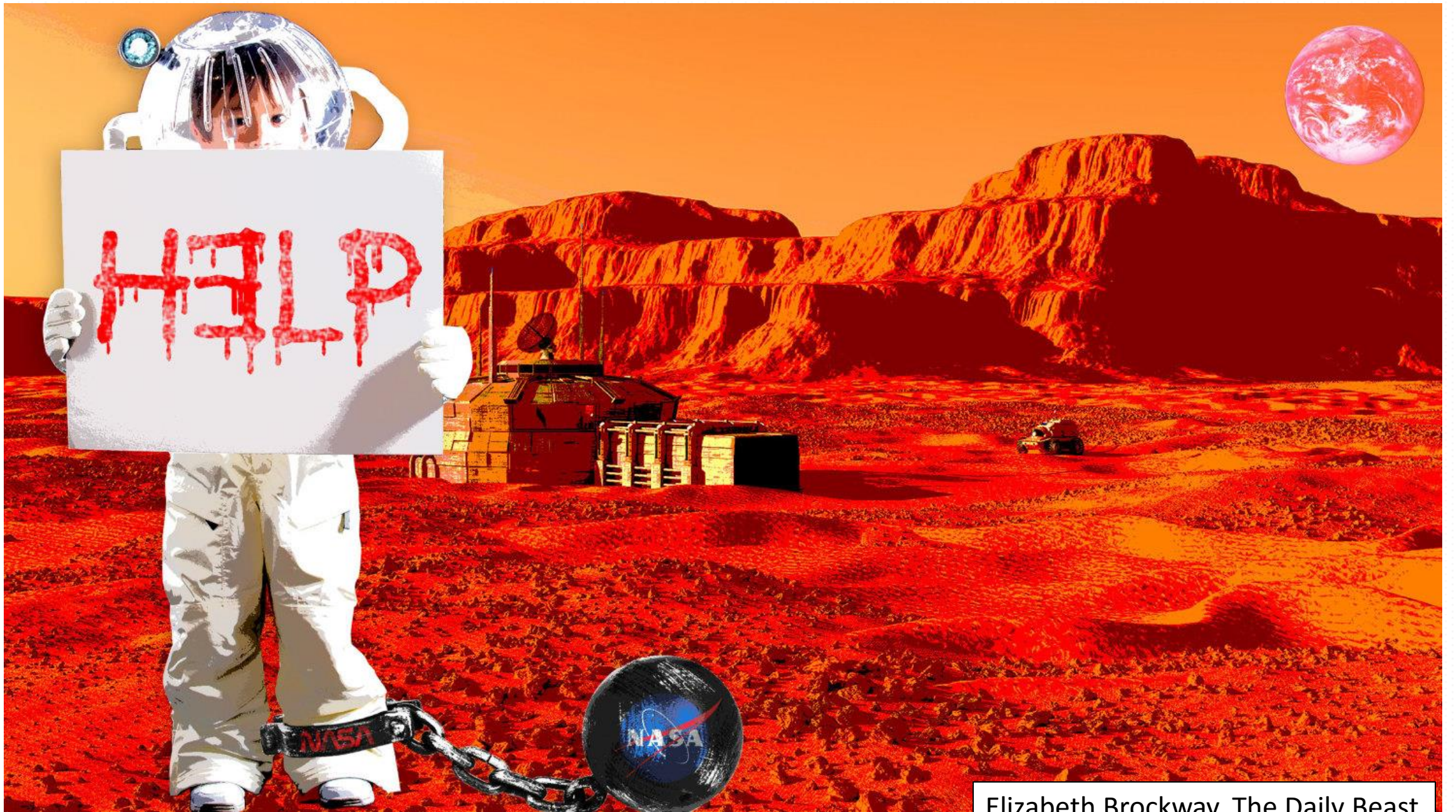


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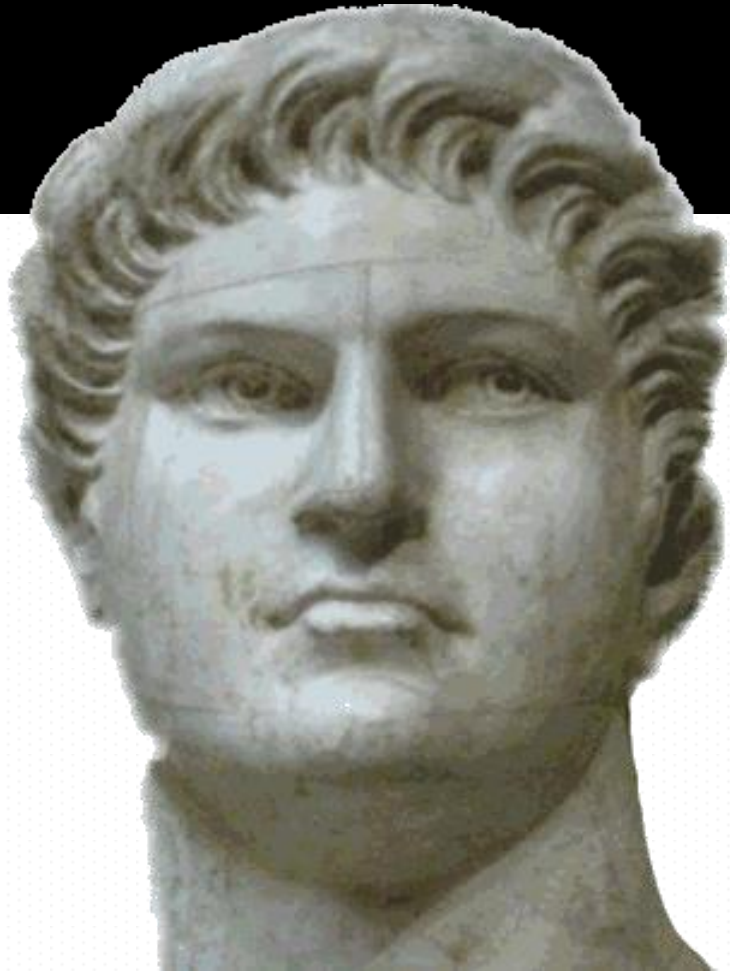
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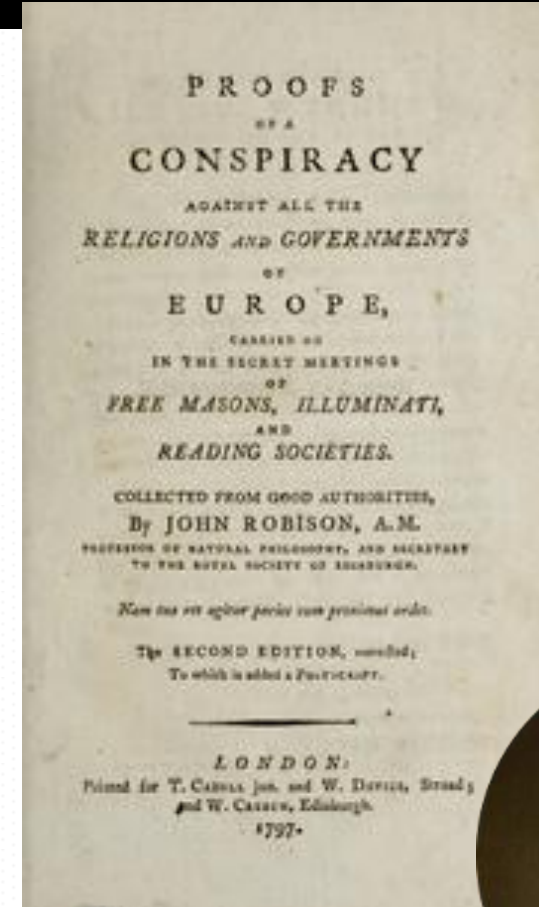
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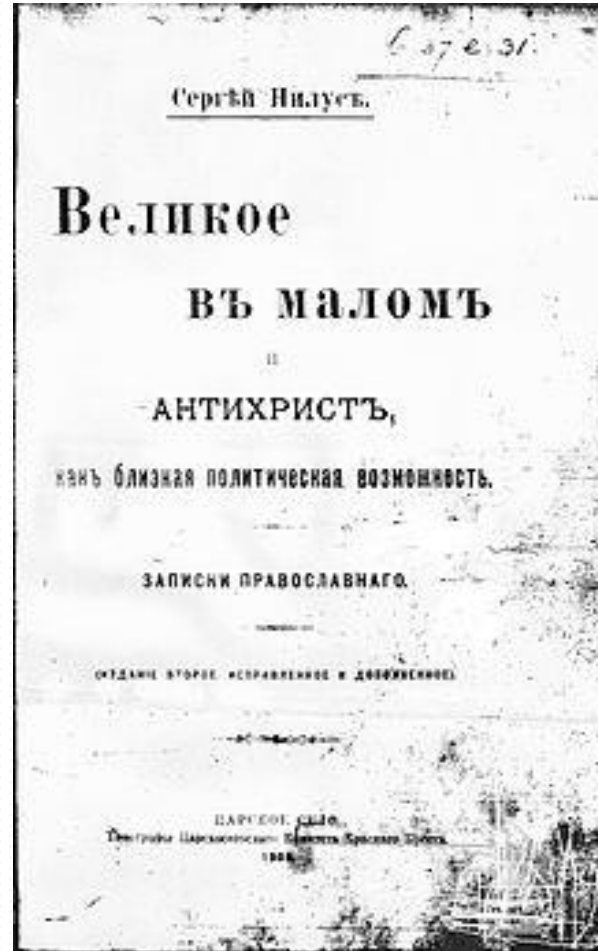
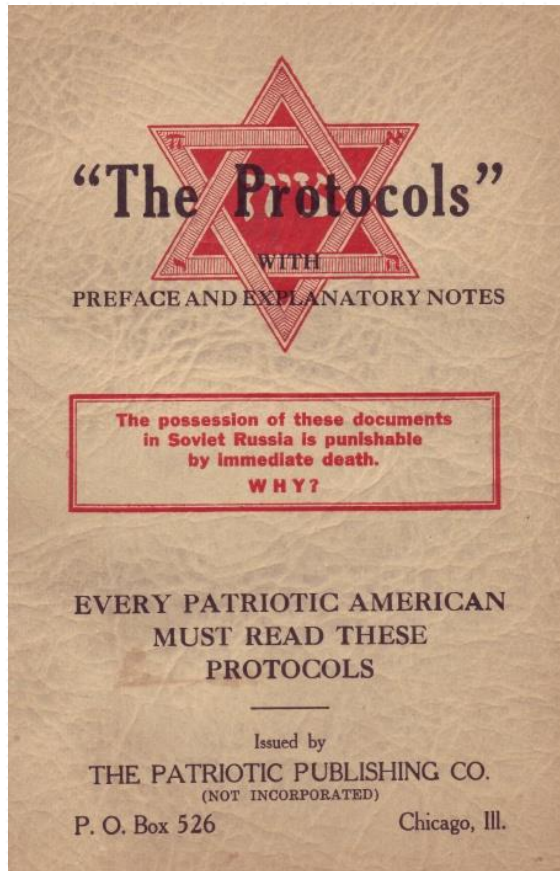




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Six Characteristics of Conspiracy Theories

- Unanswered questions
- Nothing as it appears
- Everything is evil
- Everything is under control
- Anomaly hunting
- Irrefutable



Who are conspiracy theorists?

Why do we theorize?

- Paranoia
- Enlightenment ideals
- Intellectual autonomy
- Cultic milieu
- Connecting dots
- Intention detector
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- Confirmation bias



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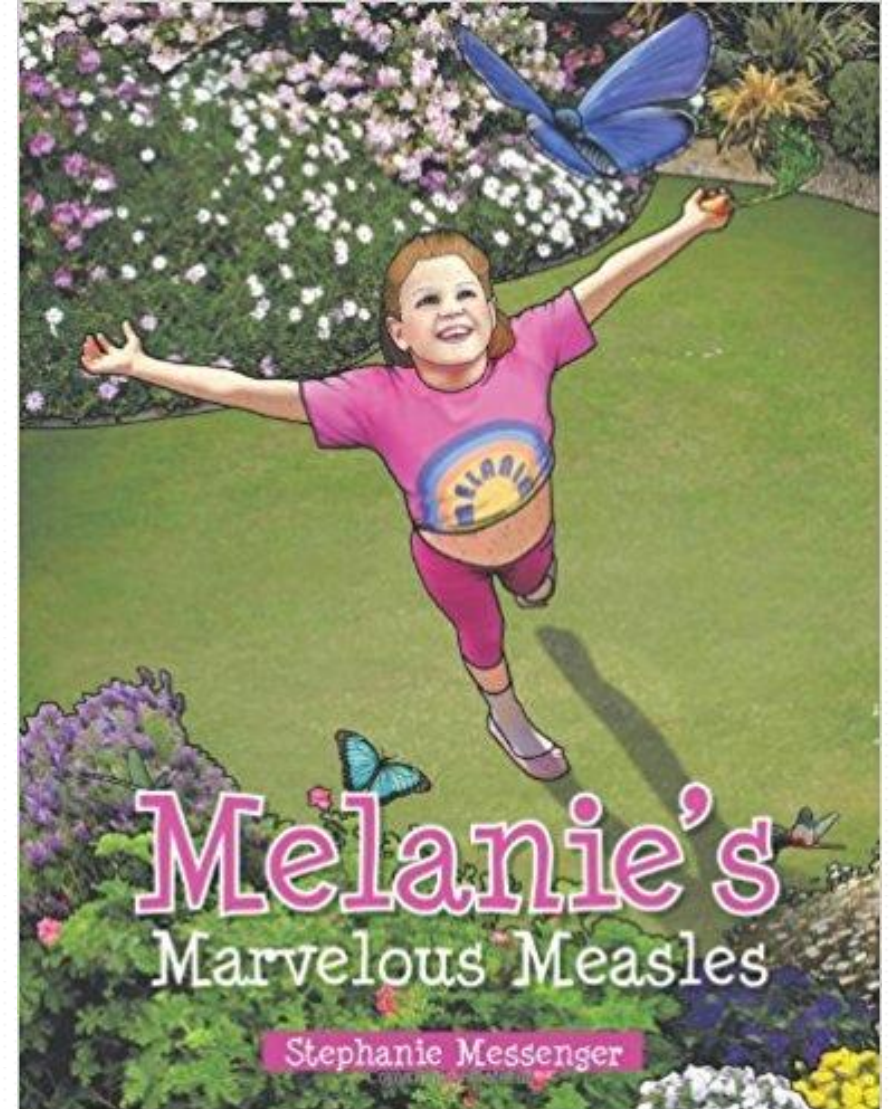
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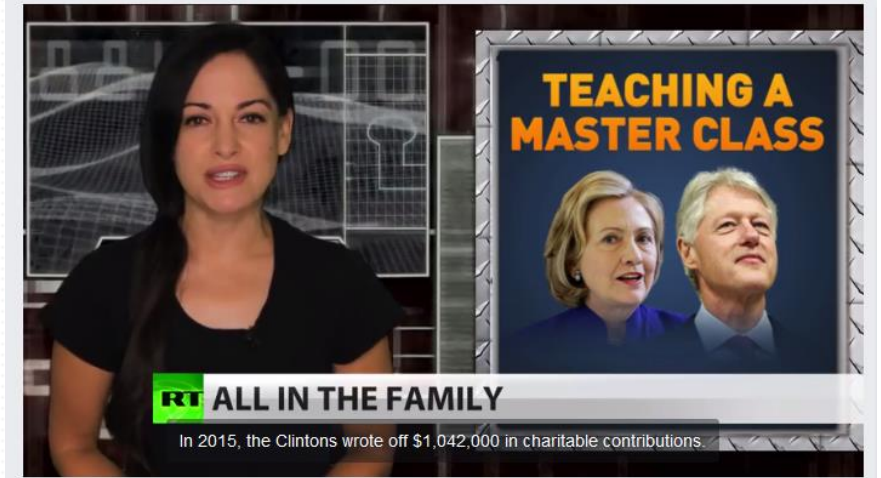
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