

HARD NEWS

Reading: The year of the Water Snake for the whole year: Rama is one; 1953 was the year before this year – AND WE ARE ALL COVERED BY THIS ENERGY!

- Talks about being strong managers, and we need such to handle the incoming energies
 - They are very business minded – and it is cosmic business we are managing
 - They are wise, insightful, artistic; don't get distracted from their goals
- When snakes are naughty, they are not very nice at all: & they are using naughty snake energy at the moment.
- A snake is always a snake, as they have excellent memories that enable them to bear grudges a long time – some day they might turn around and bite you on the neck!

Kos: told Rama today that there is a cosmic bite in all of this

R: Hillary's name came up many times today; she has a role to play.

T: talking about Lilith, the first born daughter of Mother and Alcyone;

- the misqualified energies of Lilith are over – Lilith has come back to love already,

R: As Mother's grandson, he [R] is asking for her to bring a healing to this woman [the Black Widow] so she can see what she had done [stranger things have happened].

T: the new clone is very nice after all the others in the past: green is a good colour

R: she was saying all the right things about North Carolina

T: Senator Nesbitt is going to challenge the Gov of NC for his job

R: Cory Booker as he becomes State senator for New Jersey – means Chris Christie and Marco Rubio will be doomed as they were the house boys for Bernie Madoff – all will come out. All related to Max Keiser.

T: Bill from CA has had a heart attack; we put him in the Circle of Support & be aware that there are possibilities

- KOS has been telling R for the last months: the last months of what we are doing are going the fastest: the accumulation of naughty people, and the exposure of the corporatocracies

Audio: Max Keiser responding to questions:

about America's debt levels – reprehensible: countries trying to divest themselves from the US dollar

In a competitive race, the US has the weakest currency

The Fed Reserve getting more power from Obama: like giving an alcoholic more to drink!

What about the Bailout: it is an industrial policy and companies wanting to get into every nook & cranny of the business sector which are based on war, cheap consumerism, increasing prisons

Ultimately will be a dollar re-evaluation across the world – all currencies will be re-evaluated against gold

What data supports the idea of people pulling their money out of US – currencies pulling away from US dollar; New Zealand, Russia for example; positioning themselves with hard assets as they know fiat currency is coming to a close.

In the US, he'd look at the unemployment # which is going up; the hourly wage is going down – at some point, a critical mass of unemployed people in US will decide this is enough; honeymoon of Obama seems to be entering into new phase as they do not see any change in the banking system – not sure when the spark will be lit to start the inevitable collision. When 9/11 hit, the wealthiest moved their money out of the US – country no longer safe for our money any more – Alan Greenspan lowered the interest rate so they could do it easily.

Talked about max' idea of a "karma Bank" - I don't like the company so I will boycott the company
Boycott coca Cola; boycott the CIA!

No it is not financial terrorism – but it is economics; he is making visible the risk that companies do not look at -

Audio: Michael Hastings' last story just before he died in a car crash was on now CIA Director John Brennan when he was czar on counter terrorism for Obama, he was in charge of drone strikes

- look at e-mails from one of Hastings colleagues: Mr Burton is now CEO of Stratfor, now under the Drug Enforcement Agency, the agency which killed Erin Schwartz, too, when they said he committed suicide

- Chris Dodd is responsible for seeing to it that this agency gets hired to do the dirty work.
- The e-mail was directed to Mr Brennan: the interviewee got a phone call and an e-mail from CIA
- Will wait and see what comes out in Rolling Stone
- Hastings widow says the LAPD is still in an active investigation
- a prof from San Diego says from his calculations the car was going about 30 – 40 mph

T: smells a rat! the person who saw his body say his body was untouched, & his face was completely charcoaled

R also heard that someone got control of the car via technology: on Abby Martin there was a discussion on this

T: Why was his face charred, and rest of body intact?

R: Rachel talking about de-classifying information on Area 51

T: **KOS** told R a strong possibility that Obama will call a special session of Congress in the period when they think they will be on Vacation – he will throw some out on their ear, and as soon as he dismisses them for high treason, the White Knights will collect them & take them to prison.

Conference Call:

T: discussion about Denver, Colorado where the court hearing for the farm claims was held – the Judge was not in the Vatican's venue, so the Vatican did not rule or the military of the Jesuits did not rule: anytime there is a murder planned or a genocide planned, permission is gained from the Vatican.

- Hard for religious people to understand that the Vatican worships Satan. St Germain went into the world of the un-dead for 500 years, into the bowels of the Vatican in order to understand and to undermine it from the inside.

- St Germain WAS Dracula – Francis Ford Coppola's movie of Dracula is closest to the truth – St G lived as an undead one; those in the Vatican have to eat flesh and drink the blood of people, preference is babies.
- Hillary did that the whole time they were in the White House, along with the Bush ladies and Catherine Harris from Florida – Barb Bush, Laura Bush – see The Bush Women - the author risked her life
- March 2008 – they played Laura Flanders' 7 am program: she had gone to the World Economic forum in Davos, Switzerland & got some film from there of people watching another film which was of QE II who confessed it was her role in the world to take down the people of the Southern Hemisphere – Africa, South America
- the Yes Men came on Laura Flanders and gave this to Laura who got it off the intel wires
- when you look into the smallest part of the hologram, there is a key ???
- How many people have incarnated in the Universe of Nabadon-
- The importance of the Mosaic Law is the Law of One: if one is harmed, all are harmed and so on.
No such thing as future time: all time is now
- Bradley Manning was totally pressured to apologize to the court: someone is trying to get him the Nobel Peace Prize

T: Rama removed a piece from the web today; new designs for structures that looked like those of Jacques Fresco; they were on the Humanidad Foundation Fdn; their State of the World Report called Obama all kinds of names

R: the watchers who were here before the gods were here -

- a lady representing the blind sheik who supposedly was going to blow up the World Trade Centre: she was made an example of – she got 2.5 years and she appealed it;
- This blind sheik was tied in with Sheik D ?? - he was to have an interview with Dan Rather but Daniel Pearl was killed in Afghanistan – Lynne Stewart, lawyer, seeks compassionate release - has cancer & not long to live

[SEE BELOW]

- Lynne Stewart being made an example of, like Bradley Manning, Julian Assange, Edward Snowden – they are facing Keith Anderson, John Brennan,

MOTHER SEKHMET

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.

Ask for people to wake up, be aware of the Universal hologram in which we all are . . .

Greetings, Children of Ra!

Indeed: Aday Satchay "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love"

- What is unravelling in our worlds is "Let me sow love". The order of the day
 - Our present situation is as Captain Kirk would put it "The odds are grim" - yet it is about love; it is the impossible but highly possible dream, as we chose to come at this time with our gifts and abilities which are magnificent – as the Admiral has said "Greater things than what I have done, you will do". And She is humbled by our presence across the planet.
 - As one of Thom Hartmann's guests said, "I do not want to live in a country where I am rich and no one else has money. This is not about money – The Lavender Lad has all the gold and he has on the dealer's hat and is playing Seven Card Stud. He cannot be beat because he is the Alchemist of Alchemists!
- In the midst of this chaotic situation, the serendipity of the naqual comes in – we always walk with death on our shoulders, that is the story unravelling here: no dates, no nukes, no flukes –
 - In this NOW moment, all things are coming to pass – it is about in the twinkling of an eye – [it is 9:11 says Tara] . That is the deal here; something happened - her grandson showed up and put his finger in the back of Alan Greenspan and said "You'll do what I want you to do, won't you?" and he said "Yes"
 - This is a metaphor: they used the situation to create what we have today: the police state

T: They want to pull something off - Lucifer came back to love along time ago – what are they waiting for?

Mo: They are the last ones on the barge to visit Annubis – they do not want to cross the River Styx & they are kicking and screaming as they are being put on the barge!

T: We saw the soul, Max Keiser, doing his real mission tonight; he was as serious as a heart attack to night – no jokes, just straight up information

Mo: we will be getting gold backed money; the rainbow bills are in the banks and, yes, it was done before Obama became president-elect in 2008.

Mo: and the broken news that stays broken until a brave whistle blower, maybe Mr Keith, shows up on Al Jazeera; don't know, just saying –

- we speak in colourful metaphors as this is the story of us waking up to who we are
- this adventure is about immortality, as it always has been. Much has been written about immortality; physical immortality is a given fact – what we choose [and choices are choices] we have free will choices
- we have free will choice along with the Law of the One, and how it gets played out is our choice

Mo: Serendipity is the order of the day, the magic of the moment

- something has changed and that is that Humanity has woken up and said I AM THAT I AM – what is the next step?" and it is about love. Even our daughter, the Black Widow, needs love.

T: She has much in place for the upcoming 2016 election; by putting her on a pedestal before the election, she is screaming for love. What she is doing is challenging Mother – nothing left between the Black Widow and Mother.

Mo: it is our cosmic dance; it is about how a Mother speaks to a daughter when she is out of line

T: Mother's daughter has more responsibility than Mother's son

Mo: Yes, it is about The Rift, Creator Source; out of the womb space comes physicality, the force, the mitochondrion. It is saying that we are all being called into active duty by our own cells & particles: it is the same within you, without you – why George Harrison's song "Within you, without you" . It is only about love – here we are in this moment: another quiet day on the planet, yet not so quiet!

- The beacons have been lit and everything has been surrounding this planet – were the boys in black listening to this story this evening to let down their shields, they would see more ships than there is sky – ready to decloak at the word: the sun would be eclipsed.

- This planet is free and those choosing to play with the story about enslavement – the next step is inevitable, we are going to the Dark Rift with you
- what is in the Rift is the Void where we create universes; a magical place and it is entirely possible to experience what the void is. It is not a negative thing; it is our creation chamber along with all others – it is part what Kalli Durga, Pele, Shiva do –
- there are do many asking to leave because of intense energies
 - there is no veil; it is gone: we see you; you see us – the hand that is coming out of the sky: grab it, do not be afraid. If it has scales, that is a different story.
 - Be aware of who you connect with on all levels – even our scaly persuasion relatives have no bone to pick - it is only the small rebel band who hold an empty gauntlet: the torch has gone out - they could re-light the torch – it is only about love in this moment.
- the next step has something to do with how you get out of the matrix; it is already happening

T: the first thing she got about Egypt – McCain and Lindsay Graham gave some kind of orders to the military and they got told to go home – it is going on their record, and they are desperate.

- Ellen Brown of **The Web of Debt.com** – we are in massive \$3 trillion **deflation** - this is about circulation money; we are seeing Bernanke has been pouring \$7Trillion in quantitative easing into the market, yet they are taking peoples debts, their mortgages and other bad paper – millions of people are starving to death due to bad water – killing people with the water!
- They are sucking \$3trillion more out of it – even though Obama has reduced the deficit - \$16T going to the military! When we gave \$3.8 B to Israel, we have a treaty with Egypt that Egypt gets half of what Israel gets. Abby Martin says we are giving almost \$3 Billions to Israel - not one dime of the \$1.4 billion is seen by an Egyptian; it is given to Loughheed Martin who build military stuff and then it is delivered.
- They do not need the money: Egyptians do not want to trade their sovereignty and not the foot in the door of the US.

T: this all points to 9 / 11 – no matter what it looks like!

Mo: this is why we are taking them kicking and screaming to the River Styx - Annubis will take them to Ma'at

T: Rama gave her an article about the Puranas:

Mo: they were here trillions, billions of years ago when we first came in; we came with the Watchers who were here before the gods were here, and who began the creation story by propagating the creation by creating balls of light, sons and daughters of the Most High

Reading: Puranas

[SEE BELOW]

Pleiadian Message – 2012, Jan 24 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9HtZFb_VtM

Uploaded on 24 Jan 2012

<http://www.humanitywinsilluminateilose...>

The control grid is coming down but what part will you play its downfall?

Lia Shapiro channels the (pleiadians), bringing New Messages of Hope, Light and Spiritual Growth.

Nordics - (pleiadians)

The (pleiadians) are a collective of extraterrestrials from the star system Pleiades. ... The (pleiadians) reside on the planet Erra, which is almost as large as Earth, ...

The (pleiadians) are alien beings from the star cluster in the constellation Taurus known as the Pleiades. Barbara Marciniak claims

The (pleiadians) are said to resemble humans in form.

www.Humanitywinsilluminate.com – there is a 4 hours extended version of this

This is just a taste of full disclosure!!!!

T: there is a slaughter going on in Egypt – the Muslim Brotherhood is armed to the teeth – they have torture chambers right in the square and some people are being tortured, others just being killed

T asks if Mother is confirming: the west gives the funding and the orders, and the military carries it out – this was on the bottom of the screen as they were watching RT tv

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

The Pleiadians said they were coming to help us out of a pickle!

Mo: Closing

T: also showed all over the world there are demonstrations in almost every country to end the bloodshed in Egypt – and in other places in the world

Rama: he was in a watery chamber on The Dove, some kind of amniotic chamber and looking at star charts while he was there – star charts of the farthest known edges of the galaxy: different star formations – Mother's creations with so many different shapes and forms – like recognizing all the different rays of mother's creation

T: what the private bottle industry is trying to do to water . . .

Audio: Mother Earth Native American Indians sending world wide message for help – special edition

[MOTHER EARTH \(NATIVE AMERICAN INDIANS ... - YouTube](#)

▶ 10:54 ▶ 10:54



www.youtube.com/watch?v=RE8Q61sz_BM

Mother Earth Need Your Help ! We all need a healthy environment to live healthy lives ! Please Participate ...

Audio: Akasha

[It's a you tube; could not find the exact one]

Audio: Max Keiser 2013, Aug 14 <http://rt.com/shows/keiser-report/episode-483-max-keiser-487/>

[Download video](#) (184.89 MB)

In the latest episode of the Keiser Report, Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss boycotting and shunning in response to the total surveillance state, where even the “progressive” recycling bins are following you. They look at the e-mail service providers who committed corporate suicide and destroyed their assets rather than collaborate in “crimes against the American people.” In Part 2, Max talks to John Butler, author of “The Golden Revolution,” about interest rates, bonds and gold.

Reading: Voices of our Ancestors by [Dhyani Ywahoo](#)

Closing Music

2013, Aug 8 "I Do Not Want to Die in Prison": Cancer-Stricken Lawyer Lynne Stewart Seeks Compassionate Release

Topics [Lynne Stewart](#)

Guests

[Jill Shellow](#), one of the lead attorneys working on Lynne Stewart's request for compassionate release.

[Dr. Zenobia Brown](#), Lynne Stewart's daughter, and a hospice and palliative care specialist, with a master's in public health.

[Ralph Poynter](#), Lynne Stewart's husband of 50 years. He visits her regularly.

Lawyers for imprisoned attorney Lynne Stewart head to federal court today to seek her release from prison. Now 73 years old, Stewart is dying from cancer in a Texas prison. Last month, Stewart's treating physician in prison estimated her life expectancy is approximately 18 months. This comes after the Federal Bureau of Prisons denied Stewart's request for early release — a denial her lawyers are appealing and hope to address today in a hearing before her original sentencing judge, Judge John Koeltl. In 2010, Stewart was sentenced to 10 years in prison for passing messages from her client, Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, to his followers in Egypt. In a letter to Judge Koeltl, Stewart wrote: "I do not intend to go 'gently into that good night' as Dylan Thomas wrote. There is much to be done in this world. I do know that I do not want to die here in prison — a strange and loveless place. I want to be where all is familiar — in a word, home. ... I have no grandiose plans — just good food, conversation, music. That is what I look forward to. And of course, my beloved husband Ralph — my hero and help, my heart, through all the last 50 years. I need him and his strength and love now to be close to me as I get ready for the nearing moments of transition and then rest. If you indeed represent the merciful hand of the law, as against, in this case, a heartless bureaucracy, do not punish me further. Grant me release and allow me to die in dignity." We speak to her husband Ralph Poynter, her daughter Zenobia Brown, and her attorney Jill Shellow.

Transcript

AMY GOODMAN: We turn to the case of the longtime civil rights attorney who is fighting for her life—behind bars. Lynne Stewart has long been known as an attorney who championed unpopular clients who she felt should be fairly represented in court. This includes Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, often referred to as the blind sheikh, who was convicted of conspiring to blow up the U.N. and other landmarks in New York City. In 2010, Lynne Stewart was sentenced to 10 years in prison for passing messages from the sheikh to his followers.

Now 73 years old, she is dying from cancer in a Texas prison. Last month, Lynne Stewart's treating physician in the prison estimated her life expectancy is approximately 18 months. This came after the Federal Bureau of Prisons denied Stewart's request for early release, a denial her lawyers are appealing and hope to address today in a hearing before her original sentencing judge, Judge John Koeltl.

Before we're joined by one of her lawyers, along with Lynne Stewart's husband and daughter, who is a doctor, I want to read from a letter who wrote to Judge—a letter that Lynne Stewart wrote to the judge that *Democracy Now!* obtained a copy of. Stewart wrote, in part, quote, "I do not intend to go 'gently into that good night' as Dylan Thomas wrote. There is much to be done in this world. I do know that I do not want to die here in prison—a strange and loveless place. I want to be where all is familiar—in a word, home. ... I have no grandiose plans—just good food, conversation, music. That is what I look forward to. And of course, my beloved husband Ralph—my hero and help, my heart, through all the last 50 years. I need him and his strength and love now to be close to me as I get ready for the nearing moments of transition and then rest. If you indeed represent the merciful

hand of the law, as against, in this case, a heartless bureaucracy, do not punish me further. Grant me release and allow me to die in dignity." That was what Lynne Stewart wrote to the judge who will hear arguments today in federal court for her compassionate release.

This is Lynne Stewart in 2009 when she spoke to *Democracy Now!* in her last broadcast [interview](#) before beginning her prison sentence. Lynne Stewart explained the background of the case and why she had been charged.

LYNNE STEWART: I represented Sheikh Omar at trial—that was in 1995—along with Ramsey Clark and Abdeen Jabara. I was lead trial counsel. He was convicted in September of '95, sentenced to a life prison plus a hundred years, or some sort—one of the usual outlandish sentences. We continued, all three of us, to visit him while he was in jail—he was a political client; that means that he is targeted by the government—and because it is so important to prisoners to be able to have access to their lawyers.

Sometime in 1998, I think maybe it was, they imposed severe restrictions on him. That is, his ability to communicate with the outside world, to have interviews, to be able to even call his family, was limited by something called special administrative measures. The lawyers were asked to sign on for these special administrative measures and warned that if these measures were not adhered to, they could indeed lose contact with their client—in other words, be removed from his case.

In 2000, I visited the sheikh, and he asked me to make a press release. This press release had to do with the current status of an organization that at that point was basically defunct, the Gama'a al-Islamiyya. And I agreed to do that. In May of—maybe it was later than that. Sometime in 2000, I made the press release.

Interestingly enough, we found out later that the Clinton administration, under Janet Reno, had the option to prosecute me, and they declined to do so, based on the notion that without lawyers like me or the late Bill Kunstler or many that I could name, the cause of justice is not well served. They need the gadflies.

So, at any rate, they made me sign onto the agreement again not to do this. They did not stop me from representing him. I continued to represent him.

And it was only after 9/11, in April of 2002, that John Ashcroft came to New York, announced the indictment of me, my paralegal and the interpreter for the case, on grounds of materially aiding a terrorist organization. One of the footnotes to the case, of course, is that Ashcroft also appeared on nationwide television with Letterman that night ballyhooing the great work of Bush's Justice Department in indicting.

AMY GOODMAN: That was Lynne Stewart speaking in 2009 on *Democracy Now!* in her last broadcast interview before beginning her prison sentence. She has served 46 months so far of her 10-year sentence. That's just shy of four years.

For more, we are joined by Jill Shellow, one of the lead attorneys for Stewart who will be in court today. We're also joined by Lynne's husband, Ralph Poynter, and her daughter, Dr. Zenobia Brown, who is a hospice and palliative care specialist with a master's in public health. We asked prison officials if Lynne herself could join us by telephone from the Fort Carswell Federal Prison, but they did not respond to our requests. Our producer, Renée Feltz, visited her a few weeks ago, when we did our [report](#) on her from the prison.

We welcome all of you to *Democracy Now!* Let's begin—Ralph Poynter, your wife, Lynne, in prison, you visited her last week.

RALPH POYNTER: Right.

AMY GOODMAN: Talk about the significance of today's hearing.

RALPH POYNTER: Well, it is possible that Lynne would be released by the judge. It is possible that he will reserve decision. There are many possibilities. It is possible that he would agree with the prosecution. We do not know.

We are showing support by massing people in front of the courtroom, in the courtroom. The 20,000 signatures that came in to support Lynne's compassionate release, a number—many people around the world, in Brazil—you name the country, we have a letter from that particular area. And so, there are many people who understand the injustice that's taking place here, and many people have signed on in support of Lynne in her struggle for liberation.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to read a letter from the Federal Bureau of Prisons Assistant Director Kathleen Kenney, dated June 24th, in which she denied Lynne Stewart's request for compassionate release. She wrote, quote, "To date, she has been responding well to treatment. Ms. Stewart is ambulatory and independent in her Activities of Daily Living. While her illness is very serious, she is not suffering from a condition that is terminal within 18 months. Accordingly, Ms. Stewart does not present circumstances considered to be extraordinary and compelling to merit RIS at this time," unquote.

Now I want to compare that to the prognosis given by Lynne Stewart's treating physician before she went into prison. Dr. Grossbard wrote in July 2012, about a year ago, quote, "The fact that Ms. Stewart's disease has progressed on therapy along with the decline in her overall performance status and medical condition suggests [that] her survival will be less than 12 months at this time."

If—Jill Shellow, you're Lynne Stewart's attorney. She was denied compassionate release. Is this your last chance today with Judge Koeltl, the original judge in her case?

JILL SHELOW: I hope not. I think it's going to be part of a process. Lynne has—as a letter that you started—that you started to read from Kathy Kenney at the Bureau of Prisons says, if your circumstances change, you may seek reconsideration. Lynne has sought reconsideration of that denial. I believe that Judge Koeltl will hear us today. And while he could rule today, I believe it's also possible that we will—that we will appear before him again at least once before this matter is resolved.

AMY GOODMAN: I also want to get response to a comment made by Andrew McCarthy, a former federal prosecutor who was Lynne Stewart's adversary during the 1995 trial of Mr. Abdel Rahman. He said he had no problem with the idea that prisoners like Abdel Rahman, who are serving life sentences for heinous offenses, should have to die in prison. But regarding Lynne Stewart's case, he said, quote, "As a private citizen who was very fond of Lynne when we dealt with each other, I prefer to keep my thoughts to myself and my prayers for Lynne and her family." I want to turn to Lynne's daughter, to Dr. Zenobia Brown. What will happen if Lynne were to be released? How will she be cared for?

DR. ZENOBIA BROWN: She would probably continue with the same treatment she's been getting in prison. I think the piece that most people are not sort of cognizant of is that at this stage of cancer there is no cure. So, basically, it is a battle for time. And at this point, she is losing that battle, and that is clear. That is why it was so shocking when the BOP denied her compassionate release based on really what was not the case. There were 200 pages of medical records that went into—that went up to Washington and that would appear that none of them were reviewed, that no specialist in palliative care or no one who has any prognostic background looked at a single document.

AMY GOODMAN: You are a specialist in palliative—a specialist in palliative care?

DR. ZENOBIA BROWN: Right, and people facing life-limiting illness. So, just sort of looking through it, they literally made this decision based on a single physician's comment that the patient was responding well. No doctor in this country is really trained to deal out justice. And basically, the entire case of whether my mother would be released or not was on a two-sentence letter from her treating oncologist. So, just the—sort of the

injustice of that and the fact that there really was no sort of objective party looking at this data is—it really is mind-boggling.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to read part of a 2012 report by Human Rights Watch on compassionate release in U.S. federal prisons. Quote, "Although we do not know how many prisoners have asked the [Bureau of Prisons, or] BOP to make motions on their behalf—because the BOP does not keep such records—we do know the BOP rarely does so. The federal prison system houses over 218,000 prisoners, yet in 2011, the BOP filed only 30 motions for early release, and between January 1 and November 15, 2012, it filed 37. Since 1992, the annual average number of prisoners who received compassionate release has been less than two dozen. Compassionate release is conspicuous for its absence." Dr. Zenobia Brown, could you respond to that? And, I mean, it's quite remarkable that you are a hospice physician.

DR. ZENOBIA BROWN: The irony is shocking. Really, I mean, it almost is a no-brainer. The BOP has no interest in releasing prisoners. I mean, that's not their business. Their business is sort of heads in the beds. So to put them in charge of deciding whether or not these cases even get presented is—I mean, there's no one who would sort of support that that's the way this should be done. And also, this sort of arbitrary increase from 12 months to 18 months, there's no medical foundation for. There's no sort of—research is not done on a 12- to 18-month basis, so that's also completely arbitrary. And in mom's case, basically, the physicians, who are visiting with her in Carswell every day, see her losing 20 pounds, supported her compassionate release, only to have it denied at—

AMY GOODMAN: The prison warden supported compassionate release.

DR. ZENOBIA BROWN: Yeah. So, to sort of then have it denied at this higher level is just—it's heinous, and it is cruel and unusual.

AMY GOODMAN: How would you care for her if she were released?

DR. ZENOBIA BROWN: It's doing all of those things—I mean, I think anyone who has battled cancer knows that just being treated for cancer outside of prison is cruel and unusual. It is very difficult. It is trying physically. It is trying emotionally. There are some basic things, like, for example, when she's in prison and has sort of life-threatening low blood counts, sort of nothing is done. She has no place to go. There's no recourse. There's no one to call. There's no one to treat her. So she could, as she has seen her cell mates die horrible deaths with no medical care—so the difference is vast, meaning, if she got a fever, we would take her to the emergency room, we would take her to a doctor. If she has pain, we will make sure she's not—I mean, she has metastatic disease to the bone—make sure that she's not having pain in the middle of the night; make sure that—she has, you know, pleural effusions, which is fluid on her lungs—make sure that she can breathe. You know, I mean, it's so basic. I mean, it's just humanitarian. We're not talking about, you know, sort of wild and outrageous treatments. It's just basic, compassionate care.

AMY GOODMAN: Ralph, if you could talk about your visits to her in prison and the comment that she's living a fine, independent life within the walls of the prison.

RALPH POYNTER: That is—Lynne calls it a misstatement. I call it a total lie, because Lynne does nothing for herself. Everything is done for her. She sits in a bed. In a prison, you have to make your own bed. Lynne does not have to. She does not take long walks. The prison brings her food. Everything is done for her as she sits. And so, for them to say that she can take care of herself is just outrageous. And obviously she does not. She looks to have a walker. To walk around the visiting room is a chore. And, of course, in prison, they don't like you to be close, and so we don't walk, because she holds on to walk. And it's—for them to make a statement like that, that she's improving, and when we all know that her lungs are being clogged, this is dangerous, a dangerous situation, and the prison wants her dead. I don't call them "prisons" anymore; I call them "death camps."

AMY GOODMAN: Jill Shellow, what will you be arguing in court?

JILL SHELOW: That the Bureau of Prisons failure to make the motion, failure to come to court and ask that her sentence be reduced is, in and of itself, a constitutional violation. It gives Judge Koeltl the authority, both that combined with—with the great *habeas* writ. He has the power to reduce her sentence or vacate her sentence.

There are exceptional and compelling circumstances. That's beyond doubt. The government—the United States attorney's office doesn't dispute that she's dying. It doesn't dispute that at this point her doctor says that she has less than 18 months to live. It doesn't dispute that the warden and the doctors who have been caring for her at Carswell believe that she should be released. There is no excuse. None. And that's the argument.

AMY GOODMAN: I remember, you know, covering this case all of the years that Lynne was going through this in court, and that moment when she came out on the courthouse steps, this very controversial moment. She had been sentenced to two-and-a-half years in prison. She looks out. Her grandchildren are weeping there. And she is also—I haven't seen her in prison, but a very funny person, right? She uses humor to comfort people. And seeing people grieving like that, as she was sentenced first to two-and-a-half years, she said something like, "Don't worry. I can do it standing on my head."

RALPH POYNTER: That is a misstatement. If you go—

AMY GOODMAN: Tell me what she said.

RALPH POYNTER: What she had said, "As many of my clients have said to me when they received a sentence that was less than possible—possibly expected, 'I can do that standing on my head.'" Now that's a big difference than saying, "I can do that standing on my head." And if you go back and review the tapes, it is very clear what she said. And she began by thanking the judge. And all of this has been skipped by the media, who has lied about what Lynne said.

AMY GOODMAN: So, why this is relevant at all is the fact that Lynne ended up having—being sentenced to 10 years. Can you explain what happened, how she was sentenced to two-and-a-half years, and then 10, Jill Shellow?

JILL SHELLLOW: I wish I—I wish I had a good explanation. I can tell you technically how it happened. I can tell you that when Lynne appealed her conviction, the underlying conviction for the conduct, the government cross-appealed her sentence. The conviction was affirmed, and the sentence was vacated, with directions to Judge Koeltl, in no uncertain terms, that the court of appeals thought the 28 months was too lenient. Judge Koeltl then, following what he believed, I'm sure, to be the instructions of the court of appeals, sentenced her to 10 years. The only thing that changed between his first sentence and his second sentence was the statement that Ralph described and the court of appeals opinion. Nothing other than that changed. And that's one of the issues that's presently pending in the Supreme Court. Lynne's—we filed a cert petition on Lynne's behalf. It was filed earlier this year. It will be conferenced at the end of September. The solicitor general has opposed that, which is surprising only in that the solicitor general does not file very many oppositions. And that will be a question that hopefully the Supreme Court will address.

AMY GOODMAN: What time today is the court hearing? I know that it's going to be packed.

JILL SHELLLOW: Two-thirty.

AMY GOODMAN: And it's at the?

JILL SHELLLOW: Foley Square, 500 Pearl Street.

AMY GOODMAN: Foley Square, and that's at 2:30 today. *Democracy Now!* will be covering it, and we'll report tomorrow whatever comes of this. Whether a decision is made or whatever happens, we'll report on it tomorrow. I want to thank you all for being with us, attorney Jill Shellow; Ralph Poynter, Lynne's husband, just returned from yet another trip to Lynne Stewart in jail in Texas; and her daughter, Dr. Zenobia Brown, who's a hospice and palliative care specialist with a master's in public health. This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. We'll be back in a minute.

Puranas



The Puranas (Sanskrit 'ancient', since they focus on ancient history of the universe) are part of Hindu Smriti. These religious scriptures discuss varied topics like devotion to God in his various aspects, traditional sciences like Ayurveda, Jyotish, cosmology, concepts like dharma, karma, reincarnation and many others. Sage Vyasa is credited with compilation of Puranas from age Yuga to age, and for the current age, he has been identified and named Krishna Dvaipayana, the son of sage Parashara. According to tradition they were written by Vyasa at the end of Dvapara Yuga, while modern scholarship dates them to the latter half of the first millennium AD.

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One of the main objectives of the Puranas was to make available the essence of the Vedas to the common man, and the Vedas were basically meant not for the scholars but for the ordinary man. They bring forth the Vedic knowledge and teachings by way of myths; parables, allegories and stories; legends; life stories of kings and other prominent persons; and chronologies of historical events. The Puranas unfolds the principles of Hinduism in a very simple way.

In all these Puranas the goddess Lakshmi is given a laudable place without any sectarian dispute. In the Vaishnavite Puranas, Shiva starts telling the efficacy of Vishnu to the Goddess Parvati. While Shaiva mythology places goddess Parvati, the consort of Shiva, as one half of His body (ardha naareeshvara tattva), Vaishnavites place the Goddess Lakshmi in the heart of Vishnu itself, as if it were a lotus (hridaya kamala). This is to depict the inseparable union of Universal *purusha* and *prakriti*, seed and field, or male and female.

Puranas (aka Puranams) usually refer to the Mahapuranas. There are also smaller Puranas known as

Upapuranas. It is agreed that there are a total of 18 Mahapuranas. However, there is inconsistency in the actual Mahapuranas list. 17 Mahapuranas are consistently mentioned. However, the 18th one is sometimes given as the Shiva Purana, while some refer to the Vayu Purana.

According to the Matsya Purana (a Tamasika Purana itself), the eighteen Puranas are divided into three groups of six according to gunas of people they are primarily meant for. It is erroneously believed by some people that Rajasika Puranas eulogize Brahma of Hindu Trinity, Sattvika Puranas Vishnu and Tamasika Puranas Shiva and Shakti, God's Power personified. In reality, all Puranas extol the virtues of mainly Vishnu and Shiva, and there are few references to Brahma. Some Shaiva Puranas extol the virtues of Shiva over Vishnu and some Vaishnava Puranas extol the virtues of Vishnu over Shiva.

Puranas are named after the three main forms of Brahman: Brahma, the Creator; Vishnu, the Protector of Life and Humanity; and Shiva, the Destroyer. Search those with the bar on the left to learn more.

Among all the Puranas, the Bhagavata Purana is the best known Purana.

Apart from the above mentioned eighteen major Puranas, there are an equal number of subsidiary Puranas, called Upapuranas. Then are: Sanatkumara, Narasimha, Brihannaradiya, Sivarahasya, Durvasa, Kapila, Vamana, Bhargava, Varuna, Kalika, Samba, Nandi, Surya, Parasara, Vasishtha, Devi-Bhagavata, Ganesa and Hamsa.

Puranic cosmology describes numerous worlds, planets and planes of existence (loka). Of the multitude of worlds, heaven (Svarga) and hell (Naraka) stand out as nearest and most relevant to our own planet, the Earth. Svarga, or heaven, is the planet of the demigods, or devas, ruled by King Indra. On Svarga, the ability to enjoy physical senses is enhanced while life in Naraka, the netherworld ruled by the King of Justice, Dharmaraj (Yama) is subjected to pain and misery. The Puranas talk about seven levels of the Netherworld. It should be noted that both heaven and hell are temporary abodes for life and once the Karma that is responsible for birth in heaven and hell is exhausted, the soul transmigrates to other forms and worlds of existence.

There are many variations and different levels of the temporal planets as seen by different Puranas and often describe the nature of the phenomenal universe in various ways which may look conflicting.

Three of the other most important worlds in Puranic Cosmology are the Satyaloka, the realm of Brahma, the highest plane of existence where souls of extraordinary karma reside before attaining moksha, the Vaikuntha, the realm of Vishnu, from where there is no return to material worlds and Shivaloka, where worshippers of Shiva enjoy eternal bliss.

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