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Saturday History Call

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Saturday: 2:30 pm – 2 am EST ***History of our Galactic World & NESARA*** **T & R**

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Host is Fran; Susan Leland channels Ashtar & others
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Replay # [good for 1 week] 1-712- 432-0990 PIN 666238#

Opening Meditation: Cheryl

Housekeeping: Rainbird

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we can access program archives on BBS
 - The radio program costs \$ 300 per week; **this week, we need \$ 375**
 - Everyone doing a little helps a lot - **many thanks to everyone for paying it forward!**
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5167 Toyon Lane
Paradise, CA 95969
 - Sending a check to BBS means all your money is received; using Paypal incurs a fee.

- T & R:**
- Still need some for rent - thanks to all who contributed.
 - They also need money for **food, gas and +/- \$400 for bills.**
 - We can donate via the Paypal button on the homepage of 2013 Rainbow Roundtable

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

- Rama's mailing address for cheques, Money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
1704 B Llano St, # 249
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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

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

- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too
 - **You can also book a session with MR for a transformational clearing.**

- T:**
- **if you have any trouble hearing, that means there is an issue with the sound and it is an emergency - so call this number: 1-888- 429 – 5471**
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Intro Notes

- The **new number for the Conference Line:**
 - for an hour, every Friday, Saturday – 8-9 pm MST **1-209-647-1600** pin 353 863#
 - for the rest of the show, it's BBS Radio for those with computers, or for those without - 1 - 860 - 970 – 9300; pin codes are listed on page 1
 - **if you can't hear on the 860 number, call 1-716-748 – 0144 out of Texas:** this gets you straight into the BBS radio program and, by all reports, it is as clear as a bell!

T: Need \$25 for the rent + money for gas and food – missing the help of one or two contributors who have family issues this month: some new helpers would be great! Rent due on Monday

Hard News:

Camp Lovewave: Dr Rick Straussman back on the show: 1st book - **DMT: The Spirit Molecule**
His new book: DMT: The Soul of Prophecy – about the Old Testament and its key passages that directly relate to the B'nai Or, the Sons of Light, coming in.

- These Sons of light are Not THE SONS OF BELIL, BUT **THE ELOHIGH, A SPECIAL CONTINGENCY FORCE OF THE ASHTAR COMMAND. TOM THE CAT ASKED RAMA TO CLARIFY THAT THEY ARE not the Sons of Belil, as is being said on some internet sites**
- Dr Rick Strasussman went into the topic of the Elohigh, who come with very high frequencies to transform the planet, solar system, local Universe of Neadon – **A REALLY BIG DEAL**
- the Ruby Red Masters are here, the blue avians and other contingencies of light who are here to help -
 - the astrology is both profound and challenging: to be able to open up to the frequencies coming in now, we have to go inside and do the cleaning as Dr Hew Len says: "I'm sorry! Please forgive me! Thank you! I love you"
 - In the past, when she would do cleaning as instructed by various teachers, and say out loud something like "I'm sorry! Please forgive me! Thank you. I love you" she would get an answer back " Don't do it in the first place!" We are used to manipulating the world – we have to keep on saying it and doing the cleaning all the time, as we are past the time of just repeating what we have always done.
- Lots of people say it's the next 100 years from now; others are deaf to what is happening in the world, of the progress of what is happening on the ground

Texas floods: raised 28' in one hour in Texas and up to 40' in some places

India: 2000 people or more are dead due to the heat wave

Quatar: Jon Stewart last night talked about the rigging of the games in Quatar where it gets up to 140° and what are we doing the games there?

- there are slave labour folks building towers and other buildings – not getting fed properly, drinking dirty water, dying
 - over 1000 workers dead with no passports – can't go home
 - **AS ONE IS HARMED, ALL ARE HARMED:** don't buy it that your little part means nothing or is insignificant – it is not!
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- Dr Rick also discussed with Teran that parts of OK are having trouble with roads as well as into Texas; parts of I 40 are blocked off
Also discussed in his book **DMT: The soul of prophecy;** he grew up in an orthodox jewish household; has been to Israel;
 - has explored the stuff for the book and gone to Ramallah & other places along the west bank in Palestine; has talked to the Palestinians, has been helping them, learning their stories and the **FABRICATED STORY OF the country that was created: ISRAEL**
 - he learned early on about the fabrication which took place after WW 2
 - he learned about the Hebrew language; as he followed the ley lines laid down by the fairy lords and the elven lords through the fabric of space/time
 - He talked about a little booklet: **How to Grow Magic Mushrooms** from the 70s / 80s;
the preface discusses the consciousness: the author was channelling the wisdom of the molecules of the DMT itself
 - within our consciousness, we have the actual diagrams and blueprints, drawings, etc to build a star ship and that we can connect with them; it is important to get in touch with these consciousnesses – they are another civilization reaching out and making contact with us - if we want to learn to travel as they do on the solar winds and the solar flares and the stardust of which we are all made, it is in our interest to learn what the spores have to teach us
 - talked of the hebrew atlantean language; Rick knows how to carry on an intense conversation in Yiddish and Hebrew; in the Hebrew language, there are no vowels – it's an oral language

– he was taught by some rabbis who are aligned with the Palestinians and there are people in Palestine who are both Hebrew and Palestinian due to intermarriage.

Caller: May 31st, Patriot Act expires before midnight – opinions?

R: Senator Rand Paul will use some whack whack therapy#2 – does not trust what he has to say about it, but he's keeping the question front and centre. Has heard that it will die tomorrow night:

T: Since the highest appellate court judge talked about Section 215 which McConnell wanted to keep intact, was declared it illegal and against the Constitution: if people vote in favour of it, they have committed treason!

- **Posse Comitatus is NOT GONE – BROUGHT BACK** and not made a big deal about this because it does not fit into the story of scaring people.

Camp Lovewave – Joe Rogan was on too –

[**Joseph James "Joe" Rogan** (born August 11, 1967) is an American stand-up comedian, actor, martial artist, sports commentator, and podcaster - Wikipedia]

- when Joe saw 911, he knew it was high treason: will not vote for Hillary, but for Sanders and Warren; also said WHERE IS MICHELLE OBAMA?
- Said we are at a critical juncture: our republic is hanging by Superman's hair – out of 500 + people who are rapists, murderers, thieves, fringe lunatics who want to push the great lie that Osama did 911 and that we need to be afraid of the Islamic world – the biggest lie ever.
 - also ties into the people of colour story where outright ethnic cleansing has been going on – Texas, Baltimore, Ohio, Ferguson, etc etc etc
- Joe Rogan wondering why movies like *Jaws*, *Mad Max* etc have been revised/ brought back?
- There is a new legos movie to come out: the toys with the lego story
 - Joe and Dr Rick asking why all these stories being brought up now and leading to September down the road

R: it is NOT SEPTEMBER; HAPPENING NOW!!! They are pushing at a hard core level to create an incident which is directly related to the Republican party and the lunatic fringe who hate the black man in the white house, what he stands for and the whole issue of the Islamic world

Joe: why all the weird links with extinction level events? The new lego movie has cartoon figures of Gandalf, Luke Skywalker, Iron Man, Thor, Obi Wan – the Avenger folks – all kinds of characters – even the X-men –

R: what they are playing with is the idea of opening up portals ie, CERN, the super collider to open up a portal to bring in their contingency forces.

• **THIS PLANET AND SOLAR SYSTEM IS IN LOCK DOWN; CAN ONLY GET IN IF YOU ARE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHRIST!**

Caller: is it not true that when the announcements are made, we on the planet need to know who we are – meaning some of our family members will reveal themselves

R: when NESARA is announced & full disclosure is here, they will reveal themselves in a lawful peaceful manner, not like the movie 2012 where we have 12 hours to get stuff together before we see **2.5 mile wide asteroid come – CANCELLED** - they have nothing else to play with

T: Colorado shooting – HE DID NOT DO IT! They cleaned out his mind and planted a whole new story in – atrocious! Same as the Boston Bombings & the TS brothers - and Sandy Hook – ALL BLACK OPS and getting people into fear in preparation for invasion by ISIL, etc

Caller: saw on main stream media today that certain ISIL leaders being trained in US and go back to Middle East and cause havoc; letting out clues in Main Stream Media that we are training these people to be terrorists in US

T: we trained Al Queda – there is not a single terrorist group that hasn't been trained and paid for by our Black Ops;

- in Ukraine, it is NATO is backing & pushing in eastern Ukraine
- Richard Wolff : why is Angela Merkel saying that we should go help poor Mr Poroshenko out so he is not tied into Russia
- **THERE ARE NO RUSSIANS DOING ANYTHING IN UKRAINE!** They are playing on the mind-warping that has already been going on
- Richard also asking: what about Greece: Angela Merkel should be ashamed of herself –
 - After WW 2, Germany's debt was cut by 50% and they were given 30 years to repay – **why not the same for Greece?**
- The European leadership wants to blow up a way for preventing migrants leaving Libya
 - the majority of people coming across the Mediterranean Sea – if they stay, they slaughtered by the same people that we have set up to slaughter them

Caller: at the same time, in the news that Pope Francis getting ready to travel to Cuba?

T: Obama removed Cuba from the list of terrorist states – should never have happened in the first place; something good will come out of this - Mr P who is hiding out in the US is a war criminal, an asset of CIA and running after Castro to try and kill him – how many attempts was that? 100+ and none of them worked - IT WAS ALL BLACK OPS

Caller: main reason for Pope to go to Cuba is to wash hands of the assassination/ Hillary will not touch it even if someone asked her about the situation in Cuba

T: Hillary – there are funds pouring into that foundation that Clinton created from the wealthy ones in Ukraine so they can have their way with the 13 families and their big agenda to get the war going:

- she is an annihilator, a DuPont, and every single weapon created for war has been created by the DuPonts - war has created money in the bank for them

Joe Rogan: got the DVD *The Body of War*: cried his eyes out – Hillary voted for the war – SHE IS A WAR CRIMINAL; DOES NOT DESERVE TO BE RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT

T: South Africa – Hillary went to see Nelson Mandela by his bedside; when she left, he died – she made sure it got done, same thing with Hugo Chavez in Venezuela

- Jeb Bush in dirt up to his eyeballs in Venezuela; established the drug cartel there and ran drugs from there making billions and billions for US Black Ops while they “vacationed” there.

Caller: status of historical bonds – the “Leo Wanta Mitterand Reagan Bush Sr Fund”

- all is tied in with 78 programs in which Leo Wanta thinks he has a piece of the action – **NO, NO, & NO – Wanta is a total criminal**
- Ron Reagan was a programmed clone; it was Bush Sr dictating what the program would look like, and Wanta worked for Bush Sr – goes into the patriots, the sovereign militia movements and the tea party and now Lindsay Graham is talking about running, along with Trump and others

T: last night [Friday, May 29] read the **Lewis Powell Memo – A Corporate Blueprint to Dominate Democracy**: it has very very sneaky language - trying to say in the name of freedom and free enterprise but it **really in the name of corporatocracy** – in 1971

- there are things that have to be remembered

Caller: we are coming full circle – Grant Park in 2016 – mentioned Michelle Obama

- Grant Park will play a big role in 2016: was where the NHL draft picks were announced
- It's a pivotal spot – may see a landing there during the auspicious year of 2016

T: would give her a bit of a tingle if Michelle walked out in Nov 2016 – Would make their day!

- by that time, Ralph Abernathy will have been nailed for the murder of MLK Jr and that means Jesse Jackson Jr will be gone as he was part of it: he could not speak about what he say, and he lied to the FBI as to the direction of the bullets. T knows the person who was there and saw it all – that person's name is not in the public domain
- Rama and KOS called Abernathy and told him his day in the sun would come; we know what you did - he hung up on them!

Caller: To those listening please help & support T & R! They are the best giving Faction 3 news.

T: People coming to this call have the opportunity to get the news from the horses' mouths & it is not coming from anywhere else. It is a challenge because there are so many layers of lies.

- Amy Goodman was on Melissa Harris Perry this morning and brought up the name of Paul Rayrich: read his statement in which he said they don't want anyone to vote: as the vote goes down, their chances of winning go up; we now know he was speaking on behalf of the highjacking of the corporatacracy which started with the Lewis Powell memo
- Reaganomics was really Bushanomics: he was a programmed clone
- There are as many as 1.5 million people on the streets: Santa Fe will be making another law against panhandling, playing music for money, etc; in many cities, sitting on a park bench will take you to jail – cannot even lay down in the park – end up in jail

T: Reads the section called: the relationship to freedom: last piece of writing in the Powell memo – **need to read between the lines**

- Powell was succeeded by Justice Kennedy
- Powell is making a real dig against the left – in previous parts of the memo, he completely trashes the left and those who have never been part of a movement and don't know the dark underbelly of what is going on will be taken in by the language
- He completely trashed Eldridge Cleaver who was later taken out by the Cointel Pro – the group that got rid of W E B DuBois,
- W E B DuBois knew everything: that JFK was in trouble if he said what he knew Bobby Kennedy Jr and Marilyn Monroe

R: Joe Rogan talked about a new series coming this fall: one coming out where Luciferia comes into body as a wealthy hotel owner& entertains the filthy rich – what does this say about Hollywood and the main stream media?

- AND OTHER series which is about different kinds of anomolais: a series of folks who explore strange anomolies across the planet: a team of para psychologists/Indiana Jones types – when they explore these sites, they meet interdimensional beings & they used the word 'archons' in order to program people. PUT ON FREE SPEECH, WORLD LINK TV;RT TV,
- Jesse Ventura's Tyrone, son is good but is not Abby Martin; she could not talk about the idea of Obama as a double agent, but she did give back the million dollars back to Ron Paul who got it from the Vatican – Ron Paul is a snake in the grass – people do not want to believe this but everyone will find out about it all.
- We want to see the Patriot Act die on Congress: good for Rand Paul for pursuing this
 - the **domestic policy [of Rand Paul, Ron Paul] is genocide** – only those who can afford it can have health care; if you don't have the money, that was a free will choice: too bad – someone in the audience said Yeah! Let him die!
 - if you are waiting for money to come from those tied into the Tea Party, TNT Tony, etc etc – **the answer is no - all set up by the Bush Clinton Crime Family & they take care of their own first.**

- Reads the end of The Lewis Powell Memo: a Corporate Blueprint to dominate Democracy

Craig Barnes: Robert Reich was on; was also on Richard Wolff's show 6 – 7 am

- They talked of the bribe money that gets dumped on the desks of congressmen, senators, lobbyists; where does the money come from to bribe them?
 - Comes from folks like Adelson, Koch Bros, Eric Prince, Academi / Blackwater – having private mercenaries, soldiers of fortune hired by Koch Bros and the banks – they go in and disappear people – Robert Reich talked of this on both Craig Barnes and Wolff's show
 - Wolff – need to have a public bank!
- Melissa talking about **rural hospitals closing down** and there is no help for anyone; sometimes it's as far as 100miles to get help; privatizing the hospitals so only the wealthy get to access these things
 - this kind of privatizing has also been going on in the fire departments: in San Diego only the rich and wealthy with up-to-date paid policies got their homes saved during the wild fires
 - the **police unions** are trying to block reforms in Cleveland – this is another kind of animal – they are rooting for the 13 families agenda
 - there are so many people who are not participating; people are so disgusted, they throw up their hands and say "I'll never vote again; they are all rotten"
 - Instead of realizing **IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO VOTE AND TAKE OUR POWER BACK** – there is no joy when you are responsible for supporting something that is not moral/ ethical
 - Arundhati Roy: always says there is way more of us than them – money only has power if we participate and allow it to have that power.

R: legions, upon legions, upon legions of **our brothers and sisters from the stars are here** – this is serious stuff which is why they want to distract us with Nascar, Mr Hair, Rand Paul, Ted Cruz, etc

T: the group under the Patriot Act is Homeland Security – that whole department is without money! Whatever it looks like, **remember Obama is playing along as a good neo con at the moment** – there is such a mind control going on at the moment, it cannot be penetrated

T: Barney Frank interviewed by Chris Hayes regarding Denny Hastart:

- Barney told him that, as a member of the MK Ultra, he was under the programming & he was having sex with young boys / interns – does not remember getting up, going out and doing this, and finding out later what he had done.
- In the Hastart story, Person #A was being paid around \$900,000 and now he wants \$3.5 M because he was the one violated by his wrestling coach, Denny Hastart – way back in high school
- Barney said as that happened back then, it won't be the only case: it's true – Hastart has been having sex with interns on C Street for years

R: this is the collective clean-up of humanity as we do the ho'opono pona for the planet.

[All In with Chris Hayes](#) 5/29/15

Dennis Hastert indictment linked to sexual misconduct

The former House Speaker was indicted over hush money paid to an unidentified individual, who law enforcement officials say was a male student at the high school where Hastert worked. Duration: 13:41

<http://www.msnbc.com/all-in-with-chris-hayes/watch/dennis-hastert-indictment-linked-to-sexual-misconduct-454872643937>

Audio: Julian Assange – message about what is being done by EU military forces to the refugees who want to go to Europe; boats that leave Libya or other parts of Africa to Italy

or other parts of Europe to escape no man's land are being sabotaged

- For 3 years, Julian Assange has been a hostage of the gov'ts because Chelsea Manning told the truth about 911 and about the US killing innocent people by drones operated by people miles away from a video screen
- There are MMO games [massive on line games] that can be played on line; one of them is called "Special Ops" - kids get indoctrinated to play; if they are good sharp shooters, they get a visit from MIB – you wanna job?

Reading: back to the Powell memo - "the only alternative to free enterprise are varying degrees of bureaucratic interference . . . from the iron heel of the leftist or rightist dictatorship" - no social programs; no medicaid; gov't not to be the last source of choice to help people or look after the commons

R: 7.8 earthquake off Japan today – epicentre way off shore; no tsunami warning: is the earthquake machine being played with again to scare folks?

Reading: back to the Powell memo **[SEE BELOW]**

- When we get **Nesara, there will be 14% tax ACROSS THE BOARD**
- Chamber of Commerce is CONTROLLED BY THE KOCH BROS, the libertarians of all libertarians [they have upwards of \$110 billion between them]

Reading: Hugo Selenas Price: Apocalypse an enormous disorder coming

- this guy deals in gold and silver markets; having gold and silver **will not stave off the coming "collapse"** even if we all could afford to have gold and silver.
NESARA AND THE WHITE KNIGHTS ARE what is coming.

Reading: the Keys of Enoch, #215, v 23 – v 46

- In response to the material on the internet about the B'nai Or or the sons of light
- June might get tougher but it is for the purpose of getting lighter so we no more rebirthing cycles, no more reincarnation on planet earth – the souls coming in have never been here before and they do not plan on dying!!!!
- All the beings mentioned in the Key are on the planet now: RanaMu

Audio: DEMOCRACY NOW - Amy went to London to interview Julian Assange in the Ecuadorian Embassy for 2 hours. The police came to the Embassy and wanted her ID; she refused to give it to them – not legal!

2015-05-27 Julian Assange: Despite Congressional Standoff, NSA Has Secret Authority to Continue Spying Unabated

<http://publish.dvlabs.com/democracynow/ipod/dn2015-0527.mp4?&start=686.0&end=1375.0>
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2015-05-27 Julian Assange on the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Secretive Deal Isn't About Trade, But Corporate Control

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2015-05-27 Julian Assange: British Nuclear Sub Whistleblower William McNeilly Revealed Major Security Lapses

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- 2015-05-27 WikiLeaks' Julian Assange on Europe's Secret Plan for Military Force on Refugee Boats from Libya**
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- 2015-05-28 "Pretrial Punishment": Julian Assange Remains in Ecuadorean Embassy Fearing Arrest If He Leaves**
<http://publish.dvllabs.com/democracynow/ipod/dn2015-0528.mp4?&start=807.0&end=1485.0>
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- 2015-05-28 WikiLeaks Releases 500K U.S. Cables from 1978 on Iran, Sandinistas, Afghanistan, Israel & More**
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- 2015-05-28 The Kill List: ICWatch Uses LinkedIn Account Info to Out Officials Who Aided Assassination Program**
<http://publish.dvllabs.com/democracynow/ipod/dn2015-0528.mp4?&start=1741.0&end=2430.0>
<http://publish.dvllabs.com/democracynow/audio-m4a/dn2015-0528.m4a?&start=1741.0&end=2430.0>
- 2015-05-28 Assange on the Untold Story of the Grounding of Evo Morales' Plane During Edward Snowden Manhunt**
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Audio: a series of news items about events in the world

Interview with a singer

T: we have to honour those who have done the breakthroughs for us

Reading: May 27 – June 3rd

<http://www.evolutionaryastrology.net/astrology-podcasts/>

Forecast for May 27 – June 3, 2015

The weekend waxing Moon in Sag will become Full Tuesday morning at 12* Sagittarius opposing Mercury/Sun and squaring Neptune in Pisces. This is the epitome of a left brain right brain tussle. How are you managing all the mercurial chatter? Will you make the time to quiet the busyness in order to feel the emotional and intuitive messages coming through? Pluto in Cap has been squaring the nodal axis for nearly 6 months as well, and Pluto will demand the same emotional stability in order to manifest all the dreams and goals we have been putting into our escrow.

The communication needs and desires are acutely emphasized now with everyone wanting to be heard and appreciated. The Star of David Sextile comprised of the two trines in fire and air signs only add to the potential instability. Finally, Mars will be

making a waxing, gibbous phase inconjunct to that Capricorn Pluto. This may reveal opportunity for you to determine which actions and decisions you have made recently that are working in your world and those that must be discarded and released in order for you to evolve.

She reads this because this is a momentous change in the month of June; it will be more difficult for us to hold on to stuff we don't need: are we going to hang on to what we don't need, or take the "don't worry, be happy" approach?

Musical Break

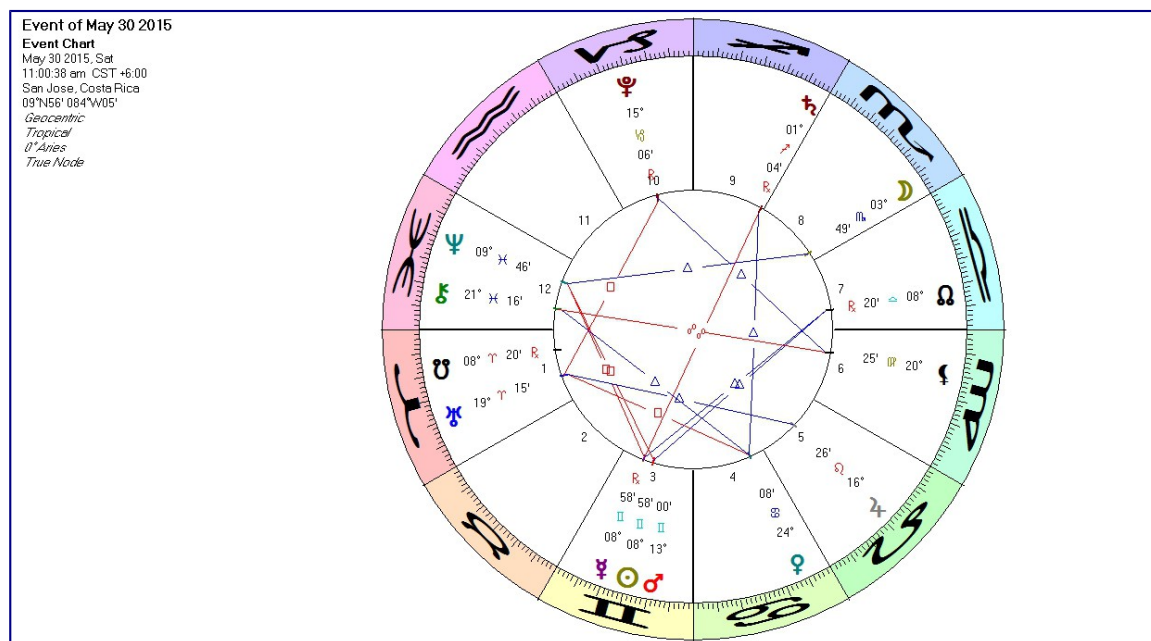
ASTROLOGY

The Pele Report

<https://youtu.be/gcCLI1OQLcQ>

**It's never very easy,
To close the book of dreams,
But if I connect my head to my heart,
It's not as bad as it seems.**

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With the astrological aspects this week, we can channel the highest energies and info from other worlds and/or get lost and confused and have a hard time distinguishing what is real versus our self (and others illusions). It can be downright confusing trying to get to the bottom of just what is going on!

It is not a good time to be making big decisions, signing contracts, or getting diagnoses and the energies are quite chaotic. It is a good time to retreat, chant, dance, meditate and connect without highest aspirations. Time to use and develop our extrasensory perception to see, know, feel, and understand what our limited ego is unable to grasp. This energy will be passing by next week so stay calm, cool and collected allowing/trusting Spirit processes beyond your control. Namaste!

Audio: The Oracle Report Saturday, May 30 - Sunday, May 31, 2015

Gibbous Moon Phase: trust, magic

Moon in Scorpio

Goddess of Wisdom: Tara (Goddess Who Guides), Kamala (Goddess Who Leaves No One Behind)

God of Will: Ian (God of The East), Seth (God of The North)

Skill: open to teaching and wisdom

Catalysts for Change: over-indulgence, inflated egos, disregarding consequences, self-sabotage, self-denial, disconnection of body and mind, propaganda, manipulation of gravitational and tectonic fields, fear of moving on, drama and dramatic changes to the status quo, impulsivity, clingy

True Alignment: balance, a peaceful and beautiful mind, re-connection with the body, novelty, sharing self with others through direct communication or through creativity, opportunities, clear vision, last-minute rescues or saved by the bell, rewards and gifts, relaxation, connecting sides

Sabian Symbol for the Lunar Month: "a mature woman reawakened to romance"

Sabian Symbol for the Solar-Lunar Year: "the music of the spheres"

This month's lunar theme of something awakening or coming to life inside of each of us continues in force this weekend.

The magical elements of love are in the air, asking us to open our hearts to our brothers and sisters worldwide, but also to open our hearts to ourselves. Our goal as wise owls is to hold the highest value for life, which we do well within the context of fellowship for others. But what about our own lives? Can we uphold the value of life if we have ourselves forgotten how to live, forgotten what makes us feel alive, forgotten how to be caring to ourselves? This weekend's energy helps us answer these kinds of questions and resolve these kinds of issues.

These types of questions and these kinds of issues (love of self and others, love for life) present themselves along the strong dynamic of the Sun making exact conjunction (meeting at the same place in the sky) with Mercury (which is retrograde). Exact conjunction is Saturday at 12:48 pm ET/4:48 pm UT). But, since energy moves in waves, it will be in effect all weekend to some extent.

The Sun will make conjunction with Mercury at 08' Gemini 58" - so the last couple of minutes of the Sabian symbol of "a quiver filled with arrows." Keep that quiver of love arrows from yesterday handy. Things may become quite *pointed*.

At the time of the exact conjunction, the Moon will be in opposition to the Chiron Point (location in the zodiac where the planet Chiron was discovered). When Chiron's energy is

activated, pain is healed and things are learned. Chiron is the energy of The Wounded Healer and Teacher, but it does this at an extraordinary level. Chiron is the *greatest* healer and teacher. The energy is impactful and *pointed*. **This manifests for us in energy to make a great change, change a major habit, and radically change our mindset. Things get better. Let's take full advantage.**

There are two references to being aware of consequences within the Sabian symbols of Saturday's energetics.

And finally, in honor this weekend of the Earth's dissemination of the Sabian symbols of "a theatrical golden-haired goddess of opportunity" and "the lamp of physical enlightenment at the left temple" combined with Venus' dissemination of "guests reading in a library of a luxurious home," my choice for the amalgam is the featured painting of the cover of the London Philharmonic's "Kashmir: The Symphonic Led Zeppelin" by Jaz Coleman. My alternate title to this painting would be The Aeon (Gaia) Sophia, the Goddess of Wisdom, In Her Natural Element.

What is she saying to you this weekend? What is trying to reawaken or be brought to life inside of you? Go outside, immerse in the beauty of nature, and open your heart. She will certainly show you.

<https://soundcloud.com/phoenix-rising-29/2015-05-26-laura-walker-of-the-oracle-report>

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Reading: Carl Boudreau

[SEE BELOW]

2015-05-28 Astrology Status for May 28, 2015 - June 2015 - A Watershed Month

T: The transition period will go until 2023, more or less. A very powerful reading

Reading: 2015-05-27 Collapsing Global Economy, Imploding Financial System~China Has Only One Option by Bill Holter

[SEE BELOW]

CONFERENCE CALL: 209-647-1600 – 353 863#

Caller/ McGoo: asking about someone – did he speak of the upcoming event in Mt Shasta with Dr Salla who is sponsoring this event; Dr Salla is on Coast to Coast often; Scott Lemrial; Onec from Venus

R: spoke to Onec quite a while ago; Tuella was here and shared much wisdom from Venus in the 80s! What is the topic?

Caller: will be speaking about their contacts with ET s; Onec was helped by Rumi to lower her frequencies so she could be on earth. A 5 day event sponsored by Ralph Potter – around Aug 19

T: same time as Patti Cota-Robles having her event; on August 18th we enter 2017! T talks of being older AND wiser!

Caller: the older he gets, the more he needs to know! He did speak to Shelly Boeing – she's in with Dr Hennerson [?] of the UN and that series of programs is going on – the Sheba – Esther trust [spelling?]; the Melchezidek trust and all the way up to the St Germain trust – they attribute all the goodness to Dr jov [job?] - at any rate, saying they will give money to people.

T: THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN

Caller: they affirm Old Testament mentality – taking names and other info – everything they refer to is Old Testament: Jav – Jahvah – Esther and other old testament names.

T: on the astrology we just heard, June is the watershed month; all our beliefs in the old – especially the Old Testament and the trappings connected with that – has nothing to do with the dispensation we are entering: the ability to step into the unknown is what it's about – and not repeating the last 13,000 years which is what the money programs are about.

- This is the programming of the 13 families – frothing at the mouth, hoping for the big one – being a millionaire in the US is no longer possible – these ones are leading people down the wrong path. Quite a few people who are not aware of how far they are into the Old Testament – those of us born before the bomb: a large group tied to the old stuff –

Caller McGoo was born in 1934 but has been a light worker for 60 years – when his children were young, he was printing Christmas cards with the kids in space suits! In the late 50s went to the Alamida [?] space conferences – ahead of their time.

T: late 50s was when Valiant Thor was living in the Pentagon – Mr McGoo remembers this!

T: says all their heros were killed by those in power during that time: JFK, John Lennon, WEB DuBois and so on

McGoo heard JFK Sr channeled a few years ago from the New Jerusalem where he stays

T: he is not always on the New Jerusalem – other places he can go: he's a world bridger – he KNEW he was going to be OK, that his twin Flame Marilyn Monroe would not be, nor his brother Bobby Kennedy – the world is going to get a wake up call like never before: all of the illusions, all of the money

Mc Goo – money is only temporary; once we learn prosperity, we won't need money.

T: talks about the Andromedans landing on the land next door to Starman's property and telling him he would see a City of Light manifest – BELIEVE IN THE MAGIC!

R: have to set all aside that we've ever learned and take a walk with the naqual: Don Juan and Carlos Castonadas are familiar names; some of us are quite dated but the trick to this is that the aging process continues as they keep sticking their fingers in everything –

- Thom Hartmann had on a lady yesterday, talking of taking all the water used in production of fossil fuels and putting that water on the farm land so it goes directly into the food!

T: The watering ban in California is not bothering the almond tree growers – they have no restrictions! Only 20% of the population is growing the food.

Caller2: did they know that Joe Biden's son died – has just died after battling brain cancer – Beau Biden! Leaves a wife and 2 kids! 46 years old, Delaware AG former –

T: he went up against the powers as AG – besides going to Iraq and probably witnessed soldiers going through the stargates – which is classified until full disclosure.

R knows many who have gone over there and seen it for themselves; they don't like people talking about Annunaki, Iruk, Abra-ham who was ½ human, ½ annunaki; he was also known as Hammurabi & established something still going on in Africa: cutting off the clitoris in women, and also circumcising men

C2: Beau underwent surgery in Texas last year

T: has a stronger hit on Beau calling out the bankers and other big boys, challenging the 13

families – he may have seen some ugly stuff and was not the same as his dad who was compromised. The other son has been in and out of cocaine: who knows what he knows and cannot handle it. Both T and caller have a strong hit that he was taken out! T didn't know about him being in Iraq and seeing things that were off limits;

C2 – was there for 1 year; the son of the wife that died [Joe Biden's first wife]

T: Thinks they got rid of her because she knew that Joe had been ordered to order 911. T tells caller that all is related – all the lightworkers looking for money and having their energies distracted as they are looking for money via the St Germain Trust which was set up by the 13 families

C2: so much going on – have to stay in our centres: has found the past week very intense: the info about the astrology is helpful

T: Carl Boudreau never seems to miss the mark: he synthesizes the time zones so we get a real perspective. As they are losing their grip, they are creating so much violence and other distractions – **THERE WILL BE NO EVENT AT THE END OF SEPT** – to walk through the maya of fear and fascination with the dark side.

T: impressed with last night's song – R picked a Brazilian shaman woman walking through the rainforest, singing in her own language; 137 plants / day, every year for the last decades have been destroyed; 50,000 plants disappearing from the rainforest. As they say the Altermarians are cleaning up the ocean, there are all kinds of herbs, plants, grasses that are new and which have a higher vibration than what is here now; there are also evolved human beings who talk to those plants who speak to them – every single solitary man, woman and child

- R printed out the story Beau Biden dies of Brain Cancer & read it: Joe is still a dirty bird: ordered 911; negotiated with the Ukrainian dirt balls. She also comments that children take on their parents' karma

T: finishes reading the article by Bill Holter [**Collapsing Global Economy, Imploding Financial System~China Has Only One Option**]

R: The ISI in Iraq is / was created by the CIA – and Benesair Bhutto is still alive and will be back to tell the story of why they “killed” her – time for full disclosure!

Reading: 2015-05-22 “Altered Genes, Twisted Truths” ~ A Challenge to Monsanto

T: they were already doing genetically modified foods underground and tested in the 40s – in Idaho!

- This weekend, the goddess who guides, the Green Tara, and the goddess who leaves no one behind – a powerful combination.

Audio: David Korten: From Serving Money to Serving Life: A Sacred Story for Our Time

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aad6E9TgqS0&feature=youtu.be>

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When we get our story wrong, we get our future wrong. Much like the Trans-



Pacific Partnership "trade deal", everything we are told about capitalism and our economy is a pack of lies. Time for a new story, says preeminent scholar and critic of corporate globalization, David Korten, the best-selling author of **When Corporations Rule the World** and **The Great Turning**. David has a brand new book, **Change the Story, Change the Future - a Living Economy for a Living Earth**. He is the co-founder and board chair of **YES! Magazine**, co-chair of the New Economy Working Group, founder and president of the Living Economies Forum (formerly the People-Centered Development Forum), a member of the Club of Rome, and a former board member of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) and associate of the International Forum on Globalization.

Recorded by Pirate Television, April 22, 2015, Seattle University, a Jesuit University

Audio: Thom Hartmann Hedrick Smith – [reclaim the american dream.org](http://reclaimtheamericandream.org); **Who stole the American dream**

Hedrick Smith on the State of the American Economy...

Thom Hartmann talks with Hedrick Smith, Pulitzer Prize winning NY Times Journalist / PBS Producer (Emmy) / Author of several books, latest Who Stole the American Dream, Website: <http://reclaimtheamericandream.org/> & HedrickSmith.com

- See more at: <http://www.thomhartmann.com/bigpicture/hedrick-smith-state-american-economy#sthash.w3KqIn7h.dpuf>

Audio: Max Keiser **Episode 764** May 30, 2015

<http://img.rt.com/files/episode/40/3f/50/00/kr3005.mp4?event=download>

In this episode of the Keiser Report, Max and Stacy discuss the 'gone people' of Greece and beyond, as austerity meets an immovable force of the bankers ever expanding black hole of debt. In the second half, Max continues his interview with Liam Halligan of BNE.eu about the economic situation in Europe, the EU referendum and Scottish independence.

Melissa Harris-Perry 5/30/15

On This Day: The icon of Joan of Arc

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/on-this-day--the-icon-of-joan-of-arc-454469187990>

On May 30, 1431, one of the world's most celebrated military leaders -- Joan of Arc -- was burned at the stake. But before she became a legend she was just a young girl on a mission. Melissa Harris-Perry looks back on why Joan of Arc is such an icon.

Duration: 3:03

Discussion about the closing of hospitals in North Carolina, and the march that is going on which includes all kinds of people in the area coming together in protest

Audio: The Daily Show – Jon Stewart

<http://www.thecomedynetwork.ca/Shows/TheDailyShow?vid=620520>

Reading: Buddha in Redface – Ch 11

Closing: Rainbird

Music: Rumi “when we meet”

Playing for Change: Imagine

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2015-05-17 Apocalypse and Enormous Disorder Coming-Hugo Salinas-Price

By [Greg Hunter](#) On May 17, 2015 In [Political Analysis](#)



By Greg Hunter's [USAWatchdog.com](#) (Early Sunday Release)

Mexican retail mogul Hugo Salinas-Price is worried about the common man and the upcoming currency calamity that is approaching the globe. Salinas-Price says, "It certainly isn't getting better when you have some intellectuals going so crazy as to say they want to ban cash. We can't go too much further along this road. This is utter madness. We're not supposed to use cash anymore? Salinas Price goes on to say, "If we have these lunatics running things, it can't get any better. We have people running things that have forgotten about what motivates the common man. . . . I want people to have silver because it is going to protect them."

Why does the common man need the protection of precious metals? Salinas-Price says, "I just read today the global debt is \$200 trillion, and it's grown from the last crisis in 2008. Something has to happen to take care of that debt. Either it's going to be repudiated or it's going to be inflated away, or it's going to be paid with taxation. . . . **We are headed over Niagara Falls.**"

Salinas-Price, 83 years old and a billionaire, warns currencies can suffer huge inflation risks. Since the mid 1970's, Salinas-Price points out the peso exchange rate has plunged compared to the U.S. dollar. Salinas-Price says, "From 1976 to date, from 12.50 pesos (to \$1 US) we are now at 15,100 pesos (to \$1 US) and going further down. Savings can become worthless, and that's what I tell people. Don't save money that is going to devalue. This inflation that is going on that is presently debt that is like a cloud that is up there. When it begins to liquidate, it's going to be pouring down.

People will be rushing around trying to buy things. The money is going to be worthless because in a liquidation, what can you buy with all this water (fiat money) that is coming down. As long as it is up there in credit, it's okay. It's up there in the cloud, but if it begins to liquidate, watch out."

So, is Salinas-Price predicting the same huge devaluation for the U.S. dollar as what has happened to the Mexican peso? Salinas-Price contends, "Same cause, same effect. It is absolutely unavoidable. That's why I have been urging people to have silver and gold."

Salinas-Price is trying to implement an idea involving silver coins that just might save the common man. Salinas-Price goes on to explain, "It is a silver coin that is given a monetary value by a quote and not by stamping the number on the coin. . . . It would receive a quote from the Treasury (not a central bank). Don't give it to the Fed, give it to the Treasury. Then you are saving in silver money which makes it 10 times or 100 times more attractive. When this takes place=boom, it's going to change the whole thing. It's going to shake up the world."

Salinas-Price thinks what is coming is going to be an "apocalypse." Salinas-Price predicts, "This is apocalyptic. We are in a terrible mess, and there is no way out without suffering. Apocalypse means prices are going to go haywire. Business is going to stagnate. Unemployment is going to prevail. **There is going to be enormous disorder.** That's what I see will happen. We are not going to get out of this mess easily. It is going to be painful. One way to avoid pain is to have something you will be able to trade for what you need and that is gold and silver, especially gold."

Join Greg Hunter as he goes One-on-One with retail mogul Hugo Salinas-Price.

<http://usawatchdog.com/apocalypse-and-enormous-disorder-coming-hugo-salinas-price/>

2015-05-27 Julian Assange: Despite Congressional Standoff, NSA Has Secret Authority to Continue Spying Unabated

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Guests **Julian Assange, WikiLeaks founder and editor-in-chief.**

The Obama administration's authority to collect Americans' phone records in bulk will likely expire next week after senators from both parties rejected attempts to extend it. First, the Republican-led Senate rejected a House-passed measure to curb bulk spying by keeping the records with phone companies instead of the government. The Senate then rejected a bid by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to extend the current bulk spying program for two months. The Senate adjourned and will reconvene May 31, the day before the program expires. In an exclusive interview from his place of refuge inside the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange weighs in on the NSA standoff.

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AMY GOODMAN: We turn now to a *Democracy Now!* exclusive with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who has spent nearly three years inside Ecuador's Embassy in London, where he has political asylum. Assange faces investigations in both Sweden and the United States. Here in the U.S., a secret grand jury is investigating WikiLeaks for its role in publishing a trove of leaked documents about the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, as well as State Department cables. In Sweden, he's wanted for questioning on allegations of sexual misconduct, though no charges have been filed. Earlier this month, Sweden's Supreme Court rejected his appeal to lift his arrest warrant. Swedish prosecutors are reportedly preparing to travel to London to interview Assange after refusing to do so for years.

While Assange has been holed up inside the Ecuadorean Embassy, WikiLeaks has continued to publish documents, from leaked drafts of the TPP—that's the Trans-Pacific Partnership—to the recent disclosures of the British nuclear submarine whistleblower William McNeilly, to secret details of a European Union plan to use military force to curb the influx of migrants from Libya. I spoke to Julian Assange about these issues and more when I sat down with him inside the embassy on Monday.

AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman. We're broadcasting inside the Ecuadorean Embassy in London. That's right. Here is where Julian Assange has been holed up, granted political asylum by Ecuador, holed up here for almost three years. June 19th will mark the date that he came to this embassy in 2012.

Welcome to *Democracy Now!*, Julian. So it has been three years since you came here. How are you doing?

JULIAN ASSANGE: I'm not doing too badly, given the situation. And I think that's really because I have something significant to focus on other than just my personal circumstance. That's the same for all people who are in a situation of detainment. I've been five—almost five years now detained, in one form or another, without charge, here in the United Kingdom. I don't live in the United Kingdom. I'm an Australian. So, it's quite difficult for my family. But for me, WikiLeaks' work and the various cases that we have, defensive and offensive, is enough to keep my mind out of the situation that I'm in. And that's very important for detained people.

AMY GOODMAN: Which brings us to Edward Snowden, a man who you helped to secure his freedom, at least for now, though he's not in the United States where he would like to be—he has political asylum in Russia—and what the revelations have led to—well, so many things all

over the world, but in the United States, congressional action just in the last week, the challenges to the USA PATRIOT Act. Can you talk about what's taken place? This is an absolutely critical week. June 1st, the USA PATRIOT Act, sections of it sunset unless they are continued. The administration has not appealed—applied for an automatic extension. And a number of senators, Republican and Democrat, have now bucked the corporate Republican-Democratic establishment and said they don't want the overall surveillance of Americans. Explain more specifically what's taken place.

JULIAN ASSANGE: The Edward Snowden revelations documented various forms of National Security Agency spying and secret interpretations of U.S. law that have been constructed by the Justice Department and the FISA courts. Now, some of those hinged on Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, a secret interpretation, that has been found just this month to be unlawful in the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals.

Now, that has dovetailed with the electoral process in the United States, and so there's now increasing push to be—increasing push for populism. Rand Paul and Ron Wyden have tapped into that. The USA PATRIOT Act has been on rolling sunset clauses since 2001. The sunset clause is June the 1st, and so Ron Wyden and Rand Paul engaged in a filibuster, pushing the passage of the renewal of the PATRIOT Act off to a week where Congress had scheduled to be away all the way leading up to June 1st. So unless there's an emergency recall of enough of the Senate and Congress, the sunset clause will hit, and that means there will have to be a new PATRIOT Act reintroduced. So it will have to be resuscitated as opposed to having a rollover, and that's a more involved process. However, our sources say that the NSA is not too concerned, that it has secret interpretations of other authorities that give it much the same power that it would have had under the secret interpretation of 215 and other areas of the USA PATRIOT Act.

What Edward Snowden revealed about the secret interpretation of Section 215 of the PATRIOT Act was that the National Security Agency was using it to bulk-collect the calling records, every day, of essentially every American in the United States—the majority of the big telecommunications companies. However, that's only a very small part of the National Security Agency's mass interception system. On one hand, it can suck information out of the—of Google, Facebook and so on, under the PRISM system; and on the other hand, even more data is collected as a result of information flowing across the border of the United States or across borders of the United Kingdom, which has a sharing agreement with the National Security Agency.

But it is a type of at least political victory, showing that you can—Rand Paul clearly believes that you can garnish a type of political power by having a filibuster on this issue. I think that's quite an important thing leading up to the 2016 presidential election. It's safe now to have this as part of the political debate.

AMY GOODMAN: The administration has said, well, we'll put the information in the control of the telecoms, the telephone companies, but that's also something that Rand Paul has challenged: Why should the telecommunications companies, why should private enterprise have this information, holding it to be sought by the government?

JULIAN ASSANGE: That's right. So the alternative proposal, which is something that was in the USA FREEDOM Act, which is pretty misnamed—it is a sort of milder version of the USA PATRIOT Act, in some ways. Instead, Verizon and the other—AT&T and other big telcos will hold the information, ready for the National Security Agency. But, you know, it doesn't make much of a difference if that's an automated system. It's just—you know, 80 percent of the National Security Agency is outsourced anyway, in terms of the management of its data. In this case, if it has automatic connections to AT&T and Verizon, there's no difference in terms of its searching ability. Now, in terms of whether there's warrants that are used for searches, it is perhaps an aid, because the companies could be made legally liable—that's up to Congress—for not insisting on a warrant to access that information. I rather suspect that Congress won't mandate that the companies can't hand over information unless there's a warrant.

Now, it's interesting to contrast that with the situation here in Europe. So, in Europe, there was legislation that telcos should hold that information for 18 months. Now, in Germany, that has been found—in fact, at the European Court level, has been found to be unconstitutional. And in Germany, it was ordered that all that information be flushed away. And now there's a fight on with various European states, such as Sweden, insisting that they can retain the information, even though the laws of Europe say that they're not permitted to retain that information.

AMY GOODMAN: Before we get to Germany and what you've revealed there, I want to stay with the U.S. for a minute, because President Obama famously said that the debate over privacy and surveillance would have been had without Edward Snowden. Can you respond to that?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Oh, I think it's obvious to everyone that that is false. How can you have a debate with secret interpretations of the law? How can you debate them? They're secret. Similarly, what are the actual actions that are occurring, not just in policy, but what is actually happening? What are these bureaucracies actually doing? If you don't know, how can you possibly have the debate? Information is classified, no debate is possible.

AMY GOODMAN: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, speaking inside the Ecuadorean Embassy in London. If he steps foot outside, he will be arrested by British authorities. We'll return to our interview with him in a minute and talk about the Trans-Pacific Partnership, as well as British nuclear submarine whistleblower William McNeilly. Stay with us.

2015-05-27 Julian Assange on the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Secretive Deal Isn't About Trade, But Corporate Control

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As negotiations continue, WikiLeaks has published leaked chapters of the secret Trans-Pacific Partnership — a global trade deal between the United States and 11 other countries. The TPP would cover 40 percent of the global economy, but details have been concealed from the public. A recently disclosed "Investment Chapter" highlights the intent of U.S.-led negotiators to create a tribunal where corporations can sue governments if their laws interfere with a company's claimed future profits. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange warns the plan could chill the adoption of health and environmental regulations.

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AMY GOODMAN: We return to our exclusive interview with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. I spoke to him inside the Ecuadorean Embassy in London on Monday.

AMY GOODMAN: Julian Assange, let's stay with the United States for a moment, with the TPP, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which certainly doesn't only involve the United States, but there's a huge debate within the United States about it right now. And I dare say, some of that debate is as a result of what WikiLeaks revealed. For some people, this treaty, that will determine 40 percent of the global economy, the only thing that we have seen about it comes from WikiLeaks. Explain what the TPP is and the information that you got, that you put out about this top-secret agreement.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, the TPP is an international treaty that has 29 different chapters. We have released four of them, and we are trying to get the remainder. For the information that has been released, through the chapters that we got hold of and through some congressmen who have seen the contents of some of the others, but they are not allowed to write it down—

AMY GOODMAN: They can go into a room and look at it.

JULIAN ASSANGE: They can go into a room. It has been—it's not formally classified, but it's being treated as if it was classified, in terms of how the information is being managed. They go into a room. If they try and take notes, the notes have to be handed over to the government for safe keeping. And, of course, congressmen under those situations won't take notes. So it is very well guarded from the press and the majority of people and even from congressmen. But 600 U.S. companies are part of the process and have been given access to various parts of the TPP.

OK, so it's a—the largest-ever international economic treaty that has ever been negotiated, very considerably larger than NAFTA. It is mostly not about trade. Only five of the 29 chapters are about traditional trade. The others are about regulating the Internet and what Internet—Internet service providers have to collect information. They have to hand it over to companies under certain circumstances. It's about regulating labor, what labor conditions can be applied, regulating, whether you can favor local industry, regulating the hospital healthcare system, privatization of hospitals. So, essentially, every aspect of the modern economy, even banking services, are in the TPP.

And so, that is erecting and embedding new, ultramodern neoliberal structure in U.S. law and in the laws of the other countries that are participating, and is putting it in a treaty form. And by putting it in a treaty form, that means—with 14 countries involved, means it's very, very hard to overturn. So if there's a desire, democratic desire, in the United States to go down a different path—for example, to introduce more public transport—then you can't easily change the TPP

treaty, because you have to go back and get agreement of the other nations involved.

Now, looking at that example, what if the government or a state government decides it wants to build a hospital somewhere, and there's a private hospital, has been erected nearby? Well, the TPP gives the constructor of the private hospital the right to sue the government over the expected—the loss in expected future profits. This is expected future profits. This is not an actual loss that has been sustained, where there's desire to be compensated; this is a claim about the future. And we know from similar instruments where governments can be sued over free trade treaties that that is used to construct a chilling effect on environmental and health regulation law. For example, Togo, Australia, Uruguay are all being sued by tobacco companies, Philip Morris the leading one, to prevent them from introducing health warnings on the cigarette packets.

AMY GOODMAN: That we have in the United States on our own cigarette packages.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Yes. And it's not even an even playing field. Let's say you'll say, OK, well, we're going to make it easier for companies to sue the government. Maybe that's right. Maybe the government is too powerful, and companies should have a right to sue the government under various circumstances. But it's only multinationals that get this right. U.S. companies operating purely in the U.S., in relation to investments that happen in the U.S., will not have this right, whereas large companies that are multinationals, that have registrations overseas, can structure things such that they're taking investments from the U.S., and that then gives them the right to sue the government over it.

Now, it's not so easy to get up these cases and win them. However, the chilling effect, the concern that there might be such a case, is severe. Each one of these cases, on average, governments spend more than \$10 million for each case, to defend it, even successfully. So, if you have, you know, a city council or a state considering legislation, and then there's a threat from one of these multinationals about expected future profits, they know that even if they have the law on their side, even if this TPP is on their side, they can expect to suffer.

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Julian Assange: British Nuclear Sub Whistleblower William McNeilly Revealed Major Security Lapses

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A Royal Navy whistleblower who exposed security problems at Britain's Trident nuclear base in Scotland was arrested earlier this month after about a week on the run. In an 18-page report published by WikiLeaks, Able Seaman William McNeilly wrote: "We are so close to a nuclear disaster it is shocking, and yet everybody is accepting the risk to the public." McNeilly describes a fire on board a submarine, the use of a missile compartment as a gym, an alleged cover-up of a submarine collision and lax security which makes it "harder to get into most nightclubs" than into restricted areas of the nuclear base. In our exclusive interview from the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, we speak to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange about McNeilly and his leaks.

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AMY GOODMAN: So, let's talk about more recently what you have been able to get out. I want to work backwards. William McNeilly, explain who he is and what he has to say.

JULIAN ASSANGE: William McNeilly is a submariner for the U.K. Trident fleet. Trident is the U.K.'s nuclear weapons system. All its nuclear weapons are in four submarines, called Trident. They're an expensive program, been going for more than 30 years, which is a matter of significant debate now in the United Kingdom because it has been stationed in Scotland. And if you look at this from the Scottish perspective, England put all its nukes and nuclear processing in Scotland, in Faslane, making it a nuclear target, but also making it a, you know, potential place of a nuclear spill, a nuclear accident. And so, with the rise of the Scottish independence movement has come a formal statement by the Scottish government, the Scottish National Party, that they want those weapons out, and that if they get independence, they will take them out.

And William McNeilly revealed to us a long analysis of accidents and other dangerous activities that had happened in those—in the Trident nuclear weapons system program and some extracts from the nuclear weapons safety book. And he went—he learned quite a lot from the Bradley Manning, Chelsea Manning now, and the Edward Snowden situations. You can see that quite clearly. And he—yeah, he learned quite a lot from that, and he was successful in bringing this issue into public debate. Although, that said, the U.S.—the U.K. media was very conspicuously silent. We suspect that there is a standing D-Notice on all Trident nuclear weapons issues. That would not be unusual. The D-Notice system here is a defense advisory notice. The editors of the mainstream newspapers meet once a month in a closed session with the government, which says what things it doesn't want to appear, as far as military intelligence is concerned. Anyway, eventually that was broken after we published, and some of the Scottish newspapers also picked up aggressively on the issue.

AMY GOODMAN: So, I mean, here you have this Trident whistleblower, who actually has just turned himself in. He, in an odd way, like you, now in captivity, puts out this extended statement trying to explain his concern about the lax security around the Trident missile system, how easy it is to get into the heart of—into the belly of the beast, saying it's harder to get into a bar than to lay a duffle bag, that no one has ever checked the insides of, next to a nuclear submarine or a nuclear missile.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, in a nuclear submarine next to a nuclear missile, yeah.

AMY GOODMAN: Explain some of the things that he has documented here, that WikiLeaks put out.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, he's documented fires on nuclear submarines; that the—so many false positives in the alarm systems, you know, where there's a fault or a problem in the submarine, that people just started turning the volume off on them, because, you know, they're too irritating; a gradual collapse in the maintenance standards. In some ways, these are all things that you would expect. For example—he gives another example of security, that it's harder to get through airport security than it is to get onto a Trident nuclear weapons submarine. And—

AMY GOODMAN: He said rarely was his ID checked.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Yes.

AMY GOODMAN: Almost never.

JULIAN ASSANGE: And another Trident submariner came out and said that, as well, backed him up, after this revelation, on exactly that point. And that is actually not surprising, if you know—if you've studied institutions and how they work. For example, in a nightclub, you have people trying to sneak in all the time, and, you know, clearly succeeding. And as a result, that disciplines the security staff. If they start slacking off, then very quickly they pay the consequences. Similarly with the airport, there's passengers trying to get through all the time. And now, for something like a Trident system, you have 30 years with—if anyone's getting in, it's perhaps Russian or Chinese spies, historically. And they keep it all quiet. So there's no disciplining effect when it goes wrong, and so gradually the standards all start to decline. And people engage in a kind of pantomime for the higher-ups, but everyone understands that we don't bother to do this because it's too much work.

AMY GOODMAN: We're here with Julian Assange at the Ecuadorean Embassy, where he's lived, taken refuge, has had political asylum for almost three years. And now we're talking about William McNeilly, the man known as the Trident whistleblower, who has just turned himself in after releasing remarkable documents about his observations getting to the actual nuclear missiles with hardly ID, let alone anyone checking, for example, big duffle bags—who knows what would be in them? So, why did McNeilly turn himself in?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, there's two potential actions against McNeilly. One is a political action for his revelations. Now, the U.K. military, the Royal Navy, is very concerned about the politics. We have these missiles all based in Scotland. The recent election showed that the Scottish National Party was completely dominant. It won 57 out of 60 seats in the election. And it says it's going to remove Trident. That is its policy. And if it—as soon as it becomes independent, it will do that. As soon as Scotland becomes an independent nation, which they're pushing for, they will do that. So the politics of this moment are acute, and the U.K. military doesn't want to pour more fuel onto their political fires, trying to do everything to dampen out discussion of this material.

Now, the other attack on him is that he was—

AMY GOODMAN: He's an Irish seaman, right? Irish?

JULIAN ASSANGE: He's from Northern Ireland. The other attack on him is that he went AWOL during this whistleblowing period. Clearly learning from Edward Snowden's playbook, stepped back, released material, try and manage the situation in terms of media and so on, and then, once you see how it's going, maybe step back into the fold. So, every day he was away, he was technically committing another crime in military law of being away without leave. So the U.K. military have now said—we'll see whether they stick to this; their promises can't be relied on—but that they're not going to prosecute him under the Official Secrets Act; they're going to go for

him under AWOL.

And I imagine if they're trying to suppress debate about this matter, they will prosecute him for being away without leave, they will perhaps put him in prison for 28 days, and they'll give him a dishonorable discharge, as a way to kind of dampen the conflict. If it comes to court about the material that he's been released, well, they'll have to say, "Yeah, it's true. This is true. And it was unlawful for him to release this true information." And he will say, "Well, but there was a public interest in this." And then they'll say, "Well, you don't have a right to argue public interest," and so on. So, at the moment, it appears that the U.K. government is heading down this direction of trying to not have a big, high-profile court case, which would probably be held in Scotland and further inflame the Scottish independence movement.

AMY GOODMAN: So, I just want to read from his observations. "This contains references," he writes, "to CB8890: The instructions for the safety and security of the Trident II D5 strategic weapon system. I'm sure all the Strategic Weapon System (SWS) personnel are scratching their heads and wondering how I'm writing this on my personnel laptop—I think means personal laptop—and referencing a book, which is contained within a safe in the Missile Control Centre (MCC). The MCC is the compartment used to control the launch of the nuclear missiles. It can only be accessed by people on the access list, and no personnel electronics are allowed. I was on the access list but how could I have gotten a copy of every single chapter on to my phone? A hidden camera? No. Smuggled the book out then filmed it? No. What I did was walk into a room [where] no recording devices are allowed. I sat down; took my Samsung Galaxy SII (white) out of my pocket, and recorded the entire book word for word. I held the phone still, about a foot in front of my face and anyone who looked at the screen or used common sense, would've seen I was recording. There were other SWS personnel in the room; in the video you can see a SWS JR about 3 feet in front of me"—or an SWS JR about three feet in front of me—"talking to another SWS JR sitting right beside me. You probably think that's impossible but I've got the evidence to prove it. The complete lack of concern for security worries me. The fact is it would've been even easier for me to cause a nuclear catastrophe than to gather that information, and gathering that information was actually quite simple, due to the amount of ignorance," he writes. These are the words of William McNeilly. He says he filmed this top-secret book with his Samsung, which is white, out in front of other people—

JULIAN ASSANGE: Yes.

AMY GOODMAN: —in a room where he wasn't even supposed to have a personal device.

JULIAN ASSANGE: And gives quotes from it in the material that we released, yeah.

AMY GOODMAN: So this is a tremendous embarrassment, to say the least, to the British military.

JULIAN ASSANGE: It is. But it's very interesting to see the way it's playing out in the U.K. press, you know, with a—it seems like an initial ban on reporting any of the information.

AMY GOODMAN: Has a deal been made between journalists and—or is there a kind of actual official ban?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, the U.K. society is a often informal society. In London, things work behind the scenes, and—but there is a formal mechanism, as well, which is the D-Notice advisory system, where the military and intelligence agencies once a month meet with the editors of the U.K., and they say what things are not to be reported, and then there's a gentlemen's agreement that these things are not reported. It's a sort of—the media self-regulates, because there's a fear of regulation if they don't do what they're told.

AMY GOODMAN: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, speaking inside the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, where he's taken refuge for the past three years. We'll be back in a minute with another explosive revelation.

2015-05-27 WikiLeaks' Julian Assange on Europe's Secret Plan for Military Force on Refugee Boats from Libya

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WikiLeaks has just revealed secret details of a European Union plan to use military force to curb the influx of migrants from Libya. "The documents lay out a military operation against cross-Mediterranean refugee transport networks and infrastructure," WikiLeaks says. "It details plans to conduct military operations to destroy boats used for transporting migrants and refugees in Libyan territory, thereby preventing them from reaching Europe." WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange discusses the EU's plan from his place of refuge inside Ecuador's London embassy.

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AMY GOODMAN: We return to our exclusive interview with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. I went to London and spoke to him inside the Ecuadorean Embassy there on Memorial Day.

AMY GOODMAN: Can you talk about the documents you have released around Libya and the immigrants that are trying to escape?

JULIAN ASSANGE: A secret plan was constructed by the defense ministers of Europe, the defense ministers from the various countries. The plan was led by the U.K. and Italy. And that plan, authored on the 13th of May, is what we have released. Now, it calls for a military intervention in Libya to destroy refugee boats before they leave port, from Libya coming to Europe, and also for other attacks on the people who provide the services of conducting the boats, called, of course, in that plan, "people smugglers," and they're necessary to stop their network.

AMY GOODMAN: You said destroy the boats. What do you mean?

JULIAN ASSANGE: That's right. Before the refugees get into the boats, destroy the boats. And so, of course, this involves potential infringements of Libyan sovereignty, destroying boats in port.

AMY GOODMAN: What do you mean, "destroying"? Blowing them up?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Blowing them up, sabotaging them. Destroying them through military means is what is specified in the document.

AMY GOODMAN: How would they know if there are people in them?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, they may not. They may conduct surveillance operations to detect people. They may be unconcerned with people. The way that they're talking about the people smugglers in the document is such that you have the impression that the people smugglers themselves would be a military target. The infrastructure, and specifically boats, but their broad infrastructure, also appears to be a military target. So, for example, the systems that repair boats or who are involved in collecting together the refugees, these seem like they would also be military targets.

AMY GOODMAN: And whose documents are these?

JULIAN ASSANGE: This is a classified document from the European Union, from the EU Military Committee. And the EU Military Committee is the defense ministers of the European Union. The document was led by the United Kingdom and Italy. And it will be Italy who is leading the on-the-ground—it will be Italy who is militarily coordinating the on-the-ground efforts.

AMY GOODMAN: And in the documents, the concerns about what this will look like, the so-called optics of the situation?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Yes, there's a layout for a media information operations at the same time, very significant concern about the optics, about where there's media scrutiny of the EU for killing people, or false reports of killing people. They say, you know, where the EU has actually killed people in this operation, so they are intending to at least risk killing people in blowing up these boats.

I guess from a—if we now pull back a bit, where is this coming from? Well, it's no surprise that the U.K. was involved in the draft. Since the 7th, with the new Conservative government here having a majority, we have seen a very strong push along a Conservative agenda against migrants, against pulling out of some parts of the EU, against a retardation of the European Court of Human Rights. From the Italian perspective, they have to deal with the migrants that come across.

Now, this will be the first time that the EU, as a military force—not NATO, but the EU—is engaged in hostilities. So it's quite—it's quite significant from the perspective of what the EU is going to look like as a military force. And if you think of Libya, there's the question of what do these EU nations want with Libya. Well, remember, Libya was largely Hillary's war. That's came out, that in fact the Pentagon was pushing against it, Hillary was pushing for it. From the American side, there wasn't unity in pursuing the prosecution of Libya, because the Pentagon was worried about the post-Gaddafi environment, had that been set up enough, for exactly the same reasons—the exact same lessons we learned in Iraq. Now, there was considerable European push for war in Libya, as well, from Italy, from France and from the United Kingdom, to get at Libyan oil. Deals were done in terms of splits with the Libyan rebels, the splits that Italy would have, the splits that France would have. So, we may also be looking at an excuse to get on to the shoreline of Libya. They will have established a breach of Libyan sovereignty. They will be engaging in destruction of these boats and the people-smuggling operations on Libyan soil.

AMY GOODMAN: And the documents address the Western-backed groups within Libya and what they feel about this?

JULIAN ASSANGE: It has come out publicly, when some versions of this plan have been spoken about in the media. The plan hasn't come out, but versions of it have been spoken about, and that the groups that the West says is the government of Libya, if you like, they're those factions around Benghazi. The Libyan foreign minister says that this should not be tolerated, of course. Libyans could not accept the prevention of Libyans seeking refuge being pursued by jihadists. It's really a very new situation. It's new in terms of the EU acting as a force in this manner, acting as a force against refugees, against refugee boats, acting as a force, in effect, to assist ISIS. These are people that are being driven out of Libya by jihadists of various factions, including ISIS. So, I find it quite, you know, quite a dangerous precedent. Now, having once established themselves on the northern shore of Libya, there's a question about then what happens. Presumably, EU troops or EU agents or EU warships on the shore of Libya are going to receive some kind of resistance occasionally, and they will meet that resistance. And that could then well snowball into an invasion of Libya. And that may—I must speculate that that may be part of the vision.

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As Julian Assange Faces Swedish Legal Setback, New Details Come to Light on U.S. Case Against Him

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AMY GOODMAN: Julian, the Swedish Supreme Court just ruled against you in a four-to-one decision. Can you explain what this means for your case?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, the big case is the U.S. case, which started in the beginning of 2010. A grand jury was in place by the middle of 2010. A WikiLeaks war room was established by the Pentagon, comprised predominantly of Defense Intelligence Agency and FBI, over 120 people working 24/7, more than a dozen different government departments involved.

AMY GOODMAN: How do you know this?

JULIAN ASSANGE: It's publicly stated by those organizations. And subsequently, the case has narrowed down in its focus and is now being run by the Department of Justice National Security Division and the Department of Justice Criminal Division. The latest information is, in federal court this year, March 4th, the U.S. government again admitted that they are pending prosecution, and they are proceeding. And it is a national security criminal investigation, multi-subject, long-term pre-prosecution. And as a result, the press is not entitled to any information at all. There's around 500 Freedom of Information requests from different media organizations trying to look at whether the case has been conducted in an illegal manner—spying on our supporters, spying on funding and so on. All of that is restricted under the basis that the matter is pending prosecution.

Now, the Swedish Supreme Court, in this split decision, said that they will not drop the arrest warrant. But interestingly, one judge did go our way, and the registrar itself. Documents have just now come out that the court investigated the matter and said that the arrest warrant should go away. So we have the court itself saying that due to injustices that have occurred in the matter to date, that it should be dropped, and one judge going our way. But ultimately, a decision was made. It looks like a political decision, that I think that the cost to—of face to Sweden and its relationship with the United States would be too much, and so, as a result, they're not going to go there yet. But it's still under consideration by the U.N. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, which is a panel of five, which is about to make a decision. And then we have other opportunities, the European Court of Human Rights and here in the United Kingdom.

The U.S. case against WikiLeaks is widely believed to be the largest-ever investigation into a publisher. It is extraterritorial. It's setting new precedents about the ability of the U.S. government to reach out to any media publisher in Europe or the rest of the world, and try and achieve a prosecution. They say the offenses are conspiracy, conspiracy to commit espionage, Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, computer hacking, conversion, stealing government documents.

AMY GOODMAN: I was wondering if you could respond to the lawyers for the complainant, Claes Borgström, for one of the complainants, who said he's very satisfied by the Swedish Supreme Court's decision, but surprised that one of the judges dissented. Borgström said, "If Assange was suspected of a theft or another minor crime, proportionality would be different, but he is suspected of rape, a very severe crime." Your response?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, that's simply not true. In fact, both of the women involved explicitly say that they had not alleged rape; in fact, even in the court documents, say that they had no intention of making a complaint and that this is something that the Swedish state brought.

AMY GOODMAN: What—

JULIAN ASSANGE: But you mentioned—I mean, this is detail, but you mentioned this figure, Claes Borgström, and I think that's interesting. This is detail which I think no one will know about, but this figure, Claes Borgström, is a very senior—was a very senior politician in Sweden. And the whole preliminary investigation—the preliminary investigation was dropped by the most senior prosecutor in Stockholm. It was Borgström, the politician, who intervened in the case, took it to another prosecutor in Gothenburg, the current one, and resurrected the matter, which is a quirk of the Swedish justice system that you can shop around to different prosecutors.

AMY GOODMAN: So one prosecutor can drop it, and another can then pick it up?

JULIAN ASSANGE: The most senior prosecutor of Stockholm, very well regarded, Eva Finné, dropped it and said there was no rape had been committed, then there was not even any evidence that there had and not an allegation that there had. And then he took this to Gothenburg. Subsequently, he has become the most disgraced lawyer in Sweden. He was kicked out of his political party. He's involved as a central person in the most scandalous judicial case in Europe, the case of Thomas Quick, where an innocent man was convicted, across six separate trials, to eight murders and imprisoned for more than 20 years. All of those convictions have now been quashed, and he is free. But it was Claes Borgström who was a central figure in fixing the framing of Thomas Quick.

AMY GOODMAN: How do you keep up your health? I mean, you have not stepped foot outside in three years.

JULIAN ASSANGE: I think, like all other detained people, you just have to be diligent about your exercise. There's a unique situation here. In some ways, it's easier. It's easier to get visitors, although you have to pass the police surveillance operation. On the other hand, yes, the absence of sunlight is a problem. There's a reason why, since at least World War II, the U.N. minimum requirement for prisoners is at least one hour a day. Even solitary confinement prisoners are meant to get one hour a day, even if it's in an outside exercise yard, even if it's by themselves, to have the sun.

AMY GOODMAN: And you haven't had that.

JULIAN ASSANGE: No.

AMY GOODMAN: What give you hope?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, if you look at—despite the situation, we've kept together as an organization, have a really strong team that's been through some pretty tough times. We have defeated this banking blockade. We continue on in our publications. Sources still have confidence that we can get impact for their material. A very wide range of people in the United States have come forward to work for us in a variety of different ways, probably most visibly Michael Ratner and the Center for Constitutional Rights. We have more than—have used more than 150 lawyers. And we had to add it up the other day for another case. So that's a lot—a lot of work in terms of

the legal fight. But there's something to be said that a small international investigative publisher is able to keep going under that pressure, and not only keep going, but to expand. Not many publishers have been expanding in the past five years.

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2015-05-28 **"Pretrial Punishment": Julian Assange Remains in Ecuadorean Embassy Fearing Arrest If He Leaves**

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On Monday, *Democracy Now!* went to London to interview Julian Assange inside the Ecuadorean Embassy. When we were inside, British police asked the Ecuadorean Embassy to hand over our identification. That's unusual. Local police aren't supposed to ask people for ID entering foreign embassies, so we refused. In part two of our exclusive interview, Julian Assange began by talking about the latest developments in the U.S. case against him.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, the latest information is from the 4th of March. Now, we know, as a result of warrants that were issued to our journalists' Google accounts, that the charges are espionage; conspiracy to commit espionage; the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, which is computer hacking; conversion, which is theft of government secrets; and general conspiracy. We don't know how many of each one, but we know that these are the charge types. This is what has been used to apply for warrants. We know that there are several more warrants that Google has. Google has admitted publicly that it is still gagged about the other warrants that have been applied.

Now, on the 4th of March, there was a case in federal court where EPIC, which is a Electronic Privacy Information Center, NGO based in Washington, D.C., has been litigating to try and see whether the U.S. government is illegally surveilling our supporters. And their case has become unexpectedly important. There are some 500 information requests from the media and us, that have been blocked by the U.S. government, into what has been happening with WikiLeaks. And they've been blocked under the excuse that to release such information would be to help us resist the prosecution, and that they want to use that in the prosecution, and therefore they can't release it to anyone. Now, the FBI has admitted that they have more than 42,135 pages just in the FBI file. There's the DOJ file. There's the grand jury file. And they're not going to release a single sentence, not a single paragraph. But they have to explain themselves. And in explaining themselves, they've revealed some important things, that the investigation is being run by the DOJ National Security Division, and it's being run by the DOJ Criminal Division, and that there is responsive documents in the DOJ extradition unit. So, we see the flavor of the prosecution from this, but also many other things. But this is the most recent one, from the 4th of March.

Now, importantly, we lost that case. Or rather, EPIC lost that case to get those documents, because the court accepted that to release any information about the WikiLeaks prosecution would affect the WikiLeaks prosecution, that we could use this to defend ourselves. And the argument used is quite incredible. So, we argued that—the argument used to restrict all information about the pending WikiLeaks prosecution is quite incredible. It is that not only would any information be—if released, assist us, even saying that we're no longer interested in that particular person, we're interested in this one, but that the court doesn't have a right to, itself, make this determination. So, the government says that we need to keep all this information secret about the WikiLeaks investigation—tens and tens of thousands of pages, not a single sentence can be released—because it would help—would help WikiLeaks, would help me.

And then, so we say, and EPIC, who's litigating the case, says, "Well, that's absurd. Surely, out of tens of thousands of pages, there's one sentence that can be released under the FOIA." And they say, "No, we're the experts on our own investigation, and that's what we say." And then, so we say, "Well, we want the court to look at the documents and say whether they can be released or not, whether they would truly affect the investigation." And then the government argues, "The court does not have a right to make this assessment. This is a question of a national security fact. Either it is a fact that the information held by the DOJ and held by the FBI would—about WikiLeaks, would affect national security or not. And it is the government that is best placed to determine this fact, not the court." And so, in the judgment, the judge states that it is necessary to show, quote, "appropriate deference to the executive on matters of national security," and therefore she is simply going to defer to the government's claim without looking at the material at all. This is incredible, that you have the judiciary—the whole purpose of the judiciary is it is not to defer to the executive; it's meant to be an independent assessor.

And if you look at what would happen in a normal criminal case, say, a murder case, there's a question of DNA in the murder case. So the government would bring their witness and say, "We

believe the DNA shows that this person was at the murder scene." And the defense would go, "We have an expert. He is much more eminent than your expert. He has done a bigger study. And he says that, in fact, no, this is quite incorrect. It is that you simply have incompetent procedures." And then the court would allow these experts to battle it out and make a determination on which one was the most credible. That is not permitted here. The court doesn't say, "Let's hear your expert." The court doesn't say, "Well, I, the judge, will look at these documents, and I will judge them." Rather, it's necessary to show appropriate deference to the executive in matters of national security. So all that's necessary for the government is to claim that this is a national security fact, information—any information released about WikiLeaks will harm national security. Its investigation into us, its spying on us, its spying on our supporters—any of that information, if it's released, will harm national security and will compromise the pending prosecution of WikiLeaks.

So, what has happened here, at a much more interesting and structural level, is a front loading—a front loading of the deterrent and penalty phase. You have a classical view of the criminal process and the deterrent process. Someone is accused of something, you charge them with a crime, it goes to trial, you convict them or they're acquitted. Let's say they're convicted. Then the sentence is both the penalty, and it is the deterrent. OK. Now, what has happened in these whistleblowing cases is that has been flipped. If you look at Thomas Drake, for example, NSA whistleblower, it's been seven years. There was no penalty, no—he didn't go to prison at all, in the end. And they just plea deal down to a slap on the wrist. It was—the pretrial process was both the deterrent, the general deterrent, and it was the penalty. And the same thing is happening here in the WikiLeaks process, where we have no rights as a defendant because the formal trial hasn't started yet. The same thing has happened with me here in this embassy in relation to the Swedish case: no charges, no trial, no ability to defend yourself, don't even have a right to documents, because you're not even a defendant.

AMY GOODMAN: And the investigation, U.S. investigation, has gone on for how many years?

JULIAN ASSANGE: It's gone on for just over five years.

AMY GOODMAN: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, speaking inside the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, where he has taken refuge for the past three years. Coming up, Julian Assange will speak about the new ICWatch database, which culls personal details from LinkedIn publicly posted by former members of the U.S. intelligence community. You'll also hear the inside story about why it's believed the U.S. forced down the plane of Bolivian President Evo Morales in 2013 during the hunt for Edward Snowden. You may be surprised. Stay with us.

2015-05-28 WikiLeaks Releases 500K U.S. Cables from 1978 on Iran, Sandinistas, Afghanistan, Israel & More

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JULIAN ASSANGE: The U.S. State Department cables. 1978 was a very interesting period. These cables have come through the State Department system, international archives. We have sucked them all out and put them into our system, where we now have more than two million cables in the collection, all indexed. So, 1978, a very interesting time period. We have deliberately released all 400,000 at once to everyone. So, no one's had an opportunity to cherry-pick, and we haven't done that, either. What we have done is identified broad areas which are very interesting.

For example, 1978 actually set in progress many of the regional elements, the geopolitical elements, that are playing out today. For example, 1978 was the beginning of the Iranian revolution. It wasn't until 1979 that it succeeded, but the push against the Shah started in 1978, with demonstrations and killings in response. Similarly, Nicaragua in 1978, the Sandinista movement started in its popular form as a result of a killing of a newspaper editor and was complete within two years. Afghanistan, the war period in Afghanistan began in 1978 and hasn't stopped since. It was—the Soviet-friendly government came in in 1978, the assassination of the previous president, the rival of Soviet special forces towards the end of the year.

1978 saw the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia. And while you might think, "Oh, well, that just concerns Vietnam and Cambodia," no, this is an important consequence of the Vietnam War and how Cambodia was used and became a Chinese and American proxy in relation to Vietnam. So China, the U.K., U.S. supported Cambodia against the Vietnamese. The Vietnamese prevailed, but the conflict also led to a finalization of what had started under Kissinger's rapprochement with China—a decisive move to configure China against the Soviet Union and onto the U.S. side of the Cold War conflict. And this war with Vietnam is something that facilitated Brzezinski's visit to China and the eventual normalization of relations which occurred shortly after.

AMY GOODMAN: When it comes to Afghanistan, Zbigniew Brzezinski, in an interview with a French newspaper, talked about the arming of the mujahideen, of Osama bin Laden and others, saying, "What's a few riled-up Muslims?"

JULIAN ASSANGE: It was Brzezinski's—the moment of history that Brzezinski is the proudest of is in fact Afghanistan and creating a Vietnam for the Soviet Union in Afghanistan by arming the mujahideen and bin Laden. And that—

AMY GOODMAN: So that the Soviets would have their own quagmire.

JULIAN ASSANGE: So the Soviets would have their own quagmire, which they did. And that started in 1978.

**2015-05-28 The Kill List: ICWatch Uses LinkedIn Account Info to Out Officials
Who Aided Assassination Program**

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WikiLeaks has begun hosting a new database called ICWatch, built by Transparency Toolkit. The site includes a searchable database of 27,000 LinkedIn profiles of people in the intelligence community. Organizers say the aim of the site is to "watch the watchers." WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange talks about how the database could be used to help identify individuals connected to the U.S. kill list, formally known as the Joint Prioritized Effects List, or JPEL.

AMY GOODMAN: Julian Assange, can you talk about ICWatch and what it is?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, ICWatch is a database of more than 27,000 profiles of people associated with the U.S. intelligence community or intelligence industry, so that includes people who work for government and people who work for private industry. It was created by a little journalism startup, a great bunch of guys, called Transparency Toolkit. And so they launched this a couple of weeks ago. This information was all originally in the public domain, or seemingly in the public domain, from LinkedIn, so these are CVs of people involved in various intelligence activities. By searching LinkedIn for key works, so they used, for example, the National Security Agency documents or names of special task forces or the, say, Joint Priority Effects List, the assassination program in Afghanistan, these were scraped out and then linked together so you can easily see, for example, who claims that they had worked at the National Security Agency at some stage or on various code-worded projects that the National Security Agency uses. As a result of doing that, they faced counterattack. And the counterattack was some quite serious death threats from—

AMY GOODMAN: This is for Intelligence Community Watch, ICWatch—

JULIAN ASSANGE: Yes.

AMY GOODMAN: —for creating it, for indexing what already is in the public domain.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Indexing what was already public. An example of one of those death threats, from Washington, D.C., from a counterintelligence operative, who was also a former marine, saying that he would hunt them down and kill them no matter where they were in the world, and there's no place in the world that they can hide.

AMY GOODMAN: As specifically what is quoted in your press release, "I promise [that] I will kill everyone involved in your website. There is nowhere on this earth that you will be able to hide from me."

JULIAN ASSANGE: Yes. So I think that—and there was a number of other such threats.

AMY GOODMAN: How do you know who this is?

JULIAN ASSANGE: We have the email that it was sent from. Now, I think this—it actually perfectly explains why the U.S. intelligence community must itself be scrutinized. What do we have in that statement? Murderous criminal arrogance, and it's somewhat megalomaniacal, as in "there's nowhere in the whole world you can hide," and vengeful. So—and I should add one further point: and deeply incompetent to, A, send such a message at all, but, B, this is a

counterintelligence person. This is a person whose job it is to not allow secret information out. That's their job. But they let that information—they themselves put that information on LinkedIn. They themselves are irritated about their own incompetence, to the degree where they get threatening to kill people involved with a journalism project.

AMY GOODMAN: So, this is an intelligence analyst, you say, in the Washington, D.C., area who put this information, his own, on LinkedIn. Have you handed this email over to the federal authorities in the United States to investigate the death threats?

JULIAN ASSANGE: They have handed the information over to their lawyers to take the next step. And there's a question about whose side of the matter the federal authorities might be on, and would they use the investigation as, in fact, a way to investigate the criminal death threat, or would they actually use it as an excuse to investigate ICWatch.

AMY GOODMAN: And so, talk about—you have something like 140,000 entries here. So what are you doing with this, and how are people using it?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, as a result of those death threats, ICWatch came to us and said, "Can you make sure that this information will be protected?" They were also attacked electronically. So we, if you like, put ICWatch into the WikiLeaks system. It's merged with all the other 8.3 million records. And so now it's really quite powerful, and it is providing information on a lot of very serious programs that we didn't know anything about. It's also a great way for journalists to get people to talk to, because these are individuals, named individuals, saying that this year they worked in this particular program. And so, as a source of witnesses for prosecutions and for journalists, it's a great resource.

I'll give you an example, JPEL. If you search, go to WikiLeaks-dot—sorry, go to ICWatch.WikiLeaks.org and search for JPEL, or Priority Effects List. And that's a name that is used for the U.S. assassination program in Afghanistan. We first revealed that in 2010, that that name was being used, and a task force associated with it, Task Force 373, but it has continued on and expanded in various ways. It has also brought in some NATO partners. That's the joint aspect of it. But in the ICWatch information are individuals saying that they nominated 600 people to the JPEL. As a result, 37 of them were killed or captured. Others saying that they were directly involved in nomination for the purpose of kinetic targeting.

So, the U.S. has kind of made a bit of a legal—the Pentagon has made a bit of a legal ruse in terms of how it describes these assassination lists. They always say it's a kill/capture list. And this is to create some kind of ambiguity, which is you go in to capture them, but they resist, and then they're killed. But, in fact, in practice, it has come out that they're destroying them; there's no actual attempt to capture. And here we have evidence, confessions even, because it's the individual concerned who has written the information, saying that, no, the purpose was always kinetic targeting involved in hundreds of nominations. There's around 50 entries talking about—you know, bragging on their CV about how they were involved in these programs to assassinate people. Similarly with interrogations and detainee operations, people bragging on their CVs about how they oversaw 3,000 different interrogations, including of high-value detainees, high-value targets.

And new National Security Agency programs that we had not previously been aware of, even in the Snowden documents, because they give a list of codewords which they worked on. We know these ones, which is how we found the entry, but these programs we don't know about. The CVs are great. I mean, you read a CV, and it's all in context—the individual, what they did at the key dates, and giving the range of their work. So it's not just some information about a particular keyword, but in context of the rest of the work they did that year and how the process integrates, what agencies they dealt with. So they brag about that they were liaising with the CIA and the DIA in relation to these assassinations.

AMY GOODMAN: And they talk about drone programs, being involved with drone targeting.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Thousands of references to—and some 8,000 references to people involved in UAVs, which is unmanned aerial vehicle, which is what is used inside the military to describe drones. There are more than 8,000 people involved in various aspects, from maintenance, manufacturing, targeting, intelligence feedback from drones.

AMY GOODMAN: Spying?

JULIAN ASSANGE: And spying, yeah, visual spyings, spying on radio signals, telephone signals.

AMY GOODMAN: So perhaps if you have job openings, you might be concerned that someone actually who's applying for a job might actually be a spy.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, I think that there's a real question. If you look at some of these CVs, OK, for some people, they were involved in assassinating people, interrogating people, and then they've moved on. And where have they moved on? So they've moved into police. They've moved into careers advice at universities. So, you could be, you know, faced with a police interrogation, and that interrogator is someone who tortured people in Guantánamo Bay. I think there's a real question about what the effect is on U.S. society, when you have all these people who have become used to torturing and killing people coming back and integrating back into society. And as far as I'm aware, no program to help them reintegrate and help them mobilize as they come back in. There's a lot of debate about whether Guantánamo detainees could be brought to New York to be trialed. Are they too dangerous after the way that they've been treated in Guantánamo Bay? Or they're an irritation to the United States. Are they too dangerous to have on U.S. soil? But I think the same question needs to be asked: Are Guantánamo Bay interrogators, are black site interrogators, are people involved in assassination programs too dangerous to be brought back in and enter into the police force or enter into university administrations or enter into the DOJ?

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2015-05-28 **Assange on the Untold Story of the Grounding of Evo Morales' Plane During Edward Snowden Manhunt**

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JULIAN ASSANGE: Let's go back to 2013. There was a worldwide manhunt for Edward Snowden—at a particular moment in time, the largest manhunt the world has ever seen, more resources put into it over that two-week period than any other manhunt. The manhunt for Osama bin Laden over an expanded period is, of course, larger, but over that short period, because of the abilities now of the National Security Agency and the incredible paranoia by the U.S. deep state, the general intelligence community, which is about 100,000 strong, vast resources were put into trying to grab Edward Snowden or work out where he might go, if he was leaving Hong Kong, and grab him there.

So we worked against that, and we got him out of Hong Kong and got him to Russia, and we were going to transit through Russia to get him to Latin America. Now, the U.S. government canceled his passport as he was en route, it seems, to Moscow, meaning that he then couldn't take his next flight, which had been booked through Cuba. And at that point, there became a question of, well, how else can he proceed? If he can't proceed by a commercial airline, are there other alternatives? And so, we looked into private flights, private jets, other unusual routes for commercial jets, and presidential jets. Now, we managed to get some intelligence on the U.S. government thinking of the different types of jets and that they were concerned that the presidential jets might be difficult for them, from a legal perspective. In fact, from a legal perspective, they are flying embassies. They're protected under the Vienna Convention. And no one has a right to go into the presidential jet. So, in assessing these options, President Maduro, for example, had already made an offer of asylum. I'm not sure if it was public by that stage, but it became public shortly after. And yeah, so we thought that and a few other presidential jets were a possibility, but we—particularly concentrating on—I don't want to mention all the nations involved, but Latin American nations who were not Bolivia. There was an oil conference on in—there was an international oil conference in Moscow that week. Edward Snowden and our journalist, Sarah Harrison, still in the Moscow airport in the transit lounge, and so we thought, well, this is an opportunity, actually, to send Edward Snowden to Latin America on one of these jets.

Now, I thought and, in fact, advised Edward Snowden that he would be safest in Russia, that the ability to protect the borders of Russia was significantly stronger than Venezuela's abilities, for example, to protect its borders or Brazil's ability to protect their borders or Ecuador's ability to protect their borders. But he was very worried about the optics. He didn't want to be accused of being some kind of Russian spy, so he really didn't want to be in Russia, because he didn't want that kind of propaganda attack to distract from the revelations, even though it would place him

at some increased risk.

So it's the week of the oil conference. A number of presidential jets are flying back, and we are considering one of these. And so, we then—our code language that we used deliberately swapped the presidential jet that we were considering for the Bolivian jet. And so we just spoke about Bolivia in order to distract from the actual candidate jet. And in some of our communications, we deliberately spoke about that on open lines to lawyers in the United States. And we didn't think much more of it. We had engaged in a number of these distraction operations in the asylum maneuver from Hong Kong, for example, booking him on flights to India through Beijing and other forms of distraction, like Iceland, for example. We didn't think this was anything more than just distracting.

But the U.S. picked up a statement, a supportive statement made in Moscow by President Evo Morales, and appears to have picked up our codeword for the actual operation, and put two and two together and made 22, and then pressured France—successfully pressured France, Portugal and Spain to close their airspace to President Evo Morales's jet in its flight from Moscow to the Canary Islands for refueling and then back to Bolivia. And as a result, it was forced to land in Vienna. And then, once in Vienna, there was pressure to search the plane.

So, it's really a quite extraordinary situation that reveals the true nature of the relationship between Western Europe and the United States and what it claims are its values of human rights and asylum and the rights to asylum and so, and respecting the rule of law, the Vienna Convention. Just a phone call from U.S. intelligence was enough to close the airspace to a booked presidential flight, which has immunity. And they got it wrong. They spent all that political capital in demanding this urgent favor to close the airspace, which was humiliating to those Western European countries, and they got it wrong.

AMY GOODMAN: Have you spoken to President Morales about what happened?

JULIAN ASSANGE: I've spoken to his ambassador and conveyed what had happened. Interestingly, the ambassador to the United Kingdom was involved in Portugal, so he was actually—at that time, in 2013, he was involved in the whole incident.

AMY GOODMAN: Because Portugal closed its airspace, too.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Portugal, Spain and France closed their airspace. Some other things happened. Some preemptive extradition requests were sent out, for example, to Iceland, which we got hold of and published. So there was—the U.S. was pressuring countries where flights might go through or land or refuel. And as a result of that operation, then it became clear that in fact it was too dangerous to—at that moment, at least, to take any flight out of Moscow. And this is what then led to his eventual asylum. It wasn't just the removal of the passport, which removed his ability to use commercial flights. It was that the U.S. was closing airspace and acting in a manner where you would have to assume that they—you know, if a flight went past the United States—not over U.S. territory, but past the United States—there might be some kind of interdiction.

AMY GOODMAN: This is an odd situation. The U.S. is spying on your conversations. They pick up information from your conversations with lawyers, and then they force a president's plane down on the ground.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, the U.S. should apologize to Evo Morales, to Portugal, to Spain, to France. Portugal, Spain and France should apologize to Evo Morales for not following the law. But we can't predict when other countries won't follow the law. We can't predict that other countries engage in some criminal operation, unprecedented criminal operation. But in some ways, while it was unfortunate for President Morales, it was also a very good thing to have seen, because it revealed the arrogance of Western Europe towards Latin America. It revealed the arrogance and hypocrisy of the United States in pressuring Western Europe in that way. It revealed the nature

of the relationship between Western Europe and the United States.

And this became the key ingredient in Edward Snowden's asylum application, because, you know, you could debate about, well, will he receive a fair process in the United States? You know, there's no system of law there, and will he receive a fair process or not? But after that happened, at a legal level, in terms of asylum law, it was very clear that there could not be a fair process. It was very clear he could not receive asylum in Western Europe. That was meaningless. And at a political level, the Russian government had to react. And it didn't have any—it couldn't react by handing him over. It would look weak and unprincipled. It only had one other card it could play, which is to accept his asylum.

AMY GOODMAN: Were you shocked when the U.S. forced down President Evo Morales's plane?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Yes and no. I didn't—we didn't expect that they would do that. But we had seen from what they—Snowden was shocked—that we had seen in our battles over the past few years that similarly illegal conduct occurred. For example, they flew a private jet with six FBI agents and two prosecutors illegally into Iceland to interrogate people and commission them to try and steal information from us. So, we had seen this type of illegality before.

AMY GOODMAN: On that point, very quickly, on Iceland, the FBI flew into Iceland without asking the government's permission?

JULIAN ASSANGE: The U.S. flew a private jet with six FBI officers and two prosecutors—one from New York and the other one, we believe, from Alexandria, Virginia, where the ongoing WikiLeaks grand jury is taking place—into Iceland under false pretenses, pretending that they were investigating a hacking threat to the Icelandic government. Once there, they then started interrogating an informant. Now, this informant had approached the U.S. Embassy with information. Now, it's interesting to speculate exactly why the approach was made, whether it was because of a fear of threatened prosecution or a desire for financial reward, but then started interrogating them, taking them around hotel rooms in Iceland.

The interior minister of Iceland found out about what was going on and ordered that the FBI leave. They said they would. They didn't. And then a second order was put in. And then they fled Iceland under fear of arrest and, at that point, then got the informant to fly to Washington, D.C., where they interrogated them for another five days and then tried to use them to infiltrate a part of WikiLeaks. And they then met in Denmark on two occasions, and money was handed over in exchange for information, \$5,000.

Now, subsequently, that informant has confessed doing that, has been prosecuted in Iceland for fraud, embezzlement and other crimes, being pursued by us and by some other Icelandic businesses where this person was involved in embezzlement. Now, importantly, this is the FBI's star witness in the case against WikiLeaks. So their star witness has gone from just being a witness to being someone who's now in prison, who has confessed to fabricating letters for me—from me as part of a fraudulent operation, and other businesses in Iceland, and is convicted of other crimes and has additional crimes that are outstanding.

AMY GOODMAN: And he is in prison currently in Iceland?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Yes.

AMY GOODMAN: And this is the star witness against you in the espionage case in the United States?

JULIAN ASSANGE: In the espionage case.

AMY GOODMAN: How do you know he's the star witness?

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, it seems, from other records where the U.S. government speaks obliquely about that operation and how valuable it was to them, that it was, you know, of extreme value to them.

AMY GOODMAN: As we wrap up, I want to end where we started, and that's you right here in the Ecuadorean Embassy. You have been here now for years. Do you expect ever to leave?

JULIAN ASSANGE: It's, you know, a geopolitical situation. It will depend on the geopolitics. There's a number of nations involved who have relationships with each other. U.K. has a relationship with the United States. There's domestic things happening here in the United Kingdom which are concerning, on the one hand. The U.K. says it will arrest me regardless. It refuses to reveal whether U.S. has already put in an extradition request. It says it will pull out of the European Court of Human Rights within a hundred days. I think it's going to find it harder than what it is saying politically. It is engaged in this crazy adventurism in Libya.

It is introducing new legislation to say that it's not enough anymore to follow the law. This is the incredible rhetoric coming out of the prime minister's mouth, and the home secretary, who's responsible for policing, police, that it's not enough anymore to follow the law, it's not a matter of introducing new laws to make new crimes, but people who make statements, which are perfectly lawful, need to be stopped; otherwise, criticism against the U.K.'s foreign policy could lead people into—it's a stepping stone to domestic extremism. And so, once people are named as someone who is leading to domestic extremism, a gag can be put on them, where everything they say has to have pre-publication review by the government. Meetings and meeting places can similarly be banned. You have to submit your agenda to what you're going to do at that meeting and so on. This is not a matter of incitement. There's already laws about incitement: You can incite one—someone to commit murder, incite someone to commit terrorism—these are already offenses. But it's speaking about matters which are not offenses, and they have no intention to make offenses, so that's a very strange thing. That is—you know, it's not rhetoric that we expect to hear post-World War II in northern Europe. But we're hearing it now.

AMY GOODMAN: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, speaking inside the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, where he has taken refuge for the past three years. If he steps outside the embassy, he'll be arrested. To watch [part one](#) of our exclusive interview, visit democracynow.org, where he talks about leaked drafts of the TPP—that's the Trans-Pacific Partnership—the recent disclosures of a British nuclear submarine whistleblower, who says it's harder to get through airport security than to get onto a Trident nuclear weapons submarine, and Assange talks about secret details of a European Union plan to use military force—in other words, blowing ships up—to curb the influx of migrants from Libya.

2015-05-28 **"Pretrial Punishment": Julian Assange Remains in Ecuadorean Embassy Fearing Arrest If He Leaves**

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Guests [Julian Assange](#), WikiLeaks founder and editor-in-chief.

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On Monday, *Democracy Now!* went to London to interview Julian Assange inside the Ecuadorean Embassy. When we were inside, British police asked the Ecuadorean Embassy to hand over our identification. That's unusual. Local police aren't supposed to ask people for ID entering foreign embassies, so we refused. In part two of our exclusive interview, Julian Assange began by talking about the latest developments in the U.S. case against him.

JULIAN ASSANGE: Well, the latest information is from the 4th of March. Now, we know, as a result of warrants that were issued to our journalists' Google accounts, that the charges are espionage; conspiracy to commit espionage; the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, which is computer hacking; conversion, which is theft of government secrets; and general conspiracy. We don't know how many of each one, but we know that these are the charge types. This is what has been used to apply for warrants. We know that there are several more warrants that Google has. Google has admitted publicly that it is still gagged about the other warrants that have been

applied.

Now, on the 4th of March, there was a case in federal court where EPIC, which is a Electronic Privacy Information Center, NGO based in Washington, D.C., has been litigating to try and see whether the U.S. government is illegally surveilling our supporters. And their case has become unexpectedly important. There are some 500 information requests from the media and us, that have been blocked by the U.S. government, into what has been happening with WikiLeaks. And they've been blocked under the excuse that to release such information would be to help us resist the prosecution, and that they want to use that in the prosecution, and therefore they can't release it to anyone. Now, the FBI has admitted that they have more than 42,135 pages just in the FBI file. There's the DOJ file. There's the grand jury file. And they're not going to release a single sentence, not a single paragraph. But they have to explain themselves. And in explaining themselves, they've revealed some important things, that the investigation is being run by the DOJ National Security Division, and it's being run by the DOJ Criminal Division, and that there is responsive documents in the DOJ extradition unit. So, we see the flavor of the prosecution from this, but also many other things. But this is the most recent one, from the 4th of March.

Now, importantly, we lost that case. Or rather, EPIC lost that case to get those documents, because the court accepted that to release any information about the WikiLeaks prosecution would affect the WikiLeaks prosecution, that we could use this to defend ourselves. And the argument used is quite incredible. So, we argued that—the argument used to restrict all information about the pending WikiLeaks prosecution is quite incredible. It is that not only would any information be—if released, assist us, even saying that we're no longer interested in that particular person, we're interested in this one, but that the court doesn't have a right to, itself, make this determination. So, the government says that we need to keep all this information secret about the WikiLeaks investigation—tens and tens of thousands of pages, not a single sentence can be released—because it would help—would help WikiLeaks, would help me.

And then, so we say, and EPIC, who's litigating the case, says, "Well, that's absurd. Surely, out of tens of thousands of pages, there's one sentence that can be released under the FOIA." And they say, "No, we're the experts on our own investigation, and that's what we say." And then, so we say, "Well, we want the court to look at the documents and say whether they can be released or not, whether they would truly affect the investigation." And then the government argues, "The court does not have a right to make this assessment. This is a question of a national security fact. Either it is a fact that the information held by the DOJ and held by the FBI would—about WikiLeaks, would affect national security or not. And it is the government that is best placed to determine this fact, not the court." And so, in the judgment, the judge states that it is necessary to show, quote, "appropriate deference to the executive on matters of national security," and therefore she is simply going to defer to the government's claim without looking at the material at all. This is incredible, that you have the judiciary—the whole purpose of the judiciary is it is not to defer to the executive; it's meant to be an independent assessor.

And if you look at what would happen in a normal criminal case, say, a murder case, there's a question of DNA in the murder case. So the government would bring their witness and say, "We believe the DNA shows that this person was at the murder scene." And the defense would go, "We have an expert. He is much more eminent than your expert. He has done a bigger study. And he says that, in fact, no, this is quite incorrect. It is that you simply have incompetent procedures." And then the court would allow these experts to battle it out and make a determination on which one was the most credible. That is not permitted here. The court doesn't say, "Let's hear your expert." The court doesn't say, "Well, I, the judge, will look at these documents, and I will judge them." Rather, it's necessary to show appropriate deference to the executive in matters of national security. So all that's necessary for the government is to claim that this is a national security fact, information—any information released about WikiLeaks will harm national security. Its investigation into us, its spying on us, its spying on our supporters—any of that information, if it's released, will harm national security and will compromise the pending prosecution of WikiLeaks.

So, what has happened here, at a much more interesting and structural level, is a front loading—a front loading of the deterrent and penalty phase. You have a classical view of the criminal process and the deterrent process. Someone is accused of something, you charge them with a crime, it goes to trial, you convict them or they're acquitted. Let's say they're convicted. Then the sentence is both the penalty, and it is the deterrent. OK. Now, what has happened in these whistleblowing cases is that has been flipped. If you look at Thomas Drake, for example, NSA whistleblower, it's been seven years. There was no penalty, no—he didn't go to prison at all, in the end. And they just plea deal down to a slap on the wrist. It was—the pretrial process was both the deterrent, the general deterrent, and it was the penalty. And the same thing is happening here in the WikiLeaks process, where we have no rights as a defendant because the formal trial hasn't started yet. The same thing has happened with me here in this embassy in relation to the Swedish case: no charges, no trial, no ability to defend yourself, don't even have a right to documents, because you're not even a defendant.

AMY GOODMAN: And the investigation, U.S. investigation, has gone on for how many years?

JULIAN ASSANGE: It's gone on for just over five years.

AMY GOODMAN: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, speaking inside the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, where he has taken refuge for the past three years. Coming up, Julian Assange will speak about the new ICWatch database, which culls personal details from LinkedIn publicly posted by former members of the U.S. intelligence community. You'll also hear the inside story about why it's believed the U.S. forced down the plane of Bolivian President Evo Morales in 2013 during the hunt for Edward Snowden. You may be surprised. Stay with us.

2015-05-28 Astrology Status for May 28, 2015 - June 2015 - A Watershed Month

Collective Consciousness and Dwarf the Planets

Some Background Thoughts

In recent posts, I have focused on the emerging influence of the asteroids (dwarf planets, actually) as a possible explanation for the increasing intensity of turmoil in our inner lives. (See <http://on.fb.me/1Ewf7BF> and <http://on.fb.me/1LoemRr>) In this post, I would like to develop those ideas further.

The Technical Details

In the composite chart for the New and Full Moons in June, cast for Greenwich, UK, UT, there is a large grouping of retrograde minor planets. The placement of this large grouping strengthens its influence generally. June's other aspects strengthen the influence of this grouping significantly more.

Pallas, Ixion, Pholus and Quaoar are all retrograde in Sagittarius. Chariklo is nearby in Capricorn, retrograding back into Sagittarius.

The Sagittarius placement makes them part of a broad but very effective T-Square in mutable signs.

In addition to the planetoids in Sagittarius, this T-Square involves the Sun, retrograde Mercury and Mars in Gemini and Neptune, Chiron and Nessus in Pisces. It will be effective while Mars, Mercury retrograde and the Sun are in Gemini.

In the specialized composite chart I rely on for monthly readings, the planetoids are in the 3rd house, the natural house of Gemini and Mercury.

This third house placement, then, integrates the energies of June's big Sun/Mercury/Mars conjunction ever more thoroughly into the mutable T-Square that dominates the chart.

The Gemini/Sagittarius opposition forming the base of the T-Square occupies the 3rd/9th house axis, which ties local events to international events.

Most of these bodies are also being affected by Saturn's transit of Sagittarius and the looming square between Saturn, Neptune, etc. in Pisces. Saturn will spend June retrograding back across the cusp of Sagittarius and Scorpio.

Pluto, another small planet, BTW, is retrograding nearby in Capricorn. Ceres, not far off, is retrograding in Aquarius in the 4th house.

Let's not drill too far down into the astrological details. Suffice it to say, this influential grouping, which has been around for awhile, is especially influential in June.

Cumulatively, astrological conditions in June mark a historical watershed - a major historical turning point. June's composite chart describes a veritable vortex, or maelstrom, of powerful transformative energies that will dramatically affect our feelings and our ideas about the world we live in.

It could be many months, perhaps years, before we can really begin to grasp the profundity or understand the meaning of the forces June's aspect will unleash or the transformative processes they are setting in motion.

That being the case, mentally, emotionally and psychologically, we need to put ourselves in maintenance mode and not draw any conclusions about the meaning of what is happening. Such conclusions would be

exceedingly premature and probably wrong.

That would be even more true if, as is very likely to be the case, people leave the powerful supportive aspects out of account and work only from the fears such widespread change inevitably brings and the probably violent tumult these energies will almost certainly stir up in the near term.

It is impossible that the world could survive the release of this much transformative energy, however essentially benevolent, without numerous and notable mishaps on a collective and individual level. The complexity, intensity and volume of energies are such that it will be impossible, or highly unrealistic, to connect many events with specific astrological causes. The same would be true of trying to predict events. We must be prepared for the unexpected and not jump to conclusions about the meaning of events.

Dwarf Planets and the Nature of Society

Based on the myths associated with the figures these large asteroids, or planetoids, are named after, they appear to govern social behavior.

Some of these bodies, like Ixion and Pholus, appear to govern the moral and ethical principles at work in society. Others, like Pallas, appear to govern the logical validity of these principles. Quaoar appears related to the process of changing these ideas. And so on:

~ Pallas (discovered 1802) appears to govern our ability to recognize patterns of all kinds, including mathematical and logical patterns.

~ Ixion (2001) appears related to the moral and ethical integrity of those in high public office. (Think FIFA scandal.)

~ Pholus (1992) appears related to the observance of community standards in our personal dealings.

~ Quaoar (2002) appears related to the balance between stability and change in our ideas about the world and how it should work.

~ Chariklo (1997) appears to govern our respect for the most subtle, personal boundaries, what we might call "the rights of the person."

~ Ceres (1801) apparently governs our impulse to nurture and care for others.

Similar things could be said about bodies like Juno (1804), Chiron (1977) and others, in this part of the solar system. Uranus was discovered in 1781, Neptune in 1846 and Pluto in 1930.

Beyond their assigned or assumed significance, the discovery of all the bodies in the outer solar system correlated in a general way with the emergence of the social sciences.

A Science of Collective Consciousness

Public relations, public opinion polling, mass marketing, etc., emerged as thriving industries and mass consciousness became subject of serious academic study during these recent centuries.

As these planets were being discovered, people increasingly came to think of themselves as members of a society. Increasingly, people act on behalf of themselves and others not as individuals but as members of society. This 'societization' process has continued to the point that people have now begun thinking of themselves as members of a global society.

Toward Another Advance in Collective Consciousness

Although we probably could not find a rigorous and compelling definition of the term "collective consciousness," we know that something like a collective consciousness exists. It is practically a household term. The collective consciousness is also known to influence our ideas and actions as members of a society.

We understand that the ideas in collective consciousness are closely related to how we, as members of a society, think about ourselves, how we treat other members of society and how we act toward others, including those in other societies.

Our awareness of the errors enshrined in collective consciousness and the suffering that these errors routinely cause others, grew rapidly in the late 20th century. For many decades now, we have known that the 'knowledge' in collective consciousness is often deeply flawed.

Ideas embedded in collective consciousness are wrong at least as often as they were right. They are cruel and unjust at least as often as they are compassionate and just. They are biased and discriminatory, exploitative and oppressive at least as often as they are fair.

Collective Consciousness and You

Since the early 1990's when bodies like Pholus and Nessus were being discovered, people have developed an intensely personal relationship with the collective consciousness. We are beginning to understand and, indeed, experience ourselves, as caught up in collective consciousness.

With the advent of concepts like "political correctness" in the 1980s and 90s, we have all begun taking personal responsibility for identifying, correcting and fighting back against errors in collective consciousness. The advent of the internet has made personal involvement with mass consciousness a day-to-day reality.

The collective consciousness is no longer an abstract, impersonal force, located somewhere "out there," as it was once thought to be. It is something that touches our lives intimately on a day to day, moment to moment basis. In a real, practical sense, there is a direct, material link between individual and collective consciousness.

Management of the collective consciousness is no longer left to academics, politicians, marketing firms and government agencies. Increasingly, we are all beginning to take responsibility for the quality of ideas in collective consciousness and how we allow them to affect us.

June 2015 - Why Now, Though?

If the planets are related to the intensity and frequency of the inner crises many are reporting, why did those crises begin only recently. I think the answer is fairly simple and it is apparent in June's charts.

Summing it All Up

As I explained last month, <http://on.fb.me/1FdbeSU> the general, long-term astrological context is one of ongoing energetic overload. In the midst of this overload, Neptune, Chiron and Nessus in Pisces are driving a deep release of buried guilt, shame and trauma on a personal level.

The releases triggered by Neptune, Chiron and Nessus in Pisces are being further intensified, complicated and accelerated by a square from Saturn in Sagittarius, which will begin in earnest in the fall, after a summer spent back in Scorpio.

In June, the already difficult personal releasing process is being complicated, intensified and accelerated by squares from Sun, Mars and retrograde Mercury in Gemini. Our personal transformative process is being drawn into and affected by the global transformative processes. I think that much is clear.

What about the retrograde planetoids in Sagittarius, though? What happens when we factor in their influence?

The retrograde planetoids in Sagittarius signal a mass, in depth rethinking of social norms. Numberless individuals, groups, agencies, and so on at all levels, across the globe, are deeply rethinking their policies on issues of major social importance. Without exaggeration, it could take years, perhaps many years before we fully appreciate the nature and extent of the changes triggered by June's aspects.

However, this process of change is now intensifying, complicating and accelerating the process of personal release caused by Neptune, Chiron and Nessus in Pisces. The group of retrograde planetoids becomes part of a T-Square in mutable signs completed by Sun/Mars/Mercury in Gemini in the course of May and June.

We are experiencing a profound, simultaneous purging of the individual and collective consciousness in very high energy, high pressure conditions that will peak in June.

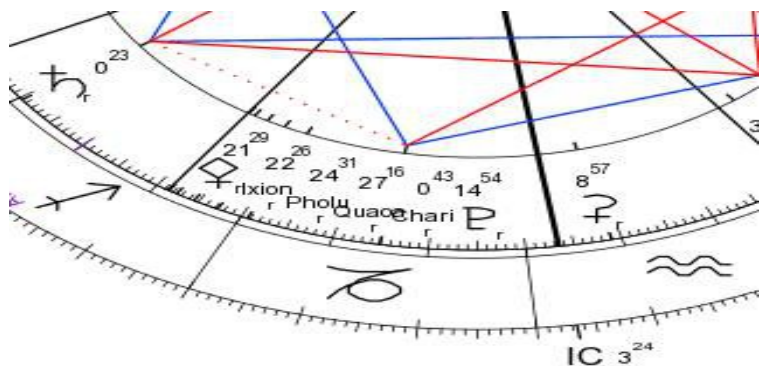
I will not even begin to pretend that it's possible to describe this process in words or traces specific causes and effects. Let's just say something like a nuclear fusion reaction is taking place in the core of our collective consciousness. That reaction is affecting each of us at a core energetic level.

We are all straining to contain that reaction. Individual neurophysiology is being directly affected by events in collective consciousness, forcing growth, (and brining growing pains) on a subtle and gross level. People are feeling the strain.

Do Not Lose Sight of the Powerful and Sustained Supportive Aspects

Nothing I have written above changes the fact that, as I wrote in several recent posts, we will continue to enjoy the benefits of a bracelet of supportive aspects for the indefinite future. The challenge remains what it has been for many months now. To take advantage of options and opportunities despite the psychological and spiritual crises so many of us seem to be facing. Don't allow your expectations of the future to be determined by the negativity that these energies are dredging up from the depths of the unconscious, individual and collective.

Retrograding Dwarf Planets



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2015-05-27 Collapsing Global Economy, Imploding Financial System~China Has Only One Option

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The title is of course a little misleading because China has many options, none of which except one in my opinion will actually work. Options to what exactly you ask? Options to a collapsing global economy and an imploding financial system which will surely affect China as much as anywhere else, but with one caveat. I take these events as a given; others do not, but betting against an outright panic and global bankruptcy is betting against pure mathematics itself.

Let's back up a little bit and look at where China is currently. They are the second largest economy in the world (maybe the largest, we can't really know because the numbers here, there, and everywhere are made up). China is by far THE largest manufacturer in the world and also an enormous exporter. China is also in a three horse race as to who owns the most U.S. Treasuries with Japan and, unbelievably, the Federal Reserve itself. They have an oversized shadow banking system which has already been shown as fraudulent in several cases regarding copper, zinc and lead as "collateral" (or not).

[The Chinese also have a stock market bubble boiling that makes the tulip craze look tame.](#)

Because of sheer size of the country, they are opening something like four million brokerage accounts per month. In recent days, they have had several stocks hit new highs only to drop 50-60% or more in just one day. In fact, they had one company stock hit a new high and then go to ZERO the following day because it was discovered their books were cooked to a crisp.

We also know China is a huge importer of gold AND the largest producer of gold in the world. NONE of their production ever leaves their borders. There have been estimates of gold tonnage held by many. Alisdair Mcleod believes they may have 25,000 tons or more, I personally believe it is possible if you include legacy or "elders" gold. Others believe the number is closer to the 5,000 ton range. My belief is that 10,000 tons is a justifiable number and very easily proven; if this is true, much of it had come from the U.S. and other Western sources and thus depleting the reserves.

I assume the number is 10,000 tons or more; this is a safe number in my mind. I think it is also a safe bet to say the U.S. has sold a minimum of one half of "our" gold which would leave about

4,000 tons. If this is the case, there is already a new world order where China has as much gold as numbers 2, 3 and 4. Looking backwards in time, after the Bretton Woods agreement, the U.S. had every incentive to keep the "price" of gold down at \$35. This is so and evidenced by the old saying "it's as good as gold". The saying originally came about as a description of the dollar. As it turns out, the dollar was NOT as good as gold; in fact, it was not as good as anything, even a cup of coffee. The dollar was overprinted and abused (inflated) by politicians (the Fed) in order to hide anything and everything "bad". This worked until we hit the wall; let's call this wall "debt saturation". Now, the process is reversing and will end in a massive deflation versus real money while fiat currencies follow their issuers into insolvency.

Getting back to China, whenever they do make an announcement of how much gold they have, the yuan will appreciate greatly versus all fiat currencies. Many will pooh pooh this thought because "China will never do that; they will kill their own manufacturing base". Let me answer this before moving forward. The Chinese are very smart people; they can see the West is hitting the debt wall. They also know that, as the wall is hit and markets begin to implode, their "customers" are going to have an even harder time buying Chinese produced goods. In fact, they already know this. They already know this is happening and can see it in their trade figures ...which is why they recently formed the AIIB and are working feverishly to open the "old silk road" trade route! They are simply lining up new customers from one end of the silk road to the other!

I have hypothesized many times in the past, China has built out their infrastructure and even "ghost cities" using credit. Once the credit markets begin to default, they will be left with "stuff" in place and will last for the next 50 to 100 years. Roads, bridges, buildings, airports, ports, etc., you name it: they have already built it. And yes, their stock market will crash; their real estate market is already softening, in reverse and declining. I am not saying it will be all rosy; to the contrary, there will be bankruptcies galore in China... with a caveat. The "government" of China will go through this liquidation phase with the most gold in the world.

Moving forward, since China will be hurt badly as investments default, I believe they will re price their gold higher initially. I believe marking their gold higher in terms of yuan will be their only option. They will be forced to in order to "recapitalize" themselves (and their banking system) and begin to fill in the black holes created by defaulted U.S. Treasuries and other "assets" held. You see, not only is the old saying "he who owns the gold makes the rules" true, it is also true that he who owns the gold has the ability to PRICE IT.

This has been true for so many years as the U.S. (the West) has wanted low gold prices as a show or display that their fiat currencies were "good". Now, as the curtain goes down on the West, China will want a very high gold price in yuan for when the curtain rises again. A gold price maybe even higher than it should be will give the PBOC more power initially AND will allow them some room to inflate and grow. Please notice I am only talking about China in this paragraph. As for the dollar and other Western currencies, they will be revalued downward versus the yuan which gives gold priced in dollars a double whammy of re pricing.

Let's tie this all together and look at the old silk road and the trade route China is focusing on. It goes from Asia, through the Middle East and into Europe. Could this be why various European nations are repatriating their gold? Not only because they have lost trust in their custodian but they also know China will put an emphasis on gold holdings in the future? What do many Asians

hold as money? Yes, Gold. Indians? Gold. Arabs? Again gold. The point I am trying to make is the "old silk road" might as well be called the "yellow brick road" and one paved with gold from beginning to end! It seems to me, the only ones who don't understand this or even disagree are Westerners and, in particular, Americans. Our standard of living is about to be pulled right out from under us while violently proclaiming "it can never happen". I would say, it should have already happened but has not because we still had a few kilos left to supply the paving crew of the "Wizard of OZ paving company".

The above was finished midday on Saturday; since then two new pieces of news have come out. First, China announced it is setting up "[the world's largest gold fund](#)". They will earmark \$16 billion to purchase physical gold. If you do the math, this is around 500 tons or about 20% of global production. By calling it "the world's largest gold fund", maybe China is saying they do not believe "GLD" is real? Just an observation.

In the latest piece of news, <http://rt.com/business/261289-brics-new-development-bank/> RT ran an editorial piece pointing out that China already lends more to Africa and Latin America than the World Bank and IMF combined. Is this posturing "for" the Chinese before the IMF readjusts the SDR? Seemingly disconnected pieces to the puzzle, don't bet on it!

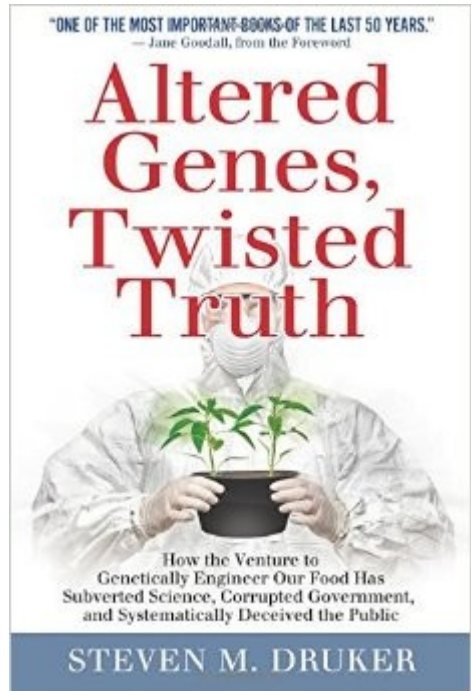
2015-05-22 "Altered Genes, Twisted Truths" ~ A Challenge to Monsanto

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In a challenge delivered to Monsanto's headquarters on May 20, 2015, US public interest attorney **Steven Druker** calls on that corporation to find any inaccurate statements of fact in his new book:

Altered Genes, Twisted Truth - How the Venture to Genetically Engineer Our Food Has Subverted Science, Corrupted Government, and Systematically Deceived the Public.

The thoroughly documented and referenced book exposes the substantial risks of genetically engineered foods and the multiple misrepresentations that have enabled them to permeate world markets.

Druker asserts that if Monsanto cannot prove that his book is essentially erroneous, the world will have a right to regard these controversial foods as unacceptably risky - and to promptly ban them.

"Altered Genes, Twisted Truth" was released in March 2015 and is the result of more than 15 years of intensive research and investigation by Druker, who initiated a lawsuit against the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that forced it to divulge its files on GM foods.

The book indicates that the commercialisation of GM food in the US was based on a massive fraud. The FDA files revealed that GM foods first achieved commercialisation in 1992 but only because the FDA covered up the extensive warnings of its own scientists about their dangers, lied

about the facts and then violated federal food safety law by permitting these foods to be marketed without having been proven safe through standard testing.

If the FDA had heeded its own experts' advice and publicly acknowledged their warnings that GM foods entailed higher risks than their conventional counterparts, Druker says that the GM food venture would have imploded and never gained traction anywhere.

He also argues that many well-placed scientists have repeatedly issued misleading statements about GM foods, and so have leading scientific institutions such as the US National Academy of Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the UK's Royal Society.

Druker states that contrary to the claims of biotech advocates, humans have indeed been harmed by consuming the output of genetic engineering. He also explains that laboratory animals have also suffered from eating products of genetic engineering, and well-conducted tests with GM crops have yielded many troubling results, including intestinal abnormalities, liver disturbances, and impaired immune systems.

Druker says:

“Contrary to the assertions of its proponents, the massive enterprise to reconfigure the genetic core of the world's food supply is not based on sound science but on the systematic subversion of science – and it would collapse if subjected to an open airing of the facts.”

Now, in his open letter dated 19 May, Druker challenges Monsanto's Chief Technology Officer to:

“Face Up to the Extensive Evidence Demonstrating that Genetically Engineered Foods Entail Unacceptable Risks and Should Be Promptly Removed from the Market.”

Druker finishes his letter by saying:

“If by July 20th you and your allies have not been able to refute the essential factual accuracy of *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth* according to the terms set forth above, the world will have a right to assume that it is as sound as the experts who reviewed it have affirmed - and to conclude that GE foods are unacceptably risky and must be banned.

Access the letter in full here:

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A CHALLENGE TO MONSANTO

In this challenge, which was delivered to Monsanto's headquarters on May 20, 2015, American public interest attorney Steven Druker calls on that corporation to find any inaccurate statements of fact in his new book, **Altered Genes, Twisted Truth** – *How the Venture to Genetically Engineer Our Food Has Subverted Science, Corrupted Government, and Systematically Deceived the Public*. This acclaimed book thoroughly exposes the substantial risks of genetically engineered foods (also called GM foods and GMOs) and the multiple misrepresentations that have enabled them to permeate world markets. Druker asserts that if Monsanto cannot prove that his book is essentially erroneous, the world will have a right to regard these controversial foods as unacceptably risky – and to promptly ban them.

A CHALLENGE TO MONSANTO

**Face Up to the Extensive Evidence Demonstrating that
Genetically Engineered Foods Entail Unacceptable Risks and
Should Be Promptly Removed from the Market**

**An Open Letter to Robb Fraley, PhD
Chief Technology Officer
Monsanto Company**

From

**Steven M. Druker, JD
Executive Director
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May 19, 2015

Dear Dr. Fraley,

Although Monsanto and other proponents of genetically engineered foods (also known as genetically modified foods and GMOs) have been able to instill the widespread impression that these novel products are not only safe but necessary to meet the nutritional needs of the developing world, this impression is in fact an illusion; and it is based on disinformation.

Some prime examples of this disinformation are contained in a brochure published in 2013 by Monsanto titled "*The Safety & Benefits of Biotech Plants Used in Agriculture.*" For instance, the document declares that genetically engineered foods (GE foods) are just as safe as natural ones, and it cites an assertion by the board of directors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) that "every respected organization that has examined the evidence" has reached this conclusion. But the authors of that assertion appear to have overlooked, or intentionally obfuscated, the fact that several respected organizations have examined the evidence and concluded otherwise. Among them are the British Medical Association, the Public Health Association of Australia, and the Royal Society of Canada.

Further, the reports issued by these organizations provide cause for concern. For example, the one issued by the Royal Society of Canada declares (a) that it is "scientifically unjustifiable" to presume that GE foods are safe and (b) that the "default presumption" for every GE food should be that the genetic alteration has induced unintended and potentially harmful side effects. [1] In describing the report's criticism of the current approach to regulating GE foods, the *Toronto Star* stated: "The experts say this approach is fatally flawed . . . and exposes Canadians to several potential health risks, including toxicity and allergic reactions." [2] Moreover, as described in the *British Medical Journal*, a report by the British Medical Association asserted that "more research is needed to show that genetically modified (GM) food crops and ingredients are safe for people and the environment and that they offer real benefits over traditionally grown foods." [3]

Monsanto's brochure also proclaims: "Since farmers first planted GM crops in 1996, there have been no documented safety issues." But in reality, a substantial number of well-conducted research studies have clearly documented safety issues with such crops by detecting statistically significant instances of harm to the laboratory animals that were consigned to consume them. These studies have been published in peer-reviewed scientific journals, [4] and several are described in a recently released book that I wrote:

Altered Genes, Twisted Truth

*How the Venture to Genetically Engineer Our Food Has Subverted Science,
Corrupted Government, and Systematically Deceived the Public*

Furthermore, Monsanto's bogus boast about the absence of safety issues is doubly deceptive, because it also misrepresents the date when commercialized GE crops were initially planted. This is significant because the first such crop (the Flavr Savr™ tomato), which came to market in 1994, also entailed a documented safety issue. As the aforementioned book reveals, through memos pried from the files of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) via a lawsuit that I initiated, the scientists in the agency's Pathology Branch (along with other specialists) who examined the

data from the animal feeding studies conducted with this altered tomato concluded that they raised a safety issue that was never satisfactorily resolved. However, that did not deter FDA administrators (who have acknowledged that the agency has an agenda “to foster” the biotechnology industry[5] from falsely claiming that all safety issues *had* been resolved.

The book further reveals that the very first ingestible product of genetic engineering (a food supplement of the essential amino acid L-tryptophan) entailed the biggest documented safety issue of all, because in 1989 it induced an epidemic that killed dozens of Americans and seriously sickened thousands, permanently disabling many of them. Moreover, contrary to the claims of biotech proponents, the evidence points to the genetic engineering employed in the production process as the most likely cause of the unusual contamination that rendered the supplement toxic – which, as the book explains, is additional indication that genetic engineering is in itself a risk-laden procedure and that the foods it produces pose greater risks than their conventional counterparts.[6]

Furthermore, not only does my book refute Monsanto’s claims about the existence of expert consensus and the utter absence of documented safety issues, it refutes the other major claims made by that brochure (and by the proponents of GE foods) as well. And it does so decisively.

In her foreword, Jane Goodall hails it as “without doubt one of the most important books of the last 50 years”; and several other scientists have also attested its importance and its soundness. For instance:

- David Schubert, a Professor and Head of Cellular Neurobiology at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, has praised it as “incisive, insightful, and truly outstanding” – and noted that it’s “well-reasoned and scientifically solid.”
- Joseph Cummins, Professor Emeritus of Genetics at Western University in London, Ontario, has called it “a landmark” that should be required reading in every university biology course.
- John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Missouri, has called it a “great book” and stated: “The evidence is comprehensive and irrefutable; the reasoning is clear and compelling. No one has documented other cases of irresponsible behavior by government regulators and the scientific establishment nearly as well as Druker documents this one. His book should be widely read and thoroughly heeded.”
- Philip Regal, Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University of Minnesota, has commended it as exceptionally well-researched and well-written” and declared: “I am very impressed with the book as a whole – and expect that a large number of other scientists will be too.”
- The biochemist Stephen Naylor, who during his ten years as a professor at the Mayo Clinic extensively investigated the epidemic caused by the toxic GE tryptophan supplement, has described the book’s discussion of that tragic event as “the most comprehensive, evenly-balanced and accurate account that I have read.”
- Belinda Martineau, a molecular biologist who was a co-developer of the Flavr Savr™ tomato, has described the book as “thorough, logical and thought-provoking” and declared

that she “strongly” recommends it.

In all, the book demonstrates that:

The genetic engineering process is inherently risky, and the foods it creates entail abnormal risks.

1. The risks have been systematically misrepresented by the products’ proponents.
2. The key misrepresentations have been made by eminent scientists and scientific institutions – and some of the most pivotal deceptions have been perpetrated by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
3. Besides deceiving the public about the risks of GE foods, the FDA allowed them to enter the US market in blatant violation of federal food safety law – and they continue to be on the market illegally.
4. Not only is the GE food venture unsound from the perspective of biological science, it is unsound– and outright reckless – when examined in light of computer science; and compared to the careful manner in which software engineers revise life-critical information systems, the rash and radical way in which biotechnicians alter complex cellular information systems is not really “bioengineering” but *biohacking*.
5. Even if GE crops didn’t entail excessive risks, they would still not be the solution for meeting the world’s prospective food needs, which is clear from a major study on the future of farming sponsored by four United Nations agencies and the World Bank that concluded they are not necessary[7]– and also from numerous studies in a variety of African nations demonstrating that safe and sustainable agroecological methods can outperform industrialized approaches (even when GMOs are employed).[8]

MY CHALLENGE TO MONSANTO

Dr. Fraley, several months ago you sent Jane Goodall an email in response to a statement she made in a television interview that was critical of GE foods. You included the Monsanto brochure noted above in the hopes it would convince her that these foods are not merely acceptable, but desirable. However, your hopes were misplaced, because she recognized that the basic claims in the document are inaccurate – and that the evidence actually reveals that GE foods are not an acceptable option. Further, she passed that email on to me so that I could reply as I see fit.

In that email, you stated: “I would be very pleased to provide you with any additional information.” The time has come to take you up on that offer. But I do not want to receive more of Monsanto’s misleading pronouncements that are passed off as genuine facts. Instead, I’m requesting some information that you had not planned to send. I want you to inform me of any inaccuracies you can find in my book. I want you and your colleagues to attempt to refute *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth* in the same manner this letter has refuted two of the main assertions in the brochure you submitted. Moreover, I *challenge* you to do so. I challenge you to read the book and send me a specific list of any inaccurate statements of fact that you detect in it, accompanied by an explanation of why the statement is erroneous and a reference to the evidence that conclusively corroborates your claim.

To clarify, I am referring to simple assertions about concrete facts that can be decisively falsified by incontestable evidence, such as the erroneous statements in your brochure that “every

respected organization that has examined the evidence” has concluded that GE foods are as safe as naturally produced ones and that “there have been no documented safety issues.” I am not referring to the broader conclusions the book draws from the primary facts, such as the conclusions (a) that the GE food venture has been chronically and crucially reliant on deception and (b) that its products are unacceptably risky and should be banned.^[9] I fully expect that you will disagree with these conclusions, but I am confident that the vast majority of fair-minded men and women who become aware of the basic facts *will* agree with them.

I also invite the other proponents of GE foods within industry and academia to assist Monsanto by scrutinizing the book and sending you their input. In that way, the response that Monsanto submits will represent the best collective effort of the biotech industry and its supporters.

It’s important to emphasize that none of the factual assertions in my book can be invalidated merely by citing a contrary opinion by a particular scientist or group of scientists (unless the statement in question has misrepresented the opinion of that individual or group and the citation is offered to restore accuracy). Instead, incontestable evidence must be presented. Similarly, because the book has systematically refuted the standard claims made by the proponents of GE foods, it cannot be refuted merely by hurling those claims back at it – and any attempts to do so will demonstrate that Monsanto (or whoever has done so) is incapable of actually refuting the book’s key assertions. Further, although promoters of GE foods have routinely launched personal attacks against anyone bringing out evidence that puts their safety in question, such attacks will do nothing to undermine the book’s solidity and will only demonstrate the desperation of those who perpetrate them – and their inability to discredit the book through legitimate means.

If by July 20th you and your allies have not been able to refute the essential factual accuracy of *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth* according to the terms set forth above, the world will have a right to assume that it is as sound as the experts who reviewed it have affirmed – and to conclude that GE foods are unacceptably risky and must be banned.

I will send you (in a separate document) the address to which your response to this challenge should be submitted. That response will be posted on the book’s website and Facebook page and also on the website of the Alliance for Bio-Integrity.

www.alteredgenestwistedtruth.com

www.facebook.com/alteredgenestwistedtruth

www.biointegrity.org

Further, I will readily acknowledge (on the above sites) any genuine errors you point out and will correct them in the next printing of the book. Concomitantly, I expect that, if Monsanto is as committed to the scientific spirit as it professes to be, there will be a prompt public acknowledgement and retraction of the erroneous assertions this document has pointed out along with an honest attempt to set the record straight. Please send me the evidence that this has occurred. Moreover, as you read the book, you will discern many other inaccuracies that Monsanto has propagated, and I request that you likewise publicly acknowledge and correct them.

It is well-recognized that although we’re all entitled to our own opinions, no one is entitled to his or her own set of facts. And it is obvious that Monsanto and its allies have been propagating a distinctly different set of facts than are delineated in *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth*. Both versions

of reality cannot be correct, and people have a right to know which one is valid and which is fictitious. The purpose of this challenge is to clearly and conclusively provide the answer.

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- Although several of these studies have been attacked by proponents of GE foods, the attacks were unjustified and all of the research is in fact solid (as is thoroughly demonstrated in Chapter 10 of *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth.*) Moreover, the simple fact that such studies have been published in peer-reviewed scientific journals undermines the claim that there have been no documented safety issues with GE crops.
- [5] "Genetically Engineered Foods," *FDA Consumer*, Jan.-Feb. 1993, p.14. The promotional agenda of the FDA, which is also followed by other agencies of the US executive branch, was adopted during the presidency of Ronald Reagan and has continued through each successive administration, including the present one.

[6] Although advocates of genetic engineering have argued that L-tryptophan itself was the likely cause of the epidemic, this claim starkly clashes with the evidence, as Chapter 3 of my book demonstrates. And, as this letter elsewhere points out, a biochemist who extensively investigated the epidemic during his ten years as a professor at the Mayo Clinic has described the book's discussion of that tragic event as "the most comprehensive, evenly-balanced and accurate account that I have read."

[7] "Agriculture at a Crossroads: Global Report," International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (Washington, DC, USA: Island Press; 2009). This massive study was conducted by more than 400 experts from 80 countries, and 58 governments have endorsed it. Further, besides concluding that genetic engineering is *not* essential for solving the problem of hunger, it pointed out that yields of GE crops have been "highly variable," with some cases of "yield declines." What's more, when the project's director was asked at a press conference whether GE crops were the answer to world hunger, he replied, "The simple answer is no." (Lean, G., "Exposed: The great GM crops myth," *The Independent*, April 20, 2008.)

[8] For instance, a recent UN report that surveyed 114 farming projects in 24 African countries determined that through the adoption of organic or near-organic practices, yields increased on average by over 100%. [Hine, R., Pretty, J. and Twarog, S., "Organic agriculture and food security in Africa," New York and Geneva: UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity-Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development (2008).] Additionally, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food has pointed out: "Yields went up 214% in 44 projects in 20 countries in sub-Saharan Africa using agroecological farming techniques over a period of 3 to 10 years." And he noted that this accomplishment is "far more than any GM crop has ever done." (De Schutter, Olivier, quoted in Leahy, S., "Africa: Save climate and double food production with eco-farming," IPS News, March 8, 2011.)

[9] I expect you will also disagree with the conclusions that GE foods entered the US market illegally and that they continue to be marketed in violation of federal food safety law. But in order to convincingly counter this conclusion, it will be necessary for you to refute the factual assertions on which it rests. The book points out that the sole purported legal basis for the presence of GE foods on the US market is the FDA's presumption that they are *Generally Recognized as Safe* (GRAS). And it demonstrates that this presumption is invalid because *neither* of the two necessary criteria for GRAS status has ever been fulfilled in the case of any GE crop. Not only does it expose how memos pried from the FDA's own files by the lawsuit I initiated establish that these requirements had not been met when the FDA first announced (in 1992) that GE foods could be presumed GRAS, it demonstrates that even if this avowedly "rebuttable" presumption had initially been valid, it has been repeatedly and solidly rebutted over the ensuing years. For instance, a federal judge acknowledged that as of May 1998, there were "significant disagreements" among scientific experts about the safety of GE foods. (See *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth*, pp. 150-51.)

So you will need to address all the specific allegations of fact that the book employs to support the above-noted assertions and demonstrations, and you will have to establish that at least some of the crucial ones are false. If you cannot, people will be justified in concurring with the conclusions the book has drawn from these facts – and in regarding GE foods as having continuously been on the US market in violation of federal law.