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Opening Meditation: D'Yanna

Housekeeping: Rainbird **Thank you!**

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we know the White Knights listen but they cannot contribute anything; part of our job is to pay for them too
 - **We need \$ 300 /week; this week it is \$416.** Thanks to all who pay it forward. Thanks to new donors, too – makes it easier for all.
 - What we hear and learn feeds our minds and our souls! And, as LM Nada said, it is also part of our contribution to the work being done by Tara & Rama and to the changes going on. **Every little bit helps!**
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- T & R:**
- Can donate via the Paypal button on the website: 2013RainbowRoundTable.ning.com
 - need \$300 for bills, gas, sundries

FROM ASHTAR ON THE ROAD: donate to the Santa Fe Coop so T&R can access organic, fresh food

- Your donation here sets up an account for Tara & Rama with Beneficial Farms Community Supported Agriculture in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This will make available a weekly supply of fresh produce raised with organic and sustainable methods.
 - These funds will be exclusively used to maintain this weekly account for a steady supply of produce to Tara and Rama. They and we are very grateful for your assistance.
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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 also.

Introductory Notes:

- Gofundme for Rama's operation/follow up is doing well: <https://www.gofundme.com/RamaSurgery>
 - **please keep the donations coming & send them to his paypal a/c with a memo**
 - **\$12, 188 is the amount donated to date**

To listen to the call: <http://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-december-16-2016>

HARD NEWS

R: Leslie Marshall show: guest - former CIA agent; has been in some black site prisons, Gitmo

- all he would say about Antarctica – mentioned unusual aerial activity
- LM: pushed him on the question of seeing craft: craft
- all he said was he could spend the next 2 hours telling of what he has seen which he has only seen them in Lucas' Star Wars!
- After the break, LM had on D. Jamal about Syria: it is about US Black Ops – John McCain and his husband Lindsay Graham – they want to destroy the planet: it's about the empire and control
- Jamal: Putin had nothing to do with the election: it's same old story of those who did 911 & Afghanistan, Iraq – the insanity of the right has brought us to the edge of destruction and the gold lining is about what is happening in the Middle East – finding things in Syria and Iraq: all plays into the story of how the pre-Adomic people are coming back

T: there are **cryogenic chambers** all over the world – some back to 13,000 BC and even more; others 4,000 BC – some of the chambers are 22' tall! So they are pre-flood: "pre Adomic" is way, way back!

- The normal size of this form [ours] is not 22'!!! Nothing to do with the talking snake and that story

RanaMu: said the timelines are changing in the midst of what we're watching

- the Electoral College – all of them may just say "no! No trump"
- More stuff come out about de-legitimizing Trump - not fit to be a dogcatcher!
- Thom Hartmann said Trump owes more than he has: he owes Putin 600 M and he owns the bank of the 4th Reich ½ billion dollars
- David Cay Johnston said a long time ago: he does not have what he says he has -
- SO WHO OWNS DONALD TRUMP? Has been funded in the billions by the Koch Bros and Adelson! We'll have a full blown 4th Reich!

Caller: BW What does she think about the 4th Reich?

T: about the full blown 4th Reich? She thinks that she's in alignment with Mother: no nukes, no flukes, no violating the Prime Directive

- we've had the 4th reich for a long time
- she has no idea whether Trump will be inaugurated or not – T & R are not told this stuff

R: hearing people talk as they are upset with the way things have played out that the Electoral College may turn their back on Trump

- if they do that, it goes to Supreme Court – which is controlled by the Vatican which is going down! They do not represent St Peter or Sananda Kumara, the man with the plan
- This is a giant holographic program which is collapsing like the matrix; they know it and are scared they want to create extinction level events and if they do that, they will get their a**** given to them on a plate!

Caller: Pres Obama had a press conf today: the backdrop behind him was the American Flag – red, white, and blue fringes, no gold fringes

T: the real flag has no fringes at all!

Caller: whenever Pres Obama walks into a room, a convention hall or wherever, there is always a problem and he will speak up and say help that person; he's always helping people – why does this happen?

T: don't know: his aura is super high vibe and people not used to that, can get sick

R: when you walk into a room and El Morya is there it's – OMG!

- it is confusing: he is still a double agent and does what he has to do due to 13 families

Caller: B O stated today that the hacking of the election: DNC, others – he says to Putin we have warned you about this and we can also do something to you too

R: BO has to come over with some authority AND he knows Putin didn't do it; he's working in a situation in which the agencies are going by the wayside and higher wisdom steps in

Caller: #1: starwars [?] – to hit \$130 million this weekend – what about this particular awakening of the public?

R: it's a take off from an early part of the story of Luke overcoming Darth Vader- it's about 1st a girl and her father and how they helped Luke over come Darth Vader – also plays into 2nd when Hans Solo comes back and teaches his son a lesson

Caller: what does they know about Sat, the 17th – something symbolic

T: doesn't remember what she thought of

- the 17th, Saturday – when is the next full moon?

T: Solstice is 21st; next is new moon on the 28th

Caller: Is it that 31st of December is a round up of these characters?

T: NO, NO, NO!!!! DATES – EVER!!!!

- all we know is that Dec 31 is the last day of the immunity Bush granted to everyone involved in the deception of 911 – and Mother is in charge of them! And she will make sure they are all removed
- our business is not about our money, or what other people do, it's about our energies – as we learn to jump the timelines: it is learning how to vibrate at 5th dimension ALL THE TIME.

Caller: what do you know about William Tompkins?

R: He has seen and been aboard some of the super star destroyers Rama has talked about;

- used to work for the secret agencies and is one who is coming forward and sharing stories about when all of this began – taking it back to the Thule Society and the Vrill
- the Sirians, the renegade Pleiadians and the reptilians contacted people of earth - didn't think we would wake up, along with the transfiguration of our sun
- the guards of Egypt and the guardians of the Galaxy are here and drawing lines in the sand!

Caller: another movie - **Arrival:** R had mentioned that it plays on fears and on the ignorance about our galactic friends; also has some accuracy: Amy Adams being nominated for an award

R: it's about the transfiguration of humanity, waking up and in a way that all the stories are not flowers or blessings: some of it is not so pretty – the new current stories about superman, batman and others: are telling how intense the galactic story has been; it is not all roses and people have lost their lives telling the story

it is a place the MSM won't go until those dark ones are arrested

Caller: on *StarWars – One Rogue* – the ship is coming into Saturn which has blue skies and a bright sun!

T: that's Mars, not Saturn -

Caller: in the opening of the movies shows Saturn with the ring around the earth; as ships fly in he saw blue skies, fluffy clouds

R: could be about a different galaxy – has to ask questions!

Caller: people should catch this!!!

T: talks about what they are going to play: North Carolina as a petri dish to show how the country should be / could be run!

Audio: Democracy Now

BBS RADIO

MOTHER SEKHMET [M/A]

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One; In the Office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet flame

Greetings!

- It is all only about bringing in the joy. This creates an upliftment – all souls are asking for more light, love, peace and joy. It is at this time she can say with great certainty: Yes: everything is being raised up. There is so much light pouring in, love, from all sectors of this universe.
 - The small fiasco on this small blue green marble is a very big deal! They say it once again: **we make it** – this whole story is one, about the return of the Office of the Christ.
 - Only we are not “riding horses and chariots” this time; very soon – in fact, **now** – landspeeders are being manifested if you will. Dr Keshe has a craft, hover craft,
 - very soon, someone going to pop up with a land speeder that maybe already these ones that are playing with the agencies have created. Yet it is only about this love story.

T: it's the 19th – 16th is today, and not one word about Trump going to a courtroom for raping a 13 year old!

M/A: neither did they; he went to Pennsylvania to lie to the people some more

T: it was millions and millions of votes that were not counted: trouble was there was no one to vote for! In MN 75,000 + votes not counted in Detroit and Flint where people of colour live!

M/A: good old James Crow, ESQ

T: not to mention that Bernie Sanders won the primaries – there is a relentlessness on all fronts!

- we are moving at lightning speed and we are opening up to the meaningfulness of pure intentionality and then acting on it: the collapse of this economy isn't stopping – they cannot stop it

M/A: they cannot stop the inevitable story that that we must complete this cycle of the collapse of the Babylonian money machine

T: Italy and 5 Star – the referendum that Renzi wanted failed miserably. And the 5 Star party that is taking over have already decided to leave the EU – how fast will that manifest?

M/A: the EU has to fail completely

T: we already know that 3 years ago, the collapse of the global economy has already failed – this is a re-run – on Bloomberg TV, the financial station: it was seen as clear as a bell – millions may watch it but only a few would know what it meant – it was at zero for a long long time that day, and then it changed!

M/A: glitches in the hologram

T: not a glitch that it went bye-bye NO!

- **Mother** said something that the whole world is waking up at breakneck speed – the activities across the world are – facing whether you live or not: if you live in Bangladesh on the water, you might not be here. In 3 years, as it stands right now the ice cap will be completely gone with keep up the fossil fuel think and good old Donnie trump has proposed shutting down the satellites so no one can see the data!
- London, Manhattan and Miami ill be completely gone in 3 years. Saw what happened with Hurricane Sandy: the water in the subways was up to the top of the stairs . When the water
- talking about money and arrests here and still have a problem until we dont!
 - the forward movement of this catastrophic event in 250 years that usually takes millions of years to happen – takes kind of a miracle doesn't it? 1:18

M/A: yes. It's a miracle happening at all levels. It is the force: us all doing this together – taking place on an exponential level at this time. This is why this moment now is the most

important moment we have got going. How we are seeing the ships shifts? Yes??? It is trusting. . .

T: a lot of us are wondering a lot more of the implications of letting things happen into the inauguration - Jacquie Evanko is going to sing Her family voted for Trump; the picture she saw had Jacquie at his feet, smiling up at home - hurts her heart!

M/A: it is about the illusion, Grand Maya. As we are watching the end of a cycle that has been here for a very long time - Jan 21st is not here yet and we are not going to future trip, or past trip: what we are going to say - it is just this now moment and what is being said in this now moment is about this just this now moment, and in that Now moment

T: but you can explain this? The next question is the chaos that is going against "them" - 1/2 million of them - is a big enough distraction among the masses that the masses would not know they cannot escape.

- You are saying that you will make sure that you host them out of the entire universe of Neadon and it is none or our bees wax except the full disclosure has to show something about this!

M/A: what it is about that as arrests take place and there is a opportunity for accountability and reconciliation and restorations / reparations - it is about all at once if you will: imagine a scenario as such Lord Krishna showing up to the planet in his universal form - it is **not about what if;**

- it is about in this reality and what is taking place here: earth is joining the rest of the 33 planets; earth is the 33rd member of the International Confederation of Worlds - no "con" here! - it is a restoration of how far, so many eons, and she does mean eons of time! - it may be hard to conceive of how long this story and how big it is - it is about this particular moment in time, as Kali has taken her dance and that yuga is ending, and the Sat Yuga taking into account the Aquarian age - already these things are taking place.
- No accident - the findings of ancient Atlantis at the south pole, along with other forms of life, good,bad or otherwise - this universe is teeming with life; we are not alone - no one is alone, and this is the story in this moment now: something shifts - it is the feathers of Ma'at - and that something [that] shifts here is like what we saw at the end of *The Matrix*: Neo becomes the sky, and the rainbow rays pour in -
 - something is shifting here, as we are watching a program that has an ending and it is about us taking our power back with love
- and there are enough light forms taking a stand in this moment and saying a line is drawn in the sand: **no nukes**, and the idea of enslavement of this plante: it's a joke - we want to play with the idea of Alex Jones' Prison Planet - a prison of the mind, as Morpheus said
 - what a cosmic story - even to the point of faking enlightenment - cannot fake enlightenment - it is a cheap carnival show with holographic mirrors and technology from Area 51 - there is no love here!
 - it is about love in the highest order, love in the cells - we cannot fake when we meet our Twin Flames - cannot be faked, not ever! - and the love that is pouring in at this time for the spheres, the blue spheres, the avion brothers and sisters; Horus' people along with Eubis, Thoth and all the others
- the story is ending of this old cycle of death; it is about re-birth in these temples of the living goddess! Hard to conceive when we are in - whether it's a physical prison or a prison of the mind - yet, at a certain point we gotta leap and that is of our choosing, not for them to say, but to give us a hint: now is the time to leap; it is about this moment now
- in this moment of now, there is just this leap - and they will be there with us: this quantum leap that's taking place in this sector of the galaxy that no one seems to grok - yet Nassim keeps bringing it back that, as these merkaba vehicles that we are, wake up, light up like a trillion suns and interact with the next merkaba vehicle and the next, we form such a magnificent way of interacting with Creator Source which is ourselves
 - we have asked to take this quantum leap - do it, do it now!

T: Stops Mother from leaving for a minute, to comment: the meaningfulness of us here now, and

the power of you magnifying that listening with your presence . . .

M/A: it is that when 2 or more of us are gathered in His name, sharing of the wisdom of the fact that we are all servants of peace, in this serving [of] humanity on a grander scale, even if it is just to raise ourselves up in the consciousness, knowing that love will find a way; it's a better day, as Michael Fronte says

- He is throwing it to the wind

T: He is definitely persistent: Michael Fronte for 16 years walking on this planet with no shoes – it's amazing

M/A: What did the Man tell you: here's my shoes; you can touch my robe and it is . . .

T: another question from someone else: how come there is so many more people and babies and babies; T answered that one of the things is when there is a suppression of education, that is the biggest one. If girls are educated from the beginning, they will not stop and have a baby at 10, which is happening - and masses on this planet, especially where there is the suppression of the economy, and raping and pillaging everything they've got

M/A: As Chief Archebault, Chief Looking Horse, Chief Gold Tooth: as the rainbow warriors meet at this time of the manifestation of the rainbow bridge, the Millennials and the others – all together we have answers of how we solve these issues.

- Yes, education for girls is imperative, and as girls kick butt in science, math and the wisdom of quantum physics, it brings in Star Fleet commanders who rival LM Nada and it is happening at an exponential level: goddess is taking that quantum equation, helping the feminine here in the context of ..

T: Michelle's goal is to raise the educational quotient of 62 million girls who don't get any, and Trump wants more profit: forget about people, deport them!

M/A: rather than get this man's tongue in a knot, we will pass the talking stick in loving presence!

T: about playing a ½ hour peace

M/A: Yes, it will help raise the energies as we approach the solstice energies, the sun, the presence of the most high. Let us be about the business of what He said – helping . .

T: we had a question on the conference call: showing that Barack is directly in the lineage of Bush Jr: might want to look up the ancestry of Malcolm X and see the ancestral background –

- QE2 is black on her father's side – they take the lineage of the mother into account which is the way it should be, but they dare not speak of the fact that her father is Noble Drew Ali
- GG Lillie has been in close range of QE2 and can see that's she's not pure white!

M/A: it would be the natural order of things that the Moorish people in that lineage align with the true Stone of Scone, as Diane and Dodi are doing with bringing back the wisdom of the rose Line and the Star in the crescent moon

T: bringing back the Divine Feminine and

M/A: and the way of the sufi masters

T: and QE1 being a Moor, and her mother too: and the Sufism – Sananda, St Francis were was Sufis – pretty amazing

M/A: what is the real power: being able to LOVE: **Law Of Vibrational Energy**

T: let's do it now: thank you, thank you, thank your

- remember it's been intervened upon – asking all of us to carry the inner light and manifest that inner light, and live it - don't stuff your candle [under a bushel] – This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Together: Kadoish, Kadoish, Kadoish

M/A: • Remember the people have the power

T: NESARA now; STANDING ROCK NOW -

R: has been to Niagara Falls! Just to listen to the water for some reason; was led there to listen

T: there is a restaurant at the top of the tower that goes round in a circle – there is a light show on the water falls. She remembers because Danny was maybe 4, Chris maybe 6 – Danny got up on the window sill which was going in the opposite direction: she did not notice that

- he had gotten out of the booth and was on the sill until someone said "Whose kid is this?"
- Mother Earth has a spirit that does not give up easily – Mother Earth made it through the 4 extinction events, and a few of us ended up in caves acting like cavemen – so the beings in the cryogenic chambers are pro all of that!
 - So they persisted and then there was a shut down – we have to fight to find out a little bit about Atlantis, let alone Lemuria. There are going to be more beings hanging out - somehow this has to happen without people losing it!

Audio: **[SEE BELOW]**
2016-12-16 The Elders December Solstice Transmission ~ The Sacred Cosmic Fire of Peace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT6v3z9FiAU&feature=youtu.be>

Audio: Democracy Now **[SEE BELOW]**

2016-12-16 A Legislative Coup in NC? Rev. William Barber on GOP Stripping Power from New Democratic Governor

2016-12-16 **Trump Has Appointed More Generals in His Cabinet Than Any President Since World War II**

2016-12-16 **Andrew Bacevich: Trump's "Israel First" Policy Will Likely Lead to More Violence in Region**

2016-12-16 **"Pirates of the Caribbean": Bankers Who Created Puerto Rico's Debt Crisis Now In Charge of Fixing It**

Audio: Max Keiser 2016-12-15 **[KR1006] Keiser Report: Healthcare Monster**

<https://youtu.be/3jCk-4nCq3c>

We discuss the healthcare monster no one wants to tame and the Fukushima meltdown devouring trillions of yen. In the second half Max interviews [Adam Curry](#) about the hashtag fake news and the rise of alt-media as a competitive challenge to the mainstream media.

Audio: Redacted Tonight **2016-12-16**

[127] Breaking Election Fraud Info, Police Take Blankets From Homeless, Trump's Climate Witch Hunt

In this episode of Redacted Tonight, host Lee Camp delves into new evidence about election manipulation that will have your head spinning. He then takes on Trump's investigation into the Department of Energy's staff and their relationship with climate change research and Henry Kissinger's awkward Nobel Peace Prize win. He rounds up this week's news with footage from denver of police officers stealing blankets from the homeless. In the second half of the show, correspondent Natalie McGill joins Lee at the desk to discuss Nestle's questionable water acquisition. And finally, correspondent Naomi Karavani uncovers the new and weirder war on abortion. This and more on Redacted Tonight with Lee Camp.

Audio: The Late Show Stephen Colbert

[Watch Stephen Colbert And Norah Jones Sing The Worst Christmas Song Of All Time](#) [Tom Breihan @tombreihan](#) | December 13, 2016 - 8:45 am



<https://youtu.be/wUHcoAYJWx0>

In recent weeks, a couple of articles have named Paul McCartney’s 1979 holiday anthem “Wonderful Christmastime” the worst Christmas song ever recorded. They have a point! But Stephen Colbert is out to fix those perceptions. Last night, on his *Late Show*, Colbert sought to protect the reputation of “Wonderful Christmastime” by unveiling the *actual* worst Christmas song of all time. He and his musical guest Norah Jones debuted the maddeningly simple “Christmas Is Now” along with a full choir — and no, it’s not worse than “Wonderful Christmastime,” though it’s a noble attempt. Later on in the show, Jones performed her version of Horace Silver’s 1959 jazz standard “Peace,” which she covers on her new album [Day Breaks](#). Below, watch the performances of “Christmas Is Now” and “Peace.”

Reading: When God was a Woman: If the King Did Not weep – pp 141 – 143.

Music: ??? [not able to hear the words]

Jacque Evanko with Enya

Reading: on Unicorns

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2016-12-16 The Elders December Solstice Transmission ~ The Sacred Cosmic Fire of Peace

Transcribe <http://www.pleiadianlight.net/elders-transmissions-december-2016/>

Welcome sweet ones, it gives us great pleasure to be with you in this magical month of December, as you experience the sacred Cosmic Fire of Peace through the Overlighting of Helios and Vesta, amplified through the 12:12 Gateway and the Solstice energies on December the 21st. Throughout this year of 2016 sweet ones, you have been taken deeper into the knowing of yourselves as these sacred transfiguring Flames of Divine Love through the activation of the Petals of the Christed Heart, and deeper into the New Earth Templates of this Golden Age of Light. And now sweet ones, as you experience the powerful Planetary energies in this month of December through the Petal of your Peaceful Heart, you are drawn into the Divine Causal Body of Helios and Vesta, surrounded in an Electronic Ring of Fire, a shield of pure God essence, additionally activated by your Beloved I Am Presence and sustained by the sacred Cosmic Fire of Peace. This further assists the group I Am Avatar Consciousness of Light directive in the focus of the creation of Heaven on Earth. Furthermore, the Solar Crystalline Consciousness amplifies and activates through your etheric electronic body of Light, your I Am Avatar Light Body, as well as increasing your Light Quotient as you walk the pathway of Divine Love.

As the Patterns of Perfection amplify through the Unity Grid of Divine Love, you are offered an opportunity to experience the sacred Cosmic Fire of Peace through Helios and Vesta's great Spiritual Sun Temple of Light, within the etheric Sun behind the physical Sun. Within this sacred Spiritual Sun Temple, you are assisting in the releasing of old stresses, and three dimensional templating that has created areas of misalignment within your lives, wrapped in these beautiful copper-gold and pink-gold flames of God's Infinite Perfection.

So, without any further ado, let us move into this experiential transmission of Light, and the experience of the sacred Cosmic Fire of Peace. Let us start by setting our sacred space as you come together as One Unified Cosmic Heart. So for a moment now sitting in your sacred space, simply breathe into the body. Breathe initially in through the nose and out the mouth, and as you breathe out through the mouth just allow yourselves to release all that needs to be released in this Now. Breathing in gently, breathing out in such a way that you start to release what is needing to be released in this Now, and finding a balance in these deep rhythmic breaths, feeling into the body, feeling into the physical body, as you start to breathe now through the nose. Inhaling through the nose, exhaling through the nose. And focusing now on the lower abdominal muscles. Expanding the lower abdomen as you breathe in, contracting the lower abdomen as you breathe out, and finding this rhythmic breath that still allows you the sense of breathing in the Light of Creation, and releasing what needs to be released, through this in-breath and out-breath.

Good. Now have a sense of merging with your Beloved I Am Presence, the highest aspect of your Soul light within the Cosmic Heart of Mother/Father God. Feel this connection being made now, taking you deeper into your heart, and now activating the Christed Petals within your sacred heart. Your Peaceful Heart, your Loving Heart, your Healing Heart, your Joyful and Happy Heart, your Innocent and Open Heart, your Powerful Heart, your Knowing Heart, your Passionate Heart, your Overflowing and Prosperous Heart, your Trusting Heart, your Heart of Integrity and Truth, and now your Intimate Heart. As these petals of the Christed Heart activate now to the maximum cosmic law can allow, you bring a focus back to the Peaceful Heart sweet ones, which activates in this month of December.

And now you connect to all the Illumined Beings of Light from On High as you invoke the Overlighting of Mother/Father God. Calling in now the Pleiadians, the Sirians, the Andromedans and the Arcturians, all of the Light. The Brotherhood of the Light and Lord Melchizedek. The Archangels and their Divine Feminine Counterparts. The Mighty Elohim and their Divine counterparts. Lord Melchior, the Galactic Logos, Helios and Vesta, the Solar Logii, Sanat Kumara, the bridge to Solar Christ Consciousness, Lord Buddha the Planetary Logos, and now calling in the Ascended Masters and Ray Masters. Wonderful. And now call in your Master

Guides, your Guardian Angel and all other Beings of Light from On High you personally acknowledge.

And now just feel yourselves connecting into the Unity Grid of Divine Love, connecting to the Light workers, and starseeded ones, and all those joining you from around the globe in this Solstice celebration. Good sweet ones.

Just get yourselves comfortably relaxed now, grounding into the Crystal Heart of Mother Earth, as we go on the start of our journey into the energy of the sacred *Cosmic Fire of Peace* through the Overlighting of Helios and Vesta. This transmission is done in the form of an invocation to deepen this experience for each one of you individually and collectively.

Embraced within the Divine Causal Body of Helios and Vesta,
and wrapped in their copper-gold and pink-gold flames of Light,
I am now surrounded in an Electronic Ring of Fire, a shield of pure God essence.

I now find myself traveling in my Merkaba Vehicle of Light,
entering Now into the great Spiritual Sun Temple of Light and Solar Heart of Helios and Vesta.
Through the Overlighting of these sacred Beings and our God Parents for this Solar System,
I bring a focus to the Petals of my Christed Heart,
activating in particular now,
the Christed Petal of my Peaceful Heart,
as I experience the anchoring of the *sacred Cosmic Fire of Peace*,
and the fifth dimensional Earth Templates of Solar Christ Consciousness.

Through the Patterns of Perfection, and the *sacred Cosmic Fire of Peace*,
I glimpse the Akashic Records Keepers,
giving me the insight and understanding as to my Life lessons through my pre-birth agreements and karmic contracts,
and how each perceived challenge and experience I have chosen,
has taken me deeper into the Cosmic Heart of all Creation,
and into the next level of my Soul's blossoming, magnificence and Light,
through my ability to embrace the full range of my emotions.
I understand all is Divinely Perfect within the seemingly imperfection,
and in this knowing,
that the pathway forward, through the Christed Timelines, is one of Love, forgiveness and universal peace.

Helios and Vesta now place within my heart chakra a Zolkien Wheel of Light,

a spinning disc of Light,
transforming into Light every thought, feeling and action vibrating at a lesser frequency than the Patterns of
Perfection and God's Infinite Unconditional Divine Love.

Surrounded now in this Electronic Ring of Fire,
I bring a focus to my physical body,
as I wrap each body part and organ in this beautiful sacred *Cosmic Fire of Peace*,
releasing old stresses, traumas and pain within my physical body.
As the sub-atomic particles within my body start to spin in these increased Light frequencies,
I activate the axiatonal lines found along the 12 acupuncture meridian lines within the body.

Through these 144 spin points of oscillating ray frequencies,
I bring in all the healing frequencies that I may need into each body part and organ,
knowing that my physical body is a Temple of Light,
a radiant expression of my Godself as this sacred transfiguring Flame of Divine Love.
As I breathe deep into my body, wrapped in these copper-gold and pink-gold flames of Helios and Vesta,
I trust and surrender into the Divine intelligence of my body,
as I trust and surrender to Life,
in peace, gratitude and appreciation of All That I Am.

I am now placed in a *Light Healing Infusion Chamber of Light*.
This Light Healing Infusion Chamber infuses each sub-atomic particle within my Beingness with the bio-energetic matrix circuitry of the Crystalline Life-Code Seed Atoms.
This crystalline infusion of Light bathes my organs and body parts,
the central nervous system, and sensory system,
the brain chemistry, the bio-circuitry, and the endocrine system,
in a beautiful healing Light,
assisting in the rejuvenation of my physical body,
increasing my energy levels,
and recalibrating my lower bodies.

I now direct these Light ray frequencies and the sacred *Cosmic Fire of Peace* into the Unity Grid and
Crystalline Matrix of Divine Love,
allowing all Life to experience this recalibration of their lower bodies,
increased vitality,
peace within themselves,
and the rejuvenation of their physical bodies.

I now experience a *Molecular Restructuring Chamber of Light*.

As the sub-atomic particles spin in increased Light frequencies in resonance to the New Earth Templates,
and amplified through the super-electron,
old false beliefs, judgments and cellular memories of pain and betrayal, victim and persecutor consciousness,
resentment, anger, shame and guilt,
are released and absorbed into the sacred *Cosmic Fire of Peace*.

I bring a focus to my relationships, and send gratitude to each person within my Life that I have connected
with along both the karmic and Christed Timelines,
forgiving and loving and simply letting go of any perceived expectations of how our relationship should have
been as I deepen into the sacred *Cosmic Fire of Peace*.

And now, I direct these spiraling Light particles and the sacred *Cosmic Fire of Peace* into the hearts and
minds of all Humanity,

allowing all Life to truly know we can all live in Peace and gratitude,
as One Unified Cosmic Heart

I now experience a *Purification Rings of Fire Chamber of Light*.

This Light Chamber comes through in rings of rings of Light around the lower bodies,
removing toxic energies, implants, elementals and whatever else needs to be purified in this Now.
And now, I direct these Purification Rings of Light and the sacred *Cosmic Fire of Peace* through, within and
around all areas of Mother Earth,

needing this purification and increased Crystalline Light frequencies,
allowing all Life to experience this purification, balance, peace and renewed sense of equilibrium.

I now activate the Crystalline Sun DNA templates,
and the 12 fire letters within each one of my 12 Strands of DNA,
through the appropriate scalar wave programs,
taking on this Solar crystalline matrix at a cellular level,
activating my I Am Avatar Body of Light,
and increasing my Light Quotient,
as I experience an increased level of Solar Christ Consciousness,
and the knowing of my Service work in peace and harmony and Love upon this sacred earth.

I now see before me a most beautiful and sacred Being of Light,

my Beloved I Am Presence.

As my Beloved I Am Presence now merges with me,
I experience the full activation and actualization of the Petals of my Christed Heart,
illuminating every sub-atomic particle within my Beingness.
My Christed Heart take me into the knowing that I am Home,
I Am and have always been embraced within the Cosmic Heart of Mother/Father God,
as a magnificent, precious, illuminating, sacred transfiguring Flame of Divine Love.

I now connect into the Group I Am Avatar Consciousness of Light,
as together we surround Mother Earth and all her Life in the beautiful copper-gold and pink-gold flames of
the sacred *Cosmic Fire of Peace*,
at this time of the Solstice.

And now, assisted by the many Legions of Light from On High,
I connect to the twelve Golden Solar Sun Disc discs within the 144 Crystalline Grid of Divine Love.
I now experience these energetic spirals through the Golden Solar Sun Discs linking into the Petals of my
Christed Heart.

As my heart actualizes the Solar Crystalline Light frequencies,
I now experience the crystalline matrix of the New Earth Templates through One Unity Consciousness, Divine
Love and World Peace.

The Petals of the Christed Heart now anchor and activate through the heart chakra of every man, women and
child on this earth plane,
choosing to experience this Golden Age of Light,
choosing to experience One Unity Consciousness.

I now come back into my sacred space,
grounding into the Crystal Heart of Mother Earth,
and the Cosmic Heart of Mother/Father God.
I Am a sacred transfiguring Flame of Divine Love,

I Am All That I Am.

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2016-12-16 A Legislative Coup in NC? Rev. William Barber on GOP Stripping Power from New Democratic Governor

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GOV.-ELECT ROY COOPER: The Republican leadership in the General Assembly has put forth a number of proposed pieces of legislation over the last 12 to 24 hours. Most people might think that this is a partisan power grab. But it is really more ominous. It's really about hurting public education, working families, state employees, healthcare and clean air and water.

AMY GOODMAN: At least 17 people were arrested at the state Capitol Thursday protesting the Republican efforts. The NAACP of North Carolina has decried the legislative actions, describing it as a form of Jim Crow governance.

Meanwhile, another effort by Republican lawmakers to pack the state Supreme Court, which just tilts Democratic, appears to have been defeated. Republicans were threatening to try to add two more justices to the court, after the Democratic African-American Judge Mike Morgan defeated a Republican incumbent in the November election, tilting the court 4-3 Democrat. The North Carolina Supreme Court has seven judges for the last 80 years.

Well, for more, we're going to Raleigh, North Carolina, to be joined by Reverend Dr. William Barber, president of Repairers of the Breach and president of the North Carolina NAACP.

Reverend Barber, welcome back to *Democracy Now!* So it took the Republican governor, McCrory, about a month to concede defeat, right? He is the first—he's the only Republican incumbent governor who was defeated in this sweep through the country this year. And then explain what happened.

REV. WILLIAM BARBER: Well, thank you so much, Amy, for having me on *Democracy Now!* And let me just say to all the listeners, particularly in North Carolina: All roads head to the General Assembly. We need you there today by 10:00 a.m.

You know, we had this election, and what you have here are a group of extremists, tea party extremists, who are very afraid of the changing South and the changing demographics in North Carolina. You're exactly right: The governor refused to concede. And they're scared because we're the only state that held off the full weight of Trumpism in the South. We have a movement there, and that movement has been working for years, and particularly over the last three years with Moral Monday movements. We were able to change the consciousness of the state. And the governor lost the election.

Now, what this was after, Amy, they—the Republican-led state Board of Election put in place 158 less voting sites, early voting sites, than we had in 2014 and '12. They lost the most—the worst voter suppression bill that they pushed, in the courts. The court said it was "surgical racism." They lost on redistricting. The courts have now demanded that we have to redraw lines and have a new election next year with the Legislature. They lost the governor's race, the secretary of state's race, the auditor's race, the attorney general's race. And the Supreme Court became more progressive with an African American winning 76 of the 100 counties, and winning by over 300,000 votes.

It's a sign of things to come, when we organize in the South. And so, the governor and those extremists refused. They did everything they could. They even purged votes, Amy, during the election. They lost again, and we forced votes to be put back on the books. So they have seen that they have tried everything, but when there is a movement of the people, a moral movement of the people, we can, in fact, change the South. And if you do that, you change the nation. And so, now, with these losses, they are now engaging in this extreme power grab and policy grab.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Well, Reverend Barber, you wrote recently in a [column](#) for *ThinkProgress* that you think that you're seeing the birth pangs of a Third Reconstruction. What do you mean exactly by that?

REV. WILLIAM BARBER: Well, you know, the first Reconstruction in the 1800s, black and whites

worked together after slavery, fundamentally changed the South. And then you had this massive reaction to turn back all of those policies, which actually came to the—its strongest point with the selection of Rutherford B. Hayes in 1877, who was a presidential candidate who lost the popular vote but won—was selected through the electoral process, with the promise that he would restore the white hierarchy, if you will, in the country by his appointments and by his changing the Supreme Court.

Then the second Reconstruction was the civil rights movement. You had all of the massive changes—the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, the War on Poverty—in 1954 to '68. But then you have a reaction called the Southern strategy, led by Kevin Phillips and Richard Nixon, law and order. Richard Nixon claimed he would bring—Kevin Phillips, excuse me, told him, "If you find out who hates who and who fears who, we can pit people against one another in the South, and we can rule the South for 50 years." And you know if you rule the South, if you can control the South, you control 171 electoral votes, by just controlling the former 13 Confederate states. You control 26 senators in the United States Senate, which means you only need 25 from the other 37 states. You control 31 percent of the United States House of Representatives, which means you only need 20 from the other 37 states. And you control 13 governors and 13 general assemblies, that control state boards of election. So, if you break through that, then you have fundamentally changed politics.

I believe all of the pushback we're seeing—the voter suppression, the redistricting—is because the extremists see the possibility of a third Reconstruction. They know that if we register 30 percent of the African-American voter, unregistered voters, in the South, and if we add to that whites and progressive whites and Latinos, you will have changed the South. And if you ever change that map and you ever gave deep down organizing that gets people to stop voting against their own interests, grown-up conversations about race and economics, and people begin to see themselves as allies, blacks and whites, and no longer fear one another, then you have a third Reconstruction. I think we're in the birth pangs of it. North Carolina is one of the places that points to it. Virginia is one of the places that points to it. The closing gaps that we're seeing—when you look at Trump, he didn't win the South by the gaps that Ronald Reagan did. And if we have deep down organizing in the South, we can have—we can push this third Reconstruction to full adulthood. I really believe that.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And, Reverend Barber, you've also talked repeatedly about the difference between fusion politics and populism. Could you—could you elaborate on that, as well?

REV. WILLIAM BARBER: Yeah. Well, you know, populism could be a—once was a lynch mob in the South. And Trump has engaged in a certain kind of nativism and populism. But fusion politics grows out of—it was named during the first Reconstruction, when black former slaves and white farmers, poor people, became allies in the South and saw their common interests. And so, when you have fusion, when you hold economic—race and economics together—I'm concerned, for instance, about the way some progressives are talking about this election. They keep talking about just an economic fix, or we just need to talk to white working poor people. But if you do not factor in race and how, as Nell Painter said at Princeton, the—you would not have a Trump without an Obama, that President Obama's election represented a kind of inversion of a hierarchy in this country. And so, what we have to wrestle with is what caused, for instance, many whites to vote for a candidate that actually says—and there are 8 million more white people that are poor than

black, but they vote for a candidate that's against living wages. What causes many whites to vote for a candidate who says, "I'm going to cut your healthcare," when 80 percent of the people who will lose their healthcare are persons that do not have a college degree, and 56 percent of them are white? What trumps common sense? That's the grown-up race policy question.

Now, if you can bridge that in a fusion, and if you can get black people and white people and Latinos to begin to see their issues together, if you can get people, for instance, the LGBT community, to understand the same people against the LGBT community are the same people that vote against public education, the same people that vote against public education normally vote against healthcare, same people against healthcare vote against living wages—and you can go on and on—same people against living wages are normally against voting rights, and in the states, if you can build a from-the-bottom-up, indigenously led, fusion coalition, you can have the kind of transformation we're beginning to see in North Carolina in the South.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to go back—I want to go back to what's being called a legislative coup in North Carolina. This is Dallas Woodhouse, the executive director of the state Republican Party, speaking to reporters Thursday.

DALLAS WOODHOUSE: People ask the question: Do two wrongs make a right? I think it is the inevitable outcome of divided government, and the checks and balances that come with it, and the checks and balances the people voted for. Roy Cooper is still going to be the governor. He still gets the keys to the mansion at some point on January 1st. He still gets to use the bill ballroom. And when Republican bills come to him, he can sign them. He can choose not to sign them or let them come into law. Or, in most cases, he can sit there and be overridden. That's the system we have.

REPORTER: Didn't voters pick Roy Cooper with the assumption that these were the powers that the governor had when Election Day occurred, and they've seen what Pat McCrory has done with those powers and whether or not they'll give him another four years with those responsibilities?

DALLAS WOODHOUSE: I don't know that I can answer that.

REPORTER: Yeah.

DALLAS WOODHOUSE: I mean, the voters can, at times, be contradictory. But they did—you know, Cooper won one election. We won 109 in the General Assembly and a whole bunch of statewide council state seats that we hadn't had before.

AMY GOODMAN: So, that is Dallas Woodhouse, executive director of the state Republican Party. If you can respond, Reverend Barber, to what he says? And also, go through the bills. I mean, it is just astounding what's happening. Is it something like—

REV. WILLIAM BARBER: Twenty-two.

AMY GOODMAN: And talk about the powers that they are trying to strip. Now, the incoming governor is saying he may well sue.

REV. WILLIAM BARBER: Yeah, and we may, as well, because we believe there are a lot of violations, even equal protection violations, here, maybe violations of the Voting Rights Act, violation of open meeting laws.

And first of all, you have to know who Dallas Woodhouse is. And I don't normally comment too much about him, because he's—he has so little credibility. His own brother has called him a racist. He's the executive director that sent out a memo after we won our voter suppression case in the courts, and the courts unanimously said that the Republican Party, the extremists, had engaged in surgical racism. He sent a memo out to state—to local boards of election, telling them to put in place rules that reflected Republican values and not what the courts had said. So, over and over again, this man has—you know, just has no integrity when it comes to telling the truth.

So, first of all, they did not win the Legislature, because they won. The current makeup of our Legislature is the result of the worst redistricting we've seen since the 19th century. And that's why the courts have said this Legislature must have a new election next year. It's normally every two years. The lines must be redrawn, and they must have a new election, because the people elected now are—the General Assembly is unconstitutionally constituted. That's number one.

Number two, the powers that—when he says "use the ballroom," that is not the role of the governor. The governor ran an at-large election and was elected. And what they're trying to do now, for instance, they want to change the governor's ability to have his own Cabinet. They want it to come through the Senate, because they do not want the governor to put in place persons that will help him implement Medicaid expansion, or fight for it, and more money for public education and stop sending money to private schools. They do not want that. They do not want this governor to really be able to push the issues of living wages and voting rights. So they want to limit his ability, to make him have to go through the Senate in order to get his approval.

Number two, while we blocked them from changing the Supreme Court, they now want to force the cases to have to go from superior court to a 15-judge appellate panel. They want all the appellate judges to hear it, rather than a panel, before it goes to the Supreme Court, because now the Supreme Court is a more progressive court.

Number three, they're trying to block his appointments on the state Board of Election, because we have somebody now who was elected state public superintendent who is actually really anti-public schools. And they're trying to block his ability to appoint people to the UNC Board of Trustees. And we're still reading some more of the bills that they are pushing through. I mean, everything hasn't even been read.

But this is really their fear. I want the listeners to hear this, Amy. They are afraid. They are fearful. They know, for instance, that 58 percent of North Carolinians want Medicaid expansion. Almost 80 percent of North Carolinians want a living wage. And this Legislature would not even put it on the ballot so that North Carolinians could vote on that. They know that we have beat them in voter suppression. We beat them over redistricting. And they see this tide rising. They see, if you look at the pictures yesterday, black and white and Latino people standing together in the Deep South. And they know that if we have policy movement along with this kind of moral movement, it will not only energize North Carolina, but it could energize the rest of the South and cause people to stand up and see that we are no longer in the minority, if we engage in real fusion politics. This is—this is Herod—in this Christmas season, Amy, I like to say this. This is Herod politics, the politics of Herod. Herod, if you remember in the Christian story, was so scared of his power, so scared it was going to be taken, that he engaged in the most mean-spirited and vicious kind of attempts to hold onto power. We have a Herod Legislature, rather than a Legislature that

is acting like the democracy that we live in.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Well, Reverend Barber, specifically, what you mentioned about the necessity now for a new election to the Legislature, this almost seems like a last stand of the existing, gerrymandered Legislature—

REV. WILLIAM BARBER: Yeah.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: —before the new elections come next year. Could you talk about the impact of the Supreme Court decision taking away voting rights protections from many localities around the country, how that might affect the final decision on these redrawn districts?

REV. WILLIAM BARBER: Well, I actually think a lot of what we're seeing a last stand. I think when President Obama was elected, for instance, and you had this fusion coalition—remember, he won in Virginia, won in North Carolina early on, Florida—I think that scared extremists, which is why you had the 15 who got together and said, "We're going to block him from doing anything." You know, Jeff Sessions was in that group, who is now being proposed for the attorney general.

I think that the fact that Ryan and McConnell—we talk a lot about the racism of Trump, but look at the racism of McConnell and Ryan, because, for me, racism is not the KKK or David Dukes or calling somebody the N-word. It's policy. It's systemic racism. So, for instance, Ryan and McConnell and Boehner have held up fixing the Voting Rights Act for over a thousand days, almost over 1,200 days, since June 25th, 2013, when the Supreme Court passed this ill-fated decision in *Shelby*. Strom Thurmond only filibustered the Civil Rights Act of '57 for a day, 24 hours. These people have held up fixing Voting Rights Act Section 4, so that Section 5 can be implemented in states like North Carolina, for over 1,200 days. They're afraid. They are afraid of this possibility of us organizing all of America.

And I think that that's the same thing you see here. This Legislature now has been told twice, by the highest courts, "You are racist. You have engaged in racist voter suppression and racist gerrymandering." They know they cannot win without this. For instance, what they did when they redistricted, they put 49 percent of black voters into 19 out of 50 Senate districts, and they put 51 percent of black voters into 27 out of 120 House seats. They did that to isolate, stack and pack the black vote, not just to disallow or keep black people from being elected, but to keep black and white people from forming fusion coalitions to elect progressive candidates. That's what the game was. And all of that is falling apart now, every bit of it. And they see it falling apart in their face. And we have to understand what is at stake here.

And none of it, lastly, would have been possible if we had Section 5 preclearance. If Section 5 preclearance was in place—and the people in the Congress understand this—none of these laws that have been passed in the South would have been able to have been passed. And without them—and I think the story, Amy and others, that we have not talked about is, people talk about this election. Ari Berman says we've had almost 900 less voting sites in the black community in this election than we had in 2012. It could have impacted more than a million African-American voters. And we did not have one discussion in our national debates, candidates for president, about voting rights and racism as it relates to voting rights. That was a tremendous error during this campaign.

2016-12-16 **Trump Has Appointed More Generals in His Cabinet Than Any President Since World War II**

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Guests **[Andrew Bacevich](#)**

retired colonel and Vietnam War veteran. His latest book is *America's War for the Greater Middle East: A Military History*. His previous books include *Washington Rules: America's Path to Permanent War*. He is professor emeritus of international relations and history at Boston University.

We turn now to look at Donald Trump and his military generals. Trump has nominated retired Gen. James "Mad Dog" Mattis as defense secretary. The Obama administration cut short his tour over concerns Mattis was too hawkish on Iran. Retired Marine Gen. John Kelly has been nominated homeland security secretary, and retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn has been appointed national security adviser. Flynn is well known for his anti-Muslim worldview, having called Islam a "cancer" and saying "fear of Muslims is rational." For more, we speak with Andrew Bacevich, a retired colonel and Vietnam War veteran. His latest book is titled "America's War for the Greater Middle East: A Military History." He is professor emeritus of international relations and history at Boston University.

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DONALD TRUMP: I know more about ISIS than the generals do, believe me.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: That was Donald Trump on the campaign trail. It was just one of several times where he publicly criticized the actions of U.S. generals. But now that he's become president-elect, Trump has taken a different tack, by picking generals for several key posts. Trump has nominated retired General James "Mad Dog" Mattis as defense secretary. The Obama administration cut short his tour over concerns Mattis was too hawkish on Iran. Retired Marine General John Kelly has been nominated homeland security secretary, and retired Army Lieutenant General Michael Flynn has been appointed national security adviser. Flynn is well known for his anti-Muslim worldview, having called Islam a "cancer" and saying, quote, "fear of Muslims is rational."

AMY GOODMAN: Well, for more, we're joined by Andrew Bacevich, a retired colonel, Vietnam War veteran. His latest book, *America's War for the Greater Middle East: A Military History*. He's professor emeritus of international relations and history at Boston University and joins us in our studio here in New York.

Welcome to *Democracy Now!*

ANDREW BACEVICH: Thank you.

AMY GOODMAN: Your thoughts? This is the highest concentration of generals proposed for a

Cabinet—is it ever?

ANDREW BACEVICH: Well, I mean, there certainly are precedents for retired generals serving in senior positions. I suppose the most notable of them, the one we remember most, would be George C. Marshall, who after World War II was Harry Truman's secretary of state and then also served a brief period of time as secretary of defense. Well, why did Marshall get those appointments? Because Marshall played a very substantial role in winning World War II. He was a general who won a war. And it seems to me that the common characteristic of the senior generals being appointed by Mr. Trump—and we could add to the list, by the way, Lieutenant General Keith Kellogg, who was just announced to be the chief of staff to Lieutenant General Flynn, so there's at least four now, generals. The common characteristic is that none of them have won a war. I mean, the country, we, are in a state of permanent war. And we certainly have a large cadre of generals with enormous experience in managing wars. We have yet to find a general who can actually bring one of these wars to a successful conclusion. So you have to ask yourself, you know: Well, what then are the particular aptitudes or qualities that these people are going to bring to their offices that we could not have found in—among the civilian world? And the answer is, I don't know. I mean, the clip you played about Trump expressing contempt for generals, suddenly we have a romance, an infatuation, with generals. And perhaps that's simply one more indication of the consistency of Trump being inconsistent. I don't know.

AMY GOODMAN: Doesn't he often get offensive about his—things he's defensive about? Like, didn't he get something like five deferments?

ANDREW BACEVICH: Oh, yes, indeed. I mean, so we have a commander-in-chief, or a commander-in-chief-to-be, who now has suddenly discovered that—his affinity for generals. He, himself, Trump himself, his military experience was limited to his time as a teenager at a New York Military Academy. And he—obviously, not he alone, but when he had an opportunity to serve in the military back during the Vietnam era, he chose to find a different route that would make it unnecessary for him to do so.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: I wanted to ask you about the appointment that's gotten perhaps the most concern or controversy, is Lieutenant General Michael Flynn—

ANDREW BACEVICH: Right.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: —for national security adviser. Your thoughts on him?

ANDREW BACEVICH: He's an Islamophobe. He's an ideologue. He's a fanatic. Temperamentally—and this actually may be the most troubling thing—temperamentally, he does seem to be like Trump himself. You know, he—I suppose you could say he speaks with great candor, or you could say that he speaks without thinking about the implications of what he has to say. So I think it's a deeply troubling appointment.

One could contrast him with Mattis—Mattis certainly highly respected throughout the military establishment, as far as I can tell, and I suspect was a very, very good Marine general. Why we need a Marine general running the Pentagon is another question. But one might entertain some amount of hope that Mattis will serve as something of a check with regard to Flynn's more radical inclinations, particularly, for example, on issues like Iran. Mattis has said that he believes that we should retain the Iran nuclear deal, and I personally would hope that that counsel prevails.

AMY GOODMAN: On the issue of Mike Flynn, he was fired by Obama as head of the DIA. In 2010, he, what, shared classified information in Afghanistan without authorization, but was not brought up on any charges around that. His son recently was involved with a fake news scandal, putting out—and he, his son, Mike Flynn, was his chief of staff of transition, putting out information this pizzeria was the site of a child sex ring in Washington, D.C., and so a man went it with a gun to deal with this fake news. He was fired. Your thoughts further on Mike Flynn and what he means to head up national security?

ANDREW BACEVICH: Well, you know, my sense is that the way presidential politics works, I mean, the politics of the inner circle, is that when a new president takes office, that taking office initiates a competition. It initiates a competition among his senior appointees to determine who's really going to have the ear of the president. For example, if we take the George W. Bush time, we had, you know, Cheney as vice president, Colin Powell as secretary of state—another general—and Donald Rumsfeld. And it rather quickly, particularly after 9/11, became clear that Cheney and Rumsfeld forged an alliance and basically squeezed Colin Powell out. One of the results, of course, I think, is the Iraq War. So, it very much remains to be seen, I think, in the new administration as to how much clout and influence a guy like Flynn is really going to be able to exercise, because we're going to have a secretary of state, we're going to have a defense secretary, who may well see things differently. And the three of them, as the big three, in national security terms, will compete with one another to see who can then exercise influence over Donald Trump. Of course, with Trump, we have the additional question, and that is: Can anybody really influence him? To what degree is he is a person who will be amenable to taking counsel of advisers? We were pretty sure previous presidents were willing to do that. We can't be certain about this president.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: I wanted to ask you—you wrote an [article](#) recently in *The Nation* headlined "Barack Obama's Crash Course in Foreign Policy." Your thoughts about how Obama used military force around the world and how a Trump presidency might approach the use of military force differently?

ANDREW BACEVICH: Well, I mean, the gist of the article really is to say that with regard to the use of force, President Obama has been quite ineffective. I mean, he inherited two wars, Iraq and Afghanistan. He will bequeath two wars, Iraq and Afghanistan. Indeed, the expanse of U.S. military involvement has increased over his eight years in office. But, that said, I think when we look beyond his management of wars at other issues—for example, the Paris climate change accords, the Iran nuclear deal, the opening to Cuba—in a variety of other ways, I think President Obama doesn't get the credit that he deserves. And I speculate that, over time, that he may rate higher. You know, it's just so difficult to speculate on Trump. I just learned, coming in this morning, that his appointee to be the ambassador to Israel is, to put it mildly, a hard-liner, is a provocateur.

2016-12-16 **Andrew Bacevich: Trump's "Israel First" Policy Will Likely Lead to More Violence in Region**

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retired colonel and Vietnam War veteran. His latest book is *America's War for the Greater Middle East: A Military History*. His previous books include *Washington Rules: America's Path to Permanent War*. He is professor emeritus of international relations and history at Boston University.

Donald Trump has tapped the far-right-wing bankruptcy lawyer David Friedman to be the U.S. ambassador to Israel. Many are calling Friedman an unprecedented pick for the position, given his hostility toward peace between Israelis and Palestinians and his disregard for international law. Friedman has no diplomatic experience. He supports Israel's Jewish-only settlements in the occupied West Bank and says he doesn't think it would be illegal for Israel to annex the entire Palestinian territory, despite the fact that it would be blatantly illegal under international law. For more, we speak to military historian Andrew Bacevich. His latest book is "America's War for the Greater Middle East: A Military History."

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AMY GOODMAN: Well, let's actually talk about—

ANDREW BACEVICH: OK.

AMY GOODMAN: —David Friedman, the far-right-wing bankruptcy lawyer tapped by Donald Trump, as you said, to be ambassador—U.S. ambassador to Israel. He supports Israel's Jewish-only settlements in the occupied West Bank, says he doesn't think it would be illegal for Israel to annex the entire Palestinian territory, despite the fact, of course, it would be illegal under international law. In October, Friedman appeared on the Israel network i24news.

NURIT ZUNGER: Will Donald Trump recognize Jerusalem as Israel's sole capital?

DAVID FRIEDMAN: Yes. He said that countless times, that he will recognize the city of Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital. And he'll move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

NURIT ZUNGER: All right. So, Trump's policies, as far as the Israeli Jewish American voter, why should Israeli voters, Israeli-American voters, vote for Trump?

DAVID FRIEDMAN: Well, if those who want to see a strong relationship between Israel and the United States with no daylight, those who want to see Israel protected at the United Nations, those who want to see the strongest level of military and strategic cooperation between the two countries, those who don't want to see any daylight between the two countries, those that want to live in an environment where the United States doesn't attempt to impose upon Israel a solution to the Palestinian conflict against the state of Israel, those that want to see Jerusalem recognized as the capital of Israel, you know, vote for Donald Trump.

AMY GOODMAN: So, that is David Friedman, who Donald Trump has just tapped to be the U.S. ambassador to Israel. He's actually Donald Trump's bankruptcy lawyer. Your comments on what he just put forward?

ANDREW BACEVICH: Well, ambassadors don't make policy, but, I mean, ambassadors reflect the policies made by the chief of state. But if Friedman knows what he's talking about, then we're about to see a radical, radical change in U.S. policy with regard not simply to Israel, but with regard to the whole Israeli-Palestinian question. And I guess if you are, if I could use a slightly provocative term, an Israel-firster, then you might welcome those developments. If you believe, as I believe, that one of the pressing problems we face is trying to restore some semblance of stability to that part of the world, then the steps that he just laid out are going to put us in exactly the other direction. It may work to the benefit of Israel in the short term, but it is simply going to increase the likelihood of violence. It's going to extend the conflicts that have engulfed this part of the world. And from an American perspective, I don't see how that could possibly be viewed as good news.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, Andrew Bacevich, we want to thank you for being with us, retired colonel, Vietnam War vet. His latest book, *America's War for the Greater Middle East: A Military History*. This is *Democracy Now!* When we come back, we look at Puerto Rico. Stay with us.

2016-12-16 **"Pirates of the Caribbean": Bankers Who Created Puerto Rico's Debt Crisis Now In Charge of Fixing It**

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global campaigns organizing coordinator with Communications Workers of America, or CWA. She worked on the new Puerto Rico report, "Pirates of the Caribbean."

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Talk about this report, "Pirates of the Caribbean."

TERESA CASERTANO: Hi. Good morning. "Pirates of the Caribbean," the pirates in this story effectively are the Santander executives that Juan mentioned, José Ramón González and Carlos García. Santander, Banco Santander, is a global banking giant. It's a Spanish bank. It's headquartered in Madrid. And our report looks at the role of Santander in generating Puerto Rico's public debt. And then, when it became unsustainable and Puerto Rico was not able to pay, the very same executives who were responsible for helping to generate that debt were then appointed to the PROMESA fiscal control board to determine how that debt would be restructured and what entities would be paid.

And so, our report looked at 90 debt deals, where Santander was either the principal underwriter or one of a team of underwriters, which resulted in \$61.2 billion of public debt for Puerto Rico. And that is almost equivalent to Puerto Rico's current debt load, which is \$70 billion. And as an underwriter—an underwriter is essentially an arranger—Santander structured the bonds, purchased the bonds from Puerto Rico, and then sold them to investors. And in return for facilitating these transactions, they were compensated handsomely. They created \$61.2 billion in debt and received issuance fees of about \$1 billion.

In 2009, Carlos García, who was one of the architects of the debt deals by Santander Securities, he moved from Santander to become the head of the Government Development Bank of Puerto Rico. And so he moved from profiting off the creation of the debt deals to becoming the protector, the gatekeeper, the adviser to the Puerto Rican government, to the government entities that needed to structure new bond deals, and, effectively, became the approver and the selector of the underwriters who would facilitate these deals. And so, what some people have called him inside Hedge Clippers is the fox then guarding the hen house.

And as the president of the Government Development Bank, Carlos García brought in a team of current and former Santander executives who really had a grip on the Development Bank, on the Government Development Bank, from 2009 until 2012. And under his leadership, the Government Development Bank used a number of what some people call questionable, others call abusive or predatory, debt structures. And one example that we could use is a debt structure called the COFINA bond. And the COFINA bond was often used to refinance unpaid interest on previous bonds. And the COFINA bond was backed by sales tax. And so, effectively, these bonds were backed by the taxes, the sales tax on small transactions, by poor people and working people of Puerto Rico. And each time that those bonds were issued, Santander—

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Teresa, I just want to clarify: González and García had both worked with Santander at one time or another, they then went over to the government side to actually be involved in the issuing of these, and now both of them—of many of these bonds, and now both of them are in charge of figuring out how to get Puerto Rico out of the mess that they helped create? But the amazing thing is that one of them was appointed by the Democrats, and the other was appointed by the Republicans. So it doesn't seem that—both the Republicans in Congress and the Obama administration have no problem with the people who created the crisis now trying to figure out how to solve it.

TERESA CASERTANO: That's exactly right. José Ramón González was—and Carlos García, at different times, were the head of the Government Development Bank and also top executives—you know, at other times, top executives of Santander Securities responsible for issuing the bonds. And so, yes, that is exactly correct. When the debt became unsustainable in 2014—

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: We only have about 15 seconds. Go ahead.

TERESA CASERTANO: —in 2014 and 2015, and the fiscal control board was appointed by the Obama administration, of the seven political appointees, those two executives were appointed to the fiscal control board to determine what entities will be paid under the debt restructuring.

AMY GOODMAN: We want to thank you very much for being with us, Teresa Casertano, the global campaigns organizing coordinator with CWA. This is *Democracy Now!* Happy birthday to Renée Feltz!