



Winter '24 Fearology Letter



Truth Telling & Its Discontents

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Hello, Fellow Travelers!,

Welcome to a turn of the year in this part of the world and a future pressing in more rapidly than we may always want to acknowledge. Many would seek nostalgia and lingering in a timeless freedom from the day to day. Most would rather stay distracted and not think

about the future.

The practice of conscientious resistance to this cultural denial of reality, the malaise it brings, and the future is a practice of bearing truth, even when we wish not to. The growing amount of toxic insecurity and fear and conflicts now under our noses everywhere, makes living as an effective citizen hard to walk. It's easier to play victim and blame something or someone else for all the troubles. It's hardest to tell the truth, to wake people up, and remind the people of their slumber. The prophetic call has always been a mixed blessing for me and this fearwork.

Below in this winter Newsletter I offer some great examples of those who have not so easily folded but stood out and stand out as great educators. Marianne Williamson (1952-) currently running for President of the United States has inspired many. I discuss the rise and fall of her campaign in a video talk. Sam Gillian (1939-2016) is the subject of an intellectual biography I just completed on a courageous black educator. Finally, *Fear and Fungi* is a walk through one of my teaching videos on what it takes to become an amateur and/or professional fearologist.

Hope you find some tidbits in all this to take your self-studies to the next level.

Sincerely,

R. Michael Fisher

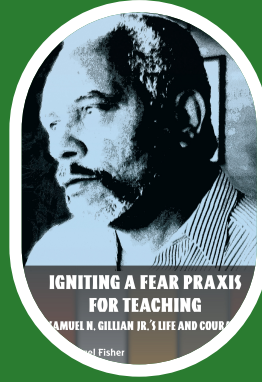
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Marianne Williamson

Explore the intersection of politics, fear, and fearlessness as we look at the campaign of Marianne Williamson [HERE](#).



Blog

THIS book offers the first documentation of the philosophy and story of Samuel Nathan Gillian Jr., an educator-activist from the Bronx, New York.



Fungi & Fear

In THIS presentation Dr. Fisher advises young scholars on the study of fear, what to look out for, and the benefits this discipline brings to people.



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