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with Former Congresswoman
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C. AUSTIN FITTS: Ladies and Gentlemen, it's my great honor and privilege to welcome to The Solari Report a woman and accomplished politician and leader who needs no introduction, and that is former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney. She has served her country with distinction as both a representative in Georgia, and then on multiple terms fighting her way back in again after a very interesting election which was the topic of a documentary called *American Blackout*.

She served as Congresswoman many times. I posted one of the many videos up on the website of her fearless grilling of Donald Rumsfeld, but she was somebody who brought real accountability and transparency into government. She has been a teacher, a university professor, and in fact we're going to congratulate her again because she just got her doctorate and she's now teaching.

Anyway, we're going to talk with her about what the real issues would be if we got an open and serious election in 2016. So Congresswoman, it's a pleasure and an honor to have you on The Solari Report.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Well, it is my honor and my pleasure because you're like the woman who gets it. You get it so well because you've been in the trenches. You were there, and you were counting the dollars. You could see them slip away. You were saying, "What happened to the money?"

You saw the scam, and then you tried to teach people, and then they came after you. They came after you the way they came after me.

It's like my mom told me just yesterday, "All of the political candidates for President, all they do is they get to a certain point and then they push back."



C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: I guess today we're not going to push back, are we?

C. AUSTIN FITTS: You know, if you want to make me mad, one of the things you have to say is, "Why is nobody doing anything?"

In fact, as you know, many brave Americans have done a great deal. You're one of them. That comes at a tremendous price because before we get into this campaign election, you just have to describe a little bit about what it took to win again after a lot of dirty tricks had pushed you out of congress. It was the 2003 election.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Yes, in 2002 you could say that I earned my PhD in electioneering because both people showed me the boot.

How could they take someone who was popular at home, doing all of the right things in terms of communicating with the constituency, and I had District Days, so I was there. I was out there with the community. But they were still able to take me out.

Now, they did a lot of cheating, but the ways in which they cheated was amazing. It was absolutely amazing. What it taught me was that the powers that be – the cabals who control things and sit down and move their chess pieces on the board and say who deserves to be on the board and who deserves to get kicked off the board or who are we not going to even allow the opportunity to get on the board – those folks will do anything to will.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: The more they exposed of themselves, it means the tougher it is for them to win. So they exposed themselves a lot and I got a chance to see what they would do in the offices with the electronic voting machines. We went to court. You name it and I saw it.

Now I think I'm better equipped than I was at that time because I just



didn't understand how many tools the other side has. Now I understand that they have tools that we haven't even begun to think about, and they use them without abandon – with reckless abandon.

You just have to grab the hat and get ready for the roller coaster ride of your life.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: For anybody who is interested, Guerrilla News Network made a great documentary called *American Blackout* that tells the story of the rigging of that election and your coming back and winning the next election. It's an amazing, amazing story. Then, of course, after the next term you went on out.

One of the things I wanted to discuss was the extent to which you think foreign money was involved in those elections.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Well, you know, that's a very interesting point because under the so-called McCain-Feingold election reform, which now is almost totally by the wayside because of the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, McCain-Feingold was heralded as campaign finance reform but it really wasn't. We discovered it. There was a hole in McCain-Feingold that was big enough to drive a Mac truck through it. We discovered it just because it's like the thing you're not supposed to do – you're not supposed to read the regulations. It's just like when you're in Congress and you're not supposed to read the bills, right?

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C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: So we read the regulations.

Actually, again, it was my mom who was looking at the Federal Election magazine that comes out. She was flipping through it and she said, “This is worse than before.”

What McCain-Feingold had done was allowed a provision that allowed huge donors to give without any record of their having given.



C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: For example, what we discovered in my first 2002 campaign was that the very same names of the very same people gave to Earl Hilliard who was the member of Congress from Alabama – the first black member of Congress from Alabama since reconstruction. He had run afoul of the Israel lobby because he was going into Lebanon and looking at the weapons that were used and discovered that Israel was using experimental weapons against the people of Lebanon and, of course, the Palestinians. Then he also preceded the official opening of Libya. He went there first, and that was something that was not permitted. Even though you got sworn in, you were not allowed to be a full functioning member of the Congress.

Anyway, what we discovered was that the exact same people who were his opponents, which was Artur Davis, were the exact same donors who were on my opponents' FCC reports. With the changes that had been made since McCain-Feingold, what was possible was that it all could have been one check divided among the names, and they were the same names that turned up in my race that turned up in Earl Hilliard's.

Because now one person could give in the name of another person and that other person would not have to sign a statement saying that they understand that this money has been given in my name, that is what McCain-Feingold eliminated.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Wow!

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: So one person could give in the name of 15, 20, 30, or 100 other people.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right. Well, let's turn to 2016. Certainly campaign financing is going to be one of the top issues. Let's say as you ran for President in 2008 you were running for President in 2016, and you were free to tell it like it is. What are the top ten issues? Let's just start down the list. What is number one?



CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Okay. I've thought about this, and I think that number one would be to reinstate the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights because I think the people are under fierce attack. So I think the Bill of Rights and protecting the Constitution is important.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: There's nothing more inspiring than reading those two documents.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Which documents?

C. AUSTIN FITTS: The Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Oh, yes! For sure.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Once you get clear in your mind that our rights come to us by divine authority, it puts it all in perspective. Anyway, I couldn't agree more. We know the Constitution and the Bill of Rights is under siege. What is number two?

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Number two is the Federal Reserve. At a minimum, auditing the Federal Reserve on a regular basis. At a maximum we're discussing the full takeover of the functions of the Federal Reserve – nationalizing it, I guess, so it's public ownership.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right, and I would say that as part of the audit transparency, if they're buying bonds we need to see what money is going out and who it's going to. Full transparency on inside deals.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: And you know about that.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: I don't know if I told you this. In 1998 I sent an email to every Public Affairs office at every one of the Federal Reserve banks saying, "Who manages your databases, and do your members have access to the data in your databases?"

Every one of them wrote back and said, "That's confidential information."



It's the old Cynthia McKinney question: I want to know who has the contracts.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Right. That's right. Number three is eliminate dual citizens form government service.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: That's a good one!

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: That's problematic. You know, that's very problematic. That could be done with an executive order. It's not that you get rid of certain individuals who are determined to be there, pertaining to certain functions and roles. However, the Duma did exactly this in eliminating any opportunity for serving in the Russian Duma for those who had dual citizenship. They just had to choose. I think that's okay.

Let me see. Number four – this one is interesting – eliminate the Sykes-Picot wars from any US mandate.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Say that again. I didn't hear it.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Eliminate the Sykes-Picot wars from the US mandate. Basically what I mean is the United States is participating in the dissolution of West Asia as a result of the elimination of Sykes-Picot, which is the agreement that set the boundaries for Lebanon and all of those countries.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Now what's happening is the United States military machine is being put to use to totally destroy all of the countries in that region so that what happened to Iraq happens to every country over there, and they're not going to stop. Those are the countries that were listed by Wesley Clark.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right. Seven countries in five years.



CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Seven countries in five years. Right. So I would stop that because that's not a US interest – going to war and destroying people in countries for other interests that have nothing to do with the US national interest. So that's number four.

Number five is bring our overseas troops home and put them to work on infrastructure.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Ah! Music to my ears!

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Six would be the diversification of media ownership because, of course, it's just like too much concentration, and the ownership out to have some public service component, and we don't get that. Media ownership.

Seven is nationalize all prisons. No profit for social failure was my idea.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: So I don't know if you saw it. Columbia University just announced that they were divesting all prison stocks because the students have been boycotting and picketing and whatever. I can't tell you how important this is. The idea that the whole enforcement bureaucracy and private companies should be able to make a profit from failure is just absolutely the worst incentive system we've ever created.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: That's right. That's right. That's right.

Number eight is when I finally get around to the electronic voting machines. Guess whose memory comes to mind? Remember?

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Yes.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: So then nine is honest immigration reform and border control – not walls and not fences. I'm saying an effective immigration policy and border control.

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Number ten is no taxpayer dollars for athletic teams. Right now the City of Atlanta, the taxpayers are subsidizing two athletic fields. I mean, it's ridiculous! Billionaires are buying up important historic landmarks to put up parking lots for the football team, which is ridiculous.

Anyway, the whole idea of poor people subsidizing billionaires for athletic events that nobody can afford to buy the tickets to is just ridiculous. So that's number ten.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Okay. Keep going.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Then I have the final item, and the final item is that I would organize an international press conference or an international address to the people of the United States and the people of the world, announcing that attempts have been made to bribe and threaten me, but I will not change course. Therefore, I'm calling on the people who want transparent government to join with me and protect my life from those who would threaten it.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: That's one of the questions. We now have people who lobby with dirty tricks. I mean, we've had it for a long time. But you can't have a sovereign government unless you have sovereign government officials. If they can't have private discussions and not fear for their lives or the lives of their children, how do you create conditions of sovereignty? How do you enforce against people who misbehave in this way?

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Well, you know, what I was thinking is: Why is it that people who are in public office and want to do the right thing never choose the public option of explaining that this has happened?

For example, we've got John Perkins' *Confessions of an Economic Hitman* where he discusses Jaime Roldos and his relationship with these guys. He says that he knew they were going to be targeted. Why not allow them to be killed, but step up and present them from being killed?

Understanding that the jackals are there because Jaime Roldos and the



Panama President have said no to corruption, why isn't the next step taken, which is to make it public that these attempts at corrupting them have been made and they are calling on the people to protect them?

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right. I agree. Part of it is not just to protect them from the jackals but to protect them from the smears. The attacks are not just physical.

I dealt with one cabinet secretary who used to get frustrated with me because I wouldn't break the law. He'd say, "I'm going to find the dirty pictures on you."

It was really funny because one of the things I'd done during the 1988 campaign was a really good friend of mine – I don't know if you knew Carl McCall – ended up as Controller of the State of New York. Carl was Jesse Jackson's campaign manager in New York, and he and I were good friends. I gave \$500 to Jesse Jackson.

The cabinet secretary fed that to the press, and it made me so popular at HUD! It kind of boomeranged!

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Yes.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Anyway, let me get back to some of the money issues if I could. One of the things that I would love to see is the federal government produce audited financial statements, but more important even than that is place-based financial statements.

If you're running from Atlanta, Georgia, I would love for the people in Atlanta, Georgia to get copies of the federal budget pertaining to Atlanta, Georgia because it's a lot easier if I drive around.

I always tell this story. When I was assistant secretary I'd get the list of all of the foreclosures in a place. I'd go to that place, and it said that I had ten foreclosures there and there was an empty lot.

So there is accountability that can occur when citizens have the data on



the money that relates to their neighborhood or their city or their town or their county. I would love to see a lot more done in the federal finances to help citizens bring in accountability and better performance to the money.

Since you brought up infrastructure, one of the things we need to do is if you look at all the corporations making profits on war right now, we need to get them into making profits on something more productive.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: That's right! For example, from Lockheed Martin what I've learned while I was there is that Lockheed Martin is making all of these death machines, but Lockheed Martin is also involved in counting our votes.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Oh no!

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: They are, or at least they were. Why not allow these companies – just as you have said – to transfer their knowledge from making war to making things that people can actually use to live with?

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right. Another thing I wanted to bring up was privacy of communication. So as we need transparency of government and government money, I think we all have the right to privacy.

I don't know about you, but I don't believe that any of my digital communications are private. I think there are all sorts of governmental and corporate entities that have access and use that data in a way which is not to my advantage. Frankly I think that is terrible for the economy and it's terrible for trust.

It's great for the police state, and it's great for rigging stock markets, but I just think it's created a tremendously unhealthy culture.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Catherine, here's the thing. I used to believe in government – I guess I took the Kool-Aid. I used to believe in the efficacy of the federal government, and it was the Supreme Court that was giving these decisions about desegregation and all that. That was



important to me. I used to think, “We can trust the federal government.”

But this is not that federal government, or maybe it always was that federal government because I’ve read the pages of the COINTELPRO – The Counterintelligence Program documents – and I’ve read the Senator Frank Church Intelligence Activity Select Committee report on intelligence activities against the United States citizens as well as how these activities were utilized against foreign leaders. So I know what the government is capable of doing.

Here’s the other thing. We have to personalize it. It’s not ‘the government’ which is this great big enormous thing that we can’t exactly put our hands on; there are individuals who are charged with making decisions. It is those individuals who move this massive apparatus in one way or another, and it is through those individuals that we have to speak.

We have to be willing to call their names. This is what gets me into trouble, and it’s probably what gets you into trouble as well, but these relationships of certain individuals – for example on the US-Africa policy you look at Maurice Tempelman. You go back and you say, “Wow! My goodness!” Hiring the fellow who ended up being the CIA station chief in Congo who was riding around with Patrice Lumumba’s bones in his truck to dating Madeline Albright and she shows up with all these huge diamonds in her ears.

These are relationships. These are individuals who are a part of this, and that’s why I was so delighted to have Peter Dale Scott on my visitation committee who helped me understand the role of the Deep State.

There are individuals who are inside and outside of government service, but who are able to move this huge massive military machine in ways that you and I as even assistant secretaries and members of congress

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cannot do.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right. We know the civil service is not running the government so to speak.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: That's right.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: I always tell the story. When I was Assistant Secretary of Housing and then I was Lead Financial Advisor to HUD, I would be ordered by either the Secretary or, when I was a contractor the Assistant Secretary, to go get data that they were required by law to look at in the process of their program responsibilities.

The lead contractor who controlled all the data would refuse to give it to us. When I was Assistant Secretary to Lockheed Martin I would ask them for the data that I was required by law to look at to have fiduciary responsibility for \$300 billion in mortgage insurance. Lockheed Martin would just say, "No. You can't have it."

It's quite astonishing. The government is not in control of the government.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: That's right. And the people are sort-of relaxed. I also believe that it's sort of like cheaters changing on the decks of the Titanic.

In 2008 I read a very interesting report that came from Malaysia. I wish I could find it now; I can't find it. It was a gentleman who did some research on who the financial elite were – the majority shareholders in US financial houses. What he found is that prior to 2008 there was one set of players, and then the so-called crisis happened. But the crisis was the crisis of opportunity, right?

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Well, I would say that the crisis was a coup. I call it the financial coup d'état.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: That's right! Then there is a new set of players. Now the occupants of the cheaters on the deck of the Titanic have been



trained, but that was the coup. It was the financial coup. So now we've got Wesley Clark, who has announced to us that there has been a policy coup. And we have Catherine Austin Fitts who has demonstrated to us that there has been an economic coup.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Now the people have to understand what has happened to them, and as you know, I'm a southerner. So I can talk about race without being all uptight about it.

I just wrote this piece about the Confederate flag because everybody's talking about the Confederate flag and all that. I said, "Okay, we're going to talk about the Confederate flag, and I talk about Georgia, my home state."

But then I said, "Let's also look at the values that are associated with Old Glory. Let's talk about the stars and the bars of Confederacy, but then let's also talk about the American flag. What are the values that are represented there?"

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Anyway, I also say that it is southern white men who get the issue of race far better than the folks up north. It's been shoved in their faces of southern white men, and they confront it themselves. Anyway, I say to these white men that I get a chance to talk to – southern and northern – "You guys genocided the indigenous people, and you trafficked the African people, and in the process you've created a built a whole country that became the most powerful country on the planet. And yet now you've lost your country and not even a shot was fired. What is that?"

I just recently posted on my Facebook page the photo of the seemingly coward Ashton Carter, and I said, "I can't even believe that your ancestors are the ones who conquered the world."



I can't believe it because they're so bent over like cowards of jellyfish with no backbone at all, dancing to the dictate of the unseen hand that is now in control of US economics and military policy.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: That's a question that I keep coming back to. Who is really in control? The one thing I'm very clear on is that it's murky. There are lots of different factions and interests, but let me go back to the campaign issues.

One issue I would love to see is that the US intelligence agencies stop having all the reporters and the academics on their payroll. So, yes. I just think the policy apparatus of this country is not a policy apparatus; it's basically spin doctors on the payroll of the wrong people. We need to get back – whether it's integrity of the media or integrity of the policy discussion – a policy discussion that is more than pit bulls on the wrong payroll. If somebody is taking money, it's fine. It's fully disclosed.

If I'm reading an article, I want to know that that guy gets \$100,000 a year from the CIA.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Yes. In fact, when I mentioned in my number six the diversification of media ownership, I wasn't even thinking about that. In fact, you know, it was the Church committee report that was a result of the courageous actions of some hippy who actually broke into the FDI office and found this treasure trove of documents about the Counterintelligence Program which then sparked the need for the Church committee.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: We don't have a Senator Frank Church in the country today. These bills pass unanimously in the senate or by one or two votes in the house. When I was there it was always me and Ron Paul. We were the only two no votes who would show up on the board.

In those Church Committee reports, the CIA acknowledges that it acted illegally against its charter inside the United States. One of those ways



that it acted was with journalists being on its payroll. Now, of course, we have an entire department, perception management, in the Pentagon. So you know that the situation is even worse.

In the 1970's you had the revelation that, yes, we have journalists on our payroll. Not only did we have journalists on the payroll, but they have preachers on the payroll.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: I can believe it. I'll never forget sitting in church in 1998 and hearing that they were going to put out grants to all the churches, and the White House was going to have an office of religious. I said, "Oh, great. They're going to buy all the churches."

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The grassroots churches had too much power and credibility and they were slapping money out to them. One church I used to go to got a big HUD sign. I said, "This is really bad."

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: And of course these people know how to play on your ego. You can't be satisfied to have a little church that's fully paid for; you've got to put all of your members in hock to a private bank to get one of these mega-churches because this one deserves to be a leader of a mega-church, right?

Then, of course, the independent church that was able to express itself and protect its members is now in hock to the very people who have shifted US policy. This is not just a situation of happenstance; this is by design. So the pastors cower. They're like the guy over in the corner with his arms raised and he's crippling and shaking because he can't say one word out of line because if he says one word out of line he's going to get his mortgage on the church called in.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right. So let's talk about the economics. Right now if you look at the way the US dollar operates, the US dollar really operates as a global taxation system, but it works and depends on force. If we do all



these wonderful things and reduce the force, do we run the risk that the dollar starts to fall dramatically?

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Well now, you know, this is the part where I don't have the answer for that. That's where you get like-minded advisors who come in and say, "Okay, we are going to have an economic revolution, and let's talk about the value of the money because the value of the money is nothing as it currently stands – except what can be extracted from people and exacted on people as a result of the military that follows it."

How about, for example, I'm over here at the Regent. I haven't had a chance to look more closely at this, but you've got the King of Bhutan who said, "Let's measure our economy differently. Let's measure our economy based on people's happiness."

He's calling it the Gross National Happiness index.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: You know I call it the Popsicle index.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Yes. In the first place, our currency should be something that is a public instrument. I subscribe to the Ellen Brown theory, and I'm not an economist even though I took a few courses. (That makes me an expert, right?)

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: First of all, in sharing domestic tranquility and happiness, and then having an economy that's based on real value and real product as opposed to these financial schemes.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: There's no doubt you can reengineer the economy to create dramatic amounts of new wealth if you will make some of these reforms. There's no doubt about that.

Let me turn to another topic because you've been traveling a lot in the Middle East and Asia. You've really travelled the world. I would really



love to know what you think the perception of the United States over the last 10-20 years was and how it's changed. What is happening to the United States' image and brand and authority around the world?

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: You know I'm deeply disappointed in the United States, and when I say that, I mean both the people and the government – the people inside the government. By now there should have been an uprising. Honestly.

Even though this isn't directly a response yet, I've been grappling with this notion of: To what extent are the people of the United States guilty and responsible for the crimes committed by the United States government? I would have to say that in one way, we are not only responsible, and yes we are responsible for the actions of our government, but in many respects we are also guilty.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Therefore what is our responsibility towards change? What I'm teaching my students is that we all have to assume responsibility for the actions of our government. When our government's actions deviate from our values, then we have to assume a public political responsibility to act on behalf of change. To the extent that our people are not actually doing that, what is the extent of our complicity in those crimes? I think that extent becomes very high.

What made me think about this was I was in London at a lecture – Sir Gerald Kaufman I think was his name. He is a member of the House of Lords, and he happens to be Jewish and he used to be a Zionist. In his remarks he said that based on the vote of the last election – not this past election in Israel but the one before that where approximately 76% of the population voted for the Likud or the Livni party – that the people were complicit in Israel's crime.

I thought about that ever since then. He made some very strong comments about Israeli voters. Then I said, "Okay. Well, if it applies to Israel, it also applies to the United States."



In December of 2014 the United States' state department made a report available to the public that was 19 years late. In that report the United States admitted that Dwight Eisenhower signed an authority to kill Patrice Lumumba, which was the first time a US President had actually authorized the murder of a head of state. Not only that, but \$100,000 was set aside for the purpose of accomplishing the deal.

I put on my Facebook page, "How can the people of the United States repair the Lumumba family, and what can be done to repair the Congo which has not been able to recover from this past?"

The responses I got were very, very interesting because the people of the United States who were responding were saying, "Well, that was the government; that wasn't me. I'm not guilty. I don't have any responsibility. It wasn't my fault. I wasn't alive back then."

So there's this whole area of denial of responsibility that has to be tackled. I don't know how deeply that goes, but I know on that particular issue I was shocked and stunned – but also grateful for the responses that I got. It let me peer into the way some people are able to live their lives in complete oblivion to the reality and the ramifications of their own behavior.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: You know the red button story, don't you?

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: No.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: So all the subscribers have heard the red button story, but I'm going to tell it again because this is right at the heart of the issue.

I was giving a speech many years ago to a group of people called Spiritual Frontier Foundation International. They have a conference once a year to talk about how our society can evolve spiritually. They're very committed people and very nice people.

I had been asked to talk about how the money works and organized crime in the inner section of Dirty Money with Washington and Wall



Street. I was talking about the congressional hearings on the Dark Alliance allegations in 1998. The Department of Justice at the time had told a reporter I was helping that the US economy launders \$500 billion to \$1 trillion a year via illegal funds including narcotics profits.

I said to this audience of 100 spiritually evolved people, “What would happen if we stopped being the global leader in Dirty Money including narcotics trafficking?”

They said, “Well, you know, we’d have problems financing the government deficit. That money would go to Singapore and Hong Kong and London instead of the US. So the stock market would go down.”

I said, “Let’s pretend there’s a big red button up here on the lectern, and if you push that you can stop all hard narcotics trafficking in your city, your town, your country tomorrow, thus offending the people who control \$500 billion to a trillion a year, plus the accumulated capital thereon. Who here will push the button?”

Out of 100 people dedicated to evolving our society spiritually, only one would push the button.

I said to the other 99, “Why would you not push the button?”

They said, “We don’t want our IRAs and 401ks to go down. We don’t want our government checks to stop, and we don’t want our taxes to go up.”

I said, “What you’re saying is that you want the CIA to continue to market narcotics to your neighbors’ children.”

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CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Yes.



C. AUSTIN FITTS: You know what I discovered that day? What needed to happen was not for them to push the red button; what needed to happen was for us to have an honest conversation. If we could have an honest conversation, then we could turn the red button green. We could make money pushing the red button because it's not profitable to liquidate your human intellectual capital, your cultural capital, your spiritual capital. Liquidating your entire society is not profitable.

There's a way to turn it around but it's complex and it requires really talking about how the money works and how we can turn this around.

It was funny. I live in Tennessee in a very segregated county. When I first got there, I kept trying to get people to collaborate about getting the local money changed around. Finally everybody was so committed to hating each other, I said, "If you guys would just collaborate about the money, you could hate each other rich instead of hating each other poor."

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: That is, in essence, very, very disruptive because we have been programmed to hate certain people. What that program's hate allows is for those people who are stealing the money to keep on stealing.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: But remember, you're a youngster. I come from a generation where John Kennedy started to talk about love and he got shot. Malcolm X started to talk about love and he got shot. Martin Luther King started to talk about love and he got shot. Bobby Kennedy started to talk about love and he got shot.

What we all learned is if we talk about hate, maybe we won't get shot.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Yes. I've always said that we need to have a conversation about who we are and what the United States actually stands for.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: What are our values?



C. AUSTIN FITTS: You know something? I think that brings us back to the first thing you said. I think one of the most healthy things that could happen is everybody in America sit down and read the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States and say, “Okay. What does this mean to my life and how I conduct my life and my values and how I relate to you and my friends and my neighbors?”

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: That’s right. We need that, and we need to be led. Of course I just got this PhD in leadership and change. The whole point of leadership is to prepare the context for having the tough discussion about change.

Our society is constructed now. There are winners and losers, and we have to understand that things are the way that they are now because those who are the winners want it that way.

As we manage people through this change, we also have to address that some people who are now winners might actually become losers.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: But we have to figure out a way to minimize their losses going forward.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: You want to create a process. It’s funny. I sat down and I said, “What is our current wealth compared to what it could be if peace had a chance?”

I figured the current wealth is less than one percent of what is possible just optimizing what we have now. So there’s plenty for everybody if you can find a way to collaborate and cooperate and compete without violence. There is plenty of competition.

So there is plenty for everybody. We don’t have to get into a spiral down of stealing each other’s pies. There is a way to get into it.

When I worked at HUD, one of the cabinet secretary’s favorite quotes



was to quote the Puerto Rican leader, Luis Muñoz Marin – I can't pronounce his name. He said, "When I was young I was a revolutionary and I wanted to redistribute the bread. Now I'm old and I want to help people build bakeries."

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Yes. I was thinking: Imagine ancient, ancient man. I've given some thought to the whole people reaching out to me saying, "You need to learn about Tesla. You need to learn about this and learn about that."

I tried to study the things that folks said to me, and imagine ancient man looking at the stars and the moon and the sun and realizing the tremendous power of the sun and what the sun actually gives us. It gives us our life and everything, but yet somehow we got constricted in our thoughts about energy. There's only one source of energy.

So now we are at the point where: Where is our energy policy?

There is so much abundance out there if we just look at our environment in a different way and if we look at each other in a different way, as resources as opposed to competitors.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right, but we're going to have to start practicing the golden rule. From a cultural standpoint, that's a very big change for us in the United States because we've been on the central banking warfare model for 500 years, and changing that is a very deep change.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: That's right. I would like to follow your idea about the state of Georgia. I don't know how to get started on that, but if you could get me started on that I would love to do that and make that a part of my talking points.

I saw one of your speeches where you talked about how Ross Perot talked about the giant sucking sound. It's the intelligence apparatus of the state – the giant sucking sound. It's sucking up trillions of dollars for doing things that the people of the United States know not what. Unfortunately, too many of us don't care what it is that they're doing



until it's on our doorstep.

I remember reading just this week that a woman is walking around in her house nude – which she has a right to do – and the policeman peered through the window and busted into her house and arrested her.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: You're kidding!

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: No!

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Oh my God!

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: It just happened this week!

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Oh, it's not funny.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: I also have the nightmare – because of the life you and I lead – of swatting at a mosquito and the darn thing has a camera in it.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Now, you know, the Pentagon has these mini drones and they can show up in many different ways as a 'fly on the wall' monitoring your conversations.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: I hate to tell you this, but I was just listening to a new audio on Area 51. They were working on bird drones in the 1970's. So imagine what they are working on now.

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Cynthia, I can't thank you enough for joining us on The Solari Report. Can you give us any hint of what you're planning on teaching? I'd love to know what's in the future for Cynthia McKinney and how we can be a part of it.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Well, I'm here. They don't know it yet, but I'm



nearing the end of my commitment to Bangladesh. I'm contemplating the future. I'm always open to suggestions from your very deep-thinking followers, and you of course, who understand the real deal.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: If you were going to teach – because I think you're a wonderful teacher whether you're being a political leader or a university professor – but if you were going to teach, what part of the world would you teach in if you could teach anywhere?

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: After having been targeted in the ways that I was targeted by the people who targeted me, as you well know are among the most powerful people on the planet, they have ways of strangling your financial or economic opportunities and shrinking the world in which you are able to operate.

What I am learning is that after having been targeted in such a way by the most powerful people on the planet is that there is life still. So I think that is an important lesson for people to see and understand. You can be targeted and you can still live.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Right. Absolutely. I would say it in a different way. Here's the interesting thing. You know my situation. I went through 11 years of litigation and all sorts of audits and investigations. Again and again my skin was saved by honest government workers. I have to tell you that civil service saved me every time because there were so many honest people. It's what one wonderful friend of mine says, "There are allies everywhere."

That's what I find. I think there are many people who won't do things as fiercely and as publicly as you will, but they will certainly sneak around and defend and support you and watch your back – a lot of times in ways we don't even know. It's quite astonishing to me.

So the scripture says, "Just stand." What I found is that when you do stand, all sorts of forces show up to help support you when you do.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: That's right. That's right. That's right. People do that



for me, too, Catherine. Thank you so much for reminding me of that.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: It's always amazing. I just have to close with one little story. When I was in the Bush Administration I was ordered by the higher up's to rig an administrative court case against the former regional administrator in the New York region and I wouldn't do it. I said, "I'm not going to destroy somebody's career. I'm not doing that."

When I left the administration, I called her up and said, "Listen, have your attorney call me. I'm happy to testify."

Sure enough, I showed up and testified, and the poor General Deputy took one look at me and then realized that he had to tell the truth, too. She got off. She was free to go and live her life.

When they came after me, they asked the auditor in the IG's office to do an audit. The auditor came back and said, "Look, they're as clean as a whistle. They did a great job." So she was ordered to switch it and she wouldn't. She had to leave government.

A couple of years later she gave an affidavit to my attorney, telling the whole story.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Wow!

C. AUSTIN FITTS: You know something? What goes around comes around.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: I'm waiting for that full circle! In the meantime, I just have to say to you that it is such an honor for me to talk to you. I believe that you are the smartest woman on money who I have ever met in my life.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: If you become President, I will be your Secretary of Treasury.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Let's work on it, baby.



C. AUSTIN FITTS: Well, Congresswoman and former House of Representative and Presidential Nominee Cynthia McKinney, you have a wonderful, wonderful day. Keep us in your thoughts. I'm going to have you in my prayers. You keep me posted on what I can help you do to get to your next university professorship with excitement and spirit in Atlanta.

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Okay. Will do. Goodbye.

C. AUSTIN FITTS: Goodbye.

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