



The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, Inc.

Text of a commercial sponsored by Draper on a local radio station:

"Now is the time for you to explore your future in the perfect climate ... and you don't have to go far. The world-famous Charles Stark Draper Laboratory in Cambridge adjacent to M.I.T. offers you the academic hands-on atmosphere that helps ideas blossom into reality. At Draper Laboratory, technical staff members work in excellent facilities and enjoy an intellectually stimulating environment, pursuing the goal of excellence. There's plenty of room to think, to achieve, and to grow and still take home an industry-level salary. Draper Laboratory has openings for engineers at all levels of experience in control systems, software, systems architecture, test and mechanical engineering."

What is the real business of Draper Laboratory?

Robert Duffy, president of Draper, admits that 85% of their work is paid for by the Department of Defense. The annual report proudly trumpets that it designs sophisticated weapons including guidance systems for the MX missile, the cruise missile, Trident submarine missiles, and laser and particle-beam weapons for space warfare.

Soon the U.S. government plans to deploy over 500 cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe (not developed by Draper as far as we know) ... an event that heightens the possibility of the accidental or deliberate use of these weapons. Each of the 30,000 U.S. nuclear bombs can kill millions of people. Inescapably, Draper's work contributes directly to preparations for nuclear war and the possible destruction of the capacity of the earth to sustain life.

What can any of us do?

The search for truth is an arduous and fragile process in which the risks of blindness and self deception are very great. Our search has led us to recognize the truth of Ghandi's statement: "Non-cooperation with evil is as strong a moral obligation as is cooperation with good."

Please reflect about the work done here at Draper. We ask you to consider whether your participation in a system that heightens the risk of annihilation through the use of nuclear weapons constitutes cooperation with an undertaking that is essentially evil. You can answer that question only in the silence of your own heart.

We look forward to the day when Draper Laboratory will live up truly to its charter as a non-profit educational institution, devoting all of its talents to humanitarian work such as development of blood test methods for burn patients now being done at the Laboratory. Meanwhile, the nature of the present work must be acknowledged ... and a new name is a first step toward truth.

"By setting forth the truth plainly, we commend ourselves to every person's conscience in the sight of God."

2 Corinthians 4:2



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