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MindWar



Synopsis

This 2016 Second Edition of MindWar revises and expands the original 2013 book. In 1980 an obscure internal U.S. Army concept paper, "From PSYOP to MindWar", accidentally became public. Though only a brief, theoretical speculation, it exploded into the focus of alarmist rumors and debates for the next three decades. Is the government involved in invasion of the mind beyond the blundering, haphazard legacy of the infamous MKULTRA experiments? Even more unsettling, do such efforts extend beyond conventional scientific research to dark and arcane arts whose very existence is the stuff of legend? The answers are here, in this book by one of that 1980 paper's co-authors, Lt. Colonel Michael Aquino. Originally intended for the eyes of government policymakers alone, it is now openly available. Ironically MindWar is unclassified only because a level high enough to embrace it has never been anticipated or even conceptualized. What it is capable of setting in motion is simply beyond all previous human interactive experience. For millennia violent warfare has been the scourge of humanity, and all attempts to end it through negotiated or imposed peace have brought only temporary respite. On the premise that war is endemic to the human disposition, MindWar proposes to eliminate its killing and destruction by replacing it with a far more powerful kind of war - one which focuses on the human mind both individually and collectively. The persons and property of people are removed as targets, replaced by the divisive situations and problems originating in their consciousness. These are then controlled, adjusted, and reformed to produce a harmonious and cooperative total environment. The price for this solution is that, for the first time in practical history, the actual machinery of human thought is accessed, by the methodical application of science, psychology, and esoteric arts of antiquity. MindWar assumes, as did the ancients, that the ultimate aspiration of mankind is to the Good. But, like the Manhattan Project which rashly opened an earlier genie's bottle, MindWar could be misused with even more ominous consequences. Devised to save humanity, it could also supersede it. Hence this genie must be examined and evaluated while its bottle is still sealed. This book extrapolation and evolution of the original 1980 concept is not merely theoretical. It proposes "laboratory" implementation through the structural redesign of the U.S. Army's three "Special Operations" branches: Psychological Operations, Special Forces, and Civil Affairs. A multiphase sequence of their interaction in a MindWar campaign is outlined, with the international crisis resolution procedures of the United States modified to facilitate it. In a forthcoming second volume, the structures and programs to implement this will be discussed in detail. Not merely a "military book", MindWar extends its application to human political and social interaction generally, identifying and refining what were previously only vague or unknown mental processes into a new science of "thought architecture". It

opens the door to a standard of rationality and precision in human affairs in which the experience and exercise of thought are finally, fully mature.

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Customer Reviews

Aquino is one of the most controversial figures in US history. However, he's also one of those rare individuals who could survive even the most vile accusations levelled against him because he is able to prove almost everything he is saying. That understanding of Aquino took me several years to come to - like many, I was completely biased against Aquino. Still, for those seeking knowledge and resolution for the problems that face us today, we must look even into the darkest corners. The dark rock I decided to turn over was Aquino's MindWar. As a former member of the US Military, including the same branch Dr. Aquino served in as well - I am familiar with the document's formatting and organizational structure. Primarily set up as an Field Manual (FM), this document should be classified due to the content. However, it isn't, so one can buy it readily here. For starters, the basic assumption is that warfare is endemic to the human condition. Aquino's desire is to shift basic national human conflict resolution approaches from the field of physical warfare (PW) to MindWar (MW). Much of the initial stage of discussion centers around his reasoning for this shift

and why the US Army should adopt this as the primary method for psychological operations. More radically, he argues that PsyOp (now lamely called MISO), should become the dominate branch in special warfare and the preemptive strike force for the entire Army. Many will focus on the Electrical Magnetic Field (EMF)/Brain Wave (BW) conditioning sections of the document - while conspiratorially juicy, that focus would be better applied to seeing the larger picture.

I was not sure what to expect when purchasing MindWar - but it has since become a valued fixture on my shelf. As a researcher of force and form, I found Aquino's insights from extensive and direct experience into the myriad nature of forms and forces, (many invisible, such as electromagnetism, neuroscience, fields and more) to offer a practical, philosophical and do-able scenario with genuine power to change the nature of war;- and I feel, prophetically predicts a time to come well beyond his lifetime when such a battlefield is in fact, the norm. With the new vistas opened by social neuroscience, deeper understanding of how various forces from the subconscious or invisible realms impact humans without their knowledge; Michael paints a highly illustrative and plausible re-imagining of Warfare as we know it highlighting emerging dangerous realms of power and influence that can be used against us as techniques to control us and whole populaces. But MindWar is also unique, speaking through vast experience and specialist knowledge, Aquino's brilliant solution is not to try to do away with War, which he argues convincingly to be a ghost that will always haunt us, but to change how it is waged with an ethical altruism that seeks something far grander, and offers a legacy of compassion and kindness with a lifetime of gravity for which he is reknowned to weight every word., and more than that, to extend a map for how those of us who have not lost hope, can achieve it. Ideally placed with the armed forces and respected the world over for his role within it and other numerous fields, MindWar is one of those rare books that could very well have enough influence to start a ball rolling of immense importance.

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