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Intro Notes

- The **new number for the Conference Line:**
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HARD NEWS

- R:** a wild story from **Camp Lovewave** – they talk to the angels, fairies, hobbits as do T & R
- Captain Crunch was in town: a contemporary of Howard Zinn, who was a bomber pilot – this guy was one of the grunts. Talked of a bombing mission over Germany, when he got abducted: like in the scene in **Cocoon** – capn crunch watched the ball of light come up and he disappeared in it. This happened in the mid 60s, lost about 40 years of his life
 - The folks came from Tau Ceti – seems he'd made a deal to do a mission with them: they just came and took him.
 - He was 40 years on Mars: saw the mining ops on the planet, as well as in other places in the universe
 - he was taught how to merge his consciousness with the mineral they wanted – crystals have consciousness and can talk to us – this is part of the brain of Mother Earth
 - T & R talk about the size of the crystals in various parts of the earth in the caves in mountains – as big as greyhound buses - these stories will be told eventually – will hear them from Tom Brokaw who has been lied and bribed up to heaven and then some: as have all - or many of - the talk show people
 - This story is about the ½ million life forms on earth: Other beings from other planets, universes are listening and keenly observing what is happening on Earth
 - Joe Biden story: when Al Gore kept asking Maxine Watters if she had a signed document allowing her to talk: not one single Senator signed the document so she could address the floor about how the election was stolen and given to Bush Jr/Shrub Jr – and the Supreme Court voted to play the game and violated their oath of office. Joe was part of this, and got \$4 BILLION for doing this, courtesy of Mr Ratzinger; Club of Rome buys your soul for a dime
 - Every soul is unique but when people get money from Vatican, it's because the Vatican wants something done – persons are targeted for this money so the Vatican can look pure
 - Patrick Fitzgerald was given \$2 Million: if you don't shut up and take it, you are dead. So he took it.
 - Joe took orders from Cardinal Egan at St Patricks Cathedral representing the Black Pope in the US to do 9/11; got \$2 Billion for doing it. He's been spending the money & doing the bidding of others – he's been in Kiev doing dirty business with the McCain, Phil Gram;
 - Clintons who got lots from the elites in Kiev
 - this has to do with crossing bloodlines between the elder dragons-the Rothschilds - and the Great White Dragons from Dracos who defected and want to stop the war; the small rebel band on earth only have to put down the sword, the phaser & say “enough; let it begin with me”
 - Cap'n Crunch and who he's connected with are saying: we are surrounded by so many legions upon legions of Living Light, Living Love and, at the same time, it's in the bag, but the cat is out of the bag and she will tell her story of how she is connected with this along with the lion people, the bird people, the reptilian people who have a role to play with this that fits in with Enki and Enlil and Mr Abraham and the Code of Ethics
 - Abraham was another traitor; was identical to Hammurabi and was responsible for the cutting of the clitoris & removal of the foreskin
 - he rubbed shoulders every day with Enki and Enlil Ninhirtsag and Anu – these were very tall beings – this was the original demeaning of the feminine
 - They had a very advanced culture – and misused their technology – the Vatican landlord was Enki and Enlil – Lucifer and Jehovah; the home port was Eruk, and the Tigris and Euphrates
 - Dan Rather was fired from CBS news for talking about Bush Jr / Schirff Jr – had a sheik lined up to come on 60 minutes, connected with some of the folks who knew the Mujaheddin

- Sheik Jalani; someone told CBS at CEO level and higher - went up to the White Dragons, the ones with the wings; they cancelled Dan Rather, Sheik Jelani and then 9/11 followed
- Daniel Pearl story - all CIA duh - was about the Jinn who have come back to love --Lucifera, and the story that goes back to the war and Orion - and further back to the war in anti-matter
 - R gives thanks for Michael and Sananda in the roles as Planetary Prince - these ones still want to play like it's still Kali Yuga even though we are in Sat Yuga.
 - The extra strands of DNA are listening to the mitacholrians, the force of love, and are saying "wake up", and this is overriding their programming: this is creating emotions of some kind in them, and some are starting to realize what they did when they have destroyed universes and universes - In their other lifetimes, they have killed trillions of people, over billions of lifetimes - the result is our current timeline
- So what is the whole Akashic record of **Joe Biden**? What is the record of anyone of us? And everyone of us have had good, bad and not so good experience in all our lifetimes; some of us were more stubborn than others and were not willing to work to bring ourselves up so we accumulated more in terms of not being accountable
 - **Ron Paul** is part of the story which has to do with the true history of Libertarianism in the US- very, very ugly! He got \$2 billion keep that agenda looking nice and pretty and clean - to the point that he was the NESARA person, reporting updates on what was to be happening yet, behind the scenes, the darkness of that soul is beyond belief. And some people still think he is an Ascended master - he spent his money.
 - Alex Jones got \$2 million, and his wife is a Catholic
 - Barack Obama also got \$2 million and not a dime has been spent! What he is doing right now is not to be judged!
 - There is collaboration behind the scenes - no nukes, and Obama, Putin, Xi have something going on right now, and for them to be presidents of these specific countries is no accident. Why was Breznenzki his teacher, and why was Barack the Manchurian Candidate for B? The leaders wanted him dead when he went to Mars.
 - People have been going to Mars for over 10,000 years - there is a lot of predation on Mars - a lot of them are experiments from Area 51 where people took human souls and cross bred them with animals of all kinds - slave camps
 - Surface of Mars looks like Mad Max and thunderdome; that is why Lord Monca and Lord Hatonn are on the interior of Mars where it is heaven on earth - not at all like the surface.
 - One more thing: the hardest thing is for a parent to lose a child; please do not judge as we do not know what the soul of Joe Biden is going through - Beau is dead because he [Joe] obliged the ones who killed him.
 - The same folks who took out Biden made deals with Tama's mother, sister & brother who and got into a sticky wicket: These characters have no qualms: killed 2 billion people in the last 100 years
 - which is why NESARA has to come . . . everything goes to zero, is null & void - debt jubilee and divine governance

Big Will: Patrick Fitzgerald got \$2million - is he compromised?

NO - hasn't touched a penny of it - and neither did Barack! He is NOT compromised!

BW: did Putin and Xi receive \$ - they don't know & would be told it's none of his business.

BW: Everyone knows that the Sterling case is under investigation - people had reserves and layways but will have lost all that. That company is in hot water

- Sterling Group is a foreign exchange company that deals with money from around the world - not on FOREX market.

T: understands that need to be on the FOREX mkt in order to do foreign exchange - the FOREX market is compromised, completely fake.

BW: can anyone go into the bank to exchange their foreign exchange notes for the new rainbow

bills?

T: NO – nothing available in that venue AT ALL! Have to wait until NESARA is in place. So those who have gold certificates will put that certificate in the bank and make a loan against that certificate and have money to work with

BW: talk out there that those in the Admiral Group have exchanged their currency he has no idea who those one are: they have exchanged currency for American dollar and got a rate of \$3.41 – the iraqi dinar

T: KOS told Rama there will be people who will exchange for those things – those who are doing that and are not on the inside of the criminal class working for Hillary, Bill or the Grams will eventually be made dead by the criminal ones –

- everything that is going on is observed – no privacy as this is a galactic operation – all done in that manner, the transactions will be zeroed out. Everything goes to 0.
- None of this is being judged in 3D level – all from a higher level. People who are going after money when they don't know what is going on; they need more spiritual upgrading
 - there are oceans of blood on all those currencies and taking part in them means you are accepting that blood bath without accountability
 - **If** you can't exchange the currency and get your money back, make a ceremony, make a fire and burn the money; anyone who spends any energy on those things is involved in an evil transaction which means an action out of its time/space continuum. Can't serve 2 masters.
- There are lots and lots of Lightworkers who have not gotten the depth and extent of what is going on re: the currencies – this is not a global leila, but a Divne Leila – we co-created all this with Mother and our bodies as temples for our souls – Mother cannot co-create anything less than what she is! There are no accidents, and there is a voluntary mission that was set up before we came in – every single soul chose and they may have chosen to do this for all kinds of souls – it's not always personal karma to be killed on the battle field
- There are 6 non-polar universes, and the Universe of Nebadon which is polar; we co-created it with Mother so we could descend into polarity and also have free will; Mother said she would not intervene except for nuclear and psychic holocaust.
 - The lovely little lizard clan, for the last 14 years have been doing both nuclear and psychic holocaust. No more nukes have been dropped from the sky since Nagasaki and Hiroshima, but bombs were planted in 1945 by the reptiles; placed below the sea, and they triggered the explosion at Fukushima by planting them where the most damage would be done on the surface, and 3-4 are in full nuclear melt down.
 - There have been Altimarians and other beings here in service to humanity to help clear up the human mess because we have not held ourselves accountable for what has gone on
 - They agreed long ago to literally to make sure this planet never went super nova – they are the Ashtar Command and we are part of it. It is only because of the AC that we are still here; and for the sake of comprehending that love and the love of Beau Biden who came in to do something his father did not do
 - we are here to witness what has been going on – we have to go inside and do the ho'opono work, do the cleaning work and clean out the thought forms that do not belong here, and we have to serve those who are called the least among us!
 - Tells the story of what she saw on TV: a lady from Rwanda was involved with a man who slit the throats of her five children and found compassion & forgiveness for him – they talk about South Africa and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- We are learning that we wanted that illusion, that we wanted the veil, sometimes called the Veil of Isis, so-called because she is the first who volunteered when she did not need to:
 - she volunteered to incarnate as the high priestess of high priestesses and to create the veil and be born into an oboriginal family in the outback.
 - Those people all know they are members of the Ashtar Command, and they all know that in the physical; they learn what the AC is about when they incarnate – she

- incarnated into THAT family of shaman energy
- T calls Beau Biden a shaman; calling anyone a catholic just means they are part of organized religion for money – as opposed to spirituality. All organized religion is fake, and is part of the veil in a big way!
 - Can be in an organized religion – catholic, brahmin or whatever - for the purpose of being an example of what the truth is.
 - As Sai Baba chose to take on a great deal of karma for the planet to prevent someone else from suffering and dying, or to prevent a larger war game, or to stave off WW 3 for a while so more could wake up and maybe ascend.
 - Sai Baba, Dalai Lama, Swami Purna are avatars, immortals – they did not die – the souls walked out of the bodies though it seemed they went through the suffering of lung problems that caused the body to fail as an example for the people
 - Jesus did not die in that sense on that cross – a fictitious story; the being that volunteered to incarnate and walk that walk in the way it was depicted, also knew what it meant, & there were others who helped; 12 women and 12 men apostles
 - Ed Hicks who was Enoch is also an immortal
- when you can volunteer and do things consciously and go through suffering and not suffer, that is something – it's like having a child which is the worst pain imaginable, yet you are in bliss, filled with joy at the same time.
- As you open up the Akashic record, can do it without drugs – the tree in the biblical story was a marijuana tree that was brought onto the planet as a 40' tree – and Eve wanted a taste of the marijuana flower – doing that without getting your ego loose is an accomplishment.

Audio: Democracy Now: Amy Goodman

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<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2015/6/5?autostart=true>

2015-06-05 From Occupying Banks to City Hall: Meet Barcelona's New Mayor Ada Colau

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T: from **The Rachel Maddow Show** – what Rep Pete Schwartzkopf Speaker of the House in Delaware had to say about Beau Biden's visit to his office

Audio: from the funeral of Beau Biden

Music: several pieces

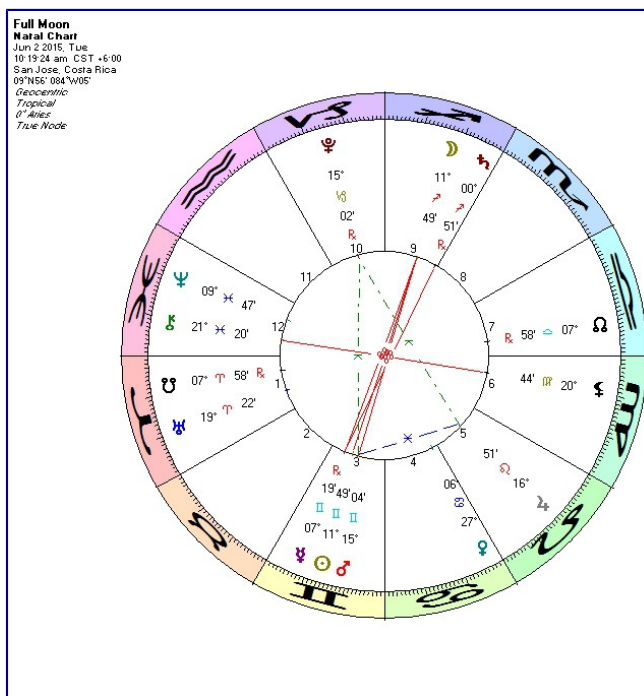
ASTROLOGY -

Ri: comments on the chart

<https://youtu.be/aaoS5q1gQ-U>

**Whenever I get emotionally involved,
With being right or wrong,
I know it's time to still my mind,
And be guided by Spirit's song.**

CLICK the chart below for a larger, printable version



So much going on these days in the heavens as on earth that a little Pele report can't quite cover it! The Full Moon in Sag (today/Tuesday) wants to write a novel! Suffice it to say that it is becoming increasingly more important, and at times more difficult, to not just bridge the "above" and "below" but to merge them. And yet, as humans, that is our very task.

Get out your calendar as there are a bunch of dates in this Pele report if you really want to get into the energy. This week is a bit of a climax within a 2 month period of time where the Pluto/Jupiter/Sun/Mars Yod is "demanding" that we get it together.

By that I mean not impulsively acting (or hitting/screaming haha!) from our lower, base nature, and ignoring, denying, pretending that we are not feeling deeply the wounds, past and present hurts, and anger. Real becomes staying open to the full spectrum of the human experience as scary as that can be..... yikes!

Reading: 2015-06-02 FULL MOON in Sagittarius June 2nd 2015~

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CONFERENCE CALL: no notes

MUSIC:

Audio: completion of the eulogy to Beau Biden – the rest of brother Hunter's presentation

T: comments on the service - - challenge will be to remain neutral and also that accountability of on our plate RIGHT NOW – there are layers and layers of karma – also the love that exists in this family and what it means – the beauty of this one soul - remember to keep going inside.

Audio: Deepak Chopra Billions of people around the world believe in god – but what does god mean

Audio: Kimberley Motley: How I defend the rule of law

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Td2hfdXQ5x8>

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Every human deserves protection under their country's laws — even when that law is forgotten or ignored. Sharing three cases from her international legal practice, Kimberley Motley, an American litigator practicing in Afghanistan and elsewhere, shows how a country's own laws can bring both justice and "justness": using the law for its intended purpose, to protect.

Audio: Max Keiser Episode 767 **2015, June 6**

<https://www.rt.com/shows/keiser-report/265420-episode-max-keiser/>

In this episode of the Keiser Report, Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss the £24 billion property puzzle in the UK. In the second half, Max continues his interview with Simon Dixon of Bitcoin Capital about crowdfunding, crypto-currencies and the regulatory environment for both.

Audio: The Laura Flanders Show:

Michelle Alexander: Mass Incarceration In An Age Of Colour Blindness

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0Fah_W10do&list=PLBV6X10gsVCo5CaDK5k4ZF1n6XFJELJXa)

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Audio: The Daily Show – June 3, 2015 - Melissa McCarthy

Hasan Minhaj gives Muslim women advice on downplaying their religion, Jordan Klepper investigates free-range parenting, and Melissa McCarthy chats about her film "Spy."

Reading: Buddha in Redface, Ch 11

Closing: Rainbird

Music: Rumi

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Guests

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[Mark Jacobson](#) professor of civil and environmental engineering at Stanford University and the director of its Atmosphere/Energy Program. Jacobson is also the co-founder of The Solutions Project.

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As California's massive drought worsens, new mandatory water restrictions have just gone into effect, requiring residents to cut back water use by a net total of 25 percent. A new study by the University of California, Davis, finds that in 2015 alone, the drought will cost the state's farmers and agricultural industry \$2.7 billion and more than 18,000 jobs. The study notes: "The socioeconomic impacts of an extended drought, in 2016 and beyond, could be much more severe." Meanwhile, the death toll from India's heat wave has topped 2,300, making it the fifth deadliest heat wave on record. We speak to two leading climate scientists at Stanford University, Noah Diffenbaugh and Mark Jacobson.

AMY GOODMAN: We're broadcasting today from Stanford University in California—California, a state that's now in its fourth straight year of drought. This week, new mandatory water restrictions went into effect, with residents required to cut back water use by a net total of 25 percent. Just Thursday, the U.S. Drought Monitor said a wet May, that led to greener pastures in some areas, failed to bring any relief, and, quote, "the sprouting of grasses will most likely provide extra fuel for early fall wildfires once the vegetation dies off this summer."

Meanwhile, a new study by the University of California, Davis, finds that in 2015 alone, the drought will cost the state's farmers and agricultural industry \$2.7 billion and more than 18,000 jobs. The study noted, quote, "The socioeconomic impacts of an extended drought, in 2016 and beyond, could be much more severe." All this comes as the death toll from an ongoing heat wave in India has topped 2,300, making it the fifth deadliest in recorded history. India's Earth sciences minister, Harsh Vardhan, said, "It's not just an unusually hot summer. It is climate change."

Well, for more, we're joined by two guests. Noah Diffenbaugh is a senior fellow at the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment and an associate professor here at Stanford University in environmental Earth system science. He recently published a study that found a link between global warming and California's historic drought. Also joining us is Mark Jacobson, professor of civil and environmental engineering at Stanford and the director of its Atmosphere/Energy Program. Mark Jacobson also is the founder—co-founder of The Solutions Project, which combines science, business and culture to develop and implement science-based clean energy plans for

states and countries. And we're going to talk about what those plans are for all 50 states.

But first to Noah Diffenbaugh. The connection between the drought and climate change?

NOAH DIFFENBAUGH: So we know that climate change can influence drought in a number of ways. And, you know, drought, it's important to keep in mind, is really the effective moisture that's available. So, a lot of people may think of drought, they think of how much is it raining. But really it's the effective moisture. And heat in the atmosphere can really affect that moisture, how much moisture is available for crops, how much moisture is available in reservoirs, how much moisture is available in snowpack. And it does so in a few ways. It draws water out of soils, right? So, the hotter it is, the more evaporation there will be, the more transpiration from plants. That's what we're seeing with the U.S. Drought Monitor, is really the long-term effects over this drought of high temperatures. It also affects snow. And in California, about a third of our water storage is reliant on snowpack as a natural reservoir. We don't have the concrete reservoirs to store enough water that California needs. We rely on that snowpack. And the hotter it is, the more precipitation falls as rain rather than snow, and the snow that does fall melts earlier in the year. And we are seeing those in California in this drought. And when we look over the long-term history of California, we're seeing increasing occurrence of years in which there is both low rainfall and high temperature. And that's when we know we have an elevated risk of drought.

AMY GOODMAN: Have you ever seen anything like this before?

NOAH DIFFENBAUGH: Well, I was born in 1974, so I was alive in the much-remembered 1976, 1977 drought. Something that's interesting is that, one, a lot of our climate indicators show that this drought is more severe than any drought that's happened in California's recorded history; 120 years of recorded history, this is the most severe drought. And secondly, you know, a lot of people talk about population growth and development in California, and these have been really, really large over the last 30 or 40 years. But interestingly, statewide, our water use is pretty similar now compared to in 1976, '77. So we've actually become much more efficient at using water in California. And so we have a much larger population, but our total water usage is pretty similar. So it really is that, you know, this is a more severe drought from a climate perspective.

AMY GOODMAN: Mark Jacobson, can you talk about the drought in California and this record number of deaths in India, 2,300 people in the latest heat wave?

MARK JACOBSON: Well, there are a lot of impacts of climate change, or what we also call global warming. And global warming is really the increase in average temperatures over the whole globe. And someplace you get lower temperatures on average, but in more places you'll get higher temperatures, you'll get more extreme events. Mostly because the average temperature is higher, the extremes are mostly in the warming direction. So you're going to get some places where you'll have much higher temperatures than you'll normally get. And in some of these places, you will have greater heat waves and more deaths as a result. Or you'll have more drought, as well. And, you know, in some places, you do get cool temperatures, and sort of as some people who don't believe in global warming or climate change will say, "Oh, why is it cold outside, if there's global warming occurring?" And that is because you're looking at the average over the globe when you're talking about global warming, and so you do get both lower temperatures and higher temperatures, but you'll get more cases of higher temperatures.

And these higher temperatures will result in greater heat stress on people, and that will—is one source of mortality. Another source of mortality is enhanced air pollution. Higher temperatures, on average, increase air pollution, but particularly where the air pollution is already bad. And that's another source of mortality. Another source of mortality is greater extreme storminess. You'll get greater extremes in severe weather, such as more intensive hurricanes, for example. And because you just—like, hurricanes are driven by warmer sea surface temperatures, and the ocean temperatures are warmer on average over the globe, and so you'll get greater intensity of the hurricanes, although not necessarily greater number.

AMY GOODMAN: So what do you say, either of you, to Senator Inhofe, who takes a snowball and brings it onto the floor of the Senate and says, "You call this global warming?"

NOAH DIFFENBAUGH: Well, I think this is really a question about risk. And we're seeing that in California. And so, one example is our drought here. And when we look back at the 120 years of observed record in California, what we see is temperature goes up, temperature goes down; precipitation goes up, precipitation goes down; drought indicators go up, they go down. But what we see very clearly is that there's a much higher risk of drought when temperatures are high. So it takes low precipitation, but if that low precipitation coincides with warm temperatures, the risk that that low precipitation produces drought is about twice as high compared to cooler temperatures.

And what we've seen is California has gotten warmer and warmer and warmer. We've gone from a regime in which about half the years were warm, and half the years were cool, and half the years were wet, and half the years were dry, to, over the last two decades, 80 percent of the years have been warm. And what that means is we've seen twice as many drought years. We've seen double the percentage of low-precipitation years that end up producing drought. So that's really risk. It's really about the probabilities. And when we talk about the fingerprints of climate change, the fingerprints of climate change on extreme events, we're really talking about risk. What's the probability that these extreme events occur?

AMY GOODMAN: And do you see this as a one-off event in California, the drought, if it can be dealt with now?

NOAH DIFFENBAUGH: Well our research shows very clearly that the conditions that are producing this drought are becoming much more probable. We see that in the historical record. The conditions are becoming more likely in the historical record. We also see it when we look at climate model experiments. We can talk about climate model experiments if you want. We'd love to put the Earth in a lab and run all kinds of experiments on it, like you can do in a Petri dish. We're not able to do that. We use climate models to run those experiments. But we see very clearly that we're already on the cusp of really experiencing these kinds of conditions much more frequently. And in fact, even that United Nations target of two degrees Celsius that we've heard discussed in Copenhagen and since and in the run-up to Paris this fall, even at that two-degree level of global warming, California is likely to be in a regime where year after year we're experiencing very warm or severely hot conditions. What that means is that we have a much higher risk that when there's low precipitation, that it's also going to be hot. And that's exactly what we're experiencing in this drought.

AMY GOODMAN: And talk about, Mark Jacobson, in India. When we talk about hot, what are the

temperatures we're talking about?

MARK JACOBSON: Well, and we look at it in terms of—well, degrees Celsius most of the world uses, but in Fahrenheit, the temperatures can get up to an extreme heat. You're getting up to over 100 degrees in Fahrenheit for a quite severe—for a significant period of time. And so, it's sustained over a period of time. That's the problem, because if you just have a short, you know, one day of hot weather, it's not going to cause a problem, but many days in a row can really increase mortality. And people most affected are those already weak, the elderly and those who are sick or otherwise are weak or have illness. So, the temperatures, though, are—have been sustained over periods of time, and so this is the main problem with—that you'll find in any place where you're impacted. And other places that are impacted would be like sub-Saharan Africa, for example, where you'll have extreme heat events, where people already are on the verge of severe weather, and then you just increase the temperature just a little bit, and that causes a huge mortality as a result.

AMY GOODMAN: A lot of politicians who are climate deniers say this has been going on for a very long time. Professor Diffenbaugh, in 2013, you published a [report](#) that found climate change is on pace to occur 10 times faster than any change recorded in, what, 65 million years?

NOAH DIFFENBAUGH: Well, so, in that paper, we were looking at global-scale temperature change. So we were looking at global warming and the rate of global warming, if we look at the two-degree-C target that the United Nations is putting forward, if we look at four degrees C, which is really where we're likely to end up if we continue along the emissions trajectory that we've been on as a globe. So four degrees in 100 years, we can look back at the historical record—when geologists look back at the sediments in the ocean and the rock record on land, look at fossils, what they find is that there certainly have been periods where there's been four degrees of warming or 10 degrees of cooling, but these have happened over very long periods. So the most rapid warming that's been seen since the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago was a period called the Eocene. It happened in the Eocene, and it was about 55 million years ago, a long time ago. And there was four or five degrees of warming, but it looks like it happened in about 10,000 years. So we're talking about doing in a century what Earth has done in thousands of years. And that's really the big difference for the global scale. We do know, looking back at that period in the Eocene, that it was a very different climate. There were alligators and palm trees inside the Arctic Circle. So, the palm trees kept up, because they had 10,000 years to do it. The alligators kept up; they had 10,000 years to do it. But we're talking about an ice-free Arctic with temperatures that look a lot like coastal Florida. So—

AMY GOODMAN: Wait, wait. Say that again.

NOAH DIFFENBAUGH: Well, so, in that period, when—the last time that we saw this four degrees of warming, it happened over thousands of years, and it created a very different climate. So, if we look at the Arctic Ocean, we know that it was at least seasonally ice-free. So, no summer ice in the Arctic. And when geologists reconstruct those temperatures using the chemistry and looking at the fossils that were—of the plants that were there, they see that it looks a lot like coastal Florida does now. So, people who say Earth has been through this before, they're right in terms of the magnitude of change, but the big difference is how rapid that change was. And we know from looking at those periods in the past that the climate was really, really different. So

we're not saying that Earth hasn't experienced climate change before. What we're saying is that we have very strong evidence that what we're seeing now is due primarily to human activities and that the pace of change is much more rapid than what ecosystems have been exposed to in the recent geologic past.

AMY GOODMAN: We're going to break, and when we come back, I want to talk about solutions, what is possible. Our guests are two climate scientists here at Stanford University, Noah Diffenbaugh and Mark Jacobson. And after we finish speaking to them, we're going to Barcelona, Spain, for an exclusive broadcast interview with the mayor-elect of Barcelona, a leading anti-eviction housing activist who will be the first female mayor of that Spanish city. Stay with us.

2015-06-05 From Occupying Banks to City Hall: Meet Barcelona's New Mayor Ada Colau

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Guests [Ada Colau](#) ***newly elected mayor of Barcelona and co-founder of the anti-eviction group Platform for People Affected by Mortgages.***

A longtime anti-eviction activist has just been elected mayor of Barcelona, becoming the city's first female mayor. Ada Colau co-founded the anti-eviction group Platform for People Affected by Mortgages and was an active member of the indignados, or 15-M movement. Colau has vowed to fine banks with empty homes on their books, stop evictions, expand public housing, set a minimum monthly wage of \$670, force utility companies to lower prices, and slash the mayoral salary. Colau enjoyed support from the Podemos party, which grew out of the indignados movement that began occupying squares in Spain four years ago. Ada Colau joins us to discuss her victory.

AMY GOODMAN: Solfónica, the unofficial orchestra of the indignados movement, the Occupy movement in Spain. This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman. We are broadcasting from Stanford University in California. But we end today's show in Spain, where a longtime anti-eviction activist has just been elected mayor of Barcelona, becoming the city's first female mayor. Ada Colau co-founded the anti-eviction group Platform for People Affected by Mortgages and was an active member of the indignados, or 15-M movement, the protest movement that inspired Occupy Wall Street. Ada Colau has vowed to fine banks with empty homes on their books, stop evictions, expand public housing, set a minimum monthly wage of \$670 per month, force utility companies to lower prices, and slash the mayoral salary. Colau enjoyed support from the Podemos party, which grew out of the indignados movement that began occupying squares in Spain four years ago. She has been arrested repeatedly for her protests. I spoke to Ada Colau last week. I began by asking her if she was surprised by her victory.

ADA COLAU: [translated] Thank you very much. It's a pleasure.

AMY GOODMAN: Were you surprised by your victory?

ADA COLAU: [translated] In reality, partly yes and partly no. It was a victory that was accomplished in a very short amount of time. It was a candidacy that was supported and driven by the people. With very few resources and with very little money, we achieved victory in the elections of such an important city as Barcelona. But partly it was not surprising, because there's a strong popular movement and a strong desire for change. We have serious political problems here in Barcelona and in the entire country, and so there was a need for change, which you could see in the streets.

AMY GOODMAN: Can you talk about what those problems are?

ADA COLAU: [translated] There are problems related to the economic crisis, but this economic crisis is a consequence of a political crisis, of a profound democratic crisis. We've had a form of government where the political elites had a cozy relationship with the economic elites who have ruined the economy of the country, and the ultimate representation of this was the behavior of the financial institutions, of the banks.

They've defrauded thousands and thousands of people with abusive mortgages. They've evicted thousands of families, and they've ruined the country's economy. And this has happened because of the cozy relationship between the political and economic elites. In the face of this situation, where there have been losses of billions of euros, that have caused social cutbacks in areas as basic as healthcare and education, it's caused, for example, in a city that's rich like Barcelona, a city where there's a lot of money and a lot of resources, the inequality has shot up. That means there are people that are getting more and more rich; at the same time, more people are getting poorer. So the middle class is disappearing.

AMY GOODMAN: Ada Colau, two years ago you testified at a Spanish parliamentary hearing on Spain's foreclosure crisis. On the panel, you spoke right after a representative of Spain's banking industry. You famously turned to the banker and said, quote, "This man is a criminal and should be treated like one."

ADA COLAU: [translated] We have been negotiating for four years with the banks, with the public administration, with the courts, and therefore we know exactly what we're talking about. And this leads me to question the voices of supposed experts, who precisely are the ones being given too much credit—pardon the irony—such as the representatives of financial institutions. We just had an example. I would say at the very least it was paradoxical, to use a euphemism, if not outright cynical, for the representative of financial institutions who just spoke, telling us that the Spanish legislation was great. To say that, when people are taking their own lives because of this criminal law, I assure you—I assure you that I did not throw a shoe at this man, because I believed it was important to be here now to tell you what I'm telling you. But this man is a criminal. And you should treat him as such. He is not an expert. The representatives of financial institutions have caused this problem. They are the very same people who caused the problem which has ruined the whole economy of this country. And you are treating these people as experts.

AMY GOODMAN: That's Ada Colau, who is now the mayor-elect of Barcelona, Spain. Ada, the speech made lawmakers' jaws drop, and you got a reprimand from the Parliament, but your speech endeared you to millions of Spaniards. Can you talk about that moment that you decided to speak out? And did you have any regrets?

ADA COLAU: [translated] Well, the reality is that I went to speak in front of the Parliament after many years of housing rights activism and working closely with the thousands of families that were affected by the mortgage fraud, which the banks had committed, and by the evictions that came after that. The evictions and the interest rates have literally destroyed the lives of thousands of families. By "destroyed the lives," I mean they've caused depression, diseases, even suicides.

The only thing I did was describe what I knew and what I had been living on the front lines for many years. When I encountered this banker who denied the reality and said there were no problems in Spain, when there were thousands of families in a dire situation, the least I could do was to denounce these lies and talk to them about what was happening in reality. I think what surprised people more, and what generated a media phenomenon after this appearance in the Parliament, was that someone was talking about reality inside Parliament, because, sadly, this was something that had not happened in a long time.

In Spain, you have the paradox that while the corrupt politicians see the statute of limitations for their crimes lapse, and they make off without going to jail, the families who got into debt for something as basic as accessing housing become indebted forever, because it is impossible to forgive this debt. So, in the face of this barbarity, what happened is that hundreds of thousands of hard-working families that just wanted to have a normal life suddenly lose their jobs, they lose their house, and they become indebted for life. And becoming indebted means economic and civil death. This leads to people committing suicide, to diseases, to broken families. And the positive aspect of this was the birth of an exemplary people's movement, which has succeeded in stopping thousands of evictions. That forced the banks to negotiate. And it showed that if our institutions did not resolve this problem, it was because our institutions were accomplices in this fraud.

AMY GOODMAN: Ada Colau, you have broken through so many ceilings as the first woman mayor of Barcelona, together with the new mayor of Madrid. In your victory speech, you talked about a democratic revolution all over the south of Europe. Can you start there? What do you mean?

ADA COLAU: [translated] What is happening in Spain and in Barcelona is not an isolated event; rather, there is a crisis in the way we do politics. There is a political elite which has become corrupt and has ended up as accomplices of a financial power which only thinks to speculate and to make money even at the expense of rising inequality and the impoverishment of the majority of the people. Fortunately, there has been a popular reaction, here and in other parts of the Mediterranean—for example, in Greece—to confront the neoliberal economic policies, which are not only a problem in Spain but in Europe and around the world. We see very clearly that the city councils are key to confronting this way of making policy, meaning that is where the everyday policies are made and where we can prove there is another way to govern, more inclusive, working together with the people, more than just asking them to vote every four years, and that you can fight against corruption, and you can have transparent institutions. So we think the city governments are key for democratic revolution, to begin governing, with the people, in a new way. But on the other hand, we're very aware that the real change must be global, that one city alone cannot solve all the problems we're facing, many of which are global because today the economy does not have borders. The big capital and the markets move freely around the world, unlike people.

AMY GOODMAN: Ada Colau, what would a public banking system look like?

ADA COLAU: [translated] I think in the financial world there's been a problem of absolute misrule. You cannot leave something as important as economic policy and money, which has a social function, in the hands of speculation and private interests. Here, there's been a democratic deficit and a lack of global, collective and democratic control over money and the economic system in general. So we have to take back that democratic control. And that doesn't mean that all the banks have to be public. It can be implemented in different ways. What we need are laws that make private banks comply with the law, because now in Spain we have a banking system that breaks the law systematically, and nothing happens.

For us, the people, they don't forgive anything. They make us pay all our debts. They make us pay all our taxes. They make us pay each small traffic ticket. They don't forgive anything. But the big banks, on the other hand, which have lied, defrauded and destroyed thousands of families, are forgiven for, for example, breaking the European

consumer protection regulations. So, this is unacceptable. The first thing we need is governments that serve their people, not the private interests, and that enforce the law. We're talking about something as basic as enforcing the existing law. The first thing we need is to force the financial power to comply with the law and to obey the democratic powers, something that is not happening now. It's also true that it would definitely be good if this private, financial power is complemented by some form of public bank that offsets and guarantees that there's financing for what is in the public interest, because if not, what happens is the private financial system has the power to decide what is funded and what is not funded.

AMY GOODMAN: Ada Colau, one of the most tweeted photos in Spain these days shows riot police hauling you away. The image is from July 2013 when you were trying to occupy a Barcelona bank that was foreclosing on homes. The caption added by Twitter users reads, "Welcome, new mayor." Can you talk about that moment that you were being dragged away?

ADA COLAU: [translated] Well, there were many similar moments in past years, because when we have unjust laws, like the ones we have now in Spain, one has to massively disobey these unjust laws to defend human rights. Here, the right to housing is being infringed upon, and that's why thousands of people, in a peaceful manner, we've had to practice civil disobedience to defend human rights. In this sense, this action was one of the many that have been performed in this country, and not by me, but by many other people who have been defending the human rights of all the others. Throughout human history, it has happened this way. In order to defend rights and to win rights, many times it has been necessary to disobey unjust laws. Of course, now, as future mayor of Barcelona, I hope the police are going to be at the service of human rights, and not of the banks.

AMY GOODMAN: In the United States, there's Occupy. You were part of the indignados. Talk about the different protests, from antiwar to anti-corporate globalization, that have shaped you.

ADA COLAU: [translated] In reality, there's been a continuity in the past 15 years, at least. In the early 2000s, late 1990s, when they began the anti-globalization movement, Seattle, there was a wide cycle of protests that began, that continues to the present day. During this time, there's been the anti-globalization movement, the international antiwar movement. There's been the indignados. There's been many fights, for housing rights, for peace. And all these mobilizations, not only here, but also on the global level, have had many things in common. First, the global dimension, the awareness that there are political and economic problems that have a global dimension, so we need to work as a network, because there's a single global and economic reality, and it's essential to work in alliances.

Also, the necessity for a real democracy, the awareness that even if we have formally democratic institutions, we have the sense that the decisions are not being made in Parliament, but by the boards of directors or by international institutions such as the IMF, the World Bank, which are profoundly anti-democratic and which the people do not control, and that they also make decisions against their own people, generating misery around the world.

This awareness of a kidnapped democracy has led to the rise of many grassroots mobilizations, propelled from the bottom, by the people, which are also seeking a way of direct representation. They've seen that formal democracy is not enough, that we

need to find new ways of political participation where everyone can be an actor, and each person can directly contribute as much as each person can contribute.

So, I think all these mobilizations that have happened in the past 15 years, that have also increasingly used new technologies, the Internet, social media, that have pursued new forms of innovative and direct communication, in some way, we are seeing an upgrade of democracy, an upgrade of the forms of political participation that have had many different expressions in different global movements, but there's clearly a nexus that unites them all.

AMY GOODMAN: Ada Colau, you are the first woman mayor of Barcelona, Spain. You're a woman. You're an activist. Also, a female activist is now going to be the Madrid mayor. Talk about the significance of this.

ADA COLAU: [translated] Without a doubt, it is important, because with women making up half the population, it is completely inexplicable that in 40 years of formal democracy I should be the first woman mayor of this city. This is not normal, because women, we built this city, and we're key players in this city. But what's happened is that this has not transferred to political representation in the decision-making positions. Clearly, we live in a sexist society. This is not a problem exclusive to Barcelona or to Spain; unfortunately, it's a global problem. But also, I think that what's happening now are signs of change, of rights being won, of many women and men who have come before us, and we, women, take this testimony, and we keep moving forward.

It is clear that women are overrepresented in the sectors of care and housework, and the time has come for women to have more representation in places of economic and political power. But in addition, I think we have something more to contribute and that we can learn from the feminist struggles. And in this moment of change that we are in, we can contribute by feminizing politics. This will not happen just by putting more women in decision-making roles, but also by transforming the values, more than anything, and by, in this moment of change, upgrading the forms of political participation, to demonstrate that cooperation is more effective and more satisfactory than competitiveness, and that politics done collectively are better than those done individualistically. I think these collective values of cooperation and solidarity are values that we can contribute to feminize politics, and with that, not just women will win, women and men will both win.

AMY GOODMAN: What do think your victory means for Podemos possibly winning in the national level later this year?

ADA COLAU: [translated] I think a political change is happening, a change in the way politics are done in Spain, but also beyond Spain, in Southern Europe and, we hope, in all of Europe. I think what happened in Spain is a democratic revolution. The people have been empowered, and they have spoken. That's why I think the main player here is not any political group. It's not Barcelona en Comú. It's not Podemos. It's not Ada Colau. It's not Pablo Iglesias. The main players here are the people, the people who have decided to take back the institutions, to democratize them, to take back politics so the people can be the real players and the ones who make the decisions. In this movement of democratic revolution from below, there are different political parties, different acronyms, which must be a tool in this process of empowerment and democratic revolution. So this is why Podemos, Pablo Iglesias, Ada Colau, and other parties that are emerging right now are just instruments at the service of a wide

people's process that has decided to take back the institutions for the people.

AMY GOODMAN: Ada Colau, finally, what will be your first act in office as the new mayor of Barcelona?

ADA COLAU: [translated] Well, we've developed an emergency plan that includes 30 measures which are viable—ambitious, but perfectly viable—for the first months in office. This emergency plan consists of three main areas: first, to create jobs and fight against job insecurity; another is to guarantee basic rights; and the other is to fight actively against corruption, to make city hall more transparent and do away with the privileges—for example, lower the salaries of public officials, of elected officials, eliminate privileges like paid expenses, official cars, things that can seem simple but are symbolically important because they send a message of ending impunity, of an end to a political class removed from the reality of the people. So, to do away with these privileges is something that we can do immediately, as soon as we take office. It depends only on political will. Without a doubt, one of the first steps as mayor will be to publicly convene all the banks who work in the city and to sit them around the negotiating table in order to stop the evictions and to say that we need the empty homes that they have in the city as social, affordable rental housing for the families who need it.

AMY GOODMAN: Ada Colau, thank you very much for joining us, and congratulations as the first woman mayor of Barcelona, Spain. Thank you.

ADA COLAU: Thank you very much.

AMY GOODMAN: Barcelona Mayor-elect Ada Colau. We will be posting the [original interview in Spanish](#) on our website, democracynow.org. Just click on "Español."

2015-06-02 FULL MOON in Sagittarius June 2nd 2015~



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FULL MOON in Sagittarius is here calling us to see through the fog of illusion to pierce the truth within. There is lots of electric and creative energy stirring but we must meet it with grounded discernment. So let's find some time to be still and just Be, as we allow the Light of the Full Moon to bring her illumination.

Here are the MYSTIC MAMMA Astral Insights from our beloved featured astrologers. First from the insightful [DIPALI DESAI](#) and her [Celestial Space Astrology](#):

"Having big visions may stir passion and hope. Aiming high amongst the stars may seem inspiring.

"Visions or having high expectation similar to building castles in the air without an earthly foundation may create disillusionment and disappointment especially under the aspects of the Full Moon in Sagittarius..."

"Each must turn to the wisdom within and ask what knowledge requires integration now...Old perceptions or thoughts may trigger emotional fear, worry, tears and extra dose of anxiety now..."

"During the Full Moon in Sagittarius, there is a tension oriented aspect; the Sun and Mars in Gemini 'Opposition' to the Moon in Sagittarius while transiting Mercury retrograde in Gemini 'Square' Neptune in Pisces.

"This suggests high levels of nervous tension, mental irritability, vagueness, confusion which muddles clear action as well as possible back and forth with misunderstandings via communication and emotions....

"It almost feels right now as if things on a mental level are in suspended animation, not really moving or going anywhere. This can be frustrating and exhausting.

"So cry the tears and clear the fears, most of all under the Full Moon in Sagittarius 'have faith' in the bigger or expanded reality and of your life design. There is something big happening in the backdrop spiritually that may not be seen yet, but things are moving and bubbling.

"The nervous system may also feel a bit over-loaded now. The urge to escape, avoid, withdraw or not wanting to deal with certain things may feel strong now.

"Rather than over-indulging in substances such as alcohol, drugs or over-eating, feel into the emotions and support yourself through it. Be present with things as they may reveal insights to you.

"A healthy way to work with this energy is to allow for time away from pressures of figuring things out and simply be in stillness.

"One way of working with this handful of diverse symbolism is allowing yourself to dissolve the tension within the mind is through, art, rest or sleep, poetry, healing, meditation or being out in Nature to gain a different perspective..."

"Some issue or situation may feel as if it is reaching its peak point before a major shift or emptying out occurs. The build up feels a lot more pressurized so breathe through it.

"Feel through the emotions of the past yet do not hold onto the right and wrong or blaming the other person. This will only create more conflict or strife under the aspects of the Full Moon in Sagittarius.

"Allow for transformation of the energy rather than becoming lost in the over-identification with the pain or analyzing through the intellect alone."

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From astrologer [MOLLY HALL](#) from [Astrology.About.com](#):

"It's a curious constellation of energies at the New Moon, with a challenging T-square of mutable energies, a tension that can set off a chain-reaction of change.

"There are blind alleys to watch out for, with Mercury (in retrograde) and Mars in high strung, quick-to-react Gemini. Don't forget, the Sun is here, too, and that's a lot of fire power to act on information, in the moment.

"The other corner has Neptune in a square, in the entrancing sign of Pisces. A tip — be curious about what you observe, but be wise with action. What you perceive could be one angle — just one dimension — of a bigger story playing out.

"It's a time of the kaleidoscope, when it's easy to get mesmerized by the bits and pieces of the

story. But things could look very different when the fog clears, and Mercury goes direct again (June 11th).

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From astrologer [KELLY ROSANO](#):

"You may feel unstoppable. Ready to take on your dreams... Watch out for being over confident. This energy is exuberant and exciting. You could feel high on endorphins. You could bite off more than you can chew. Promise more than you can deliver. You could overestimate your position. You come up short down the road.

"Neptune is active at the Full Moon. He is challenging both lights (the Sun and the Moon.) Be aware of your dreams and desires. Be aware of fantasy. This is a highly idealistic Sagittarius Moon.

"You could experience amazing growth in your creativity. Trust your instincts. Someone or something seems too good to be true. Take a wait and see attitude. Promises may be plentiful in June. Walk your talk. Speak only truth."

From the wonderful [DIVINE HARMONY](#):

"Because Mercury Retrograde is triggering the Saturn/Neptune Square during May and June- there's a lot of stuff up around discerning Truth from fantasy, fact from fiction, reality from idealistic/ungrounded dreams.

"Because this Full Moon triggers Mercury, Saturn and Neptune- we have all that has been churning below the surface, within us and around us in the last couple of weeks in the spotlight at this Full Moon.

"Full Moons occur when the Sun (conscious self) is completely opposite the Moon (Unconscious)- and the rays of the Sun can **bring Light to things that have been deeply buried in the subconscious** as a result.

"This can be illuminating and freeing or it can be anxiety producing, unexpected and shocking. Either way we are being asked to look deeper into ourselves and into the situations we are experiencing around us.

"Things may not be what they seem on the surface- so the Full Moon in Sagittarius asks us to get a broader vision so that we can **see the whole and not just a piece or a part** of what is going on..."

"The Sun in Gemini opposite the Moon in Sagittarius brings Light to information, thinking, beliefs and perception. With Neptune squaring both- what we think, see and/or are told may NOT be reality.

"There is a smoke and mirrors energy playing out in the ethers right now and we have to use discernment AND intuition in order to straddle the razor's edge and get to the Truth.

"It's a great time to question what you hear, what you are told or what you think you know right now. With the Sun square Neptune, we can either find ourselves having delusions of grandeur or we can find our ego energies dissipating in a way that manifests in codependent or enabling relationships, addictions or situations in which we play the victim or martyr.

"With so much Neptune in the sky right now- and shadow Neptune at that (squares tend to highlight the shadow side of the two planets interplay)- we really need to **be aligned with our integrity and stay honest with ourselves and others**. Delusion and deception of self and other will have karmic consequences that will have to be paid sooner or later.

"One of the best uses of this Full Moon in Sadge is to stay connected to the Higher Self and allow that aspect to guide us and inform our actions right now!

"It is SO KEY that we stay aligned with our inner integrity right now. This Mercury Retrograde cycle has delusion, deception, confusion and illusion written all over it.

"The veil between the worlds may be thin due to all the Neptune- but being able to discern what is a veil and what is a decoy can take a lot of work/centering/mastery right now..."

"...So the best use of this Full Moon is to **allow the Light of the Sun to fully illuminate all that we need to see** in our Unconscious, in our minds, in our thoughts, attitudes and beliefs. Using this Full Moon to seek out Truth- within and without- and to question what we think we know rather than think we have it all figured out.

"Neptune dominates the skies right now- there is no escaping his frequency. But the **potential for deep realization** (which requires we see with our real eyes- so we have to take the rose colored glasses OFF)- is high right now.

"If you can be willing to see through your own projections, delusions, illusions and self-deception during this lunar cycle- the Truth shall set you free!"

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Faith is in trouble. For thousands of years religion has asked us to accept on faith a loving God who knows everything and possesses all power. As a result, history has walked a long and sometimes tumultuous road.

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There have been moments of great elation interspersed with unspeakable horrors in the name of religion. But today, in the West at least, the age of faith has drastically waned. For most people, religion is simply taken for granted. There is no living connection with God. Meanwhile, unbelief has been rising. How could it not?

Once you expose the unhealed rift between ourselves and God, a deep kind of disappointment rises to the surface. We've gone through too many catastrophes to trust in a benign, loving deity. Who can ponder the Holocaust or 9/11 and believe that God is love? Countless other heartbreaks come to mind. If you probe into what is really going on when people think about God, their comfort zone with religion shrinks. They harbor a nagging sense of doubt and insecurity.

For a long time, the burden of faith has rested on the imperfect believer. If God doesn't intervene to relieve suffering or bestow peace, the fault must be in us. In this book I've reversed things, putting the burden back on God. It is time to ask some blunt questions. What has God done for you lately?

In supporting yourself and your family, which is more effective, having faith or working hard?

Have you ever really surrendered and let God solve a really tough problem for you?

Why does God allow such suffering in the world? Is this all a game or an empty promise that a loving God exists?

These questions are so troublesome that we avoid asking them, and for millions of people, they aren't even important anymore. The next technology that will improve our lives is always on the horizon. A God who matters in the twenty-first century is all but extinct.

As I see it, the real crisis in faith isn't about declining church attendance, a trend that began in Western Europe and the United States during the 1950s and continues today. The real crisis is about finding a God who matters and can be trusted. Faith presents a fork in the road, and all of us have come to it. One fork leads to a reality upheld by a living God; the other leads to a reality where God is not just absent but a fiction. In the name of this fiction, human beings have fought and died, tortured infidels, mounted bloody crusades, and performed every imaginable horror.

There's a heartrending show of cynicism in the New Testament when Jesus is on the cross—a slow

and agonizing way to die - and the bystanders spit with mockery, including the chief priests of Jerusalem: "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusted God, so let God rescue him now if he wants him!" (Matthew 27:42-43)

The vitriol in those words hasn't diminished over time, but there's a more unsettling point. Jesus taught that people should trust in God completely, that faith can move mountains. He taught that no one should toil today or save up for tomorrow, because Providence will provide everything. Leaving aside the mystical meaning of the Crucifixion, should you and I have that kind of trust?

If people only knew it, they reach a fork in the road many times a day. I'm not writing from a Christian perspective—I practice no organized religion in my personal life—but Jesus didn't mean that Providence will supply money, food, shelter, and many other blessings if only you wait long enough. He meant this morning's food and tonight's shelter. "Ask and you will receive; knock and the door will be opened" applies to choices we make in the present moment. And this greatly raises the stakes, because if God is disappointing for all the times he hasn't come through for us, we are disappointing for all the times we have taken the road of unbelief—literally every hour of the day.

The seed of unbelief is in all of us. It offers plenty of reasons not to have faith. I hope as a compassionate human being I would have looked at the spectacle of a crucifixion and felt pity. But when it comes to my own life, I go to work, save for the future, and look over my shoulder at night on a dangerous street. I put more faith in myself than I do in an external God. I call this the zero point, the nadir of faith. At the zero point, God doesn't really matter, not when it comes down to the tough business of living. Viewed from the zero point, God is either pointless or feeble. He may look down on our suffering and feel moved, or just as likely he may greet suffering with a shrug.

For God to have a future, we must escape the zero point and find a new way of living spiritually. We don't need new religions, better scriptures, or more inspiring testimony to God's greatness. The versions we already have are good enough (and bad enough). A God worthy of faith must actually matter, and I don't see how he can until he starts to perform instead of disappoint.

Making such a radical change involves something equally radical: a total rethinking of reality. What people fail to realize is that when you challenge God, you challenge reality itself. If reality is only what appears on the surface, then there is nothing to have faith in. We can stay glued to the 24/7 news cycle and do our best to cope. Yet if reality is something that extends into higher dimensions, the story changes.

You can't rebuild a God who never existed, but you can repair a broken connection. I decided to write a book about how to reconnect with God so that he becomes as real as a loaf of bread and as reliable as a sunrise—choose anything you trust in and know to be real. If such a God exists, there's no longer a reason to be disappointed either in him or in ourselves. Nothing like a leap of faith is required. Yet something deeper must be done, a reconsideration of what is possible. This implies an inner transformation. If someone tells you "The kingdom of heaven is within," you shouldn't think, with a twinge of guilt, Not in me it isn't. You should ask what it would take to make the statement true. The spiritual path begins with a curiosity that something as unbelievable as God might actually exist.

Millions of people have now heard about "the God delusion," a slogan from a band of militant atheists who are avowed enemies of faith. This disturbing movement centered around Professor Richard Dawkins cloaks its vehement, often personal attacks in terms of science and reason. Even if people don't apply the word atheist to themselves, many are still living as if God doesn't matter, and this affects the choices they make in their daily lives. Unbelief has implicitly won where it counts.

Faith, if it is to survive, can only be restored through a deeper exploration of the mystery of

existence.

I have no harsh things to say about atheism without the militancy. Thomas Jefferson wrote, "I do not find in orthodox Christianity one redeeming feature," but he also helped found a society based on tolerance. Dawkins and company are proud to be intolerant. Atheism can be humorous about itself, as when George Bernard Shaw quipped, "Christianity might be a good thing if anyone ever tried it." Every strain of thought has its opposite, and when it comes to God, unbelief is the natural opposite of belief.

It's not right, however, to suppose that atheism is always opposed to God. According to a paradoxical 2008 Pew Research survey, 21 percent of Americans who describe themselves as atheists believe in God or a universal spirit, 12 percent believe in heaven, and 10 percent pray at least once a week. Atheists have not entirely lost faith; there's nothing in that to judge against. But Dawkins proffers spiritual nihilism with a smile and a tone of reassurance. I realized that I had to speak out against this, even though I feel no personal animus against him.

Faith must be saved for everyone's sake. From faith springs a passion for the eternal, which is even stronger than love. Many of us have lost that passion or have never known it. As I argue for God, I wish that I could instill the urgency expressed in just a few lines from Mirabai, an Indian princess who became a great mystic poet: The love that binds me to you, O Lord, is unbreakable Like a diamond that smashes the hammer when it is struck. Like the lotus rising from the water my life rises from you, Like the night bird gazing at the passing moon I am lost dwelling on you. O my beloved - come back!

In any age, faith is like this: a cry from the heart. If you are determined to believe that God doesn't exist, there's no chance that these pages will convince you that he does. The path is never closed, however. If faith can be saved, the result will be an increase in hope. By itself, faith can't deliver God, but it does something more timely: It makes God possible.

When it comes to God, almost all of us, believers and non-believers alike, suffer from a kind of nearsightedness. We see - and hence believe - only what's right in front of us. The faithful see God as a benign parental figure bestowing grace and justice as he judges our actions here down below. The rest of us think God is far more distant, impersonal, and uninvolved. Yet God may be closer and more involved than that, closer than breathing, in fact.

At any given moment, someone in the world is amazed to find that the God experience is real. Wonder and certainty still dawn. I keep at hand a passage from Thoreau's *Walden* about this, where he speaks of "the solitary hired man on a farm in the outskirts of Concord, who has had his second birth." Like us, Thoreau wonders if someone's testimony about having a "peculiar religious experience" is valid. In answer, he looks across the span of centuries:

Zoroaster, thousands of years ago, traveled the same road and had the same experience, but he, being wise, knew it to be universal.

If you find yourself suddenly infused with an experience you cannot explain, Thoreau says, just be aware that you are not alone. Your awakening is woven into the great tradition.

Humbly commune with Zoroaster then, and, through the liberalizing influence of all the worthies, with Jesus Christ himself, let "our church" go by the board.

In contemporary language, Thoreau is advising us to trust our deepest belief that spiritual experience is real. Skeptics turn this advice on its head. The fact that God has been experienced over the ages only goes to show that religion is a primitive holdover, a mental relic that we should

train our brains to reject. To a skeptic, God persisted in the past because priests had the power to enforce faith, allowing no deviations among their followers. But all attempts to clarify matters - to say, once and for all, that God is absolutely real or absolutely unreal - continue to fail. The muddle persists, and we all have felt the impact of confusion and doubt.

Where are you now?

Let's move from the abstract to the personal. When you look at yourself and ask where you stand on the God issue, you are almost certainly in one of the following situations:

Unbelief: You don't accept that God is real, and you express your unbelief by living as if God makes no difference.

Faith: You hope that God is real, and you express your hope as faith.

Knowledge: You have no doubt that God is real, and therefore you live as if God is always present.

When someone becomes a spiritual seeker, they want to move from unbelief to knowledge. The path is by no means clear, however.

When you get out of bed in the morning, what is the spiritual thing to do? Should you try to live in the present moment, for example, which is considered very spiritual? Peace resides in the present moment, if it resides anywhere. And yet Jesus outlines how radical such a decision actually is: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body. . . . But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own." (Matthew 6:25, 33-34)

In Jesus's version, living in the present implies having complete trust in God to provide everything. His confidence in God is unlimited. Whatever Jesus needs will come. But what about the poor Jewish workers who were his audience, struggling to provide the bare necessities, grimly living under the thumb of Roman oppression? They might have hoped that Providence would care for them; they might even have had enough faith to believe it. Still, surrendering was a mystical act. Only Jesus was in a state of consciousness that was totally grounded in Providence, because he saw God everywhere.

In all of us there are seeds of unbelief, because we were born in a secular age that questions everything mystical. Better to be free and skeptical than bound by myths, superstition, and dogma. When you touch the skeptic inside you, unbelief is a reasonable state to be in. But for most people it's also an unhappy state. They feel unfulfilled in a totally secular world where the deepest worship, arguably, goes to sports heroes, comic books, and having a perfect body. Science gives us no assurance that life has meaning when it describes the universe as a cold void ruled by random chance.

And so faith persists. We want the universe to be our home. We want to feel connected to creation. Above all, we don't want freedom if it means enduring perpetual anxiety and insecurity, a freedom that has lost its moorings to the meaning of life. So whether you call it clinging to faith or abiding by the traditions of our forefathers, religious belief exists everywhere. For billions of human beings there is no livable alternative.

But what about the third stage, after unbelief and faith - certain knowledge of God - which is the rarest and most elusive? To be truly certain, a person may have to undergo a transformative experience or miraculously retain the innocent soul of a young child. Neither is all that realistic in most lives. People who return from near-death experiences, which are extremely rare to begin with, have no hard evidence about "going into the light" that would convince a skeptic. What has

changed for them is private, internal, and subjective. As for the innocence of children, we have good reason for abandoning it. Childhood joy is a naïve, unformed state, and as happy as it was, we yearn to experience a wider world of achievement. The creative heights of human history are reached by adults, not overgrown infants.

Let's say that you recognize yourself in one of these three states: unbelief, faith, and knowledge. It's quite all right if they are jumbled and you have passing moments of each. According to cold statistical models, most of us cluster under the middle hump of a bell-shaped curve, part of the vast majority that believes in God. At the tail end of the curve are a tiny minority: to the left, the confirmed atheists; to the right, the deeply religious who pursue God as their vocation. But it's fair to say that most people who respond that they believe in God aren't experiencing either wonder or certainty. Typically, we devote our days to everything but God: raising a family, looking for love, striving for success, reaching for more material goods on the endless conveyor belt of consumerism.

The current muddle is doing no one any good. Unbelief is haunted by inner suffering and a dread that life has no purpose. (I'm not persuaded by atheists who claim to live cheerfully in a random universe. They aren't waking up every morning to say, "How wonderful, another day when nothing really has meaning.") The state of faith is untenable in a different way: Throughout history it has led to rigidity, fanaticism, and desperate violence in the name of God. And the state of true knowledge? It seems to be the province of saints, who are exceedingly rare.

Yet God is hidden somewhere, as a shadow presence, in all three situations, whether as a negative (the deity you are fleeing when you walk away from organized religion) or as a positive (a higher reality that you aspire to). Being faintly present isn't the same as being truly important, much less the most important thing in existence. If it is possible to make God real again, I think everyone would agree to try.

This book proposes that you can move from unbelief to faith and then to true knowledge. Each is an evolutionary stage, and by exploring the first, you find that the next one opens. Evolution is voluntary when it applies to the inner world. There is complete freedom of choice. Once you know unbelief in every detail, you can remain there or move on to faith. Once you explore faith, you can do the same, accepting it as your spiritual home or looking beyond. At the end of the journey lies knowledge of God, which is just as viable - and much more real - than the first two stages. To know God isn't mystical, any more than knowing that the Earth moves around the Sun. In both cases, a fact is established, and all previous doubts and errant beliefs naturally fall away.