

American Kabuki on The Light Agenda



Here is my interview with blogger and former Worldwide Church of God member American Kabuki from *The Light Agenda* on July 11. Thanks, as always, to Ellen for transcribing.

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Stephen Cook: Hello, and welcome to the Light Agenda. I'm Stephen Cook and thank you so much for joining me and my special guest, blogger American Kabuki today.



Now, just before American Kabuki and I get chatting about his own mind-blowing light agenda, I'd like to read a beautiful note last week's guest Fran Zepeda sent to me by email yesterday. Now, in it she wrote, "Hi, Stephen. I just wanted you to know that since the show went to air I've had such a great response from listeners, and they're all telling me how much we together helped them, and that they even experienced healing and clearing from it. We did good, Stephen."

Well, thanks, Fran, and thank you to all those people who received healing and clearing last week when Fran was on. That's exactly what I hoped for all of us, that even me, you know, me as the person who hosts the show and you as the listener would get from the people that come here and share their light agendas with us.

My guest today, American Kabuki, has endured and enjoyed a very different light agenda to Fran. He's not a channeler or a healer in the context that most of us would know it, but he is healing the world in his very own way. And in fact he's also helped heal over 50,000 people as they made their somewhat traumatic break from a major organised religion that he also once belonged to.

Now, he's also assisting on gathering news and views and getting the good word out there, and he has literally come back from the dead — and we'll be talking about that in a little while, too.

American Kabuki came to prominence when, early this year, he began compiling endless lists of the mass resignations, departures, whatever you want to call them, of the many, many senior figures in the banking world. Now, he didn't just give us their names, he also gave us links to all the articles from all around the world, from countries like the US, UK, China, Pakistan — oh, my gosh — India, South America, Japan, so we could actually all then cross check the stories that appeared, so we could realise that, one, they had credibility and also we could actually see what was really going on.

That resulted in enormous traffic to his blog site, which is AmericanKabuki.blogspot.com, and that included me because I was fascinated by what he was posting. And since then he's actually posted hundreds of stories, from others as well as his own original intel, and he's kept us all up to date with what he hears, resonates with and understands is going on out there.

Obviously, American Kabuki is a pseudonym. That is his posting name, and he simply chooses to keep his real identity quiet from the wider world for the moment just for family privacy reasons. Now, that doesn't mean that he's not willing to share his incredible life story, as you are about to hear now.

American Kabuki, welcome to the Light Agenda.

American Kabuki: Good evening, Stephen.

SC: Now, first tell me, where did the name American Kabuki come from?

AK: It started out, it was going to be a satire site, poking fun at certain media figures, certain news figures. And it sat idle for two years, but I had created the graphics and I had built the blog. But I was just too busy to deal with it.

SC: But where did you get the idea for the name? Because some people have asked me, “Oh, he must be Japanese!” [laugh]

AK: No. I do have a fascination with Japanese culture and gardens, and I love samurai movies, and.... But Kabuki means “bizarre theatre” in Japanese, the actual literal meaning of it. It also means dance, but it has a connotation and an annotation or denotation that relates to dance and bizarre theatre. And it seemed like what was going on in America was a very strange theatre of the absurd. And...

SC: [laugh] And the whole world!

AK: Yes. And there was a time I felt like I was alone and everybody else had gone crazy, but I know I wasn't, because I've met so many people since, but ...

SC: Oh, yeah. We're all crazy.

AK: Yeah. But there was a blood lust in the country. I called it Kabuki because I thought, you know, this is so surreal, what was happening in my country, it was so different from the 1990s. And that was the original thinking about it. It was really directed towards what I felt was going on in this country. But when I started doing the banking list, it seemed to fit.

SC: Well, that's what I was going to say. Your whole original aim was just to do this spoof that you kind of really didn't get happening. And then suddenly you were posting about bank resignations. But what made you get to that point?

AK: There was a bit of a lull in what people call the light-worker community, in January or February, and it seemed like everybody felt that nothing was happening. So, I was on a blog and I saw this ... somebody posted about eight or nine significant bank resignations, of very prominent, senior people. And it struck me, I said, you know, that can't be accidental.

And, so, I started researching. I just started doing key word searches on Google, using Google Advanced Search. And I just kept finding more and more and more, each day. And I kind of just started making lists of them. You know. First I had like 60, then 80, then it was 150, and 161, and, you know, people just kept coming and I kept creating new posts. It just went viral.

SC: I know. I remember, because I was one of those people that came to your site. And then we started posting on the 2012 Scenario. But I remember thinking at the time, oh, my God, how boring to have to put all this list together, and thank God someone else is doing it!

AK: [laugh] My ... my hand ... I type really fast, and my joints started aching after a while. I did have help, though. There was a couple of women who did a lot of research for me. There was a woman, who prefers to remain anonymous, who actually works in Wall Street, that gave me a lot of good inside information.

SC: So, did people just start coming out of the blue at that point in time and actually feeding you information even then?

AK: Oh, yes. They still do.

SC: Right. Because, I've always wondered, like ... in the last ... I mean, the blog itself has actually evolved. You've got new stuff. Every now and then you actually will report on intel that someone's given you. So, how are you deciding what you're posting, and where else is that information coming to you from now?

AK: I have a number of friends around the world — either through work or from college — on various continents, and they feed me information. I'm also making I'm making new contacts all the time. That's pretty much where a lot of it comes from. It kind of snowballs, you know, because the more people I meet the more people ... that just keeps feeding on itself.

SC: But then, how are you discerning, how do you know if someone's telling you something that's not necessarily ... I mean, truth is always that very indeterminable thing. But how do you know whether something's as fact-based as possible at that time?

AK: I look for whether ... if they come at me trying to massage my ego, I usually throw it out. If they come at me very hatefully, you know ... and I know where they're coming from. There's a lot of people who are just paid to do that kind of thing. There's a whole industry that does that. And then there's

SC: Which I think a lot of people forget at times, too.



AK: Oh, yeah. There ... it's not grassroots stuff, it's organised. Some of it is actually AI generated.

SC: Sorry, what do you ... what do you mean by ... you mean artificial intelligence-generated?

AK: Yeah. They generate these random, generic attacks that really don't address anything specific. They're just ... they're just designed to rile you. And, you know, I see it so much, I just throw it out.

SC: But those secret contacts you've had, they've given you some really good stories. So, if you've got a couple of really favorite stories that you've gone, yeah, I ... well, not necessarily from an ego base, but, like, "I managed to break that story," or that was ... "I'm really glad I got that out there"?

AK: Often when I get something, I look at it and I try to post things that resonate with me.

SC: Uh-huh.

AK: I go a lot by what I feel inside. There's times that I see people post things on other sites that they feel are important, but, you know, they just shut me down cold. So, I'm selective in that sense. It's ... I can't really describe the process, but there are certain sources that are reliable, I think.

When it comes to, like, channelings, I look at them in aggregate. You know, you're dealing through humans who have moods, they have personal problems, they have ups and downs of life, and I think sometimes that comes through in channelings. So, while I post channelings, I tend to take them in aggregate as to the points they agree on and I don't concentrate on the points so much where they disagree. And I try to encourage people not to give up their personal power and their personal common sense just because someone says that they have a contact with somebody.

You have to evaluate the information. Does it resonate, does it ... Do you come away from it and feel like, oh, my God, I've got to hide under a rock?

SC: [laugh]

AK: Or, do you feel like, things are ... things are going to work out, and we're ... it's going to be okay? You know?

SC: Speaking of that, though, when you talk about things are going to be okay, your sources — you've said Wall Street — where else are they coming from, and are they usually friends you've had for years?

AK: No, they're not. Some of them come from, oh, people watching what's going on in maybe their industry. They have inside information. A couple of times they've been military sources.

SC: Well, let's go back to your childhood. You were born and raised on a cattle ranch in east Montana, and you grew up in Scottsdale, which is in a citrus, cotton and alfalfa growing area. And your mother and father are both quite interesting because of their kind of backgrounds.

Your father had a major impact on you as a child, and he was actually a fighter pilot in World War Two. And he actually told you about UFOs when you were quite young. Tell me a little bit about that.

AK: Well, dad saw them flying over Germany. They were bright and they would fly really fast by them, and they couldn't catch them. He also saw a lot of the sonic German jets. He said they were breaking the sound barrier even back then. They broke it way before Chuck Yeager did.

SC: Well, speaking about sound barriers, though, your mother also had an interesting background, because her father rolled the uranium rods for the first atomic reaction at Fermi in Chicago. But in terms of speed, her cousin set the land speed record.

AK: Yes. He had like this rocket car at the Bonneville salt flats. I don't think it's ever been broke that record.

SC: Oh, even now you think it still stands?

AK: It does.

SC: Oh... And did you have brothers and sisters?

AK: Yes, I have three sisters and two brothers.

SC: And do you feel that your father would have shared and your mother shared like information like that with them at that time?

AK: No, it was just mentioned in passing one time when I was working with him. My father was interested in an awful lot of subjects. He was a huge sci-fi fan, he always had all the latest sci-fi magazines, and... I mean, I remember when I was five years old him sitting me down, and pointing to the moon, saying, "We're going there."

SC: [laugh] Now, he also though had a really big impact on you, because he was a very early member of the Worldwide Church of God, which was founded by radio preacher Herbert W. Armstrong. And that church, if I'm right, is an organisation that believes they are the remnants of the Jewish Christians from Jesus' time, and not descended from the Roman church. Is that correct?

AK: That was their belief.

SC: And is that like, for those who may not know about the church, is that a really evangelistic Christian church? Or how does the Worldwide Church of God function?

AK: Well, at that time, it was initially called the Radio Church of God, because Herbert Armstrong had this.... It started in the 1930s, and he had a very good voice for radio. He was an advertising man who went bust in the Depression, had this conversion...

SC: [laugh] I'm just thinking, he ended up advertising a completely different product!

AK: He learned how to pack a Christian, apocalyptic ... gospel, is what he did.

SC: And did your father's involvement in the church have a major impact on your life as a child? Like, were you constantly going to church? Was it drummed into you, the beliefs of the church?

AK: Yes, it was. My father was not particularly religious when I was little. In fact, he was very non-religious. My mother was Methodist, and she used to take us to Sunday school. I remember going to Sunday school in my ... the Sunday school instructor, this ... she was teaching us about Jesus, and he's the son of God, and et cetera, et cetera. And so I raised my hand, and I said, "Well, how did he get to be the son of God?" She said, "Well, he lived a perfect life." And I said, "Well," I said, "Well, if I live a perfect life, do I get to be the son of God too?"

SC: Were you cheeky as a kid?

AK: Oh, I was ... I always asked these kind of questions to people, and they'd think ... well, I guess it would be considered cheeky, smart mouth. But I really didn't have any intention to, you know, put anybody on the spot. I just wanted the question answered.

SC: Now, as a child, though, you also had serious asthma, and you were also mauled by a dog, and on both occasions you were taken to your local church minister.

AK: Yes.

SC: And he did what?

AK: Well, in the Worldwide Church of God they did believe in hands-on healing.

SC: Uh-huh?

AK: It was kind of quiet. They didn't make a show out of it. You know, it wasn't a TV thing. What they did was they would take a bit of olive oil, put a little drop on your forehead, put their hands on your head and say a prayer, and ask God to heal. And that was pretty much it. And ...



SC: And that's what happened to you after both the ... like, that cured the asthma and then also when you were mauled by a dog?

AK: Yes. It was the same individual. This man seemed to have a gift of healing. And not all of them did, only certain individuals. He anointed me, and then I ... I never had a scar from it.

SC: Obviously that taught you the power of healing itself. But at six, you also got bullied by another kid at school, and you retaliated, but your retaliation caused you quite some angst, didn't it?

AK: Yes. This kid used to chase us around with a two-by-four. He was a real violent little kid.

SC: As in like a block of wood?

AK: Yeah. And he used to try to hit us with these things, and I picked up this rock the size of my palm, I chucked this thing at him, and it hit him in the scalp, split his scalp open right on his forehead, and ...

SC: And there would have been blood everywhere.

AK: Oh, there was. It was horrible! And I thought I'd killed this kid. And I thought, you know, the cops are going to come and put me in the electric chair. I was not going to harm another person after that.

SC: Now, you had what you believe was your first UFO star brother experience in Arizona. I think you were hiking with some friends, and you were like nine. And it was kind of like one of those cowboys and aliens experiences. So, what did you actually see?

AK: We were lost in the Superstition Mountains of Arizona. And we were looking to go up to what's called La Barge Canyon, which leads into Canyon Lake — it's one of the reservoirs. We were running out of water, it was like 115 out, our canteens were dry, and you can die really easily in the desert . And this man came out of nowhere.

He came walking up and he looked just like a normal man in his probably late twenties, early thirties. He had a cowboy shirt on, but it was like he'd ironed it, you know? This is ... and this is like 115 out and we're all sweating. He walks up, and he's just perfectly pressed. He didn't have a cowboy hat. He had cowboy boots on, and he had pressed blue jeans — they were just immaculate.

He walks up and he says, "What's the trouble?" He says this to my father and he says this to the lead guy who was leading us. "We're lost." He says, "Well," he says, "where you want to go?"

"We want to go to La Barge Canyon." He says, "Oh," he says, "I'm going there myself. Follow me up the hill."

So he walks off at a real fast pace and up this hill. And you can see all the way up this hill there's just ... there's no other way out, okay? So we turn and we follow this guy, and we're grateful that we know where we're going now. And we get around the boulder, and the man is gone!

And I remember my father and these men saying, "Who was that?" You know, "Where did he go?" And, but basically he saved, you know, 30 kids from dying out in the desert.

SC: And what was your feeling at the time? Like, did you feel that it was somebody that may have been not from this planet?

AK: I thought it was an angel, because of our religious context. But, it ... I didn't know what it was, but ... or who he was. But he was definitely real, he was very nice and very cordial, he dressed appropriately for the culture and the time period, he ... I mean, I wouldn't, think twice about seeing him. He didn't stick out.

I remember my dad talking more than anything, because I was very close to my father, and, you know, he said, you know, "Did we see an angel?" You know, "What was he?" You know. It was just amazing.

SC: So, he was there and then he was gone! [laugh] But he helped you all find water at that time.

AK: Yeah. And then we went up ... we went up a few ... we went up about a half mile, and we found this beautiful stream with these water holes, and we were jumping off cliffs into the water, and had a good old time. And filled our canteens and everything, and everything turned out okay.

SC: Let's talk briefly about your working life, because you've actually had a variety of jobs, which kind of amazed me. You've been a carpenter, you've been a tool maker, you've been a die maker, but most of your life you've spent in IT, And a lot of those jobs in IT you've been constructing major mainframes, from airlines ticketing systems, you worked for the Bank of America, and you even worked on the French Channel Tunnel train for quite some time.

And it's a career that's seen you ... you've lived in the US where you live now, but you've also lived in England and in France. And you've traveled extensively with your work. So, do you think that's allowed you to have a broader perspective of life than possibly most?

AK: Oh, most definitely. Yeah, it does. It enables you to see America from a foreigner's perspective.

SC: Um-hmm. But in doing that, though, you've also seen some quite major anomalies occur in business situations. And that's actually made you quite concerned at times.

AK: Yeah, I ... I saw indications that EU ... either EU Parliament or EU bureaucrats were forming consultant companies and front-ending projects with their own consulting companies through Channel Island companies and Irish companies.

SC: And how long ago was that?

AK: 1990.

SC: Okay. And you could feel that that was illegal or improper at that time?

AK: Europe tends to do business by collusion. They do not really like competition. And that's one of the problems with Europe.

SC: But in terms of your work itself, though, you saw other things that didn't quite sit comfortably with your own personal ... I suppose your own personal ethos and morals.

AK: Yeah. There were some ... there was corruption, usually with consulting companies, and some of the airlines.

SC: In what way, though?

AK: Kickbacks, inside information, people getting contracts they shouldn't get, exclusive contracts.

SC: Now, up until 1994, the Worldwide Church of God was a huge part of your life. So, we're going back to when you were a child, and we're probably talking up until you're what, so we're how old, by 1994?

AK: Oh, 1994 I was what, 35?

SC: Now, you've described that the church itself was high control. Can you just tell me about what your life was like from like five to 35, which is basically 30 years of your life, living as part of the Worldwide Church of God, if it was so controlling?

AK: Well, the ... they were ... they would tell you ... they had a very strict diet. We didn't eat sugar, we didn't eat white flour.

SC: That's good.

AK: Actually, it is. But at that time, everybody did. So, we tended to eat organic, we didn't One of the things, we didn't smoke, you couldn't be a church member if you did, if you smoked. There were certain health things that were actually quite good. I've never had a cavity, for example.

SC: In your teeth? Sorry.

AK: Yes.

SC: Yeah.

AK: And that's true of me and my brother. We grew up drinking raw milk ...

SC: You mean as in unpasteurised, un-homogenised? Yeah?

AK: My mother used to go to Mesa, Arizona, which is a Mormon community, get it from a Mormon farm. I think that's why my teeth have been so strong.

SC: And just ... I've never had raw milk. Does it taste different to pasteurised, homogenised milk?

AK: Oh, it's wonderful.

SC: Oh, sorry, I took you off where you were going, because we were talking about the church and being controlling.

AK: Basically, they isolate you, saying, you know, well, you're special people. You know, everybody else is just of the world. You know, they have this lingo. We didn't observe traditional Christian holidays. Our holidays were basically mapped from the Jewish religion, and I found that Jews kind of resented that, because they considered that their identity. But we had kind of a mix of Jewish and Christian beliefs. Our holidays were Jewish, but they were ... they were kind of hybrids. They weren't truly how the Jews keep them.

SC: And was it mind controlling in any way?

AK: In the sense of Scientology or anything? It was more the continual repetition of being told one thing over and over again, you know, sermon after sermon, you know. They really trained their ministers well, and they were very forceful speakers.

They had a really good public speaking program. I'm not a very good public speaker. I'm a better writer than I am a public speaker. But they also ... you know, they wouldn't let ... for example, they wouldn't let us date outside the church, was another thing. I couldn't go to football games on Friday nights because of the Sabbath. We had a Saturday Sabbath.

A lot of little things, that.... We gave ten percent of our gross income to the church, we saved another ten percent for these annual holy days that we had, and then every third year we saved another ten percent for widows and orphans that we gave to the church.

SC: Okay. So, it was taking money from you as well.

AK: I think I probably gave \$50,000 to the church over the years.

SC: Wow. And, look, you suddenly, after 35 years, or leading up to that 35 years, in 1994, you started having doubts about the church itself. So, what were those doubts, and where were they coming from? What were you concerned about?

AK: Well, there was a number of anomalies. I had gone to the church college in Pasadena, and I was hired in the data processing department, and I had access to all the member files and the history of the church, as well as the personnel files. And I did a lot of statistical studies for Herbert Armstrong himself. I would go through the master records and count all the number of members, whoever joined and whoever left, for example, over a time period, and calculate the average fall-away rate, for example.

And what I found ... you see, the ... within the Worldwide Church of God, if you ... you were taught that if you ever left it you lost your salvation. You know. You were, you know, you were down the rat hole of God, as it was, you know. You know, I really believed that at one point.

But I'm doing these statistics, and I'm noticing that 30 percent of anybody who had ever entered the organisation had left it over time. And, so, they had this huge turn rate. And Herbert

Armstrong had this magazine, called the Plain Truth Magazine, which he gave away for free. But what he knew was, from these statistics that I did and people prior to me, that about a tenth of a percent of the people who read that magazine would become members.

SC: Sorry, a what percent?

AK: About a one tenth of a percent.

SC: One tenth, right. Yes?

AK: And so the one tenth of a percent would be giving him ten percent of their income. And, and he had ... when I was doing it, the mailing list was about eight million, and they were pulling an income of about 300 million a year.

SC: Three hundred million a year!

AK: Yeah.

SC: Oh, my goodness! No wonder he wanted to do that after getting out of advertising! [laugh]

AK: He had a gold mine

SC: And, so, you're seeing all of that. And what were you thinking at the time?

AK: Well, you go into this, what they call a cognitive dissonance. You know, you believe one thing, but you've seen evidence that maybe something's wrong, you know? And, you know, when you hold these beliefs ... religion, religious beliefs are ... they're like little babies people protect. I have this theory they live in your lower brainstem somehow, you know, next to anger and hate and love and all of these things? And when they get challenged, these little beliefs, people lash out, you know? They don't want to think consciously about things.

And I went through that. And I'm looking at this stuff, and I'm just thinking, you know ... my first thought was, well, if all these people are leaving, and they're all, you know, gone down the rat hole as far as God's concerned, you know, they've lost everything and they're condemned forever or whatever, God's a very wasteful being. That's really what my thought was. And I couldn't believe that.

SC: But then you were also witnessing ... well, I mean in that last year prior to you actually leaving, you had started to witness a great deal of racism within the church. And then you became very, very close to a black minister. But then you discovered that he wasn't being honest, either.

AK: Yeah, that was at the end. He was honest ... at least, to me he was honest, prior to that. He was trying to reform the church and bring change to it. And what he was attempting to do was a very good idea, because he was a very bright black man.

SC: So he was trying to reform the church, but at the same time he then did something that really upset you.

AK: Yeah. He ... I had been defending him, and we were really successful with ...threading what the true situation was on the doctrines. And he ... towards the end, I was leaving to take a job in San Francisco, and I was defending him and all of this. And there was accusations coming out that he was going to sue the church for racial discrimination. And he actually had grounds to do that. But the problem was that we had a mixed church. It was, you know, it was about half black and half white, and it was very harmonious. But I knew that the minute he did that the black people would side with him and the white people would feel threatened.

SC: But what actually really upset you about that, then?

AK: He lied to me, because he led me to believe that that wasn't true.

SC: Which wasn't true?

AK: That that rumor was false, that he was going to sue the church. And I defended him. And I did that all over the net, and I did it, you know, everywhere. I put myself out there for him, and he let me twist in the wind.

SC: And that betrayal, that was really the turning point for you to leave the church?

AK: No, that wasn't. I continued for a few years after that. I was still trying to change things. But, not unlike what's happened to me online recently, the same thing kind of happened to me back in 1994 and 1995. I became well known within that group of people, and I became very trusted, that I would be honest with people about what I knew.

I was considered ... actually, within the church at the time I was considered a very, kind of a dangerous person.

SC: From what I remember, you set up this internet-based church reformation.

AK: Yeah, we had a ... there were some blogs at that time. The web was very brand ... it was still in formation. I mean, the internet browser didn't come out until 1994. There weren't very many websites at that time. There was only about 99 of them. But I had a mailing list, a friend of mine had a mailing list, and it was like a list serve. And he got ... I took it over from him and I set up a server in San Francisco. And people were coming to my mailing list and ... it was like a chat room, you know, except that it happens in your email.

SC: Um-hmm. And that list was of church members only?

AK: Yes.

SC: Right.

AK: And a lot of people were detoxing. You know, because they really saw ... and there was a lot of lies told by the church. You know, they were feeding the minister in Atlanta what they were wanting to change, and then denying it. They were playing both sides of the fence because they wanted to maintain the income. And it was all about money.

And essentially what they had done, the church had done, is they made a marketing decision that this apocalyptic way of Herbert Armstrong wasn't selling anymore, and so they wanted to go mainstream evangelical, because they saw the mega-churches forming, and there was a big boom in Christian evangelism in America in the 1990s.

SC: Hmmm, I remember.

AK: And they wanted a piece of that pie. I mean, and this is my opinion.

SC: Okay. So the church was trying to change its doctrines, but you, with this email list ... what did that email list do? Because in ... from what I gather from what you've already told me, you'd have three or five hundred people going in the email list at one time, but all out there was something like 50,000 people. And you were actually assisting them in what was quite a traumatic process of leaving the church.

AK: At its peak, there was about 120,000 members worldwide, that were paying tithes to the church.

SC: Paying their 300 million to it. [laugh]

AK: They had massive operations in Australia, Canada, Britain and smaller offices in France, and some in Latin America.

SC: And so were all these people, though, out of all those people from around the world, there were so many people who were feeling some sense of dissatisfaction with the church, and they were questioning their beliefs, but yet they turned to you in your mailing list. How did you actually help them?

AK: There was a lot of lies told, and people knew there was lies. And so people, people started saying, hey, what about this doctrine what about this doctrine? Why are we doing this? And how come we pay so much in tithes when no other church does this?

And all this was very threatening to this They had this very corporate structure. And it was a corporation. They called it the Worldwide Church of God, Inc. People were detoxing, basically.

SC: And what ... but what did they come to you for? Like, what were you able to do with them?

AK: Oh, some of them were just pouring their hearts out, you know? The abuses their ministers did to them over the years that they never said a word about. It was heart-rending, you know?

And, I mean, it was the kind of stuff that you'd have to have someone who's been through it that can listen. Because if you told a Catholic or you told a Southern Baptist or you told a Lutheran, they would not understand the experience and why these things affected you so much. You know? And why it was so traumatic to leave or to change, and, you know, you basically lost your moorings, because all the ... you know, you go from thinking you've got every answer about God to realising that you have very few.

SC: But what did you actually offer them? What did you do that helped them? Or what do you think you did that helped them?

AK: I listened. I was honest with them, as far as I didn't play games with them. I had sources of information, I could find out things within a few hours, both inside the organisation and through

the membership throughout the world. I was finding out stuff faster than the church could find it out.

SC: And the church wasn't watching you, or trying to stop you from doing this?

AK: Well, they didn't know what to do, because this was the first of the ... they ... I hit them with something they had never seen before, because nobody had ever dealt with an internet-based ...

SC: Yes. Yeah. And of course we forget that it was all so new then.

AK: And they had ... the church had control of the church newspaper, the church magazines, the church ... the ministers only spoke what they were told to speak. They never ...

SC: I'm just thinking, little did they know that American Kabuki was actually looking after their membership! [laughing]

AK: And ... their ... they had this centralised control on the flow of information. But what happened with the internet was you now have this networked flow of information. So, a networked flow of information decimates a hierarchy. And, I mean, you really see that with the banking world now, because they don't know what to do. You've got Wikileaks, you've got, you know, Julian Assange and his networks coming up with all this amazing information. You've got others doing stuff. You've got bloggers everywhere telling the truth, wherever they can find it.

And hierarchies lose control of the flow of information. They hate the internet. But the church just didn't have ... they just dismissed it as a joke, because what is the internet? Oh, they thought America Online or CompuServe. And I was, you know, I was using the internet raw.

SC: And at what point did you actually decide to up and leave?

AK: 1997. I was called out to Pasadena by the man we called the Pastor General.

SC: So, did you get called out?

AK: And ... it was actually quite cordial. At this point I've known the guy for 25 years. Or actually fif ... twenty ...

SC: And what, well, what happened when you got there, though? What was said? What was the turning point?

AK: It was a really weird weekend. You know, when I got my flight home, I said that was the end of it, you know. And ...

SC: And it really was the end?

AK: Yeah. I never attended again.

SC: Wow.

Now, you've also had some major psychic and telepathic experiences in your life, and you've also had many illuminating dreams. Can you tell me a little bit about some of the dreams you had prior to 2008? And the reason I say that is 2008 was a big turning point — and I want to come to that in a minute — but prior to 2008, just tell me a little bit about some of those dreams.

AK: When I was in Atlanta ... when I started to go ... I was kind of going through an awakening in Atlanta, because this minister was being persecuted, and I stepped up to defend him?. And there was a whole thing ... it seemed like the minute I stepped into this breach where this individual was being unjustly treated, all these kind of unusual things started happening to me. And I started having dreams, and I started having dreams of things that were going to happen, and they would happen ... you know, with the whole church situation and this reformation.

I had dreams where I had one ... I had ... for a while there I had a lot of American Indian dreams, like I was an American Indian. Either ... it seemed to me that it was either Hopi or Navajo. And I would be in these what was called a hogan, it's kind of an earthen and wood structure in the desert. And I'd be in there, and I'd be standing there, and ... there was one ... and I had like ... I had no shirt on and they were painting me in this dream, and they were giving me these like sacred whistles and stones and things. And I had no idea what they were, but they were like stone whistles and rattles, you know, like the rattles that Indians shake and things. And this man was speaking to me in some ... I thought it was Navajo or Hopi. I don't know which. The cultures are very similar. And then I ... I was in the impression of some sort of ceremony. And I had several of those kind of dreams for a while.

I also had dreams about ... one dream I had like a book pushed into my solar plexus, like a small book. And another dream I had this stone, it was shaped like a guitar pick and it was about an inch thick, and it had like a combination of a three-leaf clover, kind of a hybrid between a three-leaf clover and kind of an arc shape, and I was given this stone. And it was supposed to be some sort of sacred stone. And I don't know what that was.

SC: Have you had any like really prophetic dreams, where you've had a dream and then the next day or something else it's come true?

AK: Yeah. I had a dream that I was on this mountain, and I was climbing this hill. And my ... it was me and my wife and this black minister. The dream was strange. Often my dreams go back to my home town in Arizona? There was this flash flood that came, it was a horrible thunderstorm. This flash flood came and surrounded this mountain. And then this earthquake happened. And the mountain split in two, and this black minister ended up on one mountain and I ended up, and my wife, on this other mountain. And this river flowed through us, between us.

In the dream it was very clear that I was going to be separated from this man. And I knew what the meaning was while I was dreaming it. And it was very clear. And then at the end of the dream, it said, leave Atlanta by April 11. It was just a loud voice that said 'leave Atlanta' ... it just said "Leave Atlanta by April 11."

I said, okay. I don't usually get voice, you know, something tell me something in a dream. And I thought, well, that's very unusual, I'd better pay attention to that. And I had no idea what it was about, because this guy was this huge hero to me, you know?

SC: But as it turned out, though, all those events from before that happened, you know, the rift in the church, him ... you finding out about him taking legal action, you actually did leave Atlanta on April the 11th, or prior to.

AK: Yes.

SC: What happened after April 11, though, that made you realise why you had to get out of there by April 11?

AK: I didn't know until the day before I left what was going on.

SC: And what was that? What was that?

AK: Because three people that I loved very dearly were at war with each other. And it would have torn me up.

SC: Right. And that was the minister, the assist — yeah?

AK: The assistant minister and the leader of the church.

SC: Okay. And that happened after you'd gone, so you would have been in a very, very difficult situation had you not left by April 11.

AK: Exactly. I still hadn't disassociated myself from the church, but I could not side with any of these people.

SC: Wow. Now, American Kabuki, you've also endured some serious illnesses, and in fact in 2009 you actually died. Can you tell us a bit about that, and what led up to that? Because I believe you went into some polluted water in 2007 and got a serious illness called MRSA, which is like a Staphylococcus, I think. Is that correct?

AK: Yes.

SC: And then that led to blood poisoning of some sort.

AK: Yeah ...

SC: And that carried through 2008, and your leg swelled up horrendously. And then suddenly, 2009, what happened?

AK: I was admitted to the hospital. I could ... my oxygen levels were very low, my heart had expanded, it wasn't ... I just remember going in and them cutting my clothes off, and I was unconscious after that, for two weeks! All of a sudden ... I had no thoughts at all for two weeks.

SC: So, were you in intensive care or ...?

AK: I was in ICU.

SC: Yeah?

AK: And I ... all of a sudden I found myself in this really bright place. You know? And it was just ... the first thing that hit me was this sense of safety, complete peace, and love, and empathy and compassion, you know? It was love, like ... you know when how you feel the sun on your skin at the beach?

SC: Um-hmm. I love it.

AK: It felt like that. It was actually something you felt. Just not ... nothing like a typical human emotion in the sense, you could actually ... it was something you felt the presence of. And it was very comforting, and I knew I was safe. And the first thing ... I just ... I don't remember if it was a being, I don't remember seeing a face or anything, but something was talking to me, and I assumed at that time it was God. I don't know if it was angels, or what it was. I don't even know where I was.

SC: So you weren't ... you weren't aware in that moment that you were dead, but you were dead?

AK: I knew I was dead.

SC: Sorry?

AK: I knew I was dead.

SC: Oh, you did know in that moment you were dead?

AK: I did

SC: Right. And they're talking to you, or something's talking to you. How did you know you were dead, and then what were they saying?

AK: Well, they said the first thing it said, it said, "you are God." And I took that to mean that, you know, I'm part of the greater reality that is the universe and God and everything. And I didn't have any problem with that. I mean, I'm not God the source of all things. I mean, I'm ... but God is omnipotent, and my understanding at the time, that if God is everywhere, then he has to be in everything. So I didn't have any problem with that, at the time.

SC: But how did you know that you were dead? [laugh]

AK: My body was younger.

SC: Okay.

AK: I had, I was like 24. And it was, you know, like my prime. And I just felt really, really good. I mean, you don't ... I couldn't describe how good I felt. And then, the next sensation I felt was in this side of life your mind kind of feels like it ends at your skull. You know?

SC: Um-hmm.

AK: And as soon as I'm in there it's like my consciousness expands just everywhere, at once, you know. It's like this sensation of expansion of consciousness. It was ... it was just the most amazing state I ever felt. And any question I, you know, I ... you ... I have a lot of questions, and I ask people things and I'm a very curious person, and any question I had I just had to get answers. And it was like I had this internet search engine in my head or something. I mean, that's a crude analogy, but, you know, it was just ... anything I wanted to know, it provided the answer for it.

And I don't even remember what I asked now, but it was just an amazing sensation, this consciousness. My brain has never worked that well. And it was just like, "Wow! This is great!"

SC: And how long were you dead for?

AK: I don't know. I don't know at what point ... I don't know how long this went on, because I was technically unconscious in the hospital.

SC: But the ... so the doctors or anything, they didn't actually read that you'd physically died on the machines or anything?

AK: No, I don't think it showed on the machines. I don't know. It ... this could have been an instant. I know they sure they all came into the room when I came back to my body. They all rushed in. So, you know, the alarms were going off, and, you know, this could have been like ... I don't know how time works on the other side. I don't know what happened, but I'm there in a safe place.

And I didn't have a life review, and that really puzzled me for a while. It was just very accepting. And I had the sensation that everything was cool, you know, it was like, you did a good job. You

know? And then I had this ... this h ... there was this hypercube in front of me. And it's a four-dimensional cube. It was rotating in space.

SC: So, a four-dimensional as opposed to three-dimensional. What ... how does that ... just visual ... I can't quite visualise that. [laugh]

AK: Well, you know how a square ... a cube it to a square?

SC: Uh-huh.

AK: Well, when a hypercube rotates, you will see a cube rotate into view and move away out of view. And there's an example on Wikipedia that's really good. And what ... the thing on Wikipedia is very similar to what I saw.

SC: Okay. So it had a ... it was a cube with this other complete dimension that you've never ever experienced in this reality here?

AK: Cubes nested in cubes, so it was four dimensions I've seen these things before, and ... yeah, I used to play with them in my head. So it wasn't something I couldn't imagine before. Anyway, I'm looking at this thing, and this, you know, this voice tells me, and ... as I'm supposed to go over to this cube, the voice says, "God needs to change." And I didn't know what that meant, if it was me, or what it was.

But anyway, this 4D cube, and it ... and I was ... I understood my job was to change this 4D thing into a higher dimension. And I was supposed to do something with the angles, or ... I don't know what ... I didn't know how to do it. And I kind of went into this panic, because I didn't know what I was doing and what I was being asked to do, and I didn't

And then there was a moment I thought, "Oh, no, this is the Devil," kind of thing, you know, which was ridiculous because I was completely safe. Nothing was shown to me but love.

And I just, I said, "Look," I said, "Do with my life what you want to do." I said, "But I don't want to screw this up and get somebody hurt." And I really thought I would ... I'd muck it up, and ... because I didn't know what was being asked of me, and I didn't have any context for this dimension ... you know, this ... basically it was a dimensional change.

SC: Uh-huh.

AK: So I said, "Look, do what you want with my life," you know, "It's in your hands." I said, "I don't know what to do here."

And the next thing I knew, I'm back in my body, looking around this And I've got this trach in my throat, these wires on my chest, these tubes in my arms, and then the alarms are going off and all the nurses are running in, "Look at Jerry! You're awake!" you know, "You're awake!"

SC: And has your life changed from that moment?

AK: Yeah, because the weirdest part was where I went seemed more real than here, and like this was the dream rather than that place. And it really took me about two years to feel grounded again. Because I just, it was hard to take anything seriously, that ... any drama on this planet, you know. It just, I thought, oh, this is just a joke. You know? Because ... and it seemed like everything was always trying to get me back into this drama.

SC: But then has your thought process from every moment since then changed? Whenever anything happens are you completely looking at it in a different way?

AK: Well, I didn't know what the dream meant at first. And I talked with a friend in South Africa from college that I was talking to. And I said, you know, I explained it, and I said, you know, I said, "A lot of people think I'm crazy because I had this experience," you know.

SC: And what did they say?

AK: He gave me his opinion on it. He said that, "Well," you know, "it said you were — you're God." He said, "We're all part of God." You know, that God is every living mind, and, you know, everything that we see. But God is ... also has its own consciousness, you know, in addition to our separate consciousnesses. He said that the ... his explanation, which I think is a valid explanation, but he said that this wire-frame cube that I saw, this hypercube, was my rigid ideas of God, and that what I was being told is that my rigid ideas of God, which came from my background, needed to change. And I think that is a valid interpretation of it.

There's many levels to this. But as ... at that ... you know, after that I was ... it just ... and I started thinking about that a lot — what was this whole 4D, 5D thing about?

SC: Do you think it's just about the dimensional shifts that we're going through?

AK: I do now. I didn't ... I ran across Blossom Goodchild's blog, and she was channeling the Galactic Federation.

SC: Well, I was going to say that, because that was the first time that you came to looking at channeled messages, if I'm right.

AK: I didn't really believe in them. I, my wife kind of ...

SC: Sorry?

AK: My wife did channel her brother when he died.

SC: Right.

AK: I accepted that as a possibility.

SC: But do you think you were led to Blossom Goodchild and suddenly she had a message that absolutely resonated with you at that time to help you explain, or to give you an explanation of that dying process?

AK: Not the dying process, but she mentioned this dimensional change, from 4D to 5D, and that hit me like a ton of bricks.

SC: And that made sense?

AK: Yeah. It answered the part of the hypercube.

SC: And then what's happened since then for you in terms of how you think about things?

AK: I think I've come to a bigger realisation of the oneness of everything. Everything is one. We do have our individual consciousnesses, but we're all ... oh, I call it there's only one of us here, even though we're kind of in a bit of a hall of mirrors sometimes, we ... we're here to learn love and to interact with people and to different situations and find that oneness.

SC: Well, speaking of oneness, you've actually been a little bit sick in the last month. And you were in hospital again. A similar — either blood poisoning or another Staph type infection took over you, is that correct?

AK: The doctor doesn't think it was Staph, he thinks it was Strep and a co-factor.

SC: Okay. But you were floored. You've been in, basically, in intensive care again. And yet your friend, Gary Harding, organised a oneness blessing for you, and you feel as though that's actually healed you?

AK: It is having a healing effect. It's very subtle. It changes day by day. It's a most unusual energy.

SC: Tell me a little bit about that, because I've not experienced that.

AK: Well, there's a woman named Marianne Pestana, she works with Gary and Joe Crane. She was out in California packing up her belongings. She's moving to Denver. So, Gary called her and asked her if she could meet me and pass this on, because I'd been so ill. I wasn't able to go to this conference where they had passed this blessing on.

So, I arranged to meet her in San Clemente, which is about halfway between where she was and I am. And we met in this bar, and she did explain how it came to be. There's a man named Joe Crane. He was kind of an odd man, and I think he's ... and he's in his sixties.

SC: Sorry, are we talking about the wholeness blessing?

AK: The wholeness blessing.

SC: So, do you want to just tell me a little bit about what that was for you, though? For you, like how you experienced the wholeness blessing?

AK: Well, she put her left hand on my heart and her right hand on my back. And she said she'd say this silent prayer, and asked me to do the same. And she did that. And then it felt like ... and this is ... they tell me this is different for everybody, depending on what's going on with you. This is a wholeness of ... you may need wholeness of the body, the energy body, or your emotional body, or whatever. It could ... it heals all that stuff. And it's different issues with different people. But, you know, some people have cancer, some people like me had Strep in the legs.

But anyway, it felt like cold water, like cool, soothing water flowing into me, into my heart and in through my back. And then it felt like it moved down into my kidneys and into the base of my

skull. And it just kind of moves around. And I don't feel the coldness anymore, but I do feel things changing. it's a ... it's very subtle, at least for me.

SC: And you feel much better now?

AK: Oh, yeah.

SC: Because you were really, really sick. [laugh] Oh, man, even the photos that you posted on your blog, which were pretty graphic! You weren't well.

AK: No. And even after the antibiotics, I wasn't quite myself. My energy levels are very low.

SC: Well, hopefully this wellness, or wholeness ...

AK: Well, there's two ... It's ... there's ... the Oneness blessing came from India. The wholeness blessing came from America.

SC: But you had a wholeness blessing.

AK: Yes, I haven't done a Oneness blessing yet.

SC: Right. But you feel that it was a really good experience?

AK: Yes. It's, you know, I'm still documenting it, and... Some people have it done more than once, too, you know, if there's an ongoing situation. But ...

SC: Well, hopefully you don't need that.

AK: Yeah. But it's interesting. It's much more powerful than anything I've felt before. And I've been healed before, so

SC: Hmm. Now, in terms of your other life, you are married, you do have a child. But what do you do to relax? Are you just spending time with family? What do you do to get out there?

AK: I garden, belong to a health club slash wellness center that's run by a local hospital. It's a normal health club, but very highly educated people who help you train. They train Olympic athletes, and they train people with cardiacs, they train everybody.

SC: Well, you're going to be one of the fittest people in the world soon, then.

AK: In a year or two.

SC: [laugh] And apart from gardening, what else do you like to do?

AK: I do a lot of ... you might notice I do a lot of images on my blog. I do a lot of stuff in Photoshop on my own, a kind of artistic thing because it's so right brain instead of left brain. It gets me out of my computer mindset. So, I do a lot of stuff with that.

I have two very funny cats. They're ...

SC: And their names?

AK: Simba and Tally. And they are quite comical. Tally is a huge hunter. She kills all the mice and rats in the neighborhood. And Simba just likes to love and sit on your lap.

SC: Obviously you're going to be posting for quite some time to come in the next few months, and keeping us all up to date. But what do you think's going on right now? Because there's a lot of stuff that seems to be happening in one go. How would you summarise that?

AK: Mostly clean-up. I think things are far more progressed than people think they are. Right now it's just a matter of taking out these people who are still extorting their existence into being.

SC: Now, when you say "taking out," what do you mean by that? Because I understand you're not a violent person.

AK: No. My opinion is that, and this has kind of been my opinion for a while, that — you know, I don't know how much the military is doing; I don't have access to that stuff; Drake claims to know, but I don't know really how much he does know, but — I think a lot of stuff is going on behind the scenes that we don't see.

I think the Galactics are involved with it, I think the Celestials are involved with it, and I think there's a lot of humans working behind the scenes. And I do know that there is a financial system waiting in the wings. I think there's a lot of drama that is meant to distract us and keep people divided, although that seems to be easing.

SC: So, are you hopeful for what lies ahead?

AK: Oh, extremely.

SC: And, in terms of today, I asked if you could choose a music track. And you have surprised me, a little bit. And I don't know why it was surprising, but I wasn't expecting you to choose an Icelandic singer called Björk. So, could you tell me a little bit about the song you've chosen from her and what it means to you?

AK: The song is ... it's called "All Is Full of Love". And one of the lyrics in it is ... oh, I can't think of the exact lyric, but it's something about, "All is love, but you just aren't receiving. Your radio is off." You know? And that's pretty much what humanity is. You know? The love is there, but a lot of people aren't quite yet receiving. You know, it

SC: I do indeed. In fact, the lyrics go, "You'll be given love, you'll be taken care of. You'll be given love, you will have to trust it." And then, the line that you just mentioned is called, "You ain't just receiving. Your phone is off the hook." [laugh]

So, is that your ... we all need to put our phones back on the hook? Is that what you're advising with this song?

AK: Yes. That's what we're going through right now, is this phone being put back on the hook.

SC: And is there no connection to things that are happening in Iceland? It wasn't that reason, it's simply the song?

AK: No, it wasn't. I didn't think of that until you mentioned it. I've kind of been fan of hers anyway, but ... she's just such an unusual human being. I just find her fascinating.

SC: Well, American Kabuki, thank you so much for sharing your very personal light agenda with all of us today. And you can find out more about American Kabuki and his blog at AmericanKabuki.blogspot.com, and there's no www in front of that.

Now, if you think you've been waiting a long time for change in this world, you're going to want to tune in next week when my guest will be 82-year-old lightworker and all-round star being, a lady called Suzy Star.

That's not to say that Suzy is old, because she is endlessly young, and getting younger every day. But Suzy has been working tirelessly for the light all her life, and she's going to talk about her life and her mission next week. So, I hope you'll be back here again.

Meanwhile, this is Stephen Cook, and as always, in everything you do this week may you only serve the Light Agenda. And here is American Kabuki's music choice, "All Is Full of Love," by Björk.

American Kabuki, it's been a pleasure getting to know you today. Thank you so much.

AK: Thank you, Stephen.

SC: And look, keep up the good work! [laugh]

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