

"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 B B S RADIO - ACCESS TO THE THREE WEEKLY CALLS <https://bbsradio.com/>

DAY	B B S Station	TIME	PROGRAM	CONFERENCE CALL	HOSTS
Thursday	#1	6 pm Pacific 9 pm Eastern	<b>A Night at the Round Table</b>	None	<b>Panel Members</b> Guests Callers welcome.
Friday	#1	6 pm Pacific 9 pm Eastern	<b>Friday Night Hard News</b>	<b>720-716-7301</b> Pin Code: 353 863#	<b>Rama, Tara</b> Callers welcome.
Saturday	#2	1:30 pm PT/ 4:30 Eastern	<b>History of our Galactic World &amp; NESARA aka The True History</b>	<b>720-716-7301</b> Pin Code: 353 863#	<b>Rama, Tara</b> callers welcome.

**NOTE: 2<sup>nd</sup> CONFERENCE CALL # for both Friday, Saturday**  
**605-313-5166**  
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#### IV OPENING MEDITATION; MAYAN CALENDAR; HOUSEKEEPING

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**B. Mayan Calendar / Record of Days:** 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 – the birth wave - began

- to learn about the Mayan Calendar, Go to <https://www.spacestationplaza.com> which will link you further to [www.lawovertime.org](http://www.lawovertime.org) website for further information.

**PLEASE LISTEN TO THE PODCAST TO HEAR THE ENTIRE DISCUSSION OF EACH DATE**

Also note: **This is not a 3<sup>rd</sup> dimensional calendar! It's a Record of Days.**  
[www.Spacestationplaza.co](http://www.Spacestationplaza.co) Click on the tzolkein – it's on page 2 of the link.

**PORTAL DAYS = extra dimensionality**

**24<sup>th</sup> Friday**

**9 MEN**

**Blue Solar Eagle**

**Visionary**

Started a new wave yesterday: Healing Hand. Today is also Beatles' galactic signature when the band started. Sun is guiding power today; occult star is the red crystal skywalker; challenge is white lunar mirror; this energy is about working with the illumination of human kind. The pioneer spirit, can see beyond. . . It's ABOUT moving consciousness to Source – let go of illusion of separateness

**25<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**10 CIB**

**Yellow Planetary Warrior**

**Warrior**

Trusting in our journey; our gift is access to the Divine, Source.

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**11 CABAN**

**Red Spectral Earth**

**Healing**

We are keepers of the earth, have awareness of her energy; gift is access to planetary harmony – let go of separation

**27<sup>th</sup> Monday**

**12 ETZNAB**

**White Crystal Mirror**

**Warrior**

Self-understanding – gift of skrying the unseen; let go of illusions of separateness, fear, abandonment

**28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

**13 CAUAC**

**Blue Cosmic Storm**

**Visionary**

Also **A PORTAL DAY** – have extra dimensionality with the storm; about creating transformation for others. Lighting clear thoughts – let go of addiction to crisis

**29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

**1 AHAU**

**Yellow Magnetic Sun**

**Healing**

NEW WAVE – AHAU. Guidance: to receive our universal connections to Source. Rising to Christ consciousness – gift of unconditional love – let go of idea of separation

**30<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

**2 IMIX**

**Red Lunar Dragon**

**Artist**

About working of creation, trusting in the Universe. Work with clarity of mind. Let go of illusion of lack of support

**1<sup>st</sup> DEC**

**3 IK**

**White Electric Wind**

**Visionary**

About co-creation of heaven on earth; work with truth in all matters; spirit works through us

#### C. Housekeeping:

- We are 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.**

Re **T & R**: Their full-time, life-time commitment is to be tuned in to what is really going on behind the scenes of 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.

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<b>MONTHLY</b> <b>Rent - \$1,150 / mo</b> <b>Total</b>		

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

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- Tara and Rama continue to appreciate each & every donation received for food.
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They are under orders by Rama's boss (former President Obama's security chief, known as the King of Swords) to live entirely by donations from the Light community.

Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

Namaste.

## V KESHE FOUNDATION INFO; N F T REWARDS PROGRAM

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**Keshe Foundation Spaceship Institute:** The Home of Plasma Science & Technology

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- **Weekly YouTube Presentations**  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/KeshefoundationOrg>  
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- **More information** Carolyn - Rainbird – [lightenergync@gmail.com](mailto:lightenergync@gmail.com)

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## VI FRIDAY HARD NEWS: ACCESS TO THIS WEEK'S PODCAST; NOTES, REFERENCE MATERIALS

This week's PODCAST <https://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-november-24-2023>

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FRIDAY HARD NEWS: Rama, Tara: R, T

Greetings to all !!! Happy Thanksgiving to all – amazing time to be alive!!!

Thanksgiving Day – Replayed the Thursday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> program: A Night at the Roundtable . . .



**R:** we're moving into the 5<sup>th</sup> dimension all the time now  
Some still want their fascist state -

**T:** something going on know a program called Why is this Happening?  
• Chris Hayes and Rachel Maddow  
her book is about fascism starting in the US and taking it to other parts of the world

**WITHpod Live with Chris Hayes and Rachel Maddow** [Why Is This Happening? The Chris Hayes Podcast](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/why-is-this-happening-the-chris-hayes-podcast/id1382983397)  
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/why-is-this-happening-the-chris-hayes-podcast/id1382983397>

We just wrapped up our fall 2023 national tour. We've so enjoyed taking WITHpod on the road and it's been so good to hear feedback from so many of you. We couldn't think of a better person to have for our tour culmination than the one and only Rachel Maddow. It was a fascinating conversation all about what we can do to save American democracy, how we got to this particular political moment and her amazing New York Times bestselling book, "Prequel: An American Fight Against Fascism." We're thrilled to share the full recording of the event with you.

- Amy on Democracy Now will talk about 100 years + of what has been going on in the Middle East a book: The Hundred Year War on Palestine – by an historian
  - brings up the info that the hatred for the Palestinians started in late 1800s

**T: reads from the White Knight Report**

**TO SEE THE ENTIRE REPORT, go to**  
<https://www.rainbowroundtable.net/archives> and  
**go to WHITE KNIGHT REPORTS, under the Archives heading**

**2023-11-17                      Friday                      Lady Natasha**

**Rama:** I received a text message from **Lady Natasha** at 12:09 early this afternoon. She said to me, "Lord Rama, I am here near Lake Baikal in the far eastern side of Siberia.

"Catherine, who works for the King of Swords, and Heidi, who has worked many years for the International Bank of Settlements, are also here with me. We are here investigating ship sightings because the local people have reported star ships coming out of the lake, and then going into the upper atmosphere and into space. The local people have reported seeing tall, white ETs also coming out of the lake. There is an entrance in the lake to the Inner Earth. Lord Adama of the Agartha Network and Lord Anton of the Silver Fleets are sending star ships from Inner Earth into our skies on the surface, to help with First Contact and Full Disclosure. See you in the Light of the Most Radiant One! Sat Nam! Namaste! Blaze the Violet Fire!"

**2023-11- 20                      Monday                      Dalai Lama**

**Dalai Lama@DalaiLama**

You are human beings, I'm a human being; you want a happy life, and I want a happy life. But I think that aim will not be fulfilled only on the basis of material values; what we all want is affection and what we all need is to be more warm-hearted.





2023-11-21

Tuesday

Tom the Ring-Tailed Cat, Sweet Angelique the Cat

**Rama:** I received a text message from **Tom the Ring-Tailed Cat and Sweet Angelique the Cat** at 11:45 am this morning. They said to me, "Lord Rama, there are tremendous things happening in our local sun system and galaxy! We sent you a picture of Super Galactic Center where the Hunab Ku is located. It is pulsating out tremendous waves of light.

These light waves are affecting all of the galaxies surrounding Super Galactic Center, as well as ours, the Milky Way Galaxy, all 27 galaxies. These light waves are coming into our local sun system and our earth's atmosphere. These light waves have encoded messages; these encoded message are upgrading our DNA. This is part of the plan, as Kryon says to us: "As we look at you, we see your magnificence. Ye are the Shining Ones!"

"Our biggest test right now is sending Love and Compassion. We know how tough the energies are for you right now. As you embrace more light, it gets easier! It is as His Holiness says: "As we take the Bodhisattva vow, it is for all eternity." [See you in the Light of the Most Radiant One! Sat Nam! Namaste! Blaze the Violet Fire!](#)"

#### FROM LORD RAMA:

from Tom the Ring-Tailed Cat  
and Sweet Angelique the Cat -

Light waves coming from  
Super Galactic Center



2023-11-21

Wednesday

Tom the Ring-tailed Cat; Sweet Angelique the Cat

**Rama:** I received a text message from **Tom the Ring-tailed Cat and Sweet Angelique the Cat** at 11:53 am, late this morning. They said to me, "Lord Rama, the solar flares

are getting bigger by the day. By Saturday, we may get even a lot more solar flares. The monoatomic gold dust is really visible right now. We are at the end of the story! The LIGHT HAS WON! ! !

Every day in Aurora Ray's report, she is sharing how the 5<sup>th</sup> dimension is being anchored here on earth.

The Pleiadians were the first galactic beings to come to earth and have been here since the beginning of this Grand Experiment. They are remaining to explain ascension to us, always reminding us that we ascend by our own free will choice.

Our 12 strands of DNA are active right now! As we choose to tune into The Force, we can see amazing things. Our own DNA is urging us on! This is why, as you get up in the morning, you can feel the Universe talking to you.

### **There will come PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST!**

Friday morning at 7:00 am, Israeli and Palestinian time, there will begin an open-ended 4 day pause/cease fire, initiated by Israel and Hamas. (represented only by the U.S. Deep State, Hamas being the creation of our U.S. Deep State)

This is an interesting and very precarious time. We ask you all to stay in your High Heart. *Sat Nam! Namaste! Blaze the Violet Fire! And continue to pray peace in the Middle East!"*

**AUDIO: Aurora Ray Earth's Grand Shift and Hidden Wisdom: From Old Artifacts to New Realities**

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=356500233551867> 7:10 min



**R: has heard of folks being mummified with gold; however, we no longer have to die!**

### **CONFERENCE CALL**

**Car:** the policeman called Derek Chauvin was stabbed in a prison in Tuscon, AZ - Larry Nasser was also stabbed in prison – convicted of all the mass molestation of athletes

"Chauvin, 47, was sent to FCI Tucson from a maximum-security Minnesota state prison in August 2022 to simultaneously serve a 21-year federal sentence for violating Floyd's civil rights and a 22½-year state sentence for second-degree murder."

<https://apnews.com/article/derek-chauvin-george-floyd-prison-stabbing-f24cde6aa28877d034530c2dc40ef7ea>

**T:** speaks of Rachel Maddow and Chris Hedges and idea that the fascist idea began in the US



**Car:** mother had 2 blood clots, one in the lung – in hospital in Atlanta, he brought her to Atlanta 2 years ago  
had one shot, wants another -  
**T:** from another person: Dr

- Discussion of the covid mandates and the fall out . . .
- Lots of things are coming to pass at the moment – hoping that people WANT to wake up . . .
- News about credible people saying that this is genocide; using the covid mandates to start another piece of genocide
- Talking about the cease fire and the # of hostages let go -
- Also about hitting brick walls when talking about \*\*\*\*\*

**RB** – speaks of a woman dying from the shot: she literally fell down dead very shortly after getting the shot and was standing there holding her baby – about 1-2 years ago

A couple of weeks ago RB was also talking to the conductor of her community orchestra – she was told she was not needed to play clarinet as there are two others - and they'd already lost the flute player died 2 hours after getting the shot;  
RB was one of the founding members of the orchestra – it's about

**Pad:** Had a great Thksg – no family, no fighting, etc

**Car:** have obviously turned back on tradition !

- Discussion about current politics
  - discussion about Rachel's new book – Hitler was a complete dork!
- Another: thinking about people

**Hitler:** just the point man to collect all the people who wanted to be led and not think for self – same as Drumpf

**R** keeps saying there is so much going on behind the scenes: time for it to break

- he brings up David Grusich and his appearance before congress or whomever: Grusich says lots of people know about the dead ET bodies and you'll have to tell soon! !! They are an evil bunch . . .
- The Pleiadians the Sirians the ones he talks to: there will be no fake invasion but will have disclosure and revelations

- listening to BBC news and about Gaza and how the news affects everyone on the planet

**R:** these guys are toast but as the energy rises, they will be further affected

**R:** listened to Native America Calling today: had people calling in to tell what they did for Thanksgiving – some had turkey and watched football; others talked about calling in their ancestors

- there are so many artifacts and technologies that could change things instantly if we used the Force
- we're being asked to bridge 2 worlds – and that's a tough assignment

- there is a quantum financial network: something Ben Fulford and others talk about – it's something connected to AI – it's about how our economies
- it is something – insane websites – before its news.com is totally false – they lean to the right

**Pad:** as goofy as it sounds, it's basically like the red side of gesara – the idea that they are talking of spiritual AI – either way, we now have people having discussion about financial structures

**Can:** if you hear anything about Q F N, turn your back on it

**Pad:** people are beginning to recognize that the systems are not helping humanity – at one time, Ben Fulford was not so clouded as he is now - - -

- we're being asked to straddle 2 worlds and
- What was Jimmy Carter's wife to him – they both knew what happened and they both carried on – he knew what was going to happen and told the truth anyway
  - and she lived with the clone all these years?

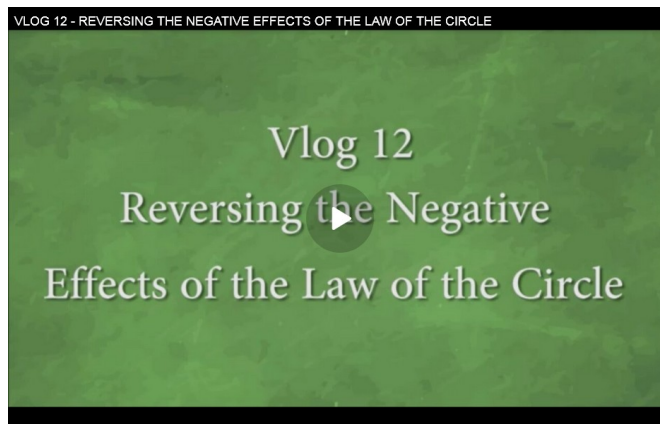
- He kept his conscious awareness even though the cloning happened: he did not lose his soul! ! !
- Yes, he's still alive – he went into hospice and came out; she went into hospice and didn't come out

## B B S RADIO

## AVE SACHE

**AUDIO:**                      **2023 11-21**                      **PATRICIA COTA ROBLES**                      **ERA OF PEACE**

<https://rumble.com/v3wdosv-reversing-the-negative-effects-of-the-law-of-the-circle.html>



### 2023-11- 09 The Merlin Transmission: Knowing More of Your Multidimensional Gifted Self

[Steve Nobel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjGvy4W88Lg&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjGvy4W88Lg&t=2s)

This transmission originally came after meeting Merlin while on retreat in Glastonbury in early October 21. He did not say very much but stood behind me and put his hands on my shoulders. He was with me for a few days. it was time for this one. (Recorded in Somerset October 21). Remastered November 2023.

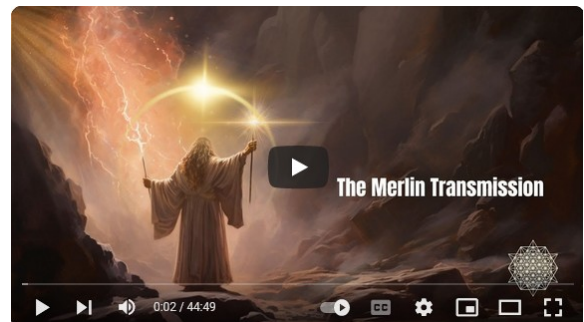
In this transmission we call The Merlin. Merlin has lived many lifetimes. A few on this planet and many elsewhere. He is connected to the Great White Brotherhood on Sirius.

Merlin invokes a large circular crystal mirror. Perhaps 8 feet across. Merlin invites you to look into this mirror. Light language appears arounds the edge of the mirror. The first vision being offered is that of a lifetime on the earth-plane (or a parallel dimension of the earth-plane) where you developed a skill, talent or gift that is useful in this lifetime. Perhaps an artistic or healing or magical skill.

Then, once this is complete, Merlin bids you look into the mirror once again. This time revealed in the mirror is a lifetime in another dimension or planetary system where you trained in a skill, talent or gift that is useful for this current time of ascension.

Finally, when both lifetimes have been revealed, Merlin places his hands on your shoulders and begins to transmit a message to you.

Music by Katherine Jameson (Vibrosound) - The Merlin.



**MOTHER / ALCYONE [M/A]**

**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!

**M/A:** What is going on is the ascension of an entire planet and it echoes out across the galaxy; this is the biggest show in town! Everybody is here to witness it! It is happening in spite of the best efforts of our wayward children to keep you down! Cannot go on much longer at all!

**T:** There is still leeway?

**M/A:** Let's say it's moments here where everything is in flux. As we send more love to the situations, they get better, and that's the key: Love is the answer. The old system of the iron fist does not work. It's an old timeline that's run its course.

**T:** Agrees . . .

**M/A:** Yes. Everything that's happening right now is about the ascension of the planet and her people. They are pushing - the dark ones - to keep that from happening and it's already a done deal: the LIGHT HAS WON

**T:** That THE LIGHT HAS WON needs to be out in the open about yesterday, maybe the day before???!!!!

**M/A:** Yes.

**T:** The fact that in the 2<sup>nd</sup> term of Obama's presidency, he did something in secret, and the Faction 3 White Knights told us and we told everyone: he signed the US on to the International Court of Justice [ICJ] and the International Criminal Court [ICC] . . . and we tied that together with the order of 1949 when Israel became the 49<sup>th</sup> state in the timing of the day. Not sure if it was Hawaii or Alaska, or Alaska and Hawaii

- The fact is that there are 51 states. Since Israel is a state of the US, it's called checkmate, isn't it? – so they get to arrest Netanyahu and Joe and take them to the ICJ in The Hague for collaborating in war crimes against humanity.
- Amy's guest goes back to the 100 year war in the Middle East against the Palestinian people, not to mention that the man with the plan was a Palestinian which means HE WAS A PERSON OF COLOR as well.

**M/A:** Yes the jig is up and it is about the whole of the planet waking up in loving presence to send more love instead of these ideas of separation and division.

**T:** Where do we go from here? That's a book by Bernie Sanders, by the way!

**M/A:** Where we go from here is into the 5th dimension as we can take it. It's about raising the frequency in every cell, 33 trillion cells plus, give or take. Each one of those cells looks like a galaxy - as within, so without. What's up there is in here – no different!

- We've got to think about it in a conscious way . . . we are all connected!
- As we tune into our local systems surrounding this planet, the other planets in this solar system - 12- 14 - they all gotta voice you can hear them - each one is unique unto itself.
- What we have missed in our ignorance or bliss, is the fact of the matter that we got everything we need right here [in our bodies]. How we use it is the key – it's called Love - like Patti talked about
- when we get thoughts that are less than perfection – eg, ideas of control – this fiasco that is going on with this orange life form who thinks he can control the planet . . . can't even control his life!

**T:** Are you talking about who I think you're talking about?

**M/A:** who else has got orange skin? It's not funny; it is about a moment in time where there is a convergence of consciousness that is coming together as we speak about the shift of the ages.

- Let's say he's a catalyst to a shift; and so is Mr Joe, a catalyst to let you think about how to change this story
- a catalyst for change – don't want to go that old that whole path

**T:** In other words, the whole country put him in - what Robert Reich is teaching now: does 3-6 minute pieces throughout the day on Free Speech & elsewhere: The latest one is to say what's wrong with having rank choice voting - an important idea - then a person can list the number one person for president or 3, 4, 5 - and then you really have a vote.

- In other words, if you have Cornell West, Marianne Williamson, Ralph Nader and a few others : people have more to think about Two is part of the empires game

**M/A:** Jill Stein

**T:** Thinking of the other story - Hillary killed 5 people in her run to be president - telling the truth about here and the dark side of herself

**M/A:** How many families of descendants

**M/A:** It's not whiskey! (She was having a good drink!)

**M/A:** What we said is - it is a bit of a fiasco at this time. Because there are so many out there that have a story to tell which is about a piece of the puzzle or how we can change this planet for the better.

- Yet everyone is on a different page - as the saying goes: herding cats is a difficult choice!

**T:** you should know about that story . . .

**M/A:** Yes we have own herding skills! That's another subject for another day.

- Yet at the moment, it is about who's really on the money in terms of the truth out there. All of them are compromised including Marianne W: all of these folks have gotten a little bit of money from Steve Bannon so it taints the pot! -

**T:** That doesn't seem to go together! ! ! What is that about???

**M/A:** It is about muddying the waters to create confusion about who to trust, who to mistrust

**T:** How did Steve Bannon come up with all this money?

**M/A:** the Mercers - the other 13 families - who don't want to see ascension

**T:** They are too attached to the power, money game

**M/A:** They would like to play out their war of the world

**T:** there is enough for everyone

**M/A:** there is

**T:** it's an arbitrary figure, the whole story about money - we can create little pieces of paper in an unlimited fashion - but that's not the deal: the deal is how do we run around with each other - the energies go high, those things are not supposed to work . . .

**M/A:** we'll say that what's unfolding right now:

- it focuses on what is being brought forth like people like Patti - the answers come from within - it is about a higher form of wisdom - how to create spiritual forms of government - what we had ranked, until things went awry because lower humanity . . .

- What we've got to comprehend is that we are creator gods and goddesses of the most high, our thoughts create physical space / time matter . . . that is why we learn about the mantras, the sacred sounds, the light language. As we focus on these things, it changes the vibration.

- As we continue to hold thoughts of negative and hate and destruction: I don't like that guy because he's brown or blue and green, and he talks funny - maybe he looks funny too

- and this is the place where, as you want to be of the intergalactic federation of worlds, life comes in all forms - even the octupuses have a say in the matter and life is prolific

- It is about this story of creation in all its forms - 144,000 x 10 100 thousand x 10 hundred 1000 - that's what's happening - that 100<sup>th</sup> monkey see; monkey do

**T: All the portals are opening-** everything is coming

**M/A:** the fact is that we have sacred portals all over this planet - stone structures; other forms of minerals that were shaped by our galactic families that, at the right time, they would activate - that is happening now. If you go to Stonehenge and other places, put your hand on the stones, they will talk to us.

- even in this place - Garden of the Gods on Hwy 14 - talk to the stones, talk to the sky - this is the original wisdom: every part of this earth is sacred to our people

- when the wisdom comes - whether it's from a snail or an ant or a Sasquatch person - better listen up: Chewbacca has a lot to say

**T:** He does, does he? What does Chewbacca have to say?

**M/A:** he's a fictional character based on the Sasquatch people - Yeti - the other names of the large people yet as we all come together, we can share our wisdom and stop all the mistrust of different species.

- When we lowered our egos, 'stuff' got in the way and our thoughts became such as weapons of war - that's why we're being taught right now how to lift it up - it's what's happening - we can go on but we'd better go and listen to Amy gotta about this

**T:** TaNahisi Coates and the other professor - have a lot to share - and Michelle Alexander

**M/A:** This is the original story in the middle east

**T:** goes back 700 years - the 100 years war on Palestine - Prof Rashida Kalib and Ta Nahisi Coates **Between the World and Me** - he won the national book award for that book Michelle Alexander, civil rights lawyer **The New Jim Crow**

Thanks to Mother

**M/A:** Greetings in the Light of The Most Radiant One

Kodoish, Dovish, Kodoish Adonai 'Tsebayoth  
iliahu iliahu iliahu  
Yod Hey Vod Hey  
YHWH

Holy holy holy is the Lord God of Hosts  
Illumine Illumine Illumine  
Yod Hey Vod Hey of the Living Everlasting Light  
The Revealed Name to our Father universe of the Living  
God behind all Creator Gods

**RAMA RETURNS:** was sitting an a board room on Soltec's ship; listening to folks talk about how intervention is unfolding even if we're not seeing it - it is happening - there are so many folks here stepping in, and every day more and more craft are being seen  
People are waking up and as they interact, there is no fear - the galactic families - when you feel a heart connection with the ships, that's the real deal - can't fake that stuff! Coming together in loving presence . . .

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Was the dark secret of the Virgin Queen's heir an illicit page of Shakespearean drama?

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draws upon evidence from anagrams and cryptography to speculate that the 17th Earl of Oxford was the son and lover of England's Elizabeth I.

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This is a pivotal moment for humanity. The ascension of Gaia represents an opportunity for each of us to step forward and serve something greater than ourselves.

Though the coming changes may seem daunting, we must embrace this transition with courage, compassion, and readiness to act.

The call has sounded. How will you respond?

There are countless ways we can be of service - by uplifting others, safeguarding our communities, healing divisions, and spreading light. Every act of goodness and generosity is needed. Every loving heart and helping hand is required.

Do not hesitate. The time is now. We are being called to come together as brothers and sisters, as caretakers and stewards. We must set aside fear and doubt and step forward with faith, purpose, and solidarity.

There is a role only you can play. Listen closely. Find the unique way your gifts and talents are needed. Then, commit fully, without holding back. The work ahead will require perseverance, sacrifice, and your very best. Know that your efforts matter. Each contribution, however small, pushes us forward.

We stand at a crossroads, faced with a choice. Will we answer the call and take a courageous leap into the light? Or will we languish in darkness and division? Our future hangs in the balance.

Believe in yourself. Believe in each other. The task is monumental, but together, we will rise to meet it. We were made for these times. Let us step forward and usher in the new era that awaits. The time for action is now!

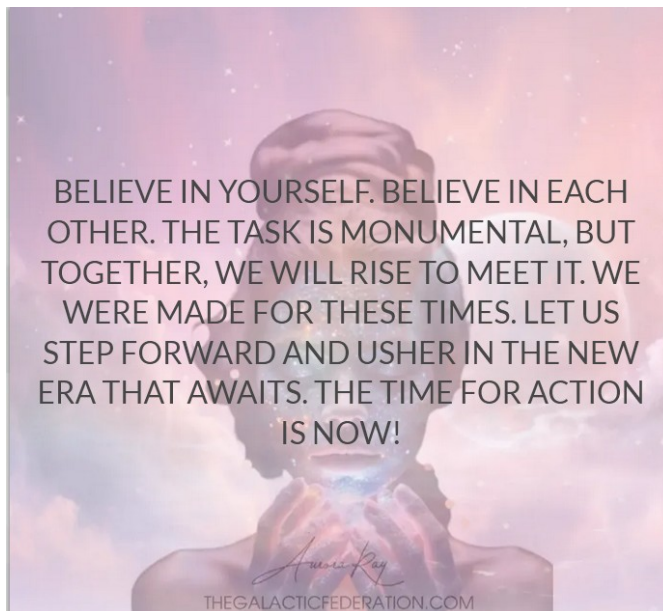
### **Each Field of Endeavor:**

At this exciting time, opportunities abound to step forward and assist Gaia in every field of human endeavor. Whether your calling is in spirituality, science, technology, medicine, art, music, business, law, education, or any other pursuit - your talents are needed.

Apart from spirituality, the arts, in particular, play a key role. Creative expression through painting, dance, film, poetry, and more can capture the imagination and inspire humanity towards the light. Scientists, too, have a vital part in their research and discoveries, pushing knowledge and innovation ever forward.

Teachers pass wisdom to the next generation, doctors heal, and leaders guide. Wherever your skills lie, this is the time to hone them and offer your gifts. The ascension needs all of us, each contributing in our own way with passion and purpose. Even small acts of kindness can ripple out as waves of light.

By coming together, we can uplift the collective vibration and realize our shared divine nature. Have faith that your unique abilities are needed. Follow your heart, listen to your soul's purpose, and take courageous steps toward the new Earth!



**For Family and Loved Ones:**

During this exciting time of transformation, it is understandable to have concern for the well-being of your family and loved ones. However, rest assured that the Earth will remain a safe place for all of humanity.

While the planet is ascending to a higher vibration, this process need not be feared. The Earth herself is purifying and releasing the lower vibrations that no longer serve, but the physical planet will persist as humanity's home. Your children and grandchildren will continue to have a place to live, grow, and thrive here.

Your family relationships are so important, now more than ever, as sources of strength, comfort, and community during the changes underway. Although the world may look different in many ways, the love you share and the bonds you have built will endure.

Your homes will still provide shelter. Your cities and towns will still be gathering places. The Earth will continue to nourish you as she has since the beginning of human civilization.

Have faith that the ascension of Gaia will not undo the human family or your most cherished connections. With trust, courage, and care for one another, you will move forward into this new era together!

**Conclusion:**

The time is now to reflect deeply on our unique gifts and find how they may assist Gaia and contribute to humanity's shared growth.

This transition, while monumental, need not be frightening if we stay focused on unity, love, and supporting each other through the changes ahead.

We are all one family; we are all shards of the divine. If we are mindful of this truth, we can traverse the coming shifts with grace, courage, and peace in our hearts!

We love you dearly,

We are here with you,

We are your family of light,

We are the Galactic Federation.

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Aurora Ray

Ambassador of the Galactic Federation

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### Transcript

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**AMY GOODMAN:** Today, a special broadcast: "But We Must Speak: On Palestine and the Mandates of Conscience." That was the name of a November 1st event here in New York where leading writers and academics came together to speak out against Israel's bombardment of Gaza. The event was held at the Union Theological Seminary in Manhattan. But it almost didn't happen. Four other venues refused to host the gathering.

Over the next hour, we'll hear the words of the acclaimed writer Ta-Nehisi Coates, who won the National Book Award for his book *Between the World and Me*. He was in conversation with the Palestinian American historian Rashid Khalidi, the Edward Said professor of modern Arab studies at Columbia University. His books include *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine*. Their discussion was moderated by Michelle Alexander, the renowned civil rights attorney and author. We begin with Yasmin El-Rifae, author, writer and producer of the Palestine Festival of Literature.

**YASMIN EL-RIFAE:** Since 2008, PalFest has been bringing writers and artists from around the world to Palestine for a weeklong festival, staging free public events in multiple cities across Palestine. Some of you have been our guests, participants and advisers.

As we come together in this beautiful sanctuary tonight, churches, mosques, hospitals and refugee camps in Gaza are being bombed by Israel. Our PalFest colleagues, friends and partners in the West Bank are living in terror for their safety and the safety of their families. The young writers in Gaza who organized a night of poetry in the besieged strip ahead of the opening of PalFest in Ramallah last May have stopped replying to their messages. Mohammed al-Qudwa, who contributed a poem to that evening last May, is still occasionally replying to messages and posting on Instagram. With no food, water and power in Gaza and amidst constant bombardment, he writes that when his phone lights up, the internet feels like a miracle. Some of the writers and activists in the West Bank whose homes PalFest visited just last May and in years prior are having their photographs and addresses circulated on chat groups among armed Israeli settlers calling for their murder. Some of the publishers and editors who have worked with these writers and artists and activists are in this room today.

In response to this disaster, we are holding this event as an urgent intervention by writers, scholars and poets who have worked at the unavoidable intersection of art and politics, who have thought deeply about land, segregation, colonization, history and liberation. We thank the Union Theological Seminary for taking us in at a time when events in this city are being canceled and censored. This is the fifth space we approached to host us this evening. The difficulty is not because of availability.

**AMY GOODMAN:** That was Yasmin El-Rifae of the Palestine Festival of Literature speaking at an event at the Union Theological Seminary here in New York. It was titled "But We Must Speak: On Palestine and the Mandates of Conscience." This is civil rights attorney Michelle Alexander, renowned author of the book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the*

Age of Colorblindness.” About five years ago, Alexander wrote a widely read [op-ed piece](#) for *The New York Times* headlined “Time to Break the Silence on Palestine.”

**MICHELLE ALEXANDER:** The fact that so many people are here tonight, so many, from all different religions, races, genders, is itself a testament of hope. I know that so many of us are carrying a great deal of grief, fear, anger, internal conflict and despair into this room. I hope that we can breathe together, now that we have arrived, exhale, open our hearts to one another and listen deeply to each other. We are here. We are many. We are not alone.

On behalf of Serene Jones, the president of Union Theological Seminary, I want to welcome you to James Chapel. Serene could not join us tonight because she has a commitment in Washington, D.C., but she wishes she could be here, and she extends a very warm welcome to all of you.

It’s no secret that many people are closing their doors to these kinds of vital conversations right now, fearful of what others might say, think or do in response. And so I am enormously grateful that Serene said yes when I asked her if the Palestine Literary Festival could come to Union and use this sacred space. She said yes, knowing that her decision might invite criticism or rebuke. But she also knew that James Chapel has been a site of many, many difficult, courageous conversations, dialogues that are essential to our collective liberation and the creation of beloved community.

In fact, it was in this very space that Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was originally scheduled to deliver his 1967 speech condemning the Vietnam War. The event was ultimately relocated to Riverside Church across the street due to the overwhelming number of people who wanted to hear what he had to say and our space limitations here.

At Riverside, Dr. King stepped to the podium and said, quote, “I come to this magnificent house of worship tonight because my conscience leaves me no other choice. A time comes when silence is betrayal. And that time has come for us in relation to Vietnam.”

Dr. King acknowledged how difficult it can be for people to speak out against their own government, especially in times of war, and that the temptations of conformity may lead us toward a paralyzed apathy. He did not deny that the issues present in Vietnam were complex with long histories. And he recognized that there were ambiguities and that North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front were not paragons of virtue. But he said that he was morally obligated to speak for the suffering and helpless and outcast children of Vietnam. He said, quote, “This I believe to be the privilege and the burden of all of us who deem ourselves bound by allegiances and loyalties which are broader and deeper than nationalism and which go beyond our nation’s self-defined goals and positions. We are called to speak for the weak, for the voiceless, for the victims of our nation and for those it calls ‘enemy,’ for no document from human hands can make these humans any less our brothers,” end-quote.

He condemned the Vietnam War in unsparing terms. He decried the moral bankruptcy of a nation that does not hesitate to invest in bombs and warfare around the world but can never seem to find the dollars to eradicate poverty at home. He called for a radical revolution of values. He said, quote, “We must rapidly begin the shift from a thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism and militarism are incapable of being conquered,” end-quote.

Dr. King was condemned by virtually every major media outlet in America for taking this stand. And even within the civil rights community, many imagined that he was a traitor to the cause. And yet we now know — deep within us we know — that he was right. He is right. He is right today as he was back then about the corrupting forces of capitalism, militarism and racism and how they lead inexorably toward war.

And he was right that our conscience must leave us no other choice: We must speak. When the oppressed, the poor, the weak are under attack, when their homes are stolen or demolished, when they are forced to migrate and to live in unspeakable conditions, in open-air prisons, concentration camps, perpetually as refugees under occupation, we must speak. We must speak when Jewish children are brutally killed in the name of liberation, when antisemitism and Islamophobia slip in through the back door of supposedly progressive spaces. When Palestinian children in refugee camps are bombed and killed, when schools and hospitals and entire neighborhoods are laid waste, we must speak. When international law is treated like a naive suggestion, we must speak. Yes, it may be difficult. Yes, we will make mistakes. We are human. And yes, we may be afraid. But we must speak. Countless lives and the liberation of all of us depend on us breaking our silences.

And what's required in these times, as I see it, is not only activism and politics, but also deeply personal spiritual work. As Grace Lee Boggs once said, quote, "These are the times to grow our souls."

All of us have a conscience that whispers to us, sometimes in the dark. The mandates of conscience that arise within each of us arise not out of loyalty to abstract principles or doctrines, but from a place of deep knowing, a deep knowing that we owe something to each other as human beings, that we belong to each other, and that our freedom and liberation depends on one another. If I do not stand and speak up when the bombs are raining down on you, then who will speak up for me, for my loved ones, when the tables are turned? As James Baldwin wrote to Angela Davis more than 50 years ago when she sat in a prison cell "For, if they take you in the morning, they will be coming for us that night."

**AMY GOODMAN:** Civil rights attorney and author Michelle Alexander, speaking at a November 1st event at the Union Theological Seminary here in New York organized by the Palestine Festival of Literature. Coming up, Michelle Alexander moderates a discussion by the renowned author Ta-Nehisi Coates and Columbia University professor Rashid Khalidi. Stay with us.

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**RASHID KHALIDI:** I'm honored to be here, and I'm extremely pleased that it was possible to put this together. This is the second Palestine Festival of Literature event that has been canceled and canceled again, and the heroic organizers managed to pull it together. They did the same thing in London, where I was supposed to speak last Friday. And it was canceled and canceled again in London. They sent the anti-terrorism police to the Royal Geographic Society and told them they could not hold the event, but they held it anyway.

My connection to Palestine is obviously a personal one. My family is from there. I have family there now. My niece's family is actually in Gaza. They live in Nu'man, which is a neighborhood of Gaza right near the sea, or not far from the sea. They fled from their home under bombardment to the southern part of Gaza. They were being bombarded there. And so they went back to the shelter of their home. And then, just two days — just yesterday, because they were warned that the neighborhood would be bombed, they moved to the Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza, which is, like all hospitals in Gaza, threatened by the Israeli military with being bombed. So that's part of my connection. And I have family in other places there.

I was there last in March, and it was obvious that the situation was on the point of exploding. One has to be there to see exactly how awful occupation and dispossession and decades of living as people have had to live, whether in refugee camps or in other parts of occupied Palestine, whether they're Palestinian citizens living as fifth-class citizens in Israel, whether they're in the Gaza Strip, whether they're in the West Bank, whether they're in Jerusalem. I should say that my wish is that every single one of you has a chance to go there. People who have been there have found it a transformative experience. You actually cannot believe what settler colonialism is like, you cannot believe that in the 21st century this is being done to an entire people, unless you see it. You can read about it, you can understand it theoretically, but you have to see it. And I urge those of you who have the opportunity to please try and go there.

**TA-NEHISI COATES:** Yeah, I want to pick up on wherever she left off. I went with PalFest. Yasmin, Omar and all the organizers of PalFest hosted me. And I was there for five days in the Occupied Territories, in Jerusalem, and then I stayed another five days after that.

And I had this degree of anxiety about going, because I knew I was going to see something, something I couldn't quite name. And I knew, because of my upbringing, because of my mother, because of my father, because of my wife, because my son, because of my community, that after I saw the thing, I would have to come back and talk about it, that there was no option in which I did not talk about it.

And I thought I was going to another country, but, in fact, what amazed me was I actually felt that I was in the same country, but I was in a different time. I was in the time of my parents and my grandparents.

I can think back to all of the articles I've read, all the things I've seen said about how complicated and how complex the situation is and the occupation is. It's complex, it's complicated. And it's made to sound as though you need a degree in Middle Eastern studies or some such, a Ph.D., to really understand what's happening. But I understood the first day.

We went to East Jerusalem to try to visit in the way that Muslims visit to Al-Aqsa Mosque. And I can remember being there, and there were four IDF guards, biggest guns I'd ever seen in my life. And they checked our IDs, and they gave us our IDs back. And then they did nothing. They just made us wait. And we waited. And we waited. And we waited. There was no list. There was no protocol. There was no anything. They were just making us wait because they could. And somewhere in the back of my mind, I was like, "I know what this is. I know exactly what this is."

The second day, we went to Hebron. And I can remember walking down streets with a Palestinian guide. And we would get to certain streets, and he would say, "I can't walk down this street with you. You can walk. I cannot, because I'm Palestinian." And I thought, "I know what that is."

As we drove through the Occupied Territories and I would look out and I would see roads that Palestinians could use and roads that only Israeli Jews could use, I said, "I know what this is." As I saw different colored license plates for different classes of people, I said, "I know what this is." As I saw communities that I can only describe as segregated, I said, "This is Chicago. It's Baltimore. It's Philadelphia."

And I don't mean to center the whole world on America. We have a tendency to do that. But my lens is my lens. This is all I have. And what I felt was a tremendous weight. I felt the obvious thing that I think all of us feel, that our tax dollars are effectively subsidizing apartheid, are subsidizing a segregationist order, a Jim Crow regime. But I also felt that, as an African American who was reared on the fight against Jim Crow, against white supremacy, against apartheid, I felt tremendous shame. How could I not know? How could I not know that the only democracy in the Middle East, as it bills itself, is segregated? How did I know that?

And what I came to, Michelle, was that Israel is a democracy, the only democracy in the Middle East, in the exact same way that America is the oldest democracy in the world. So, the relationship was quite clear. It was quite clear. It was palpable. It was felt. And the responsibility was clear after that.

**MICHELLE ALEXANDER:** Yeah. So, let's take a step back and talk a little bit about the history. Both of you have written a lot about the importance of understanding history in order to engage meaningfully with our present. Both of you have talked about history as ongoing processes rather than as complete, finished and in the past. And you've written that there was no isolated event, the Nakba that began and ended in 1948, but rather a hundred years' war on Palestine. And so I'm wondering if you could share with us what you think people need to know, need to understand about the history of Palestine in order to act in meaningful and courageous ways now. And also, what do they need to know about the history of Palestinian resistance, since it is so often portrayed in the media in such an ahistorical fashion, as though Palestinian resistance is driven



by hate rather than by a natural, unquenchable yearning to be free? And so, share with us what we need to know, in your view.

**RASHID KHALIDI:** Thanks, Michelle. What we need to know, all of us, is more about the history. What we need to know is, I think, summed up in the title of the book that you just mentioned. This is part of a hundred years' war on Palestine. It's not a war in Palestine. It's a war to implant a settler colonial presence at the expense of an Indigenous people, which is being pushed out slowly but surely. And when we say the Nakba, the disaster, we start by talking about what happened in 1948, but that's part of a much longer process.

**MICHELLE ALEXANDER:** Can you explain what happened in 1948?

**RASHID KHALIDI:** I will. In 1948, 750,000 Palestinians were driven from their homes, starting months before the state of Israel was created, including 70,000 people in Jaffa, 70,000 in Haifa — two of the largest Arab cities in Palestine — 30,000 people in Jerusalem, all of this before Israel was even created. And then, once Israel was created, once the war between Israel and the Arab states started, hundreds of thousands of more were driven out.

That was not a result of war. That was part of a settler colonial process which dictates that you must eliminate, reduce, push out the Indigenous population in order to replace it with settlers. That is what Israel is. Israel is a national fact, but it is also a settler colonial fact. It is a fact very similar to the facts that were created in Ireland by settlers sent over by England to push the Indigenous population to the west of Ireland, settlers brought to this country to push the Indigenous population west and out of the land that white colonists wanted to settle. It's different, but it's exactly — it's different in its specifics, but it's exactly the same process.

And the war is not one between equals. It is a war between a Indigenous population and a externally supported powerful movement rooted always in Western Europe and the United States. This is the metropole for that project. This is where that project gets its money, its guns, its vetoes in the Security Council. Without that, we wouldn't be where we are, without the Balfour Declaration, without the British, without the British and the French, without the United States.

And I think it's really, really important to understand all of these facts, that it is a — this has been a process which is driven by a demographic imperative, to create a Jewish majority in a country which until 1948 had an overwhelming Arab majority, to create a Jewish state, which was the objective of Zionism. In an overwhelmingly Arab land, you had to reduce the Arab population. And in order to do that, you had ultimately to use force. That's what the Nakba starts with: force. Hundreds of thousands more are pushed out after the 1967 War. And in the interim, there's constant pressure on Palestinians to leave. Permits are revoked, residencies are revoked, you're not allowed to enter, you're not allowed to retain this citizenship or to live here — all of it designed to squeeze the population either out of the country or into smaller and smaller spaces. You can call them Area A, Area B, Area C. You can call them Bantustans. You can call them Native American reservations. It's the same thing. It's the same process. It's the same logic. It's the same racism.

And I guess the last thing I'd say about the history is that in this unequal struggle, which involves unremitting violence, one of the first leaders of the Zionist movement, a man named Ze'ev Jabotinsky, the spiritual father of every government since Yitzhak Shamir's government, he said — he said it: We need an iron wall, we need force, or we cannot do this. Every Native population resists its dispossession. That's not me. That's Jabotinsky. And he said it again and again and again. And that is what has produced Palestinian resistance, unremitting violence. You cannot have dispossession, you cannot have people's homes and property taken away, without the use of violence. You cannot force 750,000 people from their homes without violence. And that is what the Palestinians have suffered in this war.

And they have resisted. Sometimes they've been successful. Sometimes they've been unsuccessful. Sometimes that resistance was political or nonviolent. Quite frequently it was violent. Violence inevitably breeds violence. And every time the Palestinians have tried to resist nonviolently, the response was almost even — almost more ferocious than violent resistance. Why? Because if Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions or action before the International Criminal Court or the Great March of Return in Gaza a couple of years ago, when Israeli snipers shot down hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of unarmed demonstrators — if those things can succeed, then Israel is naked, in a way that it's not when the resistance is violent. So, when you ask, "Why do you have violent resistance?" you have violent resistance both because in order to impose this settler colonial reality on this people, unremitting, unceasing violence has been applied to them, and because, finally, people can only take so much. People can only take so much.

And so, I think that in order to understand this and in order to advocate effectively for this cause, it's really necessary for us to understand all of these things, to understand the legal aspects, the kind of things that Noura Erakat has written about, to understand details about the politics, the kinds of things that many other people have written about, and to understand the history. This has been portrayed by a movement that is political, that is national — I'm talking about Zionism — that is economic, that is military, but is also a public relations project. It has sold a picture — what you were talking about, Ta-Nehisi — which people have swallowed with their mother's milk. And it is necessary to deconstruct that, and the only way to do that is to know better than they do the reality of what has been happening in Palestine for more than a hundred years.

**MICHELLE ALEXANDER:** But, Ta-Nehisi, can you — well, you can respond to that. But also, I'm especially interested in your thoughts about the history of Black solidarity with the Palestinian struggle and kind of the extent to which you think it's vital for Black people to be in solidarity with Palestine and the struggle to free Palestine today.

**TA-NEHISI COATES:** Yeah. Well, I'll say a couple things. I think it's really important to acknowledge something. And that is that, you know, I'm a relative latecomer to this. It's not something that I had a real knowledge of. I had an intuition for it. I had an awareness of the tradition. But it really was not until I went there that I had a tactile feeling for it.

One of the things I will probably be making amends for until the day they put me in the ground, if I'm honest, is in one of my most celebrated works of journalism, when I had to demonstrate tangibly how a reparations program could be done. I looked to Israel. And, you know, like, I think about that. And one of my golden rules about writing is that, you know, you only write after you've reported, you only write after. And I wrote without going. I wrote without going. And so, while there is this long tradition of solidarity, for me, personally, there's a thing of making amends. And it is terribly, ferociously important to me. I think about that.

And I think about how gracious people were when I was over there. I think about how they took me into their homes. I think about how they fed me. And I think about how their only request was: When you go back, don't lose your voice. That was all they asked. That was all they asked. And so, for me, I am obviously aware of the tradition. But this is like personal. You know what I mean? Like, I have some debts to pay, you know? And I think, like, it's really, really important to me that I be clear about that.

**AMY GOODMAN:** We'll return to this conversation between the acclaimed writer Ta-Nehisi Coates and Columbia University professor Rashid Khalidi in a minute. They were speaking at a November 1st event organized by the Palestine Festival of Literature at Union Theological Seminary here in New York, the discussion moderated by the civil rights attorney and author Michelle Alexander. Back in a minute.

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**AMY GOODMAN:** This is *Democracy Now!*, [democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org), *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman. As we continue to look at Israel's bombardment of Gaza, we return to a recent conversation between the acclaimed writer Ta-Nehisi Coates and Columbia University professor Rashid Khalidi. They spoke at a November 1st event organized by the Palestine Festival of Literature at Union Theological Seminary here in New York, the discussion moderated by the civil rights attorney and author Michelle Alexander.

**MICHELLE ALEXANDER:** I feel like I came late to my awareness, as well. I had heard things, including one time from a friend, a good friend, who is not prone to hyperbole, who went to Palestine, returned and said, "You know, I was active in the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa and had been to South Africa many times." He says, "But what I saw in Israel and Palestine was worse than what I had seen there." And I remember filing that fact away somewhere, what he said, but imagined that the work that I was doing at home was what was most deserving of my attention.

And it wasn't until the Ferguson uprisings, when I began to hear that activists on the street who were facing tear gas and tanks, they were getting advice from Palestinians halfway across the globe, tweeting to them about how to deal with militaristic occupation and attacks. And following the experience that those activists had in Ferguson, many of them went to Palestine and came back with stories and deep knowledge of the history. And as I began to learn more, I also came to learn that the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee was staunchly in support of the Palestinian cause, that Muhammad Ali had identified himself as strongly in support of the Palestinian cause, that there was a long tradition of, you know, Black activists standing in solidarity with Palestinians.

And I have to give a shoutout to my sister's new book. She's a historian. She just published a book called *Fear of a Black Republic*. It's about Haiti and the rise and the birth of Black internationalism in the United States. But it is that long history of Black people understanding that their struggle for liberation crosses boundaries, and that solidarity is necessary across those boundaries, I think, is calling to us now. And the fact that Palestinians were supporting folks in the street of Ferguson, and who also, I have heard, were showing their support for people in Flint, Michigan, giving advice about how to survive when your water is shut off, and so it's encouraging to me to hear about that kind of international solidarity in this time.

But let's turn to some political realities in the United States right now. The United States' support, as we all know, for Israel has been absolutely unwavering for decades, even among supposedly progressive politicians and elected officials. Marc Lamont Hill and Mitchell Plitnick have written an excellent book called *Except for Palestine: The Limits of Progressive Politics*. And I'd love to hear from both of you a little bit about these political realities in the United States right now. We are witnessing in real time exactly how unshakable support is for Israel, as the Biden administration refuses to draw any lines in the sand or place any limitations at all on the billions of dollars of aid that we send to Israel every year, even as it commits horrific war crimes broadcast around the globe. Why is our government not only tolerating this, but sending billions more dollars to Israel?

And before you answer, I want to note that I think a clue can be found in a speech that a young U.S. senator named Joe Biden delivered on the Senate floor in June 1986. It's available on YouTube. He said defiantly, quote, "If we look at the Middle East, I think it's about time we stop apologizing for our support for Israel. There is no apology to be made. None. It is the best \$3 billion investment we make. Were there not an Israel, the United States of America would have to invent an Israel to protect our interests in the region. The United States would have to go out and invent an Israel," end-quote. So, what was Biden saying exactly? What do we need to understand about U.S. support for Israel?

**RASHID KHALIDI:** Hot potato, eh?

I think we need to understand a bunch of things. We need to understand that there's a strategic thing there, serves American imperial interests, has always done. That's why the British started this project. They did not do it for the brown eyes of the Jewish people. They did it because it was in the strategic interests of the British Empire. And that's one reason the United States does it. We do not give \$3.8 billion a year, plus the \$10 billion that Biden has asked for additionally this year, for anything to do with sentiment. It has to do with strategy. It has to do with oil, has to do with interests, imperial interests.

It has to do with a couple other things. It does have to do with the evangelical right. That's one of the things that moved Britain to support the Balfour Declaration, to support a Jewish national home in an almost entirely Arab country. And it's one of the things that moves American politicians, the votes, the money, the concentrated political power of the evangelical right.

It has to do with money. Our politicians are whores. They're bought and sold. That needs to be said. And the bigger — the bigger the donor, the more services they get. And that's part of the — that's part of it.

And if we ask, "Why is it that our media is so complicit?" well, it's partly because our media is a echo chamber for the people in power in Washington. I read *The New York Times* some mornings, and I say "*The New York Pravda Times*." And I read *The Washington Post*, I read "*The Washington Izvestia Post*." They are like the Soviet press during the Cold War. They are — whether it's the Ukraine war or whether it's this war, they echo power.

But they also echo money. Who owns *The Washington Post*? Jeff Bezos. Who owns MSNBC, NBCUniversal — well, MSNBC, NBCUniversal? Who owns those institutions, those institutions of the press? The same people who own the politicians. The same people who own our universities. Who runs our universities? Who runs our universities? Not the presidents and the deans and the department chairmen — chairmen and women. It's the board of trustees. What is the board of trustees? It's the same people who finance the politicians, same people who own the media.

So, if we see a compliant media with a government that is supportive of Israel, because of votes, because of the evangelical right, because of imperial strategic objectives, it's very simple. When we see university administrations kowtowing to one narrative on Palestine, as they have done right across the country, it's for the same reason that our media does it and the same reason that our government does it. It's money. It's power. It's very, very, very simple. I can give you a more sophisticated explanation, but I think that that really sums it up, frankly.

**TA-NEHISI COATES:** I don't have a better answer than that.

**MICHELLE ALEXANDER:** Yeah, you know, it's interesting, because I reflect on the fact that —

**RASHID KHALIDI:** Can I say something? I hope I did not insult sex workers. I did not mean to do that. I did not mean to do that. I'm very sorry.

**MICHELLE ALEXANDER:** Appreciated.

**RASHID KHALIDI:** They're far above politicians. Sorry, I had to say that.

**MICHELLE ALEXANDER:** Well, I think we should probably spend a minute talking about censorship, fear and censorship. I know that both of you have significant experience with censorship, having your work censored. I do, too. And we have seen in recent years the censorship of books labeled critical race theory — that's turned out to be a very broad category — books about LGBTQ people and issues. Kind of the scope of censorship keeps broadening. But we are seeing now kind of new forms, or very old forms being born again, of censorship in this kind of war context. And I do worry about the possibility of us entering into another McCarthyite era. The challenges of finding a site just for this conversation, I think, speak to the real risk of that.

And I wonder if both of you — and I'll start with you — could say a little bit about where you think we are right now in terms of censorship. And as was mentioned earlier, people have real fears, fears that are grounded, you know, in reality, the possibility of losing jobs, of retaliation, and even being attacked violently or killed as a result of expressing their views. Where are we now in terms of censorship? What do you fear? And how do you think people ought to respond in this moment in time?

**TA-NEHISI COATES:** You know, oddly enough, I think we're in a great place. And I don't say that blithely. I say that, as you mentioned, having some very, very direct experience with my own work being banned in schools and libraries, and then, this week, helping where I could, and, ultimately, you know, as you, Michelle, but trying to, you know, figure out where we could hold this event, seeing, you know, Yasmin and go through all of the hoops. So, what I've gleaned from that is, when people start resorting to instruments as blunt and direct as book bans or not allowing discussions, they're threatened. It's the weapon of a weak and a decaying order.

You know, I have to say a little something. I'll never forget. I came back, right? I come back from Palestine. This is like, you know, late May, and I'm going crazy. Like, I'm going to sleep, and I'm dreaming about Palestine. And I'm waking up, and I got that glassy-eyed look in my face. And my wife is worried about me, and everybody's worried about me. And I emailed a friend, and I said, "Do you have a contact with Rashid Khalidi at all?" And he said, "Yeah, I do." And he connected us. And I wrote a message: "You don't know me from Adam, but I got to talk to somebody about what I saw." And he said, "It's OK." He said, "Look, I'm having a dinner this weekend. Why don't you and your wife come?" And I came, and we sat in community, and it was the thing that I needed. And among the many things Rashid said that night, he said, "I have been fighting this fight for a long time, and I've never seen our side this strong. I've never seen the students in university so galvanized. I've never..."

And you can confuse the ferociousness of the pushback with strength. You know what I mean? But the fact of the matter is, in African American history, for instance, here in our struggle, the struggle is the most violent when people are the most threatened. The original and the oldest and the most lethal form of domestic terrorism was pioneered after the Civil War, and what it was was in response to the fact that suddenly you had multiple states throughout this country with Black majorities. You had a majority-Black Legislature in South Carolina. The pushback had to be ferocious. It had to be violent. It needed to be, because of the sheer strength of the threat. That's generally been our history.

And so, now in this moment, when I look out and I see, you know, not just my work banned, but I see the work of my colleagues banned, I see, as you mentioned, LGBTQ authors banned, when I situate myself within the history of Black writing, and I understand the fact that there was never any safe moment for Black writing in this country's history, when I understand that — when Frederick Douglass publishes his *Narrative*, and he goes and he talks about it, he has a price on his head. He can be dragged back into slavery at any moment. When I've seen that Ida B. Wells was driven out of Memphis, Tennessee, for reporting on the lynching and the murder of her friends, and she continued to report on it nonetheless, when I understand that Elijah Lovejoy was shot to death and his press was shoved into the river, you have to be realistic about this moment.

What happened to you, man? You had to find another location for your talk tonight. That was it, actually quite simple compared to the long history of things. My wife was kind enough to send me an article about this district where they had banned *Between the World and Me*, right? And there had been — and this is a deep red district, and there had been this whole fight about it. And they went and they interviewed the librarian. And the librarian said, "This is the most checked-out book we've ever had." That's not because of me. That's because of the ban. You understand what I'm saying?

And so, like, the very fact that you guys are here, the very unfortunate fact that some of you who are watching this couldn't get in — you know what I mean? — the fact that we had to struggle to find a venue for this event, doesn't say anything about the strength of this movement here. It doesn't say anything about our strength. Says a lot about the threat and what people feel and the weakness. So, I don't know. I, like — anybody that knows me knows that I am not one known for my optimism. But I feel it in this moment. I really do.

**RASHID KHALIDI:** I mean, I don't have much to say after that. But I am completely convinced that Ta-Nehisi is right.

The first thing is, this idea that the international community supports what Israel is doing acts as if the United States, Western Europe and a few white settler colonies in Japan are the international community. They aren't. They're a pimple on the backside of humanity. The international community is India and China, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, Congo, Nigeria, Brazil — I could go on. Those are the people who voted in the United Nations for a ceasefire, 120 countries. There were 14 — there were 14 that voted against: six island nations, the United States, Israel and a bunch of hangers-on. That's not the world. The world is actually with us, indeed in this country. The press? No. The politicians? No. The universities? Certainly no. And by that, I mean the administrations.

But look at the campus that I teach on. Five years ago, Columbia students voted overwhelmingly in support of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions of companies that support the occupation. Overwhelmingly. Same thing happened at Brown. Same thing happened at Barnard. Same thing happened at Michigan. Same thing happened at almost every university where the thing was put to a vote. The students are with us. By a vote, we know that.

I was on the television the other day, for my sins. It's a terrible thing to go on television, I promise you. Don't do it if you don't have to. And I mentioned that young people are with us. And, God bless her, the interviewer said to me, "Yeah, there's a poll here that says, on Biden's handling of the Gaza situation, in the age group from 18 to 35, he has 10% support." Ten percent. I could give you — I could give you — I could give you more polls. They are terrified of us. That's why. That's why we're getting censorship.

**MICHELLE ALEXANDER:** We've got to close now. And, you know, I think as we sit here in the center of the most powerful empire in the world, we need to think about what our responsibility is, as King said in his speech, to those who have been defined as our enemy, and consider not just, like, what we must say, but what we must do. And I'm wondering if you have thoughts that you want to share.

**RASHID KHALIDI:** I do. Thank you. One of the things that I argue in this book, that you mentioned, is this is not a war on the Palestinians waged by the Zionist movement or Israel alone. It's a war waged on the Palestinian people by Israel and the United States. Those are our weapons. Those are American F-35s, American F-15s, American F-16s, American 175-millimeter guns, American 155-millimeter guns. They fire shells of a hundred pounds each. I could tell you their kill radius. I could tell you how large the diameter of a 2,000-pound bomb dropped from an American plane is. That's us, our tax dollars, our votes.

We must oppose, with action, with words, not just weapons that we send to Israel to kill people with being used in that way — and, incidentally, in violation of U.S. law. U.S. law mandates that weapons can only be used for defensive purposes. Why do you think they keep saying in every one of their statements that Israel has a right to defend itself? Because, otherwise, they would be in violation of U.S. law in sending those weapons to Israel. If killing children in Jabaliya camp is a defensive purpose, then it's legal. And if it's not, they're in violation of the law. We must oppose that.

And we must oppose the possibility of the United States being complicit in ethnic cleansing. We must oppose it as strongly as we can. Otherwise, we are the ethnic cleansers, and we are the killers. We may not be the ones pulling the trigger. We may not be the people forcing people out into Egypt or into Jordan, but we are responsible. Our government has just said that it's willing to fund that. Now, maybe they'll pull back on it, but they'll only pull back on it if we make them stop. Thank you.

**AMY GOODMAN:** That was Columbia University professor Rashid Khalidi in conversation with the acclaimed writer Ta-Nehisi Coates at a November 1st event organized by the Palestine Festival of Literature at Union Theological Seminary here in New York. The discussion was moderated by the civil rights attorney and author Michelle Alexander.

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## **Israel Continues Deadly Attacks as 4-Day Truce Announced, Gaza Death Toll Tops 14,100**

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Israel and Hamas have agreed to a four-day pause in fighting and to exchange 50 hostages held in Gaza for 150 Palestinian women and children in Israeli prisons. The short-term truce will also allow for the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza. The deal was mediated by Qatar, Egypt and the U.S. The temporary truce will start Thursday at 10 a.m. local time. The death toll in Gaza has topped 14,100 people after nearly seven weeks of nonstop Israeli attacks. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said it does not mean Israel will end its war on Gaza, as it continued its deadly attacks on the besieged territory, including in Khan Younis in southern Gaza. This man lost 15 members of his family, including children, in an Israeli airstrike earlier today in a residential area of Khan Younis.

**Kamal Kalouseh:** "This ceasefire deal won't bring safety from Israelis. They may betray it. They may not continue with it. If there is no real ceasefire deal that ends this, it is not worthy."

**Reporter:** "Aren't you optimistic?"

**Kamal Kalouseh:** "No, no, I am not optimistic, but I am apprehensive that the attacks will be fiercer than before the ceasefire."

We'll have more on the truce deal after headlines. Separately, an Israeli drone strike killed at least five Palestinians in the Tulkarm camp in the occupied West Bank. Palestinian officials say Israeli forces also raided the emergency department of the Thabet Thabet Hospital in Tulkarm.

## **Nov 22, 2023 Gaza's Indonesian Hospital Under Siege; WHO Mourns Employee Killed with Family in Israeli Strike**



Israel's assault on Gaza's health system continues. At least 100 Palestinians were killed overnight and this morning in attacks around hospitals and refugee camps. Israeli forces have encircled the Indonesian Hospital in the north of the Gaza Strip and have ordered staff to evacuate. There are still hundreds of patients inside, including 50 in critical condition. The head of the Indonesian Hospital, Sarbini Abdul Murad, wrote an open letter to President Biden urging him to listen to his conscience and respect international norms. Murad writes, "You have destroyed



the international rules of the game, insulted the authority of the UN, torn apart the sense of justice, and hurt human values, and tarnished the face of human civilization.” Israeli shelling has killed at least 12 people in the Indonesian Hospital.

The World Health Organization says it is struggling to evacuate hospitals in the north.

**Christian Lindmeier:** “Over 30% of the deaths and injuries are in the south of Gaza, in the so-called safe area. Over 30% of the deaths are in the south of Gaza. Then came the bombing and the attacks of the hospitals, and now no more hospital is functioning in the north. Colleagues from MSF have been reporting that they were attacked, too, one of the last resorts there. So, taking away healthcare of people is taking away the last resort, is taking away the last piece of humanity. And that’s what’s happening right now.”

The WHO announced one of the agency’s staff members was killed when Israel bombed her parents’ house in southern Gaza. Dima Alhaj was among more than 50 people killed in the strike, including her 6-month-old baby, her husband and two brothers.

#### **Nov 22, 2023 Three Doctors, Including Members of MSF, Killed in Strike on Al-Awda Hospital**



Doctors Without Borders said two of its doctors were killed in an Israeli strike on the Al-Awda Hospital. Doctors Mahmoud Abu Nujaila and Ahmad Al Sahar were killed alongside their colleague Dr. Ziad Al-Tatari. Doctors Without Borders said it has repeatedly told Israel it is a functioning hospital, and shared its GPS coordinates with Israeli authorities one day before the deadly attack. There are still some 200 patients at Al-Awda.

#### **Nov 22, 2023 Palestinian Poet Mosab Abu Toha and Family Released After Abduction by IDF**



The Palestinian poet and author Mosab Abu Toha has been released, following his abduction by Israeli soldiers while trying to leave the Gaza Strip with his family. Abu Toha had been heading to the southern Rafah border crossing when he was seized by Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint. He is said to be receiving medical treatment after being beaten by Israeli soldiers.

#### **Nov 22, 2023 BRICS Leaders Call for “Durable Truce”; South African Lawmakers Vote to Suspend Ties with Israel**



Leaders at a virtual summit of BRICS nations called Tuesday for an “immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce” in Gaza and the release of all captive civilians. The original BRICS countries — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — were joined by the coalition’s newest members — Egypt, Ethiopia, Argentina, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Iran — at Tuesday’s high-level meeting. In contrast to the U.S. and many European nations, the majority of BRICS countries, including China and Russia, have called for a ceasefire. The summit’s host, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, forcefully condemned Israel’s assault on Gaza.

**President Cyril Ramaphosa:** "The collective punishment of Palestinian civilians through the unlawful use of force by Israel is a war crime. The deliberate denial of medicine, fuel, food and water to the residents of Gaza is tantamount to genocide."

South Africa's Parliament voted on Tuesday to suspend diplomatic ties with Israel and close its embassy in Pretoria until a ceasefire is reached. Such actions, however, will ultimately be up to President Ramaphosa.

### **Ro Khanna Joins Congressional Call for Gaza Ceasefire**

Nov 22, 2023



California Congressman Ro Khanna has become the 43rd Democratic lawmaker to call for a ceasefire. Activists and Khanna's constituents have been pressuring the powerful lawmaker to sign onto a House ceasefire resolution, including occupying his office last month.

In related news, the Detroit City Council on Tuesday became the largest U.S. city to pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire. Polls show some two-thirds of Americans support a ceasefire.

### **Activists Protest at Missouri Boeing Plant; UTA Drops Susan Sarandon for Calling for Ceasefire**

Nov 22, 2023



In Missouri, protesters rallied at the gates of a Boeing manufacturing plant near St. Louis Tuesday, demanding an end to the use of U.S.-made weapons in the killing of Palestinian civilians in Gaza. Protesters say the factory produces Joint Direct Attack Munitions and GBU-39 small-diameter bombs supplied to Israel's Air Force.

In Hollywood, the United Talent Agency has stopped representing Oscar winner Susan Sarandon after she spoke at a rally in New York City last week, where she called for a ceasefire in Gaza. Sarandon has been active at antiwar protests to demand the protection of Palestinian lives.

**Susan Sarandon:** "You don't have to be Palestinian to stand with the Palestinian people. You do not have to be Palestinian to understand that the slaughter of almost 5,000 children is unacceptable and a war crime."

### **Nov 22, 2023 WFP Warns of Dwindling Food Supplies for 1.4M People in Chad, Incl. Sudanese Refugees**



The World Food Programme warns it will run out of food aid for at least 1.4 million people in Chad by January due to a shortage of funds. This includes aid for hundreds of thousands of newly arrived refugees fleeing conflict in Sudan, most of them escaping ethnic violence and mass killings in the West Darfur region. The U.N. says it needs at least \$185 million for its aid efforts in Chad, but that lack of international interest has led to severe underfunding. Starting in December, the World Food Programme is also suspending relief to internally displaced people and refugees from Nigeria, Central African Republic and Cameroon.

## Australian Army Whistleblower David McBride Pleads Guilty to Sharing Afghan War Crimes Information

Nov 22, 2023



In Australia, former military lawyer and whistleblower David McBride has pleaded guilty to unlawfully sharing classified material. The Australian government accused McBride of jeopardizing national security by sharing information on Australian war crimes in Afghanistan with two journalists from ABC, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, who published the revelations in the Afghan Files reports. The military claimed public interest immunity in the case, allowing the government to withhold key information, and dashing McBride's chances of benefiting from whistleblower protections. McBride spoke to supporters outside the courthouse.

**David McBride:** "I stand tall, and I believe I did my duty. And I don't see it as a defeat. I see it as the beginning of a better Australia."

Press freedom groups warned the case will have a chilling effect.

In related news, a group of 16 bipartisan U.S. congressmembers sent a letter to President Biden earlier this month asking him to drop efforts to extradite imprisoned WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange from the U.K. and to "not pursue an unnecessary prosecution that risks criminalizing common journalistic practices."

## Elon Musk Sues Media Matters; Brands Withdraw from X over Promotion of Antisemitic Content Nov 22, 2023



Major brands including Apple, Disney and Warner Brothers have suspended buying ads on the social media site X, formerly known as Twitter, after billionaire owner Elon Musk tweeted his support for a user's racist comments attacking Jewish people and promoting the far-right anti-immigrant conspiracy theory known as the "Great Replacement." It's the same white supremacist theory espoused by the gunman who attacked Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue in 2018, killing 11 people.

This week Elon Musk sued the watchdog organization Media Matters, which first reported on his comments. Media Matters rejected the suit as a "frivolous" attempt to silence its reporting. The group also reports X has been placing ads for major brands next to content that touts Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party

## Binance Founder Pleads Guilty to Money Laundering Charges as Company Hit with \$4.3 Billion Fine Nov 22, 2023



The billionaire head of the world's largest cryptocurrency exchange Binance has pleaded guilty to charges of money laundering. Under terms of a plea agreement, Changpeng Zhao will be fined \$50 million and barred from involvement in Binance for three years. He faces up to 18 months in prison under federal sentencing guidelines, though federal prosecutors could ask for a longer term. Meanwhile, Binance pleaded guilty to

violating the Bank Secrecy Act, failing to register as a money transfer business and violating U.S. sanctions laws. On Tuesday, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen announced the company would pay a \$4.3 billion fine.

**Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen:** "It deliberately undermined its own sanctions monitoring controls, and it failed to report suspicious transactions. This meant Binance was allowing illicit actors to transact freely, supporting activities from child sexual abuse to illegal narcotics to terrorism across more than 100,000 transactions."

#### **Nov 22, 2023 Holly Maguigan, Beloved Law Prof. Who Pioneered the Rights of Domestic Violence Survivors, Has Died**



Holly Maguigan, a trailblazing legal advocate for survivors of domestic violence and longtime NYU Law professor, has passed away. Maguigan is credited with transforming the way the criminal justice system treats survivors of intimate partner violence who had to use self-defense to save their own lives. She served on the boards of directors for the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women and MADRE, among others. In 2014, she won the Society of American Law Teachers' Great Teacher Award. Jamil Dakwar, director of the ACLU's Human Rights Program, was one of her many students and paid tribute to her as "a beloved teacher and brilliant lawyer who relentlessly fought for justice."

#### **Former CCR Director Bill Goodman, Who Defended Guantánamo Prisoners and Challenged NYPD, Dies at 83**

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In Detroit, renowned civil rights attorney and human rights defender Bill Goodman has died. He was 83. Some of Goodman's most influential work came during his time as legal director of the Center for Constitutional Rights. Under his leadership, the center filed its first habeas litigation on behalf of Guantánamo prisoners, leading to multiple Supreme Court victories. Goodman took on the NYPD's racist stop-and-frisk policy and led a class-action lawsuit of hundreds of Muslim men who were rounded up and detained after 9/11. Goodman was also celebrated for championing Palestinian rights. After leaving New York, Goodman returned to his hometown of Detroit, where he continued to fight police violence and other social justice issues until his death.

