Falling Forests — A Foreshadowing Reminder
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When a forest falls
Trees bleed, blue blood
Ancestral rains pour into the soil of the unborn

Memories of the future
Buried in babies without words
and nations shall kneel at the mercy of the
oppressed

When there IS no more air
Breath will be valued
Visibility clouded by smoke and flame

The worry of windstorms both lulls and awakens
Those holding up the final layers of denial frantically bracing themselves from cognitive dissonance

Will it take the final waves of the Earth's quaking to wake us from the slumber of Falling Forests
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Autobiography of Wayne "Fact Man" Adams from the publication Casper Alexander Holstein: The U.S.V.I.'s Greatest Philanthropist

Wayne "Facts Man" Adams was born in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands on Friday, July 12, 1963 at 12:30 p.m. to Mario E. Adams and to Doreen C. (Thomas) Adams.

Wayne attended the Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School in Savan from 1968 - 1975, being kindergarten through six grades, and graduated with honors from the Wayne Aspinall (now Addelita Cancryn) Junior High School in 1977. Wayne, in June, 1981, graduated with high honors (being #4 in his class out of 310 graduates) from the Charlotte Amalie High School in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. While enrolled at high school, Wayne, being a charter member, was a member of the Army Junior ROTC program and was the highest academic honors graduate, being a Cadet First Lieutenant. Wayne was chosen by all his classmates as the most studious male of the Graduating Class of 1981. All three schools are in St. Thomas.

Wayne, between 1982-1989 inclusive, wrote editorials within <u>The Virgin Islands Daily News</u> which is based in St. Thomas. In 1982 and in 1983 respectively during the summer, Wayne worked for St. Thomas/St. John District Senator Iver A. Stridiron (1982) and for St. Croix District Senator Adelbert M. "Bert" Bryan (1983).

Wayne, in August, 1983, visited the Western Caribbean island – nation of Jamaica. While among Jamaica's Maroons, within their hilly community, Wayne of the 32 member group, was the only person asked by the Maroon High Priest to drink the Holy Water of the village community. Wayne, with the visiting group, visited St. Ann's Parish where the Christian Prophet Marcus Garvey and the international reggae artists Bob Marley and Burning Spear were born. Wayne also visited Tuff Gong International Recording Studio, being Bob Marley's recording studio, at the 56 Hope Road residence in the capital Kingston, and he spoke for (2) hours with Winston "The Burning Spear" Rodney, a Grammy-Award winning Reggae artist, who told Wayne he has "good taste" for Reggae music. Wayne, at Bob Marley's residence, met Bob Marley's eldest son David "Ziggy" Marley.

Wayne, in the fall of 1983, witnessed at separate ceremonies, the retired NBA Basketball Superstar Artis Gilmore and the noted actor Charleston Heston receive their Honorary Doctorate Degrees.

In 1984, Wayne, at 21, ran for a seat within the 16th Legislature from the St. Thomas/St. John District, thus becoming the youngest person in the history of the U.S. Virgin Islands to run for the Legislature. Wayne, between 1986-1992 inclusive, on WSTA 1340 AM Radio in St. Thomas, with Andrew "The Funky Man" Shachove, Reginald "Ras Regg" Martin and Simeon "Nesah" Thompson, on different occasions, did musical tributes to the international Reggae artists Jacob Matthias "Killer" Miller (1954-1980), Robert Nesta "Bob" Marley, O.M. (1945-1981) and to Peter Tosh (1944-1987), being in Jamaica and looking for Tosh three weeks before his assassination.

Wayne, in early 1992- late 1993, hosted a talk show program called "Awareness" on WVWI 1000 AM Radio in St. Thomas. Wayne, in August, 1987, visited Jamaica to attend Reggae Sunsplash 10. While there, Wayne met the international Reggae artists David R. Hinds, the lead singer/leader of the Grammy Award-winning, British-based group Steel Pulse, the dub poet Mutabaruka and Judith "Judy" Mowatt, who sang in the female-backing, vocalist group the I-Threes of the group Bob Marley and The Wailers.

Wayne, in April, 1988, visited the Southern African nation of Zimbabwe for (15) days for Zimbabwe's 8th Anniversary of independence. In Zimbabwe, Wayne, in the official's office, without an appointment, spoke to Dr. Nathan Shamuyarira, Zimbabwe's Foreign Affairs Minister, and for one-half hour in the official's office, without an appointment, Wayne spoke to Edmond Garwe, Zimbabwe's former Ambassador to the United States. Wayne, being present, saw and heard speak the then Black Pope of Rome's Vatican and Zimbabwe's President Robert Gabriel Mugabe to 60,000 people in the Harare National Stadium on the outskirts of Harare, Zimbabwe's capital, on Monday, April 18, 1988. Wayne also visited the University of Zimbabwe and met student leaders of the university's student government called the Student Union. Before arriving in Zimbabwe, Wayne passed through the African nations of Liberia in West Africa and Zambia in Southern Africa.

Wayne, in March, 1989, visited the Southern Caribbean island-nation of Grenada. While there, Wayne saw Grenada's Parliament in session and met and spoke to George Brizan, the Opposition Leader in its Parliament. On Monday, March 13, 1989, Wayne attended ceremonies in the capital St. George's (being in the market square) for the 10th Anniversary of the Grenadian Revolution and heard a 33-minute speech (being from 7:30 pm - 8:03 pm) by, and then met, Attorney Bernard Kendrick Radix, the Attorney General under Grenada's Prime Minister (March, 1979 – October, 1983) Attorney Maurice Rupert Bishop. Wayne, on a hill in St. George's, Grenada, visited a cemetery that has a white, tribute bust of and to Grenada's late Prime Minister Attorney Maurice Rupert Bishop.

Wayne, in May, 1990, visited Tijuana, Mexico and the United States. While in California, Wayne met Dr. Maulana Karenga, the creator of the African-American Celebration known as Kwanzaa, heard him give a speech and toured his office in Los Angeles, California. In 1990 also, Wayne visited Hollywood, California and passed, at Towers Records in Hollywood, California, next to Ricardo Montalban, the noted actor who starred in the nighttime television miniseries "Dynasty". Also in 1977, 1980 and 1990 respectively, "Wayne visited the dressing rooms of the actress Lucille Ball (1977) and the actors Dennis Weaver (1980) and Bill Bixby (1990) (he of the television miniseries "The Incredible Hulk"). Also in 1990 in Los Angeles California, Wayne saw the reggae artists U-Roy, Marcia Griffiths (one of the I-Threes of Bob Marley and the Wailers, she creating the electric slide dance and performing her song "Electric Slide" at the concert) and Winston "The Burning Spear" Rodney perform with live bands.

Wayne, in November, 1992, visited the Caribbean territory of St. Maarten/St. Martin. While

there, Wayne met Wycliffe Smith, the president of the University of St. Martin and was interviewed on PJD2 Radio in Philipsburg, Dutch St. Maarten. In 1992, 1995, 1997 and 2001 respectively, Wayne led the successful, international fights to prevent Britain, France and Japan from transshipping deadly, nuclear waste through the Caribbean Region. In the Spring, 1995, Wayne visited the United States' state of Georgia. While in Atlanta, Wayne passed by the church where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. presided. Wayne also visited the King Memorial Center which is in honor of Dr. King, Jr.. Wayne, also in Atlanta, visited the CNN Television Network, and while there, was used as a demonstrator to do the weather report. Between 1999-2001 inclusive, Wayne hosted a regular one-half hour program on WSTA 1340 AM Radio in St. Thomas.

Wayne, on Sunday evening, August 17, 2003, was awarded by the African Diaspora Youth Development Foundation, Inc., based in St. Thomas, being at a dinner ceremony, at Walker's By The Sea, a black-owned restaurant, the Carlos Cooks Achievement Award for an Outstanding Black Businessperson within the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Wayne is a historian who specializes in Black History and a Licensed Publisher since Friday, September 16, 1988, owning a publishing company based in St. Thomas called Historic Institute. Wayne published and co-authored (14) historical posters that he has made free of cost to the public since 2002. Wayne also published, narrated and recorded (2) historical tapes and narrated and recorded (2) historical compact discs. Wayne also published and recorded, being the singer upon it, a musical cassette in 1998 entitled <u>Armageddon</u>. In April, 2005, Wayne published and recorded, upon it being the singer, a musical compact disc entitled <u>The 2nd Stage</u>. In May, 2006, Wayne published and recorded, upon it being the singer, a musical compact disc entitled <u>Information</u>. Wayne, between 1986-2007 inclusive, authored and published (10) other historical booklets including his best seller, to date, <u>Edward Wilmot Blyden</u>: <u>The Founder Of Pan Africanism</u> (2006).

Wayne, on Saturday evening, July 1, 2006, after 22 1/2 years of singing professionally, received his big break, due to the St. John Festival Committee, when he performed in the Natalie "Thomasville" Thomas Festival Village in Cruz Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands during the St. John Fourth of July Carnival Festival. Wayne performed two songs ("They Have Paid Their Dues" -calypso; and "I Am Grateful" -reggae) found on Wayne's first music CD.

Wayne, to date, has received correspondence from black U.S. Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (Democrat - Maryland), Merwyn M. Dymally (Democrat - California) and Ronald V. Dellums (Democrat - California), all three since retiring with Mitchell being deceased. Wayne also received correspondence from U.S. President George W. Bush, Senator Hillary Clinton, Esq. (Democrat - New York) and then - Dominica's Prime Minister Pierre Charles.

Wayne has 71 credits from the University of the Virgin Islands and 16 credits from Jacksonville University (J.U.) in Jacksonville, Florida.

Wayne credits his being a Christian for his success to date.