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- **Remember you can also have a session with Mother, as well!**

MR: • Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show as well!!!!

T: someone called once and said they only had \$5 – didn't think it mattered!
OF COURSE IT MATTERS – every little bit matters!

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Hard News

R: wild events unfolding in our reality

Camp Loveway: Benjamin Stewart of Klymatica, Zeitgeist, Loose Change fame

- spoke of Bill Hicks today – going through the Vortex, the Void, the Centre of the MWGalaxy/dark rift
 - The naqual has taken over so the unusual, the serendipity is dropping in- our present reality is MAYA
 - The real reality is that the matrix is over, and we have to explain it to the others – they are beginning to get it – Homer Simpson, Dave the Carpenter may be getting little wake up call as it changes in the twinkling of an eye
- Brought up CERN, the super collider in Switzerland where they take the energy that Mother is and try to re-create the Big Bang – yet there was only one Big Bang and that was between Mother and Alcyone and there is no beginning and no ending– this is HUGE
- Homer, Dave and Joe smoke joints and drink beer, but they are beginning to get it – the golden spiral, I AM THAT I AM is kicking in, and they are seeing that they have to deal with a new reality, the naqual that is the still small quiet voice when you think no one is listening and suddenly, Mother shows up and the next lesson begins which is WE ARE ALL ONE.
- Ben brought up the story of **Superman, Man of Steel**, the new movie: it is about an immigrant issue

Rama's night work: he watched the Paschats put severed heads in the beam and whole people showed up and he said “Hi” and they said “What happened?”, and he said “There is a new reality! And it's time for the naqual to kick in!” this is why this is showing up now: the night work and the day work

- **Katherine of the Bank of International Settlements:** about Edward Snowden's father; the father said Ed may return to the US as long as he is not detained before trial, or he isn't subject to a gag order, and he can choose a trial location.

T: shocked when she heard that **Al Jazeera is linked with NBC** which means it is controlled which means they could be messing with the dad to force the issue of Ed getting concerned about what they are doing to his dad & get him to come home

R: Katherine said it is in his fields; before Ed left Hong Kong, he let them copy all 4 of his hard drives

- Melissa H-P explained on the Laurence O'Donnell show: when you have seen a crime being committed, this over rides your oath and you must bring it forth to the public as he public must know about it. You did not agree to cover up crime when you took the oath & what they are doing is SO DARK!
- They [NSA] are doing it ALL: they are listening into every single call – this is one big CRIMINAL ENTERPRIZE FROM A TO Z!
- Refers to the article called “The Truth about the Land of the Free” – **“land of the free” has been M.I.A since 1871**
 - Rama was still alive in his last lifetime - in England in 1871, he was a doctor investigating the murders that had been carried out by Queen Victoria's grandson
 - Rama was present at a meeting of the Order of the Golden Dawn, led by Alistair Crowley when he convened a circle of wizards and they invoked Lucifer & the Queen's grandson volunteered to take Lucifer into himself and he became Jack the Ripper - this happened in 1887
 - Rama fingered the grandson as Jack the Ripper; he had seen the ritual performed by Crowley
 - The grandson was surgically carving surgically organs out of the female bodies, one after another, and did divinations with each killing and had messages from the Kabala – he was actually warning the people to beware the Secret Government.

T: Reads “The Truth about the Land of the Free” + commentary [SEE BELOW – TWO CONSTITUTIONS . . .]

- Since 1871, the US president and the US Congress has been playing politics with the Constitutions
- There are **two constitutions and two Declarations of Independence**; the first one was penned by the founders of the US and written in the Iroquois language
- The US is a Moorish nation from the very start, not Christian; Moors had Christian values PLUS!

- On Aug 29, 2008, Senator Obama said that Hurricane Katrina was a genocide against the Moorish people
- Marberry vs Madison in 1810 began the slavery by stating we have a constitutional monarchy wearing the robes of the supreme court; This was enforced in 2010!
- 1774 was when the Republic was born; there is an American flag and a Moorish flag that can legitimately sit – **the US IS NOT A DEMOCRACY!** She does not agree that republic and democracy are interchangeable after listening to Thom Hartman - democracy has to do with mob rule – in this case, those with money who are running things.
 - **What was born: a republic**, not a democracy
 - It was a **Moorish republic**, not a Christian one
 - It was a **Constitution for the united states of America**, not what it is called now

T: Randi Rhodes show on Friday: Jesse Ventura was on – said that George Zimmerman is guilty of Murder 1
R: talked to Marsha Clark and KOS on Friday; she was one of the Prosecutors of O J Simpson

- She said they want to acquit George Zimmerman / can see that they are tearing apart the girlfriend's testimony
- There is one good lawyer, a lady – she really defends what the girl friend says
- makes T sick to the stomach – it is so egregious!

T: behind the whole thing in Florida and Stand your Ground, is ALEC which is the Koch Bros, Neil Bush, Jeb Bush, Marvin Bush, Rick Scott, Kathleen Harris, Larry Silverstein of Building #7 - they used Florida because that is where it started - they rigged the 2004 election by dumping 90,000+ votes in the ocean

- **the real name is Schirff, not Bush** – which means it's hooked up to the Nazi 4th Reich

- The message is: by having Zimmerman kill Martin, this is a statement of the Nazi 4th Reich
 - We are setting this up to go about getting rid of black people in the US
 - we are doing it in Florida as a test case
 - we will acquit him & do the same thing in all other states
 - we are doing this in collaboration with the
 - the Supreme Court has been bribed by the NSA as well as the Congress members;
 - we are doing this in the name of The Organic Columbia Act of 1871; in the name of Ascended Master Lady Columbia who sits on top of the Capitol Building – in violation of her name and of her representation as an ascended master – a slap in the face of LM Nada, which is why she is here as a special lawyer of the World Court

T: Journal News on Friday: Cannot trust the World Court either -Sandra Day O'Connor sat on the World Court and did what Bush Sr and Jeb said

- Reviews the story of Dove, Gunderson who killed her – she was angry with Rama and KOS and wanted to be in that line of Faction 3 – but she was always Faction 2
 - **Faction 2:** the US military and supposedly the Congress – it's a test ground: we might have 64 members left when we are done – only Bernie Sanders is squeaky clean
 - T:** wondering about Dennis Kucinich – speaks of a meeting in Santa Fe at which he showed up with a bill which included the words “chemtrail” and “mind control & exotic weaponry” - he was threatened with death if he did not take “chemtrail” out of the bill – he did and Margie tore him a good one in front of everyone – 1,000s and 1,000s of people – he was compromised right in front of them
- **Stand your Ground in Florida** – the whole trial about a Nazi 4th Reich thing that shot Trayvon Martin dead – which is why we feel sick when we listen
- Diego Mulligan in his 50s [1950 – 2013] – nothing wrong with him; shortly after the murder of Michael Hastings
- **Re Michael Hastings: RT tv** - an Hispanic man was on last night; said he was watching Hastings in his car on the street; he saw that the car was speeding up as it approached lights – could see sparks from the bottom of the car; could see Michael trying to stop the car and it just went faster – then it went on fire and BLEW UP – the engine was thrown out of the car about 180 feet
 - T:** when he tried to put the brakes on, it probably ignited a bomb which blew the motor out of the car BEFORE IT HIT THE TREE!

- A caller has asked about the Ashtar Command protecting people:
- T: WE HAVE TO DO THIS.** Tara tells the story of Martin Luther King the day before he was killed; he knew it was going to happen – Ralph Abernathy was the one who did it;
- Tara was told to leave the place on the west side of Chicago so she did – he knew he was going to die: “I may not get there with you, but I have seen the mountain top!”
- We are **very very close to full disclosure**; until they can come in freely, we have to follow our own footsteps
 - A few hours before Michael died, he was talking to Julian Assange's lawyer that the FBI was investigating him; from Sybel Edmunds' presentation last night, we know they monitor every call.

Caller1: What makes Bernie Sander so immune to corruption as opposed to Dennis Kucinich?

T: Bernie has never backed off on anything; Dennis did by taking the word “chemtrail” out of the bill

Caller1: Bernie Sanders stood up to people – does that mean he can be eliminated?

T/R: they laugh at him – a crazy old farmer from Vermont

Caller1: is this divine intervention?

T: everyone has intervention at some level; but only nuclear or physic holocaust will bring in the galactics

- Michael died because he was a whistleblower
- MLK was killed by someone from inside his own group: he knew it was coming & just carried on.

R: discussion if Glenn Grenwald is next? Hold that man in the violet flame

Caller1: same could be said for Sybel Edmunds?

T: she is the most gagged person in the country, yet she is saying more beyond her gag order.

Caller1: The movie *Man of Steel* – from the very beginning, lets people know we are not alone – telling people we are disclosing NOW – like preparing people for what is coming

R: yes, but the part about him taking on the General in a Mad Max kind of way is not how it's going to happen

Caller1: the new trilogy of Star wars coming out: amazing that George Lucas is presenting all that is happening on earth is there, and that full disclosure is going on:

eg, Hi, I am not your teacher/doctor/ whatever - I am from another place

R: yes, and Sgt Bob Dean has said that – they are all here and walking down the halls of the White House and you don't know who they are.

R: a series called *Alien Nation* – two cops – a good series: brings up the immigration series – it's about LOVE

T: Deigo Mulligan's program “The Drive Home” on KSFR in Santa Fe was a classic

- in 2011, suffered a spinal cord injury; was an avid environmentalist
- Website; born in the Bahamas & was part of a multi-cultural group – dropped out of college to work for a radio station; became an air traffic controller mid-70s
- was part of sustainable community movement;
- Ran for city council seat in the 1990s;
- Leaves a wife and 3 children

Reading: June 27, 2013 Words of Wendy Davis, State Senator of Texas

Reading: 2013, June 29 EU Leaders end summit, agree Serbia membership talks

BRUSSELS, (AFP) - EU leaders agreed they would soon open talks with Serbia on joining the bloc, as they wrapped up a two-day summit that also freed up billions of euros to battle youth unemployment.

In what EU President Herman Van Rompuy hailed as a "productive" two days, leaders from the 27-country union said they would open accession talks with Serbia "by January at the latest."

At the same time, they adopted a mandate to start talks on a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Kosovo, which may eventually pave the way for membership negotiations of its own.

The decision to start accession talks with Serbia was made possible after Belgrade made a pledge

to normalise relations with its former breakaway province Kosovo.

In Belgrade, Serbian premier Ivica Dacic welcomed the decision as "final and historic", but said he wished talks would begin earlier than January.

Dacic aims to bring his country into the EU fold within four to five years, an ambitious target given the complexity of negotiations required to join the bloc.

[PARTIAL ARTICLE]

T: report that Flight 800 was taken out from the ground on July 17, 1996

- There was a device placed in the belly of the flight; the passengers were children of the Illuminati who had banded together and were going to Paris to tell the world what their parents were doing
- A particle beam weapon was delivered from Montauk: it traced the missile in the belly of the plane and caused the plane to blow up. The debris was blown for hundreds of miles;
- Since that time, experts have been putting the pieces together and so
- Everyone in the neighbourhood said it sounded like a bomb went off!

Silenced: TWA 800 and the Subversion of Justice

<http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/silenced/>

. This documentary proves that the U.S. Government- including the FBI and DOJ- are totally corrupt and involved in serious felony crime and the outrageous cover-up of truth concerning the mysterious crash of TWA Flight 800 on July 17, 1996.

As you will see, Flight 800 was actually destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Every allegation made in this film is backed up with facts-none more dramatic than those that come from the Federal government itself.

You'll learn what the 736 official eyewitnesses actually saw; why aviators reject the CIA "cartoon" explanation; how the Feds criminally suppressed reporting; the critical witness drawings; the rigged NTSB hearings; the damning radar data and documentation; the altered physical evidence; undeniable proof of explosive residue proving a missile strike; the stinging report from the machinist union; and much more!

Watch the full documentary now

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=6umn4nsNN2E

Reading: Crucial CIA role in Nelson Mandela arrest 50 years ago

[SEE BELOW]

Caller2: Are Lucifer, Satan and the devil one and the same?

T: Jehovah and Lilith were the first son and first born daughter of Alcyone and Mother Sekhmet

Jehovah and Lillith's first born son was Lucifer

Jehovah's first born son was Satan

Caller2: the 42 principles of Ma'at

there is a single god

there is no devil – meaning there is no opposite to LOVE – all the rest is illusion

trading off money for love and power is the ultimate illusion

Caller2: the 42 principles – if we had witness to these principles and signed them, ti would be a contract and then followed the idea of repeating them daily

T: the Moorish people did just that! And this country was founded as a Moorish country

Caller2: are the commandments a watered down version of the 42 principles?

T: there is the 42 negative affirmation – all began with I have Not, I have not, I have not – so, yes

Caller2: what does IFA stand for – it's under the listing

Reading from page one of www.Spiritchange.com

2013, June 29

Sixteen Truths of Ifa

[SEE BELOW]

Caller2: since he got them has been concentrating on them and meditating on them
has been trying to get the phone number – getting no answer – wants to get the book
T: Office location is where the hurricane hit in New Jersey
#16 You need have no fear – the biggest one of them all!!!

Reading: SOUTH AFRICA'S NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT

[SEE BELOW]

Reading: 2007, Sept 2 A monument to Mandela~ the Robben Island years

[SEE BELOW]

Reading: 2013, Feb 7 [Before the Ten Commandments: The 42 Commandments of the Goddess Ma'at](#)
[SEE BELOW]

Music: Ladysmith Black Mambazo [Great stuff!]

Astrology: Richard

To follow the discussion, go to www.astro.com and put in Saturday's date and use 9 pm EDT [east coast]

- Still have Grand Water Trine which is very powerful – all kinds of emotional stuff, heavy magnetic baggage to work with
- Still have more than challenging T Square - moon went across galactic horizon today – lots of energy today
- Moon in Uranus & Sun in Jupiter – a new item: Venus square Saturn – it moved into Leo on Thursday
- Mercury went retrograde this week – Computer maintenance is important: get rid of junk files; do a defrag
- **Sun:** moon conjuncts Uranus Sun am; last quarter moon tomorrow in Aries – this means the moon is 21 days old tomorrow, & full moon was last Sunday so we have had a week's worth of reception – we have received a lot of stories of the last three weeks, due to that Gemini new moon
- **Monday:** moon goes void of course from 3 am until evening – a void of course moon in Aries is a good listening moon: ask for inspiration, do your meditation
- **Tuesday:** moon in Taurus, will square Venus, trine Pluto and sextile the sun
- **Wed;** moon still in Taurus
- Last week, moon went through last 3 signs of zodiac; this week goes through first 3 signs of the zodiac
- By next Saturday, moon will be in Cancer, it will also conjunct Mars early in the morning – first mars, new moon on 8th; on the 7th, Venus will be in Leo and trine Uranus – he hopes he will feel better as a result of this move;
- The next new moon will be at 17* Cancer – will conjunct Mercury which is retrograde and heading back to Sun's position;
- 8th new moon and conjunct Mercury – code is “solar eclipse or occultation” means close to being an eclipse but not exactly – need to look at declinations and the tilt of the orbits to decide; on the 8th, moon is north of solar system equator about 20*, sun will be north about 23* - moon will slip a bit under the sun – they will be 3* apart in the tilt; Mercury is also north of the elliptic – several of them clumped together and north of the elliptic, above the plane of the solar system –
- Saturn goes direct at time of new moon – a new cycle of moon starting in Aries, builds on last half of lunar cycle, the final week
- still mucky emotional challenges – breaking down the old paradigms & bring in the new ones
- July 29th is a lunar cycle from tomorrow; will be a last quarter moon, as well
- Days with punch between now and then: July 20th Mercury goes direct; Mars makes grand water trine with Neptune and Saturn 20th; • Jupiter makes grand water trine on the 17th – a seat belt day!
- Richard listened to Kapacha's Pele Report [June 26, 2013 Pele Report, Astrology Forecast](#)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=RvBErIX63GM

**When feelings of sorrow mingle with grief,
And I see no end, escape, or relief,
I remember that no choice can be wrong,
As I have been choosing Love all along!**

This week welcomes Venus into the sign of Leo and Mercury turning retrograde (as I type this – hope it's not late haha!). In addition to these aspects the Sun is entering into a "T-square" with Pluto and Uranus that I will address more next week. What all this points to is a time when we are presented with the opportunity of breaking out of the old patterns of being "small" and "wrong" and stepping more fully into our creative power/juices! Go for it!

T: the congress is out of DC until July 8th!

Reading: 2013, June 19 The Last Mystery of the Financial Crisis – Matt Taibi [SEE BELOW]

In the end, Tara began but did not finish this article; the questions about Ma'at led to other choices.

Conf Call <http://www.freeconference.com/Recordings/ConferenceRecording-13109711-753324.mp3>

Caller: what is happening with the banksters? Haven't heard much lately. -

T: so many of them, don't have the names of all of them them

Caller: asks about North Carolina:

T: trying to make another Wisconsin there:

Caller: 8 republicans going on to public lands to start drilling for gas and fracking

T: they have moral Mondays in NC – we talked about the underbelly to Planned Parenthood – there is a bad birth control product which is being forced this stuff on women of colour and it is killing – International Planned Parenthood is doing it, and doing it in the US as well – have to examine EVERYTHING –

- mammograms put 40x the radiation that you can take in your body offered free at Planned Parenthood;
- birth control also causes harm – eating the black seeds of a papaya will stop menstruation for a year;
- we are not to know about this because they want money off us –

Caller brings up the **bees** – T banking on the seed pods from the pyramids will clean up everything – things are reaching a ground swell and only when they get a zero in their bank accounts, then they might stop - once they are out of the way

Caller: all coming to the surface and yes we did ask to know, but

Significance of 29th July, 2013 – KOS told Rama today they were given to the end of July to give over half of their money away

Caller: enough is enough, we can feel that things are close; she knows we are clearing up our own stuff and helping others as we can.

T: it's steady as we go; what we do with Cheryl every week is so powerful – there are groups all over the world that are doing the same kind of things

Caller2: from North Carolina – asks about July 29th

T: by July 29th – Carl Boudreau spoke of it in the astrology: reaching the point of total transformation – going to a higher level of the status quo - what is here now is raised - the numbers work out to 33 – St Germain and the hummingbird energy; 11 is a master number – numbers make all the difference as they count –

Reads from Master Symbol of the Solar Cross

• Number 11; Law is Attraction; Colour is purple, Tone is B "As like poles repel each other, unlike poles have an Attraction"

Caller3: friend living in Nevada close to top of Mt. Charleston – both friend and the brother are clairvoyant –

caller her last night and talked of the tremendous amount of energy coming to the desert and rising up to the higher points on the land; didn't give a time, but already happening – whatever we focus our minds on, we can manifest

T: it's in the Hopi prophecy that the energy would come to help with the transformation - Rama has not heard anything of this

Caller: the friend moved back to Nevada and went back and forth to Thailand to visit the brother – spoke of the work in the ancient temples to remove some of the dark energies; gets info from the elders in Thailand – will share any information she gets from the friend

• **Discussion about the mounds** on the east side of the US and also about St. Louis and the spiritual things associated with this city, often not discussed; Tara urged the caller to carry on with the research as the huge stones and megaliths had a lot to do with the way we changed the energies on the planet as we came in.

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T: Started with deserts and out of the deserts that the energy was coming; from there, we went to mounds – she got the book **THE FIRST AMERICANS WERE AFRICANS**, by David Imhotep,

Reading: Chapter 3 **African Structures in North America**

Audio: Greg Braden [Secret Ancient Knowledge: Gregg Braden - The Divine Matrix ...](#)



▶ www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRPfxHni1ok 228:01 ▶ 228:01

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<http://thedeepvault.com/manifest> - Do you have the right mindset? Find out if you have what it takes. **[TO BE COMPLETED]**

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Audio: Max Keiser **Episode 464** June 28, 2013 12:09

<http://rt.com/shows/keiser-report/episode-464-max-keiser-381/>

Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss the latest peek-a-boo accounting fashion trends looking great matched with a mis-sold swap or wrapped in an accidental misplacement of segregated client funds. If your name is Jane Tacky Toe Polish, however, do not try the latest in financial fraud trends as you'll be sent to prison for a long time. In the second half, Max talks to Francine McKenna of reTheAuditors.com about the Bernie Madoff of munis and the cooked bailout books at Anglo-Irish bank.

Audio: Melissa Harris-Perry **Letter to Gov Rick Perry**

Governor Perry, watch out for the Wendy Davis Express

. The success of the latest Superman reboot left me wondering: Can a sista get a superheroine for a change? Well, someone must have been listening—because this week, I got my wish.

Instead of a man of steel, we got a woman with backbone when Texas state Sen. Wendy Davis used the powers endowed to her—not by a yellow sun—but by the citizens of Texas to save the day. But of course, every great superhero must also square off against an equally evil archenemy.

And while Sen. Davis is fully capable of taking on her nemesis on her own, I thought I'd play sidekick and give him a few kicks with my letter this week.

Dear Gov. Rick Perry,

It's me, Melissa.

You sir, have taken the term "adding insult to injury" to an all new low this week.

It was bad enough that you forced the Texas legislature to extend its legislative session for an additional 30 days for the express purpose of adding legislation to restrict reproductive choice.

Two dozen anti-abortion bills that all failed to reach the floor of either chamber after your fellow party members in the legislature figured out what you seem to have some trouble comprehending: Texans don't like it when you try to erect barriers against women's health care.

But you just couldn't stand to leave well enough alone, could you?

You just had to give the legislature another shot at banning abortion after 20 weeks, and passing laws to force 37 of Texas' 42 abortion providers to shut down. Governor, you are so hell-bent on pushing your agenda of outlawing all abortion that I'm sure it came as somewhat of a surprise to you when the people pushed back.

Since you clearly have a problem hearing what they want, Texans raised their voices—literally shouting to be heard—and led by a champion of the people, whose message was clear: Preserving the right to women's reproductive choice is the only choice.

Well guess that hearing problem of yours was acting up again, because when Wendy Davis spoke, you apparently heard [something entirely different](#).

Let's put aside for the moment the irony of you holding forth on the sanctity of every life, right before you went and oversaw [Texas's 500th death](#) by execution. Because what's really unfortunate is that you haven't learned from Wendy Davis' example. She recognizes that all she has been able to accomplish was thanks in part to having what Sen. Davis called "the privilege of making a choice."

You, on the other hand, have chosen to use your privilege to hurt instead of help women. With yet another special session to resurrect the bill that Sen. Davis and her pro-choice allies succeeded in killing. To restore what you called, "the breakdown of decorum and decency."

Please spare me all the decency talk. Because really, what would you know about decency? What's decent about refusing a Medicaid expansion and leaving 1.5 million poor, elderly, and disabled Texans without health coverage? There was certainly nothing decent about defunding your state's family planning clinics last year, leaving more than 140,000 Texas women without health services, and forced to carry 30,000 unintended pregnancies to term. And punctuating all that by saying this week, "The louder they scream the more we know that we are getting something done."

Be careful, governor. You're looking a lot like the villain who twirls his mustache and laughs while a speeding train is headed toward the woman you've tied to the tracks. Although you might want to take a closer look at that train. Because Sen. Davis has been hinting that she might be [interested in your job](#).

Right now there's a lot of momentum behind the Wendy Davis Express. And it's headed right for you.

Sincerely,
Melissa.

Reading: Voices of our Ancestors – D'Hyanni Ywahoo

Closing: Rainbird

Music

MATERIAL RELATED TO THE NOTES

2013, June 20

Two Constitutions in the United States. 1st was suspended in favor of a Vatican Corporation in 1871

Since 1871 the [United States president](#) and the United States Congress has been playing politics under a different set of rules and policies. The American people do not know that there are two Constitutions in the United States. The first penned by the leaders of the newly independent states of the United States in 1776. On July 4, 1776, the people claimed their *independence* from Britain and Democracy was born. And for 95 years the United States people were free and independent. That freedom ended in 1871 when the original "Constitution for the united states for America" was changed to the "THE [CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA](#)".



Pope meeting with the board of directors of The Vatican Bank

The Congress realized that the country was in dire financial straits, so they made a financial deal with the devil – international bankers — (in those days, the Rothschilds of London) thereby incurring a DEBT to said bankers. The conniving international bankers were not about to lend the floundering nation any money without some serious stipulations. So, they devised a way of taking back control of the United States and thus, the Act of 1871 was passed. With no constitutional authority to do so, Congress created a separate form of government for the [District of Columbia](#).

With the passage of "the Act of 1871" a city state (a state within a state) called the [District of Columbia](#) located on 10 sq miles of land in the heart of Washington was formed with its own flag and its own independent constitution – the United States' secret second constitution.



The flag of Washington's District of Columbia has 3 red stars, each symbolizing a city state within the three city empire. The three city empire consists of Washington D.C., London, and Vatican City. London is the corporate center of the three city states and controls the world economically. Washington's District of Columbia city state is in charge of the military, and the Vatican controls it all under the guise of spiritual guidance. *Although geographically separate, the city states of London, the Vatican and the District of Columbia are one interlocking empire called "Empire of the City"*

The constitution for the District of Columbia operates under tyrannical Vatican law known as "Lex Fori" (local law). When congress passed the act of 1871 it created a separate corporation known as THE UNITED STATES and corporate government for the District of Columbia. This treasonous act has unlawfully allowed the District of Columbia to operate as a corporation outside the original [constitution of the United States](#) and in total disregard of the best interests of the American citizens.



(POTUS Obama at the Vatican Corporate

headquarters)

POTUS is the Chief Executive (president) of the Corporation of the United States operating as any other CEO of the corporation — governs w/a Board of Directors (cabinet officials) and managers (Senators/Congress) Obama as others before him is POTUS — operating as "vassal king" taking orders once again from "The City of London" through the RIIA (Royal Institute of Intl Affairs). The Illuminati (founded by the The Society of Jesus or Jesuits, the largest *Roman* Catholic Religious Military Order headed by the Black Pope) created the [Royal Institute of International Affairs](#) (RIIA) in 1919. The American equivalent to the RIIA is the [Council of Foreign Relations](#) (CFR). The RIIA and CFR set up Round Table Groups (based on the King Arthur myths).

What did the Act of 1871 achieve? The ACT of 1871 put the United States back under British rule (which is under Vatican rule). The United States people lost their independence in 1871.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE [UNITED STATES OF AMERICA](#) is the constitution of the incorporated [UNITED STATES OF AMERICA](#). It operates in an economic capacity and has been used to fool the People into thinking it governs the Republic. It does not! Capitalization is NOT insignificant when one is referring to a legal document. This seemingly "minor" alteration has had a major impact on every subsequent generation of Americans. What Congress did by passing the Act of 1871 was create an entirely new document, a constitution for the government of the District of Columbia, an INCORPORATED government.

Instead of having absolute and unalienable rights guaranteed under the organic Constitution, we the people now

have “relative” rights or privileges. One example is the Sovereign’s right to travel, which has now been transformed (under corporate government policy) into a “privilege” that requires citizens to be licensed – driver’s licenses and Passports. By passing the Act of 1871, Congress committed TREASON against the People who were Sovereign under the grants and decrees of the [Declaration of Independence](#) and the organic Constitution. The Act of 1871 became the FOUNDATION of all the treason since committed by government officials.

As of 1871 the United States isn’t a Country; It’s a Corporation! In preparation for stealing America, the puppets of Britain’s banking cabal had already created a second government, a Shadow Government designed to manage what “the people” believed was a democracy, but what really was an incorporated UNITED STATES. Together this chimera, this two-headed monster, disallowed “the people” all rights of sui juris. [you, in your sovereignty]

The U.S.A. is a Crown Colony. The U.S. has always been and remains a British Crown colony. King James I, is not just famous for translating the Bible into “The King James Version”, but for signing the “[First Charter of Virginia](#)” in 1606 — which granted America’s British forefathers license to settle and colonize America. The charter guaranteed future Kings/Queens of England would have sovereign authority over all citizens and colonized land in America.

After America declared independence from Great Britain, the *Treaty of Paris*, signed on September 3, 1783 was signed. That treaty identifies the King of England as prince of U.S. “*Prince George the Third, by the grace of God, king of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, duke of Brunswick and Lunenburg, arch-treasurer and prince elector of the Holy Roman Empire etc., and of the United States of America*”— completely contradicting premise that America won The War of Independence.

Article 5 of that treaty gave all British estates, rights and properties back to Britain.

It is agreed that Congress shall earnestly recommend it to the legislatures of the respective states to provide for the restitution of all estates, rights, and properties, which have been confiscated belonging to real British subjects; and also of the estates, rights, and properties of persons resident in districts in the possession on his Majesty’s arms and who have not borne arms against the said United States. And that persons of any other description shall have free liberty to go to any part or parts of any of the thirteen United States and therein to remain twelve months unmolested in their endeavors to obtain the restitution of such of their estates, rights, and properties as may have been confiscated; and that Congress shall also earnestly recommend to the several states a reconsideration and revision of all acts or laws regarding the premises, so as to render the said laws or acts perfectly consistent not only with justice and equity but with that spirit of conciliation which on the return of the blessings of peace should universally prevail. And that Congress shall also earnestly recommend to the several states that the estates, rights, and properties, of such last mentioned persons shall be restored to them, they refunding to any persons who may be now in possession the bona fide price (where any has been given) which such persons may have paid on purchasing any of the said lands, rights, or properties since the confiscation.

And it is agreed that all persons who have any interest in confiscated lands, either by debts, marriage settlements, or otherwise, shall meet with no lawful impediment in the prosecution of their just rights.

It is becoming increasingly apparent to American citizens that government is no longer being conducted in accordance with [the U.S. Constitution](#), or, within states, according to state constitutions. While people have recognized for more than 150 years that the rich and powerful often corrupt individual officials, or exert undue influence to get legislation passed that favors their interests, most Americans still cling to the naive belief that such corruption is exceptional, and that most of the institutions of society, the courts, the press, and [law enforcement agencies](#), still largely comply with the Constitution and the law in important matters. They expect that these corrupting forces are disunited and in competition with one another, so that they tend to balance one another.

Mounting evidence makes it clear that the situation is far worse than most people think, that during the last several decades [the U.S. Constitution](#) has been effectively overthrown, and that it is now observed only as a façade to deceive and placate the masses. What has replaced it is what many call the *Shadow Government* – created with the illegal passing of the Act of 1871. It still, for the most part, operates in secret, because its control is not secure. The exposure of this regime and its operations must now become a primary duty of citizens who still believe in the Rule of Law and in the freedoms which this country is supposed to represent.

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2012, Aug 5 **Crucial CIA role in Nelson Mandela arrest 50 years ago today** by Brett Wilkins

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The Central Intelligence Agency played a crucial role in the arrest of South African freedom hero Nelson Mandela, who was apprehended on August 5, 1962 and imprisoned for more than 27 years.

Mandela, a Nobel Peace laureate and former South African president, is arguably the world's most respected and beloved living figure. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton calls him "a hero to people of all backgrounds and experience who strive for freedom and progress," lauding his "unfailing courage in the face of overwhelming obstacles."

But what most Americans don't know is that Mandela suffered many of those "overwhelming obstacles" as a direct result of the United States, which considered him a criminal and a terrorist for many years.

When the racist apartheid regime ruling South Africa freed Mandela in 1990 after more than 27 harrowing years in prison, US President George H.W. Bush personally phoned him and informed him that the American people were "rejoicing at your release." One wonders if Mandela found Bush's call ironic, considering that it was the CIA, an organization that Bush once led, that had [gotten him arrested](#).

Mandela, always a strong believer in non-violence, was forced to take up arms half a century ago as peaceful protests against apartheid inhumanity were brutally crushed. The white rulers of South Africa cleverly portrayed Mandela's [African National Congress](#) (ANC) as an outlaw band of communist terrorists and the United States, deep in the Cold War and deeply invested in South Africa's stupendous mineral wealth, took the bait. In Washington's eyes, Nelson Mandela was not fighting for the freedom of his people from the racist tyranny of apartheid, he was a terrorist who needed to be neutralized.

To that end, a CIA agent infiltrated the ANC and in 1962 informed South African security officials that Mandela, a wanted man on the run, would be leaving a dinner party in Durban dressed as a chauffeur. He was arrested at a roadblock and spent the next [10,000 days](#) behind bars. During the early years of his imprisonment on notorious [Robben Island](#), he received meager rations, was forced to perform back-breaking labor in a lime quarry and was allowed only one letter and one visitor every six months. When his mother and oldest son died, he was not permitted to attend their funerals. And every Thursday, Mandela and other black prisoners were forced to dig a six-foot deep ditch, climb into it and stand there while the white wardens pissed all over them.

Many years later, after Mandela was freed and elected the first president of post-apartheid South Africa, his advisers asked him who he would like to invite to his inaugural dinner. His choice? The wardens of Robben Island. Such was the extraordinary grace of this "terrorist."

To add insult to injury, the United States only removed Nelson Mandela from its terrorist watch list in 2008. After he'd won the Nobel Peace Prize, after he'd led his country out of the darkness of apartheid, avoiding a civil war that many thought was inevitable, after he'd risen from Robben Island prisoner to be elected his country's first black president-- after all of this, the great Nelson Mandela was still officially considered a terrorist and needed special permission to enter the United States.

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1. There is a single God. [T: this is Mother Sekhmet]
2. There is no Devil. [T: no opposite to LOVE]
3. Except for the day you were born and the day you are supposed to die, there is no single event in your life that cannot be forecast and, when necessary, changed.
[T: This includes the day you are supposed to die: in fact, as we have come into this life time, we can overcome death; the Ascended Masters have done it and in this lifetime, we will. Brings up the story of the children who had aids or HIV and are now immune to everything. There 100 million + who are like this – and counting, including grown adults who have shown up like this]
4. It is your birthright to be happy, successful, and fulfilled. **[Absolutely]**
5. You should grow and obtain wisdom during the process. **[Absolutely]**
6. You are reborn through your blood relatives.
[This is the belief of the Bahai, not in reincarnation – this will be changed in a sense; at this point, Mother said there is no more re-incarnation on Earth with the exception: those from 9/11 and since, those people have an opportunity to come back fully healed in their identical bodies! Other than that, no more re-incarnation; the children coming in have never been here before; those who have left before 9/11 can re-incarnate on other planets – and there are 80 billion of them! Galactic beings from across the universe can come to our current Earth and make her the 33rd planet in the Confederation of Worlds which means that we will be immortals -so being reborn coming to an end]
7. Heaven is "home" and Earth "the marketplace." We are in constant passage between the two.
[In this lifetime, heaven and earth become one – only with polarity is there that separation; ending the Mayan calendar cycle – at the end of July, we are completing the final year of the Mayan calendar and we go into full **UNITY CONSCIOUSNESS.**]
8. You are part of the universe in a literal, not figurative, way. **[we are universal beings of light]**
9. You must never initiate harm to another human being.
[Absolutely true! This is the Moorish teaching that was contra indicated by the Vatican when they adjusted the Koran & added the bit about the 33 virgins, Jihad and such things]
By 2020, there will be places were animals are communicating telepathically with human beings
10. You must never harm the Universe of which you are part.
11. Your temporal and spiritual capacities must work together.
12. You are born with a specific path. It is your goal to travel it. Divination provides your road map.
13. Our ancestors exist and must be honored.
14. Sacrifice guarantees success.
15. The orisa live within us.
16. You need have no fear.

(excerpt from "THE WAY OF THE ORISA: Empowering your Life Through the Ancient African Religion of Ifa", by Philip John Neimark, copyright 1993, Harper Collins Publishers)*

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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
SOUTH AFRICA'S NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT

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What is the African National Congress?

- The ANC is a national liberation movement. It was formed in 1912 to unite the African people and spearhead the struggle for fundamental political, social and economic change.
- For ten decades the ANC has led the struggle against racism and oppression, organising mass resistance, mobilising the international community and taking up the armed struggle against apartheid.
- The ANC achieved a decisive democratic breakthrough in the 1994 elections, where it was given a firm mandate to negotiate a new democratic Constitution for South Africa. The new Constitution was adopted in 1996.
- The ANC was re-elected in 1999 to national and provincial government with an increased mandate.
- The policies of the ANC are determined by its membership and its leadership is accountable to the membership.
- Membership of the ANC is open to all South Africans above the age of 18 years, irrespective of race, colour and creed, who accept its principles, policies and programmes.

Aims and Objectives

- The ANC's key objective is the creation of a united, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic society.
- This means the liberation of Africans in particular and black people in general from political and economic bondage. It means uplifting the quality of life of all South Africans, especially the poor.
- The struggle to achieve this objective is called the National Democratic Revolution.

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A brief history of the African National Congress

Our struggle for freedom has a long history. It goes back to the days when the African people fought spear in hand against the British and Boer colonisers.

The ANC has kept this spirit of resistance alive! Over the last 80 years the ANC has brought together millions in the struggle for liberation. Together we have fought for our land, against low wages, high rents and the dompas. We have fought against bantu education, and for the right to vote for a government of our choice. This history is about our struggle for freedom and justice. It tells the story of the ANC

1. The African Kingdoms are defeated 1860s - 1900

White settlers from Holland first came to South Africa in 1652. many bitter struggles were fought over land and cattle. Although the African kingdoms lost land and cattle they were still independent some 200 years later.

But in the 1860s Britain brought large armies with horses, modern rifles and cannons, to take control of South Africa. The Xhosa who had fought nine wars of resistance against the colonisers, were finally defeated in 1878, after more than 100 years of warfare.

Led by Cetshwayo, the Zulu brought a crushing defeat on the British army at Isandhlwana in 1878, but were finally defeated at Ulundi by British reinforcements. Soon afterwards the British attacked and defeated the Pedi who had also remained independent for many years.

Leaders like Sukhukhune, Sandile and Cetshwayo were captured and imprisoned or killed. By 1900 Britain had broken the power of the African kingdoms and they then fell under the control of the colonial government. In 1910, Britain handed over this control to the Boer and British settlers themselves, when it gave them independence. The union of South Africa was formed with a government that recognised only the rights of white

people and denied rights to blacks.

2. The ANC is formed - 1912

The wars of resistance ended with the defeat of Bambata's rebellion. Africans had to find new ways to fight for their land and their freedom. In 1911, Pixley ka Isaka Seme called on Africans to forget the differences of the past and unite together in one national organisation. He said: **"We are one people. these divisions, these jealousies, are the cause of all our woes today."**

On January 8th 1912, chiefs, representatives of people's and church organisations, and other prominent individuals gathered in Bloemfontein and formed the African National Congress. The ANC declared its aim to bring all Africans together as one people to defend their rights and freedoms.

The ANC was formed at a time when South Africa was changing very fast. Diamonds had been discovered in 1867 and gold in 1886. Mine bosses wanted large numbers of people to work for them in the mines. Laws and taxes were designed to force people to leave their land. The most severe law was the 1913 land Act, which prevented africans from buying, renting or using land, except in the reserves.

Many communities or families immediately lost their land because of the Land Act. for millions of other black people it became very difficult to live off the land. The Land Act caused overcrowding, land hunger, poverty and starvation.

3. Working for a Wage

The Land Act and other laws and taxes forced people to seek work on the mines and on the white farms. While some black people settled in cities like Johannesburg, most workers were migrants. They travelled to the mines to work and returned home to the rural areas with part of their wages, usually once a year.

But Africans were not free to move as they pleased. Passes controlled their movements and made sure they worked either on the mines or on the farms. The pass laws also stopped Africans from leaving their jobs or striking. In 1919 the ANC in Transvaal led a campaign against the passes. The ANC also supported the militant strike by African mineworkers in 1920.

However, some ANC leaders disagreed with militant actions such as strikes and protests. They argued that the ANC should achieve its aims by persuasion, for example, by appealing to Britain. but the appeals of delegations who visited Britain in 1914 to protest the Land Act and again in 1919 to ask Britain to recognise African rights, were ignored.

This careful approach meant that the ANC was not very active in the 1920s. The Industrial and Commercial Workers Union (ICU) - a general union formed in 1919 - was the most active and popular organisation in rural and urban areas, at this time. The union won some major victories for its workers through militant actions. However, the ICU could not sustain itself, and in the late 1920s it collapsed.

Socialist organisations also began to organise black workers in the 1920s. The International Socialist League together with other socialist organisations formed the Communist Party in 1921. The Communist Party became the first non-racial political organisation in South Africa.

During the 1920s government policies became harsher and more racist. A colour-bar was established to stop blacks from holding semi-skilled jobs in some industries. It also meant that black workers were paid lower wages for unskilled work.

J.T. Gumede, was elected President of the ANC in 1927. He tried to revitalise the ANC in order to fight these racist policies. Gumede thought that the communists could make a contribution to this struggle and wanted the ANC to co-operate with them. However, in 1930, Gumede was voted out of office and the ANC became inactive in the 1930s undergo conservative leadership.

4. The ANC Gains New Life - 1940s

The ANC was boosted with new life and energy in the 1940s, which changed it from the careful organisation it was in the 1930s to the mass movement it was to become in the 1950s.

Increased attacks on the rights of black people and the rise of extreme Afrikaner nationalism created the need for a more militant response from the ANC. Harsher racism also brought greater co-operation between the organisations of Africans, Coloureds and Indians. In 1947, the ANC and the Indian Congresses signed a pact stating full support for one another's campaigns.

In 1944 the ANC Youth League was formed. The young leaders of the Youth League - among them Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and Oliver Tambo - based their ideas on African nationalism. They believed Africans would be freed only by their own efforts. The Youth League aimed to involve the masses of people in militant struggles.

Many more people moved to the cities in the 1940s to work in new factories and industries. They began to form their own community organisations - such as the Squatter's Movement - and trade unions. The militant ideas of the Youth League quickly found support among the new population of the cities. The Youth League drew up a Programme of Action calling for strikes, boycotts and defiance. It was adopted by the ANC in 1949, the year after the National party came to power. The Programme of Action led to the Defiance Campaign of the 1950s.

5. A Mass Movement is Born - 1950

The Defiance Campaign was the beginning of a mass movement of resistance to apartheid. apartheid aimed to separate the different race groups completely through laws like the Population Registration Act, Group Areas Act and Bantu Education Act, and through stricter pass laws and forced removals.

"Non-Europeans" walked through "Europeans Only" entrances and demanded service at "White's Only" counters of post offices. Africans broke the pass laws and Indian, Coloured and White "volunteers" entered African townships without permission.

The success of the Defiance Campaign encouraged further campaigns against apartheid laws, like the Group Areas Act and the Bantu Education Act.

The government tried to stop the Defiance Campaign by banning its leaders and passing new laws to prevent public disobedience. but the campaign had already made huge gains. It brought closer co-operation between the ANC and the SA Indian Congress, swelled their membership and also led to the formation of new organisations; the SA Coloured people's Organisation (SACPO) and the Congress of Democrats (COD), an organisation of white democrats.

These organisations, together with the SA Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU) formed the Congress Alliance.

The Congress Alliance came together to organise the Congress of the people - a conference of all the people of South Africa - which presented people's demands for the kind of South Africa they wanted.

The demands called for the people to govern and for the land to be shared by those who work it. They called for houses, work, security and for free and equal education. These demands were drawn together into the Freedom Charter which was adopted at the Congress of the People at Kliptown on the 26th June 1955.

The government claimed that the Freedom Charter was a communist document. Communism had been banned by the government in 1950, so they arrested ANC and Congress leaders and brought them to trial in the famous Trason Trial. They also tried to prove that the ANC and its allies had a policy of violence and planned to overthrow the state.

In 1955 the government announced that women must carry passes. A huge campaign was mounted by women, countrywide. Women also led a militant campaign against municipal beerhalls. According to the law it was illegal for women to brew traditional beer. Police raided homes and destroyed home brewed liquor so that men would use municipal beerhalls. In response, women attacked the beerhalls and destroyed equipment and buildings. The women also organised a highly successful boycott of the beerhall.

There were many other community struggles in the 1950s. Resistance in the rural areas reached new heights. In many areas campaigns were led by the ANC against passes for women, forced removals and the Bantu Authorities Act. The Bantu Authorities Act gave the white government the power to remove chiefs they considered troublesome and replace them with those who would collaborate with the racist system.

The collaboration of chiefs with government officials was one of the causes of the Pondoland Revolt, a major

event in the resistance by rural people. The Pondos also demanded representation in parliament, lower taxes and an end to Bantu Education.

The struggles of the 1950s brought blacks and whites together on a much greater scale in the fight for justice and democracy. The Congress Alliance was an expression of the ANC's policy of non-racialism. This was expressed in the Freedom Charter which declared that South Africa belongs to all who live in it.

But not everyone in the ANC agreed with the policy of non-racialism. A small minority of members who called themselves Africanists, opposed the Freedom Charter. They objected to the ANC's growing co-operation with whites and Indians, who they described as foreigners. They were also suspicious of communists who, they felt, brought a foreign ideology into the struggle.

The differences between the Africanists and those in the ANC who supported non-racialism, could not be overcome. In 1959 the Africanists broke away and formed the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC). Anti-pass campaigns were taken up by both the ANC and the PAC in 1960.

The PAC campaign began on the 21st March. People were asked to leave their passes at home and gather at police stations to be arrested. People gathered in large numbers at Sharpsville in the Vaal and at Nyanga and Langa near Cape Town. At Sharpsville the police opened fire on the unarmed and peaceful crowd, killing 69 and wounding 186.

The massacre of peaceful protestors at Sharpsville brought a decade of peaceful protest to an end. On 30 March 1960, ten days after the Sharpsville massacre, the government banned the ANC and the PAC. They declared a state of emergency and arrested thousands of Congress and PAC activists.

6. The Armed Struggle Begins - 1960s

The ANC took up arms against the South African Government in 1961. The massacre of peaceful protestors and the subsequent banning of the ANC made it clear that peaceful protest alone would not force the regime to change. The ANC went underground and continued to organise secretly. Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) was formed to "hit back by all means within our power in defence of our people, our future and our freedom"

In 18 months MK carried out 200 acts of sabotage. But the underground organisation was no match for the regime, which began to use even harsher methods of repression. Laws were passed to make death the penalty for sabotage and to allow police to detain people for 90 days without trial. In 1963, police raided the secret headquarters of MK, arresting the leadership. This led to the Rivonia Trial where the leaders of MK were charged with attempting to cause a violent revolution.

Some ANC leaders - among them Oliver Tambo and Joe Slovo avoided arrest and left the country. Other ANC members left to undergo military training.

After the Rivonia Trial, the underground structures of the ANC in the country were all but destroyed. The ANC was faced with the question of how to bring trained soldiers back into the country to continue the struggle. However, South Africa was surrounded by countries that were very hostile to the ANC. Rhodesia, Angola and Mozambique were all controlled by colonial governments that supported the regime. MK would first have to make its way through those countries before it could reach home ground.

In 1967, MK began a joint campaign with Zapu, a people's army fighting for the liberation of Zimbabwe. They aimed to find a route into South Africa by first crossing the Zambezi River from Zambia and into Zimbabwe, then marching across Zimbabwe through Wankie Game reserve, and crossing the Limpopo River into South Africa. While the Wankie Campaign gave MK cadres important experience in combat, it was clear that MK would have to find other ways of getting into the country. The ANC consultative conference at Morogoro, Tanzania in 1969 looked for solutions to this problem.

The Morogoro Conference called for an all-round struggle. Both armed struggle and mass political struggle had to be used to defeat the enemy. But the armed struggle and the revival of mass struggle depended on building ANC underground structures within the country. A fourth aspect of the all-round struggle was the campaign for international support and assistance from the rest of the world. These four aspects were often called the four pillars of struggle. The non-racial character of the ANC was further consolidated by the opening up of the ANC membership to non-Africans.

7. Workers and Students Fight Back - 1970s

During the 1960s, as a result of the banning of the liberation movement, there were few signs of resistance. The apartheid system grew stronger and extended its control over all aspects of people's lives. But, despite the lull, people were not prepared to accept the hardships and oppression of apartheid. In the 1970s workers and students fought back against the system. Their struggles changed the face of South Africa.

From about 1970 prices began to rise sharply, making it even more difficult for workers to survive on low wages. Spontaneous strikes resulted: workers walked off the job demanding wage increases. The strike began in Durban in 1973 and later spread to other parts of the country.

Student anger and grievances against bantu education exploded in June 1976. Tens of thousands of high school students took to the streets to protest against compulsory use of Afrikaans at schools. Police opened fire on marching students, killing thirteen year old Hector Petersen and at least three others. This began an uprising that spread to other parts of the country leaving over 1,000 dead, most of whom were killed by the police.

Many Soweto student leaders were influenced by the ideas of black consciousness. The South African Students Movement (SASM), one of the first organisations of black high school students, played an important role in the 1976 uprising. There were also small groups of student activists who were linked to old ANC members and the ANC underground. ANC underground structures issued pamphlets calling on the community to support students and linking the student struggle to the struggle for national liberation.

8. The Struggle for People's Power - 1980s

In the 1980s, people took the liberation struggle to new heights. In the workplace, in the community and in the schools, the people aimed to take control of their situation. All areas of life became areas of political struggle. These struggles were linked to the demand for political power.

Thousands of youths flooded the ranks of MK after the 1976 uprising. The violence used by the security forces to quell the uprising made the youths determined to come back and fight. The 1976 uprising also led the regime to change its strategy. For the first time reforms were introduced to apartheid. These aimed to win some support from the black community, but without making substantial changes. At the same time the military was greatly strengthened. They could use greater force and repression against people and organisations who were considered revolutionary. Through the State Security Council and a network of other structures, the military also gained control over the most important decisions of government. This combination of reform and repression, the NP government described as winning the hearts and minds of black South Africans.

However, the reforms proposed by the government, such as the Tricameral Parliament and Black Local Authorities in African Townships, were totally rejected and only gave rise to greater resistance.

In the 1980s community organisations such as civics, students and youth organisations and women's structures began to spring up all over South Africa. This was a rebirth of the mass Congress movement and led to the formation of the United Democratic Front.

One of the biggest organisations formed at this time was the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) with branches in towns and cities throughout South Africa. In many cases civic organisations developed out of parent - student committees which had been formed to support education struggles. Massive national school boycotts rocked the townships in 1980 and again in 1984/5.

Worker organisation and power also took a major step forward with the formation of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) in 1985. Cosatu drew together independent unions that had begun to grow in the seventies. Cosatu committed itself to advancing the struggles of workers both in the workplace and in the community. 1987 saw the highest number of strikes ever, including a strike by over 300,000 mineworkers.

In 1985, the ANC called on township residents to make townships ungovernable by destroying the Black Local Authorities. Councillors and police were called on to resign. Municipal buildings and homes of collaborators were attacked. As the administrative system broke down, people established their own democratic structures to run the community, including street committees and people's courts. An atmosphere of mass insurrection prevailed in many townships and rural towns across the country during 1985 and 1986. Mass struggles and the armed struggle began to support one another. Troops and police who had moved into the townships at the end of 1984

engaged in running battles with youths - armed with stones and petrol bombs - in an effort to re-establish control.

As resistance mounted, the regime became more vicious. A state of emergency was declared over many parts of the country in July 1985. It lasted for six months, and then in June 1986 a national emergency was declared, that lasted until 1990. The states of emergency were used to detain over 300,000 people, among them children, and to ban the UDF and its affiliates from all activity. Cosatu was restricted from political activity.

Secret government units killed activists and bombed their homes. The South African Defence Force (SADF) led raids into neighbouring countries to destroy ANC bases. These raids were part of a general strategy to destabilise neighbouring governments that offered the ANC support. The South African government gave extensive support to bandit organisations like Renamo in Mozambique and Unita in Angola.

The struggle for people's power in the 1980s shook the foundations of the bantustan system. The regime tried desperately to save it by supporting vigilante groups and suppressing popular resistance.

In Natal, the struggle for people's power was met with violence by Inkatha warlords who were opposed to the growth of community organisations. civic and youth organisations and Cosatu were opposed to the undemocratic practices of Inkatha and its ties to the KwaZulu government. The conflict has led to a bitter war in Natal, where thousands have lost their lives. Today there is evidence that the apartheid government gave money to Inkatha to fight the ANC, and that the South African Police and the KwaZulu Police have played active roles in this war.

9. The ANC is Unbanned

In spite of detentions and bannings, the mass movement took to the city streets defiantly with the ANC and SACP flags and banners. The people proclaimed the ANC unbanned. In February 1990, the regime was forced to unban the ANC and other organisations.

By unbanning the ANC, the regime indicated for the first time, that it might be prepared to try and solve South Africa's problems peacefully, through negotiations.

After its unbanning the ANC began to establish branch and regional structures of its members. Regional and national membership was elected. At its national conference inside the country since 1959, the ANC restated its aim to unite South Africa and bring the country to free and democratic elections.

At the 1991 National Conference of the ANC Nelson Mandela was elected President. Oliver Tambo, who served as President from 1969 to 1991 was elected National Chairperson. Tambo died in April 1993 after serving the ANC his entire adult life.

The negotiations initiated by the ANC resulted in the holding of historic first elections based on one person one vote in April 1994.

The ANC won these first historic elections with a vast majority. 62,6% of the more than 22 million votes cast were in favour of the ANC.

On the 10th of May 1994 Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as the President of South Africa. The ANC has been in power ever since

***** Prison Conditions

Robben Island was said to be Hell, a place of desolate banishment from which few returned.

Oliver Tambo (former ANC leader), 1980: "The tragedy of Africa, in racial and political terms, [has been] concentrated at the southern tip of the continent - in South Africa, Namibia, and, in a special sense, Robben Island."

Robben Island has been victorious over Apartheid and other human rights abuses. To many, it is the sign of the nation's maturity, of the Rainbow Nation having reached a democratic nirvana.

Robben Island has come a long way since the oppression in Apartheid years, but many, especially those who suffered on the island, will never forget the horrors experienced...

Conditions during the early years of the Apartheid era:

- Each day the prisoners were searched: They had to strip naked, and bend down, in order to touch the floor. A doctor would then insert his gloved finger into the prisoners' rectum, and twist it (warders would beat them with pick handles if the men did not bend low enough). This search was said to be a "check for hidden items", but it was clearly an act merely in order to humiliate and degrade prisoners.
- Another humiliating medical order was that the men had to leap across the yard completely naked. They were ordered to jump up and down.
- Prisoners were woken up at 5:30 each morning, if not earlier, and had to be asleep by 8:00 that night.
- Prisoners were ordered to hurry, otherwise racist comments like "Kaffir, you are breathing on me," were screamed by the warders.
- Over 60 prisoners were crammed into a cell made for 20.
- Breakfast consisted of a cup of bitter coffee and cold, lumpy porridge. The men ate squatting on their haunches. Warders were instructed to beat any bottom that touched the floor.
- If prisoners were sent to Cape Town for the day to do hard labour, upon arrival they were thrown off the aging Robben Island ferry, making their handcuffed hands a bloody mess. The journey there was horrid: the stench of sweat, faeces and urine dominated the air.
- During the day, prisoners were forced to endure hours of hard labour. This resulted in painful blisters forming on their hands, making the work a double nightmare. No first aid kits were provided, so the prisoners had to apply urine to their wounds to sterilize them.
- They were made to do pointless jobs, such as spending three weeks digging a mountain of sand in one place, moving it to another place, and then being ordered to transport it to its original position. This took hours of effort, and was a degrading project.
- Prisoners were raped and abused by warders.
- Coloured, Indian, and African prisoners were all treated differently. The Africans had the least privileges.
- Visits from family and friends were severely restricted.

The memories of prisoners on islands, especially on Robben Island, are ones of pain and struggle.

When Robben Island ran a General Infirmary, from 1846 to 1931, it was recorded that the 'misfits' were treated with no respect whatsoever. They were cut off from society, banned from luxuries and scarred with insults. Robben Island was meant to 'cure' the lepers, as sea bathing improved their skin-condition, but instead it was a hostile place. Lepers said they were "left on the island as people who are dead." Their food was poorly prepared and their clothes inadequate. Men and women were not allowed to communicate with each other as it was feared that they would conceive leper children.

When the island became a prison, ordeals worsened. Racist warders dominated the cold halls. They were abrupt, sour and cruel, their actions brutal and bloody. The prisoners were isolated from family—visits were seldom allowed, and when they were, were strictly monitored—and doomed to the endless routine of the day-to-day life on Robben Island.

The prison was cold, dull and uncontrollably hostile—some prisoners would fake stomach ulcers, in order to be sent to the mainland hospital for treatment. Their main reason was to view the colours of the city...—work on the island was hot and exhausting, and men laboured all day in the quarries. The pale limestone wall reflected the glaring sunlight into the eyes of the prisoners, causing severe cases of blindness. The warders watched, spitting insults, and whipping lazy prisoners. Food was cold and bland. It was a pretty unpleasant life for the prisoners.

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There is more to Nelson Mandela than the genial old man seen shaking hands with the great, the good and the famous. Paul Vallely recalls the persecuted activist and prisoner

Every Thursday at one point during Nelson Mandela's long incarceration on Robben Island he and a group of other black prisoners would be taken outside and told to dig a trench six feet deep. When it was complete, they were told to get down into it, whereupon their white warders would urinate on them. Then they were told to fill in the trench and go back to their solitary cells.

Years later, when Nelson Mandela was about to be inaugurated as the first president of South Africa elected by all its people, he was asked who he would like to invite to his first dinner as president. The warders from Robben Island, he said. "You don't have to do that," his advisers told him. "I don't have to be president either," he replied. The first time he sat down to break bread as head of state those same warders were his guests.

When Nelson Mandela arrived in London last week for the unveiling of his statue in Parliament Square, most of those who turned out to offer him adulatory applause were, like me, middle-aged and upwards. Mandela's epic life was the political soundtrack to our formative years.

In the politics of the 1960s, the apartheid system in South Africa stood as a totem of all that remained of the entrenched privilege and evil repression of the imperialism of the past. Apartheid was the last bastion of the arrogant notion of the superiority of the white man.

Stories like the one about the whites pissing on the blacks were the fuel for the outrage of the anti-apartheid movement all around the world. The curved black and white circle that was its badge became an icon for an entire generation. And Nelson Mandela became its hero.

Mandela was one of his nation's first black lawyers. He had set up the first African law firm in South Africa with his partner, Oliver Tambo, in 1952. The two men campaigned against the repressive system.

In 1960, tensions soared when 69 black people were shot dead by police in the Sharpeville massacre. The government banned the principal black political opposition, the African National Congress. "All lawful modes of expressing opposition," Mandela later said, "had been closed by legislation, and we were placed in a position in which we had either to accept a permanent state of inferiority, or to defy the government."

Peaceful resistance was over. Mandela became the leader of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation). He went into hiding, declaring "the struggle is my life". Even then his commitment to violence was a tempered one. Umkhonto limited itself to sabotaging military and government targets. Its members were told they were on no account to injure or kill anyone and were forbidden to carry weapons.

But he also toured the world to raise support for a guerrilla army should sabotage fail to end apartheid. He was received with great sympathy across Africa and also by Labour and Liberal political leaders in London. Thirty years of ANC moderation had only ever produced laws restricting the rights and progress of the majority black population.

Yet that was enough to secure a guilty verdict when Mandela returned to South Africa and was caught by the authorities.

At the Rivonia treason trial Mandela set out a cogent defence in a speech which it is still moving to read today – and which electrified the world when it was delivered in the closing moments of a trial in which the prosecution had asked for the death penalty. It ended: "During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to the struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

Mandela was jailed for life. He was to serve 27 years behind bars. But the anti-apartheid struggle continued, led by South Africa's churches and black children in the townships, supported by demonstrations by students and political activists across the globe.

Britain was a particular focus. The then Bishop of Liverpool, former England cricketer David Shepherd, was a vocal opponent. The world community imposed limited economic sanctions on South Africa.

News of the conditions on Robben Island only fuelled the international fury. Mandela performed hard labour in a lime quarry. Conditions were very basic. Prisoners were segregated by race, with blacks receiving fewest rations. Mandela was allowed one visitor every six months, and one letter, often rendered unreadable by the prison censors. When his mother and eldest son died, he was not allowed to attend their funerals.

Then in 1980 the exiled Oliver Tambo launched an international campaign whose "Free Nelson Mandela!" slogan resounded through universities, churches, schools and trade union gatherings across Europe and America. Local councils began to name streets, squares and buildings after Mandela. Musicians dedicated songs to him.

So embarrassing was the international outcry, and so hurtful the economic sanctions, that in 1985 the white president, P W Botha, offered to release the world's most famous prisoner, so long as he renounced armed struggle. Mandela refused with the words: "Only free men can negotiate. A prisoner cannot enter into contracts."

Support for Mandela and his cause was not universal. Reactionary politicians including the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, in the UK, and, in the US, Dick Cheney (now Vice-President) supported the apartheid regime and insisted that Mandela was a terrorist. But they were an increasingly small minority in the civilised world. On Mandela's 70th birthday a massive concert was held at Wembley featuring a host of leading musicians.

Three things brought change. The international campaign was one. The second was that Archbishop Desmond Tutu, on whom the mantle of leadership had fallen with all the ANC leaders jailed or exiled, had travelled repeatedly to the United States and persuaded key American financial institutions to disinvest in South Africa. The third was that, in 1989, President Botha had a stroke and was replaced by F W de Klerk. The new white president saw the writing on the wall, with sanctions biting and the nation's isolation growing. On 11 February 1990 Mandela was freed from jail.

The world watched his release and heard his first words of freedom: "I stand here before you not as a prophet but as a humble servant of you, the people. Your tireless and heroic sacrifices have made it possible for me to be here today. I therefore place my life in your hands."

Within three years Mandela and de Klerk had jointly been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Within four years the black leader had replaced the white one as president. At his inauguration as the nation's first president elected by the whole population he said: "We dedicate this day to all the heroes and heroines in this country and the rest of the world who sacrificed in many ways and surrendered their lives so that we could be free Their dreams have become reality."

Yet the most astonishing thing was to come. Mandela invited to his inauguration his arch enemy P W Botha and also Percy Yutar, the lawyer who had tried to get him executed in the Rivonia trial. He then went out of his way to support the all-white national rugby team, the Springboks, wearing a team shirt during the 1995 World Cup. And he threw his weight behind Desmond Tutu's idea for a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which offered amnesty to all those who came forward to fully confess their crimes during the apartheid regime. This policy of reconciliation averted a bloodbath and eased the transition to multi-racial democracy.

This was his most extraordinary achievement. Ironically its roots lay in the long years of imprisonment.

In jail, he said, "You come face to face with time: there is nothing more terrifying." There he learned the power of forgiveness. Though as a boy he was educated at Methodist colleges, Mandela had no personal religious faith as motivation. But his long years in prison inculcated in him an extraordinary tolerance and compassion, and brought him a sense of perspective that enabled him to see beyond day-to-day politics to more ultimate ends.

It enabled him to exert authority over the warders, and eventually over the South African government itself until they were virtually his prisoners and he was the warder. Afterwards he never reminded anyone of their past support for apartheid or its horrors. And when angry young ANC activists called for vengeance, he replied that if he could work with enemies who sent him to jail for a third of his life, so could they.

Reconciliation was the price of future peace. "Men of peace must not think about retribution or recriminations," he said. "Courageous people do not fear forgiving, for the sake of peace".

2013, Feb 7 [Before the Ten Commandments: The 42 Commandments of the Goddess Ma'at](#)

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Written at least 2,000 years before the Ten Commandments of Moses, the 42 Commandments of Ancient Egypt, the "[Ideals of Ma'at](#)," were one of Africa's – and the world's – oldest sources of moral and spiritual instruction. In fact, 8 of the 10 Commandments originate from the Ideals of Ma'at. And although they were somewhat buried in 2000 years of history, and the splitting of religions, The 42 Ideals of Ma'at are so simple, and so beautiful – they cover every basic tenant of higher awareness and consciousness – they are as relevant today as if they came straight from a modern day spiritual teacher.

Ma'at was the Ancient Egyptian Goddess of the Divine Principles of Truth, Justice, and Righteousness.

She was also personified as a goddess who regulated the stars, seasons, and the actions of both mortals and the deities, who set the order of the universe from chaos at the moment of creation. The significance of Ma'at was all-encompassing – it embraced all aspects of existence, including the basic equilibrium of the universe, the relationship between constituent parts, the cycle of the seasons, heavenly movements, religious observations and fair dealings, honesty and truthfulness in social interactions.

In addition to Ma'at's role in creation and continuously preventing the universe from returning to chaos, according to Egyptian mythology she also was responsible for the weighing of souls in the underworld. Her measure determined whether the souls (considered to reside in the heart) of the departed would reach the paradise of afterlife successfully. The measure was that their heart must be lighter than her measurement tool – a feather.

Thus, the ultimate aim for an Ancient Egyptian student was to become "**One with The Most High**" or to become "a god" or "like God" or divine. The path to the development of godlike qualities was through the cultivation of virtues and knowledge of your true Self. Many believed that virtue could only be achieved through special study, effort and the knowledge of cultural rites of passage.

The following Ideals were sought by the Egyptians to become one with Ma'at and the balance of cosmic order to assure their passage into the afterlife:

The 42 Ideals of Ma'at

1. I honor virtue
2. I benefit with gratitude
3. I am peaceful
4. I respect the property of others
5. I affirm that all life is sacred
6. I give offerings that are genuine
7. I live in truth
8. I regard all altars with respect
9. I speak with sincerity
10. I consume only my fair share
11. I offer words of good intent
12. I relate in peace
13. I honor animals with reverence
14. I can be trusted
15. I care for the earth
16. I keep my own council

17. I speak positively of others
18. I remain in balance with my emotions
19. I am trustful in my relationships
20. I hold purity in high esteem
21. I spread joy
22. I do the best I can
23. I communicate with compassion
24. I listen to opposing opinions
25. I create harmony
26. I invoke laughter
27. I am open to love in various forms
28. I am forgiving
29. I am kind
30. I act respectfully of others
31. I am accepting
32. I follow my inner guidance
33. I converse with awareness
34. I do good
35. I give blessings
36. I keep the waters pure
37. I speak with good intent
38. I praise the Goddess and the God
39. I am humble
40. I achieve with integrity
41. I advance through my own abilities
42. I embrace the All

These Laws command our love and respect for the life, dignity and Goddess-given rights of all living things, as well as imposing upon us divine obligations and duties toward them, and our precious planet. By their observance we reflect the light upon the world, fusing virtue with justice, and aligning individual rights with righteousness.

These ancient ideals were created to apply to everyone regardless of belief system. There was no concept of religious bias in ancient Egypt. People strived to live a good life in accordance to these ideals of truth, balance, order, law, morality, and justice. The 42 Ideals of Ma'at are valuable passages of history that are as viable today as they were 5,000 years ago.

If you want to further explore the importance of tapping into your inner goddess, you will enjoy this article: <http://glad.is/article/reveal-your-inner-priestess/> Or, this article on [Shakti and Yoni Power](#) (ancient, sacred girl power!)

These ideals are an example of how some things will always be promoted in our culture. We couldn't think of a single value that is missing can you? Which are the most important to you?

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2013, June 19 The Last Mystery of the Financial Crisis

It's long been suspected that ratings agencies like Moody's and Standard & Poor's helped trigger the meltdown. A new trove of embarrassing documents shows how they did it
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The Last Mystery of the Financial Crisis

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What about the ratings agencies?

That's what "they" always say about the financial crisis and the teeming rat's nest of corruption it left behind. Everybody else got plenty of blame: the greed-fattened banks, the sleeping regulators, the unscrupulous mortgage hucksters like spray-tanned Countrywide ex-CEO Angelo Mozilo.

But what about the ratings agencies? Isn't it true that almost none of the fraud that's swallowed Wall Street in the past decade could have taken place without companies like Moody's and Standard & Poor's rubber-stamping it? Aren't they guilty, too?

Man, are they ever. And a lot more than even the least generous of us suspected.

Thanks to a mountain of evidence gathered for a pair of major lawsuits, documents that for the most part have never been seen by the general public, we now know that the nation's two top ratings companies, Moody's and S&P, have for many years been shameless tools for the banks, willing to give just about anything a high rating in exchange for cash.

In incriminating e-mail after incriminating e-mail, executives and analysts from these companies are caught admitting their entire business model is crooked.

"Lord help our fucking scam. . . . this has to be the stupidest place I have worked at," writes one Standard & Poor's executive. "As you know, I had difficulties explaining 'HOW' we got to those numbers since there is no science behind it," confesses a high-ranking S&P analyst. "If we are just going to make it up in order to rate deals, then quants [quantitative analysts] are of precious little value," complains another senior S&P man. "Let's hope we are all wealthy and retired by the time this house of card[s] falters," ruminates one more.

Ratings agencies are the glue that ostensibly holds the entire financial industry together. These gigantic companies – also known as Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations, or NRSROs – have teams of examiners who analyze companies, cities, towns, countries, mortgage borrowers, anybody or anything that takes on debt or creates an investment vehicle.

Their primary function is to help define what's safe to buy, and what isn't. A triple-A rating is to the financial world what the USDA seal of approval is to a meat-eater, or virginity is to a Catholic. It's supposed to be sacrosanct, inviolable: According to Moody's own reports, AAA investments "should survive the equivalent of the U.S. Great Depression."

It's not a stretch to say the whole financial industry revolves around the compass point of the absolutely safe AAA rating. But the financial crisis happened because AAA ratings stopped being something that had to be earned and turned into something that could be paid for.

That this happened is even more amazing because these companies naturally have powerful leverage over their clients, as they are part of a quasi-protected industry that enjoys massive de facto state subsidies. Largely that's because government agencies like the Securities and Exchange Commission often force private companies to fulfill regulatory requirements by retaining or keeping in reserve certain fixed quantities of assets – bonds, securities, whatever – that have been rated highly by a "Nationally Recognized" ratings agency, like the "Big Three" of Moody's, S&P and Fitch. So while they're not quite part of the official regulatory infrastructure, they might as well be.

It's not like the iniquity of the ratings agencies had gone completely unnoticed before. The Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission published a case study in 2011 of Moody's in particular and discovered that between 2000 and 2007, the agency gave nearly 45,000 mortgage-backed securities AAA ratings. One year Moody's doled out

AAA ratings to 30 mortgage-backed securities every day, 83 percent of which were ultimately downgraded. "This crisis could not have happened without the rating agencies," the commission concluded.

Thanks to these documents, we now know how that happened. And showing as they do the back-and-forth between the country's top ratings agencies and one of America's biggest investment banks (Morgan Stanley) in advance of two major subprime deals, they also lay out in detail the evolution of the industrywide fraud that led to implosion of the world economy – how banks, hedge funds, mortgage lenders and ratings agencies, working at an extraordinary level of cooperation, teamed up to disguise and then sell near-worthless loans as AAA securities. It's the black box in the American financial airplane.

In April, Moody's and Standard & Poor's settled the lawsuits for a reported \$225 million. Brought by a diverse group of institutional plaintiffs with King County, Washington, and the Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank taking the lead, the suits accused the ratings agencies of conspiring in the mid-to-late 2000s with Morgan Stanley to fraudulently induce heavy investment into a pair of doomed-to-implode subprime-laden deals, called Cheyne and Rhinebridge.

Stock prices for both companies soared at the settlement, with markets believing the firms would be spared the hell of reams of embarrassing evidence thrust into public view at trial. But in a quirk, an earlier judge's ruling had already made most of the documents in the case public. Although a few news outlets, including *The New York Times*, took note at the time, the vast majority of the material was never reported, and some was never seen by reporters at all. The cases revolved around a highly exotic and complex financial instrument called a SIV, or structured investment vehicle.

The SIV is a not-so-distant cousin of the special purpose entity, or SPE, which was the main weapon of destruction in the Enron scandal. The corporate scam du jour in those days was mass accounting fraud, in which a company would create an ostensibly independent corporate structure that would actually be controlled by its own executives, who would then move their company's liabilities off their own books and onto the remote-controlled SPE, hiding the firm's losses.

The SIV is a similar concept. They first started showing up in the late Eighties after banks discovered a loophole in international banking standards that allowed them to create SPE-like repositories full of assets like mortgage-backed securities and keep them off their own books.

These behemoths operated on the same basic concept as an ordinary bank, which borrows short-term cash from depositors and then lends money long-term in the form of things like mortgages, business loans, etc. The SIV did the same thing, borrowing short-term from investors and then investing long-term on things like student loans, car loans, subprime mortgages. Like banks, a SIV made money on the spread between its short-term debt and long-term investments. If a SIV borrowed on the commercial paper market at 3 percent but earned 6.5 percent on subprime mortgages, that was an easy 3.5 percent profit.

The big difference is a bank has regulatory capital requirements. A SIV doesn't, and being technically independent, its potential liabilities don't show up on the books of the megabank that created it. So the SIV structure allowed investment banks to create and take advantage of, without risk, billions of dollars of things like subprime loans, which became the centerpiece of the new trendy corporate scam – creating and then selling masses of risky mortgage-backed securities as AAA investments to institutional suckers.

Ratings agencies helped this game along in two ways. First, banks needed them to sign off on the bogus math of the subprime era – the math that allowed banks to turn pools of home loans belonging to people so broke they couldn't even afford down payments into securities with higher credit ratings than corporations with billions of dollars in assets. But banks also needed the ratings agencies to sign off on the safety and reliability of these off-balance-sheet SIV structures.

The first of the two SIVs in question was dreamed up by a London-based hedge fund called Cheyne Capital Management (pronounced like Dick "Cheney"), run by an ex-Morgan Stanley banker duo who hired their old firm to build and stock this vast floating Death Star of subprime loans.

Morgan Stanley had multiple motives for putting together the Cheyne deal. For one thing, it earned what the bank's lead structurer affectionately called "big fat upfront fees," which bank executives estimated would eventually add up to \$25 million or \$30 million. It was a lucrative business, and the top dogs wanted the deal

badly. "I am very focused on getting this deal done to get NY to stop freaking out" and "to make our money," said Robert Rooney, the senior Morgan Stanley executive on the deal. A spokesman for Morgan Stanley, however, told *Rolling Stone*, "Our sole economic interest was in the ongoing success of the SIV."

But that wasn't Morgan Stanley's only motive. Not only could the bank make the "big fat upfront fees" for structuring the deal, they could also turn around and sell scads of their own mortgage-backed securities to the SIV, which in turn would be marketed to investors like Abu Dhabi and King County. In Cheyne, 25 percent of the original assets in the deal came from Morgan Stanley – over time, \$2 billion of the SIV's \$9 billion to \$10 billion portfolio of assets came from the bank as well.

Internal Morgan Stanley memorandums show that the bank knowingly stuffed mortgages in the SIV whose borrowers were, to say the least, highly suspect. "The real issue is that the loan requests do not make sense," complained a Morgan Stanley employee back in 2005. He noted loans had been made to a "tarot reading house" operator who claimed to make \$12,000 a month, and a "knock off gold club distributor" who claimed to make \$16,000 a month. "Compound these issues," he groaned, "with the fact that we are seeing what I would call a lot of this type of profile."

No matter – into the soup it went! Morgan sold mountains of this crap into Cheyne's SIV, where it was destined to be sold off to other suckers down the line. The only thing that could possibly get in the way of the scam was some pesky ratings agency.

Fortunately for the bank and the hedge fund, these subprime SIVs were a relatively new kind of investment product, so the ratings agencies had little to go on in the area of historical data to measure these products. One might think this would make the ratings agencies more conservative. In fact, caution in the face of the unknown was supposed to be a core value for these companies. As Moody's put it, "Triple-A structures should not be highly dependent on untestable assumptions."

But when it came to the Cheyne SIV, Moody's punted on caution. In an e-mail sent to executives from both Morgan Stanley and Cheyne in May 2005, David Rosa, a Moody's senior analyst, admitted that when it came to this SIV, he had nothing to go on.

"Please note that in relation to assumed spread [volatility] for the Aa and A there is no actual data backing up the current model assumptions," he wrote. In lieu of such data, he went on, "We will for now accept the proposal to use the same levels as [residential mortgage-backed securities] given that this assumption is supported by the analysis of the Aaa data and Cheyne's comments on their views of this asset class."

Translation: We have no historical data, so we'll just accept your reasoning for the time being, even though you have every incentive in the world to lie about the quality of your product.

At one point, a Morgan Stanley analyst even claimed that the bank had written, in Moody's name, an entire 12-page "New Issue Report" for the Cheyne SIV – a kind of ratings summary in which Morgan Stanley appears to have given itself AAA ratings for large chunks of the deal. "I attach the Moody's NIR (that we ended up writing)," yawns Morgan Stanley fixed-income employee Rany Moubarak in a March 2006 e-mail. The attached document came proudly affixed with the "Moody's Investors Service" logo. (Both Moody's and Morgan Stanley deny that anyone other than Moody's wrote that report.)

Morgan Stanley ended up getting both Moody's and S&P to rate the deal, and that was not only common, it was basically industry practice. There were many reasons for this, but a big one was a concept called "notching," in which the agencies gave ratings penalties to any instrument that had not been rated by their own company. If a SIV contained a basket of mortgage-backed securities rated AA by Standard & Poor's, Moody's might "notch" those underlying securities down to A, or even lower. This incentivized the banks to hire as many ratings agencies as possible to rate every investment vehicle they created.

Again, despite the fact that the ratings agencies enjoyed broad quasi-official subsidies, and despite the powerful market leverage that techniques like "notching" gave them, they still routinely chose to roll over for banks. And the biggest companies were equally guilty. In the case of the Cheyne deal, Standard & Poor's was every bit as craven as Moody's.

In September 2004, an S&P analyst named Lapo Guadagnuolo sent an e-mail to Stephen McCabe, the agency's lead "quant" on the Cheyne deal, who apparently was on vacation. The e-mail chain was mostly a bunch of office gossip, where the two men e-whispered about an employee who was about to quit. But sandwiched in the office

banter was an offhand line about the Cheyne deal and how full of shit it was. "Hi Steve!" Guadagnuolo wrote cheerily, adding, "How is Australia and how was Thailand????Back to [Cheyne]As you know, I had difficulties explaining 'HOW' we got to those numbers since there is no science behind it"

"Thanks and regardshave you heard that [redacted] has resigned and somebody else will follow suit today!!"

McCabe, blowing off the "no science behind it" comment, answered eagerly, "Who, Who, Who?????" The quadruple question mark must be an S&P-ism.

A month later, McCabe seemed more concerned about the lack of science in the Cheyne deal. He complained in an e-mail to his boss, Kai Gilkes, who was the agency's senior quantitative analyst in Europe.

"From looking at the numbers it is quite obvious that we have just stuck our preverbal [sic] finger in the air!!" he fumed.

Gilkes was experiencing his own crisis of conscience by mid-2005, complaining in an oddly wistful e-mail to another S&P employee that the good old days of just giving things the ratings they deserved were disappearing. "Remember the dream of being able to defend the model with sound empirical research?" he wrote on June 17th, 2005. "If we are just going to make it up in order to rate deals, then quants are of precious little value."

Frank Parisi, Standard & Poor's chief credit officer for structured finance, was even more downtrodden, saying that the model that his company used to rate residential mortgage-backed securities in 2005 and 2006 was only marginally more accurate than "if you just simply flipped a coin."

Given all of this, why would top analysts from both Moody's and Standard & Poor's rate such a massive deal like Cheyne without any science to back it up? The answer was simple: money. In the old days, ratings agencies lived on subscriptions sold to investors, meaning they were compensated – indirectly, incidentally – by the people buying the financial products.

But over time, that model morphed into the current "issuer pays" model, in which a company like Moody's or Standard & Poor's is paid directly by the "issuer" – i.e., the company that is actually making the financial product.

For Cheyne, for instance, the agencies were paid in the area of \$1 million to \$1.5 million to rate the deal by Morgan Stanley, the very company with an interest in getting a high rating. It's the ultimate in negative incentives, and was and continues to be a major impediment to honest analysis on Wall Street. Michigan Sen. Carl Levin, one of the few lawmakers to focus on reforming the ratings agencies after the crash, put it this way: "It's like one of the parties in court paying the judge's salary."

Thanks to this model, ratings-agency business soared during the bubble era. A Senate report found that fees for the "Big Three" doubled between 2002 and 2007, from \$3 billion to \$6 billion. Fees for rating mortgage-backed securities at both Moody's and S&P nearly quadrupled.

So there were powerful incentives to whitewash deals like Cheyne. The eventual president of Moody's, Brian Clarkson, actually copped to this awful truth in writing, in a 2004 internal e-mail. "To put it bluntly," he wrote, "the issuer could take its business elsewhere unless the rating agency provides a higher rating."

Both Moody's and Standard & Poor's employees described complex/exotic new financial products like CDOs and SIVs as "cash cows," and behind closed doors, executives talked openly about the financial pressure to give scientifically unfounded analysis to products the banks wanted to sell.

The minutes from a 2007 conference of Standard & Poor's executives show that the raters knew they were in way over their heads. Admitting that it was virtually impossible to accurately rate, say, a synthetic derivative loan deal with underlying assets in China and Russia, one executive candidly admits, "We do not have the capacity nor the skills in house to rate something like this." Another counters, "Market pressures have significantly risen due to 'hot money.'" The first retorts that bankers are pushing boundaries, asking the raters to help them play the highly cynical hot-potato game, in which bad loans are originated en masse and then instantly passed off to suckers who will take on all the risk. "Bankers say why not originate bad loans, there is no penalty," the executive muses.

Hilariously – or tragically, depending on your point of view – an S&P executive at the conference even tossed off

a quick visual sketch of their company's moral quandary. The picture is atrociously drawn (it looks like a junior high school student's rendering of a ganglion cell) and comes across like the Wall Street version of *Hamlet*, showing the industry traveling down a road and reaching a "Choice Point" crossroads, where the two options are "To Rate" and "Not Rate."

The former – basically taking the money and just rating whatever crap the banks toss their way – is crudely depicted as a wide, "well marked super highway." Meanwhile the honorable thing, not rating shitty investments, is shown to be a skinny little roadlet, marked "Dark and narrow path less traveled."

Obviously, the ratings agencies like S&P ultimately decided to take the road more traveled, choosing profits over scruples. Not that there wasn't some token resistance at first. For instance, some at S&P hesitated to allow the use of a questionable technique called "grandfathering," in which old and outdated rating models were used to rate newly issued investments.

In one damning e-mail chain in November 2005, a Morgan Stanley banker complains to an S&P executive named Elwyn Wong that S&P was preventing him from putting S&P ratings on Morgan Stanley deals that used this grandfathering technique. "My business is on 'pause' right now," the banker complains.

Wong took the news that S&P was holding up deals over the grandfathering issue badly. "Lord help our fucking scam," he said. "This has to be the stupidest place I have worked at." Wong, incidentally, was later hired by the U.S. Office of the Comptroller Currency, our top federal banking regulator.

The purists, however, couldn't hold out for long. In the Cheyne case, when one of the "quants" tried to hold the line, Morgan Stanley went over their heads to someone on the business side at the company to get the rating it wanted.

In July 2004, for instance, analyst Lapo Guadagnuolo sent an e-mail to Morgan Stanley's point man on the Cheyne deal, Gregg Drennan, and told him that the best he could do for the "mezzanine capital notes" or "MCN" piece of the SIV – a piece that Drennan wanted at least an A rating for – was BBB-plus. Drennan responded in an e-mail that CC'd Guadagnuolo's boss, Perry Inglis, telling him that Morgan Stanley "believe[s] the position the committee is taking is very inappropriate."

Ultimately, the analyst committee agreed to give the dubious Mezzanine Notes an A rating, marking the first time these middle-tier investments in a SIV ever received a public A rating. For Wall Street, this was occasion to party. In the summer of 2005, one of the Cheyne hedge-funders sent out a celebratory e-mail to Morgan Stanley execs, bragging about getting the ratings companies to cave. "It is an amazing set of feats to move the rating agencies so far," the hedgie wrote. "We all do all this for one thing and I hope promotions are a given. Let's hope big bonuses are to follow."

Later on, S&P caved even further, agreeing to allow Morgan Stanley to lower the "capital buffer" in the deal protecting investors without suffering a ratings penalty. As late as February 1st, 2006, Guadagnuolo was defiantly telling Morgan Stanley that the one-percent buffer was a "pillar of our analysis." But by the next day, Morgan Stanley executive Moubarak had chopped Guadagnuolo's knees out. He cheerfully announced in a group e-mail that the bank had managed to remove this "pillar" and get the buffer knocked down to .75 percent.

Tina Sprinz, who worked for the Cheyne hedge fund, sent an e-mail that very day to Moubarak, thanking him for straightening out the pesky analysts. "Thanks for negotiating that," she says. The ratings process shouldn't be a "negotiation," yet this word appears throughout these documents.

In the Cheyne deal, just the plaintiffs in the lawsuit invested a total of \$980 million in "rated notes," and those who invested in these "MCNs" were completely wiped out. Analysts from both agencies would express regret and/or trepidation about their roles in unleashing the monster deals and their failure to stop the business-side suits running the companies from selling them out. Gilkes, the S&P analyst who worried about shunning real science in favor of just making things up, later testified that the subprime assets in such SIVs were "not appropriate."

"They should not have been rated," he said.

If the significance of Cheyne is that it showed how the ratings agencies sold out in an effort to get business, the significance of the next deal, Rhinebridge, is that it showed how low they were willing to stoop to keep that business.

Rhinebridge was a subprime-packed SIV structured very much like Cheyne, only both the quality of the underlying crap in the SIV and the timing of the SIV's launch were significantly more horrible than even Cheyne's.

Not only did Morgan Stanley insist that the ratings agencies allow the bank to pack Rhinebridge full of a much higher quantity of subprime than in the Cheyne deal, they were also pushing this massive blob of toxic mortgages at a time when the subprime market was already approaching full collapse.

In fact, the Rhinebridge deal would launch with high ratings from both agencies on June 27th, 2007, less than two weeks before both Moody's and S&P would downgrade hundreds of subprime mortgage-backed securities. In other words, both Moody's and S&P were almost certainly in the process of downgrading the underlying assets in the Rhinebridge SIV even as they were preparing to launch Rhinebridge with AAA-rated notes.

"It was the briefest AAA rating in history," says the plaintiffs' lawyer Dan Drosman. "Rhinebridge went from AAA to junk in a matter of months."

There is an enormous documentary record in both agencies showing that analysts and executives knew a bust was coming long before they sent Rhinebridge out into the world with a AAA label. As early as 2005, S&P was talking in internal memorandums about a "bubble" in the real-estate markets, and in 2006 it knew that there had been "rampant appraisal and underwriting fraud for quite some time," causing "rising delinquencies" and "nightmare mortgages."

In June 2007, the same month Rhinebridge was launched, S&P's Board of Directors Report talked about a total collapse of the market. "The meltdown of the subprime-mortgage market will increase both foreclosures and the overhang of homes for sale."

It was no better at Moody's, where in June 2007, executives were internally discussing "increased amounts of lying on income" and "increased amounts of occupancy misstatements" in mortgage applications. Clarkson, who would become president two months later, was told the week before Rhinebridge launched that "most players in the market" believed subprime would "perform extremely poorly," and that the problems were "quite serious."

Yet the two ratings agencies not only kept those concerns private, they both took outlandish steps to declare just the opposite.

In a pair of matching public papers, both Moody's and S&P proclaimed that summer that while subprime might be going to hell, subprime-packed investments like SIVs might be just fine. The Moody's report on July 18th read "SIVs: An Oasis of Calm in the Sub-prime Maelstrom," while an S&P report on August 14th, 2007, was titled "Report Says SIV Ratings Are Weathering Current Market Disruptions."

The S&P report was so brazen that it even shocked a Morgan Stanley banker involved in the SIV deals. "I cannot believe these morons would reaffirm in this market," chortled the banker in an e-mail the day after the paper was released.

Rhinebridge, cheyne and a hell of a lot of other subprime investments ultimately blew to smithereens, taking with them vast amounts of cash – 40 percent of the world's wealth was wiped out in the aftermath of the mortgage bubble, according to some estimates. 2008 was to the American economy what 9/11 was to national security. Yet while 9/11 prompted the U.S. government to tear up half the Constitution in the name of public safety, after 2008, authorities went in the other direction. If you can imagine a post-9/11 scenario where there were no metal detectors at airports and people could walk on carrying chain saws and meat cleavers, you get a rough idea of what was done to reform the ratings process.

Specifically, very little was done to change the way AAA ratings are created – the "issuer pays" model still exists, and the "Big Three" retain roughly the same market share. An effort by Minnesota Sen. Al Franken to change the compensation model through a new approach under which agencies would be assigned randomly to rate new issues through a government agency passed overwhelmingly in the Senate, but in the House it was relegated to a study by the SEC – which released its findings last year, calling for more study. "The conflict of interest still exists in the exact same way," says a frustrated Franken.

The companies by now are all the way back in black. In 2012, for instance, Moody's profits soared 22 percent, to \$1.18 billion. McGraw-Hill, the parent company of Standard & Poor's, scored \$437 million in profits last year, with the rating business accounting for 70 percent of the company's profits.

In February, the Obama Justice Department, in an action that seems belated, filed a \$5 billion civil suit against Standard & Poor's, drawing upon some of the same data and documents that were part of the Cheyne and Rhinebridge suits. As part of that action, high-ranking officials at S&P were interviewed by government investigators and admitted that they had shaded their ratings methodologies to protect market share. In this deposition of Richard Gugliada, head of S&P's CDO operations, the government asks why the company was slow to implement updates to its model for evaluating CDOs:

Q: Is it fair to say that Standard & Poor's goal of preserving an increasing market share and profits from ratings fees influence the development of the updates to the CDO evaluator?

A: In part, correct.

Q: The main reason to avoid a reduction in the noninvestment grade ratings business was to preserve S&P's market share in that category, correct?

A: Correct.

Years after the crash, it's a little insulting to see industry analysts blithely copping under oath to having traded science for market share, especially since the companies continue to protest to the contrary in public. Contacted for this story, Moody's and S&P insisted many of the documents in this case were simply taken out of context, and that their analysis throughout has been rigorous, objective and independent.

It's a thin defence, but it's holding – for now. McGraw-Hill stock plunged nearly 14 percent when news of the Justice Department suit leaked, and dropped nearly 19 percent for February, but has since regained much of its value – its stock rose nearly 16 percent in March and April, as markets reacted favorably to, among other things, its recent settlement of the Cheyne and Rhinebridge suits. The markets clearly think the ratings agencies will survive.

What's amazing about this is that even without a mass of ugly documentary evidence proving their incompetence and corruption, these firms ought to be out of business. Even if they just accidentally sucked this badly, that should be enough to persuade the markets to look to a different model, different companies, different ratings methodologies.

But we know now that it was no accident. What happened to the ratings agencies during the financial crisis, and what is likely still happening within their walls, is a phenomenon as old as business itself. Given a choice between money and integrity, they took the money. Which wouldn't be quite so bad if they weren't in the integrity business.

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