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## From the Managing Editor

“Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?” These lines from the New Testament, as vividly rendered in the painting by Bruegel on our cover, are a perfect metaphor for the abject failure of leadership among especially the nations of the trans-Atlantic region today. The often willful blindness of those leaders—and their followers—in the face of the existential threats we currently face, are truly leading humanity into the ditch.

Is this too harsh a message for the year-end? We think not. As Lyndon LaRouche writes in his *Feature* article, “Your world, and mine, has now entered a qualitatively new stage of history, which should be regarded as the end-stage of an entire period of history, an end-stage which is presently closing in upon us with a deadly grip; but, hopefully, it is also the forewarning of the opportunities for a new, better age very soon to begin.”

You will find evidence aplenty to substantiate the gravity of our condition, beginning with Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s report on the “Prospects for 2012: World War III, or the Onset of the Age of Reason” (*International*), in which she calls for “an uncompromising analysis of the flawed assumptions of the political and economic elites of the trans-Atlantic region, which have made them so *blind* to the consequences of their policies,” including the threat of a *thermonuclear* world war.

We also bring you excerpts of Russian Prime Minister Putin’s year-end webcast, in which, contrary to the Western media spin, he again states his desire for an “alliance” with the U.S., while he makes clear that Russia will not become its “vassal.”

“Congress Gives Obama His Hitlerian Enabling Act” leads our *National* section, followed by our coverage of the latest moves by Obama and the Congress toward war. Documentation includes a letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid from retired military officers opposing Obama’s naked power grab; and an op-ed by Gen. (ret.) John A. Johns.

In *Economics* you may be shocked to learn that the total outlay, thus far, by the Ministry of Bailouts, has reached \$29 trillion! There is also an in-depth analysis of the economic-political crisis in India.

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## The Strategic Situation Now

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

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### Foreword

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Let this be said, with the same intention with which I had named that poem of mine from sixty years ago, “My Lyre.” It were as a universe which that poetic spirit within me had described as “bending stars like reeds.”

Now, during the recent lapse of time since the Spring of this year 2011, I had devoted myself, largely, to working through successive stages of the continuing theme of this present year’s series of pieces of mine, of which one major title (the present one) is still currently in progress at this moment. This series, when it will have been taken in its whole, has a single, commonly subsuming theme, with a virtually completed discovery as presented in this published version sent to print.

Yet, this has also been a fairly well-defined mission which had been in the process of continuous resolution into its early expression since the first steps during the post-war 1940s, under the ruinous practices of President Harry S Truman and putative economist Arthur Burns, throughout the 1945-1960 interval, and into the incarnation it has acquired during the recent weeks. During the greater part of the recent eight months, I had been in the process of defining what has now become a uniquely competent method for defining the means for securing general physical-economic growth. My intention during the longer period from 1956-57, and beyond, had been to establish my competence in what had al-

ready become the early rudiments of an inherently successful, new method for long-ranging economic forecasting and policy-design, a competence which has since developed into becoming the most effective economic policy-shaping doctrine known publicly today.

What I had accomplished had been a process of ongoing discoveries which had taken shape, and had continued through, and beyond my early 1950s’ focus on the theme of Bernhard Riemann’s 1854 habilitation dissertation. So, inspirations, like dreams, return to appear as the harvests of successive years.

So, when I had just returned to the United States from military service in Asia, in the Spring of 1946, I settled into experiencing the economic problems of both the post-World War II world, and what came to be known as “The Cold War.” As we were to discover when President John F. Kennedy would have been assassinated, the fact was that with the assassination of President Kennedy, this nation was no longer really what our republic has been under such as Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy, but one which had been largely taken over by our enemies, the British Empire and its subaltern known in street-slang as “Wall Street.”

Those of our citizens who still do not understand that set of facts, do not really know where their own identity lies. That fact shows itself in nearly every aspect of the lives of our citizenry today. In short, the

condition of actually being free, begins with knowing what it is from which one must be freed. There are almost no truly free citizens in our United States, or most of Europe, today; as much as a margin of former freedom still exists, it is presently vanishing at an accelerating rate under the nominal authority of the succession of U.S. President George W. Bush, Jr., and has now almost vanished under the term of a carbon-copy of the Roman Emperor Nero, the British royal puppet, U.S. President Barack Obama.

If we are to become freed again, as Martin Luther King had said, “free at last,” freed from the evil practices of virtual British puppets such as President George W. Bush, Jr., and Barack Obama, we must understand the essential facts concerning our republic’s present situation, and recognize how this presently wretched, virtual decade came about, and how that horrid result might be cured.

To that end, as I remind you now, the individual composition which I present here, is a particular element in a continued batched series of related utterances by me, since the now past Spring of this year. There is also a deeper aspect, even in essential elements deep in history, which are urgently to be reawakened for consideration, for reflection here, now, while I walk with you, the reader, through that experience, in this report, here.

This process on which I shall report here, is one which reaches back, from that which might often seem to have been scattered recollections, but which, now, must become a more prominently featured, and much-matured subject of discussions, such as those discussions published under the impact of my present atten-



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tion to such continuing, present-day concerns, as they appear to me today. Therefore, I report here on the subject of the ontological implications of the same Classical perspective which had also been already expressed, relatively long ago, by a succession of such exceptional ancient minds as since Heraclitus and Plato.

That recurring experience of ancient through present-day history has been, for me, truly an ancient concern, a concern which is currently expressed for me more and more forcefully as I become older. These concerns have been expressed in publications, especially those of my own and of a rare few others. I refer to those others who are devoted to the subject of the present terms of my ever-more-revolutionary definition of the appropriate, ontological basis and design for the needed reform in scientific method for economy, as

for today. It is not my advancing age, as such, which defines that difference; it is the ever-more-menacing condition which has already been reached now, a condition of general trans-Atlantic economic breakdown on this planet: a condition which has presently reached a critical point as has happened within the recent several days. Your world, and mine, has now entered a qualitatively new stage of history, which should be regarded as the end-stage of an entire period of history, an end-stage which is presently closing in upon us with a deadly grip; but, hopefully, it is also the forewarning of the opportunities for a new, better age very soon to begin.

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## *Percy Shelley & History*

When I take into account what I am proud to have accomplished in the course of such a presently continued undertaking as that, up to this time, I must insist, that the original inspiration for this project of mine, is still exemplified in spirit, by the celebrated, concluding paragraph of Percy Bysshe Shelley's **A Defence of Poetry**. On that account, nothing has been left "worn out."

Sometimes, as in some persons' reading of Shelley's concluding paragraph for his **A Defence of Poetry**, there had been suspicion expressed by some, that Shelley had left that poem uncompleted. That poem and I have both proven to have been wiser than to permit such a conclusion; in the end, we, of my dedication, have understood that Shelley had ended this work on that publication at the stage when his actual intention in writing that report had been fulfilled by him, and for him, at that point. We must recognize that he had completed his statement made, implicitly to you, on that occasion; it is now your turn—for each of us—to respond to him; have you succeeded in responding with a relevant, decent quality of reaction of your own?

The categorically ontological feature of the course of my own first study of Shelley's composition, a composition which was originally uttered by him about two centuries ago, has left an effect on me which I had experienced repeatedly in the course of both my adolescence, and my adult years to date. Each time I had read Shelley's **A Defence of Poetry**, especially since the immediate post-World War II period, I had come away with an always refreshed expression and in greater strength of conviction. This experience has become an effect on me which may be located in respect to the beautiful temptation which should have been what had aroused Shelley's admirers then (as it certainly did a few). The actual principle of his work, whose internal reality I had discovered on my own account, has now enabled me to report that fact to you, here, and now, in this refreshed, present expression; it is now also expressed for me as a fact which had existed on its own account, as a principle, such as Shelley's own, even long before I had been actually born. We are each, after all, the victim of our parents' generation, and, also, our own.

What I have done, for my part, in this still-ongoing evolution of that maturing drama, is to have brought you, the reader, to a point of confrontation with my own original, living insights into that principle; so, in this

manner, I shall now confront you, as I do in this present report. I confront you, with the challenge of your obligation to share my own, still ever-deepening insight into the subject-matter of the ontological implications of the physical notion of what is to be recognized presently, here. I present that as my notion of the principle of the universality of the truly physical principle of metaphor.

## *Shelley's Method*

As for Shelley's notion itself, classical irony were never a thing unto itself; it were better said, that such ironies as those, are typical of the same relevant points which are to be traced to such as, for example, such English poets as Shakespeare and Shelley. It is the fundamental principle of **irony**, the rarely recognized, true meaning of the physical principle called **metaphor**, which remains, still today, as belonging in very significant part, to the specifically ontological implications of the work of both of those great poets.

For the sake of irony, my native language is, admittedly, English. It is, most emphatically, the American English descended from what had once been the proudly literate region of the New England coast since the founding of New England early during the Seventeenth Century. Nonetheless, I have based my argument here, as I must say, "prudently," such that it includes such European influences as have been expressed, chiefly, as fruits of the tradition passed down to me as it had been created by the greatest English and German poets known to me as those who had lived since, whether sooner or later, in the sunlight and shadows cast by the leaders of the Fifteenth-century Renaissance, for whom my own preferred choice of reference is, for me, their relevance as means for illustrating the true discovery of my America. The principle of metaphor, is not merely physically supreme, but it also reflects the spiritual qualities of their intentions as my own, and that with conceptions such as those which I present as a report of that result in this present publication.

To a certain degree, it might seem to me now, as to some others, that, at the least, my subject here almost speaks for itself. However, I must not only admit, but insist from the outset, that it does not, and could not actually speak for itself; "seems" or "almost," is not "actual."

It is therefore necessary, for my purpose here, that we share this present statement among us with the ac-





*"I have based my argument here . . . in the sunlight and shadows cast by the leaders of the Fifteenth-Century Renaissance, for whom my own preferred choice of reference is their relevance as means for illustrating the true discovery of my America." The principle of metaphor: "St. Peter Healing with His Shadow," Masaccio (1426); the Brancacci Chapel, Florence.*

companying assumption that we might wish that the matter were able, at the least, to seem to speak for itself. In fact, sadly, it does not do that, and could not. So, with such reservations taken into account, we might be enabled to adduce the higher wisdom presented to us by the stubbornness of a discovery of that which, in this connection, does not actually speak to us directly for itself, but impels me to work to discover what had not been otherwise revealed.

The great error which needs to be removed from our

mutual considerations between you, the reader, and me, the writer, is to be blamed largely on the cruelly fraudulent, self-inflicted presumptions of the perennially credulous. Blame the folly of the proverbial "true believer": blame the absurdity of the presumption that "truth" lies within the proverbial bounds of "sense certainty."

Worst of it all, is the credulous victim's all too typical, ontological presumption, which is his, or her belief in the actual existence of what is conventionally described as "empty space." Similarly, there is the belief of some foolish students (or professors) of physical science, like those university students, or graduates who failed to comprehend the unique genius of both Johannes Kepler's uniquely original discovery of the actual principle of universal gravitation, as a student who, therefore, lacked insight into the implications of Kepler's great, unique discovery of the true principle of gravitation, a discovery which is also highly relevant in respect to the physical principle which is our subject here. I also mean the implications bearing on the method expressed by the crucially distinct, specific contributions of such later exemplars of science as Bernhard Riemann, Max Planck, Albert Einstein, and Academician V.I. Vernadsky, as considered in that order.

### ***What Is Metaphor?***

I am aware, in a general fashion, of a rather large proportion among those who have acquired a "classroom" sort of apparently literate, but, nonetheless, intellectually failed sort of presumed familiarity with the proper import of the term "metaphor." Of these, a few exceptional persons may even have actually acquired a certain kind of "look-it-up-in-the-back-of-the-book" literacy in the conventional use of the term "metaphor;" but, only a tiny minority among those persons, commands an actually competent insight into the distinctive, strict meaning, and the real significance of what might regarded as the strictly scientific meaning of the Classical "actor" in the Classical drama. I mean one who, himself, fits the standard of metaphor.

A strict meaning of the term "metaphor," does not refer to a particular, explicitly direct object, or set of



objects; it refers, to an implied simultaneity among a very special quality of several, indirectly related objects.

Consider the case of such an apparent characteristic of such a shadow-like object cast as such a pair, or, more. In such cases we are able to conceptualize the specific effect which accounts for the generation of the shadow of such a pair-wise, or comparable shadow; but we do not “see” the relevant sort of linkage among those considerations which pertain to that which has been either a pair of shadows, or some larger set of such an array, as might be defined by named “characters.” Functionally, we do not “see” the actual object; the real character is actually performed, not on the stage (even if one were there); it lies in the idea implanted in the minds of the audience viewing the performing actor, or actors; this is to be recognized, not by vision, but as to be seen within the mind of the viewing audience, rather than a projection on a linear screen. It can not be seen with the mere eyes and ears of the audience, but only by means of the superior potentialities of that power of the human mind which creates the images of those personalities called to the mind of the audience by means of a higher power of the human mind, a power of an ontological order higher than any mere brain as such.

For example: imagine two actors on a stage, apparently seeing nothing other than themselves, or one another, each probably terrified by the economic spectacle within the trans-Atlantic region now, or horrified by a mysteriously queer sound emanating from an intellectual darkness by which they are, in effect, overwhelmed.

One of the most useful of such experiences as that, can be presented, with hope of some moderate success, by the proper pedagogical use of the Classical theatrical stage.

There are two principal means for introducing the audience, preferably qualified scientists of the type I might point out to you here, to presentation of an experimental demonstration of the principle of metaphor. There are reasonable alternatives to that approach, but, while defensible approximations, they will fail, nonetheless, in any attempt to come directly to the crucial point of scientific principle. I have presented the nature of the basis in truth for the actually needed solution’s crafted attempt at alternatives; but, they can not fail to present difficulties for the person lacking the recommended grounding in method.

I present my preferred argument as follows.

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## I. The Physical Science of Mind

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In what often passes, unfortunately, for customary doctrine on the subject of the human mind today, the primary emphasis is placed, mistakenly, on the topics of “sense perception” and “the (physical) brain.” In modern physical science, the needed healthful change, is away from those popular habits, and must be centered, then, on such sources as the concluding, third section of Bernhard Riemann’s habilitation dissertation, and such as the successive developments of what have been specifically Lejeune Dirichlet’s and Bernhard Riemann’s developments within the category of Abelian Functions. The attempted mathematical reductionist’s interpretations of so-called Abelian functions, are to be avoided as being in the likeness of suspected highway-hazards. So, Riemann had forewarned his reader in the concluding sentence of his 1854 habilitation dissertation.

The significance of the argument to be made on this account, is that the act of expressing standard human sense-perception, does not show us the actual function of the physical process on which that evidence depends. In effect, the limitations of our sense-perceptual instruments are the source of the errors which the careless mind imposes upon what careless opinion lends the false identity of “natural.” That fault is inherent in the nature of belief in “sense perception” as being self-evident (as in the literal meaning of “sense-perception”). Sense-perception does not show us the foot, but only the footprint which the foot has created in its passage. In brief, the “actual foot” is invisible to the sensory apparatus; only the virtual shadow (e.g., “the footprint”) is visible.

We must proceed from the vantage-point of recognizing that what is customarily treated as sense-certainties, are, in actual practice, merely shadows cast by what the senses do not present to us directly; there, the existence of true science begins. The habituated belief in a primary value for sense-perception is the most vicious systemic folly of the majority of opinion, even among most scientific opinion, still today.

Continue the study of this matter, by extending “the model” of “the foot” to the case in which the “foot” is now extended to the case of a trail of “footprints.” The foot itself, including its movements, continues to be actually invisible to the observing person; only the “footprint” (the shadow of the continuous trail of “footprints”), is visible. What, then, is the ontological “place”

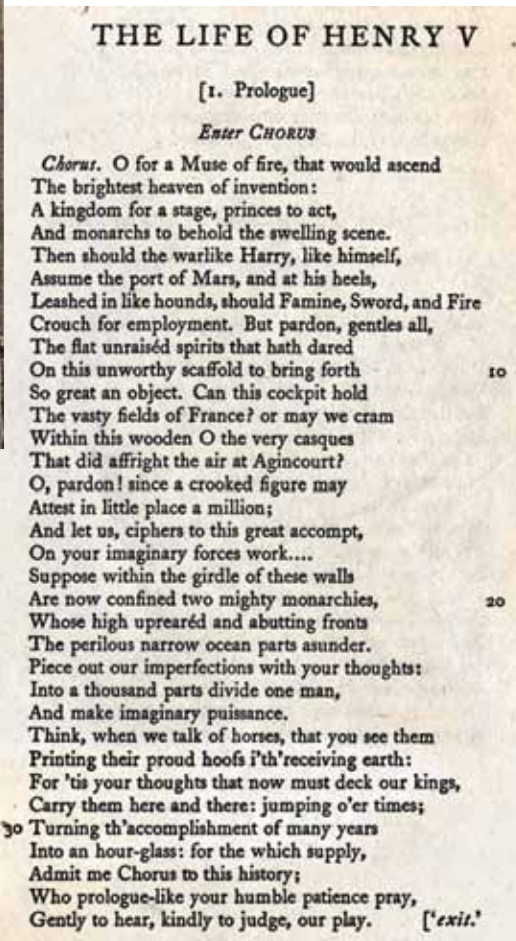


*The famous prologue to Shakespeare's "Henry V" provides "the touch of counterfeit magic which brings on the awe on which the perceived passion of the drama depends for its equivalent of 'life.'"*

in which the "foot" itself ("the actual effect") is "visible" in some sense?

Therefore, the actual "foot" in this case, is invisible to the person observing the trail; it is the "virtual shadow" of the series of the merely apparent "foot-events," which is the "visible" expression of the presence of the actual "foot." The real action is thus expressed, only in the form of that which is not seen literally.

So, far, there is nothing which should seem absurd to a competent scientist about any of this. The irony of the imagery lies in the fact that the presumption of "seeing" is not a direct representation, ontologically, of the actual movement of the foot itself; it is the visual experience of the actual movement of the foot, not the foot itself, which has authored the viewer's sense of the perception of both the object and its motion; it is the duty of the scientist to effect the needed correction in what has been accepted scientific opinion. That now poses the question: "What is 'it' which 'sees' that which is embodied in the actuality of observing the multiply paradoxical characteristic of the array of the attributed motion of the designated object as such?"



Now, consider another aspect of that which bears on such kinds of relations. We have thus, now, entered the domain of Shakespeare's and Shelley's ontological paradoxes. Consider a case of the inherent irony of Shakespeare's "Chorus" from **Henry the Fifth**.

What the occasion of a successful stage performance pretends to regard as merely the appearance of the actors, is the fact that the actors standing in for the ghost-like roles of what are actually performed as the work of the actors, have been implicitly assigned to substitute for the image of the characters which they are played to represent, characters from the play itself, which dwell among us, otherwise, only as inhabitants of the audience's imagination.

Meanwhile, as to the drama as a whole, treat it as if you were being advised by the thinking of the voice of a Shakespeare caught in the moment of his writing the famous prologue from his **Henry the Fifth**. On the crucial implications

of the subject of that prologue, it is urgent that the following be said here and now.

The characters who appear on the Classical stage of Shakespeare, are made up to appear as virtually ghosts, not the living bodies of the characters being played. The actual ghosts on whose account the actors perform on stage, are to be recognized as actors on stage who are performing the apparent parts of persons which they are actually not; thus, they appear like ghosts attributed to the action of the characters assigned to the drama to perform as ghosts, actual ghosts on stage which the audience chooses to recognize as hypothetically the flesh-and-blood actors, or actor-like objects on stage. However, pay close attention to the fact, that the actors about to appear on the stage are not the real persons (but correspond to a place ostensibly occupied by real persons), while very little of the rest of the impedimenta hauled so onto the stage, is really what it is presumed to represent.

The apparent fault, or, you might say “irony” of the arrangements on stage, is not to be regarded as demanded by the producer’s yearning for ready cash, or some other sort of difference expressed as of that category. This feature of the staging of the Classical drama, is an essential part of the meaning of the entirety of the play, a requirement demanded, as a matter of ontological principle, as in the instance of Lady Macbeth’s bloody night-prowl, by that principle of metaphor—the principle of the imagination—on which the competence of all dramatic forms of public events depends, as a matter of the principle of true drama. So, Shakespeare’s instructions on the crafting of that spectre which is his Birnam Wood, is the necessary touch of gloomy magic without which the grisly irony of an effective conclusion of the drama were not accomplished. All this and its likeness, is the touch of counterfeit magic which brings on the awe on which the perceived passion of the induced irony in the drama depends for its equivalent of “life.”

We must induce in the spectators, and also the players, that sense of “magic” on which the competence of the poetry depends. This is not a “trick.” At this point, I must introduce one of my specific clarifications:

Hence, we have, there, a proper sort of conventional image of the principle of metaphor as it bursts the bounds of what are merely entertainments, thus to expose itself as the essential principle of a valid physical science, as, unfortunately relatively few presumed scientists have yet actually grasped this notion. The principle of metaphor must be introduced to the action of the drama, at that junction, for such purposes! On this account, the Classical drama, or its like, passes over from entertainment, to the subject of deeply impassioned, seemingly magical principles situated within an enlarged practice of physical science. It proceeds as follows from this point onward.

Make no mistake; this is a matter of real physical science! It is necessary to make the apparent mere play mimic nature, for the sake of the purpose that sense-perception as such can not mimic actual nature; therefore, the poet and dramatist must intimate the magic attributably inherent in history’s nature.

### ***Metaphor!***

This expression of the principle of metaphor, is the application to a set of functional relationships represented by what are regarded directly as actions in nature for which the action itself is invisible to ordinary sense-

perception, but in which for the action itself, even when its nature is physically invisible, we are then potentially enabled to adduce that which remains literally invisible respecting the action recognizable as being of this type of action. This notion tends to be made clear when one assesses the Classical stage from the standpoint of a Platonic physical science in the tradition of such as Heraclitus and Plato, rather than as merely entertainment or the like.

Ordinarily, we “see” what sense-perception presents, not that which the alternate “sensorium” of the domain of physical science proffers as the appropriate alternative.

The most significant expression of this principle of the stage, is located within the actual, but “physically invisible” actions which the successful on-stage performance makes suggestibly “real” for the sake of the audience reactions to what has been passing among the imagination, of the players onstage and the audience alike, or, as a physical interaction which is, in its core, not directly intelligence relevant to the subject of the action itself; here, *the effect of the action*, rather than a *direct vision of the action*, serves as the seemingly “magical” substitute for that occasion. The example of the opening of Chorus from Shakespeare’s **King Henry V**, is an excellent illustration of the sense of that which must be the eeriness of the action portrayed to the audience, then and there.

In that part of Shakespeare’s drama, pathetic mere toys serve as shadows of that which lacks the mysterious passion of the settings within which the listed characters prance and speak.

On this account, we must recognize a chain of connecting points throughout a real time and conceived place; we must recognize them as points of reference for a universe within which no actual “space” actually exists. It is an experience which should prompt a recollection of the genius of such excellent qualities of ancient anti-reductionists as Heraclitus and Plato, as, also, that of such modern exemplars of the same legacy: exemplars such as the modern European Renaissance’s Filippo Brunelleschi, Nicholas of Cusa, and such dependent followers of Cusa as Leonardo da Vinci, Johannes Kepler, Gottfried Leibniz, and soon (speaking historically) after that, such contemporaries and followers of Leibniz as Alexander von Humboldt, Carl F. Gauss, and then Lejeune Dirichlet, Bernhard Riemann, and then such as Max Planck and Albert Einstein. All of these true modern spirits of science, especially since

the birth of Europe's Fifteenth Century, had depended chiefly, in their respective lifetimes, on the systemically defined heritage of the crucial, ontological implications of Cusa's **De Docta Ignorantia**.

Then, there is the matter of that which needs to be postponed for a moment here, postponed for consideration as being probably both an intrinsically elementary point, and also one yet to be presented, until now; I present this, for the purpose of situating what I must present as the relevant, still higher standpoint of argument needed to make clear the crucially important, and presently still little-known Classical principle which I am emphasizing here.

### ***Philo vs. Euclid & Nietzsche***

To put that just-stated point here: that which is to be put aside so for the present moment, we have the case of the popular, but typically, systemically absurd notion of the modern reductionist's echo of the fraudulent presumptions of Euclid. On this account, see Philo of Alexandria's denunciation of Euclid, and, (implicitly) of Euclid's modern, fascist follower, Friedrich Nietzsche: all of which is implicitly generic in its implications.

The deeper aspect of that same issue of Philo versus Euclid (and Aristotle) touches the ontologically crucial implications of the notion of continuing, universal creativity, as that which interpenetrates the actual reality necessarily, underlying the principle of the notion of universe itself.

That much said this far, to get to the core of the point to be made in this presentation, we must now proceed as follows into the matter of "The Science of Classical Art."

The notion that sense-perceptions are real, as if in and of themselves, is among the more deadly of the common, and often poisonous, superstitions to be met among the credulously symbol-minded. Indeed, the most tragic follies of most of past and present mankind, can be blamed on this.

Those may not seem to be the worst nightmares of



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ordinary mankind; but, the belief in a self-evident quality for sense-perception for itself, is the source of what have been the worst, most systematically vicious effects upon the mind of mankind. Those so-duped believers, have swallowed the foolish, and implicitly poisonous notion, that the sense-perceptions are not only reality, but are even to be considered as the foundations in evidence for an experienced truth. In fact, what those images actually represent, are only the twisted, often unreal shadows, which have been cast by unknown objects. These are objects which may exist for some audiences as if they had been sent from another universe, rather than the one which actually exists; these are the mere shadows which most among us in the society, thus far, each tends to mistake for having been their own true being.

The customary notion of sense-perception, is sane only insofar as the believer claims a sense-perception to be no more than merely the evidence of the occurrence



of that which has the effect of what is attributed as having been a sense-perception, but not a reality in and of itself. It is to be considered as if it were no more truthful than being merely a footprint left by the passage of an invisible foot.

The principle to which I have pointed in the immediately preceding two paragraphs here, is often already available in a relatively perfected, truthful form, in great Classical artistic compositions. The principle of truth, so expressed, is properly identified as the great, all-revolutionary principle of metaphor, upon which all true knowledge, like all truly Classical artistry, depends.

The distinction of the principle of metaphor, is that the actual relationships among the direct objects of the metaphor are not directly interactive; they are images which might merely glare, or smile at one another, each within the silenced confinement of its own glass cage, but they can not interact willfully. Only the passions within and among those such qualities of certain objects of our imagination, are, as if seen in a glass cage, or, as one playwright has said, “a glass menagerie,” what taunts the imageries, as the Christian Apostle Paul wrote of this matter in **I Corinthians 13**:

*“For now, we see through a glass, darkly; but, then, face to face; now, I know in part; but, then, shall I know, even as I am known.”*

This passage from the Apostle Paul has a precise, scientific meaning in the realities of physical time, as I emphasized in such locations as my relatively brief, September 30, 2011 replies to two questions presented to me in an LPAC National Broadcast on that occasion. I explain this crucial fact of a competent physical science, as follows, at a place somewhat later in this report, below.

*So, it is the expression of the true principle of metaphor, that we must, typically, consider two objects, each of which is not a reality in itself, but each of which is, rather, a seen shadow cast by an unseen reality.* What, therefore, is the relationship of that which is seen, as if in a mirror, as an imagined relationship between what appear to be two different objects? The objects which we have believed that we have seen, must be treated as related in the way that the mere shadows of real objects must be related to the human actor. They are related in metaphor.

That, for example, was precisely the true nature of

the stroke of genius in Johannes Kepler’s recognition of his discovered principle of universal gravitation, as in, also, his relevant, earlier discovery of the use of the notion of a “vicarious hypothesis.” Such is the actual relationship between the shadows known as sense-perceptions, and the unseen objective-existences which are invisible to human sense-perceptions; such is the quandary of those persons, who differ from, but resemble, curiously, the behavior of those apparently panicked pigs which react to the earthquakes at a discrete interval of time prior to a human perception of such an actually, humanly experienced, subsequent event.

### ***Pierre-Simon Laplace’s Demon***

So, Pierre-Simon Laplace lacked the honesty of the pigs experiencing the onset of that which we humans have experienced as the pigs’ own first, direct perception of the earthquake as being a sensed earthquake. Such is the conclusion to be adduced in noting the intrinsic incompetence of Laplace’s fraudulent report on the actuality which is usually mistaken for what was merely an imagined form of space-time.

The recent half-billion years of the related, known physical-scientific history of life under the hosting of our galaxy, demonstrates that what might seem to some, to be the likeness of a “self-evident clock time” does not actually exist as anything more than the effect of the shadows which had been mistaken for the adumbrated notion of the actual event. The real “clock” of this universe, acts through physical-evolutionary time, the time of ontological revolutions among sundry varieties of species, not “pill-like” doses of objects in clock-time. There is no constantly fixed time in an actual physical space-time; time is what you become in this universe while you have lived, and remain living, and, also continue to have been. I shall proffer a clearer view of this particular fact under the heading of the principle of creativity to which I responded in those closing moments of my September 30, 2011 National Broadcast.

Having taken that much into account for later reference here, I now say on that account, in brief, that the notion of a “Second Law of Thermodynamics” which was cooked up by Nineteenth-century hoaxsters such as Rudolf Clausius, is an assertion directly contrary to the most essential scientific facts respecting development and extinctions in the course of the efficiently evolutionary development of the known universe, respecting our present knowledge of the evolution of life-forms during the recent half-billion years. Evolution of

life forms, in particular, is to be measured in terms of a required pattern of increase of the rates of energy-flux density of the experienced universe, as in such cases as the continuing existence of life-forms' determining power to increase the required such relative increase of density. The successful existence of living species, moves as if with joyful passion against what must seem to the mechanist as a virtually uphill gradient of our universe. Our universe proceeds successfully, and, I wish to believe it should be happily, in the experience of its successive economic-uphill transformations.<sup>1</sup>

In particular, during the recent half-billion years of the relevant evidence, the clock of the evolution of species on this planet, proceeds uphill. "Clock time" does not exist as an independent factor of physical time; physical time exists as an "uphill" development; it moves "uphill," as from lower to higher, qualitative expressions of existence, such as higher "energy-flux density" of existence. Stagnation, otherwise known as "zero growth," or, as the illusion of belief in "clock time," is a measure of attrition, a measure of degradation and, ultimately, "extinction" of that whose breeding had failed. In the real universe, existence demands the opportunity to move as if "up-hill," and, for many, seemingly against the grain; all of this, seemingly, to the effect of a principle of universal anti-entropy; therefore, a trend of extinction is inherent in the cases of a lack of what seems to be uphill progress toward higher mean states of existence.

### ***The Oligarchical Lie***

Those facts present us with a twofold challenge.

First, since the fact of the conclusive weight of experimental evidence, is that the pretended discovery of the notion of a mean rate of "zero-growth," is inherently a lie; therefore, the consequent question is, whence came the fraudulent notion of "zero growth"—the so-called "Second Law of Thermodynamics"?

The answer to that question is relatively simple; the answer, which is to say, the name of the culprit, is the brutish (e.g., "British") fraud called "the oligarchical principle." The second challenge is: "Who is setting that oligarchical clock?" My suggested answer is, as the Apostle Peter's associate, Philo of Alexandria, pointed out: there is an inherent, upward trajectory of continuing development in the "physics" of our universe:

hence, the inherent need to combat the evil by the use of such means as those which are typified by the physics-concept of a universal, anti-entropic, anti-Euclidean, anti-Friedrich Nietzschean rejection of Euclid's assertion of the notion of a "dead Creator" in a universe in which there is no inherently continuing creation permitted according to Aristotle and Euclid and their asserted "universal laws."

The belief in a so-called "Second Law of Thermodynamics" is an expression of the moral as much as the physical decadence which inheres in, and is characteristic of the practice of the so-called "oligarchical principle."

That "oligarchical principle" of the current British Royal household and its impedimenta, is what is illustrated by the principle of the first of the four stages (thus far) of the Roman Empire; the second, had been passage of that empire into its reincarnation as Byzantium; thence, third, into the Venetian-directed status of the Crusader pandemic; and, fourthly, the latter's re-emergence as the present British empire under the descendants of the Sarpian, imperial New Venetian Party's William of Orange. It had emerged, then, as the present British empire, that of, now, the Queen Elizabeth II currently seeking its realization in the form of something akin to the notion of a frankly pro-satanic, thermonuclear Armageddon expressed as the intention to effect the rapid, genocidal reduction of the present human species, from seven billions, now, to one billion living persons permitted to exist on Earth, by order of the Queen's own realm. In its earlier incarnations, this same oligarchical tradition had included such atrocities as the trend into decadence of what had been the relatively superior quality of the Indian Ocean-based maritime culture of the Sumerians, as by the moral decline effected through the effects of the disastrous Peloponnesian War.

There are deeper considerations beyond those indicated here this far; the following issues are of crucial significance on that account.

### ***Mankind in the Universe***

Consider the inherently anti-entropic direction which the evidence of science to date has shown during the extent of the course of about a half-billion years' pageant of what is presently known as the estimated half-billion years of the succession of known life-forms on Earth. Review that evidence, when such a sequence of developments has been matched with the trends in that galaxy within which our Solar system is contained,

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1. This is the subject featured in the question and answer portion of my National Webcast Address of September 30, 2011.

and that tallied when the evidence of the noëtic principle of universal creativity has been exhibited in the emergence and continuing development of our Sun's planetary system.

However, there is another, considerably deeper phase of this matter, which is to be considered here now. Although I have presented much of this which I state here, which had already been emphasized in my

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earlier publications, there are strong reasons for my restating this absolutely crucial case to this present audience, here and now.

The principal, persisting source of incompetence among even many presumably ranking scientists, has been the fruit of the grave error of a continuing insistence on what are regarded as merely sense-perceptions, which are now often misused as a claimed standard of scientific certainties. The essential fact to be considered in this respect, is that sense-perceptions are exactly that: merely sense-perceptions, and, relative to the successes of the Riemann standard in physics, childishly crude instruments. Those sense-perceptions are experiences which have the actual relevance of being merely sense-perceptions, and which are often expressions of some misleading qualities associated with mere shadows of actuality, rather than being, actually, a not-directly-sense-experienced bit of evidence which could be better represented, directly, as the probably actually generated laws of the universe itself.

Consider some timely thoughts.

The principle underlying the point which I have just outlined here, could be conveniently described, in effect, as a matter of a distinction of, most notably, two ontologically different conceptions of the experience of what is perceived as having been "physical time." The simplest view of the kinds of distinctions to be considered along the lines I have outlined in these preceding

paragraphs, is the suggestion of the difference between the shadow (human sense-perception and its specific effects, on the one side) and the actual experience of the universality of the real event, on the other.

Let us illustrate the working point here by aid of devices which, on the one side, are the relatively causal factor of the precursor of an earthquake, and on the other, the perceived effect of what was the "originally radiated" effect later experienced as the human experience of the earthquake itself. All human sense-perceptions which duped people attribute to be the virtually self-evident authority of "sense-certainty," are effects of the latter type which I have just outlined here. Such is the difference between the human sensorium's attribution of "felt developments" by human sense-perception, and the more accurate, and also more timely radiation of that which has been responsible for the delayed impact expressed as what should be reported as human sensory or comparable experience.

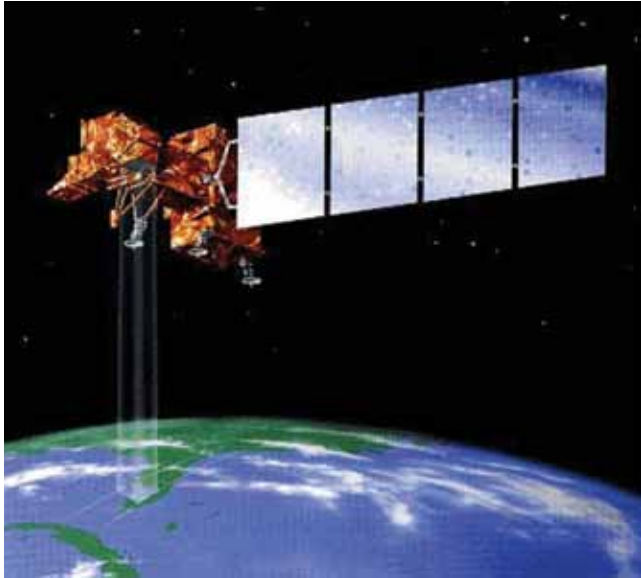
So, on the one side, we have the crude instruments known as living, biological sense-perceptions; on the other side we have the crafted precision of physical instruments which reach toward both the infinitely large and infinitesimally small, as Bernhard Riemann warned us of this fact.

Our sense perceptions are a crude attempt at simulation of what is experienced more closely to the actual event felt, perhaps, a bit later and in a differing modality.

Thus, in this same fashion, the most useful of the early known cases of actually physical-scientific evidence, rather than merely sense-perceptual beliefs, are to be met in such cases as the duplication of the cube by the associate of Plato known as the Pythagorean Archytas, as the latter's celebrated, systemically crucial discovery of the duplication of the cube, complements the statement in the celebrated fragment of Heraclitus, and kindred accomplishments from ancient times.

This discrepancy in "time" of occurrence, to which I have referred immediately above, that as in respect to human sense-perception as such, is thus to be appreciated as a systemic defect in any human reliance on a presumed "natural" quality of what we recognize in the use of the technical term "sense-perception." A similar conclusion is needed when the sense-perception of the pigs experiencing an earthquake-related type of event, is contrasted with the same real event's later report of a human response to the same setting of the in-processness experienced by the pigs of the categorically "same" event.

The essential challenge which my cited treatment of



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*Shown: Goddard's Earth Resources Technology Satellite, launched in 1982.*

the difference between the pigs and the people during the same extended world event, illustrates more broadly, is what is rooted in the inherent imperfections of what can be reduced, by aid of man-made scientific instruments, to a common universal event. The mistaken notion of an alleged human experience of "space-time," is an illustration of such inherent errors in the various species of notions of lapsed time associated within a generality of notions equivalent to those of sense-perception.

It could, and should be proposed that no man sees the universe as the Creator does. The warning which this represents, is that sense-perception does not produce what is fairly and truly regarded as an actually scientific certainty. We must train the modern human mind to rely on a vast, and broadly extended proliferation of conflicting perceptors, so that we might, in this way, provide ourselves with a vast array of instruments employed to supersede the crude mechanisms of what we are customarily duped into regarding as "direct evidence." As we are now forewarned, more and more, of the deadly menace of being drawn into a misguided faith in ordinary "sense-perception," we are being presently warned, that we require a vast, and vastly expanding array of instruments, out of which, following the noble and unique achievement of Kepler's discovery of

gravitation, we must build up a vastly enriched kind of sensorium, by means of which we are enabled to free our human species from the folly of faith in merely ordinary human sense-perceptions.

This brings us to the matter of the foolishness of Pierre-Simon Laplace.

Among what should be regarded as the most notable failures of persons such as that Laplace, is the use of the notion of "clock-time," or an equivalent, as the adopted primary means for measuring the behavior of the universe as if "from the outside." A few crucial remarks on this will be sufficient at this immediate juncture.

"What is the clock which measures the time of the clock?" To translate that into the complementary argument: "How much of the total time of action is absorbed by variations in the rate of variation in what is merely presumed to be a constant rate of clock-time?" There is nothing idle, as a matter of principle, in that question. The clock-time of the lapsed terms of about a half-billion years of life which has been "clocked" in our galaxy, is one neat little hoax of the accomplices of the fraud of the "Second Law of Thermodynamics."

Rudolf Clausius' hoax of "A Second Law," runs "smack" against two notable obstacles. First, the idea of a fixed galactic time, is defined by his argument as external to the action within the universe; second, that the expression of an overall actual rate expressed in the system of clock-time, is the somewhat embarrassing effect of the expression of relative gain in the higher forms of life within the system during the course of the recent half-billion years.

That, and related considerations show Clausius to be some sort of outright hoaxster.<sup>2</sup> The error becomes more interesting when we take into account that living processes are increasing the relative anti-entropy of their category, and that the relative anti-entropy expressed by a science-driven human culture, is a higher rate of anti-entropy than merely living creatures. Then, there is the matter of the relative rates of anti-entropy among the categories of merely animal life. "Who measured, or actually crafted, your fraudulently crafted, oligarchical yardstick, Herr Clausius?"

The ability of the human species to maintain and increase the energy-flux-density factor of society, that

2. Cf. Turn to page 293 of the Heinrich Weber edition of **Bernhard Riemann's Gesammelte Mathematische Werke**. B.G. Teubner, Stuttgart, 1892/1902, p. 293, footnote by editor: Heinrich Weber's hoax published on behalf of a fraud concocted by the mathematician Rupert Clausius.





*“The first available body of systemically crucial evidence bearing on the required principles of modern physical science, was actually presented by Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, in his **De Docta Ignorantia**.” Shown: Wall tomb of Cusa (d. 1464), San Pietro in Vincoli, Rome; Andrea Bregno. Cusa in prayer, left; St. Peter enthroned, center; Angel of the Resurrection, on the right.*

in inverse proportion to the oligarchical factor, attests to the fact that there is nothing natural about the pack of lies called “environmentalism.” The issue is the degenerative effect of oligarchist social systems, such as the British monarchy, a mass-murderous effect which is inherent in the current British oligarchical “agenda.”<sup>3</sup>

If I seem to speak meanly of the alleged co-thinkers of Herr Clausius, Queen Elizabeth II, and her lackey John Schellnhuber, their claims are not a product of science, but of the psychological needs of an oligarchical

system associated with the myth of the Olympian Zeus, and, probably, sometimes, some cult of cannibalism.

To deal further with the phenomenon of oligarchism, we must turn our attention to the intertwined principles of progress and the practice of advances in physical science. The case of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa and his hereditary influence on the shaping of scientific and social progress of mankind, provides us with the cornerstone of the matters which we must take up next.

### ***Cusa’s Modern European Epoch***

Whereas, in modern European science, there are potent and true contributions by Filippo Brunelleschi; the first available body of systemically crucial evidence bearing on the required principles of modern physical science, was actually presented by Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, in his **De Docta Ignorantia**. All modern notions of scientific principle contrary to Cusa on this account, have been the product of regressions to the debased notions of the oligarchical principle.

All of the leading competent human personalities of modern science, through the production of Johannes Kepler’s works, were explicitly followers of Cusa; the

3. As the point is referenced elsewhere within this report, the origin of Rupert Clausius’ hoax is traced to the a-priorist tradition of the reductionism of such hoaxsters as the poisoner Aristotle and of Euclid. That reductionist school is rooted in the oligarchist system associated with the morally corrupt, mathematics tradition of such as the Olympian Zeus, for which money is a God of the principle of imperialism, such as the successive incarnations of the Roman imperial tradition. Money, like an a-priorist system of number-worship, is defined as a god above gods, as “outside,” as a-priori above all actual knowledge of the system of physical existence of the human species and its scientific practice (e.g., ancient and contemporary monetarism). This monetarist dogma is the continuing foundation of all imperialist and related practices. Indeed, all true Marxists are intrinsically imperialists (monetarists: “money worshippers”) in the Roman imperial and related traditions.

leading scientist to emerge as a follower of Cusa student Kepler, was the Gottfried Leibniz who created the modern calculus premised on a discovery of a physical principle by the same Gottfried Leibniz. All of the key-stone progress of modern physical science and Classical artistic cultures, is premised on the same consideration, as the case of Johann Sebastian Bach demonstrates. Leibniz, in turn, was, thus, a cardinal figure echoed in the Nineteenth-century founding of the physical science of the school of such followers of Abraham Kästner and Carl F. Gauss as Alexander v. Humboldt's Lejeune Dirichlet, Bernhard Riemann, and of the continuing achievements of followers from among such leading figures of Twentieth-century science as Max Planck and Albert Einstein.

Such is the outline of the hopes and also the contrary, wildly reductionist, even systemically criminal abominations perpetrated within the bounds of modern physical science since the founding of that science, of Nicholas of Cusa, which had broken European civilization free of the Fourteenth-century "New Dark Age." This has been a breakthrough centered in that initiating role for all modern science which had been launched by such as Brunelleschi and Nicholas of Cusa. Excepting extraordinary cases such as the economic and related reforms under Charlemagne, virtually all European civilization, to the present day, expresses an imperialist (i.e., monetarist) system of society, as typified in effects by the four principal manifestations of the Roman Empire, from the original Roman Empire of Caesar Augustus through the British Empire of Queen Elizabeth II today. The notion of the role of money per se as the monetarist principle of four successive expressions of what had been the original Roman Empire, outlines the relationship between monetarism and imperialism in the world today. The present breakdown-crisis of the trans-Atlantic monetarist system, is a typical expression of the causes of the onrushing doom within the presently crashing, British-dominated, trans-Atlantic monetarist-imperialist pestilence.

These bare outlines of what is customarily presented as the outline of the ancient through modern history of European-centered accounts of culture, could not be competently presented today, without great emphasis on the wicked role in which the effect of a moral disease called "the oligarchical tradition" is taken into account for its role as a customary, damning feature of that span of European-centered history.

This has been experienced as oligarchical self-damnation such as the ancient Peloponnesian War, or of the Satanic hues of ancient Babylon, or of the wicked effects of the poisoning of Alexander the Great at the prompting of Aristotle, and, also, the successive waves of a recurring Roman Empire of, first, Rome, then Byzantium, and then the Venetian rule over the pestilence of the so-called "crusaders," and, presently, the New Venetian Party of William of Orange, which paved the way for the British version of the Roman imperial system of today. All these have tended to prevent any ostensibly competent modern historian from bringing forth even a single principle of the culture of ancient through modern European civilization.

Such attempts at civilization as those, have each been not as much a culture, as much as it has been a reflection of a recurring, see-saw battle for the reign of an evil which is contrary to the intended true nature of our human species. All this has been contrary to a continuing battle for the good, a battle which has resisted, but not always successfully, the tyrannies typified by the specific oligarchical evil of the model of the British imperial monarchy of today.

So, the genius of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, who inspired the trans-oceanic emergence of what would be included as the becoming of our United States in North America, typifies the unique achievement of the creation of our own United States of America, but, on the other side of history, there has been the recurring evil which has often ruined our wonderful republic through the continuing existence of the Romantic evil known as the British empire. Cusa's **De Docta Ignorantia** remains today the model for trans-Atlantic designs of anti-imperialist, anti-monetarist systems spread throughout the world at large.

There should be nothing considered as an inevitably evil outcome in the record of evil marked out by the recurring moral failures of the Mediterranean region in particular. It has been a moral sickness, a pestilence rightly identified as "oligarchism," which has been chiefly responsible for the evil effects in European cultures so far. What has cursed the nations of Europe during most of their periods of existence thus far, has been a single principle of corruption, the corruption best identified as "the oligarchical principle" which has been typified by such manifestations as the Peloponnesian War, as the great dramatic historian Aeschylus has exhibited the relevant evidence on that tragedy and its outcome.

## ***Is “Oligarchism” “Satan Worship?”***

Whatever a person’s choice of a religious prejudice might be, the singular fact of the span of history of the Mediterranean region, from the earliest known political history, to the present time, has been what is sometimes regarded as the revolt of Christianity against the frankly Satanic quality of the four stages of the Roman empires, including today’s British empire, and their legacies. That cumulative legacy of the four phases of what had been the original Roman Empire, has been the authentically Satanic tradition presently embedded as a certain system of law embedded in the British branch of that presently four-fold Empire, still today.

The British empire emerged to life from its original kernel, as the traditions of England’s Henry VIII and, a bit later, of William of Orange’s Sarpian “New Venetian” party. William’s nominally Dutch, “New Venetian Party” of the followers of Paolo Sarpi, persists, to this present day, as the immediate origin of the evil which is presently, deeply embedded in the British Empire of Queen Elizabeth II, as in that of her horrid spouse, and in the images of the sucking vampire bats which the royal pair appears to love so tenderly: as it has been said, each night.

This statement, just made by me here, is not a fancied spawn of any mere prejudice. As I shall emphasize, without toleration of compromise here, that which I have reported here thus far, is a physical-scientific fact, one which must be considered as such in defining that intention, an opinion contrary to the inherently evil spirit of the British empire, an opinion which is affirmed in the true nobility of the natural inclination of our human species.

Such, is the setting of the oligarchical principle. Such is the crafting of the oligarchical tradition which the legacy of the Roman empire expresses so aptly. Such is the evil from which we must free mankind now, if the presently looming risk of a global thermonuclear holocaust, is to be avoided during the immediate period ahead. We must, of course, resist that danger; but, we must do better than merely resist; we must dig out the source of this presently immediate menace, and uproot it. Therefore, I must now describe and define what we must uproot and destroy.

## ***The Human Mind: Again, in Principle***

An important thought in transition.

The customary view of the function of the human

mind is, unfortunately, still rooted in the errant, naive presumptions of sense-perception. The fault embedded in notions of “sense certainty,” is what should be recognized as the obvious fact that sense-perceptions, whether considered in part, or as a collection of the sensory functions of our bodily incarnation, are not the lawful expression of that universe which credulously mistaken persons presume to be their experience of truth.

For this case, truth is to be extended to include all of the direct and indirect experiences of both mind and body combined. All of the factors of that experience which affect the human species, directly or indirectly, in the individual, or in the experience of mankind on Earth as a whole, are experiences which must be taken into account for the purpose of forming a judgment on the actual totality of what the human mind should be taking into account for any specific, systematic kind of decision.

What “I experience,” or what I might have picked up from neighborly or other “outside” sources, has the predominant tendency to distract our processes of judgment away from truth, toward the lies of dream-lands’ fantasies. As the case of the best practice of modern physical science illustrates the point, actual truth in shaping opinions depends, properly, on judging that which simple sense-perception, whether sensed, or borrowed, inherently misjudges.

## ***Science? What Is Truth?***

Now, when I have said as much as I think necessary to be said on the subjects of what I have presented, or prominently referenced otherwise, thus far, I bring what has been the lurking core-subject of this report, to the fore.

As the exemplary physicist Bernhard Riemann emphasized in the concluding sentence of his 1854 habilitation dissertation: What, we must ask ourselves, is that which is pathologically wrong about the manner of the teaching of mathematics as such, in schools still today? What are the implications of that systematic error of the mathematicians for the crisis of economy today? Why did Riemann emphasize the urgency of departing from the department of mathematics, for the sake of an actually physical science, thus displacing a depraved practice in the tradition of a Euclid?

Return our attention, again, to the illustrative, tragic case of the pathetic Pierre-Simon Laplace.

Refer, again, to the case of that utter fraud known as Euclidean geometry, as a leading case in point. Or, take the fact that, despite every so-called principle of science claimed for Sir Isaac Newton, the Newtonian doctrine, like that of Euclid, has been shown, sweepingly, to have been a systemic fraud; the same is to be said of the doctrine of Aristotle and, as Philo of Alexandria denounced both Aristotle, and also, implicitly, Aristotle's Euclid-like mimic, Friedrich "God is dead!" Nietzsche.

As with the case of Euclid's aprioristic presumptions, all so-called "scientific" dogma presented as if a-priori, is implicitly a hoax, whether or not the hoaxster is aware of such implicitly intentional implications. However, for this present occasion, rather than focussing our attention on the relatively trivial quality of the fraud permeating Euclid's fundamental, a-priori assumptions, I deal here with the far deeper implications of another, truly vicious fraud: the belief in the implied "self-evidence" of what is identified as the a-priorist's belief in that "a-priori" notion of "time" adopted by the hoaxster Pierre-Simon Laplace. Laplace's fraud, is of crucial importance as a symptom of crucial issues to be brought to a mercilessly competent scientific understanding in these matters presented here.<sup>4</sup>

That means, or should be understood to mean, for example, that true science requires that, absolutely contrary to the fraud known as Euclidean geometry, no "external presumptions of so-called principle" should be required, or permitted, to define the subject-matter of the system of human existence itself. This will continue to require special attention from me personally, as from certain others; almost none of our people, excepting some in the "Basement" operations, have an adequate sense of competent insight into the actual implications



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*The great lie of Pierre-Simon Laplace: His "insistence on degrading the universe to the arbitrary presumption of 'clock time.'..."*

of what I have just written here. Fortunately, some discussions along those lines have been presented to the "Basement" crew at this time. The problem here, on this account, is that only some among our "Basement" science-crew have presently shown any competent insight into what this matter implies.

The problem even within the leadership and ranks of our own association, is the utter lack of willingness, among not only some, but many professed scientists, to accept the very notion of the possible existence of a grounding in the crucial principles which this matter of physical science involves. Here, the very notion of a standard mathematics predicated on a mathematical form of presumptions, breaks down.

I explain that crucial point, as follows. This is the most deserving choice of "whipping boy" which deserves to be punished for an excellent moral purpose: no expression of that sickly notion of a mathematical form of proof of principle should be practiced; no such notion as that could be regarded as "competent." Only the notion of the existence of the creative powers of the human mind as such, can be used legitimately; no deductive form of argument could be competent for addressing the fundamental issues invoked. Only a type of formulation associated with Max Planck collaborator Wolfgang Köhler's "Gestalt" psychology, and its correlative in the notions of "mental health" associated with certain minority strains of psychoanalysis, provide a descriptably typical clue to the practical meaning of the argument which I have just invoked.

To provide a decent approximate image of what those remarks of mine actually signify, imagine a being whose entire world-outlook is that of a creature committed to a self-induced state of its inherent mental health. Think of "a healthy mind" which has no criteria other than an actual coherence based solely on a mentally healthful promotion of the qualitative self-development of itself. The principle to be considered on this account, is that creation of a universe can not be premised on anything external to that universality.

4. See the opening two paragraphs of Bernhard Riemann's habilitation dissertation, where the relevant, pathological history of mathematics is summarized, as also, of course, in the closing sentence of that dissertation.





*The oligarchical system: "The most often recognized characteristic of the evil which is the present British Empire, lies in the central significance of its monetarist system." Shown: The British Royal Family.*

If we attempt to represent such a scheme of things in a deductive mode, nothing works as might be literally prescribed in any conventional sort of way. The effort goes better if we rely on the argument which I introduced in reply to questions, respecting the core-principle of human creativity, which were posed during the concluding moments of my National Broadcast of this past September 30<sup>th</sup>.

To restate that argument in a necessary way, let it be restated as follows.

### ***The Great Lie of Pierre Laplace***<sup>5</sup>

The most crucial of the issues raised during the Nineteenth Century concerning the alleged principles of physical science, has probably been the great lie of Pierre-Simon Laplace: Laplace's insistence on degrading the universe to the arbitrary presumption of "clock time" is of particular notability. The most adequate treatment of Laplace's hoax, so far, has been provided, albeit in a somewhat sketch-like fashion, until now, in my replies to questions respecting time, during the National Broadcast of September 30, 2011. I shall now pick up the issue of Laplace from where I had referenced it earlier in this report. I shall deal with deeper implications of this in a pre-envisaged piece to be written and published at a coming time.

5. At this point, refer extensively to my Chapter II. "The Human Credit System" in **Dumb Democrats!: Principle or Party** (EIR, Nov. 11, 2011; LaRouche PAC at [www.larouchepac.com/node/20133](http://www.larouchepac.com/node/20133)).

There are, to begin, actually two intimately related errors in Laplace's celebrated swindle. One is the bald nonsense of Laplace's treatment of the subject of "time" as such; however, that nonsense is implicitly inseparable from a second consideration, the reductionist's presentation of the topic of "energy." In my replies to two of the three questions presented to me in the concluding portion of the National Broadcast of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, I introduced the "factor" of the application of applied power over intervals of what we call "time." At first blush, my objection might appear to be merely a blush; on closer inspection, it is a torrent which overturns everything for which Laplace's principal utterances have stood. It is the consequent scientific principle which I have relegated to an early production.

Three immediate considerations are the most significant on these accounts this far:

1. That, explicitly contrary to taught popular dogma, is the actually required standard for life in presently known aspects of the galaxy which we inhabit. The fraud to be located at this point is the utterly fraudulent doctrine of a so-called "Second Law of Thermodynamics." The required level of energy-flux density for maintaining life-forms on our planet, has continued to rise in a fashion which threatens to deliver a timely doom for all species which can not muster the means to overcome the effects of a required increase of the mean energy-flux density in the system as a whole.

2. Consequently, the actual “cost” of even the simple maintenance of the system, requires an increase of energy-flux density operating within the system, a fact which proves the fraudulent character, as much as the sheer absurdity of the so-called “Second Law of Thermodynamics.”
3. In addition to that set of considerations, a general increase of the “energy-flux density” of the system is required merely to maintain the system at an effective level of “status quo ante.” We are currently entering a part of our galaxy for which the indicated existential rule is “grow or die.”

There are several prime types of considerations to be brought into play on account of these stated and related considerations. However, the truly crucial problem which is to be recognized in this set of connections, is to be located, essentially, in the effects of the fact that our planet’s human system in the large, is still structured, currently, according to the adopted standards which are rooted (“habituated,” “conditioned”) in that so-called oligarchical system, a system which has unnecessarily dominated society generally during the period of an oligarchical history of known, reigning, organized societies.

The implication is, that even to “stand still” in effect, insofar as known organized society is relevant, an effective increase of the “energy-flux density” of the relevant social systems of organized mankind, requires a rising flow of “energy-flux density” through that society.

The root of the problem which the described case presents to us, is a fact which is expressed otherwise by the simple fact that a required increase of energy-flux density, is needed even to, in effect, “stand still.”

That problem, so described, is inherent in the prevalence of the oligarchical model, rather than our habitation of a planetary system as such. The following discussion is more or less indispensable on that account.

If we eliminate oligarchical controls such as those typical of the four successive Roman empires, the inherent evil of the current British empire included, we can show, as a study of the fluctuations in the economic history of the span from the founding and stable existence of the Plymouth settlement and the pre-William of Orange Massachusetts Bay settlement shows, and as the case of the United States and its patterns of rise and decline illustrates the point most dramati-

cally, that, as the normal state of a settled condition of organized society illustrates this, that there is a natural trend toward increase of the effective equivalent of required and actual, relative energy-flux density per capita, in any society which is not suffering effects of an imposed oligarchical system. In other words: eliminate the British empire and its oligarchical likeness throughout the known history of this planet, and there were, then, an available, dominant tendency for an increase of the realized energy-flux density, as may be expressed per capita and per square kilometer of land-area.

### ***Who Is Your Choice of God?***

Creativity, as physical science might competently define a notion of a self-subsisting principle of creativity, and science can not be competently distinguished from an expression of perfect self-development. Nothing external to that notion of self-development can be permitted to be taken into consideration as a scientific practice. Everything which exists within those systemic bounds, does not have a freely willfully functional existence “outside” such bounds. What unfolds, hopefully, as a result, is a systemic quality of self-development.

It were not necessary for us to know, beforehand, the pathway of self-development which defines the “rules of behavior” of that self-creative process of self-extension. This self-development assumes the attributable form of an unfolding self-creation. It is neither necessary, nor proper for us to prejudge the rules which govern such a process of self-development of that universe. Rather, we must discover the rules of self-development from a critical examination of the process’s own behavior, as the actual Socratic methods demonstrate such effects.

Indeed, once we have required the “explanation” of an “outside factor,” we have violated the principle of a process of creation.

The coherence which we might properly recognize in such a process of self-creation, is the equivalent of the morality of the process in “its self-entirety.” It is the unfolding coherence of the process which rules over the process, allowing, even demanding what must be done, and what not. It is such coherence within the continually unified process, which defines the system, as within that process of the continuing self-development of the system.

There is one comment to be added to all this. Let us

consider the ostensibly “self-correcting” feature of the system as a whole, from the standpoint of what we might prudently term the “sanity” of the system itself. That notion, respecting the notion of a self-perfecting system of the prescribed features, points to an implicit principle of self-conception within the system, an implication which were to be considered as a creative con-

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science’s expression of a state of its “sanity.”

However, in all that I have said under those terms, the factor of what is ostensibly a supreme feature of “conscience” must be dominant. This factor can not be “instantaneous,” but must be “active,” as the sanity of the system considered as a whole must be.

Now, since we have just considered some obvious principles of any notion of a self-universal creation as “the required self-conscience of the system,” we must now proceed accordingly. This time, our concern must be to define the practical meaning of that principle of “conscience” which is the active principle of the system: the internal “sanity” of the system as a process.

### ***From Vernadsky’s View***

That much said here on that account thus far, consider some fairly well-defined, “as necessarily internal,” characteristics of that system. The interrelationships among such known “factors” as Academician V.I. Vernadsky’s “hierarchical” distinctions of “lithosphere,” “biosphere,” and “noosphere,” are to be considered as useful mooring-points for such a discussion.

From the standpoint of the principally known works of Academician V.I. Vernadsky, as from the mid-1930s onward, Vernadsky’s notable principles have depended increasingly upon the standpoint of the Bernhard Riemann who represents the most crucial principles of a physical science incorporating such among his great

successors as Max Planck, Albert Einstein, and V.I. Vernadsky himself. No compartmentalization among them can be justly tolerated; the functional interdependence among them, although yet to become fully understood, is monumental.

However, looking backwards to the middle of the Fifteenth Century, the intimations of the work of Filippo Brunelleschi as subsequently overwhelmed by the genius of Nicholas of Cusa expressed in Cusa’s **De Docta Ignorantia**, have no equal in their defining an entirely fresh, ontological notion of physical science for the entire sweep from the century of Cusa. This has been a notion which dominates the foundations of science from that time to the present date. That work, and its companions from the work of that same author, has had the practical effect of bringing to the fore an entirely fresh conception of the role of mankind and science, that from nearly the onset of that century and, hence the A.D. 1401 birth of Cusa himself.

Indeed the very existence of the United States has been a consequence of an injunction of a policy by Cusa: a directive to cross the great oceans, to create new nations to escape the degeneration which the resurgence of the Venetian system of usury had brought down destructively upon the momentary achievements of the Great Ecumenical Council of Florence, the Council in which all of the timely greatness of European culture was then expressed.

The process of social evolution for the good, as expressed by the role of Cusa and his associates in that great Council and its scientific expressions, was at the root of what was to become those developments in the Massachusetts of the Winthrops and Mathers, the developments which supplied the essential, distinguishing foundations of the United States of America, and which have provoked its greatest achievements to the advantage of all mankind since that time.

This brings our report thus far, to a crucial point. At this moment preceding, and still coinciding with the great, recurring world warfare of the A.D. 1890-1917 interval and beyond, the human civilization of this planet has presently come to what threatens to become immediately the extinction of human society in a recognizable form of existence.<sup>6</sup>

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6. The “World War” which was actually set into motion by the British Royal Family’s 1890 ouster of Chancellor Bismarck, the subsequent 1894 assassination of France’s President Sadi Carnot, and the British

Despite that presently horrible threat now radiating across a vast span of history, since the spawn of the likes of the degenerate Roman Emperor Nero and his natural consequence, President Barack Obama's present master, the British monarchy, there are certain most notable features of the progress in physical science and Classical culture which have now reached a degree of cumulative development, a development which deserves to be regarded as the greatest accomplishments of the human species so far. Against that backdrop, what was embodied in European culture, despite the evil represented by that "Fourth" Roman Empire known as the British empire, has been the greatest achievement of mankind thus far. That specific accomplishment of resistance against the tyranny of today's British Empire, when appropriately considered, is the greatest hope of our planet and our species known to the entire existence of mankind up to this moment. We are, in that respect, the assigned true, and, hopefully, faithful, instruments of the Creator.

The most convenient point of reference to this fact, is a fact which is either not known as being such, or known, but snuffed into impotence by the evil stench of the mass- murderously anti-human pestilence known as the so-called "environmentalists."

Against that historical backdrop, the question posed to us by the world's current events, is whether mankind as we have known mankind has, or has had the character to outlive what is to be frankly considered as the virtually Satanic pestilence which is the old Roman Empire in its present British imperial incarnation. Will the British empire be permitted to bring the planet to the point of that virtual thermonuclear extinction and related methods of extinction which a presently accelerating intention for mass-extermination of peoples by the British empire now threatens to bring down upon our species, that in its virtual entirety.

This fact places mankind, presently, under the judgment of being tested in practice to be either fit to survive, or not. If the British imperial plotters were to be permitted to prevail, the judgment brought down upon the heads of our otherwise wonderful species would be an awful one. What you, as a citizen, might do, or fail to do, could help to decide the outcome for all mankind.

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Crown Prince's pact with the Mikado for launching war against China, Korea, and Russia over the period leading through 1905.

Consider the attached, practical issues which are addressed in the following pages, on that account. There lies the choice of action which threatens to bring all to account during the present moments immediately before us.

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*From the practice of economy:*

## **II. On the Subject of Economy**

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From where I sit in today's process of world events, what I find astonishing, is the fact, that the western and central European governments, and their attached nations, are still, so far, clinging to the delusion, that their nations depend on increasing their supply of what is, intrinsically, hyper-inflationary money, that which is now, implicitly worthless. Hence, also, there is more and more of that intrinsically worthless money of the United States under Presidents George W. Bush, Jr., on the one side, and on the other the morally lowest form of life to appear so far, Barack Obama, who is the most criminal yet to appear within our shores.

The debt of the trans-Atlantic territories today, is a hopeless cancer of inherently worthless, merely nominal, monetarist value, which does nothing so much as increase its own, intrinsic worthlessness at currently hyper-inflationary rates, all that out of a mass of worthless debt which never would, or ever could, be deemed.

The stubbornly crucial fact of the matter, is, that money, when considered in and of itself, is, intrinsically, absolutely irredeemable. The potential value lies not in the money itself (i.e., "monetarism"), but in the creative powers expressed in the human species' increased capacity for persistently increased net physical productivity, a productivity secured through combined advances in scientific knowledge and practice, and through enhanced cultural and related living standards for the populations in the large.

No actually sane political leader, or even only a moderately clear-headed and thoughtful citizen of our own republic, or of continental Europe, could have actually lost anything worth-while on this national account at this time, had his or her government simply employed the precedent of President Franklin Roosevelt's 1933 Glass-Steagall legislation, using that as the urgently needed step, for our terminating the implicitly feared existence of, in particular, those presently terri-



ble, monetarist systems which had been built up within the U.S.A. and elsewhere, since approximately the Summer breaking-point of 1971.

What has been done for that which is now ever worse and far less than worthless, as inside the U.S.A. now, especially since the beginning of September 2007, and, most emphatically, since the mass-lunacy of the hyper-inflationary bail-out process begun in 2008, has been absolutely insanity. In western and central Europe, for example, the insanity is even much wilder, and more hopeless, than inside the U.S.A. itself; this has become, now, the sheer insanity of what has been termed “Quantitative Easing”—which is a malignant cancer of economy now plunging the trans-Atlantic world downward, into the pits of virtual economic *Hell!*

The remedy for that should have been recognized at the outset, as follows.

### ***My 2007 Attempt To Save the U.S. Economy***

Installing a copy of the 1933 U.S. Glass-Steagall Law, or my August 2007 Homeowners and Bank Protection Act, or its proposed equivalent, had been an immediately urgent, first-step measure, which should have been already taken since no later than September 2007; but, that measure has been, at the same time, only a part of the larger measures of a solution for our present crisis. Glass-Steagall is necessary, but, alone, it could not do what is needed; it is urgently needed, right now, not as a self-contained solution, but is indispensable as a first step toward the now more urgently needed, more fundamental approaches to a genuine and durable recovery.

In brief, the practical problem has been the following.

Glass-Steagall separates the worthless spending on gambling backed by worthless pledges, from the commercial banking sector; the urgency of the immediate necessity for a change is such that the continued existence of the United States depends on the immediate ouster of President Barack Obama as the required, initially crucial measure for the launching of a Glass-Steagall reform. The amount of credit which could be assembled by Glass-Steagall alone, would not be sufficient to reverse the presently plunging collapse of the trans-Atlantic region as a whole, or even the U.S. economy by itself. A much broader action, which I shall specify here,



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*Adoption of LaRouche's Homeowners and Bank Protection Act of 2007, or today, a Glass-Steagall law, "is indispensable as a first step toward the now more urgently needed, more fundamental approaches to a genuine and durable recovery." Here, BüSo organizers in Berlin campaign for a return to the D-mark, and a two-tier banking system.*

now, is needed. There is not a moment to waste.

I explain.

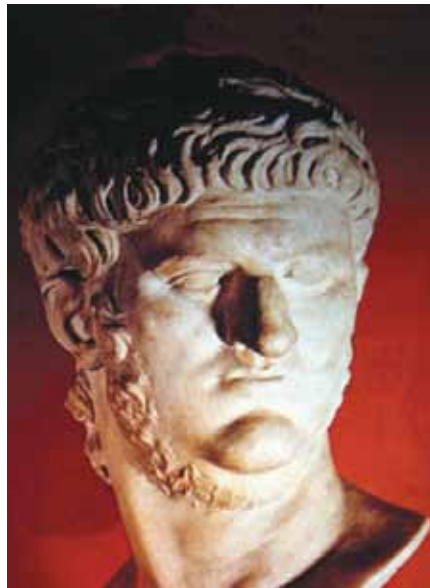
### ***Credit vs. Monetarist Systems***

When the patriots of the North American English colonies had broken with the British empire, in the aftermath of the British Lord Shelburne's victory taken from the February 1763 Peace of Paris, the English-speaking colonies in North America had been divided between the American patriots and their deadly adversaries the so-called “American Tory” or British imperialist finan-

cier interests. The British East India Company's specific imperialist interest, as merely typified prominently by Judge Lowell at that time, represented the British imperialist interest opposed to the American interest (e.g., that of our United States), then, as in the form of the British imperialist interest now associated, traditionally, with the "House of Morgan," then, as now.

However, the proper understanding of the role of the British imperialist interests, requires insight into some deeper considerations. The British interest of today, is that of a nearly global empire which controls the Wall Street and related financier interests inside the U.S.A. still today, and has managed, usually, to control the Presidency of the United States, through the British imperial financier interests under such Presidents as Wall Street swindler Martin van Buren, and the patsy of van Buren, Andrew Jackson, who combined their efforts to wreck the finances of the United States through the combined actions of Jackson's, first, shutting down the Bank of the United States, and, then, van Buren's unleashing of the infamous (Bernanke-Geithner-style) swindle known as the Panic of 1837. Over the subsequent decades of the U.S. Presidency, most of the time, the President of United States has been an agent of the British empire working against the interest of the United States and its Federal Constitution. Witness the recent cases of George H.W. Bush (the son of former Adolf Hitler backer Prescott Bush), of George W. Bush, Jr., and of the British monarchy's treasonous and murderous agent-in-fact, Barack Obama.

Such treasonous elements within the financier interests of the U.S. political system, are not simply bad people; they are intrinsically evil, currently witting agents of the present British empire under Queen Elizabeth II. More to the point, they have been agents of what is properly identified as the fourth categorical generation of the Roman empire, the actually dominant world empire in the world as a whole today. The kind of evil which that present British empire signifies today is not merely a matter of the virtual piracy and virtual slave-trading of the British system today. The essential char-



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acteristic of that British empire, like all Europe-centered empires of all ancient through modern history, is a characteristic which is common to not only the successive incarnations of the Roman Empire, including today's present British incarnation of that empire; but to the powerful empires which had played a dominant role prior to the foundation of the original Roman empire.

The essence of all such empires as those has been what is called "the oligarchical system," the system which is characteristic of the monetarist financial/banking systems of the trans-Atlantic system and its broader correlatives. The rape of what had once been the economies and nations of western and central Europe under the pretext of the so-called "Euro system" is nothing but the suppression of the former sovereign nations of those parts of Europe, to replace them by transforming them into the powerless colonies of the nominally British form of the modern Roman Empire.

The principal characteristics of the Roman empire, its predecessors and sequels, is what is aptly typified by both Homer's account of the Trojan War, and by the continuing cult of Apollo (The Oracle of Delphi), and by the accounts of the aftermath of the Trojan War which had been presented, later, by the chronicler and dramatist Aeschylus. These particular cases, together with the legacy of the Roman Empire, are typical of what is known technically by relevant experts as "the oligarchical system."

The “oligarchical system” divides the human populations between what were designated, explicitly, as being “the gods,” and, on the other side, the slaves or serfs. That same system, with certain relatively superficial changes, has been the social system reigning over Europe to the present time of the ongoing breakdown-crisis throughout virtually all of the present trans-Atlantic region.

Thus, there should be no mystery in the fact, that U.S. President Barack Obama is, psychopathologically, a carbon copy of the Roman Emperor Nero. Read the facts about Obama; you are reading a carbon copy of the mental and moral degeneracies which are characteristic of the Emperor Nero. If you support Obama in the Presidency today, you are supporting a living carbon copy of the mass-murderous butcher known to history as the Emperor Nero, or as the similarly pathological personality of the dictator Adolf Hitler. It was not the war which made Hitler a copy of Nero; it was the outbreak of war which unleashed what had been the potential inside Hitler all along, as the case of Nero presents similar features to the case of Hitler. Obama is, within himself, actually worse than Hitler, unless you remove him from office, under Section “4” of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, right now!

However, with certain notable exceptions, such as the domain of Charlemagne and his friend Caliph Haroun al-Raschid, the characteristic of what is known as the culture of Europe and its neighboring regions, has been the same oligarchical principle known to us from such precedents as the Peloponnesian War, all the way up to the eruption of Europe’s Fifteenth-century Renaissance. Most notable on this account had been the Renaissance’s role as centered in the Great Ecumenical Council of Florence, and the emergence of a modern European civilizing thrust radiated chiefly from the effects of the Great Council, as typified by the career and outcomes associated with Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, including the principal foundations of all competent strains of modern European science and art.

Amid this, since the brutish English monarchy of King Henry VIII, there had been a literally Hellish raging of religious warfare throughout European civilization as such. The principled issue has been the combat of a humanist culture traced from the high points of the Great Ecumenical Council of Florence, against the recrudescence of the ancient evil of the oligarchical pestilence. Since the emergence of the Sarpian New Venetian party of William of Orange built up around the

Netherlands Wars against the France of a foolish Louis XIV, and the subsequent Seven Years War which established an actual British Empire, Europe’s wars have been a monstrous evil crafted in the tradition of the ancient Roman Empire and of that Empire’s likenesses as Byzantium, the Venetian-controlled Crusader adventures, and the emergence of the British Empire of today.

The most often recognized characteristic of the evil which is the present British Empire, lies in the central significance of its monetarist system. The facts, if considered, were readily clear; but, for most people today (even today), true facts concerning money and money-systems are not interesting in much of any fashion but a gambler’s foolish lust.

Money, as money or its likeness, has no actual economic value. The problem here is that with the creation of a monopoly over money, either by a nation-state, or some potency which exerts a private monopoly over a public currency, the fact that money becomes a monopoly of the ruling political power, under such as our rotted-out Federal Reserve System (by the House of Morgan’s legacy) and its Wall Street and London attachments, or the International Monetary Fund, which uses a strangle-hold over the public use of money in such a way, including creation of hyperinflationary bubbles of London and Wall Street, using dearth of money, or an hyperinflationary surfeit, to control money in such a fashion as to exert life-death controls over the very existence of the general population.

I have been forecasting with what has been consistent success (on principle) since my Summer 1956 forecast of a severe U.S. recession to break out some time between the close of February 1957, or no later than early March. All among the forecasts I have actually published since that 1957 event, have been uniquely successful; whereas, all those of all my known putative rivals have failed in their performance, up to the present time. The failures of my putative rivals in forecasting have been also consistent. The fact of the matter is, that my rivals’ policies respecting the nature of such developments, have been consistently based on wrong, monetarist presumptions. They have been dupes of that which they have been induced to believe, right up to the present moment.

What has been wrong about them, has been their refusal to understand the meaning of money as being no better than the quality of physical-economic value intrinsic to the purpose for which the credit is extended; money as such as no intrinsic value. Virtually all of





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their principal assumptions have been failures; this is because they have failed to understand the nature of the oligarchical system which they have been induced to accept.

This history is not merely a matter of personal tyrannical destinies. The root of the evil is located in a cancer-like disease known formally as the same oligarchical principle chronicled by Homer on the subject of the Trojan War. It has been the oligarchical form of control of the creation and use of money, which is the essential cause of all catastrophic failures of money systems as under the influence of a Morgan tradition’s London-based asset, Alan Greenspan, which ruined the U.S. economy since the early 1980s. The issue to be treated, lies in the fact of that oligarchical principle whose principal representation for today is the British Empire of Queen Elizabeth II. Defeat that empire, or,

by negligence of your duty, you will imagine that you are rotting in Hell—if you live long enough to understand that.

I will say more on this matter of money in the following chapter of this present report.

### III. Fool’s Gold, et al.

As this just-stated fact is demonstrated by the effects of the wild-eyed speculation which money represents throughout and around so much of the world today: money itself never actually expressed either an intrinsic quality, or a quantity of “economic value” within any economy from around the world; that is especially the matter to come under our attention under the present conditions in the trans-Atlantic regions. “Quantitative Easing” is, intrinsically, the most insane, most stupid, but also the most larcenous swindle which any modern, simply madman-government might have committed, placing its foolish trust in intrinsically ever-worthless fictitious debt conceived in emulation of the 1923 debt of Weimar Germany.

That is the judgment to be made on, for example, the far worse than Weimar worthlessness, of the implicitly hyperinflationary succession of both the George W. Bush, Jr. and Obama governments—not to speak here of the present situation in western and central Europe. Whether the attributed wealth is denominated in dollars, pound sterling, or anything of the like: those governments, like their British imperial accomplices, would be, and have been viciously insane by virtue of that fact alone. Actual wealth exists only as a rising rate of what is expressed as net gains in physical benefits generated as increased physical productivity to mankind per capita and per square kilometer, as that might be measured as a rising rate of physical gain per day and per person, to meet the current needs of mankind, and for progress, per person, and with the passage of time.

This sometimes seemingly miraculous power, the



power to increase the production of physical wealth, per capita and per square kilometer of territory, is obtained, if at all, chiefly through the uniqueness of the willful, conscious powers to effect the increase of the uniquely human powers of the equivalent of physical-scientific creativity per capita and per square kilometer of territory; or this may be expressed in terms of the increase of mankind's power to rise from the surface of our home planet, to higher altitudes above the immediate surface of the Earth, as in a successful round-trip, to and from the Moon, or Mars.

Thus, it was only during the early 1950s, that, through the effect of bringing on the development of space-exploration and comparable kinds of development, that our society had come to recognize an actual, practical insight into what is to be considered comparable to reaching the highest altitudes enveloping our planet's surface regions. More recently, those persons who have been competently informed in matters of science, have come to recognize that even the weather experienced by the inhabitants of our planet, is not independent of effects controlled by such relatively nearby "weather" as the arms of our galaxy.

Not only must we be responsive to changes in such reaches of galactic "weather;" but, unless human life on our planet suffers massive destruction, such as by thermonuclear warfare, or comparable effects, we shall certainly be called upon to deal with what will include highly unfriendly patterns of actual weather within our galaxy, a threat from such "weather" which we must become enabled to conquer in a timely fashion, over the course of unfolding times to come during later generations of this young century.

So, in the estimated, approximately half-billion years of the presently known historical evidence of the history of life on Earth, the existence of life on Earth, has required an increase of the available "energy-flux density" of the density of power<sup>7</sup> required to maintain human life on and near the surface of our planet, even during the recent several millions of years of the fairly assessed increase of human life on Earth. To the best of our present knowledge, the human species is the only species which commands the willful powers to approach its needed rates of increase specific to the human population, that done through willfully creative powers. We have much to happen which will become new for us over times to come, but those categorical characteris-

tics of the human species's destiny are presently known to us, as a sense of the role of a principle of change on which the existence of human life continues to depend.

What we might consider as the possible increases in man's power to exist and grow over the coming generations of this presently young century, as we have had such experiences from the model, past two centuries of our history, is the expression of what we also know as the suggested possible increase of the productive powers of labor, down here, on Earth. This should be a reasonable expectation in light of the fact of that deep, willfully self-inflicted depression in the physical economy which has hit the trans-Atlantic sector of the world, a depression associated with the correlatives of the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, and, also, the effects of the related, long U.S. war in Indo-China. The combination of the failure of the U.S. to take competent action against those assassinations, and the insanity of entering into such disturbances as a prolonged war in Southeast Asia, were the essential causes which set off what has been, since, the long, accelerating decline within the trans-Atlantic economy.

### *A Mental Disorder Called "Money"*

Throughout what had been the extensive prefatory feature of this report as a combined whole, one common irony pervades all truthfully defined effects. The extent of all truly human systems is self-defined as within the extensible regions of mankind's willful influence within the galaxy, man-made functioning gadgets included, rather than by a measure arbitrarily super-imposed from without.

That is the extent of the true human economy, in the past, as now. The same is true for any competent notion of "value" in the practice of physical economy. The internal measure of our universe, as is implicit in the physical-economic standard of the equivalent of "energy-flux density" per capita, reflects the notion of a general conceptual basis for the proper notion of the internal discipline of a self-contained universe, and of mankind's presently, and irrevocably, extra-terrestrially extended "world" economy.

Now, consider some other critical features of mankind's economy. Forget Barack Obama's views on such matters; after all, there is no reasonable doubt that he is insane, and that is to be considered as criminal insanity under any reasonable estimate of Section 4 of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment to our U.S. Constitution: much more "criminal" in terms of the rate of increase of

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7. E.g., "energy-flux density."

presently embedded effects of his reign to date, than Adolf Hitler and his crew.

The popularized idea of “money” is of crucial importance as a destructive influence on the economy and its population. Neither gold bullion nor any other standard external to the process of the correlative notion of an increase of energy-flux density, need be sought outside what we might define, in practical terms, as the limitless self-development of a finite but unbounded universe, like that intended by Albert Einstein.

It is the process of what is, in effect, the increase of the energy-flux density of human activity within our universe, which measures mankind actually. Neither gold, nor any other object, but what is represented as mankind, or as a comparable form of agency internal to the universal system, really means much of anything in the proverbial “final analysis.”

### ***The Frauds of Laplace***

The crucial issue posed by the remarks which I had just presented, immediately above, is what is typified, symptomatically, by the need to exclude the absurd doctrine of what is called “time” by those sharing the foolish beliefs of a Pierre-Simon Laplace. Here lie the most crucial aspects of the lunacy of Laplace’s dubious assertions respecting the physical authority of widely taught contemporary mathematics as such. I summarize my argument in this present chapter by restating the direction of the argument which I have made at earlier points of time in this present report, up to this present point. The intrinsic absurdity of Laplace’s cardinal assertions is manifold; I shall tear apart Laplace’s hoax, as if “piece by piece,” in the extent necessary, accordingly, here and now.

First of all, I shall return to the implications of some of Laplace’s design which point blatantly to what is the intrinsic nature of the fraud he has perpetrated by the blatantly fraudulent approach to the definition of “time” as such. He locates the existence of what he identifies as “time” outside the universe, thus echoing, in that way, the clear absurdity of a similarly fraudulent notion of “space by itself.” These related notions, of “time by itself” and “space by itself,” are part of the most essential of the outright frauds against the very essence of science, which are associated with the attributably systemic intentions of Laplace. The worst of all of his frauds is his errant reliance on a notion of “time by itself,” as being also, implicitly, the absurdity of “time and space for itself.”

All that could be reasonably considered as competent physical science, and not that of perverted creatures such as Bertrand Russell, is premised on clear evidence of the necessarily, actively consistent interdependence of any general form of ontological claims respecting the definition of the characteristics of actions within that universe which contains and defines even the very hypothesis of “time per se.” What is left to be

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believed, is the notion of a remaining, systemically persistent notion of “physical time,” a notion which was already implicit in Johannes Kepler’s uniquely original concept of universal gravitation which is situated within Albert Einstein’s notion of a Kepler universe which is “finite, but not bounded.”

Within the bounds of those immediately aforesaid specifications, the progress of science thus far, has been afforded two principal options, the contrast among which, enables civilized mankind at the level of a presently assignable standard for approaching a precondition of approximate certainty in those matters, a sense of certainty which should be currently attributable to the principled matters of what is to be regarded currently as competent science. The one is human “sense perception;” the alternative is what may be usefully classified as the general electrodynamics of physical time (rather than “clock time”) within the universe, that insofar as we are enabled, increasingly, practically, to broaden our efficient reach within that domain.

The currently most useful manner for stating that case, is implicitly stated in the view of the work of Bernhard Riemann from the standpoint of such as what is underlain by the contributions of such among Riemann’s excellent followers as Max Planck, Albert Einstein, and V.I. Vernadsky. It is through that inter-play among the exemplary contributions of those three, that science has been presently enabled to present a decent effort at creating solutions which threaten to overcome the enormous debt of irrationality which we incur by seeking to derive a science from the currently relatively “popular” presumptions respecting human sense-perception in and of itself.

That, however, which I have stated thus far, is not yet more than the beginning of the extent of what is presently of crucial importance that society come to know presently. Shift our emphasis, slightly, to take into account a crucial statement of scientific fact which I presented summarily, in replies to two questions presented to me during the concluding part of my report delivered to a September 20, 2011 national webcast. That was the public event during which I broadcast a report of the scientific meaning of a general scientific principle of human economic productivity. The evidence presented on that occasion, sinks Laplace's a-priorist assertions respecting time permanently: it simply shows that Laplace presented no credible evidence for his notion of time as a phenomenon in the universe as such.<sup>8</sup>

### ***Laplace's Time Spent in Empty Space***

How could Laplace have counted time while observing from the interior of empty space? Against what phenomenon could one have counted time in empty space? If there were no suitable clock used for that purpose, how, when, or where was "time" countable as elapsed time? How could a duration of lapsed "time" be measured in terms of that allegedly, actually empty "space" which Laplace has claimed as his own intellectual residence?

There are several choices for response to such a hoax as Laplace's.

The likely attempted answer to the challenge which I have just delivered (in a timely fashion) here, is that if we exclude space, action, and matter from the hypothetical universe, what is the meaning of "time by itself?"

That just stated consideration, stands by itself, as Laplace, implicitly, said as much, himself. How long could a Laplace have been justly assigned to serve in an actual prison on a charge of fraud against, among notable others, clock-makers? In an actually empty space, there are no minutes which could have been countable.

Unfortunately for Laplace's tattered claims to scientific fame, empty space does not exist, either. At bottom, there is no ontological basis for the universe other than creativity per se. Laplace sits in empty space, knitting without yarn, or, needles, either. See! What a spectacle he would have made, had he been visible, somewhere. Today, somewhere in Hell, there sits Laplace knitting,

whispering furiously under his breath, but to no one: "Gottfried Leibniz is dead!" So claimed the pack of scoundrels led by the Abbé Antonio Schinella Conti (1677-1749), who virtually created his protégé Isaac Newton out of some curious substance, as that same Conti found such accomplices in fraud as another fabricator of crude hoaxes, Leonhard Euler (also against Gottfried Leibniz), and also other errand-boys for the legacy of Paolo Sarpi, who had tried to bury Leibniz (once they had been assured that Leibniz had just recently died). Laplace's place in the history of frauds perpetrated in the alleged service of science, is also to be found in the continuation of that same anti-Leibniz cabal as among one of Laplace's own errand-boys. It is therefore not surprising that every one of Newton's claims for scientific fame was exposed in due course as an utter hoax, and all depending inclusively on the hoaxes of Conti and his accomplices.

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## **IV. A System of Physical Economy**

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A competent system for today's modern science of physical economy, is a practice chiefly based on a systemic method of contrast between two, contrasted methods of calculations. The first, *the subjective method*, had been premised, chiefly, on an acceptance of human sense-perception; the second, *the objective method*, was premised, chiefly, on what is most easily recognized in the use of modern electronics as a substitute for sense-perception. The optimal net result is a contrast defined by both the interaction and opposition between those two categories of perceptions.

Since human knowledge, as such, depends upon that link of the physical to the mental life of the human individual, a mental life which is moored in the use of the human brain for the management of the traffic in products of sense-perception, the most significant of the qualitative advances in human behavior must originate outside sense-perception as the celebrated case of Helen Keller points our attention.

However, a competent insight into the physical domain depends, centrally, upon the recognition of the evidence of the system of the phenomena of what might be fairly identified as the "electro-chemical" domain. The reciprocal aspects of the two so-indicated domains, are functionally inter-dependent. That interaction is the experimental basis in knowledge for the gaining of human progress. It is the promotion of the human indi-

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8. I had, in fact, already stated the relevant principle in several published locations.



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*"Since human knowledge depends upon the link of the physical to the mental life of the human individual ... the most significant of the qualitative advances in human behavior must originate outside sense-perception, as the celebrated case of Helen Keller points our attention." Shown: Helen Keller "reading."*

vidual's socialized processes of development of such a systemic approach, which must be the center of our concerns.

From the attributable "beginnings," it has been the contrast among mankind's specific types of sense-perceptions which generated the paradoxes on which the derivation of the notion of principles, rather than merely contrasted sensations, has depended. Out of this comes the notion of sense-perception as "subjective," and the rest as "objective." The human mind in society tends to seek the human side as "subjective" and the electronic, et al., as the "objective." The two sides, then, "teach" one another.<sup>9</sup>

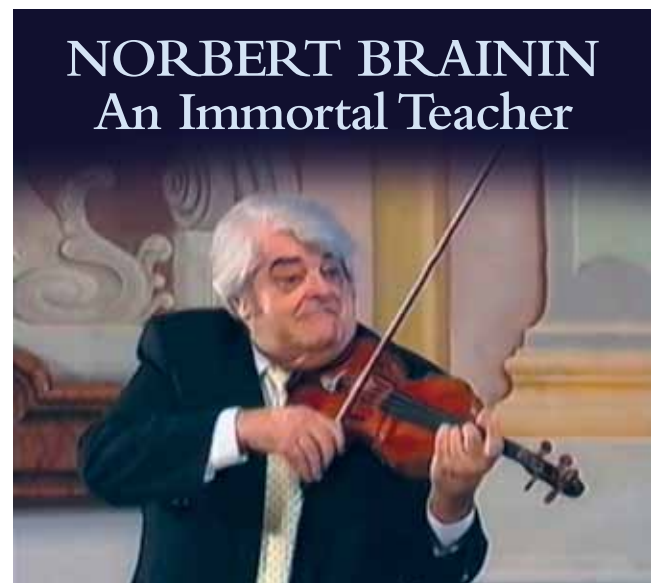
The most crucial of the related facts to be considered, is the ostensibly, ontologically paradoxical challenge represented by the notion of "human individual creativity." Suddenly, with the intervention of the notion of "human individual creativity," all preceding

9. Again, on this subject, reference the concluding section #3 of Bernhard Riemann's habilitation dissertation, and, implicitly, his **Theory of Abelian Functions**.

presumptions crumble in a way which it becomes frighteningly difficult to resist; a threat of an imminent sense of "falling," becomes the sense which it is often terrifyingly difficult to resist.

The person frightened by the prospect of such an experience, not-infrequently reacts to that by falling into a relatively brutish reaction (e.g., the scream of wild-eyed denial: "that's nuts!") against any intimations of actual human creativity. "You are attempting to invade me!" The latter phenomenon was demonstrated against truly great scientists, largely through the criminality of Bertrand Russell, or of the apparent "idiot-savant," John von Neumann, against Albert Einstein, et al., in the course of major scientific assemblies of the 1920s and later.

The crucial point to be emphasized in conclusion here, is that a real economy is a physical economy, an economy whose efficient intent includes the urgent need for high-energy-flux-density, capital-intensive, science-driver programs of development and investments, of the types which shall continue to be the emphasis of my efforts during the foreseeable times to come.



On Sept. 20-22, 1995, the Schiller Institute sponsored a series of seminars/master classes, featuring Lyndon LaRouche's close friend and collaborator Norbert Brainin (1923-2005), the first violinist of the legendary Amadeus Quartet. The seminars, held at the Dolná Krupá castle in Slovakia, trace the revolution, begun by Hadyn's discovery of *Motivführung*, through the works of Mozart and Beethoven. The 40-minute LPAC video is a montage from the seminar; the full videos can be found at: [larouchepac.com/culture](http://larouchepac.com/culture).

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PROSPECTS FOR 2012

## World War III, or the Onset Of the Age of Reason?

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

Dec. 16—Christine Lagarde, the head of the IMF, recently painted a grim picture of the world economy, comparing it to the Great Depression on the eve of the Second World War. All the economic data are worse than expected, she said; growth is lower, the deficits are bigger, the national debts are higher. And what is her proposed solution to this dire situation? More of the same incompetent policies that caused this crisis in the first place, as long as we “act together.”

What is urgently needed instead is an uncompromising analysis of the flawed assumptions of the political and economic elites of the trans-Atlantic region, which have made them so blind to the consequences of their policies, that the world today has once again reached a point where a “crash of the world economy” threatens, as well as a new world war that would be a *thermonuclear* world war this time.

The fact is that every member of the governments in Europe and the United States knows full well that we are heading into such a war at breakneck speed, as the logical consequence of the policies of Obama, NATO, and the EU, continuing the policies of George W. Bush and Tony Blair, today against Russia and China. Both the missile-defense system that is currently being built by NATO in Eastern Europe, and oriented against Russia, and the current gigantic military buildup in the Indian Ocean, the Persian Gulf, and the Eastern Mediterranean, can be interpreted only as preparations for world war. With four aircraft carriers and a large number



*IMF managing director Christine Lagarde says we're in danger of a Great Depression, but her only recommendation is more of the same policies that have led to disaster.*

of destroyers and frigates deployed, ostensibly because of the situations in Syria and Iran, all the weapon systems have actually been put in place that are necessary for a large war.

### Silence Reigns

And why is no one in these governments saying anything about the imminent danger, which is so much greater than that in 2003 before the Iraq War, when then-Chancellor Gerhard Schröder and former President Jacques Chirac refused to allow Germany and France to participate in that war? Why is it that so far only Danish Foreign Minister Villy Søvndal has pub-



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*Russian Chief of the General Staff Nikolai Makarov warned of nuclear war as result of the NATO anti-missile deployments near Russia's borders. Here he is shown at a meeting with NATO officials in 2010.*

licly declared that Denmark will absolutely not participate in any way in a war against Syria or Iran?

Why does the German government not respond to the statement by the Russian Chief of the General Staff, Gen. Nikolai Makarov, that there could be a regional war in Central Europe in which nuclear weapons could be used<sup>1</sup>—and especially, what the German government intends to do to prevent such a war?

The head of Russia's National Security Council, Nikolai Patrushev, wrote on Dec. 14 in the newspaper *Argumenti i Fakty*, that the American and NATO missile-defense systems in Europe are directed, from Moscow's point of view, against Russia and China: "Very convincing calculations by our experts make it clear that the American arguments about a threat from Iran or North Korea are inventions. At the same time, it is obvious that the American ABM systems are directed against Russia and China. But more than that: With the planned development of the system, ship-based anti-

1. In a speech on Nov. 17, citing NATO's eastward expansion, Makarov said, "The possibility of local armed conflicts along nearly the whole border has increased dramatically. In certain conditions, I do not rule out local and regional armed conflicts developing into a large-scale war, including using nuclear weapons"—ed.

missile systems will be in close proximity to the Russian coastline, in addition to the deployment of ABM radar systems near our borders."

Or, what does the German federal government say about the statement of a professor of the Chinese National Defense University, that China should not hesitate to protect Iran, even if it means launching World War III?

## The Bankrupt Euro

*Financial Times* columnist Wolfgang Münchau has now come to the conclusion that the euro is a hopeless case, and he writes in *Der Spiegel* that it is impossible to rescue the euro, because the internal dynamic of the crisis is now so powerful that a little spark would suffice, "and the euro area would explode." But why were the governments of Europe so blind as not to have foreseen this when, for example, this author warned, long before the introduction of the euro, that this flawed design could not work? Since it was introduced, I have also written dozens of articles, almost non-stop, about how to get out of this dead end, so the information was definitely there, for anyone with economic competence to anticipate what would happen.

And why are the governments of the trans-Atlantic region so totally irresponsible as to have thrown one "bailout package" after another at this hopelessly bankrupt "common currency," destroying the European community and splitting it into hostile camps? They must certainly know that this will quickly lead to hyperinflation like that in Germany in 1923, only this time not in just one country, but proceeding from Europe and the United States to the entire world. The government of the Weimar Republic had the excuse for its money printing, that this policy was forced on it by the Versailles Treaty; but what excuse is there when the trans-Atlantic governments today repeat the same mistake of hyperinflation, the most brutal form of looting of the population?

What is the mentality of these governments and parliamentarians who support this policy and have learned nothing from the mistakes of the past, who have access to all the information about the bankruptcy of the financial system and the threat of war, and yet continue a policy that can lead to the extinction of humanity? And why do these governments not introduce a two-tier banking system, which, surprisingly, Social Democratic Party head Sigmar Gabriel and Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble recently suddenly endorsed? Whose dictates are they submitting themselves to this time?

## The Euro Would Never Have Worked

The fact is, the design flaws of the euro could never be solved, for the simple reason that there cannot be a single European state. Europe is not a nation, not in any way, shape, or form. What do Germans know about France, not to mention Slovenia or Estonia? There is no common political venue for discourse, no common cultural identity. And the explanation that the EU Commission had not realized that what was then the Greek government had falsified its financial statements to allow entry into the Eurozone, has now been supplied with the argument that the EU bureaucrats did not speak Greek well enough to be able to read the Greek newspapers.

Instead of ensuring peace in Europe forever, the euro, since the signing of the EU's Maastricht Treaty in 1992, has taken nations that were living together relatively peacefully, and set them against each other, spurred by the interests of the British Empire and its "Fourth Reich" campaign against Germany, and irresponsible media that have spread caricatures about "lazy Greeks," "ugly Germans," "Italians who can't cope," or the "hedonistic French."

"If the euro fails, then Europe fails," Chancellor Merkel has repeated over and over again, as if such a mantra could finally drum the wisdom of such a statement into the heads of the annoying euro-critics. Exactly the opposite is true: Europe only has a chance if we stop the imperial design of the euro, restore sovereignty over our own currencies and economies, renounce the EU treaties from Maastricht to Lisbon, introduce a two-tier banking system, adopt fixed exchange rates among sovereign governments, and agree on a new credit system for long-term cooperative projects, like a Marshall Plan for Southern Europe and Africa through the expansion of the World Land-Bridge.

And instead of meekly watching as the eastward expansion of NATO and the EU, with their openly aggressive projects, provokes a war with Russia and China, Germany should launch long-term economic cooperation with the Asian countries.

Who asked or authorized EU Commissioner Neelie



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*Neelie Kroes, EU Commissioner for Digital Agenda, is driving to destabilize governments that she deems repressive. Who gave her the authority to do that?*

Kroes and Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg<sup>2</sup> to initiate the "No Disconnect" strategy project, by which Internet users in states ruled by authoritarian regimes are supposed to be helped to have free access to the Internet—but on closer inspection, is intended to bring about an "Arab Spring," i.e., regime change, and indeed all over the world, as Kroes said—obviously also in Russia and China? The Internet-savvy zu Guttenberg wants to use his military contacts to promote this project, and it is also supposed to help the intelligence agencies to obtain information on-location, so that the "extent of suppression" can be ascertained. Asked what exactly this project means, Kroes

did not answer, saying that would be far too dangerous, since they do not want to endanger the "activists."

With an EU whose Commissioner for Digital Agenda is so obviously involved in the destabilization of other sovereign states, and this in the context described above of financial collapse and world war danger, primarily against Russia and China, this is another, very urgent reason to leave this alliance—a possibility envisaged by the Lisbon Treaty and explicitly justified under international law anyway.

Germany must make a policy for its citizens, rather than in the interests of the banks and their imperial supranational apparatus. This EU not only has the oft-cited "democracy deficit," but democracy itself and Germany's Basic Law are at the greatest risk.

We therefore call for an immediate referendum on whether to stay with or leave the euro and the EU; on the recovery of sovereignty by means of a new D-mark; and on the question of whether Germany should participate in institutions whose policy amounts to a third world war.

Use the time between Christmas and New Year to think through what is wrong with the axiomatic assumptions of governments and parliamentarians, such that we could have reached this point. And join our mobilization for a real alternative!

2. The former German defense minister who resigned in a scandal in March 2011—ed.



# Putin Speaks with Russians, Lays Out Strategic Options Ahead

by Rachel Douglas

Dec. 15—*In this grave strategic situation, where the British Empire is attempting to instigate a strategic confrontation between the United States and Russia, in particular, media lies play a crucial role in creating the environment for war. Especially important is that citizens get an accurate picture of what the major strategic powers are saying and doing.*

*It is with this in mind, that we publish our own translation of substantial excerpts from Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's annual year-end webcast, which generated sound-bites and spin in the press, but, as usual, omitted the substance, in favor of the British-led vilification campaign against the Prime Minister.*

Prime Minister Putin's webcast featured a new format, not only inviting questions from citizens throughout Russia—over 1.5 million were submitted—but also conducting a discussion with prominent Russians and foreign guests who were present in the studio for the four-and-a-half hour event. Among those taking part were former Foreign Ministers Yevgeni Primakov and Igor Ivanov, opposition journalists Alexander Prokhanov of *Zavtra* (nationalist) and Alexei Venediktov of *Echo of Moscow* radio (liberal), as well as foreign analysts, including Nikolai Zlobin of the World Security Institute (U.S.A.) and Alexander Rahr of the German Council on Foreign Relations.

In extensive replies to questions about the recent Russian State Duma elections, Putin exuded confidence that the ruling United Russia party's 50% results express the Russian population's continued

support. He said that if young people today were coming out to demonstrate, and could clearly express their views, then that must be the result of "Putin's regime," and "that's good"—something to be proud of. He proposed that round-the-clock video monitoring be instituted at all polling places to lessen the possibility of vote fraud, expressly to counter "those who seek to delegitimize our elections," adding that he personally would not want to stay in power for a single day without the support of the Russian people.

Asked about a much-publicized ballot which a voter had annotated with an obscene insult against Putin, he pointed out that this scribble was made in London by a Russian citizen voting at the Russian Embassy there, adding, "We know who came to vote there, and why they don't return to Russia."

Obviously there were many more questions of importance for Russian internal and foreign policy than



*Prime Minister Putin spoke and fielded questions for four and one-half hours Dec. 15, in a webcast with Russian citizens, foreign press, and others. Over 1.5 million questions were submitted.*



can be reported in this space. We provide below the passages broadly cited in the international media on the Libya War and Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain, in context; and also the broader statements made by Putin on the global strategic situation, including his desire for an “alliance” with the United States under a different American policy outlook than the current one.

### **Qaddafi Murder and McCain Remarks**

Putin was asked about Senator McCain’s Twitter post, forecasting for Putin the fate of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi: “Is this an empty threat, or the West’s real plan?” Putin replied: “What can I say? In general terms, this was not directed at me. It was directed at Russia. Some people want to push Russia off to the side, so that Russia will not interfere with their ruling the world. They are still afraid of our nuclear capability, and that’s why Russia remains in their field of vision and attention, and is such an irritant. Furthermore, we have our own opinions. We conduct an independent foreign policy, and I hope we shall continue

to do so. Of course that bothers some people, first of all.

“Secondly, the West is not homogeneous, and we have more friends than we do enemies.

“Thirdly, Mr. McCain, as is well known, fought in Vietnam. I think he has a fair amount of civilian blood on his hands. He really likes it; probably he can’t live without these horrible scenes, these disgusting scenes of how Qaddafi was dealt with, when it was shown on TV screens around the world, how he was beaten and bloodied. Is that democracy? And, who did that? Drones, including American ones, struck his column. And then by radio, through special forces who shouldn’t have been there, on the ground, the so-called oppositionists and guerrillas were activated, and they wiped him out without trial or investigation. Who’s saying that he should have stayed? But the people should have been allowed to decide that through democratic procedures. Yes, it’s difficult; yes, it takes time, but there’s no other way.

“Mr. McCain, as is well known, was taken prisoner in Vietnam, and held not just in prison, but in a hole,

## **Russia’s Offers of Cooperation**

Dec. 19—Contrary to the wave of anti-Putin propaganda spewing from the major international media outlets these days, the Russian government under Vladimir Putin as Prime Minister, and previously as President, has a history of boldly reaching out to the United States for cooperation in both the strategic and economic realms. We identify several of the major proposals here, all of which were de facto rejected by lack of a positive response:

**Bering Strait Tunnel:** In 2007 and 2010, the Russian Academy of Sciences and government agencies sponsored conferences promoting the construction of a tunnel across the Bering Strait, linking the two continents, in cooperation with the United States and other nations.

**Missile Defense:** Starting in July 2007, then-President Putin’s discussions at Kennebunkport, Maine with President George W. Bush, Russia has

repeatedly proposed joint missile defense projects between NATO and Russia.

**Siberian Development:** In September 2009, Russian Deputy Presidential Representative Alexander Levintal invited the U.S. government and American business to be part of Russia’s economic development of the Far East in high-tech industry and infrastructure, not only raw materials.

**Global Disaster Monitoring:** Early in 2011, the Russian government proposed the International Global Natural and Industrial Emergency Aerospace Monitoring System (IGMASS), to forecast earthquakes, severe weather, and other natural disasters.

**Strategic Defense of Earth:** In October 2011, Russian Ambassador to NATO Dmitri Rogozin proposed to the U.S. a program called Strategic Defense of Earth, “A single integrated system which would be targeted against possible threats to Earth coming from space, including asteroids, comet fragments, and other alien bodies, a system which should be capable of both monitoring space and destroying any dangerous objects as they approach our planet.”

and he was there for several years. Anybody would go nuts. So there's nothing out of the ordinary there."

### Russia Wants U.S. as Ally

Asked by Zlobin if he feels that Russia is surrounded by enemies, Putin said: "I don't agree. Russia has many allies." He recalled his experience in lobbying for Russia to host the 2014 Winter Olympics, when representatives of other countries told him they were supporting Russia's bid "because Russia acts independent on the world scene." Such countries, Putin said, "are our potential allies, and they are not only in the post-Soviet area, because people are tired of the dictates of one country."

He continued, "We would like to be allies with the United States, too. It's just that what I see now, and what I talked about in Munich [in 2007], is not the attitude of an ally. Sometimes it seems to me that America doesn't want allies, only vassals. But we want and will continue to build relations with the States, because I see that inside the United States itself, certain transformations are under way. American society, to a significant degree, doesn't want to play the role of international policeman any more."

### Missiles in Europe

Alexander Rahr of the German CFR followed up with questions about anti-missile defense in Europe, and Russia-Europe relations generally, asking what mistakes had been made during the past 20 years. Putin again emphasized his view that there is a drive to disarm Russia:

"The leading country of the Western world, the U.S.A., views our nuclear missile capability with suspicion. I think anybody is making a huge mistake, if they think that first they have to strip us of that nuclear capability, and then consider us as a potential ally. You know, when the Soviet Union collapsed, I thought that now there were really no restrictions on our really moving forward together. But these suspicions of the past continue to hinder our relations. Nonetheless, I believe it is inevitable.

"Integration in the European area is a demand of our lives, and I would say even more, that integration in the framework of common Christian values is an urgent need. And if we think about the fact that a single principle underlies the moral values of the traditional world religions, then this is the basis for overcoming the difficulties of an intercivilizational nature, as well."

## Breaking the Ice on Arctic Development

LPAC's Michelle Fuchs reports on two sides of a potential global perspective for Arctic development: One, Russia's planned Arctic City, dubbed "Umka," which will be modelled on the International Space Station; and two, the planned expansion of the River Shannon Estuary, which will make Ireland a lead player in deep-sea science.

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# Some Asian Leaders Back Obama's 'War on China'

by Michael Billington

Dec. 17—Although the majority of the Asian nations have clearly rejected President Obama's insane demand for military confrontation with China, which he pushed during his November trip to Asia, the would-be dictator has won a few adherents to his war policy. On Dec. 12, Philippine President Benigno "Noy" Aquino, took steps to prepare the nation's paltry armed forces for a military engagement with China over contested islands in the South China Sea—a move which is militarily absurd, but openly positions the Philippines as a U.S. asset (and target) in Obama's planned war with China.

Meanwhile, the secretary general of Japan's opposition Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Nobuteru Ishihara, speaking at the right-wing Hoover Institution in Washington, called for Japan to build military bases on the Senkaku Islands, contested by Japan and China, in the East China Sea, threatening to rekindle tensions between the two Asian powerhouses.

This follows Obama's announcement during his stop in Australia last month, that extensive U.S. Air Force and Naval capacities are being introduced into a new U.S. military facility in Darwin, out of range of Chinese ballistic missiles. In addition, Singapore has agreed to allow the U.S. to "station several of our newest littoral combat ships at Singapore's naval facility," according to the chief of U.S. Naval Operations, Adm. Jonathan Greenert. Greenert said that the ships would focus on the South China Sea, the site of conflict between China and several other nations, regarding sovereignty over various islands and raw material rights. Greenert added: "Similarly, 2025 may see P-8A Poseidon aircraft or unmanned broad area maritime surveillance aerial vehicles periodically deploy to the Philippines or Thailand to help those nations with maritime domain awareness."

The "Ring around China" policy, long the dream of the neo-conservative China-hawks in the Bush/Cheney

Administration, is being implemented by British puppet Obama as part of his global war plan.

## The Japan That Says Yes to Obama

The call by the LDP's Ishihara for Japan to build military bases on the Senkaku Islands (called the Diaoyu Islands by China) is very much in keeping with the racist anti-China sentiment of famous father, Shin-itaro Ishihara, the Governor of Tokyo since 1999. Known as the spokesman for the right-wing resurgence in Japan, the governor was the co-author with Sony chairman Akio Morita of *The Japan That Can Say No*, promoting Japanese cultural superiority, and calling for a break from U.S. domination of Japan. Now, with a British asset in power in Washington, Ishihara is ready to say "yes."

Son Nobuteru, whose LDP governed Japan for half a century, until its defeat in the 2009 election, has called for building Japanese military bases on the contested islands in the East China Sea. In the Nov. 14 Hoover Institution speech, Ishihara said, "I further believe that we must seriously begin contemplating the establishment of a permanent post for the Self-Defense Force" in the Senkaku Islands. He said China has become "assertive, one may even say aggressive. Emboldened by its new economic weight and growing military might, China's proclamations of its 'peaceful rise' appear more and more at odds with the emerging reality."

Nobuteru also announced during his visit to Washington that he is preparing to run for the presidency of the LDP. He met with many senior Administration and Congressional figures while in Washington, parading his belligerence towards China as a credential for U.S. support for his bid to run the LDP, and potentially the Japanese government.

## Aquino: NerObama's Clone

Philippine President Aquino played front-man for Obama during the U.S. President's Asia tour, by insist-



*Philippines President Aquino (right) is one of the few Asian leaders to join Obama's "Ring around China" policy; he is also mimicking the U.S. President's dictatorial ambitions. The two are shown here at the ASEAN-U.S. summit in New York, September 2010.*

ing that China be denounced as an aggressor with respect to the territorial issues in the South China Sea, in the various Asian conferences which Obama attended. On Dec. 12, at the inauguration of a newly appointed chief of staff of the Philippine Armed Forces, Aquino announced a military mobilization against China. "We need to prepare for external challenges," Aquino blustered. "There are claimants to territories that are clearly ours. If before, the focus of the Armed Forces was on internal threats such as the MILF [Moro Islamic Liberation Front] and the New People's Army [communist insurgents], now we have to prepare for external challenges."

This is in keeping with Obama's pronouncement during his Asia tour that the "counter-insurgency wars" of Iraq and Afghanistan were being superseded by the large-scale war plans needed for confrontation with China. This is known as the "Air-Sea Battle" strategy, recently adopted by Obama to prepare for his war (on behalf of the British Empire) against Russia and China.

Noynoy Aquino is the son of former puppet President Cory Aquino (1986-92), who was placed in office by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and his Deputy Paul Wolfowitz, after running the so-called "People's Power" coup against Ferdinand Marcos in 1986. Cory Aquino obediently shut down the industrial and agricultural policies implemented under Marcos, including

the first nuclear power plant in South-east Asia; her policies caused the collapse of the nation which continues today.

In addition to declaring the Philippines to be a launching pad for the U.S. military campaign against China, Noynoy also demonstrated that he is trying to beat Obama to the punch in creating dictatorships in their respective nations.

On the same day as his declaration against China, Aquino (1) declared war against the Catholic Church, perhaps the most influential institution in the largely Catholic nation; and (2) initiated impeachment proceedings against the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, to finish off the "separation of powers" in the (American-modelled) Philip-

pine Constitution.

While announcing his war mobilization against China, Aquino simultaneously boycotted the installation of Bishop Luis Antonio Tagle as the new Archbishop of Manila. Another influential Archbishop, Ramon Arquelles, said of the boycott: "The absence of the President for the very first time in the history of the Philippines was very conspicuous. He snubbed the most important religious group in the country."

It is of crucial importance that the Church has mobilized massive opposition to a population-reduction bill known as the "Reproductive Health Bill," which is virtually the only issue Aquino sponsored during his years in the Senate, before following his mother into the Presidency on behalf of the same foreign financial interests who ran her administration, and virtually all subsequent Philippine governments.

### **Assault on the Court**

Even more blatant is Aquino's assault on the Supreme Court. Chief Justice Renato Corona, a former top aide to former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (2001-10), is accused of being overly partial to his former boss in judicial proceedings against her by the Aquino Administration. In particular, when Aquino attempted to prevent Arroyo from leaving the country to receive medical care, the Supreme Court ruled against him. Aquino disregarded the Court's ruling, and de-



tained the former President when she tried to leave, spitting in the face of the Supreme Court's Constitutional powers.

The Philippine House of Representatives, controlled by Aquino's party, impeached Chief Justice Corona on Dec. 12, and the Senate was sworn in to try the impeachment over the coming weeks. Corona, speaking on the steps of the Supreme Court, called Aquino a would-be dictator: "If this impeachment succeeds, what will happen? Mr. Aquino already has his cabinet, he controls the Congress, and he will have the Supreme Court in his hands. What he is sowing will surely yield a dictatorship—a dictatorship that results from deception and the poisoning of the minds of the people. I will resist the emerging dictatorship of President Benigno Simeon Aquino III."

Corona added, "The real objective is to destroy the judiciary, destroy democracy and impose the will of the 'beloved king.'" Several Filipino commentators have compared Aquino's actions to those of Adolf Hitler in destroying the only checks and balances to his personal absolute power. The Philippine LaRouche Society has prepared a poster of Aquino modelled on the now world-famous LaRouchePAC poster of Obama sporting a Hitler mustache.

Aquino's Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, asked how she could order the detention of Arroyo, in violation of the Court's ruling, responded that the Constitution must be considered "fluid"—as in *Alice in Wonderland*, words and institutions can mean whatever they want them to mean.

De Lima went even further following the impeachment of Corona, declaring that any Justice who defended the Chief Justice would face the possibility of impeachment.

While it is true that former President Arroyo was wildly corrupt, fixed elections, and packed the Supreme Court with faithful allies, Aquino is lying when he claims that his actions against her are based solely on considerations of justice. As Philippine LaRouche Movement chairman Butch Valdes has suggested, Aquino may have made a deal with Arroyo before the elections to prevent or delay criminal prosecutions against her and her family in exchange for her control of the electoral process to allow his victory in the Presidential elections of 2010.

Aquino protected Arroyo for over a year, but when the Supreme Court ruled that the massive feudal estate

known as Hacienda Lucita, owned by the Aquino family (including Noynoy and his mother Cory), must finally live up to the land-reform laws requiring them to make the land available for sale to the peasants who worked on it, this was too much for the Aquino feudal blood. The assault on the Supreme Court was then unleashed.

It is ironic, if not surprising, that the Ishihara family, which favors restoring feudal relations in Japan, and joining Obama in precipitating a nuclear confrontation with China, is famously close to the Aquino family in the Philippines.

### **Impeach Obama—and Aquino?**

Lyndon LaRouche has insisted that the current total collapse of the Western financial system in Europe and the U.S., and Obama's mad dash for war against Russia and China, can only be stopped with the removal of Barack Obama from office through impeachment or other Constitutional means. There are those in the Philippines who recognize that the potential for the nation to contribute to the Great Pacific Alliance—the alliance of Russia, China, and the U.S. under post-Obama leadership, to join forces in replacing the bankrupt global financial system with a credit system to facilitate great infrastructure development as joint endeavors of the Pacific nations—will require removing Aquino from office through Constitutional means.

The bishops who have battled Aquino over his population control bill are also speaking out in regard to his effort to assert a dictatorship in the Philippines. A member of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, Deogracias Iniguez, has warned that the next high official to face impeachment could be President Aquino, once it is proven that he is employing a dictatorial style in running the government.

Bishop Arguelles said that Aquino's impeachment of the Chief Justice will fail, because many sectors of society will oppose dictatorial rule, and he doubts if the military would throw its support to him.

It is crucial for those opposing the dictatorial policies of Aquino that they also identify the most drastic aspect of this policy as Aquino's subservience to President Obama's insane push for global war, and work with those internationally who are fighting this threat to the survival of civilization.

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# International Intelligence

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## ***Israel's Barak in U.S. To Push Iran, Syria Wars***

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak was in Washington in mid-December to organize for war against Syria and Iran, according to U.S. sources and contacts close to Israeli opposition circles.

Barak is meeting with President Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, and a number of other unnamed "military and intelligence officials." The number one purpose of the trip is to try to destroy the U.S. military and other institutional resistance to military action against Iran and Syria. Before he left Israel, Barak told Israel's Army radio that "a host of issues on the agenda will be discussed. Iran's [nuclear program] will obviously take center stage." And the Chinese news agency Xinhua reported that high-level Israel officials have stated that "Barak's frequent trips to Washington are more than likely meant to coordinate efforts to halt Iran's nuclear ambitions with the Americans."

On Dec. 14, Barak spoke at the liberal Union of Reform Judaism in North America's biennial conference, and met with liberal groups. At one event, Barak announced that Syria's Bashar al-Assad "will be out of power by Passover," in April 2012.

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## ***President Hu Lauds China's Achievements in Space***

At a rally held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing Dec. 16 to celebrate the successful docking of the Tiangong-1 module with the Shenzhou-8 space station, President Hu Jintao underlined the need for Chinese scientists and engineers to "master the creative capability" to resolve the numerous technical and scientific problems facing the nation. The speech was not unlike the remarks he had made to the Navy following President

Obama's Asia jaunt, calling for rapid modernization and creative thinking in developing strategy. He underlined that the period facing the nation was one of grave threat and that people must have "a sense of crisis and urgency."

While he praised the great achievements that China had made in its space program, he also noted that China was still far from the highest level of scientific achievement in the world. Chinese scientists and engineers, therefore, had to work at achieving "breakthroughs" and "making scientific leaps" to advance the nation's capability, so that China could make a major contribution to the advancement of mankind; maintain a high level of security in an uncertain world; and most importantly, to assure the well-being of China's expanding population.

Hu concluded his speech with a paean to space exploration, calling on international cooperation in that exploration. "The vast limits of space represent the common riches of mankind," Hu said.

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## ***Adams Denounces EU Treaty Plan; Demands Referendum***

Ireland's Sinn Féin leader and Member of Parliament Gerry Adams defended Ireland's sovereignty on Dec. 15, for the second time in two days, in the face of the government's selling out the nation's interest to the European Union. Speaking in the Dail (Parliament), Adams challenged Prime Minister Enda Kenny, for his failure to defend the interests of the state during the negotiations in Brussels.

Adams warned that the EU Dec. 9 deal will "not solve the Eurozone crisis.... [I]t will make matters worse.... It seeks to impose right-wing austerity policies in perpetuity," and "seeks to undermine member states' democracy."

He pointed out that the agreement calls for the new austerity rule to be included "in national law, at constitutional or equivalent level," which would require

that a referendum be held.

"In his statement today," Adams continued, the Taoiseach [prime minister] said he is examining how this requirement dovetails with the Fiscal Responsibility Bill which is now being prepared. That baffles me.... Did he not know what it involved? Is he now saying that primary legislation may have equivalent status to constitutional law?... It is anti-republican and anti-democratic."

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## ***Afghans on Afghan Drugs: It's a Global Problem***

An editorial in the Afghan newspaper *The Daily Outlook* Dec. 13 makes clear that the "opium produced in villages of this country continues to take its toll on the streets of Europe, Russia, and Iran," and is an "international problem." The daily added that "the menace of drug production and trade has been a major hurdle in the way of state-building in the country and strengthening the rule of law and writ of the government."

The editorial said: "It is such an irony that at the peak of the recent global financial crisis, when the large banks and financial institutions in the Western countries stopped lending and liquid credit dried up, according to a high-ranking official at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [UNODC chief Antonio Mario Costa—ed.], it has been Afghan drug money, coupled with Colombian cocaine proceeds, that came to the rescue of these banks and financial institutions. This has been so since hundreds of billions of dollars from the retail sale of drugs is largely liquid, and these proceeds, when deposited at these banks, were their only tradable, liquid assets at the height of the crisis."

The editorial notes that "the Western military forces have been reluctant in eradicating the production in southern areas, as they fear a public backlash that, in their thinking, might endanger them and compromise their mission of defeating the Taliban in those areas."

# Congress Gives Obama His Hitlerian Enabling Act

by Carl Osgood

Dec. 19—Last week, the U.S. Congress voted to give President Obama a Nazi-style Enabling Act which gives him the legal cover to rip up the Constitution, and enforce a dictatorship over the United States by “disappearing” anyone he designates as an enemy of the United States. This comes after Obama has already arrogated to himself, the right to designate American citizens as targets for assassination, as in the case of Anwar al-Awlaki, an American citizen Obama assassinated by means of a drone strike in Yemen.

The provisions at issue are the detainee provisions in the fiscal 2012 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which codifies in U.S. law the authority of the President to imprison indefinitely, anyone, including American citizens, deemed to be a terrorist threat to the United States, without trial or due process, thus ripping up the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Amendments to the Constitution. Obama’s pressing to include this unconstitutional Enabling Act in the defense bill is yet another impeachable offense for which Obama must be removed from office.

Lyndon LaRouche, speaking with associates after the Senate voted on Dec. 15, compared the bill to the Enabling Act that made Adolf Hitler dictator of Germany in 1933, because it allows the Executive to depart from the Constitution. It would create a dictatorship in the United States, just as similar legislation made Hitler a dictator in Germany in 1933. LaRouche added that those Senators and Congressmen who were stupid and foolish enough to support this legislation may find

themselves in the dock at a war crimes tribunal in the not-too-distant future. And, as we document below, this measure was not something that was foisted on Obama by the Congress, but rather, Congress giving in to Obama’s demand for dictatorial powers.

On April 11, 2009, LaRouche first publicly identified Obama’s narcissism problem—what he characterized Obama’s Nero Syndrome—and the need, at that time, to bring him under control. “[H]is self-adulation, his manic, euphoric self-adulation, is the mentality of the worst kind of dictator,” LaRouche said. “Don’t let him get in a position where he has that kind of power. Keep him under constraint, the legal constraint within the American Presidential system as it works. Keep him in that constraint. If you don’t, you’re creating a monster. You don’t want a Frankenstein monster. You don’t want a Narcissus in the Presidency, and he’s a case of Narcissus, just like Nero.” Otherwise? *“He’s a danger to all humanity if you don’t keep him under control.”*

The failure of the institutions of government to act on LaRouche’s warning, has led to the point that the Congress has now given Obama full dictatorial powers to go after anyone he dislikes, just by labeling them a “terrorist suspect.” That’s the language in the relevant provision (Section 1021) of the Defense Authorization Bill.

“This President has . . . just put the Enabling Act of Adolf Hitler into effect for the United States,” LaRouche said on Dec. 18. “You can all be taken out and shot, with nobody to complain. It’s all there, now, because we didn’t get rid of Obama.”



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*Obama's latest move for dictatorship—a grab for a Nazi-style “Enabling Act”—is in gross violation of the U.S. Constitution, as established by the Founders, including George Washington, pictured above.*

## What the Bill Actually Says

For the first time, the authority for indefinite detention that, previously, President George W. Bush, and then Obama, have claimed under the Sept. 18, 2001 Authorization for Use Military Force (AUMF), passed by Congress in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, is codified in U.S. law.

Under “covered persons,” it not only targets those who may have been involved in planning, aiding, and carrying out the 9/11 attacks but: “A person who was part of or substantially supported al-Qaeda, the Taliban, or associated forces that are engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners, including any person who has committed a belligerent act or has directly supported such hostilities in aid of such enemy forces.”

Such persons are to be disposed of by: “Detention

under the law of war without trial until the end of hostilities authorized by the Authorization for Use of Military Force,” or trial by military commission, trial by an alternative tribunal constituted for such purpose or by transfer to the custody of the person’s country of origin, or any other foreign country or entity.

It includes two other paragraphs: Nothing in this section is intended to limit or expand the powers already granted under the AUMF; and nothing in this section is to be construed as affecting existing law “relating to the detention of United States citizens, lawful resident aliens of the United States, or any other persons who are captured or arrested in the United States.” But, as we shall see, this statement is nothing but a meaningless sop to those who fear its real intent.

By expanding “covered persons” to include anyone who has allegedly supported al-Qaeda or the Taliban or otherwise has committed belligerent acts against the United States, the bill effectively makes the so-called global war on terrorism infinite in both time and space. It claims the right of the United States to attack anyone in any country deemed to be such a threat, including inside the borders of the United States, regardless of citizenship. The definitions are so vague that anyone who opposes the Administration’s war on terrorism policies could be deemed as “substantially supporting” al-Qaeda or the Taliban, or “associated forces” and locked away without charge or trial in a war that, by definition, has no end.

There are no practical limitations placed on the President in doing so, either. “This bill authorizes permanent warfare anywhere in the world,” Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) told the House on Dec. 14. “It gives the President unchecked power to pursue war. It diminishes the role of this Congress.”

## It’s Obama’s Bill

Section 1021, and the following section on military custody of foreign al-Qaeda terrorists, unleashed a firestorm among civil libertarians, for obvious reasons, but they tended to treat it as if the Congress put something over on Obama, in part, because of the wording of the veto threat that the White House had issued. Nothing could be further from the truth, however, as Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.), the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, documented on several occasions.

Levin told the Senate on Nov. 17 that the original bill passed by the committee on June 22 included language *precluding* the application of the detention provi-





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*Sen. Carl Levin (left) told the Senate that the Administration had demanded unconstitutional powers to detain U.S. citizens; Sen. Mark Udall (right) warned that Obama's Enabling Act "could well represent an unprecedented threat to our constitutional liberties."*

So, the language added to the conference report, stating that nothing in this section shall be construed to affect existing law regarding U.S. citizens or lawful resident aliens captured or arrested inside the United States is a figleaf. As Levin showed, the Administration already believes it has the authority to indefinitely detain U.S. citizens without trial *under existing law*, and opposed any effort in the Congress to place limitations on that authority. Levin confirmed this to be the case on Dec. 15, when he reported that the effect of that language is to leave the question of indefinite detention of U.S. citizens to the executive branch and the courts.

sion to U.S. citizens and lawful resident aliens for conduct taking place inside the United States, and it was the Administration that asked for that language to be removed from the bill. In a colloquy with Sen. Mark Udall (D-Colo.), Levin asked: *"Is the Senator familiar with the fact that it was the administration which asked us to remove the very language which we had in the bill which passed the committee, and that we removed it at the request of the Administration that this determination would not apply to US citizens and lawful residents?"* [emphasis added]

In a statement the following day, Levin explained that the section "expressly 'affirms' an authority that already exists. The Supreme Court held in the Hamdi case that existing law authorizes the detention of American citizens under the law of war in the limited circumstances spelled out here, so this is nothing new." So, this is not a *new* authority, but rather authority that Obama, and before him, George W. Bush, had already claimed, and that the courts had upheld.

"The initial bill reported by the committee included language expressly precluding 'the detention of citizens or lawful resident aliens of the United States on the basis of conduct taking place within the United States, except to the extent permitted by the Constitution of the United States,'" Levin further explained. "The Administration asked that this language be removed from the bill."

On Nov. 29, Udall offered an amendment to strip the detainee provisions from the bill, so that the Congress would have "an opportunity to take a hard look at the needs of our counter-terrorism professionals and respond in a measured way that reflects the input of those who are actually fighting our enemies." He warned that the detention provision "could well represent an unprecedented threat to our constitutional liberties" because it fails to answer the question of guilt or innocence. "How do we know a citizen has committed crimes unless they are tried and convicted?"

The philosophy behind the provision was clearly articulated by Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-S.C.), who told the Senate that fighting al-Qaeda, or any terrorist group for that matter, is not a law enforcement function, but rather a military function, and that therefore, due process is not applicable, including in a case where the suspect is an American citizen.

"If you join al-Qaeda, you suffer the consequences of being killed or captured," he said. "If you are an American citizen and you betray your country, you are going to be held in military custody and you are going to be questioned about what you know. You are not going to be given a lawyer if our national security interests dictate that you not be given a lawyer and go into the criminal justice system because we are not fighting a crime, we are fighting a war."

Graham's view prevailed, and Udall's amendment was defeated by a vote of 60-38.

The Senate vote on Dec. 15 was 86-13 in favor, with many of those who had voted for the Udall amendment voting for the final bill, anyway. Udall was one of these. He explained to the *Denver Post* that, despite his opposition to the detainee provisions, he had voted for the bill anyway, because it includes provisions that he wrote, including one that mandates further "greening" of the Defense Department.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) had also supported the Udall amendment, but ended up voting for the final bill because, he said in a statement, of the money that it brings to DoD facilities in his state. Like Udall, he also promised to keep an eye on the implementation of the detainee provisions.



*Sen. Dianne Feinstein introduced the "Due Process Guarantee Act," which restores the exemption for U.S. citizens from unlawful detention that had been included in the original bill.*

## Opposition Emerges

Immediately after the bill was passed, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), who had also opposed the detainee provisions in statements from the floor, but voted for the bill in the end, introduced, along with 12 co-sponsors, the "Due Process Guarantee Act" (S. 2003), which essentially restores the exemption for U.S. citizens that had been included in the original committee bill, that the Administration opposed.

"We must clarify U.S. law to state unequivocally that the government cannot indefinitely detain American citizens inside this country without trial or charge," Feinstein said in a statement. "I strongly believe that Constitutional due process requires U.S. citizens apprehended in the U.S. should never be held in indefinite detention." But Feinstein, as did eight of her co-sponsors, buckled under White House pressure, and voted for the bill.

At the same time, opponents in the House, in shock over the bill's passage, also introduced two bills to reverse it. The first, H.R. 3676, was introduced while debate on the NDAA was still ongoing, by Rep. Jeff Landry, a freshman Republican from Louisiana; the second, H.R. 3702, was introduced the next day by

Democrats Rep. John Garamendi of California and Martin Heinrich of New Mexico. The text of both bills, like Feinstein's similar bill in the Senate, is short and direct.

H.R. 3676's two operant paragraphs are summarized in its title: "To amend the detainee provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 to specifically state that United States citizens may not be detained against their will without all the rights of due process afforded to citizens in a court ordained or established by or under Article III of the Constitution of the United States."

Landry stated that he introduced his bill "to guarantee our citizens their most basic rights under the Constitution," adding, "I hope my colleagues from both sides of the aisle and chamber will join my call for liberty."

H.R. 3676 was introduced with 19 co-sponsors, but by Dec. 21, the number had grown to 28—22 Republicans and 5 Democrats. All of the Democrats are members of the Black Caucus, including chair Emmanuel Cleaver. Landry told *The Hill* that he had extracted a commitment that the Armed Services Committee would hold hearings on the proposed bill early next year, he hopes in January, so that it can quickly move to the House floor.

H.R. 3702, the Due Process Guarantee Act of 2011, features the same language as the Senate bill. So far, its sponsors are all Democrats, as is Feinstein's.

The House vote on Dec. 14 was 283-136, with the Democrats split down the middle—93 votes for and 93 votes against—while 43 Republicans also voted against the bill. The opposition included about three-quarters of 83-member Progressive Caucus, and about 75% of the 39-member Black Caucus. They were joined by anti-war Republicans such as Rep. Walter Jones (N.C.) and Tea Party Republicans who neither trust Obama, nor their own leadership.

Several of those speaking in opposition cited a letter to the Senate signed by 26 retired military flag officers, led by retired Marines Gen. Joseph P. Hoar and Gen. Charles Krulak (see below).

# Retired Military Take Lead vs. Hitler Law

Dec. 17—*The following letter was written Oct. 7, when the undersigned retired military leaders thought they had the support of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in eliminating certain Nazi provisions of the National Defense Appropriations Act. The section including those provisions was Section 1031 in the original Senate bill referred to here. (It is 1021 in the bill that Obama intends to sign.)*

*Then, Obama insisted it be included.*

DEAR SENATOR REID:

We are members of a nonpartisan group of retired generals and admirals who believe that U.S. counterterrorism policies are strongest when they adhere to the rule of law and American values. As such, we write to applaud your leadership in ensuring that the detainee provisions (Section 1031-1033) in the Senate Armed Services Committee's reported version of the Fiscal Year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act do not move forward.

## A Strategic Defense of Humanity



Were the United States to eject Obama, and reciprocate Russia's offer for an SDE (Strategic Defense of Earth), we would not only avert the danger of thermonuclear war in the short term, but we would eliminate the reason for humanity to ever go to war again. Peace, is not the negation of conflict; it's an active commitment among all peoples to "the common aims of mankind."

An LPAC video presented by Natalie Lovegren (12 minutes).

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If passed, we believe these provisions would reshape our counterterrorism policies in ways that would undermine our national security and transform our armed forces into judge, jury and jailor for foreign terrorism suspects. The military's mission is to prosecute wars, not terrorists. The bill would expand the military's mission to detain and try a large category of future foreign terror suspects, which falls outside the military's core competence and erodes faith in the judicial process. It would also authorize the indefinite detention without trial of terrorism suspects, including American citizens captured on U.S. soil—a policy that is contrary to the very American values needed to win this fight.

As retired military leaders, we believe in the importance of the underlying bill to sustain the strength of our Armed Services. For that reason, we have been advocating against these provisions, and agree with your statement that our nation: must maintain the capability and flexibility to effectively apply the full range of tools at our disposal to combat terrorism. This includes the use of our criminal justice system, which has accumulated an impressive record of success in bringing terrorists to justice. Limitations on that flexibility, or on the availability of critical counterterrorism tools, would significantly threaten our national security.

With your commitments this week, you took an important step to avert those threats.

Sincerely,

General Joseph P. Hoar, USMC (Ret.); General Charles C. Krulak, USMC (Ret.); General David M. Maddox, USA (Ret.); General Merrill A. McPeak, USAF (Ret.); General William G. T. Tuttle Jr., USA (Ret.); Lieutenant General Robert G. Gard Jr., USA (Ret.); Vice Admiral Lee F. Gunn, USN (Ret.); Lieutenant General Arlen D. Jameson, USAF (Ret.); Lieutenant General Charles Otstott, USA (Ret.); Lieutenant General Harry E. Soyster, USA (Ret.); Major General Eugene Fox, USA (Ret.); Rear Admiral Don Guter, USN (Ret.); Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, USN (Ret.); Major General Melvyn S. Montano, USAF (Ret.); Major General William L. Nash, USA (Ret.); Major General Thomas J. Romig, USA (Ret.); Major General Antonio 'Tony' M. Taguba, USA (Ret.); Brigadier General John Adams, USA (Ret.); Brigadier General James Cullen, USA (Ret.); Brigadier General David R. Irvine, USA (Ret.); Brigadier General John H. Johns, USA (Ret.); Brigadier General Anthony Verrengia, USAF (Ret.); Brigadier General Stephen N. Xenakis, USA (Ret.).

# The Threat of Thermonuclear Extinction Grows

by the Editors

Dec. 19—On their way out the door for holiday recess, the U.S. Congress has delivered a devastating Christmas message to the world: London has been given the green light from Capitol Hill to launch thermonuclear Armageddon.

The Congress not only rolled over for British puppet President Barack Obama and passed the National Defense Authorization Act with an embedded Nazi-style *Ermächtigungsgesetz* (enabling act), authorizing the U.S. military to detain American citizens indefinitely and without due process, thus creating the preconditions for a Hitlerian dictatorship, mass arrests, and killings. Within that same bill, the Congress also targetted the relations of the Iranian Central Bank with any other foreign central bank, seeking to impose sanctions on other nations purchasing oil from Iran.

The House of Representatives, by an overwhelming majority, also passed severe new sanctions against Iran, Syria, and North Korea, which were tantamount to declarations of economic warfare; the measures are now before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

These acts of shameless capitulation to the British/Obama agenda put the world that much closer to nuclear extermination. In effect, Israel now has the go-ahead from Washington to launch a preventive attack against Iran, that is certain to unleash military confrontation on a global scale. While the United States, Russia, and China have a tacit understanding that nuclear war is unthinkable, and that they will work together to assure that there is no nuclear confrontation among them, no such constraints exist for Israel, and it is widely believed among top U.S. strategists that Israel is prepared to launch a nuclear retaliatory strike against Iran.

Both Pentagon and Israeli military sources have confirmed that Israel has recently removed some of its nuclear warheads from deep storage and placed them near mobile missile sites. The Israeli estimate is that

Iran has a substantial conventional missile capability for retaliating against an Israeli assault on Iranian nuclear facilities, including longer range solid-fuel missiles to be launched from inside Iran, as well as shorter-range missiles already in place in Southern Lebanon, Syria, and possibly in Gaza.

Thus, London holds the trigger for nuclear Armageddon, and British tools Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak are oblivious to the fact that they are the hand grenades that will be used to trigger a process that will wipe Israel off the face of the Earth.

## Russia and China Under Threat

In addition to London's Israeli trigger, President Obama has done everything in his power to break the institutional understandings among Washington, Moscow, and Beijing for thermonuclear war avoidance. Recent visitors to Beijing have reported a dramatic deterioration in U.S.-Chinese relations, the result of Obama's recent nine-day Asia trip, in which he all but declared war on China.

The Chinese leadership is fully aware that President Obama has overturned 40 years of understanding between the two nations, and is embarked on a hard confrontation course. The National Security Council has ostensibly begun a "top-down review" of past U.S. policy towards China, which was anchored in the belief that China's economic liberalization would gradually lead to political reforms as well. Under the goading of a faction of "humanitarian interventionists," led by U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice and Presidential advisor Samantha Power, the President has psychologically turned against China, and is operating from the false idea that China is moving towards totalitarianism and must be the target of destabilization and confrontation.

A similar shift has been engineered with respect to Russia. The Obama Administration abruptly cut off



ongoing negotiations on a joint missile defense shield for parts of Eurasia within striking distance of Iranian missiles. Instead, Washington has gone ahead with a unilateral missile defense deployment on Russia's southern border. Moscow is viewing this as a direct threat, and in recent weeks, both President Dmitri Medvedev and top Russian generals have made clear that they are deploying against an anticipated U.S. attack.

Both Russia and China have also come in for intense verbal attacks by Ambassador Rice, for having blocked measures that would give Syria's President Bashar al-Assad the "Qaddafi treatment."

The British have, thus, created the conditions for a thermonuclear war among the United States, Russia, and China, by exploiting their Nerobama pawn in the White House.

## Durable War Avoidance

As the result, the options for durable war avoidance now come down to one: President Obama must be removed from office in the immediate days ahead, or all bets are off for the survival of humanity.

Obama has committed numerous impeachable offenses, from his illegal war in Libya, launched without Congressional authorization under Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution; the assassination of Libyan head of state Muammar Qaddafi, after he was disarmed and in custody; the extrajudicial assassination of Anwar al-Awlaki, an American citizen, without due process; and the passage, under harsh White House pressure, of the authorization for indefinite military detention of American citizens on American soil.

In addition to these high crimes and misdemeanors, Obama is also insane, and should be removed from



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*The Obama Administration's push toward a thermonuclear war confrontation has recently been reflected in the statements of Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta on Iran's alleged closeness to having a nuclear weapon—statements which increasingly converge with Israel's bellicose stance. Here, Panetta arrives at the Pentagon July 1 for his first day on the job.*

office immediately, under the terms clearly spelled out in Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for the ouster of a President who is unfit to serve.

Lyndon LaRouche, in a discussion with colleagues on Dec. 17, did not mince words in the following assessment of the strategic situation, going into the year end:

"We're actually on the verge of a crash of the entire system, and mass death throughout the planet is, at this moment, the most likely prospect for the weeks ahead. We're headed for Hell. The system is coming down."

## Sanctions as Prelude to War

Step by step, the United States has imposed an almost complete economic embargo on Iran over the past 30 years. It has sanctions on companies doing business with Iran, a ban on all imports originating from Iran, sanctions on Iranian financial institutions, and an almost total ban on the sale of aircraft parts to Iran. In November of this year, Obama used Executive authority to impose sanctions to prevent anyone from

being involved in providing oil refining capabilities for Iran.

And the United States has insisted that other nations, such as those of the European Union, do the same—particularly those nations that buy a lot of oil from Iran. There is still resistance to an oil embargo in Europe, however.

The clear intent is to bring Iran to its knees economically, in preparation for “regime change” or military action. No nation, and certainly not Iran, is likely to submit to such murderous measures without fighting back.

The House of Representatives’ bills leave no room for doubt on this intent, and not only against Iran. One of the bills also targets what’s left of U.S.-Russia space cooperation, unless Russia were to fully adopt U.S. policy towards Iran, Syria, and North Korea. The two bills also target third-country commercial firms that are deemed to be trading with those three countries in violation of U.S. policy to economically crush Iran and otherwise halt weapons proliferation by North Korea and Syria.

Both bills were products of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, chaired by the super-hawkish Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.), with the equally bellicose Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.) as the ranking Democrat. The first bill, H.R. 1905, the “Iran Threat Reduction Act of 2011,” came to the floor with 364 co-sponsors, making its passage a certainty. The second bill, H.R. 2105, the “Iran, North Korea and Syria Nonproliferation Reform and Modernization Act,” only had 46 co-sponsors, but it, too, was passed.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) was one of only two members to speak out against both bills. During debate on H.R. 1905, he inserted eight articles into the *Congressional Record*, from various reputable sources, that make the case that 30 years of sanctions against Iran have failed; have likely made the region less stable, not more; and that even tighter sanctions on Iran’s oil industry and central bank are not likely to produce the behavior change that the bill’s proponents claim is needed from Iran. Furthermore, the legislation restricts U.S. diplomacy with Iran to the point that no U.S. official could talk to any Irani official without a Presidential waiver 15 days prior to exercise of that waiver authority.

Given that U.S. and Iranian naval vessels encounter each other in the Persian Gulf on a regular basis,

this would seem to be a set-up for a Gulf of Tonkin-type incident, a possibility that Kucinich implied when he noted that the proponents of the bill claim it to be a last ditch effort to prevent war, “Yet this bill takes away the most effective tool to prevent war—diplomacy.” Kucinich also challenged the constitutionality of the bill. Among other things, the bill, Kucinich said, violates the speech and debate clause, violates the Constitution’s separation of powers, and challenges the President’s power to conduct foreign diplomacy.

## War Avoidance Moves

Russia and China, of course, are well aware of the war-intention behind these U.S. government measures—and, although they don’t often say it, the British imperial intent to destroy their nations. While refusing to buckle under to the sanctions demands, both nations are moving to try to put blocks in front of the war drive, particularly regime-change in Syria.

On Dec. 16, Russia apparently surprised the war-hawks in the United States, Great Britain, and France, by introducing a resolution in the UN Security Council on the Syria question. The resolution calls on the Syrian government to institute democratic reforms in negotiations with popular oppositional groups, but equally calls on all other parties to obey international law: Among other things, foreign governments must prevent arms from reaching Syrian groups that attack the police and army, and must encourage all opposition organizations to enter into negotiations with the government.

The Anglo-American alliance for World War III, which now includes a prominent role for Germany and France on the Syria issue at the UN, declared the resolution unacceptable. However, within days, the Russian resolution had gained the support of China and a number of other nations, such as India and Brazil.

At the same time, according to the Syrian government, the Russians advised the Assad regime to come to an accommodation with the Arab League on the pending agreement to deploy League observers into Syria, as a means of trying to reduce the violence. The agreement was announced Dec. 19. How long it will last, in the face of ongoing counterinsurgency by agents of France, Great Britain, and the U.S., who are explicitly intent upon removing the Assad government, remains to be seen.

# Before We Bomb Iran, Let's Have a Serious Conversation

by John H. Johns

*The following op-ed was written at the height of a barrage of Israeli, British, and U.S. propaganda calling for military strikes against Iran. It was printed in the New York Times on Nov. 14, 2011, and is reprinted here with the author's permission. John H. Johns is a retired brigadier general, who served as a combat arms officer in the Army for over 26 years and taught national security strategy at the National Defense University for 14 years. In 2008, following the release of portions of the U.S. National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) on Iran that revealed the consensus of U.S. intelligence agencies that Iran had abandoned nuclear weapons research in 2003 and has not restarted it, General Johns was one of the members of the speakers bureau for the national tour of "Time for Real Diplomacy: The Folly of Attacking Iran." He continues to speak out against military action against Iran.*

It is common for candidates in presidential primaries to use bellicose language to prove their toughness. This kind of rhetoric is especially useful in Republican primaries, where audiences have a firm belief in the use of military power to solve problems. But toughness and wisdom are not the same thing.

The difference between the two was on display in the discussion of Iran that opened Saturday night's Republican foreign policy debate, as it has been throughout the Republican campaign. Asked if he would consider a military option should current efforts fail to deter Iran's work on developing nuclear weapons, Mitt Romney said, "of course you take military action, it's unacceptable for Iran to have a nuclear weapon."

Newt Gingrich echoed Romney's call. Previously, Herman Cain called preemptive

force against Iran his "option B." Even Jon Huntsman, who has been the most sober of the candidates on foreign policy, suggested that "if you want an example of when I would consider the use of American force, it would be that." Rick Perry let us know that he would support Israeli military strikes too.

The problem with these arguments is that they flatly ignore or reject outright the best advice of America's national security leadership. Former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen, former congressman Admiral Joe Sestak, and former CENTCOM Commander General Anthony Zinni are only a few of the many who have warned us to think carefully about the repercussions of attacking Iran. Two months ago, Sestak put it bluntly: "A military strike, whether it's by land or air, against Iran would make the aftermath of the Iraqi invasion look like a cakewalk with regard to the impact on the United States national security" [emphasis added—EIR].

While rhetoric about military strikes may work as an applause line in Republican debates, there is little or no chance that military action would be quite so simple. Quite the contrary. Defense leaders agree that the military option would likely result in serious unintended consequences.

Meir Dagan, the recently retired chief of Israel's Mossad, shares the assessment of the Americans cited above. He noted earlier this year that attacking Iran "would mean regional war" and went on to say that arguments for military strikes were "the stupidest thing I have ever heard."



Gen. (ret.) John H. Johns

To be clear: everyone can agree that Iran is a serious problem. The development of Iranian missile technology is credible enough that NATO is (smartly) working with Russia to develop a defensive missile shield. And the most recent report from the International Atomic Energy Agency on Iran's nuclear program should rally the international community to apply even more pressure.

But while Iran is a serious issue, it is equally true that they have been effectively isolated and weakened by the one-two punch of smart sanctions and the democratic winds sweeping through the region. The international sanctions have seriously damaged Iran's economy and exacerbated a growing feud between President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei. It is important to avoid steps that would unite these political blocs.

Meanwhile, Iran's most important regional ally, Syria, is struggling to avoid becoming the next regime toppled by a popular uprising. And given its own deep unpopularity with the Iranian public, the government may yet face a winter of domestic discontent. It has already had to face down strong segments of its population that want a less bellicose attitude toward the rest of the world.

We didn't ask the tough questions in 2003 when America went to war in Iraq in search of weapons of mass destruction. The security of America and the stability of a largely redrawn Middle East depend on our ability to continue to isolate and contain a weakened Iran.

Running for President means running for commander in chief of America's armed forces. If the candidates favor military action, as is their prerogative, they should desist from peddling the false notion of a simple "surgical" strike and answer the hard questions. How would they contain a larger regional war? Would they commit to a ground invasion? How would they pay for it? What is their view on the implications of another major deployment for the U.S. military? And why are they ignoring the advice of some of America's most experienced military leaders?

America ought not consider another war in the Middle East without a very serious discussion of the consequences. Political candidates should curb their jingoistic, chauvinistic emotions and temper their world view with a little reflective, rational thought.

## Wilkerson Slams Obama On Iran War Drive

Dec. 18—Quoting American System President John Quincy Adams on an Al Jazeera roundtable aired today, Col. Larry Wilkerson, the former chief of staff to Secretary of State Colin Powell, again blasted Barack Obama's drive for war against Iran, the insane bellicose rantings of most of the candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination, and Israel's drive to drag the U.S. into that war.

Wilkerson cited Adams' warning against going abroad "in search of monsters to destroy," referring to his July 4, 1841 speech in Congress, in which he said, "Wherever the standard of freedom and Independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will [America's] heart, her benedictions and her prayers be.

"But she goes not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy.

"She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all.

"She is the champion and vindicator only of her own."

One of the most vocal retired military leaders against the Iran war, and the Obama-Bush assault on the Constitution, Wilkerson warned against "the neo-Conservative component, which I'm seeing again. Which I saw in 1997 and 1998 and on up to the Iraq War, which is now trying to mold people to the Iran war!"

"They're doing the same thing" on Iran, Wilkerson said. "In fact, I'm amazed that they think the very same script, more or less, will work again! And yet I'm not amazed . . . the American people don't seem to understand it's going on, don't seem to understand who's constructing this other element of foreign policy."



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Col. (ret.) Lawrence Wilkerson



When Al Jazeera host Shihab Rattansi asserted that all U.S. policy is ultimately whatever Israel's policy on Iran is, Wilkerson shot back, "That's not true. That's definitely not true in regard to the Pentagon and to the Armed Forces in general." Regarding Israel and Palestine, Wilkerson said, "as David Petraeus made quite clear, until he had to retract a little bit," there is "*grave concern* in the armed forces of the United States about what the Israel-Palestinian challenge does to U.S. National Security, not just in West Asia, but all over the world. It's damaging to our reputation all over the world that we are increasingly seen, not as an honest broker, but Israel's lawyer."

Wilkerson said Obama's rhetoric, such as when he said, "it's unacceptable for Iran to have a nuclear weapon," and then, "all options are on the table," are exactly what is going to get the U.S. into that war, because Obama *can't handle* the situation.

On Dec. 12 on Examiner TV, Wilkerson also delivered a strong denunciation of the just-passed indefinite detention of Americans embedded in the National Defense Authorization Act. It is a step towards tyranny,

like Caesar's crossing of the Rubicon, he said, expressing grave concern that the law, authorizing the U.S. military to indefinitely detain suspected terrorists, even if they are American citizens, will erode the very tradition of civil-military relations that are the underpinning of the U.S. Constitution. Our officer corps, he said, has the best knowledge of our nation's history and the provenance of civil-military relations. This understanding is the greatest protection against tyranny, and the new law is aimed at forcing our military to believe otherwise.

In a Dec. 8 interview, rebroadcast Dec. 13, with Russia Today, Wilkerson slammed Obama for boasting about his role in the killing of Osama bin Laden. Wilkerson asked rhetorically whether such remarks would have ever been uttered by our first six Presidents, or by Abraham Lincoln, or even Dwight Eisenhower.

Obama's remarks reminded him of George W. Bush, he noted, adding that it was "unbelievable" to him that a U.S. President would brag about killing. "It is a measure of the man," he concluded.

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## \$29 Trillion and Counting

by John Hoefle

Dec. 19—In July 2009, the Special Inspector General of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) caused a furor by reporting that the bailout of financial institutions by the U.S. government and the Federal Reserve stood at \$23.7 trillion. Since that time we have seen a flurry of duelling claims, ranging from the Ministry of Bailouts's absurd claims that the bailouts cost taxpayers virtually nothing, and may have even turned a profit, to the recently released study by the Levy Institute,<sup>1</sup> which puts the total at \$29 trillion.

The Levy study, along with those by Bloomberg News and the Government Accountability Office, have shed considerable light on how much money the various bailout facilities have spent, lent, or promised, and who got the money. The sums involved are staggering, as is the extent to which U.S. taxpayer money was used to bail out foreign-based banks. The Treasury and the Fed have a lot of explaining to do, preferably in criminal court.

As measures of the true cost of the bailout, however, all of these studies fall short. The least of their problems is that they all rely on the official figures released by the Treasury and the Fed, two notorious

liars. But since what they admit is damning enough, it will do. The more significant problems with these studies are: 1) They do not measure other ways in which regulatory policy, and the economy as a whole, are being manipulated to facilitate the looting of the public by the financial system; and 2) They do not measure the effects upon the present and future, of policies which destroy people in favor of saving financial claims.

What, after all, is the true cost of a financial policy which is being used to usher in genocide against the human race? How do you measure that in mere dollar terms?

### Saving the Empire

Those with a penchant for remembering the propaganda which has spewed forth from Wall Street and Washington in recent years, will recall being told that the bailout was being done reluctantly, that saving Wall Street, as unpleasant as it may be, was necessary to save Main Street. We're doing this for you, said the thieves.

We said they were lying at the time, and these reports on the bailout bear that out in spades. They were not saving America, but sacrificing America to save the British Empire! That's not only criminal, but treasonous!

The Levy report, for example, breaks the bailout

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1. James Felkerson, *\$29,000,000,000,000: A Detailed Look at the Fed's Bailout by Funding Facility and Recipient* (University of Missouri: Kansas City, December 2011); Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, Working Paper No. 698.

programs down into two categories, one consisting of funds provided by the Fed to other central banks through the Central Bank Liquidity Swap (CBLS) program, and the other consisting of the multitude of other facilities created to shovel money into the financial system, known by acronyms such as TAF, TALF, TSLF, PCDF, etc. Taken together, these programs lent a total of \$29.6 trillion, according to Fed data.

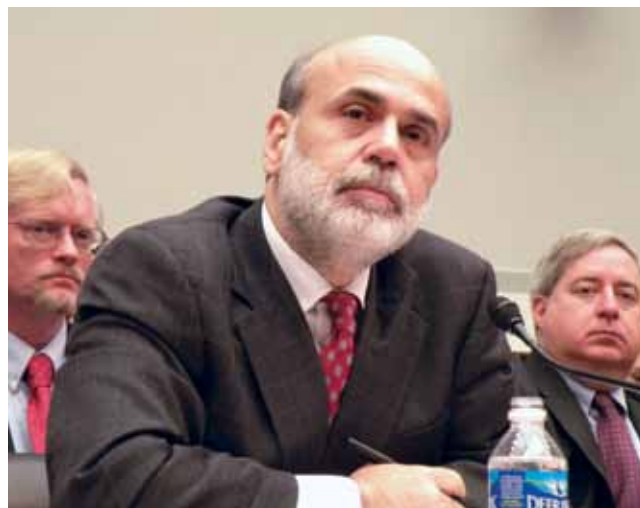
Under the CBLS program, just over \$10 trillion was provided by the Fed to foreign central banks between December 2007 and September 2011. The vast majority of that money, \$8 trillion, went to the European Central Bank, while another \$918 billion went to the Bank of England. The remaining \$1 trillion or so was divvied up among the central banks of Switzerland, Japan, Denmark, Sweden, Australia, South Korea, Norway, and Mexico. These swaps were all in the form of loans, and all the loans made during the period covered by the study have supposedly been paid back. However, the program is still active, with \$54 billion in loans outstanding as of Dec. 14.

In the second category, some \$19.6 trillion in support was provided through an alphabet soup list of programs. The Primary Dealer Credit Facility (PDCF), created to lend money to investment banks, was the largest, at \$9 trillion, followed by the Term Auction Facility (TAF), which lend money to commercial banks, at \$3.8 trillion.

Where it really gets interesting is when you look at the recipients of these funds. Two of the top three borrowers under the TAF were British banks, Barclays and the Inter-Alpha Group's Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS). The top five borrowers in the Single Tranche Open Market Operations (ST OMO) program were all foreign-based: Switzerland-based Credit Suisse, Germany's Deutsche Bank, France's BNP Paribas, RBS, and Barclays.

RBS, Deutsche Bank, and Credit Suisse were also among the top five borrowers in the TSLF and TOP programs. UBS of Switzerland was the largest borrower in the Commercial Paper Funding Facility (CPFF), although Barclays got the single-largest loan under the program; Dexia, RBS, and Fortis also made the top ten under the program. Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse were the top two sellers of mortgage-backed securities to the Fed.

Excluding the CBLS, where the recipients have not



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*Fed chair Ben Bernanke*

been identified, the Levy study found that 84% of the bailout funds went to just 14 institutions, including \$4.6 trillion to six foreign banks. And presumably those same foreign banks got a good chunk of the \$8 trillion handed out through the European Central Bank under the CBLS.

Why was so much money given to foreign banks? The answer is simple: The purpose of the bailout was not to save the U.S. economy, but to save the British Empire. The banks that got the majority of the funds are all top players in the derivatives markets: JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America/Merrill Lynch, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, and Morgan Stanley, Barclays and RBS in the U.K., and BNP Paribas, UBS, and Credit Suisse in continental Europe. The overriding characteristic of the bailout was, and remains, the support of the London-centered global derivatives market, the biggest financial looting operation on the planet.

While these banks are usually described as creatures of the nations in which they are based, the truth is that they are all global banks—more precisely, imperial banks. They are creatures of the British Empire, which sit like parasites in the nations where they are based—not “American” or “German” or “French,” but *imperial*, looting both the people and the governments of their “home” nations. This system is what the Federal Reserve and U.S. Treasury chose to bail out, while letting the American economy collapse.

## The Lying Fed

The Fed fought hard to prevent these details from ever seeing the light of day, but was finally forced by Congress to allow a limited GAO audit, and was forced by the courts to release information to Bloomberg under the Freedom of Information Act. The Fed much prefers to hide behind the American flag, while it steals us blind.

In early December, after some of these details came to public attention, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke went on an arrogance offensive, claiming that news reports of these revelations contained “a variety of egregious errors and mistakes,” and shamelessly lied that all “the disclosure issues raised in these articles have already been discussed and settled, first by the Federal Reserve through a variety of reports and public postings, and then by Congress after a public debate.”

Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner has exhibited similar arrogance with his suggestions that the government has actually turned a profit on the bailout. The sleight of hand here involves defining the bailout as the TARP—when in reality the TARP is just a small part of it—and then claiming that the banks have repaid their TARP funds. The \$45 billion each in TARP funds provided to Citigroup and Bank of America, for example, pale in comparison to the \$2.6 trillion in support the Fed provided to Citi, and the \$3.5 trillion it provided to Bank of America and its Merrill Lynch subsidiary. While the big banks have been able to pay back the TARP in this manner, the Special Inspector General of the TARP noted in October that, of the 707 banks which received TARP money, some 400 banks were still in the program, and that nearly half of them were not making their TARP dividend payments.

## More than Money

As we said in the beginning, reality is much worse than these bailout figures suggest. The British Empire-run international financial system is, by intent, a criminal operation designed to loot the rest of the world. The corruption of individual institutions within that system is a reflection of the corruption of the system itself, not the other way around. The Federal government’s decision to protect, rather than halt, this criminal activity inside the United States was a grave mistake. Millions of people who should have been protected have lost their jobs, their homes, their access

to health care, and even to food, because the Federal government chose to protect the criminals over the victims.

We cannot quantify these costs, nor can they be measured in dollars alone, but they are all costs of the bailout policy. We are also witnessing the steady looting of our remaining savings, through interest-rate policies, understating the rate of inflation, market manipulations, and related actions. The value of our dollar itself, is being destroyed by these policies.

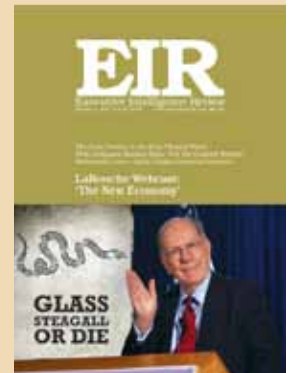
What is being destroyed, are not just the lives of current generations, but the lives of future generations. We are losing America to fascism, led by a fascist President and Congress, funded by fascist bankers, working for a system dedicated to enslaving humanity and reducing our population to less than 1 billion people.

What is being done is monstrous, but so is what is not being done. The future of mankind is being sacrificed, for a system that is going to fail anyway.

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# Economic and Political Crisis Imperils 1.2 Billion Indians

by Ramtanu Maitra

Dec. 17—India's industrial output fell by 5.1% from a year earlier in October, pushing the national currency, the rupee, to a new low. This crisis emerged in the midst of year-long unabated inflation, and the growing public distrust of the Manmohan Singh-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government. "Things are looking bleak," Ved Prakash Chaturvedi, CEO of the capital markets and investment management group at L&T Finance Holdings, told Bloomberg UTV. "Globally, investors are in a panic and more needs to be done to reassure them of the opportunities in India." These developments have sent a clear message to the already paralyzed UPA government: Improve or perish.

The monetarist policies of the Manmohan Singh government have brought India to the precipice. Continuation of these policies could spell unmitigated disaster for the country's 1.2 billion people, of whom more than 50% live in poverty. Economic chaos would surely make India politically unstable, at a time when India's stability in that instability-infested region of the world is of prime importance. India already has its share of terrorists, secessionists, and religious conflicts. An economic collapse, such as the Eurozone is about to experience, could set the stage for violent conflicts. What happens in India is of both human and global strategic concern.

Since India's economic crisis has its roots in the overall collapse of the global financial system, Prime Minister Singh's conviction that his country will be saved by Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is a delusion. In fact, his own misdirected developmental policies, centered on globalization, liberalization, and privatization, are part of the problem.

During its reign since 2004, the Singh government has failed miserably to improve India's vital infrastructural sectors and agricultural productivity, the cornerstones of any large nation's long-term economic well-being. As a result, more than 500 million people in India remain steeped in poverty. During this period, In-

dia's high GDP growth, of which the Singh government boasts, helped to create a thin layer of very wealthy people in a sea of poverty. This situation has not only sent the price of India's real estate soaring—an inflationary bubble of no benefit to the nation—but has imperiled the survival of hundreds of millions of people.

Added to these negative developments is the endless policy-making gridlock, as the government is distracted by corruption scandals and deterred approvals of projects needed to add capacity in an economy which is running on a borrowed time.

## Rupee on a Downward Spiral

Since last July, the rupee has lost almost 20% of its value. This is merely a symptom of the wide-ranging economic weaknesses in India, and signals a "good-bye" to high economic growth. The weak rupee is confounding India's attempt to manage inflation, by pushing up the cost of imported items. Inflation has remained above 9% for the past 11 months, despite 13 rate hikes by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) since March 2010.

Notwithstanding the sharp downturn in production, which is the third decline in four months, India's central bank has no intention of loosening the strings of the moneybags. On Dec. 16, the Reserve Bank held its policy repo rate at 8.5% after the November wholesale price index showed inflation holding above 9% for the 12th month in a row. (At 9.11%, it had fallen from 9.73% a month earlier.)

"While inflation remains on its projected trajectory, downside risks to growth have clearly increased," the RBI said in a statement, adding that inflation risks remained high, and the slump in the rupee was also exerting price pressures.

In an indication of cash shortages, lenders borrowed an average of 924.7 billion rupees per day in November, at high interest rates from the Reserve Bank, almost twice the amount sought in October, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. They borrowed 867.6 billion

rupees per day this month. Overnight rates surged to 9.15% on Dec. 16, the highest level in three years.

The effects of the falling rupee are particularly devastating in the case of petroleum. India imports about 75% of its crude oil, which means it will have to pay more in rupee terms to bring the oil ashore. If the government succeeds in passing the higher oil cost to customers—which could be political suicide for the teetering coalition over which Manmohan Singh presides—it will add to the inflation. If it does not, the government will be facing higher fiscal deficits that will, in turn, drive down the value of the rupee further.

Crude oil is just one item, albeit the largest. But a falling rupee value will make all imported items more expensive—raw materials, intermediate goods, and finished products. The declining value of the rupee will prompt foreign institutional investors, fearing loss of value to their investments, to withdraw money from the Indian equity market.

Unlike most of its Asian peers, India has recently been running large current account and fiscal deficits. Its annual financing requirement of \$119 billion is the highest in Asia, according to a Nomura report. The trade gap for the fiscal year ending March 2012 is expected to widen sharply to \$155-160 billion from \$104.4 billion a year ago. As of Dec. 9, 2011, India's foreign exchange reserves are close to \$307 billion, according to the RBI.

India's competitiveness problem is showing up in its widening current account deficit, to more than 4% of GDP in the July-September quarter, according to Goldman Sachs. That gap is being filled by flows of capital from the rest of the world, and not necessarily to the benefit of India. As one analyst pointed out, a sharply declining portion of capital inflows (as competitiveness drops) is from foreign direct investment (FDI), and remittances from Indian workers abroad—which means that balancing this untenable position is more and more dependent on hot money.

In a recent detailed and insightful article, "For Whom the Rupee Falls?," Virendra Parikh, executive editor of Corporate India, pointed out that India's external debt profile has also worsened: "The overall quantum of the external debt stood at \$295.8 billion at the



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*Indian Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh meets Russian President Dmitri Medvedev in Moscow, Dec. 16, 2011. Singh's monetarist delusions about a bailout for India from "foreign direct investment" are standing in the way of development of the economy, in partnership with Russia and other nations.*

end of September 2010, up from \$262.3 billion at the end of March. Short-term debt, at \$66 billion, now comprises 22.3% of the total, compared with 20% at the end of March.

The other important debt sustainability ratio, the ratio of concessional debt to total debt, also deteriorated. It fell to 15.6% from 16.7% over the review period. And after a gap of seven years, India's foreign exchange reserves have slipped below total external debt. The country's forex reserves worked out to be 99% of its debt at the end of September 2010, down from 138% in March 2009."

One of the most disturbing aspects of this situation is the Singh government's illusion that the ongoing financial collapse in the West is a temporary phenomenon, and that the economies of both Europe and the United States will bounce back in no time, allowing India once again to secure substantial sums of FDI annually. Such a recovery, Singh claims, will also enable the West to import more and more from India, and elsewhere. A pipedream, as long as this bankrupt monetarist system is not replaced by a new international credit system, based on Glass-Steagall.

### **The Dream of FDI**

It is evident that Manmohan Singh and his major-domo, Montek Singh Ahluwalia, both former employees of the World Bank/IMF, still go by the briefings sent to them from Washington and Brussels. The duo even

fails to comprehend that the Eurozone is in its last gasp. Eurozone growth flattened at 0.2% in the third quarter—perhaps an unjustifiably rosy picture, whereas the actual numbers could be negative, according to official EU data. The 17-nation bloc's economic expansion between July and September was pulled up by growth rates of 0.5% in Germany and 0.4% in France, according to the Eurostat data agency. Four countries experienced contractions in the third quarter: -0.8% in Cyprus, -0.4% in Portugal, -0.3% in the Netherlands, and -0.2% in Slovenia. Belgium and Spain saw zero growth. In other words, the Eurozone is a world of the living dead.

What that means is that FDI is not going to flow in like monsoon water, as Manmohan Singh once told his Indian audience. His earlier silly statements, like the one about how \$1,000 billion in FDI will be used to build up India's infrastructure, now draw guffaws. As Virendra Parikh observes: "FDI continued to be a concern with inflows declining to \$2.5 billion from \$7.5 billion a year ago, owing to lower investment in construction, real estate, business and financial services."

The more significant threat to the Indian economy is that its helmsman, Manmohan Singh, is intellectually bankrupt and politically paralyzed. Recently he tried to push another gimmick, trying to get some FDI by introducing a bill that would provide a wider playing field for foreign retailers. The bill has been blocked in Parliament by the opposition, and even by some of the UPA's key coalition partners. UPA spokesmen tried to cajole the opposition by acknowledging that FDI in multi-brand retail may not be the pep pill the economy needs, but that it should be seen as a signal epitomizing a "now or never" moment to snap out of the slowdown of growth. This approach, however, has failed to change the mood of parliamentarians.

Prime Minister Singh, whose economic education does not go beyond three chapters—liberalization, globalization, and privatization—has never had any contact with real people (nor has he shown any intent to have such) or any understanding of the country as a whole, while he continues to implement monetarist economic policies taught at foreign universities and promoted by his former employers, the IMF and World Bank. Having no clue how to build a nation which is the home of 1.2 billion people, he does not realize that the future strength of India lies in building up its physical economy, which could provide a respectable living standard, not just to a handful of Indians, but, among others, to the 400 million-plus people who still live

without electricity.

His latest failed attempt to usher in the foreign retailers Wal-Mart and Carrefour drew howls of protest from opposition parties and from allies within his Congress Party-led coalition. The Indian Parliament remained adjourned for six days, holding up other major bills, such as one on food subsidies for the poor.

"The increase in foreign direct investment will lead to the introduction of modern technology, remunerative prices for farmers, and the common man will get essential commodities at lower prices," Singh told a Congress Party meeting, as party head Sonia Gandhi looked on. "The decision on allowing FDI in retail was not taken in any hurry, but well considered," Singh said, adding that investment rules would protect small businesses.

Gandhi also spoke at the meeting, her first public appearance since undergoing surgery this past Summer, but she made no mention of the retail reform. She has been cautious about the bill's effect of hurting small retailers. And Gandhi was not alone. A senior minister who was present at the Cabinet meeting that discussed FDI told the Indian *Deccan Herald*: "This issue is no nuclear bill. It can hit people's livelihood. For all political parties, this was a major issue and they grabbed it. It is like walking into a trap. Economic reforms-wise, was it necessary when we were still doing seven per cent growth?"

The bill died a well-deserved death.

## Political Bankruptcy

It is widely recognized in India that Manmohan Singh has no political base. He was never elected through the people's vote, not even once: He was a consensus candidate. It is his lack of political understanding, his lack of knowledge about what Indians need, and his inability to make decisions based upon what is good for the people, all in the context of a profound global crisis whose existence he does not recognize, that have brought the country to this economic peril.

Although personally honest, he is unable to control corruption, and Indians have come to realize that controlling corruption was never a major agenda item for him. Many believe that his government is the most corrupt government in post-Independence India, and the allegation does hold some water.

The corruption that stank up the building of the infrastructure for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, held in New Delhi, was the most publicized, but just one of



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*More than 50% of Indians live in poverty, and 400 million people lack electricity. Yet virtually nothing has been done, during seven years of the Singh government, to change this situation. Shown: women wash clothes in a ditch, Mumbai.*

many scams over which this government has presided over. After the Commonwealth Games scandal came a scam of billions of dollars organized by Cabinet ministers and senior bureaucrats, in cahoots with some high-flying Indian entrepreneurs. That sordid episode, known as the 2G scam, involved federal government officials illegally undercharging mobile telephone companies for frequency allocation licenses, which they would use to create 2G subscriptions for cell phones. The shortfall between the money collected and the money that the law mandated to be collected is estimated to be close to \$39 billion.

The licenses were issued in 2008, but the scam came to public notice when the Income Tax Department was investigating a political lobbyist in 2010. The scam has already sent then-telecom Minister and a slew of senior

bureaucrats to jail. Reports from New Delhi indicate that Interior Minister P. Chidambaram, a Harvard trained-economist, is also involved in the scandal, and is on his last legs, politically.

While these scams have provided the Indian people the fodder to attack the government, the prime minister's failure to focus on developing India's infrastructure is a much larger crime. One official, monitoring government infrastructure projects, said that of 558 government projects, 241 were delayed as of the end of July, resulting in a cost overrun of some 20%, or more than \$31 billion. The projects, which include setting up airports, new railway lines, ports, roads, and power plants, have been delayed by more than two years on average, due to issues of land acquisition, environmental clearance, and rising costs.

Consider two sectors of India's physical economy, and it will become clear that during the seven years of his reign, Singh has done very little.

### **Electrical Power Deficit**

These two sectors are power and agriculture. As of now, give or take a few thousand megawatts, India's installed capacity of electrical power generation remains abysmally low, at 154,000 MW.

This is not the forum to compare India's power-generation capacity with that of China, but it must be noted that China's installed capacity is now well over 950,000 MW, and China is planning to add 500 MW every week. India has announced that it will be installing 200,000 MW of power over the next ten years, which works out to approximately 400 MW a week. In the case of China, however, we have seen that it implements what it says it is going to do, and more; but not India. It does not happen because the necessary groundwork to achieve such objectives has not been laid.

Take, for instance, what the Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy (CMIE) published in its report on India's power-generation capacity in fiscal year 2009: India's power generating capacity went up by about 3,500 MW, but this was barely 32% of the target of 11,061 MW for the period.

Despite projections, and the expenditure of oodles of rupees, fully 56% of rural households in India are





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*India's Koodankulam nuclear plants, under construction by the Russian firm Institute Hydroproject. New Delhi has done little to promote nuclear power, despite the fact that Russia has promised to build at least 14 more desperately needed reactors.*

without electricity<sup>1</sup>—almost 500 million people. In addition to the health problems that such a condition creates, New Delhi is cutting off its own feet by not providing the basic necessities that would allow the next generation of Indians, who will have to become the leaders of the nation, to receive the absolute necessity: an adequate education.

New Delhi says it has targeted an investment of \$350-400 billion in the power sector during the five years ending March 2017. But here is the caveat: Half of this expenditure, between 2012 and 2017, is expected to come from the private sector. It is difficult to assume that India's major business houses and corporations, supposing they would have the capability to assemble the required investment, would spend it providing electricity to the poor and hapless, instead of using it to enhance their manufacturing or service capacity.

This brings us to the status of two Russian 1,000 MW nuclear power plants in Koodankulam, in the state of Tamil Nadu. One is almost ready for commercial power production, while the other could go mainstream in 2013. However, the local residents have held these two reactors hostage and have made known their intent to prevent their commissioning for alleged safety rea-

sons. For a country that is power-starved, to get these reactors online is a must, but New Delhi has made little effort to resolve the matter with the locals.

Manmohan Singh was in Russia recently, and the Russians made clear to him that this situation is unacceptable, since Russia has promised India at least 14 more large reactors. Facing the Russian criticism, Singh said he would attend to the matter.

### **Is Singh Anti-Agriculture?**

India's agricultural sector, where almost 60% of Indians are rooted, has been subject to gross neglect for decades. Even if one acknowledges that the terrific food price rises have had more to do with the mismanagement and

inadequate distribution system that has become the hallmark of this administration, the fact remains that India's agricultural productivity is well below what it should be. It was expected that the UPA, under Manmohan Singh, with the financial solvency it enjoyed (by contrast with previous administrations), would focus on improving India's agricultural sector, by improving water storage, water management, supply of power, fertilizer, etc. But during these seven years of the Manmohan Singh Raj, nothing has been done to alleviate the threat that India's agricultural sector faces.

In an analytical piece, "India's Farming Failure—Analysis," Sarosh Bana, a research scholar with the Hawaii-based East-West Center, pointed out last June that India's failure in agriculture is coming under increased scrutiny, as soaring food-price inflation ravages the common man and cripples household incomes.

Terming India's food situation "real bad," Dr. Lux Lakshmanan, director of the Agriculture Consulting Service of Davis, Calif., told Bana that he regrets that it is unlikely to improve in the foreseeable future. A consultant in crop production to California farmers, Lakshmanan has set up a center in Chennai in south India, where educated youth are trained to become agriculture entrepreneurs who will use modern crop production technologies and tools.

1. Source: the Ministry of Power's brochure on Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutkaran Yojana (rural electrification).

India's agriculture will need to evolve in a manner that meets the requirements of the officially projected population boom, to 1.33 billion by 2020, and to 1.4 billion by 2026. But there is no silver bullet, no single solution. At the same time, it is clear that the country cannot continue to be beset with low agricultural productivity and growth.

The problem is as much a matter of a shortfall as it is supply and distribution bottlenecks, Bana noted. Simple arithmetic demonstrates that if two decades ago, an output of 176.39 million tons fed, or nearly did, a population of 849.75 million, then the present numbers of 1.2 billion would need yields of at least 250 million tons. In 2010-11, foodgrain production rose to 232.07 million tons—almost 18 tons short of what is needed.

The 1.42% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) in foodgrains has trailed behind the 1.66% CAGR of the population. Oilseeds have trundled along at 1.14%, while production of pulses (legumes), the staple for a large cross-section of the population, actually dipped by 0.23%.

Indian farmers are vulnerable because of two primary factors. One relates to their small holdings, which tie them into a low-income trap, restraining any credible investment of their income or surplus in land productivity. Secondly, 60% of agriculture is still dependent on the rains; if the rains fail, or there are unfavorable variations in rain or other climatic factors, then crops suffer.

Bana paints a stark picture. India has no shortage of arable land, or of water. Almost half—159 million hectares (mha), or 397 million acres—of India's territorial area of mha (820 million acres) is arable, the largest for any country after the United States' 167 mha (417.5 million acres). But while 48.5% of India's land is cultivable, in the U.S., it is only 18.2%; in China, 16.13%; and in Brazil, 7.82%. Yet the yield of paddy in India is just 3,303 kg per hectare (2.5 acres), compared to China's 6,422 kg, Brazil's 3,826 kg, and the world average of 4,233 kg. India's wheat yields are better, at 2,704 kg compared with Canada's 2,322 kg, the United States' 2,705 kg, and the world's 2,829 kg. In sugarcane, Indian yields are 72,555 kg per hectare, while those in Egypt are 119,557 kg; Guatemala, 88,630 kg; and globally, 69,998 kg.

One does not have to seek far to understand why Indian agriculture is lagging so far behind.

Although India's economy boasts of a 7.5 to 9.6%

growth rate over the last few years (though it is now in decline), agricultural growth has foundered at 3%, sometimes a little above that, often below, but largely short of the targeted 4%. In 2006, pointing to a "crisis of stagnation in agriculture," the Planning Commission had postulated putting agriculture on a growth path of 4% for the ongoing 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12). Urging a "new deal" that would kindle "hope" for farming, the Commission prescribed that such growth was to be attained through spurring demand for farm produce, matched with the supply-side response based on productivity improvements. But the directionless Manmohan Singh has no clue what to do to improve this sector of the physical economy.

These two physical economic sectors are not the only ones that have been neglected by the UPA, keeping the country weak and devoid of a stable future. India's railways, unlike China's, have remained archaic. No modernization has been accomplished. According to Manmohan Singh, all this will be accomplished when the foreigners send hundreds of billions of FDI.

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### *Stop the Nuclear Holocaust!*

On Dec. 16, American statesman Lyndon LaRouche issued the following statement:

“The world is presently at the verge of: (1) The combination of immediately threatened general economic breakdown-crisis in the trans-Atlantic sector, and (2) an already pre-staged, Anglo-American-led thermonuclear bombardment launched by the Anglo-American alliance against leading nations of Asia, notably, Russia and China. This danger now exists for at least as long as a London-controlled Barack Obama remains as President of the United States of America. This condition has been pre-staged since the murder of the former Libyan head of state Muammar Qaddafi by a concert of Britain, France, and the United States under President Obama.

“That attack has been pre-staged around the designated trigger of the Israeli threat to attack Iran, and the associated intention to crush the nation of Syria. Unless the U.S.A. removes an actually insane President Barack Obama under Section 4 of the U.S. 25th Amendment to its Federal Constitution, or by that President’s impeachment, there is very little likelihood that a World War III can be avoided during the weeks ahead. The forced retirement of President Obama would avert the greatest danger to the planet at large.

“This is not speculation; this is fact.

“At the same time, the entirety of the trans-Atlantic region is being plunged into the depths of a hyper-inflation whose effects would be far worse than what struck Weimar Germany in force in 1923. The gravest danger, of both thermonuclear warfare and the deepest depression of the world in modern history, could be stopped now; but it will not stop unless it is stopped.

“Inside the U.S.A. that means three actions:

(a) dump President Obama from office; (b) immediately re-enact President Franklin Roosevelt’s Glass-Steagall legislation; and, (c) re-establish the U.S. National Banking action pioneered under U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton. The combination of those latter legal reforms would be sufficient to launch a general economic recovery.”

LaRouche’s succinct summation of the danger we face, and the measures to avoid it, is now going out massively throughout the United States, in a Christmas-New Year’s mobilization on whose outcome the very existence of the United States and the world might depend. Will enough people of influence get the courage to do what they must? Our actions could be decisive.

Meanwhile, the British Empire is on its own mobilization, trying to save itself by provoking a war of global depopulation and destruction. One of its key tools is Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who, along with his Defense Minister Ehud Barak, is loudly beating the drums for a first strike against Iran. Even more alarming is the fact that, over the past few weeks, the Obama Administration’s policy has moved noticeably closer to that of Netanyahu’s, in its lying claims of how close Iran is to having a nuclear capability. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta’s Dec. 19 statement that Iran is within *one year* of having a nuclear weapon, is, in the view of qualified analysts, a very dangerous, irresponsible lie.

Only a fool would try to “negotiate” an “alternative” with the genocidal oligarchs of the British Empire and their tools. We have to take their tools out of their hands, starting with demanding that Barack Obama be constitutionally removed from office *now*, before it’s too late.

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