

TO LISTEN TO THIS CALL:

- GO TO BBS RADIO 2 & SCROLL DOWN THE SCHEDULE UNTIL YOU REACH FRIDAY NIGHT.
- CLICK ON "HARD NEWS ON FRIDAY" & THE INFORMATION PAGE WILL COME UP.
- UNDERNEATH THE PICTURE OF THE GALAXY AND THE LOTUS, YOU WILL SEE A BLUE BOX WITH THE WORDS **PROGRAM ARCHIVES**.
- CLICK ON THAT BOX TO GET TO THE LISTING OF PROGRAM ARCHIVES.
- YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THE PROGRAM TO YOUR OWN COMPUTER OR LISTEN DIRECTLY.

Opening: Angelsu

Phone Numbers: 530-413-9537 [line 1]
 530-513-6472 [line 2, 3]

BBS Toll Free 888-429-5471 **Toll Free in North America**

Skype: BBSradio2

Website: www.2013RainbowRoundTable.ning.com

Housekeeping: Rainbird

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program
 - We need \$ 607 to complete last 2 weeks + this week! **Thank you! Thank you!**
 - Go to BBS Radio 2; find the listing for Friday Night Hard News; find the **Paypal** button
 - **NO COST TO ACCESS THE ARCHIVES for any of the T & R PROGRAMS**

- T & R:**
- **Need some gas money, food money**
 - we can eat for them too as we do it in unity consciousness
 - Rent = \$900 - due by January 9, 2013
 - On the website: www.2013RainbowRoundTable.ning.com
 - There is a **Paypal** button on this site
 - **Please notify them if you're sending something:** koran999@comcast.net
 - Rama's mailing address for cheques, Money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
1704 B Llano St, # 249
Santa Fe, NM 87505
 - **phone contact** is via MariettaRobert: 317-773-0061
or by e-mail: stargatemarietta@gmail.com
 - Remember you can have a session with Mother, as well!

- Rainbird:**
- her Cherokee teacher Walking Bear passed over this morning; she feels celebratory for him! She first met him in 1996.
 - His grandson started a fire for him today; the fire will burn for 4 days
Rainbird was the fire-keeper when T & R came to visit Cynthia Rose Schlosser

6 pillars: peace, love, truth, freedom, justice, beauty

Hard News:

R: things hopping today:

- **no one coming to take your guns**
- The real truth of the 2nd amendment: Big story needing to be concluded: the hidden history of 2nd Amendment and what the Founding Fathers were taught by the Good Red Road like Rocking Bear:
- The real truth of the 2nd amendment: Why is there so much intensity with the gun rights issues: tied in with Sandy Hook and Aurora, also Mother's Yanni:
- www.Earthchanges.org - Mitch Botross website: the scientists cannot figure out what the energy is that is streaming across the galaxy and pouring onto the earth
 - Eva Morales talks of it: these particles are ether, the 5th element [earth, air, fire, water] that changes everything in the twinkling of an eye and has to do with the unified field we have around us now: the divine love, compassion
- we must choose to have compassion for these folks who believe the lies: no one will come and take your guns!
- So many have said BO will not sign an Executive Order: depends on Harry Reid
- Has to do with the war weapons that are on the street! Not on guns in general
 - Time to pray for those who insist on the lies

R: Troops could be home sooner than expected: Obama announced today that in the spring [maybe March 20th] the purpose of the military in Afghanistan will change: training and not fighting

- Afghanistan had nothing to do with 9/11 or WMD or Al Queda - it was about the stargates!!! has to do with full disclosure which has to do with declaring peace which these ones do not to do

The Hidden History of the 2nd Amendment by Carl T. Bogus, Roger Williams University
Thom Hartmann did a good job on beginning the explanation

- Audio:** One of Thom Hartmann's listeners told him about the book; he bought it & read it over the night!
- Constitution written 1787; 1788 - being sold to the states; 1789 - ratified
 - 1788 - delegates of Virginia met to decide whether to ratify or not
 - The real truth of the 2nd amendment: put in place to preserve slavery in the south; if the amendment is adopted, they could lose their slaves within 20 years; slavery might be ended
 - Northern states banning slavery - had embraced the idea of all men created equal
Vermont 1777; NY 1778;
 - 44% of Virginia was blacks - the whites lived in fear the whole time of a rebellion by the slaves
 - There were patrols / militias to check the plantations in the south - they were patrols to stop the rebellions
 - Few Americans owned guns at the time; based on research of the records of those colonists who died and left wills, etc, only 14% of the households included firearms and most of them did not work; the frontiersmen relied on Indians and others doing the hunting - only place where guns were used was in the South - Virginia and Georgia.
 - Patrick Henry was a big supporter of slavery: concerned that powers given to the Federal govt could subvert the slave system - Article 1, Sec 8 - this is what Lincoln did in the end [called up slaves to serve in the army and then free them afterwards]
 - Reads part of Henry's speech: if we are going to ratify the amendment, the right of the militia to carry arms cannot be removed. If it were, they might be overrun by the slaves!

Conference Call:

Caller: When AA Michael was incarnated in a Native American tribe, he was called Chief Blue Hand

- this info came with the information following the discussion of the passing of Rocking Bear, teacher of Rainbird and Karen [granddaughter is 15 today]

- Today is a Blue Hand Day in the Mayan calendar - today is also a 9 and a 5
- The mounds in Arkansas built by indigenous people; original people in the land were very dark-skinned

Caller:

T: discussion about someone with mercury in system from the fillings & the suffering it is causing her

- caller found out about a Sufi master who is a dentist who had another way to replace them - crystal fillings [Charlottesville, VA - Dr David Dalley / Dali [?] - 434 - 296 - 8034; 901 Preston Ave, Charlottesville

Patti: has info of someone in Virginia

Dan: they have a time bank in Charlottesville - trade 1 hour for 1 hour of work - an exchange of talents - is meeting this Sunday, might be a way to get something done

T: maybe a group of people could provide the time required to help the person as she is too sick to do it

- the callers are about an hour or so from where the lady is - she needs help to get to dentist

BBS:

T: monumental that Barack Obama has announced the withdrawal of the troops from Afghanistan

- they have heard rumours that it might be much sooner than later
- Hold the vision that the Taliban might change course completely: meeting in Saudi Arabia with the Saudis, Afghans and Taliban at the moment - more than what we can say for what is going on in US over the gun laws!
- What Dennis Kucinich was saying: he brought up the topic of the Maharishi International University in Iowa
- Study done that showed when the people in Washington DC focussed /meditated after work, crime went down by 20%
- Tells the story of the young man who refused to go to war in Afghanistan - eventual agreement was for him to go the Maharishis I Univ to study meditation and self-sufficiency

Notes: Tara presents the **DISCUSSION ABOUT RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERSHIP & GUN SAFETY**

from Jennifer Granholm's program

- Dec 14/ 12 - Shooting at Sandy Hook / Newtown, CT
- 700 gun deaths since December 14th
- a ground breaking study from Institute of Medicine - US leads the world in fire arms homicide; US is 23 % higher than others combined - one of the reasons Americans have lower life expectancy:
 - Granholm defines American exceptionalism in terms of gun violence and early death!!
- # of shooters per year since 2004 - doubled; # of victims has tripled
- all the big shootings have happened since 2004
- What happened in 2004: the assault weapons ban expired, signed by Clinton in 1994 - mass shootings went down - Newtown, aurora committed by assault weapons
- New report on Newtown shooting: there were 2 Bush masters: the one on the trunk, another - the whole truth still has not come out
- Someone else on talking like Alex Jones: White House threatens Executive order - LIE

[btw: Hitler expanded use of guns, didn't take them away]

- **Newtown, Aurora, Columbine WERE BLACK OPS** - Black Ops can use the assault weapons and blame it on others - time to arrest criminals
- Granholm interviews a Democratic Chair from Virginia - against the idea of teachers being armed
 - **1981 is the turning point** in the attitude of the Republican party - George Bush Sr was the acting president - oppose federal registration of fire arms;
 - KKKlan is the regulated militia of the South

Audio: Democracy Now December 21, 2012 - discussion about the comparison of what Israel is doing to Palestine and what happened in South Africa

Reading: Star of Bethlehem - a reading from about 6 years ago **[SEE BELOW]**

- Tells story of son Micah's birth - a water birth - Japanese style - December 7, 1984
- Tara and husband had separate dreams, experiences about what to name the child: found out that Micah was also Matthew (Bartholomew)

Audio: Max Keiser <http://rt.com/programs/keiser-report/episode-390-keiser-keiser/>

(Reuters / Keith Bedford) Episode 390 January 8, 2013

In this episode, Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss the butch welfare Queens in Virginia, Maryland and DC who rely on the 'untouchable' Pentagon budget. They also discuss the US deploying both its FMDs - "financial extortion", "monetisation" and "devaluation" - to finance its debt and deficit requirements and its troops to 35 African nations. In the second half of the show, Max Keiser talks to Dan Collins of TheChinaMoneyReport.com about the petro-yuan, China's gold and the problem with the fact that nobody in Africa wants to buy America's opium - credit default swaps.

Audio: Max Keiser <http://rt.com/programs/keiser-report/episode-391-max-keiser/>

In this episode, Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss austerity sandwiches and fraud multipliers in the City of London. In the second half of the show, Max Keiser talks to Satyajit Das, author of Extreme Money, about MMT or Modern Money Tricks and about whether or not the people of Europe will ever rise up and stop the never-ending bailout of banker crimes.

Reading: Jose Arquelles - **The Mayan Factor**
Reads the comparison of the baktuns to the eras of development on the planet

Closing: Rainbird

PRINTED RESOURCES RELATED TO THE NOTES

2012, Dec 21 **As the ANC Votes to Support BDS, a New Film Compares Life in Palestine to Apartheid South Africa**

http://www.democracynow.org/2012/12/21/as_the_anc_votes_to_support#transcript

As the African National Congress voted Thursday to support the Palestinian call for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel known as BDS, declaring it was "unapologetic in its view that the Palestinians are the victims and the oppressed in the conflict with Israel," we look at a new film that examines the apartheid analogy commonly used to describe the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Roadmap to Apartheid" is narrated by Pulitzer Prize-winning Alice Walker and puts archival footage and interviews with South Africans alongside similar material that shows what life is like for Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and inside Israel. The documentary has just been released to the public after a year-long film festival run, where it won numerous awards. We are joined by its co-directors, South African-born Ana Nogueira and Israeli-born Eron Davidson, both longtime journalists. [includes rush transcript]

Guests: [Ana Nogueira](#), co-director of the new documentary, *Roadmap to Apartheid*. She was born in South Africa and now lives in the United States. Ana is a longtime journalist and former *Democracy Now!* producer, and a founding member of the New York City Independent Media Center and its newspaper, *The Independent*.

[Eron Davidson](#), co-director of the film, *Roadmap to Apartheid*, and a longtime media activist and filmmaker. He was born in Israel and now lives in the United States.

Links:

- ▲ [Roadmap to Apartheid Official Website](#)
- ▲ [Roadmap to Apartheid Online and Broadcast Distribution](#)
- ▲ ["In historic decision, South Africa's ANC makes support for Israel boycott its official policy," by Ali Abunimah](#)

AMY GOODMAN: "Hamdulillah," The Narcycist featuring Shadia Mansour. In his YouTube posting about this song, The Narcycist wrote: "To say 'Hamdulillah' is to be grateful for what one has. The images of the past decades have cast a veil on our identity as a people. We, as international brothers and sisters, are now witness to injustice in real time. We watch our Wars in HD. It is time for us to claim our faces back," he says. This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman with Juan González.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Well, a new report says four Israeli attacks launched on journalists and media facilities during the bombardment of Gaza last month violated the laws of war by targeting civilians and civilian objects. Human Rights Watch issued the findings Thursday on the attacks that killed two Palestinian camera people, wounded at least 10 media workers and damaged four media offices. One strike also killed a two-year-old boy, Abdelrahman Naim, who lived across from a targeted building.

The report comes as the ruling party in South Africa has voted to support the Palestinian call for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel, known as BDS. On Thursday, the African National Congress declared it was, quote, "unapologetic in its view that the Palestinians are the victims and the oppressed in the conflict with Israel." Several high-level South African church leaders recently visited Palestine and said they were shocked at what they saw. In August, South Africa's deputy foreign minister, Ebrahim Ebrahim, issued an advisory not to travel to Israel, quote, "because of the treatment and policies of Israel towards the Palestinian people."

AMY GOODMAN: Well, South Africans are no stranger to the complex issues facing Israelis and Palestinians. Now a new award-winning documentary examines the apartheid analogy commonly used to describe the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The film is narrated by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker. This an excerpt from the trailer for *Roadmap to Apartheid*.

ALICE WALKER: This is the beautiful land of Israel and Palestine. The world's three most prominent religions—Islam, Christianity and Judaism—consider it holy land. Each year, millions of people from around the world come here to pray for peace and prosperity. Yet this land is also a major center of conflict in the world today.

For Jewish Israelis, the conflict centers on protecting a homeland created for the Jewish people in 1948. For Palestinians, it is about resisting decades of colonialism, expulsion, occupation and apartheid.

Most people identify apartheid with the grotesque system of control that existed in South Africa from 1948 to 1994, in which the white minority ruled over the black majority, stole their land, and deprived them of basic rights. It was a system reviled by the whole world, and it eventually crumbled under the combined pressure of internal resistance and international sanctions. Today, the word is back, and with it, too, is a growing global movement to end the Israeli form of apartheid.

AMY GOODMAN: That's a clip from the trailer of *Roadmap to Apartheid*. The new film puts archival footage and interviews with South Africans, alongside similar material that shows what life is like for Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and inside Israel. *Roadmap to Apartheid* has just been released to the public after a year-long film festival run, where it's won a number of awards.

For more, we're pleased to be joined by its co-directors, Ana Nogueira and Eron Davidson. Eron is a longtime media activist, born in Israel, now living in the United States. Ana was born in South Africa, longtime journalist, former *Democracy Now!* producer, founding member of the New York City Independent Media Center and its newspaper, *The Independent*.

We welcome you both to *Democracy Now!* Ana, let's begin with you, why you took on this project, this film.

ANA NOGUEIRA: Thanks, Amy. It's good to be back in the studio.

Well, as you know, I was born in South Africa. And when I came to this country, I was only 11, but I was the youngest of seven children and learned about what apartheid was like through them and through research and looking into it. And then, when I started working at *Democracy Now!* in 2001, the Second Intifada had just begun, and so I was learning about the Israel-Palestine conflict through our daily coverage of the Second Intifada. And that's where I began to pick up on the similarities with the apartheid analogy and the apartheid experience in South Africa. So, I thought it was important to really flush that out. And I met Eron, and he's Israeli. We decided to do this project together and really present a thesis as to why the analogy is so powerful.

AMY GOODMAN: And, of course, it's a very controversial analogy, Eron, and you come from South Africa, apartheid well known in this country and the struggle against it.

ERON DAVIDSON: From Israel. I was born in Israel. And yes, the analogy is very controversial—but getting more common now. In the past eight or so years, the analogy has been getting quite common, yet used somewhat rhetorically. And that's why we wanted to make this film, is to kind of break down that carefully, where that analogy fits and where it doesn't.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Well, I wanted to go to a clip from your film, which we first hear from the South African journalist, Na'eem Jeenah, and then Allister Sparks, a veteran apartheid-era journalist.

NA'EEM JEENAH: Now, in the South African context, the attempt by the apartheid government was to de-citizenize more than 80 percent of the South African population and then give them new citizenship in some kind of a fantasy entity—Bophuthatswana, Transkei, etc., so the South state

could say, "You have no claims over us; you're a citizen of Bophuthatswana. Social benefits, etc., is what you should be looking for there."

ALLISTER SPARKS: The godfather of the system was Dr. Hendrik Verwoerd.

DR. HENDRIK VERWOERD: In South Africa, you can only achieve peace by separating the nations.

ALLISTER SPARKS: And he spelled out the whole bantustan concept. He said the black people have got to be given their own country. They embarked upon this remarkable experiment of trying to cut up the country into bantustans. And these were created, at least on paper, 10 of them, and the move began to advance them towards independence.

LUCAS MANGOPE: My government would like to continue as we are, an autonomous and independent country, preferably with extended borders, continued friendly and cordial relations with our neighbors, and, if possible, international recognition.

YASMIN SOOKA: Most of them were stooges and really puppets of the apartheid state.

ALLISTER SPARKS: To give some veneer of reality to the fantasy of the bantustans, the the Afrikaner government threw money at them, built elaborate parliaments, housing for ministers, built airports, sports stadiums. It was to create separate states. It was not so much a two-state solution as a multi-state solution.

When I look at Israel, when I traveled through the West Bank, I was looking at bantustans—totally unviable, impossible states. In many respects, it struck me as being significantly worse than apartheid.

NA'EEM JEENAH: Bantustans, as much as we abhorred them in South Africa, bantustan leaders actually had more power and more control than the Palestinian Authority has. What Oslo did was create an authority, which allowed Israel to still control the occupied Palestinian territory, but control it through a Palestinian authority. Ostensibly, there's a Palestinian—some kind of Palestinian authority that's controlling, that's in power of the occupied territory. In fact, Israel controls the borders. Israel controls taxes. Israel controls all kinds of things—access in and out of that area.

ALLISTER SPARKS: To me, the big analogy was that South Africa, in taking these two choices, where you've got two or more nationalisms laying claim to the same country, you either have got to find a way to live together, or you've got to have a fair partition. The big similarity between apartheid South Africa and the Israeli-Palestinian situation is that both decided to have a partition solution, and, in both cases, it was a grotesquely unfair partition.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: That was Allister Sparks, a veteran apartheid-era journalist, and then we also heard from South African journalist Na'eem Jeenah. The bantustans and the parallel in terms of what's going on in the Palestinian territories today?

ANA NOGUEIRA: I think that's one of the most important similarities to look at, because ultimately it shows where we're going, where we're heading with this. As the clip showed, you know, South Africa tried to set up a multi-state solution, to de-citizenize the majority population, put them into these ghettos or bantustans. And it failed. The whole world saw it for what it was and refused to recognize it.

Israel was one of the few countries who actually did recognize it, in an attempt to legitimize this strategy. Ariel Sharon apparently told one of the Italian former prime ministers that the bantustan solution was the situation for Israel and Palestine. And we've seen over the last 20 years that the attempt to create a two-state solution has failed, and Israel has done everything in its power to thwart that. Even the most recent U.N. recognition of Palestine as a non-member observer state, as soon as that was—you know, that referendum was held to the world and everyone supported it, Israel immediately showed everyone who's boss by announcing the building of 3,000 settlements, withholding tax revenue from the Palestinian Authority, which cripples the Palestinian economy. So, this two-state solution really is a farce, and it really is more of a bantustan.

AMY GOODMAN: Let's go to a clip from *Roadmap to Apartheid*, when narrator Alice Walker explains part of the history of the Afrikaner movement.

ALICE WALKER: A deeply religious people, the white Afrikaners of South Africa believed they had a God-given right to a land that they considered mostly uninhabited. In what is known as the "Great Trek," what Afrikaners consider their equivalent of the Exodus, thousands trekked into the wilderness in search of the promised land. The Afrikaners pushed into land the Africans considered theirs, and many battles ensued. Armed with guns and protected by a circle of covered wagons, known as a "laager," the Afrikaners easily beat back the indigenous masses that outnumbered them.

This image of the heroic settlers in their laager fending off the savage masses became the dominant mythology in Afrikaner history, morphing into the philosophy of apartheid in 1948. Under apartheid law, the one standard against which everything was judged was the security of the state, and the state meant the Afrikaner people. With every law enacted, the freedoms of the majority were whittled away in order to protect the privileges of a white minority.

In Pretoria today stands a monument to the Great Trek, a shrine to this history and philosophy. A concrete laager, that iconic image of the Afrikaners' military defense tactic, completely surrounds the monument—a physical representation of a state of mind that sees enemies everywhere and will do anything to protect against them.

AMY GOODMAN: That is a clip from *Roadmap to Apartheid*, narrated by Alice Walker. And I wanted to turn to another one, how you explore how Israel was one of the closest allies and biggest arms suppliers to South Africa's former apartheid regime. This clip is narrated by journalist Ali Abunimah and Sasha Polakow-Suransky, author of *The Unspoken Alliance*.

ALI ABUNIMAH: The South African Defense Forces, as they were called, their army and navy was almost totally outfitted by Israel, because South Africa couldn't get weapons from other countries. Israel was one of the only countries willing to break the arms embargo.

SASHA POLAKOW-SURANSKY: Well, the alliance started in earnest in 1973. By 1979, about 35 percent of Israel's arms exports were going to South Africa, so they became a crucial client and also a crucial source for export revenue that Israel couldn't give up easily. And it involved everything from tanks to aircraft, to ammunition, you name it. After '77, there was a mandatory U.N. arms embargo. Israel violated the U.N. arms embargo openly, and many Israeli officials are happy to admit that. If you talk to South African defense officials, especially people from the air force, they tell you that Israel was an absolutely vital link and was a lifeline for them during the 1980s.

After 1977, the ideological component becomes much stronger. The top brass of the two militaries really felt that they were in a similar predicament and that they faced a common enemy. They also had a very similar conception of minority survival. There was a sense that Afrikaner nationalists were similar to Israelis, a beleaguered minority surrounded by a hostile majority.

AMY GOODMAN: That, a clip from *Roadmap to Apartheid*, Sasha Polakow-Suransky and, before that, Ali Abunimah. Eron Davidson, you were born in Israel. This is obviously an extremely sensitive comparison that many object to.

ERON DAVIDSON: It's true. It is. It's gaining more ground and becoming a more common discourse, though. And yeah, as you saw in the clip, the government ties through the '60s, '70s and '80s were extremely deep. They armed each other with nuclear weapons. The Israeli government did what's called "sanction busting." Where South Africa couldn't export products, it sent them to Israel; they manufactured them and then sent them out to the rest of the world, labeling it "made in Israel." So—

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And now, obviously, the whole divestment movement is again another parallel in terms of what happened, in terms of resistance or worldwide resistance to the continuation of the oppression of the Palestinians, as it was in South Africa.

ANA NOGUEIRA: Yeah, there's a very fast-growing global movement that is modeling itself on the anti-apartheid movement of the '80s and, you know, taking its cues from there, recognizing that apartheid ended as a result of internal resistance, as well, so there needs to be a Palestinian resistance, as well. But it was supported by this global movement that used boycott, divestment and sanctions to pressure the apartheid government to change its ways. And this recent ANC announcement that it's going to abide by this BDS call by the Palestinians is very heartwarming and probably going to have a domino effect in terms of more states getting onto this movement.

AMY GOODMAN: I wanted to go to a last clip from *Roadmap to Apartheid*. This is Eddie Makue with the South African Council of Churches. Later in the clip, we hear from Ali Abunimah and South African reporter Na'eem Jeenah.

EDDIE MAKUE: I have been able to visit Israel and Palestine on more than two occasions. And what I experienced there was such a crude reminder of a painful past in apartheid South Africa. We were largely controlled in the same way. The continuous checking at the roadblocks, and to see these young men and young women standing at the roadblock, having to perform the duties of a military junta, these parallels with Israel pained me severely while I was traveling through that lovely country.

ALI ABUNIMAH: The settlements are linked by modern superhighways, which are Jewish-only roads. Palestinians are not allowed to use them. And these superhighways crisscross across Palestinian land, linking the settlements together and linking them with Israeli cities inside the 1948 borders.

NA'EEM JEENAH: The separate roads that you find, the kind of whole settlement infrastructure that you find in the West Bank, for example, you know, which in South Africa we didn't dream that we'd have roads that would be only for whites.

ALICE WALKER: In 2008, there were 800 kilometers of Jewish-only roads in the West Bank, or as the Israeli military prefers to call them, "sterile roads." Settlers are issued yellow license plates so that the military can distinguish them from Palestinian drivers.

AMY GOODMAN: A clip of *Roadmap to Apartheid*. Ana Nogueira, the film is now out on DVD?

ANA NOGUEIRA: Yes, you can find the film on our Roadmap—on our website, roadmaptoapartheid.org, or on Journeyman Pictures' [website](#). There's online and broadcast sales, too.

AMY GOODMAN: Ana Nogueira and Eron Davidson, I want to thank you so much for being with us, as we turn, in our last segment, to Reverend Billy. Stay with us.

2012, Dec 21 "End of the World": Apocalypse or Shopocalypse? Reverend Billy on Consumerism and Climate Change

Today is 12-21-12: Doomsday, the end of the world. That is, according to some interpretations of the Mayan calendar. Others say it's the beginning of a new era. However, one doesn't need to look at the Mayan calendar, the words of Nostradamus, the prophetic dreams of Daniel or the revelation made to John to see the world is in dire straits. The sky may not be falling in, but it sure felt like it to the victims of Superstorm Sandy. Along with climate change, gun violence, drones, warfare and other henchmen on the horizon, it's easy to see why some may think the apocalypse is fast approaching. The word "apocalypse" originated from the Greek term "apocalypsis," which literally means "uncovering," in the sense of revealing something previously hidden. Someone known for pulling the covers off is activist and performance artist Reverend Billy, who is holding his "The End of the World" ritual in New York City's Times Square tonight. Along with his Church of Stop Shopping, he has long preached fiery sermons against recreational consumerism and climate disaster. He is urging people to turn away from corporate commodities and fossil fuels. "I'm just inviting all of us to be creative, to give meaning to our lives right now," Reverend Billy says.

Guest: [Reverend Billy](#), activist, secular preacher and performance artist with the Church of Stop Shopping. He has a new book called *The End of the World*. At 7 p.m. tonight, he will take part in a "The End of the World" ritual in New York City's Times Square.

Links: [Reverend Billy and The Church of Stop Shopping](#)
["The End of the World." By Reverend Billy \(OR Books, Dec. 21, 2012\)](#)

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Today is Friday, 12-21-12: Doomsday, the end of the world. That's according to some interpretations of the Mayan calendar. Others say it is the beginning of a new era. However, one doesn't need to look at the Mayan calendar or the words of Nostradamus, the prophetic dreams of Daniel or the revelation made to John to see the world is in dire straits. The sky may not be falling in, but it sure felt like it to the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Along with the climate change, gun violence, drones, warfare and other henchmen on the horizon, it's easy to see why some may think the apocalypse is fast approaching.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, Juan, the word "apocalypse" originated from the Greek term "apocalypsis," which literally means "uncovering," in the sense of revealing something previously hidden. Someone known for pulling the covers off is Reverend Billy, who is holding his "End of the World" ritual in Times Square, New York City, today. Along with his Church of Stop Shopping, he has long preached fiery sermons against recreational consumerism and climate disaster, and is urging people to turn away from the corporate commodities and fossil fuels. He's joining us now for a final prayer before the holidays.

Reverend Billy, welcome.

REVEREND BILLY: Well, thank you for having the Stop Shopping Church here in your church. And today's—today's *Democracy Now!* show, from Spencer Cox's talk about how to live our lives when we know the end might be near, to the presence, the poisonous presence, of the distortion of religion in South Africa and in Palestine and Israel, there's a—there's a through line today. We need to choose the one apocalypse that, Juan, that you mentioned, the Mayan apocalypse, the regeneration—Evo Morales says that it's a time to go from the human-being-based life into the earth life, into the community life, and, like, let go of the Book of Revelation and all the violence of Batman, Spider-Man, Superman and all the American versions of the Book of Revelations. Especially, I would say, American foreign policy and our military presence around the world is very much right out of that last book of the Bible.

AMY GOODMAN: And what you're doing today, in the last 30 seconds we have?

REVEREND BILLY: I'm just inviting all of us to be creative, to give meaning to our lives right now. The

tabloids and the comic books, they're trying to relegate us to a certain series of actions. Let's find our own creativity. The end will come for all of us. I don't think it's going to come today. If we're really creative and give life and give radical regeneration to the next hours that we have, then the earth will rise up with us. Amen. Earthelujah!

AMY GOODMAN: Reverend Billy, activist, secular preacher and performance artist with the Church of Stop Shopping. His new book, *The End of the World*.

Star of Bethlehem

<http://www.crystalinks.com/starbethlehem.html>



According to Ancient Astronaut Theory, the Star of Bethlehem was a ufo and goes along with the journey of the Magi.

The Star of Bethlehem, also called the Christmas Star, is a star in Christian tradition that revealed the birth of Jesus to the [Magi](#), or "wise men", and later led them to [Bethlehem](#). According to the Gospel of Matthew, the magi were men "from the east" who were inspired by the appearance of the star to travel to Jerusalem.

There they met King Herod of Judea, and asked where the king of the Jews had been born. Herod then asked his advisers where a messiah could be born. They replied Bethlehem, a nearby village, and quoted a prophecy by Micah. While the magi were on their way to Bethlehem, the star appeared again. Following the star, which stopped above the place where Jesus was born, the magi found Jesus with his mother, paid him homage, worshipped him and gave gifts. They then returned to their "own country".

Many Christians see the star as a miraculous sign to mark the birth of the christ (or messiah). Some theologians claimed that the star fulfilled a prophecy, known as the Star Prophecy. In modern times, astronomers have proposed various explanations for the star. A nova, a planet, a comet, an occultation, and a conjunction (gathering of planets) have all been suggested.

Many scholars question the historical accuracy of the story and argue that the star was a fiction created by the author of the Gospel of Matthew.

The subject is a favorite at planetarium shows during the Christmas season, although the Biblical account suggests that the visit of the magi took place at least several months after Jesus was born. The visit is traditionally celebrated on Epiphany (January 6) in Western Christianity and on Christmas (December 25) in Eastern Christianity.

Astronomy and Astrology

Some people feel the Star of Bethlehem was a comet, shooting star, or perhaps a UFO.

The Magi linked the appearance of a star to the birth of a "King of the Jews."

In Hellenistic astrology, Jupiter was the king planet and Regulus (in the constellation Leo) was the king star. As they traveled from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, the star "went before" the magi and then "stood over" the place where Jesus was. In astrological interpretations, these phrases are said to refer to retrograde motion and to stationing, i.e., Jupiter appeared to reverse course for a time, then stopped, and finally resumed its normal progression.

In 3-2 BC, there was a series of seven conjunctions, including three between Jupiter and Regulus and a strikingly close conjunction between Jupiter and Venus near Regulus on June 17, 2 BC. "The fusion of two planets would have been a rare and awe-inspiring event", according to a paper by Roger Sinnott. This event however occurred after the generally accepted date of 4 BC for the death of Herod. Since the conjunction would have been seen in the west at sunset it could not have led the magi south from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

Astronomer Michael Molnar has proposed a link between a double occultation of Jupiter by the moon in 6 BC in Aries and the Star of Bethlehem, particularly the second occultation on April 17. This event was quite close to the sun and would have been difficult to observe, even with a small telescope, which had not yet been invented.

Occultations of planets by the moon are quite common, but Firmicus Maternus, an astrologer to Roman Emperor Constantine, wrote that an occultation of Jupiter in Aries was a sign of the birth of a divine king. "When the royal star of Zeus, the planet Jupiter, was in the east this was the most powerful time to confer kingships. Furthermore, the Sun was in Aries where it is exalted. And the Moon was in very close conjunction with Jupiter in Aries", Molnar wrote.

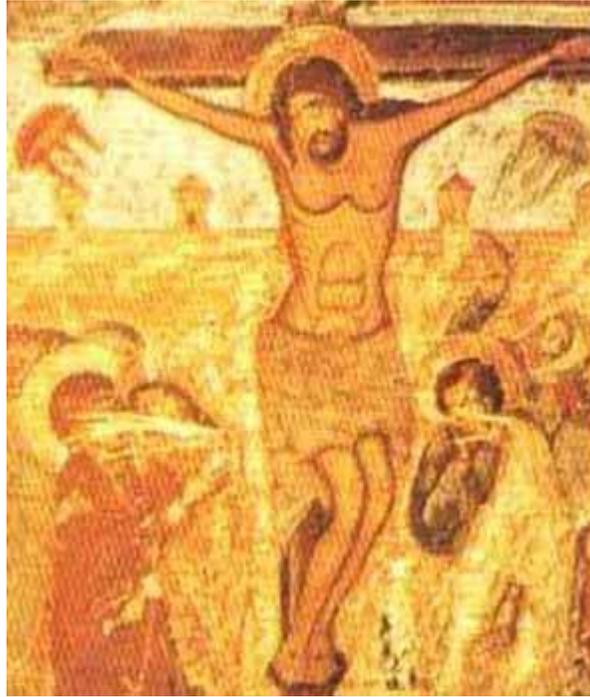
A celestial event is oftentimes the precursor to the fulfillment of a prophecy from god about great change on the planet and for humanity in general. This celestial sighting would have been part of a prophecy about the birth of a great prophet/king who would change the thinking of the world forever.

Jesus and UFO'S in Religious Art



"The Baptism of Christ"

A disk shaped object is shining beams of light down on John the Baptist and Jesus - Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, England - Painted in 1710 by Flemish artist Aert De Gelder. It depicts a classic, hovering, silvery, saucer shaped UFO shining beams of light down on John the Baptist and Jesus. What could have inspired the artist to combine these two subjects?



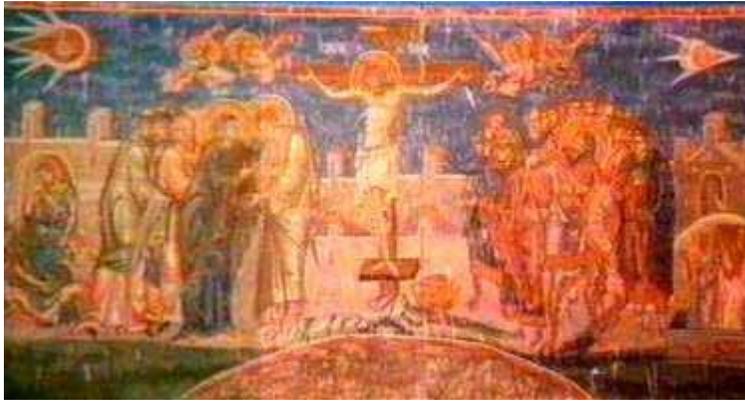
17th century fresco of the crucifixion - Svetitskhoveli Cathedral in Mtskheta, Georgia. Note the two saucer shaped craft on either side of Christ.

"La Tebaide"



Painted by Paolo Uccello - circa 1460-1465.

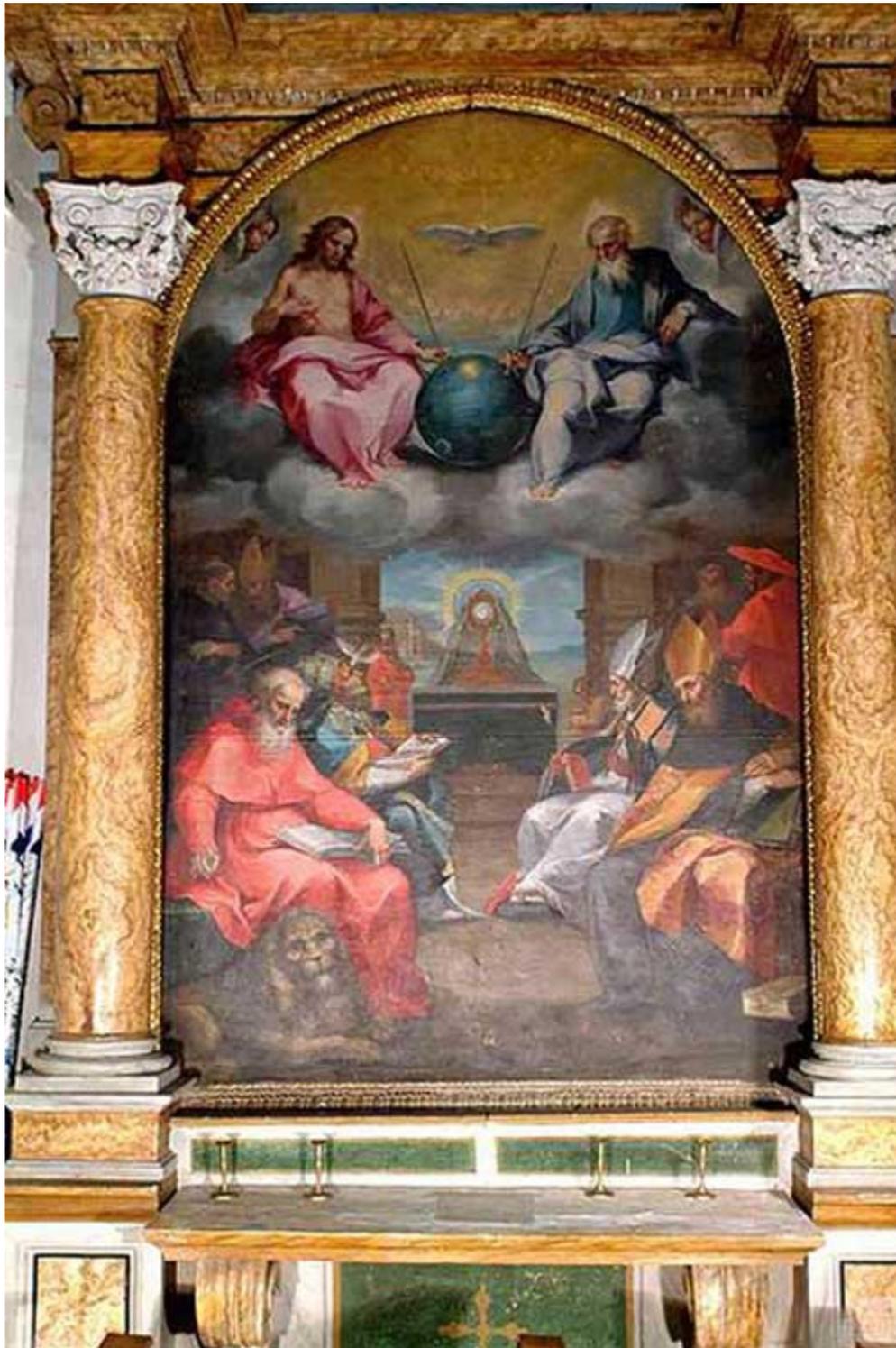
The picture on the right shows a red saucer shaped UFO seen near Jesus. The painting hangs in the Academy of Florence.



Frescos throughout Europe which reveal the appearance of space ships in the skies including this painting of 'The Crucifixion' - painted in 1350. It seems to depict a small human looking man looking over his shoulder - at another UFO as if in pursuit - as he flies across the sky in what is clearly a space ship. The leading craft is decorated with two twinkling stars, one reminiscent of national insignia on modern aircraft. This painting hangs above the altar at the Visoki Decani Monastery in Kosovo, Yugoslavia.



"Glorification of the Eucharist" was painted by Bonaventura Salimbeni in 1600.



Today it hangs in the church of San Lorenzo in San Pietro, Montalcino, Italy.
What does the 'Sputnik satellite-like device' represent?

Mary



A fourteenth century fresco of the Madonna and Child depict on the top right side the image of a UFO hovering in the distance. A blow up of this fresco reveals tremendous details about this UFO including port holes. It seems to indicate a religious involvement between UFO's and the appearance of the Christ Child.



This painting is called "The Madonna with Saint Giovannino". It was painted in the 15th century by Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449-1494) and hangs as part of the Loeser collection in the Palazzo Vecchio. Above Mary's right shoulder is a disk shaped object. Below is a blow up of this section and a man and his dog can clearly be seen looking up at the object.