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Hard News:

T: we are going into the home stretch and each one of us has had something to be concerned about!

- Emphasizes that they want to free of the energies of not having a roof over their heads! Let's start gathering the funds now!
- Anything that comes through PayPal goes to the Radio; what comes through the mail will be used for the rent; food and gas came after the radio bill and the rent are taken care of.

R: everything unfolding rapidly towards the frequencies of the age of the 6th sun.

Camp Loveway: Phyllis Bennett talking of the story of Mr 19.5* and what he said in Israel

- Rama's point is that it is a one state solution and always will be

T: a good thing to introduce them to each other [Lebanon, Israel] as Obama did: took it to the young people - the Crystals and the Indigos are showing up to do the work

Camp Loveway: Phyllis Bennett had on Kathy Christensen - she said it was the most critical time for the Palestinians - there is a lot that is coming forth -

- stories coming forth about the fear factor - weapons of mass deception; the agencies want to keep on with the drug trade and the opium war in Afghanistan which funds the black ops of the CIA and other groups;
- this whole week all is coming out about the **fake invasion** - it all has to do with the stargates, the gates of Ishtar which is Baghdad - **this is the subject that separates the media from Faction 3 - the visitors [our star brothers and sisters] have the keys to the story**

Camp Loveway: they has a lady on talking about erecting a cell tower by an elementary school - when this happens, the ELF waves double or triple the cancer rates; city council will be getting an earful from the public -

- as we move from these energies of death and go to free energies like Tesla; as we become who we really are, we will be in direct communication. Her animals came to her and said you need to talk to us - they described how the cancer rates go up when a cell tower is put up near a school

Had a **journey with Crazy Steve:** a wizard, trader, traveller, fool - looks like a homeless person - an intergalactic trader and his companion Nicodemus who is a 4' rat - the Altimarians are here and mitigating the radiation - if there was not so much light coming through from the sun, and if we did not have so much help, we would not be here [alive].

- He went with Crazy Steve and plugged in one of his crystals - they were near a church of the Inn of Loretto [the story of Sananda Kumara showing up as he is: he built the spiral staircase without nails and it is still standing]

[The Miraculous Staircase](#), which legend says was constructed or inspired by St. Joseph the Carpenter, was built sometime between 1877 and 1881. It took at least six months to build, and has two 360 degree turns with no visible means of support.

The Loretto Academy was closed in 1968, and the property was put up for sale. At the time of sale in 1971, Our Lady of Light Chapel was informally deconsecrated as a Catholic Chapel.

Loretto Chapel is now a private museum operated and maintained, in part, for the preservation of the Miraculous Staircase and the Chapel itself. <http://www.lorettochapel.com/history.html>



Steve took him to a place: a beam came from the crystal, hit the statue of our Lady of Guadalupe and her eyes shone - there were stars reflected on the wall

- with the opening of the 9th gate in this time of the 6th sun, we are in a new frequency - gratitude, love, and our 6th strand of DNA activated;
- the map of the solar system was all in electric blue; the earth was named "Basu" - might have to do with the ancient way the Annunaki [Mother's children - they have come back to love] - this is the last of the prophecies - what he saw is about the 3rd part of the prophecy of Fatima and the opening of the 9th gate -
- relates to what is showing up now: something major has happened with Mr 19.5* going to the Middle East and just saying the Palestinians need a home land, the people of Israel need a homeland
- How the story of Battleship Galactica got a little wonky - Hollywood does not always say it clearly, but Crazy Steve said **be very aware of what is happening - miracles are coming forth in magnificent way**
- Rama found him at the food store, trying to pay with a 14th century gold coin - the cashier said with all due respect, sir, you should take it to a coin shop - he told her it was a 14th century coin and it is worth more than the groceries! He got into a discussion with the lady about not accepting real money, yet you are willing to live with fake money?? They left after he paid with a \$10 bill
- Kind of like Ryan's bill which passed the house and failed in the Senate because it is based on the lies of the Randian story
- **The Democrats passed a budget for the first time in 4 years: stayed up all night in the Senate**
 - \$3.4 Tr budget with a \$1 Tr increase in taxes over the next 10 years
 - protects all the safety net programs - medicare, medicaid, social security not touched
 - reversing all the automatic spending cuts, as well as spending cuts in the Pentagon
- Patience wearing thin in Cyprus: people opposed to politicians' decisions about the 10%
- 2013, Mar 23 **Russian tycoon Boris Berezovsky found dead in U.K.** **[SEE BELOW]**
- he was one of the billionaires who had \$ in Russia; no friend of Boris Yeltsin - he ended up putting Putin in power; was a fundamental anchor person for ending the Soviet Union.
 - There were 2 previous attempts on his life, he was 67 years old and in excellent health
 - it was a hit: had to do with the Leo Wanta fund, stealing the \$ from Putin and others across the planet
- Boris Berezovsky - cause of death suspicious, there was foul play; he self-exiled himself due to bad blood between himself and Putin, due to the Leo Wanta influence

Caller: understands on the 22nd a meteor seen over Maryland and DC - but if you look at the video, it looks like our brothers and sister from the stars

R: things are not what they seem to be

T: it was really fiery - not a star ship

R: many coincidences and funny things happening as folks are coming into this atmosphere

T: it was so prominent in the sky that 5 states could see it - not in the nature of a star ship

Caller: on the 26th, there is another asteroid coming in - do you know anything?

R: it will pass closely to us, yet it won't take out any part of the planet - has to do with us crossing the Galactic Plane and the photon belt - a 33 year journey; as Santos Bonacci says we are moving across the GP and will end up in the Pleiades & we will be interacting with heavenly bodies that are ancient and have information for us - it is the Planet Maldek which blew up after a super nova: there is technology in the debris of the Photon Belt and things move across time and space, and more will be told.

- The movie MIB III where one shows up in the restaurant and forgets to leave the tip
- if Cyprus goes down, Europe goes down: Boris and Putin had disagreements
 - EU central bank is a Nazi-run bank
 - the entire Euro could go down in the next little while
 - They are refusing to back down: want their 10% from each account; Russia has said **NO**
 - In Cyprus, 1 million people have no access to their accounts -
 - people would like to play with this idea in the US and create the instability that the wild ones are talking about - **THIS IS CANCELLED!**
- Maybe the truth about the abomination of desolation will be talked about by Easter time -
- **Rama talked to Tom the RT Cat:** said he was a rent-a-cop for Carl Levin for the day - has to do with ending the Nazi empire right now: **it was Bush and Hillary who stole Putin's \$ via the Leo Wanta fund**
- Leo Wanta was only a small person on the totem pole
- Leo Wanta is more like Faction 1; Chris Story was killed in cold blood in the streets! There is a clone running around

Tom TRC said that the clones [of Hillary] are being observed; when the right moment comes, they will be picked up

R: this breakdown [on BBS and their equipment] is like a pattern and they are talking about stuff that the MIB don't like!

- Tom the RT Cat said St Germain has all the money, and someone is playing a fast one by saying the Leo Wanta Mitterand fund will be paid out
 - **ONLY ST GERMAIN WILL BE PAYING THEM OUT! THIS MEANS NESARA!**
 - **Also, THE DINARS WILL BE PAID OUT BY ST GERMAIN.**
- Tom the RT Cat: **The downfall of the church is assured;** the answer to all the shenanigans is a debt jubilee and the cleaning of the old order happens at the same time as the debt jubilee

Audio: Chris Hayes - Last point - on climate change & what people learned this week

[still having issues with the computer/BBS connections] Call in #: 888-429-5471 US and Canada

Audio: Melissa Harris-Perry - about abortion in the North Dakota governors race

<http://www.nbcnews.com/id/46979745/vp/51301829#51301829>

MH-P's letter to the Steubenville teen

<http://www.nbcnews.com/id/46979745/vp/51301645#51301645>

Audio: Ed show from March 22nd

- Since Dec 8, 1980 - 1,057,000 Americans have been killed by guns in the US

http://www.nbcnews.com/id/45755822/ns/msnbc-the_ed_show/vp/51297813#51297813

- Michael Eric Dyson plays the video tape of the mother whose baby was killed by 3 men when they didn't get any money from her - they shot her twice and killed the baby!
- Michael Moore reflects on Lennon & Harrison
 - Dec 8, 1980 was when Lennon was shot and killed
 - also George Harrison survived a knife attack in London - the only reason that Lennon is dead and Harrison is alive, is that Lennon chose to live in America
- Brings up the difference between Canadians and Americans who play the same video games - yet only Americans kill. They live in a culture of violence and think it is OK to use violence to solve problems! Violence against women is common: a woman is hit every 15 seconds in the US.
- **Fear and racism are what distinguish Americans from others**
 - afraid of the people who were in America when the first ones landed - so get rid of them
 - afraid of the slaves - so shoot them
 - 90% of the guns are owned by white people in the suburbs - what are they so afraid of?
 - The poor - the official group of poor people [people of colour, Latinos, Asians] find violence in their neighbourhoods
 - The insane -

Audio: Amy Goodman -

[SEE BELOW - 3 ITEMS]

Three items about Tomas Young who has decided to end his life in May or June, and has written a letter called : "The Last Letter: A Message to George W. Bush and Dick Cheney From a Dying Veteran." which follows below.

Audio: Amy Goodman - interview with Phil Donahue

[SEE BELOW FOR PART 1]

Audio: They learned on Ed's radio show that Abby Martin nailed Barack Obama for everything that Hillary does; they [MIB] were told her very life was threatened - that being said, Tara will still play this because Dennis Kucinich is on it

2013, Mar 21 Dennis Kucinich: Truth & accountability, forgotten veterans, selling Syria & Iran Wars

http://rt.com/files/episode/1e/6b/40/00/bts_2103.mp4

[Download video](#) (625.88 MB)

Abby Martin talks to US Congressman Dennis Kucinich about the 10th anniversary of the Iraq War and other issues that set him aside from the average establishment politician. Then Mike Prysner, Iraq War veteran and co-founder of 'March Forward', talks about the alarming rate of suicides among servicemen and women, as well as the multitude of difficulties facing US veterans. Finally, a look at how 10 years after the US invasion of Iraq; the same war drums are beating for new military engagements in Iran and Syria.

Music: Pearl Jam -

Astrology: Richard

Still have major Pisces - do the maintenance on your computer!

Moon tonight is opposite the bowl formation - in late Leo

Wednesday will be a big energy day: who knows what it might trigger: but it does lead up to the triple conjunction on Thursday of Uranus, Jupiter the sun

Friday - Mercury square Jupiter, moon conjunct Saturn, trine Jupiter

Saturday - is kind of related to this Saturday: Moon is void of course in Scorpio with no other aspects

Biggest string of energies is Wed through Friday

Re-listened to Carl for last month: did some comparisons to see how the energies worked out for the last few weeks.

The yods of God represent conditions you have to accept: they are demanding - eg, Jupiter, Gemini who work with Pluto and Saturn governing transformation - no way way around them: they are demands - hence the name, fingers of god. Some channellers use the phrase "the decrees of heaven cannot be resisted"

2013, Feb 21 The Astrology of March 2013 for Everyone

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VhrQ_gNp3U&feature=player_detailpage

The key phrases in February were 'break with the past' and 'defy authority.' In March, the key phrase is 'an end to the standoff.' The philosophical and ideological tug of war that has prevented real progress will end. The boundaries between opposing sides will dissolve. The tension will dissipate. The result will be progress, but, at first, chaotic progress, probably.

The energetic emphasis is on relationships, again. This time, it's all about the financial and economic aspects of our relationships. We will make changes in all of our key ties so as to maximize our chances of success. In some cases, this could get very messy. In almost all cases, success will require that we change our ideas, including some of our favourite ideas.

In the complex interactions that follow, people will feel inclined, on the one hand, to go for the jugular, and, on the other, to respond very defensively. Which ever side of that equation you find yourself on, and you could end up on both sides at different times, don't overreact. Don't be mean, to yourself or others.

The division begin to break down - will find some genuine compromise - a hopeful sign but still a complicated month

Pluto and the moon are conjunct, Pluto so close to the ascendent - an individual who is intensely struggling to create the world in that person's vision.

Energetic focus on the March chart is on the other side of the chart: march show the individual struggle with major economic institutions, as well as with individual things - the chart affects

big concentration is in 7th and 8th house: large group, collection of people - any institution that controls, manages shared resources: parks, pensions, money; 7th house Chiron, Mry,

Audio: Celia Fenn Starchild global - **Equinox March 2013**

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=vnXlakJYGz8

At this time, be grateful for being in a body!

Audio: 2013, March 23 - **RECALIBRATING TO THE NEW EARTH**

[SEE BELOW]

Conference Call

Caller: Heard today that a large meteor across several states going into the Atlantic Ocean; disappeared just before it hit [the ocean?] People on land taking pictures of it **R:** will try to find out what happened

Caller: said that galactics were allowing them so we will get used to looking up **T:** there will be ships! And we are being gotten ready for that

Caller: was Rama told by Tom the RT Cat to expect something next week?

T: they will never ever give dates: Tom mentioned the energies of Easter, and going into the energy of the 6th sun; also said he was a rent-a-cop for Carl Levin

- This has to do with ending the Nazi empire right now - another hint is why is there a full view of one of Obama's guards shape-shifting - he is from Rigel 4 and a 5 star general - **IT IS IN OUR FACE!**
- She is still blown away by what Obama said to the students and how many other presidents went or did not go and how Bush took loads of guards; leave it to Obama to go over there and speak his piece and to say it to the youth: they do not like what Netanyahu is doing: there have been lots of defections from the army because they do not want to carry guns and shoot Palestinian youth!
- Also what Michael Moore said about there being something lacking in the Western mind: impunity and arrogance beyond belief!
- And maybe the abominations of desolation - refers to Our Lady of Guadalupe - she is standing on a crescent moon and holding a serpent whose head she is crushing - the Lady of Guadalupe of the West is LM Nada; what the children saw when they saw our Lo fG was LM Nada walking off her ship! The ship was parked in front of the sun and she walked off it
- Our Lady of Lourdes gave 3 letters to Maria - the 3rd one was about it being time to dissolve the church but this letter was never revealed publically

T: also that it's time for Mr St Germain to come into full public view and that Easter is a good time for this to happen - when he shows up on the stage, the downfall of the church is certain!

- what Tara knows is that he is to show up on the podium - the 19 people that will be there and announce **THAT NESARA IS REAL!**
- We cannot feel depressed for ourselves and for the animals - what happened to the animals there? [in the Middle East as a result of the war]
- Sudan: the war there has killed 4 million people, and 5 million in Iraq

Caller2: read on Rumor Mill News that St G was in Rome - she felt it was true

T: he became Vlad the Impaler to get inside the church & find out all that was happening

Caller: didn't it have to do with someone going to kill his wife?

T: his wife was in a convent, and he went off the Crusades - at that time, the Ottoman Empire was invading Europe and that is why Vlad the Impaler took up the axe to go fight

- the entire Ottoman Empire was in the Sufi tradition - times have changed: war was the name of the day: Sufis were mystics at the highest level - they were also Persians - Rumi and others; Sulieman literally created a renaissance -
- **Caller** tells Tara of the story about being taught and when she woke up, Rumi was sitting on a stool by her bed! **T:** that is a very big gift - extremely rare! The Sufis were Islamic mystics, as were the Persians - Islamic mystics are at the high end of Islam, as Xian mystics are the high end of Xians - yet they would go to war to protect their country.
- Kutumi was Thutmoses III and fighting off the invaders of Egypt and protecting the Ark of the Covenant. Obama was able to bring up the subject of Palestine in Egypt because Egypt is helping Palestine via the underground tunnel system - which the Israelis have been destroying!
- St Germain incarnated in the house of Djwahl Khul and the Vatican was nothing but undead ones - they deified the Satanic ritual and called it Jesus - they do this just to exterminate and annihilate - Yes, we could say that those in the Vatican are still the undead ones!
- St Germain stayed in the undead realms until 1979 - Oct 1, 1979 - a new economic year for US gov't; it became the beginning of the end - and the church is the extension of the Roman Empire
- T & R were talking to Susan and Fran; Fran is reading **the drama of the lost disciples** by George Jowett, originally published in 1961; Fran had a 1970 printout - when the nuke was launched that was supposed to kill people in Hollywood
 - There are so many fascinating things: Constantine was against the killing of the Xians; he fought to end the persecutions; Constantine is re-incarnated in this life time; his wife was Sulieman in a past lifetime; in this life time she was daughter of King Feisal who was murdered by the House of Saud
- She wanted to go to US, so the US made her the Ambassador for Turkey to the UN - she gave them around \$200 million that funded NATO good and proper, so every death since then is on her hands!

Caller: Neil Diamond song that has that name in it - Rama to look it up

- Jesus was Jewish and a Moor; the Moors were Islamic and Sufis; Jesus was Jewish, Islam and

Caller: Why did St Germain leave the undead realms in 1979? **T:** because the light and the dark - Faction 3 - challenged the dark ones of Faction 1 - change was starting to happen!

- 1979, Ap 7 - 14th - the huge conference: millions of people in 360 locations found out what they had to do to create NGOs to clean up the mess; the gurus of India were told to go to the west and help the people of Altea America; this is why they play the song "Into the west"

Audio: Trailer of a movie coming out this summer "The end of the world as we know it"

Audio: UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE SIXTH SUN

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6K8VEXI7FQ> Uploaded on 2 Sep 2010

The Mayan prophecies tell, us that when the sixth sun comes, human conscience will start to expand. It will give way to a period of more spiritual perfection, within the human race. According to their predictions, it will occur on December 21st, 2012.V

THIS IS A MUST WATCH!!! *****

Audio: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOgBoVOygJc>

Sacred Knowledge Of Vibration And The Power Of Human Emotion

THIS IS ALSO A MUST WATCH!!!

This is the 3rd in the series - LM Nada sent this link to Rama

[The last scene in the documentary is from the movie, **The Fifth Element** - which is love!]

Reading: The Mayan Factor

Music: (1) Give yourself to Love, Love is what you're after!

(2) Words of J R R Tolkien from one of his books: The ships have come to carry you home // we have come now to the end //what can you see on the horizon -across the seas a pale moon rises; the ships have come to carry you home and all will turn to silver - light on the water

Closing: Tara: remember to meditate: meditation is the highest form of love

FOLLOWING - PRINTED RESOURCES RELATED TO THE NOTES

March 23, 2013, **Russian tycoon Boris Berezovsky found dead in U.K.**

Reports conflict on details of timing and location of his death

Reuters/file 2012

Russian oligarch Boris Berezovsky, a former Kremlin insider who became one of President Vladimir Putin's fiercest critics, died in London on Saturday.

NEW YORK (MarketWatch) — Exiled Russian tycoon Boris Berezovsky was found dead at his home in the United Kingdom, according to news reports Saturday.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the death of the 67-year-old Berezovsky, who had survived multiple assassination attempts, including one that killed his chauffeur, the BBC reported.

Reuters cited Russia's Interfax news agency as reporting Berezovsky died Saturday in London, citing a relative and a Russian lawyer for Berezovsky.

However, the London Telegraph reported Berezovsky died at his estate in Surrey, outside London, and was believed to have died in his bath tub.

The Guardian newspaper reported Berezovsky was found dead Friday night at his home in Surrey, and said there were unconfirmed claims the former power broker in Russia had killed himself.

Berezovsky was a close friend of Alexander Litvinenko, a Russian dissident fatally poisoned with radioactive polonium-210 in London in 2006, according to the Telegraph.

The multibillionaire businessman initially backed Vladimir Putin, but then clashed with the Russian leader and eventually became one of Putin's harshest critics.

Berezovsky sought exile in Britain and was granted political asylum three years later.

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2013, March 20 **Tomas Young and the End of the Body of War**

http://www.democracynow.org/blog/2013/3/21/tomas_young_and_the_end_of_the_body_of_war

By [Amy Goodman](#)

Tomas Young was in the fifth day of his first deployment to Iraq when he was struck by a sniper's bullet in Baghdad's Sadr City. The single bullet paralyzed him from the chest down, and changed his life forever. Now, nine years later, at the age of 33, Tomas has decided to end his life. He announced recently that he will soon stop his nourishment, which comes in the form of liquid through a feeding tube.

Tomas was the subject of the award-winning documentary "Body of War," made by legendary TV talk-show host Phil Donahue and Ellen Spiro. The 2007 film follows Tomas' rehabilitation, struggles with his injuries and his political awakening to become one of the most prominent anti-war U.S. veterans of the invasion and occupation of Iraq. He was first moved to action by the efforts of Cindy Sheehan to speak with President George W. Bush while he was on vacation at his so-called ranch in Crawford, Texas. Sheehan's son, Casey, was killed in Baghdad, on the same day that Tomas was shot. She wanted to ask Pres. Bush, "For what noble cause did my son die?"

I asked Tomas if anything would change his mind about his decision to end his life. "No," he said, adding that if he were not in such intense, constant pain, then he would not be taking this course. "We wouldn't be having this conversation," he said.

This week, [Tomas released a letter](#) titled "The Last Letter: A Message to George W. Bush and Dick Cheney From a Dying Veteran."

In it, Tomas wrote, "You may evade justice but in our eyes you are each guilty of egregious war crimes, of plunder and, finally, of murder, including the murder of thousands of young Americans—my fellow veterans—whose future you stole."

Phil Donahue has stayed in touch with Tomas for years since making "Body of War." Donahue told me the making of the film was a "spiritual experience ... a chapter of our lives." He says he understands Tomas' decision: "Four years after being shot in Sadr City, he sustained a pulmonary embolism. So he struggles now to speak, although you can understand him. He has difficulty grasping silverware, his opposable thumbs are at a serious deficit ... so he has to be fed. When he and his wife, Claudia, have gone out to dinner, she would look for a corner of the restaurant, so when she fed him, they wouldn't be stared at. He now has pressure sores, with exposed bone. He recently had a colostomy, so he has a bag on the side of his body. He is fed through a tube, and every other commercial he sees on television is about food. It is beyond awful what Tomas has sustained. He now lies immobile, in a dark bedroom in Kansas City, dutifully cared for by his wife, Claudia, who has been with him for five years."

He added: "Throughout this whole ordeal, I have been with him often enough to know, he wanted to live. That is what makes it extra sad. He wanted to live. He has fought back against every setback, from the inadequate treatment at the Veterans Administration, to his own PTSD. Now the situation is so dire, that no one who is close to him can claim to not understand: He has given up."

Donahue reflected: "When I look down on this young man, all I can think of is President Bush saying, 'Bring 'em on.' There is almost no remorse. Everybody's hiding. Richard Perle doesn't get around much anymore. Cheney is speaking for six-figure fees. I don't know where Wolfowitz is. Bush is behind a well-secured home."

Tomas recently appeared via video call from his home in Kansas City, Mo., before a group in Ridgefield, Conn., where Phil Donahue screened "Body of War" and asked Tomas questions. It was at this February event that Tomas publicly announced his intention to die. When asked how he wants to be remembered, Tomas Young replied: "That I fought as hard as I could to keep young men and women away from military service. I fought as hard as I could to keep another me from coming back to Iraq. That is what I want to be remembered for."

Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

[Http://www.democracynow.org/blog/2013/3/21/part_2_exclusive_dying_iraq_war_veteran_tomas_young_on_bush_missing_wmds_failed_medical_care](http://www.democracynow.org/blog/2013/3/21/part_2_exclusive_dying_iraq_war_veteran_tomas_young_on_bush_missing_wmds_failed_medical_care)

We continue our interview with Iraq War veteran Tomas Young. Citing his overwhelming physical pain from wounds that left him paralyzed in Iraq, Young recently announced he has decided to end his life by discontinuing his medicine and nourishment, which comes in the form of liquid through a feeding tube. His wife and primary caregiver, Claudia Cuellar, describes Young's challenges with the Veterans Administration medical system, and Young reflects on his mother's reaction to his decision. We also play excerpts from the *Body of War* documentary when George W. Bush and Laura Bush joke at a White House Correspondents Dinner about missing weapons of mass destruction. "He has hundreds of thousands of men and women on the front line and in Baghdad, in general, fighting because of some fictional weapons of mass destruction," Young says. "That was a shaming moment, for me." The film's co-director and legendary TV talk show host, Phil Donahue, also joins us.

AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman, with Juan González. Our guests, from their home in Kansas City, Tomas Young, Iraq War veteran, his wife Claudia Cuellar; and in studio, the legendary talk show host Phil Donahue, who made a film six years ago, in 2007, called *Body of War* about Tomas, about Tomas in Iraq. On the fifth day—on his fifth day in Iraq, April 4th, 2004, Tomas Young's unit came under fire in Sadr City, a neighborhood of Baghdad. Tomas was shot, left paralyzed, never to walk again. Released from medical care three months later, Tomas returned home to become an active member of Iraq Veterans Against the War. That was then.

Now, in 2013, he has said that he will end his own life. He will stop his nourishment, which comes in the form of liquid through a feeding tube—a decision that will hasten his death. On this 10th anniversary of the war in Iraq, he has written a [letter](#) to former President Bush and Vice President Cheney.

Tomas, we'd like you to finish reading that letter for us now.

TOMAS YOUNG: Absolutely. Where was I?

"You told us [the war] could be paid for by Iraq's oil revenues. Instead, this war has cost the United States over \$3 trillion. I especially did not join the [Army] to carry out pre-emptive war. Pre-emptive war is illegal under international law. And as a soldier in Iraq I was, I now know, abetting your idiocy and your crimes. The Iraq War is the biggest strategic blunder in U.S. history. It obliterated the balance of power in the Middle East. It installed a corrupt and brutal pro-Iranian government in Baghdad, one cemented in power through the use of torture, death squads and terror. And it has left Iran as the dominant force in the region. On every level—moral, strategic, military and economic—Iraq was a failure. And it was you, Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney, who started this war. It is you who should pay the consequences.

"I have, like many other [wounded and many other] disabled veterans, suffered from the inadequate and often inept care provided by the Veterans Administration. I have, like many other disabled veterans, come to realize that our mental and physical [disabilities and] wounds are of no interest to you, perhaps of no interest to any politician. We were used. We were betrayed. And we have been abandoned. You, Mr. Bush, make much pretense of being a Christian. But isn't lying a sin? Isn't murder a sin? Aren't theft and selfish ambition sins? I am not a Christian. But I believe in the Christian ideal. I believe that what you do to the least of your [own] brothers you finally do to yourself, to your own soul.

"I would not be writing this letter if I had been wounded in Afghanistan against those forces that carried out the attacks of 9/11. Had I been wounded there, I would still be miserable because of my physical deterioration and imminent death, but I would at least have the comfort of knowing that my injuries were a consequence of my own decision to defend our country I love—the country I love. I would not have to lie in my bed, my body filled with painkillers, my life ebbing away, and deal with the fact that hundreds of thousands of human beings, including children, including myself, were sacrificed by you for little more than the greed of oil companies, for your alliance with the oil sheiks in Saudi Arabia, and your insane visions of empire.

"My day of reckoning is upon me. Yours will come. I hope you will be put on trial. But mostly I hope, for your sakes, that you find the moral courage to face what you have done to me and to many, many others who deserved to live. I hope that before your time on earth ends, as mine is now ending, you will find the strength of character to stand before the American public and the world, and in particular the Iraqi people, and beg for forgiveness."

The end.

AMY GOODMAN: Tomas Young, reading "The Last Letter."

TOMAS YOUNG: With love, Tomas Young.

AMY GOODMAN: "A Message to George W. Bush and Dick Cheney from a Dying Veteran." Juan?

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Well, Tomas, I wanted to go to a part of the film, *Body of War*, that shows a gathering of the political, corporate and media elite in Washington. It was the White House Correspondents Dinner of 2005, and it includes President Bush joking around about the missing weapons of mass destruction and is followed by the first lady, Laura Bush.

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH: Those weapons of mass destruction got to be somewhere. Nope, no weapons over there. Maybe under here.

LAURA BUSH: I said to him the other day, "George, if you really want to end tyranny in the world, you're going to have to stay up later." Ladies and gentlemen, I am a desperate housewife.

CATHY SMITH: They're so insulated. They don't want to know about people like Tomas and the 4 or 5 percent of the population that is actually sacrificing for this war.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: That was Cathy Smith, mother of Tomas Young, from the film *Body of War*; before that, Laura Bush and former President George W. Bush joking about WMDs at the 2005 White House Correspondents Dinner. Tomas, your reaction when you first heard the president joking in that way?

TOMAS YOUNG: My initial reaction was: How callous! He has hundreds of thousands of men and women on the front line and in Baghdad, in general, fighting because of some fictional weapons of mass destruction. That he decided to walk around the Oval Office and fake hide-and-go-seek with WMD, that was a shaming moment, for me. And the Dixie Chicks' main lead singer got in trouble for saying that, overseas, she is ashamed that President Bush is from Texas. I, for one, am ashamed President Bush was an American.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And, Phil Donahue—

TOMAS YOUNG: And then, to hear Laura make the joke about her being a desperate housewife, there are tens of thousands of military widows who would want nothing more than to be a desperate housewife, as long as their husband were safe at home.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And, Phil Donahue, the extraordinary difference between that eloquent, passionate letter of Tomas and this—and the joke of President Bush about WMD?

PHIL DONAHUE: Well, how about the people who made the "Mission Accomplished" sign, the people who got the helmet for Bush and the flight suit, in one of the most absurd stunts in the history of American government? And people kvelled, if that's the correct Jewish pronunciation. They swooned. Media: "We're all neocons now!" These were the advertising agency warriors who wrote the talking points, called the Senate and House members to the White House. "Woo, the White House!" Off they went. They took Karl Rove's talking points and, like obedient third-graders, went right to the floor of the House and the Senate and read them, in the most shallow debate imaginable, with consequences of sending in—sending us into a massive blunder. Amazing.

AMY GOODMAN: As you watch now, Phil Donahue, television, on this 10th anniversary of the war in Iraq, talk about what is said, what isn't said—and, you know, Tomas wrote his letter to former President Bush and Dick Cheney—and what they are doing today.

PHIL DONAHUE: Well, first of all, every major metropolitan newspaper in this country supported the invasion of Iraq. There was perhaps one exception with McClatchy-Knight Ridder newspapers, and I've written these names down, and they're in my wallet. I think we should know what—and they, three young reporters—and they didn't win a Pulitzer, by the way—kept saying, "Wait a minute. Where's the evidence?" The only ones. I mean, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe* — this is what corporate media will do for you. It was not popular to oppose this war.

And also the—the things that they don't see. Having spent time with Tomas and Claudia, Claudia has a maneuver whereby she bends down over Tomas in the wheelchair, which is sitting next to his bed, and he, with effort, puts his arms around her neck. And she is now cheek to cheek with him, and she moves her arms around his waist, like the prelude to a kiss. She grabs the top of his trousers above the rump, and in an explosive moment of energy, all that she can summon, she lifts him up and surrenders him to the gravity over his bed, and his body bounces like a rag doll. She's a size four. And I watched this, and I thought, "The American people should see this." And this is not unique to this. This is—you know, my fantasy is to have Bush visit Tomas and then tell him that "We have to go now, because I have 20,000 other homes and hospital rooms that we have to visit." That's my fantasy. They do not see this. They do not see this.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to turn to—

TOMAS YOUNG: But if the president comes, Phil—

AMY GOODMAN: Tomas, go ahead.

TOMAS YOUNG: But if President Bush showed up at my front door, the first thing I'd do is challenge him to a game of Trivial Pursuit.

AMY GOODMAN: Or Trivial Pursuit?

TOMAS YOUNG: Or some other—some other academic board game where you have to answer general knowledge questions, just so I could say I'm smarter than a Yale student.

PHIL DONAHUE: Than a Yale student, well.

AMY GOODMAN: Tomas, I want to turn to a clip from Phil's film, *Body of War*, of your mom, Cathy Smith, who lives about 10 minutes from you. It was September 2005. Tomas, you and your mother were at an antiwar protest in Washington, D.C., and you were watching protesters filing past, holding a long string bearing the photographs and names of their loved ones, their dead loved ones, the dead soldiers.

CATHY SMITH: You know what?

TOMAS YOUNG: What?

CATHY SMITH: You could have been there.

BRIE TOWNSEND: Stop it.

CATHY SMITH: I'm sorry, I can't.

It's just—I mean, his picture could be there, just like that. And I could be going over to put flowers on his cross, you know? And instead I'm here with him. That's—you know. It's just so—it's so overwhelming. It just really is overwhelming. I just can't—these are just pictures to so many people. They're not babies. They're not kids. They're not fathers and brothers and—and to see it in this chain of 2,000, you know? Two thousand. And that doesn't even include the 14,000 that are injured and in wheelchairs and...

AMY GOODMAN: That's Cathy Smith, Tomas's mother. They were in—it was September 2005, a D.C.

protest. In August 2005, the large antiwar gathering that took place in Crawford, Texas, outside President Bush's vacation ranch, Cindy Sheehan had set up Camp Casey in honor of her son, Casey, who was killed in Sadr City, right where Tomas had been. It was April 4th, 2004, the same day Tomas Young was wounded there. Let's go to a clip of Tomas Young speaking at the gathering outside President Bush's ranch.

TOMAS YOUNG: I can no longer control my body temperature. And when I go outside in the heat, I have to wear a cooling jacket that has frozen gel inserts to keep my body temperature regulated and cooled.

They tell me the feeling dizzy after our warm days and all this will go away eventually, once I get used to my injury. God, I hope they're telling the truth.

Hi. Nice to meet y'all. I'm Tomas Young.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Nice to meet you.

TOMAS YOUNG: I'm Tomas, by the way.

Hey, I've got time to do an interview.

I called my recruiter on September 13. I wanted to go to Afghanistan. And I only managed to spend maybe five days in Iraq until I got picked to go on my first mission. There were 25 of us crammed into the back of a two-and-a-half-ton truck with no covering on top or armor on the sides. For the Iraqis on the top of the roof, it just looked like, you know, ducks in a barrel. They didn't even have to aim.

I've got meetings, and I guess I'm a busy man.

BRIE TOWNSEND: We're coming! We're coming!

CINDY SHEEHAN: I also want to introduce Tomas Young. He was fighting in Sadr City and wounded the same day Casey was killed. And he was part of the 1st Cavalry, too.

TOMAS YOUNG: I also would like to demand a meeting with the president, because I feel he owes me some explanations as to why a soldier can volunteer to go over and fight for his country and lose his ability to walk, plus a lot of other important functions, and why I am not worth the funding for stem-cell research.

Sorry, but we're going to have to cut this short. I need to go find a table to lean on for support. So are we good here?

REPORTER: Yeah. Thanks a lot.

TOMAS YOUNG: Thank you.

AMY GOODMAN: That was Tomas Young in August of 2005 at Crawford, Texas, outside George Bush's ranch. He was with Cindy Sheehan, and Cindy lost her son Casey in the same place where Tomas was shot, Sadr City. That was April 4th, 2004. Can you talk about that, Tomas, the day you were shot, the place, the same day where Casey Sheehan was killed? Did you know Casey when you deployed to Iraq?

TOMAS YOUNG: I did not know Casey. He was an engineer, and I was an infantryman, so we didn't run

around in the same circles. But—so, no, I didn't know him that well. And—what was the question?

AMY GOODMAN: I was just asking—

TOMAS YOUNG: I'm on a lot of painkillers.

AMY GOODMAN: I was just asking—

TOMAS YOUNG: What's that?

AMY GOODMAN: I was just asking if you knew Casey, and what it meant for you to go to Crawford, to meet Cindy, and also to be there outside President Bush's vacation ranch.

TOMAS YOUNG: Well, I saw this mother on television starting this camp outside of George Bush's ranch, and I decided, hey, I want to [inaudible] the president, too, to answer a stem-cell question. So I went down there, and that was my first connection with the IVAW. And—

AMY GOODMAN: The Iraq Veterans Against the War.

TOMAS YOUNG: And I—it was very hot. And it was the first year of my recovery. I had very little control over my body temperature. So every two to three hours, the gel packs that I had to cool me off had to be put in a refrigerator to refreeze. While this happened, I went back into my minivan and just tried to rest, because it was a very physically demanding day.

AMY GOODMAN: Phil?

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And, yeah, I just wanted to ask Tomas—you were talking about Cindy Sheehan. The reaction of your mother to the decision to end your life?

TOMAS YOUNG: Well, she is—she understands it, and she's on my side, although she is of two minds about this. One side of her doesn't want to see me go through any more pain and deterioration, and understands why I want to leave. But yet, there's this other side of her that is going to be upset over losing her oldest son. But she decided it would be more selfish to keep me around just for her to say that her son's alive still, or whatever she would think, but she understands that I need to—I need to go.

AMY GOODMAN: And your brother Nathan, who, after you were wounded in Iraq, went to Iraq?

TOMAS YOUNG: Yes, ma'am.

AMY GOODMAN: He, too, became a soldier.

TOMAS YOUNG: Yes, he did. Fortunately for him, he was shot or no—or any physical harm was done to him. But who knows what kind of mental damage he faces or faced.

AMY GOODMAN: Phil Donahue?

PHIL DONAHUE: Well, it should be added that Tomas has bowel—obviously, bowel and bladder issues every morning, urinary tract infection. Tomas sustains bouts of nausea, vomits. Tomas now has pressure sores, exposing bone. Tomas's catheter comes loose, and he wets the bed. You know, as you see, the more—the closer you get to Tomas, the more it just blows you back. I don't know another word that makes it more clear. This is awful. This is beyond awful. He's been trapped in this body now for nine years. And what has impressed me over the course of this time, he wants to live. A lot of guys—you know, Bobby Muller, who was injured in Vietnam, a paraplegic, told me that the guys who don't work to become independent, which Tomas has done, very—in a very positive and Herculean way—but those who don't learn to live independently are the ones who kill themselves. And Tomas has done everything he can to avoid this happening. And it just makes it all the more sad to realize that he had so much to give, and that this is such a waste, now that he's leaving us.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to go to the part of the film where, Tomas, you meet Bobby Muller. It was after that antiwar protest in Washington, and you met with Bobby Muller, the Vietnam War veteran and peace activist who is the head of Veterans [of] America. He's been in a wheelchair since 1969 because of an injury very similar to yours. This is an excerpt of that meeting in *Body of War*, starting with Bobby Muller.

BOBBY MULLER: You know, you go to a parade, you go to a demo, wheelchairs up front. You know, standard routine: You put the gimps on the front end of the game, because—no, that's—

TOMAS YOUNG: Somebody else who says "gimps." That's excellent.

BOBBY MULLER: Yeah, that's the visual. You know, they've got to have the visual, you know?

TOMAS YOUNG: Mm-hmm.

BOBBY MULLER: When you got shot, what was it like?

TOMAS YOUNG: All of a sudden, my body just went completely numb. I couldn't feel anything. I dropped my M-16. I tried to pick it back up, but I couldn't move my hands.

BOBBY MULLER: Where'd you get shot?

TOMAS YOUNG: Right underneath the left collarbone.

BOBBY MULLER: That's where I got shot. Bullet came here and went through the spinal cord as it went out. So we got—we got—the angle and the trajectories were a little bit different, but we got very similar things.

TOMAS YOUNG: And shortly after that, I was out for about a week, woke up in Walter Reed Army Hospital. And that was where they kind of started to do a little rehab with me. I had a physical and an occupational therapist. They would come, and they'd take me out of my bed and put me in this weird chair and just leave me there for two hours. That was my physical therapy at the very beginning.

BOBBY MULLER: How long were you in the hospitals?

TOMAS YOUNG: Let's see, a week and a half in Germany, a month—about two-and-a-half, three months, separated over different hospitals.

BOBBY MULLER: That's—I was in the hospital for a year. And then, I went on an outpatient basis for another nine months. You got—you got short shrift. Again, I'm just going to say it. I think you got short shrift, man. You've seen the squandering of, you know, billions of dollars for [bleep] war, destroying people. You get shot, and now they're going to skimp on giving you the kind of treatment and care that, you know, you obviously have a right to and deserve? I got to the point where I said, "OK, here it is. If I don't fight this system, I will die."

AMY GOODMAN: That is Bobby Muller, Vietnam War vet, head of Veterans for America—Veterans of America. In 1969, he was wounded in Vietnam. Tomas, do you remember that meeting with Bobby Muller in Washington and what it meant to you? What message you have for wounded veterans?

TOMAS YOUNG: I left thinking that this paralysis, this, quote-unquote, "life sentence" I've been handed, doesn't have to be sad and depressing, that you can find laughter in the situation. If you look deep enough, you can find some happiness.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Claudia Cuellar, I'd like to ask you, for five years now, day in and day out, you've been Tomas's partner and primary caregiver, as well. Your sense of how the system, the VA and the military, have dealt with your husband and his grievous injuries?

CLAUDIA CUELLAR: Well, my feeling is that it's not just the VA system, but it's a Western medical system. If—it just seems to be a never-ending series of procedures, surgeries and pharmaceutical drugs. And it's—you know, this life-extension technology, you know, after a certain point, it just—it works, but he doesn't feel better, and he's still uncomfortable. And he just got to the point here, where he was so exhausted of submitting himself to the next procedure, the next doctor's visit. You know, just—he just hit the wall. And last year—you know, again, we dealt with a certain amount of it in the first three, three-and-a-half years, but last year we just—it was so hard on him, and he just didn't want to go to the hospital anymore, didn't want to go to a nursing home. You know, we gave it—we took a chance on this ostomy surgery. You know, he—mechanistically, he functions, but he doesn't feel better. He's in increasing amounts of pain.

So, it's just—somebody—there's a quality of life that's lost at a certain point, and there's just no room to begin to talk about wanting to be free of this technology, to just want to go home and be pain-free and to choose how maybe—to choose how one dies. And we just didn't feel the freedom or space to even begin having these conversations, even with healthcare professionals. It was very uncomfortable for us, and we had to fight to get out of that system to have some freedom.

AMY GOODMAN: Tomas, how do you want to be remembered?

TOMAS YOUNG: Well, I want to be remembered as a better person than I was a soldier, a good husband, a good son, a good brother, and fought as hard as he could to end the criminal war in Iraq.

AMY GOODMAN: And—

TOMAS YOUNG: It's going to be a big tombstone.

AMY GOODMAN: If somehow this pain could end, would you reconsider?

TOMAS YOUNG: What's that?

AMY GOODMAN: If this pain could end, the pain you feel, would you reconsider ending your life?

TOMAS YOUNG: At the moment, I'm going to say no. But in the future, plenty things can happen, and I may either change my mind entirely or do what I plan to do.

CLAUDIA CUELLAR: Actually, you know, we have been overwhelmed by the response to everything, and we didn't think it would happen this quickly. And so, we feel it's important to tell the story, to share with other people that are suffering just like us. And so, it's our responsibility as human beings to share the story, to help others. So, we're going to—in trying to accommodate all the requests, we're going to—we're going to stop taking interviews on April 20th, which is our anniversary, and then take a little extra time just to spend together, you know, alone and in peace, and, you know—and then take the time. I mean, all we have is information for today, and it's hard to look at future dates, so we're going to do the best we can, day by day. But we're going to try to do the best we can to share the story and then take some time, and then we'll have to just wait and see.

AMY GOODMAN: You're talking about the end of May, the beginning of June. Why are you talking about those dates? What is important?

TOMAS YOUNG: Well, the people that want to come and say their last goodbyes—a friend said he couldn't make it until the middle of May, and I don't want to deprive anybody of their ability to say one last goodbye to me before I go.

AMY GOODMAN: Phil, what has Tomas and Claudia taught you?

PHIL DONAHUE: Well, their—their relationship is remarkable. Claudia visited Tomas in Chicago, when she was living there at the time. And Tomas was at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, which is a high-end bone spinal place. By the way, Tomas, I believe, when he was there, was the only Iraq veteran there. And I honestly believe the reason he was there was because of the movie. I would pass the DVD out to nursing station, so that at least we had a chance of them seeing a real human being in room 6-3, or 6-C, whatever it was.

And Claudia came to visit. She is one of those wonderful, do-good people who wants to bring some comfort,

conversation, to veterans, visit them. What do they need? Can they get him something? Maybe even a Starbucks, whatever it might be. And an emotional relationship developed, and she's been with Tomas now for five—over five years. So, I mean, who loves you, honey? I mean, it's just fabulous to see this. I don't know where he'd be without her. And it's taught me that, you know, love is everything. And I suppose I knew that, but I've never seen—I've never had a front-row seat to it, as I have with them.

AMY GOODMAN: Maybe we'll end with Ellen, your partner in this film, *Body of War*, and then hear what Tomas has to say about what you taught Ellen. She co-directed *Body of War* with Phil Donahue, and she was speaking with us right after the film came out in [March 2008](#), almost exactly five years ago. She said your story, Tomas, was a story about hope.

ELLEN SPIRO: When I first met Tomas on my first trip to Kansas City with Phil, I knew that he was a remarkable young man. We had no idea where his life or his story was going to go, but I could feel his spirit. I could feel that he was different, that he wasn't just going to sit at home and, you know, wallow in his injury, that he was going to take what happened to him and turn it into something bigger than himself. So he's a real hero in this story. He's a sort of real-life contemporary character like the one in *Born on the Fourth of July*, who comes home, and he's suffered the worst possible thing imaginable, but he turns that around and he becomes a very powerful voice in the culture. And he finds his own voice in this film, so it's a very hopeful story. It's about somebody who was betrayed by the government, who turns his life around and is really making a difference in the world.

AMY GOODMAN: That was Ellen Spiro in 2008. Tomas, we will end with you. For Ellen, yours is a story of hope. Do you think you could find that hope again?

TOMAS YOUNG: If I do, it's going to be awfully hard to find. And to get back to Phil's point about him not knowing where I'd be without Claudia, I'd be gone already.

PHIL DONAHUE: Yeah, I see that.

TOMAS YOUNG: She is—she has been my rock. And I know that I will feel relieved when I go, but I will forever—if you have thoughts after you die, I will forever miss my wife. And as far as Ellen says, it was about hope. The movie was about hope. But now, my life is in a completely different place. While I still hope things will get better, I imagine if they do, it's going to take a heck of a long time to get there. And that, coupled with not wanting to see my body and mind regress any more than they have already, compelled me to make this decision.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to thank you so much, Tomas. I know this has been tough, and you have remarkable stamina being with us for an hour and a half, more than an hour and a half. Tomas Young, Iraq War veteran; Claudia Cuellar, Tomas's partner, Tomas's wife; and Phil Donahue, who did the film, with Ellen Spiro, about Tomas, called *Body of War*, years ago. And now Tomas is making the decision of his life. Thanks so much for being with us from your home in Kansas City. And thank you so much, Phil.

PHIL DONAHUE: Pleasure. See you, Tomas. See you, Claudia.

CLAUDIA CUELLAR: Thank you, Amy.

TOMAS YOUNG: Thank you, Amy, for taking an interest in my story.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, thank you for sharing it with us. I'm Amy Goodman, with Juan González.

TOMAS YOUNG: Ah—

AMY GOODMAN: Tomas?

TOMAS YOUNG: Yes?

AMY GOODMAN: You were just saying?

TOMAS YOUNG: Um, uh, it's funny. Right after the movie came out, there was some press, then it died down around 2009, and now that I've made this decision, people are literally coming out of the woodwork to get some piece of me. And I'm happy to join this interview with you, because the last one we did went so well.

PHIL DONAHUE: That is true. That is true, what he says. You know, this movie is not a take-your-girl-to-the-movie movie. And no distributor would take it. I was on every free radio station I could get on to promote. And Ellen and I would—Landmark Theatres would roll us out—I'm learning, what, this lingo. And the opening night in major cities, the place would be jammed. I mean, I—it just was thrilling. And the next day, there'd be seven people in the theater. So, Iraq docs fell off the marquee. We won lots of awards—on the shortlist for an Oscar. And I'm thrilled that we were so critically well received. But we sold no popcorn.

AMY GOODMAN: Tomas, Claudia and Phil, thank you so much for spending this time with us. And I'm hoping to see, Tomas, you and Claudia again. Thanks so much.

GUESTS

Tomas Young, Iraq War veteran and the main subject of the documentary, *Body of War*. On April 4, 2004, his fifth day in Iraq, Young's unit came under fire in the Sadr City neighborhood of Baghdad. Young was left paralyzed, never to walk again. Released from medical care three months later, Young returned home to become an active member in Iraq Veterans Against the War. He recently announced that he will stop his nourishment, which comes in the form of liquid through a feeding tube — a decision which will hasten his death.

Claudia Cuellar, the wife and primary caregiver of Tomas Young.

Phil Donahue, one of the best-known talk show hosts in U.S. television history, his show was on the air for more than 29 years. In 2002, he returned to the airwaves, but he was fired in 2003 on the eve of the war by MSNBC because he was allowing antiwar voices on the air. Along with Ellen Spiro, he directed the documentary, *Body of War*, which tells the story of Tomas Young, an Iraq War veteran paralyzed from a bullet to the spine. Now, at the age of 33, Tomas has decided to end his life.

2013, March 21 Exclusive~ Tomas Young Reads in Full His Letter to Bush & Cheney, "A Message From a Dying Veteran"

Paralyzed in a 2004 attack in Sadr City, Iraq War veteran Tomas Young recently announced that he will stop his medicine and nourishment, which comes in the form of liquid through a feeding tube — a decision which will hasten his death. Joining us from his home in Kansas City, Young reads in full his letter, [A Message to George W. Bush and Dick Cheney From a Dying Veteran](#). "My day of reckoning is upon me," Young says. "Yours will come. I hope you will be put on trial. But mostly I hope, for your sakes, that you find the moral courage to face what you have done to me and to many, many others who deserved to live. I hope that before your time on earth ends, as mine is now ending, you will find the strength of character to stand before the American public and the world, and in particular the Iraqi people, and beg for forgiveness."

AMY GOODMAN: Ten years later, 10th anniversary of the war in Iraq, Tomas Young, Iraq War veteran, wounded April 4th, 2004, his fifth day in Iraq, shot in Sadr City, is now writing a [letter](#) on this 10th anniversary called "The Last Letter: A Message to George W. Bush and Dick Cheney from a Dying Veteran." Tomas, can you read some of your letter to the former president and vice president?

TOMAS YOUNG: Absolutely.

"I write this letter on the 10th anniversary of the Iraq War on behalf of my fellow Iraq veterans. I write this letter on behalf of the 4,488 soldiers and Marines who died in Iraq. I write this letter on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of veterans who have been wounded and on behalf of [those who bear those wounds. I am one of

those.] I am one of the gravely injured. I [am] paralyzed in an insurgent ambush in 2004 in Sadr City. My life is coming to an end. I am living under hospice care.

“I write this letter on behalf of husbands and wives who have lost spouses, on behalf of children who have lost parents, on behalf of the fathers and mothers who have lost sons and daughters and on behalf of those who care for the many thousands of my fellow veterans who have brain injuries. I write this letter on behalf of those veterans whose trauma and self-revulsion for what they have [done, witnessed, endured] in Iraq have led to suicide and on behalf of the active-duty soldiers and Marines who commit, on average, a suicide a day. I write this letter on behalf of the some 1 million Iraqi dead and on behalf of the countless Iraqi wounded. I write this letter on behalf of us all—the human detritus your war has left behind, those who will spend their lives in unending pain and grief.

“Your positions of authority, your millions of dollars of personal wealth, your public relations consultants, [and your privilege and power] cannot mask the hollowness of your character. You sent us to fight and die in Iraq after you, Mr. Cheney, dodged the draft in Vietnam, and you, Mr. Bush, went AWOL from your National Guard unit. Your cowardice and selfishness were established decades ago. You were not willing to risk yourselves for our nation but you sent hundreds of thousands of young men and women to be sacrificed in a senseless war with no more thought than it takes to put out the garbage.

“I write this letter, my last letter, to you, Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney. I write not because I think you grasp the terrible human and moral consequences of your lies, manipulation and thirst for wealth and power. I write this letter because, before my own death, I want to make it clear that I, and hundreds of thousands of my fellow veterans, along with millions of my fellow citizens, along with hundreds of millions more in Iraq and the Middle East, know fully who you are and what you have done. You may evade justice but in our eyes you are each guilty of egregious war crimes, of plunder and, finally, of murder, including the murder of thousands of young Americans—my fellow veterans—whose future you stole.

“I joined the Army two days after the 9/11 attacks. I joined the Army because our country had been attacked. I wanted to strike back at those who had killed some 3,000 of my fellow citizens. I did not join the Army to go to Iraq, a country that had no part in the [9/11] attacks and did not pose a threat to its neighbors, much less to the [U.S.] I did not join the Army to 'liberate' Iraqis or to shut down mythical weapons-of-mass-destruction facilities or to implant what you cynically called 'democracy' in Baghdad and the Middle East. I did not join the Army to rebuild Iraq, which at the time you told us could be paid for by Iraq's oil revenues. Instead, this war has cost the United States over \$3 trillion. I especially did not join the [Army] to carry out pre-emptive war. Pre-emptive war is illegal under international law. And as a soldier in Iraq I was, I now know, abetting your idiocy and your crimes. The Iraq War is the biggest strategic blunder in U.S. history. It obliterated the balance of power in the Middle East. It installed a corrupt and brutal pro-Iranian government in Baghdad, one cemented in power through the use of torture, death squads and terror. And it has left Iran as the dominant force in the region. On every level—moral, strategic, military and economic—Iraq was a failure. And it was you, Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney, who started this war. It is you who should pay the consequences.

“I have, like many other [wounded and many other] disabled veterans, suffered from the inadequate and often inept care provided by the Veterans Administration. I have, like many other disabled veterans, come to realize that our mental and physical [disabilities and] wounds are of no interest to you, perhaps of no interest to any politician. We were used. We were betrayed. And we have been abandoned. You, Mr. Bush, make much pretense of being a Christian. But isn't lying a sin? Isn't murder a sin? Aren't theft and selfish ambition sins? I am not a Christian. But I believe in the Christian ideal. I believe that what you do to the least of your [own] brothers you finally do to yourself, to your own soul.

“I would not be writing this letter if I had been wounded in Afghanistan against those forces that carried out the attacks of 9/11. Had I been wounded there I would still be miserable because of my physical deterioration and imminent death, but I would at least have the comfort of knowing that my injuries were a consequence of my own decision to defend our country I love—the country I love. I would not have to lie in my bed, my body filled with painkillers, my life ebbing away, and deal with the fact that hundreds of thousands of human beings,

including children, including myself, were sacrificed by you for little more than the greed of oil companies, for your alliance with the oil sheiks in Saudi Arabia, and your insane visions of empire.

"My day of reckoning is upon me. Yours will come. I hope you will be put on trial. But mostly I hope, for your sakes, that you find the moral courage to face what you have done to me and to many, many others who deserved to live. I hope that before your time on earth ends, as mine is now ending, you will find the strength of character to stand before the American public and the world, and in particular the Iraqi people, and beg for forgiveness."

GUEST

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Phil Donahue, one of the best-known talk show hosts in U.S. television history, his show was on the air for more than 29 years. In 2002, he returned to the airwaves, but he was fired in 2003 on the eve of the war by MSNBC because he was allowing antiwar voices on the air. Along with Ellen Spiro, he directed the documentary, *Body of War*, which tells the story of Tomas Young, an Iraq War veteran paralyzed from a bullet to the spine. Now, at the age of 33, Tomas has decided to end his life.

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Claudia Cuellar, the wife and primary caregiver of Tomas Young.

[Video: Amy Goodman calls out MSNBC over Donohue firing \(2006\)](#)

In 2003, the legendary television host Phil Donahue was fired from his prime-time MSNBC talk show during the run-up to the U.S. invasion of Iraq. The problem was not Donahue's ratings, but rather his

views: An internal MSNBC memo warned Donahue was a "difficult public face for NBC in a time of war," providing "a home for the liberal antiwar agenda at the same time that our competitors are waving the flag at every opportunity." Donahue joins us to look back on his firing 10 years later. "They were terrified of the antiwar voice," Donahue says.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Phil, I'd like to bring in another subject in terms of this whole issue, the—what happened to you, directly, as a host on MSNBC in the midst of the run-up to the war, and the responsibilities of the press in America and its—the *mea culpas* that have rarely been uttered by the pundits and by the journalists over what the American press did in the run-up to war.

PHIL DONAHUE: Well, I think what happened to me, the biggest lesson, I think, is the—how corporate media shapes our opinions and our coverage. This was a decision—my decision—the decision to release me came from far above. This was not an assistant program director who decided to separate me from MSNBC. They were terrified of the antiwar voice. And that is not an overstatement. Antiwar voices were not popular. And if you're General Electric, you certainly don't want an antiwar voice on a cable channel that you own; Donald Rumsfeld is your biggest customer. So, by the way, I had to have two conservatives on for every liberal. I could have Richard Perle on alone, but I couldn't have Dennis Kucinich on alone. I was considered two liberals. It really is funny almost, when you look back on how—how the management was just frozen by the antiwar voice. We were scolds. We weren't patriotic. American people disagreed with us. And we weren't good for business.

AMY GOODMAN: You know, I had this unusual experience, Phil, in July of 2006. It was the 10th anniversary of MSNBC, and I was invited on *Hardball* by Chris Matthews to celebrate the 10th anniversary. I think first Brian Williams was on the show, and then the Israeli ambassador, and then I was on the show. And we were standing outside 30 Rock. It was a big deal. All the execs were on the top floor of 30 Rock, and they were all about to have a big party. And we were just coming out of a commercial.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to congratulate you, Chris, on 10 years of MSNBC, but I wish standing with you was Phil Donahue. He shouldn't have been fired for expressing an antiwar point of view on the eve of the election. His point of view and the people brought on were also important.

CHRIS MATTHEWS: I don't know what the reasons were, but I doubt it was that.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, we have the MS—the NBC memo, that was a secret memo—

CHRIS MATTHEWS: Oh, OK, good.

AMY GOODMAN: —that came out, that said they didn't want him to be the face of this network, an antiwar face, at a time when the other networks were waving the flag.

MICHAEL SMERCONISH: Could I answer the question? I'd love to answer that question.

AMY GOODMAN: Phil Donahue is a great patriot.

AMY GOODMAN: I said there, Phil, you were a great patriot. We did have the NBC memo, the secret memo that said they didn't want their flagship show to be you, when the other networks were waving the American flag.

PHIL DONAHUE: That's what it said. And, by the way, that memo was written by a Republican focus group, a Republican counseling group that took the focus group and that revealed that most of the people in the focus group didn't like me. But I saw that, Amy.

AMY GOODMAN: And yet, you were the most popular show.

PHIL DONAHUE: Well, often we led the night for the—nobody burned the town down on MSNBC, including me. Fox just ran away with the ratings and continues to enjoy that success.

AMY GOODMAN: Were you watching MSNBC that night?

PHIL DONAHUE: I did. I saw it. And I called the kids. I said, "Hey!" I'm not sure I did it soon enough. But I certainly was grateful for—I mean, I needed the pat on the back at the time.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And, Phil, the irony that MSNBC now is supposedly this liberal—

PHIL DONAHUE: It's amazing, really.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: —the liberal network now?

PHIL DONAHUE: Yeah.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: You wonder, though, if another—if another move to war came, how liberal it would remain.

PHIL DONAHUE: Well, you know, the coin of the realm is the size of the audience. It's important to see this. When a broadcasting executive gets out of bed in the morning, before his foot hits the floor, his thoughts are ratings. "What are my ratings?" Not unlike Wall Street people, who get their—and CEOs, their first thought is the price of their stock. So, you know, what—and I was replaced by Michael Savage. So there was a desperate need to get numbers.

AMY GOODMAN: Who is one of the most conservative, and that's giving conservatives a bad name.

PHIL DONAHUE: This was the decision of—

AMY GOODMAN: Michael Savage lived up to his last name.

PHIL DONAHUE: And this was a decision by higher-ups at General Electric and NBC.

AMY GOODMAN: Tomas, you wanted to say something here. Let me go to a break, and then we're going to come back, as we wrap up this broadcast. We're talking to Phil Donahue and Tomas Young, Iraq War veteran, age 33—says he will end his life in the next few months, dealing with the pain of war—and his wife, Claudia Cuellar. We'll be back in a minute.

NOTE: THE REST OF THE INTERVIEW IS NOT AVAILABLE ON DEMOCRACY NOW

2013, March 23 - RECALIBRATING TO THE NEW EARTH
by Patricia Cota-Robles

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Miracles are happening and everything is moving forward at warp speed. This includes wonderful positive changes associated with the New Earth as well as the intensified purging of the residue of negative patterns from the obsolete old Earth. It is vital that we all remember "WHERE OUR ATTENTION IS, THERE WE ARE." Whatever we are focusing on with our thoughts and feelings we are empowering and sustaining in our lives. So PLEASE stay focused on the Light and what you want to cocreate in your life experience. Move away from fear and into happiness and Love. This is a conscious choice you can make moment by moment.

It is time for all of us to fulfill our purpose and reason for being. We each have the innate ability to hold the sacred space for Humanity's recalibration into the patterns of perfection for the New Earth. That is why we volunteered to embody on Earth during this auspicious time.

When I say "WE" I am referring to YOU and every awakening person on Earth. Eventually, this will involve every man, woman, and child, but until the masses complete their awakening process, you and I and Lightworkers around the world have the critical responsibility of being our brother's and sister's keeper. After all, WE ARE ONE.

Nothing is happening by accident. Your I AM Presence magnetized this information into your sphere of awareness because this information is meant for YOU. Please go within to the Divinity of your heart, and ask your I AM Presence to reveal to you your specific part in this phase of the unfolding Divine Plan. Your Light and Love are needed NOW!

Please read the following information with an open heart and an open mind. Then listen to your heart and see how you are being guided to add to the Light of the world during this life-transforming opportunity. Many of you are familiar with some of the following information, but we have thousands of new people who have signed up for our newsletter. It is important for all of us to have this background, so we can comprehend the magnitude of the activity of Light our Father-Mother and the Beings of Light are asking us to accomplish.

Once again, our Father-Mother God and the Beings of Light in the Realms of Illumined Truth are sending a Clarion Call to YOU and all embodied Lightworkers. We are being called to participate in a global activity of Light that will fulfill the greatest need of the hour for Humanity and Planet Earth. We have each been preparing for this moment for lifetimes and we already have within us everything we need to succeed. We have the skill, the wisdom, the courage, and the strength to succeed God Victoriously. Now the Company of Heaven is hoping we also have the WILLINGNESS to respond to the inner guidance of our I AM Presence.

We have God Victoriously passed through the Shift of the Ages and this precious Planet has at long last reclaimed her rightful place in our Solar System. This is a position we have not been able to achieve since our fall from Grace millions of years ago. The miracle in all of this is that not only the Earth, but ALL Life evolving upon her was able to accomplish this mighty feat.

We have successfully Ascended through two dimensional shifts. We moved up the Spiral of Evolution from the 3rd Dimension through the 4th Dimension and into the initial frequencies of the 5th Dimension. This was a unique experiment that had never been attempted in any system of worlds. Never had a Planet that had fallen to the depths of separation and duality the Earth was experiencing been given the opportunity to move through two dimensional shifts in such a short period of time.

Because this had never been done before, no one knew if we would succeed. The belief was that there would probably be some people who would make the choice to move into the Light, but the general consensus was that millions of people would not awaken in time to make that decision and would have to be left behind. This belief was based on the incredibly slow progress Humanity had made over aeons of time. To the amazement of everyone, however, WE DID SUCCEED!

Where Do We Go From Here?

Each and every Child of God evolving on this Planet is now in position to cocreate with our God Parents the next phase of our journey back to the Heart of our Father-Mother God. This will be a unique process for every one of us, but the Company of Heaven has assured us that as we cocreate the patterns of perfection for the 5th-Dimensional New Earth, we will experience a glorious adventure beyond our wildest imagination. These precious Beings of Light have set in motion a Divine Plan that will help all of us accomplish this at a greatly accelerated pace.

The 5th Dimension is a frequency of Light that transcends separation and duality. Within this higher frequency of vibration, the gross mutations of disease, poverty, hunger, war, greed, hatred, or pain and suffering of any kind cannot be sustained. The 5th Dimension is a timeless, spaceless frequency of God's Infinite Light and Perfection. It is the frequency that we have always known as the Heavenly Realms. Now with the Shift of the Ages God Victoriously accomplished, the Heavenly Realms have Ascended up the Spiral of Evolution into the 6th-Dimensional Realms of Light.

Within the 5th Dimension, Divine Love and the consciousness of Oneness and Reverence for Life are the ONLY reality. The Sons and Daughters of God abiding in the 5th Dimension are destined to cocreate experiences that enhance life with every thought, word, action, feeling, and belief we express. We will cocreate win-win situations for everybody as we perpetually focus on Love, Light, and the highest good for ALL concerned.

This may sound too good to be true, but actually it does not even begin to describe the wonders and joyous things we will be cocreating once we ACCEPT that the New Earth has been Birthed, and we daily and hourly live out of that profound Truth.

With the Birth of the New Earth we have moved into a Higher Order of Being. Love is the Order of the New Day on Planet Earth. This is not just a lofty platitude or wishful thinking. This is the reality of the New Earth we are now living upon. A supreme consciousness of Love is filtering into the heart and mind of every person on the planet. The masses of Humanity will soon begin to "*see with new eyes and hear with new ears.*"

Daily and hourly keep this *inner knowing* in your heart and mind. Pay attention to the Loving experiences manifesting all around you. You will be amazed at the things that are happening within Humanity that reflect a new consciousness of Love, Oneness, and Reverence for ALL Life. Pay attention. Focus ONLY on what you want to cocreate on the New Earth through Love and Reverence for ALL Life.

Throughout 2013, 2014, and 2015 the Company of Heaven will guide us through amazing opportunities that will accelerate the process of our tangible manifestation of the New Earth. All we have to do is ask. Those patterns of perfection exist right here, right now. These are wondrous times. Stay focused; this is the beginning of our glorious New Reality.

The Divine Plan

The Company of Heaven is asking Lightworkers to gather within the portal of the most powerful frequencies of our Father-Mother God's Transfiguring Divine Love on Earth. This portal is in the foothills of Tucson, Arizona. Together we will form a mighty transformer through which the Light of God will flow to accelerate the process of tangibly manifesting the patterns of perfection for the New Earth in the physical world of form.

We have Birthed the New Earth in the 5th-Dimensional Realms of CAUSE, and now the patterns of perfection for the New Earth are pulsating in, through, and around the mental and emotional strata of Earth. What we must understand, however, is that in order for these glorious patterns to manifest in the physical plane, they must be drawn through the Divinity within the Heart Flames of people abiding on Earth.

We can do this individually and accomplish the process little by little, but if we come together within the most powerful Portal of Divine Love on Earth and collectively anchor the patterns for the New Earth through our unified Heart Flames, the Company of Heaven said we will cocreate a quantum shift that will exponentially move this process forward by leaps and bounds.

It is critical that Lightworkers from around the world be physically present for this facet of the unfolding Divine Plan. Together we will form the transformer that will magnetize the patterns of perfection for our Newly Birthed

Earth through our Heart Flames into the physical world of form. All of the Lightworkers who have been prepared to serve in this wondrous way on behalf of Humanity and all Life on this sweet Earth will know who they are through the inner promptings of their heart. Listen to your heart, and Trust your inner guidance. YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO A HIGHER SERVICE ON BEHALF OF HUMANITY AND ALL LIFE EVOLVING ON THIS SWEET EARTH.

In addition to those who are inspired to be physically present, there will be Lightworkers who will join in consciousness from points of Light around the world. These Lightworkers will project the Light flowing through their Heart Flames into the Portal of Light where the Lightworkers are physically gathered in Tucson, Arizona. Thus our unified efforts will expand a thousand times a thousandfold.

Listen to your I AM Presence. Know that every Lightworker will be in his or her right and perfect place. Respond to whatever your I AM Presence is guiding you to do. We must Trust and KNOW that if we are being guided to be physically present within the Portal of Transfiguring Divine Love, then our I AM Presence and the Company of Heaven will assist us in paving the way. This is true whether we need assistance with time, energy, or money to accomplish this facet of our Divine Mission.

The vehicle that will be used for this gathering of Lightworkers is the 27th Annual World Congress on Illumination. This event will take place August 10-15, 2013. We will gather at the beautiful Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, Arizona. This exquisite resort exists within the heart of the Portal of Transfiguring Divine Love. All of the information you will need to participate in this wondrous opportunity is available on our website. Here is the link:

<http://www.eraofpeace.org/important-information/world-congress/>

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God Bless YOU, for your willingness to be the Open Door that will secure the patterns of perfection for the New Earth in the physical plane. This is our New Beginning. It is the beginning of the Renaissance of Divine Love Humanity is destined to cocreate in the physical world of form as we live, move, breathe, and act out of this new reality. Let's do this together.

The 27th Annual World Congress On Illumination
August 10-15, 2013, Tucson, Arizona

The World Congress will begin with the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, August 10th at 7:30 p.m. and conclude with the Closing Ceremonies on Thursday, August 15th by 2:00 p.m.

This sacred conclave will be a celestial experience for everyone involved. Each day, as we successfully fulfill one phase of the Divine Plan, the Spiritual Hierarchy will reveal the next phase of the plan to us. As we sojourn through the various activities of Light, under the Divine Guidance of our Father-Mother God and the Company of Heaven, our mission will be victoriously accomplished.

This event will take place at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, which is nestled in the unique beauty and the nurturing, healing environment of the southwestern desert in Tucson, Arizona. The resort is surrounded by lush desert vegetation and towering two to three-hundred-year-old saguaro cacti. These expressions of the Elemental Kingdom stand as mighty sentinels while anchoring the Light of God into the Earth.

When you enter this portal of Light, you will experience the awesome radiance of the Flame of Healing Through the Power of Infinite Transmutation and the Flame of Transfiguring Divine Love. As this Sacred Fire bathes your Being, you will be blessed with the familiar feeling of coming home.

The World Congress On Illumination is truly a life-transforming event that will provide you with the opportunity to meet old friends from around the world with whom you have been serving for aeons of time. Fellow Lightworkers will join hearts with you and support you in your monumental service to the Light.

The Divine Plan we are being called to fulfill will be accomplished through myriad activities of Light. We will be joined at inner levels by the Solar Logos from Suns beyond Suns, the entire Company of Heaven, the God Selves of ALL Humanity, the Divine Intelligence that directs the Elemental Kingdom, the Mighty Elohim, and the Legions of Angels throughout Infinity.

The entire Universe is supporting us in this wondrous endeavor. The Beings of Light have been given permission to assist us in miraculous ways, but the Lightworkers on Earth are the predominant force bringing this Divine Plan into physical manifestation.

Our responsibility is enormous, but as we join our hearts together, we have the absolute ability to succeed God Victoriously.

Just for a moment, go within to the Divinity of your Heart Flame, and experience the overwhelming Gratitude and Love pouring forth from the Legions of Light in the Heavenly Realms. Feel the deep appreciation they are sending to you for your willingness to serve Humanity during this critical moment in the evolution of this sweet Earth. We are blessed beyond measure to be able to assist all Life evolving on Earth in this wondrous way.

Hotel Accommodations and Registration Fees

This wonderful resort is giving us a great package rate that includes a beautiful room with two double beds and two delightful meals a day. One meal will be a substantial breakfast, and the other meal will be either lunch or dinner, depending on our planned activities. The package rate includes all taxes and gratuity. As a special gift, the hotel is allowing us to have up to four people in a room.

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Your Room for Five Nights
Two Delightful Meals a Day
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We are offering a discount of \$150.00 for those who register by April 1, 2013. We are also offering a discount of \$100.00 for those who register by May 1, 2013, and a discount of \$50.00 for those who register by June 1, 2013. After June 1, 2013, registration will be full price. Registrations must be paid by July 10, 2013, to ensure your space. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis.

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