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President Trump's Poetic Call to Action In his State of the Union Address

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The trumpet has sounded,
—will you heed the call
to battle?

Feb. 8—On Tuesday, February 5, 2019, President Trump, in the midst of the continuing British-directed effort to terminate his presidency, delivered a powerfully serene and inspired State of the Union Address before both Houses of Congress and the American people. Coming in the midst of a truce after a long government shutdown, the speech was a poetical call to the population and Congress to rise above partisan bickering, and to consider how we will be judged by future generations.

The President's first sentence was a jarring departure from the cynical spin of the British-run propaganda machine known as the U.S. media. He said, "We meet tonight at a moment of unlimited potential," which statement is clearly true, even if most Americans are not fully aware of where that potential exists. They wish and hope that the potential is there, and they believe that President Trump is moving to fulfill it. He continued, "Millions of our fellow citizens are watching us now, gathered in this great chamber, hoping that we will govern, not as two parties but as one nation."

The relaxed tone of President Trump's speech, and his generosity toward those who have slandered and threatened him, and who have called for his impeachment, moved every honest citizen listening.

He had earlier announced that the speech would be



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President Donald Trump delivering his State of the Union address at the U.S. Capitol, February 5, 2019.

about unity, and made very clear from his various policy initiatives that he knows that unity does not occur in a vacuum, but in a shared mission and purpose, saying:

"There is a new opportunity in American politics, if only we have the courage, together, to seize it. Victory is not winning for our party. Victory is winning for our country."

President Trump recognized two important anniversaries occurring this year: the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Normandy landing, and the 50th anniversary

of the first manned landing on the Moon. Both mark heroic breakthroughs led by the United States which advanced the cause of mankind as a whole. He elaborated:

Now we must step boldly and bravely into the next chapter of this great American adventure, and we must create a new standard of living for the 21st century. . . .

But we must reject the politics of revenge, resistance, and retribution, and embrace the boundless potential of cooperation, compromise, and the common good. . . .

We must choose between greatness or gridlock, results or resistance, vision or vengeance, incredible progress or pointless destruction.

Tonight I ask you to choose greatness.

If you think that he was only addressing his remarks to members of the House and Senate, think again. President Trump is addressing each of us. Because of the remarkable genius of our founders in designing our Constitution, the United States only functions if the citizens are informed and active. In fact, the citizens must be more than informed. They must also be good.

President Trump demonstrated that quality of goodness throughout the speech, and also in his choice of guests. His commitment to the “forgotten men and women of America” was demonstrated not only by his commitment to manufacturing jobs, but also by his commitment to a truly forgotten group, the 2.3 million Americans who are currently in prison. He praised the recent bipartisan legislation for sentencing reform, and introduced two former prisoners, each of whom had served over 20 years. In the case of Alice Johnson, he had intervened to commute her sentence, and in the other case, he recognized Matthew Charles, the first person to be released under the newly passed First Step Act.

Most important, the President reiterated his steadfast commitment to peace, despite the treasonous foot-dragging by the Senate that had just voted 68 to 23 to “slow down” his so-called “precipitous” withdrawal of our troops from Syria, and potentially soon from Afghanistan. President Trump stated unequivocally, “Great nations do not fight endless wars.” He announced his next summit with North Korea Chairman Kim Jong-un.

The paradox for you, the American Citizen, to consider, is this: Not everything President Trump said coincided with the policy course that the American statesman and genius, Lyndon LaRouche and his organization would advise. Iran is not the leading terrorist state in the world. Russia has not caused the abrogation of the INF Treaty; Juan Guaidó should not be recognized as the new President of Venezuela, just because he claims that he is; and the U.S. economy is actually in perilous condition, with debt bubbles about to blow in every direction, and infrastructure collapsing as you read this. But, with all of those—not minor—admitted flaws, President Trump’s speech was nonetheless poetic, inspiring, noble, heroic, and even sublime. How is that possible?

Because the power of the speech is *not* in its mere words. The power of President Trump’s State of the



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Alice Johnson (right) was released from federal prison after President Trump commuted her sentence. She is shown here at the State of the Union Address.



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Matthew Charles (center) became the first prisoner released as a result of the First Step Act. He is shown here at the State of the Union Address.

Union Address is in the President himself, and his intent. He has taken personally what Lyndon LaRouche has always said was the most important measure of the value of one’s life—“what will remain for the future of mankind after I am gone?”

The American people have watched this President withstand withering lying attacks, day in and day out, from the media. They have also attacked his wife, and even their young son. Special Counsel Robert Mueller has targeted, indicted and jailed President Trump’s friends and former collaborators in illegal actions, including raiding his attorney Michael Cohen’s office, and the recent, egregious “twenty-one-gun arrest” of Trump’s long-time political consultant and friend



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President Trump pauses for a moment while receiving applause during his State of the Union Address.

Roger Stone. Hollywood stars have publicly called for the President's assassination, and not one of them has even been investigated, let alone fined or jailed.

President Trump has been the target of U.S. intelligence and law-enforcement officials who claim that he was elected through Russian election meddling, for which they have yet to provide one shred of evidence. Yet through all of this, Trump remains standing, and, not only that, but continues to follow through on his election pledges, like ending perpetual war, and peacefully resolving the crisis on the Korean Peninsula. He clearly intends to raise the standard of living for all Americans, especially the "forgotten" ones. Many have commented that Donald Trump could instead be living a very comfortable lifestyle, as opposed to taking all of this abuse and literally risking his life, but he has "chosen greatness" instead.

This is what Lyndon LaRouche has always demanded of the American people, and Lyndon LaRouche's program, as put forward in "[The Way Forward](#)," is crucial to creating the conditions under which President Trump's intent can be realized. It is incumbent on every American who wants to "support the President," to understand that program, and to organize others to support it. The voice of the American People is required to demand the legislation to accomplish this.

The other, very important point, for which Lyndon LaRouche has drawn the most fire over his long career, is that the greatest enemy of the United States, and the greatest enemy of President Trump, is the British Empire.

These are the two domains in which you must act. The coup against President Trump must be defeated, and the British Empire must be put out of existence.

Both can be accomplished by the United States forging a new economic and security architecture with Russia, China, and India, called by LaRouche the "Four Powers Agreement." Rather than direct our scientific endeavors toward nuclear annihilation, we could collaborate on exploring space, and preventing asteroids from striking the planet and wiping us out. There is also great room for improvement in weather forecasting, and forecasting earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Water management would help greatly in moderating the climate, preventing droughts and floods, and increasing

food production. Diseases such as cancer and Alzheimer's should be things of the past.

If you are reading this, then you are privileged to have known something about the ideas of Lyndon LaRouche. The crucial element needed to ensure the survival of mankind for millennia to come is *your action*. That is precisely what the President asked of you in the closing of his State of the Union Address:

What will we do with this moment? How will we be remembered? . . .

We do the incredible. We defy the impossible. We conquer the unknown.

This is the time to reignite the American imagination. This is the time to search for the tallest summit and set our sights on the brightest star. This is the time to rekindle the bonds of love and loyalty and memory that link us together as citizens, as neighbors, as patriots.

This is our future, our fate, and our choice to make. I am asking you to choose greatness.

No matter the trials we face, no matter the challenges to come, we must go forward together.

We must keep America first in our hearts. We must keep freedom alive in our souls. And we must always keep faith in America's destiny that one nation, under God, must be the hope and the promise, and the light and the glory, among all nations of the world.