COMMENTS:

- Ed Reed -

- Rev. Wilkes - Brian Shaw
  "Don't you see me? I'm standing here."

- Bishop Tutu -
  Lots of people for peace.
  "If we want peace, let us work for justice..."

More Tutu:

- We worship a God for whom no one is a non-entity...

- How I pray that God would open our eyes to see the true identity of each one of us—That this is not a so-called colored, or white, or black, or brown. But a brother and sister
ITEMS THAT PLAY INTO OUR THE THEME OF THE CLASS:

1. Tell About MEETING JESSE JACKSON:
   sequence: No hope
   "Stop the beatin'? Not stop the beatin'...
   We have to begin the treatin'....
   REVEREND JACKSON: How do you keep HOPE ALIVE?
   sometimes all you have is HOPE...
   And HOPE BEGETS HOPE....
   -- the boy whose face was burned....who tried to smile...
   and encouraged REVEREND JACKSON....

2. Tell about Meeting MIKHAIL GORBACHEV....
   items: PERESTROIK -- requires changes on everybody's part
   NUCLEAR ARMS BUILDUP -- because of USSR fears
   about U.S.A. nuclear arms buildup....
   ALL MEMBERS OF THE SAME HUMAN FAMILY.....
   BROTHERS & SISTERS.....

3. TAYLOR BRANCH:
   IDEAS: (1) Multi-Cultural Reality BECOMES ALIVE when we
   encounter someone of a different race, culture,
   ethnicity, or circumstance, and find ourselves
   calling him or her "brother" and/or "sister" in
   individual/personal terms.....
   -- by contrast, when we talk about THE BLACKS...
   or THE HISPANICS....or THE INDIANS....or THE KOREANS...
   we are talking about ABSTRACTIONS....
   face to face encounter --
   one-on-one encounter -- THIS IS WHEN
   MULTI-CULTURALISM COMES ALIVE....

(2) Previously, I thought that "Multi-Culture" was sort of
the latest, most recent subject that needs to be addressed
within the university....

TAYLOR BRANCH's idea: "RACE TELLS US HOW DEMOCRATIC WE ARE...."

His suspicion: when People say Government is bad, they
sometimes mean, "Government is bad because government
helps poor people, and poor people are minority
people...."

So, the subject of this class is not just about
culture, or about the multi-culture... but it is
MOST OF ALL ABOUT DEMOCRACY.....
TAYLOR BRANCH, continued:

(3) We have the theme, "VOICES OF THE STRANGER," (and James Staten reminded us over a week ago that after 400 years he shouldn't be standing here as "a stranger")

Taylor Branch: DEMOCRACY IS JUDGED ON THE BASIS OF ITS FAITH IN STRANGERS

That is, in people who are not known very well.... "", in people who are unfamiliar

VOICES OF THE UNFAMILIAR.....

VOICES OF THE OTHER.....

-- THE REALITY THAT CAN NEVER BE CONSTRUED AS AN EXTENSION OF ONESELF.....

AS A MERE EXTENSION OF ONESELF.....

OR, AS A MIRROR IMAGE OF ONESELF.....

PEOPLE TEND TO PREFER EXTENSIONS & MIRROR IMAGES.... BECAUSE IT IS MORE COMFORTABLE..... LESS THREATENING..... ABSOLUTELY MORE PREDICTABLE.....

-- THE UNFAMILIAR, THE UNEXPECTED, THE GENUINELY NEW..... DIFFERENT.....

(4) DEMOCRACY IS ABOUT FAITH IN STRANGERS.....COUPLED WITH A COMPULSION TOWARD JUSTICE

-- to treat "THE STRANGER" as one would want to be treated.....

-- MAVERICK HEBREW PROPHETS.... AMOS, MICAH.....

(actually the basis of the message of the CIVIL RIGHTS leaders.....

I HAVE A DREAM  (Martin Luther King)

Lions lying down with Lambs...

Turning weapons into ploughs....

(5) ON THE FEDERAL BUDGET:

last time there was a BALANCED BUDGET.....

1968, when the TET OFFENSIVE.....the year Martin Luther King was killed... Robert Kennedy was killed....

-- the height of the war effort ... the height of THE WAR ON POVERTY....

-- doesn't follow that BIG WELFARE BUDGET led to deficit spending.... RATHER....

(explain.....)
THE BUDGET OFFICE FIGURES:

Overall Federal Budget: $1.3 trillion

approximately 25% goes to debt servicing (interest on loans)

$317 billion for DEFENSE & MILITARY SPENDING
roughly 23% of the total budget.....

PEAK PERIOD FOR DEFENSE SPENDING: 1987: $282 billion.....
or 28% of the federal budget....

note that more is being spent today than in 1987...

THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE YEAR: in 1962...when 52 billion
was being spent on defense spending out of a total
budget of $106 billion.....

80 billion dollars of the military budget is spent on SALARIES....

DESERT STORM -- paid for out of 1991 budget.....

ESTIMATED MILITARY SPENDING FOR 1992, somewhere between
$296 and $308 billion.....

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FOREIGN AID: currently 19.5 billion....less than 5% of the total
budget.....

for running the STATE Department and INTERNATIONAL
SPENDING.....

peak percentage year: 1962....5.5 billion out of 106 billion
total.....

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CURRENTLY 3 billion dollars for ISRAEL
  " 2.5 billion dollars for EGYPT.....
  19.5 billion total.....

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DOMESTIC SPENDING:

TWO CATEGORIES: Domestic-Discretionary....
includes EDUCATION, HOUSING, PROGRAMS IN
CITIES, etc.
right now: 195 billion.....

2nd category: ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS: MEDICAID, MEDICARE,
SOCIAL SECURITY..... 635 billion -- MANDATORY

635 billion = half of the total budget.....

currently: xxxxxxxx
Brian Shaw—

Don't you see me—
I'm standing here.

Nico. "Apartheid works
because people are invisible."

Nico—God's Image—
"God's Representative."

Mother Teresa—"You do it
unto me."

Voice of the Stranger
SIGNS OF HOPE:

-- RAISSA GORBACHEV

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-- MIKHAIL GORBACHEV -- speech in FULTON, MISSOURI.....

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WE SAY: MISCALCULATION......

LACK OF DISCERNMENT......

REAL PROBLEM: FEAR

WHY FEAR? -- BECAUSE WE DIDN'T KNOW ONE ANOTHER

MAXINE WATERS: Sitting down with the LEADERS of the CRIPS & the BLOODS.....

and they were TALKING.....

RODNEY KING: Can't We Come Together?

This is why we have a class on VOICES OF THE STRANGER.....

-- not only because it would be good for us to talk to ONE ANOTHER

-- because it is OFTEN AND INCREASINGLY TRAGIC WHEN WE DO NOT.....

-- BECAUSE WE GET OURSELVES IN POSITIONS TO BELIEVE ALL KINDS OF NEGATIVE THINGS ABOUT ONE ANOTHER.....

BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW ONE ANOTHER....

FINALLY, LEADERS IN WASHINGTON: JACK KEMP & BILL BRADLEY....

-- same work experience.....

When the Voice of the Stranger is as

closer the Voice is to the Strangers...
NEW ITEMS:

(1) Jesse Jackson -- represents what is called SOCIAL GOSPEL...

Note: New Right people agitate for a set of ideas....

it is an ideological agenda...
in the main...
two warring philosophies-.....
secular humanism...and New Right theism...
Christian theism....

Note: Jesse Jackson is not simply countering ideology with ideology....

His quest: WE CAN BE A BETTER NATION....

(2) Jackson vs. Falwell....

a Clash: Falwell called BISHOP TUTU A PHONEY

Jackson said: You opposed civil rights in AMERICA, and now you are supporting APARTHEID in South Africa. FALWELL: I'm sorry Rev. Jackson thinks all whites are bad people."

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REAGAN AND JACkSON:

Reagan: "And we are all God's children, the King, the worker, even the communist."

Jackson: "We are all God's children -- white, black, yellow brown...."

(3) On American Dream:

REAGAN: land set apart to be found by people who loved freedom...."

Jackson: "We're not slaves brought here to serve white folks. We're God's children sent here to save the human race. talks about how RACISM is debilitating to a society SEXISM is debilitating.... THIS IS JACKSON'S MISSION