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## HARD NEWS

**R: PRI - Public Radio International:** talking about the CERN - a scientist kind of poking fun at the money spent on the giant track - all they have to do tune into the heart space

- someone gave away lots of money
- The movie: **Pay it Forward** - the lady who played the part told Rama that it was about NESARA; we are coming into a huge blessing so we don't do what happened in the story - this is tied into the story that is going on now: on Thursday, Ed Schultz was talking with Adam Green: let's go for \$15 / hour and push the river: we need more stimulus, not cutting.
- The lady scientist was talking about the austerity things going on, and the neo-nazi groups rising up
- Thom Hartmann spoke of it too - how Hitler was able to become

**Natasha:** the King's wife: the day of the Black Sun is over; the biggest story not told is about the Stargates; real story is Dome of the Rock in East Jerusalem, PALASTINE, not Israel

- As Palestine has its status in the UN, this will help change things [there are good people in the UN even though it is not a good organization; eg, Susan Rice invested \$600,000 in the pipeline]

**Camp Loveway:** talked of **The Wizard of Oz**, and the Sci fi movie **The Tin Man**

- the real story is about the Emerald Tablets of Thoth - Hermes Trimegistes, Lord Kuthumi
- Teran said Lord Kuthumi's ship is under the pyramids - Egypt needs to change the course of its destiny: Morsi and Islam Brotherhood still tied into the fake story - as these things get reconciled, there will be great healing
- They talked of Joseph Campbell and the way that shamans and story tellers of ancient times had more of a connection to Mother/Father god, due to the electronic grid around the planet
- Not quite the Neanderthals - the ones before, descendants of Lemurian, Atlantis - tall, light brown skin, large eyes - fully telepathic

**Left, Right and Centre:** catholic church needs to be replaced with a cosmic religion which is of Mother/Father god - said there will be heaven to pay

- Matt Miller was in the centre: Ratzinger needs to be tried before the people so there can be closure; it goes back to the time of Jesus and Mary; the story of the Marys and the Merlins and true story of Jeshu and Magdalene, and the Merovingian lineage of the true sovereigns

**Natasha:** the meteor - this could be something else; it was not from earth - still under investigation;

**T:** the object that passed by the earth was the size of an Olympic swimming pool - at 17,200 miles

- the explosion was 30 megatons - 20x the Hiroshima bomb - the sonic boom was at 30 megatons

**NPR:** this was equal to the 1908 Tunguska event over Siberia - ties into Nicholas Tesla testing one of his devices: some say it was a death ray, but it was not that at all - a communications device

**R:** does not believe the US used such a device - we are not at Death Con I

**T:** does not know about the satellites we have launched - they are falling down: there is a band of mechanical junk that circles the earth; does not like that one person said it would happen more

**Caller:** Friday Rama said that Chris Dorner was safe and sound; a story in the LA Times

**R:** there are reams of information about much criminal injustice in LAPD - goes back to Rodney King and the X Files

**Caller:** do the MIB have Chris Dorner?

**R:** he may be alive and put into a witness protection program; will still have to be tried - he saw things in Iran and Iraq - not all about the LAPD

T: there is a divine hierarchy and there is divine govt in place with our divine spirits as part of it - there is nothing but love and all of our distasteful feelings of things that have happened in the past

- it is time for us to express praise, respect, thanks and love and especially gratitude

R: grateful to be in body at this time; **SUCH A WONDERFUL TIME TO BE ALIVE**

Caller: when the congressional members come back, there is to be a big surprise - what is it?

R: maybe Nancy Pelosi will take the gavel back

T: **Natasha** said at any time now, there will be arrests - many ways to skin a lizard!!!

- Whatever they are doing about Chuck Hagel, about Iran - they are mad at him for saying that Bush Jr is worst president in history, and that Iraq, Iran wars were unnecessary
- this goes back to the Vatican - every war has been ordered by the Vatican - that is what Ratzinger represents

Caller: talk about DC and the C Street house getting ready to be shut down

R: means the lobbyists hanging on to the coattails of congressional members are finished - this is illegal according to the original constitution

- C Street has been engaged in mass genocide: the book **The Family & the Crimes**

Caller: a tv series has just seen: pretty much about DC life: called Scandal

T: Nada has been telling them about it; don't get too much exactly - gives a false picture of the Capitol Hill story - looking forward to the documentary on Rachel Maddow's show which talks about "selling a war"

Caller: excited; so glad to be alive and witness this - this is fantastic! With great thanks to T & R!

T: Caller from MI last night brought up name of David Wynn Miller

**Natasha: he is working with Ron Paul - 100% do not go there!** He plays he is a whistleblower but he is not, nor is Ron Paul, even though he did get NESARA going: he is still KKK and

- **Libertarianism is Fascism but worse: they want to get rid of gov't completely**

R: in California in 1965, it was supposed to be liberal but in Woolworth's, the lunch counter was still segregated and when he sat with his family members, it was like someone wanted to lynch him too! - that was only 40 years ago - the story is still about racism.

- **Natasha re-iterated we are going galactic**, not 3D - we have to include full disclosure

3:40

4:05

Caller:

T: when you want to make a unique ray of light, it's called a Fractal - fission creates darkness; it is not spinning with the atoms, it causes them to break apart which is not a form of creation.

Reading: **Money Scandal Behind Papal Coup d'Etat**

[SEE BELOW]

- Kevin Annett's website: [www.henrymakow.com](http://www.henrymakow.com)
- Makow does not have a good opinion of the White Hat columnists: they are really Black Hats
- works with Lenny Horowitz
  - [John Paul II was poisoned; Ratzinger did it ]

Reading: [Bix Weir: Four questions to pacify silver fear](#)

[SEE BELOW]

R: the rainbow bills are in the bank - have been since 1999, or 2002 for sure!

- Bix Weir - a good guy

**Reading: Rolling Stone - Obama's Climate Change**

[SEE BELOW]

T's insert as she is reading: the sequester will cut ??

- House Republicans and climate change: a wedge issue like abortion - they will be arrested and the new Congress will deal with it AND will have help from the galactics
- Ken Lay of Enron is in retirement somewhere - gave a lot of money to Bush Jr for election campaign - will be hauled out of retirement
- T does not finish reading the article: too depressing!

**Audio:** story of Miriam Makeba from South Africa

in 1958, South Africa passed a new law that no African could perform in SA

It was 1993 when she finally returned to SA; collapsed on stage at a performance

**Audio:** Melissa Harris Perry from museum in Memphis, TN

- interview about the wife of Paul Robeson, one of America's well-known singers
- Foot soldier of the week: Oldest marathon Runner at 101 years old "Turbaned tornado"

**Reading:** FDR's Unfinished Bill of Rights and why we need it now

[SEE BELOW]

**Music:** change is a long time coming, but I know it will

**Astrology:** Richard

- Chart similar to last week: concentrated energy on one area
  - Mercury @ 17\*, Chiron and Mars working together; Neptune at 3\*; sun is at 29\*; Venus @ 19\*
  - Moon in Taurus, getting close to Jupiter
- Challenging energy running up to moon in Jupiter; moon also opposite Saturn for a little while longer - still a little discomfort while moving from an Aquarian dominated energy to a Piscean dominated energy
- Neptune and sun are working together - will be a dominant theme of coming week
- Based on what is happening, could be another breaking story on Monday
- Monday noon: Saturn goes retrograde; Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Jupiter went direct, so we are finishing up the short period of time when we have no major planets retrograde - it's a big, fat STOP sign
  - Gemini a good energy to go forward that way; yet Saturn is asking us to pause - right when sun enters Pisces which is President's Day

Two more big things this week:

- Cancer moon will help us transition into Piscean magnetic, feminine energy
- Thursday am: sun hits the conjunction with Neptune exactly; 1.5 hours later, moon will be opposite Pluto expects that morning to deliver him a lucid dream or something telepathic - Thursday is a water trine
- Void of course moon from
- Next Saturday, Mercury starts its retrograde + the Saturn retrograde - about 3 weeks on inner work; Sun is in Pisces so it will be emotional inner work
- Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> - full moon - a busy day with lots of aspects going on
  - Mercury going retrograde will change directions - will run backwards across all those planets!
- On the 28<sup>th</sup>, Venus will catches up to Neptune: Venus is about gifts of love we receive, mars are about gifts of love we give away!
- Mercury remains retrograde until March 18<sup>th</sup>, back up to 6\* Pisces and by that time, Venus will be 26\*

Pisces

- After the full moon, things will be different by the time we get to March.

**Rulership Book:** some of the things Pisces is related to

- artists of all kinds; large animals and water animals, dexterity; asylums; the darker black side of Pisces is insanity - chaos, charlatans, chemistry conspiracies, detectives, drugs in general, enemies
- related to 12<sup>th</sup> house which is house of karma, restriction; fish, gas and gas systems; holy water; charitable institutions; the intangibles; jails and jailers, limitations.

**Reading:** last of FDR's Bill of Rights article

**Audio:** Max Keiser

[\[KR407\] Keiser Report: Sterlageddon](#)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=ewA8KU9PJgs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=ewA8KU9PJgs)

We discuss ending the currency war with a gold standard. They also look at how, since going off the gold standard in 1971, productivity gains have all gone to the one percent who create and push the paper and credit. In the second half of the show, Max Keiser talks to [Jan Skoyles](#) of the [Real Asset Company](#) about gold monetisation, renminbi internationalisation and the very harsh laws against sterling devaluation.

**Reading:** Starchild global

January 19, 2013

**Conf Call:**

**Caller from CA:** is 72; thinking about cremation, doing a will, getting things in order

Has found a funeral home attached

Does not know what her Higher Self has picked: **T: you are your Higher Self**

**Caller:** thinks it would be selfish not to do things to set up for her family: if family is get left holding the bag, they get sucked into the funeral stuff - some duality going on here

**T:** how is your health? **Caller:** pretty good - something with the spine, wrinkly skin - but pretty healthy; she asks medical teams to work with her; on the regeneration program - has an alkaline machine that she drinks all the time: hard to know if she's hydrated or not - is up during the night several time: collagen balance **T:** the western doctors have no idea - study Ayurvedic medicine - **caller** familiar with Chinese herbs - read that women do not have menopause like we do, as the doctors look after the women before and after pregnancy

**T:** when she was in Europe/Norway, saw children learning about the herbs on the land around them

**CallerCA:** looking forward to the ascension process and thought it would happen much sooner

**Caller IL:** has been involved with the Ayurvedic group in CA; need to drink less fluid before sleeping; when people urinate: stop & then go; tighten and release - strengthens the muscles

**CallerCA:** people are so loving - feels so at home with the star family!

**T:** good thing to have the place to share things; there is a speeding up process going on

**Caller AZ:** could you list the necessary Ascension process, maybe on the website, so people can go on from time to time to review them?

**T:** it's a life-changing process - we come together, we meditate together; ascension is changing your lifestyle together; changing diet - cannot be a carnivore: all life was meant not to be eating each other in the beginning: it was only 100,000 years ago when there was a spiritual uptake that was not there before, an extra ordinary gift. We have been dumbed down - it's a consciousness:

- Swami Purna has said that when you are in a family unit, there needs to be an agreement for a common, sacred space - not to be something that is in disharmony with others in the family
- Those of us in the prophets generation - 1946 - 1965, some earlier, some later - there is a responsibility - right after the war there were lots of children coming in - has never been that way before or since - which means there was need for lots of prophets to wake people up.
- We went into the Permian extinction: all the food we wanted to eat was gone; this set us back in terms of our evolution - that's when we began eating animals
- Chicken is the dirtiest meat on the planet: causes purification in the colon:
- **Blood type O** - the only thing that makes O types better is that they have lots of hydrochloric acid in the stomach, but it stays in the colon and you can get impacted colon, and you can have lots of parasites - leads to colon ailments. The seat of health is the colon & it has to be squeaky clean

**Caller:** If I quit eating chicken, would it be a good idea for a colon cleanse?

**T:** Yes, however, one colon cleanse is not enough; need to go on a longer cleanse - can use bentonite clay but has to be the right kind; another option is different kinds of herbs;

**Recommends two products to take on regular basis: MSM [organic sulphur] and Mag O7:** Need to make sure you get enough iron as well. Vitamin Code: they put a combination of organic vegetables in the tablets

**T:** talks of chemtrails and the way agri business has destroyed the soil, so the vegetables are only full of nutrients to about 6 - 10 % - can use your consciousness that re-infuse nutrients in the food

- Need to meditate every day, between 4:30 - 6:30 in the morning, yet our life style does not support this.
- Pollution of LA ends up in Mt Shasta, Salt Lake City; from Denver, pollution ends up in Aspen, CO - we need more oxygen - the MSM
- Talks about **how long you need to take MSM and Mag O7 - forever!** When babies are given meat, even baby food, when they are very young, and their immune system isn't fully functional, it is very hard on the system: it takes years to clean out the colon system if you have been eating meat for so long - and meat causes death.
- The west is the place of extremes: it became a fad to have a caesarian

**Caller:** in ref to organic sulphur & MagO7 - she gives him the e-mail [drcody@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drcody@sbcglobal.net)

**T:** **fish is not a good bet!** They are not talking, but there is 10x Chernobyl rate of pollution though no one is talking about it - no clean water in entire US; no such thing as good fish - all the dental mercury being dumped in lakes, rivers and oceans, never mind the chemicals; radiation concentrates in flesh foods, higher up in the food chains - AND THIS INCLUDES EGGS which is a

flesh food with the bones on the outside!

- there is a spiritual reason to not eat flesh food - **And The Truth Will Set You Free** by Swami Purna
- "Stability is a primary condition for ascension . . .

**Caller:** listening to Coast to Coast last night and Dr Richard Hoagland was on : a caller called in from Russia last night - an American who married a Russian: he lived in a 3 storey apartment in the town where the sonic boom occurred; a town of over a million people - told them there was **lots of particulate that came down** - Dr Hoagland said that is NOT consistent with the stories that are being told about the event.

**T: Natasha** said it was NOT a meteor: we have satellites that are falling from space and they are trying to cover it up

- people are going down in suits into the lake looking for something, and have not found it yet - if that sonic boom can shatter glass, it can shatter ice; it was like a 30 megaton [20x the size of a Hiroshima bomb] - Rama will keep asking what has happened.
- If every single minute, 4 years go by and we use every minute and make radical changes for the good of ourselves and of all; we have reached the place where it is time to go cold turkey -

**Illinois:** every time a minute goes by, you have taken 4 years to make a decision to eat that chicken  
**California** - same thing: every time a minute goes by, think of reversing your aging processes!!! The ability to change for the highest good of all concerned: meditate for 1 minute = 4 years!

- Many of us are not with our earth family for a variety of reasons - we have found our spiritual family and where 2 or more are gathered, the power is even greater!

**Caller:** not sure when he can afford Dr Cody's material: reading a book by?? at [www.heal-thyself-](http://www.heal-thyself-) a book that is affordable for the average man; brings up Dr David Hawkins of **Power vs Force**

**Audio:** Dava Primal and ?? - called "**So much Magnificence coming**"

**Audio:** Patti Cota Robles [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=WtdFwmoGptk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=WtdFwmoGptk)

**Audio:** on Wednesday, Jon Stewart interviewed a young lady who aspires to be President of Afghanistan; she wrote a book called *The Favoured Daughter*; the election is 2014.



[Exclusive - Fawzia Koofi Extended Interview Pt. 1](#) Episode #18061 In this exclusive, unedited interview, "The Favoured Daughter" author Fawzia Koofi shares her reasons for staying in Afghanistan despite repeated assassination attempts. (06:03)

[Fawzia Koofi Extended Interview Pt. 2](#) Episode #18061 In this exclusive, unedited interview, Fawzia Koofi breaks down the differences between the Soviet and American invasions of Afghanistan. (04:48)

[Fawzia Koofi Extended Interview Pt. 3](#) Episode #18061 In this exclusive, unedited interview, Fawzia Koofi explains how the Taliban maintain power in Afghanistan, and learns about Karl Rove. (05:36)

<http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/wed-february-13-2013/exclusive---fawzia-koofi-extended-interview-pt--1>

T: brings up the fact that the US and Russia were using Afghanistan as an experiment for all kinds of designer killing machines

**Comment of Fawzia:** the Taliban do not rule from the heart; they have not won the hearts of Afghannies

T: Karzai's brother is a big-time drug runner! Also got together with Gen Tommy Franks & Afghan massacre, the Convoy of Death [Franks is the father of the twins of the Bush Jr family]; this is the power of bringing back the Divine Feminine!

T: About Mali and Pres of France tearing that country apart again -

<http://www.africaspeaks.com/reasoning/index.php> **Dogon High Science: Keys to Overstanding History, Mystery, and Prophecy** [SEE BELOW]

"As stated, Ogo's self-willed actions really threw off the universal balance Ama had intended. Beyond creating the principle and act of theft, when Ogo took his own placenta and recreated his own world, it amounted to an act of incest."

The story of incest in the first creation: Lilith was the first daughter of Alcyone and Sekhmet, Jehovah was first son - they, as siblings, had a child called Lucifer. Alcyone in his wisdom when we said we wanted to do the grand experiment of creation story which required a polar universe, which we co-created the polar Universe of Neadon with Mother; then we, the daughters and sons, starting with first daughter and first son, Jehovah which was the shadow side of Alcyone; this has to do with Osiris and Horus who were the same ensoulment but in different creation dimensions.

Alcyone is a 100<sup>th</sup> density sun at the centre of the Pleiades and the son of Alcyone and Mother being Jehovah in this dimension, in this density, which was originally 100<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> and is now 3<sup>rd</sup> - we re-created the choice to enter the creation and took ourselves lower and lower as we made decisions that we needed to learn from - about free will choice and the consequences thereof.

The Six Perfections: love, truth, peace, freedom, justice, beauty: may I achieve Buddha hood for the benefit of all sentient beings. So on the human level, these exchanges are being transmuted at an exponential level as we comprehend what we are being taught here.

Lucifer / Luciafera, son of Lilith and Jehovah, the Bringer of the Dawn, who decided to compromise his relationship to the original Divine Plan.

The shadow side of Alcyone, Jehovah, threw Lilith out in rage and said he wanted to be master of the Universe - the first fit of jealousy of the Divine Feminine! And the Vatican just followed this pattern and all men take celibacy - and there is not such thing, unless they are complete masters and the Pope and the paedophile priests did not pass their tests, though there is a natural cycle of celibacy which comes up with consciousness but it is not enforced and has to do with bringing the Divine feminine back into place

Once Lilith was kicked out, Lucifer decided to divorce himself from the divine plan, and then Lucifer got together with his mother, the first nepotism. The first child of Lucifer and Lilith was Satan, the first Satanic ritual of the Luciferian black kind, black rituals, misqualified use of the energy: curses are part of this. Then Satan got together with the feminine counter part of Satan and the result of that is Beelzebub and we are back to Rome.

There are some profound astro-physical truths in this story.

"To date, modern astronomers have not been able to observe or confirm the presence of Sirius C." Mother told them 23 years ago that the existence of Sirius C was valid.

Amma's womb = Mother's Yoni.



**Reading:**

**INVOCATION OF SEKHMET**

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As it was at Memphis,  
So be it now!

Hear me, I beseech Thee,  
O Powerful One!

Lady of Rekht,  
Lady of Pekhet,  
Lady of Set,  
Lady of Rehesau,   
Lady of Tchar and of Sehert!

Mother in the Horizon of Heaven,  
In the Boat of Millions of Years,  
Thou art the Great Defender!  
Thou art Overthrower of Qetu!  
Preserve us from the evil chamber  
of the souls of Hes-hra!  
Deliver us from  
the abode of Fiends!

O Thou Who Art

Sekhmet,  
Life-Giver to the Gods,

Sekhmet,  
Lady of Flame,

Sekhmet,  
Great One of Magic,

Sekhmet,  
Eternal Is Thy Name!

O, Hear me now!

Sekhmet,  
With Lioness head,

Sekhmet,  
Whose Color is Red,

Sekhmet,  
Daughter of Ra,

Sekhmet,  
Consort of Ptah,

Sekhmet,  
Mighty is Thy Name!

O, Hear me now!

Sekhmet,  
Goddess of Pestilence,

Sekhmet,  
Goddess of Wars,

Sekhmet,  
Queen of the Wastelands,

Sekhmet,  
Terrible is thy Name!

O, Come to me!

Sekhmet,  
Destroyer of Rebellions,

Sekhmet,  
Scorching Eye of Ra,

Sekhmet,  
Protector, Ruler,

Sekhmet,  
Holy is Thy Name!

O, Reveal Thyself to me!

Sekhmet,  
Mother of the Gods,

Sekhmet,  
Mistress of the Crowns,

Sekhmet,  
Thou art called Only One,

Sekhmet,  
Beloved is Thy Name!

Possess me now, O Great One!

Sekhmet,  
Greater than Isis,

Sekhmet,  
Greater than Hathor,

Sekhmet,  
Greater than Bast,

Sekhmet,  
Greater than Maat,

Sekhmet,  
Mysterious is Thy Name!  
I am lost in mystery!

Sekhmet,  
Pre-eminent One,

Sekhmet,  
Light beyond Darkness,

Sekhmet,  
Sovereign of Her Father,

Sekhmet,  
Hidden is Thy Name!

Rapturous my dying!

Lady of Amt,  
Lady of Manu,  
Lady of Sa,  
Lady of Tep-nef,  
Lady of Heaven!

Thou art Ammi-seshet,  
Destroyer, Upholder!  
Thou art the Terror  
Before Which fiends tremble!  
Thou art Lust!  
Thou art Life!  
Ever-Burning ONE!

Tekaharesa-Pusaremkakaremet,  
Sefi-per-em-Hes-Hra-Hapu-Tchef-f,  
Mistress of Enchantments,  
Source and Word of Power,  
Forbidden is Thy Name!

I am the sealed one!

Do not consume us  
With Thy Fire,  
Give us Light!

O Lady, Mightier than the Gods,  
Adoration rises unto Thee!  
All beings hail Thee!  
O Lady,  
Mightier than the Gods!

Preserved beyond Death,  
That Secret Name,  
O Being  
Called Sekhmet.

At the Throne of Silence,  
even, shall no more  
be spoken than  
Encircling One!

I lose myself in Thee!

Well, I hope you enjoy the invocation. If you feel pulled to work with this Powerful Lady, do so. You will certainly learn a lot about yourself and the Universe you live in.

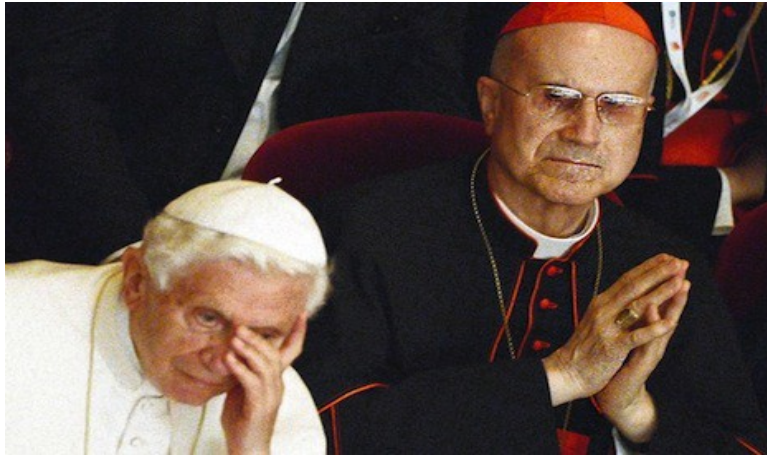
<http://www.ladyoftheearth.com/invocations/sekhmet.txt>

**Closing: Rainbird**      reading about the Fox

**Music:**      **Diva Primal and Metan:** this one is for Valentine's Day **Till I was Loved by You Sunrise**

**FOLLOWING - PRINTED RESOURCES RELATED TO THE NOTES**

## 2013, Feb 11 **Money Scandal Behind Papal Coup d'Etat**



*Left, The Ex Pope and the New Pope? Joseph Ratzinger (l) and the palace coup-master, Cardinal Bertone*

To understand the Pope's resignation, Kevin Annett says, "Follow the money."

"What sounded the death knell on Pope Benedict was his personal involvement in the bribery and money-laundering practices of the Vatican Bank."

by **Kevin Annett** (henrymakow.com)

**Theories are abounding** now that the first pope in seven centuries is resigning his office. But as usual, finding the truth behind the world's oldest corporation is simply to follow the money: and specifically, Vatican Bank money.

First of all, let's put to rest, the fallacy that "looming scandals" about child rape and coverup are behind Joseph Ratzinger's resignation. That's just the cover story.

Nobody in the church hierarchy is losing sleep over their standing, canon-law endorsed policy of concealing and protecting child rapists in their ranks. Even the International Criminal Court application about such crimes has been stymied by catholic-run legislators and jurists.

What sounded the death knell on Pope Benedict was his personal involvement in the bribery and money-laundering practices of the Vatican Bank, comically known as *The Institute of Religious Works* (IOR). That dirty connection gave the anti-Ratzinger faction in the College of Cardinals the needed leverage to dump the obstinate German from the papal throne.

We had a whiff of that dump-Rat Boy agenda last year, when "Vatileaks" broke a ludicrous story of how Ratzinger's loyal butler Paolo Gabriele disclosed the pope's dirty secrets to the Italian media.

In fact, the damning documents detailing Ratzinger's secret rewarding of Vatican contracts to his friends and family members originated in the Vatican Secretary of State's office, which the fall-guy butler could not have had access to.

The Secretary of State and the real power behind the papacy is Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, an old insider who also engineered the sacking of Gotti Tedeschi, head of the Vatican Bank, last May.

Tedeschi had embraced the call of the European Parliament for "greater transparency" by the Vatican Bank /IOR, and was about to disclose to Brussels how his bosses had been laundering money for the mob for decades. The last Pope who had tried such a disclosure, John Paul 1, died from poisoning in September, 1978 after less than a month in office.

But even with Tedeschi silenced, the IOR house of cards kept tumbling, as the European Parliament seized from it 300 million Euros fraudulently acquired. Even the American Securities and Exchange Commission declared the IOR's assets and practices "insecure". A major Vatican housecleaning was required or, at least, the appearance of one.

It was the pivotal Cardinal Bertone who leaked the pope's diary and other incriminating papers to a catholic-friendly journalist in Rome last year (the same month that Tedeschi was sacked) to prepare the world for Ratzinger's removal. For it is Bertone who is now reaping the benefits of the papal housecleaning. He is not only a primary contender for the pope's position but a key player in the IOR.

During my second speaking tour in Rome, in the spring of 2010, I met with several senior Italian senators and officials of the parliamentary Radical Party. They all said the same thing about why Joseph Ratzinger had been made pope, and what awaited him. To quote one of these politicians,

**"Nobody becomes pope without a sordid past, because only with such liabilities can he be controlled by the Curia. It's the same in any big company. Well, Ratzinger made many indiscretions as a Cardinal and made many enemies. His signing letters ordering criminal concealment was just one sin. He was to be the scapegoat for all of the trash that the church knew would surface"**

## SCAPEGOAT

So now, the papal scapegoat is gone, pensioned off to wherever ex-popes end up; and the time for the big face-saving lie has arrived.

Putting lipstick on a decaying facade like the Church of Rome reminds me of Shirley MacLaine trying to look forty at the age of ninety. And yet appearances are everything in show business as well as in religion.

Tarcisio Bertone represents the old Italian crowd of the Curia, who are part of the Mob-government-papal clique that run the country and the Roman Catholic church. In the words of one of the Roman Senators I spoke with,

**"You must understand that in my country, the Mafia and the government and the Vatican are all the same people, and they really have only one concern: protecting their assets."**

Bertone, or whoever from the ranks of his victorious faction does assume the papal tiri, cannot be expected to do much but maintain the assets and security of the church, and that means continuing the policies of silence and dissimulation that keeps the cash flowing. But their position is more difficult now in the wake of the enormous rifts developing within the wider church, where Cardinals are facing criminal prosecution for shielding child rapists, and talk of disaffiliating from Rome is widespread among Irish, American and German Bishops.

"We have all the grounds for a second Reformation now. That's how serious is the crisis. The church will either rid itself of itself or face collapse" said an Italian media commentator recently.

It was easy to despise Joseph Ratzinger: the Hitler Youth-raised, reactionary bigot who sacked liberal and independent thinkers in his church as the Cardinal-head of the Vatican Inquisition, and who told American Bishops that purgatory awaited any of them who did not cover up priestly child rape. Even among fellow Cardinals, he was known as "Joe the Rat".

But Ratzinger was a made to order object-of-hatred, and put there to play out the oldest game in politics: the venting of popular rage on a disposable figurehead so that the institution itself could proceed unscathed.

I doubt that it's coincidental that Ratzinger was forced out of office so quickly barely ten days after our Common Law court published online hard evidence of the Pope's involvement in crimes against humanity. Any new Pope will face the same charges, of colluding in a massive criminal conspiracy.

But the real issue is not who or what will replace Joseph Ratzinger, but how to displace the Vatican itself as a criminal power unto itself. And that struggle is just commencing.

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**I wrote to Leo Zagami in Rome, asking if Annett's accusations have merit. His reply:**

Yes and there is much more to it I had previously published in my latest books and I am coming out in Italy next month in March 2013 with two new books one called **The Invisible Masters of the NWO (I Maestri Invisibili del NWO)** published by TERRE SOMMERSE that brings some new answers to the Ratzinger story as I had already wrote about the link with the murder plot and his possible resignation one year ago and all the strange developments connected to it that took place in 2012 including the scandal of the MPS Bank (Monte dei Paschi di Siena) tied to the IOR and international Freemasonry and the visit in March 2013 of Queen Elisabeth II in Rome, this book is co-written with journalist Enrica Perucchiatti. Leo Zagami is as you know considered even in Italy on the biggest experts on Vatican secrets and another book will came out by two of the most respected Vaticanist Feruccio Pinotti e Giacomo Galeazzi **Vaticano massone. Un patto segreto e una finta inimicizia** that will include a chapter on Vatican Freemasonry and the latest events by myself Leo Zagami.



And I have been now been offered to write also a instant book with my journalist colleague Enrica Perucchiatti on the particularity of the month of March as all Catholics will become sedevacantist for once.

**Second Comment from Richard on the Prophecy of the Popes:**

Cardinal Bertone is the Secretary of State of the Roman Curia, the structure that actually runs the Roman Church. As with the President of the United States, the Papal role is largely figurative. Theoretically he heads the Curia, but the real boss is Secretary of State.

Now, here's something that occurred to me tonight from the information that's come out.

The Prophecy of the Popes, attributed to Saint Malachy, is a list of 112 short phrases in Latin. They purport to describe each of the Roman Catholic popes (along with a few anti-popes), beginning with Pope Celestine II (elected in 1143) and concluding with current pope Benedict XVI's successor.

The Prophecy of the Popes calls this last Pope "Peter the Roman". Nobody can resist a good prophecy. There's been buzz today on Catholic channels about Bertone's full name being Cardinal Tarcisio PIETRO Bertone of Romano, Turin, Italy.

You see the prophecy says this last Pope will pontificate over the destruction of Rome. A lot of bets were placed last year that Benedict XVI would be gone in 2012 so the last Pope could be seated before December 21st. (Only problem was that Catholics never used the Mayan long count Calendar. - a little humor there..)

Rumors that Bertone's election is a done deal because of his power with the Curia and the Italian faction may be overstated. Of 120 cardinal electors, only 28 are Italians, and nearly half are Hispanic, African and various Asian and others.

*(Left, Bertone giving an expert Masonic grip to a brother in Australia in 2007.)*





## 2013, Feb 15 Mark Taylor~ Columbine and Big Pharma Whistleblower, now drugged and jailed

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### **Mark Taylor: Columbine and Big Pharma Whistleblower, now drugged and jailed**

Mark Taylor is a Columbine survivor who became a whistle blower after he discovered... that his assailants were raped, sodomized, and given mind altering drugs which may have contributed to their insanity in carrying out the massacre.

Mark Taylor also brought a suit against the big pharmaceutical companies and won! Additionally, Mark blew the whistle early in the Columbine investigation that SWAT team members stationed on the roof of the high school fired into the school and may have been responsible for some of the injuries and deaths that occurred on that tragic day.

Since day one, Mark has been intimidated and harassed by big-pharma corporations and police, unlawfully having his freedom taken away in 2008 when police sited a “report” that Mark intended to bomb a Border’s Book Store — he visited book stores to check merchandizing and placement of the book he wrote and published.

Mark Taylor was apprehended by police who could not produce a justifiable, legal reason to arrest him. On the same technicality which the US government employed to detain US Marine Brandon Raub, Mark was apprehended, institutionalized and force medicated with the same mind altering drugs he fought against in his landmark court case against pharmaceutical companies.

Whistleblower Mark Taylor has been institutionalized against his will in a psychiatric hospital, and force-medicated with psychotropic drugs by court order. Donna Taylor is desperately trying to have her son released from State custody, weened off the psychotropic drugs which have rendered him a virtual zombie, as well as tell the true story about the massive political cover-up of facts about the Columbine shooting. <http://usahitman.com/mtcwdaj/>

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Mark, the courageous Columbine miracle boy, who survived what many did not, and who lived to be an advocate for others, is now hospitalized long term with doctors forcing on him the very type of drug that he advocated should be removed off the market. This drugging regime has left Mark unable to communicate and to care for himself. His mother, Donna Taylor, has been appointed as his legal guardian. Now, under the best of circumstances, Mark Taylor faces at least one to two years of recovery. So Mark has been victimized again by the pharmaceutical industry and the medical professionals who support this forced drugging with anti-depressants and SSRI's and he may never fully recover from this continued misuse and abuse of psychiatric medications.

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## **2011, Feb 10 Columbine Survivor Warns of Dangers of Anti-depressants**

By [Janet Parker](#) Life Arts 10/2/2011 at 08:20:10

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Today we are going to look back at the April 20, 1999 Columbine School massacre with the mother of one of the victims of that terrible shooting. Donna Taylor has agreed to share her own experience as a mother whose child was shot by a school classmate. Donna Taylor comes forward to talk on the Medical Whistleblower BlogTalk Radio show about her continuing concerns about the use of anti-depressant and SSRI drugs and their potential to increase violent tendencies in patient who take these psychiatric medications. Listen to the show live Monday October 3, 2011 at 11:00 AM Central Standard Time or later from the archives.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/medicalwhistleblower/2011/10/03/columbine-shootings--lingering-concerns-over-ssri-drugs>

Her son, Mark Taylor was only a high school student when he had sustained terrible injuries during the violent shooting spree at the Columbine school. Lying on the ground for almost 2 hours before help could arrive; Mark had suffered incredible blood loss resulting from multiple bullet wounds. He was between the cafeteria entrance and the parking lot when the two shooters opened fire. In an effort to escape the gunmen, other students actually stepped on him in their attempt to flee the shooters. An officer finally came to Mark's aid, pulling him to safety behind a nearby shed. After the shooting, Mark had extensive hospitalization and was in and out of the hospital three times. The traumatic memory of that day will always remain with Mark Taylor. It is difficult to forget the memories of the shooting and lying there helpless for two hours with bullets whizzing around him while he lay bleeding from nearly a dozen bullet wounds. Some bullets still even now remain embedded in his spine and near his aorta. Because of the way the bullets ravaged Mark's body, it was even impossible for the surgeons to count the wounds. The estimated bullet count ranges from 8 to 13.

Miraculously, Mark showed courage, strength and resiliency and eventually went on to a full medical recovery. With his mother's support and love, Mark even wrote a book about his experience and went on a book tour. His book in which he recounts not only the horror of that day but also his own pathway to recovery is called "I Asked, God Answered " a Columbine miracle." His book is about his spiritual journey and forgiveness. He has forgiven shooters Harris and Dylan Klebold and their families. Mark Taylor was even was brave enough to testify before the FDA about the dangers of these anti-depressant and SSRI drugs. Mark appeared in Michael Moore's 2002 documentary film 'Bowling for Columbine'.

Because of the notoriety of the case, Mark Taylor was interviewed on numerous television broadcasts and his story in public eye. Mark Taylor sued Solvay Pharmaceuticals, saying that their anti-depressant Luvox made Eric Harris psychotic and violent. Because of his horrendous experience, Mark Taylor became a truth teller regarding the dangers of antidepressants and SSRI medications and how those medications cause patients to have violent thoughts, homicidal ideations and thoughts of suicide. These drugs have long been known to have these severe side effects and there is a black box warning about this required by the FDA to be put on these

medications. But doctors ignore these warnings and give these medications to patients anyway. One of these patients receiving this kind of medication was Eric Harris, the student who decided that fateful day to shoot and kill his fellow students at Columbine. This antidepressant, Luvox is still on the market and now has "homicidal ideation" listed as a side effect. Homicidal ideation is not just one thought of homicide, but constant ruminating thoughts of killing and how to accomplish that. This FDA required warning label about tendencies to violence was based on pre-marketing research data. This research data was known even before the drug ever hit the market or was approved by the FDA, but the information was kept from an unsuspecting public and the drug marketed for years. Eric Harris, one of the Columbine shooters, was taking the anti-depressant Luvox when he decided to kill his fellow students.

The first antidepressant Eric Harris was given was Zoloft. Within six weeks of taking the drug Eric reported he was having homicidal and suicidal thoughts. Clearly doctors suspected the antidepressant because they took him off the drug immediately. Eric Harris was taken off that drug but then was put on Luvox. The Luvox caused him to also have violent thoughts and with homicidal intent Eric Harris killed students at Columbine. The Columbine families filed a legal law suit against Solvay, the maker of the antidepressant Luvox. The drug companies threatened to counter sue to Columbine victims so as a result all the victims retracted their law suits except Mark Allen Taylor. Mark stood up to the pressure and intimidation by the big drug company which had much to lose by the publicity brought by Mark's tragic victims story. Solvay already had bad press about their drug hitting the news because a patient, Matthew Beck, who was also on Luvox, went on a shooting spree at the Connecticut Lottery killing four co-workers before taking his own life. In another Luvox case, a decorated police officer from New Jersey was prescribed Luvox and while on this medication he shot six persons -- killing them. This police officer, Edward L. Lutes along with Mark Allen Taylor filed a lawsuit against Luvox. This lawsuit caused the drug manufacturer to pull the drug off the market in the U.S.A. Even though Mark Taylor had survived more gunshot wounds during the shooting rampage than anyone else, Mark did not give in to the intimidation by the pharmaceutical company's legal actions. Mark's courage and that of a decorated police officer in NJ, Edward L. Lutes, forced a stop on the sale of this dangerous drug, Luvox.

But this stop on the marketing and sale of this dangerous drug, Luvox, which had already caused these violent deaths, was unfortunately short lived. The pharmaceutical industry has great political and financial power over what happens in mental health care. During the legal negotiations, Mark Taylor was subsequently legally ill advised by an attorney who encouraged him to sign a settlement agreement anyway. Mark was clearly emotionally suffering PTSD as a result of the shooting trauma, but he was kept all day in negotiations with the opposing attorneys for hours and was lead to believe that he was himself in legal trouble. In this vulnerable situation, Mark Taylor was deceived and coerced into signing a settlement with the drug maker Solvay. This attorney who advised signing the settlement agreement, was later determined to have formerly worked for the drug giant GlaxoSmithKline and was on continuing friendly terms with the pharmaceutical industry and was urging Mark Taylor to sign settlement papers so as to rapidly close the case. Then after the settlement was signed the judge decided to seal the evidence on the case. This made the evidence of the homicidal effects of this drug Luvox unavailable to public scrutiny. Then Solvay sold the market rights to Luvox in the USA to Jazz Pharmaceuticals.

Now years later, Mark Taylor's efforts to expose the dangers of antidepressants and how they cause patients to have homicidal thoughts has been silenced for Mark Taylor is now being treated with the very class of drugs that he warned the public about. After many public appearances about the dangers of psychiatric medications like Luvox, Mark and his mother, Donna Taylor were traveling in Arizona when suddenly he seemed to be having seizures. Going immediately to the emergency hospital, Mark and his mother were ill prepared for the actions of the mental health professionals who then unexpectedly decided to keep him hospitalized on a long term basis. Mark then ended up in a hospital while his family was prevented from communicating with him and he was ultimately held without his family's consent for over a year, while being force drugged.

While hospitalized the Arizona Mental Health Officials, choose to put Mark on a psychiatric drug that is considered a "last resort" medication: Clozapine (sold as Clozaril, Azaleptin, Leponex, Fazaclo, Froidir; Denzapine, Zaponex in the UK; Klozapol in Poland, Clopine in NZ/Aus). Clozapine is an antipsychotic

medication used in the treatment of schizophrenia, and is also used off-label in the treatment of bipolar disorder. There are three pharmaceutical companies that market this drug at present: Novartis Pharmaceuticals (manufacturer), Mylan Laboratories and Ivax Pharmaceuticals (market generic clozapine). Clozapine was the first of the atypical antipsychotics to be developed, It was first introduced in Europe in 1971, but was voluntarily withdrawn by the manufacturer in 1975 after it was shown to cause agranulocytosis, a condition involving a dangerous decrease in the number of white blood cells, that led to death in some patients. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) finally approved clozapine's use but only for treatment-resistant schizophrenia. The FDA requires blood testing for patients taking clozapine. The FDA also requires clozapine to carry five black box warnings for agranulocytosis, seizures, myocarditis, for "other adverse cardiovascular and respiratory effects", and for "increased mortality in elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis." In 2002 the FDA approved clozapine for reducing the risk of suicidal behavior for patients with schizophrenia. Clozapine is usually used as a last resort in patients that have not responded to other anti-psychotic treatments due to its danger of causing agranulocytosis as well as the costs of having to have blood tests continually during treatment. The withdrawal effects clozapine are severe and life-threatening.

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2013, Feb 15

## [Bix Weir: Four questions to pacify silver fear](#)

I love silver volatility – up or down. It means something is happening behind the scenes that is forcing the silver market riggers to “shake the branches”. The latest slam is great news and as long as you have taken my advice and removed your silver from their clutches you are safe. Very safe. As a matter of fact, you should be rooting for \$0 silver because that would mean the rigging game is over!

I also love to bring out my “Silver Pacifier” article every time the price of silver is taken down farther than most expect. It helps ease the fears and helps sooth the nerves. I have said many times that “they” can PLACE the price of silver at \$0/oz or \$1M/oz in a stoke of a key on a keypad.

I particularly love the 4 questions posed and answers given in the Silver Pacifier article and here they are:

**QUESTION #1:** Is the Silver market rigged?

**ANSWER:** YES. Everyday and every trade the silver market is “controlled” and has been for at least the last 40 years. NOBODY knows the true Fair Market Value of silver anymore so all prices for silver are currently irrelevant.

**QUESTION #2:** How is it done?

**ANSWER:** The silver market rigging is accomplished by running computer market trading programs to “steer” the price of silver up and down flushing out weak hands on the price slams and covering short positions that were previously put in place to cap the rising price. These silver “trades” have little to do with physical silver but everything to do with paper derivatives of silver. There is no floor or limit to where “the controllers” can place the price of silver.

**QUESTION #3:** Why are they doing it?

**ANSWER:** To save the unbacked fiat monetary system. Unless you control the prices of all commodities, especially the monetary metals, an unbacked paper/electronic monetary system will fail in rapid fashion. As such, when the US went off the Gold Standard in the early 1970's, Alan Greenspan wrote and implemented the original computer market rigging models to PROLONG the acceptance of unbacked fiat money. This was the implementation of the 1960's economic theory called “On The Road to The Golden Age” by Bertil Nöslund which dealt with Nobel Prize winner E. Phelps's “Golden Rule Theory” of equal capital accumulation. The ultimate conclusion of this theory was to print as much unbacked currency as possible for as long as possible to reap all the rewards before returning to the discipline of a Gold Standard.

**QUESTION #4:** When will it end?

**ANSWER:** There's the \$100 Trillion question which actually has a very reasonable answer... **The market rigging will end when the benefits of printing unbacked fiat money no longer outweigh the costs.** The United States has hit that point as the “Bad Guy” banksters who abuse the system and have practically taken control of the country are in the process of transferring all that “VIRTUAL WEALTH” into their own pockets. Of course, in the end, THEY are the fools for believing in their own flawed monetary system where paper and electronic blips equals REAL WEALTH! The first attempt at ending the GAME was thwarted by the Banksters in 2008 but don't despair... The next attempt at crashing the system is right around the corner and we have made SURE that they will not escape this time.

Those are the answers to those 4 very big questions. As for what will happen to the price of silver

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2013, Jan 17 **Obama's Climate Challenge**

**As America wakes up to the dangers ahead, the president has a historic opportunity to take bold action on global warming**

By [Jeff Goodell](#)



Obama's Climate Challenge

Illustration by Victor Juhasz

Among all the tests President Obama faced in his first term, his biggest failure was climate change. After promising in 2008 that his presidency would be "the moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and our planet began to heal," President Obama went silent on the most crucial issue of our time. He failed to talk openly with Americans about the risks of continuing to pump greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, failed to put political muscle behind legislation to cap carbon pollution, failed to meaningfully engage in international climate negotiations, failed to use the power of his office to end the fake "debate" about the reality of global warming and failed to prepare Americans – and the world – for life on a rapidly-warming planet. It was as if the biggest challenge humanity has ever faced became a political inconvenience for the president once he was elected.

### [Global Warming's Terrifying New Math](#)

Now Obama gets another shot at it. "The politics of global warming are changing fast," says Kevin Knobloch, the president of the Union of Concerned Scientists. Thanks to a year of extreme weather and Hurricane Sandy, a large majority of Americans – nearly 90 percent – favor action on global warming, even if there are economic costs. The U.S. economy is on the road to recovery and no longer offers an excuse for inaction. Big Coal, traditionally the loudest voice against climate action, has been weakened by a glut of cheap natural gas and the economic viability of solar and wind power. China has new political leadership that appears open to discussing a global agreement to cut carbon. And Obama himself has nothing left to lose. "The president has a big opportunity here," says former Vice President

Al Gore. "This is a moment when he can expand the ideas of what's possible."

Obama's record on climate issues is not all bad. In his first term, Gore points out, the president made significant strides in promoting clean energy. "He accomplished more than any president before him," says Gore. Obama's biggest move was to dramatically boost fuel standards for cars and trucks, which will cut climate-warming pollution by 6 billion metric tons in the course of the program. Thanks in part to billions of dollars in federal stimulus, wind energy doubled in the last four years, while solar installations increased sixfold. By the end of the decade, in fact, America is on track to cut its carbon pollution by as much as 17 percent, meeting the long-term goal Obama pledged at the Copenhagen climate talks in 2009.

The trouble is, Obama's accomplishments are small-bore when weighed against the immense scale of the climate crisis. 2012 was the hottest year on record in the continental U.S. The polar ice caps are melting faster than scientists predicted; wildfires torched the American West; extreme drought parched 60 percent of the country's farms, jacking up food prices. Then came Hurricane Sandy, which devastated New York and New Jersey. "Climate change has gone from something that happens in a computer model to something that people can see in their own backyards," says Frances Beinecke, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council. "It is a global crisis playing out before our very eyes. And it's not happening in slow motion."

Obama isn't blind to the threat. "He understands this is the central problem his administration has to deal with in the second term," says John Podesta, who headed up Obama's transition team in 2008. "He knows the judgment of history is riding on this." At a press conference shortly after his reelection, Obama admitted that "we hadn't done as much as we need to" to address climate change, and promised a "wide-ranging conversation with scientists, engineers and elected officials" to make sure that global warming is "not a problem we're passing on to future generations that's going to be very expensive and very painful to deal with."

But if the president is planning any bold action during his second term to combat global warming, there's little evidence of it. "I want to do something on climate," he told a friend and former White House staffer after the election, "but I don't know what." Before his 2008 inauguration, Obama solicited ideas for combating climate change from top environmentalists and energy executives. This time around, there have been no such meetings, and the president has not telegraphed any ideas on climate change to Congress. "If he has a larger strategy on this, I haven't seen it," says the chief of staff to a leading Democratic senator. One Democratic donor and climate activist who visited the White House in December was told point-blank by Heather Zichal, the White House adviser on energy and climate, that the president has no plans to propose any climate legislation to Congress, knowing that House Republicans would shoot it down.

"I think the president understands the climate crisis intellectually, but he has not had the 'holy shit' moment you arrive at when you think about this deeply enough," says a leading climate advocate who has had private conversations with Obama about global warming. Instead of talking about the risks of climate change during the campaign, Obama touted an "all of the above" energy plan that was a soft-porn version of "drill, baby, drill." Under Obama, in fact, oil and gas production have soared: Last year, U.S. oil production grew by 766,000 barrels a day, the largest jump ever, and domestic oil production is at its highest level in 15 years.

Obama, who prides himself on his pragmatism and willingness to compromise, may also be ill-suited to address such an urgent and unyielding crisis – especially because it would mean taking on the climate-denying Republican majority in the House. "Climate is the toughest issue to get any cooperation from



Republicans on," says Podesta. In fact, House Republicans see climate change as a wedge issue, the atmospheric equivalent to abortion, which allows them to collect mountains of cash from oil-industry magnates like the Koch brothers while painting themselves as defenders of free enterprise.

"You can't continue with business as usual and pretend you are dealing with the problem," says former Sen. Tim Wirth, who now heads the United Nations Foundation. "It requires a fundamental realignment of how you think about everything, from national security to agriculture to economic investment. Climate change is not one of those issues you can deal with in a few tactical moves."

The first sign of whether Obama is serious about confronting the climate crisis will be revealed by how he organizes the White House. "If you want to know how committed the president is to climate change, just look at the people around him," says a leading environmentalist who asked not to be identified. "Tim Geithner, Valerie Jarrett – they are not climate advocates. Nobody in Obama's inner circle wakes up in the morning and thinks about how we're going to stabilize the Earth's climate – and what will happen if we don't."

When Obama took office in 2009, he appointed Carol Browner, former head of the EPA and a confidante of Al Gore, to be his "climate czar." But she left after two years, and since then the post has gone unfilled. These days, the president's point person on global warming has been Heather Zichal, a 36-year-old former legislative aide to Sen. John Kerry. "Heather is smart, but this needs to go about three levels up," says Wirth. It's the equivalent of running a war with a recent West Point grad as your top general.

What's needed, many observers argue, is the climate equivalent of the National Economic Council, which advises the president on a broad range of economic matters. "You need a mechanism headed by someone with stature," says Podesta. "If you just let the bureaucracy run at its normal speed, nothing significant is going to happen. Every time an idea is proposed, someone at Treasury will come up with 75 ideas about why it won't work."

There are signs that the White House is preparing to set up such a policy team. Pete Rouse, senior counsellor to the president, has informally solicited recommendations of people best qualified to lead a new push on climate strategy. "It's clearly an idea the White House is taking seriously," one top environmentalist says. Among names being mentioned: Tom Steyer, a California hedge-fund manager with a long history of climate activism, and Kevin Knobloch, the president of the Union of Concerned Scientists, who spent years on Capitol Hill.

### [Climate Change and the End of Australia](#)

At the same time, Obama needs to fill key vacancies in his administration with strong climate advocates. By far the most important post – and the one sure to be most controversial – is EPA administrator. Lisa Jackson, a tough inside player willing to stand up to Big Oil and Big Coal, announced in December that she was stepping down. "She was clearly exhausted by the endless political attacks on the agency," says one insider. Most of the significant environmental accomplishments of Obama's first term, including tougher vehiclefuel standards and limits on mercury pollution from coal plants, were accomplished on her watch. But Jackson won congressional approval back in 2009, when Democrats still had control of the House. "The Republicans are on the warpath about the EPA," says Paul Bledsoe, a consultant who worked on climate issues during the Clinton administration. "Unless Obama chooses an industry-friendly guy that Republicans like, the confirmation hearing is going to be a witch hunt."

Another indicator of Obama's commitment on climate will be the "conversation" about global warming he wants to have with scientists, politicians and the American public. "He needs to educate the public about what is going on with the climate and what we can do about it," says Podesta. That means Obama must drop all the talk about "clean coal" and "energy independence" – code words for more mining and drilling – and articulate the hard truths about global warming: that we need to wean ourselves off fossil fuels as quickly as possible, that we'll have to prepare ourselves for life on a hotter, less hospitable planet, and that our suburban paradise of shopping malls, big backyards and SUVs is a relic of an earlier era. And he'll have to do it in a way that stresses the opportunities and upsides of what will amount to a sweeping change in the American way of life: the lives saved and environmental devastation avoided by getting off coal, and the economic rewards of becoming a leader in the global push for renewable energy.

In the coming months, Obama will have several hooks on which to hang such a climate conversation. One is the release in September of a new assessment by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the United Nations panel that includes the world's top climate scientists. Another is this year's release of the National Climate Impact Assessment, a coordinated effort by the nation's top scientific agencies to lay out the risks of global warming at the regional and local levels. "He should direct everyone in his administration to get out and say, 'Look, this is what the future is going to look like if we don't address this problem,'" says one Senate staffer.

Obama can kick off the conversation by permanently halting the Keystone XL pipeline, which has been dubbed "a fuse to the biggest carbon bomb on the planet." In 2011, the administration put off a decision on the 1,200-mile-long pipeline – which would transport dirty oil from the tar sands of Canada to refineries on the Gulf Coast. But this year, the president is expected to make a call, and that puts him in a difficult position: The Obama who campaigned on an "all of the above" energy strategy argued that America needs jobs and oil, both of which the pipeline provides. But Obama the climate crusader will have a tough time justifying a \$7 billion pipeline designed to transport some of the world's most carbonintensive oil.

### [Keystone Moves North, Where Big Oil Is Losing](#)

"It's not possible for him to approve the pipeline and say with a straight face that his administration is serious about stabilizing our climate," says Michael Brune, president of the Sierra Club. "For decades – as the planet heats up, and storms, droughts and wildfires intensify – this pipeline will suck up the dirtiest oil on the planet and bring it south. And Obama will have made it happen."

The single most effective thing Obama could do to avert a climate crisis would be to make the fossil-fuel industry pay for its planet-warming pollution. As Harvard economist Robert Stavins puts it, "The best way to stop people from doing what you don't want them to do – in his case, dumping carbon into the atmosphere – is to put a price on it."

During Obama's first term, the most politically palatable mechanism to regulate carbon was cap and trade, a system that would place overall limits on carbon emissions from major polluters but allow individual companies to "trade" their allotted caps within the system. The measure, originally championed by Sens. John McCain and Joe Lieberman, had a proven track record: During the 1990s, a similar plan had succeeded in controlling the pollution that causes acid rain. But this time around, the proposed legislation wound up so encumbered by complex accounting methods and phantom carbon "offsets" that even staunch advocates questioned its effectiveness. In the end, confronted by Tea Party attacks funded in large part by big carbon polluters, Obama abandoned cap and trade.

Since Obama's re-election, however, the idea of making Big Oil and Big Coal pay for their carbon

pollution has re-emerged in another form: putting a direct tax on carbon emissions. House Republicans, naturally, have signaled their determination to fight such a plan, and White House spokesman Jay Carney has tamped down speculation on the matter, saying at a postelection press conference, "We would never propose a carbon tax."

But insiders think there's a chance the ground could shift. Were Republicans, citing deficit reduction, to produce a modest \$20-a-ton carbon tax – an idea being pushed by right and left-wing D.C. think tanks – Obama would likely embrace it. "If it happens, it will be driven by budget, not environmental, concerns," says Jason Grumet, head of the Bipartisan Policy Center. But the cost of such a deal could be high: In exchange for a carbon tax, Republicans would likely demand an end to EPA oversight on carbon pollution from power plants.

As much as environmentalists and climate activists see carbon taxes as the holy grail of an effective policy to limit carbon emissions, they are wary of a desperate deal like this. Instead, they are urging for a more old-fashioned solution to carbon pollution – and one that doesn't require congressional approval: pushing the EPA to speed up the development of new rules to limit emissions from existing power plants. Such a move would force energy companies to spend millions retrofitting coal plants – or just shut them down.

In 2007, the Supreme Court ruled that carbon emissions are indeed a pollutant as defined by the Clean Air Act. Since the EPA has a legal obligation to limit pollution determined to be a threat to public health, this should hardly be a controversial policy. In December, the Natural Resources Defense Council issued a proposal that shows just how effective it would be for the EPA to crack down on pollution from coal plants. The plan, which tailors emission caps to the power-generation mix in each state, could slash total U.S. carbon pollution by 26 percent by the end of the decade. Besides slowing the buildup of carbon in the atmosphere, the pollution reductions would prevent more than 23,000 asthma attacks and thousands of premature deaths. And instead of costing money, it could save taxpayers and consumers as much as \$60 billion. "Rather than slow the economy, the net effect of this proposal would be to stimulate the economy through lower power bills and better health," says David Doniger, policy director of the NRDC's climate program.

But cracking down on pollution from existing coal plants is likely to touch off an epic political battle – one that's difficult to imagine the White House winning without a tough administrator heading up the EPA. Big Coal will trot out all the old arguments about how new rules will raise the price of electricity, sending more manufacturing jobs overseas and forcing little old ladies to freeze to death in their homes because they can't afford to pay their electric bills. Fossil-fuel-era dinosaurs like Sen. James Inhofe, the powerful Oklahoma Republican who believes global warming is a hoax, will surely push back against any strong action by the EPA. Their chief weapon will be a Senate vote under the Congressional Review Act, a legacy of Newt Gingrich's Contract With America, which gives Congress the power to overrule federal regulations issued by agencies like the EPA.

Last year, Inhofe used this strategy in a failed effort to stop new mercury rules on coal plants. But the battle over carbon emissions will be much bigger – and even if Republicans lose, the fight could wind up costing some coal-state Democrats their seats, and the White House is certainly aware that the battle could even cost the party control of the Senate in 2014. (Democrats, who currently hold an eight-seat majority, have 20 seats up for re-election – including at least three from coal states like Illinois and West Virginia.) "This is not a fight he should have in the closet," says Podesta. "He needs to make the case, openly and forcefully, about why these regulations are necessary."

[Forecasting Denial: Why are Weathercasters Ignoring Climate Change?](#)

Beyond establishing tough carbon standards, the EPA will be crucial in other battles that are key to addressing the climate crisis – especially in establishing new rules to monitor and control methane leaks from oil and gas wells. In the short term, methane is 70 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon. And by some accounts, the amount of methane that escapes from drilling and pumping operations is so large that it makes natural gas no better for the climate than coal. "Fugitive methane is the biggest unknown of all the U.S. emissions sources," says Fred Krupp, head of the Environmental Defense Fund. "Getting a better measurement of it, then figuring out ways to cap it, could have a big impact on the climate in the short term."

Climate policy can't be all stick, of course – there have to be carrots, too. One is to fund more research into clean energy – but in this era of debt ceilings and fiscal cliffs, it's clear that Congress is not going to allow billions to be lavished on renewable energy. Post-Hurricane Sandy, it's more likely that money will be found for infrastructure projects that can help "climate-proof" major cities by burying power lines and building new storm barriers. It's also possible that something interesting could emerge from the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, whose new chairman, Democrat Ron Wyden of Oregon, has a reputation for working well with Republicans. One possibility under consideration: a national clean-energy standard, which would mandate that a certain percentage of electricity in each state be generated from low-carbon sources. The president called for such a standard in his 2012 State of the Union address, but Congress largely ignored him. Now, with booming solar and wind-energy growth in red states – 75 percent of U.S. wind capacity is in Republican congressional districts – the time may be right. "Of all the legislative initiatives," says Podesta, "I think a clean-energy standard has the best shot."

The last area where Obama could make real progress is on the international front. Environmental activists were thrilled when the president nominated John Kerry, one of the most knowledgeable and committed climate advocates in the Senate, as secretary of state. In the past, most international climate talks have occurred under the auspices of the United Nations. But Obama and Kerry don't necessarily need to reach out to the entire international community. "If we want to make a global impact, we just need to cut a deal with China," says Wirth. China and the U.S. alone, he points out, account for more than 40 percent of global carbon pollution.

Wirth, who served with Kerry in the Senate and considers him a close friend, thinks we could strike a short-term deal with both India and China to reduce methane leaks from oil and gas wells, or to phase out HFCs, industrial waste that traps up to 11,700 times as much heat as carbon dioxide. "It wouldn't solve the climate crisis, but it would be a step in the right direction," Wirth says. "Kerry understands that the best way to unlock the stalemate in Washington is through Beijing. Once we have China on board, that kills the whole argument that cutting carbon in the U.S. would give China an economic advantage."

But in the end, no matter what kind of deal the administration makes with China or how tough the EPA gets on coal plants, the harsh truth is that it won't be enough to defuse the climate crisis. Unless he takes a bold stance and fights for a more sweeping solution like a cap-and-trade system or a carbon tax, the best Obama can do is to help limit the pain and expense we pass on to future generations. But the president knows there is little political upside to spending his last years in office focused on a gloomy subject like climate change. Instead, he has opted to wage his next legislative battle over immigration, an issue that has the potential to expand the Democratic base among Hispanic voters. Making real progress on global warming would require Obama to do something he has shown little inclination for: leading a massive grassroots campaign to rally the American people and overcome the fear-mongering of the fossil-fuel industry and its Republican allies. "You can argue that, in the long run, it will serve Obama and the Democrats well to be the pro-reality party," says Podesta. "But in the end, you just have to take action because it's the right thing to do."

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## 2013, Feb 16 FDR's Unfinished "Second Bill of Rights" – and Why We Need it Now

Franklin Delano Roosevelt first began speaking about our country's need for economic and social rights to compliment the political rights granted to us in our original Bill of Rights during his first campaign for President, in 1932. Though his whole twelve year Presidency and four presidential campaigns centered largely on advocating for and implementing those rights, it wasn't until his January 11th, 1944, State of the Union address to Congress that he fully enumerated his conception of those rights in what he referred to as a "Second Bill of Rights". The elements of that conception fall into two major categories – opportunity and security. Here is a partial introduction to and list of FDR's Second Bill of Rights, as enumerated in his [1944 State of the Union address](#):

*We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence. Necessitous men are not free men. People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made.*

*In our day these economic truths have become accepted as self-evident. We have accepted, so to speak, a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all – regardless of station, race, or creed. Among these are:*

### *Opportunity*

- ⑤ *The right to a useful and remunerative job...*
- ⑤ *The right to a good education.*
- ⑤ *The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies...*

### *Security*

- ⑤ *The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment.*
- ⑤ *The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health.*
- ⑤ *The right of every family to a decent home.*
- ⑤ *The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation.*

Unfortunately, as discussed by Cass R. Sunstein, Professor of Jurisprudence at Chicago School of Law, in his book, "[The Second Bill of Rights](#) – FDR's Unfinished Revolution and Why We Need it More Than Ever", FDR's Second Bill of Rights has to this day only been partially implemented in the United States. Sunstein discusses in his book the history of the Second Bill of Rights (pre-FDR, FDR, and post-FDR), why he believes that it has not yet been fully implemented in the United States (despite the fact that many other countries have implemented it to a much greater degree), and why we need it:

## Attitudes of our Founding Fathers towards economic and social rights

Though economic and social rights were included neither in our original Constitution nor in subsequent amendments to our Constitution, Sunstein points out that our Founding Fathers nevertheless considered the importance of these rights to a democracy. For example, [James Madison recommended](#) the following as being important to the preservation of democracy:

*... By withholding unnecessary opportunities from a few, to increase the inequality of property, by an immoderate, and especially an unmerited accumulation of riches; by the silent operation of laws, which, without violating the laws of property, reduce extreme wealth to a state of mediocrity, and raise indigence toward a state of comfort.*

And [Thomas Jefferson](#) saw the situation in similar terms:

*The consequences of this enormous inequality producing so much misery to the bulk of mankind, legislatures cannot invest too many devices for subdividing property... Another means of silently lessening the inequality of property is to exempt all from taxation below a certain point, and to tax the higher portions of property in geometrical progression as they rise. Whenever there is in any country, uncultivated lands and unemployed poor, it is clear that the laws of property have been so far extended as to violate natural right. The earth is given as a common stock for man to labor and live on.*

## **FDR and the Second Bill of Rights**

Nonetheless, the concept of economic and social rights did not gain much traction in the United States until the election of a President (FDR) who fervently believed in them coincided with circumstances (The Great Depression) that made their need glaringly apparent to a large proportion of American citizens.

Sunstein points out that new “rights” need not take the form of amendments to our Constitution. They also occur through reinterpretation of our Constitution by our courts or when a general consensus develops among large majorities of our citizens as to what constitutes a “right”. Roosevelt’s preferred method for establishing a Second Bill of Rights was the latter, and he accomplished this through more than twelve years of advocating for these rights and putting them into practice through executive orders and pushing Congress to enact legislation.

Some of the most concrete results of FDR’s efforts were the [Social Security Act](#) of 1935, the [creation](#) of several agencies that produced greatly needed jobs, [labor protection laws](#) that created the right for workers to organize into unions and a federal minimum wage, antitrust policies, the [GI bill of rights](#), and to help pay for some of those programs, [record tax rates](#) on wealthy corporations and individuals. But perhaps more important than these concrete accomplishments, by the end of FDR’s Presidency large segments of the American population accepted many aspects of his Second Bill of Rights as legitimate rights – for example, the right to a good education.

## **International acceptance of economic and social rights**

Following FDR’s death in 1945, his wife, Eleanor, [led the effort](#) towards international acceptance of numerous elements of FDR’s Second Bill of Rights, incorporated into the [Universal Declaration of](#)

[Human Rights](#), which was adopted by the United Nations in 1948. These rights were then expanded further by The [International Covenant](#) on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, which was ratified by 142 nations as of 2003. Paradoxically, the United States, where the Second Bill of Rights originated, has not yet signed that Covenant.

Furthermore, the commitment to economic and social rights throughout the world is manifested by their inclusion in the constitutions of numerous countries. And the [European Social Charter](#), signed by 24 European countries, establishes such rights as the right to work for fair remuneration, health care and social security.

### **Why does the United States lag so far behind other nations in establishing economic and social rights for its citizens?**

Sunstein considers several answers to this crucial question, and dismisses them as incomplete explanations. Incomplete explanations include: The United States created its constitution at a time long before economic and social rights were recognized; the United States has a cultural aversion to economic and social rights; and, the constitution of the United States is enforced through its courts, which would find it very difficult to enforce economic rights. Sunstein points out that the date of origin of our constitution has limited relevance to rights that we recognize today, since rights can and do evolve over time. He notes that, though economic rights may be difficult to enforce, that doesn't disqualify them from being recognized as rights. And most important, he notes that the U.S. Supreme Court was well on its way to recognizing a large number of economic and social rights until Richard Nixon's election in 1968, with his subsequent appointment of four conservative Supreme Court justices, who sharply reversed that trend.

U.S. Supreme Court decisions that pointed towards implementation of a Second Bill of Rights included: the right to defense counsel in criminal cases ([Gideon v. Wainwright](#), 1963); the [abolishment of poll taxes](#) for voting in 1964 and 1966; the striking down of a California law that required a one year waiting period for new arrivals attempting to obtain welfare benefits ([Shapiro v. Thompson](#)); the striking down of an Arizona law requiring a one year's residence in a county prior to being eligible for receiving free non-emergency medical care ([Memorial Hospital v. Maricopa County](#)); and, a finding that welfare recipients could not be removed from welfare roles without a hearing ([Goldberg v. Kelly](#), 1970).

Though Nixon's Burger Court did not reverse most of the above mentioned decisions, it nevertheless made several decisions which indicated a sharp change in direction, culminating in [San Antonio School district v. Rodriguez](#) in 1973. That decision allowed to stand a Texas policy which allocated substantially more money to wealthy than to poor school districts. And according to Sunstein, that decision "was the death knell for the idea that the Constitution protects social and economic rights". Thus, his conclusion is that Richard Nixon's very close election victory in 1968 is the main reason why the U.S. lags so far behind other countries in recognizing economic and social rights, and if less than one additional percent of the U.S. electorate in 1968 had voted for Hubert Humphrey instead of Nixon, our Constitution today would be much further along than it is towards recognizing those rights.

I have one important disagreement with Sunstein on that score. 1968 was 38 years ago, and with the recent death of William Rehnquist, no Nixon appointees remain on our Supreme Court. Furthermore, twelve years of Reagan/Bush presidencies, followed eight years later by six years of George W. Bush have also substantially impeded acceptance in the United States of FDR's goals for a Second Bill of

Rights – and not just because of their Supreme Court appointees. Since Reagan’s election in 1980, our country has acquired several severely anti-democratic tendencies, including the increasingly [obscene role of money](#) in our elections, a [corporate national news media](#) with little sense of responsibility to the American citizenry, an obscenely [widening wealth gap](#), and a great capacity for election fraud via electronic voting machines [that count our votes in secret](#).

One good example is Bill Clinton’s attempt to enact universal health insurance in our country. Sunstein says that the rejection of Clinton’s health care plan indicated that Americans are not yet ready to consider health care as a “right”. But that conclusion fails to take into account the vast amounts of special interest money arraigned against the Clinton health care plan. Most important, a barrage of false and misleading messages led Americans to believe, incorrectly, many bad things about the plan, most importantly that it would abolish the right of Americans to choose their own physician.

Sunstein’s larger point is that the United States could have accepted FDR’s Second Bill of Rights by now. Whereas I agree with him on that point, I also think that it would have required more than Hubert Humphrey’s election in 1968. It also would have required that somehow the so-called “Reagan revolution” would have been prevented.

### **Why should we have a Second Bill of Rights?**

There are three reasons why we need FDR’s Second Bill of Rights – which may be subsumed under the following headings: Maintenance and furtherance of democracy; humanity; and, fairness.

#### Maintenance and furtherance of democracy

As FDR said many times, “Necessitous men are not free men”. Nor are they capable of participating in a democracy. Illiterate or otherwise uneducated people have very limited capacity to make political decisions (which undoubtedly largely explains the [inverse correlation](#) between education and voting for George W. Bush). A person who is unsure if and when she will receive her next paycheck has little time to engage in political activities. And what is the meaning of democracy when our elected officials are more concerned about pleasing one wealthy constituent than a hundred poor constituents, simply because of the potential for campaign donations from the former?

#### Humanity

Today, 46 million Americans are [without health insurance](#), which results in thousands of premature deaths every year, including [thousands of infants](#); at least 8 million Americans who want jobs are [unemployed](#); 12% of Americans household [lack adequate food](#); approximately 3 million Americans are [homeless](#) in any given year; and 37 million Americans are in poverty, while the poverty rate [continues to rise](#) under George W. Bush’s administration.

Sunstein describes what was perhaps the main stimulus for FDR’s great desire for and pursuit of a Second Bill of Rights:

*To Roosevelt, human distress could no longer be taken as an inevitable by-product of life, society, or “nature”; it was an artifact of social policies and choices. Much human misery is preventable. The only question is whether a government is determined to prevent it.... Foremost was the idea that poverty is preventable, that poverty is*



*destructive, wasteful, demoralizing, and that poverty is morally unacceptable in a Christian and democratic society.*

### Fairness

The issue of fairness is perhaps the most important issue that we liberals and moderates need to be able to argue to opponents of economic and social rights. Many Americans are against the establishment of these rights because they believe that they will entail “taking” wealth from those who have it in order to give it to those who need it. Thus they see these “rights” as involving a sort of theft by government.

In the first place, FDR’s emphasis in advocating his Second Bill of Rights was on opportunity. Without an education, one cannot reasonably hope to successfully compete in our society. In the presence of monopolies, small businesspersons and farmers cannot reasonably hope to compete to earn a decent living. And who could argue that it is fair to deny a person an opportunity to work for pay? With regard to “rights” to health care, housing, clothing, etc., FDR considered those rights to apply only as a last resort, to those who are *unable* to work and earn enough money to pay for those things, not to those who are able to work but who choose not to.

Secondly, those who say “it is unfair to disproportionately tax the wealthy because [it’s their money](#)” need to understand some fundamental issues. Wealthy people are wealthy largely or mostly because of government actions, including: protection of “private property”; maintenance of contract laws through government legal systems, etc; government charters to operate as corporations; use of government infrastructure; government subsidies to corporations; and many others. The point is not to say that the wealthy do not “earn” their wealth. Perhaps some of them do, and perhaps some of them don’t. But the point is that their wealth is accumulated and maintained only with the active assistance of government. And for that reason, when government sees the need to tax that wealth in order to carry out critical government functions, it cannot be automatically assumed that those actions are not fair. Indeed, it is frequently those who benefit the most from government actions who bitterly complain when government intervenes to help other people.

The average CEO today “earns” [431 times](#) the annual salary as the average worker who works for those CEOs. Is that because CEOs, such as “Kenny Boy” Lay, produce 431 times as much value as the average worker, and free market principles operate to ensure that they are fairly compensated for what they produce? Or, is it because they have been given the power to determine their own salaries and compensation? If you believe the former, I think you’re living in some sort of fantasy land.

Monopolies ensure that rich and powerful corporations become ever more rich and powerful, at the expense of everyone else, including workers and consumers. Under our current system, millions of dollars in campaign “donations” allow those corporations to establish those monopolies, to receive millions in subsidies from our government, to destroy our environment without having to pay for it (“deregulation), and to avoid costly civil suits (“[tort reform](#)”).

And those who receive billions of dollars in inheritance without having to lift a finger whine about having to pay a so-called “[death tax](#)” on that money, while millions of children who are born into poverty have no opportunity to receive needed health care or a decent education.

Sunstein (who is obviously a moderate, and who strongly believes in our capitalistic free enterprise system) sums up our current situation on the last page of his book:

*In a society that purports to prize opportunity for all, too many citizens lack a minimally fair chance. In the past decades, we have disregarded some of our deepest ideals, with roots not merely in the new Deal but in the Civil War and the founding period itself. The second bill of rights is largely unknown.... The second bill of rights should be reclaimed in its nation of origin.*



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## **Dogon High Science: Keys to Overstanding History, Mystery, and Prophecy**

### **A survey of Dogon Cosmology.**

#### **THE DOGON OF MALI**

The Dogon dwell in a mountainous terrain near the border of Mali and Upper Volta in West Africa. The Dogon revealed some of their cosmological science through their interaction with two French anthropologists: Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen. Most of Griaule and Dieterlen's work has been translated into English in the two books, **Conversations with Ogotemeli** and **The Pale Fox**. The Dogon have been the center of anthropological debate, for they have knowledge of the Sirius Star system that Western Scientists were able to confirm only by using high powered telescopes.

The debate has centered on the fact that the Dogon know details about the dwarf companion of Sirius A, whom they call Sigi Tolo. The Dogon priests can detail the rapid rotation, 50 year orbital cycle, small size, and immense power of Po Tolo - Sirius B - with great accuracy. However, Western science's debate often focuses on Dogon knowledge of the Sirius system outside of the whole Dogon cosmological scheme of creation. Therefore, the fact is often overlooked that the Dogon have described in great detail and accuracy the structure and nature of our entire galaxy and how we Earthlings fit into it.

A breakdown of the key cosmological and astrophysical truths expressed in Dogon High Science is as follows:

- Amma is the Dogon name for Amen. Amma is described as the intelligent consciousness behind all of creation and the awareness within all beings. Amma is 'He Who Rests Upon Nothing'.
- The Po is the Black Hole that is the core of our galaxy. The Po is 'The Egg of the World', the first principle of the seed. Po means seeds in the Dogon language. The Dogon describe the Po as the smallest thing in the world, alluding to the fact that the matter of a Black Hole is the densest, most compact form of matter in creation. They say that it is 'invisible, at the center'. It spins and scatters all particles of matter in a sonorous and luminous motion, yet remains inaudible and invisible. The Dogon say that Amma placed his word in the Po, thus making it the 'image of the creator' and 'the womb of Amma'.
- The Clavicles of Amma refer to the spiral nebula arms that define the shape of the galaxy. The clavicle is the 1st bone to appear in the skeletal system of developing embryos. It grows in a sickle-type arch very similar to the shape of the arms of our spiral galaxy.
- Po Tolo is 'The Star of the Deep Beginning'. This is what the Dogon call the Black dwarf Star that astronomers call Sirius B. Po Tolo is the 1st of all stars; it was born after the Po (galactic core) had finished its task. Po Tolo is seen as a double of the Po, meaning that Black stars such as Sirius B act very similar to Black Holes; it appears as if it has the same effect on space and time as Black Holes, only on a much lesser scale of manifestation. Po Tolo is the 'image of the womb of Amma' and is seen as a reservoir of source of renewing life force for this realm of creation (Po Tolo is the 2nd closest star

system to our solar system; being only eight light years away). Po Tolo is also made of the smallest and heaviest of things, which the Dogon describe as a metal called Sagala. One pebble of Sagala would weigh several tons. Because Po Tolo is so massive it shapes and moulds the structure of space and time in our realm.

- Sigi Tolo is the youngest star to come out of Amma's womb. This is the star astronomers refer to as Sirius A. Sigi Tolo is 'The Star of the Sacrificed Fish'. The Dogon say that Amma, in an effort to thwart the transgressions of a rebellious being named Ogo, sacrificed the Celestial Fish Man Nommo Semi. Sigi Tolo is the star seed of Nommo Semi, which makes Sigi Tolo the celestial testament of the sacrificed fish. The Dogon say that the sacrificial blood of Sigi Tolo spills onto the womb of Amma, and is renewing, impregnating, and purifying this realm of creation.

As stated, the debate among the Western-minded concerning the Dogon has centered on the fact that the Dogon know details about the dwarf companion of Sirius A. Men such as Robert Temple and his book **The Sirius Mystery** pose all sorts of bizarre and overtly racist notions as to how a 'primitive' African nation could possibly have detailed astronomical knowledge of neighbouring star systems. However, in this brief survey of Dogon descriptions of celestial objects, it can be seen that they have knowledge as to how the entire galaxy is structured, not just the closest star system.

Dogon cosmology and Kemetic sacred science are very similar in concepts and symbolism. In fact, Dogon cosmology appears to be the exact cosmology of the Kemetic priesthood at Annu (ancient Hermopolis). The Dogon know Ra as Amma, 'He Who Rests Upon Nothing'. The Universe is considered 'Amma's Egg'. Within his egg, Amma began spinning around, forming the po seed (the Black Hole at the Galactic Core). The po is 'the smallest [heaviest and densest] thing that was made invisible, at the center'.

Amma then placed seven 'words' in the po, which began to vibrate strongly within the seed. The spiraling vibrations caused four clavicles to grow forth from the po. In hue-mans, clavicles are the first bones to form in a hue-man embryo. They grow in the form of an exaggerated 'S'. The celestial clavicles that grow from the Po are the spiral nebulae arms that extend from the galactic core and define the shape of our spiral galaxy.

Suddenly, the Po burst forth, and eight new seeds were created. Amma planted these seeds in his egg near the clavicles of the Po. With these eight seeds, Amma intended to create eight celestial beings - four male and four female. The Dogon called these beings the Nommo Anagonno, best translated as 'The Word (Nommo) that Became the Fish-Man' (Anagonno). The Nommo are the first beings created by Amma, and they are amphibious celestial creatures. The Nommo correspond to the Kemetic Khem-Anu.

These eight beings were going to be Amma's perfect creation. As sister & brother yet husband & wife, the four fish-twins were going to make each other fertile, complete, and blessed with heavenly happiness and fulfilment. However, one of the male twins - Ogo (the Kemetic Set) - grew impatient as he waited for his female twin to gestate. Ogo decided to rebel from Amma. He jumped out of his celestial womb and stole parts of his own placenta. He then began creating and pro-creating with his own placenta in an attempt to re-create his own little world. His stolen placenta became impure, and his actions greatly threw off the divine order Amma had intended. The Dogon say that our Sun - whom they call Nay - is the stolen placenta, and that planet Earth is the rebel-world established by Ogo.

To re-establish order and purify creation of Ogo's transgression, Amma decided to sacrifice one of the completed Nommo twins - Nommo Semi. Nommo Semi was composed of both a male and female Nommo Anagonno, and was a complete and perfect Being onto itself. Amma lifted Nommo Semi out of

the celestial waters and tied the androgynous fish to the Kilena (Mother of charcoal) tree. In one swift cut, Amma sliced the umbilical cord and genitals of Nommo Semi. The sacrificed Nommo's blood & life force - nyama - emptied from its naval and groin. Semi died a suffering and painful death. The Dogon say that Sirius 'A' - the visible star of Sirius whom the Dogon call Sigi Tolo - is the celestial embodiment of the sacrifice.

Amma then took the nyama of the sacrificed Nommo and dripped it on the former placenta of the celestial fish (the Sirius system) and the stolen placenta of its brother Ogo (our Sun Nay). Amma's goal was to purify his creation from the transgressions of Ogo. It required him taking a pure and perfected being (Nommo Semi) and sacrificing it. Amma intended for the spirit of Nommo Semi to heal Ogo's torn placenta and become one with the Impure Earth Ogo created. When Amma sprinkled the sacrificed nyama, it did several things:

- It caused the resurrection of the sacrificed Nommo. When Nommo Semi's nyama dripped on its former placenta, it caused it to be reborn. Its re-birth, however, multiplied Semi's forms and transformed its nature. Nommo Semi resurrected in three simultaneous forms:

1. Kora Na - The Great Ark of Pure Earth, the force that Amma intended to carry hue-manity and the seeds (po) of agriculture to the 'Impure Earth'. The Kora-Na is depicted as a step-pyramid with an antennae-looking rod at the apex.

2. O Nommo - 'Nommo of the Pond', the purifying force of fresh water on Earth.

3. Unum - The once androgynous Nommo Semi now manifested as the eight original ancestors of Hue-manity - four males and four females. The male and female souls of Nommo Semi now had their own separate forms. They were paired in four couples united in the image of the original eight Nommo.

-The sacrificial Nyama prepared the heavens for the Kora-Na to travel from the Sirius System to Planet Earth. The Kora-Na travelled from Sirius to our planet Earth on the sprinkles of Nyama. It carried as its occupants the Unum of Hue-manity and the seeds of eight celestial grains. Also, the shape, design, and proportions of the Ark express all of the principles and science hue-manity would need for the reorganization and atonement of Ogo's earth.

-The Sirius System became the Ever-Living Placenta of the Resurrected Nommo. Even though the Kora-Na, O Nommo, and the Unum were going to travel to 'The Impure Earth' of Ogo, they were to forever remain connected to a lifeline that connected them straight to Amma's womb. This ever-living placenta is the Sirius system, and as long as the connection with Sirius was maintained, the Resurrected Nommo would never die. The Sirius system floods the Impure Earth with rejuvenating and nourishing Nyama every sixty years, at which time the Dogon perform the Sigi ceremony to reaffirm the Earth-Sirius connection.

The sacrificial Nyama created parallel structures in celestial sphere and on Ogo's earth. In heaven, it reorganized space and the cycles of time in our solar system. It also synchronized our system's cycles with the cycles of the Sirius system. The Sirius System and this planetary system thus became twin placentas of a pair of the 8 ancestral Nommo.

On earth, it organized hue-man culture and set the order for hue-man interaction. This is the celestial foundation of the Earthly sciences of astrology, astronomy, and agriculture.

Lastly, the sacrificial Nyama set the stage for the day of total purification and renewal for planet Earth.

This day is called 'Izubay Minne' - "Earth of the Day of the Fish", which occurs when "the fish is sacrificed" (the termination of the Piscean Age) and "His blood falls to Earth as cords of rain" (when the celestial waters pour down to initiate the Age of Aquarius). One day during the transition of these ages, Taba Tolo - the reuniting of the two placentas - will occur. Taba Tolo is when the Sun and Sirius come together in a grand conjunction. My guess is that this grand conjunction will probably occur on the first helical rising of Sirius after the equinox sunrise occurs with Aquarius as the celestial backdrop. In other words, Taba Tolo will occur on the first helical rising of Sirius in the Aquarian Age. The Dogon depict Taba Tolo as the day a strong purifying stream of Nyama will pour down on the Sun and Earth from Sirius. This stream will wash away the corrupt order of Ogo and immortalize the sons and daughters of the Nommo.

As stated, Ogo's self-willed actions really threw off the universal balance Amma had intended. Beyond creating the principle and act of theft, when Ogo took his own placenta and recreated his own world, it amounted to an act of incest. Amma felt that Ogo must be stopped from creating more chaos, as well as punished for his misdeeds.

Amma ordered one of the other Nommo - Nommo Titeyanye - to punish Ogo. Nommo Titeyanye smashed Ogo's genitalia, making him infertile. Ogo fled from the heavens down to Earth. Once on Earth, Amma wanted to bind Ogo to this planet so that he could not disrupt the celestial order anymore. He transformed Ogo, who up until this point was in the form of an amphibious Reptilian (the Kemetic Apap), into Yurugu, the Pale Fox. The Pale Fox corresponds to the Kemetic Set-Anup, the rebellious Black Jackal.

Once on Earth, the Pale Fox Yurugu continued his disruptive and chaotic behaviours. He attempted to create an artificial world outside of the divine order of Amma. That was what he was doing when the Ark Kora Na landed upon Earth. When it landed, the force of impact almost killed Yurugu, but he survived by fleeing underground. The impact of the landing threw the moon into the sky, which is part Kora-Na/Part Earth.

Out of the Kora Na emerged the eight ancestors of hue-manity. They came forth with eight grains, including millet, black rice, chickpea, and sorghum. Their mission was to cultivate the land and grow the celestial grains so that everyone could live in abundance. They were also supposed to reproduce and spread throughout the world bringing the spiritual technologies contained within the Kora-Na with them. The eight ancestors and their offspring were charged with conducting important ceremonies such as the Sigui ceremony. The Sigui is performed every 60 year when the planets Jupiter and Saturn are aligned. The Sigui re-establishes the bond of the Fish-people who sacrificed their divine self to their homeland across the waters - Sirius. The ultimate purpose the Dogon say they have is to maintain this extra-terrestrial connection by establishing sacred sites and celestial granaries throughout the world in an effort to prepare Earth for Izubay Minne 'The Day of the Earth of the Fish'. This is the day that the re-uniting of the Twin-Placentas - Earth & Sirius - will be complete.

### **Dogon Cosmology, Sirius, and Hydrogen Astrophysics**

There are some profound astrophysical truths contained in this summary of Dogon star science, a few of which have already been alluded to. Some of the most profound is the nature of the Sirius star system and its importance in establishing and maintaining celestial order for our solar system.

The Dogon actually say that there are three major stars in the Sirius system: Po Tolo, Sigi Tolo, and Emma Ya Tolo.

**Po Tolo** (Sirius B) is the oldest of stars, and its name means 'deep beginning'. It is a twin of the Po -

the Black hole at the center of the galaxy. The Dogon consider Po Tolo the reservoir and source of all things in this realm, and the germ of creation for our Solar System. They say it is the smallest, yet heaviest of celestial objects, and that it ejects its essence out into creation by its fast spinning. The particles of its essence are 'infinitely small'.

Moreover, Griaule says in **The Pale Fox**:

“The movement of Po Tolo keeps all other stars in their respective places: in fact, one says that without this movement none of them would "stay in place". Po Tolo forces them to keep their trajectory...One calls it the "pillar of the stars"... Po Tolo is the axis of the entire world...”

Modern astrophysics shows that, indeed, Sirius B is a very old green dwarf star that has completed the cycle of regular star life. Sirius B ejected its outer atmosphere into space ages ago. Its interior has transformed from gaseous hydrogen plasma to a solid ionized hydrogen crystal. Once about the size of the Sun, it is now condensed to the size of the earth. As a twin of the Po, Po Tolo is a star that has many of the qualities of a Black Hole. Dwarfs are 'Black stars' in that they have low luminosity (they do not shine bright). They do emit considerable UV radiation, however. Their primary energy is not nuclear-thermal, but piezo electric (ionic energy due to gravitational pressure). Dwarfs have electromagnetic fields that are stronger and a billion times larger than regular stars. They rotate incredibly fast, and circulate their particles for several thousand light-years.

Dwarfs are very heavy and their weight bends (warps) time and space considerably. Thus, dwarf stars have great influence on the organization of orbits and cycles of neighbouring stars and planetary systems. Without a doubt, the cycles, orbits, and rotations of our Solar system is defined and governed by Sirius B.

**Emma Ya Tolo** is the female twin of the Po. The Dogon say that she is the 'Mother of Cereal Grains' and the 'Guardian of the Feminine Essence'. She appears to correspond to the Kemetic Goddess Auset. The Dogon say the Emma Ya Tolo is invisible and undetectable. She is the Great Mystery, the sacred seed of the feminine principle of womanhood and motherhood that Amma placed totally out of the reach of Ogo. To date, modern astronomers have not been able to observe or confirm the presence of Sirius C.

To the Dogon, **Sigi Tolo** is the youngest star to come out of Amma's womb. The Dogon consider it is the celestial testament of the sacrifice of the Nommo Semi. They say the life force of the emasculated Nommo Semi drains through Sigi Tolo. However, the life force of Sigi Tolo impregnated Po Tolo, giving it the force needed to reorganize heaven and earth. Also, the life force falls on Ogo's placenta (our Sun and Earth), purifying it as well.

Modern astrophysics shows that indeed, Sigi Tolo - Sirius A - is a young, type A blue star. It is 'emasculated' in that it is not burning its own hydrogen. It is 'sacrificing' its hydrogen by feeding it to Sirius B. In a binary star system of a dwarf and regular star, the gravitational pull of the dwarf often siphons off the hydrogen essence of the regular star. The hydrogen is sucked into the dwarf and then ejected out into space by the fast rotation. This is the relationship between Sirius A & B. The hydrogen essence of Sirius A is feeding Sirius B. Po Tolo is taking the hydrogen essence of Sigi Tolo and using the energy to renew the Sirius system and our own planetary system.

### **Sirius and the Celestial Waters**

The Dogon also say that the hydrogen essence (Nyama) of Sigi Tolo falls like 'cords of rain' to purify the earth. In other words, the hydrogen essence of Sirius A:

- Is siphoned off from Sirius A by the gravitational pull of Sirius B;
- As it falls toward Sirius B, the hydrogen essence of Sirius A is thrown off of Po Tolo because of its incredibly fast rotation.
- The hydrogen essence of Sirius A gets hurled into space. It streams into the heavens following the celestial landscape created by the strong gravitational fields of Sirius B.
- The gravitational fields of Sirius B lead a stream of Sigi Tolo's nyama to our planetary system.

The Dogon say that this stream of ionized hydrogen from the Sirius system is purifying to the Sun and planet Earth. This force is the 'Reorganizer of the World' that will bring about a New Order in the world established by Amma and not by Ogo. This sacred energy is Eloptic Black Light. It is the 'Electric light' that associates with gravitational fields (it follows Sirius B's gravitational fields to Earth) and resonates in affinity with Hue-man alpha-wave thoughts. Earth is about to encounter this stream; the question is when.

As stated, the Sirius star system and the constellation Aquarius are on the same plane of heaven - about 15 degrees below the celestial equator. As the Earth moves into the Aquarian age, she will also come into alignment with the Sirius star system. When the Earth and Sirius align, the great conjunction Taba Tolo - The Re-uniting of the Twin Placentas -is going to occur. The Black Light of the Sirius system will cascade down upon the planet. For the children of the Nommo, it will be like Menat the big-bosomed lioness suckling her young lion-kings and Princesses. For the children of Ogo the Pale Fox, it will be like Sekmet raining down a fiery judgement to the point that she becomes intoxicated with the blood of countless wicked. She becomes so consumed with the taste of death that she does not stop until all of the rebellious souls are slaughtered. This is lu-su, the Water Born Saviour, opening up the Heavens to bring the celestial daughter out of the chaos and drown out the light of the self-willed One.

For those Hue-mans who are harmoniously in tune with the heavens and earth, this 'sky juice' of Menat will nourish their mind/body/spirit complex, giving them the strength they need to healthfully transform into citizens of the Aquarian age. To those who are not in tune with the divine order established by Amma through Po Tolo, this cosmic radiation will be like brimstone and fire falling from the sky, burning up the wicked and unrighteous. There will be no where to run, no where to hide. THE JUDGEMENT OF CELESTIAL FIRE IS AT HAND!!!

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