

Revolution Online, February 21, 2010

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## An Historic Contradiction: Fundamentally Changing The World *Without* "Turning Out the Lights"

Introduction:

Recently Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, drew attention to the following contradiction and then invited some people associated with or with responsibility in regard to the Party to respond with their thinking on this contradiction. Avakian wrote the following:

In the polemic against Alain Badiou's political philosophy in the online theoretical journal *Demarcations*, the following concise indictment is made of Badiou's ultimate reformism, and of reformism in general:

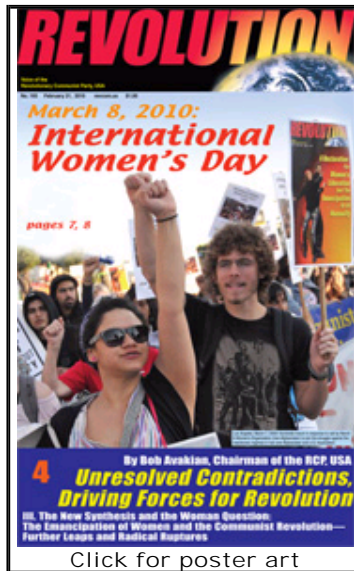
"And the world stays fundamentally unchanged. Capitalism-imperialism continues humming in the 'background,' crushing lives and destroying spirits in its meat-grinder of exploitation. And the horrors continue unabated."

This is our standing and powerful refutation of every other trend in the world. On the other hand, the way that a lot of people look at what we're about—and not entirely without justification—is: "Here come the communists, turn out the lights, the party's over."

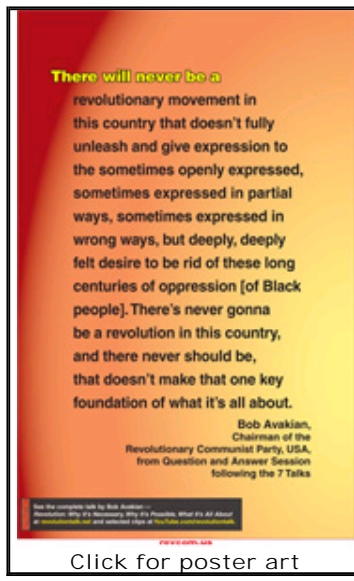
All this embodies a real, and profound, contradiction that we must continue to wrestle with.

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We are excited in this issue to run the following responses to Avakian's invitation.

- Complete Letters (One through Nineteen)
- Editor's note
- Intro and Letters in a single file (PDF)

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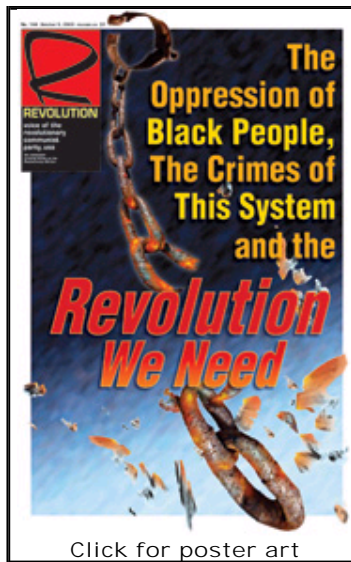
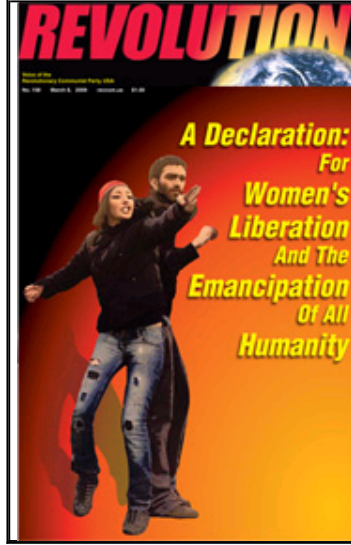
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by Larry Everest

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By Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA

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- o India: Bengali *People's March* editor dies in custody

## International Women's Day 2010

# Break the Chains! Unleash the Fury of Women As a Mighty Force for REVOLUTION

When so few dare...

The following has been issued by the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA:

On International Women's Day we are taking to the streets to call for something sorely needed and unseen in generations: an uncompromising outpouring of fury and resistance from women and men who want to see women, the world over, lifted from centuries of being condemned to being treated as the possessions of men.

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# Breaking Open the "Communism Debate"

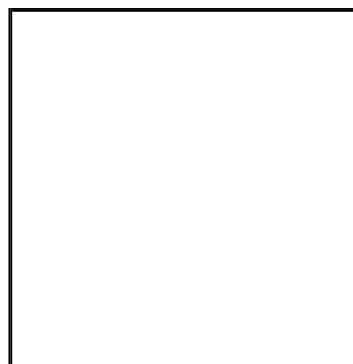
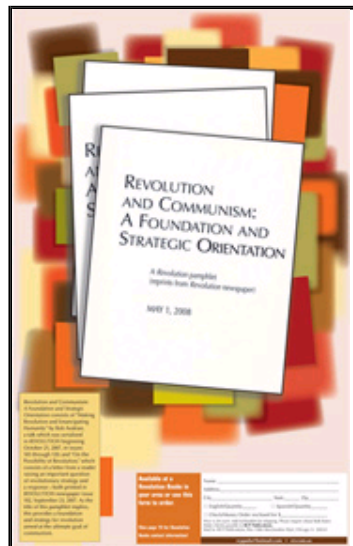
by Raymond Lotta

A highly unusual scene took place last November at the University of Chicago. 320 people, the vast majority undergraduate students, crowded into a lecture hall to hear—and debate—a speaker that most had never heard of two weeks earlier on a topic we are constantly told is no longer on the map.

I was the speaker.

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'possible' is the politics  
of monstrosity. To  
adhere to, or acquiesce  
in, the politics of the  
'possible' is to support,  
and actually to facilitate,  
monstrosity."

Bob Avakian,  
Chairman of the RCP, USA

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"What we see in  
contention here with  
Jihad on the one hand  
and McWorld/McCrusade  
on the other hand, are  
historically outmoded  
strata among colonized  
and oppressed humanity  
up against historically  
outmoded ruling strata of  
the imperialist system.



# UNRESOLVED CONTRADICTIONS, DRIVING FORCES FOR REVOLUTION

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These two reactionary poles reinforce each other, even while opposing each other. If you side with either of these 'outmodeds,' you end up strengthening both."

Bob Avakian,  
Chairman of the RCP, USA  
From the talk, "Why We're in  
the Situation We're in  
Today... And What to Do  
About It: A Thoroughly  
Rotten System and the Need  
for Revolution"

## III. The New Synthesis and the Woman Question: The Emancipation of Women and the Communist Revolution—Further Leaps and Radical Ruptures

Here again, I want to emphasize the point with which I began this talk as a whole: Much of this I am still working on and grappling with myself, and much of what follows will be more in the nature of a scaffolding than a fully elaborated discussion. So while what follows will include points of basic orientation and analysis, which I feel are important to be firmly taking hold of and acting on, to a significant degree the purpose and aim here is to offer some food for thought and sense of direction, while at the same time promoting, and provoking, further wrangling with these decisive questions.

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- [Whole talk available here](#)
- [List of Bob Avakian's works available online](#)

*From March 8 Women's Organization (Iran-Afghanistan)*

## March in Support of Women Warriors in Streets of Tehran

Let us celebrate the International Women's Day 2010 in solidarity with Iranian women who in the last 8 months have been braving street battles with the Police force and militia thugs of the Islamic Republic of Iran – one of the most brutal women hating regimes on the planet Earth. Many have been arrested, injured and even killed in these street battles and others have been picked up by the security forces in their work place, class rooms and university dormitories. These women who dare death need nothing less than the complete overthrow of the IRI – and this is a growing sentiment. And in doing this they need the internationalist support and love of their sisters – and their brothers – around the world. If they achieve this, it will be a new day for women in the Middle East and a victory for women's liberation movement and for ending all oppression in the world.

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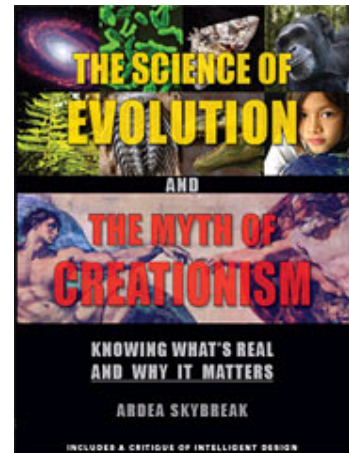
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*Correspondence:*

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To the Editors of *Revolution*:

I work for and am also a client of a loose network of resource providers that is supposed to serve homeless and lower class heroin addicts "seeking recovery." My position is as an advocate, so I hear first hand, every day of rips and tatters in the so-called safety net that poor, mainly Black and Hispanic, people tend to fall or get pushed through more than others—usually landing in some jail cell.



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That's our blood down there  
on Tap Taps, pink, yellow, green  
That's our blood down there  
on lilting music laced with screams

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*National Campus Speaking Tour by Sunsara Taylor:*

## " From the Burkha to the Thong: Everything Must, *and Can*, Change! WE NEED A TOTAL REVOLUTION!"

If you are a woman, your body is a battleground. Spin the globe. Anywhere you look women are being held down and slammed backwards, objectified and degraded. On campuses nationwide, Sunsara Taylor, writer for *Revolution* newspaper, will make the case for why there is no biological, god-given, or man made reason why things have to remain this way—and how this can change through revolution and through a movement for revolution starting *now*.

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## Olympics Resistance in Vancouver

Significant protests are planned in opposition to the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The protests are being coordinated by the Olympic Resistance Network (ORN), made up of 50 activist and social service organizations. ORN's website says, "We call on all anti-capitalist, indigenous, housing rights, labour, migrant justice, environmental, anti-war, community-loving, anti-poverty, civil libertarian, and anti-colonial activists to come together to confront this two week circus and the oppression it represents."

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*"In a country where torture has been legitimized..."*

## The NYPD Beating and Rape of Michael Mineo

The trial of three New York cops charged in relation to the brutal beating and rape of

The trial has been intense. When defense attorneys attempted repeatedly during cross-examination to smear and intimidate Mineo and question his credibility, he refused to back down, in the same way that he has stood defiant during the 16 months since the police raped him. When a defense lawyer asked Mineo why he had spoken to the media if, as he testified, he had been embarrassed by the incident, Mineo replied it was because he refused to let the rape be "swept under the carpet, like everything else the police do."

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There will never be a revolutionary movement in this country that doesn't fully unleash and give expression to the sometimes openly expressed, sometimes expressed in partial ways, sometimes expressed in wrong ways, but deeply, deeply felt desire to be rid of these long centuries of oppression [of Black people]. There's never gonna be a revolution in this country, and there never should be, that doesn't make that one key foundation of what it's all about.

Bob Avakian, Chairman of the  
Revolutionary Communist Party, USA,  
from Question and Answer Session following  
the 7 Talks

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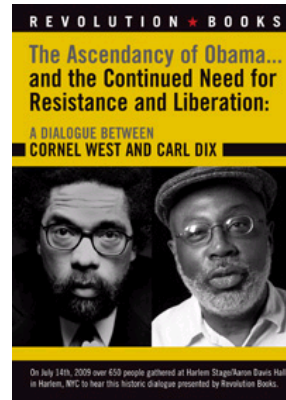
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Bob Avakian

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