

# May Day 2012

We are presenting on these pages a selection of quotes from *BAsics*, from the talks and writings of Bob Avakian, that focus on the questions of internationalism and communist revolution as a worldwide process. These quotes from *BAsics* draw from more than 30 years of work by Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. *BAsics* addresses a wide range of questions on revolution and human emancipation and is a handbook for a new wave of revolutionaries.

## *BAsics* 2:3

Now let's imagine, let's step out of this world that they keep us chained in. And let's imagine what this future can and will be like.

When we finally get to the final goal of communism, there won't be the relations of exploitation and oppression that are so commonplace and that mark all of society today and that we are told over and over again are just the natural order of things and the way things have to be. As Karl Marx pointed out, the communist revolution leads to what we Maoists call the "4 Alls"—that is, the abolition of all class differences among people. The abolition or the end to all the production or economic relations underlying these class differences and divisions among people. The ending of all the social relations that go along with these economic or production relations. Oppressive relations between men and women, between different nationalities, between people of different parts of the world, all that will be put an end to and moved beyond. And finally, the revolutionizing of all the ideas that go along with this whole way, this whole capitalist system, these whole social relations. In place of this, what will be the guiding principles in society consciously and voluntarily taken up by people...not forced on them, but consciously and voluntarily taken up as the basis for having abolished exploitation, oppression and inequality? In its place will be collective and cooperative principles aiming for the common good and at the same time, within that, individuals and individuality flourishing in a way that has never been possible before.

*Revolution: Why It's Necessary, Why It's Possible, What It's All About, a film of a talk by Bob Avakian, excerpt transcribed in Revolution #176, September 13, 2009*

## *BAsics* 5:8

# Internationalism — The Whole World Comes First!

*Bullets, From the Writings, Speeches, & Interviews of Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, 1985*