

Many people have tried to put words into the mouth of **BRADLEY MANNING** to explain why he apparently felt compelled to reveal to the public the information we now have access to in the leaks - **THE AFGHAN WAR DIARY, THE IRAQ WAR LOGS, THE STATE DEPT CABLES, GUANTANAMO FILES, and 'COLLATERAL MURDER' VIDEO.** But we believe 'his own words' speak for themselves. They come from an internet 'chat log' and are the basis of the charges against him. Read these extracts and you can judge for yourself what motivated this young soldier and whether he should be locked up for life as the US government says, or hailed as a true hero - a defender of humanity - as we say.

## READ BRADLEY MANNING 'in his own words'

"hypothetical question: if you had free reign over classified networks for long periods of time... say, 8-9 months... **and you saw incredible things, awful things... things that belonged in the public domain,** and not on some server stored in a dark room in Washington DC... **what would you do?"**

"say... 260,000 state department cables from embassies and consulates all over the world, **explaining how the first world exploits the third, in detail, from an internal perspective?"**

"...crazy, almost criminal political backdealings... **the non-PR-versions of world events and crises...** everything from the **build up to the Iraq War during Powell,** to what the **actual content of 'aid packages'** is: for instance, PR that the US is sending aid to Pakistan includes funding for water/food/clothing...that much is true, it includes that... **but the other 85% of it is for F-16 fighters and munitions to aid in the Afghanistan effort, so the US can call in Pakistanis to do aerial bombing instead of Americans potentially killing civilians and creating a PR crisis"**

"...i had always questioned the way things worked, and investigated to find the truth **but that was a point where i was a \*part\* of something.....i was actively involved in something that i was completely against... but i was a part of it... and completely helpless..."**

"im not so much scared of getting caught and facing consequences at this point as i am of **being misunderstood"**

"i think **the thing that got me the most...** that made me rethink the world more than anything...**was watching 15 detainees taken by the Iraqi Federal Police... for printing 'anti-Iraqi literature'**... the Iraqi Federal Police wouldn't cooperate with US forces, so i was instructed to investigate the matter... it turned out, they had printed a **scholarly critique against PM Maliki...** i had an interpreter read it for me... and when i found out that it was a **benign political critique titled "Where did the money go?"** and following the **corruption trail within the PM's cabinet...** i immediately took that information and **\*ran\* to the officer to explain what was going on...** he didn't want to hear any of it... **he told me to shut up** and explain how we could assist the FPs in finding **\*MORE\* detainees...** **everything started slipping after that...i saw things differently"**

"...it's important that it gets out....i feel, for some bizarre reason....it might actually change something....if it's out in the open... it should do the public good....**we're human...and we're killing ourselves....and no-one seems to see that....and it bothers me....i care?..."**

"the reaction to the [Collateral Murder] video **gave me immense hope...** CNN's iReport was overwhelmed... Twitter exploded... people who saw, knew there was something wrong."

"i want people to see the truth... regardless of who they are...because **without information you cannot make informed decisions as a public"**

***'and god knows what happens now....hopefully worldwide discussions, debates and reforms'***

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for more of from these chat logs see: <http://wiseupaction.info> (top menu: 'about') Bradley Manning 'in his own words'