

## Water Wars and The Winnowing

*The mushrooming popularity of bottled water in a country where tap water is safe to drink is symbolic of the drive to consume without thinking about the bigger picture.*

--Kari Lydersen, columnist for [www.alternet.org](http://www.alternet.org)

Buying bottled water presents two problems: each purchase financially empowers the very few players in this ever monopolizing industry to grow bigger and more predatory; the penchant to buy corporate water might embolden corporations to purchase your hometown public water utility.

Does this sound crazy?

Do you remember that, two years ago, one Florida community was negotiating to buy the water utility that served several others in another county?

What's up with that?

Consider, too, that all levels of government claim they never have enough money to provide services. And some, from time to time, have even mentioned bankruptcy. So, to make themselves more economically viable, government just might have to get some help from the friendly corporations. These arrangements are called *public-private partnerships*. The term sounds so cooperative, so enabling; but this relationship is just a foot in the door on the way to *privatization*, i.e., corporate takeover.

For the corporations, such as Monsanto and Nestle, the water that is so essential to you is seen as a commodity and worthy of exploitation by them. And the biggest scam is often the bottled water is no better than what you draw from your tap.

In an article entitled, "Water Wars: Why All the Fuss?" on [www.anglingmatters.com](http://www.anglingmatters.com), the writer wonders how the corporate pillaging of water ever was allowed: "There is no other business in this world quite like it. It mines the resource (water) for free, bottles it and sells it back to us at an incredible profit. Oh, yes, it also receives tax and other incentives."

Chances are no one need look any farther than their politicians as the culprits who pulled this scam off.

Then we have the gloom-and-doom environmentalists, who look for any conceivable reason to keep people from breeding and buying land. Wailing like banshees, they decry the imminence of a global water shortage, even though our planet is 86-percent water.

Not so quick, the greenies add, only a half-percent of that water can be used for drinking.

Why is that? What about desalination?

The knee-jerk reaction is that desalination is too expensive.

Yet nations have no problem outfitting their navies with this technology. And the process can be adapted so that desal facilities are sea-creature friendly.

But the water-shortage issue is cooked, contrived, and is being used to accomplish two things: jack up the price of water to create windfalls for the corporate raiders; propagandize the masses that water and all resources are running out and that the only solution is, once again, population reduction to keep the resources from running out.

The voice of reality was voiced by Chuck Howe, a water-resources economist at the University of Colorado. Interviewed for a January 26, 2003, article in *USA TODAY*,

Howe said: “The basic problem is poverty, not water. About 90% of the severe problems are in developing nations, where solutions to wasting water lie in better irrigation and water supply practices.”

Utilizing clean technology and common-sense conservation, the water problem is soluble.

Unfortunately beyond the contrived water and oil shortages, there will also be food shortages.

Monsanto continues to play it fast and loose with genetically engineered (GE) seeds and crops, which threaten to wipe out natural species. These GE crops also produce sterile seed (forcing farmers to buy seed each year instead of planting the seed of the previous crop) and can play havoc with people’s health. (When Aventis’ GE corn, StarLink, somehow was mixed in with other corn, it caused allergic reactions in 37 cases.)

A deliberately manufactured corruption of the grain supply alone could be pulled off by the corporations at the behest of the global depopulationists. Both factions would benefit—financially and by achieving population reduction—from such a *bioterror* attack, one that would never be traced back to the true perpetrators.

A compromised food supply would also give the government the opportunity to implement draconian measures to ensure the safety of food—especially grain—production. It would be possible for the government to go beyond its monitoring of food production—currently the province of the worthless Food and Drug Administration and United States Department of Agriculture—to taking over the industry, consolidating production under the existing Big Agra monoliths like Monsanto, ConAgra, Cargill, Archer Midland Daniels, Farmland Beef, Continental Grain, Smithland, Tyson Foods, and Perdue.

Such a bioterror scenario was envisioned by Isaac Asimov in his 1975 short story “The Winnowing,” in which a deliberate genetic tampering of grain would create death and disease.

The main objective in this poisoning of the food supply was not necessarily to create a shortage, but to cull the population, though such an event would likely bring about government control as part of Homeland Security.

As the fictional character, Peter Affare, “chairman of the World Food Organization” explained:

“They [useless feeders] will not know they are being singled out. Not all shipments of grain will be LP–infected. No one place will be concentrated on. We will see to it that locally grown grain supplies are infected here and there. In addition, not everyone will die and only a few will die at once. Some who eat much of the grain will not die at all, and some eat only a small amount will die quickly—depending on their membranes. It will seem like a plague, like the Black Death returned.”

Was Asimov’s story really science fiction? How many projections engendered in science fiction have come true? Doesn’t it seem that the strangest thing about science fiction is that, as the future becomes the present, the fiction turns out more often than not to be reality?

Just as the masses were emotionally worked over in George Orwell’s *1984*—which depicts a totalitarian state maintained through the masses’ fear of supposed internal and external enemies—we are constantly being bombarded by newsbytes warning of us

terrorists, flu epidemics, vaccination shortages, all kinds of cancer, shark attacks, SUV rollovers (whatever happened to them?), all of which is part of a long-running campaign to give the masses five to seven stories on any given day that will eventually worry them into a state of apathy.

And mass apathy is what the globalists wish. It makes it that much easier to take us into slavery to the powers that be.

We are now being beaten up about shortages in oil, water, food, and energy—a dry run of which we glimpsed in the Enron-California price-gouging debacle.

Though the future shortages will be manufactured—a grand fiction, if you will—we all will nevertheless find ourselves in real want. However, we must also keep in mind that the information the corporate-money-soaked mainstream media offers us as the truth is the greatest science fiction we will ever encounter.

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