

# A Global Economic Miracle Or Collapse of Civilization

In an international [webcast](#) July 8, the two foremost leaders of the LaRouche movement in Europe urged their fellow citizens to act to save their nations from the imminent threat of dictatorship and economic collapse. Helga Zepp-LaRouche, chairwoman of the Civil Rights Solidarity Party (Büso) of Germany, gave the first keynote address; a second keynote was presented by former French Presidential candidate, and leader of the French Solidarity and Progress party, Jacques Cheminade.

In her speech, Zepp-LaRouche extended an invitation to viewers, “not to watch this webcast passively, but to join with us in a plan of action, which has to be implemented because we have to find an urgent way to get out of this crisis...”

The primary purpose of the webcast, she said, is, “to make clear to the world, to politically responsible people, and to the masses of the population at large, that there is no reason to despair, that there *is* an alternative, and all which is required is the political will to implement it.”

She then presented an overview of the strategic situation, reviewing the shift of a faction of the British oligarchy toward Lyndon LaRouche’s proposal to revive the Franklin Roosevelt-era Glass-Steagall Act, to put a firewall between merchant (speculative) banking, and commercial banking; the implications of the Libor credit-rate-fixing scandal; growing support for Glass-Steagall in the United States; the crisis in Euroland, with the threat of Weimar-style hyperinflation from the



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*There is a solution to the existential crisis facing civilization, Helga Zepp-LaRouche told a webcast audience July 8, and invited viewers to “join us in a plan of action.”*

ballooning bailouts; etc.

But, there *is* an alternative, Zepp-LaRouche declared. “And I want to put it on the table, to be discussed around the world, around all countries in Europe. With the Glass-Steagall in the United States and Great Britain, a Glass-Steagall is possible in all of Europe. We just should cancel the EU treaties from Maastricht to Lisbon, and go back to the EU as it was before.”

This will allow us to move immediately to a development perspective, said Zepp-LaRouche, who then elaborated the details of the great infrastructure project, “An Economic Miracle for Southern Europe and the Mediterranean,” (published in [EIR](#), June 8, 2012.)

Cheminade opened his speech, titled, “The Secret Behind an Economic Miracle in Southern

Europe, the Mediterranean Region, and Africa,” with this provocative challenge:

“The secret behind a miracle is that it is never located outside us but in the function of our mind to change for the better our environment, our fellow human beings and ourselves. So the best way I can find to start my intervention this evening is to say: *Let’s get out of the suicidal mess that they have the nerve to call Europe! We have reached the end of the oligarchic system, based on an endless spiral of indebtedness and the betrayal of the common good of our and future generations.*”

The Mediterranean development program will “open the road to recover our national sovereignty,” he

said. Moreover, it will be “a link between an East-West development, the Eurasian Land-Bridge perspective, and a North-South development from the Mediterranean to South Africa, two legs for one World Land-Bridge of infrastructural advance.” To defeat our enemies, who operate on a world scale, “we have to challenge them at the highest level, from the top down, harnessing all the mental, human, and economic means to develop the physical economy, once we have put an end to the virtual one.”

Following the speeches, Zepp-LaRouche and Cheminade engaged in a lengthy dialogue with the audience, moderated by Stefan Tolksdorf, and excerpted here.

**Stefan Tolksdorf:** [This question is] from a representative of the Ministry of Rural Development and Foods in Greece. The questioner points out that there is substantial regional disparity in Greece, but also other Mediterranean countries, and then asks: “How in this present crisis, could the aim be achieved, to make the European Union the most competitive economy in the world?” He further points out, that the policies of austerity have caused unemployment to increase, and asks which measures can be taken to prevent unemployment’s further increase. And then, how a shift from a services economy to a real economy can be achieved.

There’s another question, also from Greece: “How do you define wealth, in a credit system?”

**Jacques Cheminade:** What has been tried in the last 40 to 50 years, is to replace growth with credit, which means, to control people through both the world of images, and the manipulation of images; and credit, but credit miscarried from what credit should be, which is the service of future generations, high technology, and creating the means for the future to be; and to see with the eyes of the future, and the ears of the future, what has to be done today.

Contrary to that, they tried to establish a parallel universe, and this is what has gone on in Greece, in particular, but also in France in the same way: You push luxury goods; for example, in Greece, olive oil, wine, snails. I see a big article in the French press about how producing snails is becoming profitable in Greece. And then, services: tourism, commercial services, and financial services. And you create an economy based on that.

In France, as I said before, only 15% of the gross national product comes from industry. So if you add to that certain useful services, you arrive at 25%. And the

rest is an economy which is not directly productive. So, this is what they have produced: a non-productive economy!

At this point, it’s not only in Greece, it’s in all of Europe. Certain countries have gone further, like France, to a certain extent, among the more developed ones, and Greece, which was less developed, but they’re going exactly in the same direction. And *this is what is falling apart, today.*

It’s this model of the euro, of Brussels, of this oligarchical, continental empire, which is falling apart. It’s finished. And, at the same time, the world financial system is also finished.

### A Shift in the Oligarchy

You have people—and this is very important to understand—in the British oligarchy who said: “Well, we killed Qaddafi, but after killing Qaddafi, we could not go for a war” The Russians resisted; part of the military in Europe, but much more, the military establishment in the United States. They said, “No! We don’t want a war there, because we know that it can degenerate into a thermonuclear confrontation. We don’t want that.”

Today, this British establishment cannot go for that option. The British do not have thermonuclear means to go for that option. So, the British say, “Well, we have to survive.” When that point of history is reached—and we have seen that with Churchill, as Helga mentioned—on the fringe of the oligarchy appear voices of people who said, because they are on the fringe, “We are more free to say, our crowd has to survive. Our oligarchy has to survive.”

So: Hambros, Lord Jacob Rothschild, today, of all people! All these people are saying, today, in the same way as Churchill was saying, “For the sake of the future of our social formation as an oligarchy, we have to do something to escape from this chaos and destruction of the system that we ourselves, our friends in the oligarchy, have created. So we have to escape.”

And the way they choose to escape is to give these messages to LaRouche on the Glass-Steagall principle. “We would go for a Glass-Steagall principle, we want to find people in the United States who would go for the same thing.”

What it means is yet difficult to analyze in depth. But what’s clear, and what LaRouche always did—he sees from the future, so he jumps on the possibility, and he says, “I respond!”

It doesn’t mean that we like this oligarchy. It doesn’t

mean that they go towards something that would be coherent with our worldview. But, in the short term, they go for Glass-Steagall, because they want to survive. They know if they don't do that, they are going to die, and probably bring down with them the rest of the world. But they don't want to die, so they react as they reacted. Like Churchill reacted, going to Roosevelt and telling him, "Please, help me! Help me!" in 1940. So you have now a similar phenomenon.

### Thinking from the Future

This means that we, on our side, have to take advantage of that, to push like hell for the Mediterranean plan, for our Southern Europe-Mediterranean-African plan, and for the Eurasian Land-Bridge. This is the way to do it. And, seeing that there is a response on the part of certain Russians, who are probably connected with certain of the British, with Indians, and with Chinese, we will bring together these forces, with a credit-based policy, which is a bet on the future.

As they would say in France, when certain people were still thinking in France, in the '60s and '70s: You start from the standpoint of what is needed in the future, and you establish credit as the means to bring that, but for that, you have to change Europe absolutely: You have to get out of the euro system, get out of the European Central Bank, and go back to national banks, and an association of national banks for great projects.

And then, you get out of the service economy, which is, I think, the main aspect of the question. And the service economy is what? The Japanese call it, "the economy of the smile," an economy of servants, of ass-lickers. And that's what we have to get out of. Tourism, as such, as it has developed, tourism is a very dirty business, because it's not to go and see what's good in a country, to help to develop that country and to do good things for it, no! Tourism has become also a way to satisfy the mis-oriented curiosity of people, and to satisfy their senses. And it means, very often, a form of prostitution—accomplished or unaccomplished, but it's prostitution.

So we are in this universe, and we have to get out of it. And it's not a matter of being competitive or not being competitive. It's a matter of working to the benefit of humanity, and to establish a grand design in that direction. And to be really competitive, if you want to have that terminology, is to be the best in working for



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*Jacques Cheminade, former French Presidential candidate, described the shift which has taken place in the British establishment. "We have to survive," they think, because they don't want thermonuclear war.*

the future, the best in making great discoveries, the best in applying them as technologies, and dropping the greenie/tourist/service approach, for a science-driver, and a society where the advantage of the other would be the rule, the Westphalian conception.

So I think today, it's very important that a country like Greece, or a country like Spain, which are really the victim countries, could react and inspire, and see what we mean, go very thoroughly through our proposals and support them, bringing in the energy, bringing the intelligence, bringing in the sense of historical need, and with us, launch this program, which is not a thing in itself, again, but it's the key to open the door to the future.

### Glass-Steagall vs. Hyperinflation

**Tolksdorf:** Now, here are some questions that reflect unclarity about this, as such. . . . For instance, one questioner, from Germany, asks whether the introduction of Glass-Steagall would not be "too little." Whether introducing Glass-Steagall would not keep intact a lot of old structures that would then make it possible to abolish Glass-Steagall again in the future.

Another questioner asks why the pumping of money into the banking system should cause inflation. He adds, "Hyperinflation after all is not that bad, because we get rid of all the debt."

**Helga Zepp-LaRouche:** I think that the admission that the derivatives trade is 800 billion euros, or dollars—it doesn't make a huge difference these days—

that is probably a vast underestimation. There were publications of figures of 1.5 quadrillion, and the problem is, if you just think about all this worthless money, the structure paper, the securitizations, the vast amount of such paper; if you try to keep them up, with a shrinking base of the real economy—I mean, look, the collapse of the real economy is not just happening in Greece and Spain. It's happening in Germany; it's happening all over the place! So, this could happen very, very quickly.

If you go now, into the direction of the ESM [European Stability Mechanism], and more bailout packages for the banking system of Spain, Portugal—but it's really the French *banks*, the German *banks*, the British *banks*—it's not the countries, it's the banks which need to be refinanced—you could have an explosion of hyperinflation in a *few weeks*!

And the decision to go for hyperinflation was made at the recent EU summit! The ESM is a mechanism—I mean, please, think it through, what it requires, or what it means if you have a limitless refinancing; if even people like Peter Hambro [scion of the oligarchical Hambros banking dynasty—ed.] say that the problem is that the bankers never had to feel any pain; it doesn't make a difference if you have a loss! You get a bailout package, and then you can take that bailout money, and speculate against the currency of the country which bailed you out—or rather, the taxpayers thereof! And then you get bailed out again, and you speculate another round. Wow! That's a fantastic system!

This thing exploded in Weimar Germany, from the Spring to the Fall [1923], in half a year. And this time, since it's a much larger area—the trans-Atlantic region, all of Europe, all of the dollar zone—this could explode *in weeks*, and we are just days and weeks away from that.

And obviously, if that happens, I can see only social chaos erupting, if people realize that they have lost everything. And this argument that “inflation takes away the debt”: I mean, our parents, or grandparents, great-grandparents, know that it takes away your life's earnings! It destroys everything you thought you had as a pension, you had as a reserve against hard times. It goes out of the window with one piece of bread you buy.

So, this is not a light issue. And you ask the people of Zimbabwe, for example, what happens. There it happened just very recently, where you cannot buy things any more. And it kills people!

So, coming back to the question before, I want to

make Europe the most prosperous region of the world, but not necessarily the *EU*. We don't need this supranational structure! We can work together as a fatherlands alliance, like de Gaulle was saying. We can perfectly happily work for a common mission of Europe, to develop the Mediterranean and Africa, without supranational bureaucrats.

They're an obstacle anyway, because their heads are filled with thoughts that make that impossible. So let's get rid of this bureaucracy, have a reeducation program for them so they learn some useful skills, and can have a useful function in life.

Where are the areas in the world right now which are prosperous? China, despite problems, still has a large growth rate; India, Korea; Russia is on a very good track. They have only one Achilles' heel, and that is that they still have not considered the question of a credit system, and they still think that they have to use the revenues from the raw materials, from gas and oil exports, to balance future problems and so forth. Russia has only one weakness: They have not studied Alexander Hamilton, the First and Second National Banks of the United States. They like Franklin D. Roosevelt, but they have not really studied how Franklin D. Roosevelt got the U.S. out of the Depression in the '30s!

So on the one side, Russia has all these fantastic projects, and is committed to Arctic development, manned space travel, and, together with China, nuclear energy; but, they have this problem of the credit system. That is the absolutely crucial point, and that may have to do with the long-term after-effect of Karl Marx not understanding the validity of Friedrich List, and Engels thinking that Manchester capitalism was the most developed system of the economy at the time. I think that that is somehow still working there.

But other than that, the Asian countries are on a trajectory of high-tech development, and if Europe wants to become prosperous, we have to throw out the entire greedy ideology, and go to high energy-flux densities. If we don't do that, we will not survive. Now, if some people don't like that, then, that is too bad. But you have to confront the fact that this Green ideology goes together with very, very reduced population levels. And I think that that is the death of civilization, and we should not go in this direction.

## **To Prevent War: Get Rid of Obama**

**Tolksdorf:** A question from France: “I am alarmed at the developments that are happening in America, that



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Members of the Solidarity and Progress party campaign for Jacques Cheminade in the recent French Presidential elections. People “are ready to go for something else,” said Cheminade.

affect the entire world. War is being pushed each day, especially by the Americans and the British. How can we deliver ourselves from British and American politics? Thank you.”

And then, a second question that goes in that same direction, but makes a very interesting connection: “I am here in the U.K., and I’ve been watching LaRouche for a while now, since he was on the Alex Jones show. And the question is, even if Glass-Steagall gets passed, and the world is saved from hyperinflation, what is stopping World War III from breaking out, due to events in Syria and Iran, and then a confrontation with Russia and China?”

**Cheminade:** I would say, first, get rid of Obama; get rid of the Brussels bureaucracy. Let’s get rid of the servants. The servants should be kicked out, because they are serving the worst of the oligarchical program. They are only servants, but they are *evil* servants, who are involved in a policy of destruction and serving that policy of destruction.

You have two reactions. You have to think, really, in depth, about that collapse. We are in a collapse of the entire system. It’s a systemic collapse! Everything is falling apart! So you have two types of reactions: I’ll try to answer the various questions in a way that would piece them together. First, you have the reaction in the

population. When they are hit, when there is no more food around, when they would be subjected, as is starting to happen in our countries, to a situation that is unbearable, there is the beginning of the reaction like you see in Greece.

So you have this reaction of the people—we call it a mass strike ferment, following Rosa Luxemburg—and this is going to take place, but it needs to be inspired. People by themselves will not go for a good policy, or a good program. They have to be inspired, and they have to see persons up front against the enemy, denouncing the enemy for what it is. And then, in the tempest, they see the one who has courage, and who is directing the ship away from the cliff. And this is about to happen.

I saw that in the French Presidential elections. People came to me in the field—I had only 0.25% of the vote!—but 10% of the people I met in the streets

were saying, “I did not vote for you, but you were my choice.” So! Very funny! What it means, is that people still are thinking that there is something useful to do, as a last chance for the system. But they are ready to go for something else. They said, “You are the only one who was thinking ahead of us,” and it reminded me what I wrote on Lyndon LaRouche, after meeting him, many, many years ago, that he was “thinking ahead of the persons he was talking to.” And this is very, very rare today.

People “deliver” things, they don’t think. This thinking in periods of revolution is something which is happening now with this collapse of the system. People start to think, maybe just a few of them, but these people have to be organized; and these people are the basis for the transmission of ideas. And that’s why we write these programs, as beacons of hope for the future.

At the same time, the second thing that happens, is that in the oligarchy, what Lyn called “the fringe” of the oligarchy, people react, as I said before. And you may not like the PRI in Mexico; you may not like the Hambros or Rothschilds and the Lord Myners—and I don’t like them—but Lyn is above that. He sees that it’s not a matter of “liking” or “not liking.” These people give us an opportunity, because they are afraid to die, and not to die as persons, but to die as a social forma-



tion. Then let's take advantage of that, at the same time that we organize the people.

And that doesn't mean that you have to be nice with the Hambros, nice to the Rothschilds, and so on. We have to beat them up, nicely or not so nicely, for them to go further. And this, I think, is a reaction, is also the product of what LaRouche has been doing over the years, to push, to tease, and insult, this British establishment: And then, something happens. This is what we have to do, at the same time that we organize the population.

It means that you have not to lose your nerve, in a situation like that, and not to go for short-term, immediate impulses, and think you are going to get an immediate, short-term victory. You are going to generate and develop a process, and that's our role in history. It's the role of people that will take the best decisions, once again, in the short term, because they see from the standpoint of the long term, and the standpoint of the future.

### A 'Coup Against the Constitution'

**Tolkdorf:** The European Stability Mechanism [ESM], which has just been agreed on by the German Parliament, is obviously a matter of concern. This question is often asked, "Shouldn't what has been agreed on [June] 29, be called a 'coup against the Constitution?'"

**Zepp-LaRouche:** Well, I think what happened was a coup against the Constitution, not only once, but actually a coup becomes almost a hobby with some people. I would say, it started with the introduction of the euro, it continued with the Stability Pact, the Amsterdam Pact, the Nice Pact, the Lisbon Pact, and now, this is really the culmination of it. So it is a coup. I do believe that the people who signed for it are traitors. Under the circumstances, I have very high respect for those members of parliament who voted against it, because I know that they have been subjected to quite some harassment in some cases. So my respect goes to them.

The others are traitors. I think that the people who have sworn an oath to the Grundgesetz [Basic Law, or Constitution], especially Art. 20, or Art. 38,<sup>1</sup> who have

1. Article 20 states in part: "All state authority is derived from the people. . . . All Germans shall have the right to resist any person seeking to abolish this constitutional order, if no other remedy is available." Article 38, on elections, states in part: "Members of the German Bundestag shall be elected in general, direct, free, equal, and secret elections.



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*"We have in Germany, in many other European countries . . . traditions which are beautiful! The ancient Greek tradition, the Italian Renaissance, the Ecole Polytechnique in France, the German Classics: This is all the most beautiful image of man, but it's forgotten!" said Zepp-LaRouche. Shown: ruins of the Acropolis in Athens (ca. 500 B.C.).*

not fulfilled their oath—that is treasonous, before history! Maybe not in the *Zeitgeist* view, where everything is possible, and things can go from worse to horrible, but they are traitors. . . .

However, if we go back to sovereignty over our national currency, and our national economy, okay, there will be a little hardship; it will be probably a bit difficult for a couple of weeks or maybe even half a year. But, if we go in the direction of cooperation with the Mediterranean countries, to develop Africa, to cooperate with Russia, with China, with India, in the projects of the World Land-Bridge, we will have prosperity on a sound basis, which the world has not seen, ever! . . .

We have a *big* problem! And the people who have gone along with the system, don't understand that we are dealing with a *systemic* crisis! It's not just the euro, it's not just the dollar, it's not just the Libor: We are talking about a *systemic crisis of civilization*, of our European-American civilization, which is about to not make it.

So, that is why we are saying, we have to combine this economic reconstruction program with a cultural Renaissance. Look, we have in Germany, in many other European countries, in Greece, in Italy, in France, we have traditions which are *beautiful!* The ancient Greek tradition, the Italian Renaissance, the Ecole Polytech-

They shall be representatives of the whole people, not bound by orders or instructions, and responsible only to their conscience."

nique in France, the German Classics: This is all the most *beautiful image of man*, but it's forgotten! It's completely lost and we have to fight to make the cultural renaissance, to be really the driver for the economic reconstruction program. Because if we don't change our image of man, that man must be regarded in the highest respect of dignity, because of his creativity, because he, in a theological term, is *imago viva Dei*: He is the living image of God the Creator! And we have to put the dignity of man up to that level, or we will not make it. . . .

So if we don't start building on those who still have a compassion for civilization, who have love for mankind, who have love for the beauty of Classical art, these people have to be mobilized, and they have to become the radiators of a completely new kind of society, and new paradigm. And that has to happen, or we will not succeed, and go under.

### **Afghanistan: What Should the Future Be?**

**Tolksdorf:** I know that we are discussing the plan for an economic miracle in Southern Europe, and Africa, and the Mediterranean. Nevertheless, one question reached us from Kabul, Afghanistan. The questioner, who works as a consultant on development projects, asks: "What approach and method of banking do the speakers recommend for the very newly developing countries that are struggling, still struggling, with conflict, like Afghanistan? Here in Afghanistan, we already observed waste, hefty and unreasonable packages for bankers, hyperinflationary practices and other ill-fitting banking procedures, such as the ones that led to financial disasters, such as the misuse and pilfering at Kabul Bank. So, what sound and appropriate banking practices do you recommend in such situations?"

And I would just continue also, what would a future for Afghanistan actually be?

**Zepp-LaRouche:** Well, one should take into account what Antonio Maria Costa [former Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)] said, repeatedly, about the drug production in Afghanistan—I think it increased by ten times, since this Afghanistan war started, and it increased also, especially in certain provinces, which were under British control. And that is an established fact.

The problem is, this place is run by NATO. There is an ill-defined war, the condition of the American soldiers committing atrocities, now, there, after they have been recycled three, four times, to Iraq, to Afghani-

stan—I mean, this thing is so horrible, such a total disaster, it should be ended.

And the only way to end it—Victor Ivanov [director of the Federal Narcotics Service of Russia], who is working closely with Costa on this issue, just made many speeches—also on Glass-Steagall, by the way, which I think, is very, very important and interesting—but, what you need for Afghanistan, is collaboration between Russia, China, Iran, Pakistan, India, and some well-meaning European countries, not the EU, but well-meaning European countries. And you need to do exactly what my husband, Mr. LaRouche, has proposed, the first time in 1975, when he had the idea of an Oasis Plan for the development of the Middle East, which was the idea, that you need massive economic development in the entire region.

I once had the opportunity to fly from Khartoum in Sudan, to Amman in Jordan. And the entire three and a half hours, you fly over desert. I looked down from the plane window, and it was yellow, brown, yellow, brown; not one little oasis was there. And that defines the whole problem.

Afghanistan is an area which is totally underdeveloped. It has mountainous ridges, where not even roads exist. That's why to win a war there is for foreigners so absolutely impossible. So, what you need to do is have a view—what my husband proposed a couple of years ago with the Southwest Asia development plan—where you take the entire region, from the south of Russia, the Central Asian Republics, Iran, Iraq, the Gulf States, Syria, Egypt, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, and Afghanistan—and you take this entire region, and you extend the Eurasian Land-Bridge.

Only, if the neighbors of this tortured part of the world are working together, on a common infrastructure project, like we designed the Eurasian Land-Bridge, more than 20 years ago, or we have now elaborated the World Land-Bridge; only if you establish a climate and culture of progress, of development, of opportunities to develop in a skilled job; to have a science education; to go into research and development. You have to change the environment! I mean this area of the world is becoming a complete nightmare, for all the kinds of people who are living there.

### **The Common Aims of Mankind**

The problem is: It cannot come from that region alone. But if you have an agreement that we change the parameters, that we go for the common aims of man-

kind, that we stop this geopolitics, that we stop the idea of solving conflict with war, but that we have to have a human development for all the people on this planet, eliminate hunger and disease, which are not necessary, go into crash programs for a biological strategic defense, so to speak, for the conquering of certain diseases which need a crash program, like cancer, like other diseases, and concentrate on the joint aims of mankind, then we can change it.

But again, this crisis is so fundamental and so big, that you cannot treat it like any local problem. I am convinced: Nicholas of Cusa, the great thinker of the 15th Century, already developed the theoretical basis, for why you cannot have a harmony in the universe, on the basis of heterogenic side orders. And that is more true today than it was at any given point before. You cannot solve the problem of Greece alone, or the problem of Bavaria, or the problem of Afghanistan, or the problem of any part of the world. You have to change the parameters of how we work and live together as a human species.

And that means, we have to agree on the common aims of mankind, that we stop the idea that there is a

privileged class, and a mass of backward people who can be slaughtered from time to time, like the *helots* in Sparta; that we have to have a world where every human being living on this planet has to have the potential to become a genius! There will not be a second Beethoven, and not a second Einstein, because in the realm of freedom, there is no duplicate. You can have a zillion completely new kinds of geniuses.

And the more you study human history—what do we know about human history? We only know the last 10,000 years, and some little artifacts before. But what is 10,000 years, in the duration of the existence of our universe, and even our planet? It is like nothing! It is like a second before twelve. And there are all these scientists, these geophysicists, who say: “We have to get used to the fact that mankind came on the scene one second or three seconds before midnight, and it will be gone one second or three seconds after midnight.”


Well, that is not acceptable. And I want to challenge people really seriously, to think about it, because if that would be the case—well, why don't we then just give up? Then we could just say, why don't we just have a good time, dance on the *Titanic*, as long as it goes; it does not make a difference. But that is not the difference between the human species and all the other species we know of! Because if you think how big our universe is, and how much it is developing: We have not even stuck our toe into a huge ocean, because we are millions of light-years away from the next galaxies, and we know nothing. We are just at the beginning. We are like embryos; we are not even like infants, in terms of knowledge and development.

But on the other side, I am absolutely certain that the human species has proven, again and again, that we can conquer areas that were completely unthinkable before. We will be able to conquer thermonuclear fusion, and matter-antimatter, and we will get ways to make space travel a normal human activity. And then, we will, maybe several generations from now, maybe 20 generations from now, we will look back at our present situation on planet Earth, and say: “My God, were they in trouble! But fortunately, there was this movement called the LaRouche movement, and they had a perspective to develop the planet and go back to high-tech, and science and technology, and then mankind really took off.” And then, maybe, the first city on Mars will have the Ninth Symphony performed to celebrate the beauty of mankind. And that will just be the first stepping stone.

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Fritz Lang's 1929 "Frau im Mond" (Woman in the Moon), already imagined a space-faring humanity. This dream was realized with the Apollo program 40 years later. Its revival, said Cheminade, will give people a sense of their humanity. Shown: American astronaut Shannon Lucid aboard the Russian space station Mir, 1996.



So, I'm an optimist, because, I think, we need to have the power of imagination, where mankind can go, and then you have to define what you have to do, to get there.

### Be Unpractical!

**Tolksdorf:** I will take this last question, as an opportunity, for both of you, to close the event. "What can we do now? Which practical things can people do right away? What can I do, immediately, to make plans like NAWAPA or the Marshall Plan for Southern Europe, reality?"

**Cheminade:** I would say: Be unpractical, in the way our enemies define being unpractical. Join our organization. And join our organization, putting in it the best of yourself; not joining established ideas or things that you have to absorb and then give in the same form. You have to develop a thinking which would surprise the persons you talk to; you would surprise them because of what Helga Zepp-LaRouche brought up in the last question. You would surprise them, because in a world where things appear to reach an end—it's a systemic collapse of civilization that threatens; it is a systemic collapse of the world finan-

cial and economic system. But in this world, you bring the most astounding sense of the future, and what the future can bring to us.

And imagine, there was this movie, or an extract of this movie of Fritz Lang, that we used to show people, in "The Woman in the Moon," and the voice of a woman who was on Mars. Because to make a step outside the Solar System, the first step is Mars. So, think of that, think at the same time, in the immediacy of your day, how you can convince persons that you meet, in the street, around you, people you talk to, with those ideas. And then, you bring them to a higher sense, where they discover in themselves, a humanity.

And this, I think, is the best thing you can do. The programs, like our Mediterranean program, or before, the Eurasian Land-Bridge, and all that incorporated into the World Land-Bridge, and a space policy, obviously: All that gives to people a sense, that they are human. And they can be human, despite everything surrounding them, and probably, it is in a period that may look terrible, and is terrible, that the best of humanity can come out, as a reaction.

This is the optimism of Leibniz, and people that fought like he fought all during his life. I visited, a few

years ago, the museum of Les Eyzies, in France, which is a museum of pre-history. And they have a very interesting wall, with the curves of temperature on Earth during the last 500,000 years. And they have, parallel to each period, places where they show, what humanity has done. And it is the moments of tremendous challenge, when the weather was extremely cold, usually at that moment of history, that the big steps forward were done.

So in that moment, when our Solar System is entering into a portion of the galaxy that is a portion of dangers where humanity has never been before—it happened with the Solar System before, but it happened well before humanity was on Earth—we are compelled to think beyond our usual landmarks, our usual way of looking at things, beyond our senses. And that is one of the moments of history, where you have at the same time—and that's what LaRouche always brings in: the systemic collapse, the collapse of this financial and economic world order, *and* the galaxy and the Solar System entering into this moment in the galaxy, which is a moment of danger.

And it is then, that a human being has to prove his responsibility towards the future, and to be something which is the exact contrary of what an ecologist or a materialist would think: that a human being is defined not by what he has around him, and the immediate concern about that, but by his concern, how much farther he can go with his thinking and his imagination.

I think what you can do, and have to do, every day, is to think at the same time of your personal existence, and how you can go above and beyond this personal existence in the service of the other, and in the service of the future of humanity. And find a joy in that, which is much more joyful than any pleasure of the senses, in the way they are sold in today's society.

So, I think, be not optimistic in a silly sense, but be a beacon of hope, and then you will see that you would feel like somebody accomplishing the duty and the pleasure to be human.

### **Become a Warrior Angel!**

**Zepp-LaRouche:** Well, that was really beautiful, Jacques, and I almost have nothing to add. However, I want to say one last word.

You know, we are now entering, probably in the next couple of months, the most important months in our lifetimes. Because, people always think life will go on, problems will go on, somehow, as if life would

be a soap opera. And many people live in soap operas—they take these soap operas as much more important than their real life. There is a certain soap opera, in Germany, and even if the characters have changed, the story goes on for decades, I think 30 years.

And people think that history is like that. But it is not like that. History is ruptures in dramatic changes; world wars happen, depressions happen, inflation happens. And we are now in such a period, where we can use the present period, the next, I would say, weeks, and there is a defining date, which is the beginning of September: If there is not an alternative option existing, by then, with Glass-Steagall, with possible new Presidential candidates in the United States, I think the opportunity is getting almost non-existent.

So, therefore, whatever you may have planned for your life, I would ask you to take the next two months of your life, and throw yourself fully in trying to get this Marshall Plan or “economic miracle” plan for Southern Europe and the Mediterranean, and Africa, and let's try to go for a breakthrough. Let's really put all our efforts and minds together, organize like you have never thought you could organize in your whole life: Call up all the people you know, bombard all the universities with this program; it will be in a written form, in German, in French, in Italian, in Spanish; it is on the Internet in English, and let's just get a breakthrough! Let's have the solemn commitment, that we put this alternative on the agenda in the next one to two months. If we, in a credible form, can do that, Europe has hope.

So, let's just really try to be extraordinary, and I think, what you need also, is to do something which Confucius and Lessing said would be possible, and I join them in that assessment. They said, you can change your emotion, on a will's notice. Confucius and Lessing said, you can start to love, when you want. And I think that that is what it requires. Because you need an incredible *passion* for mankind, and you must have a feeling that you do not want to have the suffering of all these billions of people any longer, and you don't want to take the menticide which is committed against children and youth all over the place. And out of that comes love. And that love gives you wings, and you will have wings of love, and you will look like a warrior angel, because you will become one. And that is the quality which is required to win this fight.