



# HUMANKIND

In times of fast-paced change and challenge,  
how do we hold on to our humanity?

*A series for public radio*

# OUR MISSION

Human Media, producer of the **Humankind** public radio series, aims to serve the growing audience of people who seek a positive alternative to media negativity and exploitation. We attempt to shed light on solutions, not just problems. And we strive to nurture curiosity that is enriched by wisdom, to address — and call forth — the highest part of people. The purpose is to help build a more cohesive sense of community for us all.

In August, 2023, the Library of Congress acquired the Humankind Collection, consisting of about 500 audio recordings. Hear *The Power of Belief*, an especially moving program about cancer survivors.

*Most programs in the **Humankind** archive have been produced in association with WGBH/Boston and heard on NPR stations around the United States, as well as the NPR channel of SiriusXM. Selected episodes have also been broadcast on the BBC (Britain), CBC (Canada) and ABC (Australia). Our nonprofit partner is Documentary Educational Resources.*





# DAVID FREUDBERG

is long-time host of the  
**Humankind** public radio series  
and other audio productions in the  
Human Media collection. The  
following highlights offer a  
***Portfolio of Ideas and Inspiration.***





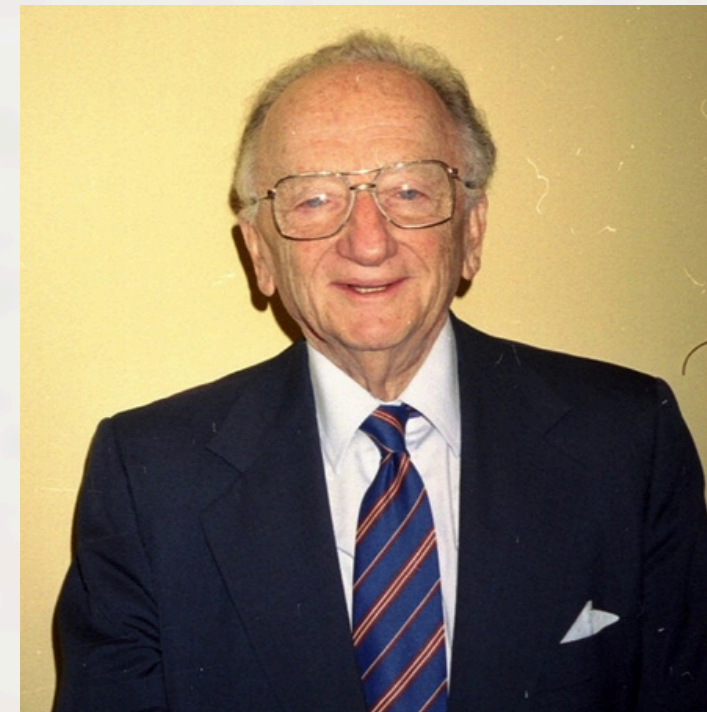
## **MUHAMMAD ALI**

The world-famous athlete discussed his social and spiritual beliefs in this wide-ranging conversation with David, recorded at Ali's office in Los Angeles.



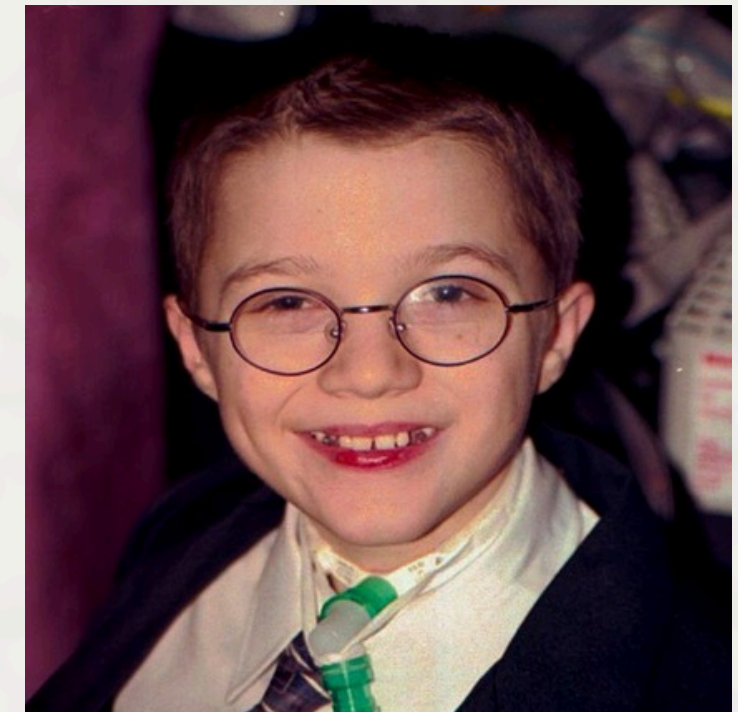
## **JANET CONNORS**

Shaken to the core when her 19-year-old son was murdered during a home invasion in Boston, Janet decided to reject paralyzing depression and bitterness, and works instead for restorative justice.



## **BENJAMIN FERENCZ**

The last surviving prosecutor from the Nuremberg trials following WW2, Ben's vision of peace emphasizes safeguarding human rights. Recorded at the United Nations as well as his home.



## **MATTIE STEPANEK**

A child prodigy who used a wheelchair, Mattie wrote two *NY Times* best-selling books of poetry prior to his death at age 13 from complications of muscular dystrophy. Wise beyond his years, Mattie radiated positive energy.





## **BETTY FORD**

The former First Lady described how she overcame addiction, as part of our 12-part documentary series, *Thinking about Drinking*. Recorded at the Fords' home in Vail, Colorado.



## **CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS**

The civil rights icon showed David the spot in front of the Lincoln Memorial where he addressed the March on Washington in 1963, the same day M.L. King gave his famous oration. Taped at Lewis' office in the Capitol.



## **THE DALAI LAMA**

The beloved spiritual leader, who fled his native Tibet when Chinese troops invaded, offers a prescription for a happy life, in this exchange with David recorded at Harvard.



## **WALTER CRONKITE**

The legendary journalist, interviewed at CBS in New York, was a witness to history and describes the importance of international institutions in our documentary, *In Search of Global Justice*.





## EARLY LITERACY

Noah Solomon, a grocery store manager, reads aloud to his daughter Anabel at their home in Watertown, Mass., for our series on literacy, *Libraries Reimagined*.



## JON DUVALL

A researcher in assistive technology at the University of Pittsburgh, Jon gives an overview of new devices that aid people living with disabilities.



## ALLY EVELYN-GUSTAVE

Based at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Ally explains the skill set that occupational therapists bring to safeguarding older adults living at home in *Aging in Community*.



## BAWA MUHAIYADDEEN

A luminous Sufi master from Sri Lanka reveals his heartfelt teaching based on equality, compassion and wisdom, which drew spiritual seekers from all religions.





### **ROBIN CASARJIAN**

Her efforts through the Lionheart Foundation help people who are incarcerated as well as youth-at-risk to cultivate social and emotional skills toward developing a productive and meaningful life.



### **RUBIN 'HURRICANE' CARTER**

The professional boxer was falsely accused of multiple murders but, after 19 years in jail, was exonerated by a federal judge. Both are heard in our documentary, *Rubin Carter's Hurricane*, along with Bob Dylan's song about the case.



### **THICH NHAT HAHN**

From a monastery he founded in Vermont, the soft-spoken Vietnamese monk advocated deep listening, compassion and loving speech as the means of cooling the fires of global conflict.



### **KATHLEEN DiCHIARA**

A New Jersey 'housewife' became sorely troubled by the amount of hunger in her suburb and went on to establish a food bank, which has distributed millions of meals.





## **MISTER ROGERS**

His Neighborhood has entranced generations of young public TV viewers. And in this episode of *Kindred Spirits*, he explains how difficult emotions can be managed -- and highlights a child's need for quiet time.



## **TALMAGE 'RED DOG' CORE**

After being released from a Florida prison, he became an activist, as heard in our documentary *The Right to Vote*, which explores the perennial question: Who may participate in American democracy?



## **FRANCES MOORE LAPPE**

The author of *Diet for a Small Planet*, she has spent decades raising awareness about the foods we eat, the earth on which they're grown, and the need for democracy to reform a system where millions are food insecure.



## **BERNARD LOWN**

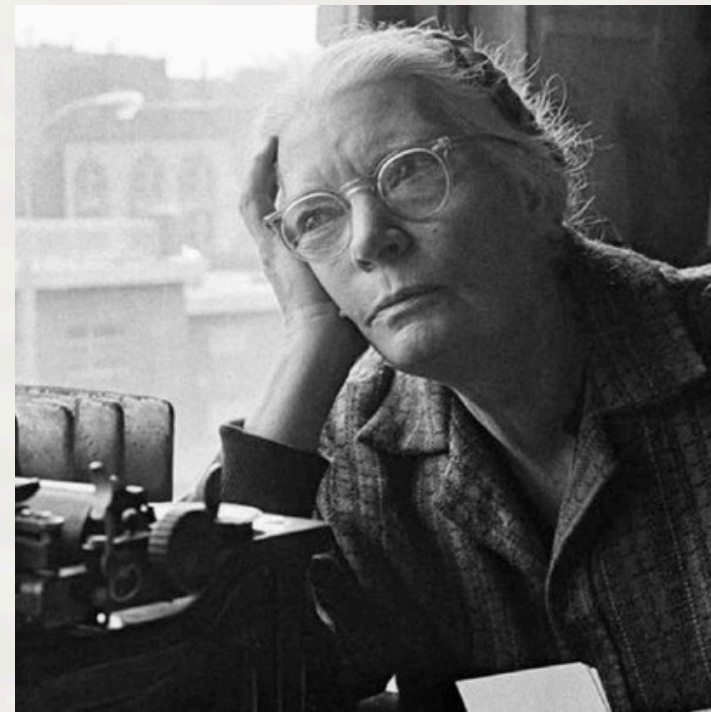
The Nobel Peace Prize-winner and Harvard medical professor recounts how physicians on both sides of the Cold War collaborated to reduce the existential threat posed by nuclear weaponry.





### **RICK McKINNEY**

The physician was interviewed on his houseboat in Sausalito, California. He describes the practice of "integrative medicine", which attends to a patient's mind, body and spirit, in our series, *The Search for Well-Being*.



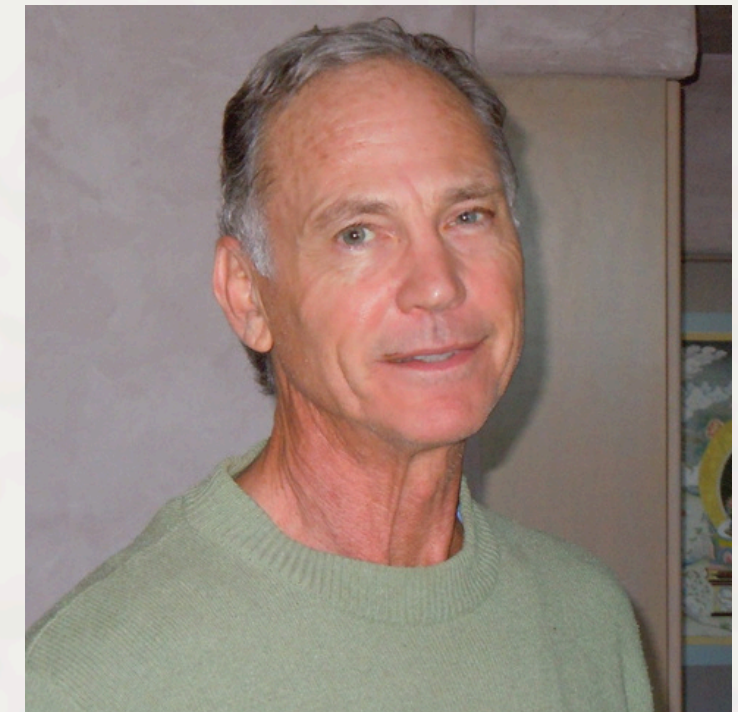
### **DOROTHY DAY**

We profile the extraordinary life of a 20th century journalist and activist whose newspaper, *The Catholic Worker* led a movement to feed and house people in the Great Depression.



### **DANIEL SPIRO (L) and HAYTHAM YOUNIS**

The co-leaders of the Jewish-Islamic Dialogue Society, based in Washington, DC, promote spirited discussions and find commonality in *Listening to the Other Side*.



### **JOHN ROBBINS**

The best-selling author and nutrition activist tells how his family was rocked when the fraudster Bernie Madoff swindled them out of a fortune -- and how that led to a deep reassessment of life priorities.





### **NOEL PAUL STOOKEY**

The singer-songwriter was part of the popular folk ensemble Peter, Paul and Mary. An activist based in Maine, he performed original songs of peace and justice for our series, *The Power of Nonviolence*.



### **TAJAE GAYNOR**

Raised in the Bronx, he became committed to working in conflict resolution, after a close friend died in his arms from a stab wound following a meaningless conflict.



### **CHRYSTAL PRESLEY**

The story of a Georgia woman whose father was drafted to Vietnam at age 18. He returned with severe PTSD, damaging the entire family. Father and daughter later reconnected through healing conversations.



### **DAVID ALLEN**

His system known as *Getting Things Done* has attracted millions who experience the modern condition of "overwhelm". How can we clear our heads from the flood of inputs bombarding us through technology?



# Special Thanks



## **ANTONIO OLIART ROS**

The winner of multiple Grammy Awards for audio engineering, he has recorded dozens of **Humankind** documentaries at WGBH/Boston.



## **LISA MULLINS**

The popular public radio journalist and long-time anchor of *The World*, and at WBUR/Boston, Lisa has reported for our programs and is an editorial consultant.



## **STEVE COLBY**

The veteran audio engineer for the Boston Pops and Boston Symphony Orchestra, Steve mixed many Human Media productions and designed our studio.

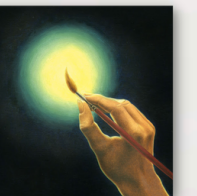


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