

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, **organized** citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

<https://leandroherrero.com/the-missing-word-in-the-famous-margaret-mead-quote/>

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I TO ACCESS THE THREE WEEKLY CALLS via the Internet

A BBS RADIO Go To www.bbsradio.com; click on “64K Listen”

* **Thursday: A Night at the Round Table** Hosts: Panel Members
6 pm Pacific / 9 pm Eastern

* **Friday: Friday Night Hard News** Hosts: Tara & Rama
6 pm Pacific / 9 pm Eastern

One Hour conference Call: 1-641-741-1704 Access Code: 353 863#

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1:30 pm Pacific / 4:30 pm Eastern

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C Skype: BBSradio2

D Archives for the 3 Programs listed above:

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- You can listen directly or download the program to your own computer.
To listen directly, click on the arrow on the black bar.
To download, go to **Episode MP3 link**. Then **right click** on the name '**hardnewsonfriday including the date**' and the drop down menu appears. Click on '**save link as**'

E Archives, both written and audio, also exist on the 2013 website:

<http://2013rainbowroundtable.ning.com/> look under the “Archives” tab for **written notes** plus **audio recordings** of the conference calls plus the entire podcast.

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: 1-425-436-6260; PIN 9467 441#

B Tuesdays, 2nd & 4th of each month: 9:00 – 10:30 pm EST *Ashtar on the Road; Ashtar Legacy Calls*
Host is Fran

<http://www.ashtarontheroad.com/ashtarconferences.html>

To access **by Phone:** • 1 – 559 – 726 – 1300; PIN 972400#
• Call is free [except for long distance charges]

via HD Conferencing: 712-770-4160 **PIN #** 980339 [always the same]
<https://www.freeconferencecallhd.com/hd-conferencing/>

via Skype **Click on the VOIP button** and enter what they ask for:
<https://www.freeconferencecallhd.com/hd-conferencing/>

C Wednesdays: 7:00 – 9:00 EST *The Friends of The Aboriginal Moabite Nation Call*
By telephone only: 1-712-432-0900 PIN 666238#
Replay# [good for 1 wk] 1-712-432-0990 PIN 66238#

D Every 2nd Wednesday 5:45 PM Pacific / 8:45 PM Eastern *The Abundance Call - Caroline Oceana Ryan*
60-minute conference call with the Collective,
a group of Angelic and Galactic beings, channeled by

To be notified: email AscensionTimes@gmail.com with the message "YES to Abundance!"

III OPENING MEDITATION; HOUSEKEEPING; ACCESS TO PODCAST; MAYAN CALENDAR

A. Opening Meditation: Rainbird Prayer to the 7 Galactic Directions - with the Cimi Drum

B. Mayan Calendar: Rainbird

- **Go to <https://www.spacestationplaza.com>** – to locate specific days & lots more information: on the home page, you can find out what your Mayan signature is; while there, look and see where the wave began: that is the birth wave
- **to learn about the Mayan Calendar, Go to <https://www.spacestationplaza.com>** which will link you further to www.lawoftime.org website for further information.

Next Week's Mayan Record of Days / Calendar in the year of the Magnetic Wizard

We're in the Wave of MULUC now.

23rd Fri – 13 LAMAT – Yellow Cosmic Stargate– completing the Wave of CIB
a visionary aspect; work with the illumination of human kind; embrace the gifts of journeying, the pioneer spirit, the power to see beyond the gate.

24th Sat - 1 MULUC – Red Magnetic Moon - Wave of Muluc is about embracing the next 13 days with purification. Muluc is an artist aspect – accepting Spirit's direction, work with our Spirit contact – use our telepathy; let go of self-doubt

25th Sun – 2 OC White Lunar Dog – a portal day: the veils are thin – an artist aspect and unconditional love; time to heal the pain of the past and get on with our spirit guides. Lots of loyalty to human kind

- 26th Mon – 3 CHUEN Blue Electric Monkey** - a portal day, too. Supreme Court Votes on Monday. Balance work and play; pay attention to clarity of mind – play, laugh, be light! Let go of any resistance to compassion! A powerful day as a portal day
- 27th Tues – 4 EB Yellow Self-Existing Human** – a healing aspect. Working with the enlightenment of human kind – accept gift of being a human servant warrior; let go of dependence on the analytical mind
- 28th Wed – 5 BEN Red Overtone Skywalker** - a warrior aspect; work with focus, striving for illumination – let go of any belief in aloneness – 5 tone is the top of the pyramid
- 29th Thu – 6 IX White Rhythmic Magician** – a visionary aspect. Illumination for others; clarity of mind and purpose. Embrace the jaguar energy and work with Divine Will
- 30th Fri – 7 MEN Blue Resonant** - a visionary aspect – about our commitment to service – gift of independence, belief in self – let go of despair – THIS IS A BIG DAY! Very thin veils – we're at the cross point – going into winter as per the Celtic calendar

www.Spacestationplaza.co Click on the tzolkein – it's on page 2 of the link.
For even more information, SEE ALSO [the Law of Time.org](http://theLawofTime.org)
This is not a 3rd dimensional calendar -

C. Housekeeping: Rainbird

- Asking to **have more people contribute**, as some of the regular, long-term donors are stressed and stretched: **any and all small amounts are helpful and very welcome.**

- BBS:**
- Listener-supported radio programs; program archives can be accessed
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We are staying caught up – thank you !!!
 - Go to BBSradio.com/Station2; find the listing for **Hard News Call & Paypal** button
 - BBS appreciates getting checks via the mail: no Paypal fees!
 - The mailing address for those who do not like paying electronically:
B B S RADIO [Please put **"Attention Don"** on the envelope]
1500 Pleasant Hill RD [Note inside that it's for T & R calls]
Lafayette, CA 94549 [& the Thursday call, as well]
 - **BBS archives can be accessed by everyone; there are archives on 2013 Rainbow Roundtable too. All are free to access.**

T & R: Their full-time, life-time commitment is to be tuned in to what is really going on behind the artificial world we see around us. They don't ask for anything but they do require food, a home, gas for the car, and access to BBS Radio in order to compile and distribute this information to the world.

- Donations via Paypal button on the **homepage of 2013 Rainbow Roundtable**

FOOD MONEY: VIA PAYPAL OR See the PAGE ON 2013 Roundtable
BASICS: food, gas – usual stuff + \$ for bills \$600
Car Rental - \$450
Car Repair – need help in this area: \$2200!

**RENT DUE - \$1150 by the 30th
Tuesday at 9:30 am – need \$455 for the car rental**

- **Please notify T & R if you're sending something:** koran999@comcast.net
EVERY \$5 HELPS - ALL GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

- Rama's mailing address for cheques, money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
PO Box 280
Santa Cruz, NM 87567

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

- **Donations to the Fresh Produce Fund for Tara & Rama -
now on the 2013 Rainbow Roundtable website thru Caroline Oceana Ryan**

- **** <http://2013rainbowroundtable.ning.com/page/donate> ****

- Your donation supports an account set up for Tara & Rama with
Beneficial Farms Community Supported Agriculture in Santa Fe, NM

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE IMPACT OF THE Corona Virus, BENEFICIAL FARMS and all other producers operate out of the open air market in Santa Fe, with everyone following the rules and regs re: displaying their produce and enabling customers to pay for and pick up food. So Beneficial Farms is still the source of Rama & Tara's food . . .

- They continue to appreciate each & every donation received for food.
- Please continue to go to 2013 Rainbow Roundtable and link to their Paypal account – click on the word CHANGE; choose **family and friends option so Paypal takes off no fees.**

Let Rama know - by e-mail - that you are sending any donations: koran9999@hotmail.com

FREEMART: Rama and Tara are being helped by this account: they get their supplements there. **The returns also help 2013 Rainbow Roundtable**

<https://www.shopfreemart.com/tarram> a/c # 7000

- all the products have much to offer, so take a look!
- Freemart is a private shoppers club; it's **FREE TO JOIN.**

Also, check out the heading called **READ MORE** for the good information it has

D: INFORMATION SOURCES RELATIVE TO M.T. KESHE AND KESHE FOUNDATION

Contact Rainbird with questions: lightenergync@gmail.com

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLaVutWXju0> (CHECK THIS OUT)

**** Go to Knowledge Workers workshop #344 on You Tube:** see Keshe's personal tour of his exhibition in Austria - **The first expo in Europe since the pandemic -**

One Cup One Life – Production and Application; Prevention and Reversal of the Corona Virus

https://en.kfwiki.org/wiki/One_Cup_One_Life_-_Production_and_Application_-_Prevention_and_Reversal_of_the_Corona_Virus

KF Wiki

<https://www.kfwiki.org>

The free Plasma Cyclopdia of the Keshe Foundation

Keshe Foundation Store

<https://store.keshefoundation.org/store/?alias=store>

Keshe Corona site

www.plasmainnature.com/health/coronavirus-1-cup-1-life-series-protocols-and-other-info/

E. ACCESS TO PODCAST:

<https://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-october-23-2020>

HARD NEWS

Rama, Tara – R, T

T: Dalai Lama: As ever we live, try to create a happy community. I pray that every human being, indeed, every sentient being should be happy. So, as we come across people having problems, help them. Share their problems and try to bring them peace of mind. . .

Rama Reports: I received a text message from Sweet Angelique the Cat in Paris
I am in Paris and there is another lockdown there

T: another lockdown all across Europe again: both Spain and France reached 1 million cases today

R: Sweet A, a Paschat, can shapeshift and prowls about; still has to be a bit careful; she has a place there and can walk through walls . . .

SA: • This moment is the most transformational and transfigurational juncture as we approach this blue moon, full moon at 10:45 am Oct 31; it is Souhain; Hallow'een; the first day of Winter – moving into the approach into winter on Dec 21st.

R: At 1 pm today, I received another **call from the KOS:**

- Heads up! The Forces of Light have assembled across the planet! Stay in that high heart place. Captain Ashtar and Commander Sananda are here – Pay no attention to the passion play that is going on!
- The Goddess is here. This is her time - the crack between the 2 worlds – the Collector of souls . . . This is the night the Dark Side does what it does, and the Forces of Light bring in the

R: KOS did not elaborate: yet they get the metaphor of the collector of souls at the crack between the two worlds when the Dark Side does what they do,

KOS continued: I will be seeing you soon! First star to the right and go on until morning!

R: things are so close, he can't tell me!

- We can see the fiasco going on in the halls of divine government and it's coming in, yet the matrix has to collapse completely.
- We are experiencing the highest energies coming in- the sun doing all kinds of wild things – mass coronal ejections – all be affected. Nibiru is approaching
- The stories out there talk about this time - as the geological and metaphysical changes are going on, Nibiru approaches - goddess is here: the collector of souls – the 500,000

T: Also something going on – Walmart has made a pre-emptive legal move against the US Govt and also saying that Walmart and its Pharmacists might be held liable for second guessing doctors

- for failing to 2nd guess the doctors and refuse their prescriptions. As pharmacists do this they may face the ? ? ? ?

AUDIO: {NO LINK} George Galloway and friends – about the situation over there:
the UN said Libya’s warring sides reach permanent cease fire deal
• and Israel and Sudan agreed to in a US-brokered deal – another story

AUDIO: Bobby Kennedy Jr / Watching the Hawks OCTOBER 21, 2020
showed piece by piece how the flu vaccines have been a way of compromising the immune system so you could be targeted with the covid – The vaccines – called ‘flu shots’ - have mercury and other things in them, which compromise the immune system and **make the recipients easy targets for the covid infection.**

- Viruses have been showing up in nature for the last 200 + years -
- Bobby Kennedy thanked the hosts for letting him talk to them: this information is banned everywhere!

2020-10-21 Study shows Covid-19 treatments fall flat

<https://www.rt.com/shows/watching-the-hawks/503976-covid-treatments-fall-flat/>

NOTE: THE DISCUSSION WITH Kennedy starts at 16:00 – be sure and **hear what he has to say about Dr Fauci’s business enterprises**

CONFERENCE CALL • • • •

R: energies moving so fast; it’s scary if we are not hearing the whole picture – the matrix is still collapsing and the Light is pouring in and they are creating such a passion play / distraction actions – election of Amy Coney Bartlett, China, and other topics

- He moves through the day by blazing the Violet Flame and looking at the whole situation: things are crystallizing as people are choosing – what is going on is a simulation that we are in, and there’s another story going on
- which reminds him of the very last scene in *Men In Black*: they zoom out beyond earth and there are a group of beings playing marbles; earth is one of them! Earth is one of them inside a larger marble – no explanation of where we were going
- yes, there is a simulation and we helped create it – so awesome to behold

RM: people in Uruguay – energies so high, his friend could hardly drive – friend was able to get through it with energy medicines

R: the energies going so higher due to the Schumann Resonance

- a merging of the energies from one moment to the next – people say stay in the NOW moment and sometimes that’s a big deal – because we get focused on one thing, and another thing shows up to also be done

Caller: Yes, sometimes feels like an octopus who doesn’t have enough arms to deal with everything that is to be done

- explains how fast the water barrels froze – took only 2-3 days and were almost solid ice – took some effort to break open the tops and tip them over. They were moved to where the sun would hit them and, in 24 hours, had had enough heat to melt just enough that the ice slid out of the overturned barrels. Why did it happen so fast? Not the way it has happened before . . .

R: to do with the gravitational position the earth is in – we’re getting closer to the Galactic Centre and are not where we were a few years ago – and what is happening to earth is happening to all the other planets

- the scientists aren’t telling the truth – they don’t want to die! At a certain point will have to deal with the fact that the physics they were taught is not cutting it. Things aren’t making sense because we are not in the same position [in relation to all the other planets in our solar system. How does a scientist explain this stuff and that the entire solar system is teeming with life and is ready to meet us – it’s happening whether they like it or not!

RM: Astro-physicists have discovered another carbon-poor . . .

R: it is why Graham Hancock and others know earth is older than we’ve been told – there is so much more to the real story they are not talking about – Hollywood movies give only a small part of the picture - the simulation is controlling them too

- no it hasn’t do to with temperature, but that earth is moving into the higher octaves – Matthias [Gaia TV] talks of it – we never had the crazy earth changes before the flood that happened after it. Things led up to the flood and then Maldek was turned into an asteroid belt

RM: Earth moves at 108,000 km per hour – earth is a magnetic travelling space ship.

- Understanding magnetics . . .
- # 351 Keshe Knowledge workshop - the Rothschilds approached Keshe – now we have the 13 families with money they don’t have, trying to invest it in the Keshe Fdn.

T: the younger members of the family are the ones . . .

RM: lots of them are coming to Keshe [and others], saying they want to help, but if we do, our parents and grandparents will kill us – so how do we do it?

- We are in a time of transmutation of awareness

T: doesn’t know what the kids are going through – the parents are all broke yet society in general doesn’t know that. Those who love Drumpf and then there is Joe Biden who is trying hard to look like The One and he is not – not fooling anyone that he’s not racist, and the black folks know that. The ones he works for killed his wife and daughter; Biden married again and they killed Beau because he said they did 9/11.

- Joe Biden may or may not have wanted to be president – was hand-picked to do the job and do it, or else!

● Same as the one from SD/Tom Daschle – he was the one who critiqued Bush Jr’s State of the Union address.

- KOS took Rama to the Capitol by star ship and they walked into Tom’s office after he critiqued Bush Jr – basically, he said they did 9/11 in his own words - between the time he did his critique and was visited by KOS and Rama, they had killed every living member of his family – babies to grand parents - and cloned them as a warning to him!

- He reached for the button under his desk and KOS & Rama told him they were with the Forces of Light and he’d best do as much as he can – he didn’t get to run for president

● She’s saying every day – after hearing how many people are dead – NOW 3 MILLION!

- And in answer to a question: YES THE WORLD POPULATION FIGURES ARE LYING.
- Viruses show up when things are out of balance – so these ones thought about how to make a profit – took the virus underground and created the sound frequencies to aim them at people they want to see gone.

Q/Ca: on the topic – once we were exploring the development of the virus in China – were tying in the 5G force: is that the link to spread the virus?

T: they used the vaccinations for the flu virus to create weakened immune systems and 5G does the same thing: the frequencies are evil in nature as are the 5G -

CA/Ca: so as we can't stop 5G, we have to use our higher spiritual frequencies

T: happiness is the natural state of life as the Dalai Lama says – the hood winking is that happiness is having 5G, as per the ads.

CA/Ca: Mother said she got 8 double shots this year – she's of a mind that doesn't question – it's important to do one's own research?

Ca/SO: did she get sick?

CA/Ca: No, no side effects. Also her cousin has them every year – no side effects -

T: Tells about Fauci in 1967 already working on viruses and took them to China to be further developed in undisclosed labs

- the virus showed up on the whole planet – it's everywhere – a product of the sickness of nature so it's all over – we can't create it: it's nature's defense mechanism
- cannot create a virus but can isolate it in nature and add stuff to it and figure out how to make it more lethal

CA/Ca: Fauci is the one who weaponized it for the 13 families

T: They also weaponized the AIDS virus at the time 1979 – 80

- at the same time, Obama went to Mars and Assiago was talking of it too and then BO became the Manchurian Candidate for Zibigniew – and head of IMF.
- The difference between Barack, Bush and Drumpf: he had a mission – his mother was white, father was black – Movie: *the hyperdimensional election of Barack Obama* -

RM: that you tube has been taken off - that movie by Dr Richard Hoagland -

T: he just survived the heart attack he was given by them, Hoagland was head of NASA . . . for a while

- was discussing starseed issues with Mother in the Garden of the Gods, with star ships coming in and out – T & R and others were with Hoagland and wife at a cabin

- the whole world is being affected by galactic intervention: some are going more into the dark side – someone they know has gone hook, line and sinker – called The Squad evil!

Ca/So: a st Germain transmission just heard recently: Saying that Biden will be arrested just before the elections

- Also noticed many of the transmissions were coming from Galactic ?

T: last night Drumpf said . . . 2 nd Presidential Debate

- Kristen Welker was saying the children were still in cages at the border and Trump said "Good!"

Ca/So: one of her friends . . .

T: this has to do with more than what meets the eye: there is no leader on earth who has any power – the Vatican has it all and the 13 families and the CEOs of corporations = 500,000

- all they move on/do is print money like toilet paper
- This has been coming on for a long time

Ca/So: thought that quantitative easing was illegal - so how come they still do it?

T: The military is going to do a coup d'etat – as president he called them loser and suckers; this is why the galactics are there too -

- talks of the total fear of people

- Thom Hartmann today: gave some points about the Drumpfers -
 - they are authoritarian and authoritarian followers: want a strong father
 - have a social dominance orientation: believe in caste system and think they should be in top
 - are prejudiced: view other white races poorly – religiousity
 - in a group context, most of them have not experienced contact with others who don't look like them – they are scared of anything else

• This is the extreme of reporting between the Fox news camp and the general others: MSNBC

T: Biden was senate chair of the Committee of Foreign Relations – got the order from Cardinal Egan to order George Tennant, head of CIA to order 9/11

- the ugly system has a pecking order and once you get in it, you can't get out of it

Caller: literally held her nose and voted for Joe!

T: we really have no choice; what is good about this is that the republicans are all nazis & that group will cease to exist . . .

- As for the Democrats, the hope is in the Squad and Katie Porter – there is NOTHING like this in the repub party

Caller: hard to see relatives that she knows are good people – and call Biden a good man

T: he has to be arrested for ordering 9/11 and not because of what Q Qnon and others say

- As for Hunter Biden – they got on Air Force 2 and Joe bid for 1.5 Billion with China

B B S RADIO

AUDIO: **THE BIGGER PICTURE** by Patricia Cota-Robles www.eraofpeace.org

VLOG 189 **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR I AM PRESENCE**

<https://eraofpeace.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f8cf9b9e133dde3f2413aadfc&id=f86123f227&e=86ae4ec55d>



AUDIO: **2020-10-20** **RADIANT ROSE ACADEMY**

Beautiful and powerful choices; a contemplation meditation by Mother Akasha

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tZ6sive7eY&t=30s>

MOTHER / ALYCONE [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.

T: Mother - how close are we? And don't say 'soon' – please!

Greetings! The sun shines on everyone; it doesn't make choices. We make the choices of how we choose to live in this realm. It is this choice we made to show up here at this time. You could say with brass balls on 'cos we knew how deep it was gonna get!

T: You kept on telling us 'soon' – remembers that from 30+ years ago!

M/A: And She can say it might have seemed like 30 years, 30,000 years, 30,000 Light Years across the galaxy – maybe 30million light years? The time is NOW - everything is unravelling for the old time line: the new timeline has stepped in.

- With it comes these higher energies that are about the greater whole of this story: all of us along with this planet are ascending right at this time - we can see it!
- The moments that are happening are so magnificent, filled with the Light pouring in with the Love – it's how we choose to bring it into ourselves. At this time – what an awesome time to be here.
 - As the moments here we are in rapidly accelerate to quantum light speed - if they haven't already - it's each and every time that we're allowing more light, more love to pour in, it's changing the physical structure of our bodies, temples.
 - The present time/space we're in - everything right now is such a - She has few words because we can just sense it, taste it, feel it, touch it. It is more of how these energies are affecting physical space/time, matter. And all of us are experiencing moments where it's getting much more challenging to be in these bodies.
- What She can say about this is take more time to integrate the Light pouring in as it's getting so much more magnificent in the radiance and it is . . . the words escape Her because of the magnificence of it - it just is.
 - As we experience that - the sound of one hand clapping - and right now, that sound is moving everything into this sacred moment.
 - As the King put it, all the forces of Light have assembled and events are taking place about concluding this ancient timeline.
 - As it has been said, She is the Collector of souls, and what this is about is this time, as she has said, to collect her children and be on her way to Dracos. Now let's say 'Time's up !'

T: Ya think?

M/A: the unravelling moment is right before our eyes, as we see the new horizon which is about this Sat Yuga, not Kali; Kali has been doing the dance along with Us and Pele, Dirga, and Shiva.

- We will lick the lava up and be on Her way!
Let's say – it's moving quick! (time)

T: Things ARE moving quick.

M/A: The lava She speaks of is the old energy of the earth being re-formed with the primordial forces of the 5 elements: Love, the 5th element !

- Something happening here that didn't happen the last time around when we were in this sacred hour. As Nibiru approaches this planet, it is about the fact that **everybody** is waking up. The few who are choosing not to wake up will play with the old timeline
- Well. let's say, as things raise themselves up in frequency and magnitude, the magnetic energy which is about the feminine, the goddess returns – electro-magnetic fields of this planet are very much wonky as the sun goes through his/her transfiguration as well;
 - She can say the scientists are about to reveal the sun is a portal. And some are beginning to say it in so many words

T: All we are saying is give peace a chance!

M/A: Indeed! We are just a reflection of that radiance: what is the gold dust but us – plasma – the cup of life as Mr Keshe puts it

T: people need to calm down

M/A: There is enough time; there is enough love; there is enough money; there is enough air to breathe. And each moment is so magnificently sacred -

- She is saying do the sacred dances to get in touch with this higher energy pouring in. Whether we know it or not, it's affecting everyone and we can't escape it 'cos it is what it is: *I Am my mighty I AM Presence.*
- As we get in touch with that, everything else kicks in: all our Jedi abilities - it is our choice to take these moments right now – because time's up; it is NOW! Class is now in session as you and me, the Jedi masters who are here are already coming out of the woods, so to speak - better let Amy tell the rest!

T: asks about doing some sound frequencies

M/A: Does some sounding and some light language

Both: Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One – Kadoish, kadoish, kadoise adonai sabaeoth. Kadoish Kadoish kadoish

M/A: remember this is the hour

T: no more dead bodies, please: . . . we are immortal beings: no death, no sickness,

Rama Returns: Went to LM Athena's ship The Dove, in one of the large arbouretums

It's about the hour we're in: the Forces of Light have assembled and something is gonna pop!

there's going to be some interesting anomalies coming in with the energies rising

- this particular asteroid coming in the day before the election – it may not be just an asteroid, maybe just a messenger that flies by the earth and just touches the edge of the earth's atmosphere – it's about the size of a fridge – won't hit the earth, but will make its presence known.
- May be a probe that looks like an asteroid – as Patti talks about: comets and the asteroids are not always what they claim to be!
- no it's not chaos; it's divine order
- Yet Pat Robertson and others out there in this realm want to take the asteroid and make it doomsday scenario – talking about mr orange going to win and then the earth will take a bypass!

T: someone said Biden has to be arrested and yes he does, but not for the reason Qanon is saying they all need to be arrested on both sides of that political system

R: what he 's being told – right at this sacred hour, Goddess and her friends are coming – as he keeps being told by Tom, Angelique and the others: get an extra plate ready! And it is!

- Tom likes some seaweed and salmon – cats like to change their minds: they're finicky!

T: at about 3 am a few nights ago, she saw another large starship up there for 30-40 minutes. And people around the world are boarding these ships and going for little tours

AUDIO: Jeremy Scahill on Democracy Now. Monday October 19, 2020
and he will browbeat Obama and the truth will out . . .

SEE BELOW

R: Jeremy – like Glenn Greenwald - has to walk a razor’s edge in order to stay alive and tell the stories no one else will tell . . .

2020-10-19 Jeremy Scahill: Trump Has Incited White Supremacists & Emboldened Police to Act Outside the Law

2020-10-19 Jeremy Scahill: Trump’s Xenophobia Is Horrific, But U.S. Immigration Policy Has Always Been Racist

2020-10-19 Jeremy Scahill: “Trump Is Not the Root of the Problem, He Is a Product of American Imperial History”

2020-10-19 Jeremy Scahill on Trump’s “Homicidal” Pandemic Response & What’s at Stake in November Election

AUDIO: Economic Update: New U.S. Labor Militancy 2020-10-12

<https://youtu.be/ne2u7Uq8ioI>



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On this week's show, Prof. Wolff talks about the Geneva, Switzerland vote that's raising the minimum wage to \$25.16/hour or over \$50k/year; GOP block federal aid to cities and

states; economics of police brutality; 20th vs 21st century depressions; and lastly, how profit motivates capitalists to market fake, toxic hand sanitizers. On the second half of the program, Wolff interviews John Samuelsen, International President of Transport Workers Union (TWU) in the US.

About our guest: Transport Workers Union (TWU) International President John Samuelsen represents over 150,000 members across the airline, railroad, transit, universities, utilities, and services sectors. Samuelsen, a former President of TWU Local 100 in New York City (the union’s



largest local), he became the 10th President of the International on May 1, 2017. A Brooklyn native, Samuelsen was hired by the New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA) in 1993 and was assigned to a subway track gang in Brooklyn. By fighting hard for his fellow workers, he rose steadily through union ranks to his current leadership position. He still maintains an active public role in New York politics and advocates on behalf of all TWU members.

Learn more about Prof Wolff's new book, *The System is the Sickness: When Capitalism Fails to Save Us from Pandemics or Itself*, now available. Visit us at www.democracyatwork.info/books

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AUDIO: A new Bretton Woods with China as #1 power (E1609) 2020-10-22



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Max and Stacy note that global perception in advanced economies has shifted such that China is seen as the world's number one economic power. At the same time, Goldman Sachs is suggesting clients short the dollar and buy silver as Joe Biden seems likely to win the White House and pursue policies that will continue this shift toward China and away from US wealth-creation. Max chats to Simon Dixon of BnkToTheFuture.com about his thoughts on the recent IMF call for a new Bretton Woods.

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Bruce Springsteen On 50 Years Working With Friends: The Only Place That Happens Is Rock And Roll

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Some musicians have adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic by streaming shows from their homes or recording performances in empty venues. Not [Bruce Springsteen](#), who's getting ready to release [his new album, *Letter to You*](#), on October 23. Talking with Stephen Colbert on *The Late Show*, the Boss explained, "I do a lot of work in front of my bedroom mirror with the tennis racket." Colbert replied, "So, you're 16 all over again?" prompting Springsteen to further explain himself. "I've completely gone back to when I was 16," Springsteen continued. "I put the album on, I get the tennis racket, and I go for an hour. Matter of fact, I go for three hours, just like the show." We demand the livestream of *that!* But if anyone thrives on live shows, [it's King of Jersey Bruce Springsteen](#), who added that "it is a bit of a drag" to not be able to play live. He *is* working on other quarantine projects too, he said, "so I'm not just wandering around the house and [getting in Patti's hair.](#)"

2020-10-22 Bruce Springsteen Reacts To Getting His Very Own Emoji

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Bruce Springsteen doesn't exactly know what to do with it, but he thinks his new emoji is wonderful! Bruce's new album "Letter To You" is available now. [#Colbert](#) [#LetterToYou](#) [#BruceSpringsteen](#)

Springsteen did perform just a taste of his new album — recorded in a five-day run of live takes with the E Street Band — at the end of his *Late Show* appearance, picking up one of a wall of real guitars for an acoustic rendition of *Letter to You* song "Last Man Standing." He must've been a little rusty without those live performances, though, because he forgot the lyrics toward the end of the first verse and burst into laughter. "Well, then might I recommend the album *Letter to You* by Bruce Springsteen," Colbert said. "It's got all the lyrics, it's got everything you need to play Bruce Springsteen's latest hits." Springsteen joked, "I need one of those myself!" In the meantime, you can watch [his new *Letter to You* documentary](#), which hit Apple TV+ a day early at Springsteen's [own request](#). They don't call him the Boss for nothing.

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2020-10-19 Jeremy Scahill: Trump Has Incited White Supremacists & Emboldened Police to Act Outside the Law



Guests [Jeremy Scahill](#) author, co-founder of *The Intercept* and host of the weekly podcast *Intercepted*.

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As the 2020 presidential campaign enters its final two weeks, we look at the past four years of the Trump presidency with investigative journalist Jeremy Scahill of *The Intercept*. His podcast "Intercepted" has just released the fourth chapter in a seven-part audio documentary titled "American Mythology," which critically examines the Trump presidency and places it within a larger historical context. Scahill says Trump has empowered white supremacist vigilantes and given permission to law enforcement to act extrajudicially to enforce a racist status quo, but he cautions that "Donald Trump is not an aberration of U.S. history or some anomaly, but he's a very overt representation of many of the absolute most violent, destructive, racist, xenophobic trends in U.S. history."

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AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!*, [democracynow.org](#), *The Quarantine Report*. I'm Amy Goodman.

President Trump campaigned in Michigan, Wisconsin and Nevada over the weekend as he scrambles to pick up more support in critical swing states in these last two closing weeks of the 2020 race. Speaking in Muskegon, Michigan, Saturday, President Trump demanded Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer reopen the state. The crowd soon started chanting "Lock her up." Trump responded by saying, "Lock them all up."

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: You got to get your governor to open up your state, OK? And get your schools open. Get your schools open. The schools have to be open, right?

CROWD: Lock her up! Lock her up! Lock her up!

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Lock her — lock 'em all up.

CROWD: Lock her up! Lock her up! Lock her up!

AMY GOODMAN: Trump's remarks came just less than two weeks after the FBI and authorities in Michigan arrested 13 men with ties to armed right-wing groups, including six men who allegedly plotted to kidnap Michigan Governor Whitmer and take her hostage. A seventh man was arrested in connection with the kidnapping plot and charged on Thursday with suspicion of material support in an act of terrorism. Over the weekend, federal prosecutors released videos of training exercises carried out by the men accused of plotting to kidnap Whitmer. The videos show heavily armed men in tactical gear firing assault rifles and Taser weapons. In one video, one of the arrested men talks about killing, quote, "government thugs."

BRANDON CASERTA: If this whole thing, you know, starts to happen, I'm telling you what, dude, I'm taking out as many as those mother[bleep] as I can. Every single one, dude. Every single one.

AMY GOODMAN: On Sunday, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer appeared on *Meet the Press* and criticized President Trump.

GOV. GRETCHEN WHITMER: You know, it's incredibly disturbing that the president of the United States, 10 days after a plot to kidnap, put me on trial and execute me — 10 days after that was uncovered, the president is at it again and inspiring and incentivizing and inciting this kind of domestic terrorism. It is wrong. It's got to end. It is dangerous, not just for me and my family, but for public servants everywhere who are doing their jobs and trying to protect their fellow Americans.

AMY GOODMAN: FBI Director Christopher Wray recently warned Congress that "racially motivated violent extremism" is the primary threat of domestic terrorism.

President Trump's call to "lock them all up" is part of a pattern where he openly calls for the arrests of his political opponents and critics, including the Democratic presidential nominee, former President Obama — who's going on the road to campaign for Biden on Wednesday — and 2016 presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

As the presidential campaign enters its final two weeks, we're spending the hour looking at these recent developments and the past four years of the Trump presidency, from his crackdown on immigration to his use of racialized fearmongering and incitement to run the country.

We're joined by investigative journalist Jeremy Scahill of *The Intercept*. His podcast *Intercepted* just released the fourth chapter in a [seven-part audio documentary series](#) titled *American Mythology: The Presidency of Donald Trump*. Jeremy Scahill is the author of several books, including *Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army* and *Dirty Wars: The World Is a Battlefield*, also the name of his film.

Jeremy, welcome back to *Democracy Now!* It's great to have you with us. We want to talk about a number of the issues you're covering in this really comprehensive documentary series you're doing, looking at the past four years. But let's start with what happened this weekend. Let's start with, once again, President Trump this time not saying "liberate Michigan," but joining in a chant as the people around him call "Lock he up," talking about Governor Whitmer, who was just the target of a plot to be kidnapped and perhaps lynched, brought to Wisconsin, where you grew up, to be tried. Respond to what's taking place right now.

JEREMY SCAHILL: You know, Amy, I think that what's become very, very clear over these four years is that Donald Trump is not an aberration of U.S. history or some anomaly, but he is a very overt representation of many of the absolute most violent, destructive, racist, xenophobic trends in U.S. history.

Now, we can talk about the way that he has empowered white nationalists, white supremacists, encouraged their violence, but I think that it's important to set that in a broader context of Trump being essentially a Trojan horse for the most extreme policies of the Republican Party. The Republican Party is one of the most dangerous political bodies on the face of the Earth today. And so, while it is important to focus on the activities of individual militias, the plot against Governor Whitmer, the use of vehicles to try to murder protesters, we can't do it at the expense of recognizing that these are sort of the unofficial shock troops of what is a long-term Republican agenda that has at its center white supremacy, anti-worker policies, anti-women policies and, certainly with Mike Pence in the White House, a right-wing Christian supremacist theocratic ideology that's manifesting itself right now in the court system.

So, what we're seeing is Trump using a tactic that was used against Black people in this country for centuries, where you have these unofficial forces that are doing the lynching and then those in power are saying, "Oh, well, we didn't do that. You know, we're going to rustle up those good old boys and put them on trial" — if they would even do that. The reality is that there is this nexus between the white supremacist unofficial forces, the shock troops of this administration, and then Trump cultivating so-called law enforcement as a political class and sort of appealing to the police nationwide to also come out front and center as his racialized shock troops.

So, all of this can be traced to the throughlines of white supremacist politics in official Washington, as well as the broader racist, xenophobic culture in the United States. That's what we're seeing right now, is a

manifestation of what Donald Trump has now made clear, that these strands of American history are alive, well and very, very deadly.

AMY GOODMAN: Last week, President Trump appeared to admit that he ordered U.S. Marshals to carry out the extrajudicial killing of the anti-fascist activist Michael Reinoehl in Washington state on September 3rd. He had been accused of killing a far-right activist during a protest in Portland. This is Trump.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: We sent in the U.S. Marshals. Took 15 minutes. It was over. Fifteen minutes, it was over. We got him. They knew who he was. They didn't want to arrest him. And 15 minutes, that ended.

JEREMY SCAHILL: You know, Amy —

AMY GOODMAN: Can you respond to this, Jeremy?

JEREMY SCAHILL: Look, there's a word for what it appears happened there, and that's "assassination." And it appears to be certainly the way that Trump is bragging about it. Now, we don't have all of the details, but Donald Trump is speaking about this as a political assassination of an American citizen on U.S. soil. And it appears that they have lied or at least dramatically misled the public into believing that there was some epic shootout that took place. It sounds, based on the president's own description, that this was an assassination.

And I think as we all watch in horror at the kidnappings that have taken place of protesters, at the murder of unarmed Black people in this country, at the ramming with vehicles of police, that, again, we are a nation that has long assassinated its own people when they become politically inconvenient or when we consider them to be less-than-humans getting too uppity. I recall the murder, the assassination of Black Panther Party leader Fred Hampton in Chicago. We've had civil rights leaders and presidential candidates assassinated. We've had a president assassinated in this country. And I think that this tendency to sort of act as though Trump has crossed the Rubicon is ahistorical. Trump represents a dark part of American history that we have never fully reckoned with.

And we have both parties in this country have continued to empower Donald Trump. The Democrats, for all of their constant harping on Trump being the worst president in history, this great threat to democracy as we know it and the future of the republic, should be asked: Why have you consistently voted to give this dangerous tyrant, as you characterize him, sweeping surveillance powers, the ability to spy on American citizens? You think that these votes that the Democrats are backing in the Congress that have to do with surveillance and paramilitarization of law enforcement, that these are somehow disconnected from the fact that we now have a president openly celebrating the assassination of an American citizen on U.S. soil?

The powers of the executive branch have been so radically broadened, beginning really in the Ford administration, but particularly after 9/11. And when we had a constitutional law professor as president for eight years, instead of moving to radically rein in the powers of the presidency, what we saw was Obama utilize them himself. Now, Obama wasn't running around whacking U.S. citizens on American soil, but he did assassinate citizens overseas, including a 16-year-old American citizen who was never accused of any crime of terrorism, who Obama had killed in a drone strike.

So, you know, the dangers of Donald Trump — I'm not trying to minimize anything about Donald Trump. I think this is a dangerous, dangerous despot. But if we refuse to recognize how we got Donald Trump and the historical context of what he's doing as president and that it is rooted in American history, if we don't reckon with that, then voting Donald Trump out of office is just one step. We still have this rotten system that can be exploited by another Trump, or even by a Democrat who claims to be hoping and changing, left and right.

AMY GOODMAN: Jeremy, back on the issue of the white supremacists, the Michigan attorney general also warned, when people talked about them being kind of like Keystone Cops-esque and we see the video of them practicing shooting, tasing, the terrifying idea that they would not stop at kidnapping her, but, as they had promised in the past, lynching her — the Michigan attorney general said this is just the tip of the iceberg. You have President Trump's own FBI, even if Christopher Wray is not exactly his ally, and the

Department of Homeland Security, Chad Wolf, coming out with this report saying that white supremacist violent extremists are the number one domestic terrorist threat in this country. Far more than international threats to the United States are white supremacist, right-wing extremists.

JEREMY SCAHILL: You know, I mean, and clearly, the Trump administration, if they've even looked at that information, have taken that and said, "OK, this is a good thing. Let's continue to encourage them." Donald Trump is doing what authoritarians throughout history have done. When they're asked to condemn the violence of unofficial forces, they will grudgingly do that, while at the same time saying things like, you know, "Stand down and stand by" — in other words, "Wait and see."

But I really want to emphasize that you cannot separate these white supremacist militias' alleged plots to kidnap Democratic governors in this country from the fact that Trump has cultivated law enforcement as a political class, and he has openly and repeatedly encouraged them to act extrajudicially, to beat people harder, to not respect their rights. Trump threatened to send in the U.S. military at the height of the Black Lives Matter protests. Trump encouraged mayors and governors to beat them harder in the streets. We have a paramilitarized state of law enforcement in this country that also often acts as a white supremacist gang, particularly when facing down African Americans or Brown people or people of color. You know, that is something that I fear, that if we focus too much on the threat of white supremacist private actors at the expense of recognizing how the taxpayer-funded official forces also serve that same function, and with the full backing of the White House, that we're sort of being misdirected here. This is a systemic problem. And the Proud Boys of the world and the Ku Klux Klans of the world and the militias of the world, they essentially are auxiliary forces for official government forces that often function as effective white supremacist militias, particularly in Black communities.

AMY GOODMAN: And then you have, for example, Kenosha, where they come together, where you have these white vigilantes come in, saying they are protecting private property, and the authorities there, the law enforcement authorities, are supporting them. And then you have —

JEREMY SCAHILL: Giving them water.

AMY GOODMAN: — Kyle Rittenhouse — giving them water, saying, "We support you here." And then you have this 17-year-old, Kyle Rittenhouse, who opened fire and kills two Black Lives Matter activists. President Trump defends him.

JEREMY SCAHILL: Yeah. I mean, Donald —

AMY GOODMAN: And he is not killed by federal authorities, as we saw happen in Oregon.

JEREMY SCAHILL: No. And, in fact, at these Black Lives Matter protests, when these vile so-called counterprotesters show up, you know, we've seen people fire bow and arrow — you know, arrows from crossbows at protesters. We've seen the use of vehicles as a lethal or semi-lethal weapon against protesters — more than a hundred cases of individuals using their cars. And I believe, at last count, eight of them were police officers that actually had used vehicles to ram into protesters.

But Donald Trump, on a domestic level, is saying that someone like Kyle Rittenhouse is sort of — you know, he's misunderstood, and he's essentially on the right side of history. And he does the same thing abroad. You know, Trump has pardoned outright war criminals who have committed massacres against civilians abroad. And at home, he has, at his rallies, offered to pay the legal fees of people that beat up protesters. He has encouraged the police to act with more brutality. He has consistently staked out a position that says that if you kill in the name of protecting the real America — white America — then we're going to be there for you, we've got your back.

And that's a very, very frightening, overt manifestation of a white supremacy that's at the core of this country, that has never been fully addressed. And it's why we're seeing someone like Trump able to pull this off. We do not have a true opposition in the form of the Democratic Party on a legislative level. Quite the contrary, they've consistently supported some of Trump's most dangerous tools available to the executive branch.

2020-10-19 Jeremy Scahill: Trump's Xenophobia Is Horrific, But U.S. Immigration Policy Has Always Been Racist



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- ["American Mythology: The Presidency of Donald Trump"](#)

In Part 2 of our discussion of the Trump era with The Intercept's Jeremy Scahill about his new seven-part audio documentary "American Mythology," he examines how Trump's xenophobic immigration policies have been a "methodical, surgical operation" to make life miserable for both current and prospective immigrants, including asylum seekers fleeing violence. He also notes that while Trump's policies have been particularly vicious, "this country has had a racist immigration policy for a very long time, and it's bipartisan."

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AMY GOODMAN: Which takes us from racism to xenophobia, [part two](#) of your [audio documentary series](#) *American Mythology* called "Administration of Xenophobia." This clip begins with you, Jeremy Scahill.

JEREMY SCAHILL: From the beginning, Trump's approach to upending immigration in the country has been met with legal challenges, including on DACA and family separation. While those challenges wind their way through the courts, the Trump administration has also developed a sophisticated strategy of implementing interlocking changes that will be difficult to undo. Recent analysis from the Migration Policy Institute finds that the administration has adopted more than 400 changes to immigration rules and regulations. Journalist Juan González has written several books dealing with the history of U.S. immigration policy.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: The fascist trend, represented by President Trump, wants to totally reverse immigration policy to, instead of saying, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free," "Give me your best-educated people, who have the most money, who can buy — essentially, buy their way into the United States."

AMY GOODMAN: That's *Democracy Now!* co-host Juan González in Jeremy Scahill's series *America Mythology*. Jeremy, take it from there. The Trump administration has succeeded in essentially ending asylum in America.

JEREMY SCAHILL: Yeah, and virtually shut down the southern border, for all practical purposes. And what I think is important to remember is that Trump also — as we just heard, his administration has tinkered with more than 400 different aspects of immigration policy. And in the sort of most overt or tangible way, you're citing the rules on asylum, but also making it much more difficult, much more expensive just for run-of-the-mill, normal immigration procedures.

And what we've seen is this sort of methodical, surgical operation to go through and make life as miserable and difficult as possible for current immigrants who are already here, but also prospective immigrants, including children, who are fleeing legitimate violence. And by the way, we should mention that many of the countries in Central America where people are fleeing from, the violence in those countries is largely a product of U.S. dirty wars that were waged throughout the '80s and '90s and the U.S. support for death squads and civil wars and dictators. And that's almost never discussed when we talk about the broader so-called crackdown on immigration.

But all of this is the architecture of one of the most vile people to serve in government in modern times, and that is Trump senior adviser Stephen Miller. You know, this was a kind of pathetic, angry white guy in college who felt that the Black people and the immigrants were all ruining his opportunities in the world. And you sort of unleash this unstable, nasty, angry, hateful man with the levers of power to write immigration policy. And what we're seeing is this very overt racism.

And I would link this, Amy, also to the way that Donald Trump talks about Ilhan Omar, the Democratic congresswoman from Minneapolis, who herself was a refugee from Somalia. You know, Trump has used, on the one hand, Chicago as a placeholder to attack Black America as sort of violent people who need to be put in their place, and he uses Ilhan Omar to attack immigrants writ large, but specifically to say, "Black immigrants are the problem. You know, these people from Somalia, they don't even have a government where she's from. And then she comes here." Ilhan Omar is a U.S. citizen. Ilhan Omar was a refugee, who fled a country where — you know, many people probably have seen the film *Black Hawk Down*. The United States was deeply involved with the horrid destabilization of the country that she fled. And her story is a classic American one. She left a violent place where she didn't have freedom, and came to the United States seeking a better life, mobilized and organized herself and became a member of the United States House of Representatives, democratically elected.

So, you know, when you look at the broader immigration picture in this country, on the one hand, there's the policy. On the other hand, this is a classic authoritarian tactic to tell the, quote-unquote, "real citizens" of the country that the problem is the dirty, filthy vermin that come in the form of the outsider. And that's what Trump is doing. And it's what despots have done throughout history.

But Trump is only the frontman for this, Amy. Bipartisan Democratic-Republican immigration policy for decades has targeted immigrants in a merciless way. Bill Clinton started this business with expanding the border wall and building fences and propping up paramilitary law enforcement. George Bush doubled down on it. Barack Obama also was — he earned the moniker of the "deporter-in-chief" from immigrant rights activists because he deported record numbers of people. Three million people were deported under Barack Obama. And the Democrats are running Joe Biden as a candidate, and Joe Biden represents some of the absolute most right-wing aspects of the history of the modern Democratic Party, including on immigration. Now he's saying that he's shifting some of that. And I do think there are very, very clear, tangible ways that Joe Biden would take away some of the imminent threat to immigrants, but let's not pretend that Donald Trump just popped up, and all of a sudden we have a racist immigration policy. This country has had a racist immigration policy for a very long time, and it's bipartisan, with the Republicans being much more vicious, but it's been bipartisan.

AMY GOODMAN: And as you look back over these last four years, let's not forget the word he used as he talked about — and I won't say the word, but "S—hole countries," that include African countries, as well as Haiti, in Trump's book. And in a notification sent by Trump administration to Congress late last month, the administration proposed denying most refugees from Somalia, Syria and Yemen. And just this past weekend, in the last days, the Trump administration put out a press release saying they had arrested 170, quote, "aliens" — of course, we don't use that word — said they arrested 170 people, targeting sanctuary cities.

Jeremy Scahill, we have break. When we come back, we want to look at your — the *America Mythology* documentary that you dropped today, that you released today, on war. Stay with us.

2020-10-19 Jeremy Scahill: "Trump Is Not the Root of the Problem, He Is a Product of American Imperial History"



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Donald Trump ran for president in 2016 with a mixed message of attacking the legacy of the Iraq War and U.S. military adventurism, while simultaneously pledging to commit war crimes and promote imperialism. As we look back at Trump's record, Jeremy Scahill, co-founder of *The Intercept*, says his flouting of international norms and bullying of other countries is in keeping with how U.S. presidents have long behaved. "Donald Trump is not the root of the problem. Donald Trump is a product of American imperial history," Scahill notes.

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AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now! The Quarantine Report*. I'm Amy Goodman. We're spending the hour with *Intercept* co-founder Jeremy Scahill. His podcast *Intercepted* has just released the [fourth chapter](#) in a [seven-part audio documentary series](#) titled *American Mythology: The Presidency of Donald Trump*. This latest installment focuses on war and looks at how Donald Trump ran for president in 2016 with a mixed message of attacking the legacy of the Iraq War and U.S. military adventurism, while simultaneously pledging to commit war crimes and promote imperialism. This is Trump denouncing the Iraqi War, and used it to attack his Republican opponents during a presidential debate in the lead-up to the 2016 election.

DONALD TRUMP: Obviously, the War in Iraq was a big, fat mistake. All right? Now, you can take it any way you want. And it took Jeb — it took Jeb Bush — if you remember, at the beginning of his announcement, when he announced for president, took him five days. He went back: "It was a mistake. It wasn't a mistake." Took him five days before his people told him what to say. And he ultimately said it was a mistake. The War in Iraq, we spent \$2 trillion, thousands of lives. We don't even have it. Iran is taking over Iraq, with the second-largest oil reserves in the world. Obviously it was a mistake. George Bush made a mistake. We can make mistakes. But that one

was a beauty. We should have never been in Iraq. We have destabilized the Middle East.

AMY GOODMAN: In that case, he was debating, among others, Jeb Bush, President George W. Bush's brother. But even as he attacked the Iraq War, Donald Trump repeatedly called — said the U.S. should kill the families of terrorists. This is what he said during a 2015 interview on Fox News.

DONALD TRUMP: One of the problems that we have and one of the reasons we're so ineffective is, you know, they're trying to — they're using them as shields.

AINSLEY EARHARDT: Yes.

DONALD TRUMP: It's a horrible thing. They're using them as shields.

STEVE DOOCY: Unfortunately.

DONALD TRUMP: But we're fighting a very politically correct war.

STEVE DOOCY: Yeah.

AINSLEY EARHARDT: Well, we see that happening in Ramadi.

DONALD TRUMP: And the other thing is, with the terrorists, you have to take out their families. When you get these terrorists, you have to take out their families. They care about their lives, don't kid yourself.

AINSLEY EARHARDT: Mr. Trump —

DONALD TRUMP: But they say they don't care about their lives. You have to take out their families.

AMY GOODMAN: So, by April 2017, just three months into his presidency, Trump launched a Tomahawk missile attack on Syria in retaliation for an alleged chemical weapons attack on civilians. Jeremy, you say in your series, "Like Pavlov's dogs, the bipartisan war machine responded accordingly." Let's go to some of the media coverage of Trump's attack on Syria. This is MSNBC anchor Brian Williams referring to a Pentagon video of U.S. missiles fired at Syria as "beautiful" three times in 30 seconds.

BRIAN WILLIAMS: Go into greater detail. We see these beautiful pictures at night from the decks of these two U.S. Navy vessels in the eastern Mediterranean. I am tempted to quote the great Leonard Cohen: "I'm guided by the beauty of our weapons." And they are beautiful pictures of fearsome armaments making what is for them a brief flight over to this airfield. What did they hit?

AMY GOODMAN: That was MSNBC's Brian Williams. And this is CNN's Fareed Zakaria.

FAREED ZAKARIA: I think Donald Trump became president of the United States. I think this was actually a big moment, because candidate Trump had said that he would never get involved in the Syrian civil war. He told President Obama, "You cannot do this without the authorization of Congress." He seemed unconcerned with global

norms. President Trump recognized that the president of the United States does have to act to enforce international norms, does have to have this broader moral and political purpose.

AMY GOODMAN: So, that is CNN's Fareed Zakaria, from "Trump became president" that night to the beauty of the weapons, the bombs falling on Syria. Jeremy Scahill?

JEREMY SCAHILL: Well, Amy, I'll just point to, at the end of 2019, you had more than 180 House Democrats vote for a record-shattering military budget for Donald Trump. Only 40-something Democrats opposed it. And that record-shattering, more than \$22 billion, greater than any Obama-era military budget was a bipartisan product. Nothing brings the Democrats and the Republicans together more than a cruise missile strike or policy on — U.S. policy on Israel.

And so, on foreign policy, the most sort of intense attacks, when it comes to war or national security, on Donald Trump from the Democrats have come when he's tried to move away from war. You know, when Trump was trying to actually end the Korean War — and yes, he was doing it in an insane way, and I don't co-sign any of Trump's rhetoric, but wouldn't it be — as Allan Nairn points out in our documentary, wouldn't it be a great thing for the Korean people if the Korean War ended? And yet you had Democrats goading Trump and essentially trying to push him into doing something really insane. You know, on the one hand, Trump wanted to broker this deal with Kim Jong-un and North Korea. On the other hand, he would threaten to wipe North Korea off the map entirely.

And the Democrats repeatedly played with fire, particularly when Trump said, "Let's get out of these foreign wars." You know, Donald Trump — by all indications, it seems like one of the reasons why John Bolton was ousted as the national security adviser was because he was too belligerent even for Donald Trump. And Trump said that if he hadn't gotten rid of John Bolton, that we would be in World War VI by now.

But, Amy, I think it's important to sort of back up and look at this in the bigger picture. Donald Trump is the kind of guy who says, "We need to murder the families of terrorists." Barack Obama actually did kill family members of suspected terrorists, including American citizens who were children. They repeatedly double-tap drone struck, where they would bomb funerals. They hit weddings. So, you know, yes, it's shocking to hear an American president say the things that Donald Trump says, but let's not pretend here like the Democrats are doves. Bill Clinton initiated the longest sustained bombing since Vietnam in Iraq, bombing Iraq on average once every three days at times. Barack Obama engaged in regime change, deadly economic sanctions, dramatically expanded drone strike operations, surged troops around the world. I sort of — in really carefully analyzing Donald Trump's war policy, I would say that he, thus far, has proven less murderous than George W. Bush and more of a war criminal than Jimmy Carter.

AMY GOODMAN: So, explain. And explain what this portends for the future, what you feel a possible Biden win could mean. And what would it mean if Trump remains as president?

JEREMY SCAHILL: You know, when it comes to sort of the current and ongoing wars, Joe Biden — what we know about his time as vice president and as chair of the Foreign Relations Committee, Biden and Trump actually have some similar ideas about how U.S. war should be waged. Joe Biden was against — reportedly against the troop surge that Obama did early on in his presidency, and Biden favored using CIA operators and Special Forces teams to do so-called targeted strikes, the kind of anti-terrorist operations where you're going in and taking out high-

value targets, or you're working with local forces on the ground, but with special operations forces going in and then getting out. So, I would say that there are some overlaps between the way that Trump has approached his Afghanistan strategy, for instance, which has been to essentially pull out conventional forces and escalate the mass murder, escalate the killing. Joe Biden, though, is much more of a kind of global — globally oriented neoliberal, who is a major fan of using very, very brutal economic sanctions mixed with covert operations. Joe Biden is a very hawkish political figure. And I think he and Donald Trump, on a foreign policy level, when it comes to war strategy, tactics, I think they have much more in common than the press will let on.

You know, Donald Trump has not been an exceptional president when it comes to war policy. Almost every single act that people have sort of gasped, "Oh my god, Trump did that!" you can point to historical analogs. He assassinates General Qassem Soleimani in Baghdad in an airstrike. Multiple U.S. presidents have attempted to assassinate foreign leaders. Bill Clinton repeatedly struck presidential palaces in Iraq. Ronald Reagan attempted to kill Muammar Gaddafi. And, you know, on and on. You can go back through history, through the coups and CIA.

So, the reason that I bring all of this up is that my great fear is, if we defeat Donald Trump and he's no longer the president and we pretend that all of these bad things happened as a result of Donald Trump, then we really haven't moved forward. Yes, we've stanching the bleeding. This is a horrifying administration. But unless we're willing to take on the fact that our electoral system is bought and paid for by corporations, that the United States is constantly ceding its politics to despotic regimes like Saudi Arabia, unquestioning support of Israel, the belief that we have the right to kill anyone anywhere on the flimsiest of justifications, if we pretend that it was just lawlessness began with Donald Trump, it's sort of like when Obama said we need to look forward, not backward, and refused to hold any CIA torturers accountable. It's the number one way to ensure that torture will happen again. It's the number one way to ensure that U.S. militarism and the killing of civilians will continue, if you don't recognize the root of the problem. Donald Trump is not the root of the problem. Donald Trump is a product of American imperial history.

2020-10-19 Jeremy Scahill on Trump's "Homicidal" Pandemic Response & What's at Stake in November Election



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As President Trump campaigns in swing states that are also coronavirus hot spots, The Intercept's Jeremy Scahill argues he is directly responsible for the poor U.S. response to the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed almost 220,000 people in the country so far and sickened millions. "I don't know how else to describe what Trump has done except homicidal," says Scahill, host of a new seven-part audio series that examines the Trump era.

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AMY GOODMAN: You talk about the number of people who have died. There's a different kind of battleground now in the United States and around the world, and it's an ICU. It's a hospital bed. It is right now what? Something like close to 220,000 people in the United States, a fifth of the death toll of coronavirus in the world right here in the most powerful country on Earth, and a fifth of the infections at something like 8 million, when we surpassed the 40 million mark for infections around the world. Jeremy, your parents are both nurses in Wisconsin, a crucial swing state, that's recorded its highest number of new coronavirus cases on Friday. According to an internal government report, many of Wisconsin's 72 counties are now considered sustained COVID-19 hot spots. On Saturday, Trump rallied in Janesville, Wisconsin, said it was time to open up the state for business as usual. Your response to what Trump has done around the coronavirus, with his handpicked adviser, coronavirus adviser, Dr. Scott Atlas — he has pushed aside Dr. Fauci — tweeting this weekend, which Twitter deleted, "Masks [work]? NO."

JEREMY SCAHILL: Yeah. I mean, I don't know how else to describe what Trump has done except "homicidal." And it could be even on a literal level, with Trump having — you know, he said he was diagnosed with coronavirus. He was at Walter Reed. Now he's running around, claims he's not infectious. I mean, how do we know? How do we know when Donald Trump's last actual negative test was? And has he just been running around spreading this? I mean, is the president of the United States — we talk about presidents being murderers on a policy level, but this president may actually be killing people. And I think that that is really a metaphor for how this entire thing has unfolded. Trump believes that as long as he and his people have the good medical care and that they can weather this, it doesn't really matter who dies, because at the end of the day the point is to stick it to the Democrats and maintain power. And this is also a very racist response. If this was just wiping out the kind of Trump family or his inner circle, instead of disproportionately affecting Black and Brown and poor people in this country, I think we would see even a greater level of outrage at this administration.

You know, my mom has a very serious lung condition. And she, I think rightly, blames President Trump, because she can't set foot outside of her house. She can't see her grandchildren. And I think that that's a big motivating factor for people, particularly older people, who are now increasingly saying that they support Joe Biden, is that they recognize that it didn't have to be this way.

And to me, it's really an indication of the kind of presidency that this has been. It's all been one huge grift. It's all been one huge scam. And I think that perhaps the most long-term danger — the short-term crisis is unconscionable, the number of people that have been killed and made sick because of incompetence. But on a long-term level, if Joe Biden wins and becomes president and we don't reckon with how we got here, with how Donald Trump was created, nurtured in this system and able to seize power, then I really fear for the future of this country, because this is the tip of the iceberg, seeing someone like Trump take power and bring all of this to the fore. I think if we don't reckon with history, we are in deep, deep trouble as a country, no matter what happens during these elections.

AMY GOODMAN: You talked about Black Lives Matter, the movements of immigration rights. I wanted to end with the Catholic Workers, the Catholic peace activists in Georgia, Catholic peace activist Patrick O'Neill sentenced to 14 months in jail Friday for breaking into the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in Georgia to protest nuclear weapons policy. He's part of the Kings Bay Plowshares 7 group of Catholic peace activists who entered the base on the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. King. Can you talk about the significance of this, in the last 20 seconds we have?

JEREMY SCAHILL: I've said for a long time the greatest danger that the world has faced from Donald Trump is the possible threat of a first-strike nuclear weapon that happens as a result of some tweet that Trump doesn't like from a foreign leader. These Catholic peace activists, during the Trump administration, tried to confront that nuclear threat, and there was a total media blackout on the action that they did. And, you know, if we lived in a just society, the Kings Bay Plowshares activists' trial would have been reported on as one of the most brave confrontations of the most dangerous aspect of this government, and particularly this administration.

AMY GOODMAN: We have to leave it there, Jeremy Scahill, co-founder of *The Intercept*. We'll link to your *American Mythology* [series](#), podcast, *Intercepted*. I'm Amy Goodman. Thanks for joining us.