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For immediate release:

"There would be no United States as we now know it today without slavery. That is a simple and basic truth."

So opens ***Basics, from the talks and writings of Bob Avakian***. This book, released April 5, 2011 takes you on a remarkable journey through the brutal system that dominates the planet today to a vision of a new and far better revolutionary world. It lays out a roadmap of how to get there – breaking down how to understand the system we live under and how to struggle to transform it. Full of heart and soul, science, radical critique and revolutionary vision, ***Basics*** is a work that a new movement for revolution can grow up around.

Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, is a serious revolutionary leader and wide-ranging thinker. He is the leader of a party and a movement aiming to make revolution when the possibility opens up. Avakian, in the words of Cornel West, "is a long distance runner in the freedom struggle against imperialism, racism and capitalism." (From West's comments about Avakian's memoir *From Ike to Mao and Beyond, My Journey from Mainstream America to Revolutionary Communist*.)

Basics concentrates more than 35 years of Avakian's work on everything standing between humanity and complete emancipation into a single concise book of essential quotes and short essays.

This book is being released when "revolution" is in the air in countries like Egypt... at a time when global environmental catastrophe looms... when more than 2 million people, mainly minorities, are incarcerated in the US. As the back cover of the book states, "You can't change the world if you don't know the **Basics!**"

A very powerful event was held in New York City on April 11, 2011 titled, "**On the Occasion of the Publication of *Basics*, a Celebration of Revolution and the Vision of a Whole New World.**"

Harlem Stage was graced with talented performers like singer **Maggie Brown**; jazz musicians **David Murray, Matthew Shipp** and **William Parker; Maluca**; poet and playwright **reg e. gaines**, together with people from the community as they all came together in a memorable evening of music, poetry, dance, visual art, and readings from ***Basics***.

A Spanish language edition of ***Basics, Lo Basico***, was released on April 11, 2011.

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