

Michael Richardson-Borne presents:

SEE, BUT DON'T SEE

A Speech for the United States Congress



PART ONE

Mr. President, Madame First Lady, Senators, and Representatives –

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

It's not often that a message of this nature receives audience and consideration from a political body of such magnitude.

May what is about to be spoken serve to lift the veil of what is transpiring in our suffering country, and inspire each of you on your paths to authentic service as soon as possible.

PART TWO

As we gather here today, I have a vision that does not sing from the mountaintop.

We may have been able to afford the attention to clouds in the old days but today is not that time.

The vision I have perseveres on the ground – on Main Streets in America, in factories and inner cities, on farms and playgrounds, in trap houses, elite social clubs, and the offices of well funded startups.

The vision I have is not for the birds in the sky, but for the people who walk on the hard pavement and real dirt.

This message is for the wealthy whose hearts know something just isn't quite right.

It's for the broken who know they are broken and for the thriving who have yet to discover the eternal gift of complete and total brokenness.

This message is for the fractured list of God's being that weigh themselves down with luggage that is not their own.

PART THREE

From the beginning, our nation has been one ruled by the interests of what I call the Separate Self.

The Separate Self is a magnetic story in the mind that repels the wisdom of your real being in favor of its attraction to things like memories, concepts, interpretations, objects, bodies – all of which are illusions dear to you because they make up the totality of your current experience.

This magnet and its attractions, what you think of as an individual “self,” is seduced by everything that reinforces the belief in separation and rejects everything that points to the underlying truth of Non-separation – which we’ll define as your “true identity,” the Impersonal Existence of being that is held at bay by the Culture of Separation.

Being lived as the Impersonal Existence of Non-separation is a rare occurrence in our nation today.

You have yet to understand that, en masse, the realization of Non-separation is an occurrence that offers solutions to the many challenges discussed in this very building and by political bodies around the world.

Right now, your natural tendency to believe in a Separate Self pulls you further into the Culture of Separation and makes it a struggle for you to get close enough to Non-separation for a clear view of who you truly are.

This well-formed habit leaves you, and all of the Americans you represent, stranded in a world of narrowed perception that unknowingly sees life with a range of vision the size of a pinhole.

Despite this limitation, the United States, the country that nurtures us, is still considered a superpower – not only by our own people, but almost unanimously by the rest of the world.

But how can this global myth be true while operating with such a mental and spiritual handicap?

I’ll tell you.

Because the rest of the world is looking through the same sized pinhole as we are – and therefore wrestling with the exact same impediment that assumes the Separate Self should be the unquestioned foundation of every identity and every institution.

When will you comprehend that the assumption of a separate self is a global pandemic?

When will you take the initiative to address an orientation that leads to humanity's end if we fail to re-align it with the remembrance of Non-separation.

PART FOUR

From the mountaintop the view may be full, but the village is far and the surroundings are cold.

This increasingly familiar view of Applied Awakening is a panorama recognized by America's most authentic leaders

But as they begin to mingle once again in the warmth of our neighborhoods, they live their lives beyond earshot of the Culture of Separation.

This is a situation that must be corrected immediately.

Where are the policies and think tanks committed to harvesting the wisdom of these men and women?

Where are the governmental teams in search of America's truly wise so that Non-separation can be translated into applications for the benefit of our future?

In a time of accelerating separation, holding the truth of Non-separation hostage is the equivalent of an act of terror.

Neglecting our real being is the only sin of the highest order.

As public servants, your challenge is to realize that you are responsible for protecting both the internal and external well-being of the people you represent.

This means not only pushing boundaries in regards to public policy, but also pushing your own internal boundaries so that you are able to discover deeper aspects of your own identities.

You can only lead from the depth you've discovered within.

If you are still operating from the standard version of political orientation based on the assumption of a Separate Self, then all you can offer the people you represent is a personalized translation of separation.

From the mountain top, being ignorant of Non-separation and functioning as a politician is like being ignorant of the human mind and practicing psychology – it's all guess-work that furthers separation.

Your every move, even with years of experience, is tainted with the belief in the Separate Self, a mental landscape where solutions to our predicaments cannot be sourced.

It's time for a vision that lets the American people know that our pinhole of perception, despite its profound darkness, still lets in a little light.

Just enough light to offer opportunity of real grace in their lives – glimpses of truth that weaken the repulsion to Non-separation and strengthen the affinity for that which is not separate.

Just enough for us to catch the light that reveals the pre-existing unity of all nations and peoples.

In this light, it's time to share a vision where discovering Non-separation is the crux of who we are.

PART FIVE

But back to today, where the United States remains the world's leader in both importing and exporting addiction to the Separate Self.

Despite what we call freedom and civilization, rarely if ever has there been a time of peace both at home and abroad, and never has there been a single day in our history

where our entire expanse of a country wasn't driven by the false assumption of separation.

In fact, it's the power of war and the thrills of the Separate Self that America represents to the rest of the world.

We are proof of what is possible while living the separative beliefs of the severely religious, the fascinated, and the disturbed.

We are proof of what is possible when everything personal is nurtured and the possibility of Impersonal Experience is pushed into the prison of the unaware.

Still, more than likely you will deny the fact that our country has been built on the back of the assumption of a Separate Self.

You would deny that separation is the complete and total basis of your living and being as you are reflected in the world today.

And it is because of this that we continue to guide our population, and the rest of the globe, as deeply into the Separate Self as possible.

We continue to make it desirable to enhance a Separate Self rather than question its dominance over our birthright of Non-separation.

How can the State Department, Congress, and the people of this country not be divided when we empower each person to be uncomfortably numb to Non-separation? – letting entire lifetimes expire without asking a single question or supplying a single answer that challenges the Culture of Separation in an authentic way.

In the words of our predominate religion, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

PART SIX

Leaders of America, it's time to ask what you are uniquely positioned to change that will be a true service to our country and the whole of humanity.

It should be obvious to you by now that a planetary collection of nation-states is never going to work as a mechanism for global order as it mimics the continuous suffering and drama of the isolated Separate Self.

Where can you lead the world in the 21st century that transcends this separation?

What can you show is possible that will be an inspiration to our nation and the planet?

For decades, we have led the world externally with media, creativity, technology, and entrepreneurship.

We have experienced wealth unlike any country in the history of the world.

The religion of consumerism has taught us great lessons that have prepared us for this moment.

Which other country has felt the emptiness that comes from the glut of food, entertainment, possessions, sex, money, and vacations more than ours?

We are in a land that offers our fill – and now, every day, it's up to us to recognize there's nothing in this kind of life that eases the pain that is felt so deeply in our continued separation.

We are prime candidates to bring the message of Non-separation to the world.

The question is can the people in this room commit to leading a transformational movement?

A movement whose rallying cry is, "See, But Don't See."

A movement that reveals to the world, "Yes, there are eyes that have sight. But more importantly, *there are eyes that don't have sight, but still know the seen.*"

PART SEVEN

Moving beyond our flag and an aging American ideology into the pre-existing unity that is the essence of all flags and a timeless ideology, it's time to sing the nationless hymn of Non-separation as what it means to *not see while knowing the seen*.

Seeing has been the way from there to here – to our normalized separative existence that is so saturated by the egoic we can barely bring our minds to fathom another way of being.

Seeing has led to separation from the world – you live in a world of objects.

Seeing has led to separation from people – you live in a world of others.

Seeing has led to separation from your self – you live in a world of stories.

Not seeing but knowing the seen acknowledges that world, people, and self cohere in a pre-existing unity that is prior to all three.

What is this unity?

I'm asking you to take a moment to *See, But Don't See*.

PART EIGHT

Seeing has taught you that separation is the standard – politicians engage in war while the people engage in consumerism to support the war.

Seeing has taught you that separation is the standard – politicians engage in war while the people engage in relationships that reflect this system of war.

Seeing has taught you that separation is the standard – politicians engage in war while the people protest this war from a place of war.

Seeing has taught you that separation is the standard – politicians engage in war while the people unconsciously hope that someone will be elected to heal the war that rages inside all of us.

Not seeing but knowing the seen is accessing an awareness that exists beyond a separated world – it's in this awareness where there is an absence of nationality to not only share, but to actually be.

I'm asking you to take a moment to *See, But don't See*.

PART NINE

The eyes that see, see a flower in a field.

The eyes that don't see, see the impersonal self that includes the personal.

The eyes that see, see a cloud in the sky.

The eyes that don't see, see the impersonal self that includes the personal.

The eyes that see, see a bird in a tree.

The eyes that don't see, see the impersonal self that includes the personal.

I'm asking you to take a moment to *See, But Don't See*.

PART TEN

Seeing is violence.

Not seeing but knowing the seen is love.

Seeing is confusion.

Not seeing but knowing the seen is clarity.

Seeing is compromise.

Not seeing but knowing the seen is power.

Seeing is unreality.

Not seeing but knowing the seen is truth.

So, today, I am urging you and the whole of America to *See, But Don't See.*

When you confront a member of the opposite party across the aisle,
See, But Don't See.

When you encounter a representative from a rival foreign government,
See, But Don't See.

When you witness a fellow politician respond in ways that are less than desirable.
See, But Don't See.

PART ELEVEN

As I look out over this crowd of seasoned elected officials,

I see a vision of America that ends the struggle of finding itself by losing itself.

I see a land where the peace of the mountaintop is sincerely lived in the streets.

I see a future of ingenuity that becomes just as respected for the impersonal realization as it was coveted for personal experience.

What I don't see are Americans, politicians, men, women, or even humans.

That which knows the seen, sees itself – this is the simplicity of Non-separation.

When the American flag can be held up next to our holiest symbols and greatest icons of perfect peace without seeming out of place,

When the stars and stripes represent a sky over one earth and an electric ocean of unbounded awareness,

When we see that we are Americans, but don't see any boundaries that could possibly prove it –

That's when we'll know that our work is done.

That is when our nation will see.

That is when our nation will not see.

That is when our nation will know the seen.

Thank you.



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