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# **Why People Should Come Out to BA Speaks: REVOLUTION—NOTHING LESS!**

*From a conscious young Black man in Chicago:*

“Bob is like a Black leader but he is bigger than that” he is an emancipator for everybody.

*When I say “Bob’s like a Black Leader” it’s because most of our leaders stood up against what’s wrong and tried to make a change in our community—and that’s what he do—but not just for our community, for the whole world.*

When African-Americans, Blacks, what not, when they say “we need a leader” they mean we need a voice to speak about the conditions they in that they face every day from like police brutality to Black on Black crime. So Black people say they need a voice. That’s why I be like, “Bob is like a Black leader but he is bigger than that” he is an emancipator for everybody. ‘Cause he touches on things that happen in our community today all the way back to the establishment of this country. He teaches REAL Black history. He shows us how to stand up—not for only our family and friends, our loved ones—for everybody. He tells you it is not only y’all going through this it’s 10’s of millions of people going through this.

Hearing BA I know the world could be different because these are everyday things that people be talking about but he puts it on a bigger scale—not just in our community but he shows the oppression that’s happening all across the world and he start from the root of it. And when I be reading it and hearing him—how he takes it all the way back and then he bring it to today’s terms it shows you how the world is. It gives you that voice that you need that we don’t hardly understand because we dealing with these situations individually.

When I be listening to BA I be knowing these things be going on but I don’t know that understanding or that basics that he teach to present it to my people the way he do. I know it could

and has rekindled the communist project, then you have to be there. If you’re one of those people who’ve said “Call me when the time is right and I’ll be there” then here’s that call. Come if you want to be part of bringing into being the core of what can eventually become the critical mass that will change history and wrest an entirely different fate from our times than what the forces in charge are now heading us all headlong into.

## **Comments from Rev. Robert B. Coleman**

My conversation with Bob Avakian and my reading of his strategic plans for revolution have been challenging to say the least. To begin the conversation with focused attention on the poor and the marginalized fits my religious and biblical sensibilities. To give voice to the voiceless; to empower the powerless... these things speak to my heart as an ordained pastor and theologian. We may diverge on the various strategies employed to achieve a more just society. We may be identified by our disconnect when it comes to religion in general and Christianity in particular. But, there is great benefit in engaging in the dialogue, listening to Avakian’s critique and proposal for change, and discerning your place in the ordering of society as we move into the twenty-first century. Go, listen and learn. Engage in the dialogue and critical synthesis yet unfolding. The uncritical support of any public figure or philosophy is folly. And the test of effective strategy shall not come without intense interaction and dialogue.

Rev. Robert B. Coleman  
Chief Program Minister and Minister of Social Justice  
The Riverside Church in the City of New York

Bob Avakian is going to challenge some of your assumptions and he might even inspire you to think differently or rekindle that flame of hope and rebellion you once had. What is so powerful and potentially world changing about this film and Avakian's re-envisioning of communism and revolution is the science behind it. BA's words are going to tap into your emotions, your indignation and righteous anger at "the way things are." All the while, he is going to guide you, scientifically, through how real revolutionary change is possible and how it could actually be made. That is powerful! There is NOTHING else out there like this. Truly, if you're anything like me, you will leave this film inspired, and yearning for NOTHING LESS than a WHOLE NEW WORLD.

**“If you're one of those people who've said 'Call me when the time is right and I'll be there' then here's that call”**

*From Dennis Loo, Ph.D.:*

If you've ever wondered whether a revolution could happen in the USA, then you need to be there. If you burn with impatience or long for something dramatically different than what authorities say is "just the way things have to be," then you need to be there. If you were heartened by Occupy's verve, energy, and determination, but saw that there are some real limitations keeping them from realizing their goal of ending savage injustices, then you need to be there. If you're sick and tired of anti-rationalist bible-thumping, white supremacism, misogyny, great power chauvinism, and free market fundamentalists who are literally destroying the earth and society's fabric in pursuit of their disastrous visions, then you need to be there. If you're intensely curious to hear and get into how the foremost revolutionary in the world today re-envisions

be different because he says things people don't want to talk about. To a whole multitude of people it crushes them every day and they just forced to deal with it—we forced to deal with it. And then we forget about the problem. And that's wrong.

## **Why Non-Communists (You and I) Should See the Film *BA Speaks: REVOLUTION—NOTHING LESS!***

*From someone who saw the rough cut of the film: BA Speaks: REVOLUTION—NOTHING LESS!*

Here's what I have to say. Feel free to use it.

I have just seen the first two hours, of six, of *BA Speaks: REVOLUTION—NOTHING LESS!* It was like plunging into a very blue, very icy pool. I got out shivering, sad, angry, and very worried. About my life and all of our lives.

Two wildly strange things came into my mind during the hours afterward. The first is from John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The second is Plato's allegory of the cave, in which Socrates describes a group of people who have been chained to the wall of a cave all their lives, facing the stone. These people watch shadows projected on the wall by things passing in front of a fire behind them. The shadows are as close as the prisoners ever get to reality. Socrates tells us that the philosopher is like a prisoner freed from the cave, who can step outside, at last, into the freshness of truth, the real world.

Bob Avakian's analysis breaks apart the small framework in which we are manipulated. He presents the big picture of Western Civilization and Capitalism—and a corrupted and tragic history it is. Mr. Avakian tells us the truth, wakes us to reality. He urges us to notice how the culture, which we

breathe like air, really is in the business of blinding, numbing, binding, and using us by its entertainments, diversions, and coercions. How frightening to acknowledge how we have become so enthralled by getting and spending. How we are kept fighting each other instead of the grotesque matrix that holds all of us.

So, the first step toward liberty is to know reality. And reality stings us, because we can begin to see how we have been fooled, how we've let ourselves be gulled and manipulated. But there it is. In the beginning is the adult satisfaction of facing reality. This is good in politics, art, and personal life. Real living and real freedom have to start with the real.

Then what? Well, there are four more hours of Bob Avakian live that I haven't seen yet. And I'm terribly interested to see what he thinks can be done, once reality is grasped. I don't have a clue yet. I confess that I'm temperamentally unsuited to "masses." Masses scare me, and the individual, I worry, shrinks into nothing there. I don't know what a "revolution" means, or how it could be accomplished without anarchy. But, as Mr. Avakian says (and I agree with him): the world is not writ in stone; things can be different than they have been; history and the future are not the will of God.

In the end, I'm open to hear and consider. It seems crucial. We'll all benefit by a splash of the clean, cold water of reality.

## **James Vrettos, professor, John Jay College, NYC**

Having gone and listened to a live, public Bob Avakian speech, as I have, is to be exposed to one of the most provocative, serious and controversial social thinkers of our time. He's an American original who should be heard, debated and critiqued for these dramatic and troubling times.

have imagined. These descendents of the future would celebrate the memory of those individuals for the sacrifices they made for their future, which they in fact would have made possible.

## **“If you are anything like me, you should be there.”**

*The following is an excerpt from a teacher in Atlanta. Go to [revcom.us](http://revcom.us) to read the full statement.*

If you're anything like me, the idea of watching a six hour film seems nearly impossible. I rarely get six hours of sleep a night, six hours with a friend or family member, six hours to do whatever... pretty much the only thing that allows me to spend 6, 8, 12, 16 hours is my work... my job and I guess I'm lucky to have one.

If you're anything like me, you probably ask yourself, “Is this really as good as it gets? Is this really the best of all possible worlds?” ... Maybe you've caught yourself compromising your imagination to conform to what we're told is “possible” ... maybe you've even started to believe that nothing will ever change. This is the best we can do, so I should quit whining, get back to work and be thankful.

If you're anything like me, you **MUST** see this film; *BA Speaks: REVOLUTION—NOTHING LESS!*

*BA Speaks: REVOLUTION—NOTHING LESS!* is not just a film, it is an experience, a journey with a relentless revolutionary leader. If you're someone who once imagined a better world or if you're someone who has checked out revolution and communism in the past, but have found yourself believing the mantra, “It looks great on paper, but it's horrible in practice. Communism just doesn't work,” you've got to see this film.



system: from the starkly illegal invasions of Third World countries, to Stop and Frisk and the New Jim Crow, to the imprisonment of brave whistleblowers like Brad Manning (who faces a possible death sentence for exposing war crimes—who should instead be treated as a hero), to the patriarchy and commodification of women (and men), to ALL the “savage inequalities” that are part and parcel of this system... So how do we break out of this madness—of a system that has proven time and time again it can’t be reformed in any meaningful way?

*REVOLUTION—NOTHING LESS!* This is the only viable answer—and it is also the title of a remarkable new film I was privileged to see in rough cut form. This is an extraordinary film of an extraordinary leader—a revolutionary leader. Why extraordinary? Because genuine revolutionary leadership is not common in today’s world. Expect unusually straight talk from someone who is basing himself on a thoroughly scientific worldview and on the most advanced revolutionary theory there is—the New Synthesis of Communism—from someone who is motivated by a deep love for the masses and a genuine concern for the future of the planet. And, most importantly, HE IS WILLING TO LEAD AND FIGHT FOR THE BETTER WORLD HE KNOWS IS POSSIBLE! This is a film and a leader I strongly recommend to everyone who is concerned about the future of humanity and the fate of the planet.

Finally, let’s hope that when our descendents of the distant future—if there are still any—look back on the early 21st century they will not remember it as the time when the cruel and greedy capitalist-imperialists won out and destroyed their planet and their future—completing the destructive cycle begun by Columbus 500 years earlier. Let’s hope instead they will remember a bold and heroic people of that time, inspired and led by farsighted revolutionaries like Bob Avakian, who in one of history’s darkest hours was able to meet and defeat the forces of reaction, move history forward, and progress beyond anything those brave revolutionary souls of that time could

## **“It is not enough to just say you agree. Humanity is at stake... Revolution—nothing less!”**

*From a high school student on hearing BA speak:*

This system cuts short the life of millions of children as they slave away in third-world factories, this system consistently allows police to murder anyone they choose, this system regards women as objects, this system literally starves people to death, this system perpetrates human suffering in all its forms. This is what we were born into. We never decided that this is the way the world should work, but we do have an obligation to do something about it. Still, look around; the world we come to is nothing less than a horror. It is easy to get lost on where to focus just efforts so many folks are stuck, overwhelmed by the horror, unable to see a way out of the conditions cast onto themselves and the world around them.

In the film premiering March 16, *BA Speaks:*

*REVOLUTION—NOTHING LESS!*, Bob Avakian, the Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, poses a challenge to the notion that this is just the way the world works. He lays out the framework for understanding the conditions we face and moving beyond this system to finally achieve the emancipation of all humanity. This film is vital, now more than ever, because folks hungry for a way out of their unacceptable conditions have been lied to and kept away from the truth for far too long: capitalism is the problem, communist revolution is the *only* way out, and it is possible, largely thanks to the work of Bob Avakian.

Avakian was active throughout the revolutionary upsurge that took place in the sixties. However, unlike so many others, he never lost that spirit. In fact, he continues to deepen understanding of the strategy necessary to make revolution in a country like the U.S. I had the opportunity to participate in a discussion with Bob Avakian in the fall. What struck me most

about him was the conviction he spoke with. The clarity of analogies used deeply affected me. I have been around the Party since I started high school and am fixing to graduate this June, but I never felt so sure about my role and responsibility in the movement for revolution as I did after hearing him speak. I really believe that this film could have a similar effect on other people, including more high school students.

There is no necessity to allow another generation to come to this planet drained by capitalist greed and this world demolished by imperialist violence. There is a necessity for revolution, there is a strategy that can take us there, and there is leadership to guide us. It is not enough to just say you agree. Humanity is at stake. If you're not for the countless ways this system devalues human life and the planet sustaining it, then you have to watch this film and you have to help build for its premiere on March 16. *BA Speaks: REVOLUTION—NOTHING LESS!* is exactly what folks need right now.

## **Professor of history and scholar of the Chinese revolution**

BA is a great revolutionary leader in today's world who has a clear understanding about what are the underlying problems of our world. He has been fighting for the goal of creating a world where there is no oppression and exploitation all his life. People who are interested in building a better future for humanity will benefit from listening to what he has to say.

### **“Black people need to see/hear this”**

*This statement is from a woman whose son was killed by the police and who heard BA speak:*

Black people need to see/hear this tape because we blinded. I

was blinded at first—I'm not blinded no more. They get out and hear this about why we are oppressed the way we are. Maybe somebody will stand up and say “we stand for revolution.”

When I heard him it didn't take long for me to say that this is what I wanted to do—stand up and fight because shit that is going on out here is wrong. But we didn't see that. We never thought that the police's goal was actually out here to take our lives away and lock us up for no reason. And what was that point for? What was that reason for? So they need to see, hear the reason why the system is the way it is. And maybe some people will join us. We need millions, not some, we need millions of people to join us and wake up and say, “yes, it's time for revolution.”

What helped me was how he broke it down, how he broke down the system, and why the system can't provide. And then for me to go through my own trial just made me say, “hell no. No!”

## **500 Years from Now...**

*The following is an excerpt from a former Peace Corps volunteer and environmental activist. Go to [revcom.us](http://revcom.us) to read the full statement.*

Five hundred years from now, about the same amount of time that has elapsed since Columbus invaded what his class of exploiters call the “New World” and began a genocide of its native peoples, future humans, if there are still any, will look back on this time—our time—as one of the most critical in human history. Our planet is now literally teetering on the brink of environmental catastrophe, yet our so-called “leaders,” of this capitalist-imperialist system we all live under, do nothing...

And let's not forget the many other crimes spawned by this