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*An interview with R.A. Lafferty / by D. Schweitzer: Maybe they needed killing & the importance of happiness / by R.J. Whitaker.*

I believed in it. Sometimes I think perhaps I was. I approved of it; I joined in the general cry of madness and despair. I urged men to fight. I was safe because I was too old to go. I was like the rest. What did they do? Right or wrong, justifiable or unjustifiable -- which I need not discuss today -- it changed the world. For four long years the civilized world was engaged in killing men. Christian against Christian, barbarian uniting with Christians to kill Christians; anything to kill. It was taught in every school, aye in the Sunday schools. The little children played at war. The toddling children on the street. Do you suppose this world has ever been the same since? How long, your Honor, will it take for the world to get back the humane emotions that were slowly growing before the war? How long will it take the calloused hearts of men before the scars of hatred and cruelty shall be removed? We read of killing one hundred thousand men in a day. We read about it and we rejoiced in it -- if it was the other fellows who were killed. We were fed on flesh and drank blood. Even down to the prattling babe. I need not tell you how many upright, honorable young boys have come into this court charged with murder, some saved and some sent to their death, boys who fought in this war and learned to place a cheap value on human life. You know it and I know it. These boys were brought up in it. The tales of death were in their homes, their playgrounds, their schools; they were in the newspapers that they read; it was a part of the common frenzy -- what was a life? It was the least sacred thing in existence and these boys were trained to this cruelty.

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### Chapter 2 : R.A. Lafferty " R.J. Wizard

*The Feast continues! Volume 4 features the first all-new Lafferty story to be published in 14 years, "The Rod and the Ring," as well as a reprint of the very important Lafferty speech "The Day After the World Ended." There is an abundance of new content, essays and appreciations, as well as reprints.*

The whole focus of the book seems to even come at you elliptically " and at the last minute. Before that I slogged through it for three weeks. Because I thought there was nothing behind the curtain. Oh, there was something behind the curtain alright. That was what was behind that curtain. A bet of ultimate consequences. He can throw so much indirection and misdirection at you to say nothing of the constant word play it is like coming into a joke at the punchline. You thought you were in a joke or a jest but only opaquely " and then the drum snap and the crowd laughter. Back to the beginning. But the cat would have died and resurrected, or simply continued to decompose, or assumed a chair at the Institute for Impure Science and the mat would be constructed by St. Joseph himself bonus points to whomever can guess the Lafferty reference there. But once I got the hook. His stories are like the Spanish Inquisition " no one expects it! Now to the balls and the crosses. Wright the other day actually he was talking, me and a few others were listening about religion in science fiction talk about an untapped field and he mentioned G. Few authors will get a pass to the front of the line. Chesterton is one of the few. Think of it though. That was a new creature pretty new, anyway in Fresh and full of vigor, and full of utopian answers that were yet to kill millions upon millions of people. Although the French had the news. Over a century before he and his brethren whittled down the edifice of Western Civilization enough where we can start to see the prayer mats our grandchildren will be kneeling " or bleeding " upon. This should be a fascinating read.

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### Chapter 3 : Lafferty and His World | Andrew Ferguson - [blog.quintoapp.com](http://blog.quintoapp.com)

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She was in a really good mood—she felt the warm spring sunshine, and her beloved granddaughter, Natasha, was waiting for her at home. Ekaterina Ivanovna thought through for the hundredth time what to do with her Social Security money this month. This time of year they needed all the vitamins they could get. Natasha stopped dead in her tracks and was mesmerized by a doll. She had stared at it with such terrible longing; Ekaterina Ivanovna could feel that even her little hand suddenly got cold. And Natasha deserved more happiness in her life than she had experienced. At first, it was an occasional thing, but then it started happening more and more. And then one morning he left and never came back. It had been a year now since anyone had seen him. Ekaterina Ivanovna tried looking for him and had even reported him missing to the police, but nothing had come of it. Ekaterina Ivanovna went into the grocery store and bought a small cake. She dropped her wallet into her shopping bag and left the store without zipping it up. She was usually really careful with her money and kept her wallet tucked away in a safe place, but today her thoughts were on how excited Natasha would be about the doll and how much fun she would have playing with it. What on earth was going on? She stopped dead in her tracks. The hand grabbed her wallet and yanked it out of the bag. For an instant she was too shocked to understand what was happening. She stood dazed, watching as the thief vanished down the street. Then she checked her bag again, as if maybe she had imagined everything and the wallet was still where it belonged. But, of course, the wallet was gone. Why would someone like me be carrying a lot of cash? But then it hit her like a bolt of lightning. I should have screamed, called for help, and chased him. But what good would it have done to run after him? How am I going to make it until the next check comes? I could make it on bread and water, but what about Natasha? And what about the rent? Outside the entrance to her apartment she saw some of the neighbor ladies sitting on a bench. They called her over to visit, but she just gave them a brief wave. She went inside and got out her keys. Her thin shoulders shook and her hands trembled. Somehow she managed to stop crying, opened the door, and went into the apartment. Natasha threw herself at her grandmother with a cry of joy. I swept the floor and dusted so Barbie would like it when she got here. Her grandmother looked at her without saying anything. Then Natasha looked intently at her grandmother and seemed to sense that something bad had happened—grandma had been crying. Probably she was not going to get the Barbie. She ran to her grandmother and hugged her. Just tell me what happened. Why are you crying? Ekaterina Ivanovna hugged Natasha back and thought in amazement how this child already understood so much about life at five years old. She was always so good—she never pouted and she always did whatever you told her to do. She never asked for candy or chocolate, even when you could see in her face how much she wanted it. They sat for a long time holding each other. Maybe she could find a job? But what would she do with Natasha? She had never been alone for long. He was in a great mood—after all, he had snagged several wallets that day, and the haul had been pretty good. He saw an old lady walking up ahead. Her bag was unzipped and he could see the wallet she had carelessly tossed in. First of all, they never had much on them; besides, old women always seemed a little pathetic and completely clueless about the world today. It was so easy to con them—they trusted people and believed you when you promised them something. Granny needed to be taught a lesson. He would grab her wallet and that would shake her up a little! He cautiously crept up behind her, snatched her wallet, and then suddenly saw a cop coming around the corner. This seriously rattled him. He was scared of cops. He was already holding the wallet, and in his moment of fear, he bolted down the street. The thief ran into the courtyard of a building, stopped, and looked around. No one was following or chasing him. He sighed in relief, opened the wallet, and found about 4, rubles. He pocketed the money and tossed the wallet in the trash. He really liked his easy life of crime. He

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lived only for today and tried never to think about tomorrow. If he were to get caught in the act, he might get beaten up and arrested. And this thief was a real master of his craft. Yet this last little slip-up was getting him down. Obviously something had gone wrong. It must have been a coincidence that the old woman looked at her bag at the exact moment he was pick-pocketing her. Soon his mind moved on to other things. He was already thinking about what a great night he was going to have. She had tried to find a job somewhere, even just something off the books, maybe working as a cleaning lady for a few hours a day. But everyone turned her down. No one wanted to hire an old woman, especially one with a little girl in tow. Her neighbors all knew about what had happened to her and they tried to help her as much as they could. She had spent her entire life taking care of her family and helping her friends. She had always been able to manage on her own. They soon went through all the money they had and even the spare change they had scrounged from around the house. Ekaterina Ivanovna trudged home. She had just been turned down for work one more time, and this time they had even yelled at her. She sighed deeply, rounded a corner, and saw a group of panhandlers in the underpass. Some were on their knees and others were bent over with outstretched hands. People walking by were tossing them money. Ekaterina Ivanovna was seized with despair. Hardly realizing what she was doing, she walked over and joined them, standing at the edge of their group. Timidly she stretched out her hand. At first the beggars wanted to run her off, but after seeing how she cringed and trembled, they looked at each other and decided to let the old woman be for now. His eyes fell on one old woman among them and he flinched. He was looking at the very woman whose wallet he had stolen a few days before. He looked intently at the old woman once again and noticed how she was standing to one side. She was stretching out her hand, but not saying anything. She was as silent as if she had turned to stone. Only her lips were trembling. I obviously took everything she had. He had never thought about his victims before. He stood there and kept looking at the old woman. Then he found his wallet and pulled out a thousand-ruble note. What if she recognizes me? What if she remembers me?

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### Chapter 4 : Chris Gardner - Wikipedia

*Also more than worth the price of admission are two Lafferty interviews: Cranky Old Man from Tulsa, and Maybe They Needed Killing & the Importance of Happiness (I love the juxtaposition between the two parts of the second interview's title).*

I wanted NSI to be real so badly. Pharma companies used to love antidepressants. Millions of people are depressed. So they poured money into antidepressant research, culminating in 80s and 90s with the discovery of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors SSRIs like Prozac. How did it come to this? Apparently discovering new antidepressants is really hard. Another part is that psychopharmacology is just a really difficult field even at the best of times. Pharma companies tried, tried some more, and gave up. All the new no-really-not-SSRIs are the fig leaf to cover their failure. Now people are gradually giving up on even pretending. There are still lots of exciting possibilities coming from the worlds of academia and irresponsible self-experimentation, but the Very Serious People have left the field. A tiny pharma company called Neuralstem announced that they had a new antidepressant that worked on directly on neurogenesis – a totally new mechanism! Irresponsible self-experimenters managed to synthesize and try some of it, and reported miraculous stories of treatment-resistant depressions vanishing overnight. Someone had finally done the thing! Earth was created as a Hell for bad psychiatrists. For one thing, it would explain why there are so many of them here. In Stage 1, they put 44 patients on 40 mg NSI daily, another 44 patients on 80 mg daily, and patients on placebo for six weeks. But all of this was for nothing. On the primary endpoint – a depression rating instrument called MADRS – the NSI group failed to significantly outperform placebo during either stage. Investors tripped over themselves to withdraw support from a corporation that apparently was unable to handle the absolute bread-and-butter most basic job of a pharma company – fudging clinical trial results so that nobody figures out they were negative until half the US population is on their drug. The first thing you feel when a [drug] trial fails is a sense of shame. You know, of course, that experimental drugs have a poor track record – but even so, this drug had seemed so promising you cannot erase the image of the cancer cells dying under the microscope. Medicines are notoriously hard to discover. The cosmos yields human drugs rarely and begrudgingly – and when a promising candidate fails to work, it is as if yet another chemical morsel of the universe has been thrown into the dumpster. The meniscus of disappointment rises inside you: That domain of human biology that the medicine hoped to target may never be breached therapeutically. NSI works after all! Investment blogs are writing that Neuralstem Is A Big Winner and boasting about how much Neuralstem stock they were savvy enough to hold on to! What are these new results? Can we believe them? What are secondary endpoints? Often during a drug trial, people want to measure whether the drug works in multiple different ways. Or you could give the HAM-D, a scale that focuses more on psychosomatic symptoms. Or since depression makes people think less clearly, you could give them a cognitive battery. Depending on what you want to do, all of these are potentially good choices. Remember, one out of every twenty statistical analyses you do will be positive at the 0. Statisticians try to solve this loophole by demanding researchers pre-identify a primary endpoint. That is, you have to say beforehand which test you want to count. This is what they released in July that had everybody so disappointed. The recently-released data are a bunch of secondary endpoints, some of which are positive. This is the new result that has everybody so excited. I am not an expert here. The pattern of positive results shows pretty much the random pattern you would expect from spurious findings. One of the results only appeared in Stage 2 of the trial, and disappeared in Stage 1 and the pooled analysis. Who knows, maybe the drug does something? Right now I am very unimpressed. We just got done talking about the efficient market hypothesis and the theory that the stock market is never wrong in a way detectable by ordinary humans. My dad is a doctor, and he swears that he keeps making a lot of money from medical investments. I keep telling him this cannot possibly work, and he keeps coming to me a year later telling me he made a killing and now has a new car. Then maybe that trial would come out better. Or it

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would be big enough that they would discover some alternate use remember, Viagra was originally developed to lower blood pressure, and only got switched to erectile dysfunction after Phase 1 trials. Or maybe Neuralstem will join the 21st century and hire a competent Obfuscation Department. This one is going to be great! Wait, is SAGE just a weird attempt to rebrand benzodiazepines?

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### Chapter 5 : What To Make Of New Positive NSI Results? | Slate Star Codex

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### Chapter 6 : "Thief" By Yana N. Troinich

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By Steven Horn Forest Whitaker is a man of a thousand hats: Despite his considerable size and long Hollywood resume, Forest came across as both quiet and engaging during a recent press event in Los Angeles for the Joel Schumacher film Phone Booth. During the brief interview, Forest talked about which role producer, director, or actor he enjoyed the most, the ease of working with Joel Schumacher and the importance of independent film. Phone Booth is by all accounts a huge departure for Joel Schumacher. The film is tight and controlled as well as relatively small budgeted. What are some of the lessons Phone Booth can teach aspiring filmmakers? I think that movie is pretty intense. In his movies the performances are always real strong. We had to be ready to come into the moment at any time. I think he was able to create a really interesting way of working for this movie that worked really well. Tigerland is pretty intense. This [short schedule] makes it easy because everybody has to stay in the same space and Colin was really pushing it. I think he did a great performance. I think the tension of the timeframe and cameras always on it made it a more tense experience. Says Whitaker, "I think it was emotionally better for people who were involved with the sniper situation and maybe for the country itself to have held off. They always pull a plane movie [after a crash] or something. The times are really complicated now; the times keep rolling and [become] more and more complicated. Whitaker talked about working with Farrell. He was very disciplined about it. Any actor carrying a movie for 90 minutes in a booth is a major challenge. So for him to pull that off was very impressive. We seemed to find a good rhythm when we were working together. He has to use an accent, he has to be able to move the character from one place of intensity. It becomes a news event. I think Joel was able to keep that moment with all the cameras there," says Whitaker. He finds himself where he becomes a public person and because of that his personal life is drawn out in the fore. You could look at it like that too. What do you think? What do you feel? What have you done? I talked to guys on the phone too who were negotiators. Because of the way Joel shot it, it would have been bad had I not prepared. So I got some procedural help during rehearsal from the advisers and asking them questions. I then formulated that into the way I think and keep shooting and I just keep talking. He has worked with a nurtured a variety of up and coming filmmakers and is clearly motivated to uplift the art form. In painting you can just pick up a piece of chalk, a stick or whatever. In sculpture you can get a rock. Writing you just need a pencil and paper. Film has been a very elitist medium. It costs so much money. The great storytellers however are going to rise to the top, no matter what.

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### Chapter 7 : Busy But All About Importance Quotes, Quotations & Sayings

*Two interviews are reprinted in this issue: Cranky Old Man From Tulsa, and Maybe They Needed Killing & the Importance of Happiness (yes, in the same title!). Oh, shit, I just saw Michael Swanwick is in this volume as well.*

He was both the second child and the only boy born to Bettye Jean. His older half-sister, Ophelia, is from a previous union. Gardner did not have many positive male role models as a child, as his father was living in Louisiana during his birth, and his stepfather was physically abusive to both his mother and his sisters. When Gardner was eight years old, he and his sisters returned to foster care for the second time when their mother, unbeknownst to them, was convicted of trying to kill Triplett by burning down the house while he was inside. Archibald, Willie, and Henry. However, Henry drowned in the Mississippi River when Chris was nine years old. She encouraged Gardner to believe in himself and sowed the seeds of self-reliance in him. Gardner quotes her as saying, "You can only depend on yourself. Navy , Gardner decided to enlist when he finished secondary schooling. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina for four years, where he was assigned as a hospital corpsman. He became acquainted with a decorated San Francisco cardiac surgeon , Dr. Gardner accepted the position, and moved to San Francisco upon his discharge from the Navy in . Over the course of two years, he learned how to manage a laboratory and to perform various surgical techniques. By , he had been given full responsibility for a laboratory and had co-authored several articles with Dr. Ellis that were published in medical journals. With his knowledge, experience and contacts within the medical field, it appeared Gardner had his medical career plans laid out before him. However, with ten years of medical training ahead of him and with changes in health care just on the horizon, he realized that the medical profession would be vastly different by the time he could practice medicine. Gardner was advised to consider more lucrative career options; a few days before his 26th birthday, he informed his wife, Sherry, of his plans to abandon his dreams of becoming a physician. While still living with Sherry, he began an affair with a dental student named Jackie Medina, and she became pregnant with his child only a few months into the affair. After three years of marriage to Sherry, he left her to move in with Jackie and to prepare for fatherhood. Nine years elapsed before he and Sherry were legally divorced in . After four years, he quit these jobs and doubled his salary by taking a job as a medical equipment salesman. With a higher income from his new job, Gardner was able to save enough money to travel to Monroe, Louisiana , where he and his son met his own father, Turner, for the first time. A pivotal moment in his life occurred, after a sales call to a San Francisco General Hospital , when he encountered an impeccably-dressed man in a red Ferrari. Curious, Gardner asked the man about his career. The stockbroker in the red Ferrari was a man named Bob Bridges. He met with Gardner and gave him an introduction to the world of finance. Bridges organized meetings between Gardner and branch managers at the major stock brokerage firms that offered training programs—such as Merrill Lynch , Paine Webber , E. For the following two months, Gardner cancelled or postponed his sales appointments and his car amassed parking tickets while he met with managers. He subsequently quit his sales job so that he could dedicate his time exclusively to training as a stockbroker. Then he appeared at the office ready to work, only to discover that his hiring manager had been fired the week before. According to Gardner, the police witnessed an incident in which Jackie was running away with Chris Jr. Gardner was apprehended initially for this incident, but an identity check on his car license plate led them to detain him for non-payment of parking fines. However, this offered no salary; apart from selling medical equipment that brought in \$ dollars a month in the early s, and with no savings, he was unable to meet his living expenses. He arrived at the office early and stayed late each day, persistently making calls to prospective clients with his goal being calls per day. His perseverance paid off when, in , Gardner passed his Series 7 Exam on the first try and became a full employee of the firm. About four months after Jackie disappeared with their son, she returned and left him with Gardner. By then, he was earning a small salary and was able to afford rooming in a flophouse. He willingly accepted sole custody of his child; however, the rooming house where he lived did not allow children. Although he was gainfully

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employed, Gardner and his son secretly struggled with homelessness while he saved money for a rental house in Berkeley. Gardner often scrambled to place his child in daycare, stood in soup kitchens and slept wherever he and his son could find safety—in his office after hours, at flophouses, motels, parks, airports, on public transport, and even in a locked bathroom at a BART station. Williams agreed without hesitation. So, if anything, I remember us just moving, always moving. Gardner has declined to disclose details of the project, citing securities laws. He makes himself available for permanent job placement assistance, career counselling and comprehensive job training for the homeless population and at-risk communities in Chicago. Certain details and events that actually took place over the span of several years were compressed into a relatively short time and although eight-year-old Jaden portrayed Chris Jr. Chris Gardner reportedly thought Smith—an actor best known for his performances in action movies—was miscast to play him. However, he said his daughter Jacintha "set him straight" by saying, "If Smith can play Muhammad Ali, he can play you! Gardner and Will acknowledge each other; Will then looks back at Gardner walking away as his son proceeds to tell him knock knock jokes. Searching for the American Dream, [19] where he spoke about the American Dream at his office in downtown Chicago. The documentary also featured Bob Barker and Hunter S. Gardner also made a cameo appearance in the comedy film *The Promotion*, where he played a community leader.

### Chapter 8 : FEAST OF LAUGHTER 4! “ R.J. Wizard

*Maybe They Needed Killing & The Importance of Happiness () by Robert Whitaker Sirignano An Interview with R. A. Lafferty () by Tom Jackson Non-Genre Titles.*

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*The claim that suicide is selfish is the height of hypocrisy in a society that advises people that they can't live for others, they "should only live for themselves," and demands its members provide for all of their needs, including the basic human need for connection, alone.*