

Needed: A Science-Driver Program

How will the United States, and the rest of the world, ever get out of the desperate breakdown crisis into which we have sunk? The only solution is the adoption of what Lyndon LaRouche has dubbed a science-driver program, specifically, the adoption of crash programs like the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA), Arctic development, and a Moon-Mars colonization project.

Sound too ambitious? Then your problem is that you don't understand the ABCs of economics, real physical economics.

Physical economics is a very rare area of knowledge these days, to be sure. But back in the days of Leibniz and Benjamin Franklin, for example, there was an educated elite who understood the principle of driving the limits of man's knowledge by aiming for breakthroughs in developing man's power over nature. Thus, in Leibniz's case, his development of the steam engine would herald a revolutionary upshift in the entire economy; in Franklin's, the breakthrough was focused on electricity.

In both cases, these great minds were concentrated on discoveries which would revolutionize productive activity, allowing man to use higher and more dense forms of energy (or power), and thus attain both a higher, more human living standard and higher potential population density for all mankind. And they knew that such discoveries were not optional; they were necessary.

The only major example of such a science-driver principle which most Americans (and others) have familiarity with today is the space program, pioneered by the Russians, and the United States under President John F. Kennedy. Kennedy's decision to set the objective of putting an American on the Moon within a decade led to a mobilization of mental and physical resources

which brought about scientific breakthroughs that represent the last major boost of real productivity into the U.S. economy, which has otherwise gone into negative territory over the last 40 years.

Effectively, what we have to do today, is to pick up where President Kennedy left off. We have to relaunch the space program, with the objective of colonizing Mars, as JFK intended, and take up the huge terraforming water project called NAWAPA, which Kennedy himself approved almost 50 years ago. The only one of the science-driver programs which economist LaRouche has proposed which JFK did not anticipate (as far as we know), is Arctic exploration, which, due to planetary and galactic conditions at the time, was a lot less susceptible of exploration.

Back in the 1960s, projects like these inspired a whole generation, some of whose members are now the repositories of almost the only engineering and scientific competencies we have. Subsequent generations have lost that excitement, and have been dumbed down accordingly. Who can we blame? Start with the Green ideology, brought to you by way of none other than the British monarchy.

Which brings us to another benefit of the science-driver program: It is a major weapon against the Greenies! Science-driver programs demand more people, while the Greens want fewer. Science-driver programs call for more energy-intensive living, while Greens want you to freeze in the dark. Science-driver programs stimulate your mind, while the Greens want to deaden it.

The reality is, of course, that we don't have a choice. Either we plunge headlong into crash programs such as those described above, or we are headed into a Dark Age of unfathomable dimensions. So, dump the Greenies and Obama, and let's get to work.