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Saturday History Call

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

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

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

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

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530 – 763 – 1594 [line 2 & 3]

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 - Scroll down to **Saturday History Call with Tara and Rama**, and click on **"Library Archives"**
 - Click on those words and you will be taken to the listing of all program archives, the latest one being at the top.
 - You can download the program to your own computer or listen directly.

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

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

II TO ACCESS OTHER CALLS SUPPORTED BY 2013 Rainbow Roundtable

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***
9:00 – 10:30 pm EST Host is Fran; Susan Leland channels Ashtar & others
www.Ashtarontheroad.com

- Phone Number: 1 – 559 – 726 – 1300; PIN 972400##
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C Wednesdays: 7:00 – 9:00 EST ***The Friends of The Aboriginal Moabite Nation Call***
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Replay # [good for 1 week] 1-712- 432-0990 PIN 666238#

Opening Meditation: Cheryl

Housekeeping: Rainbird

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we can access program archives on BBS
 - The radio program costs \$ 300 per week; **this week, we need \$ 300**
 - Everyone doing a little helps a lot - **many thanks to everyone for paying it forward!**
 - Go to BBSradio.com/Station2; find the listing for True History call; find the **Paypal** button
 - BBS appreciates getting checks through the mail – no fees taken off by Paypal
 - **NO COST TO ACCESS BBS ARCHIVES** for either of the 2 T & R PROGRAMS, or the Thursday night program: MariettaRobert's Stargate Round Table
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5167 Toyon Lane
Paradise, CA 95969
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- T & R:**
- The rent has been paid. Thanks to all who contributed.
 - They also need money for **food, gas and +/- \$400 for bills.**
 - We can donate via the Paypal button on the homepage of 2013 Rainbow Roundtable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTE: Please use the following audio links to listen to the entire program.

http://bbsradio.com/syncf/True_History_of_Our_Galactic_World_and_NESARA/True_History_of_Our_Galactic_World_and_NESARA_2015-05-16.mp3

http://bbsradio.com/syncf/True_History_of_Our_Galactic_World_and_NESARA/True_History_of_Our_Galactic_World_and_NESARA_2015-05-16_HOUR_6.mp3

Intro Notes

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

Hard News

T: had torrential rain, cold, then hail, then a snow blizzard and now at 3:30 pm the sun is trying to come out;

- In Nebraska, had 2" of hail; thunder storms with lightening – damage to a number of buildings
- anomolous weather is going on, also anomolous weather going on with the shifting of the ages – there's a horror story and behind it, an emergence of a whole new event in our history – for the first time!

R: there is a gold lining to all that is happening with the weather patterns; a change is underway

The Matter of the Mind radio program

- Mark Perry, a hypnotherapist, shaman, magical person from Santa Fe: has a program called *The Matter of the Mind*
 - Today, Timothy Leary's former wife, Joanne Smith was on radio about her book: **Tripping the Bardo State**
 - talked about being a debutante of European aristocrats / plutocrats – they are all lizard men and lizard women
 - Timothy, in middle to late '60s, with help of Ram Dass, Richard Alpert, woke some folks up with mouldy rye bread
 - In the middle ages, they had ergot mould that formed on mouldy rye, the grain that the bread was made of and they tripped out
 - Joanne also lives in Santa Fe and talked on that radio show about a ayahuasca trip somewhere in Switzerland; some beings talked to them about the coming changes which are happening right now, with the middle east, the opening of the stargates and all the dimensional beings who have gathered: the gathering has already begun!
 - when the Captain gives the word, things will really start working; Greece is the trigger finger – the beginning of the end; Greece will give no more money to Hitler's daughter – that is what the lady said today! On the radio!
 - **This information came from Spirit back in the late 70s** when she and Timothy did a trip in Switzerland – they got the word that Greece would be the trigger to disrupt the entire picture going all the way to the Middle East.
 - Timothy Leary was not as crazy as everyone thought; he was on, but he had an issue with the kundalini: it was not OK to play with little boys and little girls and trip your brains out and not do kundilini correctly. Ram Dass has done his stories, as well. *What is being brought into focus here is us being taught how to use Twin Flame and soul essence energy with each other so there are no issues of abuse or anything else.*
 - Leary was involved in a series of experiments with the CIA, FBI, NSA and other ABC agencies who were playing around with early forms of liquid LSD and giving it to all kinds of people across the planet.
 - **Joanne** talked of DMT which could be one of the key elements to help cure PTSD for soldiers: provide a "chill out space" where they go and eat 5 grams of mushrooms and face their ghosts, with a shaman to guide them. On the other side, they have a transformational, transfigurational healing, and the VA could pay for it. Wants to get in touch with Bernie Sanders to get some help with this so the soldiers don't have take pharmaceuticals.

Camp Lovewave

- guests were a group of Pleiadians, called Laarkmaa [go to laarkmaa.com to see all info]
 - they are talking about right here, right now, we are the ones we've been waiting for: star fleet is here, in our face.
 - The rescue teams will be given – like in the Tarot cards where the hand comes out of the clouds and give the cup - They are saying: here we are, and we are the ones who are going

to get this done right in the moment.

- Also some high powered members in the Pentagon - members of the Joint Chiefs - have been approached by Lord Linkor of the Intergalactic Confederation of Worlds; they were told in no uncertain terms: start yapping or we'll pull the strings and do the talking.
- These ones look like humans, but are a little taller; look a little different but are totally human
- the folks from Larkmarr said Mr Obama is getting poked from both sides to begin discussing full disclosure, in addition to all the other issues on his plate. They say if he dropped the dime on this issue, it would solve all the others.
- The Laarkmaans are Pleiadians from a solar system outside the Pleiades; they have a signal from their ships that is transmitted via Alcyone to our section of the galaxy so they can make contact with us.
- They talked about nature: described it as watching a cat looking at a bird and it is completely one with the bird: this is how we must get with the reality as we know it of this planet and the frequencies pouring in – it changes physical time and space.

- They talked about moving time and moving space, and actually manipulating space/time and teleporting various locations around on the planet – in a sense, learning how to fine tune our abilities for what we are supposed to be doing as gods / goddesses as learned from our stories / legends which are not myths or legends – they are actual facts.

- Slices of his story / her story have been conveniently cut out but they are in the Akashic Records and the Halls of Amenti: if we can get to these places, we can learn it all

- they also said there are 100s of 1000s of sightings across the planet that have not been discussed since Jan 1, 2015 – they are saying **if you are waiting on the rescue team, WE'RE HERE! STAR FLEET IS NOW! IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN!**

- Mr 19.5* is being poked from all sides to discuss this, and that there are issues more important than this one – yet someone else will bring it up & the chips will fall as they may: Gaia / Vywamus have said now is the time to introduce a new slice of the story and how things get totally changed.

- This is shifting reality for so many folks: They talked of the energies coming from the Great Central Sun that have laid people out flat for months: some folks have been laid out with the energies.

- The fake news is what it is: how do you describe a planet that is so rich in water, and we are water . . . in response to T's comment, he says
 - yes, the water is polluted, but with a few tweaks and a few friends, things can be righted in 30 days. T says they will not do it for us: the people have to participate

Syria • Abu Sayyaf and his beloved wife Oom Sayyaf were picked up by US boots on the ground in Syria, Deirez-zur; he was one of ISIL's leader – they wanted to capture him, but he ended up dead as a result of hand-to-hand combat, a snatch and grab operation using blackhawk helicopters – Ospreys-

- The same kind of helicopters are being sent to a base south of Tokyo: President Shinzo Abe is trying to force this down the throats of his people via the Dyad, their congress – the opposition is fighting tooth and nail; he wants to start WW 3 in cahoots with those from the US Congress.

- Also to change 9th amendment – the people got no input: same process as the TTP here

R: the people from the Pleiades said the really bad dream we are living through: help has already arrived!

- **Syria:** Sayyaf ended up dead; looked after the financial affairs of ISIL; His wife was in charge of human trafficking/slavery; there was a young girl at the house who made the food and did the chores for them– they brought the girl too into detention in Iraq

- 12 other ISIL members were killed too

Amtrak train crash: some kind of something went through the windshield

- the engineer offered what he remembered, was cooperative, but did not remember the crash; the conductor heard a conversation between this engineer and another engineer who was talking about being hit by some kind of projectile. Someone on another train said he had been hit too.
- Walter Sumwald of NTSB: says the engineer remembers sounding his bell when he goes past a station stop; he did that and recalls that, no further recollection of the crash
- Train to be re-assembled by tuesday so they can study it

Egypt: ousted President Morsi and others were convicted and sentenced to death – more than 100 of the Muslim Brotherhood were also sentenced to death for the prison break

Situation is the same in the US: brings up the Global Resarch article:
2015-05-16 Death Penalty for Boston Marathon Suspect Drives Nail in the Coffin of US Justice System **[SEE BELOW]**

It was Navy Seal Team 3 that did all the killing; just traded back packs; this person is programmed to the hilt and they want him dead. They did work on members of the jury in some manner.

Nepal: the Nepalese army says all 8 bodies of the chopper than went down have been found.

Kentucky: a grade schooler was dragged down the street by a school bus; she is recovering. Her back pack got stuck in the doors and was dragged about 100 ft!

- Tom Hayden's distilled version of his bio – one of the infamous Chicago 8 who burned their draft cards and said no more war! Member of Students for a Democratic Society. Has all kinds of books, articles, co-sharing on documents to his name;
 - latest book **Listen Yankee! Why Cuba matters.**

Melissa Harris-Perry 5/16/15

Audio: First Lady Michelle Obama speaks candidly about race

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/michelle-obama-speaks-candidly-about-race-44660025966>

When First Lady Michelle Obama addressed the Tuskegee University graduating class of 2015, it was with a history lesson meant to inspire the graduates with a message about triumph in the face of adversity. Assistant Prof. at Rutgers Brittney Cooper and "M

Duration: 10:23

What's striking about Michelle Obama's speech

1:43 hours

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/whats-striking-about-michelle-obamas-speech-446601283651>

"CBS News Sunday Morning" Contributor Nancy Giles and The Nation's Kai Wright join Melissa Harris-Perry's table to react to the powerful and candid messages on race from Michelle Obama at Tuskegee University's commencement.

Duration: 5:03

'This is how the war against ISIS is prosecuted'

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/this-is-how-the-war-against-isis-is-prosecuted-446602307570>

Kevin Baron, executive editor of Defense One, explains what we know about the U.S. Special Forces raid inside Syria that killed a senior ISIS leader and whether it's likely we will see more of these kinds of operations in Syria in the future. Duration: 4:10

Why are we seeing a decline in religious affiliation?

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/why-a-decline-in-religious-affiliation--446602307958>

A new study shows the number of American adults who say they are not affiliated with any religion is big -- and growing. Melissa Harris-Perry and her guests consider what this signifies. Duration: 9:17

Young people explain what role organized religion plays in their life

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/young-people-on-role-of-organized-religion-446604355870>

Millenials on the street answer one question: What role does organized religion play in their life? Melissa Harris-Perry and her guests react. Duration: 7:10

When religion affects our politics

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/when-religion-affects-our-politics-446605891631>

People who aren't affiliated with a religious institution can often be less likely to show up to vote. Melissa Harris-Perry and her guests look at the role of religion in politics and why presidential candidates could be walking a fine line. Duration: 4:40

Have race issues gotten worse or better?

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/have-race-issues-gotten-worse-or-better--442852931550>

Are the issues of race getting worse or better in the past two years? The "MHP" crew hits the streets to find out. Then, Jonathan Rosa, Tara Conley, Casey Gerald and Michael Skolnik join to discuss. Duration: 6:59

Last segment: the story behind the HBO DOCUMENTARY airing Monday night: Southern Rites. Started to look at the integration of the black and white proms in the town in the south; it became more than that.

Reading: 2015-05-16 **BXE New Call To Action**

[SEE BELOW]

Beyondextremeenergy.org - call to action

FERC - Federal Energy Regulations Commission

Audio: Amy Goodman – Democracy Now

[SEE BELOW]

2015-05-15 **As Torture Victims Win \$5.5M in Reparations,**

Could Chicago Be a Model for Police Abuses Nationwide?

2015-05-16 **We Are Seneca Lake: Josh Fox & Fracking Opponents Fight Natural Gas Storage Site in Upstate NY**

Audio: RFK in the Land of Apartheid – 1966

[SEE BELOW]

<http://video.pbs.org/video/2072153414/>

There is more information from PBS below, including access to the various speeches he gave.

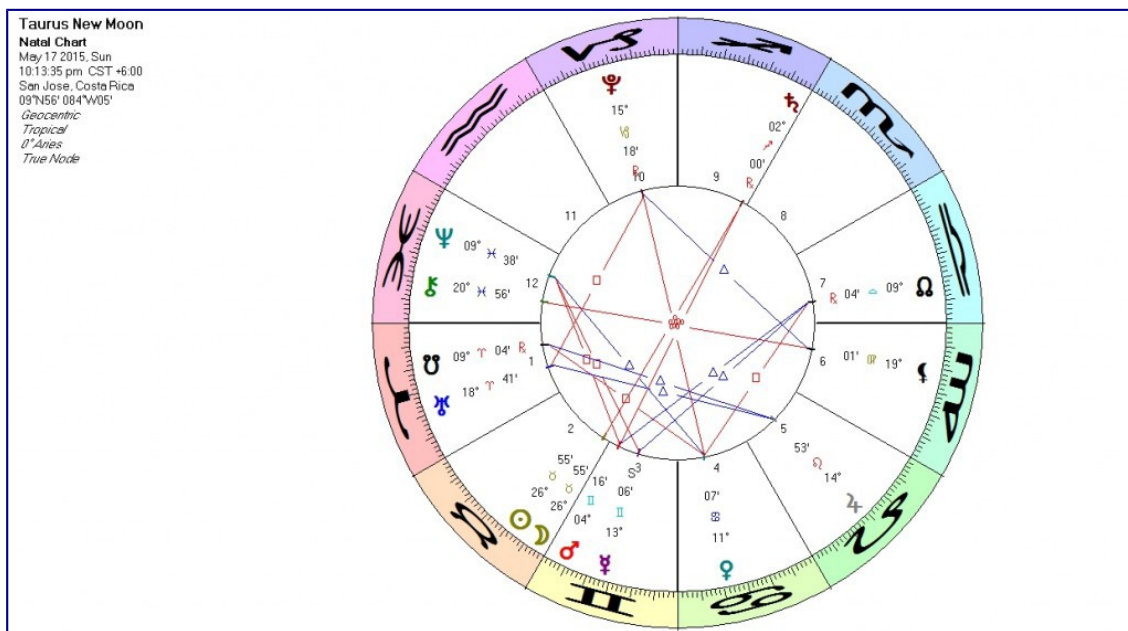
ASTROLOGY

Audio: THE PELE REPORT

<https://youtu.be/cB0kvGhIPho>

Time is the hoe turning the soil,
Piercing the surface to expose what's down under,
And as the farmer plants seeds for food production,
I must weed out my lies and self deception,
That strangle my dreams and instead bring destruction.

CLICK the chart below for a larger, printable version



[click here to download/listen to the Pele Report mp3](#)

Alright everybody! Maybe you know what I'm talking about! We got a New Moon coming up in Taurus, the Builder, and Taurus wants to build something strong that's gonna last. In the meantime, Mars is opposite Saturn. The challenge here is that Mars in Gemini wants to multitask to get it all done FAST and Saturn, father time, wants to go slow, reflect, teach us something, and stay calm, cool, and careful. In this case, patience, forbearance and perseverance will go a lot farther and be more successful than angry, willful words and actions. There are lessons to be learned in what may seem like a slow motion replay that the universe wants us to see.

The rewards can be substantial for maintaining equilibrium and allowing your ship to come in. Jupiter in Leo is offering us the prize of creative solutions, heart expansion, and love connection if we can just not get stuck in isolationism. Good time to speak what has not been spoken, not with the aim of "winning" so much as the aim of uniting. Make love not war and everybody wins!

Richard: Tom's report is full of material! Needed to hear it again!

- 27* Taurus is the direction of the new moon; the Sabian symbol z'an old indian woman selling the artifacts of her tribe – the peaceful adaptation to the collective's needs". He prays we can do this transition with peace.
- To review the North Node: still in Libra 10* - having past safely through narrow rapids, a canoe reaches calm water.
- A higher lesson: the self control and poise necessary to reach a steady state of inner stability
- We are in the season of Gemini; Venus led the way and is sending us information: Venus is a download of love, downloaded from Jupiter
- Gemini is the first of the air signs; holds our entire mental matrix – Venus left Gemini on May 8th; Mercury is at 13* Gemini, close to the middle of the sign – the middle of the sign carries the essence of the sign. Mars entered Gemini on 12th, so now we have a continuing – think of it as the matrix of all Geminian characteristics: communications, thought, the written word, the mechanism of the communications of the written word – the media;
- Mars tonight is at 4 Gemini/ May 21st sun goes into Gemini; Mercury goes retrograde on the 19th – it's an initiation for our skill in our ability to operate within the mental matrix, represented by Gemini

Pitfalls: the Borg had it right in one way: resistance is futile – don't hold that idea but work with the magical mystery master – Sag is the opposite of Gemini, and is all about expansion with discipline, control – that's the test. A northern European god: Logi is the mischief maker – Thor's half brother – we need to be cautious and watch out for deception; use judgment –

Richard has decided judgement is a good thing when used in the right way – not about a person being good or bad, but your karma is your own problem; I'm going to try and keep mine clear. We are in the propaganda wars: the battle on the world stage is my story, your story, his story etc – the matrix, and carried by the internet – this is what we are being tested in.

- He has warned us!
- 27* Taurus is the New Moon – the position of 27 Taurus – the angels of philosophy, the study of right livelihood, highest good of all concerned. The kicker: Mercury retrograde is in 14 Gemini – and the angels of philosophical books – they guide us to the books that will help us to become more loving in our relationships & better brothers and sisters, etc – all relationships.

Reading: Mystic Momma

[SEE BELOW]

Reading: The Clarion Call from On High

[SEE BELOW]

CONFERENCE CALL

R: an awesome message from Bobby Kennedy Jr

Magic Mary: in CA, friends got her a ticket – nice to get away for a while.

R: Say hello to the Golden Gate Bridge! **T:** it needs some great repair: a 520' tall cable is loose!

R F K - in the land of apartheid – Link TV - In 1966 Robert F Kennedy speaks against apartheid – being put on LINK tv.org on a regular basis

Collaboration: New Paradigm May 13th from Link TV – the leading minds of research about whether we are on the edge of a paradigm shift – there comes a time when the operation of the machine is so odious . . . Mario Savio said this

Caller: spiritualprogressives.org – meshing with the new magazine called Tican

and have also paired up with the Boston group, nextsystem.org or nextsystemchange.org

- the humanities team is getting bigger and connecting with theshiftmovement.com

Reading: more from Patti Cota Robles

Caller: asking for information on the blue Avians – Gave her the info **about the galactic solar tour** – has to find **more about the blue avians**

- Nibiru has been circling the sun for a long time; it is Mother's star ship – Earth is also a star ship and the navigation of it has to do with the inner earth beings; Gaia / Vywamus or Tita Lacoria, the Diamond One – the planet/ star ship Nibiru is actually from the Pleiades and is navigating us back to the Pleiades which is where we came from.
- We navigated on star ships **from Pleiades to the Lyran constellation** AFTER we created these bodies/temples of the living god: we were 12th dimensional beings of light and navigated our way out of the anti-matter universe to the Pleiades and to the Lyran constellation
 - We did this navigation and, before the fortunate fall, we only needed our own merkaba. One of the most miserable things we did was separate ourselves from each other; we thought we could create polarity and have the good guy / bad guy stories, & not be in the round table and talk together. Those of us who went to the side of Lucifer decided to destroy 1/3 of a star system – every star has some kind of planetary system around it.
- The **Aurora Sun System, in our Universe of Nebadon**, was completely destroyed.
 - There are 23 suns and around each sun, & there are 12 -14 planets with millions of beings of light on them which meant that trillions of beings were destroyed and all their forms of plasma energies.
 - That is what Metatron re-constituted. These were evil actions, "evil" being defined as "actions taken out of their time/space continuum". Yes, Metatron reconstituted us back to our etheric blueprints yet we **are still accountable for what happened**, that we could even take an action like that: everything has been re-built, but the KARMA which we are responsible for is still there.
 - 450 billion years ago, a huge karma [was created]; we have been navigating through

that mazaroth since that time; the ability to complete that karma after 450 billion years & completely advance ourselves out of the maya we have created: that is what we are doing.

- We can actually move through this vortex of time, and that burst of energy from the gamma rays was made opportune for us so we could make the changes. And this has happened when all of us were thinking so linearly that we thought things would change in a day.
- Caller asks for a discussion of "the Fortunate fall"
 - It has to do with us asking Mother after living eons of time in 12th dimension. Out of curiosity and creativity, we wanted to create an experience for ourselves, and we asked Mother if we could co-create a whole universe with polarity and free will choice: in polarity, we go from unity or one, to two - so we are making this experience for ourselves of literally descending into matter.
 - We were plasma balls of light but were descending even more and creating more limits than we had before - we could do whatever we wanted within free will choice, **except the first guideline/ condition was "do no harm" [The prime directive is "no intervention in a civilization's development except in the case of psychic or physical holocaust]** and the 2nd was: **there are consequences if you do harm, not just to you as an individual but to the collective** because you are all one. We are kept in a kind of play pen when we have cosmic gifts and abilities and are limited in our use of them like a new born baby.
 - There was a fall from grace when two groups decided to go to war with each other: we were given a garden [earth] in which to do the experiment; we didn't want the other bunch to have a share in it - this was the fall from grace.
 - **The great experiment was us wanting to** prove to ourselves that we could do that: get past the veil of forgetfulness that came with having a physical body.
 - The "fortunate fall" is "fortunate" only in the sense that we got to learn what happens when we don't work together; Mother gave us free will choice and we are held accountable for whatever happens. When we made some not such good choices, we could have picked ourselves and said "I'm sorry; please forgive me; thank you; I love you" and FIXED IT - but that didn't happen.
 - In addition, not only were the reptilians who invaded not invited, they also separated themselves and said they needed no Mother. When we made the choice we did, we made it **with** Mother; the ones who separated themselves, saying they needed no Mother, cut out the 12th strand of DNA, the love strand. This idea had not been in the mix; it was a free will choice to do that: they cut themselves off from Source, from Love.

Caller: we've had too much advice from the Annunaki. Where did the satanic ones come from?

- they all came from us: the Aurora Sun System in the anti-matter universe in the Pleiades before we co-created the Universe of Nabadon together. At that point, they did not want to take responsibility for the choices they made; the original "they" could have included any one of us.
- Reptilians are not necessarily [look up SOLTEC] bad; they are part of the Ashtar Command and come from all sectors of the Universe of Nabadon; there are beings who swim in a tank on

the New Jerusalem and connect through electrical impulses.

- When we access more power, we have more responsibility – like Arthur in Camelot: he had a teacher, Merlin [St Germain] who taught him magic. Mordred showed up; his mother Morgana was a witch and changed his shape so he looked like Arthur's Guinevere; when Arthur came home, he thought it was his beloved and guess what -
 - Mordred lost his life force but the accountability for creating a child and usurping the crown of England is something we are still paying for – that was in the 10th century – 1,100 years ago –

Further discussion with T [May 27th, 2015: the usurpation of the crown of England was the hood-winking of Arthur into making love to someone who was not his wife and creating a child who was **not** in the Merovingian line of kings, which went back to Magdalene and Jeshu. Yes, Arthur was a real person as were the others: Guinevere, Lancelot, Merlin.

- Arthur was overlit by El Morya; Guinevere by Kuthumi; Lancelot by AA Michael; Merlin by St Germain. This is the part of the story that we are discouraged from believing but that is what was going on. Also, Magdalene was the first Knight Templar – this order started well before the time of Arthur.
- Furthermore, as Princess Diana is of the Merovingian line, not only are we moving back into that lineage, we are also seeing it merge with the East, via the marriage between Diana and Dodi, son of the King of Egypt, of the line of the Pharos.
 - these are things and the same thing happened in Atlantis: thought we could force issues and get involved in a 5th dimensional level and play with the crystal that powered the entire Atlantean grid; almost sent the planet super nova
 - We've spent our lifetimes making amends
 - the gift we are talking about, that Patti Cota Robles is talking about – we are given the power of that magic – have we learned enough by now? Are we willing for the millennials – we of the prophets generation who are world bridgers – the old white men and the old religions that are controlled – have to change
 - MHP [Melissa Harris Perry] was talking of the millennials [on Saturday, May 16th] who are not buying the stuff – it's a limited perspective with much that is not true.
 - All the institutions have to go; right now, the republicans want to throw out the constitution and start again with their own version of same.

Caller: refers us to Kevin Arnett

- Kevin Arnett's activities have been reported on all along; Angela Merkel is the one who is trying to impose a genocidal regime on the people of Greece – her mission was to keep the 4th Reich in place and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is the 4th Reich in America.

Music

Reading: the rest of Patti Cota-Roble's latest message

Music: more about Robert Kennedy's trip to South Africa

Audio:

T: just had an experience: the vote was to discuss whether we should fast track – which means

another vote if it does not pass.

- there are a bunch of people who got a million dollars each from the Vatican to make it so we would vote to give pres Obama fast-track approval
- Kevin Anett is working with the body of research they have gathered is stunning, not to say what the Vatican is guilty of [Pope Francis is the non-pope]
 - The Senators who took that bribe from the Vatican: when they get to the place where they get such large bribes, it's because they have taken smaller ones before:
Bennett, Michael D Colorado
Cantwell, Maria D Wash.
Cardin, Ben D Md
Carper, Tom D Del [Grayson called him out before – lots of chances for people'
Koons, D Del
Finestein, Diane – D CA
Heitkamp, Heide – N.D. - friend of Ed Schultz
Kaine, Tim – D VA
McKasell, Clare – D Miss
Murray, Patti – D Wash
Nelson, Bill D – Fl
Shaheen – D NH
Warner, Mark D – VA
Wyden, Ron – D OR
- Put them all the Circle of Support

Audio: Collaboration: On the Edge of a New Paradigm?

<http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/collaboration-edge-new-paradigm/>

NOTE: To play the documentary, please go to the website: the web address cannot be copied and pasted.



Collaboration is a documentary film that was created to record the process of an experiment in collaborative work within the context of the scientific community as well as to be a companion piece to the larger PhD thesis of student from Denmark named Alfred Birkegaard. The film discusses why work in groups of large, diverse numbers is so important in the scope of education and scientific research, the challenges ahead in attempting to apply collaborative work in both educational and professional settings, and also introduces audiences to bio-hackers and biochemists blazing the trail of [open source and collaborative work](#) in both Denmark and America.

The lesson to be learned from *Collaboration* affects more people than those who are currently in, or looking to become involved with, any greater scientific or academic community; although the scientific community is comprised of many people who wouldn't consider

themselves a part of it. The film also makes you re-think how you, and how we as a whole, seek to answer the tough questions, and why the current approach isn't the best, as proved by how fast problems can be solved when openly sourced vs. when worked on by a single team of scientists.

Reaping and sowing, another aspect of working collaboratively and taking the time to use the best means as opposed to rushing through for ultimate end of individual gain, is also touched upon in the film in a way that should cause critically thinking audiences to take a step back and look at themselves as individuals as well as our world and country as a whole and what motivates how and why things are done. Our interests as a whole seems very slanted towards reaping, as soon and as much as we can, with no focus on the sort of sustainable sowing that in the past has meant the creation of things like open internet and electricity that we are able to access in more places in the developed world than not.

Collaboration, specifically open source collaboration, stands to end the stifling of anything or anyone who doesn't serve the status quo. Such stifling not only stops an individual from reaching his or her potential, but also stops potential and creativity in general.

Audio: Max Keiser Episode 758 May 16, 2015

<http://img.rt.com/files/episode/3f/38/10/00/kr1605.mp4?event=download>

In this episode of the Keiser Report, Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss the 26 most terrifying words in the English language. They also discuss vigilante governments and bond vigilantes. In the second half, Max interviews Harry Cole (Twitter: @MrHarryCole) about the Conservative party victory in General Election 2015. They also discuss Scotland, the EU referendum and the TTIP trade deal.

Reading: Buddha in Red Face

Closing: Rainbird

Music: Rumi – Coleman Barks – The Song of the Reed.

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2015-05-16 Death Penalty for Boston Marathon Suspect Drives Nail in the Coffin of US Justice System

By [Joachim Hagopian](#)

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*With the jury's verdict now in sentencing an innocent [man to death](#), the US justice system is sinking ever lower in its moral decay. So many giant holes in the prosecution's case were simply ignored. Photos of the shredded backpacks allegedly containing the bombs never matched the backpacks of the Tsarnaev brothers. But the fact that they did match a number of [Kraft International private security contractors](#) photographed at the scene meant nothing. When evidence of a staged "realistic" enacted event complete with role actors and stagehand direction, fake bombs and fake blood, pre-marathon announcements of a "[bomb drill](#)" confirmed by a public notice in the *Boston Globe*, and no real evidence that either Tsarnaev brother committed a crime as much as [admitted by the feds](#), there is absolutely no justice left in America today!*

The very actors seen on video walking around uninjured immediately after the fake bombs detonated are seen many months later showing up at court as fake witnesses brandishing fake injuries. If this innocent US citizen can be framed, found guilty prior to even the fake show trial and then be put to death by a fascist totalitarian police state government, then the stage is being set for any of us US citizens to be next. Below is the original article detailing this gross travesty of justice posted on GR on April 12th, 2015.

With the official government narrative of the 9/11 attack filled with a plethora of lies that have since been subsequently exposed, the next biggest ~~war~~ on terror~~event~~ on US soil that the feds failed to stop was the April 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. And now the lone living suspect from that horrific crime that killed three people, [left 17 limbless](#) and injured 264 victims (though that number's been accused of being [purposely inflated](#)) has now been found guilty of all 30 counts after the jury's 11 hour deliberation earlier this week. As we mark the second anniversary of this tragic event and the second and final phase of the trial beginning on Monday that will decide the fate of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev – whether he'll live out the rest of his life in prison or be put to death, a

critical review of preceding events and developments surrounding his high profile, extremely significant case seems both timely and much needed.

Despite Dzhokhar Tsarnaev pleading not guilty to the 30 counts (17 carrying the death penalty) he was charged within a week after the April 15th bombings last year, his lead defense attorney Judy Clark several days ago [conceded to the jury that her client was guilty](#) in her closing argument. Apparently blaming the dead brother whose due process was denied became Dzhokhar's only defense strategy. The defense team insisted that he was coerced and bullied by his older brother into committing alleged acts of terrorism. Considering no real solid proof other than photos placing Dzhokhar and older brother Tamerlan, both wearing backpacks, at the scene of the crime where the two bombs exploded was even presented at the trial, no justice for either the Tsarnaevs nor the many victims can possibly come from this guilty verdict.

If the purpose of the US judicial system in criminal trials is to ensure that all factual evidence surrounding an alleged crime or crimes be accurately and fairly presented so that the jurors can properly assess the best semblance of the truth as presented by both prosecution and defense in order for the jury to adjudicate and decide a defendant's true guilt or innocence, this trial was a complete travesty of justice.

And if a basic tenet of the justice system in the United States holds that a defendant is considered innocent until proven guilty, then again this verdict outcome is an obscene farce and a shameful joke exposing America's justice system for its gross injustice. Just as the 9/11 commission failed to adequately address and answer dozens of questions that its official narrative failed to deliver, and years earlier the Warren Commission failed JFK and America, so does the prosecution's case of evidence of Tsarnaev's guilt fail to be convincing, much less provide definitive and unequivocal proof that the 21-year old Chechen American with his brother committed the Boston Marathon crimes.

And the prime reason why is that so much of the testimony and so called evidence was based on the FBI and local law enforcement's dishonest versions of events that were based near exclusively on the government's one star witness's faulty, changeable, non-credible accounting of events. The identity of this sole witness that even through the trial was never revealed, testified in court by his [fake name "Danny"](#). Later it was learned that Danny's real name was [Dun Meng](#). A Chinese national finishing his masters at Northeastern University in engineering, during his alleged carjacking, Meng claimed that the deceased brother Tamerlan confessed that he and his younger brother were responsible for both the Marathon bombings as well as the murder of the MIT campus policeman.

Throughout his trial testimony, the key witness maintained constant eye contact with what seemed almost like his handler, Northeastern University criminology professor James Fox. Fox clearly acted as Meng's coach and gatekeeper ensuring that Fox would be present in a tentative interview with [WhoWhatWhy journalist Russ Baker](#) though it turned out Fox made sure it never happened. In a television interview with the immigrant gas station attendant that Meng ran to when he escaped, it was Fox once again guarding his henhouse, making sure the attendant stayed on script, an odd role for a criminology professor. But in a case where the entire story was badly scripted by the feds, necessitating absolute control over all outgoing information to the public, Professor Fox was merely playing his part. And that part also included state propagandist.

Samplings from articles he wrote for the Boston Globe, starting with his response to the difficulty of finding a cemetery that would accept Tamerlan Tsarnaev's body, he wrote:

[I truly understand](#) and appreciate why many folks want nothing to do with the corpse of a man who apparently hated America and our way of life... If and when [Dzhokhar Tsarnaev](#) were scheduled to die, his name and image would be plastered all over the news, further increasing his undeserved celebrity in the minds of those on the political fringe who view our government as evil and corrupt... [The bombing](#) seems to have been an attack against American life, not specifically American lives. Those killed and injured were unfortunate surrogates of the intended target: America and the freedoms we enjoy.

When the strength of the state's evidence to convict and execute a man relies solely on one incognito witness whose tightly controlled testimony repeatedly kept changing depending on whom he talked to, how can a guilty verdict be considered legitimate or fair? Virtually the entire guilt or innocence of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev rested on what this one alleged witness claimed, yet [he kept changing his story](#) on numerous occasions despite his gatekeeper's best intentions.

The other so-called incriminating evidence used against Dzhokhar was a bogus, totally unbelievable written confession that he is purported to have [written in the dark on the inside wall of the boat](#) he was hiding out in. Dzhokhar was supposedly laying there nearly bleeding to death from the alleged gunshot exchange with police a few hours earlier. Yet on video footage the young man is seen emerging unassisted from the boat appearing bloodless and uninjured only to be admitted minutes later to the emergency hospital room in critical condition suffering from a deeply sliced neck wound that prevented him from speaking for weeks. How did that happen while in police custody? And that came after a swarm of police shot a slew of bullet holes into the boat while Tsarnaev supposedly lay there gravely injured.

Just as the French authorities made sure that no prisoners were allowed to be taken alive in the alleged [Hebdo Paris crime spree](#) in January, nor in Osama bin Laden's alleged execution in Pakistan in 2011, nor in the JFK assassination, that barrage of gunfire into that boat by FBI and/or local police was also intended to kill the only suspect. That way the government's complicity, criminal involvement and subsequent cover-up would have conveniently been eliminated – wiped clean of any messy complications in the form of a suspect trial and the truth inadvertently leaking out. So the US government proceeds with a pseudo-trial that kept the defendant silent and unable to ever present his side of the story. In effect, he may as well have been silenced by the bullets intended to kill him.

Another of the dozens of discrepancies in this case is over how and when older brother Tamerlan actually died. A series of photos of a naked and handcuffed Tamerlan were taken as the police placed him into custody and inside a patrol car. Both [CNN and the Boston Globe](#) reported that Tamerlan was alive in police custody. Yet the feds' official line was that after the brothers robbed a 7-Eleven, Tamerlan was killed in the Watertown shootout with the police while Dzhokhar backed the car over him as he made his temporary getaway. It can only be one or the other. The photos don't lie. Cops do.

For so many incredulous inconsistencies to actually be accepted as convincing "evidence" while so many discrepant facts directly contradict state evidence, and then the "no questions asked" defense and mainstream media throughout the trial passively swallowing it hook, line and sinker

in its rush to convict Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (trial being over in less than a month with 95 witnesses) is utterly preposterous and again, a complete and total miscarriage of justice. For nearly two years all the potential defense witnesses were constantly [harassed, deported, jailed, and even killed](#), thus, virtually silencing any chance of a fair defense for Dzhokhar.

But then the propaganda lies built into this case from the start were designed to convict the brothers as the patsy fall guys all along. Going back to the JFK assassination and Lee Harvey Oswald, every false flag operation has its unwitting stooges who are used by the feds as props to take the sole blame. From [President Obama to the FBI](#) to their propagandist presstitutes, they were all publicly weighing in their guilty verdicts no sooner than the release of the photos that within days of the bombings identified the two brothers as the only prime suspects, thus prejudicing the entire case, effectively swaying Americans into believing that the one suspect still alive was guilty long before his trial ever began. And we know based on both Obama and the FBI's track records that they both are constantly lying through their teeth and obviously cannot be trusted. The overwhelming majority of American citizens per last August's [CNN poll, an all-time high of 87%](#), of Americans simply do not trust their own government, knowing that they are constantly being lied to every day. And with so many blatant holes in the state's case, anyone half aware and informed of what's been allowed to go down in the Boston Marathon bombings case would be near 100% certain that the government is once again producing an over-the-top false narrative designed to hide its own criminality. But then the US federal government ~~to~~ become [a militarized dictatorship](#), part of an [international crime cabal](#) that uses state propaganda as effectively as the Nazis ever did.

All kinds of unexplained anomalies are rampant throughout this case. A number of paid mercenaries from [Craft International](#), a paramilitary private security contractor out of Texas (not unlike notorious [Blackwater/aka Xe/aka Academi](#)) were also spotted in photos wearing those same black colored government-issued-like backpacks. The question of whether any of them laid their backpack and its contents on the ground never quite came up in the trial. Apparently these guys were part of a Homeland Security training exercise that just happened to be training at the exact same time and place as the so called terrorists on that Boston Marathon day. Think about those odds, kind of like America's entire national air defense on 9/11 conveniently being absent, purposely diverted to training exercises in the Atlantic just so the 9/11 false flag could be executed as planned. In Boston, the unmistakable heavy presence of the military and special ops personnel assembled en-masse instantly on the scene after the marathon explosions is yet another giveaway indicating that the feds had something if not everything to do with this tragedy.

Clearly it was a training exercise alright, Bostonians was used as a guinea pig litmus test for assessing how a large US urban population of over a million people would react to a first practice, simulation [dry-run of martial law in America](#), conveniently prepping us for what's to come. The [2012 National Defense Authorization Act](#) upheld by the US Supreme Court a year ago now permits the US military to invade our homes without warrant, arrest us without charges, and imprison us indefinitely without trial, legal representation or due process. After the marathon bombings the feds' stand down order issued over an expansive, densely populated metropolitan area to remain in their homes while a massive police state-army dressed and armed for war against its own people without warrants entered thousands of homes with automatic weapons drawn in the largest, monster-scale manhunt in US history searching for one teenager from a family with whom

the feds were already very familiar.

Perhaps the most respected independent news team that has been diligently investigating the Boston Marathon bombings the last two years – *WhoWhatWhy* - has asserted that older brother Tamerlan was most likely [an FBI informant](#). Through court motions last year Dzhokhar's defense team submitted evidence that the FBI had approached the older Tsarnaev brother in an effort to recruit him to spy on his fellow Boston Chechen and Muslim community. The US intel community has a verifiably long history both here and around the globe of seeking out troubled youth and young people like the Tsarnaevs as informants in its worldwide clandestine operations.

The FBI and CIA's common misuse of paying informants to entrap others globally into joining plots of terrorism was well documented in researcher-author [Trevor Aaronson's](#) book *The Terror Factory: Inside the FBI's Manufactured War on Terrorism*. Between 9/11 and 2011 he confirmed that 508 defendants were recruited by informants paid up to \$100,000 in multiple sting operations. In fact, in all but only three high profile cases were the FBI and their informants not involved. Again, this demonstrates that the US government's calling card around the world reads "Terrorism-R-US", just another M.O. for squandering hard earned taxpayer dollars to keep its invented "war on terror" very much ongoing and alive forever.

What seems most probable are efforts by the [FBI to recruit Tamerlan](#) to become a snitch in the neocons' self-serving war on terror. Yet this piece of crucial evidence has been purposely withheld from all court proceedings and MSM's dubious, half-ass coverage. 26-year old Tamerlan was a down on his luck, unemployed boxer whose dream of Olympic gold had been shattered, married to a nurse's aide working 60 hours a week to make ends meet. Yet [WhoWhatWhy](#) states that just two days prior to the bombings, Tamerlan could afford sending his mother in Russia \$900 cash along with paying for the backpacks (or were they government issued?), ammunition and bomb-making materials. Yet this critical piece of information was also prohibited from further inquiry during the trial.

Of course the FBI predictably denied any Tsarnaev solicitation to become an informant. Prior to last month's trial, the US Circuit Court judge presiding over the case explicitly ordered that the [brother's involvement with FBI not be allowed](#) to enter his courtroom during the trial. It remains to be seen if Judge George A. O'Toole will permit the defense to present this critical information during the upcoming sentencing phase. Because the government has so much to hide and has failed to address so many discrepancies in the case for obvious high stakes reasons, it probably won't be included, which of course only reinforces what many of us already know, that this trial is but a sham for police state propaganda and truth suppression.

Of all the receipts for typical everyday items purchased, the only receipts found in Tamerlan's pockets were receipts for his [self-incriminating bomb-making materials](#). That's almost like finding the unblemished passport belonging to the lead 9/11 box-cutter a couple blocks from the towers' ashes the day after, or the Hebdoo gunman's wallet with ID left carelessly on purpose in the cab so those terrorists could instantly be identified. This calling card pattern smacks of yet another inside job rendition with the same shabby, grubby fed fingerprints carelessly smudged all over it.

Another inconsistent weakness in the prosecution's case was the sophistication required for making the "pressure-cooker" bombs used at the marathon. Supposedly Tamerlan learned off an al Qaeda internet website where the article's authors mention the directions being beyond the

scope of a novice. Throughout the trial, the prosecution team would go back and forth promoting the notion of the bombs' complexity whenever it served their purpose. For example, as the reason used to justify the FBI interrogating Dzhokhar for two days straight without reading him his Miranda rights, the FBI suspected that others were also involved, partially based on the bombs seeming more than homemade-like. Yet whenever it would come up as a reason to mitigate seeking the death penalty, the notion of lone wolves would get drummed home every time.

The traces of bomb materials in Tamerlan's apartment underwent the same flip floppy logic as a transparent prosecution ploy used to convict the younger brother. [Three times the feds changed their tune](#) on traces of the bomb material being found in the apartment and whether the brothers had outside help or not. These discrepancies consistently went unchallenged by the defense during the trial as if pre-scripted to let the shady government off the hook in its back and forth rendition of "truth", protecting the feds' cover-up lies of discrepancy in order to allow the US government to get away with its incriminating part.

The one thread of unfailing consistency throughout this entire two year story is the constant inconsistencies and the countless conspicuously avoided bottom line questions that smack of inside cover-up. Initially the Tsarnaevs were not the suspects. Apparently once the photos of the Tsarnaev brothers at the Boston Marathon were made public asking for help in identifying their names, overheard on a [Boston police scanner](#) and then scooped up immediately by social media network sources, the names Mike Mulugeta and Sunil Trpathi were erroneously identified as the suspects. The fact that the [FBI knew who the two men](#) in those photos were because they had previous dealings with them enough to place them on a no fly list, the FBI willfully lied to America pretending it needed the public's assistance to identify them. And then the police put out false names of innocent people as suspects. Mike Mulugeta reportedly was shot dead though any actual accounts confirming his death are completely absent. However, East Indian American and [Brown University](#) student Sunil Trpathi who had been reported missing since mid-March was found floating face down in pond water in Providence, Rhode Island about a week after the Marathon explosions. What little information about his suspicious death was released through his family and the question of whether the death resulted from foul play is still largely unknown.

More bogus, planted propaganda against the brothers shortly after they were identified as the prime suspects was the FBI claim linking them to the triple murder case in Waltham, Massachusetts that took place on September 11th, 2011. Only during the trial did it come out that there existed absolutely [no evidence that Tamerlan was involved](#). Yet the systematic damage of misinformation supporting the brothers' guilt was already done, ensuring that in the court of public opinion the Tsarnaevs were guilty as charged right from the get-go.

Here the Tsarnaev brothers were supposedly on a no fly list acting as more evidence supporting prior contact with intelligence agencies, yet Tamerlan was permitted to fly to known terrorist hotbed [Chechnya and neighboring Dagestan](#) from January 21, 2012 to July 17, 2012. His family members insist he spent his entire time with family, among them a distant cousin who heads a non-violent organization critical of Western policies toward Islam. Yet his visit was used by prosecution as so called evidence that the older brother was "radicalized" there and came home an inspired terrorist seeking revenge on America.

A [New York Times article](#) dated April 20, 2013 suggests that Tamerlan was first approached by the

FBI in January 2011 after a return trip from Russia. Russian intelligence services that [monitored phone calls in Chechnya](#) warned the FBI in March 2011 that Tamerlan was becoming a potential threat. Thus two plus years well in advance of the bombings, the FBI was already cognizant of Tamerlan's extremist leaning activities. Yet the FBI allowed him to travel yet again to Russia despite being on a no fly list and, less than nine months after his return from that final trip abroad, the Boston Marathon bombings occurred. This damning piece of government evidence makes the feds minimally guilty of criminal gross negligence if not actually a criminal accomplice.

Yet another despicable chapter to this tragic saga is the FBI's [murder of Tamerlan Tsarnaev's friend in Florida](#). Within weeks after the Boston bombings, an unarmed Ibragim Todashev was shot by an FBI agent previously reprimanded for excessive force as an Oakland police officer. Initially the FBI lied about the circumstances, falsely claiming Todashev wielded a knife. The victim's family is suing the FBI for \$30 million. Even after admitting the lie about the victim brandishing a weapon, the Justice Department (overseeing the FBI) and a Florida prosecutor cleared the murdering FBI agent of any wrongdoing. The official government's response that in effect supports such egregious acts of violence toward innocent civilians strongly indicates that the victim knew too much and the crime syndicate's answer for people aware of the feds' evildoing is to systematically assassinate those who might incriminate the federal government. Neutralizing perceived threats is standard operating procedure.

As an aside, the Tsarnaev brothers' uncle who went public shortly after the bombings blasting his nephews as "losers" was married for several years in the 1990s to the daughter of well-known [CIA career officer Graham Fuller](#). Fuller is the CIA architect for creating the Mujahedeen movement that fought the Soviets in Afghanistan in the 1980s, the same outfit whose leader Osama bin Laden emerged as the so called 9/11 al Qaeda mastermind. Fuller was a committed advocate for using Islamic fundamentalists as US proxy war mercenaries. [Another coincidence](#) that the CIA VIP's son-in-law and his nephews came from Chechnya, a hotspot for separatist Muslim terrorist activity?

Once again the United States government appears to be at least complicit in another state crime against its own citizens... and then applying a media blackout to any real investigative reporting that would ask the dozens of questions to get to the truth. Even the defendant's legal representation abandoned Tsarnaev's right to a fair trial, and by co-opting to act in accordance with the government's "no questions asked" implicitly applied gag-rule, it too is complicit in this heinous crime for neither seeking the truth nor any real justice for either the defendants or the scores of victims. The US crime cabal and its fabricated "war on terror" is perpetuated globally, both on US soil and around the world as an ongoing crime against humanity. The truth behind 9/11 is in-our-face, and so is the truth behind these Boston bombings. The criminals in Washington must pay for their crimes.

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2015-05-09 **Remarks by the First Lady at Tuskegee University Commencement Address**
Tuskegee University

Tuskegee, Alabama

12:30 P.M. CDT

MRS. OBAMA: Thank you all. (Applause.) Thank you so much. (Applause.) Let's let our graduates rest themselves. You've worked hard for those seats! (Applause.)

Let me start by thanking President Johnson for that very gracious introduction, and for awarding me with this honorary degree from an extraordinary institution. I am proud to have this degree -- very proud. (Applause.) Thank you. Thank you so much. (Applause.)

I want to recognize Major General Williams; Congresswoman Sewell; Zachary; Kalauna; to all of the trustees, the faculty, the staff here at Tuskegee University. Thank you -- thank you so much for this warm welcome, this tremendous hospitality. And I'm so glad to be here. (Applause.)

Before I begin, I just want to say that my heart goes out to everyone who knew and loved Eric Marks, Jr. I understand he was such a talented young man, a promising aerospace engineer who was well on his way to achieving his dream of following in the footsteps of the Tuskegee Airmen. And Eric was taken from us far too soon. And our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with his family, his friends, and this entire community. (Applause.)

I also have to recognize the Concert Choir. Wow, you guys are good! Well done! (Applause.) Beautiful song. (Applause.) And I have to join in recognizing all the folks up in the stands -- the parents, siblings, friends -- (applause) -- so many others who have poured their love and support into these graduates every step of the way. Yeah, this is your day. (Applause.) Your day. (Applause.)

Now, on this day before Mother's Day, I've got to give a special shout-out to all the moms here. (Applause.) Yay, moms! And I want you to consider this as a public service announcement for anyone who hasn't bought the flowers or the cards or the gifts yet -- all right? I'm trying to cover you. (Laughter.) But remember that one rule is "keep mom happy." (Laughter.) All right? (Applause.)

And finally, most of all, I want to congratulate the men and women of the Tuskegee University Class of 2015! (Applause.) T-U!

AUDIENCE: You know!

MRS. OBAMA: I love that. (Applause.) We can do that all day. (Laughter.) I'm so proud of you all. And you look good. (Applause.) Well done!

You all have come here from all across the country to study, to learn, maybe have a little fun along the way -- from freshman year in Adams or Younge Hall -- (applause) -- to those late night food runs to The Coop. (Applause.) I did my research. (Applause.) To those mornings you woke up early to get a spot under The Shed to watch the Golden Tigers play. (Applause.) Yeah! I've been watching! (Laughter.) At the White House we have all kinds of ways. (Laughter.)

And whether you played sports yourself, or sang in the choir, or played in the band, or joined a fraternity or sorority -- after today, all of you will take your spot in the long line of men and

women who have come here and distinguished themselves and this university.

You will follow alums like many of your parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles -- leaders like Robert Robinson Taylor, a groundbreaking architect and administrator here who was recently honored on a postage stamp. (Applause.) You will follow heroes like Dr. Boynton Robinson -- (applause) -- who survived the billy clubs and the tear gas of Bloody Sunday in Selma. The story of Tuskegee is full of stories like theirs -- men and women who came to this city, seized their own futures, and wound up shaping the arc of history for African Americans and all Americans.

And I'd like to begin today by reflecting on that history -- starting back at the time when the Army chose Tuskegee as the site of its airfield and flight school for black pilots. (Applause.)

Back then, black soldiers faced all kinds of obstacles. There were the so-called scientific studies that said that black men's brains were smaller than white men's. Official Army reports stated that black soldiers were "childlike," "shiftless," "unmoral and untruthful," and as one quote stated, "if fed, loyal and compliant."

So while the Airmen selected for this program were actually highly educated -- many already had college degrees and pilots licenses -- they were presumed to be inferior. During training, they were often assigned to menial tasks like housekeeping or landscaping. Many suffered verbal abuse at the hands of their instructors. When they ventured off base, the white sheriff here in town called them "boy" and ticketed them for the most minor offenses. And when they finally deployed overseas, white soldiers often wouldn't even return their salutes.

Just think about what that must have been like for those young men. Here they were, trained to operate some of the most complicated, high-tech machines of their day -- flying at hundreds of miles an hour, with the tips of their wings just six inches apart. Yet when they hit the ground, folks treated them like they were nobody -- as if their very existence meant nothing.

Now, those Airmen could easily have let that experience clip their wings. But as you all know, instead of being defined by the discrimination and the doubts of those around them, they became one of the most successful pursuit squadrons in our military. (Applause.) They went on to show the world that if black folks and white folks could fight together, and fly together, then surely -- surely -- they could eat at a lunch counter together. Surely their kids could go to school together. (Applause.)

You see, those Airmen always understood that they had a "double duty" -- one to their country and another to all the black folks who were counting on them to pave the way forward. (Applause.) So for those Airmen, the act of flying itself was a symbol of liberation for themselves and for all African Americans.

One of those first pilots, a man named Charles DeBow, put it this way. He said that a takeoff was -- in his words -- "a never-failing miracle" where all "the bumps would smooth off... [you're] in the air... out of this world... free."

And when he was up in the sky, Charles sometimes looked down to see black folks out in the cotton fields not far from here -- the same fields where decades before, their ancestors as slaves. And he knew that he was taking to the skies for them -- to give them and their children something more to hope for, something to aspire to.

And in so many ways, that never-failing miracle -- the constant work to rise above the bumps in our path to greater freedom for our brothers and sisters -- that has always been the story of African Americans here at Tuskegee. (Applause.)

Just think about the arc of this university's history. Back in the late 1800s, the school needed a new dormitory, but there was no money to pay for it. So Booker T. Washington pawned his pocket watch to buy a kiln, and students used their bare hands to make bricks to build that dorm -- and a few other buildings along the way. (Applause.)

A few years later, when George Washington Carver first came here for his research, there was no laboratory. So he dug through trash piles and collected old bottles, and tea cups, and fruit jars to use in his first experiments.

Generation after generation, students here have shown that same grit, that same resilience to soar past obstacles and outrages -- past the threat of countryside lynchings; past the humiliation of Jim Crow; past the turmoil of the Civil Rights era. And then they went on to become scientists, engineers, nurses and teachers in communities all across the country -- and continued to lift others up along the way. (Applause.)

And while the history of this campus isn't perfect, the defining story of Tuskegee is the story of rising hopes and fortunes for all African Americans.

And now, graduates, it's your turn to take up that cause. And let me tell you, you should feel so proud of making it to this day. And I hope that you're excited to get started on that next chapter. But I also imagine that you might think about all that history, all those heroes who came before you -- you might also feel a little pressure, you know -- pressure to live up to the legacy of those who came before you; pressure to meet the expectations of others.

And believe me, I understand that kind of pressure. (Applause.) I've experienced a little bit of it myself. You see, graduates, I didn't start out as the fully-formed First Lady who stands before you today. No, no, I had my share of bumps along the way.

Back when my husband first started campaigning for President, folks had all sorts of questions of me: What kind of First Lady would I be? What kinds of issues would I take on? Would I be more like Laura Bush, or Hillary Clinton, or Nancy Reagan? And the truth is, those same questions would have been posed to any candidate's spouse. That's just the way the process works. But, as potentially the first African American First Lady, I was also the focus of another set of questions and speculations; conversations sometimes rooted in the fears and misperceptions of others. Was I too loud, or too angry, or too emasculating? (Applause.) Or was I too soft, too much of a mom, not enough of a career woman?

Then there was the first time I was on a magazine cover -- it was a cartoon drawing of me with a huge afro and machine gun. Now, yeah, it was satire, but if I'm really being honest, it knocked me back a bit. It made me wonder, just how are people seeing me.

Or you might remember the on-stage celebratory fist bump between me and my husband after a primary win that was referred to as a "terrorist fist jab." And over the years, folks have used plenty of interesting words to describe me. One said I exhibited "a little bit of uppity-ism." Another noted that I was one of my husband's "cronies of color." Cable news once charmingly

referred to me as "Obama's Baby Mama."

And of course, Barack has endured his fair share of insults and slights. Even today, there are still folks questioning his citizenship.

And all of this used to really get to me. Back in those days, I had a lot of sleepless nights, worrying about what people thought of me, wondering if I might be hurting my husband's chances of winning his election, fearing how my girls would feel if they found out what some people were saying about their mom.

But eventually, I realized that if I wanted to keep my sanity and not let others define me, there was only one thing I could do, and that was to have faith in God's plan for me. (Applause.) I had to ignore all of the noise and be true to myself -- and the rest would work itself out. (Applause.)

So throughout this journey, I have learned to block everything out and focus on my truth. I had to answer some basic questions for myself: Who am I? No, really, who am I? What do I care about?

And the answers to those questions have resulted in the woman who stands before you today. (Applause.) A woman who is, first and foremost, a mom. (Applause.) Look, I love our daughters more than anything in the world, more than life itself. And while that may not be the first thing that some folks want to hear from an Ivy-league educated lawyer, it is truly who I am. (Applause.) So for me, being Mom-in-Chief is, and always will be, job number one.

Next, I've always felt a deep sense of obligation to make the biggest impact possible with this incredible platform. So I took on issues that were personal to me -- issues like helping families raise healthier kids, honoring the incredible military families I'd met on the campaign trail, inspiring our young people to value their education and finish college. (Applause.)

Now, some folks criticized my choices for not being bold enough. But these were my choices, my issues. And I decided to tackle them in the way that felt most authentic to me -- in a way that was both substantive and strategic, but also fun and, hopefully, inspiring.

So I immersed myself in the policy details. I worked with Congress on legislation, gave speeches to CEOs, military generals and Hollywood executives. But I also worked to ensure that my efforts would resonate with kids and families -- and that meant doing things in a creative and unconventional way. So, yeah, I planted a garden, and hula-hooped on the White House Lawn with kids. I did some Mom Dancing on TV. I celebrated military kids with Kermit the Frog. I asked folks across the country to wear their alma mater's T-shirts for College Signing Day.

And at the end of the day, by staying true to the me I've always known, I found that this journey has been incredibly freeing. Because no matter what happened, I had the peace of mind of knowing that all of the chatter, the name calling, the doubting -- all of it was just noise. (Applause.) It did not define me. It didn't change who I was. And most importantly, it couldn't hold me back. I have learned that as long as I hold fast to my beliefs and values -- and follow my own moral compass -- then the only expectations I need to live up to are my own.

So, graduates, that's what I want for all of you. I want you all to stay true to the most real, most sincere, most authentic parts of yourselves. I want you to ask those basic questions: Who do you

want to be? What inspires you? How do you want to give back? And then I want you to take a deep breath and trust yourselves to chart your own course and make your mark on the world.

Maybe it feels like you're supposed to go to law school -- but what you really want to do is to teach little kids. Maybe your parents are expecting you to come back home after you graduate -- but you're feeling a pull to travel the world. I want you to listen to those thoughts. I want you to act with both your mind, but also your heart. And no matter what path you choose, I want you to make sure it's you choosing it, and not someone else. (Applause.)

Because here's the thing -- the road ahead is not going to be easy. It never is, especially for folks like you and me. Because while we've come so far, the truth is that those age-old problems are stubborn and they haven't fully gone away. So there will be times, just like for those Airmen, when you feel like folks look right past you, or they see just a fraction of who you really are.

The world won't always see you in those caps and gowns. They won't know how hard you worked and how much you sacrificed to make it to this day -- the countless hours you spent studying to get this diploma, the multiple jobs you worked to pay for school, the times you had to drive home and take care of your grandma, the evenings you gave up to volunteer at a food bank or organize a campus fundraiser. They don't know that part of you.

Instead they will make assumptions about who they think you are based on their limited notion of the world. And my husband and I know how frustrating that experience can be. We've both felt the sting of those daily slights throughout our entire lives -- the folks who crossed the street in fear of their safety; the clerks who kept a close eye on us in all those department stores; the people at formal events who assumed we were the "help" -- and those who have questioned our intelligence, our honesty, even our love of this country.

And I know that these little indignities are obviously nothing compared to what folks across the country are dealing with every single day -- those nagging worries that you're going to get stopped or pulled over for absolutely no reason; the fear that your job application will be overlooked because of the way your name sounds; the agony of sending your kids to schools that may no longer be separate, but are far from equal; the realization that no matter how far you rise in life, how hard you work to be a good person, a good parent, a good citizen -- for some folks, it will never be enough. (Applause.)

And all of that is going to be a heavy burden to carry. It can feel isolating. It can make you feel like your life somehow doesn't matter -- that you're like the invisible man that Tuskegee grad Ralph Ellison wrote about all those years ago. And as we've seen over the past few years, those feelings are real. They're rooted in decades of structural challenges that have made too many folks feel frustrated and invisible. And those feelings are playing out in communities like Baltimore and Ferguson and so many others across this country. (Applause.)

But, graduates, today, I want to be very clear that those feelings are not an excuse to just throw up our hands and give up. (Applause.) Not an excuse. They are not an excuse to lose hope. To succumb to feelings of despair and anger only means that in the end, we lose.

But here's the thing -- our history provides us with a better story, a better blueprint for how we can win. It teaches us that when we pull ourselves out of those lowest emotional depths, and we channel our frustrations into studying and organizing and banding together -- then we can build

ourselves and our communities up. We can take on those deep-rooted problems, and together -- together -- we can overcome anything that stands in our way.

And the first thing we have to do is vote. (Applause.) Hey, no, not just once in a while. Not just when my husband or somebody you like is on the ballot. But in every election at every level, all of the time. (Applause.) Because here is the truth -- if you want to have a say in your community, if you truly want the power to control your own destiny, then you've got to be involved. You got to be at the table. You've got to vote, vote, vote, vote. That's it; that's the way we move forward. That's how we make progress for ourselves and for our country.

That's what's always happened here at Tuskegee. Think about those students who made bricks with their bare hands. They did it so that others could follow them and learn on this campus, too. Think about that brilliant scientist who made his lab from a trash pile. He did it because he ultimately wanted to help sharecroppers feed their families. Those Airmen who rose above brutal discrimination -- they did it so the whole world could see just how high black folks could soar. That's the spirit we've got to summon to take on the challenges we face today. (Applause.)

And you don't have to be President of the United States to start addressing things like poverty, and education, and lack of opportunity. Graduates, today -- today, you can mentor a young person and make sure he or she takes the right path. Today, you can volunteer at an after-school program or food pantry. Today, you can help your younger cousin fill out her college financial aid form so that she could be sitting in those chairs one day. (Applause.) But just like all those folks who came before us, you've got to do something to lay the groundwork for future generations.

That pilot I mentioned earlier -- Charles DeBow -- he didn't rest on his laurels after making history. Instead, after he left the Army, he finished his education. He became a high school English teacher and a college lecturer. He kept lifting other folks up through education. He kept fulfilling his "double duty" long after he hung up his uniform.

And, graduates, that's what we need from all of you. We need you to channel the magic of Tuskegee toward the challenges of today. And here's what I really want you to know -- you have got everything you need to do this. You've got it in you. Because even if you're nervous or unsure about what path to take in the years ahead, I want you to realize that you've got everything you need right now to succeed. You've got it.

You've got the knowledge and the skills honed here on this hallowed campus. You've got families up in the stands who will support you every step of the way. And most of all, you've got yourselves -- and all of the heart, and grit, and smarts that got you to this day.

And if you rise above the noise and the pressures that surround you, if you stay true to who you are and where you come from, if you have faith in God's plan for you, then you will keep fulfilling your duty to people all across this country. And as the years pass, you'll feel the same freedom that Charles DeBow did when he was taking off in that airplane. You will feel the bumps smooth off. You'll take part in that "never-failing miracle" of progress. And you'll be flying through the air, out of this world -- free.

God bless you, graduates. (Applause.) I can't wait to see how high you soar. Love you all. Very proud. Thank you. (Applause.)

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BXE New Call To Action



"These groups

*are active in every FERC docket... as well as in my email inbox seven days a week, in my Twitter feed, at our open meetings demanding to be heard, and literally at our door closing down First Street so FERC won't be able to work. **We've got a situation here.**"—Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Cheryl LaFleur speaking to the National Press Club on 1/27/15*

We are **Beyond Extreme Energy**, a growing coalition of communities and individuals on the front lines—and taking casualties—in the extreme energy economy. We are the ones demanding to be heard, closing down First Street and getting in the way of FERC's rubber-stamping of fracked-gas projects all over the country.

We have been noticed, but rattling and annoying the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is not our objective. Rather, the permits must stop. The climate-disrupting, community-trampling, enrich-the-few-at-the-expense-of-the-rest system must change. **[UPDATE 3-5-15: BXE MEETS WITH CHAIRMAN LAFLEUR FACE-TO-FACE. READ TED GLICK'S REPORT [HERE](#) AND SANDRA STEINGRABER'S [HERE](#).]**

And so we have sounded a new Call to Action. From **May 21-29, 2015**, BXE is heading back to the FERC building on First Street in Washington. We must intensify our nonviolent campaign, now, while the oil and gas industry is reeling from the [massive drop](#) in fuel prices worldwide. Business as usual is unacceptable. We must step up to block the tsunami of new fracked-gas infrastructure that is overwhelming communities across the nation.

BACKGROUND

When the chairman of the FERC admits she has "a situation," then you know that we are making headway. Chairman Cheryl LaFleur says project opponents can be categorized in "**buckets**." We are not just concerned about safeguarding the environment (LaFleur's bucket #1). We aren't merely trying to stop something in our backyard (LaFleur's bucket #2). We are, for LaFleur, bucket #3. In her accurate description of us, we are looking at "the bigger picture". We don't want more pipelines, compressor stations, export facilities, or fracking. Anywhere. Everywhere is our backyard. Poisoned land, air, and water for one community is poisoned land, air and water for all.

An economy fired on the dregs of gas trapped in shale rock means that the health of nearby people and places will be sacrificed immediately. It also means the end of a stable climate for human civilization and the extinction of thousands of other species.

Last November, Beyond Extreme Energy took action at FERC's front door (and side doors and garage driveway). We wanted FERC to know that every permit, every well, every pipeline, every compressor station and every export terminal hurts families and communities. Every day for a week, we marched, sang, lay in the street, shouted, acted in silence, shared stories, made a mess of traffic, and got arrested. While FERC employees were on the sidewalk, blocked from their offices, our friends from fracked Pennsylvania told them their stories of harm and misery.

Since then, we have staged actions, been arrested, and canvassed in Lusby, MD, where Dominion is building a \$4 billion liquefaction and export facility for fracked gas on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Dressed as Darth Vader and Stormtroopers, we went to the Waldorf Astoria in New York City to disrupt a meeting of financial analysts and potential Dominion investors. We supported fracktivists in Pennsylvania who were arrested chanting "Ban Fracking Now" at the inauguration of Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf. We demonstrated at the inauguration of the new Maryland governor, who wants to open his state to fracking. We have supported We Are Seneca Lake's ongoing, inspiring and nonviolent direct-action campaign to stop a fracked-gas storage project in old salt caverns in the New York Finger Lakes region. We have attended every monthly FERC commissioners meeting. Chairman LaFleur, in an unprecedented move, adjourned the January meeting and cleared the room when we began speaking, one by one, about the human and environmental damage FERC's decisions are having.

STILL MORE TO DO

Next up is an even bigger nonviolent action in May. **The first day of action, May 21, is the monthly FERC meeting, and we will continue every day FERC is open until May 29. We will include a weekend of training May 24 – 25 for four days of action May 26-29.**

We need YOU. And your friends, too. FERC says its mission is to provide *safe, efficient, sustainable* energy for the country. It is failing on all counts. We want FERC to fulfill its mission and to make decisions based on what's best for all of us instead of the fracked-gas industry. If you agree that now is time to step up, please sign up [here](#).

This time, we are coming to DC with **a nine-point plan** to change FERC from a rubber stamp for the fossil fuel industry into a leader in the urgent, civilizational task of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and shifting to energy efficiency and renewable energy as rapidly as possible.

Most immediately, we demand:

- A moratorium on permits for new gas pipelines, compressor stations and export terminals.
- A halt to gas infrastructure and export terminals under construction but not yet operating until the new FERC has emerged, new priorities are in place, and a new reassessment has been made about whether the project should go forward.
- Transformation of the FERC approval process and mission. FERC must be guided by the health of communities and the ecosystem rather than the profits of energy companies.
- A time for public comments at the opening of each FERC meeting. In addition, FERC must make its website easier to navigate.

- A thorough review of the climate effects of proposed projects and the clean energy alternatives. FERC's priority must be the advancement of wind, solar and energy efficiency.

Join us in Washington May 21 – 29. Help us not only to bring these demands to the FERC, but also the grassroots, nonviolent political pressure to make them happen.

Sign up here to participate in the action.

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2015-05-15 **As Torture Victims Win \$5.5M in Reparations, Could Chicago Be a Model for Police Abuses Nationwide?**

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Guests

Flint Taylor, attorney with People's Law Office who has represented survivors of police torture in Chicago for more than 25 years.

Darrell Cannon, one of dozens of men to come forward with allegations of abuse at the hands of the Chicago police. Darrell says police tortured him in 1983 and forced him to confess to a murder he didn't commit. He spent more than 20 years in prison, but after a hearing on his tortured confession, prosecutors dismissed his case in 2004. He was released three years later.

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ALDERMAN PROCO JOE MORENO: We have some victims of torture here today, and their families, and if they would rise when I call their names: Darrell Cannon; Anthony Holmes; [inaudible]; Mearon Diggins; Mark Clements; Ronnie Kitchen; Marvin Reeves; Stanley Rice; Gregory Banks; Willie Porch; Lindsey Smith; George Powell; Ollie Hammonds; L.C. Riley; Mary Johnson, who's the mother of torture survivor Michael Johnson; Bertha Escamilla, mother of torture survivor Nick Escamilla; and Carolyn Johnson, the mother of torture survivor Marcus Wiggins. Thank you for your leadership. Thank you for continuing to fight, even though you're out here—you've been out. You're fighting for those that are still in and for those that are still suffering. Thank you so much.

AMY GOODMAN: Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel then apologized to the police torture victims and their survivors, and thanked them for their efforts to demand justice.

MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL: This stain cannot be removed from our history of our city, but it can be used as a lesson of what not to do and the responsibility that all of us have.

AMY GOODMAN: For more, we go to Chicago, where we're joined by two guests. Flint Taylor is founding partner of the People's Law Office. For more than 25 years, he has represented survivors of police torture, including Darrell Cannon, who also joins us. Police tortured Darrell in 1983 and forced him to confess to a murder he didn't commit. He spent more than 20 years in prison, but after a hearing on his tortured confession, prosecutors dismissed his case in 2004. He was released three years later. Since then, he's focused on the roughly 20 men tortured during the Jon Burge era who remain behind bars.

We welcome both of you back to *Democracy Now!* Darrell Cannon, can you talk about being in the City Council chamber, the Chicago City Council chamber, as you were recognized and thanked by a city councilmember as they voted on a police torture fund of—what was it? Five-and-a-half million dollars?

DARRELL CANNON: Correct.

AMY GOODMAN: Can you talk about what happened to you?

DARRELL CANNON: On November the 2nd, 1983, about 15 all-white detectives invaded my apartment, terrorized me, my common-law wife and my cat. And during that day, through—I was tortured in despicable ways, from them using an electric cattle prod to shock me on my genitals and in my mouth. They tried to hang me by my handcuffs, which was cuffed behind my back. And they tried to play a game of Russian roulette on me with a shotgun, and they ended up chipping my two front teeth and splitting my upper lip.

AMY GOODMAN: And then what happened?

DARRELL CANNON: From there, by the time they finished with me that evening, I was ready to say that my mother committed a crime, if they told me that was the case. The type of things that they did to me, I have never in my life experienced, and I'll never in my life forget. It was something that you couldn't even conjure up in a horror movie, because you don't think that Chicago police officers would stoop this low in trying to obtain a confession. It didn't matter whether or not I was guilty or innocent. In their minds, any time they pick a black man up, he's guilty.

AMY GOODMAN: Flint Taylor, you've represented Darrell Cannon as well as other people who were the victim of police torture. What—how was this \$5.5 million fund arrived at? And what did it take for you to get the City Council of Chicago and the mayor, Rahm Emanuel, to talk about this as a police torture fund?

FLINT TAYLOR: Well, there's a long history, as you mentioned, of fighting against police torture in this city, starting decades ago. And there's been tremendous movements, generational, intergenerational movements, interracial movements, that have fought, first to get Burge fired many years ago, later to get him indicted in 2008 for perjury and obstruction of justice, and to get him convicted and sent to the penitentiary, federal penitentiary. And now, this particular movement was a wonderful coming together of young people, older people, an organization called

the Torture Justice Memorials and other young organizations, Black Lives Matter, We Charge Genocide, and all of that came together politically to deal with aldermen, to deal with demonstrations, to marches. There was a great up—not uprising, but an uplifting experience, that ultimately led, in the middle of what appeared to be a tough election cycle, to the mayor and his people and a majority of aldermen dealing with this issue some decades after the torture took place. And that really is the reason that we were successful in getting this unique and historic reparations package.

To answer your other question, there are about 55 living men—55 or 65, we estimate—who were tortured, who will be eligible for the reparations. We felt that, symbolically and in a real way, that \$100,000 per person would be something that would be meaningful, although certainly does not fully compensate anyone for being tortured. But there was no legal recourse for these men: The statute of limitations had run out. So, the entire package, as you mentioned, not only the money, but the services—psychological counseling for family members and the men who have been tortured; the education, not only for the men, but in the public schools, to have it taught; to have a narrative, the narrative we’ve been fighting for, about police torture all these years, that was disbelieved and laughed at and denigrated in the same way Homan Square is denigrated and laughed at by the city and the police, that now the narrative has changed and will be taught in a different way.

AMY GOODMAN: Former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge served a short prison sentence for perjury and obstruction of justice before his release last year. Statistics compiled by your office, Flint, the People’s Law Office, show Chicago has paid at least \$64 million in settlements and judgments in civil rights cases related to Burge’s police abuses alone. The *Chicago Reader* reported some of Burge’s techniques may have been learned in Vietnam, where he served as a military policeman. How long did Jon Burge serve? And, Darrell Cannon, did you meet him at any point when you were being beaten and tortured?

DARRELL CANNON: No, ma’am. I didn’t personally meet him. He was at the station that day, and he assigned his own personal, hand-picked soldiers to come and get me. Peter Dignan, the most vicious detective out of all of them, he’s the one that did all the announcing of Jon Burge any time they did a fundraiser. He took him to his house on holidays and fed him with his family and etc. So, as far as I’m concerned, he wasn’t directly there, but indirectly, oh, yes, ma’am, he was there.

AMY GOODMAN: And, Darrell Cannon, will you benefit from this \$5.5 million police torture fund?

DARRELL CANNON: Yes, ma’am.

AMY GOODMAN: And—

DARRELL CANNON: But the thing that I’m most proud of is the fact that the curriculums in schools will be taught now from eighth grade through tenth grade, something that has never been done in the history of America. And because of this, I play a small role in trying to bring positive change to the police department. And I’ll continue to work on behalf of those who are still in prison.

AMY GOODMAN: Now, you had been offered money before, is that right? In a settlement?

DARRELL CANNON: Yes, ma'am.

AMY GOODMAN: How much?

DARRELL CANNON: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am. And I—well, we can't disclose exactly how much, but let's say it was over a million. But I refused to accept it, because, far as I was concerned, this was hush-up money, for me to go away, to be quiet and to speak no more about it. But the picture has always been bigger than Darrell Cannon, you know? What about the other Darrell Cannons who were not as fortunate as I was to have a supporting system on the streets, as well as to have competent lawyers that stood with me through decades in litigation? And we finally achieved the victories that we wanted, on that level. But as I said before, the case is not over with. The glass is only half full.

AMY GOODMAN: And those other Darrells, Darrell Cannon, those that are still in prison—

DARRELL CANNON: Oh, yes, ma'am.

AMY GOODMAN: What is happening with them?

DARRELL CANNON: Oh, yes, ma'am. We are hoping now that the litigation that has been slowly dragging out, due to the judicial system, will now be stepped up. Seeing how the City Council, as well as the mayor, has come to grips with this horrible tragedy, I'm hoping that the judicial system will also take a leading role and speed up all the hearings into the police brutality for those that are still in prison, and in doing so, let the evidence speak for itself. If the evidence shows that these sadistic, vicious individuals posing as cops did in fact torture them, then give all of those men new trials in front of a fair and impartial judge.

AMY GOODMAN: We have 30 seconds, Flint Taylor. Do you see that happening? And overall, do you see what's happened in Chicago as a model for other cities?

FLINT TAYLOR: It's definitely a model, not only for other cities, but all across the world, I would think, that it happened here in Chicago, that if there are movements to take it to other cities, as we see there are across the country, that they can demand the same kind of things that the movement here demanded. In terms of hearings, we're very hopeful that people who are still in prison after all these years and decades will get fair hearings. And a judge has ordered that they be appointed lawyers to look into their cases and to bring them back to court. So we are hopeful on both fronts, but the message has to get out, as you are taking it to the country for us, so that others can see the example set here and that "reparations" can be a word that is broad and accepted across this country when it comes to police violence and police brutality.

AMY GOODMAN: Attorney Flint Taylor, I want to thank you for being with us, one of the founding partners of People's Law Office in Chicago, and Darrell Cannon, tortured by Chicago police, now out fighting for those who remain in prison.

This is *Democracy Now!* When we come back, upstate New York, there's a struggle going on. We'll speak with a filmmaker, Josh Fox, who was one of 20 people arrested this week at Seneca Lake. Stay with us.

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2015-05-16 **We Are Seneca Lake: Josh Fox & Fracking Opponents Fight Natural Gas Storage Site in Upstate NY**

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Guests: **Josh Fox**, director of *Gasland*, the documentary which first exposed the harms of the fracking industry. It was nominated for an Academy Award. He also made *Gasland 2*, which aired on HBO.

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On Wednesday, Josh Fox, director of "Gasland," the documentary which exposed the harms of the fracking industry, was arrested along with 20 other people after forming a human barricade at a natural gas storage facility in upstate New York. The action was part of a long-standing campaign against plans by Crestwood Midstream to expand gas storage in abandoned salt caverns at Seneca Lake, a drinking water source for 100,000 people. We speak to Fox and air his new documentary short, "We Are Seneca Lake."

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AMY GOODMAN: We turn now to a new short film by Josh Fox, director of *Gasland*, the Academy Award-nominated documentary that exposed the harms of the fracking industry. Fox himself will join us next in our studio, but first, in this video, he explains why he arrested Wednesday along with 20 others who formed a human barricade at a natural gas storage facility in upstate New York, the action part of a long-standing campaign against plans by Crestwood Midstream to expand gas storage in abandoned salt caverns at Seneca Lake, a drinking water source for 100,000 people.

JOSH FOX: When Governor Andrew Cuomo banned fracking in New York state on December 17th, 2014, a lot of fracktivists in New York thought their problems were over. It was a tremendous victory, a precedent for other states, a landmark decision for public health and for the science on fracking.

But not every decision about fracking in New York was being made at the state level. FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, decides about pipelines, storage facilities and other interstate oil and gas infrastructure. Because FERC is in charge of so many projects, they've been heavily criticized for having a lack of public input and for simply being a rubber-stamp commission for the oil and gas industry. One of the decisions that FERC has under its control is the fate of Seneca Lake, New York.

Seneca Lake is 600 feet deep, home to nearly a hundred wineries, breweries and distilleries, a tourist destination and drinking water for 100,000 people. Its beauty is breathtaking, its water resource invaluable. But it has one other fairly unique physical feature. Under the lake are salt caverns, where salt has been mined for decades, huge underground hollow expanses. A company called Crestwood is eyeing the salt caverns to stuff natural gas down as a kind of natural storage facility, as a way station, a hub, a port, for fracked gas from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and other places throughout the region.

Sandra Steingraber, one of the founders of New Yorkers Against Fracking and an incredibly influential and outspoken fracking critic, is working with a group called We Are Seneca Lake. Since October, they've been blockading the Crestwood facility with protests that are both colorful and imaginative. With over 250 arrests and counting, We Are Seneca Lake is becoming one of the largest environmental civil disobedience protests in New York history.

SANDRA STEINGRABER: We Are Seneca Lake, in doing these themed blockades, have cut their teeth in the anti-fracking movement and have experienced that victory, so hard-won, only to turn around and see that we're getting fracked through these infrastructure projects that are being decided in places like the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in D.C., and local people have no control over that. They see that as, you know, absence of democracy. And so, civil disobedience often is a tool throughout history, that when people have lost their voice and all other legal avenues of redress have been exhausted, that you can turn to this.

JOSH FOX: New York state policy is now no fracking.

SANDRA STEINGRABER: That's it.

JOSH FOX: Fracked gas is bad. But the fracked gas is coming in this way. That's got to be one hell of a contradiction.

SANDRA STEINGRABER: Well, it is. And, you know, everything that we learned about fracking, that we still carry that knowledge around. And so, we know what compressor stations can do to public health. We know that they're inherently leaky, that flare stacks make formaldehyde. And so—and we know how to do research now, right? We can get on Crestwood Midstream's website and look at what they're telling their investors, which is that they intend—they have chosen this place, the Finger Lakes, to become the hub for the storage of fracked gases throughout the entire Northeast.

JOSH FOX: Wow.

SANDRA STEINGRABER: That's not how we see ourselves. So, this—thus, this battle between the past and the future that's being played out here.

JOSH FOX: So you're getting everything about the fracking except the drilling, in a way.

SANDRA STEINGRABER: That's it.

JOSH FOX: So this sounds a little bit like—I mean, OK, so you have this giant lake with all these people's water that depends upon it, all these wineries all around, a

microclimate, a tourist location, and then these kind of rickety salt caverns underneath the ground. It sounds like some kind of, you know, Dr. Evil kind of plan, like, "Oh, I know. I'll put gas and explosive and toxic things underneath this." It's kind of—sounds kind of insane to me.

SANDRA STEINGRABER: Well, it sounds insane to us, too, to put so much at risk for—and the risk would all be borne by us, you know? I'm a mom who sends my child to camp every summer at the Hidden Valley 4-H Camp, which is located right near this facility. And so, it's my job as a mom to make sure my kid isn't blown up. But more than that—

JOSH FOX: Wait a minute. It's your job as a mom to make sure your kids don't get blown up?

SANDRA STEINGRABER: That's how I see it.

JOSH FOX: I know it sounds a little far-fetched, but actually these gas storage facilities do blow up. It was one of the very first things I ever filmed for *Gasland* in 2008, a gas storage facility in Pennsylvania that burned for three weeks. The clip didn't make the film, but I'm taking it out of the vault now to show one of the consequences of underground gas storage gone awry.

I stopped in at a gas station and asked some people if they knew where the fire was. They pointed at the paper.

PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL: You're trying to film the fire?

JOSH FOX: Yeah, I will.

PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL: They're not going to let you in.

JOSH FOX: They're not going to let me in?

You're going to come talk to me? All right.

Hi. How are you doing?

SECURITY GUARD: Good. What's your problem?

JOSH FOX: Oh, there's no problem. I was interested in seeing if I could shoot some of the fire.

SECURITY GUARD: This is a secure area.

JOSH FOX: Right.

SECURITY GUARD: And we're not to let anybody in.

JOSH FOX: But there's no way to get even photographs in the site or anything like that?

SECURITY GUARD: No, no, no.

JOSH FOX: All right.

SECURITY GUARD: And I will remind you that the state police are considering activity that doesn't go through us as a criminal act.

JOSH FOX: You're writing down my license number?

SECURITY GUARD: Yes, I am.

JOSH FOX: Do you have authority to take my driver's license number?

SECURITY GUARD: I'm not going to take it. I just asked to see it.

JOSH FOX: Here I am, Minersville, Pennsylvania, northeast. I drove three-and-a-half hours to get here. I thought maybe I could get some pictures.

SECURITY GUARD: You will need to leave the area now. How did you get in, by the way?

JOSH FOX: After the dominion guys told me to get the hell off their mountain, they made sure that I did. They followed me all the way down at 30 miles an hour. For some reason, looking through the rearview mirror, looking through the camera and trying to negotiate my way down this mountain, I realized just how close I was getting to actual power, just how close I was getting to being arrested, just how close I was getting to being threatened, just how close I was getting to something that everybody wanted to hide.

And so I ended up back down at the gas station talking to my newfound friends. Again, none of them wanted to be interviewed for this film, so I ended up taking pictures of a lot of people's feet. Then finally, they said, "You know what? Down this other mountain, there's a little pass. There's a clearing in the forest. From there, you can see the fire." So, I drove up there.

Now I realize why they were trying to do a press lock on the whole situation. Now I realize what they were so scared of, why they said it would take at least three weeks to put this fire out and that they had employed a special contracting company that had expertise in putting out these kinds of fires. You might remember those ones from Kuwait, the ones you could see from space. Something told me you could probably see this from space.

So that about covers the explosive possibility. But what about the actual stability of the salt caverns themselves? Dr. Steingraber says that's also a potential problem.

SANDRA STEINGRABER: In the very cavern where they want to store more methane, the shale ceiling has actually collapsed and formed a huge pile of rubble on the bottom. So we believe this is an inherently unsafe situation. We don't know of any other situation where solution salt mining in interbedded caverns is happening on the shore of a lake that is the source of drinking water for 100,000 people and is also this body of water so vast that it actually controls our whole microclimate here, so the only

reason we can grow wine grapes here and do all this amazing agriculture, which is the basis of our economy. And also, it's so beautiful, right? It brings in all these visitors and tourists. So tourism and wine and agriculture, those are the pillars of our economy. It's all made possible, in this whole region, the whole Finger Lakes region, because of the unique microclimate that Seneca Lake creates.

JOSH FOX: So has a salt cavern that's been drilled into ever just collapsed and eaten a whole lake? Well, yeah, actually, a particular incident that happened in Louisiana in a place called Lake Peigneur. Again, salt caverns were being eyed for drilling directly underneath a lake, Lake Peigneur. When the drill bore went awry, it actually popped the bottom of the lake, and it drained down like you were pulling the plug on a bathtub. Eleven barges, tanker trucks and huge sections of Jefferson Island were sucked down into the hole as if they were toy boats going down the drain.

SANDRA STEINGRABER: So, when we drink Seneca Lake water, we literally are Seneca Lake. And so, we're standing up, not just for this beautiful place, but for our actual—you know, the blood that beats through our heart every moment.

JOSH FOX: What we're seeing is a whole new frontier of environmental activism in America. Civil disobedience protests against critical oil and gas infrastructure, like the Keystone XL pipeline, the Constitution pipeline and now the gas storage facility at Seneca Lake, are gathering more and more popularity, as environmentalists are calling not only for the banning of fracking or tar sands oil, but also for the banning of the infrastructure that transports them, so that they can make their way towards a renewable energy economy.

I made my decision to join the Seneca Lake protests not only because Seneca Lake is beautiful, and not only because these were fellow fracktivists in New York state, but also because, in the same way that I joined the civil disobedience action in front of the White House for Keystone XL, I felt that this is a nationally symbolic moment. We can't sacrifice any more Seneca Lakes. Time's up for the fossil fuel industry. We can't lock ourselves in to decades more of fossil fuel expansion, whether that be pipelines, power plants, storage facilities, fracked gas wells, tar sands fields, deepwater drilling. We have to start to bind these fights together. So I'm very grateful to Dr. Sandra Steingraber and the whole We Are Seneca Lake crew. I really hope you join us.

AMY GOODMAN: That's *We Are Seneca Lake*, a new short film by Josh Fox, director of *Gasland* and *Gasland 2*. And we welcome Josh Fox back to *Democracy Now!* Josh, we only have a few minutes. This is astounding to see. Back in 2008, this fire, you believe, could—

JOSH FOX: This was a fire that nobody reported on. This was something that burned for three-and-a-half weeks. And these kinds of things, I think, are routine. When you're talking about gas storage, you're stuffing huge amounts of methane into underground formations. These are not steel tanks. These are actual geologic formations. And this is what people in Seneca Lake—one of the reasons people in Seneca Lake are incredibly concerned.

AMY GOODMAN: And again, place it for us, for a global audience.

JOSH FOX: OK, so the Finger Lakes region of New York state has five Finger Lakes. There are hundreds of wineries, distilleries, breweries. It's an incredibly beautiful area. Seneca Lake itself is in central upstate New York. It's the source of drinking water for 100,000 people. And famously, as we now know, New York has banned fracking, which is an incredible victory for both the people's

movement against fracking and the science on the subject.

AMY GOODMAN: And you were an essential part of that, with your film, *Gasland*.

JOSH FOX: Well, I think that *Gasland* helped educate people quite a bit, but it is—

AMY GOODMAN: Fracking being?

JOSH FOX: Fracking being the injection of high-pressure water and chemicals and sand to break apart rock formations underneath the ground to release oil and gas that's trapped there. Fracked gas is, you know, a huge environmental issue right now, as well as fracked oil. And New York has banned this practice because it contaminates water supplies and air, and creates a public health crisis. But here in New York state, we still have tons of infrastructure projects—pipelines, compressor stations, power plants.

So, the Seneca Lake gas storage facility fits in with a national crisis right now, when you have the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, a five-member body, basically usurping state and local authority and saying, "It's totally OK. Let's build a huge liquified natural gas storage facility here. Let's take over this port," like in Cove Point, Maryland, for example. FERC is not accountable, really, to democracy. Nobody really knows who these people are. They're not famous. They're not senators. They're not the president. And yet they are controlling all of these oil and gas infrastructure projects. And you're seeing people be incredibly frustrated and put themselves in harm's way, again, in Seneca Lake, now almost 300 arrests over the course of six months.

AMY GOODMAN: And you were one of 20 this week that got arrested?

JOSH FOX: One of 20—one of 20 this week, blockading the front gate. Because when people feel that they don't have representation in a democracy—this is civil disobedience, obviously, nonviolent civil disobedience, one of the last recourses that you can have to appeal to a higher sense of justice. And people are putting themselves in harm's way because they sense that the harm is greater if they don't.

And that's motivated both by the local issue, I think, of Seneca Lake, and how beautiful and important it is for the microclimate and for drinking water, but also because of climate change. We can ban fracked extraction in New York state, but unless we start to take on the pipelines, the power plants, the basic infrastructure that delivers oil and gas that creates carbon, we're going to be in deep trouble with climate change and lock ourselves into decades more of fossil fuels.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, I want to thank you, Josh Fox, for being with us, director of *Gasland*, the documentary which first exposed the harms of the fracking industry, nominated for an Academy Award, also made *Gasland 2*, as well as this documentary, *We Are Seneca Lake*.

That does it for our broadcast. We have a job opening for [video production fellowships](#) beginning July 1st. Go to [democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org) for more information.

http://www.democracynow.org/2015/5/15/we_are_seneca_lake_josh_fox

2015-05-16 **RFK in the Land of Apartheid**

[Track RFK's 1966 Visit to South Africa](#)

The story of Senator Robert Kennedy's influential June 1966 visit to South Africa.

<http://www.pbs.org/program/rfk-in-the-land-of-apartheid/>

About the Program



Featuring never before seen archival footage, and interviews in South Africa and the United States, filmmakers Larry Shore and Tami Gold tell the little-known story of Senator Robert Kennedy's influential June 1966 visit to South Africa during the worst years of apartheid. The filmmakers explore the visit through the sights and sounds of present-day South Africa and offer a unique portrait of Senator Kennedy in action at an important moment in American and South African history.

Robert Kennedy's visit gave opponents of apartheid — both black and white — hope and courage to challenge the apartheid system at a time when they felt isolated and few in the outside world knew what was happening in South Africa. The film evokes the connections between the struggle for racial equality in the United States and South Africa.

RFK in the Land of Apartheid follows Kennedy in South Africa during the five-day visit, including his famous "Day of Affirmation" speech at the University of Cape Town on June 6, 1966, and his visit to Stellenbosch, the pro-apartheid Afrikaans university.

The "Day of Affirmation" speech is generally considered to be the greatest of Robert Kennedy's career. One paragraph, featuring the phrase "ripple of hope," is among the most quoted in American politics and appears on Kennedy's gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery:

"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Another high point of the film is Kennedy's meeting with one of the unknown giants of South African and African history — Nobel Peace Prize winner Chief Albert Lutuli, who was banned by the government and forced to live in a remote rural area. The film travels with RFK to Soweto, the largest black township, where he meets thousands of people and gives voice to Chief Lutuli's call for a free South Africa.



RFK in the Land of Apartheid tells an unusual story that is relevant to ongoing struggles for democracy and human rights around the world today.

RFK in the Land of Apartheid: A Ripple of Hope was produced by Larry Shore, directed by Tami Gold & Larry Shore, of Hunter College, and edited by Harry Kafka with a soundtrack by Jason Moran.

Visit the film's website at www.rfksafilm.org for:

- more information about the documentary;
- transcripts and audio of RFK's speeches in South Africa;
- documents and resources that provide a deeper context for the visit;
- media coverage of the historic visit from both American and South African publications; and
- study guides for high school and college classrooms

2015-05-16 NEW MOON in Taurus May 17th~18th~

****NEW MOON* is here in earthy Taurus reminding us to ground into Mother Earth to restore our balance. Let's ease into it with a patient grateful heart and find solace in our connection.***

Here are the MYSTIC MAMMA Astral Insights from our beloved featured astrologers. First from the wonderful [MOLLY HALL](#) from [Astrology/About.com](#):

"...the Taurus New Moon (on May 17th into the 18th) is the most lusciously Venusian of the year.

"Taurus' ruler is Venus, and the Moon is content here, for a restorative time with Mother Earth and her abundant natural treasures and pleasures.

"The icing on the cake to me here is Venus in a sweet trine to its own higher octave, Neptune. Venus is in the homey, nurturing sign of the Mother and emotional wellsprings, Cancer. And the Venus Cancer instincts to home in on what's comforting, is taken to ecstatic heights with Neptune in mystical Pisces.

"See what moves you, and what's calling you home, for rest, solace, release...."

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From the insightful [PAT LILES](#) from [The Power Path](#):

"Venus rules when the Sun and Moon are in Taurus...Her message is 'ground yourself!'

"Being present for sensations that come from our connecting portals into our physical bodies does that for us ~ our eyes, ears, taste buds, noses, tactile and motion sensors, nervous systems, our gut reactions, intuition ~ all these senses help anchor us to this physical reality.

"Taurus is our most grounded, feminine power sign. As a fixed, earth sign Taurus urges us to be present for the gifts of 'Mother Nature', to attend to 'being' not 'doing', and to tap into the resources where true wealth and prosperity lie.

"Take a moment to send a strong root down into Pachamama/Mother Earth and draw up her feminine power, her fertility, her creativity and love into your heart and infuse your physical bodies with her many nourishing gifts.

"Take a deep breath, and let out a full-bodied tone from your throat and free your voice and vibrate with the power of your connection to feminine, earth power honoring the Taurean rulership of the throat, voice, and neck.

"The chart ruler, Venus in Cancer, is in some challenging relationships in this chart. Venus, Taurus and their rulership of the second house of resources and values draws to the foreground issues of relationships, our wealth and finances, and our self worth..."

"...The Nodes on the Libra/Aries axis highlight our lessons in interdependence vs. independence, our partnering vs. our individuality, how others see us vs. how we see ourselves, going it alone vs. working with others.

"Venus may create a crisis here that brings out a deeply held issue or a new way of expressing your self and getting your needs met. Meet conflict with patience and kindness; she's trying to show you something in the reflections mirrored around you."

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From the illuminating [DIVINE HARMONY](#):

"The ruler of this lunation is Venus in Cancer, who in sweet aspect to Neptune- the Higher Heart. This is a reminder that when we come from the Higher Heart, unconditional Love and compassion- whatever it is we have to face (shadow within or shadow without) will not destroy us.

"Venus is also in sweet aspect to Mercury, linking the mind and the heart, thoughts and feelings- helping us to navigate the terrain of both and find a middle point of balance between them.

"Venus makes some tense aspects as well though- and considering the whole upcoming lunar month is governed by her it would be good to pay attention to them.

"First of all Venus is squares the nodes in the New Moon chart, symbolizing a pivotal point of choice we are being brought to in relationship, money situations, or situations regarding our personal values and self-worth.

"We are at a crossroads and we can take the path we have tread over and over again or we can take a new, unknown one. The path of growth is not easy, whereas the path of least resistance usually just breeds more karma.

"Venus rules the North Node and Mars (who is opposite Saturn) rules the South Node- bringing relationship dynamics (within and without) into focus at this lunation."

"...If you find yourself up against your stuff this week or faced with limitations or restrictions...you can sit with the discomfort and find ways to work creatively and expansively amidst limitation and set boundaries.

"When we can feel free even in the midst of perceived restrictions on our freedom (externally or internally)- then we have found that sweet spot of Inner Freedom.

"And once you have attained that- you will not need it to be realized outside of yourself to make life easier to live. You will have become that which you seek!"

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Taurus NEW MOON occurs...

May 17th at 9:13pm PDT ::: May 18th at 12:13am EDT ::: 4:13am GMT

***NEW MOON *Blessings to all!**

~MM

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A CLARION CALL FROM ON HIGH
by Patricia Cota-Robles

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Wow, what an extraordinary time we are living in. Actually, this Cosmic Moment is unique and unprecedented in all of Creation. I know that sounds rather grandiose, but the Beings of Light in the Realms of Illumined Truth have said that statement doesn't even begin to describe the magnitude of what is happening on Earth at this time.

Because I am going to write about some things that can truly boggle one's mind, I want to affirm to you that I do not ever share any information from the Company of Heaven that I have not confirmed, through my own personal experiences, to be true beyond a shadow of a doubt. Having said that, I also want to ask you to not ever accept something as Truth just because someone told you it is true. Please read this newsletter with an open heart and mind, then take this information into the Flame of Illumined Truth blazing in your heart. Ask your I AM Presence to reveal to you the Truth of this sharing from On High, and ask how you can most effectively participate in this incredible facet of the unfolding Divine Plan. And so we begin...

We are in the midst of a critical facet of the Divine Plan that has been unfolding step by step since the initial impulse of Humanity's fall from Grace millions of years ago. The Divine Intent of the powerful events unfolding on Earth at this time is to move Humanity, the Earth, and ALL Life evolving upon this Planet a quantum leap forward in the Light. According to the Company of Heaven, the success of this facet of the Divine Plan will accelerate our Ascension process by *literally thousands of years*. That means very practically and tangibly that the painful miscreations of hatred, war, violence, poverty, hunger, greed, corruption, aging, disease, the abuse of power, and every other form of pain and suffering currently surfacing all over the Earth to be healed, will be transmuted into Divine Love, Oneness, Reverence for Life, and all of the other patterns of perfection for the New Earth thousands of years sooner than we ever imagined.

The *Divine Potential* for this miracle was acknowledged by our Father-Mother God when they witnessed the heart commitment of Awakening Humanity and our willingness, as well as our intense desire, to hold the sacred space for our sisters and brothers in the Family of Humanity until they too could Awaken and return to Christ Consciousness. With that realization our God Parents issued a Cosmic Dispensation that gave the Beings of Light in the Realms of Illumined Truth permission to come through the veil to meet us halfway. Since that moment, the Company of Heaven has been standing in readiness awaiting the opportunity to assist us in powerful ways whenever we ask for their help.

Now, due to the incredible success of the Activities of Light that have taken place through the unified efforts of Heaven and Earth over the past several decades, these selfless Messengers of our Father-Mother God have been given permission to amplify Humanity's efforts to add the Light of the World a thousand times a thousandfold. This Gift from On High has exponentially intensified our ability to transmute the human miscreations on the old Earth as we cocreate the patterns of perfection for the New Earth.

The New Earth was God Victoriously Birthed in the 5th-Dimensional Realms of CAUSE on December 21-22, 2012. In January 2013, we were told by the Beings of Light that through the unified efforts of Awakened Humanity and the Company of Heaven, many events would take place during the next three years that would be life-transforming for ALL Life evolving on this Planet.

In 2013, we expanded the patterns of perfection for the New Earth and Birthed a Renaissance of Divine Love. In 2014, with the Divine Intervention of every person's I AM Presence, Humanity en masse experienced the activation of our pineal glands and the initial impulse of our return to Christ Consciousness. Now in 2015, the third year of the New Earth, we have collectively reached a critical mass of energy, vibration, and consciousness that is allowing Humanity and the Earth to withstand higher frequencies of 5th-Dimensional Crystalline Solar Light than ever before. This influx of Light will allow every person on Earth to be INITIATED INTO A HIGHER ORDER OF BEING by his or her I AM Presence. This initiation will be a critical factor in releasing the masses of Humanity from the paralyzing and manipulative grip of our fear-based and fragmented human egos.

The Company of Heaven said that if we had attempted to assimilate this frequency of Light even as recently as

four years ago, it would have been like trying to move through a lightning bolt and we would not have survived. That will give you an inkling of the monumental acceleration Humanity and Mother Earth have been experiencing at an atomic cellular level since the Birth of the New Earth.

WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL FROM ON HIGH?

Now during the most intensified influx of Light Humanity and the Earth have ever known, there is a Clarion Call reverberating from the Core of Creation which is the very Heart of our Father-Mother God. This Cosmic Tone is stirring the Divinity within every person's Heart Flame reminding the Sons and Daughters of God belonging to or serving the Earth at this time about the urgency of the hour. In alignment with the vows we each took in the Heart of God prior to this embodiment, we are being asked to be "THE OPEN DOOR THAT NO ONE CAN SHUT" for the Light of God that will victoriously accomplish the next and future facets of the unfolding Divine Plan.

2015 was Birthed in a Starburst of Light, and all Life on this Planet was bathed in the highest possible frequencies of our Father-Mother God's Twelve 5th-Dimensional Crystalline Solar Aspects of Deity. This occurred through the Divine Intervention of Beloved Mother Mary and the exponents of the Divine Feminine who represent our Mother God and her unfathomable Transfiguring Divine Love.

During the 2015 March Equinox and the Spiritual Celebrations of Passover, Easter, and Wesak, we were blessed with incredibly powerful Lunar and Solar Eclipses that raised Humanity's frequency of vibration at an atomic cellular level the maximum we were capable of withstanding. This paved the way for an amazing Celestial event that catapulted the Earth and ALL her Life a quantum leap up the Spiral of Evolution.

On April 19, 2015, in perfect synchronicity, the Earth received a gamma-ray burst of Light that was visible in the night sky and captured by the robotic ROTSE-IIIb telescope at McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis, Texas. The Beings of Light confirmed that this intense Light resulted from one of the biggest and hottest explosions in the Universe. Scientist determined this Light was the result of an explosion of a Star that took place more than 12.1 billion years ago.

Gamma-ray bursts are not well understood by astronomers, but they realize that they are very important. Gamma-ray bursts are the most powerful explosions in the Universe. These bursts release more energy in 10 seconds than our Earth's Sun will release during its entire expected lifespan of 10 billion years. Just imagine!

The Beings of Light say that gamma-rays are instrumental in recalibrating Humanity's RNA and DNA structures. Scientists now know that our RNA and DNA are shimmering, waveform configurations that are moment by moment being modified by Light, solar radiation, magnetic fields, sonic impulses, thoughtforms, emotions, and most profoundly—GAMMA-RAYS. The colossal influx of gamma-rays we received in April were assimilated into the physical, etheric, mental, and emotional strata of Mother Earth and absorbed by the I AM Presence of every man, woman, and child on Earth. Each person's I AM Presence is now using this Light to recalibrate the genetic codes in his or her RNA and DNA structures. This recalibration will reflect the patterns of perfection in our 5th-Dimensional Crystalline Solar Light Bodies, which pulsate with the frequencies of Eternal Youth, Vibrant Health, Radiant Beauty, and God's Infinite Physical Perfection. During this process, the gamma-rays are actually transfiguring our genetic codes from the 3rd-dimensional carbon based codes we needed on the old Earth into the 5th-Dimensional Crystalline-based codes that will be necessary in order to form our Solar Light Bodies on the New Earth.

The Beings of Light want us to know that with the masses of Humanity being Initiated into a HIGHER ORDER OF BEING, which will take place August 15-20, 2015, the process of recalibrating and transfiguring our genetic codes will be exponentially accelerated. For this reason, the Company of Heaven is giving us greater clarity about the preparation taking place for the event in August, so we will be fully prepared to be THE OPEN DOOR THAT NO ONE CAN SHUT during that Cosmic Moment.

THE MYSTICAL MONTH OF MAY

We are now in the midst of the Mystical Month of May. The Beings of Light refer to the month of May as "mystical" because of the activities of Light that take place in the Heavenly Realms on behalf of Humanity and

the Earth during May. May 1st is Saint Germain's Ascension Day. Every year on that date the Legions of Light associated with the Violet Flame of God's Infinite Perfection bathe the Earth with that resplendent Light and transmute Humanity's human miscreations the maximum that Cosmic Law will allow.

May 1st is also the day that Mother Mary's Temple of The Immaculate Heart is opened in the Realms of Light so that Humanity can visit there in our finer bodies as we sleep at night. Mother Mary's Temple is open throughout the entire Month of May and every night during that month she assists each of us individually, through our I AM Presence, in ways that will assist us in moving forward in the Light.

This year Mother Mary is preparing our Immaculate Hearts and the Immortal Victorious Threefold Flame blazing within our Hearts to withstand the highest possible frequencies of the recalibration taking place within our RNA and DNA structures. Her mission at this time is twofold: she is helping us to integrate the Flame of Illumined Truth that has been recently activated within our Heart Flames, and she is helping our I AM Presence to raise the frequency of our Immaculate Hearts and our Threefold Flames in preparation for the Light of God that will flow through every person's Heart Flame in August as he or she is Initiated into a Higher Order of Being. This assistance is being given to ALL of us by Mother Mary this month and the effects of this acceleration will build in momentum until we fulfill our mission of being THE OPEN DOOR THAT NO ONE CAN SHUT in August.

If you would like to be more tangibly aware of the wondrous events taking place within Mother Mary's Temple of The Immaculate Heart this month, when you go to bed simply ask your I AM Presence to help you remember in the morning the events you are experiencing and participating in while you are in your finer body at night.

BEING THE OPEN DOOR THAT NO ONE CAN SHUT

During the events in August we will all be in our right and perfect place. This is a Global Activity of Light that will involve every person on Earth whether or not he or she is aware of it on a conscious level. We have ALL been preparing for lifetimes to fulfill our unique part of this Divine Plan.

Even though you know this profound Truth within the Divinity of your Heart, the Company of Heaven has asked me to reiterate the following information, so that it will be fresh in your conscious mind when you are making your decision about participating in this Activity of Light or any other Activity of Light that may be brought into your sphere of awareness.

There is a Universal expression that states "COSMIC MOMENTS COME AND COSMIC MOMENTS GO!" If Humanity does not take advantage of the Cosmic Moment, it passes us by and does not fulfill its Divine Potential of moving the Sons and Daughters of God and the Earth forward in the Light. The Beings of Light said sometimes it is hundreds of years before that Cosmic Moment presents itself again to the evolutions of Earth.

There are awe-inspiring Celestial events involving waves of Divine Light that have the ability to shift the energy, vibration, and consciousness of Humanity and all Life evolving on this Planet. But in order for the physical plane of Earth and Humanity to receive the benefits of that Divine Light, it must be magnetized through the Heart Flames of the Sons and Daughters of God abiding in the physical plane. The Universal Law is, "*The Call for assistance must come from the Realm where the assistance is needed.*"

For aeons of time Humanity has been so buried in the effluvia of our own miscreations that we have usually been oblivious to those Cosmic Moments. Consequently, we have been writhing in the agony of our painful creations for much longer than was necessary. But now, EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED! Since the Birth of the New Earth Humanity is Awakening at warp speed, and the number of Awakened Lightworkers who are consciously serving as THE OPEN DOOR THAT NO ONE CAN SHUT on behalf of Humanity and the Earth is LEGION!!

For that reason, we are in the position of magnetizing more Light through the Divinity of our Heart Flames during the Cosmic Moment of August 15-20, 2015 than has ever been attempted in any System of Worlds. The amount of Divine Light we are able to magnetize into the physical plane of Earth through our Heart Flames will determine how high the Initiation of the masses of Humanity into a Higher Order of Being will lift the Earth and all her Life up the Spiral of Evolution. As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, the Company of Heaven said the success of this facet of the Divine Plan has the ability to accelerate our Ascension process by thousands of years.

THE DIVINE PLAN FOR AUGUST 15-20, 2015

Every possible outer-world advantage is being provided in order to help us accomplish the maximum benefit from this facet of the unfolding Divine Plan. The Portal of Light through which the Light of God will initially flow during this Cosmic Moment is the Open Door for the most powerful frequencies of Healing and Divine Love on the Planet. The permanent seed atom for this portal is in the foothills of Tucson, Arizona, but the portal itself expands throughout the Southwestern United States of America.

The Light that perpetually flows through this portal from the very Heart of our Father-Mother God is the *Flame of Healing Through the Power of God's Infinite Transmutation* and the *Flame of our Mother God's Transfiguring Divine Love*. The event that will host the Activity of Light within this portal August 15-20, 2015 is the **29th Annual World Congress on Illumination**.

The Clarion Call has gone out to Lightworkers around the World inviting those who resonate with this facet of the Divine Plan to come to Tucson, Arizona, to serve as THE OPEN DOOR THAT NO ONE CAN SHUT on behalf of all of our sisters and brothers in the Family of Humanity and Mother Earth herself. Together we will form a mighty transformer through the unification of our Heart Flames. Throughout the entire week the Light of God will build in momentum through the Portal of Light in Tucson and in the right and perfect Cosmic Moment the Company of Heaven will Initiate the I AM Presence of every man, woman, and child on Earth into a HIGHER ORDER OF BEING. This will occur for every person in perfect alignment with each one's Divine Plan and the highest good for all concerned.

The more people who are gathered at the 29th Annual World Congress on Illumination in Tucson from all over the World, the more powerful our transformer will be and the more Light we will be able to receive into the physical plane of Earth on behalf of Humanity and Mother Earth.

If you have the Heart Call to be physically present in Tucson for this Activity of Light, know that Beloved Mother Mary and Saint Germain are preparing your Heart Flame to withstand more 5th-Dimensional Crystalline Solar Light than you have ever experienced. This is being accomplished through your I AM Presence within the frequencies of God's Bliss, Wonder, Awe, and Sublime Gratitude.

For those of you who will be joining us in consciousness from various locations around the Globe, know that your Heart Flame is also being prepared by Mother Mary and Saint Germain in whatever way is most appropriate for your unique service to the Light for this event.

For those of you who are in the process of making your decision about attending the 29th Annual World Congress on Illumination and those who would just like to align with the Portal of Light in Tucson, please watch the 3-minute YouTube Video and you will experience some of the wonders of this location.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TBS0VZGmAY>

(If this link does not work please copy and paste it in your browser.)

If you have the Heart Call to serve as the Open Door for the mighty transformer our Father-Mother God and the Company of Heaven will use to Initiate Humanity into a Higher Order of Being, all of the information you will need to participate is on our Website at the link below.

<http://www.eraofpeace.org/world-congress-on-illumination-event-2015#info-tab>

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Whatever your decision is, know that your willingness to serve Humanity and Mother Earth during the upcoming Cosmic Moment is greatly appreciated by all Life evolving on this sweet Earth. Our Father-Mother God and the Company of Heaven are blessing you with Infinite Gratitude.

God Bless You,

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