

## Green Universe 1 Jay Lake

Dr. Brooke Spencer always felt different from other girls. Now a successful scientist, she is finally discovering where she belongs: working alongside the brilliant, trailblazing researcher Dr. Charles Samuelson. Dr. Samuelson has recently made a discovery that has eluded philosophers and dreamers for centuries: How to transmute iron into gold. Determined to use the knowledge for good, Dr. Samuelson recruits Brooke to assist him with his new plan, his "Golden Manifesto." But humans are not alone and his discovery has not gone unnoticed. Extraterrestrial visitors seek to control Dr. Samuelson's Breakthrough, and before long, Brooke is all that stands between Earth and total Destruction. Will she be able to hold her ground? Or will the timeless temptation of gold prove too much for even the strongest of spirits? Brooke will soon face a choice that will make her question her background, her career, and the fate of the planet.

In the new millennium, what secrets lay beyond the far reaches of the universe? What mysteries belie the truths we once held to be self evident? The world of science fiction has long been a porthole into the realities of tomorrow, blurring the line between life and art. Now, in *The Year's Best Science Fiction: Thirtieth Annual Collection* the very best SF authors explore ideas of a new world through their short stories. This venerable collection brings together award winning authors and masters of the field such as Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Damien Broderick, Elizabeth Bear, Paul McAuley and John Barnes. And with an extensive recommended reading guide and a summation of the year in science fiction, this annual compilation has become the definitive must-read anthology for all science fiction fans and readers interested in breaking into the genre. The multiple Locus Award-winning annual compilation of the year's best science fiction stories

The City Imperishable's secret master and heir to the long-vacant throne has vanished from a locked room, as politics have turned deadly in a bid to revive the city's long-vanished empire. The city's dwarfs, stunted from spending their childhoods in confining boxes, are restive. Bijaz the Dwarf, leader of the Sewn faction among the dwarfs, fights their persecution. Jason the Factor, friend and apprentice to the missing master, works to maintain stability in the absence of a guiding hand. Imago of Lockwood struggles to revive the office of Lord Mayor in a bid to turn the City Imperishable away from the path of destruction. These three must contend with one another as they race to resolve the threats to the city.

I'm sure you've heard of Calamity Jane, but this is not a novel about Calamity Jane. At least not the Jane you may have read about. Calamity Jane is part of the legends of the Wild West, but long before she scouted with Custer or "Wild Bill" Hickok, she was a fifteen-year-old girl with a fiery temper. Violence and tragedy turn young Jane's world upside down and soon she finds herself riding with an alien gunslinger--the Green Man--through a landscape of revenge and betrayal. Along the way, she learns how to shoot a six-gun and how to stand on her own, even when surrounded by Lakota warriors, and be respected. From space ships to guns that can shoot the wings off a butterfly a mile away, young Jane realizes that the universe is far bigger than the Wild West and that she can trust no one in it to save her but herself. When the villainous Grays meddling in the wars between the Indians and the government stand in the way of the Green Man making his way home, Jane finds her desire for revenge may be less than her loyalty for the longrider. And in that realization, she becomes the hero the Wild West has long remembered. So, forget what you know of how the West was won. Forget the Indian Wars and Custer's Last Stand. Instead, learn the truth of what happened when a young girl met a longrider she called the Green Man . . .

Roary is everyman's dream with her long, beautiful chestnut hair, bright green eyes, luscious tan skin, and tight, toned body. Roary spent her entire life as an Army brat and after the death of her father she becomes an exotic dancer. Through her many adventures with her friend Shelly she finds herself falling for a Soldier. Between the pain of losing her father, love for dancing, and defying her own rules, Roary finds herself on the adventure of a lifetime.

A first installment of a series in which the planets are run by a sophisticated clockwork solar system that connects everyday people to the Creator, a young clockmaker's apprentice is appointed by the Archangel Gabriel to rewind the Earth's Mainspring to prevent a disaster. Reprint.

This book will take you back to great childhood and adulthood memories of running around in the yard on magical hunts full of bright surprises. Can you remember running around laughing catching fireflies? What did you do with the fireflies you caught ? Did you catch and release or did you stick them in a mason jars with holes in the lid or did you wonder about the green glowing light and what that was all about and smear it to see what happens? Well I will tell you what happens it glows! We are never to old to chase fireflies and be fascinated by them. So I hope the child inside of you runs outside to chase you a firefly.

Mei Ling, Raj, Emily and Solomon have no idea why they have been selected for this assignment. Together they must learn to trust each other and decipher truth from illusion in search of the seven secrets of the universe. Mother Nature is finally ready to regenerate the planet, tired of human misuse and abuse. Human beings will join the regeneration process only if these four International School students are able to discover the Seven Secrets in time. A master of illusion will do everything in her power to stop them with obstacles - both inner and outer. Beijing is the setting for this adventure of the spirit.

Five original tales set in a shared urban future—from some of the hottest young writers in modern SF A strange man comes to an even stranger encampment...a bouncer becomes the linchpin of an unexpected urban movement...a courier on the run has to decide who to trust in a dangerous city...a slacker in a "zero-footprint" town gets a most unusual new job...and a weapons investigator uses his skills to discover a metropolis hidden right in front of his eyes. Welcome to the future of cities. Welcome to Metatropolis. More than an anthology, Metatropolis is the brainchild of five of science fiction's hottest writers—Elizabeth Bear, Tobias Buckell, Jay Lake, Karl Schroeder, and project editor John Scalzi—who combined their talents to build a new urban future, and then wrote their own stories in this collectively-constructed world. The results are individual glimpses of a shared vision, and a reading experience unlike any you've had before. Old Man's War Series #1 Old Man's War #2 The Ghost Brigades #3 The Last Colony #4 Zoe's Tale #5 The Human Division #6 The End of All Things Short fiction: "After the Coup" Other Tor Books The Android's Dream Agent to the Stars Your Hate Mail Will Be Graded Fuzzy Nation Redshirts Lock In The Collapsing Empire (forthcoming) At the Publisher's request, this title is

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This book will be a valuable resource for doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who deal with Spanish speaking patients. It is a guide that contains the key and most frequently used healthcare terms. It will also be useful for Spanish speaking nurses who want to have a better communication while interacting with English speaking healthcare professionals.

"Throwing It" is a novel written by Jay Tando. It is a fictional story about a football player's life spanning his high school years finding romance in the Seattle dance clubs and following him through his professional football career taking him all over the world 1984 - 2013 Also available as an e-book on Amazon here: <http://www.amazon.com/Throwing-It-ebook/dp/B00APRS5ZA/> The thirty-two stories in this collection imaginatively take us far across the universe, into the very core of our beings, to the realm of the gods, and the moment just after now. Included here are the works of masters of the form and of bright new talents, including: John Barnes, Elizabeth Bear, Damien Broderick, Karl Bunker, Paul Cornell, Albert E. Cowdrey, Ian Creasey, Steven Gould, Dominic Green, Nicola Griffith, Alexander Irvine, John Kessel, Ted Kosmatka, Nancy Kress, Jay Lake, Rand B. Lee, Paul McAuley, Ian McDonald, Maureen F. McHugh, Sarah Monette, Michael Poore, Robert Reed, Adam Roberts, Chris Roberson, Mary Rosenblum, Geoff Ryman, Vandana Singh, Bruce Sterling, Lavie Tidhar, James Van Pelt, Jo Walton, Peter Watts, Robert Charles Wilson, and John C. Wright. Supplementing the stories are the editor's insightful summation of the year's events and a lengthy list of honorable mentions, making this book both a valuable resource and the single best place in the universe to find stories that stir the imagination, and the heart.

This discounted ebundle includes: Green, Endurance, Kalimpura "Lake has configured his world-dominating empires, one British, the other Chinese, with huge and devoted attention to the last detail." --John Clute, Washington Post Book World She was sold to the Undying Duke when she was only four years old, and raised to be the jewel of his possessions: courtesan, scholar, assassin. But Green had other plans, and with the aid of a Goddess and her own skill with weapons she took control of her destiny. Green's world encompasses cities and dusty equatorial villages, steam-powered ships and firearms, and the ever-present meddling of the gods and their parents, the titanics. Green's service is claimed by the Lily Goddess of Kalimpura, the Black God of Copper Downs, her own personal god Endurance, and the titanic known as Desire; she wants only to be left alone to find her past and make her future. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The smell of hope is burning flesh... The howlers are eating each other. What is left of humanity has a chance to breathe at last. Each group that forms has to consider how they will begin anew. They must come together on how to take care of the remaining monsters, grow food, teach kids, and deal with their dead...or fall apart in the pitted wasteland left to them by the zombie apocalypse. Can humanity get it right this time? Or will the last human become The Last Zombie?

Strange things are happening in deep space, and then closer to home, and then closer; someone has pulled the plug on the universe. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

This Sci Fi thriller takes you to where the Lirion Gods originated from as Giant Intelligent Animals and how they evolved enough to go out into the Galaxy and became a Type 1 Civilization. Then we go to our Solar System and watch how King Leo created our Planet and why he did it. After I take you through all the different stages of our evolution I bring you into the current day End Times and explain why everything is going straight to hell. But most importantly I tell you where we are going to go after we are Raptured off this planet so buckle up and prepare your self for the ride of a lifetime. If you are one of the Watchers on the Wall the Awakening Prayer at the End of the book will awaken you and open your mind to endless possibilities.

A SYNTHESIS OF MODERN LIFE: A VISIONARY OVERVIEW OF THE EFFORT AND MISSION OF HUMANITY by Shamcher Bryn Beorse (Brynjolf Bjorset) The book Man and this Mysterious Universe was originally described as a synthesis of the many aspects of modern civilization, bringing within its scope the contribution of the East as well as of the West, showing how it has grown from the civilization of the past and how it will probably develop into the civilization of the future. Or as the author put it more simply: a survey of Western and Eastern Sciences. Ranging through various disciplines from Everyday Life, Art, Education, World Events and Mysticism, Beorse describes the evolution of humanity and the responsibilities of each of us in this process. Seen all together, they convey an image of the totality of the human endeavour: occurring both outside of time and in time, on schedule, as a great play. "This comprehensive and refreshing picture is sorely needed at this time of narrow outlook and overspecialization," wrote the distinguished psychologist, educator and author, Dr. Philip B. Ballard. Inspired to write by the great sage, Inayat Khan, Beorse combined three former works into one for Man and This Mysterious Universe. Written during WWII, then added to with new information, the book was first published in 1949. His previous work, Distribute or Destroy, had been in the field of economics. Beorse further widened his scope in this publication, whose title refers to the popular physics book by James Jeans, This Mysterious Universe. Here Beorse inserts humanity into this assessment of a universe of vibrations and events, creating Man and This Mysterious Universe. "There is no great difference between rock, a tree, a man or a loving thought carving its way through the universe like a ray of the sun."

Kids who grow up with basic values of conserving water, energy and not polluting will have a better chance of being responsible adults who care about others, animals and their surroundings. Eco Stars books help bring these value in a FUN and EXCITING way! The Mysterious Lake Bandit specifically touches the subject of water conservation: why is it important to conserve water, daily actions we can take to save water, how important it is to us and to others. It also teaches where our water comes from which many children do not know! If your child is already an Eco Star, a kid who is aware of being Eco Friendly and taking care of the planet, this book will make him or her smile and make him or her proud! The Eco Stars captivating story leaves your child inspired about conseving water. "On a hot summer day, the residents of Ecolandia wake up to a town without water! As the Eco Stars begin to investigate they come to suspect the town's water could have been... Stolen?!? But by whom and why!? Join them to find out! The book is part of the "Eco Stars Series," stories that will inspire your child to be an Eco Star: Someone who is Eco Friendly, kind to the environment and to animals. The Eco Stars Series enwraps your child in the imaginative world of Ecolandia with lively, playful and stimulating adventures that teach your child to be an Eco Star!

"An irreverent, modern-day, romantic comedy!" The Hutchinson sisters grew up under the piercing, pious stare of a preacher's wife. Plagued by her ever-disappointed refrain, "Well, it's not my favorite." Their search to find their own way in the world has not been a screaming success. Gwenn is a good girl, a responsible girl ... a miserable girl. Her steady diet of vivid fantasies is the

only part of her life she enjoys. She daydreams of new parents, a more exciting job and an actual love life. She struggles to run a business as "The Organizer," while she stacks relationship carcasses in the closet of her own completely unorganized life. Her only real friend is her younger sister, Rachel. Rachel is outgoing, risqué and happily gay. The only people who don't know this little secret are her judgmental parents, Pastor Ed and Shirley. Rachel struggles mightily to dodge her mother's constant attempts to set her up with "nice Christian boys"; while holding down a job at the bakery and keeping up with her rock-star girlfriend! Gwenn uncovers a photo that brings her imaginary world careening into reality. She's forced to ask herself if wealthy artist Daniel Gregory is the answer she's been seeking or a grand delusion. Break-ups, meltdowns, family secrets, wild nights and finally a journey of self-discovery to exotic New Zealand keep Gwenn and Rachel stumbling toward independence. So grab your parka and join the Hutchinson girls, as they experience the Lake Effect in Duluth, Minnesota!"

A sequel to Green and Endurance returns Green to her service under the Lily Goddess in the city of Kalimpura, where she is hounded by gods that would render her a conduit for the supernatural while she attempts to rescue two Bittern Court hostages.

Shayla had no idea her life would turn out like it did. She had two kids, independent, a college degree, owns a Top Business Consulting firm in Buckhead, Atlanta and a Non-profit organization for the community, but in the midst of it all she was Trapped. Trapped in love, hate, lust and PAIN!! She had a natural body that these women would die for, her personality made her beautiful, her presence was unreal and she had a smile that would lighten up your darkest days. Shayla wasn't your average chick she was street and book smart, but had one problem men was her weakness. She picked the men she had the weakness for. Shayla was living a triple life and the walls were starting to close in on her fast.. Shayla was focused on her businesses, but on the flip side enjoyed herself, She never meant to hurt anyone feelings, so she tried to be as upfront as possible when they would ask, which was never so, she never offered the information. She is about to go for the ride of her life, she's a street girl by nature, maybe she can get herself out it. Her best friend Kisha is by her side to support her until Shayla finds out her secret. Shayla is into deep.....

Escape from the everyday stresses in your life and unwind with Chromalaxing, Kaleidoscope Series, Adult Coloring Book #1. The first book in this great new series. Forty intricately and delightfully designed images. Printed one side per page. The reverse side includes the image number so you can leave your thoughts and specific feedback for us per image. Your finished work may be suitable for framing or gift giving. Our website (<http://www.chromalaxing.com>) features fun art contests. Enter today and show us your masterpiece for a chance to win great prizes. Vote for your favorites too. Our designs offer a pleasing variety in image complexity suitable for beginner to expert-level. Provides unlimited hours of relaxing stress relief, as well as an enjoyable artistic outlet. Tap into the soothing and rejuvenating effects that coloring has been shown to produce. Join countless adults all over the world and rediscover the fun and relaxing hobby of coloring. Grab your pencils, pens... relax and explore your creative side today.

This was one of the 6 science fiction stories published in the first issue (April 1926) of the first magazine devoted to science fiction, *Amazing Stories*, edited and published by Hugo Gernsback, now considered to be the father of the science fiction genre. He described this story in an inset panel: "In 'Alice in the Looking Glass', the beautiful play of fancy which gave immortal fame to a logician and mathematician, we read of the mysterious change in size of the heroine, the charming little Alice. It tells how she grew large and small according to what she ate. But here we have increase in size pushed to its utmost limit. Here we have treated the growth of a man to cosmic dimensions. And we are told of his strange sensation and are led up to a sudden startling and impressive conclusion, and are taken through the picture of his emotions and despair." American science fiction author, journalist, technical writer, editor (*Fortune* and *Time*) and naval seaman during World War II.

Acclaimed author Jay Lake has created a remarkable character in Green, and evokes a remarkable world in this novel. Green and her struggle to survive and find her own past will live in the reader's mind for a long time after closing the book. She was born in poverty, in a dusty village under the equatorial sun. She does not remember her mother, she does not remember her own name—her earliest clear memory is of the day her father sold her to the tall pale man. In the Court of the Pomegranate Tree, where she was taught the ways of a courtesan...and the skills of an assassin...she was named Emerald, the precious jewel of the Undying Duke's collection of beauties. She calls herself Green. The world she inhabits is one of political power and magic, where Gods meddle in the affairs of mortals. At the center of it is the immortal Duke's city of Copper Downs, which controls all the trade on the Storm Sea. Green has made many enemies, and some secret friends, and she has become a very dangerous woman indeed. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Presents a collection of short fiction set in Texas about ghosts, angels, gods, and aliens.

Last Plane to Heaven is the final and definitive short story collection of award-winning SF author Jay Lake, author of Green, Endurance, and Kalimpura. Long before he was a novelist, SF writer Jay Lake, was an acclaimed writer of short stories. In Last Plane to Heaven, Lake has assembled thirty-two of the best of them. Aliens and angels fill these pages, from the title story, a hard-edged and breathtaking look at how a real alien visitor might be received, to the savage truth of "The Cancer Catechisms." Here are more than thirty short stories written by a master of the form, science fiction and fantasy both. This collection features an original introduction by Gene Wolfe. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Jay Lake's first trade novel is an astounding work of creation. Lake has envisioned a clockwork solar system, where the planets move in a vast system of gears around the lamp of the Sun. It is a universe where the hand of the Creator is visible to anyone who simply looks up into the sky, and sees the track of the heavens, the wheels of the Moon, and the great Equatorial gears of the Earth itself. Mainspring is the story of a young clockmaker's apprentice, who is visited by the Archangel Gabriel. He is told that he must take the Key Perilous and rewind the Mainspring of the Earth. It is running down, and disaster to the planet will ensue if it's not rewound. From innocence and ignorance to power and self-knowledge, the young man will make the long and perilous journey to the South Polar Axis, to fulfill the commandment of his God. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

North Americans are overwhelmed by the immense environmental problems our world faces yet studies report that 66% would do more if they knew it had a measurable impact. Psychologists have long known that simply performing one small step will aid in defining a positive outlook on life and will inspire further participation from the individual. Trash Talk is about changing people's mind-sets by providing thought-provoking ideas that inspire readers to participate from the ground level in their waste reduction efforts. All the ideas are relatively simple and do not require any special skills or tools.

Green is back in Copper Downs. Purchased from her father in sunny Selistan when she was four years old, she was harshly raised to be a courtesan, companion, and bedmate of the Immortal Duke of

Copper Downs. But Green rebelled. Green killed the Duke, and many others, and won her freedom. Yet she is still claimed by the gods and goddesses of her world, and they still require her service. Their demands are greater than any duke's could have been. Godslayers have come to the Stone Coast, magicians whose cult is dedicated to destroying the many gods of Green's world. In the turmoil following the Immortal Duke's murder, Green made a God out of her power and her memories. Now the gods turn to her to protect them from the Slayers. Jay Lake brings us an epic fantasy not "in the tradition of Tolkien," but, instead, sensual, ominous, shot through with the sweat of fear and the intoxication of power. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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On his first crossing through the warps, Seg discovers a world rich in vita - fuel to save his dying world. Cold, brilliant and desperate to prove himself as a Cultural Theorist, Seg breaks away from the recon squad sent to protect him, to scout out prime vita sources. But to find his prize he must face his biggest fear: water. Fiery and headstrong, Ama receives an ultimatum from her people's tyrannical overlords: betray her own kind or give up the boat she calls home, forever. When a wealthy traveler hires her as a guide, Ama thinks her prayers are answered - until a violent murder reveals Seg's true identity. On the run, over land and water, hunted by a ruthless and relentless tracker, and caught in the schemes of a political powerhouse, Seg and Ama will have to strike an uneasy truce to survive. The fate of two worlds is in their hands.

She emerged as innocent as any newborn. The party of starbursts and sparkles came to a standstill. In awe, millions of heavenly beings paused. Shine Star, Princess of the Universe, was the most precious and rare of all creations. As an expression of perfect happiness, thus was the king's daughter born. A magical love story unfolds in Vikrant Malhotra's wondrous debut, *The Stories of Goom'pa: Book One*. Meet Goom'pa. He is a Poofy, a small furry creature who resides on Earth in a place called Palidon, on the edge of the Miron National Forest. His world is a quiet one-until he spies Shine Star, a glorious star in the sky and the daughter of Prime Ray, the king of the universe. Enchanted by her elegance, Goom'pa knows he is willing to do anything to win the love of this celestial beauty. As the two meet and fall in love, Shine Star's father worries about his only daughter. Exploiting that concern is the Star Lord, Rath, who wants nothing more than to wrestle control of the universe away from Prime Ray. Will Goom'pa and Shine Star find a way to be together? Or will Rath's evil plan doom them all?

Do you envision celestial cities in distant, fantastic worlds? Do you dream of mythical beasts and gallant quests in exotic kingdoms? If you have ever wanted to write the next great fantasy or science fiction story, this all-in-one comprehensive book will show you how. *Writing Fantasy & Science Fiction* is full of advice from master authors offering definitive instructions on world building, character creation, and storytelling in the many styles and possibilities available to writers of speculative fiction. Combining two *Writer's Digest* classics, Orson Scott Card's *How to Write Science Fiction & Fantasy* and *The Writer's Complete Fantasy Reference*, along with two new selections from award-winning science fiction and fantasy authors Philip Athans and Jay Lake, this new book provides the best of all worlds. You'll discover:

- How to build, populate, and dramatize fantastic new worlds.
- How to develop dynamic and meaningful themes that will expand the canon of sci-fi and fantasy storytelling.
- Exciting subgenres such as steampunk, as well as new developments in the sci-fi and fantasy genres.
- How to imbue your tales with historically accurate information about world cultures, legends, folklore, and religions.
- Detailed descriptions of magic rituals, fantastic weapons of war, clothing and armor, and otherworldly beasts such as orcs, giants, elves, and more.
- How societies, villages, and castles were constructed and operate on a day-to-day basis.
- Astounding methods of interstellar travel, the rules of starflight, and the realities and myths of scientific exploration.
- How to generate new ideas and graft them to the most popular themes and plot devices in sci-fi and fantasy writing. The boundaries of your imagination are infinite, but to create credible and thrilling fiction, you must ground your stories in rules, facts, and accurate ideas. *Writing Fantasy & Science Fiction* will guide you through the complex and compelling universe of fantasy and science fiction writing and help you unleash your stories on the next generation of readers and fans.

In 1988, Alan Moore and Brian Bolland's *BATMAN: THE KILLING JOKE* offered a violent, literate, and controversial take on the Joker's origins and his relationship with Batman. Now, Dr. Julian Darius examines it in the context of the high-art ambitions of 1980s super-hero comics, exposing the narrative's ambiguities and secrets. From Sequart Organization. More info at <http://sequart.org>

When Aislinn Amon's father disappears, her mother drags her from New York to Indiana where she is to attend a new boarding school - Source High. At Source High, Aislinn finds herself in a whole other world than what she knew. Everyone has something supernatural about them, including her. Soon, she finds that she's not the normal, rebel, messed up teenage girl she thought she was. Her friends try to help her along the way when trouble comes knocking on her door. People die, she finds herself falling in love with, something she swore she'd never do, and secrets start to form. Can Aislinn cope with everything that's happening? Can she handle the life she's been forced to deal with? Or will she crack under the heavy pressures laid upon her seventeen-year-old shoulders?

Carl Abbott, who has taught urban studies and urban planning in five decades, brings together urban studies and literary studies to examine how fictional cities in work by authors as different as E. M. Forster, Isaac Asimov, Kim Stanley Robinson, and China Miéville might help us to envision an urban future that is viable and resilient. *Imagining Urban Futures* is a remarkable treatise on what is best and strongest in urban theory and practice today, as refracted and intensely imagined in science fiction. As the human population grows, we can envision an increasingly urban society. Shifting weather patterns, rising sea levels, reduced access to resources, and a host of other issues will radically impact

urban environments, while technology holds out the dream of cities beyond Earth. Abbott delivers a compelling critical discussion of science fiction cities found in literary works, television programs, and films of many eras from Metropolis to Blade Runner and Soylent Green to The Hunger Games, among many others.

This book is DEDICATED TO: The eradication of FEAR in America-as FDR articulated: "nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." In short, fear is the mother of all cancers on the body politic of America....i.e., fear is a wall to keep the Mexicans out, and drives our insidious racism....and the pernicious fear resulting from McCarthyism still hangs like a black cloud over and cripples America to this day, resulting in our Third World healthcare system, and Job Creation--and is the parent of the pervasive hate in America today.....to illustrate: I didn't write the following. It is a cut and paste from FACEBOOK, or some blog [would like to give credit if knew the author]--but it is so on target regarding how "fear" is driving Conservative policy in America today-i.e., is undermining America and our progress-and relegating America to a Third World country status, rather than a world leader-"Conservatives are such cowards: they are afraid of gay people getting married or serving in the military; they are afraid of bringing terrorists to super max prisons in the US from which no one has ever escaped; they are afraid of the boy scouts letting gay kids in; they are afraid of everyone voting and are constantly suppressing the vote under some bogus voter fraud theory; they are afraid of letting students vote at their universities; they are afraid of women having the right to choose; they even are afraid of women getting contraception [the real issue actually is a women's agency and control over their bodies]; they are afraid of immigration reform leading to citizenship because they are afraid of-- name whatever reason; they are afraid of mandating gun purchasers to undergo background checks for crazy people and terrorists; they are afraid of people smoking pot; they are afraid of climate change being real and contradicting their beloved Bible; they are afraid of legitimate campaign reform; they are afraid of Muslims; they are afraid of blacks; they are afraid of atheists; they are afraid of hippies; they are afraid of socialists; they are probably still afraid of monsters under their beds; they are just rank cowards and keep making things up to be afraid of."

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