

2015-04-11

Saturday History Call

INFORMATION REGARDING CALLS PRESENTED AND/OR SUPPORTED BY 2013 RAINBOW ROUND TABLE

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Thursday: 9 pm – 12:00 pm EST ***Stargate Round Table*** **Host: Marietta Robert**

Friday: 9 pm – 2 am EST ***Friday Night Hard News*** **Hosts: T & R**

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

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<http://2013rainbowroundtable.ning.com/> look under the "Archives" tab for written notes.

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B Tuesdays, 2nd & 4th of each month: ***Ashtar on the Road***
9:30 – 11:00 pm EST Host is Fran; Susan Leland channels Ashtar & others
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Opening Meditation: Cheryl

Housekeeping: Rainbird

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- A listener-supported radio program; we can access program archives on BBS
 - The radio program costs \$ 300 per week; **this week, we need \$ 290**
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 - BBS appreciates getting checks through the mail – no fees taken off by Paypal
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Website:

- Samana & partner have taken over paying \$25 / mo to support the site
- Debbie de Bois remains as webmaster.

- T & R:**
- They also need money for **food, gas and bills.**
 - We can donate via the Paypal button on the homepage of 2013 Rainbow Roundtable

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

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

 - **phone contact** is via MariettaRobert: 317-773-0061
or by e-mail: stargatemarietta@gmail.com
 - **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**

MR:

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

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http://bbsradio.com/syncf/True_History_of_Our_Galactic_World_and_NESARA/True_History_of_Our_Galactic_World_and_NESARA_2015-04-11.mp3

http://bbsradio.com/syncf/True_History_of_Our_Galactic_World_and_NESARA/True_History_of_Our_Galactic_World_and_NESARA_2015-04-11_HOUR_6.mp3

Introduction

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

Hard News

Richard Wolff: he has a regular radio show about the failed finances

- there will be a public bank in Santa Fe funded by We the People
- he is moving mountains to get public banks everywhere so we are not beholden to the wolves of Wall Street – the hedge funds will go bye-bye!
- **Bernie Sanders:** every dime of the new money which has been created goes into pockets of 1/10 of the 1% and nothing else is going anywhere else: **\$157 billion** into 14 wealthiest people in the US in the last 2 years: all from hedge funds – they are all white, which is the problem

Craig Barnes: talking of SHAFTA and the TTP & the neocons are drooling over the idea that this trade agreement will get them richer: Mitt Romney, Shelly Adelson etc

Camp Lovewave: guest Starman

- Arcturians, Anterrians, Sirians, Pleiadians dropped in to visit Starman at his place to tell him
 - they are intervening at this point, as We are All One
 - there is another agenda in the matrix: about turning Uncle Joe the policeman into Mad Max as they create the UN army for the "Old World Order" and go for transferring soul matrix into artificial life forms: looks similar to a human life form that could last forever.
 - **We are not going there!** Data is doing fine and needs no help!
- The beings who showed up were discussing helping humanity to get over the differences as the whole picture gets explained to us
 - conveniently there are pieces of the puzzle missing, including our own genetic puzzle – there are 12 races, 12 cultures, 12 rainbow rays
 - There is a physical / etheric bridge, the Rainbow Bridge to Asgard, that goes from Greenland to Asgard, made of crystalline energies: this is how all the stories get blended into physicality
- the 4 groups explained to Starman that they have been coming for so many millions of years, and working with all the cultures that have been screaming for them to hang out with us [on earth] and dance & just be love now: Just be One with us: this will change the war consciousness to one of peace!
- Also discussed how the culture we've been growing up in since the 50s, what we have been told about certain groups of ET beings – **we've been lied to:** they are not here to invade us, **but to help us.**
 - this has to do with what happened after Hitler created his vimanas and decided to become master of the Universe, the good guys talked with Eisenhower & told him if you want us to come, shut down the nukes – we are now at that point! Zero Nukes: Global Zero which brings in all the wealthy visionaries who are talking of Zero Nukes
- As the ET s are intervening here, the **nukes are already shut down & neutralized**– but the dark ones are still playing with our minds and creating FEAR at a global level – yes, they have toys that go boom & people die horribly
 - **what is happening in Yemen and Syria is all about the stargates.** We are supplying weapons to Saudi Arabia fighters now – so ugly

Right, Left and Centre: Robert Scheer

- they tore up the story of Miss Hillary and Uncle Bill: she wants to get the 3 am phone call and say "Fire up the nukes!" Ashtar has said NO NUKES.
- **The visitors from different cultures are interveing and reiterated to Starman that Ashtar has said NO NUKES.**
 - Chuck Schumer received \$2 Billion from the Vatican because they want thermonuclear war! The Vatican calls for peace on one hand & then threatens to kill him if he goes

against their wishes

- This is the story about the secret deal of every member of Congress who have taken bribes from Israel – except for Bernie & 64 good members, all Democrats.
 - These ones are not stupid, **they just don't care!!** They knowingly used the weak cement in the rigs in the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere – **it's all about the money.**
 - **Starman:** the races who are not aligned with the Office of the Christ are devoid of emotion: they are programmed: too bad if people are killed.
 - There is **a quandry on the dark side:** about the 5th element, the energy that is Mother, which is awakening all the DNA in everyone and it is also opening DNA in other beings
 - Ashtar has **ordered the Blue helmeted ones**, their helpers the Arcturians, the Wingmakers, and others to intervene in the affairs of men because a house cleaning is needed: start with the judges including the impuned and in bed lawyers, the merchants of death [in one of the Shakespearean plays, there is a line about killing all lawyers]
 - Sananda said when he comes again, he will come with a sword – when that sword is activated, it sends out the energy of the sun in the face of the enemy and they go into the next realm, called the Void
 - the sun is not hot: it is magnetic, plasma – **cold fusion, not fission** at all. The point is that all that fission represents cannot exist in fusion; it is the opposite. While opposites do attract, they are literally attracted to the point of jealousy
- R:** has seen masters in India who, when folks asked for help with the siddis & whipped out a roll of cash, take the cash and roll the bills up with the drug inside & say OK you're healed!
- the money is alien: this is happening in spite of all the horrible news!

Robert Scheer laid out all the crimes of Miss Hillary:

- went back to 9/11: she did not do the right thing when she voted for war; she knew that and she also took part in 911;
- now that Hillary has put her doily or her fedora in the ring, let's look at her record.
- **Waco:** she ordered up a set of 4 Black Ops in the ATF agency to go into Waco, TX with a tank with a battering ram – had a projectory on it with a nerve gas bomb in it.
 - David Karesh was not a good one, but there was no reason to kill him: yet they were many weird stories about them – sort of aligned with the militia movement
 - they killed 4 FBI agents in cold blood – no matter your cause, that is not the way
 - She was responsible for murdering 86 women, children and babies: after the nerve gas, there was naplam & the people could not move
 - after a few hours, the ATF ones went in and killed Karesh, the cook & some men in the kitchen, planted 4 naplam bombs, white phosphorus and got out! They killed the people alive! The white phosphorus burns people to a crisp
 - The military did the same thing in Faluja – used white phosphorus! Over half the people in Faluja
- **Oklahoma City bombing**
- **John Denver, Paul Wellstone, JFK Jr** [Al Franken was editor-in-chief of **George Magazine**]
- **Libya & murdered a clone of Khadaffi** [the original is on a ship somewhere] – St Germain has the 800 metric tonnes of gold which she thought she had!
- Someone will drop another shoe about **Leon Panetta**, a close friend of the Clintons to be one her campaign managers
 - he knows that full disclosure should have happened a long time ago: he is not a good guy – was in Israel with Romney, Adelson, McCain & others. Send them more love.
- Why they played Maya Angelou last night: "Confronting Evil"

Camp Lovewave: Starman

- so 4 starships landed on his land? YES!
- One of the Acturians, Anterrian [from Anterres], Sirian, Pleiadian – had a real campfire!
- Deboarded and discussed about how to heal this planet!
- They asked how best they could help us: T said show up in the physical, use forcefields, and

help us get these characters arrested: yesterday would have been a good time!

Larry, Curly and Tom the Cat: called Rama and said hold on to your hat and your horses!
Any time now: time for the cabals to be gone!

R: when you get Mr Peppy LePew up there screaming about how many "gates" Miss Hillary has – it's over the top!

- This is why the visitors say turn off the box and get outside so we can talk to you so we can sort this sh*t out right now!

Cuba: Raoul Castro, Obama and their people: working out technical issues to setting up embassies in other countriesL

- Obama can do all it takes to get things set up: the negotiations, etc – the problem is Congress can lift the embargo: Congress is controlled by the lizards and hence we need the visitors to help get rid of the lizards!
- Venezuelan gov't supplying cheap oil to Cuba for some time; now people are dying in Venezuela because of the extreme poverty due to dropping oil prices
- 90,000 Americans went to Cuba – a 90 minute flight – over 500,000 visits
- can only use straight cash: credit cards can only happen when the embargo is lifted.

China: has built little sandbar/rock bars to lay their claim to certain islands and even in the South China Sea; China claims there is 10x more than the US estimates re gas and oil which is what they want

- This is another reason for those ones to intervene & have the Atlantean grid set up
- 40% is coal, the dirtiest fuel ever; 5% is solar; then natural gas – Zaheed Zakaria said there was a safe way to do fracking – THERE IS NO SAFE WAY TO DO FRACKING
 - it is not true because the water used is completely wrecked by the time the process is complete, & it is often pumped back into the ground & the aquifers.

- The cabal / dark ones **don't want full disclosure of visitors who are 15 to 150 million years in advance of us**
 - Atlantis didn't need any of these things: they **had the grid and huge megalithic stones:** one in bottom of South China Sea [where they want to drill for oil]; one in the Bermuda Triangle in the Caribbean; one on the border between Alberta and Saskatchewan [can see the head of a native Indian from the air]; 1 in Brazil; 2 in Africa – there are 14 in all - **they are already activated – trying to keep this info from us all!**

KERNS – a detention centre in south central Texas – have mostly women and children, around 300 being held there in a prison setting; most are seeking refugee status after fleeing extreme violence from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador

- have been in there for 6 mos +; they started a protest of their detention and started a hunger strike; others signed a letter to federal immigration officials: we are not delinquents and we pose no threat to the country. The hunger strike lasted about 5 days, and some who took part said they were singled out by the authorities and isolated in the infirmary.
- Authorities say there was no hunger strike, and there is no place for solitary confinement and people are allowed to protest. All detainees are permitted to do so!
- The people in there have a **different story:** Kenya, a mother, was there from Sept, 2014; after experiencing prolonged detention for herself and her child, she was one of the ones who wrote the letter – legal assistance from the outside has been banned because they are alleged to have been supportive of the women's protests
- they are being banished because they showed what was going on inside was not according to the state policy and the word got out to the media!
- Kenya & a lawyer was on Melissa Harris Perry's show this morning: she said her child

does not behave like he used to, he didn't eat the food or sleep well, and does not play well: the food is not correct for the children

- **MHP's foot soldier of the week** made a presentation to a meeting or City Council meeting written by herself saying she was not a number! Does not want to spend all her time in school to take meaningless tests; wants to learn something!
- almost every state in USA has passed legislation restricting women's rights in the US;
- the 2nd amendment seems to be the only thing being focussed on at the NRA event: the director asked what are Hillary's triumphs as Sec of State: there are none! He said Hillary has more gates than a south Texas ranch.
- a flagged casket for **Walter Scott** today: he was a former Coast Guard, so given honours
- Surgeon General put out a statement "Being gay is not a disorder; being transgender is not a malady that requires a remedy."
 - a girl called Leila threw herself in front of a Mac truck because someone tried to convert her!
 - this is the message he wants to get out to doctors, parents, teachers, etc

Melissa Harris Perry : CA, NJ, and DC already have laws against "licensed professionals" offering conversion therapy; Obama will throw his efforts behind the practice across the US

- in 1976 removed from the psychological DSM Manual was the idea that being gay, transgender stuff could be changed; religious conservatism persisted in keeping the idea of mental illness in place.
 - 2009: All medical and psychological associations have denounced attempts to change sexual orientation may cause or exacerbate individuals' attempts to commit suicide
- in 2013, Exodus International announced it was shutting down, with an apology for the shame and trauma caused by the organization for 40 years. Still and yet this practice persists in states that are mostly red where this is still legal.
 - Leila wrote in a note before her death that her death needs to mean something: look at the number of transgender people who commit suicide this year and please, someone, fix society!
- Every time they lay out a trap as Obama's policy, remember that it is part of the White Knight / Faction 3 approach: BO takes the brunt of what the 13 families want, and Hillary is the one who makes sure the policy stays in place: there has never been a country on earth that has had its own way; if you don't do it, you get killed. **AND THIS IS ENDING NOW.**

Next Story: very intense. **Witness to Violence:** a report from JHK & a Japanese reporter

- Boko Haram attacks forcing Nigerians to flee their country.
 - B H is turning children into slaves or suicide bombers
- the 16 year old boy being interviewed said the BH gathered the men of his village and killed each in turn
- on Jan 3, 2015, he was returning home from a clinic; hid in a nearby house as he saw his village in flames
 - Saw a fighter get on the hood of a bus and shoot randomly into the bus
 - he saw a girl taken forcefully
 - he ran to the lake which borders both Nigeria and Chad; just as he and 9 others thought they were safe, there was gunfire from the shore: only 5 out of the 10 made it to the other side.
 - He lived on water, weeds
- After 2 weeks in the huge lake, they landed in Chad and were rescued by soldiers –

he's been at a camp trying to get info about his parents and his siblings. Wants to see his family and that the world will be a place of peace so the children are safe.

- New president of Nigeria was Pres in early 90s & had a strong armed approach but straightened things out ; have always said he has a reputation of 100% integrity – he will not buy into
- We must understand that Boko Haram is totally funded by the west.

T: tries to get stories about people and events that are about people working in their hearts to make the world a more peaceful place.

2015-04-10 Democracy Now - Headlines

<http://www.democracynow.org/2015/4/10/headlines>

<http://publish.dvllabs.com/democracynow/ipod/dn2015-0410.mp4>

<http://traffic.libsyn.com/democracynow/dn2015-0410-1.mp3>

2015-04-10 Juan González on Walter Scott Shooting: When Will the Police Killings of Black Males Stop?

<http://publish.dvllabs.com/democracynow/ipod/dn2015-0410.mp4>

<http://traffic.libsyn.com/democracynow/dn2015-0410-1.mp3>

2015-04-10 Obama Faces Latin American Opposition to Venezuela Sanctions as Cuba Joins Summit of the Americas

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<http://traffic.libsyn.com/democracynow/dn2015-0410-1.mp3>

T: interjects that Grand Goddess Lillie went to the OAS meeting 2 years ago and discovered that the Black Pope from the Vatican was controlling the meeting!

2015-04-10 Exclusive: Father of 1 of Missing Mexican 43 on How Drug War Aid "Being Used to Annihilate Students"

<http://publish.dvllabs.com/democracynow/ipod/dn2015-0410.mp4>

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Audio: Michael Shermer: The Scientific Approach to Morality

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_dSFpm6D6o

Published on 3 Mar 2015

Known for his analytic approach to the complex plight of humanity, New York Times bestselling author Michael Shermer (Skeptic Magazine) brings his characteristic insight to the nuanced relationship between science and morality in his latest book, The Moral Arc. From paying ransom to Somali pirates and the dilemmas of being a Nazi, to an analysis of the Bible's basic principles, Shermer unpacks the philosophies behind some of today's greatest moral questions. He'll explain how beginning with The Age of Reason and the Enlightenment, scientific ways of thinking have made society more moral and in turn, created a freer, more just world.

Thanks to Seattle Town Hall & University Book Store

Audio: Laura Flanders show <https://www.youtube.com/user/lauraflanders>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_profilepage&v=OisJvsSd-HQ

[Kathleen Chalfant: Learning Politics and Cooperation from Theater | #GRITtv](#)

Where do art and social justice meet? From early roles in films like *Bob Roberts* and *Five Corners* to her award winning roles in plays including *Wit* and *Angels in America: Millennium Approaches*, to her current starring role in the award-winning Showtime series *The Affair*, Kathleen Chalfant is one of the most acclaimed actresses in the US. She has also been an outspoken advocate on issues like Middle East peace and incarceration. This episode also looks at Stanley Cohen, a radical lawyer who has represented Hamas and other official US enemies. Cohen is going to jail in a case seen as payback from the US government for his unpopular cases.

NB: you can find Laura Flanders on GritTV

ASTROLOGY

Astrology for the Soul

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=r0jts1DgwWE

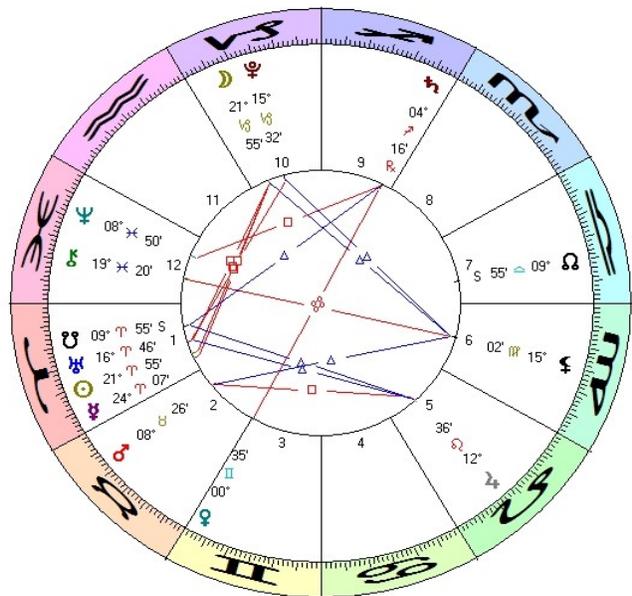
***It's one thing to know,
Another to see,
But to change the world,
I must first change me.***

CLICK the chart below for a larger, printable version

So much to say in so little time. The main thrust of this mantra is born out of not only the Solar eclipse in Aries but most all the personal planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars) in the 1st two signs of Aries and Taurus. This indicates a time where we need to focus on integrating within ourselves more than out in the "transpersonal" realm. That coupled with this 3/4 Moon really emphasizes the need to reflect and modify our own behavior/reality. Lilith over there in Virgo is really pushing us to "get it together" and hopefully the stress associated with that process is not getting displaced onto others!

Lastly, with this fiery Mercury in Aries having Sun/Uranus/Pluto aspects, try

3rd Quarter Moon
Natal Chart
Apr 11 2015, Sat
9:44:47 pm CST +6:00
San Jose, Costa Rica
09°N 84°W
Geocentric
Tropical
8° Aries
True Node



not to blow your top too much but say what must be said and look to see what happens.....
wishing you the best... fare well!

Reading: The Oracle Report

Saturday, April 11 - Sunday, April 12, 2015

Third Quarter Moon Phase: complete, revise

Moon in Capricorn (conjunct Pluto at 12:30 pm ET Saturday to facilitate the transformation of things)

Wisdom Goddess: Saturday: Dhumavati Sunday: Matangi

Skill: open up the field

Positive Imprints: determination to complete, anticipation of the new, gifts and rewards, opportunities, seeing the true form or measure of things, the power of intention, happiness, joy, celebration with others, removing barriers, things coming to fruition

Catalysts for Change: worry, creating barriers, self-denial, desperation, seeking recognition, stifling one's feelings, insincerity, facades, indecision, cover ups, over-burdened

Sabian Symbol for the Lunar Month: "a majestic rock formation resembling a face is idealized by a boy who takes it up as his ideal of greatness, and as he grows up begins to look like it"

The Sabian symbols of the degrees of the planets this weekend involve blowing the field of possibility wide open. It's airy energy, designed to help us see within, see through, and see beyond. The power of intention is exceptionally high, as if the future beckons us to dream a grander dream with an infusion of our hopes and wishes.

Saturday begins the Third Quarter Moon phase, which is a series of days that favor closing out, completing, or revising things we don't want to carry into the next lunar month. The next lunar month begins next Saturday, April 18, and is the beginning of the new astrological year. Between now and then, in collaboration with spiritual sources, we are ploughing the field of consciousness of the old and outworn. We prepare for the promise of the new.

As far as your imagination can take you is how far you want to project intentions into the future. There sky is the limit. In fact, the farther we can imagine, the better because, as I've discussed all month, an epic cycle of time is resetting with the New Moon, erasing the grind of an outworn past of power and control systems, beliefs, and structures. It's a Second Renaissance.

Here are points for consideration with the "currents" of this weekend's energies:

- What do you desire? Is it something you have denied yourself? Do you feel you deserve it? Would it nourish you?
- What needs to open up? Is it time to do something to clear a situation? Does something need refreshing or brought back to life?
- What do you want to see? How do you want the world of the future to be? What comes to fruition?
- What burdens need to be unloaded? Can you share it with someone? Does something need

to be revealed or removed from shadow? Does it keep you from being fully present in the experience of life?

- Is there room for mystery - the unknown - to enter? Can you create space inside yourself that is a place holder for something beautiful to come your way? This involves trust. And hope. And belief.
- Can you simultaneously hold the paradox of simplicity within complexity? This is a true art. It involves immersing yourself in the complex machinations of life and actualization of personal potential while following the line of simplicity that runs through it.

This time of year brings the strongest spiritual connection possible. The veils between the worlds are indeed thinnest. Mystics revel while walls come down.

(Keep finding beauty, wise owls, and when you do, snap a photo and send it in.)

Thank you for supporting The Oracle Report!

Reading:

[SEE BELOW]

2015-04-07 **Suzanne Lie~A Message from New Friends: The Blue Avians and the Arcturians**

T: There is a way to literally go up in the physical on the ships, and to be here and there at the same time, and literally to transport ourselves via our own starships / merkaba vehicles – this is the tetrahedron structure that Nassim was telling us about.

- there is a point also where we do not have to physically die & leave the body: we can turn every cellular molecular structure of our form into 5th dimensional light, literally merge with our light bodies and not experience physical death – it is a truth that we can ascend without our bodies; it is also a truth that we can ascend with it in a transformed manner.

Conference Call: 1-209-647-1600 Code 353 863#

Caller: asking if there is a NAACP group in Rainbird's area of S Carolina: YES

Went to see Senator Widen today, about TTP – there were activists from all over the country; the youth – the first townhall meeting when activists, healing groups, environmentalists and others were present. Was tweeted and shared

T: did he say it was not for anyone's good?

Caller: a seasoned politician in what he says; the other Senator used to be in education as a principal – listens to the young people

T: did they talk about losing jobs, not getting any?

Caller: he's sly – knows there's lots of dirty money; has changed a lot – people are talking and he is listening

T: important that people attending know that this needs to go bye-bye all the way

Caller: Of the speakers that were called on: only one was for the LNG project; rest were for the new earth projects: It was a good session: he could see that the young people will be the politicians of the future

T: time to raise hourly wages

Caller: that's where the \$2,600 / mo guaranteed comes from; based on \$15 / hour; community got out there for jobs in various service areas; everyone gets out of the drugging and killing background. Time to change the old programs and have everyone participating – have health care, have a home.

T: Thomas Jefferson said education should never stop

Caller: at the community healing centres, can be in community and learn all kinds of artistic activities. All the cities of Light should have UFO landing sites close by!

T: looking for ways for getting things cleaned up

Caller: there will be unlimited funding for the larger projects of air, water, soil cleanup; community service has to visualize all things that need to be done

T: people need to learn how to use new technologies

Caller: a plant in Japan that is already cleaning up the oceans; need crews to do lots of the gardening; **Look up Japan – plastic recycling**

T: asks about the location of the plant in Japan – needs to get the info from a technological friend

Caller: Paradigm Research Group – there are other earth-like planets out there!

T: there are 80 billion planets like earth; most living species have human DNA

- there is so much water in the universe: it is crazy how we are acting: from Nassim on Thursday pm
- There are beings on the moon, and we will have to learn how to behave!

Caller: talking to someone from Guatamala – asking for help

T: talks of trip by bus through Honduras – we can thank Hillary for what is going on in Honduras

- **things are ready to burst open!**

Talks of what Robert Scheer did on Right Left and Centre: ripped Hillary from one end to the other today; she reviews all that Hillary has been responsible for.

- Even the representative of the NRA was panning Hillary

T: Armageddon is here

Caller: important to get the idea out there, especially to Christians to

T: Obama said something big today: will push his support behind getting rid of the conversion programs that say gays and transgenders can be “converted”

- It is not the judgment of christian people to say another person is not worthy: it's about being afraid to look inside themselves.

T: also time to change the movies which have to have a “good” person pitted against a “bad” person – there are documentaries now that deal with that concept

- The way of the path of unity consciounes and programs where we live together, pray together, and so on
- Discuss the spherical structures and that they add energy to the lives of the people who live in them

T: there is another type of emergency right now: millions of people living in dire poverty – one of these spheres can created in 1 minute – we need to think of 7.5 million people in such situations

Caller: there are already 3D / printers houses in China - time for people to realize it's an unlimited Universe – people need to “visualize to actualize”

T: need to stop all plastics; everything made from petroleum can be made from hemp!
Even the things being made now are made from oil and with the idea of profit

- the Atlantean grid is already on and working: we literally don't need any other kind of technology!
- Some of the intermediary steps are helping people mould their consciousness to what they are doing – those of us on other levels can travel in our merkaba vehicles
- Did you know that Pluto is an inter galactic trading post? We can bi-locate there and do some trading, as they want some of what we have.
- The reptilians ones need to be pulled from their controlling positions: they are insatiable.

Caller: the more people come forward and pray for them, they will either change or go!

T: we don't pray “for” anything which pushes the request into the future; we pray it!

Caller: pretty amazing time

T: need to take away their money! Richard Wolffe will be speaking - marxism has been made into something that it is not; listen to him to get the idea of what he's saying. He's involved in starting a public bank in Santa Fe – owned and run by the people.

- What is going on in the banking world is imploding, and what is happening in Greece will bring the rest down: the Greeks are saying you, Germany, did not make reparations for the Second World war – we owe you nothing, you owe us everything!
- Must deal with Citizens United because they have usurped the constitution
- with NESARA, pretty much everyone will be let out of jail
 - the blue avians – going after the politicians, the lawyers, the judges, all the corruption
 - You can take the whole structure of the penitentiaries and use them to replace the craziness in a very few weeks.

BBS Radio

- in the intro, played Nahko & Medicine for the People "7 Feathers" 6.22.13 - Project Earth - Ohm Dome <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqAlMwxTwUI>
 - radical change, using the right materials - pods going in a ring with glass connectors; gardens on the ground; central places for performance of every kind

Audio: Richard Wolff

[his website: <http://www.rdwolff.com/>]

<https://www.linktv.org/programs/richard-wolff-alternative-solutions-to-capitalism>

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Max Keiser

Episode 743

April 11, 2015

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In this episode of the Keiser Report, Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss rendering unto Caesar that which is Caesar's – and unto Warren Buffett (and other tollbooth operators) everything else. In the second half, Max interviews internet and tech pioneer Halsey Minor about his latest venture, Bitreserve.org, a next-generation

money service built on top of bitcoin.

2015-03-20 **Remembering Danny Schechter, "The News Dissector": Pioneering Journalist, Filmmaker & Activist**

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Audio: Black Girls Rock April 5, 2015

one section of the program, including an address by Michelle Obama

Audio: Jon Stewart, The Daily Show – Monday, April 6, 2015

<http://www.thecomedynetwork.ca/Shows/TheDailyShow?vid=584219>

Author Gene Bower, **Living the Farm Sanctuary Life.**

New Host for The Daily Show: Trevor Noah -

Discusses the new law in Indiana, signed by Gov Mike Pence, about "religious freedom"

Reading: The Real World of Fairies – more of the epilogue

Closing: What is Real Love – a Sufi Perspective, Part 3.

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U.N.: Yarmouk Refugee Camp in "Deepest Circle of Hell"

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has warned of an "epic humanitarian catastrophe" in a Palestinian refugee camp invaded by the self-proclaimed [Islamic State](#) in [Syria](#). Speaking Thursday, Ban said Yarmouk resembles a death camp.

Ban Ki-moon: "The Yarmouk refugee camp is the deepest circle of hell. After more than two years of a merciless siege, 18,000 Palestine refugees and Syrians are now being held hostage by Daesh and other extremist militants. A refugee camp is beginning to resemble a death camp. The residents of Yarmouk, including 3,500 children, are being turned into human shields. They face a double-edged sword — armed elements inside the camp and government forces outside."

Palestinian officials have rejected the possibility of joining with the Syrian government to oust the ISIL militants. The statement from the Palestine Liberation Organization contradicts an earlier statement from the PLO's envoy to Syria suggesting the Palestinians would join in military action.

Iranian Leader Khamenei: No Guarantee of Final Nuclear Deal

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has said there is no guarantee of a final nuclear deal after [Iran](#) and world powers reached a historic framework agreement last week. In his first comments since the agreement was reached, Khamenei declared all economic sanctions on Iran must be lifted on the day any final deal is signed, and said foreign inspectors would not be allowed into military sites.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei: "If you ask me if I support or oppose the nuclear agreement, I neither support it nor oppose it, because nothing has happened yet. Nothing has been done yet. The whole issue lies in the details that they are meant to discuss one by one."

Khamenei's remarks may have been designed to placate hardliners opposed to the nuclear deal. Negotiators will seek to reach a final agreement before a June 30 deadline.

Massive Tornadoes Hit Midwest

In the United States, massive tornadoes have torn through Illinois and other swaths of the Midwest, destroying homes and leaving heaps of debris in the street. At least one person was reportedly killed in Fairdale, Illinois, where most of the town's buildings were damaged.

SC Police Shooting Dash Cam Video Released; Activists Call for Review Board

South Carolina authorities have released police dashboard camera video from the day North Charleston police officer Michael Slager fatally shot Walter Scott. Slager is charged with murder after a bystander's cellphone video showed him shooting Scott in the back as he fled. The dash cam video did not capture the shooting, but does show Slager approaching Scott's vehicle after pulling him over for a broken brake light. The two converse, and after Slager returns to his cruiser, Scott gets out of his car and begins to run. His family has said he may have fled because he was behind on his child support payments. Meanwhile, activists in North Charleston are calling for a citizen review board for police and city officials, saying the shooting is evidence of a longstanding pattern of racial bias. Scott's brother, Anthony Scott, said the pattern applies to both people of color and the poor.

Anthony Scott: "Well, I wouldn't say it was just an African-American thing; it would also be a minority thing. It would be a racial profiling type of thing, and in the city of North Charleston. And, I mean, if you're a Hispanic or if you are a, I would say, low-income white American, it's — they would be affected just as well as an African American. But, yes, I think they do stereotype, in the city of North Charleston, people of this sort."

St. Louis County Courts Agree to Reform Fines, Court Costs

In St. Louis County, Missouri, municipal courts have agreed to adopt a uniform standard for fines and court costs. The move is part of an overhaul following the fatal police shooting of [Michael Brown](#) in Ferguson and a Justice Department report which accused police of acting as a "collection agency" to run the city off exorbitant fines. The municipal court in Ferguson issued 10,000 more arrest warrants in 2013 than there are people in the city, mostly for driving-related offenses.

Mississippi: 2 White Women Sentenced to Prison in Hate Killing of Black Man

In Mississippi, two young white women have been sentenced to prison for their role in the 2011 murder of an African-American man. Shelbie Brooke Richards and Sarah Adelia Graves admitted to recruiting fellow teenagers to travel around the Mississippi capital of Jackson looking for black people to assault. Both were in a pickup truck when the driver mowed down James Craig Anderson, killing him. Richards admitted she yelled a racial slur and encouraged the driver to beat Anderson and run him over. The driver was previously sentenced to 50 years in prison, and five other white men received lesser terms. On Thursday, Richards was sentenced to eight years and Graves to five years.

New York: Man Who Filmed Eric Garner's Death to Spend Another Weekend in Jail

In New York City, Ramsey Orta, who filmed the police chokehold death of [Eric Garner](#) in Staten Island, will spend another weekend at Rikers Island jail after a prosecutor demanded scrutiny of donations used to pay for his bail. Orta's supporters raised nearly \$40,000 to pay for his bail bond so he could be released from Rikers, where is being held on a drug charge. But Orta's lawyers say the district attorney demanded a "bail source" hearing to determine if the funds were obtained illegally, even though they were publicly raised through the website GoFundMe. Orta and his family say police have targeted them over Orta's filming of Garner's death. ([Click here to watch](#) Thursday's interview on Democracy Now! with Ramsey Orta's attorneys and his aunt.)

California: Black Activist Faces "Lynching" Charge for Trying to Free Protester

In Sacramento, California, an African-American activist is facing up to four years in prison for "lynching," after she allegedly tried to pull a fellow protester away from police. Under a 1933 California law designed to protect black people from white mobs, the act of attempting to free someone from police custody can be defined as "lynching," a felony offense. The law has been used repeatedly against activists, including Maile Hampton, who was arrested for her actions at a protest against police brutality. On Thursday, protesters packed a court hearing to support Hampton, who returns to court again on April 30. Following an outcry, local and state officials have vowed to remove the word "lynching" from California law.

Obama Arrives in Panama for Summit of the Americas

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President Obama: "As you know, there is a process involved in reviewing whether or not a country should be on the State Sponsor of Terrorism list. That review has been completed at the State Department; it is now forwarded to the White House. Our inter-agency team will go through the entire thing and then present it to me with a recommendation. That hasn't happened yet."

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Mexican Activist Who Lost U.S. Asylum Bid Shot Dead in Guerrero

An immigrant rights activist who was deported six months ago, after warning he could be killed if he returned home to Mexico, has been fatally shot in the Mexican state of Guerrero. Constantino Morales reportedly served as a police officer in Mexico, where he denounced drug trafficking and faced attempts on his life, before coming to United States to seek asylum. He was deported in September after his asylum bids were rejected. He leaves behind six children. Morales' former activist group, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, called on Congress to pass immigration reform: "There are too many of these preventable stories."

Clinton to Announce Presidential Candidacy; Report Questions Ties to Colombian Oil Firm

Hillary Clinton is reportedly poised to announce her candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination this weekend. The move comes as a new investigation has revealed Clinton's close ties to a Canadian oil company with a history of alleged violence in Colombia. The International Business Times reports while Clinton was secretary of state she backed a Colombian free trade pact she had previously opposed over concerns about labor rights, after the founder of oil giant Pacific Rubiales pledged millions of dollars to the Clinton Foundation. The founder, Frank Giustra, now serves on the Clinton Foundation's board. Labor leaders say Clinton ignored accounts of attacks on union organizers in Colombia, instead backing the trade pact which benefited Giustra and other foreign investors.

Former Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee Mulls Presidential Bid

The former governor of Rhode Island has announced he is exploring a run against Hillary Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination. Lincoln Chafee served in the Senate as a Republican and later became governor as an independent, before becoming a Democrat in 2013. He has criticized Clinton over her support for the Iraq War. Chafee's father, John Chafee, also served as a senator and governor of Rhode Island, as well as secretary of the U.S. Navy.

Georgia Allows Hormones for Transgender Prisoner

Georgia has agreed to end its blanket ban on hormone treatment for transgender prisoners after the Department of Justice intervened on behalf of a transgender woman denied hormones for three years. The Justice Department voiced support for Ashley Diamond's lawsuit over deprivation of the hormones she took for 17 years before her imprisonment. State officials say Diamond is now receiving the treatments.

19 Arrested at Yale as Fossil Fuel Divestment Protests Grow

Nineteen people have been arrested at Yale University in Connecticut for their role in a sit-in calling for Yale to purge its nearly \$24 billion endowment from fossil fuel corporations. The students want school officials to reopen the discussion after deciding not to divest in August. Yale's endowment is the third largest in the country. Students there join a growing number across the country who are demanding divestment from

companies that drive global warming. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology hosted a debate on divestment Thursday. Student activists covered the windows of a university building with colored paper spelling out the word "divest." And Harvard Heat Week begins on Monday. Harvard Heat Week is the divestment efforts of students and professors at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Exclusive: Ailing Mumia Abu-Jamal Comments on Walter Scott Killing from Prison

Imprisoned journalist and former Black Panther [Mumia Abu-Jamal](#) has spoken out from a prison infirmary about the police killing of Walter Scott in South Carolina. Abu-Jamal, who is seriously ill at SCI Mahanoy, rose from his infirmary bed to record the commentary after a fellow prisoner wheeled in a television so he could watch coverage of the shooting. In a Democracy Now! exclusive, Abu-Jamal discusses his reaction.

Mumia Abu-Jamal: "Remember the young man who allegedly shot — not killed — two cops in Ferguson several weeks ago? Every politician in America leaped at the chance to call the kid a punk, a thug. Now, what do you call Slager? What have you heard? Even though he's been fired, he's called 'officer' today, or 'Mr. Slager.' He killed a man for a traffic citation and lied about it. Is he a punk, a predator, or what Huey P. Newton used to call, a pig? From imprisoned nation, this is Mumia Abu-Jamal."

Special thanks to Noelle Hanrahan at Prison Radio Project for the recording of that commentary. Mumia Abu-Jamal's supporters say he remains severely ill after he was hospitalized for diabetic shock. Today his supporters have called a national day of action with protests in 10 cities to demand he be allowed to see a diabetes specialist. Abu-Jamal is in prison for the 1981 murder of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner, but has always maintained his innocence. Amnesty International has found he was deprived of a fair trial.

2015-04-10 Juan González on Walter Scott Shooting: When Will the Police Killings of Black Males Stop?

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Guests: [Juan González](#), *Democracy Now!* co-host and award-winning columnist at the *New York Daily News*.

Democracy Now! co-host Juan González discusses how video of the Walter Scott killing echoes other videos of police shootings, such as Tamir Rice in Cleveland and Eric Garner in New York City. "People wonder why the Black Lives Matter movement has grown and spread so rapidly across the country," González notes, "when people are seeing these videos where people who are shot and not even given immediate aid." González writes about the issue in his new column for the *New York Daily News* headlined "When Will the Killings of Black Males by Cops Cease?"

AMY GOODMAN: The news about South Carolina just continues with the release of the dash cam video, Juan, and you wrote your commentary today in the *New York Daily News*, your [column](#) on South Carolina.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Yes, I think one of the things that I tried to stress in my column is that—how many more of these heartbreaking videos are we going to be exposed to across the country before a change occurs in policing in the country? And I think the critical thing to understand is not only the videos, the videos of the actual encounters, where African-American males are killed by police, but also what happens in the moments afterward. And we now have seen several of these—the Tamir Rice video in Cleveland in November, where the 12-year-old boy is shot by a policeman who arrives within two seconds of his getting out of the car, but then for four minutes after, as the boy is lying on the ground, three police officers just stand around, walk around. No one provides him any kind of aid until an FBI agent, who happens to be in the neighborhood, comes along, and he begins to administer CPR to Tamir Rice.

AMY GOODMAN: And when Tamir's sister came running over, who was just 14 years old—

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Right, right, she gets tackled.

AMY GOODMAN: —they tackle her—

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: They tackle her.

AMY GOODMAN: —and put her in the cruiser.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And they handcuff her, push her to the ground, handcuff her and prevent her from getting to her brother.

Then you have the situation with Eric Garner in the Staten Island video, where not only half a dozen police officers stand around as Eric Garner is gasping for breath, but then even when the EMS, the paramedics arrive, they waste four crucial minutes, while they are walking around not treating him. Those four paramedics were eventually suspended for their actions on that day.

And then, of course, now we have the South Carolina situation, where, once again, after Officer

Slager shoots Walter Scott, and another African-American officer arrives on the scene, Habersham, they stand around. Habersham checks for the wounds. They talk on their radios. They discuss where is my vehicle. But they don't administer any kind of aid to Walter Scott.

So you have this, and then people wonder why the Back Lives Matter movement has grown and spread so rapidly across the country, when people are seeing these videos where people who are shot are not even given immediate aid.

AMY GOODMAN: And police use their force to prevent bystanders from administering aid.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Yes.

AMY GOODMAN: When you look at Ramsey Orta's film—and again, Ramsey Orta remains in Rikers Island, the only person arrested around the Eric Garner case, though it was in an unrelated charge. He's the one who videoed. When you look at that video and listen, bystanders are saying, "Help him. Help him." The police use their authority to prevent anyone to help him, and then they themselves don't help.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Right, and then people wonder why there's such anger spreading across the country.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, of course, we will continue to follow this story, and we'll link to your [column](#) at democracynow.org.

2015-04-10 Obama Faces Latin American Opposition to Venezuela Sanctions as Cuba Joins Summit of the Americas

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Miguel Tinker Salas, professor of Latin American history at Pomona College. His forthcoming book is *Venezuela: What Everyone Needs to Know*.

Mark Weisbrot, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research and president of Just Foreign Policy. His article in *The Hill* is headlined "Obama Could Face Disastrous Summit Due to Venezuela Sanctions."

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Meanwhile, on Thursday, Obama announced the State Department has finished its review of whether Cuba should be removed from the list of state sponsors of terrorism, but said he would wait to act until receiving final recommendations from White House advisers. He could make that announcement at the summit. Congress would then have 45 days to decide whether to override it. The move allows the two countries to reopen their embassies and move forward on historic efforts to normalize relations that were announced in December.

AMY GOODMAN: Meanwhile, the U.S. faces other tensions at the summit over its recent sanctions against Cuba's close ally, Venezuela. An executive order signed by President Obama last

month used the designation to sanction top Venezuelan officials over alleged human rights abuses and corruption. This week, the U.S. announced it's backing off its move deeming the country a national security threat. In an interview with EFE News, Obama sought to tone down the confrontation, saying, quote, "We do not believe that Venezuela poses a threat to the United States, nor does the United States threaten the Venezuelan government," he said. Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro responded on Thursday.

PRESIDENT NICOLÁS MADURO: [translated] We may be able to say that the statements given today by President Barack Hussein Obama could open a door to start a new era of relations among Venezuela and a free and sovereign Latin America and the empire of the United States. It could happen.

AMY GOODMAN: Meanwhile, fights broke out ahead of the summit Wednesday when anti-Castro Cuban demonstrators tried to lay flowers at a bust of Cuban patriarch José Martí near the Cuban Embassy in Panama City and were confronted by a group of pro-Castro activists. Cuban delegates also protested over reports that former CIA-backed paramilitary officer Félix Rodríguez, who was sent to kill Che Guevara in Bolivia in 1967, was meeting with opposition groups in Panama City. The last picture taken of Che Guevara still alive in October 1967 shows Rodríguez standing on his left. Elsewhere, pro-Venezuela protesters rallied.

PRO-VENEZUELA PROTESTER: [translated] What we are also defending is the right of free determination for the people. To us, it seems a big disrespect for a citizen of one country to come to mine to conspire against another delegation in the middle of a summit. I wouldn't do it.

AMY GOODMAN: We are going to go to break, and when we come back, we'll be joined by two people talking about the significance of this Summit of the Americas.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And yeah, and, Amy, I just wanted to correct, on that lede in, when I mentioned the last meeting of an American president was with Fulgencio Batista, of Eisenhower with Fulgencio Batista, not with Fidel Castro.

AMY GOODMAN: We'll be back on the story of the OAS summit in a moment.

[break]

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Topics expected to be on the agenda at the Summit of the Americas, as it gets underway, include trade, security and migration. Panama's president, Juan Carlos Varela, called on the heads of state to put aside their differences.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, for more, we're joined by two guests. In Claremont, California, Miguel Tinker Salas is with us, professor of Latin American history at Pomona College. His new book is *Venezuela: What Everyone Needs to Know*. You can [read the introduction](#) on our website at democracynow.org. And in Washington, D.C., we're joined by Mark Weisbrot, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research and president of Just Foreign Policy. His [article](#) in *The Hill* is headlined "Obama Could Face Disastrous Summit Due to Venezuela Sanctions."

We welcome you both back to *Democracy Now!* But let us begin with Miguel Tinker Salas. On this eve of the summit, the kerfuffle around whether—the possibility of Venezuela being put on the terrorist list, and President Obama pulling back from that, saying they don't consider, while they

had originally said they do consider, Venezuela a threat to national security—what's behind all of this?

MIGUEL TINKER SALAS: Well, I think, fundamentally, it's the changes in Latin America. The reality is that the summit is really at a crossroads. It begins in 1994, presided by Bill Clinton, as a proposal to implement the free trade for the Americas and take NAFTA into the entire region. The reality is that by 2001 in Quebec, you have Hugo Chávez at the summit criticizing free trade for the Americas and the imposition of an asymmetrical order. And by 2005, that entire process is derailed when you have the fundamental changes in Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia and Ecuador. So the summit is really at a crossroads in terms of what it seeks to accomplish.

The U.S. is trying to regain ground by establishing better relations with Cuba and coming into the 20th century—in fact, the 21st century—but the reality is that the arrogance of the U.S. on the question of Venezuela threatened to derail the entire process again. So I think that what is behind all this is really what is the role of the Summit of the Americas, what is the role of the OAS, at a time in which you have other institutions in Latin America, like the Union of South American Nations and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean Nations, that do not include the U.S. So I think it's really at a crossroads in terms of what its future will be.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And, Mark Weisbrot, what about this? The Americas is no longer the backyard of the United States, as it was historically known as, an area that was exploited and dominated by Washington.

MARK WEISBROT: No, that's right. And the Obama administration hasn't really recognized that. I think that's the big thing. You know, Rafael Correa, president of Ecuador, responded to the March 9th sanctions executive order, saying, you know, "This reminds us of the darkest hours of our America, when we received dictatorships from imperialism. And don't they understand that Latin America has changed?" he said. And they don't. And that's been the problem all along, and that's the problem with these summits.

You know, in 2012—and Miguel gave a very nice history—in 2012, everybody said, including the President Santos of Colombia, that there wasn't going to be another summit without Cuba. So, Obama comes along in December and says, "Well, you know, we're going to give them a Christmas present. We're going to, you know, begin the process of normalization, normalizing relations with Cuba." And then he comes with these sanctions on March 9th. And everybody realized, well, he's not really changed anything at all.

And you get these statements from CELAC, which includes every country in the hemisphere except for the U.S. and Canada, saying, you know, he's got to rescind this executive order, and then from UNASUR, as well. So now you see the White House backing off, and you see the White House saying, "Well, no, we didn't really"—you know, we not only said that Venezuela was an extraordinary threat to national security, but we actually declared a national emergency because of this threat. That was written in the executive order. And now the White House says, "No, you know, it's not a threat at all."

Well, first of all, what does that say about the rule of law in the United States? I mean, this was an executive order. They had to put that in there for—because that law is there for a reason. You're not supposed to impose unilateral sanctions. Actually, it violates that OAS charter, among

other things, unless there is a real security threat. So this was a real admission—this was a real defeat for them. And they're backing off, just like the, you know, coming into the 21st century on Cuba is backing off. But they still don't really recognize that there's a new reality in the region. And that's why I think it doesn't look that good yet going forward.

AMY GOODMAN: Among those attending the summit is U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Roberta Jacobson. Last week, she said she was surprised few countries had defended U.S. sanctions against Venezuela.

ROBERTA JACOBSON: I was a bit, I will confess, disappointed that there weren't more who defended the fact that, clearly, this was not intended to hurt the Venezuelan people or the Venezuelan government, even, as a whole, and did not more clearly explain or elucidate, as we did for them, in advance, because we did talk to governments in advance on the sanctions, that this was really very, very narrowly targeted.

AMY GOODMAN: In March, all 33 members of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, known as CELAC, expressed opposition to the U.S. sanctions against Venezuela. Miguel Tinker Salas, your response to one of the representatives, the U.S. representative? Of course, President Obama will be there, too, in Panama.

MIGUEL TINKER SALAS: Well, I think it merely mirrors what happened in the 2012 summit in Colombia. There's a certain arrogance behind a statement that you're disappointed about the fact that Latin American leaders did not support the U.S. on sanctions. Did they really think that Latin American leaders were going to ally with the U.S. and support sanctions against Venezuela? They may criticize Venezuela privately. They may—Colombia, Mexico, which are the clearest allies the U.S. has in Latin America, no doubt, may criticize Venezuela, but they're not going to publicly express that criticism. So if the U.S. is disappointed, it really reflects an arrogance concerning Latin America and their inability to comprehend how in fact the region has changed.

This is not just about Venezuela. This is about Latin America. This is about a region declaring its independence, declaring its autonomy, its respect for the rule of law, its respect for sovereignty, its respect for democratically elected governments. And I think that when Roberta Jacobson and others in the administration or the Washington think tanks criticize other leaders in Latin America, it's a refusal to recognize the extent to which Latin America has changed, to which it's not willing to be the backyard, to which there are other players in the region. China is an important economic actor in the region. So are European countries. And I think it really does reflect that sense that Latin America is still our backyard, and then, therefore, they're really trying to backpedal, because they really want to avoid a repeat of what happened in Cartagena, where Obama was isolated on Cuba, isolated on immigration, isolated on the question of the drug war, criticized by friends and foes alike, and he came back and fired his national security adviser on Latin America. So I think that there really should be some heads to roll here as a result of what has happened, the debacle the U.S. has got itself into. And I think that really does reflect the arrogance that still exists on the part of the U.S.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Well, Mark Weisbrot, on this issue of damage control that's been occurring in the last week or two, we reported yesterday here on the decision of the United States government to extradite—to deport General Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova, who was linked to the—not only

to torture, but then to the killings of the churchwomen, the four churchwomen in El Salvador, and also the decision to initiate extradition proceedings against Colonel Inocente Orlando Montano Morales, who was implicated in the killing of Jesuit priests, Spanish Jesuit priests, and who is now facing a judicial—a potential trial in Spain. So you have these two actions just in the days before Obama heads to the summit, and also the reports that Secretary of State Kerry sent an emissary to Venezuela to try to patch things up privately. Can you talk about that?

MARK WEISBROT: Yeah, I think they really realized they made a big, big mistake. And, you know, Miguel is right. I mean, they live in some kind of bubble. I don't know who they're talking to in these governments. You know, I remember talking to a foreign minister a couple years ago. I won't mention his name or country because it was a private conversation. But he said, you know, "When the U.S. is going to do something in Africa, they at least talk to the governments in the region and ask them what they think about it. And they don't even do that in Latin America." And, you know, this is how everybody sees it. There's a huge gap between what any government knows in the region about U.S. policy and what you have in the media—and therefore what most people know. It's enormous.

And, you know, in 2009, of course—and I'm thinking about this because you might get a handshake and a picture between Raúl Castro and President Obama in this summit, and you had that with Obama and Chávez in 2009, and it went all over the place and actually upset some of, you know, the administration's right-wing allies. And so, the very next day, they poured cold water all over it and made sure—made it, you know, with some insults, and made sure that this wasn't going to lead to any thawing of relations. Then, of course, there was a military coup in Honduras in 2009 in June. And after that, after the U.S. did everything it could to support, to make sure that coup succeeded and to legitimize the elections that nobody else in the hemisphere would recognize, for that dictatorship, that was really it. You know, then everybody realized, well, this wasn't going to change; this was really as bad, and possibly even worse, as the Bush policies in Latin America. Now, you know, Obama is concerned about his legacy—

AMY GOODMAN: Mark, I want to interrupt for one minute, before we really get into the significance of Cuba being there. You wrote about Hillary Clinton's involvement in the coup, or at least in support of the coup, in Honduras. Now, this weekend, she's going to be announcing that she will be a candidate for president of the United States. Can you just briefly summarize, as secretary of state, what was her position at the time?

MARK WEISBROT: Well, it was interesting. I mean, she wouldn't say. You know, like a couple days after the coup, she was asked by the media if restoring democracy in Honduras, which she said she supported, meant restoring the democratically elected president, and she wouldn't answer that question. And, of course, the White House had put out a statement on the day of the coup, which didn't even oppose the coup. That told every diplomat in Washington, of course, that, you know, that was the strongest statement you can make in the 21st century in favor of the coup. And, you know, President—

AMY GOODMAN: The ousting of Zelaya.

MARK WEISBROT: Yeah, the ousting of Zelaya. You know, Zelaya was on your show, you remember. He said the U.S. was actually involved in the coup, and there's every reason to believe that, given what they did in those six months following it. And then, in her book, she very much

admits that she acted with others, you know, her few allies in the OAS, to—I think she used the word—render the question of Zelaya’s return moot—in other words, to make sure that that wasn’t going to happen. And they used the OAS, and that’s why you have—I think that’s the main reason why you have the Community of Latin American and Caribbean Nations without the U.S. and Canada, specifically, formed, because of her manipulation of the OAS to stop them from taking stronger action, which everyone else—just about everyone else in the hemisphere—supported, to restore Zelaya to office.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Miguel Tinker Salas, I’d like to ask you about the issue of Cuba. But this is President Obama speaking Thursday about whether the U.S. will remove Cuba from its terrorist watch list.

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA: As you know, there is a process involved in reviewing whether or not a country should be on the State Sponsor of Terrorism list. That review has been completed at the State Department; it is now forwarded to the White House. Our inter-agency team will go through the entire thing and then present it to me with a recommendation. That hasn’t happened yet.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Miguel Tinker Salas, what about this removal of Cuba from the list of nations sponsoring terrorism?

MIGUEL TINKER SALAS: Well, a list that the U.S. created, and the U.S. put Cuba on it. I think it’s really a political fig leaf on the part of Obama. He wants to be able to hide behind something, come to the summit, deliver something. The reality is that the U.S., for—Cuba, for the U.S., really became an impediment. It creates its isolation in the region. The U.S. has other interests in the region. They would really like to have a discussion about the Trans-Pacific Partnership. They would like to have an alliance about the free trade for the Americas. They would like to promote what are really their economic interests, so that the issue of Cuba is really a vestige of the past. It is part of a Cold War legacy. It has both national implications in the U.S., but it has, more importantly, international implications. The U.S. is isolated on Cuba in the U.N. Only two countries vote for its support of an embargo. It’s isolated in Latin America. It’s isolated in Europe, Africa, Asia. So, really, the Cuba issue has become really an impediment, a block for the U.S. in the region.

So the U.S. has increased its military presence in the region. It would like to really have a discussion about the FTA and economic interests. So I think that it essentially jettisoned the old Cuba policy, while trying to maintain sanctions, while trying to keep Cuba on a terror list, really put it in a contradiction. Latin Americans reject the idea of the U.S. putting Latin American countries on a terror list. They also reject the U.S. putting Latin American countries on a list of which ones are allies on the drug war, when the U.S. is the largest consumer of illegal drugs in the world, a sort of a hypocrisy there. So I think that there is a rejection to that. That’s why you’ve had the Union of South American Nations; the Community of Latin American and Caribbean Nations; the ALBA, the Bolivarian Alliance. And that’s why you’ve had such a rejection to the Obama policy of sanctions on Venezuela, because the real effort was to make Venezuela the new Cuba, to relieve sanctions against Cuba, to open relations with Cuba, to normalize relations, while at the same time keeping some aspect of sanctions against Venezuela, placating the right in the U.S., placating the right within the Democratic Party. And the whole issue has backfired and threatened to derail the entire summit.

AMY GOODMAN: We want to thank you both for being with us. Of course, we'll continue to cover this historic summit that's taking place in Panama. Miguel Tinker Salas, professor of Latin American history at Pomona College, his new book is called *Venezuela: What Everyone Needs to Know*. And you can [read the introduction](#) at democracynow.org, and we will link to his [article](#) in *The Progressive* headlined "U.S. Alone Once Again at Americas Summit." And thanks so much to Mark Weisbrot, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, president of Just Foreign Policy. We'll link to your [piece](#) in *The Hill*, "Obama Could Face Disastrous Summit Due to Venezuela Sanctions," though clearly the U.S. has pulled back on those.

This is *Democracy Now!* When we come back, a *Democracy Now!* exclusive. A father of one of the Mexican young men who disappeared in the state of Guerrero last September. Stay with us.

2015-04-10 Exclusive: Father of 1 of Missing Mexican 43 on How Drug War Aid "Being Used to Annihilate Students"

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Guests: [Antonio Tizapa](#), father of Jorge Antonio Tizapa Legideño, one of the 43 missing students in Mexico.

[Amado Tlatempa](#), cousin of missing Mexican student, Jesús Jovany Rodríguez Tlatempa.

As the Summit of the Americas commences, several U.S.-based groups and university officials have signed a letter to President Obama questioning his response to the 43 students missing from the Mexican state of Guerrero for over six months. The letter asks why the Obama administration has placed sanctions on Venezuela, but maintained normal relations with Mexico, despite the students' disappearance. Mexican authorities have declared the 43 students dead, saying local police acting on the orders of the mayor of Iguala attacked them and turned them over to drug gang members, who killed and incinerated them. But so far the remains of only one of the 43 have been identified, and reports have pointed to the involvement of federal authorities. We are joined by two relatives of the missing students who live here in New York: Antonio Tizapa is the father of missing student Jorge Antonio Tizapa Legideño; and Amado Tlatempa is the cousin of another missing student, Jesús Jovany Rodríguez Tlatempa. "What I would tell President Obama is to stop supporting Plan Mérida, because the weapons, the arms that are supposedly supporting the war against drugs, those arms are being used to annihilate our students," Tizapa says.

Transcript

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: As the Summit of the Americas commences, several U.S.-based groups and university officials have signed a letter to President Obama questioning his response to the 43 students missing from the Mexican state of Guerrero for over six months. The letter notes, quote, "In Venezuela, during protests in February and March of 2014, 43 people from both sides of the political spectrum died. In Mexico, 43 normal school students were disappeared by government forces. Why should one incident serve as a precedent to impose sanctions while the other is overlooked?"

AMY GOODMAN: Mexican authorities say local police, acting on the orders of the mayor of Iguala, attacked the students and turned them over to drug gang members, who killed and incinerated them. But so far, the remains of only one of the 43 students have been identified, and reports have pointed to the involvement of federal authorities.

Well, two relatives of the missing students, who live right here in New York, recently joined us on *Democracy Now!* for a radio-television broadcast exclusive. Antonio Tizapa is the father of Jorge Antonio Tizapa Legideño, who is one of the 43 missing students. We're also joined by Amado Tlatempa, who is cousin of another of the missing students, Jesús Jovany Rodríguez Tlatempa. I began by asking Antonio what he thinks has happened to his son.

ANTONIO TIZAPA: [translated] What has happened, well, he has disappeared, together with his other companions. And what we don't understand is why they did it.

They are young. They are students from a rural normal school for teachers. They are young people from poor means. And the majority, 90 percent of the students, that are disappeared are first-year students. They only had two months of being integrated into the school. The reason for why they don't appear, we don't know. And that is why we are here, so that they can give us an explanation, through this medium, and other mediums, that can pressure the government. And I thank this medium, I thank *Democracy Now!*, because it's the first that has given me the opportunity to speak to the American audience. And thank you.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Now, the government says that the youths are dead, but you still believe that your son may be alive?

ANTONIO TIZAPA: [translated] Absolutely, 100 percent. Like the rest of the parents, we are sure that they are alive. Independently, that what others say, that is completely false. We know that they are alive. We know that they are holding them alive, because they are being detained. We don't know the reason. We do not know the reason.

AMY GOODMAN: What has the Mexican government told the families? Why don't you believe it?

ANTONIO TIZAPA: [translated] Because the government says that this is a case that is a closed case. However, there is no evidence. There is no evidence that show us, that prove what the government says happened to them. And while there is no proof, we maintain that they are alive 100 percent.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Tell us something about your son, what were his hopes and dreams, and a little bit about his life.

ANTONIO TIZAPA: [translated] Well, yes, his dream was to continue studying. He had various options. One option was to go to Mexico City also to study in a normal school or to stay in Ayotzinapa, which is where we are from. He went to do the exam at the school for entrance, but he said, "If I have a choice, I want to stay in Ayotzinapa, because I want to stay close to my mother and my family." I, as a father, and his mother said, "It's your decision, son. We are here to support you." And he decided to go to Ayotzinapa. He loved the relationship to children. That's why he wanted to—made the decision to become a teacher.

AMY GOODMAN: I wanted to bring Amado Tlatempa into this conversation. You are the cousin of one, perhaps two, of the young men who went to the school, who were abducted? And you grew up together with them in Tixtla? Amado, why would the government target the students?

AMADO TLATEMPA: [translated] This is an old problem, that has decades, of the school and the government, because the students fight for their rights to gain a better life, to gain better housing, better food, better education. What they do is they take to the streets to be heard. And the government treats them like delinquents. So this is a problem that's been going on for decades.

AMY GOODMAN: Can you tell us about your cousin Jesús? And tell us about growing up in Tixtla, since that's where you grew up. You're both roughly the same age.

AMADO TLATEMPA: [translated] We were born, and we were raised. There are not

many opportunities for progress, and that is why the majority of the youth look for that type of school, where school is almost free. But lately, the Mexican government has privatized education, so only the people with more resources have access to education. This is the repression, not against the middle class, but against the poor.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Antonio, I wanted to turn to a clip of your wife, Hilda Legideño, speaking about your son in a video that was produced by TeleSUR.

HILDA LEGIDEÑO VARGAS: [translated] I'm the mother of a missing student. His name is Jorge Antonio Tizapa. He's 20 years old. We are originally from here, Tixtla, a small town, apparently tranquil, but now corrupted, like many cities, by the delinquency of the government. My son worked driving a van. At three in the morning, he had to go to work. Sometimes I'd go with him so he wasn't alone, and if not, I'd tell him, "Be careful." We had a time when a lot of youths were kidnapped here in Tixtla. I told him to study so you can offer something to your family, your daughter, because he has a young daughter. She's one-and-a-half years old. We didn't expect this was going to happen. What we're waiting for is the return of our children. We're going to keep looking. We're not going to stop.

AMY GOODMAN: Your wife, Hilda Legideño, is one of the leading organizers for the students. What message do you have, living in the United States, to President Obama in our relationship with Mexico?

ANTONIO TIZAPA: [translated] Well, what I would tell to President Obama is to stop supporting Plan Mérida, because the weapons, the arms, with those weapons that are supposedly supporting the war against drugs, those arms are being used to annihilate our students. I ask him to stop that aid. That is what we ask of him, the parents and all the citizens of Mexico, because we are going through a very difficult situation. It is not possible that just because one is a student, they assassinate you. So, please, no more aid to Mexico in the weapons system.

AMY GOODMAN: If you can talk about the history of Ayotzinapa, the school, and its significance in Mexico?

ANTONIO TIZAPA: [translated] Yes, of course, with pleasure. Well, like I had commented, I am from here, as well as Amado. What I can say about the normal rural school is that it's a school that was created for—specifically to help the children of campesinos, fieldworkers, and that way integrate the most marginalized people. The students that attend these schools are sent from regions where there is no water, there's no electricity and no way to get to school—they have to walk four to five hours to be able to get to school—and also to educate people, because there are some places where there is no—people can't read, practically, and in that way, to instruct the people and also to understand the laws that we have. The story of Ayotzinapa was that it was founded many years ago with that goal in mind.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Well, what are you hoping now that the United States government—or could do to be able to assist you in finding a solution to what has happened to your son and to the other youths?

ANTONIO TIZAPA: [translated] I am hoping that the government will open its heart,

the government of the United States will open its heart and put some pressure on the Mexican government. And at the same time, there are parents here in the United States that are doing some conferences in schools to bring to light this case, so that there is more pressure on the Mexican government, so there's a solution. At the same time, we have also—the mother of my child was one of the people who went to Geneva, the United Nations, to build international pressure. That is really the only way that we can attain a resolution. So this is the invitation we make to our American friends so they know the problem that's happening in our country, Mexico. And we appreciate. We are so thankful.

AMY GOODMAN: And your final message here, Antonio?

ANTONIO TIZAPA: [translated] Well, I have my message. Well, as a father, I thank everyone. I thank everyone here. And please don't forget to support us. Believe me, it is very difficult, the situation. I would not wish it upon anyone. Thank you for your support.

AMY GOODMAN: Antonio Tizapa is the father of Jorge Antonio Tizapa Legideño, one of the 43 students missing from the Mexican state of Guerrero since September; and Amado Tlatempa, the cousin of another missing student, Jesús Jovany Rodríguez Tlatempa. The Mexican government has declared the students dead, saying they were attacked by local police and killed by a drug gang. A number of the parents of these students from Mexico are traveling in the United States in caravans, condemning the U.S. government for its role in the drug war. They believe the students are still alive. Special thanks to Alex Franco for the translation. This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman, with Juan González.

2015-04-10 Blueprint for Post-9/11 Surveillance: U.S. Began Bulk Collection of Phone Call Data in 1992

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Guest: [Brad Heath](#), investigative reporter at *USA Today*. His in-depth report published this week is "U.S. Secretly Tracked Billions of Calls for Decades."

An explosive new report reveals the federal government secretly tracked billions of U.S. phone calls years before the 9/11 attacks. According to USA Today, the Justice Department and Drug Enforcement Administration collected bulk data for phone calls in as many as 116 countries deemed to have a connection with drug trafficking. The program began in 1992 under President George H.W. Bush, nine years before his son, George W. Bush, authorized the National Security Agency to gather logs of Americans' phone calls in 2001. This program served as a blueprint for NSA mass surveillance. We speak with Brad Heath, the USA Today investigative reporter who broke the story.

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AMY GOODMAN: The program began in 1992 and served as a blueprint for mass surveillance by the National Security Agency. For more, we go to Washington, D.C., to Brad Heath, the *USA Today* reporter who broke this story, headlined "U.S. Secretly Tracked Billions of Calls for Decades."

Brad, welcome to *Democracy Now!* Explain what you found.

BRAD HEATH: Sure. The Justice Department announced, or revealed, I guess, back in January that it had been gathering up telephone metadata, the same stuff that's on your phone bill, for calls to designated foreign countries. And it left a lot of unanswered questions. And what we found in looking at it was that this is a program that was older than I expected and ended up being a lot broader than I expected. You know, I guess it's no surprise that they were looking at Colombia and Mexico. But 116 countries is a pretty expansive list. And for a long time, they were keeping records of basically all calls from the United States to all of those places, as a way, at first, to try to find drug cartels and their networks in the United States, and then it became a much more expansive thing.

The case in which they finally revealed it was a guy who was charged with trying to export electrical equipment to Iran, so not a drug case at all. And the thing that really surprised me the most was that, you know, when the DOJ and the DEA first said they'd been doing this, a lot of people speculated, well, here's another example of kind of war on terror tactics that are being applied to domestic law enforcement. And it's actually the other way around, that this started nine-and-a-half years before September 11th in George H.W. Bush's administration, and this was the blueprint for a lot of what NSA started doing after September 11th.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, Brad Heath, we'll link to your [report](#), investigative reporter at *USA Today*.

2015-04-07 Suzanne Lie~A Message from New Friends – The Blue Avians and the Arcturians



Dear Blue Avians,

I am first writing my message by hand, as I find it is the best way to meet new Galactic Beings. Since my first incarnation – if numbers such as 'first' mean anything within the NOW – was as a member of the early Lemurian Bird Tribe, if possible I would like to establish an on-going communication with you.

I feel as though you, the Blue Avians, you and the Arcturians are very intermingled with your joint service to Gaia and awakening humans. Please respond to let me know if I could have the honor of communicating with you.

Our Dear Suzille,

We, known in your language as the "Blue Avians," which is actually a description of our appearance rather than a title for our flock, will happily address you. You are correct that we are united in service with the Arcturians, with whom we often join as a planet moves into the final stages of contact with the masses of Galactics who have silently been assisting them for much of their "time."

As you realize, we have different kinds of information to share, from a different perspective and often with different people. Of course, the information and people only appear different to your 3D perspective. We see you all as ONE Personal/Planetary Being. Just as you see the parts of your body to be different, but they are all parts of YOU, we see different members of Humanity to all be YOU.

As you, Humanity, expand your consciousness/perceptions into the higher frequencies of the fifth dimension and beyond, your inner experiences and how you interpret them will greatly change. We ask that you now close your physical eyes and perceive us with your Third Eye...

Do you perceive all the 3D clutter inside your brain? Before we begin, we ask you to collect all that clutter into your heart and Love it free. You are NOW in the process of remembering how to BE the Master of your mind. Mastery of your mind is the forerunner for your process of Ascension.

ALL Ascended Beings had to become the Master of their 3D minds prior to their Ascension into their higher dimensional expression. Once the mind is mastered, it can be connected infinitely with your Multidimensional Mind. The constant Unconditional Love flowing through your

connection with your Multidimensional Mind will greatly assist you to become the Master of your emotions.

The key to becoming the Master of your emotions is to release your 3D habit of reacting to life. Via your higher dimensional thoughts and emotions you can release your old habit of reacting to stimuli. Instead, you will be able to observe stimuli as you "read" it via your higher states of consciousness.

From the perspective of your higher consciousness, your thoughts and emotions do not need to "react" to life because you KNOW that it is YOU this is choosing/creating your life. In the higher dimensions, "choosing" and "creating" are the same terms. You choose to create your reality by choosing to attach your consciousness to that which you have chosen to attend.

"Where your attention is, there you are also!" is one of the most important aspects of the Ascension process. Another important aspect is, "There are no mistakes or accidents during Ascension," as YOU are the creator of your reality. As you monitor and take full responsibility for the frequency of your thoughts and emotions, you will increasingly flow into an ongoing awareness of the higher frequency thoughts and emotions that are infinitely within you.

We send you this preamble to our message because we want you to know that as your consciousness expands, you will begin to perceive the myriad higher dimensional friends circling your planet. Remember, you may NOT see these friends via your 3D perceptions, but via your fifth dimensional and beyond perceptions.

To summarize, your third-dimensional, outward focused perceptions may not reveal our presence. It is true that we can, and do, briefly lower our frequency into the third dimension to remind you all that we are here. However, just as you could not stay at the bottom of the ocean for too long without making special adjustments, we cannot stay in the third dimension for too long without making major adjustments.

For one thing, we are timeless Beings who flow within the NOW. You know that time is different in different states of consciousness via your dreams. You could have a dream that seemed to last for a lifetime and awake to see that your clock has only added a few minutes of your "time."

We will explain to you how we perceive you, our dear friends wearing physical vessels. For one thing, to look into your reality, we must look through the 3D Matrix. The 3D Matrix contains the frequency plate that you perceive as your physical world. To see you in this manner, we must re-calibrate our perceptions into lower frequencies.

This re-calibration is much like the calibration that you use with binoculars where you "turn the wheels at the base of the binoculars" to adjust your perspective. In this same manner, we adjust our perspective down in frequency from our innate perception to see reality in the manner that you perceive it while wearing your Earth vessel.

We will explain this re-calibration process with visualization, as only your imagination could understand what we are saying. You might say that we have a "bird's eye" vision of your dimension, as we look down (in frequency – not space) to perceive the beautiful 3D vision of Gaia's blue orb.

You have all seen this vision via your space stations. However, these pictures only reveal the third

dimensional qualities of your planet. Furthermore, the pictures that your "known" space programs (as there are MANY unknown space programs) share with you are greatly altered to hide their many nefarious ventures of which most of you are completely unaware.

From our fifth dimensional perspective we see what humanity has called "New Earth." Remember that time ONLY exists in your 3D/4D reality. Also, creation begins within the core in the higher dimensions and moves out into the lower worlds to be revealed in lower and lower dimensions by imprinting itself on Gaia's third/fourth dimensional matrix.

From our "higher perspective," we see the "blue glow" of fifth-dimensional Earth with clear blue skies and oceans. Gaia is, indeed, a blue jewel in space. We also see an armada of Starships from everywhere in your local Universe who have come to observe and assist.

We are, as you can imagine, serving a Multidimensional service. We have merged our consciousness with fifth dimensional Earth so that we can enter into the lower frequencies of her Multidimensional matrix. The purpose of this Multidimensional matrix is to read the consciousness of the inhabitants of Gaia to instantly provide all that is necessary for the life forms of that frequency.

We wish you to know that as you return to your own higher dimensional perceptions, you will have the same perceptions as ourselves. However, we perceive from our position on our Starship, whereas you may perceive it via the Lightbody you are wearing on fifth dimensional Earth.

We now lower our perceptual focus into the fourth dimension of Earth. From this perspective we see uncountable changes occurring all over fourth-dimensional Earth. These changes are occurring in different timelines, alternate realities and parallel realities, as well as within different sub-frequencies of the fourth dimension.

As we enter the Spiritual Sub-plane of Gaia's fourth dimensional Earth, we see the "I AM Presence" of Humanity and all life. We also observe with loving support as we see more and more members of third/fourth dimensional Earth crossing into the fifth dimensional version of New Earth.

Many of these changes and Ascension that we can perceive within the NOW of the fifth dimension, are not yet within your 3D timeline. It is for this reason that your planet still carries a resonance in the third dimension. However, Gaia increasingly tires of the nefarious deeds of the lower consciousness members of Her Multidimensional matrix and is ready to release the third dimensional expression of her matrix.

She is aware that there are still many Beings that would not be able to attach their consciousness to even the higher sub-planes of the fourth dimensional lattice of her Multidimensional matrix. Therefore, Gaia waits.

As we lower our perceptions to perceive this causal Subplane of fourth dimensional Earth, we see that many of you, the Ascending Ones, have completed your Earth lesson of "cause and effect." You NOW remember that whatever you send into the 3D Matrix of Gaia will return to you.

By learning that lesson, your consciousness has expanded into the Causal, and for some the Spiritual sub-planes of the 4D component of Gaia's Multidimensional matrix. Those of you who have expanded your consciousness to this frequency and beyond are busily creating more and

more sections of Light on this matrix.

These areas of Light serve as Portals through which we, the higher dimensional Beings, can attach our awareness to integrate our consciousness with your fourth dimensional reality. Through these Portals of Light we can also send forth thoughtforms of our Starships, as well as actual smaller crafts that we have lowered in frequency enough to be perceptible to your dream state and meditative mind.

What many of you do not realize is that in order to enter your holographic third dimensional reality, we must do so as a holographic projection. Many members of the holographic reality that is attached to your third/fourth dimensional rungs of Gaia's Multidimensional matrix, do not perceive us as a hologram, as you are also a hologram.

Since your third/fourth dimensional consciousness has labeled this holographic world as "real," you also perceive us as real. We remind you that all third/fourth dimensional realities are holographic projections from your higher expressions of SELF.

ALL of you, even those who are playing the roles of the "dark side," all exist as ONE unified consciousness of Earth in Gaia's fifth dimensional expression. We understand that this information may be very difficult for you to accept. You intensely feel your pain, your happiness, your sorrow, your birth and your death.

Because you have seen yourselves as victims to your reality for so long, you have deeply embedded your consciousness into the lower frequencies where "victims" and "creator" are different terms. Many of you have forgotten that you chose to play out situations in which you perceived your SELF as a victim, so that you could remember that YOU are the creator of your reality with your own thoughts and emotions.

From your pre-birth frequency in the higher realms, you forgot how deeply the illusions of the third/fourth dimensions merged with your sense of SELF. Therefore, we and many other members of your Galactic Family are lowering our resonance to assist you to remember that YOU are US.

When you cannot consciously remember your own higher frequencies of SELF, you believe that you are trapped in the lower worlds and can only leave it via what you have titled as "death." To us, your "death" is perceived as "logging out" of your holographic reality and returning Home to your REAL self. We want you to remember that important fact.

Now, as we continue our journey through one of the wonderful Light Portals that you, the members of Earth have opened, we begin to perceive your third dimensional world through our Multidimensional perspective. Therefore, we perceive all of the versions of your SELF.

We can easily perceive what you may call a "string of Light" that connects all the myriad incarnations that you have taken within your NOW of some timeline, alternate and/or parallel embodiment on Earth. Because of the great importance of releasing the veils of illusion between dimensions, many of you have taken multiple incarnations in the hopes that at least one of you will fully awaken to your higher dimensional expressions.

Our perception of your third dimensional "rung" of Gaia's Multidimensional matrix is that it is a reality in the process of great change. We can feel this change within our bodies, just as you can feel the great change within your bodies. Your bodies, your Earth vessels, represent your direct

connection to the planet.

Since your small, individual Earth vessel is constructed of the same earth, air, fire and water as the planet, YOU are a miniature version of Gaia's Earth. One of the things that we perceive, and many of you are beginning to remember, is that your fourth dimensional auras are becoming Multidimensional.

We also perceive that many of you have consciously or unconsciously activated your Multidimensional Lightbody and on the verge of being able to burst into Lightbody when the situation calls on you to do so. Since, your Lightbody is Multidimensional, while in that frequency of your SELF, you will be able to replicate our journey, but into the higher frequencies.

In fact, many of you return to your Ships increasingly often. By returning to your higher SELF while maintaining a connection to your Earth vessel, you are able to remain attached to the 3D matrix via your Earth vessel, while you also connect with your fourth dimensional dreamtime.

Once you have taken those rehearsals of returning to your SELF, you are often ready to make your "maiden voyage" to visit your Starship on which your Lightbody SELF is serving to assist Gaia. In this manner, you are able to remain "in active duty" on 3D Earth while your ALSO continue your active duty on physical Earth.

We invite you to ask to be taken Home to your Starship before you sleep. Or, you may chose to use the power of your imagination to move up (in frequency) through the fourth dimension to visit your Starship in the fifth dimension. Many of you do so on a regular basis. All you need do NOW is to REMEMBER!

Call on us and we will assist you,
The Blue Avians and Arcturians

Flying to Lemuria

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=yYbtiHt1QCI

Lemurian Bird Tribe

Question for my wonderful readers,

Have any of you made any new Galactic Friends?

I just want you to know that I have talked to many who are meeting and connecting with their higher dimensional Galactic SELF.

It is the NOW!

A Message from New Friends – The Blue Avians and The Arcturians. By Suzanne Lie, April 6, 2015.

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The worsening social pains of government austerity programs now intensify the vast social suffering caused by the crisis since 2007. Beyond this especially severe business cycle, longer-term trends show capitalist mega-corporations moving blue and white collar work to lower wage regions far from the former centers of capitalist production (US and western Europe especially). Profit and competition prompt such relocations. Modern telecommunications enable supervision of far-away factories, offices, and stores almost as easily as those nearby. In the US, what capitalist corporations began decades ago, abandoning urban centers like Detroit, Cleveland, and so on, is now being extended nationally.

In response, especially across western Europe and the US, the last five years have renewed the critical questioning of capitalism as a system. Contemporary social movements such as Occupy Wall Street have been much quicker and more determined to target capitalism explicitly than was the norm for social movements since the late 1940s. Sales of Marx's writings have soared. Renewed interest in socialism and socialist parties is widely in evidence. Anarchist rejections of capitalism are in vogue. Public opinion polls show widespread antipathy toward "capitalism" and equally remarkable positive attitudes toward "socialism."

Factors enabling criticisms of capitalism in the US include the waning of anti-communism as national paranoia, the end of the Cold War, and the fading of its legacies. Criticism is especially provoked by the global crisis of capitalism since 2007. Clearly, the current crisis emerged from the system's internal contradictions; it was not caused by any external enemies.

Discontent with the social status quo not only fuels but also largely defines most contemporary critiques of capitalism. However, after some time of feeling and showing opposition to the status quo, increasing numbers demand some concrete, feasible alternatives to capitalism. They see the limits of proposed reforms (regulations, laws, monetary and fiscal policies) in the history of capitalism since the Great Depression of the 1930s. They view that history as proof of the impermanence and inadequacy of such reforms to prevent crises, deepening inequalities, and most of the other ills long associated with capitalism. They see the need to question and challenge capitalism as a system.

However, they also wish at least to complement opposition to capitalism with some positive affirmation of a better alternative. Critiques of capitalism, its crises, and the inadequacy of "solutions" such as bailouts, more regulations, and austerity have matured significantly across the last five years. They increasingly include explorations and advocacy of transition from capitalism toward systemic alternatives.

However, traditional socialism and communism, as exemplified in the USSR, eastern Europe, and

the People's Republic of China, are not widely accepted as desirable alternatives. This reflects partly their actual histories and partly their demonization by the last 70 years of hegemonic anti-communism. The classical dichotomy pitting private property and markets (defined as capitalism) against national property and central planning (defined as socialism or communism) seems increasingly secondary to critics of capitalism today. Those critics sense that government ownership of productive property and central planning may not be necessary and are surely not sufficient to secure the socialist alternative to capitalism they had hoped for.

Yet they also return to and re-examine Marx's and the major Marxist theorists' critiques of capitalism as the richest resource of critical insight. They are searching for insights into alternatives to capitalism that would differ from the Soviet and Chinese examples. One major recent focus has been on Marx's stress in *Capital* on the production and distribution of surplus located in productive enterprises. This micro-level focus suggests that the alternative to capitalism – where one group of people produces a surplus while a different group appropriates and distributes it – would be enterprises in which the producers of the surplus are also collectively its appropriators and distributors.

The transition from the capitalist organization of the surplus (what Marx defined as "exploitation") to a non-exploitative organization of the surplus inside enterprises was neither the theoretical nor practical focus of Soviet and Chinese communist revolutions. They remained focused chiefly on the macro-level issues of private versus socialized property ownership and market versus planning distribution mechanisms. I have elsewhere examined the salience of this shift of emphasis from macro-to micro-level alternatives to capitalism and applied the results to the rise and fall of the USSR (Stephen Resnick and Richard D. Wolff, *Class Theory and History: Capitalism and Communism in the USSR*, New York and London: Routledge Publishers, 2002). We show there how and why state ownership and planning can be exploitative and oppressive: a state capitalism masked or misidentified as the socialist alternative to capitalism

In other words, something other (or more) than the ownership of means of production must change (from private to state) if transition to another, basically different economic system is to occur. Likewise, something other (or more) than the distribution mechanism must change (from market exchange to planning) if such a transition is to occur. What changes must redirect the economic, political, and cultural behaviors of enterprises, individuals, and governments onto different tracks yielding a better system than capitalism.

The demands for concrete alternatives to capitalism and the critiques of classical socialism and communism from the left have coalesced into renewed interest in and new conceptions of cooperative enterprises. The idea is simple. Major enterprise decisions are no longer to be monopolized by the major shareholders and the boards of directors those shareholders select. That norm in capitalist corporations is to be abandoned. Instead, workplaces/enterprises are to be democratized. Workers are to become, collectively, their own board of directors in fully cooperative enterprises. As such, they would democratically make the major enterprise decisions. They would decide what, how and where to produce and they would distribute the surpluses (or profits) generated in and by their enterprise.

Such workers self-directed enterprises (WSDEs) already have a well-developed website, democracyatwork.info, devoted to them. It shows past and present examples of functioning

WSDEs, examines how they are formed, the problems they encounter, the solutions they have tested, the advantages over capitalist enterprises they offer, and so on. The website provides a continuously expanding bibliography, research papers on WSDEs, frequently asked questions about WSDEs and responses to them, links to the many organizations of cooperative and collective enterprises that now engage many millions, and so on. Other websites making parallel contributions are proliferating.

WSDEs represent the goal of a transition beyond capitalism at the micro-level, inside the enterprises that produce the goods and services upon which modern civilization depends. In such a transition, workers are activated continuously. They must change the structure of decision-making inside the enterprise and then sustain the new structure. Workers in WSDEs retain ongoing responsibility for the enterprise's successful functioning. To that end, they must overcome the complex social resistances to establishing and sustaining democratic workplaces. These resistances include far more than the private ownership of means of production and various market mechanisms. They include the many features of the economy, politics, and culture that, over many years, adjusted to become supportive of the capitalist structure of enterprises. In politics, the executive, administrative, and judicial branches of government at local, regional, national, and international levels need major changes to become supportive instead of WSDEs. The same applies to cultural institutions such as schools, mass media, and so on.

For example, consider school systems whose elite institutions have long been geared to educate future top executive layers of capitalist corporations. Those institutions teach the skills and habits of enterprise overview, direction, design, and top management. School systems would have to reorient and redesign curricula and differently prepare teachers if their social role were to equip all workers to perform the directorial functions assigned to all within WSDEs. To take another example, laws governing the ownership of enterprises (whether ownership be private or public, centralized or decentralized, individual or collective) will need to be changed such that all ownership must respect the rule that all productive workers are also and exclusively members of an enterprise's board of directors.

WSDEs organize economic decisions to serve the interests of the majority of people in each enterprise, the workers. They eliminate the decision-making roles and positions of that minority that rules inside capitalist enterprises (major shareholders or owners and their chosen representatives, typically boards of directors). More broadly, the people themselves – in the persons of enterprise workers and residents of communities interdependent with the enterprise – become the key economic decision makers. Inside the enterprise, the workers become their own board of directors. As such, they receive and distribute the surpluses (profits) their labor generates. That defines the end of exploitation: the end of any enterprise organization in which the producers of surpluses/profits are different people from those who obtain and distribute such surpluses/profits.

The set of decisions to be made by self-directing workers also includes determining what the enterprise will produce, which technology it will use, where production will occur, and who will receive what portions of the distributed surplus. All workers in an enterprise will democratically participate in reaching those decisions. In addition, because those decisions impact particular residential communities, the democratic governing institutions in those communities must also participate in reaching enterprise decisions. Likewise, because those communities make decisions

impacting enterprises, the latter's boards must participate in reaching community governance decisions. The entire structure and operation of economic and political decision-making will need to be reconstituted. To realize an economic system based on WSDEs, democratic decision-making will become a mutual codetermination by workplace and residential communities.

Inside WSDEs, workers as individuals will receive and dispose of their wage and salary incomes. As likewise members of the enterprise's board of directors they will dispose of its surplus or profits. Since the state's revenues and hence its ability to function depend chiefly on taxes drawn from wages, salaries, and enterprise surpluses/profits, the state finally becomes dependent on and thus ultimately accountable to the people economically. That provides the necessary economic counterpart to the state's dependence politically via universal suffrage. That counterpart enables real democratic accountability in society for the first time.

Capitalism blocked such accountability, the realization of democracy, in large part because it made the state and most political parties particularly dependent upon and accountable chiefly to a small minority. That minority comprised capitalists and those (top executives and major shareholders) made rich by capitalists' distributions of surplus to them. By means of a transition from capitalism to WSDEs, economic democracy partners with and thereby transforms political democracy from its so far merely formal status into a reality.

Political democracy has been repeatedly limited, constrained and corrupted by capitalism. That happened because political democracy based on universal suffrage could redistribute or reclaim politically the profits concentrated in capitalists' hands by the functioning of the capitalist economic system. Majorities by their votes could negate capitalism. To prevent that, capitalists had to control politics. Their financial and related resources bought politicians, parties, mass media, lobbyists, think tanks, public relations experts, etc. With capitalism, democracy thus remained mostly formal, a much-venerated veneer covering the absence of real democracy. To become real, political democracy must be intertwined with economic democracy inside enterprises.

WSDEs' decisions would also likely transform the economic and political landscapes of modern societies. For example, the personal distribution of income and wealth in those societies depends significantly on the distribution of the surplus generated by enterprises. Boards of directors and major shareholders now determine what portions of that surplus are paid out as dividends and interest to stockholders and bondholders. They likewise determine the pay packages and bonuses given to top executives. In WSDEs, it is extremely unlikely that worker-directors would pay huge sums to a few top executives while most workers have difficulties covering basic family expenses. Likewise, they would have different attitudes toward dividend and interest payments out of surpluses. In short, personal income distributions would likely change significantly toward greater equality.

WSDE's would also likely differ from capitalist corporations in how they evaluate alternative technologies and product mixes. Major shareholders and boards of directors today, often located far from actual production sites, can insulate their families from many toxicities associated with alternative technologies and alternative final products. Capitalistically organized enterprises often choose a technology or a product for production that boosts the firm's bottom line even if it has toxic effects. In contrast, decision-making within a WSDE would be less likely to do so since its

workers, their families, and communities could less easily evade those effects.

Major shareholders and their boards of directors have traditionally valued profits over most other dimensions of the work process and their negative impacts on workers, residential communities, or the environment. Worker-directors in WSDEs, being as personally influenced by the work process as by its profits, would evaluate the totality of the enterprise rather differently. They would make countless enterprise decisions differently and thereby generate altogether different lives for themselves, their families and communities, and the environment.

WSDEs represent an attractive micro-level alternative to capitalism, especially where it is now crisis-cum-austerity-ridden and declining. They do so whether or not paired with capitalism's classic macro-alternatives: socialized productive property and economic planning. WSDE's offer a positive complement to the criticisms of capitalism that have returned to public discussion in the wake of the crisis since 2007.

Visit Professor Wolff's social movement project, democracyatwork.info.

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2015-03-20 **Remembering Danny Schechter, "The News Dissector": Pioneering Journalist, Filmmaker & Activist**

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Guests: [Danny Schechter](#), author, filmmaker and media reform activist. He died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 72 on March 19, 2015.

The author, filmmaker and media reform activist Danny Schechter has died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 72. Danny Schechter rose to prominence as the "The News Dissector" on Boston's WBCN radio in the 1970s. He went on to work as a television producer at ABC's 20/20, where he won two Emmy Awards, and at the newly launched CNN. But he left corporate media to lead MediaChannel.org and Globalvision. Schechter wrote 12 books, including "The More You Watch, the Less You Know," and was a leading activist and journalist against apartheid in South Africa, making six nonfiction films about Nelson Mandela. He was a frequent guest on Democracy Now! over the years. The last time he was on the program, he discussed the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela.

AMY GOODMAN: We wrap up today's broadcast with a remembrance.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Well, we end the show remembering the author, filmmaker and media reform activist Danny Schechter, who has died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 72. Danny rose to prominence as "The News Dissector" on Boston's WBCN radio in the 1970s. He went on to work as a television producer at ABC's 20/20, where he won two Emmy Awards, and at the newly launched CNN. But he left corporate media to lead [MediaChannel.org](#) and Globalvision.

AMY GOODMAN: Danny Schechter wrote 12 books, including *The More You Watch, the Less You Know*, and was a leading activist and journalist against apartheid in South Africa, making six nonfiction films about Nelson Mandela. Danny was a frequent guest on *Democracy Now!* Juan and I spoke to him in [2013](#) after the passing of Nelson Mandela.

DANNY SCHECHTER: Well, you know, I had the fortune of being at the London School of Economics in the '60s, at the right place at the right time, where the ANC people had come into exile. And in my class was remarkable woman, Ruth First, who became sort of my mentor about South Africa. And I was recruited by the ANC to go into South Africa. They couldn't get their people in because so many of them were in prison and well known to the security police. So, people from England, what were then called the "London recruits," were sent into South Africa on various missions. I was one of them —naive, perhaps, to do this, unaware, really, of the consequences that awaited me if I was—if I was caught. But I went anyway as an act of solidarity.

I went to the funeral of the late Chief Luthuli, who was the leader of the ANC before Mandela. And I, you know, got an insight into how vicious the apartheid system was, how pervasive it was in people's lives. It wasn't just about race. It was about controlling people as labor, as a labor force in South Africa. This was always about economics, not just pigment. And Americans make the mistake of, you know, confusing

what was happening in South Africa with the civil rights movement in America where people fought to have the Constitution apply to them. In South Africa, there was no constitution, and there were no rights for a majority, not a minority, of people. And so I experienced that upfront and personally, in a way, but it also kind of got me involved deeply in South Africa.

And years later, not only did I write about South Africa and was one of the organizers of the Africa Research Group in Boston, but I became active in a project called "Sun City: Artists Against Apartheid." And, you know, just to supplement what Randall Robinson told you earlier, this was not all about lobbying Congress. This was about informing America about what was happening. And in some cases, it was cultural figures, 58 of the world's top artists who indicted the system of forced relocation in South Africa. That's what Sun City was all about. It was a part of an effort to promote a cultural boycott alongside an economic boycott. And it was very successful and worldwide in its impact. And I think that was important.

And then, you know, I helped start the TV series, *South Africa Now*, that ran for 156 weeks, every week, in the United States, reporting on South Africa through the eyes of South Africans. It was their story.

AMY GOODMAN: On PBS.

DANNY SCHECHTER: And it was on public television stations. PBS never really officially supported it, but many stations did. It was also on in 40 countries around the world throughout southern Africa. So it actually had a tremendous impact of bringing the message of the democratic movement to a world audience. And I think that was very critical. And then, of course, the documentaries.

And most recently, I was in South Africa documenting the making and the meaning of this new movie, *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*. And that movie will be in 2,000 cinemas in America starting Christmas Day. And, you know, it's a very dramatized but important film about Mandela, in the way that the movie *Gandhi* was about Gandhi. But it leaves a lot out. And that's why the producers of the movie asked me to write this book, *Madiba A to Z: The Many Faces of Nelson Mandela*, to talk about the rest of the story. And I did so by interviewing over 150 people who worked with Mandela, who were part of this whole struggle. And what I got from them was not only admiration for him, but also a perspective that this was not just one man, but a movement, that pulled this off, this change. And it was a movement that was organized in a democratic manner from the bottom up, not the top down. So, you know, even though we revere and admire Mandela, we have to also pay respect to the people of South Africa who suffered all these years—you know, torture, imprisonment, death—fighting apartheid.

AMY GOODMAN: That was Danny Schechter, "The News Dissector." He was joining us in 2013. He has died of pancreatic cancer. You can watch the rest of that [interview](#), as well as [all of his appearances](#) on *Democracy Now!* at democracynow.org.