

Dear friends,

We are writing to ask for a contribution towards the promotion of a new speech by Bob Avakian: *Why We Need An Actual Revolution and How We Can Really Make Revolution*. The Bob Avakian Institute co-produced this speech and we are working with them to raise funds for this to reach broadly throughout society.

This country and this world are in turmoil. What Bob Avakian (BA) says about having a revolution in this two-part speech may be the only answer.

This country is preying on people who are not white. They are hunting human beings and something has to happen. What stands out about BA is that he has been an activist since he was a young man; he could see that the future is inhuman. Since then, BA has always been on top of what is going on in this country and in this world. In his speech, he talks about the 1960's. There was persecution then of Blacks, Latinos and others; it's been going on since the time of slavery. Today, Trump says "Make America Great Again" but America was never great, it began by persecuting slaves and they took this land by massacring people.

In the film, BA is very contentious and conscious of what has happened in this country. He knows WHY these things are happening and WHAT is behind it all. BA is not a man to be fooled; he has it figured out: what has to be done, what Revolution will entail, and the steps that must be taken to get there.

While we continue to have questions and differences, BA's work has influenced our thinking. Coming from different perspectives, we perceived from BA's talk a new awareness: he thinks something has to be done and thinks Revolution is the solution. It could happen, all empires fall. The Trump/Pence regime is trying to control the entire world, like Hitler. This is an example of a racist, fascist dictatorship. Fascism is consolidating all around us, spreading like dominoes all over the world. There needs to be a new understanding and organizing among people, which is what BA is talking about.

We suggest that everyone see this speech so that people see and hear what we saw; an awakening to what must be done. All of us, if we truly want to be freedom fighters, have to engage in what BA is telling us, and My God, the people of this country and all over the planet need this!

As 2018 comes to a close, please contribute generously to The Bob Avakian Institute to fund promotion of this speech so that this message can reach everywhere.

Thanking you in advance for your contribution (which you can give at TheBobAvakianInstitute.org).

Sincerely,

Isabel Cardenas, *American-Salvadoran U.S. citizen activist since 1960;*

Herb Boyd, *Author, Activist, Academic based in Harlem, NY;*

Pastor Doris Johnson, *Faith Tabernacle, Queens, NY;*

Arturo O'Farrill, *pianist and composer ;*

Abdullah Puckett, *graduate student, Department of Anthropology, UCLA*;*

Dread Scott, *artist;*

Veda Sterling, *aunt of Alton Sterling, murdered by police in Baton Rouge, LA*

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Bob Avakian is the architect of a new synthesis of communism aimed at the emancipation of humanity and he leads the movement for revolution.

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