

# "THE WIZARD OF MENLO PARK"

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BACK IN THE 1800'S THATS WHAT THEY CALLED HIM, ALRIGHT.

THE WIZARD,

OF MENLO PARK (NEW JERSEY)

OH, HE WAS HUMAN, ALRIGHT.

FIRST NAME, TOM. LAST NAME, EDISON.

THOMAS A. EDISON.

THE WIZARD HIMSELF.

WHY DID THEY CALL HIM A WIZARD?

WELL, THINK ABOUT IT!

SEE IT HOW THEY ALL SAW IT IN THE 1800'S!

HERE WAS SOME GUY WITH MYSTERIOUS AND STRANGE POWERS NOBODY UNDERSTOOD,

A GUY WHO COULD CAPTURE PEOPLES VOICES! ON SOME MACHINE HE BUILT!

A GUY WHO PRODUCED SOMETHING MADE OUT OF GLASS THAT MADE NIGHT INTO DAY - LIKE MAGIC! - AND WAS POWERED BY SOME INVISIBLE YET DEADLY FORCE CALLED ELECTRICITY!

HE EVEN MADE SOME WIERD KIND OF MACHINE THAT PLAYS MOVING PICTURES OF PEOPLE - REAL PEOPLE!

SO OF COURSE THE GUY WAS CALLED "THE WIZARD". THE WIZARD FROM OVER IN MENLO PARK (N.J.)



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BECAUSE HIS INVENTIONS WERE SO OUT OF THIS WORLD, SO FAR OUT, SO MIRACULOUS, THAT - AS FAR AS THE PEOPLE OF THAT TIME KNEW - HE JUST HAD TO BE A PRACTICIANER OF WIZARDRY. HE JUST HAD TO BE SOME KIND OF WIZARD. AND THAT IS HOW THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE DAY DESCRIBED HIM, TOO.

AS THE WIZARD OF MENLO PARK.

OF COURSE, THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO WHISPERED THAT HE MUST HAVE BEEN... SOMETHING ELSE,

SOMEBODY WHO PRACTICED BLACK MAGIC. A DEVIL WORSHIPER, MAYBE.

PERHAPS EVEN - DARE THEY EVEN SAY IT? - PERHAPS THE DEVIL HIMSELF.

THE VERY RELIGIOUS TYPES WERE PARTICULARLY PRONE TO SUCH BELIEFS.

ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY FOUND OUT THAT THIS PRODUCER OF MIRACULOUS THINGS - THIS INDIVIDUAL FROM OVER IN MENLO PARK, NEW JERSEY, WAS

NOT - REPEAT, NOT - A REGULAR CHURCHGOING MAN! ("OH, MY GOD - NO!")

SO HIS MIRACULOUS POWERS & INVENTIONS JUST HAD TO COME FROM - SATAN!





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"The Devil of Menlo Park," anyone?  
(Guess it didn't have the same ring to it.)

Now, the WIZARD OF MENLO PARK,  
NOW THAT has the right "ring" to it.  
THAT is a name those reporters and  
newspaper men could live with.

and prosper with. and write and  
print stories about with.

and cash in bigtime with.

and go to hell with, too - as far  
as the regular churchgoing religious  
people of the day were concerned.

"The man is playing God!", they warned.  
isn't this "Electricity" the same  
force as lightening bolts? of course!

and everybody knows only God  
almighty controls lightening!

this Edison must be evil - he is  
making himself into a God!

he has everybody bamboozled!

he has all those reporters and  
newspaper men eating out of his hand!

The Bible warns against men like him!

and so on, as religious fanatics are so prone to do.

This is the part of history they

don't teach you! This is the part

they don't want people today to know about!

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BECAUSE IT MAKES THEM LOOK REALLY IGNORANT - IN HINDSIGHT. SO THEY BRUSH STROKE IT RIGHT OUT, RIGHT OUT OF THE HISTORY BOOKS! SO THAT RELIGIOUS PEOPLE AND THEIR CHURCHES & INSTITUTIONS OF THAT TIME - THE LATE 1800'S - DON'T COME OFF LOOKING CLUELESS AND IGNORANT, WHICH WOULD - AND THIS IS THE IMPORTANT PART, FOLKS! - WHICH MIGHT MAKE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS OF TODAY LOOK BAD! SO THEY RE-WROTE HISTORY TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THEY WEREN'T AGAINST EDISON AND ALL HIS "WORDLY" INVENTIONS WHEN THEY FIRST CAME OUT. HISTORY IS NOTHING MORE THAN THEIR WHORE! IF YOU COULD READ THE OLD TIME CHURCH NEWSLETTERS FROM BACK IN TOM EDISON'S DAY - THE PAMPHLETS AND WRITINGS - YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO READ IT AND KNOW IT FOR YOURSELVES! OF HOW AGAINST EVERY INVENTION OF PROGRESS THEY ALL WERE, OF HOW SUSPICIOUS AND CRITICAL THEY WERE OF MEN LIKE EDISON, AND ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL. AND THE ~~WRONG~~ RIGHT BROTHERS.



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The RELIGIOUS

OF how LITTLE ~~those~~ TYPES OF  
PEOPLE HAVE EVER CONTRIBUTED  
TO MAKING THIS WORLD BETTER!  
AND ALL OF HISTORY SHOWS IT, TOO, NOT JUST  
PART; THE MORE RELIGIOUS THEY WERE,  
THE MORE AGAINST PROGRESS THEY WERE.  
THE SAME TODAY, AS THEN.

(AND THE SAME TOMORROW AS ALWAYS?)  
TODAY, ITS "STEM CELL RESEARCH" THE  
RELIGIOUS FANATICS ARE AGAINST.

WHEN EDISON'S REVOLUTIONARY DEVICES  
FIRST WERE PUBLICIZED AND CAME OUT,  
THEY WERE AGAINST THAT.

AND AGAINST "THE WIZARD OF MENLO PARK."

I BET EVERY SANE & RATIONAL PERSON  
OUT THERE CAN ALL GUESS WHERE ~~THE~~  
THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE OF THE DAY STOOD  
CONCERNING - WHEN THEY FIRST CAME OUT -  
THE TELEGRAPH, THE STEAM ENGINE,  
INNOCULATIONS, THE FLYING MACHINE -  
AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

THEY STOOD AS ONE AGAINST ALL OF THEM!

THEY OPPOSED EVERY BIT OF PROGRESS  
MANKIND HAS EVER MADE - AND ARE STILL

SO POWERFULL THAT THEY FUDGE HISTORY  
AND RE-WRITE IT SO AS NOT TO "OFFEND" ANY

RELIGIOUS PEOPLE TODAY! GET THE REAL TRUTH!  
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