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Opening Meditation: D'yanna

Housekeeping: Carolyn / Rainbird

Thank you!

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we can access program archives on BBS
 - We need **\$ 305 to complete last week and this week.**
 - Needs everyone of us to donate something, as we need to hear from all on the call.
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- T & R:**
- they need food & gas money this week; at least \$300 this week
 - Can donate via the Paypal button on the website: www.2013RainbowRoundTable.ning.com

- **Please notify them if you're sending something:** koran999@comcast.net

- Rama's mailing address for cheques, Money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
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Santa Fe, NM 87505

- **phone contact** is via MariettaRobert: 317-773-0061
or by e-mail: stargatemarietta@gmail.com

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

- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too

- The mailing address for those who do not like paying electronically:

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5167 Toyon Lane
Paradise, CA 95969**

T: If you send a check to BBS, all the money you send gets there; Paypal always takes off a fee of some kind.

Hard News:

- R:** As Mr 19.5* said today: there is a blatant disregard for the Office of the Christ in this moment;
- as Sananda has said, you don't kick people when they are down, which is what has happened with the passage of the bill in the House today
 - and some of them are not even humans! as in the movie *Bladerunner*: memories are inserted

Randi Rhodes had on a super soldier who woke up & read the green books, and prayed St Germain, and some Pleiadian folks came to help - he is back to tell his story: it is only about love and not about greed

Ed Schultz: played one of Sen Ted Kennedy's last speeches today with John Nichols

- they had Republicans rolling in their graves talking about what is happening today
 - they said they are going to defund the gov't because we hate this man so much & we will do it knowing we will get a kick back
- Yet we are in a cycle that cannot be stopped – now is the time: Mother comes

T: what they are hearing is what they have been waiting for: straight comments from Thom Hartmann & others

- cutting off food stamps: 85% of the people cut off are children and their parents, elderly, disabled
- Thom Hartmann read something today: everytime the Republicans are in power, there are more suicides

Audio: President's speech from Kansas today

[SEE BELOW]

Conf Call:

Ed Schultz: had on John Nichols; they talked about those being cut off the Food Stamp program

- Said the Republicans do not represent the people, have violated their votes of office, guilty of high treason.

Caller1: heard Pres Obama speak – hope it wakes a lot of people up! Explained things very well -
Wake up America!

T: they look like they are frozen in time while others are moving on. They are terrified!

- It couldn't be better than having new Iranian Prime Minister, the Ayatollah say the same thing to the the Republican Guard
- They have also said they are not saying anything against Israel, ever again!

Caller2: heard it on Coast-to-Coast: a drill between Gov't and Utilities about securing the power grids.
READEX

T: IF anything goes down, the Ashtar Command will back up whatever happens

Caller2: will be pretty interesting how they do it

T: Emperor Keith Anderson has lost lots of underground facilities

It's the Illuminati, Committee of 300 etc etc

Caller2: has candles and a few things. Short wave radio.

T: listens to alternative radio programs during the night.

Caller2: her book is coming out soon.

T: people are now looking for answers

Caller3: an experience ast night – felt such an outpouring of love yesterday. Did anyone else have such a heart opening?

T: talks of the astrological reading from last night: caller experienced a shift

Caller: asks about the methane gas / ice caps from last night – is there anything we can do?

T: understands the Ashtar Command will help us

- Almanac says it is to be a really cold winter with lots of snow
- We are not praying for anything because that is the future
- We will pray peaceful solutions that is the best for all involved – the Ascended Masters will take care
- **www.350.org is Bill McGibbon's website**
- Rachel covered it last night: the Greenpeace people went up to the Arctic Circle and challenged a Russian oil drilling rig; they were going to drill into the shale which is the worst thing possible.
- The Russians got into a dinghy and shot at the Greenpeaceers climbing up the rope

Caller3: aren't they aware enough to know what they are doing? Is this about money?

T: they don't give a flying ** - they are all lizards and they don't get hurt by methane gas**

- Rachel exposed them, so she was doing something
- They high jacked the boat of Greenpeace and took all the men to the Russian ship – all the info we have is what Russia put on her show; no one knows what is happening.
- **PEOPLE CAN WATCH ALL PAST SHOWS OF RACHEL – and Rachel will follow up on topics**
- The guys on the rig are ex-KGB agents, programmed to the hilt – very nasty!

- Every Sept 21st is the International Day of Peace; Bono got this on the map: he has been leading the way to getting NESARA on the map. He and Willie Nelson both stuck their necks out!!!!

Caller3: not having enough money is getting pretty bad for people all around her in her area

T: this is not about money: a pile of lizards have been manipulating the system for 13,000 years – what they have really done is gone against cosmic law; **they will be tried as intergalactic war criminals**

Caller3: was the gulf of Aden thing so they could get out?

T: NO – the earth is expanding; the different countries have been watching the actualization of the earth's diameter expanding at the Gulf of Aden!!! This is helping to keep the sea level from drowning in their homes in the coastal regions

Caller3: has a feeling she should leave; lives in one of the few elevated places in Florida – could have ocean front property!!!

Peak of Equinox: 4:44 pm EDT

T: prays for millenials to show up every day of the week!

Caller3: she calls T & R friends, and the stars. When she talks to people, she finds they don't remember, yet she knows she has elevated them in some way.

T: Saturn in North Node: the last time they were in Scorpio at 18* - 549 years ago. And was there on Wed.

- Will happen again in 2161 when it will be at 24* Scorpio

Caller3: nostradamus h

T: the world AS WAS KNOWN is what it meant: not the world, just the world AS IT WAS KNOWN.

- Nostradamus and Leonardo De Vinci were the same soul. Leonardo was college material when he was 9! T remembers being both of them.

Caller3: her dad was with the military for years; went to France and the De Vinci museum; she has been in space and he hasn't; he came back and said that he thought DeVinci must have known people from the stars.

Caller4: introduces self

T: someone they both know has left her body. The lady who died had no money to fix her teeth and remove the mercury which led to all kinds of troubles. Her body is in the morgue, and \$2300 is needed to cremate her.

Caller4: will put the word out

T: get in touch with the person who knows lots of folks and give her some help

Caller4: question for a neighbour who found something from the Golden Age of Gaia, the N Korean Dong
Wants to know about it

T: **NONE OF THAT STUFF WILL EVER PAY OUT.** It is all an attempt to keep them in power, and this won't work. Wells Fargo will not pay that stuff out; Rama has been talking to all the banks and they will not touch any of these things: the Patriot Act is in place and they will end up in prison if they touch those notes.

Caller4: felt disinterested, smells like everything else

T: **leave all money issues alone – THIS IS NOT ABOUT MONEY.**

T: **this particular equinox:** dream the dream for what you are passionate about, and withOUT NEGATIVITY.

- Keep it high, expansive, love it with all your heart and soul!
- Teach only love and peace.

R: what we are watching is so auspicious; it hasn't quite got to the level where Joe the Plumber and Dave the Carpenter are getting it, as the football game is still on! But Dave Ziran is out there telling the truth about sports.

T: Major sports people are getting arrested for drugs and so on; head injuries, etc

Music:

Audio: channeled from the Pleidians – la-ak-ma.com

Colin Baird Smith

Auribal Divine – story teller

Remembering Who We Are – the book they have written

Audio: Choices from the Heart <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpGU9fifAFo>

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Our true nature is divine love. And divine love is eternal. This is who we truly are, with or without a physical body. But many of us have been conditioned since young by family members, society, government to behave in ways that allow others to feel safe which takes away our own safety.

And in our awakening to our own true nature, we begin to meld with our own divine selves, and we begin to discover that our safety, our security, our joy comes from within us. This discovery allows us to feel and be free, to understand true love for self, to express compassion in many ways. When we are in this state nothing and no one can touch us or affect us in negative ways because we are balance inside. And there is nothing or no one to forgive.

Laarkmaa has conveyed their wisdom to both Pia and Cullen on how humanity can begin re-

instating health and well being and coming back to balance, into harmony. By making choices from the heart, you can begin this journey. But then you already know this. This is only a reminder of things you have forgotten and are now remembering.

I wish you great re-discoveries and joy on your journey to wholeness. And always perceive from your Heart, always from the Heart. Because that's where all divine and benevolent creations begin.

Inlakesh,
Oribel Divine

Let love be our agenda. ♥

Mother

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant one; in the Office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame.

T: we pray joy; we pray peace; we pray harmony; we pray love of all that is; we pray balance; we pray for the highest good and for the transformation of all that which is not needed for Paradise returned.

Greetings, Children of RA!

- Indeed, choices from the heart; that's the big issue of the day. The choice to serve The One Master or to serve the people. It seems that all but 64 of them serve 2 masters. Choices. As the sun shines on everyone, it does not make choices: it just is. Take a lesson from the sun. It is only about love, unconditional compassion, Divine Love.
- There are so many places that are being affected by the energies coming in; this is why there are ants in the pants to pull off such heinous crimes and go in the face of the Commander-in-Chief and go in his back yard and try to take him out.
- Not an issue of hearing voices: the one issue that has been stirring in the pot since this man stood in Grant Park: "Yes, we can" and "Yes, we can do it with love"
- The greatest story unravelling- the prophets and all others have arrived; the passion play is at a fever pitch: it seems like the man said: it is about US, We the People, how we can politely, gracefully get in the faces of the ones who, with all due respect are called law- makers: they are law – breakers. It is a double edged scimitar we speak of
- **Don't go to the regular talk shows** – go to the fringe of the circle, the edge of the circle, the blending of the 2 worlds – this is where we are [MS] –
 - it is about the Aboriginal Moabite nation and what he brings to the story: the story of the one-hearted people: we are one voice, one mind: the people have said that the greatest gift is to pay it forward at this time.
 - She would say that the steam that is being created here: it is what he is saying we built this city, this story about – it is a convoluted story, the one about our ancient space travelling devices known as vehicles or things we move around in – ancient devices that are not safe! [automobiles!]

T: where is my shuttle craft?

MS: it is parked in the hangar, about to be revealed by the one in the Office of the Christ, here. We are to be introduced with death on our shoulder & that is the issue: we sit on the fringe of the circle, watching, waiting. There is no waiting, it is the doing of it, as we all are doing it – one voice, one heart; what is shared in the last few hours has been about the big story of the least among us.

- It is a **really big deal** because the ones who would cut off the hands of those who need it most are in her cross hairs – there is no discussion.
- The Dark Rift is open; the story of all that we understand about separation of time, space, the spaces in between the particles – it is all NOW. What we are experiencing is the upliftment of these energies as we cross, once again, even more expanse of the Galactic Plane and get closer to Galactic Centre. It has increased the ire of everyone.
- It is about the story of the least among us: the Man with the Plan [Sananda] has said "Enough! Feed the

people!" Yet Boehner and others cannot get past the dollar signs; they would feed their master who has already come back to love, and he would also say "Feed the people! That's an order!"

- They hold no power, only that of fear. They are deathly afraid of mercy, justice; the place where they are saying "Do it! Do it now, Mother". And we are saying "As you have asked, so it is. It is done. And so it is" It is about those choices.

MS: this man made choices of the heart because he saw that the needs of many outweigh the needs of the few.

- **Super Soldier on Randi Rhodes** made a choice and called on Beloved Master St Germain after reading the Green Books. His choices were grim, as The Grim Reaper, since he was sitting with one of those ancient war weapons in Iraq: a gatling gun. Shoots hundreds of rounds and does not stop until the line of bullets is gone – 10' long, or 50' long – who knows how long. He made a conscious choice to "pray St Germain". Pleiadians came in a renegade craft and rescued Adam; he was brought to Pleiades where he could heal and rejuvenate & reintegrate.
 - Those on Pleiades saw the plight of those goos men who made a choice in a very dark place
 - he went to Mars too and what he saw there made the island of Dr Moreau look like a kindergarten.
 - The things on the surface of Mars are the results of failed experiments of Area 51 – a place where you would not send your worst enemies: it is what these children of ours have done.
 - Adam was given a choice: he could ascend from Pleiades; He said "no, I want to go back to earth, heal, tell my story so people will know what we have done"
 - These are acts of love that change the timelines of this moment; **people need to see what is not shown on Larry King Live or the War Room of Wolf Blitzer or The Situation Room – all fake news.**
- **Put on Abby Martin: Breaking the Set** – and with all due respect, she has an issue with Mr 19.5* - she is pushing him to the river, saying down by the river, you're going to talk why it is not you who ordered Mr Al Awaki to die by drones; it was the Black Widow - who counts the days and says I'm running, I'm not running. And Mr Wener is playing games with the twitter feed
- In a way, what Randi Rhodes described in the story of Adam today: maybe we could relate this to the movie *Billy Jack*. the movie but he sold out and became a supoorter of Rand Paul -

T: Rand Paul surprised everyone today because he supported Barack Obama

MS: that is because we stuck a pin in his butt.

- The ancient eye that never shuts; it is just an ancient war dream called Saron - the ring [ref to Lord of the Rings] has been destroyed yet they keep digging it up out of the lava each day
- Mr Kim Jung Il may get it together to shoot a nuke on California - but maybe there will be a black basketball player to have him cool his jets!
- There are funny sick issues on this planet: souls asking for one second of divine, orgasmic joy; they are getting it as we move into the equinox, the great equalizer where things get settled –
 - there is a separation of worlds for all intents and purposes for those who have made their choices – so be it, and so it is.
- A chapter of the planet's story which is about Gaia, Vywamus dancing the forbidden dance – it is about love.
- And they are worrying about getting their script, getting paid from chief operator of the corporation of death?
 - Sequestration has a greater stranglehold on the country; the ones who have said no to SNAP, health care, food stamp - the strangle holds are tightening on them too
 - Make peace with your gods as you have made your choices. And at the same time, watch what you eat, what you drink, who gets in the cap with you!
 - Remember what Neo said about the black cat – there are glitches in the matrix, openings – was it a black cat or was it a black cat? It is about the glitches in the matrix, the holes in the fence where the rabbits got out and speak with the voices of the lion who never sleeps;
- the one hearted people, the people of Zudiachus – the people have said we want peace, and we want it now.
 - Even Nelson Mandela, a clone, has said it is time
- Rama got a text message from Desmond Tutu today:
 - why does it take the least among us to have the loudest voice when they would take the food from those who have no voice to speak; the ones who are waiting for help – those from Hurricane Sandy
 - There are people still living in FEMA camps. And Chris Christie is worried about Cory Booker who only wants to help the people. There's your bed; you can sleep in it!
 - We are coming for you Mr Bloomberg – for 2 years now, Zicotti Park looks like a pig sty because there are lots of blue-uniformed pigs {administrators of the NWO}

- Yet the pigs are afraid of their masters – this is not a pretty story, sitting around the virtual campfire and passing the talking stick and saying now is the time to make a different story, when the Man with the Plan says – when you have given to me what you have given to all the others – think about it, Mr Boehner and Mr Bloomberg

T: if the Super Soldier saw the horror stories on Mars, then Obama saw it too?

MS: yes

T: Are anything going to change for those ones on Mars & left to their own devices?

MS: as we go through these moments of 175 million years into the future, **1/3 of the galaxy is coming back into focus:** we did it! NESARA gets announced and peace is declared – this guy is walking us through it!
 • Yet they are cutting off the hand that feeds them – the ancient, ancient fears is about the story that is missing from your story, our story – Goddess Sekhmet, Dirga, Pele, Kali – too many names to list. Yet we have always been here, always will be – we'll switch the role of the divine with our beloved twin flame Alcyone as we switch the polarities throughout the universe, as Alcyone takes the active role, and we take the other role, & Lady Ma'at steps in, and Mother becomes Alcyone

T: looks like another Geneva meeting & that there has been a list of locations in Syria though maybe things have been relocated

MS: things got moved around in the shuffling of the deck; too many convoluted stories here and not to do with the CIA, it is about the stargates and the secret people who affect this story: the Mahdi and his white horse and scimitar of Divine Love, and Admiral Sananda Kumara

T: doesn't the complete alignment of Iran with The Mahdi change the whole thing?

MS: Gives new meaning to the moment and what Yousef Islam sings "Peace Train": needs to be given a chance.

T: they look like dunces pursuing this wrong game

MS: It is because the people see it through that veil and the 7 virgins – it is not about al Queda, CIA -duh – it is called 9/11 & Bush and Cheney & Rummy and Rice and the rest!

T: Rachel played HUBRIS tonight – very telling!

MS: no accidents; adding salt to the wound. Why do David Addington and Turd Blossom walk the earth still?

T: Turd Blossom went up against Ted Cruz and said he had some screws loose that he's gonna lose!

Audio: Thom Hartmann from today.

[THIS IS WORTH LISTENING TO!!!]

BBC article: more people commit suicide when the Conservatives were in power during 20th century

As for today: 2008 – 2010 US suicide rate increased 4 times faster!

- 85% of people getting foodstamps: children, parents of children, elderly, disabled
- will see families fall apart, domestic violence go up, child abuse, spousal abuse, homicides
- AND take \$100 away from people living in their cars, tents, homeless shelters

• **THE HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE KILLERS! They are the Death Panel**

- They don't want the ACA to go further because people will love it & Obama will be even more popular.
- Science has done the research and shown what will happen when food, money taken from people.
- It is a mental illness that has as its results the death of the American people.

T: the equinox is separating the wheat from the chaff!

MS: could not have said it better!

- These ones have no respect for life: they are immortals, yet at the same time they have violated their own immortality which is why she speaks constantly of the Dark rift, the centre of the Milky Way Galaxy, the The separation of worlds
- Kadoish, Kadoish, Kadoish; Adonia Sabaoth
- Remember who you are, People of Earth! You have the power! It is called LOVE!!!
- Namaste!

Rama: seems he's been walking in the giant foyer in front of the vatican / Sistine Chapel/ the open space in front of it; he was there and people were walking through the area – he saw glowing luminous beings filled with a different kind of light – turquoise, blueish, greenish –

- seemed like there were magical beings trying to clean up the dark energy of that area. Could be like fairies, gnomes, who come out at night and clean up the darkness of the streets!

T: time to open up the Vatican library and get those records straight.

- Bless your heart, Thom Hartmann for speaking your mind today!!!

Audio: Bill Maher

- the President of Iran is sending Rosh Hosannah greetings to Israel! And saying no more nukes!
- The Pope – first atheists can get into heaven; then it was about not judging gays; today it was the church should not obsess over abortions, birth control, and maybe he'll think about priests marrying!
- The one group who did not get the memo about putting a little love into things is the Republicans!

Guest List: September 20, 2013

The Interview:

Billy Crystal is the author of *Still Foolin' 'Em: Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where the Hell Are My Keys?* He recently appeared in the film *Parental Guidance* and lent his voice to *Monsters University*. In November he will bring *700 Sundays* -- the Tony Award-winning play based on his autobiography -- back to Broadway.

Twitter: [@BillyCrystal](#)

The Panel:

Joy Behar is an actress and comic and one of the original co-hosts of *The View*. Earlier this week she appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.

Twitter: [@JoyVBehar](#)

David Frum is an author and contributing editor to *The Daily Beast*, as well as a contributor to [CNN](#). His 2012 ebook, *Why Romney Lost* is a "forthright analysis that offers a bold, hopeful plan for Republican success in the years ahead." In his latest Daily Beast [column](#), Frum argues that we can save lives by approaching gun control like we did automobile safety.

Twitter: [@davidfrum](#)

Chris Hayes is the host of MSNBC's *All In With Chris Hayes* and the author of *Twilight of the Elites*, now in paperback. Earlier this month he sat down with Secretary of State John Kerry for an [interview](#) about Syria.

Twitter: [@chrishayes](#)

Jeremy Seifert joins the panel mid-show. He is the director of "[GMO OMG](#)," which opened last week in New York and premieres in LA this Friday. The film "tells the hidden story of the takeover of our food supply by giant chemical companies." Seifert's first documentary, [DIVE!](#), won 21 awards in film festivals worldwide. Twitter: [@Jeremy_Seifert](#)

Audio: [Keiser Report: Housing Bubble Ponzi and Icarus Economics](#)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=3GHnEpp1B3A

We discuss the triangle of fraud in the housing sector and the policy of Icarus economics in which banks can't crash soon enough because then they can get their bailouts from the taxpayer. In the second half, Max interviews [Simon Rose of SaveOurSavers.co.uk](#) about the George Osborne's 'New Deal' of putting estate agents to work as flocks of pigs fly across the London sky. They also discuss the five years of unintended consequences, including that which has led to the idea being floated of a government cap on house price rises to correct the problem of government intervention in the mortgage market.

Reading: D'yhanni Yawhoo

Closing: Rainbird

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2013, Sept 20

<http://www.kshb.com/dpp/money/full-video-obama-talks-economic-progress-at-ford-stamping-plant-in-liberty>

WASHINGTON (AP) - ****President Obama visited the Ford stamping plant in Liberty, Mo., on Friday. The following a transcript of his speech.****

Hello, Missouri! Everybody give Jordan a big round of applause.

I just want to say about Jordan -- third generation Ford employee. She's going to school during the week, works at the plant on the weekends, getting a degree in business management -- and will be taking Alan's place running the company in about -- (laughter) -- I don't know -- oh, it may take a few years. But we're so proud of her. And congratulations for everything that she represents. When you see young people like that who are working so hard, making something of themselves, and are rooted in a community like this one, it really makes you proud.

Before I get started, there are a couple other folks that I want to introduce that are working for you day in, day out. First of all, your outstanding Governor, Jay Nixon, and his wife Georganne. The plant might not have been here had it not been for the great work of Jay. So that's important to know.

We've got my outstanding Secretary of Health and Human Services, former governor of Kansas -- Kathleen Sebelius is in the house. She basically just came because her son and his fiancé are here. But we're glad she's here.

One of my greatest friends and just a tough, smart, dedicated public servant -- Senator Claire McCaskill is here. Give Claire a big round of applause. Your former mayor, preacher, can do everything -- (applause) -- Emanuel Cleaver is in the house. Current Mayor of Kansas City, Sly James, is here. Mayor of Kansas City, Kansas, Mark Holland is here. And the Mayor right here in Liberty, Lyndell Brenton, and his lovely wife Roxanne are here. Where are they? There they are.

Now, when I said I was flying into Kansas City to see an incredible success story in action, I did not think I was going to be talking about the Chiefs.

AUDIENCE: Woo, woo, woo!

THE PRESIDENT: Before you get carried away, I just want to point out that the Bears are 2-0.

AUDIENCE: Booo --

THE PRESIDENT: I'm just saying. And we're actually able to pass more than 10 yards.

AUDIENCE: Ooooh -

THE PRESIDENT: Just a little trash-talking. We'll see how we're looking at the end of the season.

I want to give special thanks to Ford's CEO. This is one of our outstanding business leaders, has helped to lead Ford to be the number-one automaker in the United States of America -- Alan Mulally is here. And we're very proud of him.

It doesn't matter if you've got an outstanding CEO if you don't have outstanding workers. And the President of Local 249, Jeff Wright, is here. Your launch manager, Todd Jaranowski, I really like because he is a Bears and a Sox fan. Come on, give Todd a big round of applause. And I very much appreciate him and some of the other folks showing me around this new stamping plant right here.

Now, you may not be aware of this, but you and I have a little history together. I may roll in a Cadillac these days-- no, no, but it's not my car. I'm just -- I'm renting, just like my house. The lease runs out in about three and a half years. But before that, I was driving around in a 2008 Ford Escape. It came right off these assembly lines. Some of you might have been involved in building it. It was a great car. Problem is I got Secret Service about a month after I bought the car, so I've only got 2,000 miles on it. It is in mint condition.

So I want to say thank you for building my car. But I also came here to talk about what's got to be the number-one priority in this country, and that is growing our economy, creating new jobs, and making sure that everyone who works hard in America has a chance to get ahead. It's our number-one priority.

Now, some of you remember, five years ago a financial crisis hit Wall Street. It then turned into a devastating recession on Main Street and it came close to being another Great Depression. By the time I took office, the economy was shrinking at a rate of 8 percent a year – unprecedented. Our businesses were shedding 800,000 jobs a month. And you had this perfect storm, and millions of Americans lost their jobs, their homes, their savings they had been working a lifetime to get.

But what the recession also showed was the fact that for decades, middle-class families had been working harder and harder just to get by, hadn't seen their incomes go up, hadn't seen their wages go up. Manufacturing was moving overseas. And so what built our middle class had been buckling, had been weakening.

And I think if you ask most Americans when the economic crisis hit, they might not date it to Lehman Brothers collapsing. They'd talk to you about when they got a pink slip that they didn't expect, or the bank took away their home, or they didn't have health insurance, or maybe they were told the plant was shutting down and the assembly line was going quiet. Those were tough times.

Five years ago, plants like this one were closing their doors. And the day I stepped into the Oval Office, the American auto industry -- which is the heartbeat of American manufacturing -- (applause) -- heartbeat of manufacturing -- the auto industry was flat-lining.

Ford was standing on its own two feet, had made some smart decisions. But Alan will tell you, if GM and Chrysler had gone down, suppliers would go down; dealers would have gone down. And all of that would have had a profound impact on Ford.

I refused to let that happen. So we worked with labor, we worked with management. Everybody had to make some sacrifices. Everybody put some skin in the game. We bet on the American worker. We bet on you. And today, that bet has paid off because the American auto industry has come roaring back.

The Big Three are all profitable, hiring new workers. You're not just building more cars --- you're building better cars, better trucks. Look at what's going on right here at the plant. The new F-150 is built tougher than ever, more fuel-efficient than ever. You've got trouble making them fast enough. You had to bring on a third shift of 900 workers just to keep up with demand.

And because Ford invested \$1.1 billion in this plant, pretty soon, 1,100 more new workers will be joining you on these assembly lines in good, union jobs, building the Ford Transit.

So more jobs building cars -- that means more jobs for suppliers. It means more jobs for distributors. It means more jobs for the folks who own the restaurant here in town, or the bar, depending on -- (laughter.) It has an impact on your tax base. It has an impact on the teacher who teaches your kids, the first responders who keeps you safe. All those people are impacted by your success.

And that fundamental idea that when everybody is doing -- when some of us are doing well, it's okay, but when everybody has got a stake, that's when things really start rolling -- that's at the heart of every decision I've made as President. Because when the middle class does better, we all do better. Shareholders do better. CEOs do better. Workers do better. Everybody does better.

So in the depths of the crisis, we passed a Recovery Act to make sure that we put a floor below which this country couldn't fall. We put money in folks' pockets with tax breaks. We made sure that people were rebuilding roads and bridges, keeping things going, helping to keep teachers and firefighters and cops on the job. Today, three and a half years later, our businesses have added 7.5 million new jobs -- 7.5 million new jobs.

We helped responsible homeowners stay in their homes -- won one of the biggest settlements in history on behalf of people who had wrongfully lost their homes because banks hadn't done things right. Today, our housing market is healing.

We took on a tax code that was too skewed towards the wealthy. We gave tax cuts, locked them in for 98 percent of families. We asked those in the top 2 percent to pay a little bit more. Today, middle-class tax rates are near their all-time low. The deficits are falling at the fastest rate since World War II. That's what we did.

We invested in new American technologies to end our addiction to foreign oil. Today we're generating more renewable energy than ever before, produce more natural gas than anybody in the world. We're about to produce more of our own oil than we buy from overseas for the first time in nearly 20 years.

And we took on a broken health care system. And in less than two weeks, millions of Americans who've been locked out of the insurance market are finally going to be able to get quality health care. Out of every 10 Americans who are currently uninsured, six out of those 10 are going to be able to get covered for less than \$100 a month -- less than your cell phone bill.

So we've been working, just like you've been working, over these last four and a half years. We've cleared away the rubble from the crisis. We've started to lay a new foundation for economic growth, a new foundation for prosperity. And everybody here, we all had to make some adjustments. I'm assuming some folks had to tighten their belts, get rid of some debt, focus on things that really matter, cut out some things you didn't need.

We've shown the world that the American people are tough, they're resilient. The only thing built tougher than Ford trucks are American workers, the American people. That's what we've shown.

All right, so that's the good news. But any working person, any middle-class family, they'll tell you we're not yet where we need to be. The economy is growing, but it needs to grow faster. We're producing jobs, but we need to create more jobs and more good-paying jobs. We've got to make sure that we're rebuilding an economy that doesn't work from the top down, works from the middle out; that gives ladder of opportunity to folks who still don't have a job.

We've got to make sure that workers are sharing in growth and productivity. Right now, even

though businesses are creating jobs, the top 1 percent took home 20 percent of the nation's income last year. The average worker barely saw a raise.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's not fair.

THE PRESIDENT: It ain't fair. It ain't right.

So in many ways, the trends that have taken hold over the past few years of a winner-take-all economy, a few folks at the top doing better and better and better, everybody else treading water or losing ground -- that's not a model that we want. And it's been made worse by this recession.

So what I've been doing over the last couple months, I've been visiting towns like Liberty, traveling all across the country talking about what we need to do to reverse those trends, make sure we've got a better bargain for middle-class America: Good jobs that pay good wages; an education that prepares our kids for a global economy; a home that is secure; affordable health care that is there when you get sick; a secure retirement even if you're not rich -- all those things that make for a secure life so you can raise your kids and have confidence that they're going to do better than you did. That's what I'm focused on. That's what you're focused on. That's what Congress should be focused on.

Which brings me to the current situation. Let me talk a little bit about what's going on back in Washington. Right now, Congress is in the middle of a budget debate. Now, there's nothing new about that. Every year Congress has got to pass a budget, and it's always a contentious process. But right now our recovery still needs to build more strength, so it's important that we get it right in Washington, because even though our success as a country is ultimately going to depend on great businesses like Ford, hard workers like you, government has to do some things.

Congress has to pass a budget to make sure our education system works, and prepares our kids and our workers for the global economy. If we're going to rebuild our roads, our bridges, our airports, our ports, government has got to be involved in that. If we're going to have scientific research and development -- I was looking at all these

newfangled pieces of equipment here -- some of the things that allowed the efficiencies of this plant originated in laboratories and scientists doing work on the government's dime. That's how we always maintain our cutting-edge. These are things that help us grow. These are things that help the private sector succeed.

So when people tell you somehow government is irrelevant. No, everything we do has some connection to making sure that we, collectively, as a democracy, are making some smart investments in the future. That's how it's always been.

So what Congress is doing right now is important. Unfortunately, right now the debate that going on in Congress is not meeting the test of helping middle-class families. It's just they're not focused on you. They're focused on politics. They're focused on trying to mess with me. They're not focused on you. They're not focused on you.

So there are two deadlines coming up that Congress has to meet. And I want folks to pay attention to this. Congress has to meet two deadlines, and they're coming up pretty quick.

The first deadline: The most basic constitutional duty Congress has is to pass a budget. That's Congress 101. If they don't pass a budget by September 30th -- what's the date today? The 20th. All right, so if Congress doesn't pass a budget in 10 days, a week from Monday, the government will shut down. A government shutdown shuts down many services that the American people rely on.

This is not abstract. Hundreds of thousands of Americans will not be allowed to go to work. Our men and women in uniform, even those deployed overseas, won't get their paychecks on time. Small businesses, they won't get their loans processed.

Now, none of that has to happen, as long as Congress passes a budget. Number one -- passing a budget.

Number two: In the next few weeks, Congress must vote to allow the Department of the Treasury to pay America's bills. Our Treasury Department, that's where we take in money and we pay it, right? Real simple. This is usually done with a simple, routine vote to raise what's called the debt ceiling. If you don't raise the debt ceiling, America can't pay its bills.

Since the 1950s, Congress has always passed it. Every President has signed it -- Democrats, Republicans, Ronald Reagan -- (laughter) -- Lyndon Johnson -- it doesn't matter. This is just a routine thing that you've got to do so that Treasury can pay the bills. If Congress doesn't pass this debt ceiling in the next few weeks, the United States will default on its obligations. That's never happened in American history. Basically, America becomes a deadbeat.

If the world sees America not paying its bills, then they will not buy debt, Treasury bills from the United States, or if they do, they'll do it at much higher interest rates. That means somebody wanting to

buy an F-150 will have to pay much higher interest rates eventually, which means you will sell less cars. That's just one example of how profoundly destructive this could be. This is not some abstract thing.

And this is important: Raising the debt ceiling is not the same as approving more spending, any more than making your monthly payment adds to the total cost of your truck. You don't say, well, I'm not going to pay my bill, my note for my truck because I'm going to save money. No, you're not saving money. You already bought the truck, right? You have to pay the bills. You're not saving money. You might have decided at the front end not to buy the truck, but once you've bought the truck you can't say you're saving money just by not paying the bills. Does that make sense?

So raising the debt ceiling, it doesn't cost a dime. It does not add a penny to our deficits. All it says is you've got to pay for what Congress already said we're spending money on. If you don't do it, we could have another financial crisis.

And the fact is -- I know a lot of people are concerned about deficits -- our deficits are now coming down so quickly that by the end of this year we will have cut them in more than half since I took office. Cut deficits in half.

So I just want to break this down one more time. I go into a Ford dealership. I drive off with a new F-150.

Unless I paid cash, I've still got to pay for it each month. I can't just say, you know, I'm not going to make my car payment this month. That's what Congress is threatening to do -- just saying, I'm not going to pay the bills.

There are consequences to that. The bill collector starts calling you, right? Your credit goes south, and you've got all kinds of problems. Same is true for a country.

So if we don't raise the debt ceiling, we're dead beats. "If we fail to increase the debt limit, we would send our economy into a tailspin" -- that's a quote, by the way, what I just said. You know who said it? The Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner.

AUDIENCE: Ooooh --

THE PRESIDENT: The Republican Speaker has said if we don't pay our bills, we'll have an economic tailspin. So this is not just my opinion. This is everybody's opinion.

All right. Now, why haven't we already gotten it done if it's such a simple thing? Everybody is nodding, they're all like, yes, why didn't we already get this done? Democrats and some reasonable Republicans in Congress are willing to raise the debt ceiling and pass a sensible budget. And I want to work with Democrats and Republicans to do just that. Claire McCaskill, she's ready to do it. Congressman Cleaver, he's ready to do it. And if we just pass the budget, raise the debt ceiling, we can get back to focusing on growing this economy and creating jobs, educating our kids -- all the things we got to do.

Unfortunately, there is a faction on the far right of the Republican Party right now -- it's not everybody, but it's a pretty big faction -- who convinced their leadership to threaten a government shutdown and potentially threaten to not raise the debt ceiling if they can't shut off the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

Now, think about this. They're not talking now about spending cuts. They're not talking about entitlement reform. They're not talking about any of that. Now they're talking about something that has nothing to do with the budget -- right? They're actually willing to plunge America into default if we can't defund the Affordable Care Act.

Now, let's put this in perspective. The Affordable Care Act has been in law for three and a half years. It passed both houses of Congress. The Supreme Court ruled it constitutional. It was an issue in last year's elections. The guy who was running against me said he was going to repeal it. We won. So the voters were pretty clear on this.

And then, Republicans in Congress, they've tried to repeal or sabotage this -- more than 40 times they've had these repeal votes. Every time they fail. This law that is in place is already providing people benefits. It's not holding back economic growth; it's helping millions of Americans, including some of you or your family members that you may not be aware of.

You can keep your kid on your own health insurance plan -- somebody is raising their hand right here -- until they're 26, because of the Affordable Care Act -- (applause) -- which is one of the main reasons why the number of uninsured among young people has gone down over the last three years.

Seniors, they are benefitting right now from discounted prescription drug costs because of the law. If you've got health insurance, insurance companies can't impose lifetime limits on you. They can't use the fine print not to pay if you get sick. Insurance companies have to spend 80 percent of your premiums on your health care, not on administrative costs and CEO bonuses. Those are happening right now.

And health care costs have actually increased at the slowest rate in 50 years. So this is helping to reduce health care costs across the economy.

Finally, starting on October 1st, it's going to help millions of more people. People who don't have health insurance right now, what it's going to do is we're going to set up pools so that just like a worker at Ford can benefit from good insurance rates because you got a lot of workers in one big pool, now people who don't have the good fortune to work at a big company like Ford, they can also get a good deal.

Now, that's what -- so that's what they're fighting for. They want to repeal all that, and they're saying, we're going to hold our breath, and if you don't repeal it -- which I've already said I'm not going to do -- we're going to send the economy into default. They will send our economy into a tailspin, just like Speaker Boehner said.

They want to threaten default just to make sure that tens of millions of Americans continue not to have health care.

Defunding Affordable Health Care would rob 25 million Americans of the chance to get health care coverage. It would cut basic health care services for tens of millions of seniors on Medicare already. That's what House Republicans are fighting for.

And now they've gone beyond just holding Congress hostage, they're holding the whole country hostage. One Republican senator called shutting down the government over the Affordable Care Act "the dumbest idea I've ever heard." I agree with him. But that's the strategy they're pursuing. House of Representatives just voted on it today.

Now, I tell you what, Missouri. The American people have worked too hard for too long, digging out of a real crisis just to let politicians in Washington cause another crisis.

This is the United States of America. We're not some banana republic. This is not a deadbeat nation. We don't run out on our tab. We're the world's bedrock investment. The entire world looks to us to make sure the world economy is stable. We can't just not pay our bills. And even threatening something like that is the height of irresponsibility.

So what I've said is I will not negotiate over the full faith and credit of the United States. I am not going to allow anyone to harm this country's reputation. I'm not going to allow them to inflict economic pain on millions of our own people just so they can make an ideological point.

But I need you to help. I need you to help tell Congress, pay our bills on time. Pass a budget on time. Stop governing from crisis to crisis. Put our focus back on where it should be: On you, the American people. On creating new jobs. On growing our economy. On restoring security for middle-class families. That's what you deserve.

I mean, I don't know -- it's like they do this every six months. Isn't it? I mean, I don't mind them disagreeing with me. They don't like the Affordable Care Act, they'd rather have people not have health insurance, I'm happy to have that debate with them. But you don't have to threaten to blow the whole thing up just because you don't get your way. Right?

I think about something that Jordan said. Her grandfather worked in this plant; uncle, stepmom worked in this plant. Now she and her brother work in this plant, punching in as part of the next generation of American workers at a great, iconic American company. Our economy is coming back because of the resilience and determination of American workers like Jordan and her family.

And every day, all over this country, there are men and women just like Jordan, just like her brother, they wake up, maybe pack a lunch for their kids, kiss them goodbye, go to work, live up to their responsibilities, do their jobs, pay their bills.

Shouldn't you expect the same thing from people in Washington?

AUDIENCE: Yes!

THE PRESIDENT: Shouldn't you expect the same thing from members of Congress?

Just do your job. Don't be the other guy, be the guy who's doing your job. No obstruction. No games. No holding the economic hostage -- economy hostage if you don't get 100 percent of what you want.

Nobody gets 100 percent of what you want. You guys know that in your own lives, in your own families. I don't know how many people are married here, but you know you better learn not to expect getting 100 percent of what you want. Otherwise you'll be divorced real quick. Especially you men, I'm telling you.

So you should expect the same thing -- same common sense out of Congress. You should expect some compassion. You should expect some compromise. You should expect the conviction of leaders who wake up and go to work every day, not to tear something down, but to build something better; not just for today but for the

world we want to leave our kids.

That's my conviction. That's my commitment to you. If we start thinking about you instead of politics and how you can get your base stirred up, then we're going to be able to get back to the point where this country is what we want it to be. If Washington will act with the same decency and common purpose that you and Americans all across the country do every single day, the economy will be stronger not just a year from now or five years from now or 10 years from now, but 20 and 30 and 50 years from now.

And as long as I have the privilege of serving you as your President, that's what I'm going to be focused on.

Thank you very much, everybody. God bless.

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Five Years After Lehman: Taking Stock of Where We Are



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Ed. note: Today at 12:50 pm ET, President Obama will deliver remarks at the Ford Kansas City Stamping Plant in Liberty, MO, highlighting the progress we have made since the beginning of the financial crisis five years ago and the work that lies ahead to continue strengthening our economy and deliver a [better bargain for the middle class](#). Watch live at [whitehouse.gov](#).

In the early hours of September 15, 2008, Lehman Brothers announced it would file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, setting off shock waves through the global economy that had devastating implications for families and businesses. In the months before the President took office, the economy was shrinking at a rate of more than 8 percent and we were losing 800,000 jobs a month.

There's no diminishing the severity of the challenge we've overcome together, and we've got a lot more work to do to rebuild an economy where everyone who works hard has a chance to get ahead.

But five years after Lehman Brothers' bankruptcy, we want to help everyone get the context and see the full picture. To mark the anniversary, we've asked senior staff from across the Obama administration to sit down and talk about the moments when key decisions were made — the factors they weighed, the results of the actions that President Obama took.

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