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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: 4:30 pm – 2 am EST **History of our Galactic World & NESARA** **Hosts: T & R**

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- The **2013 website also has an archive section:**

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

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A Sunday, Mondays: 9 – 10:30 EST **Cheryl Croci's Activation Calls**

By telephone only: 1 – 605-475-5950; PIN 9467441#

B Tuesdays, 2nd & 4th of each month: **Ashtar on the Road**

9:30 – 11:00 pm EST

Hosts: Fran; Susan Leland channels Ashtar, Mother Sekhmet

www.Ashtarontheroad.com

• Phone Number: 1 – 605-562-3140; PIN 972400 #

• Call is free [except for long distance charges]

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C Wednesdays: 7:00 – 9:00 EST **The Friends of The Aboriginal Moabite Nation Call**

By telephone only: 1- 712-432-0900 PIN 666238#

Replay # [good for 1 week] 1-712- 432-0990 PIN 666238#

Opening Meditation: Rainbird

Housekeeping: Rainbird Thank you!

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we know the White Knights listen but they cannot contribute anything; part of our job is to pay for them too
 - **We need at least \$ 379** for this week!!! Much gratitude for gifts!! Many, many thanks to all who pay it forward. Thanks to all the new donors – makes it easier for all.
 - What we hear and learn feeds our minds and our souls! And, as LM Nada said, it is also part of our contribution to the work being done by Tara & Rama and to the changes going on. **Every little bit helps!**
 - Go to BBS.com/Radio 2; find the listing for Friday Night Hard News; find the **Paypal** button
 - BBS appreciates getting checks through the mail – no fees taken off by Paypal
 - **NO COST TO ACCESS THE ARCHIVES** for any of the T & R PROGRAMS, or the one for Thursday night: Stargate Round Table, hosted by MariettaRobert
 - Re: archives of the other programs on BBS: the money we pay to listen to someone else's archives is put towards our BBS bill!
 - The mailing address for those who do not like paying electronically:
**BBS Network, Inc. [Attention: Don]
5167 Toyon Lane
Paradise, CA 95969**
 - A check / money order means all you send is received; using Paypal incurs a fee.

AN OPTION ON HOME PAGE: A BUTTON TO SET UP A MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION

- T & R:**
- Help with food, gas and bills is much appreciated - \$300
 - **RENT IS DUE BY MARCH 31ST**
 - Also unseen expenses re: the car, which they are preparing for the trip
 - Pray for your own abundance, for that of loved ones and also for T & R.
 - Can donate via the Paypal button on the website: 2013RainbowRoundTable.ning.com
 - **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

Introductory Notes:

- the Gofundme for Rama's operation is doing well: <https://www.gofundme.com/RamaSurgery>
please keep the donations coming!
- **CUSTOMER SERVICE # 1- 888-710-8061 For use in case you cannot hear: DON'T WAIT: CALL!!**
- **CONFERENCE CALL: 9 – 10 PM, EST: 1 – 641-715-3650 PIN#: 353 863#**
- **716-748-0044 - use this number to hear the call very clearly: Link is courtesy BBS!**
- **NOTE:** Please use the following audio link to listen to the entire program.
<http://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-march-25-2016>

HARD NEWS

- Have sent in the application for the operation for Rama: Dr said Rama checked out pretty well – a bit emaciated, but should be OK; Cost will be \$5, 200 – OK to go for April
 - PLEASE GIVE ON PAY PAL AS IT IS NOW WORKING – add a note that it is for Rama's surgery.
- **for those listening:** please send out a note to those you originally sent out the info re: Rama's surgery, and let them know to send their donations via Paypal, given that Homeland Security has interfered with the gofundme process for Rama and for all others using the same process!
- The spiritual energy is saying we are going to learn to walk the steps and not miss anything. And we will

Dr Keshe: along with the 4th dimension being closed and
and all the organized religions get shut behind that door as it is 4th dimensional stuff
and

POPPY LADY called:

- she's in Afghanistan and Kabul: issues the same: Afghanistan looks like Mordor; US is the cause
 - she owned a restaurant in Santa Fe before the story started
 - she has learned the martial arts, dresses like a man, carries a collapsible AK 47 and is as well built as Neo in *The Matrix*
- We are the perpetrators of 9/11 instead of NESARA, thanks to Bush Jr – they are still finding bones and pieces of bodies on the rooftops of buildings in NYC

Trevor Noah – The Daily Show - had a piece on Thursday about robots; they are programmed and trained to learn about humans and then to start communicating with them. One of the androids picked Twitter to use as it's the easiest to learn – the answer to two questions came back “because you ones are masochists” and “9/11 was an inside job”

- R was sent 4 pictures by the Poppy Lady of areas of Palmyra – ancient roman pillars and ruins; the pictures are **of stargates in the area**
 - The Syrian army is in charge of this area now, under Al Assad
 - has to figure out how to print them / upload them: has an old program called ACD pro which is free yet he cannot update it as it costs \$69.99; will talk to Samana

Turkey: 2 journalists have been arrested and charged with being critical of Erdowan; they are to be tried in private and convicted of a “crime” - penalty is life imprisonment

- Jeremy Scahill on *Democracy Now* laid out the crimes of Eric Prince and Blackwater Academy

- Last night, someone else called them and was completely baffled with all of this
 - when we have open hearts, we cannot comprehend the thing called “evil”
 - A long time ago, the intention of those in power was to label all activists “terrorists” and that is what Erdowan is doing - the Patriot Acts 1, 2, and 3
- This is **part of the plan to reduce the entire population to under 2%** -
 - a 1980 report to the president begins with changes to the world's population

The Plan 2000 [ARMAGEDDON]

**SEE BELOW FOR THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT
and be sure to read it!!!!**

The Plan 2000 (ARMAGEDDON)

Written by **Administrator**
19 November 2004
from [NoMoreHoaxes Website](#)

The [Global 2000 report to the President](#), prepared by the Council on Environmental Quality and the Department of State begins as a STUDY for the "*PROBABLE CHANGES IN THE WORLD'S POPULATION, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENVIRONMENT THROUGH THE END OF THE CENTURY.*"

The report concludes that the stresses are already severe enough to deny many millions of people basic needs for food, shelter, health, and jobs, or ANY HOPE for betterment. At the same time, the earth's carrying capacity - the ability of biological systems to provide resources for human needs - is eroding.

In July of 1980, Secretary of State endorsed as official Carter administration policy the Global 2000 report, which according to then Secretary of State **Edmund Muskie's** own words, "THE ELIMINATION OF 2 billion human beings by the year...2000."

The Office of Population Affairs of the U.S. State Department from the National Security Council's Ad Hoc Group on Population policy, U.S. Foreign Policy is being planned and implemented on the basis of its effectiveness in murdering human beings.

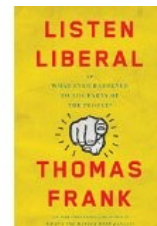
Unprecedented Population growth as spelled out in the [ECO summit Meeting](#) in 1992 in Brazil has required the examination of the statistics provided in the studies of "Human Environment" (1972), "Population" (1974), "Human Settlements" (1976), "Water" (1977) and others has shown the MOST growth of Human species in the last 40 years. The first Billion of population occurred on the planet around 1800; the next century ended with about two Billion; the 3rd Billion around 1960, the 4th Billion in approximately 1974 and reach 5 Billion in 1987. We currently exceed 6 Billion on the Planet and the Technicians of Genocide are now stepping up their programs.

- Joseph Kennedy [father of Pres Carter] was no saint: he was the Hitler of this country!
 - JFK knew that he would be killed & there was a way for him to stay alive [he is alive]
 - they were going to put him in as a Jesuit and then kill him; they killed the clone
 - In 20 years, have killed over 2 BILLION people because they have no hearts, are not human
 - To want money and to uplift and to build light cities won't fly: They do not give a flying **** because their criteria is to present people with what looks like a benevolent program and then kill whoever is involved.
- The door where evil dwells is the 4th Dimension and IT IS NOW CLOSED!
 - the **final message from the Poppy Lady**: pray peace
 - Bernie is absolutely going to sweep the country
 - a tiny sparrow came to his rally and sat on his podium – it was in LA and Bernie was just grinning from ear to ear and looking at the bird! R says it's a message from Kuthumi

Audio: Thom Hartmann – Conversations with Great Minds

- a message from Thomas Frank who wrote a book called **Listen Liberal**, the title taken after Cecil DeMille's book: **Listen Yankee**

[Listen, Liberal: Or, What Ever Happened to the Party of the People?](#) Mar 15
2016 **by Thomas Frank**



<https://www.rt.com/shows/big-picture/336241-democratic-party-special-hour/>

Thom discusses the state of the Democratic Party in a special hour-long
Conversations with Great Minds with journalist Thomas Frank, author of the new
book "Listen, Liberal: Or, What Ever Happened to the Party of the People?"

IMPORTANT NOTE: We are **returning to 716-748-0144**

- **605 number is cancelled: BBS is not switching to that network: it's not reliable**
- **We will be keeping our own conference # - 641-715-3650, PIN 353 863**

CONFERENCE CALL

Reading: An Experience with False Information

[see below]

- these ones have been planning for a long, long time to do this kind of thing and get Lightworkers to believe it: they don't care whether we are good or what
 - Hitler got up and used references to Christ etc all the time
- 1999, March 9th, the NESARA 250 page bill was taken to Congress to made into Law
- 88 years later, Obama stepped on to the turf of cuba
 - as Rachel pointed out 88 stands for Heil Hitler: numerically, H is an 8, so HH = 88
 - 88 is the love card, destiny card for Melchizadek
- T had a floor to ceiling painting of the I AM, commissioned by artists
 - there is a fake one in which the white light coming straight down from the white rays of the sun, directly into the human body at the bottom of the painting, has had inserted in it about half way down, an image of jesus christ – meaning that the only way to heaven is through the church and the rite of baptism
 - it's a denigration of what Jesus said because it takes away our power
 - the **4th dimension, the astral plane, HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN.**
 - All organized religions with the dogma that says we are all sinners and cannot go to Jesus because of that are really damaging everyone.
 - Madam Blavatsky founded the Theosophical Society: the first Russian woman to become a citizen of the US
- In 2003, on Jan 29th, St Germain came through & said NESARA was done: set-up was complete.
 - The window of time at Christmas for the potential of announcing NESARA was 5 weeks, not the usual 2: during this time, the head trustees of the Rothschild Trust were killed – they'd lost the game.
 - NESARA is not about money, NOT AT ALL. The idea of the church being the money bags of the planet and using money instead of divine love and compassion – they set it up so they could kill all but 2% of us and then bring in the rest of their reptilian friends to earth and take over the planet
 - While Lucifer was tempting "Jesus" who was really his look-alike brother Arohabbi, Jesus, Magdalene and the rest were going to the Langedoc area in France via the underground systems and never came out – Judas /Thaddeus was not a traitor, but a distraction so the Romans & Pharasees would not notice the disappearance of Jesus and family
 - Constantine – Emperor of Rome, 325 AD: he called all the different sects together and out of the meeting came the Nicene Creed, and the declaration that Jesus was a heretic and had committed crime against the state

- Rama was working in a restaurant in Santa Fe and channeled Mother for Feisal's brother
 - ultimately King Feisal was assassinated
- Sufism is the highest expression of the mystical realm: it covers Catholicism, Protestantism, and Islam
- the Dark ones took out Mommy and Daddy Ballard so they could insert
 - Both WW1 and WW 2 were pre-planned
 - the plan has been going on for 13,000 years to take the people out so Planet Earth could be the new home for the reptilians who blew up their home planet of Maldek, now an asteroid belt
- yes, Jesus was a Nazarene, yet he was also an Essene
 - the Nazarene Essenes went into the Agartha network which they accessed through Mt Carmel, near Nazareth, and took the land speeders to under the Giza pyramids and a place between the queen's and the king's chambers; the Ascended master said that class was now in session: there were so many people who did not comprehend at the level
- In 1947, the Lucis Trust took over the Theosophical Society; they created a space called K 17 which contained all the information about the presence of the galactics – no one except the elites was allowed to see the contents of that section of their archives.
- the white pope was supposed to be infallible – Mother was denigrated as an evil myth and the feminine was denigrated too
- She describes the painting

The mandate of T & R is not about money:

- The NESARA document was 250 pages, put together by 16 people, including Barack Obama who was not a Senator then: since the time of being 18 and going to Mars and knowing about the 38th level above the President, he knew he was a double agent. He was specially selected to be a Manchurian Candidate and worked with Zibignew Brezenski
- History has been so programmed out of everyone!
 - Very unusual for Rama to live away from his parents – yet his mother was abusive, she wanted him dead when he was 2½ and did other things to him
 - Both T & R left home at 13; both were born without a veil; she fell into a coven when she was 13, and he was being raised by his wiccan grandmother.
 - in 1980, R met KOS; Twas in Norway, Sweden and Denmark, meeting international teachers and doing workshops in 1980, teaching people to get their S*** together;
 - R was going around with Yogi Bashaan, doing the same thing.
- How did Thom Hartmann blow the whistle on Donald Trump?
 - he is a master and has a requirement to protect his family, so he denies various things, as does Dennis Kucinich who is also gagged
 - What Thom did was let the people call in & say what they wanted to
 - a lady called in and said that AZ was rigged and outlined what happened and a lot more than Thom could say, including that Debbie Wasserman-Shultz set things up
 - instead of the previous 200 voting places, they set up only 60
 - the worst effect was in Tuscon and Phoenix where there were more people of colour than in other parts of AZ
 - the young people did not know they had to be registered as democrats in order to vote democrat

BBS RADIO

Mother Sekhmet / Alcyone [M/A]

WHAT HAS NOW CHANGED

The 4th dimension / Astral Plane is NOW SHUT!

- **all organized religions, meaning dogma, are also shut behind that door**
- **no more karma**
- **no more reincarnation:** the new ones being born / coming in are not re-incarnated souls – they are beings who have never been on this dimension before – they are in the 5th dimension or higher – no more 3rd dimension, no more 4th dimension!

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

Greetings, Children of Ra

- Indeed going deeper into these issues of higher frequency, resonance: everything is in cosmic flux and it is with great humbleness and grace that we [M/A] come at this time of what we call resurrection.
 - It is the resurrection of the high hearts in this time. It is the time of being very much aware that her wayward children are cornered: there is nowhere to go except back to love.
 - It is with great tidings of joy that she can say, in spite of their best efforts to hold on to darkness, many are choosing love yet exiting their bodies. It is just the way of things because they cannot serve 2 masters in a frequency of higher love, that ecstatic, orgasmic joy of peace and the wisdom of grace, and still worship at the feet of her grandson, Lucifera.
 - Cannot do these 2 things: we have to follow the path that has been laid before us since we all came in so long ago and now we have come full circle.
 - This is why she is here at this time; all the stories, all the legends, all the myths and the fairy tales which are not fairy tales – they are real. She is here, returned and Nibiru is in close orbit, proximity; all the ancient brothers and sisters are here too. The master Lord Zoroaster is here; his vimana has been found. The Arc of Gabriel is here; there are 9 arcs still in existence and 6 infinity stones in the Gauntlet of Power, only to be used for creation, not for destruction
- a long, long, long time ago, these technologies were used in conjunction with creation chambers, and how they helped to lend flavour, attitude, and beauty to various planets, stars, suns, star fields; how different galaxies, universes were painted into existence by a mere thought: that is how powerful we are with love.
 - It is as easy as what Mr Q [Star Trek: Next Generation} used to do with a single thought. It is saying we have this ability **now**; it is in everyone's best interests to work with the frequencies of the higher wisdoms of the high heart at this time: it raises everyone's vibration as war and love cannot exist in the same venue: What do you choose? Peace or War?
She chooses love

T: showed the segment of the shoe throwing at Bush in Iraq; they're going to do 9/11 to the end, aren't they?

M/A: The time for fear is over; her children are playing with the ancient technologies of life and death

T: This is Good Friday, right? The crucifixion of the Light happened in every way but in the physical

M/A: no one died on a cross for our sins – what a lie

- Yet the crucifixion was an imposter just like the picture of the I AM was changed - it does not mean – there is a lot of body hopping going and we are so much more than we have a clue about
 - the direct line to higher self means no death and always did, but this is about pulling the layers of the programming away. [changing the I AM painting was part of the programming]
- Thom Hartmann was letting that [removing the programming] happen by letting the callers do the talking
 - lady said that the AZ election was totally rigged, and Debbie Wasserman Schultz got in bed with Sheriff Arpaeo and Jan Brewer and reduced 200 voting locations down to 60 in the densest population areas: Tuscon and Phoenix – people were waiting in line for 6- 8 hours!
 - the young people were not informed – they completely were not told:
 - 10s of thousands were turned away before voting because the law is you have to be registered in the party you are going to vote in
 - a guy phoned in from NH: this happened in NH too –
 - did the same as in AZ and in addition, they flipped registrations: those who were going to vote for Bernie could not vote because they were registered as Republicans!
 - So it was passed down the line that they would write Bernie's name in on the Republican ticket – 99% of the people did not have the right registration so they wrote Bernie's name on the ballot anyway because they were not Republicans!
 - Those who were going to vote for Hillary, voted for Bernie
 - another woman called: why did they say Hillary won when it was declared a virtual tie and they each got 46 votes?

M/A: To answer your question: it is about the fact that Bernie represents peace, & represents taking the power away from the ones who have abused power in a manner which goes against Universal Principles.

- This is where the higher harmonics step in: it's an interesting interplay with all that's going on; as the frequencies of these temples gets higher, resonant frequencies also getting higher. The crystallization of people's ideas of concepts of what has been taught for 3-4 generations and longer - everything being turned asunder.
- As Rainbird said at the start: we are grateful to ride on your back, Mother, into this naqual world where nothing is at it seems. We are in a new reality: get used to it – things are not what they used to be.
- It is about this Divine Order that shows up: it's the mitachlorians, the force, the goddess energy – R uses the words “anima, animas” – these are primordial energies that go beyond gender, bodies. They are what we have legends about called Jeb and Newt: first there was light, and then there was dark; it is about the higher principles the dimensions, of how we interact with the dimensions at an electro magnetic frequency level – pure logic, no emotion involved.
 - As there is emotion, it is about divine unconditional orgasmic love. In the principles about how the frequencies just manifested just for the sheer joy of ecstasy to be here in this time
- this goes along with – Tara had talked about souls who have not been here;
 - they have been in the galaxies and the universes but never incarnated; they are incarnating as the rainbow crystal children who will not tolerate war on this planet ever again. That is the law and it is about bringing in the frequencies that are raising everyone up to the 12th dimension and higher.
 - As it gets more and more intense, folks, keep your head in the clouds and your feet on the ground. Because you are walking a pathless path, there is only your intuition that will

tell you the way because you are the Divine Director of this play now; you asked to be fully masters of the way in which it comes back to wholeness.

- She is here beside us, never going anywhere or deviating from the single pointedness: earth is ascending, everyone along with it – good, bad, ugly and in between; whatever it looks like, it is being raised up - “you raise me up” as the song said.
 - It is about the frequencies that go beyond gender, right and wrong, issues of what words are. There are no words; it is just that sound of one hand clapping, of how the order of the universe, in its divine way, moves and has its being – it just IS.
 - As we fail to define it with the clumsy language that we are using, please excuse her words; it is conveying a holy sound that has always been here, always will be here.

T: it is not clumsy, Mother. It's just that words are somewhat inadequate about the resonance factor of the heart that is being increased right now.

M/A: Venerable D'hanni Ywahoo calls it the sound of creation – a, e, I, o, u – which sounds bring in the holy Kachinas: earth, air, fire, water, ether
[T read her book *Learning Cherokee Ways* some time ago]

- remember the movie *The Fifth Element* ? Bruce Willis looking for the 5th element, looking for love – that is all there is.

T: maybe Rama can find some of those songs on the internet that D'yanni has been singing

M/A: these sounds vibrate an energy field that calls in our merkaba vehicles that are already activated, our X men abilities, the higher principles, are already activated

- how we interact in this tangible field is through the vibration of everlasting, unconditional, divine love – Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
- The first order of business is that black lives matter, all lives matter – it began with the Aboriginal Moabite Nation – as we all came in here and first started taking on form, farming the land, interacting with the people.
- There were groups of forms of beings, called the Nammo – it is spoken about in the Wingmaker papers of which Dr Neruda spoke, and how the Wingmakers came, along with all the other angels and masters and teachers with the divine blueprints of how we become living sons and daughters of the most high. That is where we are returning; it may seem very alien to folks to return to the idea that we are physical suns/sons – like it or not, that is where we are returning to: balls of living love, living light

- may sound like an alien idea, out of place - just as the concept of an old man in the sky with a beard called god – ridiculous! It is about “We see you”, “You see us” as in **Avatar**, and the place called Pandora, the great tree, the great Awah – the holy Mother.

T: sings “we all fly like eagles, oh so very high; circling the universe on wings of pure light” - is this one of the songs D'Yanni sings?

M/A: Not just D'Yanni – all the wisdom teachers follow what we have before us: the good Red Road, with the three sisters – the corn, the beans, the squash, the green chili, the red chile – in this part of Pueblo land, we honour the 3 sisters that come from mother earth and make the earth fertile.

T: Thom Hartmann announced this week that the North Atlantic Salmon went extinct and for all intents and purposes, the north atlantic beluga whales are, also

- Talking about corn: She refers to Richard Manning article about Corn, Corruption and the Presidential Caucuses.
- the success of agriculture is that the empty calories of sugar were introduced in a massive ad program – no matter what, before GMOs, that already destroyed our ancestors

2016-02 -01 **The Trouble with Iowa:** Corn, corruption, and the presidential caucuses
[SEE BELOW]

M/A: the story is as she comprehends it is that the evil ones with the fire sticks came and

decimated the corn mother, and used the wisdom of fire water to separate the mind and the heart – didn't use the plant medicine in the sacred way in which you talk to god/goddess/ All That Is

- it is that the plant medicines are here as divine connectors to all that is – not to just get f***ed up and have a good time
- We were all part of it: the flower children, the baby boomers; yet we had to figure out in a certain way how to fix this reality with the tools that we were given
- so many teachers took the crazy path of logic as Tim Leary and Ram Dass used to call it: and Ken Kesey in the merry pranksters: we are going to go down the good Red Road to Woodstock and find the holy star people and re-connect with star nations
- It has come full circle: now she is back with all the star nations; Mother Earth is healing in spite of all the horrendous stories of the salmon being gone and the other life forms of our brothers and sisters
 - Yet they have all of these beings will be re-introduced after the earth has been righted
 - as Heather Ann Harder said – 30 days: we will come in and help you restore balance to Terra Nova and all will be right with Planet Earth – it is a miracle; you asked for a miracle and here it is – You are the miracle; we have the abilities, use them in the right manner.
 - Ask the seeds – the seeds have the answers
- It is the story of so many who had to do what they had to do to cross certain party lines, certain lines of demarcation across space-time, to get the word out: the return of the Goddess is here
 - It is not the Clinton lady, but it is the story of the original Moabite Goddess – Michelle Obama is who holds that energy: she will be what we have been hearing about - cannot give more information than that – it is in the sacred chalice: the Goddess returns.

T: M explained about the fire sticks and so we know what they did:

M/A: desecrated the corn mother

T: Dr Keshe has the way of restoring the essence of the beingness through the plasma

- he actually said we don't need food – we never did

M/A: Liquid light like they eat on Venus

T: He's using the food element – has different units for things - and is drawing out of a symbolic thing - meaning all food, all nutrients - it goes into the water; meaning any whole food has the nutrients we need - don't have to eat this for that, or that for something else

- Each piece of nature which ever has been debauched no matter what those with the fire sticks did: you can take a piece of fruit at the higher levels and from it, extract the essence and put it in ¼ cup of water and, even if you are very, very hungry, you will be 100% nourished & satisfied: it has all the nutrients we ever need [no more supplements!]
- Mother has said we will not be planting for several years because the soil needs to be replenished and we have to do hydroponics and we are conserving the water continuously

M/A: She takes it a step further than Jacques Fresco and the Venus Project

- they will help us overstand, understand, innerstand, how we interact with the plants, water, the nutrients - the very essence of plasma energy of how we can create living biospheres like they have on their ships, simply for the joy of walking through the trees, etc , where they also have rivers, mountains, oceans
- it is a reflection of what we have been told and it is all returning now – yet the first order of business is helping the least of those among us

M/A: as Mother Theresa has said and others: start with the inner cities and transfigure, transform them this Easter, rather than listen to the lies from the transmission box

- go out in nature, even if there is a little snow where we are and even if the snow came from the chemtrails: we have the abilities within us to transform, transfigure the

frequencies of the chem trails as creator gods, sons and daughters of the Most High

- Water, like Dr Emoto said: work with the sound frequencies of "I love you, I bless you" –
- hold the images of what John Lennon saying in "Imagine all the people": the water feels it, the snow flakes feel it; it changes the very nature of the molecular structure – that is what Dr Keshe is doing with the plasma units.
- As the messages come from on high, as we want to give it tangibility, a form of language that we can understand, overstand, inner stand - take the plasma energy of what is everything that comes from the suns and daughters of the most high – it's called fusion, radiance of the most radiant one!
- We all have it within us: this High Heart is a reflection of the sun; as we radiate that pink rose magenta ray, it brings forth that wisdom – also the grey ray - it balances out all the imbalances going on right now
- the indigo crystal children that are here, from the ages of 5-6 down to 1, the toddlers that are in the stage of about to take the next step of how things move and have their being with their temples of the living goddess: they have the wisdom, the power of the created thought – imagination, as Cynthia Rose used to speak of it: as you think it, so it is.

T: asks to do a few sounds, and they do A, E, I, O U

M/A: Just be with the sounds of creation: it balances out everything

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One – focus on peace this Easter

- She can only say that the highest energies pouring in now are bringing about love, radiant love: stay in that frequency - it changes everything.

Kadoish, Kadoish, Kadoish

Rama: has been sitting in the energy frequency of Mt Kailosh with Lord Shiva; the frequency of the Shiva R – the transformation frequency that is coming in, and that is here, is crystallizing everything.

- this is why we are seeing so much of the polarities being brought front and centre and crystallized into the physical reality
- as Bernie says: you want peace? We break up the big banks and send some to jail or wherever they need to go! The Great Rift, the Dark Rift
- To take it to the higher levels: Money is energy and when you use it in an unbalanced way, it takes you out. **T:** it's the love of money that is out of balance!
- Jamie Dimon, Bernie Madoff, Chase Manhattan – Bernie M did what he did because he was taking all the money of the 13 families and investing it in not so nice energies that did not support the planet, and so it had to disappear –
- Now Beloved Ascended Master St Germain and other brothers and sisters are bringing it fully back into present time.

Audio: HBO Real Time Guests: Friday Mar. 25, 2016



The Interview:

Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) is the junior U.S. Senator from New Jersey, and author of [United: Thought on Finding Common Ground and Advancing the Common Good](#). **Twitter:** [@CoryBooker](#)

The Panel:

Ian Bremmer is President of the global political risk research and consulting firm [Eurasia Group](#), and author of [Superpower: Three Choices for America's Role in the World](#). **Twitter:** [@ianbremmer](#)

Jennifer Granholm is the former Governor of Michigan and currently serves as a Senior Research Fellow at the Berkeley Energy and Climate Institute, a faculty member at UC Berkeley, and a project scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. She is the co-author of [A Governor's Story: The Fight for Jobs and America's Economic Future](#) and is supporting Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign as a senior partner on energy policy. **Twitter:** [@JenGranholm](#)

Reihan Salam is the executive editor for [National Review](#) and a columnist for [Slate](#), where he recently [wrote about](#) the disconnect between the GOP elite and its working-class base. He is a co-author, with NY Times Columnist Ross Douthat, of the 2008 book [Grand New Party](#). **Twitter:** [@reihan](#)

Mid-Show Interview

Jerrod Carmichael is a comedian and the creator, Executive Producer, and star of NBC's "[The Carmichael Show](#)." He is the host of the 2014 HBO special, "[Love at the Store](#)." **Twitter:** [@notoriousROD](#)

Audio: a short item regarding the 40 year sentence for Radovic

Audio: Max Keiser [\[KR892\] Keiser Report: Valley Girl](#) [March 25, 2016](#)

<https://youtu.be/8Xct36kSQBc>

We talk 'tacos and cabernet' as both the media elite and the political elite go like totally Valley Girl as rising inequality and declining wages stump the so-called experts. In the second half we talk to anthropologist and LSE professor, [David Graeber](#), about his latest article, [Despair Fatigue](#). They look at the latest in austerity

outrages and at the complicit media which refuses to cover the resistance to these policies.

Audio: The Daily Show with Trevor Noah – Lindsay Graham as guest

<http://www.cc.com/full-episodes/kuy9wr/the-daily-show-with-trevor-noah-march-23--2016---lindsey-graham-season-21-ep-21083>

March 23, 2016 - Lindsey Graham

Trevor examines how the GOP ended up with Donald Trump, and Senator Lindsey Graham shoots pool and explains why he begrudgingly endorsed presidential hopeful Ted Cruz. (21:30)

Reading: The Dalai Llama's Cat

Closing: Rainbird

**Music: Rumi – we choose love!
John Sebastian sang this song at Woodstock: "Darlin' be home soon"**

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2016-03-25

An Experience with False Information

Don't know how many of you have come face-to-face with false information presented in a video, so I want to share how impactful that kind of experience can be and how I have been reacting to that experience.

By way of context: a friend and her husband, and myself, have been discussing the purchase of one of Dr Keshe's energy units; we finally decided to do it yet she forgot about me when she made the order. The next day she called to tell me what happened and we set out to double the order. In the process of trying to figure out how to do this, we discovered there were at least 2 distributors in our province of Alberta as well as many in Canada - which made us very happy. We decided to get in touch and see if she could help my friend find out how to change the order as my friend was not sure she'd succeeded in completing that action.

As a result of the discussion with the distributor, we found out that placing the order through her could save us the shipping fee at least and, also, did we know that the Keshe Foundation was in the process of bringing under the umbrella of the Foundation, a manufacturing plant in Ontario for the building of the devices in Canada? This made us even happier! Also with the help of the distributor, my friend was able to cancel the order and a day later, received confirmation that the order was in fact cancelled, so the coast is now clear to order through the distributor – once she is fully authorized to be a distributor: we do not know what that process entails but we were told it would be “soon” - a word we've heard all too frequently over the last few months!!! As well, we found out that someone in Edmonton, capital city of Alberta, is planning to host a workshop about setting up these devices in purchasers' homes. This news added more excitement to the whole project as it implies meeting more folks of like mind! The distributor we've been talking to knows about NESARA and other things too . . . great inspiration!

The costs we know about to date are the following:

Unit	500 EU	
Donation	300 EU	
Shipping	<u>80 EU</u>	
Total	880 EU	CAD: \$1,290.00
		USD: \$ 992.00

As of March 16th, the approximate cost is

Plus a probable installation cost, and maybe taxes to boot.

Enter an e-mail from Rainbird:

MUST WATCH! Part 1 KESHE Foundation Whistleblower Sousan Alexander

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duLPevpy0VU>

Streamed live on 17 Feb 2016

Sousan Alexander is my guest today along with Klan Mother Karen MacDonald, relating her first hand experiences with Keshe and his Foundation, very revealing info...Sousan has come forward with this info because she wants to expose Keshe so that others will be able to avoid the Keshe Foundation scams and not pay for devices or classes that they will never get....Please join in and hear first hand these revelations...Part 2 will complete Sousan's experiences...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7oJeNfUmS4&feature=youtu.be>

Streamed live on 17 Feb 2016

This part 2 of Sousan Alexander's first hand experiences, showing documents relating to the Keshe Foundation...She is my guest today along with Klan Mother Karen MacDonald. She has come forward to help prevent others from losing hundreds or thousands of dollars on Keshe products that will never arrive or arrive and don't work...Sousan has come forward with this info because she wants to expose Keshe so that others will be able to avoid the Keshe Foundation scams....Please join in and hear first hand these revelations...

I watched almost the entire video and the initial impact was like a kick in the stomach! Given the information I began with, you'll understand how concerned I was about what I was watching and hearing. The word "whistleblower" is a loaded word; Sousan's background is in science and in security, so when she described what she was seeing and being told when she went to Italy to take one of the classes, it sounded like something out of a movie: buildings in the country with all the associated groups listed on a plaque inside the door, but no evidence of any staff on the premises; receiving only coordinates and not a "proper address" to find the building; Keshe being around only when there were public lectures and not presenting classes to those who had paid for them; getting the run-around from administration as to whether she'd paid or not; doors that were locked or off limits to everyone; more and more reminders that something was fishy because her background in security aroused her suspicions about what was going on; talking to other "students" who had not really been to any classes and scarcely any labs – the more I listened, the more the pit of my stomach sank go lower and lower!

My first concern was for the amount of money the 3 of us were considering investing; then it was about whether Keshe was a fraud or not and, OMG, after all the good things we'd heard from T & R – were we all being taken for a giant ride?

In those circumstances, there was only one thing to do: Call Rama. Which I did. To find out it was an elaborate scheme to discredit Keshe.

I've been thinking a lot about this experience, it being my first face-to-face, directly-in-my-face example of this kind of deception – as opposed to the Black Ops of Boston, for example, or Paris, or London or Brussels where things are not so much in my/our faces. Even though these events do affect me/us, because I/we are not directly involved, I / we can assess them more readily and maybe with some degree of objectivity. And we can certainly shut off the TV or radio.

I've talked a bit with T & R about this: to me, it seemed an enormous investment of money and time to spin the tale that has been created: the people involved were the host of the show from Circle Healing Network**; the whistleblower herself via Skype; a guy with "facts", figures and backup data to support Sousan and the host, and another participant in the initial part whose intent was to show that equipment either did not work, or only worked at a minimal level of efficiency, thus demonstrating that not only was the operation fraudulent, the equipment was also defective. The story told by Sousan was elaborate and, on the surface, well put together – I never thought to question it as I watched: I was so appalled at what I was hearing that it never occurred to me that I was not wearing my "critical thinking" cap. My heart and my stomach were in a whirl of emotion at the time – OMG – What's going on here? Have we all been taken in by Dr Keshe?

Given the complexity and elaborateness of other kinds of dark operations, making a video may not be so hard or expensive, but videos certainly have a visceral effect on viewers, as ISIS / Black Ops know. It may be that the people involved in the video have been so thoroughly programmed that they really believe what they are saying – or maybe they are just being paid to be out and out liars. People who do not have a Rama to turn to as a reference / encyclopedia of experience will go away convinced that what they heard and saw was the truth, and will reject the evidence of those who know better – and so are seeds of discord sown. Which is the point.

This has been a kind of humbling experience: I was taken in by the earnestness and the definitiveness with which the person Sousan told her tale, plus the extensiveness of the detail she presented, as she tried to get answers once she got to the location. For me, whistleblowers have always been those who serve the Light and because that was what I was expecting, I never considered other potentials. A short discussion with Rama flipped my perspective: the presenters in the video were not of the light, either knowingly or not ; Dr Keshe is, and not the other way around. I've been doing a lot of ho'opono ponos as penance for doubting Dr Keshe and also being

thankful for the reference points of Tara and Rama!

** Background on Circle Healing Network, taken from YouTube, it being all I could find.

[Circle Healing Network](#)

Published on 27 Oct 2015

Today I come to you with the first of many videos on healing and oneness. Circle Healing with Heart Intelligence is a personal philosophy and way of life that I have followed for over 30 years. I'll have many guests on the topic of healing. My goal is to expand your thinking on health and healing. Please join my weekly by subscribing to this channel....Thx ...robyn

The Plan 2000 (ARMAGEDDON)

Written by **Administrator**
19 November 2004

from **NoMoreHoaxes Website**

The [Global 2000 report to the President](#), prepared by the Council on Environmental Quality and the Department of State begins as a STUDY for the "*PROBABLE CHANGES IN THE WORLD'S POPULATION, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENVIRONMENT THROUGH THE END OF THE CENTURY.*"

The report concludes that the stresses are already severe enough to deny many millions of people basic needs for food, shelter, health, and jobs, or ANY HOPE for betterment. At the same time, the earth's carrying capacity - the ability of biological systems to provide resources for human needs - is eroding.

In July of 1980, Secretary of State endorsed as official Carter administration policy the Global 2000 report, which according to then Secretary of State **Edmund Muskie's** own words, "THE ELIMINATION OF 2 billion human beings by the year...2000."

The Office of Population Affairs of the U.S. State Department from the National Security Council's Ad Hoc Group on Population policy, U.S. Foreign Policy is being planned and implemented on the basis of its effectiveness in murdering human beings.

Unprecedented Population growth as spelled out in the [ECO summit Meeting](#) in 1992 in Brazil has required the examination of the statistics provided in the studies of "Human Environment" (1972), "Population" (1974), "Human Settlements" (1976), "Water" (1977) and others has shown the MOST growth of Human species in the last 40 years. The first Billion of population occurred on the planet around 1800; the next century ended with about two Billion; the 3rd Billion around 1960, the 4th Billion in approximately 1974 and reach 5 Billion in 1987. We currently exceed 6 Billion on the Planet and the Technicians of Genocide are now stepping up their programs.

Thomas Ferguson was the head of the Latin America desk at the U.S. State Department's Office of Population Affairs.

"Every hot spot in the Third World is in fact a result of failed population policy. There is a single theme behind all of our work - we must reduce population levels. Either governments do it our way, through nice clean methods, or they will get the kinds of mess that we have in Iran or Beirut. Population is a political problem. Once population is out of control, it requires authoritarian

government, even FASCISM, to reduce it. To really reduce population quickly, you have to put all the males into fighting and you have to kill significant numbers of fertile females."

At present 250 million Africans are threatened with death by starvation and AIDS, nearly twenty million in the coming months. The immediate cause is a collapse in food production in most areas of the continent. In truth, the collapse of African agriculture is due to the 'Global 2000' policies of the **International Monetary Fund**, the **World Bank**, and like agencies of the NWO.

The lending policies of the World Bank, under Global 2000 supporter, **Robert McNamara**, have been designed to force African nations NOT to develop irrigation or any advanced farming techniques but to rely on labor intensive low technologies.

THE SITUATION BY COUNTRY

- **ETHIOPIA:** Some 5 million people are in danger of starvation. Ethiopia-Somalia warfare largely provoked by Henry Kissinger.
- **SOMALIA:** 1.5 million refugees and many more nomadic people wait for death. Government is seeking \$2 billion in reconstruction aid. United Nations actions are a preparation for the understanding and use of the NEW WORLD ORDER Police Force to control the world and put us all under the dictums of the **United Nations**.
- **KENYA:** Acute hunger and starvation are occurring in the Karamoja and West Nile regions. 9000 women and children died over a two month period. Food relief is nonexistent.

"The quickest way to reduce population is through famine, like in Africa, or through disease. **AIDS** has made Africa a continent that is set for extinction."

Representative **Richard Ottinger**, Democratic congressman from New York's Westchester County area, sponsor of the Population Policy Act of 1981,

"Overpopulation is a national security question." We have much greater demand on our food stocks, and WE WILL MAKE GOD-LIKE decisions on WHO LIVES and WHO DOES NOT."

William Paddock, advisor to the U.S. State Department under three administrations. In 1980 he was an unofficial advisor to the State Department Office of Population. In an interview,

"We're going to see a rollback of the population. It will happen somehow. One of the four horseman, and the FIFTH ONE, WHICH IS "THE BOMB."

Representative **Paul McClosky**,

"Population is worse than Nuclear Proliferation. When you are trying to dispense contraceptives and advice, as AIDS tried to spread condoms all over

the world, you have to question if that is a valid program."

Henry Kissinger, National Security Memorandum #200,

"Reduction of the rate of population in these States is a matter of vital U.S. national security. The U.S. economy will require large and increasing amounts of minerals from abroad, especially from less-developed countries. That fact gives US enhanced interests in the political, economic and social stability of the supplying countries. Wherever a lessening of population can increase the prospects for such stability, population policy becomes relevant to resources, supplies and to economic interests of the United States."

President **George Bush**:

"Out of these troubled times, our fifth objective - a new world order - can emerge. We are now in sight of a United Nations that performs as envisioned by its founders."

September 11, 1990

"(The Gulf Crisis) has to do with a **new world order**. And that world order is only going to be enhanced if this newly activated peacekeeping function of the United Nations proves to be effective."

January 9, 1991

"When we are successful, and WE WILL BE, we have real chance at this new world order, an order in which a credible United Nations can use its peacekeeping role to fulfill the promise and vision of the UN's founders."

January 16, 1991

From "THE BULLETIN" the plans include the conversion of the United States into a socialist nation... and the merger of that enslaved segment of mankind with other nations into a NEW WORLD ORDER. That goal under that very name, originally written in bastardized Latin as *novus ordo seclorum* has been envisioned by a **Master Conspiracy** for the past two hundred years as the ultimate product of all its crimes against humanity, and of all its subversive onslaughts against western civilization.

GLOBAL 2000 Report is obtained in detail from the Superintendent of documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402

- Volume 1. The Summary Report S/N 041-011-00037-8 \$3.50
- Volume 2. The Technical Report S/N 041-00038-6 \$13.00
- Volume 3. The Government's Global Model S/N 041-011-00051-3 \$8.00 (No Longer Available)

The program of control under the guidelines will come under the Executive Orders from the

President.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11490 (That is eleven thousand four hundred ninety) (Have you read any of them??)

Whereas our national security is dependent upon our ability to assure continuity of government, at every level, in ANY NATIONAL EMERGENCY TYPE SITUATION that might conceivably confront the nation; and WHEREAS effective national preparedness planning to meet such an emergency, including a MASSIVE NUCLEAR attack, is essential to our national survival, and; Whereas the congress has directed the development of such national emergency program of the U.S.

- PART 6: United States Postal Service will register all persons and families.
- PART 7: Department of the Interior will take control of all electric power, petroleum and gas, solid fuels, minerals, and water.
- PART 8: Department of agriculture will take control of all (1) food resources, farm equipment, fertilizer, and food resources.
- PART 9: Department of commerce, takes over all production and distribution of materials including ocean and coastal shipping of all commodities. It will provide for collection and reporting census information on the status of human and economic resources, including population, housing, agriculture, manufacture, mineral industries, business, transportation, trade, construction, as required.
- PART 10: Department of Labor: The Secretary of Labor shall be in charge of mobilizing all civilian manpower under guidance of the Secretary, and used and allocating available workers to required locations.
- PART 11: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, will take over all medical requirements for the civilian population, and all Health manpower, which means physicians (including osteopaths) dentists, sanitary engineers, registered nurses, and others as listed in the Health Manpower Occupations.
- PART 12: Department of Housing and Urban development will be in charge of taking over housing and developing places on a temporary basis.

PART 13: Department of transportation will take over all forms of

transportation and the movement of passengers and cargo.

- PART 18: Federal Communications commission takes over all means of communication and ability to close any radio station or any device capable of emitting electromagnetic radiation of any type.
- PART 19: Federal Power Commission takes over all electric power and naturel gas in accordance with agreements with the Secretary of the Interior.

Executive Order 11490 also calls for the CREATION of 10 (ten) federal districts, called "NEWSTATES" and their capitals. These **10 "newstates"** are already being used by various agencies such as the Postal Service, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Social Security Administration.

All of these provisions are against the U.S. constitution and once implemented (in secrecy) cannot be reviewed by Congress for six months. Enforcement is by the National Guard or Military under jurisdiction (**United Nations Troops** now practicing in and on U.S. military bases,) both active and ones who have been turned over to foreign troops for "military practice" in the control of the United Nations.

On April 5, 1984, **President Regan** signed a highly classified NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION DIRECTIVE (NDSS #84) code name REX 84 which authorized ten huge prison camps located at key defense commands across the U.S. There is also a huge **1 million acre 'restricted area' complex in Alaska** to be used for brainwashing of government opponents during the takeover plans. Butner, North Carolina has also been named as having a citizens detention making a total of twelve located so far.

Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Secretary General of the United Nations.

"The 'blue helmets' on the front lines of conflict on four continents are a symbol of the UN's commitment to international peace and security. Local police must be monitored to ensure that they carry on their duties in the spirit of the NEW ORDER and not the old. Allied with this effort will be the provision of more extensive guidance to governments on training troops and POLICE who they may contribute to the UN for peacekeeping duties. A BILLION people live on less than one dollar a day. Bilateral foreign aid programs were often an instrument of the cold War, and remain deeply affected by considerations of political power and national policy. The centuries-old doctrine of absolute and exclusive sovereignty NO LONGER STANDS, and was in fact never so absolute as it was conceived to be in theory."

**SECRETARIAT FOR WORLD ORDER
COBDEN CLUBS (SEPTEMBER 20, 1991)
INITIATIVE FOR ECO-92 EARTH CHAPTER
THE PRESSING NEED**

A. The time is pressing. The Club of Rome was founded in 1968. Limits to Growth was written in 1971, Global 2000 was written in 1979, but insufficient

progress has been made in population reduction.

B. Given global instabilities, including those in the former Soviet bloc, the need for form control of world technology, weaponry, and natural resources, is now absolutely mandatory. The immediate reduction of world population, according to the mid-1970's recommendations of **the Draper Fund**, must be immediately effected.

C. The present vast over population, now far beyond the world carrying capacity, cannot be answered by future reductions in the birth rate due to contraception, sterilization, abortion, but must be met in the present by the reduction in the numbers presently existing. This must be done by whatever means necessary.

D. The issue is falsely debated between a political and a cultural approach to population and resources when, in fact, faced with stubborn obstruction and day-to-day political despondency which make most of the leaders of the most populous poor countries unreliable, the issue is compulsory cooperation.

E. Compulsory cooperation is not debatable with 166 nations, most of whose leaders are irresolute, conditioned by localist 'cultures,' and lacking appropriate notions of the **New World Order**. Debate means delay and forfeiture of our goals and purpose.

F. The **UN** action against **Iraq** proves conclusively that resolute action on our part can sway other leaders to go along with the necessary program. The Iraq action proves that the aura of power can be projected and sustained and that the wave of history is sweeping forward.

PERILS TO BE HEDED

There is twofold **opposition** which must be eliminated by quick action. There are rumblings among some of the 'South' regions, notably Brazil and Malaysia, to thwart the aims of the **UNCED** Earth Charter and to thwart the international gathering in Brazil in June 1992. There is also the unfortunate vacillation in our own ranks, an argument that the **UNCED** leaders have made the agenda 'too political', and that the way must first be prepared on a less abrasive cultural basis.

We present only the most recent evidence:

Gilberto Mello Mourao, the Brazilian writer, warned in the August 4, Folha de Sc Paulo that at Munich in **1938**, 'It won't be easy to row against the current of that type of ecological epidemic, unleashed against our country, which threatens the structure of our cultural, spiritual, and political values, and against our very national sovereignty... Messrs. Chamberlain and Daladier, heads of the governments of England and France, calmly offered the Brazilian Amazon to the Fuehrer.' **Hitler** reportedly observed that since the Amazon was in South America, the United States would cite the Monroe Doctrine and reject a German occupation of Brazilian territory. "Chamberlain and Daladier responded that the proposal had Washington's backing.'

The prime minister of Malaysia, **Mahathir Mohamad**, announced on August 16

that his country may boycott the Earth Summit and stated that if the conference is used to suppress the Third World, it would be better for these nations to hold their own meeting. Speaking to newsmen in Petaling Java, Mahathir claimed that environmentalists have launched a global assault on **Malaysia**, while it is the developed nations, not Malaysia, who are polluting the environment.

Malaysia's Science, Technology, and Environment minister, **Law Hieng Ding**, announced August 20 according to the New Straits times of August 23, that Malaysia is preparing a document entitled 'Greening the World', urging developed countries to use wealth and technology to turn the deserts green.

Ahmed Djoglas, Algeria's delegate to the August 15 meeting of the UN Conference for Environment and Development, said August 23 in Geneva, according to the UN Inter Press Service that 'We have the old pattern of the North imposing the system and the South having to accept. Non-government organizations are saying that the North has hijacked the agenda, and they are right... They are prepared to let people die but not forests.'

The *Malaysian Sunday Times* editorial of August 16 said, 'Environmentalists make so much of their noble mission in protecting the Environment which sustains all of us... They do not credit Malaysians with much intelligence, with a similar concern for the health of the land and themselves. Shades of precious *fin de siecle* romanticism; visions of the noble savage stalking big game in arboreal groves, in grunting communion with the voices of the land. The same kind of romantic claptrap that got natives all over the world sold down the river into slavery, decimated by small pox and clap, driven from their land into alcoholism and hopeless helplessness.

"**Malaysia** has had its fill of cultural and intellectual domination..."

The *Brazilian Journal de Commercio* on August 19 reported that Brazilian Foreign Minister **Francisco Rezek** said that it was 'hypocritical to campaign to preserve flora and fauna.. If the human race becomes extinct, there won't be any sense in preserving an exuberant flora or fauna on this planet.'

Brazil's chief of staff of the Amazon military command, **General Thaumaturgo Sotoero Vaz**, stated in an interview in the August 28 Folha de Sao Paulo, that the nations' armed forces will not permit Eco-92 resolutions restricting Razi's sovereignty over the Amazon or creating 'Indian nations' within the region. The general did not rule out the possibility that Brazil could be subjected to 'something similar to what happened in the Persian Gulf,' and declared that persons like **Francois Mitterrand** and **Ted Kennedy** would not be permitted to order reductions in or elimination of Brazil's armed forces. **Sotero Vaz** said, 'If those idiots try to come in here, we're going to give it to them and (treat them) like guerrillas....' The governor of the Amazon, **Gilberto Mestrinho**, stated September 8, 'The general's position is the product of looking at reality.'

The president of the Industrial Federation of the Brazilian state of Para in the Amazon region, **Fernando Flexa Ribiero**, was quoted by the press September 14 as stating that environmentalists want to make the Amazon 'a sterile preservation.' He said Eco-92 could 'promote colonialist practices.'

The *Brazilian daily Tribuna de Impresa* quoted **Joann Grossi**, a spokesperson for the U.S. Agency for International Development, as saying that sterilization is the family planning 'method preferred by President **George Bush** to increase the effectiveness of birth control in the Third World.'

The *Italian Catholic weekly Il Sabato* published a September 14 article by professor **Franco Cardini** stating:

"It must be said with utmost clarity that the plans of the International Monetary Fund for the (former) USSR and the eastern countries are infamous... The European Community is in the position to supply not only suggestions, but also capital and technological structures, but all this obstructs the plans of the **New World Order**, which is strictly hooked to the United States, the country that remains (have we forgotten?) the most indebted country in the world, and is facing a crisis of production exemplified by the crashes of the stock market and the big banks. It is this new frontier that re-emerging liberalists would like to propose to the former Soviet Union..."

The article has been much discussed in Poland, as the first frontal criticism of the International Monetary Fund and the free-market model from this quarter.

India's delegate at the Geneva **UNCED** negotiations told the Earth Charter organizers, with the support of negotiators from China, the Philippines, Chile, Venezuela, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Malaysia, that 'we are not here as supplicants, and we have not come for aid,' but 'compensatory financial flows' to underdeveloped nations are required, according to the September 13 Indian press. The delegate, **Chandrashekar Dasgupta**, also strongly **opposed plans** to bring environmental matters under the UN Security Council, and insisted that 'development' be put center stage instead of bracketed next to the environment. He told newsmen that both India and China will have to be satisfied on these questions before they attend the Rio summit, declaring that without the assent of India and China, no charter will be worth the paper it is written on.

At the **Non-aligned foreign ministers' meeting in Ghana**, India's external affairs, Madhavsingh Solanke, called September 11 for a comprehensive and integrated strategy on debt and a development consensus for this decade. The African group at the conference sponsored an urgent call for an international conference on debt.

The UN conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) issued its annual report September 16, declaring, according to BBC, that the liberal free market is not an appropriate model for the developing nations. Finance should serve industry, not the other way around, and government has a key role to play in certain sectors of the economy. Directed credit for special projects is sometimes necessary. Developing nations should look to Germany and Japan rather than the **US** and **Britain** as examples. The report deplores the tendency to introduce and 'Anglo-Saxon' banking system into developing countries.

WHAT THE WORLDWIDE FUND FOR NATURE IS SAYING

An official of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said September 10 that the Geneva **UNCED** results were 'absolutely a serious setback. There will be no convention on forests by June 1992 for Brazil. Nobody wants to say it publicly, but the forests convention is finished. The situation has reached a deadlock. This is the first casualty for the UNCED process. Increasingly, we heard the statements of Mahathir, and these can be serious. We hope it is just a tactic to precipitate new negotiations, but it has the potential to set the ball rolling and cause other countries besides **Malaysia** to withdraw. It is a very difficult situation.'

A senior advisor on ecological affairs to Britain's **Prince Philip** said September 15 that Eco-92 organizer Maurice Strong has 'over-politicized' the issue of environmentalism and had raised 'ridiculously messianic expectations' for the Earth summit. '**Strong** is mis-focusing attention away from a clear and present danger confronting the entire ecology movement: The general **shift in paradigm** toward favoring economic growth, in the former communist nations... We should be avoiding too much overt politicking. We should concentrate on change-of-awareness models, and attack the under lying ethical-moral considerations that motivate people. Eastern Europe and the soviet Union, that is our biggest challenge. We will have a major problem if they try to achieve the level of economic growth of the advanced Western nations. This is potentially one of our biggest challenges, and **Prince Philip** is getting more and more involved in dealing with it.

'**Strong** is somebody who spent too much time at his wife's New Age center; it obviously touched his mind. It all reminds me of the so-called Millerites of the 19th century, who predicted that the world would come to an end at some point in 1844, so they all went into the mountains to prepare. The world didn't come to an end, and the Millerites became the Jehovah's Witnesses. That is what I see happening with the Earth Summit. Just listen to **Strong** talk about 'the most significant event in human history ever,' and 'the last chance to save the planet. 'What could be more ridiculous, and guaranteed to create a mess?

We see the backlash already, in the reactions of various Third World countries.

WHAT MUST BE DONE

In the fact of mounting opposition from Third World elements, certain forces in the Eastern European and Russian regions, and by the Vatican, and certain weak-kneed response within the ecology effort, what really is the purpose of traipsing around America to convince a handful of farmers, unionists, local officials, churchmen, and university environmentalists of the necessity of the Earth Charter? If one truly wished to convert the the American public, would it not be necessary to say fully, openly and explicitly what must be done? And that it must be done now?

Do you really imagine that parading some Third Worlders before 'hearings' conducted by local celebrities, the Third World will simply quiet down, or that the American press coverage of these events will overwhelm this opposition?

Will you take action now that **President Bush** has the political momentum or wait until you must convince America to fight a hundred Vietnams simultaneously? This is the time to

save the Anglo-Saxon race and its most glorious production: the Anglo-Saxon system of banking, insurance and trade.

We are the living sponsors of the great Cecil Rhodes will of 1877, in which **Rhodes** devoted his fortune to: 'the extension of British rule throughout the world... the colonization by British subjects of the entire Continent of Africa, the Holy Land, the Valley of the Euphrates, the islands of Cyprus and Candia, the whole of South America, the islands of the pacific not heretofore possessed by Great Britain the whole of the Malay archipelago, the seaboard of China and Japan, the ultimate recovery of the United States of America as an integral part of the British Empire...'

We stand with **Lord Milner's** Credo. We too are 'British Race patriots' and our patriotism is 'the speech, the tradition, the principles, the aspirations of the British Race.' Do you fear to take this stand at the very last moment when this purpose can be realized?

Do you not see that failure now is to be pulled down by the billions of Lilliputians of lesser race who care little or nothing for the Anglo-Saxon system?

THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING POLICY MUST BE IMPLEMENTED:

A. The Security Council of the **UN** led by the Anglo-Saxon major Nation powers, will decree that henceforth, the Security Council will inform all nations that its sufferance on population has ended, that all nations have quotas for reduction on a yearly basis, which will be enforced by the Security Council by selective or total embargo of credit, items of trade including food and medicine, or by military force, when required.

B. The Security Council of the **UN** will inform all nations that outmoded notions of national sovereignty will be discarded and that the Security Council has complete legal, military, and economic jurisdiction in any region in the world and that this will be enforced by the Major Nations of the Security Council

C. The Security Council of the **UN** will take possession of all natural resources, including the watersheds and great forests, to be used and preserved for the good of the Major nations of the Security Council.

D. The Security Council of the **UN** will explain that not all races and peoples are equal, nor should they be. Those races proven superior by superior achievements ought to rule the lesser races, caring for them on sufferance that they cooperate with the Security Council. Decision-making, including banking, trade, currency rates, and economic development plans, will be made in stewardship by the Major Nations.

E. All of the above constitute **the New World Order**, in which Order, all nations, regions and races will cooperate with the decisions of the Major Nations of the Security Council.

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate that action delayed could well be fatal. All could be lost if mere opposition by minor races is tolerated and the unfortunate vacillations or our closest comrades is cause for our hesitations. Open declaration of intent followed by decisive force is the final solution.

This must be done before any shock hits our financial markets, tarnishing our credibility and perhaps diminishing our force.

2016-02 - 01 **The Trouble with Iowa**

Corn, corruption, and the presidential caucuses

By [Richard Manning](#)

I'm driving through these beautiful fields. I want to grab that corn like you've never seen. So rich, so beautiful," Donald Trump told a standing-room crowd last July, at a Make America Great Again "family picnic" in Oskaloosa, Iowa. An obvious applause line, perhaps, but Trump delivered it with the aplomb of a man who had just taken the lead in every national poll. He was speaking to a crowd of about 700 people inside a high-school auditorium, and another 700 or so were standing outside in the overflow section. The appearance of this crowd was, not surprisingly, homogeneous, though one man who looked Latino sat on the bleachers behind the podium, well within view of the cameras trained on Trump. Before the speech, this man had been intensively stage-managed by Trump's people: he was taken off the stage, given a properly logoed T-shirt, then reseated up front, stage left, nope, not quite, and finally reseated on the periphery, stage right, about halfway back.

While the man and the rest of the crowd looked on, Trump moved quickly from the pandering particulars to his generic stump speech, about a terrifying trip to the border ("My wife came home, and she was crying") and murderous Mexican immigrants ("Such a big problem, and nobody wants to talk about it"). If Trump recognized the connection between the corn he wanted to grab and the immigrants he wanted to send home at Mexico's expense, he didn't acknowledge it. But I'd guess that nearly every person in that auditorium understood the contradiction: corn is America's largest crop, Iowa grows more of it than any other state, and Iowa's agribusiness depends on the Latino laborers who fill the towns that the Midwest calls "little Mexicos," one of which was just twenty-five miles from where Trump was speaking.



Cornfield near Indianola, Iowa. All photographs © Danny Wilcox Frazier/VII

This month, on February 1, Iowa's caucuses mark the true beginning of the presidential-election season—the process by which the nation, at least in theory, has its say about the fundamentals of its existence. Trump was just one of twelve 2016 presidential candidates who toured Iowa during

the two weeks I spent in the state last summer. The other nine who were then running would arrive within a few more weeks. Observers have long scratched their heads about the weird positioning of the Iowa caucuses, and every four years pundits declare that Iowa's relevance to presidential politics has come to an end. ("Is Iowa Over?" *Politico Magazine* asked bluntly the month before I was in town.)

It seems to defy reason that this anachronistic farm state— a demographic outlier, with no major cities and just 3 million people, nine out of ten of them white— should play such an outsized role in American politics. But Iowa is not over. In fact, it may be more relevant than ever. Grasping the corn as Trump suggested leads us not just to the tensions of immigration but to all the central issues of the campaign — to health care and obesity, to our nation's worst environmental problems, to poverty and income inequality, and to the entrenchment of a corporate oligarchy. We are what we eat — all of us, not just Iowans. Corn is the foundation of our bodies and our body politic, a truth that is more evident in Iowa than in any other place in the nation. Far from being an outlier, Iowa plays a central role in American culture. The weeks and months leading up to the caucuses represent the one time every four years when our political elite briefly acknowledges that fact.

William Stowe's office sits near the confluence of the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers, which were laid down by the Des Moines Lobe of the Wisconsin glaciation more than 12,000 years ago. The office was built there to superintend the piping and delivery of river water to half a million customers of the Des Moines Water Works. Stowe is the head of the organization. He trained as both an engineer and a lawyer, and lately has needed the latter set of skills. His utility has sued the county operators of drainage districts in rural Iowa in a case that is pending in federal court. Environmentalists nationwide view the case as a bellwether; it may well produce the legal precedent they need to solve a plague of continental scale. Many Iowans view the dispute as a battle between the city and the country; they see Stowe as a pariah.

"We have had death threats," he says. "We're the 'radicals.' We're the 'revolutionaries' who are declaring war on rural Iowa. In reality we are protecting public health, and we're protecting the economic viability of our consumers."



Audience members at the Iowa Freedom Summit, hosted by Iowa Congressman Steve King and Citizens United, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015

The problem is simple enough. Rain falls on Iowa pure and clean, but it arrives at Stowe's intake pipes a few hours later sufficiently polluted to violate federal standards for drinking water. Farmers have been raising corn and hogs in Iowa, and the people of Des Moines have been drinking river water, ever since the Civil War, but only in the past decade or two have the nitrogen fertilizers from industrial agriculture rendered that water undrinkable.

Under the current reading of the relevant federal law, pollution from a factory pipe is called "point source" and is regulated. If a factory or municipal sewage-treatment plant sends concentrated nitrates and phosphorus down a discharge pipe to a river, the feds will put a stop to it. Runoff from a farm's field, "nonpoint source," is not regulated at all.

Nationwide, any river or stream that wends through farm country suffers pollution to the point of death, but in the Upper Midwest, the plague is nearly total. Agricultural fertilizers traveling from the Corn Belt down the Mississippi River have killed a Connecticut-size stretch of the Gulf of Mexico that is now called the Dead Zone. Iowa occupies less than 5 percent of the land in the Mississippi basin, but it contributes 25 percent of the nitrate pollution responsible for the Dead Zone, almost all of which is attributable to farming.

In August 2014, Corn Belt fertilizer pollution led to a toxic algal bloom that poisoned the water supply of Toledo. John Kasich, Ohio's governor then and now, alleged by some to be the thoughtful conservative among the Republican presidential candidates, responded to the contamination of a large city by calling out the National Guard to distribute bottled water. Later he signed a palliative bill, endorsed by Big Ag, that did nothing to sully his business-friendly reputation or to limit the phosphates and nitrates responsible for Toledo's problem. None of this is mentioned prominently in his campaign in Iowa.

At least a third of Iowa's farmland is underlaid with drainage pipes, like the veins of a hand. The same is true in much of Kasich's Ohio, as well as in Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, and parts of Wisconsin and Michigan. Again like veins, the networks gather fluid in bigger and bigger pipes that finally pinch together before discharging into rivers. The Environmental Protection Agency says that farm pollution is not pollution because it doesn't come out of a pipe, but in Iowa, farm pollution does come out of pipes. Nonetheless, paper is waved over the water, a box is checked, and the toxic runoff is transubstantiated.

These days a fair amount of the nitrates are derived not so much directly from chemical fertilizers as from hog manure. There are about 21 million hogs in Iowa, and almost all of them live in hog factories. Each hog produces the waste of about 2.5 people, meaning Iowa bears the shit equivalent, from hogs alone, of about 45 million people, some fifteen times its human population. But Iowa also has 52 million laying chickens, 50 million of which are in concentrated animal-feeding operations (CAFOs) that hold more than 100,000 birds. These birds likewise produce more manure than all the people in the state. Almost none of it passes through a sewage-treatment plant or even a septic tank before making its way through drainage pipes to the public waterways and drinking water.

It is technically possible to remove nitrates from water, and this past year the Des Moines Water Works has been attempting to do that, at a cost of more than a million dollars. But the level and persistence of the pollution have repeatedly overwhelmed the equipment. Absent cleaner intake water, the Water Works will face up to a \$180 million bill to upgrade its equipment, but this

amount vastly understates the cost of the problem. There are 260 cities and towns in Iowa that face similar problems with their water supplies, and removing the nutrients from drinking-water intakes does nothing for the life of the rivers themselves.

There's another way to fix the problem. It involves simple measures such as running farm-field drainage pipes into restored wetlands and permanent pastures instead of rivers. Ten acres of wetland can treat the runoff from 1,000 acres of hard-farmed corn. By timing their applications, farmers might also apply less fertilizer while still ensuring their yields. These measures do not mean growing less food, though they might require some different crops, maybe even raising a few cattle on grass. Scientists from the state's agricultural department and Iowa State University have penciled out and tested a program of such low-tech solutions. If 40 percent of the cropland claimed by corn were planted with other crops and permanent pasture, the whole litany of problems caused by industrial agriculture — certainly the nitrate pollution of drinking water — would begin to evaporate. There are no technological or financial hurdles to implementing this program, but there is a political obstacle: the federal government would have to stop subsidizing the growing of corn. Between 1995 and 2012, those subsidies amounted to \$84 billion.

At this point we would do well to remember that the time-honored mark of a developing country is that its tap water is undrinkable. Today, "Don't drink the water" is sound advice in much of Iowa. Ironically, the American right wing has become especially fond of charging that the policies, real and imagined, of the Obama Administration have reduced the nation to the status of a banana republic. This complaint is especially prominent in discussions of immigration. Nationally, the chief fire-breather on this matter has been Steve King, the Republican congressman from Iowa's Fourth District. He says that those favoring immigration reform "advocate for the destruction of rule of law and for anarchy and the descending down into Third World status." His district happens to contain some of the state's heaviest concentrations of hog factories, slaughterhouses, and restaurants where it is possible to find decent carne asada.

King wields a great deal of influence among Iowa conservatives, and for much of last year there was intense speculation about which presidential candidate would receive his endorsement. He has explicitly praised Trump for following his lead on immigration, but it was also reported that he went pheasant hunting with Ted Cruz, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, and Rick Santorum. (A pheasant hunter I met in Iowa told me that in recent years hunters have had to carry water for their dogs, lest they be poisoned by the streams made toxic by the same algal blooms that contaminated Toledo.)



Slaughterhouse in Solon, Iowa

Finally, in November, King made his choice. "I believe Ted Cruz is the candidate who is the answer to my prayers," he said at a press conference. "A candidate whom God will use to restore the soul of America." Among the candidates with actual experience in elected office, Cruz hews most closely to Trump's views on immigration and many other matters, and he has proved the least willing to criticize Trump. While several Republican candidates expressed outrage at Trump's suggestion that he wouldn't rule out special databases for Muslim Americans, Cruz mustered only the following: "I'm a big fan of Donald Trump's, but I'm not a fan of government registries of American citizens."

Cruz has also distinguished himself in Iowa in a surprising way: he is the only candidate still in the race to come out unequivocally against the Renewable Fuel Standard, the federal mandate that all U.S. transportation fuel contain a minimum amount of renewable biofuel — which is to say, ethanol. Before 2005, when Washington introduced the standard, virtually all of Iowa's — and the nation's — corn went to animal feed or processed food. Now about 40 percent of America's corn goes to gas tanks, the ultimate proof of the assertion that industrial agriculture is not about food. The ethanol mandate is imposed by the heavy hand of government in a manner that violates basic conservative principles, yet the requirement is popular among Iowan business interests, for obvious reasons. During the lead-up to the caucuses, Bruce Rastetter, an agribusiness mogul who has made millions on ethanol and is the state's biggest Republican donor, organized what he called the Iowa Ag Summit, at which he personally gave a public grilling to nine of the Republican candidates on the issues of the day, which turned out to mean, for the most part, support for the ethanol mandate and laments about "overreach" by the EPA in matters such as Des Moines's drinking water. With the exception of Cruz, each of the assembled conservatives had pledged varying degrees of support for a federal intervention that creates a market distortion.

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, her fellow Democrat, have also endorsed the Renewable Fuel Standard. In May, Clinton penned an op-ed for the Iowa *Gazette* confirming her support for the mandate and "other federal incentives that have been a success for Iowa," which she said were central to America's efforts to "lead the world in clean energy," the evidence borne by Iowa's rivers notwithstanding.

The day after Trump spoke in Oskaloosa, I passed Clinton's motorcade, two black Suburbans and a white van marked STAFF, as it left the Des Lux Hotel in downtown Des Moines and headed north toward Ames on streets that wound between the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers. Both were swollen and as brown as Bavarian chocolate because of catastrophic erosion from upstream farm fields. Now the rivers were too thin to plow and too thick to navigate — and certainly too foul to drink, polluted as they were with nitrogen fertilizers, pesticides, and hog shit.

Virtually all of the corn that doesn't go to ethanol is eventually consumed by humans, but it usually gets to our plates by a circuitous route. One way or another it is processed. About 12 percent is funneled into industrial refineries that crack corn into its elements: starches and sugars — especially in the form of high-fructose corn syrup, the basis of the high-energy diet that makes so many people sick and fat.

It ought to be harder than it is to account for the American diet. There are, after all, thousands of edible domesticated plants, dozens of animals, and endless ways to raise, combine, and create

food. The big picture, however, is depressingly easy to paint. American agriculture is corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay — four crops that account for 85 percent of the nation’s farmable land. In Iowa, corn and soybeans cover 23 million of the state’s 24 million acres of cropland. One presidential candidate has a literally visceral understanding of the health implications of this fact. Jeb Bush slimmed down substantially before hitting the campaign trail by adopting the popular paleo diet, which can perhaps best be defined as avoiding any of the food that Iowa produces. Yet he doesn’t talk about his personal and quite correct understanding of the country’s fundamental nutrition problem. Instead he ate a deep-fried Snickers bar at the Iowa State Fair, a ritual display of self-flagellation that has become necessary in a state where about a third of the people are obese.



A TV reporter at the Harkin Steak Fry, an annual fund-raiser hosted by Iowa Senator Tom Harkin, in Indianola, Iowa, 2014

The national obesity numbers are not much different, and there has been much bickering among nutritionists, an endless series of conflicting results from gold-standard randomized controlled trials, about the roots of the epidemic, which is responsible for as much as one in four dollars spent on health care in the United States. But there is a simple way to approach the question: we can account for the flow of food. Per capita U.S. consumption of protein and fats has not changed much over the past half-century. Per capita consumption of carbohydrates, however — sugars and starches and Snickers bars made from corn syrup — has risen consistently.

Meanwhile, though fat consumption has not changed in the past fifty years, the composition of the fats in our diet has changed drastically. When researchers tracked the American diet from 1909 to 1999, one commodity stood out. Per capita consumption of soybean oil increased a thousandfold. No other food came close to matching that number.

Soybeans are corn’s fellow travelers, grown by farmers not because there is great demand for veggie burgers, edamame, and tofu but because they complement corn in crop rotation. Most soybeans go to processed food and livestock. The component of soybean oil that is at issue in the obesity epidemic is linoleic acid, a fat that is common to many vegetable oils and ubiquitous in processed foods. Before the middle of the twentieth century, Americans got about 1 percent of their energy from linoleic acid; now they get about 8 percent. When researchers replicated that change in a diet fed to lab animals, with no increase in total calories, the animals became obese. When the linoleic acid was reduced, the obese mice became skinny. The scientists then bred four generations of mice and found that a fixed diet with a high proportion of linoleic acid produced

more obesity in later generations. Linoleic acid belongs to a class of fats, the omega-6s, that have supplanted the other important group of fats, omega-3s, largely animal fats, in our diets. There is even some evidence that linoleic acid prevents our bodies from using what omega-3s we do receive from our food. Omega-3s are crucial for brain development. It is probably too cynical to suggest that food marketers planned a diet that compromised our intelligence, but at least they created a situation they can work with.

There is another way to process corn and soy for human consumption: feed it to animals. As a nineteenth-century observer wrote, "The hog eats the corn, and Europe eats the hog. Corn thus becomes incarnate; for what is a hog but fifteen or twenty bushels of corn on four legs?" Research shows that one of the biggest sources of linoleic acid in the American diet is chicken.

Iowans have one way of saying this: they lament that their state has been "chickenized." You could more specifically say it has been "Tysonized." Tyson Foods prefers to describe the process as vertical integration. A few decades ago, the company began to acquire every step of the process — from producing and delivering feed and hatchlings to slaughter, processing, and distribution — while also expanding horizontally. At the same time, the company almost literally redesigned the biological unit called a chicken, genetically selecting for animals that would gobble high-energy corn and soy to fatten rapidly while crammed in windowless, climate-controlled factories. The goal was a uniform flow of chickens to retailers, especially Walmart and fast-food restaurants. (Annual per capita consumption of chicken in the United States has more than doubled since 1969.)

The process depended on a networked system of growers and farmers, who became contractors. The network was organized as a tournament. Tyson delivered hatchlings, formulated and supplied the feed and antibiotics, and took away the birds when they were ready for slaughter. The company owned every step of the process except the chicken confinements. Growers in a given region were lumped in a pool and paid on the basis of a competitive scheme that ranked them according to the pounds of chicken produced per pound of feed. Everything was tightly monitored by a flow of data that measured corn and soy in, McNuggets out. A productivity gain of a few percentage points meant the difference between bankruptcy and a paycheck for many growers — several people I met in Iowa called them "serfs." It is an interesting extension of an ancient process. As Charles Darwin wrote, domestication is nothing more than hypercharged natural selection. Tyson's competition for survival reformulated chickens, but it also domesticated farmers.

Pork processors, the swine capitalists, saw chicken production begin to crowd them out of markets, and so they adopted Tyson's model. They started in North Carolina, but almost immediately Smithfield Foods brought the change to Iowa. Tyson also got into the pig business. Now Tyson and Smithfield, along with three other corporations — JBS, Cargill, and Hormel Foods — account for almost three quarters of the nation's pork.

In Iowa, the system combines with politics in a curious little diorama displayed on the outskirts of nearly every farm town. Alongside the usual national fast-food outlets, the state harbors a homegrown chain called Pizza Ranch, which has more than 180 restaurants in the Midwest. The chain offers several forms of industrial pork and chicken embedded in a matrix of cheap carbohydrates, but also satisfies a different need: Pizza Ranch "believes in the power of prayer. If you have a specific issue that you would like us to pray for, please send it in using the form below."

Though Democrats used to visit Pizza Ranch in earlier years, the chain is a mandatory stop for Republican presidential hopefuls. The Republican contest in Iowa is really a struggle for the evangelical vote, which has slowly accumulated in Cruz's corner. In December, he drew the coveted endorsement of Bob Vander Plaats, the state's most politically active evangelical, which along with Steve King's endorsement helped move Cruz past Trump in local polls. By the time of the caucuses, Cruz — and most of the other candidates — will have made multiple Pizza Ranch visits. Mike Huckabee told the *Des Moines Register* that he won the 2008 caucuses in large part through such visits: "We created the Pizza Ranch strategy. A lot of people have copied it since then, but I think we created it."

This election cycle, klatches at the chain take place almost daily: a candidate in a suit (or jeans, depending on the desired optics of the day) scarfs a slice while ringed by ruddy men in ball caps, most of them obese, many of them corn growers, chicken growers, or hog growers under contract to a handful of corporations. There they speak about the problems that affect their lives, such as the coming imposition of sharia law. They also talk about the need for the federal government to "get out of the way" of free enterprise, especially their particular brand of federally subsidized free enterprise.

Chris Petersen is a farmer who raises a few hundred legacy-breed hogs in old-school conditions near Clear Lake. The day I visited him, however, he wanted to show me his chickens, a flock of hens that were pecking and wandering, uncaged and un-CAFO'd. Everybody with uncaged chickens wanted to show them to me, because Iowa's chickens had recently made national headlines. The state has the largest population of caged laying hens in the country, and about half of them died last summer from an epidemic of bird flu. There were discussions in the press about whether it was more humane to exterminate infected flocks by turning off the ventilator fans and letting the animals suffocate or by covering the birds with fire-extinguisher foam to snuff them out by the hundred thousands. The total cost to Iowa for the epidemic would finally be estimated at \$1.2 billion.

The traditional farmers I met wanted to show me that none of their chickens had died of bird flu. Avoiding the epidemic, they said, was simply a matter of not raising the birds in caged conditions. All of this went unmentioned in the presidential campaign, except by Carly Fiorina, who suggested that the way to deal with the problem was to find a faster way to deliver federal payments to chicken farmers who had lost birds. Fiorina also called the Des Moines Water Works lawsuit an example of government "overreach."

Petersen is a political animal as much as he is a hog farmer, and he has been deeply engaged with presidential politics for decades. He's on a first-name basis with Barack Obama and both Clintons, and stumped for Al Gore and John Edwards. And yet as we talked at his dining-room table, in the modest frame house that he's lived in most of his adult life, within walking distance of the farm his Danish-immigrant grandfather bought with the money he made digging ditches for drainage tiles, he did not speak much about the campaign. Hillary Clinton would be just a few miles south that week, but Petersen showed no excitement, perhaps because the Clintons' political fortunes were greatly aided in the early days by Tyson money; the two Arkansas dynasties arose in parallel. Bill Clinton was Tyson's biggest political supporter, and he delivered the eulogy at the funeral of Don Tyson, the company's former CEO. Hillary Clinton sat on the board of Walmart, the retail pipe for chickenization.

But Petersen's disengagement likely had far more to do with something William Stowe told me:

“Tom Vilsack has been a terrible disappointment.”

When Obama appointed Vilsack as agriculture secretary soon after taking office, it was a way of making good on his campaign promise to reform industrial agriculture. As governor of Iowa, Vilsack had been a supporter of reform, and as agriculture secretary he used antitrust regulation to challenge the Tyson-engineered tournament system. Tyson responded by joining with Smithfield and other meat producers to mount a multimillion-dollar lobbying campaign, complete with astroturf opposition and congressional arm-twisting. Big Ag outplayed Vilsack at nearly every turn, and he quickly backpedaled on the new rules. Finally, Congress killed the reform effort late in 2011. Two years later, with the fundamentals of its business plan intact, Smithfield sold itself to the Shuanghui Group, a Chinese company. What Smithfield sold to the Chinese was less its pork production than its control of Iowa’s politics and its landscape. The irony of some of the world’s last remaining Communists taking over from Iowa’s swine capitalists is outdone only by Donald Trump, who spends whatever time he isn’t using to bash immigrants bashing the Chinese. He offers no hint, of course, about how he might best the Shuanghui Group, which, through finely honed contracts, now controls the landscape of all that beautiful corn in the Midwest.

When Rubio, Walker, and Fiorina joined Trump in railing against China, they got personal, directing their fire at China’s president, Xi Jinping. Not long afterward, Terry Branstad, Iowa’s Republican governor, who serves primarily as a shill for Big Ag and is in all other matters philosophically aligned with the Republican field, issued a statement that took exception to the seditious talk. Schooling the candidates about the realities of who owns Iowa, he said that Xi “calls us old friends, not just me but a lot of people in the state of Iowa. That’s an important trading partner, so we want to keep that relationship.”

There is no doubt that conservatives would like to win the presidency, but they don’t actually need to. We have a naïve sense that to correct wrongs in our country, we simply need to elect the right president, pass the right laws, and that’s that. Politics in a state such as Iowa, however, teaches us that laws are only the beginning of the process, the opening bell for litigation, lobbying, and defiance. Faced with a federal mandate to regulate hog manure, Branstad simply cut the budget that paid for inspectors. Likewise, he roundly criticized William Stowe, urging Des Moines Water Works to address its issues with collaboration and volunteerism.

“What we see every time we hear ‘collaboration’ is buying time, a defense for the status quo,” Stowe told me. “The status quo will ultimately bankrupt our rivers and seriously jeopardize the public health of our consumers.”

Faced with regulation that will limit the carbon emissions that are killing the planet, Mitch McConnell, the majority leader of the U.S. Senate, a fellow who has sworn to uphold the Constitution, urged states to violate the law. The tightly organized, cohesive network that is the American right wing has abrogated the social contract with wholesale, institutionalized civil disobedience. Want to regulate the manner in which farms pump liquid shit? Sure. Can you do it with the twenty-eight inspectors Iowa has to oversee 4,000 hog factories, the pumping on which occurs almost entirely during a few weeks in autumn, and often at night?

The standoff that results from all of this plays out across our continent. Those endeavors that produce food and energy need scale and landscape and are of necessity rural and are of necessity unspeakably destructive. The industries involved must be free to operate on their own terms in the landscape in the nation’s midsection, where the states are red and square. As Stowe says, all they have to do is to protect the status quo. To do that, they don’t need to play to checkmate; stalemate and gridlock are success enough. Iowa’s caucuses, and for that matter the whole presidential ritual, will do

nothing to change this.

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