

Radical Decentralization: An Idea Whose Time Has Come 🐶🎉

Speech by Gary

Introduction

Our next speaker is going to be the amazing Gary.

"Thank you for joining us on this historic afternoon. My objective today is to proffer radical decentralization as an idea whose time has come—to pitch this bold new revolution as an acceptance movement, not a resistance, and to awaken as many as possible to the notion that we now have the tools to build a completely new world. One which will unite rather than divide, empower rather than exploit, and forever maximize freedom, creation, and loving connection.

For the purposes of today, we define decentralization as the decentralization of power.

Historical Context

In the beginning, decentralized tribes lived in harmony with nature and according to their own light. The dawn of agriculture came with the rise of cities and the need for centralized power structures to govern, police, and provide services. While this had many benefits, it was also not without dire physical and spiritual consequences. All social operating systems were based on coercion rather than inspiration. Power became increasingly centralized in the hands of the few, and warfare, depression, and dissociation were rampant.

Peak centralization was reached in the 20th century—the most violent and destructive in all human history. But then, with the advent of the internet and then the blockchain, which will unlock its true power and potential, the modern decentralization revolution began.

The possibility of creating globally networked peer-to-peer societies is now before us, and it is my belief that our spiritual salvation depends upon it. Open source advances require no political coercion or argument. We simply build the new and route around the institutions we deem illegitimate. We lead by inspiration and become the change we want to see.

But alongside the technical revolution, evolution in consciousness will also be essential. Centralized power structures have left us divided, fearful, and disillusioned—endlessly bickering and competing rather than cooperating. We must recognize that we're all on the

same team and now possess the technology required to make teamwork possible on an interstellar scale.

Our fight is not against each other. Our fight is against the notion that we don't have the power to come together right now and build the world we deserve to live in. It's time to align and conquer, to rally change from within, to be excellent to one another, to embrace Doge consciousness, and build a civilization that will be the envy of all the cosmos."

Personal Background:

"Hi there, my name is Gary, and first of all, thank you to Reality, Sparkleverse, DDP, friends, and family for spending all the time and effort required to create this magnificent monument to the human spirit. This is just going to be a straight talk, but there will be an open discussion afterwards in a separate room if you have questions or comments. We have a lot of ground to cover, so I'm going to go pretty quick here. Please pay attention.

My name is Gary, and I'm someone who has always been a bit of an armchair anthropologist, trying to understand how the world works and how it could work better. This has taken me on travels to over 80 countries around the world, and I am significantly older than I may appear, so I've seen and done a lot of things, had a lot of experience with a lot of different social operating systems and cultures, and noticed some patterns along the way.

I think the root of most of the problems we see within society is hierarchical, highly centralized systems that breed dissociation, depression, and living in disharmony with nature and our own natures—systems that condition us to submit to our egos and/or the egos of others.

I believe that the solution to this is new social operating systems that will maximize freedom, creation, and loving connection. This is meaningful work for me because I love freedom and seeing human creativity unleashed, and I know that a better world is possible. Is that something you'd like to see? Let me see your fingers in the air. All right, looks like we're on the same page. Yeah, a world that works for everyone seems like what we do not have today, but I do believe it is possible.

The Centralization Problem:

I believe that the key to getting there is decentralization, which I personally define as the decentralization of power—which is working towards a world where power structures are decentralized to the greatest degree possible and our societies are no longer governed by force.

If you take a good hard look right now, the world is dominated by centralized power structures. You've got centralized banks, centralized media, education, agriculture—all of our institutions

are highly centralized and highly hierarchical, like a pyramid with a few people at the very top who are calling the shots and decreeing how we should live our lives and what choices we have.

These are all force-based institutions that rely on patents, copyrights, and laws to maintain their power and relevance. And with this power consistently concentrated in the hands of the few, it inevitably results in corruption because absolute power corrupts absolutely, or so I do believe.

There's a lot of talk every few years about voting for change, which I personally see as just 'shuffling the deck chairs on the Titanic,' as someone put it once. Nothing really ever seems to fundamentally change, and I didn't have a whole lot of hope that it would until 2011, when someone first sent me the Bitcoin video.

The Bitcoin Revolution:

Before that time, as a filmmaker and someone who was interested in technology, I'd been very fascinated by the open source movement, Wikipedia, all these new tools that were emerging alongside the internet. But without any way to challenge the existing centralized financial system, it didn't seem like real power could ever be transferred into the hands of the people. It just didn't seem like there was a way to make things work.

But then, yeah, in 2011, I was shown Bitcoin, which is the first ever open and decentralized currency, and it gave me hope that perhaps we could actually improve the world after all.

Since the dawn of the internet, the holy grail of computer science has been to create digital scarcity. Right now, any file, whether it's a photo or a video or whatever, you can copy it as many times as you want and send it everywhere. There's no way to prevent copying. The internet is an infinite copying machine.

For like 20 years of the internet's history, no one could figure out how to create something that had digital scarcity that could function as digital money or digital store of value. And then in 2009, there was an anonymous person or people who released a white paper for a thing called Bitcoin, and they had cracked the code through a very complicated series of calculations.

At first, it was kind of ignored, and then more and more crazy super-genius hackers started looking at this thing, and they're like, 'Wow, this might actually be the thing,' and they slowly started working together to build and expand this open source software.

Open Source Movement:

To really understand the significance, though, you need to understand what open source software is all about and how the economics of today work. I was a weird person who had the weird luck to have a background in both of those things, so when I first saw Bitcoin, I knew that this was a huge event in human history.

Basically, how open source works is it means the source code is transparent. Any software, any program, there's a code behind it that governs how it works and what it does. There's basically closed source, where you can't see the code, you don't know exactly what's going on behind the scenes, and then there's also open source, where everything behind the scenes is completely transparent.

The whole movement was started by a hero of the movement named Richard Stallman, who I think it was in the early 80s, he saw what was coming, and he realized that this technology and this new digital age was going to be a tool to either enslave or liberate humanity. He dedicated his life to the cause of open source and ensuring that this would be something that would be of the people, by the people, for the people.

Since then, we have seen an explosion in open source software. It's not something you really hear about or know about in general day-to-day life, but it is behind many of our operating systems and much of the internet. The idea is that if everyone can see the source code, then everyone all around the world can constantly be assessing it to see if it has bugs, if it has problems, and also working together to evolve it.

They've made some pretty amazing systems that allow for this emergent collaboration, and it has been an amazing demonstration of the possibility of human collaborative potential, which is pretty much just benevolent working together to try and create something not driven by a profit motive. So it is very cool.

The Banking System and Bitcoin:

The other component of Bitcoin is also how it's different from our existing financial system. If you have a look at the systems we have right now, it is central banks that are at the helm of the currencies of pretty much every single country on Earth. How it works is these are actually private banks in most, if not all cases, with private shareholders. Most of the time, it's not even known what their identities are.

This bank has the authority to create money out of nothing and lend it to the country at interest. You're seeing this now, especially with the pandemic, like the U.S. just printed or borrowed another six, seven, eight trillion dollars. So that money isn't just created by the government—it's created by this private central bank and lent out at interest. This is just trillions of dollars all over the world. It's the system that just keeps vacuuming all the wealth of the world up to this one percent of the one percent, or maybe one percent of that.

This is one of the most powerful hierarchical systems where basically we are all just—I mean, life's pretty good, but there could be a much better way to share resources, I do believe, and a way to distribute power much more equitably.

With Bitcoin, it's totally transparent. There's a fixed supply, and you can see exactly how much is created, exactly where it is, and where it's gone to. This is completely different from this totally opaque and arbitrary system that we have right now, which can be corrupted and co-opted.

This is how governments have billions, trillions of dollars to finance endless wars and endless programs that may or may not help anything, and that everyone who's paying taxes and toiling in the system doesn't necessarily believe in or agree with. This is a way that the system can just keep perpetuating.

I'm a big proponent of 'striking the root.' A really good quote is, 'For every thousand hacking at the branches of evil, there is one striking the root.' So my goal has always been to hone in on what is the root, what's behind this, not get angry and try and fight the symptoms of the problem. What is the root? And I think the root is these centralized, coercive power systems.

The Cryptocurrency Movement:

So Bitcoin and the whole cryptocurrency movement is a huge game changer. Because it's open source, it's not like a government currency where if you're born in Canada or the States, you're forced to use this currency—it's never really going to change or evolve. The source code for Bitcoin was totally open, so you can fork it off, you can copy it, you can evolve it and make a different one.

Now you see there's thousands of different competing cryptocurrencies and tokens and all things based on this blockchain technology. I don't have time to get into exactly how it works, but it has been working very well for the last 12 years.

So yeah, there's all these different coins: Bitcoin, Ethereum, Doge—everyone's personal favorite. Once this technology had been out for a little bit, people started to realize that it wasn't just for currency. It was part of this greater decentralization revolution, which—if you look at Airbnb, it's kind of the decentralization of accommodations away from centralized hotels. Uber is decentralization of taxi services. Craigslist is decentralization of marketplaces.

But the next level of that is these entities are only partially decentralized because it's still a central corporation that's operating, and you're still using centralized currencies, centralized credit card systems to do all the payments. So it's still ultimately just a device to funnel money and power up to a very few people within society.

Beyond Cryptocurrencies: DAOs and Tokenization

The crazy thing with this blockchain technology is you can use it to create autonomous organizations which can completely replace and make these companies obsolete. So you can have a decentralized Uber, you can have a decentralized Airbnb. You can have these new global open commons systems that will allow anyone anywhere to share a ride or to share accommodations, and you can pay with cryptocurrencies. So it's a whole new way to rewire the world and have it not owned and controlled by monolithic corporations that will always inevitably collude with governments and keep doing all the things we would rather they didn't do.

Once you start seeing the potential here, it's very exciting, and it goes beyond this as well. A big aspect of this that's recently caught on is tokenization. So it's not just companies—any piece of real estate, any bridge, any road, any well, water supply, any of the physical infrastructure within society can potentially be tokenized. It can be broken into tiny little bits, and then anyone anywhere can invest and own a portion of that.

So if you're starting a new town somewhere, you can break it into tiny pieces. Everyone that moves there can potentially own a piece of it and collectively invest in it. Then you don't rely on a government to come along and build it or fix it or take care of it, and you don't have to worry about the corruption that always happens with contractors. It's like a whole new way for us to decentralize the world and not rely on centralized power structures.

You can take pride and joy in building your whole community and be working together. I think that centralized power structures have really destroyed community over the years. You have a lot of government programs that are dedicated to helping and uplifting people, but when we all have to pay more and more taxes to fund these programs that are very often less efficient or effective than people within the community working together—knowing exactly what people in that community probably need and want way better than some government thousands of miles away.

It's just so crazy. In my opinion, we're still living in the dark ages, and this is a way to completely turn everything upside down. Then it's not going to matter who gets elected next. It's not going to be living in fear of what happens four years from now. It's like taking power and accountability back and making them obsolete.

One system I'm not super knowledgeable about, but Sweden or Switzerland has a really interesting decentralized system of governance where apparently they don't really even know who the president or prime minister is. It's like a federated system of people controlling the country.

It's also really interesting—they have, I think, one of the highest gun ownership rates in the world. They have like a huge amount of people who have military training and they own assault rifles. It's a way to have a decentralized army, but it's done really well and they have minimal problems with gun violence, and they're also a country that is able to defend itself. So it is a very interesting example.

The Dystopian Possibility:

I'm pretty excited about all this technology, but there is also a dystopian possibility—the other side of the coin. If you've been following what's going on in China right now, they're talking about creating their own blockchain monetary system where they can trace and track every transaction that's ever happened, which would give a government total control.

They have what's called a social credit system, so basically everyone has a government ID, and they have facial recognition cameras all over—like hundreds of millions of cameras—and they can trace and track everyone's movement. If you are not an obedient citizen, your social credit score will go down, and that restricts your access to travel, to banking.

I think the creepiest part of that is if you're friends with someone whose score is going down, your score goes down. So it's like this nightmare scenario that is a way to enforce perfect obedience and social control. This is like the ultimate centralization of power, and this is also why I've been doing my best to propose these ideas as quick as we can because I think it is a bit of a race against time to open and decentralize everything before it becomes completely closed and centralized.

We're seeing it now too, all over the world with the pandemic, talking about contact tracing and monitoring everyone and restricting their travel if they don't get a vaccine. These are very interesting, unprecedented times.

Other Decentralization Technologies

Other decentralization technology—it's a very cool time in history. All these things are unfolding at the same time:

- You've got solar power, which is decentralized energy
- 3D printing, which is decentralized manufacturing (3D printed housing, they can print a whole high-rise out of concrete, lowering the cost of production astoundingly)
- 3D printed metal (they're even 3D printing meat now, you can 3D print drugs)

All this is amazing decentralization of manufacturing. In line with the solar power, they have now super-efficient vertical farming, which is LED light farming. So you could turn a high-rise building into a vertical farm in the middle of a city, and then you don't have to transport this

stuff millions of miles across the world. You can grow it all right there, and you can have your energy right there so you're not reliant on a government or anyone else to provide it.

You can use that energy also to purify water. Drones and autonomous cars will allow for delivery if we were to create new off-the-grid societies where we could just print all this stuff and rebuild communities exactly as we would like to see and not be beholden to anyone else to live our lives, which is the life I want to live.

There's also decentralization of medical knowledge, educational knowledge. I don't know why it's not happening already, but potentially anyone with any medical degree anywhere in the world—you could have a two-way video link and not need to go to a doctor's office. If you have any kind of ailment, you could just log in, show them what you have, and then get a diagnosis right there. It must be happening somewhere.

The Wikipedia, Khan Academy (K-H-A-N Academy) are great examples of open source educational tools. Yeah, all this stuff together makes it a very exciting time to be alive, I believe, even though there's a lot of doom and gloom and worry. I am hopeful for the future.

But while all this stuff sounds good, we also need, I believe, to make it cool and fun, because if it's not fun, it's not sustainable. And everyone knows that the true frequency of the universe is humor and play, and anyone who deviates will pay the ultimate price."

The Decentralized Dance Party (DDP)

[Gary then introduces a video about the Decentralized Dance Party (DDP), a project he co-founded with someone named Tom.]

"So that is what the DDP is all about, pre-pandemic at least, and yeah, it is governed by the Party Manifesto, which is a quick recipe for dissolving the ego.

The recipe for a good party is:

- Clothing: You want to have some sort of funny costumery, not taking yourself too seriously. The more fun and silly, the better.
- Ideally, you want some sort of prop to party with. For example, a house plant is a great prop, especially when you take it to the streets, and it's no longer a house plant.
- Music: We always play fun, infectious, high energy stuff that people can instantly start having fun with.
- Location: Ideally outdoors so you can get as crazy as possible.
- Behavior: We recommend following the lead of children. If you watch kids in a playground, they're partying all day, all night, just singing and dancing and not caring at all. There's no ego happening. They're just having a good old time. And why wouldn't

we? It's because we've submitted to the terminal consumer culture forces of doom. So partying is an instant antidote to that.

Other interesting aspects of the DDP:

- We've always tried to make it 100% family friendly, just pure joy and innocent celebration. For us, that's way more unique and interesting and inspiring than a grown-up party, and there's nothing cooler than seeing grannies and grandpas and kids, everyone together just going for it, having a good time.
- Also, no advertising, in line with Burning Man's decommodification, just seeking to create the most uplifting experience possible. It is not a sales pitch, and there is some real magic in that.

I don't have a whole lot of time to go into the last 11 years of this thing, but we basically started with one boombox, had an idea to get hundreds of boom boxes and an FM transmitter in a backpack, beam it out, and within six months, we'd grown from 20 people to about 20,000 during the Olympics here in Vancouver.

Once we saw how powerful and amazing this thing was, how it could just instantly unite thousands of people regardless of background or the identity that had been conferred upon them by society, we knew that it was very necessary to keep this thing going.

So we self-organized tours across Canada and the USA. Basically just rented an RV, threw a bunch of boom boxes in and a bunch of friends in banana suits, and just went for it across the country. No permits, no permissions. We used decentralized fundraising—crowdfunding—to raise the money to do it all, nearly broke even once, and yeah, we just kept going and filming everything along the way.

The ultimate goal was always a world tour. In 2012, we went to Burning Man for the first time, and it was just super cool to see all these parallels. We both kind of started as just these wacky things that friends got together and did, and then slowly divined and distilled principles that were at the core of the magic and that would keep it going. So that is the 10 principles of Burning Man, and we're pretty much the same thing, just a little more family friendly, less on the adult tip.

It was really cool to go to Burning Man and just looking around and saying, 'Wow, this is like an open source civilization.' Like, they just create this template in the desert, this open canvas that anyone can come in and co-create and build on, and it's just this manifestation of what we want to see and enjoy.

Having it decommodified is obviously a total game changer—to be immersed in that for a week or more, and when you get back to the default world, you realize how everything, almost

everything, is transactional or some kind of a sales pitch or someone trying to do something along those lines with you."

The History of Celebration:

"Learning more about the history of partying as we went further—there's a really cool book by Barbara Ehrenreich called 'Dancing in the Streets: A History of Collective Joy,' and she talks about how when the colonialists were traveling all around the world, every, all these ancient civilizations they found, they all had these ancient party rituals where everyone would come together, the whole community, and they just have these crazy ecstatic celebrations that went for hours.

This was like a way that they would bind society together and uplift everyone, and it was just this essential force within all these societies that had been going for hundreds or thousands of years. And of course, when they showed up, they're like, 'Oh, this is some horrible, evil thing. We need to put an end to it.'

You see the legacy of that today in most Western societies. Your public celebration options are very limited. You've got paywalls behind everything. It's like you have to go to the bar or some festival behind a gate, and there's all these restrictive alcohol laws and drug laws and everything that pushes celebration way out to the periphery and makes it illegal and very hard and complicated.

You see the fallout from that repression breeding rebellion. So we have all these laws against drugs and alcohol, and you see all these teenagers just sneak off and do it in the woods or do it just because it's cool because it's not allowed.

Ultimately, as with, I believe, any force-based intervention from government or any other institution, it ends up resulting in the opposite of the intended effect. So it's been very neat with the DDP to find a way—like normally for anything like this, you need a permit, you need permission, you need a big budget. All these clubs have to sell tons of alcohol and create an environment that wants to sell people alcohol because they have to pay the rent. But with us, we have this very unique new thing that we can just slam into the middle of society and do it at very low cost for thousands of people. So it's very cool and very interesting new medium to be experimenting with."

Virtual Parties and The Nobel Peace Prize:

"There's not time to give you the whole 11-year backstory, but we kept going with this thing for 10 years, and then the pandemic struck, and we had to switch into doing virtual parties on Zoom. We realized pretty quickly that everyone who's a node in the Zoom call can also be out in the world with, ideally, one of these giant SoundBoks Bluetooth speakers. So that is the

loudest portable speaker in the world, made by a really cool company that started as a Kickstarter crowdfunding project.

We realized that everyone on the Zoom call can be a node out in the world with one of these things, and even in the pandemic, you can do a big social distance party or like a balcony party, lighting up the side of a building. We realized the key to hosting simultaneous global parties, and if you have a projector going, you can project the Zoom call on a wall so everyone can see the party and interact, and you can be filming it. So it's this two-way way to instantly dissolve any time-space geographical boundary between people and create a simultaneous global party.

Within this adversity, we have been pretty stoked to finally figure this out, and we've been working hard towards it for the past nine months, especially in collaboration with Co-Reality Collective and the Sparkleverse, making all these new amazing virtual friends all over the world and all on board with this idea that the best step forward for humanity is to create this global party platform.

Sparkleverse software is also open source, so when I saw that, I was just like, 'Oh man, this is too perfect.' So very stoked to be collaborating with those folks, and now as soon as I saw it, I was like, 'Yeah, this is gonna become virtual Burning Man,' I know it, and it was one of the eight chosen multiverses, and now it is the chosen platform for this afterglow party.

Very cool because I see these as the preeminent institutions for spreading open source culture around the world. So this is probably even more cool and exciting than you may have first realized. This is a real wild movement for change.

With the DDP, our next steps: We've got about 3,000 hours of footage shot over the past 11 years. We're working on putting that into a documentary film that will tell the story and launch the next phase of this revolution, which is to activate as many people as possible as capital P Party nodes.

I don't think I mentioned it, but this type of partying that we create, which is instead of relying on substances to lower your inhibitions, the party and the atmosphere itself will do that, will strip you of the ego. That's what the Party Manifesto is all about.

So yeah, the goal is to spread this capital P Party culture across the globe and have everyone on Earth hopefully set up with sound systems, sharing the music and the party love back into public spaces, waging peace on a global scale.

Because that's one of the big realizations we had—partying, capital P Partying, is the opposite of violence, and a coordinated capital P Party campaign would be the opposite of a war. So this is a way to wage peace on a global scale, which is pretty cool and exciting, and why so

many people have dedicated so much time to this thing that may, at first glance, appear silly and frivolous, but we are very serious about being silly. And as the Doge says, 'Silliness is next to godliness.'

So the plan is to create this documentary, also a field manual, and we have a DDP app that's free, open to anyone. You press the party button, and you show up as a node on a global party map so we can all see each other and find each other.

The ultimate goal is, we believe, if we execute this and unite the world, we can win the Nobel Peace Prize for partying. And it's not really about winning the prize—it's about uniting the world, obviously—but it would be a hilarious thing to do.

It would not be without precedent. You may not have heard the story of the Christmas Truce, but for me, it is one of the most hopeful and fascinating stories in all human history. Basically, World War I trench warfare, and the Germans and the British were facing off, killing each other in the trenches. And then on Christmas Day, the Germans started singing a song, a Christmas carol, and then calling them out to meet in the middle in the no man's land.

Somehow, against all the odds, they ended up through the power of this party—they got together in the middle, and people that had been killing each other and couldn't even speak to each other and probably hated each other, within minutes, the power of the party united these people. This was a phenomenon that happened up and down the lines until the generals, who were the centralized point of power, said, 'Get back in the trenches or we're gonna shoot you.'

So I do believe, based on that and many other similar stories, that the power of partying is more powerful than the power of these centralized authorities that divide and diminish us. So we just need enough boom boxes basically, and it is a done deal."

Intention and Spirituality

"Ultimately, it comes down to intention. That's why I believe the DDP has worked out so well for so many years. Another big part of the story is that throughout all these parties—we've done over a hundred all over the world, all kinds of places—when we started doing these tours, traveling everywhere, people were like, 'Oh no, you can't get away with it, you can't do it there—the police are different in Eastern Canada, they're different in the States, it's like a police state, you can't go down there, you're going to get arrested, people are going to steal all your boom boxes.'

I was always like, 'I don't think so,' and we went and we proved it, and we still haven't gotten a single ticket, a single noise violation, and no incidents of violence at these parties. It is completely amazing.

I was in the middle of the Vancouver hockey riot here, and I saw there was this instant flip—like hive mind. Everyone was instantly turned into this—well, a percentage, a high percentage of people were instantly turned into this organism that was just bent on destroying the city and fighting and being insane.

When I was in there, I realized, 'Wow, this is what's happening in the party.' Like, it's this new normal that completely transforms consciousness. It's this shared consciousness that, instead of destruction, is focusing on construction. So it's a constructive mob, which is very interesting and very powerful.

But yeah, like I was saying, it is all about the intention. So our intention was never to make money. It was never anything beyond creating the most liberating possible party experience for people, which I believe is the same as Burning Man. And that is why it is such a magical thing that has endured for all this time.

This totally overlaps with open source. Like Richard Stallman back in the day, open source culture—it wasn't about getting rich, it wasn't about looking good. It was about the intention to create the most liberating platform for humanity.

That is what the title of this talk is all about: scaling spirituality from ecosystems to ecosystems. I heard a really cool quote a few months ago from a guy named Michael Pollan. He said that the opposite of ego is spirituality. And Griff Green, I believe benevolent dictator of Camp Decentral at Burning Man, has a quote saying, 'Decentralization is the transition from ego systems to ecosystems.'

So if spirituality is the opposite of ego, and decentralization is the transition from ecosystems to ecosystems, then decentralization is the transition from ecosystems to spiritual systems. Therefore, decentralization is spirituality at scale.

Another interesting facet of this is that tribalism is collective ego, group ego—thinking that your group is better than another group or should be treated differently than another group. Burning Man and the DDP are both celebrations of individual self-expression, not group identity or a group ego.

Another very interesting thing that's happening right now is there's a psychedelic renaissance, you've probably heard, happening, which is, for a lot of people, a tool to help dissolve the ego and dissolve tribalism—to stop seeing themselves in terms of these groups and all of us as unique individuals with unique stories and backgrounds and possibilities.

I think that is the key to successfully creating a culture that will wage peace on a global scale. And like Martin Luther King said, 'Those who love peace must learn to organize as effectively as those who love war.' And I believe that this is the philosophy and the tools required to do it,

and it's all come together. I hope that all of us here today on this call and beyond will get on board with this message and join the party.

But we've been talking about these things, especially here in Vancouver, for a long time. We've got an amazing decentralization clubhouse called Decentral, and we've done Dogecon conferences that were all about proffering the decentralization revolution as an acceptance movement, not a resistance, and putting an end to tribalism and all sorts of lofty rhetoric.

But I have been disappointed to see time and again, there are a lot of divisions that have formed within our community. I've learned a lot about healing and trauma and all these things—all these unconscious programs that a lot of us, well, all of us are running that govern our behavior and our triggers.

It's great to talk about freedom and responsibility, but freedom is most effective in a healed population. So also very excited about learning this stuff and how we can imbue all these healing modalities into this whole revolution."

Virtual Connections and Doge Consciousness

"That's where I'm also very excited by this Sparkleverse Co-Reality virtual space because we've seen all kinds of situations here where like people that you've never met before, all over the world, doesn't matter if you're at home, you can just instantly be connecting. People are doing all kinds of healing and sharing their stories and getting to know each other all over the world.

This is a way too, like with the DDP, we've always wanted to throw parties that'll unite people within or behind a war zone and realize that this is the way. Like, you could have people—it doesn't matter, borders or boundaries—you can all be here getting to know each other and partying together and seeing each other as, hopefully, individuals, not people that are part of this group identity, whether that's a country or a religion or whatever.

It's finally a safe space where we can all get to know each other and collaborate and start getting behind these ideas and building them together.

I think it's very good and exciting to see Burning Man and Sparkleverse and DDP, all of it meshing together because I think this is the most powerful culture for individual expression and love between all of us. That's what we've started referring to it as within the DDP—when you see someone just like totally lost in this moment and just purely expressing what they are, who they are, how they feel based on the music and the atmosphere, and someone else receives that, and you have this instant connection between strangers.

I think this is a very unique and powerful form of love, and this is a way to scale it across the cosmos. Yeah, I think that is what spirituality ultimately is—love, which is pure expression and connection. If you're running unconscious programs or you're conforming to a group identity or anything that isn't 100% you, there is a block in the way of the love.

So this is a recipe for dissolving the ego and expanding and extrapolating the love across the universe. This is not protesting the problems or voting for change—it's embodying the solutions. It's criticizing by creating, and I believe and know in my heart that this is the only way forward.

So I hope that this has been a convincing and compelling speech if you weren't already on board with these ideas.

Another good quote here from my good friend Caveat Magister: 'Some believe that we can achieve great change by altering the logistics of how we use technology and apply government policy. Burning Man posits that we can fundamentally change our condition by better expressing our humanity.'

And I believe that is what we're doing here today—expressing our humanity to the best of our ability. So thank you for fearlessly going for it and expressing what is inside. I promise that I will continue to do the same to the best of my ability, and together we can uplift each other and do this thing."

The Doge: Divine Avatar of Decentralization

"You may have noticed that there is a Doge—two Doges—on my party armor, and I do believe that the Doge, if you're unacquainted, is the ultimate divine avatar for this entire movement.

Very quickly, the Doge was a meme that began about 10 years ago. A lady in Japan was taking photos of her Shiba Inu dog, and there was this one particular pose which was—there was something very special going on there. So she posted the photo on the internet, and someone just took it and started replicating. People started seeing it everywhere. People just were like, 'This is great. Whatever happened here, this is like good and important, and it needs to spread.'

So it started going all over the internet. Someone realized that the name was the Doge (D-O-G-E), and they started putting funny phrasing in Comic Sans font all over these images and just going all over the place, and people were having a good time with this meme.

Then in 2013, someone created a clone of Bitcoin, a cryptocurrency called Dogecoin (we pronounce it in Canada 'dogecoin'), and it just went crazy. It went like hundreds of millions of dollars market cap within weeks. And they were using this to send—they sent the Jamaican

bobsled team to the Olympics, they put the face on a NASCAR, inspired all this crazy, amazing, hilarious, creative stuff within the crypto community.

We were doing Doge parties. We were on the news talking about this, saying it was the future of all trading commerce worldwide, which it is. Elon Musk has been tweeting about it multiple times, saying that it's inevitable. This is the new global central bank. This face is the most powerful possible way to unite humanity.

But it's not just silly. It goes deeper than that. Doge spelled backwards is 'e-god' or 'ego-d' —ego death. And the number of people that have looked at this face and just said, 'There's something going on here' —like, this is the modern Mona Lisa or the Buddha assuming its ultimate form. So many people have resonated with this, and I've just handed out these stickers thousands of times to people, and instantly there's a smile on their face.

Also, the Doge is a female, and if you look at it, the decentralization revolution is this transition from centralized, hierarchical, patriarchal institutions to decentralized, feminine institutions. So this is, I believe, the ultimate divine avatar that we can all get behind, or so I hope."

Closing Words:

"Some final words to end things.

An immense thank you for joining us today and devoting yourselves to building a brighter future. One question likely remains: Why the Doge, and what can be learned from this rare and beautiful teacher?

Some years ago, within our local decentralized community, it was ascertained that 'Doge' spelled backwards is 'e-god,' and that this was much, much more. Many have remarked on the divinity of this creature and the perfection of its pose—that the Doge is, in fact, the modern Mona Lisa, an incarnate divine teacher, the Buddha assuming her ultimate form.

Within this community, we hold these truths to be self-evident. The time for debate has passed. What have we learned from this divine avatar, this perfect expression of beauty and beneficence?

The Doge teaches us that silliness is next to godliness, that the true frequency of the universe is humor and play, and that love can conquer all. This revolution is not about competition. It's not about negative vibes. It's about creating a culture that will incentivize and inspire everyone involved to live according to their own light, to express their deepest truths, embrace their divine programming, and catalyze the deepest connections possible. To cast off the shackles of a culture designed to strip us of our individuality and render us fearful and divided. To actualize Doge consciousness in the hearts and minds of as many as possible.

Imagine this face on every unit of the world's currency, on giant military parades that are no longer military parades but technology that has been repurposed specifically for partying, for waging peace and uniting the world in celebration.

When I gaze into those eyes, there is absolutely no doubt that it's all within our reach. I truly hope that you feel the same. The Doge teaches us that tribalism and animosity must stop, that this revolution must be built on love and trust, that the new world must be—this is an acceptance movement, not a resistance, a clarion call for all who know in their hearts that this world is not right and it's time to make a permanent change.

And it can be said with absolute certainty that as long as we're having fun, not taking ourselves too seriously, and dancing and laughing along, that we absolutely cannot fail. These are the teachings of the Doge.

Thank you.