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Hijackers' bodies set Bush grisly ethical question

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Posted on **06/10/2001 01:51:32** by [Pokey78](#)

IN carefully numbered plastic bags in refrigerated trucks parked at the mortuary at Dover Air Force base in Delaware sit human remains that have presented the Bush Administration with an ethical problem.

US investigators told *The Times* that they had certainly recovered, if not yet identified, the bodies of several of the suicide hijackers, prompting a debate over how to dispose of what is left of the most hated men in America.

The excavation of the Pentagon and Pennsylvania crash sites was completed this week after forensics experts concluded that they had removed all body parts from both scenes. Officials said that although many of the remains were fragmented and charred, DNA tests would eventually identify all of the victims. The bodies of the men who killed them would also be identified, if only by a process of elimination.

The Administration is worried that if it gives the bodies to their families to bury there will be a public outcry. There are also concerns that other Islamic extremists would regard their graves as shrines.

The remains from the planes that crash into Pentagon and in Pennsylvania are being organised at the mortuary at Dover. Some have been identified by traditional methods, such as fingerprints, dental records and other distinguishing features.

Already hundreds of fragments have been taken in test tubes to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) laboratories in Rockville, Maryland, for DNA testing. The institute identified all 230 victims of TWA 800 flight, after that aircraft exploded and the fragments plunged into Long Island Sound in 1996.

Paul Sledzik, the forensic anthropologist who led the search for the 44 passengers, crew and hijackers on board Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania, said that he was confident "we are likely to get 44 unique DNA profiles". Scientists will use genetic material taken from the victims' possessions, including razors and toothbrushes, or from their relatives, to make DNA matches that reveal the identities of the victims.

The FBI is believed to be extremely anxious to identify the bodies of the hijackers, especially as there are still doubts about some of their identities and there could be trials of other conspirators.

If relatives are persuaded to co-operate in providing reference samples, or the hijackers have left behind genetic material on possessions, the FBI believes that they could be identified.

Even if the identities are not clarified, the authorities will be left with the remains of nine hijackers from the two sites.

There is a precedent for handing over the remains of even the most notorious figures in American life. The body of Gamil el-Batouty, the co-pilot of EgyptAir Flight 990, who apparently committed suicide by crashing the aircraft into the Atlantic in 1999, was quietly returned to his family in Egypt last year for a private burial.

Even the nation's most loathed murderers are allowed burial after execution.

Chris Kelly of the AFIP indicated that the authorities were reluctant to consider releasing the hijackers' bodies. "We are not quite sure what will happen to them," he said, but "we doubt very much we are going to be making an effort to reach family members over there."

A source close to the investigation said: "There is this idea that if America is a country of justice it should not be seen to stop the mothers of even the worst monsters from burying their sons, but people would be outraged if these men were handed over for a Muslim burial."

The Justice Department declined to return calls requesting comment on what it planned to do with the hijackers' bodies. In the short term the remains are likely to be held for several years, in case of legal proceedings.

Mohammed Atta, the suspected ringleader of the hijackers who died in the first plane to hit the World Trade Centre, laid out strict instructions for his funeral in his will, revealed this week.

The likelihood of any sort of burial of his body is, however, vastly diminished by the difficulties of retrieving remains at the World Trade Centre. Of the more than 5,000 who died there, fewer than 400 bodies have been identified.

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To: **samtheman**

"...Atta has been pissed on 5,163,702 times, and still counting!"

Don't forget to add that Atta has been in the proximity of the most base part of the

dreaded FEMALE anatomy!

I think the toilet seat named "atta" should be located in the lab potty of NY's largest OBGYN hospital...Apparently PREGNANT WOMEN are particularly ABHORENT???

PS. I'd PAY to visit THAT stall!!!!

101 posted on **06/10/2001 03:29:43** by **bannie**
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To: **wjeanw**

The Pharsees of India have a suitable burial ritual. Lay the bodies on racks in high open towers and let the birds of prey consume them.

Great idea! Especially if these are the "birds of prey" you have in mind:



102 posted on **06/10/2001 03:31:13** by **who knows what evil?**
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To: **who knows what evil?**

HA!HA!

103 posted on **06/10/2001 03:35:52** by **bannie**
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To: **Tacis**

Correction, Tacis: It's not that we don't believe in an afterlife so much as we just don't worry about it. Orthodox thought on the matter is quite complex. The [soc.culture.jewish FAQ](#) has the details.

FReegards,
Slings and Arrows

104 posted on **06/10/2001 03:36:29** by **Slings and Arrows**
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To: **TADSLOS**

Bury 'em in the graveyard of history's abandoned and forgotten lies...

This is, by far, the best idea. Good one. It hit to the core of what I was feeling. It did when President Bush said it. Very good.

105 posted on **06/10/2001 03:40:51** by **2Jedismom**
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To: **TX Bluebonnet**

I'm guessing that the Muslims got the burial-within-24-hours custom from the Jews. We got it from the fact that it's not a good idea to leave rotting corpses laying around in the Middle Eastern sun. The [soc.culture.jewish FAQ](#) has more details.

FReegards,
Slings and Arrows

106 posted on **06/10/2001 03:43:15** by **Slings and Arrows**
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To: **Pokey78**

Do with the remains of these mass murderers of civilians and children as the Israelis did after they hanged Eichmann for his crimes against humanity. Burn the carcass and make certain the ashes are dumped outside the territorial limits of our country; hopefully, on a pig dung heap where they'll fit right in.

107 posted on **06/10/2001 03:45:17** by **laconic**
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To: **agave**

This reminds me of what "good Germans" did to the remains of Jews ca 1940-1945. No, no, no, never.

108 posted on **06/10/2001 03:49:09** by **markfiveFF**
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To: **Pokey78**

How about a traveling memorial urinal and charge \$5.00 with the proceeds going to the Red Cross. Title it, "Piss on the Terrorists Across America."

110 posted on **06/10/2001 03:51:35** by **irish_lad**
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To: **mathurine**

Find this to be offensive.

111 posted on **06/10/2001 03:51:54** by **markfiveFF**
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To: **Pokey78**

Put the "bags" on the next garbage scowl heading out of NY Harbor and dump them with the rest of the garbage.

112 posted on **06/10/2001 03:53:09** by **11bravo**
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To: **bannie**

Let's start a new word in the English lexicon. Atta. Examples: I've got to take an Atta. You're full of Atta. Atta on you. You ain't gonna get Atta out of me.

113 posted on **06/10/2001 03:53:58** by **irish_lad**
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To: **Pokey78**

There has to be some hog farms in New York.
Time to slop the hogs!!
Here SOOOOEEEE!! SOOOOEEEE!!

114 posted on **06/10/2001 03:54:39** by **SAMWolf**
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To: **Pokey78**

Airdrop the remains over Mecca.

115 posted on **06/10/2001 03:54:41** by **ArneFufkin**
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To: **2Jedismom**

Bury in ...forgotten lies

Now, *this* I agree with.

For freedom,
Locke

116 posted on **06/10/2001 03:55:03** by **markfiveFF**
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To: **Pokey78**

Better yet, let's feed them to the hogs. After the hogs have properly "processed" the remains we can drop them on Bin Lader to fertilize Afghanistan.

118 posted on **06/10/2001 03:57:24** by **11bravo**
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To: **WDG55513**

fuk'em

119 posted on **06/10/2001 04:02:08** by **zigzag69**
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To: **william clark**

Step 1: Identify all remains by individual

Step 2: Fore each individual, divide remains in half

Step 3: Mix first half of all remains with concrete for use in the sidewalk alongside whatever buildings rise where the World Trade Center once stood. That way the terrorists will be walked upon by their enemies for the remainder of time

Step 4: Mix second half of all remains with concrete for use as the killing floor in a pork rendering plant.

Ensure that all of this is highly publicized and disseminated throughout the world.

120 posted on **06/10/2001 04:02:55** by **gkidman**
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To: **Heisenburger**

How about pig manure mixed in with that pig fat and left sitting in sun? Use thier bones to make concrete for a pig pen.

121 posted on **06/10/2001 04:06:31** by **Blood of Tyrants**
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To: **Pokey78**

Why not grind the bodies up to the consistency of pork sausage. Then mix the result with pork on an equal parts basis. Season nicely. Then cook and package in MRE packages. Ship to Afghanistan and drop the stuff as food aid - label it as "victory beef" or some such. Let the locals consume same. Then drop leaflets so they know.

Bon apetite, guys.

122 posted on **06/10/2001 04:06:48** by **neutrino**
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To: **ambrose**

Turn the body parts into sausages a la Jimmy Hoffa Sr.

Hey..

123 posted on **06/10/2001 04:06:51** by **Jhoffa_**
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To: **markfiveFF**

Why?

124 posted on **06/10/2001 04:10:38** by **mathurine**
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To: **markfiveFF**

This reminds me of what "good Germans" did to the remains of Jews ca 1940-1945. No, no, no, never

See, the difference is ... the Germans had Jewish remains, because THEY killed them. We have Atta and his scumbag pals' remains, because they died while killing 6000 or so of OUR innocent friends, family and countrymen. I hope that moral distinction wasn't too subtle for you.

125 posted on **06/10/2001 04:12:31** by **ArneFufkin**

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To: **Pokey78**

The bodies right now are evidence in a criminal investigation. The U.S. government will release them when and if they are finished with them. That will be years from now.

126 posted on **06/10/2001 04:12:33** by **1L**

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To: **irish_lad**

I'm votin' for that! When we get really upset, we can shout,

Atta' Boy!!!

127 posted on **06/10/2001 04:16:40** by **bannie**

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To: **Pokey78**

I must confess to having had visions of Bin Laden's body hung from the Brooklyn Bridge, where it would be a permanent sermon on what happens to those who mess with New Yorkers/Americans...

Lots of room up there, though.

128 posted on **06/10/2001 04:20:50** by **EternalVigilance**

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To: **I can't believe this hasn't been mentioned yet...**

Well obviously the remains need to be dumped or cremated in ARKANSAS(Razorbacks, etc.), and mix the remains into the concrete that will form the Clinton Library, so they will be symbolically forever linked.

OK, so that might make it a target, well I guess we all gotta make our own little sacrifices.

129 posted on **06/10/2001 04:24:39** by **Diddle E. Squat**

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To: **Diddle E. Squat**

This is the best idea I have heard yet.

130 posted on **06/10/2001 04:26:25** by **Hillary's Lovely Legs**

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To: **Diddle E. Squat**

YouTookTheWordsRightOughttaMyMouth

Are you scared? :-)

131 posted on **06/10/2001 04:28:17** by **TaRaRaBoomDeAyGoreLostToday!**
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To: **Pokey78**

Pis_ on them! I'd prefer, however, that they would be alivebut dead is OK!

132 posted on **06/10/2001 04:28:39** by **ldish**
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To: **Pokey78**

If they were alive, tried in court and convicted - they would probably go to prison for life -----so send their remains to prison forever.

133 posted on **06/10/2001 04:30:47** by **Exit148**
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To: **Pokey78**

Luke 9:60

134 posted on **06/10/2001 04:39:11** by **BraveMan**
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To: **william clark**

I love your idea, but why only the women's toilets? Make some uninals and you can use the ashes to recreate an image of them. Then between innings, New yorkers can make a statement while they relieve themselves. gosh, I could put down a few extra beers so that I could add my two pints, er cents worth.

135 posted on **06/10/2001 04:42:23** by **det dweller too**
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To: **william clark**

How about cremation, followed by mixing their ashes into the porcelain used for special toilets to be installed in the women's restrooms at Yankee Stadium.

Excellent idea! When their ashes are mixed into the porcelain, some Bacon Bits need to be added, too.

136 posted on **06/10/2001 04:42:40** by **Hillary 666**
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To: **TADSLOS**

Bury 'em in the graveyard of history's abandoned and forgotten lies...

Your suggestion has great merit and should be eventually in a special room under that title in the museum that someday will be erected on site Ground Hero in NYC BUT this mausoleum room can only be entered by women. Remember what Atta Boy said in his will!

137 posted on **06/10/2001 04:51:48** by **AnnO**
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To: **Hillary 666**

Do what the Israelis did with Adolf Eichmann: scatter their ashes out over the sea outside our territorial waters with NO family present and without ceremony. These butchers should NEVER receive the respect and concern we show for our own dead since they gave no quarter to the people they murdered in cold blood. There's really no ethical question involved in dealing with remains of those who by their conduct have placed themselves beyond the pale of humanity.

138 posted on **06/10/2001 04:53:05** by **goldstategop**
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To: **william clark**

"How about cremation, followed by mixing their ashes into the porcelain used for special toilets to be installed in the women's restrooms at Yankee Stadium. "

Sounds like a plan to me. I'm sold.

139 posted on **06/10/2001 04:53:56** by **nmh**
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To: **johnnyjumpstart**

Not true Johnny. Several years after the Lincoln assassination, Booth was exumed, examined, and returned to the Booth family.

140 posted on **06/10/2001 04:54:34** by **M.K. Borders**
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To: **goldstategop**

I'm with you on that.

141 posted on **06/10/2001 05:01:51** by **Hillary 666**
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To: **Pokey78**

There must be a land fill in the U.S. preparing to shut down,dump the bast\$%#s remains without press or ceremony.

That's more than they deserve!

142 posted on **06/10/2001 05:02:30** by **mdittmar**
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To: **nmh**

I say send the remains to Hugh Hefner and his bunnies at the Playboy Mansion. Atta didn't want a woman anywhere near him in death. Anyway let the bunnies inter what's left of these creeps and then have a giant pig roast to toast the occasion.

143 posted on **06/10/2001 05:05:22** by **surrey**
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To: **Pokey78**

These animals deserve nothing in the way of civilized behavior toward their earthly remains. They are pigs and their remains need to be hung in public and left to rot into nothingness.

145 posted on **06/10/2001 05:07:22** by **Bombard**
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To: **Pokey78**

US investigators told The Times that they had certainly recovered, if not yet identified, the bodies of several of the suicide hijackers, prompting a debate over how to dispose of what is left of the most hated men in America.

Is there some traditional Middle Eastern mode of dishonorable burial? No, I'm not talking about this adolescent fantasies involving porcine body parts. I mean is there *seriously* some tradition in the Arab or Moslem world, where the bodies of cowards can be dishonorably disposed of?

EX: In ancient Rome, a suicide had his or her hand removed and buried separately, because self-murder was an abominable act in that culture.

I'm serious. I think it would be a fitting thing to dispose of these bodies in a manner that resonates with the world from which they came.

146 posted on **06/10/2001 05:08:48** by **Illbay**
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To: **mdittmar**

This is the single most important test of the beginning phases of this war. If we can do something to discourage the other river rats that infest us, we will win. If we are ruled by PC, then our nation is doomed and maybe it's better that way. Maybe what rises from the ashes will resemble the real America. We must pray for wisdom to prevail.

147 posted on **06/10/2001 05:09:39** by **Technocrat**
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To: **Pokey78**

Send their remains to the Trojans factory where their molecules can be processed into prophylactics. Then send them on to the Public Health department in San Francisco. Their family members will be proud of their service helping to prevent AIDS amongst American gays.

148 posted on **06/10/2001 05:12:55** by **rogue_agent**
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To: **irish_lad**

I need to expel some atta from my clymer.

149 posted on **06/10/2001 05:23:35** by **Vigilanteman**
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To: **Bombard**

Oh can we think of what to do with the animals. All those ideas sound reasonable.

Now, what shall we do with any of them found, tried, convicted and sentenced to death... what kind of death. No lethal injection for these guys... I have an idea....do to them the worst of what they have done to people of their own nation . We could do them in one by one in front of one another... put them in formation so they can watch... the last to go will not go on an empty stomach... or he shouldn't be allowed to.

First we take Osama and skin him alive... like his taliban buddies did to a man for some infraction... then cook him on an open spit and make his followers dine on him. Then repete the process until the last Bas*Ttar@ is gone!!Then with the last one, put him in a lard "bomb" and send him to his into the depths of some sewer where the rest of the world can poop on him forever. Or is this too kind?

150 posted on **06/10/2001 05:24:31** by **celtic gal**
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