
Book Review

Why LaRouche is so often right

by Gerald Rose

In Defense of Common Sense

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.
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One of the most startling events of 1989 was the completion of a major theoretical work by Lyndon LaRouche. What makes it most startling is that LaRouche wrote this book while he was incarcerated at the Alexandria Detention Center in Virginia, surrounded by the constant din of television and a prison population of drug-pushers.

In this work he defines the critical theoretical tools in which to define a true idea of "successful survival" for mankind. This idea is no small matter, because this is literally the issue that the leadership of the Western alliance must master, or there could be either a biological holocaust or a nuclear one in the few short years ahead.

LaRouche challenges the reader to define common sense not in the way it is usually defined as horse sense, or as he puts it, knowing enough to not pick up lint from the rug with a pitchfork. "Common Sense" is the science of mastering the process of the survival of the human species as a whole. You see throughout the rest of this magazine the remarkable forecasting capability which Lyndon LaRouche has. This is based upon the method presented in his book.

If one were to accurately describe why it is that LaRouche's enemies both hate and fear him, it is because he speaks with the force of natural law which no man, no matter how powerful, can escape. Based upon the most profound understanding of physical economy the world has ever known, LaRouche has been able to forecast within very narrowly circumscribed limits what Gorbachov and Bush would and would not be able to do years before even they knew. You might say this kind of knowledge is impossible! It is clearly not. The mastery of the science of "Common Sense" has allowed LaRouche to predict with certainty.

There is another aspect of the book which is not to be overlooked. For the true scientist LaRouche has solved an

age-old paradox first written about by Plato in his *Parmenides* dialogue. It is the most profound problem that any scientist faces. Broadly defined, it is the problem that no logical system can explain its own existence. Any attempt to explain the universe from the standpoint of an infinite series of discrete particles makes it impossible to explain where it came from. Yet just as difficult is the attempt to explain the existence of the universe as simply infinite, because it is discrete. In *Common Sense* this problem is fundamentally resolved.

Lastly, *Common Sense* defines the rigor with which the new and emergent movements for human freedom will have to come to grips, in dealing with the fundamental truth that freedom can only be achieved and maintained by a final dumping of both free-market ideologies and central planning. LaRouche locates the fundamentals of economics in the process of the creation of new technologies which provide the very basis of human existence. It is only this definition of freedom, as the freedom to discover the truth of the universe free from the tyranny of opinion and prejudice, that can allow these movements to lead their nations to a future truly worthy of being called human. It is this determination which has driven LaRouche to write such a work while in prison. It is his goal that mankind should free itself so that the beautiful in all human souls may be seen. To that purpose this book was dedicated.

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