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I want to start by expressing deep gratitude to all the authors and contributors to TRENDS Magazine. I and WE are so excited to share this latest edition with you. Each of We, The World's 11 Campaigns for Change are always featured in the magazine. In today's Commentary I want to highlight that this September is the 20th Anniversary of 11 Days of Global Unity! And I want to draw your attention to the underlying issues that lead many to have deep concerns about the state of Democracy in the United States – which affects the whole world.

I also would like to acknowledge the passing of my longtime friend and Mentor Rabbi Michael Lerner on August 28, 2024. As the Editor of Tikkun Magazine, his ideas about the “Politics of Meaning” influenced millions of people, including Bill Clinton. Absorbing and expressing some of those ideas actually helped Clinton to get elected in 1992. I became one of Rabbi Michael Lerner's main conference organizers in the 1990s, and that experience contributed to my creating We, The World in 1998! Please see my Tikkun Magazine Tribute Article reprinted in this issue of Trends Magazine: “How Rabbi Michael Lerner Changed My Life – Forever”.

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of 11 Days of Global Unity!

20 years after our historic launch of 11 Days of Global Unity on September 21st in 2004, Dr. Jane Goodall and Dr. Riane Eisler sat down for extended interviews with me to mark this Milestone Anniversary. And, helping us to mark 20 years of Raising Consciousness and Taking Action, in compelling 11 Days Summit Panel Dialogues, dozens of visionary Movement Leaders stepped up, including: Dr. Marty K. Casey, Rev. Deborah Moldow, Steve Farrell, Diane Williams, Patrick McCollum, Audrey Kitagawa, Paul Sladkus, Sande Hart, Scott Catamas, Joumana Rizk, Michael Wayne, Rev. Becky Suzik, Alyn Ware, Fumi Johns Stewart, Tezikiah Gabriel, Nina Meyerhoff and Monica Willard.

I was particularly excited that some of the people who organized and launched 11 Days in 2004 actually came together 20 years later on a Panel of amazing changemakers called “Moving From Vision To Action For a World that Works For All - Launch Partners Celebrate The 20th Anniversary of 11 Days of Global Unity September 11th-21st” and it features I and Troy Lush (who co-created 11 Days), Gemma Bulos (who created the “Million Voice Choir” in 80 countries), as well as Diane Williams, Paul Sladkus, Deborah Moldow, Kaeshi Chai and Andrew Kaen. To check out this Panel or any of the 11 Days of Global Unity 20th Anniversary Programs, please go to <https://11daysofglobalunity.org/2024program>

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Since 2004, **11 Days of Global Unity** has become a worldwide platform linking local awareness and action campaigns into an inspiring international movement with festivals, concerts, marches, forums, rallies and broadcasts promoting peace, justice, sustainability and transformation, featuring global icons such as: Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Jane Goodall, Deepak Chopra, Marianne Williamson, Ralph Nader, Hazel Henderson, Bill McKibben, Eve Ensler ("V"), Daniel Ellsberg, Dr. Riane Eisler, Jonathan Granoff, Amy Goodman, Robert Thurman, Rabbi Michael Lerner and many others. To learn more please go to <https://11daysofglobalunity.org>

Democracy - If We Can Keep It

Inspired by a 1787 quote by Benjamin Franklin, this represents a call to all of us - in the United States and elsewhere - to come together to address the ongoing challenges to our Rights, Liberties and Freedoms. What's at stake in the USA? The Rights of Women, LGBTQ+ people, Teachers, Educators, Immigrants; our Voting Rights; our collective Economic Wellbeing; as well as our Individual and Societal Health.

Regarding the Crisis of our Democracy, I encourage you to check out our recent **11 Days of Global Unity Summit Panel on FREEDOM** featuring Michael Wayne and Dr. Marty K. Casey. Michael Wayne produced the documentary film "How To Save Democracy". Watch their Panel on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/QGKb23M6o3w>

In general, I believe we are facing a major threat to Democracy resulting from Big Money Special Interests in our Politics and the resulting Minority Rule, fueled by Extreme Political Polarization and Intolerance. Over decades, this has led to a widespread distrust in 2 of our major institutions of Democracy: Government and the Media (Press). There is a mixed record of trust in the other institutions of Health, Science & Technology, Corporations & Wall Street, and Religious Institutions. What's left? Academics & Education, and Civil Society. While Civil Society is very diverse and often lacks adequate financial backing, it still offers the possibility of creating Pro-Democracy movements large enough to effectively address this threat.

Much of the current distrust in our major institutions of Democracy results from an upsurge in the spread of Misinformation and Disinformation by "Click Bait Disinformation Media Profiteers" who have created a "Hurricane of Lies" that have characterized the rhetoric of politicians who use Conspiracy Theories and Hate Speech endlessly repeated, and echoed by their Big Money supported Media Platforms, as they attempt to hold onto power. Recently that phrase surfaced when FEMA workers were threatened and prevented from doing their jobs to protect victims of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton in Florida because of Lies and Conspiracy Theories gaining traction on Social Media.

Unfortunately, this adds to a long list of real-world consequences of Lies, Conspiracy Theories and Hate Speech including: multiple Mass Shootings where the killers invoked a version of "The Great Replacement Theory" - or when high profile politicians claim that immigrants are criminals, rapists and pet eaters, or large numbers of Non-Citizens vote in US Elections, or that Poll Workers mishandle Ballots to benefit a particular Candidate or Party. Such claims undermine the safety and security of communities around the country, while weakening confidence in the US Electoral system. And more broadly, this "Us Vs Them" mindset of Intolerance is keeping people from coming together to solve the problems that we are ALL facing.

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Many of us who are concerned about the Media are recommending that Instead of the Mainstream Media focusing on (and repeating) the Lies and Conspiracy Theories of politicians, they could be doing stories on WHY these politicians are repeating them so much. For example, the widespread false claim that “Election fraud is rampant” is used by many politicians to back legislation making it harder to vote, and has led to more poor and minority groups being purged from Voter Rolls and disenfranchised.

To address some of these threats to Democracy, We, The World has developed (and is seeking funding for) several powerful programs: **The Media & Communication Literacy Campaign**, **The WE Party Non-Partisan Program**, **The Truth and Reconciliation Hearings** and most especially **WE Power America** (at <https://WE.net/wpa>) to expand **WE Power** - the power of people to come together to transform our society for the Common Good. Let's work together so our Democracy actually embodies “WE Consciousness”. Then we can go from a ME Society to a WE Society!

Thank you for reading TRENDS Magazine, for watching our monthly Welcome to WE! Show and getting involved with all the other programs of We, The World at WE.net.



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For twenty-five years, We, the World has been promoting and actively engaging in spreading WE Consciousness around and across the planet, by creating a shift from “I” to “WE” in our actions and attitudes as well as in our societal priorities and policies. This message has reached millions of people over the years and has awakened many to understanding that we can achieve so much more if we work together no matter what our nationality, gender or ethnicity are. There is another critical aspect to WE Consciousness that we must recognize and understand. That is the shift from “US” versus “THEM” to “WE”. Many of the challenges we face, especially climate change, necessitates that we work with individuals and groups across the political spectrum. How do we begin to work with those who we disagree most vehemently on most things. As we have seen, trying to reach a compromise or even have an open discussion seems impossible. I have no easy answers in this brief commentary, but a starting point is to see each other’s humanity and to avoid demonizing those who believe in their points of view as deeply as we believe in ours. It also requires us to see the humanity in those who we see as being hateful and would harm those whom we love. This doesn’t mean giving up the struggles for the what is so important (see the 11 Themes of Global Unity), but we do need to see the humanity in all.

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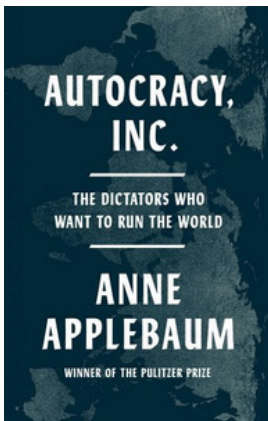
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Whether you're a committed activist or new to the world of social change, Trends can deliver a mega-dose of optimism while connecting you to unique and inspiring Change Agents working locally and globally for a better world. Trends focus on the [11 Campaigns For Change](#) which, developed from [11 Days of Global Unity](#). Together, they form a comprehensive blueprint for global transformation. Would you like to help us Inspire, Inform, and Involve millions more people to create a better world? Here are three ways you can be part of this effort:

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- Submit your Trend Report for possible publication in Trends! Tell us whose transformative work for social change inspires you - including your own! Send to Trends@We.net
- Please make a generous tax-deductible contribution to help We, The World continue and expand our global networks of collaboration and action! [Click here](#) to make a secure donation, or go to WE.net/donate to see an address to send a check.

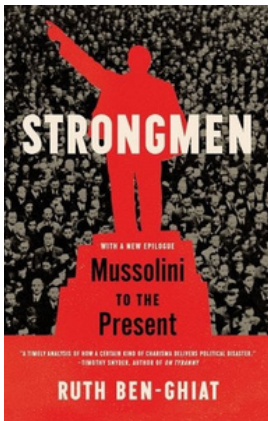
RECOMMENDED READING

In the news we are reading about and hearing the terms autocrat and autocracy in discussions about the Republican candidate as well as leaders around the world such as Putin of Russia, Orban of Hungary and Erodgan of Turkey. An autocrat is someone who has complete and absolute power over the country they rule. An autocrat completely dominates the institutions of governments, eliminates any opposition and demands obedience from all of the people in the country they control. For the first time in its over two hundred years of existence there is the possibility that the United States may be ruled by an autocrat. To understand what an autocrat and autocracy is, and the impact of autocratic rule, we are recommending the following three books.



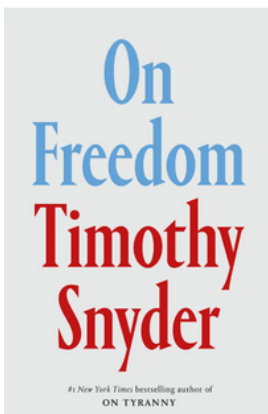
[Autocracy, Inc.: The Dictators Who Want to Rule The World by Anne Applebaum, Doubleday, 2024](#)

Anne Applebaum, the author of *Twilight of Democracy* (2020), goes beyond the impact of autocracy in a single country and explores how the development of modern networks of authoritarianism that threaten global democracy throughout the world. She also shows how traditional methods of containing autocrats and autocratic systems, like economic sanctions or international condemnation, fail to effectively weaken autocratic regimes. Applebaum calls for democracies to fundamentally rethink their strategies to counter this new form of autocratic collaboration.



[Strongmen: Mussolini to the Present by Ruth Ben-Ghiat, W.W. Norton, 2020](#)

Ruth Ben-Ghiat, a professor of history and Italian Studies at New York University, provides a detailed discussion of how demagogues rise to power by proclaiming themselves as the saviors of their nations. Starting with Mussolini, who ruled Italy from the 1920s to the 1940s, and taking us forward to modern times, the author provides us with the information on not only how autocrats come to power but also how we can recognize them and resist their coming to power.



[On Freedom by Timothy Snyder, Penguin Random House, 2024](#)

Written by the Yale historian and expert on Eastern Europe, Snyder is also the author of *On Tyranny* (2017), his latest book is a meditation on freedom. It discusses the concept itself and explores those who are struggling for freedom against autocratic regimes. As we continue to struggle for freedom in whatever country we live, this book provides us with guidance to think about what it means for each of us and what we can do to preserve it against the rise of autocracy.

THE ACTION TOOLKIT: SUPPORT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



The upswell in grassroots organizing throughout the world and in the United States since the presidential election is a sign of the growing awareness among people in all the nations across this planet that we can each make a difference in determining the direction of our nations and our planet. Amazing organizations are working on a vast myriad of issues, along with so many inspired to generate many more to join in the ongoing evolutionary change to save our world and each other.

To support and inspire each other, WE, THE WORLD is initiating a new effort to generate the resources and the tools we can share to organize our fellow travelers on our journey through the universe. This Action Toolkit is the inspired idea of Mahika Halepete, whose ideas and hard work were so critical in launching our first issue of Trends.

The Action Toolkit can provide information and resources on how to perform outreach, engage with organizations and individuals to raise critical funds, reach out and share our ideas with like-minded people, to advocate to elected officials, motivate people to take action, and support each other to be active change agents.

Within WE, THE WORLD we are graced with many talented and influential people and organizations that have been making positive change for decades. Join us in developing this critical resource to encourage and support many others working to make this a better world.

As the legendary community organizer Fred Ross eloquently said, "A good organizer is a social arsonist who goes around setting people on fire." Work with us to light thousands, if not millions, of beacons of change.

Have recommendations or resources for taking action?
We encourage you to submit them on the activism bulletin board where they'll
be seen by thousands and also be considered for the upcoming publication!

<http://trends.we.net/activism-bulletin-board/>

11 DAYS OF GLOBAL UNITY SUMMIT PANEL ON UNITY

FEATURING AUDREY KITAGAWA, STEVE FARRELL & SHARON REA

HOSTED BY RICK ULFIK AND JANA LARSEN

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Steve Farrell is co-founder and Worldwide Executive Director of Humanity's Team, a non-profit organization based in Boulder, Colorado. The organization is focused on helping people throughout the world awaken to their deeper Self and the interconnectedness of everything in the Universe. The Producer of the Annual Global Oneness Day, Steve has, for many years, been a Partner and friend as well as a frequent Participant in 11 Days of Global Unity.

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Host Bios:

Rick Ulfik is the Founder of We, The World and the WE Campaign at WE.net, and the Co-Creator of 11 Days of Global Unity.

Jana Larsen is the Human Resources Director and a Coordinator of the Economic Justice Campaign, as well as a Member of the Admin Team, for We, The World.

Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions Many are concerned about the growth of polarization and intolerance, as well as the weakening of cultural bonds - like “WE Consciousness” - and the Common Good.

The consequences of disunity are already affecting humanity’s ability to properly address our greatest challenges like Climate Disruption, and the functioning of our Democracy in the USA. Can you please speak about what you are passionate about that relates to this?

And what challenges have you faced in fostering unity across different cultures, ideologies, and social movements. And how have you overcome them?

Featured Speaker Bios:

Audrey Kitagawa, J.D., is President and Founder of the International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation, President of the Light of Awareness International Spiritual Family, and Chair of the Anti-Racism Initiative and the Gender Equality Working Group of the G20 Interfaith Forum. And she is a longtime Ally, Partner and friend, as well as a frequent Participant and Supporter of We, The World and 11 Days of Global Unity.

11 DAYS: A ROADMAP TO PEACE

by Rev. Deborah Moldow

It was a moment of horror and a moment of unity. The attacks of September 11, 2001 were a chance to change the world, when the hearts of humanity were aligned in care across all borders. Yet that moment passed. The heart connection was broken by a search for blame and a war that followed.

The lives lost on September 11th are commemorated each year at the site of the towers that fell in New York City. This is a moving ceremony but does not reflect the precious moment of global solidarity that followed the tragic event.

Yet one man refused to let this opportunity slip from our grasp: Rick Ulfik, founder of We, The World. Rick had been involved in the NGO community at the United Nations, including the Gandhi-King Season for Nonviolence. He had founded We, The World in 1998 and we all wondered what this one fellow, filled with enthusiasm but short on resources, could do with such an ambitiously-named organization. Little did we know! Within a few short years, he had garnered endorsements from such international luminaries as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dr. Jane Goodall, Dr. Deepak Chopra, Riane Eisler, Bill McKibben, and many others.

But Rick's vision of We didn't stop there. Rick and I knew one another from the close community of NGOs (non-governmental organizations) affiliated with the United Nations working toward non-violence and peace. Since I was representing the prayer "May Peace Prevail on Earth," a main focus for me was the International Day of Peace. This day was designated on the opening day of the General Assembly annually, but it had recently been moved to the fixed date of September 21st each year. The last year of the floating date was – yes, unbelievably – September 11, 2001. The Secretary-General and dignitaries had gathered to ring the Peace Bell in the garden of the United Nations headquarters when everyone heard the planes flying low over the East River toward the Twin Towers.

Rick was always on board for peace.

In 2004, Rick joined with Troy Lush to launch 11 Days of Global Unity from September 11 to September 21, symbolically marking the transformative journey from fear to hope. What's

more, the two envisioned that each of the 11 Days would have a theme, moving from the precious spirit of Unity the world felt on September 11th to the vision of a world at peace on September 21st.

The eleven themes are more than simply goals for a thriving future: they can be seen as a roadmap leading to a world at peace. Unity takes us to Interdependence, a passion of Rick, who has long been advocating for an Interdependence Day. This is actually the truth of who we are as a people, as a global family, as interwoven components of the vast web of life. Interdependence insists that we take care of the Environment that sustains all life. Yet the riches of the world, both natural and manmade, are not shared equally among our human community, so Economic Justice is necessary to bring harmony. If we can achieve better balance, we can support Health and Wellness, so vital for life to thrive. We need to support the Children & Youth to grow into healthy, happy adults who can steward a thriving world. This cannot be achieved without equal opportunities for Women, who still have no voice in many parts of the world. With this empowerment, all countries can proudly stand for Human Rights for all. Only then can the universal dream of Freedom come true. Yet that freedom and all that humanity has built still trembles under the overwhelming threat that can only be stemmed by nuclear Disarmament. These are the stepping stones that lead us along the path to Peace, our shared focus on September 21st. Only a world at peace can address together the challenges of the future posed by climate change, as well as threats from artificial intelligence, unstable leaders or new viruses. Perhaps there are even advanced civilizations just waiting for humans to stop killing one another before allowing us to join a vast network of star nations?

This year, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the 11 Days of Global Unity, renewing our commitment to build a culture of peace, justice, sustainability and transformation. And we celebrate the audacity of one man, Rick Ulfik, to challenge us to stand together as We, The World.

Rev. Deborah Moldow
Director, Evolutionary Leaders Circle
of the Source of Synergy Foundation
Founder, Garden of Light

A CONVERSATION WITH DR. RIANE EISLER

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 11 DAYS OF GLOBAL UNITY
WITH RICK ULFIK (HOST)

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Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions
#1 Concern: Could you please talk about the societal consequences of some politicians normalizing an “US vs. THEM” Culture of Intolerance in order to gain political power, and roll back the Rights of Women, LGBTQ+ People, Teachers, Educators, Immigrants, as well as Voting Rights?

#2: Could you please talk about your work regarding the possibility of society having A Caring and Just Economy, especially for Women?
What are your 4 Cornerstones for the Movement from Domination to Partnership Culture – for a “WE Society”?

#3: How can we get to Partnership Culture by expanding WE Power?
The Power of Partnership Culture and People Power to transform our society and our world!

Do you think our Democracy could become an embodiment of “WE Consciousness” that works for the Common Good?

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Featured Speaker Bios:

Dr. Riane Eisler is a social systems scientist, cultural historian, futurist, and attorney whose research, writing, and speaking have transformed the lives of people worldwide. She is internationally known for her bestseller “The Chalice and The Blade: Our History, Our Future”, now in 57 U.S. printings and 27 foreign editions.

She is also an Advisory Board Member of We, The World and has been a longtime Ally and Partner with We, The World. In fact, she was an Honorary Co-Chair of the Launch of 11 Days of Global Unity in 2004 along with Dr. Jane Goodall and Deepak Chopra.

11 DAYS OF GLOBAL UNITY SUMMIT PANEL ON INTERDEPENDENCE

FEATURING SHANNON CROSSBEAR AND JAMEN SHIVELY

HOSTED BY RICK ULFIK AND JANA LARSEN

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Shannon CrossBear **Jamen Shively**

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Jamen Shively is a technology entrepreneur and is a dedicated humanitarian and environmental activist who co-founded Radish.org, a nonprofit organization focused on radical collective intelligence (RCI) and compassionate economic standards to tackle global challenges. Through initiatives like Community Cafes aimed at ending world hunger, Jamen’s work emphasizes holistic solutions and the integration of social, environmental, and economic systems to transform life on Earth.

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Jana Larsen is the Human Resources Director and a Coordinator of the Economic Justice Campaign, as well as a Member of the Admin Team, for [We, The World](#).

Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions
 Background information regarding Interdependence
 Day: Every year, during [11 Days of Global Unity](#) we celebrate Interdependence Day on Sept. 12th. We started in 2002 at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg South Africa.

And, for the launch of [11 Days of Global Unity](#), we presented We, The World’s [Global Declaration of Interdependence](#) which was signed by Dr. Jane Goodall and eventually by thousands of others. You can see it by going to [WE.net/declaration](https://we.net/declaration)

For many of us, Conscious Interdependence is best exemplified by the Wisdom of Indigenous Peoples around the world. Could you please talk about the importance of Interdependence in your work and for the world?

Featured Speaker Bios:

Shannon CrossBear is a dedicated advocate for gentle healing and systemic change, with extensive experience working in both tribal and non-tribal communities across the United States and Canada. Her work has focused on promoting culturally congruent, trauma-informed practices, particularly within mental health and child welfare systems. And as Campaign Leader of We, The World’s Interdependence Campaign, Shannon is on the path of reclamation, restoration, and regeneration.

WE HAVE THE BODIES.

by Shannon CrossBear

Every year we celebrate our birthdays together. My friend, Bernie and I. We break out the cribbage board, make tea and talk.

Today she told me she went to three residential schools. Three. I knew she went to one. We talked about it over the years. Not much. Just in safe moments and always in whispered tones. Today was different. Today she told more. Two of the schools had those electric chairs. She saw them. She saw a boy once die in that chair. She stopped speaking the language that day.

All the schools were bad she said. All of them did terrible things to the children. She said they did tell their parents and others at home about what was happening. No one believed them. She said, ".... even our parents did not believe us. They thought we just did not want to go back to school. They thought we were making it up." We both agreed it would be hard to believe something so evil as hurting children.

Evil. That is the word we both thought was the only one appropriate. Evil done in the name of their God. It was the collusion between church and the federal government across both colonized nations

on this northern continent. If we are to see justice, it must cross borders, just as the bodies do. Neither Canada nor the United States can claim to be absolved of this sin, of this crime against humanity. They continue to not be held accountable for the crimes.

Today she told me she lost four more family members in the last month. One, got disconnected from life support yesterday after a drug overdose that rendered her brain dead. Two have gone missing from separate locations connected with the oil industry. Diabetes finally took her brother. She said, "It is like they moved the school outside the building, and we are still there. In that bad place."

It is true. We have the bodies to prove it. Not just the bodies of those children buried on the school grounds. The bodies of the brother that died from a drug overdose and the son that died by suicide. The bodies of the sister that is behind bars and that daughter sleeping on the streets.

As the count of those found under the ground grows and we have our birthday tea, we wondered if we will ever count those "off campus" bodies. We wonder how we are not yet among them as we celebrate our 67th birthdays together over a cup of tea and a conversation.



A CONVERSATION WITH DR. JANE GOODALL

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 11 DAYS OF GLOBAL UNITY WITH RICK ULFIK (HOST)

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**A SPECIAL INTERVIEW
WITH DR. JANE GOODALL**

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"It's quite clear that **We, The World** is something that really is making big efforts to create change. Clearly we need to work together. **You, and me, and WE** - can create a better world. We have to have fun! My job is to **give people hope.**"

DR. JANE GOODALL

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Rick Ulfik
Founder of We, The World and
The WE Campaign

Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions

We are living in deeply troubling times, aren't we?

- The temperature of the planet is breaking records and the resulting heat is killing people, animals, and harming the oceans and eco-systems worldwide,
- Air pollution, largely from burning fossil fuels, is killing 90,000 people yearly in the USA and 8 million people globally,
- Wars and conflicts in Sudan, Gaza, Ukraine, Congo and elsewhere are mostly killing women and children, displacing millions and causing famine and disease,
- And we are seeing a rise of authoritarian regimes accompanied by the normalization of Intolerance and a Culture of US Vs THEM which many politicians use to gain power by scapegoating Immigrants, LGBTQ+ people and others.

As we mark the 20th Anniversary of 11 Days of Global Unity, when you meet with leaders and the public around the world, do you speak out specifically about some of these problems? How do you communicate hope, given these challenges?

What are your thoughts about Interspecies Communication?

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Featured Speaker Bios:

Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE is a UN Messenger of Peace, the Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots youth organization in 70 countries. As an Advisory Board Member of We, The World, she has been tirelessly traveling around the world for decades - meeting with global leaders, young people and the public. And in April she celebrated her 90th Year on the Planet!

Host Bios:

Rick Ulfik is the Founder of We, The World and the WE Campaign at WE.net, and the Co-Creator of 11 Days of Global Unity.

11 DAYS SUMMIT PANEL ON ENVIRONMENT

FEATURING SUE BLYTHE, JENNY DEARINGER AND JONATHAN SHINN

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Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions
Could each of you please speak about your work - locally and globally - regarding the Climate Conversation in Action Program, the Climate Collaboratory and especially how your work involves young people?

Featured Speaker Bios:

Sue Blythe is a WE Team member and Partner working with We, The World's ENVIRONMENT Campaign. She facilitates a participatory Climate Conversation in Action program to engage ALL ages in writing the next chapter of the story of life on Earth. Her nine grandchildren continually inspire her work with the Climate Collaboratory, which she created, and which is a project of [We, The World](#).

Sue will introduce her guest speakers Jenny Dearing and Jonathan Shinn.

11 DAYS SUMMIT PANEL ON ECONOMIC JUSTICE

FEATURING MITZY CLEMENTINA KAYPACHA

HOSTED BY RICK ULFIK AND JANA LARSEN

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There are major consequences of our society having Massive (and Rising) Inequality: Economist Richard Wolff recently shared a decades long exhaustive study by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett in the UK showing that the more a society is Unequal, the more essential aspects of society are damaged as a result. For example, the Climate Crisis is worsened by Inequality, there is more Air Pollution, more Carbon Emissions, less Recycling. There is Less Social Cohesion: People distrust their Institutions and the Government more. There is more hostility between Ethnic Groups and Genders. There is less Social Mobility and people's Health & Wellbeing is worse.

Mitzy Clementina.

Featured Speaker Bios:

Mitzy Clementina Kaypacha is an initiated medicine carrier of her Andean tradition, focusing on ancestral practices and cosmovision for healing and reconnecting with our true selves. She holds a degree in Organizational Behavior & Management and co-founded Humanise, a platform that uses data for social change. Additionally, she works with mission-based organizations supporting ancestral communities in Latin America to secure legal rights and protect land.

HOW TO BUILD A SOLIDARITY ECONOMY: THE LOGIC OF NON-REFORMIST REFORMS

by *David Cobb and Emily Kawano*

As co-coordinators of the [US Solidarity Economy Network](#) (USSEN), we routinely face the joys and challenges of working with a wide range of social change agents and organizations to advance an explicitly post-capitalist framework.

We've been at this for a while. USSEN was formed in 2007 at the first [US Social Forum](#) in Atlanta when approximately 15,000 folks gathered under the banner "Another World is Possible and Another US is Necessary." The goals, then as now, were to organize around a common vision—one that centers racial, economic, and ecological justice; strengthens ties among existing organizations; and builds a broader and better-connected social justice movement.

But it is one thing to say that you are building a [solidarity economy](#) within a dominant [capitalist economy](#) and quite another to actually do it. A key strategy that we have found helpful in enacting our vision is the concept of "non-reformist reforms."

Understanding the Nature of Capitalism

Since USSEN is explicitly post-capitalist, we believe it is worth describing what capitalism is in plain and straightforward language. Simply put, it is a system in which a few owners of capital (capitalists) make money from earning profits from the work done by the vast majority of people, who must work for a wage to earn a living.

Some people believe economics is too hard for people without formal education to understand, but we disagree. It is important to note that the word economy comes from the Greek word *oikonomia*, which simply means "management of the home." The owning class intentionally obscures how they undemocratically and unjustly make decisions about how the economy operates. That is why we recognize the importance of understanding—and teaching—the basics of economics.

There are resources out there that can help. Our friends at [Movement Generation](#) wrote a seminal zine, [From Banks and Tanks to Cooperation and Caring: A Strategic Framework for a Just Transition](#).

As Movement Generation observes:

The primary purpose of the dominant economy—what we call the Extractive Economy—is the accumulation, concentration and enclosure of wealth and power. If the purpose of a Regenerative Economy is ecological restoration, community resilience, and social equity, then resources must be acquired through regeneration.

Like cancer, capitalism will kill its host if we do not move beyond it.

The [Center for Popular Economics](#), a collective of economists once directed by coauthor Kawano, works with activists and educators to demystify how the economy works and build an economy that puts people before profit. For over 40 years, they have offered a detailed definition of capitalism which points to five primary defining (and interrelated) characteristics:

- **Private Ownership of the Means of Production (the MOPs)**

In capitalism, the materials, facilities, machinery, and tools used to produce goods and services are owned by private individuals or capitalists.

- **Wage Labor**

In capitalism, workers provide labor in exchange for a wage which is treated as just another commodity to be used to produce goods and services—and is bought and sold via the market.

- **Profit Maximization**

There is a competitive dynamic in a capitalist system that drives profit maximization supported by the false notion that this will lead to optimal outcomes. Note that class conflict is built into the system, as capitalists seek to maximize profits, generally on the backs of workers.

- **Commodity Production**

In capitalism, goods and services are produced for sale, rather than being based on need.

- **Market Allocation**

In capitalism, the decisions about what goods/services are produced, how they are distributed, what they cost, and how finance and investment decisions are

made are determined by “supply and demand” with little regard for social impact.

Taken together, these characteristics explain why capitalism creates class conflict, inequality, market failure, destroys the environment, cultivates excess materialism, and creates boom-and-bust economic cycles.

More dangerously, capitalism functions like a cancer cell because it is premised on unlimited growth on a finite planet. In other words, we are consuming Mother Earth’s resources faster than she can replenish herself. Like cancer, capitalism will kill its host if we do not move beyond it.

The Principles of a Solidarity Economy

Of course, capitalism is often defended as being necessary to our existence. Margaret Thatcher, the former British prime minister, famously claimed that “there is no alternative.” We disagree. In particular, the solidarity economy offers a very promising framework for an economy centered on people rather than profits. This framework consists of five profoundly different core principles to describe how an economy can meet people’s needs.

- **Solidarity**

This includes a broad range of social interactions grounded in the collective practices of cooperation, mutualism, sharing, reciprocity, altruism, love, compassion, caring, and gifting.

- **Equity**

This framework opposes all forms of oppression and discrimination, whether it is based on ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or anything else.

- **Sustainability**

This framework understands that all life is interconnected and interdependent. We embrace the concept of *buen vivir* (right living or living well).

- **Participatory Democracy**

The solidarity economy framework is premised on the notion that democracy should extend beyond elections to the workplace, policymaking, institutions, governance structures. Decision-making should be as local as possible in order to empower communities. If a decision affects you, then you should be allowed to participate in making that decision.

- **Pluralism**

The solidarity economy framework is not a dogmatic and fixed blueprint. It acknowledges that there are multiple paths to the same goal: creating a world that centers the welfare of people and planet.

In short, a positive vision has been developed. The question is how to get there—and the question of getting from here to there, we assert, is ultimately a question of strategy, or what we call a strategic orientation.

A Strategic Orientation Is Not a Fixed Strategic Plan

A strategic orientation and a strategic plan are related but different concepts.

A strategic orientation refers to the overarching worldview or philosophy that guides actions and decisions toward achieving long-term objectives. It encompasses the fundamental beliefs, values, and goals that drive movement or organizational behavior and shapes its approach to addressing challenges and opportunities in the external environment. Essentially, it defines identity and purpose, setting the direction for all strategic endeavors.

A non-reformist reform is designed to [help people] in the context of a strategic orientation that’s designed to ultimately transform the entire system.

On the other hand, a strategic plan is a formalized roadmap that outlines specific actions, initiatives, and objectives designed to realize a strategic orientation. It translates the broader strategic vision into actionable steps, detailing timelines, resources, and responsibilities to ensure alignment and coherence in execution. A strategic plan typically includes elements such as goal setting,

implementation, performance metrics, resource allocation, and risk management strategies. It serves as a blueprint for guiding decision-making and resource allocation across different levels and functions within the organization.

Having a strategic plan can help with the nuts and bolts. Nonprofits are often good at these. But to transition from capitalism to solidarity requires a clear strategic orientation—an orientation that we call non-reformist reforms.

Non-Reformist Reforms: Solidarity Economy Politics in the Real World

André Gorz, a leading theorist of what was then regularly called the “New Left,” first coined the term “non-reformist reforms” in the 1960s to describe reforms that immediately improve people’s lives *and also build power* to achieve more systemic change. To

be clear, we genuinely and sincerely honor efforts to heal whatever hurts that people have. But a non-reformist reform is designed to do that in the context of a *strategic orientation* that's designed to ultimately transform the entire system.

Consider the Black Panthers' free breakfast program. In one sense it was a reform that fed hungry children, obviously a beautiful thing. What made it a *non-reformist* reform was that it was part of a deeper, more radical vision. A community garden might be merely a place to get nutritious, local organic food. But if it is part of an effort to wean a community off dependence on the corporate food production and distribution system and create food sovereignty, it becomes transformational.

Public banking, community land trusts, worker cooperatives, participatory budgeting, and universal basic income are some specific economic policies that we think of as having the potential to be non-reformist reforms, as each operates through a non-capitalist logic: centering democratic ownership and/or control and operating for public benefit rather than private gain. At the same time, all these examples can happily coexist and unwittingly even strengthen capitalism, unless they are embedded in a transformative program.

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Connecting Non-Reformist Reforms to Electoral Politics

How do you realize non-reformist reforms politically? One step that USSEN has taken toward this goal is to create a "candidate questionnaire." The questionnaire is designed to be a practical tool to move beyond individual policies and toward a broader challenge to the current capitalist political economy.

In essence, a candidate questionnaire is meant to be used for educational purposes, not to electioneer

for or against a particular candidate. It compares what different candidates running for a particular office think about important issues that might help to advance the idea of a solidarity economy.

Note that 501c3 nonprofit organizations are not allowed to make guides that tell people who to vote for. However, they *can* share guides to help educate people on the candidates without picking sides. The IRS has promulgated rules for candidate questionnaires to make sure they're fair and unbiased. They look at things like if the questions are clear and if all candidates get the same questions and have enough time to answer. They also want to see that the candidates' answers aren't changed. Whether using our questionnaire or making your own, nonprofits must be careful to ask neutral questions, not ones that show what answer they think is right.

An Invitation

As mentioned above, the two of us met at the first US Social Forum. Both of us at the time sought to develop workshops and panels (Kawano around the solidarity economy and Cobb around democratic practice).

Our thinking has evolved. For instance, one of us (Cobb) initially only saw the solidarity economy as being about cooperatives, not a strategic plan to democratize the political economy. It took time to realize that the solidarity economy framework provides an opportunity to do more than create cooperatives. In fact, it offers an opportunity to engage collectively in a peaceful revolution by employing non-reformist reforms. We hope this article is an invitation for others to explore how to apply this strategic orientation in your own community.

One final note: The word "conspire" comes from the Latin words *con*, which means "together," and *spirare*, which means "to breathe." In its original construction, conspire literally means "to breathe together." In that spirit, we encourage readers to conspire with us.

11 DAYS OF GLOBAL UNITY SUMMIT PANEL ON HEALTH

FEATURING GENE DOLGOFF AND KATHRYN DAVIS

HOSTED BY RICK ULFIK AND JANA LARSEN

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Kathryn Davis has been the producer of Heart Of Mind Radio since 2000 - broadcasting on the WBAI Pacifica Network and The Progressive Radio Network. Kathryn is a Meditation and Movement teacher, Spiritual Doula, Vibrational Healer, and is certified as a Qigong teacher. And Kathryn has been a good friend for many years, and she is the Leader of We, The World's Health Campaign.

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Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions
Gene Dolgoff - please give us a brief introduction to your potentially groundbreaking technology that you have been developing and maybe mention any challenges you have faced.

And Kathryn Davis - please tell us about your exciting program you are developing that offers people a comprehensive and systematic approach to maximize their Personal Health and Wellbeing.

Featured Speaker Bios:

Gene Dolgoff is the Founder and Chairman of Holobeam Technologies Inc., which has been granted a US patent for a process that is being developed with the potential to safely send energy waves through the body to detect, diagnose, and treat cancer, arterial plaques, without harming healthy tissue, or causing unwanted side effects.

11 DAYS SUMMIT PANEL ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

FEATURING RAHEEN FATIMA, PRESTON PRESSOIR AND HEIDI LITTLE

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Preston Pressoir is a young changemaker determined to help people in need, focusing on environmental justice issues. He is a member of the Roots & Shoots Youth Council of the Jane Goodall Institute USA as well as working with the Hudson River Estuary Restoration & Conservation group.

Heidi Little is a Founder of International Children's Month, The Center for Advancement in Social Emotional Learning. She is also a highly recognized Vocalist/Songwriter & Recording Artist and she is Campaign Leader of We, The World's Peace Campaign

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Overview: Topics and Questions

- Empowerment of Young People
- Youth Activism
- Countering Social Media Disinformation
- Sense of Helplessness and Hopelessness
- Countering "US versus THEM" thinking to build a "WE" Society for the Common Good

Each Speaker responds to this question:

"Could you please talk about the work you and your organization are doing that relates to any of these Topics?"

Featured Speaker Bios:

Raheen Fatima will be leading today's discussion. At age 16, and living in Pakistan, Raheen Fatima is a multi-award winning Peace & Climate Change activist, Sustainable Development Goals Ambassador, Stand-up Comedian, Theater Actor, Teacher, Aspiring Sustainability Entrepreneur, and Podcaster. Working with International Children's Month, Raheen is currently the Leader of We, The World's Children & Youth Campaign.

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11 DAYS SUMMIT PANEL ON WOMEN

FEATURING SANDE HART AND JOUMANA RIZK

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HR of We, The World and The WE Campaign

PANELISTS:
Sande Hart
Joumana Rizk

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THEME: WOMEN

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Joumana Rizk is the founder of Peacelights, an organization dedicated to promoting peace through an integrated approach that joins emotional education with social activism and performance art. She is a Filmmaker, Writer, Director, Producer and Coach. For many years, she has worked with Amma, a renowned humanitarian from India known as the Hugging Saint. And Joumana has been a Partner and Supporter of [We, The World](#) and a Friend for many years.

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Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions
Many are concerned about the growth of misogyny, especially regarding Kamala Harris and the US Presidential Election. Also, people are worried about the state of Democracy in the US, seeing the rollback of the Rights of Women to make their own Health decisions, even though a vast majority of people support Women's autonomy.

On the other hand, we are seeing the rise of the Feminine. Women are achieving new society-wide recognition as political leaders, business leaders and peacemakers.

Sande and Joumana - can you comment on these 2 tendencies? And please share about your work. And Joumana - could you talk about your work with the Hindu spiritual leader and Guru Amma? And also, in regions such as Sudan, Gaza, and Ukraine, civilians, principally women and children, are the most killed. injured and displaced. Joumana, you have been horrified by what has been happening in Gaza, and you have family and community in Lebanon affected by escalating violence between Israel, Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and the USA. Would you like to comment on any of these things?

Featured Speaker Bios:

Sande Hart is an award-winning leader in women's empowerment and interfaith community building, known for founding The Global Women's Village (formerly S.A.R.A.H.). And she has served on the Women's Task Force for The Parliament of the World's Religions. Sande's work focuses on compassion, community building, and the evolving role of women. And Sande has been a Partner of [We, The World](#), and a Friend for many years.

WOMEN WHO FUTURE

by Sande Hart

Recently, my eyes caught a phrase that grabbed hold of my attention; Women who futures. However, I misread it as Women who future. Having never known such a phrase, and the fact that it did not make sense to me, I started to look deeper into its meaning. When I refocused on the original phrase, I saw that “futures” was referring to the financial world in the context of that statement, yet I had already started my google searches to find nothing. My immediate guess was it meant a woman who is evolutionary in her thinking and her work in the world. Having spent the past two decades paying attention to women’s leadership, and the past year researching what is next for the role of women in the midst of this evolutionary impulse, this happy accident woke me up.

I am not alone in the theory that these times call for us to get wildly creative to find new solutions to old problems and co-create a new narrative in order to create a new reality for humanity. Still, in my research, I was bumping up against something I could not reckon with or articulate, and knew something wanted to come through; something new. This new clunky phrase led me to my answer. To that end, I have discovered something whose time has come to enter into the emerging new narrative.

Women Who Future is a woman who stretches the edges of the meaning of leadership beyond recognition to the degree that requires a new identity, and therefore a new title. It’s existence in our narrative invites a new paradigm and also applies to every woman, regardless of her role in an organization, business, her family, or relationships. We are all being called upon now to drop the confines of the old structures and reimagining how we move forward together, utilizing the very gifts our bodies and minds are entrusted with.

Like too many words and expressions in our current language that deserves another look, the understanding of *leadership* is constricted to the conventional meaning that is assumptive and one must qualify the type of leadership characteristics present, i.e.; Stewart Leadership, Transformational Leadership, Tribal Leadership, Feminine Leadership, etc. The word leadership alone implies a hierarchal structure and one that comes with authority, even when qualified otherwise.

Women who future share these methodologies, yet bring to the world a subtle and profound shift in energy, style, and shape. The results are time tested and proven, dating back thousands of years, with glimpses breaking through today in different hues.

There are nuances and styles that are unfamiliar because they are brand-new. They could not have existed before because we were not ready for them until now. The timeless qualities that have never wavered in our natural world and that we embody, remain intact. They never left us, but largely went underground until we were ready to harness their true power. The conditions are now perfect, which is why I propose, and liberally use this expression until it becomes as natural to the tongue as divine feminine.

Women who future respond to the familiar evolutionary impulse and draw on the same wellspring of wisdom as our ancestor grandmothers since the beginning of time. Their seed is passed from generation to generation, carrying within it an intelligence of universal womb-wisdom. Characteristics of compassion, nurturing, healing, creativity, collaboration, and intuition are stranded through every seed’s DNA. It shares a frequency with the cosmos and a heartbeat with planet Earth. That seed of divinity is tucked in the womb of every woman who futures. We accept our sacred task to midwife the future into being. We know our past and accept that our future requires our full integrity with reverence. We root back to the nature of who we are and honor our relationship and relevance to the world. Within the ecosystem that thrives on all the organic, smaller touchpoints that are of the seed, is the divine feminine, ancient and new at the same time. It is our responsibility and our privilege.

While our methods can be firm and determined, they are without rank and vigor because we know that violence is not the balance of justice. The old, tired structures of hierarchy and power-over are replaced with actualized hierarchy and power-to. As is the example of feminine leadership, rather than the social stratification of power structures with choices made for the rest of us at the bottom by the few at the top, problems are solved in consultation and by consensus when possible.

We operate in a manner of co-creation, in a circular manner, losing the vertical ladder, and looking across to listen to one another, never look down upon anyone.

We understand the system of a domination paradigm and have researched its history with fine brush strokes. We learn through well-researched and challenged data the cause and effect of recorded history and every law, rule, and the language that has served to keep us small, scared, and under control. We have also made great strides and overcome towering obstacles. However, the fact that in 2024 women's rights have been rolled back 50 years is one glaring sign that we are missing something important and have yet to pull up the root ball of patriarchy, even with such accomplishments to our credit.

Women who future today understand we have been working on addressing issues within the complex systems that were not designed for us in the first place. It is therefore natural that our limits of change are bound to the blueprint of those structures. It's time to circumvent the old system's scaffolding and get wildly creative. Women who future reimagine, question assumptions, and change the story for themselves, and therefore the world.

We have been waiting for this permission, aching to see the removal of the ceiling keeping us contained, or else we threaten to break through it, shattering it with indignation. But indignation and destructive force is the old model. Solving a problem within the same construct that created it is not sustainable and known to be insanity. It is time to realize we are the ones of authority to call up the wellspring of the wisdom that we did not trust or believe we could access, and yearned for it at a deep level. Our solution is one rooted in grace for ourselves and the world. Its impact, like mycelium, spreads in every direction, supporting all the living world because we are, by nature intra-connected as an ecosystem.

When we accept that authority's root is authenticity, we more readily question assumptions and we notice the language that has been normalized and change it appropriately. We add new words and expressions where necessary, like I did with this new phrase. We start clearing the wounds of victimhood and trauma by doing our own internal work. We recognize when it's time for important and healthy endings, and because we have done our work and bring all of our beautiful parts, scars and all, we actualize a world that works for all. Through authenticity, we are the author of our next human story.

A Message from the Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers

“As you move through these changing times... be easy on yourself and be easy on one another. You are at the beginning of something new. You are learning a new way of being. You will find that you are working less in the yang modes that you are used to.

You will stop working so hard at getting from point A to point B the way you have in the past, but instead, will spend more time experiencing yourself in the whole, and your place in it.

Instead of traveling to a goal out there, you will voyage deeper into yourself. Your mother's grandmother knew how to do this. Your ancestors from long ago knew how to do this. They knew the power of the feminine principle... and because you carry their DNA in your body, this wisdom and this way of being are within you.

Call on it. Call it up. Invite your ancestors in. As the yang-based habits and the decaying institutions on our planet begin to crumble, look up. A breeze is stirring. Feel the sun on your wings.”

Contribute to The Evolutionary Dictionary at www.GlobalWomansVillage.org

Sande is a mother and grandmother, Founder of The Global Woman's Village and author of The Liminal Odyssey, The Alchemical Power of The Spaces In-Between

11 DAYS SUMMIT PANEL ON HUMAN RIGHTS

FEATURING THATO GABAITSE AND SUBRATA BANERJEE

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September 18th @ 12PM & 6pm ET
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PANELISTS:

Thato Gabaitse **Subrata Banerjee**

DAY 8
THEME: HUMAN RIGHTS

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Subrata Banerjee is an international development professional, having 15+ years of significant experience in the domains of Child Protection, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion and Women's Rights. He has lived, worked and collaborated across 20+ countries of the Global South, USA, U.K, Austria, Germany, The Netherlands and has had extensive experience in working and collaborating with the UN Missions and the World Bank. Subrata is a longtime WE Team Member working with the 11 Campaigns of Change of We, The World.

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Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions Please talk about the work each of you are doing in the area of HUMAN RIGHTS and improving people's lives in general. And especially, please share the importance of Making a Difference in YOUR World as a member of the WE Team of [We, The World](#).

Featured Speaker Bios:

Thato Angelina Gabaitse is a serial entrepreneur and philanthropist based in Gaborone, Botswana, Southern Africa. She is the Founder and Director of Lemon & Vinegar (PTY) LTD, a company that specialises in the distribution of agricultural produce, machinery and equipment. And she has been a WE Team Member for many years as the Director of the Botswana Branch of [We, The World](#) - responsible for building partnerships, engaging with organizations & relevant stakeholders working with the 11 Campaigns of Change of We, The World.

11 DAYS SUMMIT PANEL ON FREEDOM

FEATURING MICHAEL WAYNE AND DR. MARTY K. CASEY

HOSTED BY RICK ULFIK AND JANA LARSEN

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September 19th @ 12PM & 6pm ET
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PANELISTS:

Michael Wayne **Dr. Marty K. Casey**

DAY 9
THEME: FREEDOM

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Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions

Dr. Marty K. Casey has a poem on Freedom to share.

We are seeing a disturbing trend of Authoritarian Regimes around the world exchanging resources and support. And unfortunately, they also have a growing synergy with some in the United States. For now, let's focus on the US with the Theme: "Facing the Crisis of Democracy in the USA".

There are some major concerns and also sources of hope that we can discuss as well. To start, think about how Big Money Special Interests are funding Politicians, and even helping Judges to get appointed who are rolling back the Rights of Women, LGBTQ+ People, Teachers, Educators, Immigrants and even Children Living In Poverty. And consider that we have major Social Media platforms that have a huge profit motive to spread Misinformation and Disinformation - Lies that fuel Extreme Political Polarization and generate support for politicians that promote the idea that SOME people and groups are "Different" and Dangerous.

On the Other Hand - can we find Solutions to address our "US Vs THEM" culture of Intolerance that is keeping people from coming together to solve the problems we are ALL facing? How can we Raise Awareness about the fact that large majorities of people are actually NOT Polarized regarding many political issues? People generally agree that they want Big Money out of Politics. They want Women to have the freedom to make their own Health choices about their own bodies. They want to expand Voting Rights. And people want to see universal background checks for gun purchases as well.

Featured Speaker Bios:

Michael Wayne, Ph.D., L.Ac., is an author of five books, filmmaker, and co-host and producer of the series "Voices for the Future". And he currently is producing a documentary feature film, "How to Save Democracy". And he is a member of the Evolutionary Leaders Circle.

Dr. Marty K. Casey is the Founder of UnGun Institute which is focused on disarming trauma in individuals, and to heal from collective trauma events which plague communities. Part of the White House Task Force on Gun Violence, she is also an extraordinary singer, gifted actress, writer, producer, and director!

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The problem is NOT: finding agreement between people - rather, the problem is: turning majority interests into Majority Rule, that serves the Common Good - instead of MINORITY Rule that only serves the Big Money Special Interests.

Can we expand WE Power - the Power of People to come together to transform our society and our world? Could our Democracy become an embodiment of “WE Consciousness” that works for the Common Good???

Michael Wayne - what is your assessment regarding the state of Democracy in the USA? And, with your crucial documentary, “How to Save Democracy” what do you think it will take to create a society that works for all?

Dr. Marty Casey - you have been on a mission to heal trauma in individuals and in communities - especially ones devastated by Gun Violence such as in Ferguson with the police killing of Michael Brown. And I know you are working hard to connect with people around the country with Peace Kits to motivate them to participate in improving our democracy. Also, you launched Black SON Day. So Dr. Marty, what is your assessment of FREEDOM and Democracy in the United States? And please tell us about your extraordinary work to serve our society.

DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT

by Patrick Carolan

Every four years in the United States we have an election to determine the type of leadership and the direction in which we as a nation are moving. We like to think that this experiment we call democracy is strong, secure, and locked in stone. We hope and claim that our democracy is a beacon of light for the rest of the world. That every person eligible to vote has the opportunity to do so regardless of their views, the color of their skin, their nationality, or their sex. We claim to believe that we should make the voting process as easy as possible for eligible voters. That we should not place burdensome restrictions on certain classes of eligible voters because we are afraid of whom they will vote for. Elections are consequential on so many levels, and ideally, every voter wants to make the right decision and align their vote with their values and hopes for the country's future.

Even in the United States, this so-called beacon of light, our democracy has had to go through significant changes. In 1790 we passed our first law defining citizenship, the Naturalization Act of 1790. This law stated that only free white men of "good character," who had been living in the United States for two years or longer, could apply for citizenship. Others such as nonwhite residents, black and brown skinned people, indigenous people, women, and Asian people, were denied basic constitutional protections including the right to vote, own property, or testify in court. One would think that our leaders would embrace this transformational experiment in democracy by making voting easy and all inclusive. Instead, early on in the experiment, they took the opposite approach. In 1821, the state of New York passed a law which removed property requirements for white male voters, but required that "persons of color" own \$250 worth of property, "over and above all debts." In 1870 the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was approved. It prevented states from denying the right to vote on grounds of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude." This led to a backlash with many states passing "Jim Crow" regulations. These included

poll taxes, literacy tests and grandfather clauses which intended to disenfranchise poor white and black voters. It was not until 1920 that women got the right to vote and then only white women. In 1965 the historic Voting Rights Act was passed which corrected many discriminatory election systems and districts.

We claim that we are in favor of a thriving democracy. We talk about the importance of voting and protecting people's right to vote. Yet in many states, legislators are pushing bills that would restrict people's right to vote. They are enacting legislation that makes it harder to vote. For a democracy to continue there must be a peaceful transfer of power when the election is over and the votes counted. Until recently, we failed to understand how dangerously fragile a democracy really is. Our democracy is teetering on the edge and inaction will help push it over. We would do well to also remember the words and actions of faith leaders like the departed champion of justice, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who said, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice you have chosen the side of the oppressor." Because at this perilous juncture in our democracy, we all need to hear that silence means we would rather be complicit in stripping neighbors of their dignity and right to flourish in our country.

For a democracy to succeed our elections should be based on ideas about how we can move forward to create a better society for everyone. We hope that our decision on who to vote for is centered around the common good, not just our own individual wants. In his Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis issued a call to action when he wrote: "we can seek a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good." We expect that our candidates will present their ideas for moving forward in a truthful manner. That there will be respectful debates on these ideas. So, we as voters can make an informed decision on the direction we want our country to take. A decision based on verifiable information, not lies, innuendos and demonizing the other. A decision based on who will be the best leader, not the biggest bully. In

recent years we have witnessed a new phase of campaigning, where no low is too low, and the truth is in short supply.

In the US and across the globe we have seen the rise of the far-right Christian Nationalism. They oppose democracy and are attempting to create theocracies. They are attempting to establish governments whose purpose is not the common good but far-right Christian ideology. In Washington, DC on January 6th, 2021, violent armed insurrectionists simultaneously carrying

bibles and images of Jesus attacked the Capitol Building and threatened to kill elected leaders of both parties. For perhaps the first time “losing our democracy” is high on the national priority list of voting issues. Pope Francis recently while speaking at the Italian Catholic Social Week in Italy said: “Catholics are called to be active participants in political life and be a force against the decline of democracy worldwide, “In today’s world, democracy -- let’s be honest -- is not in good health,” Democracy is not a spectator sport. It requires all of us to be active participants.

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Democracy
September 15



11 DAYS SUMMIT PANEL ON DISARMAMENT

FEATURING ALYN WARE AND KEN MAYERS

HOSTED BY RICK ULFIK AND JANA LARSEN

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Alyn Ware

Ken Mayers

DAY 10
THEME: DISARMAMENT

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Ken Mayers is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran with a Ph.D. in Political Science from UC Berkeley. A committed peace activist, he has been a member of Veterans for Peace since 1986 and co-founded the Santa Fe Chapter in 2002. As a prominent member of the VFP's Nuclear Abolition Working Group, he is one of the principal co-authors of VFP's Nuclear Posture Review published in 2022. His ongoing commitment to nonviolent direct action reflects his deep dedication to challenging American militarism both at home and abroad.

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Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions
Alyn Ware and Ken Mayers, you both have been working to abolish Nuclear Weapons for many years. And you have been concerned about other global challenges as well, like Climate Disruption. It seems like a core obstacle is the huge profits made by weapons manufacturers and the fossil fuel companies. Alyn and [We, The World](#) have participated in the Move The Money Campaign. And there are divestment campaigns - all part of the goal of expanding "WE Consciousness" for the Common Good with the WE Campaign at [WE.net](https://we.net).

What do you both think of these strategies? Can you give us an overview of where you think this movement is headed? And what challenges have you faced?

Featured Speaker Bios:

Alyn Ware is an educator, organizer, and campaigner focused on peace, nonviolence, nuclear abolition, international law, human rights, and the environment. Born in New Zealand and currently residing in Prague, Alyn works with Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, Basel Peace Office, and the World Future Council and other peace groups. And Alyn has been a Partner of We, The World and a Friend for many years.

Ukraine-Russian Tensions Increase Mediation Efforts Needed Urgently

by René Wadlow, Association of World Citizens

The possible deployment of long-range, high precision missiles in Ukraine able to strike deeply into Russian territory and the predictable Russian repost has increased tensions in the armed conflict. Mediation efforts are needed. Are they possible in practice?

Mediation is action taken by a third party to facilitate hostile parties coming together to negotiate. The introduction of a third party distinguishes mediation from direct negotiations between the parties. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) should have been the normal regional mediator in the Russia-Ukraine armed conflict, but its role has been greatly weakened, and the climate of cooperation destroyed.

The same may hold true for the United Nations. There have been a good number of discussions and some resolutions in the General Assembly but no formal mediation. We will have to see what may arise later in September when a large number of heads of government come to the U.N. for the Summit of the Future. There may be possibilities

to get the two sides together informally to see if any common ground could be discerned between them.

The congregation in New York of permanent representatives to the U.N. from member countries has created a "standing diplomatic conference." Thus mediation is a continuous process within the U.N. system even when a mediator as such has not been named by the Secretary-General as had been named Ralph Bunche for the Middle East at an earlier stage in U.N. history.

Formal mediation is a complex process involving questions of the authority of the mediator and the skills and character of the individual mediator. Mediation requires both an institutional framework and the choice of an appropriate individual.

It is unlikely that formal mediation of the Russia-Ukraine conflict will be created now in New York, but we can hope that informal discussions take place setting out tension-reduction possibilities.



11 DAYS SUMMIT PANEL ON PEACE

FEATURING: FUMI JOHNS STEWART AND THE 7 SISTERS

HOSTED BY RICK ULFIK AND JANA LARSEN

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The 7 Sisters include:

Fumi Johns Stewart - May Peace Prevail On Earth Int'l

Tezikiah Gabriel - Pathways To Peace

Nina Meyerhoff - Children of the Earth

Jennifer Kim - The Peace School

Monica Willard - United Religions Initiative

Dot Maver - Global Silent Minute

Rev. Becky Suzik - Joy Fuel

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Overview: Topics, Talking Points and Questions Acknowledging the upcoming 80th Commemoration of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Fumi Johns Stewart and the 7 Sisters extend their Peace Offerings in celebration of the [20th Anniversary of 11 Days of Global Unity](#).

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Featured Speaker Bios:

Fumi Johns Stewart is Executive Director of the USA World Headquarters of May Peace Prevail On Earth International. She was instrumental in bringing The Peace Pole Project out of Japan and establishing the International Headquarters in New York. And Fumi has been a Partner of [We, The World](#) and a Friend for many years.

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MOVING FROM VISION TO ACTION FOR A WORLD THAT WORKS FOR ALL

FEATURING RICK ULFIK, TROY LUSH, GEMMA BULOS, DIANE WILLIAMS, PAUL SLADKUS, DEBORAH MOLDOW, KAESHI CHAI AND ANDREW KAEN

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Paul Sladkus

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Diane Williams

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A year later Troy and Rick had co-created and organized 11 Days of Global Unity which launched in September of 2004 featuring Jane Goodall, Marianne Williamson and many other visionary leaders and activists! Troy has since become a Governing Board Member of We, The World.

Gemma Bulos is a Transformative-Impact Social Entrepreneur with 20 years of experience founding and coaching emerging social enterprises with programs that center around inclusionary and equitable practices. Gemma created the Million Voice Choir in 80 countries for the launch of 11 Days of Global Unity in 2004.

Diane Marie Williams is the Founder and President of The Source of Synergy Foundation, an organization committed to consciously synergizing individuals, organizations and efforts by tapping into the infinite source of the collective potential to serve as a positive force for global transformation. And Diane was a Founding Governing Board Member of We, The World!

Paul Sladkus is the Founder of Good News Broadcast. The Mission of Good News Broadcast is to Find, Create, and Receive Life Affirming, Thought Provoking Good News, Entertainment and Events that are Positive. The goal is to be Up-Beat, Not Beat Up!

Paul produces the Annual Pause The World For Peace Event in Times Square for Peace Day.

Rev. Deborah Moldow is an ordained interfaith minister committed to assisting in the transformation of human consciousness for a culture of peace. She works closely with Diane Williams and the Evolutionary Leaders Circle.

Featured Speaker Bios:

Troy Lush is a consummate Musician and Activist who has dedicated his life to transforming society and the world. Troy was one of the organizers of the extraordinary 2003 Planetnetwork Conference that Rick Ulfik attended. Troy saw information about We, The World at the conference, and about a month later he contacted Rick.

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UNITY! SEPTEMBER 11TH-21ST

And she is founder and president of the Garden of Light, which provides an online platform for the emerging global spirituality.

Kaeshi Chai is a educator, dancer, choreographer, designer, producer and director whose life mission is to serve our precious planet and empower others through the vehicle of art. She co-founded PURE Globe, an international community focused on healing and social change, the Bellyqueen company and school, as well as Djam NYC shows featuring live music and dance.

Andrew Kaen is Executive Producer/Event Manager and Founder of the Annual World Peace Earth Day Celebration which began in 2007. His passion for bringing people together in community for world peace and oneness is at the heart of his events. He is also the Founder of Planet Heart, a project of We, The World.

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Questions for each Panel Member:

Some people said attending the 11 Days Launch event in 2004 was a life-changing experience. What affected you the most about the 11 Days Launch or any other 11 Days Highlights that you would like to mention?

What are you doing in your life now that addresses challenges faced by People and the Planet?

How does your work contribute to expanding “WE Consciousness” that values the Common Good, so we can move more quickly toward Global Unity?

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We Are Arising Tour

Do you feel called to bring your gifts and heart song to We Are Arising? It's time.

One sheet for the upcoming tour titled WE ARE ARISING:

The purpose is to unite The People's through music, community, art, media, and tech, to bring us all together so we can see each other. To create a movement based in love, care and respect for all peoples, and our beautiful planet. The tour will run through 2025 and 2026. We are gaining strategic partnerships from Canada, and the USA to begin. Right now we have implemented a marketing drip campaign on the concept that began in 2023, using the hashtag #WeAreArising, and co branding with various internationally recognized days of action.

The tour has secured endorsements from the Woodstock Music and Arts Fair producer from 1969, Artie Kornfeld, along with Warp Tour booker Robert Tyler working on strategy of the tour, and Heidi Little as the kick off producer with 30 years under her belt in independent music, festivals, touring, events, humanitarian, children and youth, environmental, peace building, education, and international outreach coordinator, producer and strategic partnership director for WE, The World, World Peace and Prayer Day and International Children's Month. The growing team includes contributors:

Robert Tyler (booking and tour management), Ras Dove Levi (Rasta, Music, and Love Container Producer), Matthew Aloysius Brewer (Heart song artist relations liaison). Cerulean Featherton (Regenerative community stewardship partnerships and relations), Shree Chandra (Finance and Tour operations), and Heidi Little (Co producer, founder, strategic operations, music, sponsorships and investments).

We have multi faceted performance opportunities, a documentary to shoot, a compilation album per year, merch, workshops, empowerment tool kits, and tour support/operations to solidify at this time. We are reaching out to collaborate with special artists, projects, locations, education and strategy for success moving forward.

We are working on all opportunities, and strategic partnerships with professional industries, for Turtle Island, with an initial focus on Canada, USA and Mexico to create an experience that has the potential to heal many of our societal issues and divides at this time. To bring in more sovereign governance, empowerment for humanity, unity, and peace, literal action plans, tools, moving forward and a united feeling of solidarity as We Are Arising. We are focusing on a 2.5 hour experience that can be integrated into multiple types of events from festivals to it's own stand alone experience, as well as strategic Indigenous projects where a 3 day event is curated based on the support of the Peoples, weaving music, art, dance, media, tech, healing ceremonies, and more, in conjunction with a fundraiser to end MMW, creating a task force that is secured and retained for 12 months after the event. With the hope to end the suffering of our sisters. F

We believe the kick off date for the WE ARE ARISING TOUR, will be Fall 2025.

Here is the original business overview from the Omnipresent Media LLC, the legal producer of We Are Arising.

A simplified and focused overview of the intent and purpose of Heidi Little and the WE ARE ARISING TOUR to reiterate and establish the factual

Establish Legal Team:

Contracts to include any and all current and future financial disclosures, references, guarantees, minimums, maximums, et al, with clauses to enable an “additional buy” clause from potential buyers based upon agreed to measures and milestones of profitable gain(s) and successes of the released product(s) creating repeat business in advance

Said contracts will enhance and increase the net worth and marketing value(s) of products to be produced at future dates thus adding overall value and prestige, to the company as a whole, for investors and partners in growth factorization as well as analyzation of immediate viabilities in marketing and financial standing

Systematic quality control designs for all aspects of production(s)
World Class Production Team Associates under non-disclosure and secrecy agreements for all productions in development, as well as to the operating IP of the Master Business Plan

Production & Delivery of production(s)
Internal Oversight of all distribution deals for all media product(s) produced at the shows for release non-exclusive preferred

When Non-Exclusive distribution deals are not obtainable, by default, the product(s) sale value(s) increase across the board from from initial creation through end market residual income streams to be determined in all contracts at time of creation as negotiable terms

P.2 MID-TERM

Established & proven business operating protocol(s)
Quarterly written reviews, reports, analysis, & projections
Annual Corporate Summary to publish publicly
Marketing strategies monitoring and evolutionary creation
Legacy Award(s) accumulation and targeting

Production & Release Growth creativity, evolution, and concept development ongoing

Team Member Reviews

Constant Team Member Pool Reserves with Short Notice Acquisition Capability

Creation & Establishment of bricks & mortar physical production facility eventually

An annual, private, high end celebration gala for partners, investors, The Team, and exclusive invitees, with world class performers, speakers, comedians, etc. and internal production awards and peer honor recognition of Team Members exposing a new year trajectory

Overall Net Market Value Growth for the company exponential

LONG TERM

Legacy Market Valuation & Increasing Projections

Historical Portfolio

Who's Who Industry Collaborative Record & Historical Archive

Secure ROI for investors and partners with precedents and protections

Ongoing productions in all phases as an operating day to day enterprise constantly and consistently creating successful goal achievement(s), profit(s), and legacy product(s)

Established "changing of the guard" protocol in the top leadership positions (Board Members) with guidelines, sequencing, qualifying requirements, and definitive descriptions thereof, ensuring the everlasting legacy, performance, existence and contributonal impact within the entertainment industry and Brand Protection globally

P.3

HEIDI LITTLE

WE ARE ARISING TOUR 2025-2026

WE ARE ARISING is a 2.5 hour show, at venues with intimate seating of 50 and up to 70,000.

And a 3 day strategic healing festival event to be held on sovereign

indigenous land, as partnered and negotiated.

Launching on the International Women's Day and utilizing all collaborative social event date opportunities throughout 2024 including International Children's Month, World Unity Week, World Peace and Prayer Day, The International Day of Peace (Peace Day Production in Times Square) this show will be live streamed and next leveled with new 3D capture capability for the Global Community to participate in, together we will co-create, a next level event. "I WAS AT THE ARISING 2024". And carry it through into the tour in 2025 and 2026.

As Non-Profit, 501-c3, we are building a team of tour management, tech/logistical support & advisors, soundstage professionals, live stream producers, performing artists, and financial support logistics in various locations

The development team of We Are Arising Tour, personally invite you, to bring your gifts, to be a part of its mission purpose, and to help secure the foundation. We would love to work with you.

Heidi Little will perform with her band, and other, globally known, performing artists interwoven with mixed multi-media, interactive and transformative, heart based Social Emotional Learning tools and techniques that break the 4th wall, inspire and give opportunity for personal transformation, creating a space for the audience representing humanity to unite.

The WE ARE ARISING TOUR exists to unite and create an atmosphere where all individuals, orgs, businesses, humanitarian, environmental and next level tech can unite, to co-create and cultivate global unity for humanity and our planet. To uplift and inspire personal freedom and collective freedom, through the power of the individual heart, on it's personal mission, with others to uplift and support our growing movement of love in action, with such intention and strength, that it transforms humanity and society for our collective future to be one of peaceful human flourishing.

COME TO THE ARISING

Heidi Little has been a songscape and humanitarian force behind many great movements of the the last two decades, from Social Emotional Learning in education, to the creation and understanding of conscious social media, music, festivals and events that she had spear headed and named as “for cause”, music/philanthropy in not for profit business entities.

Little built the expansion of the concept of one or oneness, touring, recording, marketing, to boots on the ground, historical events of Idle No More, and water protection/education that grew into Standing Rock, and the explosion of water consciousness, and other events, advocating the rise of love, care and respect for our children and youth, self love and care, and the responsibility of the importance of protecting the planet and the sacred.

“It takes courage and a safe, brave space to come together to call ourselves and each other to more truth and freedom.” Heidi Little

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WE, THE WORLD AND EVENING PEACE

by Art Davis

The common goals of the wonderful organization, WE, The World, the so important United Nations' observance of the 20th Anniversary of the tragic events of September 11 th , 2001, known as 11 Days Of Global Unity, and the aims of our band, Evening Peace, are one; they are to express and disseminate what should be the purpose and pursuit of all humanity: equality and personal freedom for all people on our spectacular Planet Earth. It must be our aim to reduce child illnesses and mortality, and foster peaceful existence around our Globe. What has become a major problem has arisen from the overuse and misuse of cellphones, particularly among the young. Studies from the American Psychological Association have found that children's brains are developing smaller than average due to reduced one-on-one physical interactions with each other. Crucial communication skills have been limited by damaging cell phone dependence. Much has also been determined and written, with regard to the harm to the learning process, overuse of cellphones has caused in Middle Schools; and the name of the fine organization, Mothers Against Texting and Driving, speaks for itself. Accident incidents have risen dramatically from such actions and behaviors.

The song lyrics emanating from our Evening Peace repertoire, and my animated poem, "The

Cellphone Poem: You Think YOU'RE In Charge?!" are dedicated to instilling the purposes which I've presented in this note. A song that Evening Peace dedicates and donate for free downloading each season to 11 Days Of Global Unity, is called, "THEY! A Planetary Anthem." It begins with,

"THEY! They think they're worlds apart,
 Don't know that they're the same, drivin' them insane;
 Oh, open up your eyes, don't believe the lies.
 Hey, THEY!, we cut ourselves, it bleeds,
 We all have the same needs, whatever race or creed;
 Oh, open up your eyes, see Planetary ties.---
 Negotiate, forget the hate, get it done-done-done,
 Negotiate, don't fight it out,
 Or we're all gonna lose as our time runs out.
 The whole damn Planet will go up in smoke,
 We won't have nothin' as we drop and choke!
 You'll have no religion if that's your decision,
 Just burnt-up bodies in the cataclysm!"

Later on in the lyric, the tone moves to positive approaches we need to take to avoid such grief. In my animated poem, "The Cellphone Poem: You Think YOU'RE In Charge?!", the phone speaks haughtily and in a bullying manner to the listener, stating blatantly that he, the phone, rules their lives.



HOW RABBI MICHAEL LERNER CHANGED MY LIFE – FOREVER

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Rabbi Michael Lerner:

“Rick, I am impressed by all the good work you are doing with We, The World. Can I take some credit for getting you started on this path?”

Rick Ulfik:

“Absolutely – without a doubt!”

(Note: As I am writing this, Hamas has launched a major attack on Israel and Israel has responded with a major counter attack. All the time I've known Rabbi Lerner he has worked on solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian crisis.)

I first heard about Rabbi Michael Lerner late in 1994 when I saw a small event notice in the New York Times. I was struck that the title of his event was actually longer than the event description. The event was titled: “No Mr. Gingrich You Don't Have A Mandate To Undermine Social Justice In The USA!”

At the event (which featured Gloria Steinem) I was impressed by Michael's 45 minute long Keynote Address, which I later got the recording of. I went up to him and said “Here I am. What do you want me to do?” He invited me to attend his weekly Salons on the Upper West Side in Manhattan.

I noticed that the literature Michael would hand out to volunteers and the public had voluminous amounts of wording. I remembered the recording I had of Michael's Keynote Address he gave at the event I met him at. I listened to his speech and proceeded to create bullet points of his main points. I created a One Page Presentation that turned out to be very useful to him and the others he was working with.

Being a composer and studio musician at the time, it was very exciting (and different) for me to work directly on social issues. I became one of Michael Lerner's main conference organizers, along with Mark LeVine, under Michael's organization the Foundation For Ethics and Meaning (FEM).

Mark LeVine and I, along with Nanette Schorr and other FEM activists went on to organize a major national conference in 1996 for Michael Lerner (in collaboration with Peter Gabel and Tikkun Magazine staff).

In 1998 Michael and Peter left the FEM Board when Michael had a life threatening health crisis. Though he fully recovered, he realized he had to cut back on his activities. So Michael invited me, Mark LeVine, Nanette Schorr, Bruce Novak and other FEM activists to constitute the new FEM Board.

In 2000, in collaboration with Ralph White and the New York Open Center, the Foundation For Ethics and Meaning Board (along with Ruth Garbus, Rosa Naparstek and Jesse Rabinowitz) and a new organization that I founded (We, The World), convened "Re-Imagining Politics and Society at the Millennium". It was a massive global conference with 252 world class Speakers including Riane Eisler, Naomi Klein, Cornel West, Peter Gabel, Marianne Williamson, Jonathan Granoff and, of course, Rabbi Michael Lerner.

Rabbi Lerner went on to create the Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP). Meanwhile, I became hooked on activism and I went on to expand the activities of We, The World and the WE Campaign at WE.net. We, The World is an international coalition-building organization to unite and amplify the efforts of changemakers working for the Common Good. We now have branches in Botswana, Tanzania, Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda.

Our 11 Days of Global Unity/11 Campaigns for Change has become an inspiring international movement for peace, justice, sustainability and transformation with participants and supporters that have included: Desmond Tutu, Jane Goodall, Deepak Chopra, Marianne Williamson, Ralph Nader, Bill McKibben, Eve Ensler, Arun Gandhi, Riane Eisler, Jonathan Granoff, Hazel Henderson, Peter Gabel, Rabbi Michael Lerner and many others.

So, yes, my life changed forever – due, in large part, because of meeting you Rabbi Michael Lerner! I am deeply grateful to you for directly involving me in your work, and inspiring me to take the path I am now on. Much love to you.

FLAGS OF ONE FAMILY: THE ART OF SHARED HUMANITY

By Lily Ben-Eli

When I stepped into Linda DeHart's studio, I was in awe. It was a marvelous sight. The light streamed through every window, casting a golden hue onto a river of bright colors covering every orifice. I have never stepped into a room with more rhythm, more spirit, more personality. Linda's art seemed to dance along every wall in an harmonious way, colors traveling in a stream from paintings to sculptures to quilts. In the center of it all stood a vase brimming with dozens of flags. Even without context, I could tell that these flags had a story extending beyond their physical matter. Acrylic poles holstered shimmering rainbows of fabric triangles, vessels for something deeper, something timeless.

After a few hellos, Linda sat with us and began to share her journey. In 1984, she embarked on creating her flags, calling them both 'Wings of the Heart' and 'Flags of One Family.' These flags have become iconic landmarks, evolving into beacons of unity that symbolize both our shared humanity and our unique individuality.

Linda showed my mother and me photographs of the first time her flags were carried up Mohonk Mountain in Upstate New York, as part of a protest for peace aimed at encouraging reflection. Linda's ideas traveled far and wide, being featured at the Earth Summit in Rio, gracing the halls of the Nicholas Roerich Museum in Moscow, celebrated at events with The World Peace Prayer Society in New York, and showcased at numerous other locations around the world, including recent displays in Hiroshima, Japan, and at Times Square in New York City.

Even the Dalai Lama complimented the flags, a testament to the power of their message. No matter the location, these flags unite people as one family on earth, bound by our shared humanity and diversity.

The true beauty of Wings of the Heart is the innate quality to give each viewer the ability to find their own meanings while looking at the same

object. Linda mastered the art of creating unity and peace while still celebrating the diversity of each individual that makes life so special. She invited us to partake in her art, contribute to her cause, and learn her craft, and that's when the experience became something profoundly personal. We were presented with a dozen clear plastic poles of varying diameters. Linda explained how the different thickness of the flags would create distinct movements in the wind, as each thickness provides a different level of flexibility. When each person waves the flags, their unique motions can be conveyed to the universe.

We set to work, using hand saws to cut each pole to whatever height we desired. Linda encouraged us to make each flag a little different and embrace that despite distinctions, every flag would still be part of a collective whole. Once all the flag poles were cut to size, we carefully handpicked which flags we felt belonged on each pole, accounting for size, color and whatever simply felt right. We lined the edge of every flag with hot glue and rolled it around the flagpole until the entire piece was secure. There was something meditative in the act of lining the edges with glue and securing the flags to their poles, knowing that we were contributing to an artwork that spoke of peace, unity, and hope.

There is no one I love more in this world than my mother. I can confidently say she is the bravest, strongest, and most intelligent woman I know. Every moment I spend with her is special and brings me joy. Linda encouraged us to appreciate the moment to ground ourselves in our experiences, and to recognize the significance of what we were creating - not just flags, but memories that would endure.

For hours, we created together in a peaceful rhythm, unplugged from the digital world and appreciating the simplicity of our shared time. There's nothing quite like the bond between a mother and her daughter, and this allowed every minute we spent sawing, measuring, and gluing to

become a treasured memory. I had the privilege of witnessing two remarkable women pour their heart into this project, and I felt so incredibly fortunate to be part of this experience.

As we crafted the art, there was an indescribable peace, a solace in knowing we were building tangible manifestations of peace that would long outlive us. Linda shared quips about how she does not have a cell phone, and can only be reached via her landline when she's at home - a notion I, as a Gen Z child, found unimaginable, yet my mother found delightful. Meanwhile, Arthur, her husband, an incredibly sharp 92-year-old, regaled us with tales of the twelve languages he spoke, including ancient Greek, of course. I saw my mother truly in her element, passionately discussing how art endures through the passage of time, weaving our experiences into a tapestry of creativity, connection, and love.

Linda's passion for peace and unity is palpable. It feels as though she had been placed on this earth to solely spread a message of peace and harmony through her art, and Wings of the Heart embodies this mission beautifully. She has created hundreds of flags, with thousands of meanings, yet, the core message remains the same: a celebration of unity and a tribute to the beauty of our diversity.

Participating in Linda's art opened my eyes to a world of possibility that I hadn't given thought to prior. She guided me to appreciate the nuances in day-to-day life and taught me to seek meaning in even the smallest detail, whether it's a flag or a shared moment.

So, the next time you encounter something seemingly ordinary, I implore you to pause and ponder for a bit. What does it mean to you? How can you uncover deeper significance? Let your mind wander and explore, you'll be surprised where it can take you.



THE GOOD NEWS

by Dr. Marty K. Casey

If someone had told me 20 years ago, that I would one day be inducted into The Gospel Hall of Fame as a National touring Gospel Playwright, I would not have ever believed them! Well, that's exactly what happened. I was inducted with some of the greatest Gospel Artists, in St. Louis MO, September 7th, 2024.

Artist from all over the world gathered to be recognized and honored. Our gospel contributions, creativity, and skills have now been marked and stamped in history. No matter if you are a vocalist, musician, playwright, producer, or musical tech genius, together we have created a collaborative contribution of work for celebrating the Gospel over the years!!! The word Gospel simply means "GOOD NEWS!" I don't know about you but I could use a little bit more good news in my life. The world is off balance with violence, war, and negativity almost everywhere we go today. Social media, television, news outlets, and newspapers are overwhelmingly sharing the hardships of humanity. We find that people are getting stuck emotionally in the moment of personal trials, trauma, and tribulations. We are desperately trying to fight our way out of hurt feelings and pain. But what if we just choose to live a more righteous and kind life? Our intentions, I believe would lead and guide us to a place of JOY and right relationship with each other. What could strengthen the bond of oneness better than how we connect, celebrate, and share? Then why not share the GOOD NEWS? YESSSSS! Let's share it everywhere we go. On trains, planes, and in our automobiles. In our homes, schools, hospitals, jobs and in our communities. We must create places to spread the Gospel (good news) No matter our religious beliefs and differences,

together we should sing, dance, act and create the good news of humanity. This is the oneness of LOVE! This is the GOOD NEWS. Will you join me? Let's challenge each other to be kind and caring. Let's add color rays of happiness in dark places. Let us shift the atmosphere to a higher frequency of energy. If we all joined the army of PEACE, this would be our assignment. Join the Army of Peace because it's time to GO TO LOVE and disarm from war.

There is power in numbers. We must recruit others to join in. We must continue to stay the course until the war is won. Our ability to choose love is the most powerful weapon on earth. Guns kill and love heals! We have a chance to give others a new lease on life. Sometimes we forget that we already have what it takes to WIN! We keep waiting on a miracle when we are the miracle! How many times have we already made it through a rough patch of life? How many times has the Gospel already saved us? This is the GOOD NEWS. It is still available to us. So, don't give up!!! Keep going until we win again! Winning is not hard to do if you believe. It's a mindset. When we believe in ourselves we can win every time. It's your own contribution that will connect with someone else's efforts and together we will have created an opportunity to make anything better. Right now the world is divided, but we can decide to work together vs against each other. Let's join the Army of Peace today and spread the GOOD NEWS of oneness! Our circle of soldiers are strong enough to win against any weapon formed against us. We know that no weapon can prosper because we believe in the GOSPEL (the good news)
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