

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Reid, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Pelosi, and Mr. Cantor:

This nation is at a crisis. The 20 million ministers of the Universal Life Church are concerned with the continuing political impasse that devastates American families. You have all been charged with the duty of preventing the fragile strings that tenuously hold the fabric of our great society together from being torn asunder, and you are rapidly failing all of us in this regard. You've spoken about the fierce urgency of the "Now"... Well, the "Now" is here.

We enter into this fray loudly proclaiming our mantra: **we are all children of the same universe**. Clearly, you are unable to solve this problem amongst yourselves and our nation is not interested in seeing our livelihoods disappear so you folks can hold your pissing match on the national stage.

**Therefore, we demand that you each collectively appear and settle your differences in a public arena, before the eyes of the American people, that we may listen and observe the truth in your arguments amidst the sea of claims and sound-bites that we find ourselves bombarded with.** It is becoming increasingly clear to us that our government is operated from a world of darkness – that the great champion of freedom has become a cloaked figure dealing only in shadow, and that it does so at the detriment of the very people whom it was designed to protect and serve.

Pres. Lincoln spoke at Cooper Union Hall. You now must return to that hallowed ground to connect with the spirit of Lincoln, which will bring each of you to a higher state of consciousness.

This country has seen divides before and we have prevailed. We must return to our history and let the spirit of the great liberator carry us to a new and lasting resolution.

It has become clear to our church that the Manifest Destiny of the United States is no longer a quest to expand our borders, but a calling to endure as a glowing beacon of hope and transparency for the world's marginalized – a bastion of promise where even someone born under the most desperate of circumstances can find Life, Liberty, and Happiness in abundance. In this regard, we have fallen tragically short. Rather, you all – our government – have fallen tragically short. The American people are still glowing, and still ready to move forward.

We are asking all who read these words to flood the offices of administrative heads, the newspapers, the offices of their representatives, and the networks demanding that the issues confronting our nation be debated publically for resolution.

Take notice: we are subpoenaing the named government officers above to appear before the court of the people to spur an open discussion on the future of our state.

The system, as it is, has failed us. Until it can function effectively, the public must reclaim our decision-making power. We elected you that you may hear our concerns and direct the collective energy of the Nation to do good within the world. We put you in those seats, and we are more than prepared to yank them out from under you.

Chaplain G. Martin Freeman