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The Culture Wars: How We Can Lower the Temperature

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Books by Clay Jenkinson

The Language of Cottonwoods: Essays on the Future of North Dakota

Bring Out Your Dead: The Literature and History of Epidemics

*Message on the Wind: A Spiritual Odyssey
on the Northern Plains*

*The Writings of the Lewis & Clark Expedition
in North Dakota*

*Becoming Jefferson's People: Re-Inventing
The American Republic in the 21st Century*

*A Free and Hardy Life: Theodore Roosevelt's
Sojourn in the American West*

*The Character of Meriwether Lewis: Explorer
in the Wilderness*

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-Clay

Here's How to Lower the Temperature:

1. Wean yourself of 24-7-365 cable media.
2. Avoid the echo chambers.
3. Don't initiate the aggression.
4. Don't take the bait.
5. Avoid incendiary language and terms.
6. Avoid the usual talking points.
7. Grant Others legitimacy and agency.
8. Doubt your own certitudes.
9. Listen with respect and generosity.
10. Take a lesson from Mr. Jefferson: Artificial Good Humor.
11. We are all Republicans, We are all Federalists.

Clay is the editor of *We Proceeded On*, the quarterly journal of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. You should subscribe: www.lewisandclark.org.

LISTENING TO AMERICA is Clay's initiative to go out to see the country as we approach the 250th birthday of the United States. We need your help. Follow along. Suggest places and people to visit. Share your ideas about the state of the nation at 250. Go to LTAmerica.org and do please sign up for our newsletter. Oh, and Clay needs a Batman black Ford F150 to make the tour.

Clay is a frequent "talking head" in Ken Burns' documentary films, most recently *The Buffalo*, but also *Thomas Jefferson*, *The National Parks*, *The Roosevelts*, and *Ben Franklin*.

Clay is a writer, public humanities scholar, editor, public radio personality, adventurer, leader of cultural tours. He lives in Bismarck, North Dakota, one of the last agrarian places in America. He has a particular interest in the American West.

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