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Friday Hard News Call

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 - **We need \$ 600 to break even.** That is \$300 per week. Many, many thanks to all who contribute: the more people who take part, the easier it is for all.
 - What we hear and learn feeds our minds and our souls! And, as LM Nada said, it is also part of our contribution to the work being done by Tara & Rama and to the changes going on. **Every little bit helps!**
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 - **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**
- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too

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HARD NEWS

T: Important that each person makes some kind of contribution – it is about supporting NESARA and getting the info out there. Still don't have money for bills.

Genocide – started in 1995 in

- it started with Bill & Hillary Clinton, Maddie Albright, Gen Wesley Clark
- yesterday said it was 8,000 - it took forever to find them – body parts in 5 different spots
- the US killed millions, not just 8,000 +

Pope: in Paraguay – asked for forgiveness for what happened to the indigenous people

Greece: the new finance minister and Tsipris presented a new austerity based budget to the Troika; people in the streets again: we said NO last week

- Economic activity has come to a halt for the last week

From the Rachel Maddow Show: * [Greece](#): "Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras began the apparently delicate task Friday of selling his anti-austerity party and the rest of the Greek Parliament on a three-year rescue package that was remarkably similar to the one Greek voters overwhelmingly rejected in a referendum less than a week ago."

The Ring of Fire has been active for some time now; is behind the following:

Eastern Java:

- a volcano just blasted stuff 9,000 ft – 5 airports in Bali shut down in height of tourist season

Southern Japan: a Typhoon also – 1000s of stranded travellers

Russia / Siberia: Chumkatka – a massive volcano that has been rumbling for a while: if it blows, all of North America will go into a deep freeze.

Chile: a volcano went off at 15,000 feet. Chile has 100 more volcanoes

Malaysia – has 137 volcanoes

- We're at breaking point: spending

• **Programming the future:**

- Japan is training children to become IT people
- also, a program called Dolphins Dilemma – a huge debate in Japan about the way dolphins are captured, let alone kill them
- Shinzo Abe still trying to get

N Y C area: a nuclear plant is leaking – a serious problem there

Actor Omar Shariff died today – known for movies Dr Zhivago, Lawrence of Arabia

- died in Egypt – one of very few Arabs who made it in Hollywood

Greece: the people feel betrayed by Tsipris & the finance minister: cut the pensions more,

- made
- KOE said they will exit the Euro; it looks like the people will push the river.
- Robert Mundell, a Milton Friedman boy, created the Euro
- If they do a Grexit, the EU zone is in big trouble

Tom the Cat – etc: the Euro zone has to break up and people go back to their own currencies

R gets the feeling that the way all the energies are moving, these life forms from Dracos

are expecting Armageddon and the Rapture, yet it is **their** armageddon and **their** Rapture – NOT OURS!

- If this goes, they will make a cheaper Drachma – will increase tourists to Greece –
- the Troika will lose on this one: all kinds of meetings on the weekend

Audio: [The Rachel Maddow Show 7/9/15](#)

Rachel Maddow - July 9, 2015

Rachel Maddow tells the stories behind the policies that shape American life. Duration: 44:32
<http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/watch/rachel-maddow-july-9-2015-episode>

Confederate flag to come down Friday in SC

Rachel Maddow reports on the passage of a bill in South Carolina to take down the confederate flag that flies outside the state capitol. Duration: 18:33

<http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/confederate-flag-to-come-down-tomorrow-in-sc-481569859989>

The Rachel Maddow Show July 8, 2015

Emotional debate continues over SC flag bill

Rachel Maddow reports on the raw and emotional debate in the South Carolina House over a bill that would mandate the removal of the confederate flag that flies over the state capitol. Duration: 6:13

- Need to go further than just removing symbols: issues like education, housing need to be addressed.

Conference Call

Caller: with what's happening in Greece, talk of alternative currencies – thought that with NESARA, would be an immediate transference.

T: all will go to Zero; there will be a simulcast to announce the presence of our brothers and sisters; don't freak out as the forcefields come down; people will be arrested with the help of 20 million white knights –

- there's an underground jail complex underneath The Hague with lots of room for them/
- Mother said some of these are intergalactic war criminals – they will be taken to the Orion Constellation and tried for intergalactic war crimes: King Dracos and Princes Argala of the Draconians
- this happens AFTER they lose their physicality here: will be in light body consciousness and taken to be tried.
- The situation goes back to every single life time: as they don't ask for forgiveness, they go to 2nd death for what they did in every single life time – George Bush was Ahab; his present day wife was the queen – they created nuclear holocausts and annihilated all kinds of people – that timeline will be changed: everyone involved in that time line will also have a changed timeline – this will help mitigate anyone from going nuts when they hear the news.
- As you have something in a credit union, can do something with that – not sure how much time will go by: within 72 hours of the announcement of NESARA and the arrests are made, the

new programming will start and go on for a long time as there is so much to explore

- what happens in the meantime will happen: bit coin is out of the loop/ NOT IN THE SYSTEM and is fine. Thinks everyone will be OK – anyone out of their minds will be put in forcefields too – no more wars – how racist this country is is unbelievable. Arizona is a very republican state and very dirty things going on there

Caller: not to worry about this: as soon as announcements are made, will be a short time until N is in place?

T: when they arrest them all, ALL, EVERY ONE OF THEM will be arrested [all at once]!

- Everything just gets suspended for a moment in time & everything will be back on board soon; nothing like generator systems going off for long periods of time or that sort of thing.
- There are so many people not aware and not believing that something like this exists: T & R have been going through the situation of not knowing if the roof will be over their heads for years: it's really important that people make a contribution of some kind – every week, it is only a few people who help – a lot of people listen to these calls and there is a small handful who come to this part [the conference call]; when we get to the radio show, thousands check in and listen and are looking for something but are not sure what
- Like yesterday, **they explained that the Faction 2 version is not what NESARA is** and that version doesn't tell the real story as they don't want to talk about the galactic story.
 - The only place to find that story is in the archives on the [2013] website – the 36 pager: print it out, study it, send it out - thinks that many of us are not really getting it ourselves – have not come to grips with the density of the [negative & misleading] programming that we have been living under.
- Grateful for **Bernie Sanders** being out there – he **knows about Faction 3 and NESARA**
- **Bill Mahers** listens to the show all the time, and knows we play his program when he is in town.
 - Ann Coulter was saying it should be a Mitt Romney / Scott walker ticket: a murderer and a Koch Bros pablum boywho has put up another bill he wants passed into law: scary!

Caller: can you post the information on 2013?

T re-reads what is on the NESARA section of the website: INFO ALREADY THERE!!!

- the story of what happened in Dec/2000
- talks of the importance of the 13th Amendment which was removed from the Constitution
 - 99% of the Congress in DC have titles of nobility [Esq.] - many are lawyers and so are committing treason.

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T: we are on the edge of the edge of the edge of galactic disclosure. How much we are loved is so very far beyond our comprehension!

Mother / Alcyone [M/A]

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

- Are we all going to be in limbo, and how long between the old and the new currency?
 - So important to know that the shift is going from corporation to cooperation and it's about people helping people!

Greetings, Children of Ra!

- Cooperation, cooperatives – it is how things get healed after eons of watching the financial fat cats walk away with the gold toilet and the sink, and we get the bucket! The tables have turned as we have already seen the writing on the wall: corporations as they are, are dinosaurs and are doomed to fail; their purpose is to create more confusion in this time of awakening and every single cell within our temples is awakening to quantum point: this is happening for humanity at the same moment.
 - All the energies are in place; our own DNA is - now the magic really begins. And the old dinosaurs have to go by the wayside; they serve no earthly purpose except to pollute the atmosphere with their confusing frequencies that are based in the old 12/60 cycle, not the 13 / 20 cycle
- It is such an awesome time to be in these temples of the living goddess/god/ all that is - to be in bodies, to be on this earth: she commends us for having come this far, as this is no small task. What is another 10,000 years – just a blink, a whisker twitch is all it is. As we become heart centred, move from the mind to the high heart and we watch things move at quantum speed, we watch what is happening – the other things going on around us are happening, but are not the focus – they do their time and disappear, as they are not part of this equation which is moving at quantum light speed level
- Of course, accountability reformation, restoration: this is no small day where this banner of slavery was taken down: the ripples of this are huge! At the same intersecting moment, it is where America meets the conversation about the hidden history / herstory of Sara and Magdalene, Yeshu: daughters of Sara – Moabites, Moabites – all these words: it is about the ancient convoluted story of Mother Zudiachus, Mother Africa.
 - Mother says tune into the land: we'll hear her voice singing the song of what is shifting, moving at this moment about how we do this with love. At the same moment, as we become more aware how we have had a role to play in this planet's story even if it is so insignificant – **it is not!**
 - Every life form holds a key position in the scheme of things down to the ant. It is that **we are all One**; as we move and have our being in these ways, we learn about new cultures, new life forms – there is much to comprehend about how insignificant we are and, at the same time, how we hold the key positions as creator gods, creator goddesses, all that is. We had key roles in how we created form, substance, giving the breath of prana - the frequency of life.
- What is happening on so many levels is that the cells are awakening all at once; [there is] a bit of confusion as everything sinks into place – this is happening for everyone. So if we are all seemingly out of place, remember the breath as it brings all into alignment. There is a lot happening on so many levels about how we do this with love.
- And at the same moment, there is so much is being brought to the forefront to distract the mind from the heart: we don't need any extra help from her and hers; we do a good enough job on our own about being distracted! They come in peace to bring about As we take from our moments of each day to listen to the still small voice in the corner of the room that will not go away – that voice is as loud as the Universe saying "hello. We need to talk. It is about your ascension; it is assured yet as we do this together, it makes a difference in such a huge way."

- As never before, so many souls are waking up
 - It is the great link up that is happening: our 13 wayward children of these families – they know the time is up and they are cornered; they are radically rabid animals – the one moment they have here is about their survival, and they would assure it in any way possible, including detonating the gourds of ashes [nukes]. They do not get to do this!
- There is a story out there about an international court judge who is saying Dick Cheney will be tried for international war crimes: this is coming sooner than later. All the issues around 911, before and since, are about her wayward children, the 13 families who are in their twilight hour – **just know that we have already won!**
 - The chips are falling as they may – she has no words to convey what she says: we can feel it in ourselves, in our bones – no way to put it into “language” – it comes from the gut: the time is up, and the Age of Aquarius is here.
 - We can do this in a relatively instantaneous moment: everything is in place – a few of the strategic craft, centered around the Alpha quadrant in the Milky Way Galaxy are doing to amplify the energy coming from the centre of the Milky Way Galaxy
 - as we approach these times we have been reading about in the astrology – when Mr Francis is going to address the congress of criminals and the rest of the folks
 - As we go into the energies we are in in the moment, it will only increase and up the ante exponentially every second of every day: by the time we see Mr Francis addressing the members of congress [Sept 24th], there is a frequency shift that has already been locked into place – it is only about love; all we are saying is give peace a chance.
- Yes, of course, she comes from our future which is her past; she cannot tell us one iota of how this gets completed – yet **we are the key**; as we are looking for the key master and the gatekeeper, we must look within - it is all here.
 - The ancient Babylonian money magic story is coming to a great conclusion; it should never have happened to begin with. Yet grace happens and a lot of other things, too - only love is the answer
 - all she is saying is give peace a chance

T: all this will work out for the highest good, right?

M/A: yes, we only come to bring glad tidings of great joy! The angels have heard on high that Gaia / Vyamus / Terra Nova have made it as the 33 member of the Confederation of worlds, as well as into the Intergalactic Federation of Worlds.

- we are on such a magnificent threshold as the lady Genii keeps saying: the cities of light are already manifesting in Sedona and all around the planet. As we raise this up, they manifest.

T: that concern about the volcano in Russia /Siberia woke her [T] up; it can change everything in a split hair's breadth – doesn't like that feeling much!

M/A: the craft are keeping watch & monitoring: as they need to do some terra forming; they will proceed with the operations

T: but you can't interfere

M/A: they can mitigate a few of the energies

T: yes, but mitigation can still be cold!

M/A: It will not be an igloo: let's say Q is here [Q is the great inventor in the 007 movies!]

T: Doesn't make her happy: she did not come here to live in an igloo! Could mean the whole North American continent is in a cold spot!

M/A: just remember we are here in the most magnificent of times. The frequency shifts are doing what they do to cleanse, purify & transfigure us and the planet - it only gets

better from here!. Has to be because **we are the magic about this story** which has to do with the gold dust that goes way beyond what has been discussed. The gold dust is already doing its magic within our cells – see you on the other side!

Greetings in the light of the most Radiant one . . . Kadoish, Kadoish, kadoish

R: has been to one of the galleries on Venus – would call it an amphitheatre outdoor gallery – seeing Commander Kla-La giving a lecture on geometry: has not seen him speak for many moons – this is a good day!

T: he's the one who lectures on what is really going on in each galaxy, location, planet – what things are really like: what is said on NASA is just talking through their hats.

R: all the poles on each planet are heating up and going through tremendous transfigurations, including the sun – it's about moving into the higher octaves

T: Someone put that galactic tour video on the net but recollects that it was pretty hard to understand

R: Max Keiser was not on Thursday morning; only on Tuesday

- No Daily Show this week: Jon Stewart has time off.

Audio: Democracy Now July 7, 2015

2015-07-07 **"A Europe of Equals": Report from Athens as Greek Voters Seek Alternatives to Austerity**

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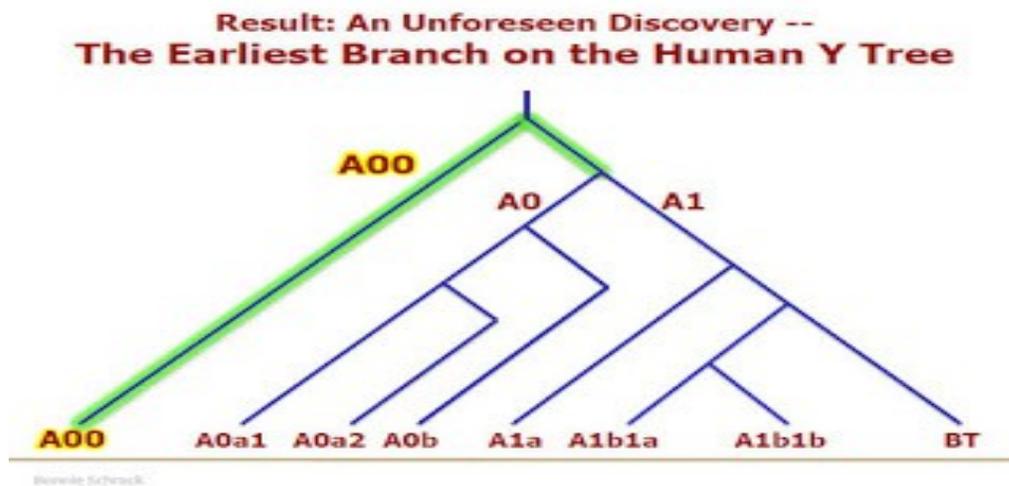
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Audio: Max Keiser
[July 7, 2015](#)

[KR780] Keiser Report: Yanis Varoufakis 'Shane' of Greece

<https://youtu.be/EiZnhuDWkd4>

We discuss the Greek referendum results, financial terrorism and bail-in fears induced velocity of money. In the second half, Max interviews Professor Steve Keen about the Greek 'OXI' (No) vote and the dictatorship of the ECB.

Audio: The Daily Show June 30, 2015 with Jon Hamm

<http://www.thecomedynetwork.ca/shows/thedailyshow?vid=646720>

Reading: Buddha in Redface

Closing: Rainbird

Reads: 2015-07-09 Releasing Our Fear-based Human Ego by Patricia Cota-Robles

The Company of Heaven is flooding the mental and emotional strata of this Planet with the profound Truth that this is the most critical, wondrous, and unprecedented time Humanity and the Earth have ever experienced. As a result of this influx of sacred knowledge, which is filtering into the conscious minds and the hearts of the millions of people who are Awakening every single day, people everywhere are sensing that THEIR TIME IS AT HAND. The interpretation of what this Inner Knowing means is dependent on how Awakened a person is. **[SEE BELOW for the entire document]**

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NEWS

2015-07-09 **Nancy Pelosi ambushes Republicans on confederate flag**

by [Joan McCarter](#)

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi responded to House Speaker John Boehner's [Confederate flag debacle](#) by putting Republicans further on the spot. Republicans failed. Massively.

Pelosi introduced a [privileged resolution](#) instructing that "the Speaker of the House of Representatives remove any State flag containing any portion of the Confederate battle flag, other than a flag displayed by the office of a Member of the House, from any area within the House wing of the Capitol or any House office building, and shall donate any such flag to the Library of Congress." Republican whip Kevin McCarthy moved to refer the resolution to the House Administration Committee, for "committee action." And [all hell broke loose](#) as Republicans attempted to shout down Democrats and prevent a recorded vote on sending this resolution to committee to die. Pelosi eventually got her recorded vote, and Republicans voted [almost unanimously](#) to bury the bill.

Rep. Curt Clawson (R-Fla.) was the only Republican to side with Democrats on the Confederate flag. Rep. Mia Love (Utah), the only female black Republican in Congress, briefly voted "present" before changing her vote in favor of referral in the final moments of the roll call. [...]

Speaker John Boehner's (R-Ohio) office denounced the move as a stunt.

"The Speaker offered a thoughtful and responsible way to address this issue and Pelosi responded with a cheap political stunt," Boehner spokesman Kevin Smith said.

Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), the sole African American member of the Mississippi delegation, offered a nearly identical resolution to Pelosi's last month, days after the shooting in Charleston, S.C. McCarthy used the same move to block Thompson's measure at that time.

Maybe it's a stunt, but it's one that functioned to highlight the GOP's serious problem with racism, a problem highlighted by White House press secretary Josh Earnest in [his Thursday briefing](#).

"These are the same House Republicans who voted for a party leader who once described himself as 'David Duke without the baggage,' he said, referring to House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.), and then taking a shot at Donald Trump's recent offensive remarks about immigrants. "These are the same congressional Republicans who have declined to criticize the race-baiting rhetoric of a leading Republican presidential candidate."

Sorry, Boehner. You're not going to be able to avoid this shame. Nancy Pelosi won't let you

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2015/07/09/1400796/-Nancy-Pelosi-ambushes-Republicans-on-confederate-flag?detail=email>

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Guests

Paul Mason, economics editor at Channel 4 News. He is producer of the forthcoming documentary about Greece titled *And Dreams Shall Take Revenge*.

Richard Wolff, emeritus professor of economics at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and visiting professor at New School University. He hosts a weekly national radio program called *Economic Update* on about 45 radio stations, including Pacifica stations WBAI, KPFA, KPFK and KPFT. He's the author of several books, including, most recently, *Democracy at Work: A Cure for Capitalism*.

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PRESIDENT FRANÇOIS HOLLANDE: [translated] We have been paying close attention to the voting results, and we respect Greece's referendum. The door remains open for discussions. It is now up to the government of Alexis Tsipras to make serious, credible proposals so that this willingness to stay in the eurozone can be realized.

AMY GOODMAN: In Athens, Euclid Tsakalotos was sworn in as Greece's new finance minister, replacing Yanis Varoufakis, who resigned following Sunday's referendum. Tsakalotos had served as

Greece's main bailout negotiator and has been a member of Syriza for nearly a decade. Like Varoufakis, he has been a vocal opponent of fiscal austerity imposed by the core of the eurozone, saying it has unnecessarily impoverished Greece.

EUCLID TSAKALOTOS: [translated] I will not hide from you that I am nervous and very anxious. It's not the easiest time in Greek history to be taking on this job. There are class issues with this vote, simple working-class and middle-class people who have lost their businesses, so that we want to trust the government that will deliver a viable solution.

AMY GOODMAN: To talk more about Greece, we're joined by two guests. In Athens, Paul Mason is with us, economics editor at Channel 4 News, producer of a forthcoming documentary about the rise of Syriza in Greece titled *And Dreams Shall Take Revenge*. And here in New York, Richard Wolff is with us, emeritus professor of economics at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, visiting professor at New School University here in New York. He hosts a weekly national radio program called *Economic Update*, the author of a number of books, including *Democracy at Work: A Cure for Capitalism*.

Let's go first to Athens. Paul Mason, first, were you surprised by Sunday's vote? And talk about what this means now.

PAUL MASON: I was surprised by the size of it, but, of course, all the opinion polls were effectively rubbish, because you just can't opinion-poll a country like this on an issue like this. But the size of it astonished not only the journalists, but also the Syriza leadership, as well. I think both the size of the rally that preceded it on Friday night visibly shocked the leadership around Alexis Tsipras—I mean, it filled the square behind me and several streets around it; it was six times bigger than the opposing right-wing "yes" rally—and then the vote itself. You know, there's probably maybe 35 percent, 40 percent leftist voters here. To get 60 percent means that liberals, conservatives, just people who are not political must have voted for the "no."

And I think it just—it's part of actually what we're observing here on the ground: a very rapid radicalization of population. I think it's probably fair to say nine out of 10 of the media groups that are camped out here in Greece are not getting that, because they're tied to these satellite dishes that are all around me, but there is a radicalization going on. And it happened in the last two days of last week, when people saw TV stations, owned by oligarchs, pumping out not only the usual one-sided news, but actual straightforward sort of World War II-style propaganda for the "yes" camp. Many people said they switched their votes when they saw these TV stations break even the most rudimentary Greek—which are not very good—TV regulations and became—basically, they make Fox News look objective.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to ask you about Yanis Varoufakis, who briefly spoke to reporters after he announced his surprise resignation as finance minister on Monday.

YANIS VAROUFAKIS: [translated] What is happening here is just a change of the guard between something more than comrades. We are friends, colleagues and fellow academics. Euclid and I have shared similar philosophical, ideological views for a long time now.

AMY GOODMAN: Yanis Varoufakis left the Ministry of Finance with his wife, Danae, on the back

of a motorbike, downtown Athens, on Friday, two days before the Greek referendum. He was interviewed by you, Paul, for Channel 4 News. This is a clip of what he said.

PAUL MASON: Yanis Varoufakis, you said yesterday you'd resign if there's a "yes" vote on Sunday. What will you do if there's a "no" vote?

YANIS VAROUFAKIS: We're going to press ahead. We have a deal to make, one that is viable, unlike the deal that was offered to us by the institutions. The only reason why we're having this referendum, Paul, is because we were given an ultimatum on the basis of a set of proposals, which we consider to be nonviable. In other words, next week, two weeks from now, three weeks from now, two months, four months from now, we're going to be still mired in an endless negotiation, with economy fading, without investment. And we thought that we should put this to the Greek people: Accept this if you wish, but if you don't, empower us with a "no" to seek a better deal for Europe.

AMY GOODMAN: So, Yanis Varoufakis said he would quit if there was a "yes" vote. There was an overwhelming "no" vote, and he quit. Paul Mason, explain.

PAUL MASON: Well, look, the official explanation is that he did it to lessen the physical and sort of moral friction there is with the creditors. He has been winding them up very—very effectively for months, and they don't like him. The reason they don't like him is because he's U.S.-trained. He speaks perfect English and speaks the language of the IMF, the World Bank and Wall Street, and indeed Silicon Valley, where he worked. That's the official reason.

I think there's an extra set of reasons, though. And it's like this. Varoufakis privately, throughout these negotiations, I think, was urging a tougher stance, an earlier break. The break only really—it's called "the rupture" here in Greece. The strategy of rupturing with the lenders began only in June, early June. I think he wanted to do that earlier. I think he wanted them to go out to the people, physically, earlier.

And I think the other thing is, because he's a professional economist whose entire career has been based on this critique of austerity, as finance minister, what's he going to do? The best deal they're going to get today is going to be eight billion euros' worth of austerity over two years, because that's what they offered two weeks ago. I know that he believed that deal itself is a recessionary deal, unless there's several tens of billions poured into Greece in the form of a kind of Marshall Plan that would offset it. So I think he's taking a step back.

The other thing is psychologically—[inaudible] psychologically, about the background of the two men. Tsakalotos and Varoufakis are both people I've spoken to at length during this crisis. Tsakalotos is somebody who is organically from the far left, from that New Left generation that you know very well, Amy, and that your listeners probably know very well, going back to the Port Huron declaration, etc., in the '60s. Varoufakis is not. Varoufakis came to the far left from the center. And I think that just, basically, people know, who have been on the left for some time, for decades, that it tends to build a level of patience in you. You can do things and accept things moving slowly. Varoufakis, mentally, I think, wanted to win, and he wanted to win big time and to win now. They're not going to win now. And so, somebody is going to have to sign a deal that is a compromise.

And maybe they win, maybe—or they advance, when they've actually shored up behind them in

Greek society a little bit more support for the things they want to do, because although 60 percent of people voted no, you don't see 60 percent of people on the streets out there protesting in favor of Syriza. You don't see 60 percent of people out there self-organizing, doing the soup kitchens, doing the voluntary pharmacies. And the Syriza activists will tell you that's the hardest part. So I think for the strategists of Syriza—and Tsakalotos is a strategist of the Syriza party—this is one step in an advance of taking Greek society down the route of a left-wing project. And maybe Varoufakis will be leading, as it were, from the sidelines. I know when I spoke to him, he was looking forward to being a back bencher.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to turn to comments made by the new Greek finance minister, Euclid Tsakalotos, earlier this year. While speaking to Sinn Féin activists in March, he described the negotiations between Greece and its creditors as part of a wider ideological struggle across Europe.

EUCLID TSAKALOTOS: We will be seeking to negotiate a new deal to address Greece's unsustainable debt. No economy that has lost a quarter of its GDP, has 25 percent of its population unemployed and over 50 percent of its young people unemployed, and has one-third of its population facing extreme poverty can be expected to repay its debt with a succession of years of very high primary surpluses. For all of this, we need the solidarity of European peoples. Some European governments will be arguing that we should not give problematic Greeks special treatment. But you know that we are not asking for special treatment, but for equal treatment in a Europe of equals. Greece—Greece had had the biggest per capita fiscal adjustment of any economy since the crisis began—hardly special treatment, especially when you consider that the bailout was more to serve Northern banks than sovereign peoples.

AMY GOODMAN: That's the new Greek finance minister, Euclid Tsakalotos, earlier this year in Ireland addressing Sinn Féin. We're joined by Paul Mason. He is in Athens, Greece. He has been intensively covering Syriza and what's been going on in Greece. And in New York, we're joined by Richard Wolff, a professor, economist here at The New School. Your response to what is happening and what the new finance minister was just saying?

RICHARD WOLFF: I think the real importance of what is happening in Greece is that fundamentally a poor corner of Europe has said it will no longer absorb the disproportionate burden of this crisis and of the bailouts that have been used to cope with it. Basically, what is going on here is that the richer countries of Europe, led by Germany, are shifting the burden of all these crises—that they are responsible for—onto people in Greece. They never imagined that in trying to do that they would generate their worst nightmare: a left-wing political organization that goes from 4 percent of the vote a few years ago to an ability to call out a referendum and get 60 percent of the people to support them. So, they have generated a response, and that struggle, of which this is only one step, is what's being played out here. And that's why it's relevant to the rest of Europe and to the United States, everywhere where there is mounting evidence of people saying, "No, we will not continue to absorb the costs of a system that works in this dysfunctional way."

AMY GOODMAN: We're going to go to break, and when we come back, to talk about what the alternatives are, what the alternatives to austerity are, in Athens, as well as in Europe, and even here at home. We're joined by New School professor, economist Richard Wolff, as well as Paul

Mason, who is the economics reporter for Channel 4 News—economics editor, speaking to us from Athens. This is *Democracy Now!* Back in a minute.

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AMY GOODMAN: "Zorba's Dance" from the 1964 film *Zorba the Greek*, Mikis Theodorakis. His popular songs and music, including the scores for the movies *Zorba the Greek* and *Z*, were banned during the military dictatorship of the 1960s and '70s in Greece, and Theodorakis spent much of his three years of banishment in a remote village and in prison. This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman.

As we talk about what's happening in Greece, what's happening in Europe, what is the trend that's happening in different places all over the world and the global repercussions of the battle taking place over austerity in Greece? Paul Mason with this, economics editor, Channel 4 News, producer of a forthcoming documentary about Greece titled *And Dreams Shall Take Revenge*. And with us here in New York, Richard Wolff, well-known economist, formerly at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, now at New School.

Paul Mason, before we lose you on the satellite, do you share this view that this is a turning point in European history?

PAUL MASON: Tonight and tomorrow are absolutely strategic moments for Europe. I'm sorry, Amy. Tonight and tomorrow are absolutely strategic moments for Europe, because the Europeans know that not only did 60 percent of people in Greece vote against the austerity, but that means the structural reforms that the IMF always try to do, that the Greeks have been saying won't work here, won't work here as a fact. You cannot impose economic structural reforms on a population that has voted 60 percent against them, with the television blaring out propaganda for them, every TV station and every newspaper, virtually, doing that. You just can't do it. It's not a question of argument; it's a question of fact.

Because they know that, the Europeans—Merkel and Hollande—met last night, and they were supposed to come up with something. We'll find out today what that thing is. If it is more division, if it is more recourse to the rules—because the rules of the European Central Bank say that the Greek banks should be forced into submission, the rules of the various bailout funds say that Greece should get no more money—well, the rules are going to destroy Europe, in that case. If they cannot break out of the rules, then they are going to be—it's no longer here are Syriza and the Greek people the actor, the protagonist in the drama. The protagonist is Europe. And we need to decide whether it has a single personality or a split one. We need to decide whether or not it is going to save Greece or not. And we'll probably find that out in the next 36 hours. If not, the streets behind me, which are calm now—and they remained calm in the face of a very big media attempt to cause panic—will eventually reach some kind of breaking point, because you can't shut supermarkets and pharmacies and doctor surgeries for so long, for too long. They're open now, but if the banks collapse, it will be—it will be an uncharted territory.

And, of course, the other thing is Syriza's response. Yesterday, Syriza can be in a meeting of every party except the Communist Party. Communists here dislike Syriza more than they dislike capitalism. But every other party agreed to back Syriza in its negotiations today. If the ECB decides to completely crash the Greek banking system, I do not believe this government will do

what a normal government would do, which is to first of all wipe out the shareholders and then wipe out some of the depositors. They will more likely wipe out the private ownership of the banks themselves and nationalize them. If they do that, that is like pressing a nuclear button for the European Union. And most likely, Greece will find itself suspended from the European currency's payments mechanism, TARGET2. At that point, we're into what we call "Grexit," Greece's exit from the eurozone. Everybody in the Syriza leadership who I've spoken to, personally and privately, in the last 48 hours, fervently wishes they do not get to that point. They do not want to get to that point. But this is not a party that's going to step back and just do what the international finance people want it to do. They would rather lose power than do that, and they know now that 60 percent of people would rather they did not lose power.

AMY GOODMAN: The ECB being the European Central Bank.

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As Greek voters reject further budget cuts and tax hikes in exchange for a rescue package from European creditors, who is to blame for the debt crisis embroiling Greece? Is Germany trying to crush Greece to set an example? Will Greece leave the eurozone? What does this mean for the global economy? We speak to Richard Wolff, emeritus professor of economics at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and visiting professor at New School University. He's the author of several books, including, most recently, "Democracy at Work: A Cure for Capitalism." Still with us in Athens, Greece, is Paul Mason, economics editor at Channel 4 News.

AMY GOODMAN: Richard Wolff, Germany clearly is controlling this situation, of any country. Why do they want to crush Greece? Or do they?

RICHARD WOLFF: I think the Germans face a choice. They're worried that as the richest country, as the country that controls the situation, and as a country that historically has benefited from the very thing that Greece now wants, which they don't want to give to the Greeks, that they face the risk that if they crush Greece, it will produce the reaction Paul has described. On the other hand, they will send a message to the Spanish, to the Italians, to the Portuguese and others, who are basically in a very similar situation, only they're much larger, and the Germans are therefore afraid they'll have to bail out all of Europe. They can't afford it. They're terrified. On the other hand, if they don't cut a deal with Greece, then they face the possibility of left-wing governments in these other countries and a whole transformation, and they're choosing between them.

The irony here, the historical irony, is something I think we need to understand. Back in 1953, the Germans, with a very crushed economy—in that case, because of the Great Depression and the fact that they lost World War II—went to the United States, France and Britain and said, "We can't join you as a bulwark against the Soviet Union unless you relieve us of our enormous debts, which are hampering our ability to grow." Across 1953, they had meetings in London. When those meetings concluded, with the so-called London Agreement, here's what Germany got from the United States, France and Britain: 50 percent of their outstanding debt, which was very high, was erased, and the other 50 percent of their debt was stretched out over 30 years. In effect, Germany got the relief of all of its basic indebtedness, based on two world wars that they were

held accountable for, and that enabled them to have the so-called Wirtschaftswunder, the economic miracle that happened. They now refuse to give to Greece what they got. They refuse to allow Greece to have the chance to solve its economic problems just the way Germany asked for and got. And this discrepancy between these two countries is producing a stress inside Europe that is, what Paul Mason correctly points to, fundamentally dangerous to the whole project of a United States of Europe.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, Paul Mason, what about, for example, the people of Germany and other European countries versus their governments that are pressuring Greece right now? And also, in addition to your analysis of Germany's role, Paul, people cannot take out more than what's equivalent to \$60, 67 euros, from the bank right now, the banks actually closed until Wednesday, if not beyond. And what does that mean? Is there a rift between younger people, who voted overwhelmingly no, and pensioners, who were more supportive of a "yes" vote?

PAUL MASON: No, no. I mean, let's take that, to start with. Greek society is divided between left and right, between the grandchildren of people who fought in a civil war here in the late 1940s and indeed the Communist resistance movement that defeated the Nazis in 1944. So that goes back a long way. That's the real division. And therefore, you know, one of the first sets of people on the streets when Tsipras even tried to make a compromise were 70 coachloads of Communist pensioners who tried to storm the street his office is in. So, don't think it's young v. old. Look, it is left v. right. And it is class—as Tsakalotos says there, it is a class issue, as well. The richest areas voted 80 percent yes, the poorest areas voted 80 percent no. But the Greek elite got a lesson that the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley taught the English elite in the aftermath of the 1819 Peterloo Massacre in the famous line from his poem: "*Ye are many,*" to the working class—"*they are few.*" You can't win a referendum with only rich people. So, that's the issue here.

On the question of the 60-euros-a-day withdrawal, again, it is, in a strange way, redistributive. Young people here earn, on average, 400 euros a month. That's what you get for waiting table. And you'll find many graduates and Ph.D.s waiting table. If you draw 60 euros a day out of your account, you'll clear your 400 euros in a week. You're not going to be drawing 60 euros a day out. Some people are walking around this city with five euros in their pocket. Now, that has been survivable for them, but not really survivable for businesses. And I'm finding, in the businesses I talk to, extreme pain. It's the payments mechanism. It's the supply chain. It is the ability to settle accounts. And, of course, I understand that large corporates, the big global corporates, are keeping supplies coming in, even while they're not being paid. They've been advised to do that to avoid reputational damage. But it's the Greek corporates, it's the Greek medium and large enterprises that don't have that ability, where things are breaking down. So if the banks were to go on top of that, that would really be an awful situation.

And that is what—you know, to sum up here, because I do have to rush and do my day job, and indeed complete the documentary that we've been working on for six months here, is—the sum-up here is the Europeans cannot afford to let this country go. As Rick says, it's about Europe. But we are one border here away from the Islamic State. So we have the Turkish border and then the Turkish border with the Kurdish areas, and that's the Islamic State. Some Greek islands are five miles away—less than five miles away from Turkey, where Syrian refugees are pouring in at thousands a week. And then we are in the region of Vladimir Putin and the newly belligerent Russia. Do you really want a state that has the biggest spend per capita on military, in NATO, in

Europe, to fail? That's the issue. And it's the issue, I know, that the American State Department is well aware of. The State Department are pressuring the Germans very heavily.

The problem is, as you suggested there, the German people. Don't get your hopes up about a German mass revolt in favor of Greece. Yes, the left party, Die Linke, is a sister party of Syriza, and, yes, it rules a couple of regions. But the leader of the German Social Democrats has been saying to the Greeks, basically, "Get lost." And many German voters who vote for that party, this German socialist party, and the two right-wing parties that run Germany, the CDU/CSU, have kind of switched off their solidarity with southern Europe. They've begun to think very nationalistically in terms of their own economy. And, of course, if you've got the Greeks voting for their own bailout and the Germans voting against, democracy is beginning, in other words, to tear the euro apart. I'm afraid that is—if Merkel makes a deal tonight, she'll probably do it against the wishes of her own party and her own people.

AMY GOODMAN: Paul Mason, thanks for being with us, economics editor at Channel 4 News, producing the forthcoming documentary about Greece titled *And Dreams Shall Take Revenge*. Go to your day job. Speaking to us from Athens, Greece. And Richard Wolff is still with us. In our next segment, I want to talk to you about what's happening here at home in the United States, and particularly the rise of the Democratic candidate for president, Bernie Sanders, who is a socialist himself, and what that means in this larger global context. But this whole issue that Paul Mason was just referring to, leaving the eurozone, what does that mean, actually? Especially for people in the United States, it's hard to understand anything besides dollars as a currency.

RICHARD WOLFF: Well, basically, what the Greeks would achieve if they left the European Union is they would revert to their own currency. They could go back to the drachma, which was their currency before, or a new one. And once they control their own currency, they can also control the relative worth of that currency, relative to others. If that currency becomes much, much cheaper relative to the euro, which is what will happen, then everything priced in that local currency will appear very cheap to people with dollars or people with euros. And suddenly a Greek vacation will become much cheaper than a vacation anywhere else. Greek olive oil will outprice everybody else's. And that has traditionally been the way that a country blocked into this dead end crawls its way out of that dead end. It's painful, but they at least have the prospect that their goods will become very attractive around the world, what they have to sell, and they'll begin to recoup.

The reason they want to go more and more in that direction is that the austerity imposed on them since 2010 has given them lots of suffering with no improvement, with no chance to get out of it, therefore they were choosing between a proven dead end and a difficult strategy, but one that has in the past worked and might in the end work again here, especially if leaving the euro meant they could also cancel their debts, with or without the approval of their creditors, the way the Germans arranged it. But if they had less debt and a cheaper drachma as their own currency, that's a strategy that at least has a chance, whereas what they were in was endless promises that it will eventually work, that never came true.

AMY GOODMAN: What exactly is happening there, when you say the pain they are now feeling in Greece? What is the pain? And what do you see the future looking like if they do pull out of the eurozone? How will their economy be shaped?

RICHARD WOLFF: Well, they're being squeezed by 25 percent or more unemployment, by a

cutback in public sector, which is the largest part of their economy, of about 40 percent since 2010, drop in their actual wage. Businesses are closing because they can't solve the payments problem that Paul talked about. So you have a general disintegration that has been worse in Greece than in any other country. That's why they keep saying, "We've been the ones who have borne the brunt of all of this. And don't make us do more. That's unjust and not solidarity with the rest of Europe." So, they're struggling to keep their pensioners having enough to live, to prevent, for example, the continued exodus. They have lost tens of thousands of young Greek citizens, who were educated at the expense of the Greek economy and are now taking what they've learned to go to other countries and work and be productive over there. A country like Greece, which is small to begin with, can't keep hemorrhaging its best and brightest young people at the same time that everybody else's salary is collapsing. This is an economy that—where you have to look for a metaphor, go back to the depths of the Depression in the 1930s, when we had comparable kinds of situation of desperate people and rampant poverty. They want out of that, because, otherwise, they face an indefinite future of this kind of behavior.

AMY GOODMAN: What happens to the rich people in Greece? And what about the issue of taxes?

RICHARD WOLFF: Well, you know, that's the unspoken but real story behind all of this, because the more the Europeans squeeze the Greeks, with a left-wing government, that government, especially strengthened by that referendum now, has to sooner or later—and Paul referred to this—go after the wealth that's there in order to solve some of these problems. They should have done that a long time ago, but they never had a leftist government with a mindset to do it. Now they do. And that's the great danger, that you're converting a problem of European disequilibrium and inequality into a real class struggle between the mass of the Greek people, on the one hand, and the one place where wealth exists inside Greece, among the rich and the corporations, to help them solve a problem. So you've converted a European problem into a class struggle. And if Syriza can pull that off, the message sent to the comparable groups in every other European country is a staggering reconception of what the future of Europe may look like, where the words "anti-capitalism" become a unifying slogan for people across that continent. Merkel's great danger is that in pushing as hard as she has, she may reap a whirlwind of results.

AMY GOODMAN: Is she aware of this?

RICHARD WOLFF: I'm sure she must be, although they are so caught up. The Germans are victims of their own propaganda. They converted an economic crisis into a nationalist, we-versus-them mentality—we, Germans who work hard, against the Greeks, who don't. Reminded me of nothing so much as Mr. Romney's unfortunate remark in the last campaign where he divided Americans into the 47 percent moochers and the 53 percent who work hard, trying to get the 53 percent to believe they were carrying the other 47. That's what the Germans have done. "We Germans work very hard, and we're carrying these lazy Greeks." This—put aside the questionable issue of whether the Germans ought to play such a nationalist card, given their history, but this is a way of solidifying opposition to what's going on, and this is a very, very dangerous track. But she may be trapped by it. She has done it now. So, as Paul said, her own people wouldn't support making a deal. She's made that impossible for herself.

AMY GOODMAN: [A few months ago](#), we talked to Professor Noam Chomsky about what's happening in Greece.

NOAM CHOMSKY: It's very significant. But notice the reaction. The reaction to Syriza was extremely savage. They made a little bit of progress in their negotiations, but not much. The Germans came down very hard on them.

AMY GOODMAN: You mean in dealing with the debt.

NOAM CHOMSKY: In the dealing with them, and sort of forced them to back off from almost all their proposals. What's going on with the austerity is really class war. As an economic program, austerity, under recession, makes no sense. It just makes the situation worse. So the Greek debt, relative to GDP, has actually gone up during the period of—which is—well, the policies that are supposed to overcome the debt. In the case of Spain, the debt was not a public debt, it was private debt. It was the actions of the banks. And that means also the German banks. Remember, when a bank makes a dangerous, a risky borrowing, somebody is making a risky lending. And the policies that are designed by the troika, you know, are basically paying off the banks, the perpetrators, much like here. The population is suffering. But one of the things that's happening is that the—you know, the social democratic policies, so-called welfare state, is being eroded. That's class war. It's not an economic policy that makes any sense as to end a serious recession. And there is a reaction to it—Greece, Spain and some in Ireland, growing elsewhere, France. But it's a very dangerous situation, could lead to a right-wing response, very right-wing. The alternative to Syriza might be Golden Dawn, neo-Nazi party.

AMY GOODMAN: That's Noam Chomsky speaking in March. Are we in a very different or a very similar situation right now, Richard Wolff? You actually have just returned from France.

RICHARD WOLFF: Yes, in France, the very fear that Noam Chomsky referred to is a reality, that the anti-austerity position was taken by the far right, by Madame Le Pen, who has become an important political leader in France, who declared her solidarity with Syriza. That's why the complicated politics of this. She sees the future of an anti-capitalism in France enabling her right wing to capture that kind of idea. But it's a sign that the—below the surface, the anger about austerity, the resentment of the burdens of this crisis being shifted onto average people, is becoming a European problem. And the Germans may discover that they have isolated themselves yet again in European history by being the champion of something which is provoking a backlash larger than anything they had foreseen.

AMY GOODMAN: Do you think President Obama could be pressuring them in a different way?

RICHARD WOLFF: There's no question in my mind, from the evidence we have, that the American government is more interested with a stable Europe than with provoking this kind of a split inside Europe, partly because of the ramifications here in this country, where the same anti-austerity is building. That's one of the causes for the support for Bernie Sanders, for example. But he's also concerned that the Germans are making a classic political error, going way too far, and that this will disturb global markets. The economic recovery in this country is very weak and very fragile, and that doesn't want disturbance to come from a powerhouse like Europe.

AMY GOODMAN: We're going to talk about the United States after break. Richard Wolff, our guest, professor emeritus of economics at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, visiting professor here in New York at The New School. This is *Democracy Now!* Back in a minute.

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Richard Wolff, emeritus professor of economics at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and visiting professor at New School University. He hosts a weekly national radio program called *Economic Update* on about 45 radio stations, including Pacifica stations WBAI, KPFA, KPDK and KPFT. He's the author of several books, including, most recently, *Democracy at Work: A Cure for Capitalism*.

The Greek election has also factored into the U.S. presidential race. On Monday, Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders said, "I applaud the people of Greece for saying 'no' to more austerity for the poor, the children, the sick and the elderly. In a world of massive wealth and income inequality, Europe must support Greece's efforts to build an economy which creates more jobs and income, not more unemployment and suffering." Sanders' anti-austerity platform is resonating with voters. On Monday, Sanders spoke before 9,000 in Portland, Maine. Last week he drew more than 10,000 people in Madison, Wisconsin, the largest crowd for any presidential candidate in the 2016 race. We speak to Richard Wolff about Bernie Sanders and what it means to be a socialist.

AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman. Last week, Vermont independent Senator Bernie Sanders, who is challenging Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination, drew the largest crowd of any presidential candidate, Democrat or Republican, so far this election season, when he spoke to 10,000 people in Madison, Wisconsin.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: We can. We can provide healthcare to every man, woman and child as a right. We can make certain that every person in this country can get all of the education he or she needs, regardless of the income. We can create millions of decent-paying jobs. We can have the best child care system in the world. In the last 30 years, there has been a huge redistribution of wealth from the middle class and working families to the top one-tenth of 1 percent. Our job is to reverse that, redistribute wealth back into the hands of working families.

AMY GOODMAN: In a statement released on Sunday, Senator Sanders praised the Greek referendum. He said, quote, "I applaud the people of Greece for saying 'no' to more austerity for the poor, the children, the sick and the elderly. In a world of massive wealth and income inequality, Europe must support Greece's efforts to build an economy which creates more jobs and income, not more unemployment and suffering." That's Bernie Sanders' comment. Yesterday at Portland, Maine, he drew something like 9,000 people. The country hasn't seen this kind of crowds before. Front page of *The New York Times* today headlined "Sanders' Momentum in Iowa Leaves Clinton Camp on Edge." Talk about how Sanders fits into this bigger picture, Richard.

RICHARD WOLFF: I think what Syriza shows in Greece is the potential of a mass popular resistance, not only to the austerity policies that came in after the crisis of 2008, but even to the very basic system of the countries of Europe that divide people into a tiny number of very wealthy and a mass of poor, that the system is producing outcomes that more and more people are hurt by, are critical of and want to change. But the conventional politics, the Republican and Democratic parties here and their equivalents all across Europe, don't see it, don't act on it, don't even speak about it. So it becomes a kind of a vacuum, where there's no political expression of what a growing mass of people feel, both about austerity and about capitalism as a system. And so it's like a solution into which you drop that last little bit of hard material and everything crystallizes. Everybody is waiting for the new political voice to emerge that speaks to and represents what the traditional politics have failed to do.

Bernie Sanders is doing that in this country, and he's doing it very well, exactly like Syriza surprised everybody. Indeed, in England, there's a struggle going on right now inside the Labour Party, where a candidate like Bernie Sanders, named Corbyn, is surprising everybody by the support he's getting inside the struggle for who will be the new leader of the Labour Party. So you see everywhere the signs of an emerging left wing, not because of some political maneuver, but because of the enormous vacuum that a left leadership can take advantage of, given what has happened in the last eight years of this capitalist global system.

AMY GOODMAN: How does Bernie Sanders compare to Hillary Clinton?

RICHARD WOLFF: Well, she's the old. She is the staid, do it by the books, the old rules, as Paul said so nicely. She is playing the game the way the game has been played now for decades. Bernie Sanders is saying the unthinkable, saying it out loud, saying it with passion, putting himself forward, even though the name "socialist," which was supposed to be a political death sentence—as if it weren't there. And he's showing that for the mass of the American people, it's not the bad word it once was. It's sort of a kind of position in which the conventional parties are so out of touch with how things have changed, that they make it easy for Mr. Sanders to have the kind of response he's getting. And my hat's off to him for doing it.

AMY GOODMAN: Explain what socialism means.

RICHARD WOLFF: Well, that's a big one. Socialism has traditionally meant one thing, but it's changing, as well. Traditionally, it meant that instead of private ownership of means of production, of factories and land and offices, you socialize it. The government takes it over. And instead of having bargaining in the market, buying and selling goods to one another, we work from a governmental plan. So it gives the government an enormous power. But the idea was, if the government owns and operates the businesses, and if the government plans how we distribute goods and services, it will all be done more democratically, more egalitarian, etc., etc., than capitalism. That was always the idea.

The problem was, socialists have to admit, that giving the government that much power raises a whole new set of problems, which the Soviet Union and China and so on illustrate. So the question is: Are there other ways of understanding socialism that gets us the benefits without the negatives? And I think the new direction is the whole focus at the enterprise level, of changing the way we organize enterprises, so they stop being top-down, hierarchical, board of directors makes all the decisions, and we move to this idea which is now catching on: cooperation, workers owning

and operating collectively and democratically their economy and their enterprise.

AMY GOODMAN: When Senator Sanders talks about it, he talks about the example of Scandinavia.

RICHARD WOLFF: Scandinavia is one example. He also sometimes talks about co-ops. And I think there's the hint of what he is hopefully going to say more about, that if we believe in democracy, as we claim to do, then we should have instituted democracy, from the beginning, in the workplace. It's where, after all, most adults spend most of their lives, at work, five out of seven days, 9:00 to 5:00. If you believe in democracy, then why haven't we made our workplaces democratic, or cooperative, just another way of saying it? I think the new direction that socialism is taking, and that will make it extremely powerful, both in the United States and in Europe, is a system in which, yes, the government is given a whole set of roles, but the base that will control the government are workers who now own and operate enterprises, and therefore will have the power to constrain that government. That's a way of fixing and learning from socialism's history.

AMY GOODMAN: Bernie Sanders is also talking about taxing the rich. Now, taxes in the U.S., the standard wisdom is you can't talk about it. But we're seeing a level of wealth going from the bottom to the top like we've never seen in history. Can you talk about what that would look like?

RICHARD WOLFF: Yes. In one way, it's easy to talk about it, because it's going back to something we in America once had. I often have to explain to people, because of our strange way of—I don't know—amnesia about our economic history, what we once had. I'll give you an example. At the end of World War II, for every dollar paid into the federal government by individuals in personal income tax, corporations paid \$1.50. In other words, corporations as a whole paid 50 percent more than individuals as a whole. Today the relationship is, for every dollar that we as individuals pay, corporations pay 25 cents. In other words, there's been a change in the taxes. I'll give you another example. In the '50s and '60s, the richest people paid an income tax rate of 90 percent or above. Today they pay 39 percent, is the maximum.

So, what we've seen—and Bernie said it quite right—is a massive change in the tax structure, benefiting the richest and putting the burden on the middle and the bottom. And all we are asking—people like Bernie Sanders or, for that matter, me—is that we go back to what we had, especially when you remember that the '50s and '60s, when we taxed the rich, we had rates of economic growth much faster than we've had now that we don't tax them anymore. We have lower kinds of economic development, because we help the rich, which is bizarre, because the argument for helping the rich has always been that's what you need to do to get economic growth, but the actual history of the United States is the reverse.

AMY GOODMAN: We want to thank you for being with us, Richard Wolff, professor emeritus of economics at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, visiting professor at New School University, has written a number of books. Among his latest is the book, *Democracy at Work: A Cure for Capitalism*. Also has a radio show that broadcasts on Pacifica radio stations and community radio stations around the country, called *Economic Update*.

2015-06-30 **The Centenary of a Revolutionary: Legendary Activist, Organizer Grace Lee Boggs Turns 100**

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Grace Lee Boggs, legendary Detroit-based activist and philosopher. In 2011, she co-wrote the book, *The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-First Century*, with Scott Kurashige. Her autobiography, *Living for Change*, was published in 1998.

To mark her 100th birthday, we pay tribute to the legendary activist and Detroit-based community organizer Grace Lee Boggs. We play an excerpt of the documentary, "American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs," and revisit a 2008 Democracy Now! interview about Boggs' work in the civil rights, Black Power, labor, environmental justice and feminist movements for seven decades.

AMY GOODMAN: We end today's show saying "Happy Birthday" to the legendary activist, Detroit-based community organizer Grace Lee Boggs. That's right. Happy 100 birthday. She turned 100 on June 27th. This is the trailer for a new documentary about her life called *American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs*.

GRACE LEE BOGGS: I feel so sorry for people who are not living in Detroit. People are always striving for size, to be a giant, and this is a symbol of how giants fall. Keep recognizing that reality is changing and that your ideas have to change. Don't get stuck in old ideas.

ANGELA DAVIS: Grace has made more contributions to the black struggle than most black people have.

GRACE LEE: How did you become a philosopher?

GRACE LEE BOGGS: I'll just go back 70 years. I'm not sure why I am who I am. I think it does have something to do with the fact that I was born female and born Chinese.

RON SCOTT: Folks didn't really think about Grace as a Chinese American. She was Grace. You know, she was just one of us.

GRACE LEE BOGGS: I think the lightbulb goes on, very often, in conversations that people have, and we don't pay attention to it.

UNIDENTIFIED: Talk is cheap.

GRACE LEE BOGGS: I find it very, very difficult to take. I want to tell you honestly. Their talk was not cheap!

SHEA HOWELL: Oh, god, yes, she made all kinds of people cry, myself included.

AMY GOODMAN: Grace, how would you describe where we stand now?

GRACE LEE BOGGS: One of the difficulties when you're coming out of oppression is that you get a concept of the messiah. You have to get to that point that we are the leaders we've been looking for. We are the children of Martin and Malcolm. I don't know what the next American revolution is going to be like, but we might be able to imagine it, if your imagination were rich enough.

AMY GOODMAN: A clip from *American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs*. Well, today, in honor of Grace Lee Boggs' 100th birthday, we revisit an interview I did with her in 2008, talking to her about her activism in Detroit, about her work in civil rights and Black Power, labor, environmental justice and feminist movements for seven decades. I asked her about her experiences with Malcolm X.

GRACE LEE BOGGS: I first met Malcolm through his brother Wilfred. One of the first mosques is in—in fact, the mosque number one, I think, is in Detroit. And my sense of Malcolm and of the movement, I think, is very different from that of many people, partly because I thought of Mr. Muhammad not so much in terms of his bizarre concepts, but as someone who, like many Muslims, I think, today, have a sense of themselves as part of another development, that is not Western development, that there must be another way. And I heard Mr. Muhammad, you know, head of the Nation of Islam, make some of these speeches. I heard—I met Wilfred, Malcolm's brother, for the first time. I began to host meetings at my home where he could talk to people and give them a sense that—most people think of the black movement in the '60s mainly as a struggle for white rights, but for Muslims, for people who joined the Nation, it was a question of creating our own identity. It was more a part of the identity movements of the '60s than it was just a rights movement. And I wanted folks to understand that. And so, I began working with Malcolm. I was one of the organizers of the Grassroots Leadership Conference, where he made his famous speech.

AMY GOODMAN: In Detroit.

GRACE LEE BOGGS: In Detroit.

AMY GOODMAN: That speech being?

GRACE LEE BOGGS: The speech that—

AMY GOODMAN: "Prospects for Freedom"?

GRACE LEE BOGGS: —was made on November 10th, 1963, a few weeks prior to the assassination of JFK, at which he made his remark, "The chickens have come home to roost," which led to his suspension by Mr. Muhammad. And then, after he left the—after he actually left, forced out of the Nation, he was looking for what he should do. A group of us came here to New York to meet with him and asked him to come to Detroit to work with us, because we understood Malcolm's hunger for new ideas, that he was a person always searching to transform himself. And so we met with him and asked him, and he said no, that he was going to be an evangelist, and he could not become an organizer with us.

AMY GOODMAN: What do you mean an evangelist?

GRACE LEE BOGGS: He felt that his voice was what needed to be heard. And so, he

made the Hajj, and he made this enormous discovery that it's not a question of your biology, that there are people of all races who are part of this sort of humanist journey that we're making. And he came back to this country, and he said—I think most people don't know that—he said, "I'm a revolutionary, and I'm a Muslim. That's all I know about myself. Where I'm going to go, what ideology I'm going to develop, I don't know. But I must crawl before I walk, I must walk before I run, and I don't think I'll have time." This was in November or December of 1964. He was killed on February 21st, 1965. So we'll never know what Malcolm would have become. He was a person, as all of us are, in the process of transformation.

AMY GOODMAN: How would you describe him, knowing him, meeting him, his personality? What struck you about him?

GRACE LEE BOGGS: He was one of the gentlest people I've ever met. People don't know that. I can remember, after he was assassinated, attending a meeting, and I remember young people getting up and saying Malcolm stands for "by all means necessary." They had taken that little bit of him and made it him. Which isn't true. I mean, it's not true of any of us, obviously, but it was particularly not true of Malcolm. And I think people who read the autobiography, to this day, understand that he was in the process of transformation. And I think that's one of the most important qualities of a revolutionary, to be transforming yourself, to be expanding your humanity as events challenge you.

AMY GOODMAN: And, Grace Lee Boggs, what was your understanding at the time of who murdered Malcolm X? In fact, where were you in February when he was gunned down?

GRACE LEE BOGGS: On February 21st, 1965, it was a very snowy day in Detroit. I was picketing the church of Reverend Shubert, who had said that militant blacks—he had made some terrible remarks about militancy among blacks. So we came back from the picketing, my husband Jimmy and I, and I got a call from Pat Robinson in New York that Malcolm had been assassinated. And we didn't know who it was. We were not ready to attribute the murder to the Nation. So we tried to convene an international tribunal that would include Bertrand Russell and Jean-Paul Sartre. We thought there needed to be an investigation. It was very hard at that point, when black unity seemed the answer to so many of our issues, to think of something such disastrous happening inside the black community, that could actually have been—at the moment, at that time, we did not know that Malcolm, because of the conduct of Mr. Muhammad, had already switched from him in his heart.

AMY GOODMAN: And how would you compare what Malcolm X represented to Dr. King? You hadn't personally met Dr. King, but you were certainly living between these two tendencies, movements.

GRACE LEE BOGGS: Well, in Detroit we thought King was a little naive. We were very—I mean, Detroit is made up of many people who have come from the South. So we were very happy—we welcomed the Montgomery march. We felt—in fact, it was so interesting. Many blacks who had escaped from the South and come North and had considered that blacks in the South were sort of backward, because they hadn't done the same thing, began to recognize that something might come from the South rather than from the North. But then, the issues that were facing people in the South were not the same as those that were facing us in the North, and so we had to redefine what was necessary in the North.

AMY GOODMAN: Legendary American revolutionary Grace Lee Boggs. That was Grace speaking in 2008 on *Democracy Now!* Well, June 27th, she turned 100 years old. We'll link to [all of our interviews with her](#) over the years. The film, *American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs*, has just won some major awards and is traveling the country. Well, in the week leading up to Grace Lee Boggs' 100th birthday, there were many activities. Five hundred people came out on Friday night to the African American History Museum in Detroit to celebrate. Grace wasn't able to make it. She lives comfortably at her home in Detroit surrounded by her beloved community. A very happy birthday to you, Grace.

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**Releasing Our Fear-based Human Ego
by Patricia Cota-Robles**

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The Company of Heaven is flooding the mental and emotional strata of this Planet with the profound Truth that this is the most critical, wondrous, and unprecedented time Humanity and the Earth have ever experienced. As a result of this influx of sacred knowledge, which is filtering into the conscious minds and the hearts of the millions of people who are Awakening every single day, people everywhere are sensing that THEIR TIME IS AT HAND. The interpretation of what this Inner Knowing means is dependent on how Awakened a person is.

The more Awakened a person is, the more likely he or she will realize that this is the moment for which they have been preparing for myriad lifetimes. These people will respond to this opportunity with Love, determination, and the sincere desire to be the instrument of God they volunteered to be prior to this embodiment. They will Lovingly become involved and they will joyously serve as the Open Door through which the Light of God will flow to assist Humanity's I AM Presence to permanently burst the bonds of the fear-based human ego. This will allow the I AM Presence of every person to then INITIATE HIM OR HER INTO A HIGHER ORDER OF BEING, which will ultimately be a life-transforming experience for Humanity and all Life evolving on the New Earth.

The less Awakened a person is, the more likely that he or she will allow their fragmented and fear-based human ego to usurp the power from their I AM Presence and catapult them into the obsolete reflexes of anxiety, fear, chaos, violence, and the abuse of power. Through the media, we can see evidence of this happening all over the World as this process unfolds step by step, and unawakened people allow their fear-based human ego to have dominion of their lives instead of giving their power to their Love-based I AM Presence.

Outer appearances and the bombardment of negative information from global news sources make it look like the unawakened people are in command, but nothing could be further from the Truth. The Beings of Light in the Realms of Illumined Truth want us to clearly understand that the people on this Planet who are wreaking havoc and causing so much pain and suffering involve a minuscule fraction of the 7,500,000,000 people evolving on Earth.

Every single day, there are BILLIONS of people who in one way or another turn their attention to a Higher Power and invoke the Light of God into their lives. These prayers are always heard and they are always answered. In fact, it is due to these heartfelt pleas that Awakened Humanity is succeeding beyond the greatest expectations of Heaven. The unified efforts between Heaven and Earth have created a critical mass of Light and Love that has paved the way for the miraculous facet of the Divine Plan that is unfolding now, and will be God Victoriously accomplished during the events that will take place August 15-20, 2015.

A few years ago, in preparation for THIS Cosmic Moment, the Company of Heaven gave Humanity a visualization and an Activity of Light that was Divinely Intended to create a sacred space so that eventually the I AM Presence of Awakening Humanity would be able to burst the paralyzing grip of our human egos. The Divine Plan was for a Forcefield of Light to be created that would build in momentum year by year as Lightworkers around the World participated in this powerful Activity of Light which is specifically designed to release Humanity's human egos. The success of this facet of the Divine Plan initiated a shift of consciousness within Awakening Humanity that reached a critical mass of Light and Love in time for the Birth of the New Earth which took place December 21-22, 2012. This caused an unstoppable shift and cleared the way so that NOW, the I AM Presences of Humanity en masse are in position to burst the bonds of their fear-based human egos. This miraculous outcome involves even the most asleep, rebellious, or recalcitrant of

unawakened Humanity.

In order to make the Activity of Light that was given to Humanity by the Company of Heaven readily available to anyone who was interested in releasing their fear-based human ego and assisting the masses of Humanity to do the same, we produced a YouTube video that would help people easily participate. The video was posted a few years ago and hundreds of thousands of people have viewed it and shared the link to the video with people all over the World through emails and social media.

Now, the Company of Heaven is asking those of us who have the Heart Call to help Humanity and ourselves to release our fear-based human egos to participate in this Activity of Light as often as possible in the final days of preparation before the events that will take place August 15-20, 2015. The easiest way to do this is by watching the 9-minute YouTube video and empowering it with Divine Intentions and the full power of your attention. This is the link to the YouTube video:

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

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Precious Hearts, this is such an important time for all of us abiding on this Planet. Our heartfelt service to the Light is vital and necessary. The entire Company of Heaven is bathing you and Awakening Humanity in waves of Eternal Gratitude for your willingness to be the Open Door that no one can shut for the ever increasing influx of God's Infinite Light that is flooding the Earth NOW!

These Beings of Light are also embracing, in new and previously unknown ways, those of you who responded to your Heart's Call and have selflessly volunteered to travel to Tucson, Arizona to physically participate in the 29th Annual World Congress on Illumination, August 15-20, 2015. This Divine Intervention is designed to lift each and every one of you into the full Divine Momentum of your Highest Potential.

Your I AM Presence has been successfully guiding you through the experiences you needed in order to prepare you to fulfill your part of this Activity of Light. Now all is in readiness and you have everything you need to be God Victorious. Through the unified efforts of Heaven and your I AM Presence, you will form the mighty transformer through which the Light of God will flow to burst the bonds of Humanity's human egos and empower each person's I AM Presence to INITIATE HIM OR HER INTO A HIGHER ORDER OF BEING.

The Company of Heaven will also be assisting in powerful ways those of you who will be joining us in consciousness from your foci of Light wherever you are on this blessed Planet. Remember, whenever you serve as an instrument of God on behalf of your sisters and brothers in the Family of Humanity, the floodgates of Heaven open to support you. Just ask and you shall receive whatever assistance and guidance you need from On High.

We are deeply honored to serve with all of you in this Holy Endeavor. For those of you who are still contemplating joining us in Tucson for the 29th Annual World Congress on Illumination, here is information that may help you make your decision.

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 assist the I AM Presence of every person on Earth to burst the bonds of the human ego and then Initiate 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>

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If you have the Heart Call to be the Open Door and to serve as the mighty transformer of Light the Company of Heaven and Humanity's I AM Presences need in order to burst the bonds of our human egos and Initiate us into a Higher Order of Being, all of the information 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. Thank you, for your service to the Light!

**Here are the words for the Activity of Light on the YouTube Video
Releasing the Human Ego**

by Patricia Cota-Robles

Through the Unified Consciousness of every man, woman, and child on Earth, I invoke the Violet Flame of God's Infinite Perfection, and the Divine Qualities of Liberty, Divine Justice, Freedom, and Victory. These powerful gifts from the Heart of our Father-Mother God will help to burst the bonds of Humanity's fear-based and manipulative human egos, as we clear the way for the expansion of the I AM Presence within every person's Heart Flame.

I now breathe in deeply and empty my mind of all of the thoughts of the day. I AM relaxed and peaceful as I go within to the Divinity of my Heart. I AM One with all Life, and as I AM lifted up ALL Life is being lifted up with me.

I have walked through the difficult challenges in my various Earthly sojourns into the glory of a New Day filled with the full-gathered momentum of Heaven on Earth.

Victory is mine! Victory is mine! Victory is mine!

*The perfect balance of our Father-Mother God has returned to Earth,
and the I AM Presence of every person is standing in readiness awaiting the opportunity to take
full dominion of our thoughts, words, actions, and feelings.*

With this inner knowing, I realize it is Humanity's responsibility to become the full manifestation of our I AM Presence while we are still embodied on Earth. This literally means releasing our lower human egos into the Light, and integrating our I AM Presence into our physical, etheric, mental, and emotional bodies.

Daily and hourly the Light of God is increasing on Earth. This is accelerating the integration of every person's I AM Presence at an atomic, cellular level. As this occurs, every electron, every atom, every subatomic particle and wave of Humanity's Earthly Bodies and all of the spaces in-between the atoms and molecules of our bodies are being filled with God's Light. This is a unique

gift, a sacred opportunity, and it is being presented to every man, woman, and child on Earth, right here and right now.

I contemplate this Truth, and as this sacred knowledge resonates within me, I experience the Flame of Divinity in my heart as it expands and expands. The Divine Balance of Love, Wisdom and Power that pulsates through this Threefold Flame in my heart is now enveloping my four Earthly Bodies.

Within the embrace of my Heart Flame, my I AM Presence lovingly commands my lower human ego to release my physical, etheric, mental, and emotional bodies.

"Lower human ego, I AM the I AM Presence of your Being. I Love you, and I AM grateful for the opportunity you have provided for growth and learning in this physical plane, but it is now time for you to release these Earthly Bodies and to move into the Light.

"Lower human ego, with the Divine Power and Love that I AM, I now command you into the Light. Human ego..."

"Release my physical body, and return to the Light. (repeat 3 times)

"Release my etheric body, and return to the Light. (repeat 3 times)

"Release my mental body, and return to the Light. (repeat 3 times)

"Release my emotional body, and return to the Light. (repeat 3 times)

"Lower human ego, I now Love you FREE.

"Ascend into the higher schools of learning and be transformed into God's Perfection."

My I AM Presence now steps into the full authority of my four Earthly Bodies, and lifts me in energy, vibration, and consciousness into the 5th-Dimensional frequencies of God's Infinite Perfection. Here I live, move, and breathe within my I AM Presence, and I clearly perceive that I AM One with ALL Life.

I now know that even though my feet are planted firmly on Earth, simultaneously I AM One with all of the Ascended Realms of Light. I AM liberating God's Light into every physical and chemical interaction within my Earthly Bodies, healing and restoring all of the energy bonds between atoms and within atoms to vibrant health and infinite perfection.

Contained within this Divine Light is everything necessary to heal my Earthly Bodies, and the entire physical realm of this precious planet. This Light contains everything necessary to set straight the orbit, spin, and electronic charge of every cell, atom, and electron of Life on Earth.

Now within my I AM Presence, I AM the Divine Qualities of Liberty, Divine Justice, Freedom, and Victory freeing Humanity, and all of the energy bonds within Humanity, which include the relationships and the interactions of all people, all races, all religions, all organizations, and all nations. I AM liberating these interactions into the harmony of a Higher Order of Being, thus expanding the influence of Humanity's I AM Presence on Earth. I know this Higher Reality within my heart and mind, and I AM a calm ocean of these Divine Qualities flooding the Earth.

Through my I AM Presence I AM a living, Light-filled Temple of invincible Perfect Health, Eternal Youth, Vitality, Joy, and God's Infinite Abundance. And...

I AM Grateful, I AM Grateful, I AM Eternally Grateful to my Beloved Father-Mother God—All That Is—I AM. And so it is.

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

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