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Opening Meditation: Carolyn

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- T & R:**
- They also need food & gas money this week
 - Can donate via the Paypal button on the website: www.2013RainbowRoundTable.ning.com

 - **Please notify them if you're sending something:** koran999@comcast.net

 - Rama's mailing address for cheques, Money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
1704 B Llano St, # 249
Santa Fe, NM 87505

 - **phone contact** is via MariettaRobert: 317-773-0061
or by e-mail: stargatemarietta@gmail.com
 - **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**
- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too

Hard News:

T: They have a new microphone!!!!!!!!!!!! YaYYYYYYYYY!!

- For over a year, they have been using the passenger side door to get in because the passenger door handle is gone!!!
- On January 6th, 2014, **Toyota announced its hydrogen powered car** will be out in 2015, a year earlier than planned. Can go from 0 – 60 mph in less than a minute!

Ed Schultz: had on **Sen Gillibrand** who was fit to be tied: the bill to help the vets DID NOT PASS!

- The Repubs were the ones who did not vote for the bill
- Gillibrand tore the military/Joint chiefs a new one for doing nothing about rape and sexual abuse in the military. She is holding the Joint Chiefs responsible if they do nothing about rape in the military – she pretty much said they should be stripped of their rank, etc – there have been huge numbers of violations at the command level and there is nowhere else to go!
 - Also how Bill O'Reilly, Lindsay Graham, John McCain have thrown Obama under the bus: condemning the football player, Michael Sam, who came out and said "I'm Gay, so what!"
 - All this has to do with Ms Skelator from AZ who signed the bill:
 - Maybe Ms Skelator from AZ should get together with Mr Skelator of Florida! Send them so much love
- What George Pakai said at the start of the week is touching; means our friends can "come out"

Stephanie Miller: John Fugelsein was on; so many have praised Obama for his initiative of "I am my Brother's Keeper" - aside from JFK Sr, Rama has never heard a president speak so intimately to the people.

- Paul Richoff, Director of Veterans Against the Wars: it is unconscionable that vets come back and get nothing -
- John Fugelsein brought up: When the level of stress in a family is going on – there is not enough time, money, love, time to work with the frequencies to find solutions, it creates family violence at huge levels.
- Who decreed that we the people are terrorists? Why are the police being equipped at military levels?
- **Sen Gillibrand** also called the Tea Party a terrorist group, along with the NRA

R: this week has not been easy for him because it brings up emotions – such disrespect for the man! Mr 19.5* is handling it – the 9th member of the Sirian Council of Nine is A MASTER!

- T: Obama addressed the situation in Crimea;** the men were armed to the teeth like riot police – it is suspected that they may have been called out by the former President of Ukraine
- Crimea has some autonomy due to Kruschev in 1953; when the USSR broke up, they were aligned with Ukraine which they did not want; Kruschev gave them some autonomy
 - The West is a dirty word around the world: the west is a bully – the old order has so much corruption in it, it has to be replaced.
 - Yakuovich says he is still president, and look at all the people's money that he has been taken
 - It is easy to understand why the Crimean Russians do not trust the west
- Reminds us of Amy Goodman's words: we will see Congressional Republicans arrested for crimes against humanity and economic high treason.

Francois Hollande

Amy Goodman: The lady from Bahrain was on: she is facing having to go back to prison again – she got released and has to go to court on March 1st – more prison time just for protesting!

- R:** in answer to **how the Saudi princes will get arrested:** by stripping them of their money
- All the non-Saudis are playing with is the hedge fund money yet with nothing in their a/cs
- The market has gone up again today – yet they saw on Bloomberg News that the Dow went to zero
- Anything being said about global currency re-set and global re-evaluation – it is in the hands of Beloved Ascended Master St Germain

Ed Schultz: said he would continue to talk to the people in Nebraska about the pipeline

- There are also folks saying Obama has to make a decision about the pipeline
 - There is another report about it completely opposite to the last one – a lot of muscle being flexed
- The World Bank is forwarding \$90 Billion **to Uganda** for the bill about gays – why are they doing this?
- Where does the money come from?
- T:** From quantitative easing and re-cycling other money
- Norway, Sweden and Denmark have pulled all their money from Uganda
- A report came out **about the Clinton era** and Hillary's issues: people Hillary met with, and 30,000 pages coming out: Hillary being gay is not an issue, but the number of people who disappeared thanks to Bill and Hillary is!
- **Problem in New Mexico:** massive plutonium leak at the WIP pilot plant – people have been dying already

R: this is the place where on the higher levels, it brings in our friends; come March 31st, Steven Bassett is convening a conference in Congress – this time will be here in seconds!

- Time is now about 8 hours / minute.

- The carnival in Rio is going full blast now!
- Michel Alongana in Paris, a man, freed from national prison – from Cameroon; he has spent 17 years in an isolation cell for embezzling \$2.3 Million
- A city in Venezuela is pretty paralyzed too – the anchor on al Jazeera was being challenged again for the characterization of the demonstrations. The poorer people are working with Madoora

R: events may seem like they are moving at a snail's pace – THEY ARE MOVING AT LIGHT SPEED.

T: talks of research about permafrost and that it is a freezer; as it melts, the material inside starts to rot and some of that material contains viruses and diseases which are 100s of thousands of years old – and we may not have the immune system to deal with it.

- The new research really raises the stakes – time to get serious about climate change

T: antibiotics have reached a tipping point: all animals now have anti-biotics in them – cows, sheep, pigs – they have come close to extinguishing DNA on the planet. There are other solutions in the wings.

- Another 195 new planets have been discovered in the last few weeks!
- Scotland has opened up the voting to kids of 16 years and upwards -

Conf. Call

Caller: has noticed that Obama said something about what is going on in Ukraine, & Russia should cool it!

T: said there would be consequences if there was any hanky-panky: 200,000 Russian troops went into Ukraine – the Journal said it was the riot police who killed thousands of people in Kieve and now they were in Crimea's airport and shut it down, as well as in the main arteries into the country – this gave Putin a bad hair day, so he called in the 200,000 Russian military who are “keeping the peace”.

- The people in Crimea do not trust the new gov't – call it “illegal”.
- The people in Ukraine do not trust the old president Yanukovich – and the way he spent the people's money
- Ukraine is one of the poorest countries in that area [**In Russian statement, Yanukovich says he is still president of Ukraine – an article from Reuters**]

Caller: is this to be blown up into WW III?

T: NATO and others would love to have a war because the economy in Europe, China and US is in the trash

- Reviews the history of Crimea
- Tells about the court case against the US military for sending the sailors on the USS Ronald Reagan into harm's way in Japan – the military knew there was radiation

Caller asks about Ronan Farrow who is now on MSNBC

- Ronan Farrow is Mia Farrow's son; Frank Sinatra may be his father, but he was raised by Woody Allen
- He got himself the spot on TV; nobody gave it to him because of his name.

Caller: Martin Bashir was taken off because of what he said about Sarah Palin

- He is a popular musician in England, so he has gone back there

T: Martin had a spiritual aspect too -

Caller: he was really outspoken – anyone who says anything against the establishment is out!

- Rachel is one of the few is putting out to the best of her ability what is happening!

T: Keith brought her in – and he will be back!

- Keith knows the whole story and won't be compromised

Caller: Discussion about Hollow Earth and when it started to go off the rails – Dr K. May and others

- these things are good when they happen because they give us the chance to use discernment; some need more time to figure things out than others

- Caller just says: I don't listen to this any more – no need to get upset
- T:** Marietta Roberts brought up some info that she had received about being in the Republic – yet we have been in the Republic for some time now
- Some are within the Light community and doing what they can to take us away from the implementation of NESARA
 - some of the light workers get upset with T & R and say “this is a free-will planet.”
 - Yes it is, and the choice is between NESARA and going into the abyss! Make a choice.
- Caller:** talks of what is happening in her family, and how she is handling things: she listens to what both of them have to say and all she says is she is sending them love and light. They love the 2 kids and are good parents; her concern is for her grand kids.
- She shared information about the Dinar fraud and that the people she was talking to that they did not believe this! She no longer says anything because they do not see it is odd that OKI the Oilman has disappeared after so many fake devaluations/revaluation alerts.
- T:** the programming in the US is that the US is god; it can never fall; the good faith and credit of the US is good forever; it is the last thing you can trust, and that is the platform from where we will make the shift!
- Yet there are lighworkers expecting millions from the dinars – a levelling will take place too!
 - All they will get is \$10 Million – maybe; money will not be given to hate, or bigotry, or insanity: the responsibility for change has to come from a certain conscience –
 - People have to have a certain ethics – this is LM Nada's turf; and her twin flame is Sananda Kumara who is KOS ; with the technology on the New Jerusalem, they can tell our thoughts before we think them! Everyone will have enough!

Technical difficulties at Tara and Rama's end!

Music:

Mother Sekhmet:

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One. In the Office of the Christ, and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame!

Greetings, Children of Ra!

- We are in the time of most radical change. It is only about love. What we can say about the current situation: this planet is going through the upliftment of such intensity, it is that, as we have met the moment of the hour, what we have said, she has said “Now is the time to make peace the order of the day.” Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
- The issues that are most weighty of the moment is the funny little story about melatonin, melanin, the gold dust and how it resonates with the magic of the hour.
 - Seems that if you have more of the melanin and you are black and proud of it, you are a target.
 - It is only that this planet and its people have said “now is the time for the rising of the occasion”
 - Equality for everyone: it matters not if you are a snail or Bill Maher or the chocolate covered ants you had for dinner – it seems all the issues of the moment: how will we get through the next moment is let me so love the hour of this time!
- This brother who just spoke said “Let me be my brother's keeper”; it is what so much that is – hmmm!
 - the Master said if you want to know the way to heaven, do the things as I have done. He did not preach hate, and this is the issue of the hour! the changing of the guard has already happened, the upliftment, the frequencies are in a non-stop place of ascension for all things.
- As we look at the universe, it is a reflection of ourselves, one and the same.
 - when you look at the cells from the brain, it is lloks like a galaxy; we are one whether we are a son of the Sun, or one of the cells of this master computer, the Temple of the living god/ goddess/ All that is
 - Teach me how to love at this moment that I may be of service to all humanity: this is what the man said: let us teach each other to be our brothers' keepers and to do it with such dignity and grace –
 - it seems that, as the issues become more polarized in the context of what is occurring, it is going

to be quite a cosmic dance. How we complete this: she would just say “love each moment of the situations you are in”, no matter how deep they go. Simply because we asked to be here and to love so deeply the mission that we gave up the consciousness: we never lost it - we just think we lost it!

T: it is not so hard to think we lost it! The globalness of everything is right in our face!

Mo: all the encompassing frequencies that weigh on the temple; it is not without its effects, like the effects

- our sun Sol is going through in its transformation, transfiguration:

everything is moving up in accordance with the upliftment of this entire universe – every planet, every sun is going through these upliftments. And it is with great dignity, respect, gratitude, she is most grateful to be here to watch what is happening!

- Only about this stuff called love: we laugh because it is ridiculous; in fact of the matter it is so simple, it is only about love

T: it is about the austerity of the money system: they are turning the screws on now they have the people under control through the system – people are starving.

Mo: even if we have a low IQ like Homer Simpson, you gotta see what is happening here; of how the seconds are manifesting into liquid light, liquid love: each hour, each nano second the particles which compose this living temple – and it is this story of such grate love that in the magic of the hour, out of far left field, comes what we have asked for – unity consciousness, that is the shift, the transformation, transfiguration for all of the temples of the living god – we have already crossed the threshold – the morphogenic field – we have already passed, it is a moot point, so why are we going over split milk?

- In this hour, it is only a simple story – the mad fear was so touched by the simple words that are ringing out across this planet where unity consciousness seems to be the order of the day:

- it is like what Bill Maher talks of – the importance of respect, divine human rights for all beings regardless of how many legs they have or if they swim or fly or disappear and reappear: it matters not.

- We came with a mission; that mission is being fulfilled in spite of the nay sayers that are still in the moment: To see change, be the change you wish to see in the world; be the change you wish to see in yourself, simply because your cells have asked to be in unity consciousness.

- And there is a knock down drag 'em out fight going on between the consciousness simply because every molecule of what there is is being showered by such a shower of golden light –

- what she can say about all of this is “I am my brother's keeper” and what you do to each other, you do to me.

- Speak only words that come from that place. This is whole, that is whole, we are all whole, and whole remains whole – take away whole from whole and whole still remains whole.

- This feels for all of us that we are walking through the LaBrear tar pits; thank god we are not in the LaBrear tar pits – we are not separate – no one ever said we were separate

- the ideas that flood forth from the monkey mind which is constantly going because it is part of All That Is – we need the ego even though we do not let the ego rule the story. It sits in the trunk, and when it is needed, it is needed, yet it is not the overlord of the dictates of what this temple is experiencing.

- It is quite a challenge to watch this with the dichotomy of what we go through minute to minute, hour to hour with what we have asked to be part of, we commend you, we bless you and we are humbled by our service

- We have asked to be in service, too, and it is all about love and it is for all beings including the SWAT teams who only think to do their duty, what they have been trained for.

- Even those hearts get it on such a level because the particles in and of themselves as they work for All That is, only wish for love, for light, for joy – not for sadness, or to sit in eternal darkness like in Mordor with radiation dripping from the flesh. Yet what they wish for us is only illusion, in spite of the fact that as we sit downwind or upwind, the story about Fukushima, Carlsbad, whatever the issues are

T: California is getting piles of radioactive rain; the land is so parched it cannot take the water at 1” an hour! 1000s of people evacuated from their homes

Mo: it is about the stories that have to do, not so much with nature and nature's god create this, but the hand of Soron, courtesy of the ISS, in spite of the visitors who are there: great dignataries of light and love..

- The left hand path people know what they are doing, so love them more for the choices they have made in the moment, simply because all is perfect with the world in spite of the fact that we glow in the dark!

T: not so funny, not the halo she was expecting! And the stuff is leaking like a sieve in Carlsbad

Mo: out of the ashes of that gourd [Fukushima] will the phoenix be rising.

T: there are people living in the middle of it whose DNA has been altered -

Mo: mutant and proud of it. It is about the hour of the second when we call ourselves to active duty:

- X Men – use the abilities you already have on line within the temple of the living god
- She is grateful to be in the presence of such masters of light, love, peace and joy; yet she would say that it is the dichotomy once again and we are seeing both sides of it.

T: bitcoin went down! KOS said it would be back! Japan: a whole section went down – who was the naughty hacker?

Mo: that is about the folks that represent the Dow Market, S&P, NASDAQ, etc – bit coin is a slap in the face to Wall Street

T: they slap back!

Mo: out of the ashes rises the phoenix – it is about how things get levelled out in the moment.

- The current system serves the 1/10th of 1% - the plans of mice and men are most mighty at the moment; It is the divine right timing - time space, space time where we are visitors to this time, as she is visitor to this time and how we do this together where we are our brothers keepers, no matter who and what we are – as we begging for first contact, screaming at the heavens SHOW UP!
- We are speaking of this one who has been screaming out there on the mountains!
- It is time and we are here and how we get introduced is the most important thing – we are not an invasion fleet here to conquer or occupy – we are already occupied!

T: Merkel wants to make the EU stronger; Cameron wants to reduce gov't to the size of a mouse house, and they were trying to discuss Britain joining the EU and the terms were so different.

MO: the plan is only to put all of us in the dog house!

T: Hillary in trouble – pages and pages of papers out. How will they get Merkel to squawk?

- Merkel has lost a lot of weight due to the skiing accident; looks a bit weak now

Mo: you would be too if you were the son of that man. He decided to do what he wanted to do – be the 2nd anti christ and shake the foundations of our civilization.

- The magic of this hour: you asked to be creator gods; here you are – you have the power!
- The people have the power: Use it and use it most wisely for peace, for love, for dignity

T: Kitty power! **MO:** Yes, Pashats!

Mo: it is quite a cosmic dance for love – as she watches, she sees us going from ecstasy to agony for such moments of intensity; how we do it, she can only bless us for being as tough as nails

T: all she wants for Christmas is two front teeth!

Mo: Ditto!

- Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One!
- Kadoish! Kadoish! Kadoish! Namaste, Mother!

Rama: sitting with Metatron and Neptha-el-ra, working with the frequencies pouring from the the centre of the Milky Way Galaxy, enveloping everything and every one.

- He is in awe to watch it all. Spring is on its way and coming in like a freight train: the green horse that cannot be bridled. The March madness that begins in the next moment
- The new moon starts in 2 hours!
- Metatron and Neptha-el-ra are saying: listen to higher wisdom and your heart; go within; where you see such hatred, speak only words of love and joy

Audio: Bill Maher

Christopher Leonard: has written about meat: went to a town in AK to visit a chicken factory farm operated by small farmers for Thyssen Foods; almost afraid to talk to him. Thyssen Foods controls about 20% of chicken farms, etc

Austin Goolsby
Margaret Hoover
Bill Crystal

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SEE BELOW FOR THE SEGMENT ON INCOME EQUALITY

Audio: Max Keiser **Episode 568** February 27, 2014

http://img.rt.com/files/episode/22/df/b0/00/keiser_480p.mp4?event=download

In this episode of the Keiser Report, Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss the 'cling-ons' unable to afford to live in London, while in Texas, Rex Tillerson of Exxon, the man most responsible for pushing fracking across the nation, refuses to have it happen in his backyard. In the second half, Max interviews Andrew Spooner of AsiaProvocateur.blogspot.com about the economic reasons behind the ongoing protests in Thailand.

Audio: The Colbert Report **about human rights**

Audio: Jon Stewart – Guest is **Richard Cordray**, Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Guest: Liam Neeson <http://www.ctv.ca/DailyShowwithJonStewart/video.aspx?vid=297254>



[Wednesday, February 26, 2014](#)

Arizona preemptively fends off the gay agenda, Chuck Hagel announces cuts to American military spending, and **Liam Neeson explains his...**

Audio: The Colbert Report – guest is a former child soldier from Sierra Leone., Ishmael Beah.

Memoirs of a Boy Soldier. By Ishmael Beah.

[SEE BELOW]

Reading: When the Rocks Cry Out, Ch 30

Closing: Rainbird

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

Information related to the Bill Maher show

The Meat Racket: The Secret Takeover of America's Food Business

The biggest takeover in American business that you've never heard of

The American supermarket seems to represent the best in America: abundance, freedom, choice. But that turns out to be an illusion. The rotisserie chicken, the pepperoni, the cordon bleu, the frozen pot pie, and the bacon virtually all come from four companies.

In *The Meat Racket*, investigative reporter Christopher Leonard delivers the first-ever account of how a handful of companies have seized the nation's meat supply. He shows how they built a system that puts farmers on the edge of bankruptcy, charges high prices to consumers, and returns the industry to the shape it had in the 1900s before the meat monopolists were broken up. At the dawn of the twenty-first century, the greatest capitalist country in the world has an oligarchy controlling much of the food we eat and a high-tech sharecropping system to make that possible.

Forty years ago, more than thirty-six companies produced half of all the chicken Americans ate. Now there are only three that make that amount, and they control every aspect of the process, from the egg to the chicken to the chicken nugget. These companies are even able to raise meat prices for consumers while pushing down the price they pay to farmers. And tragically, big business and politics have derailed efforts to change the system.

We know that it takes big companies to bring meat to the American table. What *The Meat Racket* shows is that this industrial system is rigged against all of us. In that sense, Leonard has exposed our heartland's biggest scandal.

Chief Economist Austan Goolsbee



Austan Goolsbee is the chief economist for the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board. He is also the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers and a member of the Cabinet.

Goolsbee is on leave from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, where he researched tax policy, American industry, technology and innovation as the Robert P. Gwinn Professor of Economics. He was an economic adviser to Obama's 2004 Senate campaign before serving as a senior economic adviser to Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Goolsbee was a member of the Panel of Economic Advisers to the Congressional Budget Office, a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a research fellow at the American Bar Foundation. He was also a member of the U.S. Census Advisory Committee.

Goolsbee is a former Fulbright Scholar and Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. He was selected as one of The Financial Times' six "Gurus of the Future"/Best under 40 (2005) and named a Young Global Leader at the 2005 World

Economic Forum. An economics columnist for Slate and The New York Times, Goolsbee was awarded the 2006 Peter Lisagor Award for Exemplary Journalism.

Goolsbee earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from Yale University in 1991 and his Ph.D in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1995.



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2013, Jan 11 Why Bill Kristol left Fox News

By [DYLAN BYERS](#)

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Bill Kristol, the editor and publisher of The Weekly Standard, ended a decade-long run as Fox News contributor this summer two years after he and Roger Ailes got into a disagreement that had a cooling effect on their relationship, sources with knowledge of their relationship told POLITICO.

In 2011, the Fox News chief asked Kristol to take a negative stance toward a certain individual, effectively helping Ailes in his effort to give that person a bad reputation, the sources said. Kristol refused to get involved in Ailes' personal arguments and, as a result, there was a "coolness" between the two going forward. Though the relationship remained cordial, Ailes felt he could no longer trust Kristol to be a team player.

Kristol's departure, which he [announced](#) in August, was due to a number of factors: Kristol was less central to Fox News programming during the 2012 election than he had been in previous cycles. He was also appearing less frequently on Fox News Sunday, due in part to the show's desire to have more variety on its panel. The network's plans to [hire](#) columnist George Will, another conservative columnist, may have played a role.

But the disagreement, while not directly responsible for the break, had a notable effect on the relationship between the two men, and may have been a factor. At the end of 2012, Kristol and Ailes began an ongoing discussion about his future at the network. Both agreed that he had become less central to the network, and after several months the two parties decided not to renew the contract.

Fox News spokespeople Irena Briganti and Dana Klinghoffer did not respond to a request for comment regarding Kristol's departure or the 2011 disagreement.

Kristol, who said he was "treated nicely" at Fox News, declined to comment on the incident. "I had a great ten years at Fox, but it's also been fun being a free agent," he told POLITICO. "Fox seems to be doing great without me being on all the time, I hope I'm doing ok being on all the other networks some of the time."

Indeed, Kristol has become a coveted free agent since leaving Fox News. He has made multiple appearances on ABC's "This Week" (where he was a panelist in the 1990s) and NBC's "Meet The Press" (he will join the roundtable again this Sunday). He has also made multiple appearances on CNN's "Crossfire" and on MSNBC's "Morning Joe."

"I enjoy the flexibility of being a free-agent and the variety of the shows, which have been stimulating," he said. "It's also fun getting a rise out of the MSNBC viewers."

Kristol hasn't severed ties with Fox News completely. He appeared on Fox News Sunday's roundtable on Sept. 15 -- but this time as a guest, not as a contributor.

Kristol said it was very possible that he could strike a deal with another network in the months ahead.

"I think I will talk to some of the other networks. I'll have those conversations over the next two or three to months," he said. "For now, it's fun to be able to discuss and argue with different people in different forums."

UPDATE (10:30 p.m.): The Fox News spokespeople, who would not speak to me, [speak to Mediaite](#) and [Business Insider](#):

Roger doesn't recall a specific or negative incident — he likes Bill and doesn't have an issue with him. We made a lot of changes at the network and had been talking to George Will for some time. Bill's contract ran out in the midst of this and at that point, we were fine with him appearing on other networks/declined to renew it."

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[Bill Maher's excellent commentary on income inequality](#)

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Last night, Bill Maher delivered an excellent final New Rule on how some of the 1% are whining about feeling persecuted.

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is a little low. (*audience laughter*) But wouldn't it be great if there were Democrats out there like that now, who would say to billionaires, "Oh, you're crying? **We'll give you something to cry about. You don't want a minimum wage? How about we not only have a minimum wage, we have a maximum wage?**" (*audience applause*)

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And finally, New Rule: Someone must tell me what is with this new trend of people who have all the power acting like they're the oppressed ones? Heterosexual Christians under siege from gays. White people complaining that reverse racists are trying to strip them of their right to shoot unarmed black men. And most bizarre, the recent wave of billionaires sobbing that they're being demonized and under attack. And the thing is, it's not just having all the money in the world that's getting them down, it's that the rest of us don't often enough look at them and say, "You are the most brilliant industrious person on Earth. Can you teach us how to be more like you while we buff your cock with this fine Sham-Wow?"

You know, I used to think Hollywood egos were the neediest, but these Masters of the Universe? More like babies on a plane. Stock trader Steve Schwarzman — net worth \$8 billion — once said that Obama raising his taxes 3% felt like when Hitler invaded Poland. Sounds like something Sarah Palin would tweet after huffing paint thinner. (*audience laughter*) But with the super-rich it's becoming a meme. Now we have Tom Perkins — net worth \$8 billion — saying the richest 1% are so persecuted in America, they feel like Jews in Nazi Germany. Which is why just to be safe, last week Tom built a panic room inside his mansion that's a full-size replica of Anne Frank's house. (*groaning audience laughter*)

Is it really that hard out there for a pimp with \$8 billion dollars? You know, even when your shady financial tricks tanked the economy, nothing happened to any of you. Nobody went to jail, nobody went broke, Justin Bieber didn't even egg your house. You just got richer while everybody else got poorer. The Oxfam committee released a report this year on global inequality, and the 85 richest people — 85 — owned more than the bottom 3 1/2 *billion* put together, which is half the planet. This is a real problem, and not just for when they go halvesies on a wedding present.

And not that that Nazi/Jew analogy deserves to be taken seriously, but the Jews didn't do anything to deserve the hate they got. But America's super-rich? In the last 30 years, even though worker productivity went up 90%, income only went up 8%. If I was working twice as hard, and someone else was reaping almost all the reward, I'd hate them. And I'd also want to know, how could that happen?

Well, billionaire Sam Zell knows the answer to that. He said the rest of America should stop bitching about the 1%, and realize they *are* the 1% because they work harder. **OK, now we do need to come after you with pitchforks.** (*audience laughter and applause*) Is talking on the phone in a comfortable office really more degrading than working in a slaughterhouse, or a sweatshop, or on a reality TV show? With just one real estate deal last year, Sam Zell made a thousand times what this guy makes.



Did he really work a *thousand* times harder? By the way, that's a coal miner, not John Boehner. *(audience laughter)*

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What can you buy with \$2 billion dollars that you can't buy with one? You couldn't spend that kind of cash if you lived forever and your money manager was MC Hammer. *(audience laughter)*

And you know, there are some billionaires today who get that.



And that's why they give most of their money away. (*massive audience applause*)

As Warren Buffett once said, "I should write a book on how to get by on \$500 million, because apparently there's a lot of people who don't... know how to do it."

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<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/03/01/1281312/-Bill-Maher-s-excellent-commentary-on-income-inequality?detail=email#>

What is it about African wars that is so disturbing? Why do they unsettle us so? We in the civilized West know all about bestial and mindless cruelty, as the events of 1939-45 graphically prove. And yet as we read about Darfur and Mogadishu today and recall Rwanda and [Sierra Leone](#) not long ago, or Biafra and Congo further back, we realize that these vicious, bitter African conflicts have left their trace on contemporary history, and on contemporary consciousness, in ways somehow different from the usual squalid reckoning that modern warfare encourages.



John Madere

“I shot everything that moved.” Ishmael Beah, in his book jacket portrait.

Memoirs of a Boy Soldier.**By Ishmael Beah.**

229 pp. Sarah Crichton Books/ Farrar, Straus & Giroux. \$22.

[First Chapter: 'A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier'](#) (February 25, 2007)

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The great benefit of Ishmael Beah’s memoir, “A Long Way Gone,” is that it may help us arrive at an understanding of this situation. Beah’s autobiography is almost unique, as far as I can determine — perhaps the first time that a child soldier has been able to give literary voice to one of the most distressing phenomena of the late 20th century: the rise of the pubescent (or even prepubescent) warrior-killer.

Beah was 12 years old when the civil war in Sierra Leone entered his life, in 1993. Sierra Leone, a former British colony in West Africa, sandwiched between Guinea and Liberia, suffered the usual post-independence rites of passage of corruption, unrest, military coups and gerrymandered elections. In the '90s, civil strife in Liberia prompted the rise of the R.U.F. (the Revolutionary United Front), a ragtag liberation army headed by a former corporal, [Foday Sankoh](#), who took over the diamond mines in eastern Sierra Leone and whose brutal militia (with a horrible penchant for amputating hands) moved on toward the country’s capital, Freetown. There is a historical chronology at the back of the book, but you will gain little idea of the internecine political struggle from Beah’s account.

In a sense, however, this is beside the point. A 12-year-old is conscious only of immediate circumstances, and in Beah's case the arrival of the rebels in his small town meant sudden separation from his parents and months of indeterminate flight from danger with a handful of other boys. These terrified youngsters wandered aimlessly along jungle tracks, starving and desperate, harassed and suspected as they scrounged for food and tried to make sense of what was going on. Finally they reached the Atlantic Ocean, but, once again, fearful villagers sent them packing, and they were eventually recruited into the Sierra Leone Army as boy soldiers.

Given rudimentary training, an AK-47 and as many drugs as he could consume (amphetamines, marijuana and a toxic mix of cocaine and gunpowder called "brown brown"), Beah seems then to have gone on a two-year mind-bending killing spree, until he was rescued by some [Unicef](#) fieldworkers and sent to a rehabilitation center in Freetown. There, with counseling, care and attention, and the psychological ministrations of a kindly nurse named Esther, Beah's slow return to normality began, further augmented when he was sent to the [United Nations](#) with the task of explaining the lot of the child soldier to a baffled and concerned international community. He came to live in the United States, graduating from high school and Oberlin College. "A Long Way Gone" is his first, remarkable book.

It is interesting to try to comprehend what act of remembering is going on here. Who of us in our 20s could accurately summon up our day-by-day lives as preteens? As you read "A Long Way Gone," the details allow you to distinguish precise recall from autobiographical blur. Beah can remember the logo on the sneakers he is issued by the army. When he is captured by hostile villagers, he is released because he has a few rap cassettes on him (LL Cool J, Naughty by Nature, among others) and can mime the songs and dance to them. All this has the idiosyncratic ring of precisely remembered truth. But with lines like these, the effect is quite different: "We walked around the village and killed everyone who came out of the houses and huts." Or: "After every gunfight we would enter the rebel camp, killing those we had wounded." The horror is duly registered, but its vagueness and generality don't add up to moments of lived personal history. Indeed, Beah's time in the army, and the accounts of the patrols and firefights he was caught up in, represent only a small portion of this book. And who can blame him? The blood-lust of a drug-crazed adolescent on the rampage with an assault rifle would challenge the descriptive powers of [James Joyce](#). Beah confesses to slitting the throat of a trussed prisoner, and writes lines like: "I angrily pointed my gun into the swamp and killed more people. I shot everything that moved." If these and similar passages are to be given credence, his personal body count must total many dozens. Such knowledge is shocking, but it's the reader's imagination that delivers the cold sanguinary shudder, not the author's boilerplate prose. It is a vision of hell that Beah gives us, one worthy of Hieronymus Bosch, but as though depicted in primary colors by a naïve artist.

However, perhaps this gives us a clue to the nature and effect of these terrifying African conflicts. I have been close to only one, in Nigeria from 1968 to 1970, during that country's civil war, known as the Biafran war. I was in my teens too, not much older than Beah, and far from the actual fighting. But at dusk one night with my father, our car was stopped at a roadblock on a back road in the bush by a unit of Nigerian soldiers. They were young, aggressive, drunk on beer, bored and ostensibly looking for currency smugglers. They waved their Kalashnikovs at us and angrily ordered us out of the car. We were roughly searched, the trunk was opened, and then my father cracked a joke and everybody laughed. But for a few moments I was profoundly aware that anything might have happened to us: there was no control, no "rules of engagement," no chain of command. We were powerless; they had all the power. Night was falling, and there were no witnesses. It was a moment of pure potential anarchy that could have gone any way.

Beah's book confirms this feeling. The unbelievable violence and dread, the blood and death, seem — if this does not appear too awful an oxymoron — somehow guileless and innocent, random, unpremeditated. Is that what fundamentally disturbs us about these African conflicts? Beah tells a story of a messenger sent by the rebels. All his fingers had been amputated except his thumbs. In more peaceful times, Sierra Leoneans used to

give one another a thumbs-up sign that meant “one love” (a gestural echo of the reggae song), and that is what the R.U.F. called this mutilation. A joke is made: the cost is unimaginable.

Beah’s memoir joins an elite class of writing: Africans witnessing African wars. I think of “Sozaboy,” Ken Saro-Wiwa’s masterly novel about a young soldier during the Biafran war, or “Machete Season,” Jean Hatzfeld’s book of blood-chilling interviews with Rwandan killers. “A Long Way Gone” makes you wonder how anyone comes through such unrelenting ghastliness and horror with his humanity and sanity intact. Unusually, the smiling, open face of the author on the book jacket provides welcome and timely reassurance. Ishmael Beah seems to prove it can happen.

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