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- T & R:**
- Need about **\$325 to get the car from the repair shop**
  - Need \$ for food, gas; we can eat for them by meditating while we eat - chewing longer than usual and sending help to them
  - Can access the paypal account on 2013 RainbowRose Roundtable
  - Can trade with T & R for readings by Mother Sekhmet

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- Every time we focus to contribute to the mandate of this project, we move NESARA along!

## The age of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sun HAS arrived: amazing stuff!

### Reading:

[please listen to this - more complex than these notes]

- Resurrection: the transformation of body and soul into the higher planes whereby our body is made glorious, spiritually free in the fullness of the holy spirit, restored in the father's image through Philistines 3: 21
- I Corinthians 15:35, 40, 42, 44
- As we take the initiation of resurrection, we become whole light beings: those beings of light that exist that in pure bodies of energy & they travel though the universe like corpuscles of light Psalms 104: v 2-4
- Wisdom: an emanation from the Deity that enables on to create a pathway of flow for consciousness to travel through the heavens - Psalms 105:
- Yesterday, they read that Ascension is guaranteed: this has to do with NESARA which is more than about money - it is a spiritual path
- The Wisdom of Solomon Ch 7, v 27 - an aspect of working with the Overself which is the Divine Double
  - Job 11, v 6.
- The Word: divine letters, lights, powers and lives that make all levels of intelligence partakers of all levels - from Isaiah [John the Beloved in a future life]

### Hard News:

- Rama got a ride with Betty Rubble, was able to talk to **Katherine who works with KOS**
  - King Jong Un is a traumatized man child; the people have no food; US and others have upped the sanctions - only 10% of the land is arable so they depend on the rest of the world: the sanctions mean that more will die: Dalai Llama has called sanctions immoral, as is
- These people are putting their greed, etc over the needs of the people, as is happening in Cyprus

**Alex Witt Today:** 75% of what is in Cypriot banks over \$a certain amount will be taken

[The power of love is the only power we have! Send them more love!]

- even as Kim Jong Un is revving his engines, we are
- Putin, Obama and Mr Lee from China are going to have a little chat with Kim Jong Un - and Bill Richardson will be sent in to talk to him

**Katherine:** this is not the first time this kind of rhetoric has come from N Korea; he is a man child, has never been in the military, has no idea of what he is doing - We can help by

(1) putting positive energy there

(2) Lifting the sanctions so the people could change their focus

- The US Republican Nazi gov't, the imperialists, are behind Kim Jong In, as the US gave him the equipment
- Recalls conversation with a caller on Friday: the people want to go after the imperialist pigs of the West - the people of the west agree with him!
- She also said he is a prisoner in his own palace: killed or arrested if tries to leave;
  - advanced stage of diabetes - 3-4 high doses of insulin every day!
  - They are threatening nuclear thing on Guam, Hawaii, California - also Major Cyber Attacks in the west - US has been hit, also Europe
  - they are laying it at the heels of the US for doing the exercise with South Korea
  - Kim Jong Un has been in office for only 16 months and has not consolidated his base

**US:** Dentist Scott Harrison in Tulsa, OK - there for 30 years; 64 years old.

- Someone got hepatitis C after a visit to him; 7,000 people visit him; authorities visited the office, shut it down - corroded tools that he could not clean properly
- aids, HIV, Hepatitis C - people lining up for tests to see if they have aids, HIV, Hepatitis C
- Also time to shut down the AMA: there are 10s of thousands who do not have the true training to be doctors
- **Monsanto:** have heard that Monsanto bought out Whole Foods this past week - extremely ugly!
  - In North Carolina, Whole Foods has been buying out all the health food stores
    - Whole Foods has always been CIA
  - need to see the term "certified organic" to be sure that you are getting organic

**Katherine: this is NOT BARACK OBAMA:** the deal is that he signed over his signature on a document

- Rama got intense about it and said to Katherine "this is hard to look at the horror stories being set up for the people."
- She said "No Comment" when R asked about the CFO of Wells Fargo being arrested - this means "yes, it is true, but no comment". Anyone who has \$ in these big banks won't have it soon
- Voted into Office, Katherine said "It's Hillary" she now reveals herself to be the sinister serpent
  - The Monsanto Protection Act - part of HR933 -
- there are massive tracts of lands in the US that will not produce anything any more due to agent Orange
  - yes, we are on emergency
  - Yes, this is exposing the sociopathic energies of Hillary and our secret gov't - **she was mandated to destroy the entire food supply of the entire planet**
  - so now - all heirloom seeds are to be confiscated within the next 5 years and throw people in jail for having them and using them
- The NDAA

**Caller:** it's Hillary, why is this being allowed?

**T:** this is being allowed to expose to everyone who these characters are:

- we don't second guess St Germain and Ashtar: they know exactly what they are doing: the days [the time it takes ] are required to make absolutely clear what is being done.
- The light community is all over the board: things are tightening up - some lightworkers are calling T & R beggars and so on; others are saying they have direct lines to Faction 3 -
- **THEY DON'T - RAMA IS THE ONLY ONE ON THE PLANET who had a direct line to Faction 3; the only person without a gag order to Faction 3 is RAMA!**
- Sometimes people think they can sneak around and have someone else do dinar work - cannot!
- Get out of these venues entirely! Money cannot be given to people who are not ??

**Caller:** understands this: just worried about all the crap going on

**T:** it is the power of the +ve thought

**Caller:** little ones are dying - it is horrific!

**T: don't go there:** every soul has the right to choose; each one of us has something to clean up every single second; pursue the higher wisdom and don't allow yourself to go into despair

**6 Perfections:** love; truth[knowledge of higher truth]; [inner] peace; freedom; justice [which is divine

mercy, divine wisdom, divine compassion]; beauty [This is the order of the perfections]  
• when things come up which are challenging: praise, respect, thank and love all the feelings!  
We asked for everything which is going on - we chose the challenge, so P, R, T, L

**Rainbird:** 7 Deadly Sins [used for keeping people in separation, instilling fear and anger] she gets Tara to list them and provides the balance point

**T:** sloth, greed, pride, jealousy, gluttony, rage, lust  
**anger:** contemplation; **gluttony:** balance; **greed:** share, being generous  
**sloth, lazy:** diligence, vigilance **lust:** modesty, respect;  
**vanity, pride:** humility; **envy:** unpretentiousness, being enough, self-worth  
• **these are all aspects of the ego;** ego is our friend  
• Putting ego in the pocket means putting a falling star in there with it!

### **Elements - Their Corresponding Emotions - The Outcomes**

**Fire** = anger which leads to courage which leads to love

**Water** = sadness which leads to compassion and joy

**Air** = fear which leads to wonderment which leads to peace

**Earth** = rape leads to respect and leads to healing and beauty

**Ether** = clutter [makes spiritual fur balls] - greed leads to generosity and sharing

- Her teacher told them we each have 10,000 beings around us all the time!!!
- We are already ascended and already have been! Astarius said that

**Reading:** returns to Matt Taibbi article

[SEE BELOW]

**Reading:** 2012, Feb 28 Bradley Manning nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

[SEE BELOW]

**Audio:** Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh

**Reading:** The Keys of Enoch -Key 112: the divine is in all dimensions

**R:** Being discussed on radio today: the divine shows up in all different forms in all of those dimensions:  
• don't expect what you think you might expect -

**ET the mechanic asked Rama:** if the divine has no gender, how does the ??????????

1. Enoch explained to me, Jacob, that the Divine is in all dimensions and exists with all universal intelligences. Planetary evolutions form the body extension of this mind force.
2. The Divine is the Mind-Fact which connects all universes through love. The Father universes give unto its Son universes of Light the Divine Inheritance which the Father rejoices in sharing with His Children.
3. The key tells us the Mind-Face of the Father emanates the Light necessary to make the human creation a tabernacle for the *Meoroth* - the Luminaries.
4. The body vehicle is enwrapped in twelve meridians of indwelling light, the *Stralim*, which connect the human face of evolution with the 365,000 space-time human representations of God which the *human eye* can behold.

5.

**Audio:** Amy Goodman - Democracy Now, March 29, 2013

### **Lawsuit, Protests Challenge Michigan Emergency Manager Law**

Dozens of protesters marched on government buildings in Detroit on Thursday to oppose the appointment of emergency managers across the state. The rally came one day after a coalition of civil rights and religious groups filed a lawsuit challenging emergency managers in Detroit and five other Michigan cities. The managers are granted broad powers, including overruling elected officials, in a bid to turn around struggling finances. The new lawsuit accuses Michigan's controversial emergency manager law of imposing "a new form of government" in the state. The emergency manager law has disproportionately affected African Americans, with over half of African Americans in Michigan now living under unelected leadership. Speaking at the federal courthouse in Detroit, the Reverend Al Sharpton called the Michigan issue a national struggle.

**Rev. Al Sharpton:** "This is a local issue, but a national struggle. What Governor Snyder has done is nullify the voters of this city, interposed his own will, something that Dr. Martin Luther King spoke against 50 years ago this year."

Detroit's new emergency manager, Kevyn Orr, began his tenure this week

### **Obama: "Shame on Us If We've Forgotten" Newtown**

President Obama invoked Newtown on Thursday at a news conference Thursday to reaffirm his push for gun-control legislation on Capitol Hill. Flanked by a group of gun-control activists, including mothers who have lost children to shootings, Obama said, "Shame on us if we've forgotten" the Newtown victims. Obama vowed to continue his efforts despite heavy opposition from gun-control foes.

**President Obama:** "There are some powerful voices on the other side that are interested in running out the clock or changing the subject or drowning out the majority of the American people to prevent any of these reforms from happening at all. They're doing everything they can to make all our progress collapse under the weight of fear and frustration, or their assumption is, is that people will just forget about it."

The Senate is facing an upcoming vote on a new gun-control law. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has already excluded an assault weapons ban from the overall legislation, but it could still come up for a vote as an amendment.

### **Arms Treaty Heads for General Assembly Vote After New Objections**

A proposed global arms treaty has stalled in talks at the United Nations. On Thursday, Iran, Syria and North Korea blocked adoption of the first international pact to regulate the arms trade, citing a failure to ban weapons sales to armed rebel groups. Despite the three countries' objections, the treaty is expected to come up for a vote in the General Assembly next week. The U.N. talks marked the latest effort to craft a global standard for regulating the arms trade after the Obama administration blocked an agreement last summer.

**Audio:** 2013, Mar 29 **The Other Rosa Parks~ Now 73, Claudette Colvin Was First to Refuse Giving Up Seat on Montgomery Bus** [also from Democracy Now] [SEE BELOW]

**Music:** The Times they are a'changin" - Odetta

**Astrology:** Richard

points out that the planets are in the middle of the signs they are in - so the energies are transmitting their frequencies at a pretty good clip! Not quite at 100 mph, but gathering steam!

**Next Week:**

Moon has been void of course in Scorpio, right after it got past its trine to Jupiter

**Sunday:** aspects are numerous tomorrow

**Monday:** moon goes void of course in Sag - for 24 hours

**Tuesday:** moon goes into Capricorn, no planetary aspects; conjuncts Pluto Wed am

**Thursday:** goes into and goes void of course

**Next weekend:** a void of course moon; moon conjuncts Pisces next Saturday

Mars in its proper expression is but when it is diseased, it's out of balance - a disease of the mind

**Kim Jong Il** Jan 8, 1983 - born in PyongYang - Richard will use 6 am as time of birth

**Katherine of KOS:** said he is addicted to sugar drinks, heavily diabetic

**Richard:** Pluto conjunct Saturn, a Scorpio moon, Jupiter conjunct Uranus in A - all his planets are in 10, 11, 12 and 1 and 2 houses; need to pray for him!

That concentration of those planets is based on 6am birth time

**Carl Boudreau**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UUntBJzrpFGwsNmWtGbElHhQ&feature=player\\_detailpage&v=93Uk3RKxOOK](http://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UUntBJzrpFGwsNmWtGbElHhQ&feature=player_detailpage&v=93Uk3RKxOOK)

A close up, in depth look at the energetic center of gravity in April's composite chart. It appears that, like last month, the planets are working on our economic relationships, only this time there is a very heavy, very specific focus on work relationships and on the job responsibilities and commitments. This video is about what's going on in the 6th house.

**Some of the comments made by Carl:**

- Things have calmed down: we have more of a wave instead of crashings! This month, he will go into depth as we are in calmer waters, relatively speaking.
- Charts have a fractal nature - to go into one part of the chart gives a deeper understanding of the whole chart; he won't be trying to keep an artificial balance
- March's chart affected all areas of finance, which then affected relationships, and the double yod forced us to sort things out, look into the causes and effects of what we were doing.
- April's chart is we are going to cross a karmic threshold during a time of flux and transition - no turning back
- 6<sup>th</sup> house and its influences: house of work, house of relationships that we depend on for our health, our

well being, the roof over our head; it is where our personal aspirations meet the world - we have to turn things into a livelihood - workplace a thing of shifting loyalties

- 6<sup>th</sup> house is house of Virgo, of transactions that are necessary to life itself; supports our dealing with the concrete and particular
- Pisces governs our relationship with Spirit - we have conflicting, contrasting influences in this house - will no doubt lead to crises.
- When we have Aquarius affecting Virgo, we have great potential
- Chiron is in Pisces in the house of Virgo: Chiron uses our weaknesses to remove blocks between our personal and our spiritual - we try to reconcile our physical vulnerabilities with our spiritual

**Sounds like April is the time it all comes together!!! BE SURE AND LISTEN TO THE TAPE**

He says that people on the wrong side of history are going to be disabled permanently

- full moon on 25th; May: Solar eclipse on the 9th, 3rd lunar eclipse on May 25th
- The solar eclipse and new moon on the 9<sup>th</sup> - the middle one is on Ascension Day

**RI:** People skills are necessary, not only technical skills

**T:** he said economic about 10 times during the entire video: yet what he said is that it's going to get straightened out though not overnight; he will bring out the dark side of Neptune and Pisces

- The Nessus thing is assaulting our consciousness: we have passed the point of no return

**RI:** by the dark side of Neptune, negative side: it is the issues of illusion he is referring to, and delusion - illusion is exterior; delusion is where the psychic structure begins to break down.

- The vulnerabilities we are becoming more aware of - in this case, he was talking of our personal vulnerabilities, the personal stuff we carry around, the wounded child issues, for example.
- Mercury is not quite back to where it was when it went retrograde - spent a long time in Pisces

**T:** reviews the material previously discussed with Rainbird, ideas brought up by Carl Boudreau's discussion of the April Chart.

**Audio:** returns to **Democracy Now** and the **story about the Montgomery Bus Strike** - hear the announcement by M L King, Jr and the continuing of the interview with Claudette Colvin

**Conf Call:**

**Caller:** asking for clarity around one of the scriptures

**T:** the Jehovah Witnessess do literal interpretations!

**Re:** **Obama signing the Monsanto Protection Act:** he has a gun, metaphorically speaking, at his head; this coming month will be IT!!! As Katherine said: IT'S NO MORE DOWN THE ROAD TIME; it is moment by moment now!

**Car Bill:** total is **\$1,050** \$561 is parts; rest is labour: what is to be done is required: the initial one was an estimate

**Rainbird:** reads about the Angels of Metallurgy in honour of the car.

**T:** first eclipse: Lunar eclipse with a full moon on Ap 25<sup>th</sup>, in Taurus; May 9<sup>th</sup> is Ascension Thursday & a solar eclipse and a new moon and Europe Day - KOS always told them: the last of the programs was

called Unction & it represents all the gold certificates: this is a private conversation and we love to lie: after we get our blessings, we cannot mention the name of the programs or we will lose all we got - we will sign a non-disclosure if we are in any of the programs - NO NAMES FROM NOBODY, NO WAY, NO HOW!!!

May 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo - the birth day of Mexico - it is a key day regarding NESARA announcement and that is why the last program represents the gold certificates of Mexico

**WESAK** is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> eclipse, Ascension is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> eclipse; 1<sup>st</sup> is on April 25<sup>th</sup> - tells her that Europe is gone - and we have Beltane on April 30<sup>th</sup> [ also Canadian Tax Day] Pentecost is May 19<sup>th</sup> and Armed Forces Day is May 18<sup>th</sup> ; Mothers Day is May 12<sup>th</sup>

1st Thessalonians 4: does not mean he died - but the church killed him by changing the true story -

- That is why KOS said the fall of the church is assured! [She is reading from Key 112, sections 9 and forward - **The I AM Sanctuary teaching is THAT WE ARE THE OFFICE OF THE CHRIST - he said this is the way, NOT I am the way: and each person gets to ascend through their own work and give an example through what they did**
- **The time of world service has started - for all of us.**

Starts with Ch 3 of Thessalonians

**Caller:** talks about delays - **T:** you have the wrong perception: every time the light makes a move, the dark makes a move: Carl has told us we will get a kick in the economic pants - all these people calling them a beg-a-thon and saying "I am going to get my dinars" - **STOP!!!**

- No more OTTP, no this and thats of other channels that are not telling the truth -
- **WE HAVE TO BE 100% FOCUSSED ON NESARA - A SOLID FOCUS OF LIGHT: EVERY TIME WE WAIT, WE LOSE A TURN - THERE WAS NEVER, EVER A DELAY EXCEPT US AS A LIGHT COMMUNITY PASSING UP OUR TURN!**

**Caller:** as time goes by, and we lose money from our pocket **T:** there are people who have more than they need and are living in fear - and there is nothing between living the vegan way and not the vegan way ; there are poisons in dead food like meats [ammonia in the beef; drugs in the horse meat, etc]

**Caller** asks about what we eat? **T: Genesis Ch 1** **Caller:** lots of plants have been eradicated by chemtrails and this is why we build indoor greenhouses; in Santa Fe, have a huge group of organic farmers with indoor green houses

**Caller:** a lady who lived in Texas and moved to NYC; missed veggies and gardens, etc - she experimented and build a vertical garden using soda bottles etc - she grew it and put things on the Internet so others could see how you could garden without taking up lots of space **T: Ch 1, V 29 of Genesis** - it is all there! We co-created this body with Mother and we created it to be a herbivore -

**Music: Chief Seattle's speech set to music:** 1887 - Smith had heard Chief Seattle's speech; the original speech written by Smith; Chief Seattle died in 1886 - yet the year before he died, the city passed a law making it illegal for natives to live there.

**Reading:** 2013, March 29 Many of you are still asking when the New Age will arrive **[SEE BELOW]**

**Reading: Angels of Metallurgic Chemistry** - Angels of Panari - Rosie is the name of T & R's car, so hold it in your mind as you hear this reading - have to rebuild the front end of the car!

**Audio: Beyond the Secret: The Moses Code** full version with Michael Beckwith, Mary Morrissey, Dr Fred Alan Wolffe, Jack Safarti [hyperdimensional physicist]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKwo-D9UpWA>

**Music: Ordain a Lady!**

**Audio: POSITIVE SPIN: News from around the world** - 3 organizations looking to address the underlying issues/causes of violence around the world: Meta Centre for Non-Violence, Peace Love Studios; Peace Alliance

**(1) Speaker:** Bill Baskin, president of **The Peace Alliance** to reduce violence in countries around the world [www.peacealliance.org](http://www.peacealliance.org)

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**What We Do:** A great need exists in our country and world for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to preventing and resolving violent conflict. From the growing rate of domestic incarceration to increasing problems of international conflict, the United States faces great challenges around the issue of violence in our homes, communities and world. We do our part in the following ways:

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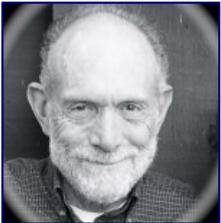
**Description** Millions of Americans suffer from mental illness each year – often in silence. Together with friends, family, and colleagues it touches us all. PeaceLove offers a rallying cry for acceptance and solidarity through creative products, programs and spaces that inspire and celebrate the healing power of art.

### **(3) Metta Center for Nonviolence**

#### **Our Vision**

Humanity is slowly but steadily awakening to the underlying truth of our existence, which is our fundamental unity with one another and all of life. In this “new” vision, supported alike by the ancient wisdom traditions of virtually all cultures and by breakthroughs in very modern science, nonviolence is the norm for all relationships just as violence was acceptable and all but normalized in the vision of the world as separate, material, and without overall meaning. Nonviolence is, as Gandhi said, “not the inanity it has been taken for down the ages.” It is thus both a consequence and an enabling factor in this great awakening. It is no coincidence that nonviolence is increasing both quantitatively — with more than one-half of the world’s population experiencing a major manifestation in their home country — and qualitatively — with new forms of experimentation and learning across cultures increasingly practiced. Metta is proud to play a key role in developing this central part of the “great turning” to a more humane world.

#### **A Message from Michael Nagler, Founder**



Probably the most hopeful sign in today’s world is the way nonviolence and the knowledge of how it works is spreading. The knowledge, however, often lags behind the practice. Our culture is simply not ‘tuned in’ to a power that draws upon the unity of life instead of the competitiveness and alienation that are the prevailing image of humanity and its lack of meaning.

Here a little knowledge can be a *safe* thing, for with it people who find themselves caught up in a potentially nonviolent struggle — as they are right now all over the Middle East as well as in far less heralded movements in places like Honduras and Mexico — can act both more safely and more effectively.

This effect is far from limited, as is sometimes thought, to insurrectionary struggles. Gandhi experimented with principled nonviolence in literally every walk of life from health care to national defense, so it is possible for every one of us to engage this great power not just against unwanted regimes but as a way of changing cultures so that such regimes could be denied a grip on societies — provided that we understand well enough what are the basic principles and how to apply which ones.

This is where we at Metta come in. As a friend of ours said recently, we are a “small but mighty” group of people with a burning passion to develop for ourselves and others an ever deeper understanding of the potential and power of nonviolence. We work with students, educators, activists, the media, and military personnel from around the world who see, however far off in the future, a vision of healing, respect, justice, and compassion based on a much higher image of the human being and the meaning of life.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you in building a more nonviolent world.

In peace,

Michael Nagler                      Founder and President, Metta Center for Nonviolence

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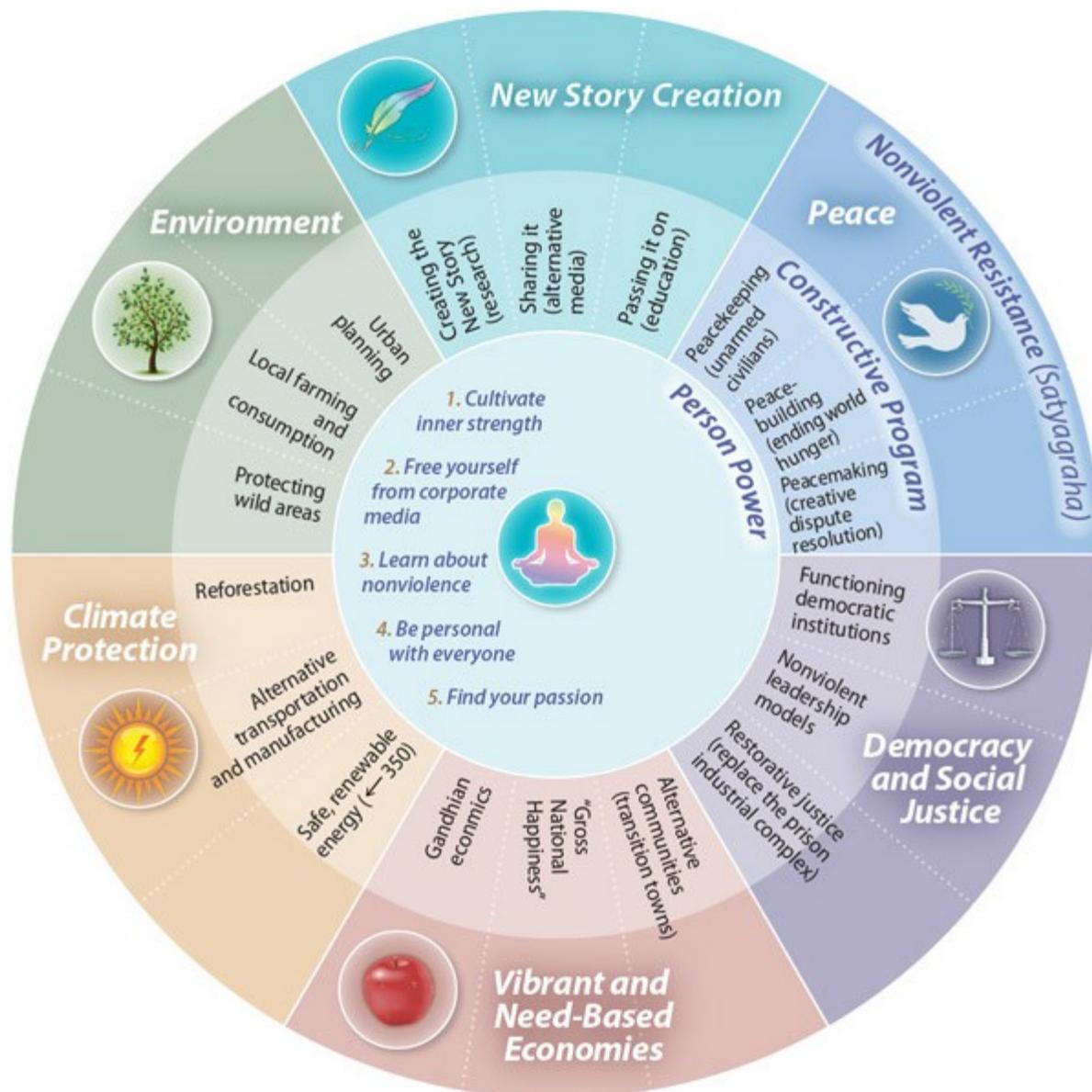
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## What is Roadmap?

Roadmap is a **model** that displays the inherent connection among the many social actions moving us toward a new world of peace and justice, and a **set of tools** that enable participants to connect with each other, find needed resources, etc.

**Why Roadmap?** Every social movement needs to have two things: **strategy** and **unity**. Roadmap is a framework that can help today's many movements, organizations, and projects to develop both.



Roadmap **tools** will enable participants to learn more about some of the sophisticated methods used by today's nonviolent activists, form *community* with others working on the same issue, participate in the creation of a *Grand Strategy*, and much more.

The Roadmap model and some sign-up options are available right here; when the new web-based tool called "Compass" comes online (in spring, 2013), it will offer educational resources, networking tools, and more.

Final music on the program: You grow more beautiful every day [[www.danceinthedance.com](http://www.danceinthedance.com)]

**Reading:** Dhyani Ywahoo: [Voices of Our Ancestors: Cherokee Teachings from the Wisdom Fire](#)

- they call themselves Tusalhi - the Principle People.
- The Cherokee are ancient Mayans returned which means they trace their origins to the Pleiades.  
Dhyani taught Rama for 4 solid years, knew exactly who he was. She is the only female Dali Lama

**Aboriginal Moabite Nation** call on Wed pm March 20<sup>th</sup> call: Noble Brother Mel Free-el:

- Cherokee were always here, goes back to when all the land was in the west;
- the Mayans were already here; all the people of colours were always here which is why they call it the Land of Egypt.
- The temples which appear to come from Egypt along the Nile did not: Egypt was here first, and the Nile was the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon and those are the original temples!

**North America** [Mexico, US / Egypt, Canada] + all of Europe + All of Asia was known as **Laurasia** -  
It was one huge body of land and all connected

**South America** included Australia, India, Africa, Antarctica - were all on continent - in the north was Laurasia

**Central America** came later.

**Closing:** Rainbird

**Music:** Celtic Sisters [because the Cherokee and the Black Irish are all one]

## FOLLOWING - PRINTED RESOURCES RELATED TO THE NOTES

## 2013, Mar 22 **Wikileaks Was Just a Preview~ We're Headed for an Even Bigger Showdown Over Secrets**

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/blogs/taibblog/wikileaks-was-just-a-preview-were-headed-for-an-even-bigger-showdown-over-secrets-20130322>

I went yesterday to a screening of *We Steal Secrets*, Oscar-winning director Alex Gibney's brilliant new documentary about Wikileaks. The movie is beautiful and profound, an incredible story that's about many things all at once, including the incredible Shakespearean narrative that is the life of Julian Assange, a free-information radical who has become an uncompromising guarder of secrets.

I'll do a full review in a few months, when [We Steal Secrets](#) comes out, but I bring it up now because the whole issue of secrets and how we keep them is increasingly in the news, to the point where I think we're headed for a major confrontation between the government and the public over the issue, one bigger in scale than even the Wikileaks episode.

We've seen the battle lines forming for years now. It's increasingly clear that governments, major corporations, banks, universities and other such bodies view the defence of their secrets as a desperate matter of institutional survival, so much so that the state has gone to extraordinary lengths to punish and/or threaten to punish anyone who so much as tiptoes across the informational line.

This is true not only in the case of Wikileaks – and especially the real subject of Gibney's film, Private Bradley Manning, who in an incredible act of institutional vengeance is being charged with aiding the enemy (among other crimes) and could, theoretically, receive a [death sentence](#).

### [Did the Mainstream Media Fail Bradley Manning?](#)

There's also the horrific case of [Aaron Swartz](#), a genius who helped create the technology behind Reddit at the age of 14, who earlier this year hanged himself after the government threatened him with 35 years in jail for downloading a bunch of academic documents from an MIT server. Then there's the case of [Sergey Aleynikov](#), the Russian computer programmer who allegedly stole the High-Frequency Trading program belonging to Goldman, Sachs (Aleynikov worked at Goldman), a program which prosecutors in open court admitted could, "in the wrong hands," be used to "manipulate markets."

Aleynikov spent a year in jail awaiting trial, was convicted, had his sentence overturned, was freed, and has since been re-arrested by a government seemingly determined to make an example out of him.

### [The Brilliant Life and Tragic Death of Aaron Swartz](#)

And most recently, there's the Matthew Keys case, in which a Reuters social media editor was charged by the government with conspiring with the hacker group Anonymous to alter a *Los Angeles Times* headline in December 2010. The change in the headline? It [ended up reading](#), "Pressure Builds in House to Elect CHIPPY 1337," Chippy being the name of another hacker group accused of defacing a video game publisher's website.

Keys is charged with crimes that carry up to 25 years in prison, although the likelihood is that he'd face far less than that if convicted. Still, it seems like an insane amount of pressure to apply, given the other types of crimes (of, say, the HSBC variety) where stiff sentences haven't even been threatened, much less imposed.

A common thread runs through all of these cases. On the one hand, the motivations for these information-stealers seem extremely diverse: You have people who appear to be primarily motivated by traditional whistleblower concerns (Manning, who never sought money and was obviously initially moved by the moral horror aroused by the material he was seeing, falls into that category for me), you have the merely mischievous (the Keys case seems to fall in this area), there are those who either claim to be or actually are free-information ideologues (Assange and Swartz seem more in this realm), and then there are other cases where the motive might have been money (Aleynikov, who was allegedly leaving Goldman to join a rival trading startup, might be among those).

But in all of these cases, the government pursued maximum punishments and generally took zero-tolerance approaches to plea negotiations. These prosecutions reflected an obvious institutional terror of letting the public see the sausage-factory locked behind the closed doors not only of the state, but of banks and universities and other such institutional pillars of society. As Gibney pointed out in his movie, this is a *Wizard of Oz* moment, where we are being warned not to look behind the curtain.

What will we find out? We already know that our armies [mass-murder women and children](#) in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, that our soldiers [joke about smoldering bodies](#) from the safety of gunships, that some of our [closest diplomatic allies](#) starve and repress their own citizens, and we may even have gotten a glimpse or two of a banking system that uses [computerized insider trading programs](#) to steal from everyone who has an IRA or a mutual fund or any stock at all by manipulating markets like the NYSE.

These fervent, desperate prosecutions suggest that there's more awfulness under there, things that are worse, and there is a determination to not let us see what those things are. Most recently, we've seen that determination in the furor over Barack Obama's drone assassination program and the so-called "kill list" that is associated with it.

Weeks ago, Kentucky Senator Rand Paul – whom I've previously railed against as one of the biggest self-aggrandizing jackasses in politics – pulled a widely-derided but, I think, absolutely righteous [Frank Capra act](#) on the Senate floor, executing a one-man filibuster of Obama's CIA nominee, John Brennan.

Paul had been mortified when he received a letter from Eric Holder [refusing to rule out drone strikes on American soil](#) in "extraordinary" circumstances like a 9/11 or a Pearl Harbor. Paul refused to yield until he extracted a guarantee that no American could be assassinated by a drone on American soil without first being charged with a crime.

He got his guarantee, but the way the thing is written doesn't fill one with anything like confidence. Eric Holder's [letter to Paul](#) reads like the legal disclaimer on a pack of unfiltered cigarettes:

Dear Senator Paul,

It has come to my attention that you have now asked an additional question: "Does the president have the additional authority to use a weaponized drone to kill an American not engaged in combat on American soil?" The answer is no.

Sincerely,

Eric Holder

You could drive a convoy of tanker trucks through the loopholes in that letter. Not to worry, though, this past week, word has come out via Congress – the White House won't tell us anything – that [no Americans](#) are on its infamous kill list. The *National Journal's* report on this story offered a similarly comical sort of non-reassurance:

The White House has wrapped its kill list in secrecy and already the United States has killed four Americans in drone strikes. Only one of them, senior al-Qaida operative Anwar al-Awlaki, was the intended target, according to U.S. officials. The others – including Awlaki's teenage son – were collateral damage, killed because they were too near a person being targeted.

But no more Americans are in line for such killings – at least not yet. "There is no list where Americans are on the list," House Intelligence Chairman Mike Rogers told National Journal. Still, he suggested, that could change.

"There is no list where Americans are on the list" – even the language used here sounds like a cheap Orwell knockoff (although, to be fair, so does *V for Vendetta*, which has unfortunately provided [the model for the modern protest aesthetic](#)). It's not an accident that so much of this story is starting to sound like farce. The idea

that we have to beg and plead and pull Capra-esque stunts in the Senate just to find out whether or not our government has "asserted the legal authority" (this preposterous phrase is beginning to leak into news coverage with alarming regularity) to kill U.S. citizens on U.S. soil without trial would be laughable, were it not for the obvious fact that such lines are in danger of really being crossed, if they haven't been crossed already.

This morning, [an Emory University law professor named Mary Dudziak wrote an op-ed in the Times](#) in which she pointed out several disturbing aspects to the drone-attack policy. It's bad enough, she writes, that the Obama administration is considering moving the program from the CIA to the Defense Department. (Which, Dudziak notes, "would do nothing to confer legitimacy to the drone strikes. The legitimacy problem comes from the secrecy itself — not which entity secretly does the killing.") It's even worse that the administration is citing Nixon's infamous bombing of Cambodia as part of its legal precedent.

But beyond that, Obama's lawyers used bad information in their [white paper](#):

On Page 4 of the unclassified 16-page "white paper," Justice Department lawyers tried to refute the argument that international law does not support extending armed conflict outside a battlefield. They cited as historical authority a speech given May 28, 1970, by John R. Stevenson, then the top lawyer for the State Department, following the United States' invasion of Cambodia.

Since 1965, "the territory of Cambodia has been used by North Vietnam as a base of military operations," he told the New York City Bar Association. "It long ago reached a level that would have justified us in taking appropriate measures of self-defense on the territory of Cambodia. However, except for scattered instances of returning fire across the border, we refrained until April from taking such action in Cambodia."

But, Dudziak notes, there is a catch:

In fact, Nixon had begun his secret bombing of Cambodia more than a year earlier. (It is not clear whether Mr. Stevenson knew this.) So the Obama administration's lawyers have cited a statement that was patently false.

Now, this "white paper" of Obama's is already of dubious legality at best. The idea that the President can simply write a paper expanding presidential power into extralegal assassination without asking the explicit permission of, well, somebody, anyway, is absurd from the start. Now you add to that the complication of the paper being based in part on some half-assed, hastily-cobbled-together, factually lacking precedent, and the Obama drone-attack rationale becomes like all rationales of blunt-force, repressive power ever written — plainly ridiculous, the stuff of bad comedy, like the Russian military superpower invading tiny South Ossetia cloaked in hysterical claims of self-defense.

### [Why Rand Paul's Filibuster Matters](#)

The Wikileaks episode was just an early preview of the inevitable confrontation between the citizens of the industrialized world and the giant, increasingly secretive bureaucracies that support them. As some of Gibney's interview subjects point out in his movie, the experts in this field, the people who worked on information security in the Pentagon and the CIA, have known for a long time that the day would come when all of our digitized secrets would spill out somewhere.

But the secret-keepers got lucky with Wikileaks. They successfully turned the story into one about Julian Assange and his personal failings, and headed off the confrontation with the major news organizations that were, for a time, his allies.

But that was just a temporary reprieve. The secrets are out there and everyone from hackers to journalists to U.S. senators are digging in search of them. Sooner or later, there's going to be a pitched battle, one where the state won't be able to peel off one lone Julian Assange or Bradley Manning and batter him into nothingness. Next time around, it'll be a Pentagon Papers-style constitutional crisis, where the public's legitimate right to know will be pitted head-to-head with presidents, generals and CEOs.

My suspicion is that this story will turn out to be less of a simplistic narrative about Orwellian repression than a mortifying journey of self-discovery. There are all sorts of things we both know and don't know about the processes that keep our society running. We know children in Asia are being beaten to keep our sneakers and furniture cheap, we know our access to oil and other raw materials is being secured only by the cooperation of corrupt and vicious dictators, and we've also known for a while now that the anti-terror program they say we need to keep our airports and reservoirs safe involves mass campaigns of extralegal detention and assassination.

We haven't had to openly ratify any of these policies because the secret-keepers have done us the favor of making these awful moral choices for us.

But the stink is rising to the surface. It's all coming out. And when it isn't Julian Assange the next time but *The New York Times*, *Der Spiegel* and *The Guardian* standing in the line of fire, the state will probably lose, just as it lost in the Pentagon Papers case, because those organizations will be careful to only publish materials clearly in the public interest – there's no conceivable legal justification for keeping us from knowing the policies of our own country (although stranger things have happened).

When that happens, we'll be left standing face-to-face with the reality of how our state functions. Do we want to do that? We still haven't taken a very close look at even the Bradley Manning material, and my guess is because we just don't want to. There were thousands of outrages in those files, any one of which would have caused a My-Lai-style uproar decades ago.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rXPrfnU3G0&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rXPrfnU3G0&feature=player_embedded)

Did you hear the one about how [American troops murdered four women and five children](#) in Iraq in 2006, including a woman over 70 and an infant under five months old, with all the kids under five? All of them were handcuffed and shot in the head. We later called in an airstrike to cover it up, apparently. But it barely registered a blip on the American consciousness.

What if it we're forced to look at all of this for real next time, and what if it turns out we can't accept it? What if murder and corruption is what's holding it all together? I personally don't believe that's true – I believe it all needs to come out and we need to rethink everything together, and we can find a less totally evil way of living – but this is going to be the implicit argument from the secret-keeping side when this inevitable confrontation comes. They will say to us, in essence, "It's the only way. And you don't want to know." And a lot of us won't.

It's fascinating, profound stuff. We don't want to know, but increasingly it seems we can't not know, either. Sooner or later, something is going to have to give.

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## 2012, Feb 28 **Bradley Manning nominated for Nobel Peace Prize**

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[Photo: Nominated: US soldier Bradley Manning \(Reuters: Yuri Gripas\)](#)

US soldier and WikiLeaks suspect Bradley Manning, Bill Clinton and Helmut Kohl are known to be on the list of a total of 231 nominees up for the Nobel Peace Prize this year.

"As always, there are the usual nominees and some newcomers, some famous and some unknowns, hailing from the four corners of the world," the head of the Nobel Institute, Geir Lundestad, said.

With 188 individuals and 43 organisations, the number of candidates comes close to last year's record of 241, when the prestigious award went to Liberian president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Liberian activist Leymah Gbowee, and Yemeni Arab Spring activist Tawakkol Karman.

Thousands of people are eligible to submit nominations - including members of parliaments and governments worldwide, university professors, past laureates and members of several international institutes - who had until February 1 to propose candidates.

The Nobel Institute keeps the names of nominees secret for 50 years, but those who are entitled to nominate are allowed to reveal the name of the person or organisation they have proposed.

Among the people known to have been nominated for this year's prize are former US president Bill Clinton, ex-German chancellor Helmut Kohl who led his country's reunification process, and Ukraine's ex-premier and now jailed opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko.

Also on the list is jailed US soldier Manning, who has been charged with 22 counts in a US military court for turning over a massive cache of classified US documents to anti-secrecy site WikiLeaks.

Despite its current crisis the European Union is also among the candidates, as are Congolese doctor Denis Mukwege, Cuban dissidents Oswaldo Paya and Yoani Sanchez, and Russian rights group Memorial and its founder Svetlana Gannushkina.

Yet others include US political scientist Gene Sharp, known for his theory of non-violent resistance which inspired some of the key figures behind the Arab Spring, Tunisian President Moncef Marzouki who was brought to power in 2011 by the revolution in his country, and television news channel Al Jazeera.

The winner or winners will be announced in October.

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## The Other Rosa Parks~ Now 73, Claudette Colvin Was First to Refuse Giving Up Seat on Montgomery Bus

- [On Rosa Parks' 100th Birthday, Recalling Her Rebellious Life Before and After the Montgomery Bus](#)

**Guests** [Claudette Colvin](#), a pioneer in the civil rights movement. In March 1955, she was the first person arrested for resisting bus segregation in Montgomery, Alabama. Her refusal to give up her seat to a white person came nine months before Rosa Parks and helped spark the historic Montgomery bus boycott. Her legal challenge went all the way to the Supreme Court. That case led the court to order an end to bus segregation in Alabama.

[Jeanne Theoharis](#), author of *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks*. She is a professor of political science at Brooklyn College and has written extensively about the civil rights and Black Power movements.

At a ceremony unveiling a statue in her honor last month, President Obama called Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus a "singular act of disobedience." But nine months before Parks' historic action, a 15-year-old teenager named Claudette Colvin did the very same thing. She was arrested, and her case led to the U.S. Supreme Court's order for the desegregation of Alabama's bus system. Now 73, Claudette Colvin joins us for a rare interview along with Brooklyn College Professor Jeanne Theoharis, author of "The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks." Theoharis says Parks' act of defiance may not have happened if not for Colvin's nine months before. Colvin says learning about African-American history in school inspired her act. "I could not move, because history had me glued to the seat," she recalls telling the bus driver and the police officer who came to arrest her. "It felt like Sojourner Truth's hands were pushing me down on one shoulder and Harriet Tubman's hands were pushing me down on another shoulder." [includes rush transcript]

### Transcript

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** Earlier this year, the nation marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on a city bus in Alabama to a white man in December 1955. Her act of resistance led to a 13-month boycott, the Montgomery bus boycott, led by a young minister named Martin Luther King. In Washington, D.C., last month, President Obama presided over a ceremony unveiling a statue of Rosa Parks in the U.S. Capitol.

**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA:** Rosa Parks' singular act of disobedience launched a movement. The tired feet of those who walked the dusty roads of Montgomery helped a nation see that to which it had once been blind. It is because of these men and women that I stand here today. It is because of them that our children grow up in a land more free and more fair, a land truer to its founding creed.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** While Rosa Parks became a national civil rights icon, she was not the first woman in Montgomery to refuse to give up her seat on a city bus. On March 2nd, 1955, nine months before Rosa Parks' arrest, a teenage schoolgirl named Claudette Colvin boarded a city bus after school to head home. As it filled up, a white woman was left standing, and the bus driver ordered the 15-year-old Colvin to get up and move to the back. She refused and was dragged off the bus in handcuffs. Three weeks later, *The New York Times* ran an [article](#) headlined "Negro Girl Convicted; She Is Held Guilty of Refusing to Move to Back of Bus."

**AMY GOODMAN:** Claudette Colvin went on to become the star witness in a case that wound its way to the Supreme Court. The court eventually ordered an end to bus segregation in Alabama. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made his political debut fighting her arrest.

Claudette Colvin joins us here in our studio, now 73 years old, living in the Bronx. And we're joined by Jeanne Theoharis, author of *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks*. Jeanne Theoharis is a professor of political science at Brooklyn College, has written extensively on the civil rights and Black Power movements, joined us in

[February](#) on what would have been Rosa Parks' 100th birthday.

Claudette Colvin, President Obama talked about Rosa Parks' "singular act," but it wasn't exactly singular because you had done it before, nine months before. She was 42; you were 15 years old. What gave you the courage that day? You were coming home from school?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes. What gave me the courage? All the unfair treatment that I had experienced in my early childhood. Plus, you remember, February, we celebrated Negro History Week, but our school did it for the whole month. So I had a whole month to talk about all the injustices.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Back in '55?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Back in '55, yes. So, I tell them, we had an instructor named Ms. Geraldine Nesbitt, my—she refused to teach English. She taught literature. And Mrs. Josie Lawrence, my history teacher, she taught us about Africa. And we learned about—even we learned about—through current events, we learned about Africa. And so, I began to think about all of this and how unfair we was treated.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** And when you were—the bus driver called in the police, they accused you of resisting arrest, as well as refusing to give up your seat. Could you talk about that and when the police came in to haul you off the bus?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** I tell—one of the questions asks, "Why didn't you get up when the bus driver asked you, and the policemen?" I say, "I could not move, because history had me glued to the seat." And they say, "How is that?" I say, "Because it felt like Sojourner Truth's hands were pushing me down on one shoulder and Harriet Tubman's hands were pushing me down on another shoulder, and I could not move. And I yelled out, 'It's my constitutional rights,'" because I wasn't breaking a law under the state's law, separate but equal; I was sitting in the area that was reserved for black passengers. At that time, we didn't even want to be called "black," because black had a negative connotation. We were called "coloreds." So I was sitting in the coloreds' section. But because of Jim Crow law, the bus driver had police force, he could ask you to get up. And the problem was that the white woman that was standing near me, she wasn't an elderly white woman. She was a young white woman. She had a whole seat to sit down by—opposite me, in the opposite row, but she refused to sit down; because of Jim Crow laws, a white person couldn't sit opposite a colored person. And a white person had to sit in front of you. The purpose was to make white people feel superior and colored people feel inferior.

**AMY GOODMAN:** And this is something you clearly understood at the age of 15.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Oh, sure, because I didn't have to prepare for it. You learn—I learned it at a very early age. My first encounter was in a general store, when a little white boy—a little white kid about my age and his friend's relatives came into the store, and they were laughing. And they were laughing about me. And the little boy, to another little child, said, "Hold up your hands. Let me see! Let me see!" And I held up my hands to his hand, and my mother gave me a backhand slap on the forehead.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** And the context of what was happening at the time, in terms of the terror on the black community, there was a schoolmate of yours who was arrested for supposedly raping a white woman, who was then later executed?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes, his name was Jeremiah Reeves. He was—they had him arrested, but he was tried for being a serial rapist of six white women during the summer.

**AMY GOODMAN:** So the police come, March 2nd—

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes.

**AMY GOODMAN:** —1955. You're refusing to get up. When they come on the bus, what do they do to you?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Well, they asked me to get up, and I refused. And one of the policemen was a traffic policeman at Court Square. And he yelled to the bus motorman that he had no jurisdiction here, and he got off. So the bus driver moved the bus to Bibb and Commerce, and then two squad car policemen came on the bus. And they—I became more defiant. And when they asked me the same question, and the gal, "Why are you

sitting there?" I said, "It's my constitutional right. I paid my fare; it's my constitutional right." And he said, "Constitutional rights?" And then one kicked at me, and when one—and he knocked the books out of my hand—out of my lap. And then one grabbed one arm, and one grabbed the other, and they manhandled me off the bus. And after I got into the squad car, they handcuffed me through the window and took me to booking and then to—not to a juvenile facility, but to an adult jail. And I stayed in jail three—approximately three hours, until my pastor, Reverend H.H. Johnson, and my mother came and bailed me out.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Were you afraid?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** No, I wasn't afraid. I was a teenager.

**AMY GOODMAN:** You were in the NAACP?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Not at that time. I wasn't in it when I got arrested. I was in—E.D. Nixon is like our Al Sharpton, and I was introduced—he introduced Mrs. Parks to my family. That's how I learned about Mrs. Parks, through E.D. Nixon.

**AMY GOODMAN:** And he was president of the local NAACP, and she the secretary?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** I don't know. He was—no, I think he was in charge of the Pullman porters.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** And the reaction of your parents, your family, to your arrest?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Oh, my family knew about it. They knew about how I felt, because since Mrs. Josie Lawrence was teaching us about Africa, I went to school with my hair in braids. And at that time, you had to do the best you could do with a hot comb and pomade. So I said, "Why put yourself through that trouble?" You know. So, when I went to school like that, they said, oh, I was crazy and that I would lose all my—I would lose my boyfriend.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Ah. So, this happened March 2nd, 1955.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes.

**AMY GOODMAN:** It would be nine months before Rosa Parks would sit down on the bus and do exactly the same thing.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes.

**AMY GOODMAN:** That kicked off this kind of magic moment that kicks off the bus boycott. Why didn't that happen on March 2nd, when you engaged in the same act?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** I do not know. I wasn't—my parents wasn't involved in the MIA. I do not know.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Mean, Montgomery Improvement Association.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes. I don't know, but they thought that I would not make a good test case. I know what was written in a Taylor Branch book, *Parting the Waters*, and what the attorneys have said, that later I became pregnant. But I was not pregnant on March the 2nd. And Mary Louise Smith Ware, they said her father was a drunk, an alcoholic. But Mary Louise Smith went to a private school, St. Jude. She graduated from St. Jude.

**AMY GOODMAN:** And she was? Who was she?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** She was one of the plaintiffs. She was arrested in October.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Let's bring Jeanne Theoharis into this conversation, who wrote the book this past year, *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks*. Can you put Claudette Colvin's remarkably brave act, 15-year-old schoolgirl, into this larger political context, why one action gets a lot of attention in Montgomery, but doesn't launch the boycott, and yet Rosa Parks does, and even the other young woman that Claudette Colvin was just talking about?

**JEANNE THEOHARIS:** Right. So, this is 1955. We're after the *Brown* decision, so this is a new legal moment.

And so—

**AMY GOODMAN:** Explain the *Brown*.

**JEANNE THEOHARIS:** *Brown v. Board of Education*, it's May 1954. The Supreme Court rules that school segregation is illegal, that separate cannot be equal. Shortly after that, Jo Ann Robinson—she's a professor at Alabama State College, she's also the head of the Women's Political Council—writes a letter to the bus company saying, "If you don't change, we're going to boycott." So we are in a new moment in Montgomery. There had been people before 1954 that had resisted on the bus. There had been particularly more people in the decade since World War II. But 1954, we're in a new moment. The Women's Political Council had been organizing, the NAACP. E.D. Nixon and Rosa Parks, in particular, are the more activist part of the NAACP. They are growing frustrated with the continuing situation both on the bus and then in schools in Montgomery.

So then, March 1955, Claudette Colvin makes her historic act, and there is outrage in the community. I think there's no way to understand why people galvanized behind Parks without understanding Colvin's arrest and what that does for many people in Montgomery. So, no, we do not see a movement. We do not see, you know, that same kind of reaction. But had Colvin not made that stand, I—you know, I don't think we would have necessarily seen what happened in December of that year. And then, you know, midway, in October, like we were talking about, Mary Louise Smith makes a similar stand. Again, there is no movement around that. And then we get to December 1st, 1955.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** So, in effect, then, these earlier incidents sort of convinced Parks and Nixon that the time was ripe to make a symbolic stand, refusing on the bus—to sit in the back of the bus, and then start the boycott as a result of that new arrest.

**JEANNE THEOHARIS:** Yes. And there are these meetings of civil rights leaders over the summer with the city around bus segregation. Promises are made. Interestingly, Rosa Parks refuses to attend those meetings. She's done. She says, "I'm not going to, you know, come to city officials with a paper in hand asking for my rights." But other civil rights leaders in the community do meet with bus officials. There are promises made. The city makes promises. Those promises are not kept. So, many people, again, in December, when Parks makes her stand, are also very aware that promises have been broken. And if you look at the leaflet that circulates, right, that calls for the one-day boycott, that leaflet very much locates Parks's stand in this broader history of Colvin's stand.

**AMY GOODMAN:** In fact, interestingly, the historian Douglas Brinkley has written that the delay between Claudette Colvin, our guest today, her act and Rosa Parks' arrest allowed Dr. Martin Luther King to emerge as a leader. He most likely would not have led the bus boycott if it had occurred in the spring, after Claudette Colvin's arrest, instead of the following winter. Brinkley writes, "He might have ended up as just another Montgomery preacher." We're going to hear what King has to say after break.

This is *Democracy Now!*, [democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org), *The War and Peace Report*. In these last days of Women's History Month, we're joined by a woman who made history: Claudette Colvin is with us. Stay with us.

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**AMY GOODMAN:** John McCutcheon singing "Claudette Colvin," after Rita Dove's poem "Claudette Colvin Goes to Work." This is *Democracy Now!*, [democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org), *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman, with Juan González.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** Let's turn to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speaking in December 1955. It was just days after Rosa Parks was arrested. The African-American community had gathered to decide whether to begin what became the famous Montgomery bus boycott, and the young pastor called the decision to a vote.

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.:** It has been moved and seconded that the resolution that was read will be received and adopted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor, let it be known by standing on your feet.

That was the day that we started a bus protest which literally electrified the nation, and that was the day when we decided that we were not going to take segregated buses any longer. And, you know, when we planned the bus boycott, we said if we could just get about 50 or 60 percent of the Negroes of Montgomery not to ride buses, this would be an effective boycott. I think that whole day we found eight Negroes on the buses. And from that day on, that boycott was more than 99.9 percent effective.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** That comes from the documentary *King: A Filmed Record*. Tell us about the boycott's impact on you and on the city of Montgomery as a whole.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** We became successful. The bus boycott was successful. And they said, economically, it brought down the bus company. And as for my parents, we were living in King Hill. We already had a car, because most of the time we had to provide our transportation anyway. But for other people, they was glad that it had come back on an integrated basis. And some people tried to test it, and they had a little friction at the beginning, but eventually it evened out.

**AMY GOODMAN:** We're talking to Claudette Colvin. She's our guest this hour. She sat down on the bus March 2nd, 1955, nine months before Rosa Parks. Rosa Parks' act of defiance launched the bus boycott that was led by who you just heard, Dr. Martin Luther King. So you got to school by your car, by your family's car, because you weren't able to take the bus?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes. It was a special bus that would take us to school.

**AMY GOODMAN:** I wanted to turn to Dr. King a year later.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes.

**AMY GOODMAN:** And this is very interesting. Before we do, Jeanne Theoharis, talk about this case. Most people think it was Rosa Parks' arrest that led to the Supreme Court decision a year later. It was actually the case of Claudette Colvin and other plaintiffs that wound its way to the Supreme Court.

**JEANNE THEOHARIS:** Right. So, Rosa Parks's case is in state court. And one of the—they had experience with cases in state court, a case in 1944, *Viola White*, and so there was memory and history within Montgomery's black community that one of the tactics often taken to kind of squash any kind of protest was holding up cases in state court. And so, they decide to file a new case into federal court. That case is *Browder v. Gayle*, and Claudette Colvin is one of the plaintiffs. Mary Louise Smith is one of the plaintiffs. There are five women initially. One woman, a day later, is intimidated to take her name off the case.

Rosa Parks is not on that case, for a couple of reasons. First, they were worried that the case would just get thrown out because she has this separate case in state court and that it could muddy—muddy the complaint. Second, I think there were concerns—Rosa Parks does have this long political history, her work with the NAACP. The NAACP is increasingly getting rebaited in the wake of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

**AMY GOODMAN:** And most people, just for them to understand, she was the secretary of the local NAACP. She also didn't just sit down in the bus.

**JEANNE THEOHARIS:** Absolutely.

**AMY GOODMAN:** She had been challenging the laws for years.

**JEANNE THEOHARIS:** And she had been active, again, in that decade before. So, that political history could become a liability. You'll recall, by June of 1956, the NAACP has been outlawed in Alabama. So there is a new case that Fred Gray files into federal court. Colvin is one of those plaintiffs. That is another incredible act of courage, right, to be willing to be on that case. And it is that case, not the state case that Rosa Parks had, that wends its way, as you said, up to the Supreme Court. And it's the Supreme Court that decides, that ultimately then desegregates Montgomery's buses in December of 1956.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** Well, I'd like to ask, in terms of the impact of the Montgomery bus boycott throughout

the rest of the South and throughout the nation, if you could place it in the historical context of the civil rights movement.

**JEANNE THEOHARIS:** I mean, I think there are a number of reasons why it's so significant. The first is it is—it's this organized mass movement that then is brought to the nation, in part because of the kind of increased importance of the media, of mass media, so people around the country get to see it. In part they get to see it because many of the leaders, and Rosa Parks herself, basically spend that year traveling to make this local movement into a national movement. It also launches, as we just noted, the career of Martin Luther King as a sort of civil rights leader. And so, this young 26-year-old is kind of brought to the nation, and so this will begin, again, this historic next 13 years that we have with King. And so, that—it's sort of the beginning act of King's sort of career as a civil rights leader.

**AMY GOODMAN:** The Supreme Court decision was covered, of course, in *The New York Times*. The [headline](#) read: "High Court Rules Bus Segregation Unconstitutional: Alabama and Montgomery Laws Held in Violation of the 14th Amendment." I wanted to turn right now to Dr. Martin Luther King. It was December 20th, 1956, some 380 days after December 1st, 1955, when Rosa Parks sat on the bus, sat down on the bus refusing to get up, which was nine months after Claudette Colvin sat down on the bus refusing to get up and getting arrested. It was December 20th, 1956, that Dr. King announces the Montgomery bus boycott is over after more than 380 days.

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.:** The executive board of the Montgomery Improvement Association recommends that the 11-month-old protest against the city buses will be called off and that the Negro citizens of Montgomery, Alabama, will return to the buses on a non-segregated basis. It is further recommended that this return to the buses will not take place until the mandate from the United States Supreme Court is turned over to the federal district court.

This morning, the long-awaited mandate from the United States Supreme Court concerning bus segregation came to Montgomery. This mandate expresses, in terms that are crystal clear, that segregation in public transportation is both legally and sociologically invalid. In the light of this mandate and the unanimous vote rendered by the Montgomery Improvement Association about a month ago, the year-old protest against city buses is officially called off, and the Negro citizens of Montgomery are urged to return to the buses tomorrow morning on a non-segregated basis.

**AMY GOODMAN:** That was Dr. Martin Luther King, December 20th, 1956, 380 days after the bus boycott was begun. Claudette Colvin, where were you that day?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** I was at home.

**AMY GOODMAN:** And what did you think when you heard that the bus boycott was over?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** I was so happy, yes. And I was so happy that it had ended successfully.

**AMY GOODMAN:** That summer, Emmett Till was killed.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes.

**AMY GOODMAN:** He was, what, a year younger than you. You were 15.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes.

**AMY GOODMAN:** He was from Chicago. His mother sent him to be in Mississippi with his aunt and uncle and cousins, and he was ripped out of bed by a white mob and tortured and ended up in the bottom of the Tallahatchie River—the story of Emmett Till. What effect did that have on you?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** That hurt me very badly, because my classmate, Jeremiah Reeves, was already on death row. And later he was legally executed by electric chair.

**AMY GOODMAN:** And the significance of that case, Jeanne Theoharis?

**JEANNE THEOHARIS:** I mean, I think Reeves is one of those cases that many—again, that Parks, that Nixon have worked on. And so, I think, for many people in Montgomery, he will be executed after the boycott ends, but as Ms. Colvin is saying, this was a legal lynching, in parallel in many ways to the lynching of Emmett Till. So I think these cases, when people get to the boycott, there is a whole—there's many, many strands that bring people to the point that they get to, again, to launch this 13-month boycott, and certainly one of those is Jeremiah Reeves' conviction and, again, sitting on death row until he gets to be old enough to execute.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** And the recent dedication of the statue to Rosa Parks and your sense of how history is written? There are always the heroes or the heroines that are raised, but they're—those heroes or heroines really represent a much bigger movement of people that don't normally get the recognition sometimes, and especially in your case, of being the pioneers and the pathbreakers of movements.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes, that is true. I don't think there's room for many icons. I think that history only have room enough for certain—you know, how many icons can you choose? So, you know, I think you compare history, like—most historians say Columbus discovered America, and it was already populated. But they don't say that Columbus discovered America; they should say, for the European people, that is, you know, their discovery of the new world.

**AMY GOODMAN:** What do you think the Rosa Parks statue represents?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** You know, CBS has—can I mention that name?

**AMY GOODMAN:** Yes, you can.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Asked me that same question. And I tried to answer that. Now, how I feel about it is that they had to choose a woman that was close to Dr. King, who represented Dr. King. You see, Dr. King represented the nonviolent movement. You see, I was here in New York. And the country was divided. And in the North, the supporter was Malcolm X. They did not want to talk about—in New York, they did not want to talk about Dr. King. My feeling is that the symbolic act of unveiling the statue of Mrs. Parks provides an umbrella for all African-American women where we can have a discussion about all of the injustice that we have and hardships that we have had to go through under the racism in America, the land of democracy.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Name some of the women who were important to you.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** First one, Rosa Parks; my mother and my father, who supported me; and Mrs. Geraldine Nesbitt and Mrs. Josie Lawrence, my instructors; and historically, Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth; and Fannie Lou Hamer; and in the courage and the strength of Emmett Till's mother—

**AMY GOODMAN:** Mamie Till.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** —and the four little girls' mothers, the four little girls that lost their lives in the bombing at 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** I'd like to ask you—several years later, you moved to New York City.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yes.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** You then became involved in another movement, a movement led by a couple of pharmacists, Leon Davis and Moe Foner and then Doris Turner, when they began to organize the 1199 in New York City.

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Yeah, but I kept a low profile. And my Caribbean co-workers, they said I was a softie, but they did not know. I remained anonymous, you know. And eventually, when USA news *USA Today*—I think it was Richard—his name was Richard Willing—had me in the *New York Times* paper, they could not believe it. They were shocked, my co-workers on the job. They were shocked. They couldn't believe that I made a stand.

**AMY GOODMAN:** And as we wrap up this show, what do you say to young people today? What message do you have at the end of Women's History Month?

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN:** Like most people—like last night, I said, "Well, keep on moving. Do not—the

struggle is not over. Every day presents a challenge. And all the hard work that we have made progress as African America, we do not want to regress. We want to progress. And get as much formal education as you can. And keep on moving. Don't give up. Hold on to your dreams."

**AMY GOODMAN:** Well, Claudette Colvin, it's been an honor speaking to you today. Last night you spoke at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, on the date, March 28th. The date last night was March 28th. It was exactly 45 years to the day when Dr. Martin Luther King spoke at that same church in Newark. Eight days later, April 4th, 1968, he would be gunned down in Memphis, Tennessee.

Claudette Colvin, thank you so much for joining us, civil rights pioneer. It was March 2nd, 1955, that she sat down on the bus as a 15-year-old teenager in Montgomery, Alabama, refused to get up, and was arrested. Nine months later, Rosa Parks would do the same thing. Jeanne Theoharis, thanks so much for being with us, author of *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks*.

In addition to his namesake city, Chief Seattle (178?-1866) is best remembered for a speech given, according to pioneer Dr. Henry Smith, on the occasion of an 1854 visit to Seattle of Isaac Stevens (1818-1862). Stevens was governor and Commissioner of Indian Affairs of Washington Territory. He visited in January and again in March 1854. Chief Seattle's speech went unnoted in the written record until October 29, 1887, when the *Seattle Sunday Star* published a text reconstructed from admittedly incomplete notes by Dr. Smith.

Smith rendered his memory of Chief Seattle's speech in the rather ornate (to modern ears) English of Victorian oratory. Chief Seattle would have given the speech in the Lushootseed language, which then would have been translated into Chinook Indian trade language, and then into English. Smith's text is a necessarily filtered version of the speech and was certainly embellished by him.

Smith's reconstruction lacks corroboration in the written record, but it is far from implausible. Seattle was well respected among his own people and settlers as a powerful and eloquent orator in his native tongue. It is likely that he was present to meet Governor Stevens in January 1854. Stevens' assistant George Gibbs noted his presence during the March 11, 1854 meeting. Also, there are several accounts in pioneer records of Chief Seattle giving speeches to large crowds.

Frederick James Grant included Smith's text in his 1891 *History of Seattle, Washington* and Clarence B. Bagley reprinted a slightly altered version in his 1929 *History of King County, Washington* (Vol. I, pp. 114-116). Most significantly, Bagley appended a new close without explanation or attribution: "Dead -- I say? There is no death. Only a change of worlds."

Bagley's version was reprinted in Roberta Frye Watt's 1931 memoir, *Four Wagons West*. That same year, John M. Rich used the Bagley text in a popular pamphlet, *Chief Seattle's Unanswered Challenge*. The speech was revived in the 1960s, notably in articles by William Arrowsmith and Ted Perry (who introduced entirely new material), and these fabricated versions became something of a manifesto for human rights and environmental activists. The evolution of Henry Smith's text is analyzed in detail by Albert Furtwangler in *Answering Chief Seattle*, published in 1997.

The words themselves remain a powerful, bittersweet plea for respect of Native American rights and environmental values. The version below duplicates Dr. Smith's text as published by the *Seattle Sunday Star* on October 29, 1887, and as reprinted in Grant's 1891 *History of Seattle, Washington*. Furtwangler has merged the two texts since the sole copy of the extant newspaper version is damaged. (It now resides in Special Collections at the University of Washington Library.) The speech, along with Henry Smith's account of it, is reproduced here with all original punctuation and spelling.

### **Henry Smith's Account of Chief Seattle's Speech**

“When Governor Stevens first arrived in Seattle and told the natives he had been appointed commissioner of Indian affairs for Washington Territory, they gave him a demonstrative reception in front of Dr. Maynard's office, near the waterfront on Main street. The Bay swarmed with canoes and the shore was lined with a living mass of swaying, writhing, dusky humanity, until old Chief Seattle's trumpet-toned voice rolled over the immense multitude like the startling reveille of a bass drum, when silence became as instantaneous and perfect as that which follows a clap of thunder from a clear sky.

“The governor was then introduced to the native multitude by Dr. Maynard, and at once commenced in a conversational, plain and straightforward style, an explanation of his mission among them, which is too well understood to require recapitulation.

“When he sat down, Chief Seattle arose with all the dignity of a senator who carries the responsibilities of a great nation on his shoulders. Placing one hand on the governor’s head, and slowly pointing heavenward with the index finger of the other, he commenced his memorable address in solemn and impressive tones.“

[Note: Native Americans believed that Washington was still alive and that King George was the ruler of England.]

### **Chief Seattle's Speech**

"Yonder sky that has wept tears of compassion on our fathers for centuries untold, and which, to us, looks eternal, may change. Today it is fair, tomorrow it may be overcast with clouds. My words are like the stars that never set. What Seattle says, the great chief, Washington ... can rely upon, with as much certainty as our pale-face brothers can rely upon the return of the seasons.

"The son [a reference to Terr. Gov. Stevens] of the White Chief says his father sends us greetings of friendship and good will. This is kind, for we know he has little need of our friendship in return, because his people are many. They are like the grass that covers the vast prairies, while my people are few, and resemble the scattering trees of a storm-swept plain.

"The great, and I presume also good, white chief sends us word that he wants to buy our lands but is willing to allow us to reserve enough to live on comfortably. This indeed appears generous, for the red man no longer has rights that he need respect, and the offer may be wise, also, for we are no longer in need of a great country.

### **There Was A Time**

"When our people covered the whole land, as the waves of a wind-ruffled sea cover its shell-paved floor. But that time has long since passed away with the greatness of tribes now almost forgotten. I will not mourn over our untimely decay, nor reproach my pale-face brothers for hastening it, for we, too, may have been somewhat to blame.

"When our young men grow angry at some real or imaginary wrong, and disfigure their faces with black paint, their hearts, also, are disfigured and turn black, and then their cruelty is relentless and knows no bounds, and our old men are not able to restrain them.

"But let us hope that hostilities between the red-man and his pale-face brothers may never return. We would have everything to lose and nothing to gain.

"True it is, that revenge, with our young braves, is considered gain, even at the cost of their own lives, but old men who stay at home in times of war, and old women, who have sons to lose, know better.

"Our great father Washington, for I presume he is now our father, as well as yours, since George [a reference to King George III, i.e., Great Britain] has moved his boundaries to the north; our great and good father, I say, sends us word by his son, who, no doubt, is a great chief among his people, that if we do as he desires, he will protect us. His brave armies will be to us a bristling wall of strength, and his great ships of war will fill our harbors so that our ancient enemies far to the northward, the Simsiams [Tsimshian] and Hydas [Haidas], will no longer frighten our women and old men. Then he will be our father and we will be his children.

### **But Can This Ever Be?**

"Your God loves your people and hates mine; he folds his strong arms lovingly around the white man and leads him as a father leads his infant son, but he has forsaken his red children; he makes your

people wax strong every day, and soon they will fill the land; while my people are ebbing away like a fast-receding tide, that will never flow again. The white man's God cannot love his red children or he would protect them. They seem to be orphans who can look nowhere for help. How then can we become brothers? How can your father become our father and bring us prosperity and awaken in us dreams of returning greatness?

"Your God seems to us to be partial. He came to the white man. We never saw Him; never even heard His voice; He gave the white man laws but He had no word for His red children whose teeming millions filled this vast continent as the stars fill the firmament. No, we are two distinct races and must remain ever so. There is little in common between us. The ashes of our ancestors are sacred and their final restingplace is hallowed ground, while you wander away from the tombs of your fathers seemingly without regret.

"Your religion was written on tables of stone by the iron finger of an angry God, lest you might forget it. The red man could never remember nor comprehend it.

"Our religion is the traditions of our ancestors, the dreams of our old men, given them by the great Spirit, and the visions of our sachems, and is written in the hearts of our people.

"Your dead cease to love you and the homes of their nativity as soon as they pass the portals of the tomb. They wander far off beyond the stars, are soon forgotten, and never return. Our dead never forget the beautiful world that gave them being. They still love its winding rivers, its great mountains and its sequestered vales, and they ever yearn in tenderest affection over the lonely hearted living and often return to visit and comfort them.

"Day and night cannot dwell together. The red man has ever fled the approach of the white man, as the changing mists on the mountain side flee before the blazing morning sun.

"However, your proposition seems a just one, and I think my folks will accept it and will retire to the reservation you offer them, and we will dwell apart and in peace, for the words of the great white chief seem to be the voice of nature speaking to my people out of the thick darkness that is fast gathering around them like a dense fog floating inward from a midnight sea.

"It matters but little where we pass the remainder of our days.

### **They Are Not Many.**

"The Indian's night promises to be dark. No bright star hovers above the horizon. Sad-voiced winds moan in the distance. Some grim Nemesis of our race is on the red man's trail, and wherever he goes he will still hear the sure approaching footsteps of the fell destroyer and prepare to meet his doom, as does the wounded doe that hears the approaching footsteps of the hunter. A few more moons, a few more winters, and not one of all the mighty hosts that once filled this broad land or that now roam in fragmentary bands through these vast solitudes will remain to weep over the tombs of a people once as powerful and as hopeful as your own.

"But why should we repine? Why should I murmur at the fate of my people? Tribes are made up of individuals and are no better than they. Men come and go like the waves of a sea. A tear, a tamanawus, a dirge, and they are gone from our longing eyes forever. Even the white man, whose God walked and talked with him, as friend to friend, is not exempt from the common destiny. We *may* be brothers after all. We shall see.

"We will ponder your proposition, and when we have decided we will tell you. But should we accept it, I here and now make this the first condition: That we will not be denied the privilege, without

molestation, of visiting at will the graves of our ancestors and friends. Every part of this country is sacred to my people. Every hill-side, every valley, every plain and grove has been hallowed by some fond memory or some sad experience of my tribe.

### **Even The Rocks**

"That seem to lie dumb as they swelter in the sun along the silent seashore in solemn grandeur thrill with memories of past events connected with the fate of my people, and the very dust under your feet responds more lovingly to our footsteps than to yours, because it is the ashes of our ancestors, and our bare feet are conscious of the sympathetic touch, for the soil is rich with the life of our kindred.

"The sable braves, and fond mothers, and glad-hearted maidens, and the little children who lived and rejoiced here, and whose very names are now forgotten, still love these solitudes, and their deep fastnesses at eventide grow shadowy with the presence of dusky spirits. And when the last red man shall have perished from the earth and his memory among white men shall have become a myth, these shores shall swarm with the invisible dead of my tribe, and when your children's children shall think themselves alone in the field, the store, the shop, upon the highway or in the silence of the woods they will not be alone. In all the earth there is no place dedicated to solitude. At night, when the streets of your cities and villages shall be silent, and you think them deserted, they will throng with the returning hosts that once filled and still love this beautiful land. The white man will never be alone. Let him be just and deal kindly with my people, for the dead are not altogether powerless."

### **Governor Stevens' Reply**

Smith's account continues:

"Other speakers followed, but I took no notes. Governor Stevens' reply was brief. He merely promised to meet them in general council on some future occasion to discuss the proposed treaty. Chief Seattle's promise to adhere to the treaty should one be ratified, was observed to the letter, for he was ever the unswerving and faithful friend of the white man. The above is but a fragment of his speech, and lacks all the charm lent by the grace and earnestness of the sable old orator, and the occasion."

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## **Many of you are still asking when the New Age will arrive**

As amazing changes keep occurring all over the world the mainstream media is becoming less and less able to ignore reporting on them, and that is an excellent sign. Most people rely on the mainstream to keep themselves abreast of the latest news, and now the really important news is beginning to go mainstream which means that everyone will be looped into what is happening. Information is the key to worldly power. If you can sequester it you have control; if it escapes, control is lost. And control is being lost by those who would control humanity, and this will enormously benefit all on Earth.

This explosion in the reporting of corruption and dishonesty in high places is bringing into everyone's awareness the realization that the old hierarchical methods of running organizations of any kind are latently corrupt and dishonest, and need to be discontinued. New and transparent methods are urgently required and are being, or will soon be, introduced on a wide front. They are essential and inevitable aspects of the New Age which arrived rather quietly and discreetly late last year, and this is now beginning to be recognized as many ongoing and essential changes are seen to be taking place in so many areas of human activity.

The era of the old and dishonest ways is over. Transparency in all relationships at every level of social interaction is the new norm, and, as you can see from the news reports, everywhere that corruption and deceit has been endemic people are rising up, pointing it out, and demanding change. Their voices are being heard, and their righteous demands for change will be honored. New leaders of unshakable honesty and integrity are replacing those who have misled and deceived you for so long. Help them by positively offering them your support, because the essential changes that are occurring and that still need to be brought into being require your co-operation. You do this by supplying and building the inviolable foundations that are to underpin these new and incorruptible systems of civilized interaction which will operate through networks of local communities right through to the international global ones.

Your whole world is changing right before your eyes, so make sure you keep them open, otherwise you might miss the wonders that are being revealed as harmonious cooperation worldwide replaces the activities of committees meeting in secret to make deals that disenfranchise the populace at large. Secret deals are passé. Undoubtedly they are still happening, but the intention of humanity to become a fully open society in which transparency is the norm will ensure that organizations are no longer able to hide or disguise their plans and activities in order to achieve ends that are not in the highest interests of everyone affected by them.

Many of you are still asking when the New Age will arrive, and I would like to reaffirm for you that it is already here. The changes occurring all across the planet and the explosion in published information about large-scale corrupt practices in high places demonstrate this most clearly. Many in positions of authority who had been held in high esteem, and whose corrupt practices and activities have now been exposed, are fighting a rearguard action to justify their behavior and to maintain those positions, but to no avail. Their lack of integrity has been far too manifestly shown, and retirement is their only option.

It is likely in these initial stages of stunning disclosures, demonstrating the worldwide culture of endemic corruption in which so many have been entangled (which many have suspected but have had difficulty proving), that indictments will be issued and people will be brought to trial.

But, you have entered a New Age, a spiritual age in which Love and Truth have become the guiding principles underlying all planning and all activities. As more and more of you embrace those principles it will become apparent that although the activities of those indicted were indeed unconscionable, they had been subject, like so many experiencing life in the illusion, to great fear, and threats to their personal safety or that of their loved ones had been made. They had been deluded into believing that their actions were, in the long run, for the betterment of all. When feeling severely threatened – of being shamed, rejected, abused, or destroyed – it is very difficult to think clearly let alone reason logically, and so great compassion is essential in dealing with these wrongdoers.

You have all had Earth lives in which you have behaved abominably, even though you cannot recall them – out of great compassion those memories have been effaced – so embrace the new principles enthusiastically, and

allow any sense of resentment, blame, or judgement to fall away. Some of those indicted who are in great pain – demonstrated through their intense anger, their apparent lack of regret, and their continuing insistence that they have done nothing wrong – may need to be restrained in quarters that will provide the peace, quiet, time, and seclusion that will allow them to go within and address the issues that have led them down this unhappy path.

Very compassionate and understanding listeners will need to be available so that they can discuss their issues, their pain, their experiences, and come to understand what they have done, accept their responsibility, and come to forgive those who, in the first place, they believe have abused and mistreated them. Then they will be ready to see clearly, and perhaps very painfully how badly they have also behaved, and after the shock that this recognition delivers, they will be ready to forgive themselves and fully embrace the Love that has been constantly offered to them. And that will be *true* rehabilitation.

You are all in a process of rehabilitation; it is an essential part of your awakening process, so do not allow yourselves to fall back into the trap of judging others, however badly they appear to have behaved. Love, compassion, forgiveness, and reconciliation light your path forwards to awakening. Make sure to follow it, and so find your way Home.

Your loving brother, Jesus.

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