Woods *DOES HAVE MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDER*.

At no point in the posthypnotic suggestion, delivered into Emma Woods's mind, did David Jacobs's say to her, *WE ARE PLAYING A GAME*. Indeed, in the reinforcing dialogue that followed, he stated she should discuss medication options with her psychiatrist.

"Respect for persons requires that subjects," the Belmont Report states in part C, "to the degree that they are capable, be given the opportunity to choose what shall or shall not happen to them."

David Jacobs never gave Emma Woods an opportunity to choose what would happen to her. David Jacobs never discussed his intentions to implement the suggestion. He did what he had done in the entire time he abused Emma Woods.

He told her. He didn't ask her. He decided for her. That was a violation of her autonomy. And he had no right to perpetrate the act which could have injured Emma Woods irreparably. His posthypnotic suggestion that she had multiple personality disorder subjected Emma Woods to risk above and way beyond what an ordinary person would encounter in everyday life.(2)

NOTES

(1) "The Belmont Report articulates the ethical principles relevant to the conduct of all research with human subjects. One of these principles is that individuals should be treated as *autonomous agents* and that persons with *diminished autonomy* [as in hypnosis] are entitled to protection. *Cognitively impaired research subjects* have diminished autonomy and may be limited in their ability to give informed
consent and are thus entitled to additional protection. The ethical principles of The Belmont Report are incorporated into Federal Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects (45 CFR 46). 45 CFR 46 charges Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) with protecting the rights and welfare of human subjects and grants them authority to review and approve all research activities involving human subjects, including those who are cognitively impaired. IRBs are given broad authority by 45 CFR 46 to insure that: 'where some or all of the subjects are likely to be *vulnerable to coercion or undue influence*, such as children, prisoners, pregnant women, mentally disabled persons, or economically or educationally disadvantaged persons, additional safeguards have been included in the study to protect the rights and welfare of these subjects' [45 CFR 46.111(b)]. Therefore, the IRB, in concert with the principal investigator, is responsible for providing specific additional safeguards appropriate to the research study under consideration."--Sheet 7: RESEARCH INVOLVING COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED SUBJECTS: A REVIEW OF SOME ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS. (Italics supplied.)

"In 1987, the CC [Clinical Center] adopted MAS Policy 87-4 entitled '**Consent Process in
Research Involving Impaired Human Subjects.'"**

"MAS Policy 87-4 is based on two key principles found in 45 CFR 46. **(1)** Protection should be proportionate to the risk involved, with the least protection required when research involves minimal risk**.** *Minimal risk 'means that the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research are not greater in and of themselves than those ordinarily encountered in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations or tests.' [45 CFR 46.102(i)].* **(2)** While the assent of vulnerable (cognitively impaired) subjects is necessary, *it is not sufficient.* More must be done to verify that

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subjects would do what they are being asked to do if they were able to make decisions for themselves." – (Italics Supplied) Item #3, Sheet 7: RESEARCH INVOLVING COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED SUBJECTS: A REVIEW OF SOME ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

(2) "Assessing Risk

"[A]ssessment of the justifiability of research should reflect at least the following considerations: **(i)** Brutal or inhumane treatment of human subjects is never morally justified. **(ii)** Risks should be reduced to those necessary to achieve the research objective. It should be determined whether it is in fact necessary to use human subjects at all. Risk can perhaps never be entirely eliminated, but it can often be reduced by careful attention to alternative procedures. **(iii)** W hen research involves *significant risk of serious impairment*, review committees should be extraordinarily insistent on the *justification of the risk* (looking usually to the likelihood of benefit to the subject or, in some rare cases, to the manifest voluntariness of the participation). **(iv)** When vulnerable populations are involved in research, the appropriateness of involving them should itself be demonstrated. A number of variables go into such judgments, including the nature and degree of risk, the condition of the particular population involved, and the nature and level of the anticipated benefits. **(v)** Relevant risks and benefits must be thoroughly arrayed in documents and procedures used in the informed consent process." –(Italics supplied.) The Belmont Report.

45 CFR § 46.102 (i) states the following with regard to minimal risk:

"§46.102 Definitions.

"(i) *Minimal risk* means that the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research are not greater in and of themselves than those ordinarily encountered in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations or tests."

Follow Ups

For consequences accruing to the implantation of an MPD diagnosis, see the following:

Kelly Lambert & Scott O. Lilienfeld. Brain Stains: Traumatic Therapies Can Have Long-lasting Effects on Mental Health. Scientific American, October 3, 2007.

Shadow of the Satan Shrinks, Part 1.

Shadow of the Satan Shrinks, Part 2.

"Update of *Tyo v Ross*," False Memory Syndrome Foundation Newsletter, MARCH/APRIL 2003 Vol. 12 No. 2.

Criminal Trail Against Therapists Begins in Texas. United States of America v. Peterson et. al.,
Southern Dist., Texas, No. H-97-237[1]. FMS Foundation Newsletter, October 1998.

For information regarding ethics in human subjects research, see:
The Belmont Report

There is no law in the State of Pennsylvania against amateur practice of hypnosis. See within this blog A Call for Legislative Action.

Posted by Gary Haden at 7:42 AM

6 comments:

Gary Haden said...

Information about Multiple Personality Disorder

In all probability, Miss Woods never was provided with information concerning multiple personality disorder, its history regarding its use in conjunction with hypnosis, nor the clinical regimen involved in its treatment, which has been noted by some authorities as itself traumatic and debilitating.

This would have been necessary information for competent consent given the inherent unreliability of hypnosis and the possibility that a subject might construe a suggestion literally.

February 26, 2011 6:46 AM

Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

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Gary, thank you so much for going through the recording of the hypnosis session concerned, and for writing about it.

You are right that Dr. Jacobs never provided me with any information about Multiple Personality Disorder at all.

Apart from the fact that Dr. Jacobs never asked for, nor obtained, my permission to implant hypnotic suggestions in my mind that I had MPD, the fact that the events took place during my hypnosis session, and that I knew nothing about MPD, means that even if I had given consent for such a thing, it would not have been genuine informed consent. In addition, as you point out in your post, even the act of consenting to such a damaging action would itself be evidence of impairment.

I think the fact that Dr. Jacobs has publicly tried to defend what he did to me speaks volumes about his lack of ethics as a researcher.

In my opinion it is highly likely that Dr. Jacobs implanted hypnotic suggestions in Elizabeth Smith's mind as well that she had Multiple Personality Disorder, as he told me that he had pretended to her "hybrids" on instant messenger (in reality Elizabeth) that she had it.

Brian Reed told me that when he was a research subject of Dr. Jacobs (at the age of twenty-one), that Dr. Jacobs used hypnosis to try to instill a message in his mind that he was "the bad guy", so that the "aliens" would go after him and not Dr. Jacobs.

In my opinion, Dr. Jacobs' conduct towards, Brian, Elizabeth, and myself exposes his callous disregard for the welfare of his research subjects as human beings.

February 26, 2011 12:56 PM

Kandinsky said...

Jacobs stated, (Coast to Coast, 2003: http://tinyurl.com/6glu8pq) that he didn't have the 'luxury of disbelief' regarding the scenario of an alien takeover by hybridisation. Four years later he reiterated the stance in a 'Strange Days Indeed' interview.(http://tinyurl.com/5uk848p). In intervening and subsequent interviews, he has maintained that position to the detriment of objective research.

These points are raised to highlight questions of his motivation regarding the MPD suggestions. They could be an outcome of his complete belief in the 'hybrid scenario' and therefore dictated by some sense of self-preservation (alien/hybrid attack). If that is the case, it's hard to see where his duty of care was applied to Emma Woods. An alternative interpretation could be that he wasn't completely convinced by the 'hybrid scenario.' In that light, the MPD suggestions are again a matter of self-preservation at the cost of his duty of care (legal and/or professional repercussions).

Even allowing for nuance between these positions, it's difficult to see how Jacobs can justify his actions. Also, despite the arguments of his defenders, is there any point in this transcript where Jacobs can be described as helping Emma Woods? Furthermore, is there *any* point in any of the transcripts or audio, whatsoever, where he provides catharsis/help/progress for his subject?

February 26, 2011 3:14 PM

Gary Haden said...

Excellent questions.

February 28, 2011 6:17 AM

Paul said...

Avery interesting post and comments. Thanks to all.

Dr. Jacobs has not to date and I suspect never will come out to try and justify his actions towards Emma and others because thay are simply unjustifiable under any circumstances.

In my opinion there is nothing he could ever say that would convince me there was a genuine reason to carry out this truly disgusting behaviour.

Emma, your ongoing bravery is commendable.

February 28, 2011 6:25 AM

Alfred Lehmberg said...

"Emma, your ongoing bravery is commendable."

Unquestionably! Moreover, I expect good things to come of it, too. Hereafter, researchers are compelled to more professionalism and responsibility, just

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to start.

That's just to start!

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