The Force is with George Lucas. Literally. Trouncing his competitors, the master of movie magic won the coveted right to build his Star Wars empire on 23 acres of the Presidio, the former army base overlooking San Francisco's Golden Gate bridge. Lucasfilm and Lucas Learning Ltd. will share this prize piece of San Francisco real estate with the Gorbachev Foundation, the Thoreau Center for Sustainability, FEMA, the United Religions Initiative (URI), the United Nations Resource Center, radical left Tides Foundation (the largest of all -- featuring a Hindu/Buddhist-type altar and funding a community organizers that believe in revolutionary change), and a host of other environmental, spiritual, educational, and governmental organizations. Together they share a common crusade: to build a unified, socialist, earth-friendly global civilization based on "new" universal beliefs and values.

While Christianity clashes with this global/left unity, the "Force" fits well. Some might even compare the Presidio's elite guardians of the planet with the heroic Jedi of the Star Wars galaxy. In Lucasfilm's popular children's book, I Am a Jedi, Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson) tells us in his own words, "The Jedi are a very special group of beings. For many thousands of years, we have worked to promote peace and justice in the universe."

Noble words! The last part could be spoken by any UN or UR visionary. The Star Wars ideal could well be the Presidio vision on a cosmic scale.

The spiritual part fits as well. "We draw our strength from a mysterious power called the Force," continues the Jedi Knight. This Force is a "form of energy that connects all living things. We Jedi learn to be sensitive to the Force. It is a source of great strength."

George Lucas will surely add strength to the entire Presidio project. His universal power source provides a perfect model for the new global spirituality needed as a foundation for the planetary oneness. His Digital Arts Center with its out-of-this-world technology can make mind-changing fantasies seem more real than reality. His proposal for commercial development of the land will help make the Presidio self-sufficient. And his Lucas Learning Ltd. will communicate his politically correct message through schools, video games, and computers everywhere.

THE PRESIDIO VISION. The Presidio Alliance plans to turn the old army base into "a global center for sustainability." It's goals include "forums for dialogue" and "education programs and workshops on sustainability." If you wonder what that last word means, it's not simply "to meet the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs." To insiders, it means the 3 E's: Environment, Economy, and Equity: using the environmental crisis as the excuse needed to persuade the masses to conform to the new global values and the redistribution of resources (new economy) in order to establish social equality. (See Local Agenda 21).

The Thoreau Center, an Alliance member, calls for a "global center dedicated to addressing the world's most critical environmental, social, and cultural challenges." Located near the Lucasfilm site, its well chosen tenants include the United Religions, the Rudolf Steiner (founder of Waldorf Schools) Foundation, The International Bill of Rights Project, and the United Nations Resource Center.

A publicity brochure from the UN Resource Center describes the 1994 transfer of the Presidio from the US Army to the National Park Service. Matching the global vision, this change linked its "military past with a future of promise and protection – one that recognizes that defense no longer must be based solely on political and military strength, but on stewardship of the world’s human and physical resources through global cooperation."

Actually, the Presidio had been linked to the UN since 1988, when it became part of UNESCO’s Man and the Biosphere Program. Almost a decade later, Brian O’Neill, director of the Association for the Central California Biosphere Reserve, shared his vision for the former army base:

"I think the Thoreau Center for Sustainability represents the kind of tenancy that the Park Service will seek. Another example is the Gorbachev Foundation, which brings elder statesmen from around the world every year to debate and raise new ideas outside the government structure that could help solve some global issues."

A GLOBAL SPIRITUALITY. Mikhail Gorbachev, who received the keys to his bay-side headquarters from a three-star general in 1993, tells his disciples that an all-inclusive spirituality must lay the foundation for the new global ethic. It doesn’t matter which religion is used to model this universal spirituality as long as it is broad enough to embrace all the world’s religious traditions and flexible enough to be adapted to the global agenda.

"We should… help in the development of a global consciousness… to change the world for the better," announced the former head of the Soviet Union at his 1996 State of the World Forum. With help from the mainstream media which announced the demise of Communist threats years ago, Gorbachev has successfully redefined Communism and disarmed the West.

His new emphasis on spirituality helps. Since the founding of the Gorbachev Foundation USA, he has used idealized forms of Baha’i, Buddhist, Native American, Cabalistic, and Hindu models for this envisioned world religion. Yet, most of his spiritual "wise men" and women have taught a Western adaptation of Buddhism – not unlike the New Age spirituality publicized two decades ago from the boggy planet Dagobah. That’s where Yoda centered his mind, raised his arms, and mystically lifted Luke Skywalker’s space ship out of the swamp.

This contemporary lessons in Star Wars mysticism shows how to manipulate the Force. In the children’s book, Jedi Apprentice: The Dark Rival, published by Scholastic which distributes the Star Wars series to schools across the country, Qui-Gon allows the Force to "direct him, take him over." The story tells of his battle against Xanatos, his former apprentice who had been drawn to the dark side by greed and anger. To help win the battle, his new apprentice Obi-Wan Kenobi tries to "use the white light of the Force. His mind had been too clouded by anger... He drew on the living Force to guide him." Later, "they concentrated, drawing the Force to bear on the door."

At the moment, the stress of Obi-Wan’s anger blocked the Force. But when a Jedi mind is cleared, the power works well. For "a Jedi can move objects with the Force,"
Their winning strategy sounds just like the timeless formula for magic taught by Starhawk, founder of the Covenant of the Goddess. In *The Spiral Dance*, the Wiccan leader explains that the purpose of magical training is -

"to open up the starlight consciousness . . . to make contact with the Divine within. The beginner must develop four basic abilities: relaxation, concentration, visualization, and projection. Relaxation is important because any form of tension blocks energy."  

Mental projection, the last of the four disciplines, is an extension of visualization. After seeing and concentrating on the image(s), the budding magician uses mental determination to connect with the energy source and "move" the visualized images according to his or her will.

Anakin, the young Darth Vader, shows how to use this formula. In a Lucas Book for children titled *Anakin's Fate*, the boy was getting ready for a pod race. At the starting line, he "shut out all the sights and sounds around him. He stared at the red signal light. . . . [He] reached out with his mind. He touched the circuits inside the light. He could feel the electrical forces flowing inside it. Then Anakin felt a surge of power."  

It seems so good. Few children want to resist the thrill of manipulating this power with their imagination. Few adults dare question the dream of peace and oneness in the world. That's why the vision inspires idealists who seek peace as well as globalists who seek power.

**MARKETING THE NEW CONSCIOUSNESS.** As our education leaders have stated repeatedly, the primary goal is change -- cultural as well as personal change. Collective change happens when crowds of people see the same images, hear the same ads, feel the same feelings, "experience" the same crises, and store the same memories.

Entertainment serves the process well. Stirring the emotions, it distracts the mind from factual thinking. When teaching through entertainment soars into the realm of high-tech myth-making, almost any vision can be sold to "a critical mass" of the world's population. Many change agents count on it. That's why they have been pushing partnerships between school, community, church, and media leaders throughout the nineties. Every person of every age in every place must be involved in the "Lifelong Learning" program outlined by UNESCO back in the seventies.

To involve all persons in the process, they need a variety of creative strategies. Each Presidio group must do its part. Gorbachev speaks to the spiritual, political, and economic elites around the world. The environmental groups work with the United Nations as well as with local communities to implement the Agenda 21 plan for changing lifestyles. And the United Religions Initiative brings the world's religions together in a "global dialogue."

The URI also works informally with UNESCO, which published *Our Creative Diversity*, the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development. Speaking at a follow-up conference with the same title, Hans Kung, President of the Foundation for a Global Ethic, summarized the goal:

"We appeal to all the inhabitants of this planet. Earth cannot be changed for the better unless the consciousness of individuals is changed.

"We pledge to work for such transformation in individual and collective consciousness, for the awakening of our spiritual powers through reflection, meditation, prayer, or positive thinking, for a conversion of the heart...."

George Lucas is their man. The Star Wars epics familiarized America with his universal power source in the seventies. But the hype surrounding the release of his Episode 1 captivates a far greater mass of humanity. Few bother to examine the source of the Force. Apparently, today's audience has little resistance to the subtle suggestions that make ordinary reality, factual science, and Biblical truth seem boring, intolerant, "separative" and obsolete.

**FROM FACT TO FEELING.** Take the emphasis on feelings and imagination rather than facts and logic. This shift is vital to the process of global citizens for the 21st Century village.

If you saw Episode 1, you may remember how Qui-Gon (Liam Neeson) encouraged young Anakin Skywalker before the pod race: "Concentrate on the moment. Feel, don't think. May the Force be with you."

Keep in mind, in a setting that encourages mental relaxation, most viewers will simply receive such bad advice without mental evaluation. Advertisers know that well. That's why they spend billions to market their products through mind-less suggestions that stir desire, not logic.

Neale Donald Walsch, a URI participant who wrote the top-selling series, *Conversations With God*, echoes Qui-Gon's message. In one of his dialogues, a spirit guide that calls itself "God" tells Walsch,

"Listen to your feelings. Follow your feelings. Honor your feelings. . . . If you want to live a life where you never follow your feelings, but where every feeling is filtered though the machinery of your Mind, go right ahead. . . . But don't look for joy in such machinations."

Walsch believed the enticing messenger. It "whispered in my ear," he explains. "I was taking dictation." Among the strange "truths" dictated with the presumed authority of the true God was a lesson in Star Wars theology. You might even call it "death education":

"Like Obi-Wan Kenobi, you will experience no damage, even when someone is 'killing' you. This is the level of mastery that has been reached by the members of the societies I am now describing . . . They would simply exit their body and leave it for you, if you felt the need to hurt it so much."

Perhaps you didn't notice a similar lesson in the movie series. But you couldn't miss it in another children's book, *Episode 1, Journal*, also published by Scholastic. At the end of his reflections, little Anakin explains Qui-Gon's death. Watching his hero disappear in the flames of the funeral pyre (like those we Andy and I watched at the shore of the "holy" river Ganges on a visit to India many years ago), the boy hears Obi-Wan say, "He is one with the Force, Anakin. You must let go."

All these popular books contribute to UNESCO's program for "Lifelong Learning" in global ideology. Walsch recognized his part by the end of his second book of channeled information. His "Divine purpose" was "to raise that collective consciousness." The dictated words, he said, "were aimed through me at the entire world."

**EDUCATING THE MASSES.** Global education leader and occultist, Dr. Shirley McCune, affirms the need to trade fact for feeling. "We are no longer teaching facts to children," she announced as keynote speaker at the 1989 Governors Conference on Education.

Its no coincident that Dr. McCune directed the Mid-Continent Regional Educational Laboratory (McREL), based in Denver, which helped lay the foundation for the massacre in Littleton. Under her guidance, it pioneered the development of psycho-social curricula for changing a child's values, including death education. In a report on the Littleton massacre, education author Dr. Samuel Blumenfeld tells us that McREL had "received a $12.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help implement Outcome-Based Education (OBE) in Colorado." Some of the money was used to start a program called Direction 2000, which published a newsletter...
"Littleton High School is proposing a system of schooling which will be driven by a new set of 'outcome-based' graduation requirements, will provide a Program Advisor to work with each student during his or her stay at LHS, and will award diplomas to students who have demonstrated mastery of the 'outcome-based' graduation requirements through portfolios and exhibitions before a graduation committee. Balanced assessment and attention to each student's intellectual, social, physical, ethical, artistic, and emotional development are central to the project." (WND, 5-17-99)

Few realized then that **Dr. McCune was being tutored by her spirit guides.** As co-author of a strange book called, *The Light Shall Set You Free*, she quotes her demonic mentor Kuthumi, who introduces himself as a "World Teacher" and "the spokesperson for enlightenment and education for the Galactic Command."

Sounds a bit like the world of Star Wars, doesn't it? It's actually *Theosophy,* an occult philosophy received through channeling "ascended masters (actually infamous spirit guides such as Djwhal Khul and Kuthumi). These demonic spirits have led countless globalist leaders in the inner circles of the United Nations toward their vision of spiritual evolution and universal oneness.

Kuthumi describes a "transformation process" and the return of "Creator of Light. . . the source of power for which each soul has yearned since the beginning of time." Those yearning souls, of course, do not include you or I. He is referring to the more highly evolved souls. As for the rest of us, there's trouble ahead: *'The Earth will be cleansed in the next decade, for the purification must be complete.'* 21

Strange such occult language cultivate our Western minds. It's so irrational! Yet, in the light of the Bible, it begins to make sense. "The whole world is under the sway of the evil one," we are told in 1 John 5:19. So it's not surprising that Dr. McCune, Mr. Walsch, Mikhail Gorbachev, and George Lucas all promote the same dark forces masquerading as benevolent light.

"For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light." (2 Corinthians 11:14)

We can expect an explosion of this kind of occultism, for the network of humans subject to such deception is growing fast. In his "Acknowledgements," Walsch lists some well known cultural leaders including Shirley MacLaine, Oprah Winfrey, Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, Hugh Downs, and Gene Roddenberry.

Walsch offers a special thanks to Dr. Robert Mueller (sic) "whose work on behalf of world peace has blessed us all, and inspired this planet with new hope and a spectacular vision for over half a century." 22

Muller (correct spelling), the Under-Secretary General of the United Nations for over thirty years, envisioned a United Religions long before Episcopal Bishop Swing toured the world to promote it. 23 His World Core Curriculum, based on the teachings of spirit guide Djwhal Khul, helped prepare schools around the world to teach global citizenship and occult spirituality 24 National sovereignty and the facts needed for independent thinking were abandoned as obsolete and boring.

Back in 1993, President Clinton's Council on Sustainable Development 25 met at the Presidio with dozens of representatives from federal departments and agencies, environmental groups, universities, and globalist leaders. Their joint report, *Education for Sustainability,* is a model for sustainable education. Its six themes have become familiar buzzwords in state education standards from coast to coast. Few realize that all the familiar words have been redefined to fit the global vision for human resource management 26

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6. Empowerment

**FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT.** George Lucas and other Presidio leaders demonstrate the power of partnerships (Point 4). Together, they play an important part in the planned "Lifelong Learning" for the masses. And the promise of "empowerment" has become an alluring carrot, useful for luring participants into the consensus process and gaining public consent for controversial programs 30

The Star Wars books and games would have been opposed some years ago. But today's spellbound audiences have been desensitized to occult messages. They have seen with their own eyes that humans can accomplish anything through faith in the "God of forces." 31 They had caught the vision of space conquests, helpful aliens, connection with higher beings, and a universal force ready to serve evil as well as the good as long as its apprentices learn the right formulas and yogic disciplines. But they have believed a lie.

Our challenge today is first of all, to know the facts and truths that will keep our minds grounded in reality. Remember, today's most popular images are more likely to teach fantasy than reality. Technology made a paradigm leap with the Lucasfilm contributions to digital imagery. Seeing is not believing!

Long ago, the prophet Jeremiah warned a pseudo-prophet who professed to be God's messenger:

"The Lord has not sent you, but you make this people trust in a lie. . . . You have taught rebellion against the Lord." (Jeremiah 28:15-16)

Like Presidio's visionary leaders, the false prophet had promised peace and freedom in spite of the evils that had corrupted the nation. That made him popular. Jeremiah brought a more troubling message: God would judge the nation for its wickedness. Shortly thereafter, Jeremiah's message was fulfilled.

Today, we can choose to come under the protection of the King of kings, or stand vulnerable against a host of dark forces that would blind us to the Truth. Failing to make a choice usually means sliding toward the latter. But God's faithful leader, Joshua, knew what He wanted. He told the people,

"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15)

Our next Star Wars article --The Revenge of the Sith

Endnotes:
