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Imperial Hubris

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Michael Scheuer, the former head of the CIA's Osama Bin Laden unit is **talking again**. He's the author of the bestseller "Imperial Hubris," an excellent book that focuses in on the threat of Al Qaeda and Bush's incompetent response to 9-11. (Scheuer is no liberal; he thinks Bush wasn't ruthless enough.) We all pretend to be open-minded, but on the big issues we rarely change our points of view. Scheuer's book -- published under the name Anonymous -- changed mine on a number of issues related to the Middle East and terrorism and Al Qaeda. Read it.

"The American people need a better understanding of how we got to 9/11," [Scheuer] said. "But I think the 9/11 commission was bound and determined not to find any culpability. By finding no one guilty, they managed not to deal with the real problems."

"He remains deeply frustrated by the failures of leadership at the C.I.A., the F.B.I. and other agencies that he witnessed before the Sept. 11 attacks, and believes that top officials have escaped personal accountability," reports the New York Times.



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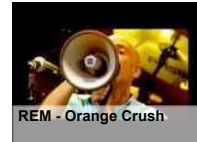
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