

BA EVERYWHERE... IMAGINE THE DIFFERENCE IT COULD MAKE!

Announcing: A Mass Campaign to Raise Big Money to Get BA's Vision and Works Into Every Corner of Society

"I hope he gets number one Amazon.com. We need to get this kind of word, this kind of conversation out—it needs to be disseminated, it needs to be in the mainstream more. We got to stop thinking that this kind of stuff just belongs at the very, very fringe of society..."

—journalist and writer

"I wish I had a copy of BASics in high school so that I could counter the bullshit being taught to me. I didn't have that opportunity, but there are millions of students today who need to hear the voice of Bob Avakian so they can join the fight. BASics presents an essential challenge to all that is oppressive and intolerant. It paints not only a picture of a new world, but it leaves room for innovation and growth, as a communist future will have, as Bob Avakian says, 'a solid core with a lot of elasticity.'"

—student from the Midwest

"I want to urge everybody out there to get their hands on this book and to help get it into the hands of others, not just prisoners, but into the hands of youth who are in danger of becoming prisoners themselves. ... Help them unlock their potential and give them a sense of purpose that doesn't involve killing each other. Give them an alternative to the criminal lifestyle that doesn't involve conforming to this horrid system. That is what they need, that is what they ache for. They want to rebel, they just have to be introduced to the correct way to do so. Put them on the path to becoming communists..."

—a prisoner from California

These are things people have written us after reading *BASics*, a book of quotations and short essays from Bob Avakian. They feel the need for more people to know about Bob Avakian—his vision and works. And so do we.

To do just that, we are launching today a major, multi-faceted fundraising campaign to project BA, his voice and his work way out into society—far beyond what it is today. A fundraising campaign that will raise the necessary major money to make this possible. A fundraising campaign that unleashes and develops imagination, defiance, and community in everything it does.

Imagine what we could change... and imagine how we could change it.

So... let's do it!

Online fund drive to raise \$23,000 to make a film of *Occasioned by BASics: A Celebration of Revolution and the Vision of a New World*

On April 11, 2011, hundreds of people of diverse ages, backgrounds, and political perspectives came together for an evening of jazz, funk, soul, rock, theater, dance, poetry, visual arts, commentary, and film. All of it aching for, giving voice to, and infused with the possibility of a radically different world than the maddening planet we live on now.

All of it occasioned by the publication of *BASics*, a book of quotations and short essays by Bob Avakian, the Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, with much of the evening's performances flowing from, bouncing off of and inspired by the life and the work of Avakian and what it means to celebrate revolution and the vision of a new world.

This was a night where people felt a door opened to the potential for a whole new world... a different way to think, feel and be. In this intense and important political moment, this is something that has to reverberate throughout society.

But this film can't be made without your support. Go to indiegogo.com/basicsevent... watch the trailer for the film... contribute generously... and spread the word!



As a thank you for any level of contribution, there is a range of perks... signed copies of the poster for the event, the beautifully designed program, a thank you memento that was given to participants on the night itself, a copy of *BASics*—the book that occasioned this event—and other special gifts from the performers and artists who took part in this historic event including original artwork from Dread Scott, Emory Douglas, and even a chance to have dinner with the MCs of the event, Sunsara Taylor and Herb Boyd. And more than anything, you'll be contributing to impacting society with a vibrant and moving celebration of revolution and the vision of a new world.

Watch the trailer at indiegogo.com/basicsevent and donate generously.

***BASics* to prisoners: a connection that depends on you**

"[BASics] is a way of us raising our sights through the educational, and scientific, process."—Prisoner

The Prisoners Revolutionary Literature Fund has sent 500 copies of *BASics* to people imprisoned in the U.S. Many people have generously donated to make this possible...but thousands of dollars are needed to fill the many more requests for *BASics* received by PRLF.

The response from those inside the walls has been powerful. Prisoners have written about the impact this work has had on how they view the world and their desire to be part of changing the world, and transforming themselves in the process... some coming to see themselves as emancipators of humanity. For many of those locked up in the prisons of America, *BASics* has become a lifeline to the world. This work by Bob Avakian enables people to rise above the tortuous day to day existence and deprivation, inspiring them to look critically at the world around them and live a life of meaning. This is an important, and precious, connection that is growing and taking hold, and needs to be nurtured and expanded. This depends on you.

"...am intrigued in your book BASics, but, unfortunately I do not have the proper funds to obtain a copy of your highly acclaimed book. So, what I do is write the verses you put throughout the publication [Revolution newspaper] on a piece of paper and read it to people in here."

—Prisoner in solitary confinement in Texas

"Upon receiving BASics and becoming totally engrossed in the talks and writing of Bob Avakian, my cellmate, a 21-year old first term, inquired about the book... I allowed him to read a chapter for later discussions. This we did until we both completed the book, and now we conduct discussion seminars on the yard for all who are interested. The number of prisoners attending grows steadily and I have even been called into the Captains office and asked to control the size of the crowds. I now have a waiting list of prisoners waiting to read BASics..."

—Prisoner in California

There are currently hundreds of unfilled requests for copies of *BASics*... the more we send out, the more requests come in. Your donation will make all the difference. And urge others to donate!

\$10 pays for one copy of *BASics* and shipping to a prisoner
\$100 will pay for pending requests in Alabama and Mississippi
\$250 will pay for pending requests in Illinois
\$600 will pay for pending requests in New York

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How to Donate:

- PRLF is a project of the International Humanities Center, a non-profit public charity, exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.
- Tax deductible and other donations can be made online at PRLF.org. Make tax deductible checks payable to IHCenter/PRLF. Make other checks/money orders payable to PRLF.

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