### Fireside Lecture Discussions



My numerous years in Bahá'í service, including having return'd from Peoples Rep. of China in late 2019, plus having work'd as a professional actor, and being multi-lingual, I enjoy sharing what I have garner'd during five decades of Bahá'í experience.

I was raised in Baltimore, Md., of two school teachers of mix'd ethnic origins, including Native American {Powhatan of Virginia}. Additionally, my paternal grandfather was a Bible scholar (St.D.) and director of Court Street Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va. Yet, shortly after WWII, when my parents settled in Baltimore, Md., they search'd for years to find an *integrated* church; finally, in the 1950's, they found a congregation of Bahá'ís and Quakers not far from Johns Hopkins University.

For almost two years, during 1970 & 1971, I did the equivalent of missionary work, teaching Bahá'í in Republic of Haïti—my first time living outside of USA. Then, after years of working alternately between the arts and security service, I return'd to the international field, again 'sharing' Bahá'í, in People's Republic of China from 1993~1995, including attending the *United Nations Fourth Conference On Women* in Beijing. Two decades later, DEC 2015 until SEP 2019, I was in China again, acting in films\* and tutoring English.

I am available to present Fireside \ Discussions on such topics as:

- **A)** "Introduction to MOUNT CARMEL--Vineyard of GOD" [PPT slide show of 2012 trip to Haifa with my disabled brother]
- **B)** "Correlation of The Industrial Revolution to The Bahá'í Revelation-Part I: 1753 to 1852" [PPT slide show]

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"Correlation of The Industrial Revolution to The Bahá'í Revelation--Part II: 1852 to WWI" [PPT slide show]

- c) "Everything You Wanted to Know About China, But Were Afraid to Ask!" [well, almost]
- **D)** "Outstanding (Western) Bahá'í Women of Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century"
- E) "The Downfall of The Mighty" Did Rejection of The Twin Divine Messengers, The Báb & Baha'u'lláh, cause monarchies and dynasties to tumble as predicted both in Bahá'í and Christian prophecy(s)?!

  [Two-part lecture, includes PPT slide show & interactive discussion]
- F) "The Christ and The Báb: Startling Comparisons—In Life and in Martyrdom!" [includes PPT slide show]
- **G)** In-progress (2): "Better Than Miracles" plus, "Justice, Forgiveness, and Force"
- **H)** (updating) "Whispers Between Footsteps Paranormal Experiences in My Life That Have Deepened My Faith" [preferably with by live music]

#### Here's what I request:

**– Guests:** invite at least one guest\seeker or someone who may have interests on any such topics. I don't want my Firesides to be passive entertainment for Bahá'ís. Also, feel free to invite guests whose English is not fluent;

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- generous hospitality, which, for example, could be a pot luck dinner of ethnic foods contributed by many in an unrush'd setting;
- —ideally, the use of a large screen TV with **HDMI** connection (I have my own HDMI power cord);
- if available: live music by bona fide musicians;
- since I haven't a car, I may need transportation to and from the venue

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<sup>\*</sup>Norbert began an 'on-again-off-again' career in the performing arts as a dancer in the 1970's, and, later, was a Théâtre Arts major at Towson State University [Maryland], where he was awarded an academic grant in 1982, while mentor'd by Barry Marshall of The Yale University School of Drama. Between

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2016~2019 , Norbert appear'd in films produced and shot in Peoples Republic of China. He is listed on  $\underline{\textit{IMDb.com}}$ 



GRIM REAPER RETURNS 死 神 归 来 2016 by Cheng JunLuo (director, creator)



CHESS SOLDIERS 兵 临 棋 下 2018 by Zhang Tong (director)

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