

Toward Economic Recovery, Not Perpetual Warfare

A Dialogue With Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

During Lyndon LaRouche's May 1 webcast, "The Middle East Blow-Back Effect" (published in last week's issue), many viewers sent in e-mail questions to the candidate. He answered some during the webcast itself, and others in writing afterward. Here is an edited selection of the written replies, released by the candidate's Presidential campaign committee, LaRouche in 2004. Some questions have been abridged.

Break the Free-Trade 'Suicide Pact'

Konstantin Cheremnykh, journalist, Russia: You recently spoke with optimism about the decision of President George W. Bush to increase the import tariffs for steel, thus supporting steel producers. I was also optimistic about that, believing that as a result, Russian companies, at last, will sell more of their production on the domestic market, and for that reason, would also push an anti-free-trade legislation.

Instead, the Russian government imposes its own import limitations for Ukrainian production (which is already under pressure from the U.S. measures) right before the elections in Ukraine, with a quite natural political result. At the same time, the government imposes a number of similar limitations on China, which, as far as I understand, also does not much flourish after joining WTO. Now, what does China do? Instead of telling the Russians: Don't be idiots and don't follow our mistake, China imposes its own conditions for Russia's entry in WTO, which are more free trade.

I can imagine Russian's Minister of Economy, a WTO enthusiast with no economic education, howling in his office, and feeling himself like a helpless [Ukrainian President Leonid] Kuchma on the knees before a powerful Lukoil or Shell. All this could look pretty funny, if it were not so sad.

Could you characterize this tragicomedy with one good definition of yours?

LaRouche: The world in general signed a suicide pact, most of them, admittedly, at the point of a gun. WTO, "free trade," "globalization" in general, and so on,



LaRouche: "There was never a case of an imperilled civilization which did not depend for its survival upon so-called 'lone voices.' "

were key elements of this pact. Reality impelled the leaders of the U.S. Senate to violate part of that insane agreement, as a unilateral U.S. action.

The relevant principle is, that the nations have the obligation, of setting the price-levels of essential products of production by such protectionist measures as may be required to accomplish that intention. In the isolated case of steel tariffs, the U.S. elected to do just that.

Simply, the intelligent reaction of the world at large would have been, to breathe a deep sigh of relief, and to cry out in joy: "At last our overlord has come to its senses! Now, let us do the same."

However, much of the world at large has developed the mental characteristics of a piglet, who refuses to be weaned of the role played by a United States which mimics Italy under ancient Roman imperial rule—the role of the United States as an importer of last resort. A world which has been dumping its raw materials and other products at prices below their true cost of production, would rather die like piglets drinking from such a mother sow's belly, than think of a proper response to the U.S.A.'s own breaking of the "free trade" agreements which the U.S.A. itself had (chiefly) imposed upon the post-Soviet world as a whole.

Until it is recognized that the world, and its nations, must now return, urgently, to a fixed-exchange-rate monetary-financial system, and protectionist policies associated with the 1945-1965 implementation of the original Bretton Woods agreements, the world is doomed, whether by mass economic

suicide, or even uglier means.

The United States unilaterally changed the system, with very good reason to do so. Therefore, the world must return to the proven sort of protectionist system which the recent epidemic of mass "free trade" lunacy had supplanted. This means, that the nations, including Russia, rather than protesting in defense of policies which have been killing them, must change their present policies, often radically, to fit the new situation thus produced. Fortunately, I know leading figures in Russia who are typical of those competent to define the needed measures. This is the time to heed their wisdom.

How Can Macedonia Help?

Student, Republic of Macedonia: All of us (and many, many Macedonians) followed with enthusiasm your April 5 interview on Macedonian national television. How should the students here organize to act and to spread and implement your ideas? Can Macedonia economically, culturally, and politically be relevant on the basis of your program? How do the New Bretton Woods and Eurasian Land-Bridge Projects directly concern Macedonia?

LaRouche: On the first part of your question:

We must learn from Plato, and the achievements of his Academy through the time of the great Cyrenaican of that Academy, Eratosthenes, who emerged as the greatest scientist of the world in his time. The pivotal feature of such a cultural renaissance today, will be serious young minds between the ages of approximately 17-25, young people who sense a func-

tional connection between the increasing decadence of most of the governments and the schools and universities, and the disastrous slide of the world into what threatens to become a new dark age even for all humanity.

Such young people should balance their activities between intense involvement in influencing the ongoing political process and, at the same time, zealously studying certain crucial matters of physical science, Classical artistic composition, and history in a way, the Classical tradition, which is no longer proffered in secondary schools and universities generally today. Such a task-oriented combination, of political reality and acquiring the knowledge needed to address political reality effectively, has always been the basis for the launching of a new Classical period of renaissance.

I focus all that I say around that global perspective.

On the second part of your question:

There is no possibility for bringing civilization out the onrushing collapse of the presently bankrupt world monetary-financial system, without a general bankruptcy reorganization of existing financial debt, a reorganization which establishes the kinds of system of fixed parities among currencies, new systems of credit-creation, and resumption of protectionist policies of trade and development similar to those used during the 1945-1965 interval of post-war Transatlantic reconstruction. The world could not survive without such a New Bretton Woods agreement.

However, a good form of international monetary-financial system is not sufficient by itself. There must also be program of physical-economic reconstruction and improvements. The case of the war-ruined economy of the Balkans is typical of this need.

The proposed Eurasian Land-Bridge programs includes a segment of development corridors running from the Danube, to various points on the Adriatic, Mediterranean, and Black Sea coasts. These corridors are composed of transportation routes, using high-speed rail or magnetic levitation transport for passengers and freight. They also feature trunk-lines of development of power-generation and distribution, and water management. These corridors also contain new and old urban centers, as focal points of life and employment.

The mass-transport of people, goods, power, and water management through a trunk-line passing through a region of habitable land-areas, is also an engine of economic development. The movement of produced goods into, through, and out of regions where agricultural, industrial, and other production is occurring, transforms the areas through which it runs into the equivalent of a production-line, providing goods and employment to people living in the corridors along such routes.

The Danger of a New Balkan War

Krum Velkov, journalist, Republic of Macedonia: I have been introduced to your work and ideas since 1995. Perhaps you are informed that there was a mass-circulated

pamphlet, titled "Get Lyndon LaRouche! A Story of Courage and Knowledge," that I published 1997. This pamphlet has been read by many Macedonians and has been able to inform people about your fight, that is also very important for Macedonia and other countries, I strongly believe.

1. Macedonia is presently in the so-called post-war period, after the last years' attacks on its sovereignty by the KLA narco-terrorists. The international community now claims that there is no more danger of a new big terrorist offensive. But, the reality is somehow different. For example, there is the question of the change of the border between Macedonia and Kosovo, that is continuously raised from Kosovo, including from NATO leaders in Kosovo.

If we know that the international community made an agreement with Serbian and Kosovo authorities that Kosovo can not be independent for the next three years, we are also afraid that an even more catastrophic war is going to explode after three years, or much earlier if the principle of national sovereignty and inviolability of the borders is not respected. What do you think of this possibility of new war in Macedonia, Mr. LaRouche?

2. Let me ask you about the so-called Hague Tribunal. From your interview for the Macedonian TV on April 5, the Macedonian public was able to learn and appreciate fully with great relief and gratitude, your position concerning the "Tribunal." The Hague Tribunal is treating the Macedonian Interior Minister, Mr. Ljube Boskovski (and, indirectly, the Prime Minister of Macedonia, Mr. Ljubco Georgievski), only on the basis of some unproved claims concerning the village of Ljuboten.

Lacking any serious evidence, The Hague Tribunal Chief Prosecutor, Carla del Ponte, is now trying to find compliant "witnesses." According to some sources, these so-called witnesses are given money directly by some persons linked to the Tribunal.

So, what should Macedonia do to protect the people from such a brutal interference into its right to defend its independence and sovereignty?

LaRouche: Since Wednesday's webcast, there has been a continuing influx of questions, each focussed upon a particular situation in a particular part of the world, but all implying one fundamental question in common. In effect, these questioners are all asking, each in his, or her own way: What chance is there for the survival of civilizations, under the conditions defined by worsening trends in U.S. domestic and foreign policies since Sept. 11, 2001? As you emphasize, correctly, some of these problems, such as the current situation in the Balkans, originated under the combined influence of such circles as Britain's Prime Minister Blair and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, during the second U.S. administration of President Clinton. However, there is a deeper, long-term trend in practiced policies.

This evil trend within U.S. policy-making, to which all questions of the same general class pertain, came to the sur-

face, at the waiting hands of President Franklin Roosevelt's enemies, almost at the moment of the first news of his sudden death.

As I emphasized in the webcast, the world, when considered as a whole, is gripped chiefly by two U.S.-centered crises, crises which threaten to plunge all humanity into a dark age of several generations duration. There are, first, the fact that a thirty-five-year-long flight away from sanity in Anglo-American world economic policy of practice, has brought the world as a whole to the greatest crisis in three and a half centuries, since the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia; and, second, a U.S. shift in military policy, toward the intent of establishing a modern, English-speaking parody of the self-doomed ancient Roman Empire. It is intended to be, as I emphasized on Wednesday, an imperial system of military rule by perpetual warfare.

This military policy was consolidated for practice, by those agreements, chiefly focussed against Germany, which were reached among, chiefly, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, President François Mitterrand, and President George H.W. Bush during the 1989-1991 interval. At that point, Anglo-American policy was aimed at the rapid elimination of all significant vestiges of the sovereign nation-state, while the doctrine of global perpetual warfare, as a system of English-speaking global imperial tyranny, was put fully into operation. Two sets of wars, in the Middle East beginning 1990, and the Balkans immediately following, became the pivots for making perpetual warfare a global imperial policy. Since Sept. 11, 2001, and especially since President George W. Bush's State of the Union Address of 2002, that doctrine of global perpetual warfare has been, and is today, the only strategic policy of both the current government and leadership of the two major political parties of the U.S.A. and the current British government. These wars have become perpetual wars, like those conducted by the legions of imperial Rome. The Balkans is marked to be a permanent area of perpetual such destruction, under the utopian military policies of those factions of the relevant English-speaking imperial powers.

Thus, when the war against Yugoslavia was being brought toward its close, the governments of the U.S.A. and Britain set in place their controlled, Albania-Kosovo terrorist assets, whose function was to bring about the progressive dismemberment and ultimate obliteration of the sovereign nation-state of Macedonia. The relevant British and U.S. governments, both currently fully behind the doctrine of perpetual global warfare, use their diplomats only as dupes or outright liars, in the effort to bring about the intended victim's willing submission to his own bloody, physical dismemberment. Thus, the destruction of Macedonia today would be merely a prelude for the intended, ultimate, similar dismemberment of France, Germany, and Italy, a few steps down the succession of targets.

By her actions, Carla del Ponte is currently, whether fully witting, or not, a bureaucratic instrument of that policy. She



The World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Since that date, and especially since President Bush's State of the Union Address on Jan. 30, 2002, "the doctrine of global perpetual warfare has been, and is today, the only strategic policy of both the current government and leadership of the two major political parties of the U.S.A. and the current British government."

typifies the bureaucrat, around today's world, who, while killing you, says, "Don't take this personally; I am only doing my job."

'A Lone Voice'

Khalid Abu Krayim, Political Editor, *Al Bayan*, Dubai, United Arab Emirates: Mr. LaRouche is "singing outside the flock," as we say in Arabic; on the other side there is the Zionist lobby, the Christian fundamentalists, and so on. You, Mr. LaRouche, are a lone voice. What do you expect from the Arabs, in terms of supporting you in your campaign, your fight, in terms of media, political support, and financial support? What could the Arabs do exactly in this regard?

What role could you play, aside from the human rights groups, in exposing the crimes of Sharon, and exposing Sharon as a danger to the Arab-American relations?

LaRouche: There was never a case of an imperilled civilization which did not depend for its survival upon so-called "lone voices." It is different among people, than among the lower forms of life. Mankind's progress and survival, wher-

ever that has occurred, has depended upon the voluntary role supplied by the initiative of relatively very few people. This is true in science; it is also true in politics. If a people faced with a deadly crisis of its culture, fails to heed the relatively few voices which are warning the mass of people to change their ways, that people will suffer a great destruction, as the price of failing to hear the voice of reason at that time. Of course, it is not sufficient to denounce what is wrong; lone voices which fail to propose positive changes in the culture, are like lemmings who warn against marching over the cliff, but who fail to propose a suitable change in direction and destiny.

Therefore, I do what I continue to do, because it is the only actual solution. A people which qualifies for surviving this crisis, will accept such solutions, even from what are seemingly lone individuals.

Strategic Forecasting: The Case of Colombia

Q: With Colombian Presidential elections less than a month away, can you give us an update on the campaign of Harold Bedoya?

LaRouche: Under present conditions, it is virtually impossible to forecast the exact situation within any among the nations of Central and South America, except in the context of the massive overreach from the U.S.A. and the International Monetary Fund. Brazil and Mexico are the only remaining republics of Central and South America which have greater than minimal influence over their own short-term destiny. Harold Bedoya is playing a strategically necessary role on behalf of Colombia and the republics of the hemisphere generally. Unfortunately, as shown by the insane policy of the U.S. government and IMF in the case of Argentina, by the U.S. government's current duplicity on the issue of drug-trafficking, and by the U.S. government's bungled coup and counter-coup in Venezuela, the U.S. government is presently incapable of any competent policy-making respecting any part of the world. In this situation, Colombia is like a boat caught in a maelstrom, a maelstrom generated, chiefly, by Washington, D.C. bungling.

I am very successful at both long-range economic and strategic forecasting, but I have been successful not merely because of my skills, but because I am sensible of the limitations of my power in sundry situations. I have, as you probably know, definite policies respecting Colombia, in particular, and on the issues of measures to be taken against narco-terrorist drug-trafficking. If the U.S. government would adopt my policies on this matter, it would succeed. At the present moment, that government is incapable of choosing to do anything good in any part of the world. I would hope that that could be changed, very soon. Change is not impossible, but, for the moment, it is nowhere in sight. Only the final stage of general financial collapse of the United States were now likely to create the conditions under which necessary

changes would be considered by official Washington. Since the financial collapse is presently imminent, the situation is not yet hopeless.

President Bush and the Mideast

Q: Why are you so against President Bush, especially his foreign policy concerning the Middle East?

LaRouche: You should study my record on Middle East policy, and also my warnings against the utopian military policies and practices of those in the White House and Congress who are supporting the specifically fascist genocidal policies of the Sharon government against the targetted Palestinians. The faction in Israel responsible for this genocide represents the followers of an avowed fascist and one-time professed admirer of the early phase of the Adolf Hitler regime, Vladimir Jabotinsky. This faction, centered in the right-wing Likud, is currently conducting an intentional copy of the practices of the Nazis in the case of the destruction of the Warsaw Jewish Ghetto. The foolish President of the United States (who, may, privately, despise Sharon) has supported this policy of genocide against the Palestinians; that, largely for political reasons, involving the coming November 2002 U.S. elections.

As I have said repeatedly, publicly and privately, I will always act to defend the U.S. Constitution and the constitutional function of our President, as I do now; but, I do not support policies, by the President or others, whose effect would be the destruction of our constitutional form of government. The President must now make a radical change in his policies on a number of matters, especially the Middle East. I would hope that he has the courage to do so.

What Is a Gold-Reserve Monetary System?

Q from Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Please explain how a gold-reserve monetary system would work.

LaRouche: The object of a fixed-exchange-rate, gold-reserve-system, is to create the expanding conditions of trade and investment under which a basic 1-2% rate of medium- to long-term lending can be sustained without explicit or hidden inflation.

The conceptions of balance-of-trade involved, are centered around the management of balance of payments among nations. The simple expression of this is the notion that the sum-total of exports-plus-credit-plus-gold reserve must define a managed annual balance on accounts among nations. Hence, for purposes of sane management of our nation's internal and external affairs, we have a corresponding, derived distinction among short-term, medium-term, and long-term lending and of economic cycles.

This is not to be confused with the old British gold standard, whose foolish U.S. adoption was crucial in artificially bankrupting the U.S. economy during the late 1870s, and which caused every monetary-financial crisis of the U.S.A.

from the late 1870s until 1933.

The official history of U.S. policy on this matter dates from Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton's published reports to the U.S. Congress, on credit, a national bank, and manufactures. This was reflected in the national banking policies under the first and second U.S. National Bank, and the highly successful "Greenback" policy of national credit-creation, established under Abraham Lincoln. This was also the intent of President Franklin Roosevelt, on the domestic monetary control of gold reserves. The fact that the U.S. emerged in 1945 as the only world power, enabled the U.S. to use its economic power as the backing for the reconstruction of Europe during the initial two post-war decades of operations under the original Bretton Woods System.

Today, although the principles of a sound monetary system remain those consistent with such U.S. precedents, the world's circumstances are significantly different. Presently, the world monetary-financial system is hopelessly bankrupt. At present levels of production, the world economy is operating at a great margin of deficit in purely physical terms of sustainable levels of production and required consumption. There is no possible way in which the present overhang of financial obligations could ever be paid. To create the conditions for expansion of production to levels at which a self-stabilized monetary-financial system could exist, would require the immediate extermination of a very great portion of currently outstanding debt obligations, especially debt accumulated under the junk-bond and financial-derivatives manias of the recent two decades. Today, the crucial challenge is that of pruning and reorganizing the existing mass of financial indebtedness with a view to a minimal adverse impact on ordinary households and local communities, and a sustainable general economic recovery and growth.

To say the same thing, in effect: The world economy, as considered in physical terms, is currently operating at a loss, a very large and dangerous margin of loss. There must be a corresponding expansion, to bring that world economy above a functionally definable breakeven level. This will require, in turn, a very high rate of increased long-term investment in expanded rates of per-capita output. This investment can not be obtained within the constraints of existing, private credit resources; there must be an enormous investment of the intrinsic credit-creating powers of sovereign nation-states. About half or more of this added margin of investment must be applied to basic economic infrastructure. The economic stimulus to employment and private enterprise by infrastructure programs will serve as the engine of growth to bring the world's economy up to levels of better than mere breakeven.

Since the inherently hopeless bankruptcy of the present world monetary-financial system requires a sudden and radical reorganization in bankruptcy of the world's system, we must rely to the maximum possible degree on changes toward current policies consistent with the relatively highly success-

ful monetary-financial system of the 1945-1965 interval. Perhaps something else were technically better in design; but we must respect the importance of popular confidence in a pre-existing success, rather than leading them into waters of which they lack institutional memory.

The crucial role of a gold-reserve system, is the need to manage the relative values of currencies in world markets, to such an effect that inflation in net lending costs is kept under control. For this, the tough discipline of a gold-reserve system of relatively fixed parities, is politically indispensable.

Bush and the 'Zionist Lobby'

Q from Egypt: I wonder about what kind of thinking the President of the United State follows. He is absolutely sacrificing vital U.S. interests in the Middle East and all the Arab world, and also in the all Islamic world, *just for Israel*, for unfair issues.

LaRouche: What I believe is that the President is currently being used as a virtual puppet of those who pull his emotional-intellectual strings. He is being told that the world should obey him, because of his authority as U.S. President. He is being told that his power will be taken away from him unless he does as certain people, including Karl Rove, tell him to do to win his brother's reelection as Florida Governor, and the Republican Party to win the November 2002 Congressional elections. He becomes very nasty when he thinks people are not obeying his every whim. I am not certain that he could find the Middle East on a map.

It is important to free him from the string-pullers, and afford him a realistic sense of both the world and the U.S. interest within that world. However, he must be understood presently not as the maker of U.S. policy, but as the controlled instrument used to unleash policies demanded by the string-pullers.

As I emphasized in this webcast, we must remove the popular illusion inside the U.S.A. as in the Middle East, that Israel controls the U.S.A. through a so-called Zionist lobby. The Zionist lobby is a mere tool, used for several purposes, including the control of Israel, by the English-speaking faction in London, the U.S.A., and elsewhere, which has aimed to create an English-speaking world empire, to rule the world through mechanisms of perpetual warfare. The Nazi-like followers of the self-proclaimed fascist Vladimir Jabotinsky, the Likud, and fascist elements of Nazi Waffen-SS-like mentality in the command of the Israel Defense Forces, are the intentionally expendable instrument deployed for unleashing the so-called "Clash of Civilizations" war with Islam which has been the long-standing policy of such lackeys of the late Harvard University Professor William Yandell Elliott, and Britain's Bernard Lewis, as Zbigniew Brzezinski, Samuel P. Huntington, and the now slowly self-disintegrating Henry A. Kissinger.

The George Bush who currently occupies the position of



The Nazi Waffen-SS on the march. Today, the “utopian” advocates of a one-world empire, called “globalization,” have copied the methods of perpetual warfare from both the ancient Roman legions and the Waffen-SS.

President of the U.S.A., is what he is, and no more than that. His role must be taken into account, but excessive focus on his personality distracts attention from the powerful enemy “behind the throne” who is the real power behind the policies which the President is permitted to utter.

Who Will Step Forward?

Q: With the steam roller now moving full speed over the Constitution and our liberties, what can the typical citizen do to change it’s direction or get us back on the path on which the country was originally set?

LaRouche: A justified war is always a winnable proposition. However, it must actually be won. This war is winnable. I know how it can be won. Who will join me in winning it? I admit, it is like George Washington’s Winter at Valley Forge, but because he and his forces stuck it out then, we won.

The issue is not the power of the “steam roller” to which you refer. The problem is that the overwhelming majority of our people are lying flat on the ground, waiting to be rolled over. However, the enemy has a vulnerable flank, which, properly exploited, can lead to his loss of power. That flank is the fact that the present world monetary-financial system is in the process of disintegrating. The political significance of that collapse is that once the people realize what fools they

have been to believe in the economic policies which have caused this collapse, they will be open to fighting against the policies, the mass media, and politicians who continue to lie to them about a so-called, but actually non-existent recovery.

However, something else must be added. Pessimism is never a good recipe for needed changes. The people who have dropped their illusions, and who are now desperately open to proposed solutions, must be presented with real solutions. We must organize the people, wherever and whenever they are willing to discuss the matter, around real solutions. Solutions, so considered, are the real-life definition of optimism. Give people legitimate hope in time of need, and we can muster the best of even this collection of fellow citizens we have presently.

Religion, Education, and the State

Q: Do you support the acknowledgement of *God* in education?

LaRouche: Yes, as in Genesis 1.

If you examine what I have stated on science, you will find my views on the subject of God, natural law, and statecraft elaborated with careful precision. The human individual is a unique quality of being, set apart from and above all other forms of life, and endowed with that efficiently creative power of reason which is otherwise known only as the character of power embodied in the personality of the Creator of the universe. Therefore human life takes on a sacred quality, which is expressed in such notions as the obligation of the state to promote the general welfare, or, in other words, the common good. In the original Classical, Platonic Greek of the Apostles John and Paul, this obligation is expressed by the term *agapē*, as in the Christian I Corinthians 13.

That is the fundamental constitutional law of the Federal government of the United States as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution. It was on that principle itself, that the United States was founded by the work of leaders such as Cotton Mather and his follower Benjamin Franklin.

Apart from these obligations of government and society, in matters of religion the role of religious belief in political life must accept the role of the missionary, rather than judge or legislator. We must love one another as the true missionary loves the soul of the person he, or she addresses. However, we must bind the institutions of government vigilantly to the principle of the promotion of the general welfare, within the nation, and among nations.

Consider my personal situation as an example of the problems to be considered in this light.

For me, mortal life must be lived to an immortal purpose. We must use and develop the mortal life we have as an instrument to bring forth the good, even if we are not able to experience the benefit of that within the span of our mortal experience. All truly good citizens, and all citizens truly qualified to occupy high office in the Executive Branch, the Congress, and the Court, must be chosen according to that moral stan-

dard. He or she must judge his or her actions by their consequences for the world beyond his or her death, as zealously as any matter of personal interest within the span of individual life. For this reason, the sense of the nature of each mortal human being as being as a creature endowed with a power of reason existing otherwise only in the Creator, is the source of the genius of a great scientist such as Johannes Kepler, and any citizen capable of understanding the practical implications of a notion of natural law. The powers of government may be safely entrusted to those who enjoy such inspiration.

Organizing in the Philippines

Anton Quinton, from the Philippine LaRouche Society: I would like to thank you and your associates for showing me the light that provides me with the direction and purpose for which I live.

There are three issues I would like to touch on.

First is the dilemma of organizing. I have a preference to focus my organizing efforts towards the youth, those who are college students and individuals in their low to high 20s. Most of them are not familiar with your ideas, the movement, and your person. And oftentimes I am faced with the reaction that these ideas are “too radical” and bear “no credibility.” A lot of those educated here have a feeble understanding of the systems working around the world and are inclined to make the assumption that the so called “experts” know what they’re doing. I myself do not hold a master’s degree or doctorate that may provide the credibility towards these peers. Another dilemma is that even when they do accept that there is a degeneration in the world economic systems, they resort to hiding behind an “invisible power” that will save us from this mess, avoiding the responsibility to take part in the process of development. How would you suggest I approach this problem?

Secondly, the political situation here is highly unstable; the administration has no control of the dying system. Government and political personalities are breaking up into factions. And there doesn’t seem to be any strong leadership emerging. There are talks of a “collective leadership,” probably bordering on parliamentary systems or the like. All of which is being justified by the alleviation of corruption and poverty. Obviously, corruption is rampant in this society, not only in politics but in every facet of the culture. What form of government would suit this nation, and how do we get there?

Lastly: We are up against huge enemies with tremendous clout and power all over the world. Yes, the system is dying, it does not work, it is finished. Yes, we have to change it! But how do we do it? It is like David against Goliath. Their control over the mass media and their mastery of cultural manipulation has created a brick wall in the minds of societies. How do we break down this wall of cognitive cancer and draw out the intrinsic goodness in every man to move forward towards the passion for the sublime? The IMF, the World Bank, the Anglo-American conglomerates, these are tough adversaries,

with the machinery and the resources to devour us. What steps do we take to out flank them? They would never agree to give up their position and power in the world nor concede to the responsibility of this flawed system. They will definitely not admit the error of their ways. So what’s the plan? What are the strategies to fight this behemoth?

LaRouche: I respond to your three categorical queries *seriatim*, as follows.

1. On “invisible power.”

The sense of rule by an “invisible power,” is typical of

The people who have dropped their illusions, and who are now desperately open to proposed solutions, must be presented with real solutions. We must organize the people, wherever and whenever they are willing to discuss the matter, around real solutions. Solutions, so considered, are the real-life definition of optimism.

those forms of gnosticism which pervade European civilization from such sources as the neo-Manichean Cathars, showing up in such forms as the doctrines of Bernard Mandeville, Quesnay’s *laissez-faire*, and Adam Smith’s “free trade.” It is implicit in the dogmas and method of Aristotle and such radically decadent offshoots of Aristoteleanism as empiricism, Cartesianism, Kantianism, positivism, and existentialism. In general, it expresses a universe governed by an a priori set of axiomatic definitions, axioms, and postulates, rather than experimentally validated discoveries of efficient universal principles. Such superstitions are the expected results of conditioning to “do as you are told,” rather than reason. The lack of a knowable source of authority, tends toward superstitious belief in the reigning influence of an invisible power. For example, the cultural decadence of Spain under the Inquisition and the Hapsburgs, as the cultural depravity described by Cervantes’ *Don Quixote*, spread the tendency for existentialist forms of superstition throughout South and Central America.

This is otherwise expressed by an impassioned substitution of “I feel this,” “We feel that,” or, “It may be true, but I have to go by my feelings,” for reason.

The cure for such gnostic superstition is reason. The cure is fostered by those spiritual exercises known as Plato’s dialogues, and the use of the experiencing of those dialogues as models for examining propositions for the quality of experi-

mentally verifiable truthfulness. Against embedded gnostic superstition, nothing can prevail except the form of dialogue modelled upon the Socratic method of Plato.

2. The unstable political situation there.

The instability has been rendered acute by a succession of U.S.-directed coups d'état, beginning with that against President Marcos. These coups have been a product of the utopian faction of the U.S. military, especially the legacy of Colonel Lansdale. Currently, the Philippines is being transformed to serve as a model of and bastion for perpetual-warfare operations in Southeast Asia. These influences from the U.S.A. utopians intersect the impact of the lack of that economic development which would provide a sense of progress, and therefore stability. Thus, this problem must be assessed as expressing more the general global situation, rather than something endemic to internally generated Philippines development.

3. The "David & Goliath" parable.

Ask the closely related question: "What can life accomplish against the powerful forces of the non-living, against death?" Yet, as Vernadsky emphasized, geology shows that life has been taking over more and more of the planet during the course of the recent billions of years. The principle of reason, specific to human life, allows a human population in the billions, where a creature such as the higher apes could never achieve a higher level on the planet as a whole in excess of a few millions individuals. The power of cognitive reason, expresses the greatest power for change in the universe, as mankind at its best expresses this most clearly.

However, as I have emphasized, the case of the degeneration of the U.S.A., during the recent thirty-five-odd years, from a producer's society to a consumer society, reflects our becoming a nation of would-be parasites, like ancient imperial Rome. Such a decadent form of society, or a culturally stagnating society of other forms, is inherently a pessimistic culture. It is a society which assumes responsibility for producing its own means of progress to an improved condition, which is inherently optimistic, and therefore powerful, and powerfully efficient in mastering the problems set before it. Not accidentally, it is the poison of the Malthusian idea of "environmentalism," which has been the most influential cultural factor in the spread of accelerating rates of decadence in globally extended European culture during the recent thirty-five-odd years.

We need less doctrine, and more happy excitement with the discovery and sharing of cognitive ideas. That is the well from which optimism, and the power to change the world, springs.

The Suicide Bombers

Q from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: I am a Jew, who, along with my synagogue, believes that the peace process in Israel can only occur if the so-called occupied territories are returned, *despite* the fact that war was launched against Israel

on the holiest day of our year.

Indeed, there is much racism against Muslims in Israel, but to hear terrorists referred to as "heroes" is repugnant.

What are your thoughts on Mrs. Arafat's (who is safe in Paris) lamentation that she doesn't have a son whose life could be given for the conflict? And do you have any comments about the obscene photo of a Muslim man holding his daughter upon his shoulder. The youngster has mock dynamite tied to her.

Freedom fighting is one thing; wanton terrorism or support of same is something else.

[Mr. LaRouche answered this question during the web-cast, and sent supplementary written remarks to the questioner afterward. We print both here.—ed.]

LaRouche: Well, the situation of the fighters, the Palestinian fighters and activists, who are engaging in these acts which are called terrorism—which is really nonsense—must be compared and equated to the actions of a relative handful of Jews, in the Warsaw Ghetto, who, with a few pistols and carbines, and ingenuity, resisted—in a hopeless situation—resisted the full, concerted might of the Nazi war machine. If you would recognize the fact, which is the essential fact, that the Likud policy—especially the military policy of the IDF now, the policies of Sharon, and the incipient policies proposed by Netanyahu—are Nazi, then you get the truth of the situation; and, you, then, can, from that standpoint, have the framework in which to judge the behavior of these Palestinians.

Now, many of them, I think, are wrong. But they are, like the Jewish fighters, in the Warsaw Ghetto, against the full weight of the Nazi machine commanded by Stroop: And, there's no difference. Thus, the American Jew has to face the fact.

Now, here's the problem; there's another problem, which I think the questioner refers to; which is not mentioned, but should be mentioned. See, there are two reactions on the question of condemning the crimes of the present Israeli, Nazi government, against the people of Palestine. One objection is to calling them "Nazis." But they are Nazis. They are! So, why not call them by the right name? "Well, they can't be Nazis, because they're Jewish." Come on: Cut it out! How many people are followers, in Israel today, are followers of Vladimir Jabotinsky, who once offered to support the Hitler government of Germany, if Hitler would give up anti-Semitism. And, whose policies are *indistinguishable*—including those of his Betar—from Nazi policies. What do you think the Israelis were, of the Betar, in particular—including the Menachem Begin, who often bragged about having blown up the King David Hotel, with the British governor there, sitting in the bathtub, when the bombs went off? Menachem Begin was a terrorist! The Likud is a terrorist organization!

You had many Jewish fighters, who were *not* Betar members, who were not terrorists; who may have been mistaken, at times, but you could respect them, as actually fighters in a



Left: Nazi SS troops guard Jews—including two women—captured in the suppression of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising of 1943. The original German caption reads: “These bandits offered armed resistance.” Right: The report of SS Maj. Gen. Jürgen Stroop, titled “The Jewish Quarter in Warsaw Is No More.”

war, or in a battle. And they have to be respected as that. They may be wrong, but if you capture them, or if they surrender, you *treat them* with the respect their position requires. No: Not true of this situation.

So, therefore, the question, then, is: What are we talking about? We’re talking about a Nazi-like oppression, of Palestinians, by Nazis—and they *are* Nazis! By *every* objective standard.

Now, what’s the second question? The second question is much more serious, and some people will *hide* their concern over the second question, by their concern over the first one. That is, they say, “Yes. We agree with you. And they may whisper it to *us*. You’re right. But, if you say it publicly, I’ll denounce you!” What are they saying? They’re saying, “I am an Israeli patriot, or I am a sympathizer of the existence of Israel. And, therefore, on that basis, if the Israelis commit a crime, I have to defend them, because I support Israel’s freedom, and Israel’s strength, in the fight.” So, therefore, they would rather defend Nazism, than be in the position of being considered disloyal to Israel, when a war-like situation is going on.

When we don’t *say* that, then we get into trouble. We say, “Well, obviously, it’s a very simple solution: Get rid of the damned Nazis!” “Free Israel!” I mean, I don’t recognize as much, the present government of Israel, except *de facto*, as Woodrow Wilson would say. Because the present government of Israel came into existence as a result of a *criminal, coup d’état assassination of a Prime Minister of Israel*, who had a contrary policy; who made the peace with Arafat. That every government of Israel since that time has become illegiti-

mate, because it’s under the control of the people who committed that assassination. It has no historic authority. A government that commits assassinations, and is caught at it, of its leaders, has no authority. I mean, the point is, implicitly, the people who killed Kennedy, to get him out of there, they have no moral rights, as far as I am concerned, in the United States.

I may, as a matter of fact, have to support the institutions of the U.S. government and its Constitution; *but, in my heart, I know that’s not right*. And, sooner or later, justice will have to be served in this matter, but in a manner, which does not destroy our country. Israelis should do the same thing. Those who sympathize with the cause of Israel’s welfare, should do the same thing: Say, “Well, it’s one thing to defend Israel, but I’m not going to defend those Nazis, or the crimes that they’re committing! The best way to defend Israel, is to make it a state which is worthwhile *living* in! The kind of state, which, *at least*, Rabin understood had to be established. Therefore, which side are you on? Are you on the side of Rabin, or his murderers?” And, some people have forgotten that.

You can’t have this kind of hypocrisy, this idea of “Ohh, these guys protest that you call ’em Nazis. This person killed one of our people.” “Oh yeah! Who started the war?” Who started the war? Arafat didn’t start the war. Arafat wanted peace at Camp David. Arafat honored his agreement, the so-called “peace of the brave,” with Rabin. He tried to continue that policy.

Look, and see, the problem is even more complicated—the problem of the case of Hamas: Now, many people in Hamas, including some of those died, are probably honest people, in terms of what they are, as persons. *But*, I happen to

know, that Hamas, as an organization, was created by Ariel Sharon! And I know there's a control in the leadership of Hamas, *by* Ariel Sharon! So, if, every time that Arafat agreed to a term, and the United States was going to support Arafat on this question of peace, an incident occurred—usually from Hamas. The opinion in the Middle East is—and I support it, because I know Sharon; I know what he is. I've dealt with him in the past: Sharon is the kind of guy, who will find a Palestinian orchestrator to go out and commit an attack, against the Israeli population, in order avoid the embarrassment of being forced to negotiate. How do I know that these poor fellows—how many of them, who bomb themselves, as self-bombers, were not being sent by Sharon, through the Hamas, or similar kinds of agencies? So, why not look at that?

So, why don't we, instead of condemning individuals, and trying to make scandal about somebody who committed an act, because you want to call it a terrorist act—an act of the same type, committed by Jews, fighting against the Nazi machine, with pistols and carbines, in the Warsaw Ghetto; and against the same kind of enemy. You're going to call them terrorists? What's the word "terrorist" mean, then? No, Sharon is a terrorist! Therefore, let's keep our records straight: Under conditions of aggressive warfare, of Nazi campaigns of extermination against a people, the people shooting back

are not classed as terrorists.

[*LaRouche's written elaboration follows.*]

Although I replied to this during the webcast. I would emphasize the following points made during the webcast and its included colloquy.

Even the followers of the avowed fascist Jabotinsky do not represent the expressed essence of the internal problems of moral corruption in Israel itself today. To understand the situation in the Middle East generally, and within Israel in particular, we must first lay the ghost of the mythical role of the so-called Zionist lobby. As I emphasized during the webcast, the origin of the present Middle East situation was originally was manufactured by London, and brought into the United States later. Since the beginning of the Nineteenth Century, the British monarchy of Jeremy Bentham, Lord Palmerston, and others played with the idea of using Zionism as one of an array of potential elements of conflict which were developed in the Middle East for what are called today "geopolitical interests." I think nothing better illustrates the point than the connections between the "British Israelite" cults and the reflection of that in the so-called "Christian Zionists" of today. Israel is being used like a hand grenade, something to destroy itself in serving the interest of those who throw such grenades. Rabin and Arafat, with their "peace of the brave" represented the right policy, but a danger to those Anglo-American, utopian interests who were determined to use Israel, as a kind of strategic "hand grenade," to destroy itself, as Rabin feared, to unleash a global "Clash of Civilizations" war.

The war was launched in fact when Sharon sent a pack of idiots charging up Holy Mountain, to set off his election-campaign. Do not overlook the way in which Sharon's circles control and deploy "Arab terrorists" who act precisely at the moment, Sharon needs a new atrocity to avoid being pressured into negotiations. Remember, it was Sharon, then operating as housing minister, who created Hamas in the first place.

You and your friends impress me as well-meaning. You are valuable in this situation. You should also be effective. Think carefully about what I have said. I know I am right, and if you will think carefully, and seek the truth, despite knee-jerk impressions, I believe you will agree. Focus on the point I stressed, the strategic role and history of the utopian faction now controlling U.S. policy.

The Future of U.S.-Chinese Relations

George Kuo, *EDI City Magazine* (Chinese):

1. In a global view, once you mentioned the idea that China right now is somewhat like an elephant under the table. No matter what it is, I am greatly concerned about Sino-American relations in this century. Is China a friend of the United States, a competitor, or an enemy?

2. We have evidence to show that some people from Taiwan, in past decades, spent a lot of money in keeping their

Electronic Intelligence Weekly

EIW

An online almanac from the publishers of **EIR**

Electronic Intelligence Weekly

gives subscribers online the same economic analysis that has made *EIR* one of the most valued publications for policymakers, and established LaRouche as the most authoritative economic forecaster in the world.



EIR Contributing Editor,
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Issued every Monday,
EIW includes:

- Lyndon LaRouche's economic and strategic analyses;
- Charting of the world economic crisis;
- Critical developments ignored by "mainstream" media.

\$360 per year Two-month trial, **\$60**

For more information:

Call **1-888-347-3258** (toll-free)

VISIT ONLINE:

www.larouchepub.com/eiw

“foreign relations,” as with South Africa, etc. Some of the money went to pockets of some American congressmen. That’s bribery. Then our American policies will be bribed policies. Do you think so? If this situation continues, won’t we have twisted policies which are not for the benefit of the American people, but for a small group. Do you think Arab-Israeli relations are within this scope?

LaRouche: The United States must be a friend of China. There exists no natural conflict of interest between the two nations. However, the U.S. utopians, which are, at this moment, the dominant force in Washington, D.C., do intend to have a war with China, after they have, first, crushed the last bit of sovereignty out of South America and Africa, and reduced India and the Islamic cultures of the world to a tattered remnant of people hunted down as wild animals. Whether or not those utopians will be able to actually carry out such evil objectives, is the obvious question. My view is that they can not succeed in anything better than destroying themselves in the process of sending the entire planet into a new dark age.

There is another side to the problem. China does not yet understand the U.S.A. Therefore, as I have witnessed this, the government of China has made important strategic mistakes, caused by wrong estimates of the U.S.A.’s characteristics and the intentions of the leading circles inside the U.S.A. Considering either Nixon or Kissinger as “friends of China” is typical of such a lack of understanding of the U.S.A. by leading circles in China. I believe that I have come to understand why China’s leading circles, taken together on balance, often make such mistakes in judgment of the world around them. I take the fact of those mistakes into account, in estimating what China’s leaders are, and are not presently capable of doing, in response to the situation in the world around China.

The way the U.S. utopians, including Kissinger and his circle, and the Bush family members, for example, deal with the Taiwan matters, is an example of the way in which some leading circles in China wish to believe that China has a Taiwan problem, when the only real problem is a U.S. use of Taiwan, such as that by the Bush Administration currently, not a Taiwan corruption of U.S. foreign policies. The U.S. utopians’ policy is to isolate China from Russia, India, and Central and Southeast Asia, and later, after weakening China internally, to destroy China. This is the policy expressed by Harvard University-linked circles, such as the Olin Institute, in its 1998 reaction to the announcement of a “Strategic Triangle” of cooperation among Russia, China, and India. That group, together with other leading U.S. foundations, targetted India as the leading victim on its list, and the current operations against India recently are coming from those U.S. and related Israeli circles.

To reach a competent understanding of the world, one must never look at the world at large from inside one’s own nation, outwards. One must take intellectual responsibility

for the general welfare of all mankind, first, and examine the true interests of each nation from the vantage-point of the necessary process of development of mankind as a whole. As long as one thinks of any part of the world as an “outsider,” one can not understand the world as a whole. There is only one human species, and in their essence, every part of humanity is of the same quality. They differ only in historical experience and in the way that experience shapes the culture through which a nation must govern itself.

The only enemy of importance for any nation of the world today, is the force currently represented by the utopians. Other nations may behave as fools, but they are not innately enemies. Inside the U.S.A., the U.K., and Australia, for example, as in the fascist ruling party, the Likud, of Israel, there is a powerful force entrenched with great power, not just a small group, but an imperial party, including the majority of the top leadership of both major U.S. parties, which currently exerts command over relatively vast and powerful resources. These combined, powerful strata, are presently dominated by an impassioned commitment to establishment of a one-world empire, called “globalization,” through the methods of perpetual warfare copied from both the ancient Roman legions and the Nazi international Waffen-SS, the methods of the utopian party represented by the circles of Henry Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Samuel Huntington, Bernard Lewis, et al. This force can be defeated, but its only major strategic vulnerability, is the fact that that global monetary-financial system over which it presides, is currently in the terminal phase of general disintegration. With the collapse of that system, the power of the utopians is jeopardized.

The Utopians and Sept. 11

Q: When will a real investigation start regarding the all the loose ends of 911? Example: The President saying he saw the first plane hit—when there was no live coverage of such. Why were no jets scrambled? The list goes on and on.

LaRouche: There are investigations under way which are known to me, not in detail, but in general terms. In the meantime, it would be useful to know the names of the high-ranking U.S. personnel involved in directing the operation itself. But the urgent matter is to defeat the still-continuing capability lurking there, whether or not we know the exact names, ranks, and serial numbers of the key perpetrators.

We now know with certainty what was done and for what purpose. Beyond that, certain of even the important details are clouded. The purpose of the operation was to set in motion exactly what we have seen since the close of that day: the launching of that “Clash of Civilizations” religious warfare, proposed by Zbigniew Brzezinski, Samuel Huntington, Bernard Lewis, et al., targetting all of more than billions of Islam. This is known as the same utopian military faction responsible for the slaughter at Columbine High School, and many other things. This is the faction that proposes, openly, to establish

an English-speaking one-world empire, in which professional armies, modelled upon both the ancient Roman legions and the Nazi international Waffen-SS, control the world through perpetual warfare.

As to the details of the lack of use of pre-existing standards of security, such as lack of interception, the questions here, are, to what degree was this a result of a monstrously negligent destruction of U.S. defenses, and to what degree was existing capability shut down at crucial moments? The important thing, in either case, is that whatever weaknesses existed, those directing the operation had to have known that information.

As long as one thinks of any part of the world as an “outsider,” one can not understand the world as a whole. There is only one human species, and in their essence, every part of humanity is of the same quality. They differ only in historical experience and in the way that experience shapes the culture through which a nation must govern itself.

Is Bush Listening?

Q: What is the probability that Bush will adopt any of your policies as Clinton and Reagan have in the past?

LaRouche: Two points must be made in reply to this. First, President Reagan entered office as a high-grade personality. Despite his conditioning by GE et al. on economics, he retained the qualities of a patriot from the time of the Franklin Roosevelt Administration. Additionally, he had close to him circles, such as Judge Clark, which were highly moral and intelligent patriots. In the matter of SDI, the President came to the same general conclusion I had reached in proposing that he make such a proffer to the Soviet government. No such happy set of circumstances exists presently in and around the White House.

However, these are very unusual times, in which seemingly impossible developments, for good, or for the worst, are probable. The onrushing general disintegration of the world's present monetary-financial system, combined with the increasing incompetence shown by the present government on every leading matter brought to its attention, means that we are on the verge of a profound shake-up. A combination of

influential circles sharing a common commitment to U.S. survival, would be the likely channel through which the adoption of my policies would not only be possible, but could become likely. If not, then the U.S.A. as we have known it, will soon cease to exist.

Man in the Image of the Creator

Q from Germany: You talked about the human being created in the image and likeness of the Creator, and I completely agree with this. You also said that the people themselves have to participate in the change you promote, and again I totally agree.

However, when we see human beings today, it is obvious that humans are far from expressing their image and likeness of the Creator in a positive way—and that's the issue of your conference, isn't it?

So I feel you fell somewhat short of elaborating that all human beings need to make an effort on themselves, an effort of self-change, in order to recover the constructive side of this being the Creator's image and likeness! Which also means the need to recover the constructive side of everyone's faith (if they have faith).

Could you please comment?

LaRouche: I think you might appreciate the facts that my favorite priests are often also Africa missionaries, and that John Paul II is most beloved for the same reason. As a statesman, I must separate church from state, but without yielding any of the much I have written, on the matter of natural law, as I have taken great care in defining natural law in a number of major items published.

1. Man's cognitive powers, as Vernadsky refers to this in defining the Noösphere, set mankind, and the sovereign human individual, apart from and above all other living creatures. This power to discover and employ what are efficiently universal physical principles, is a power found otherwise only in the evidence of Creation in general, which, because the voluntary nature of cognitive creativity is uniquely that of a sovereign individual person, compels us to recognize the Creator as a personality.

2. Therefore, individual human life, and its development as in the image of the Creator, is sacred. Consequently, the moral right of government to govern, depends upon its efficient commitment to promote that general welfare which the sacred nature of the individual requires.

3. Similarly, by virtue of the timeless universality of cognitive creativity, the human individual who is mortal in one aspect of his or her existence, is also immortal in the simultaneity of a cognitive eternity. The shortfall of most of humanity to date, is the failure to mature to a comprehension of the individual's immortal interest in the ultimate outcome of what he or she does, or fails to do, with the instrument of a mortal existence. In Friedrich Schiller, for example, this distinction supplies the notion of the sublime.

4. Those among us, who understand those considerations, and can live by them, must volunteer the needed moral guidance to steer the footsteps of those who have not yet attained the sublime joy of a sense of living mortal life so.

Nuclear Energy or Nuclear War?

Q: Can you explain whether or not the suppression of alternative energies (solar, wind, etc.) plays a role in the Mideast crisis and other geopolitical issues?

LaRouche: In practice, there are no “alternative energies.” The effective performance and economic efficiency of generation of power for general use depends upon the level of energy-flux-density (e.g., watts/cm²) of its generation. This function of energy-flux-density correlates, functionally, with the variability of cost of energy required to produce energy, a crucial calculation foolishly omitted from most proposals for use of so-called “alternative energies.” Other modes may be useful as temporary, or emergency sources, in the same sense that inefficient battery power may be required.

For example. High energy-flux-density generation can provide locally produced synthetic fuels, such as hydrogen or methane, as a fuel for vehicles. Such fuels can be used for jet aircraft, fuel cell-operated surface vehicles, and so on. Chemical ducting of appropriate fluids can provide efficient heating and cooking sources for cities. The safest and most efficient of all known sources of central energy generation is the high-temperature gas-cooled reactor developed at Jülich, which is a model being used in South Africa and China, but not in Germany.

For the Middle East, this is virtually the only means for meeting the challenge of large-scale desalination and correlated developments for durable peace.

Thus, since “alternative energies” are virtually worthless for the Middle East, we have a choice between nuclear energy and nuclear war. Which shall we choose as safer?

I recommend that you rethink some of the information you have received on energy policy from the point of reference of what I have rewritten on Vernadsky, and Vernadsky’s own work. You should find the subject itself thoroughly enjoyable.

LaRouche’s Personal Role

Q from France: If U.S. President Bush is the only one who can stop Sharon, what can we do, in France, what can France do as a nation, to make Bush take the right path?

LaRouche: For this I have a great, unique personal responsibility. I have the advantage, unlike my younger collaborators, of having the experience of three adult generations, and of being one of the relatively few of my generation still in full fighting trim for the battle-leadership I must supply for the years just ahead of us now.

There is a special, added feature to my role in this. At the time those born at the close of World War II came to adulthood, the United States and Europe were making a cultural-

paradigm shift, away from the producer society of post-war reconstruction, into a decadent consumer society. Thus, that generation, which now either dominates the leading executive positions of public and private institutions, or will soon, has no adult experience of the kind of society which worked, as distinct from the thirty-five-odd years of drift into the presently failed consumer society. We are at the point, that survival of civilization now demands the immediate scrapping of consumer society, for a rapid return to producer society. Thus, a person of my experience, professional competence, and philosophical outlook, has an indispensable personal role of leadership to contribute to reshaping the policies of and among nations. Given my special competence in designing the relevant economic-recovery and related policies, it is indispensable that I play a leading role internationally in bringing together the leading intellectual forces needed to steer this reconstruction effort.

The crucial factor to our advantage in this situation, is that “*Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin*” is written on the walls where the Belshazzars of today’s political and financial world are gathered. The accelerating collapse, toward disintegration, of the present world monetary-financial system, is under way. The deluded promises of “recovery” are now made ludicrous by sudden realities. The moral and political-intellectual authority of most currently ruling circles, is being undermined and will soon be widely destroyed. The time of political ripeness for sweeping change is sitting waiting for us, on our doorstep.

I will do my part. Others, theirs.

Gold Price: Reality Has Struck

Q from Boston, Massachusetts: What is the significance of the recent rise in the price of gold?

LaRouche: Reality has struck. Pending the reestablishment of a pre-1971 style of fixed exchange rates tied to a gold-reserve standard, sensible people, knowing most financial paper will soon be worthless, do the obvious thing: buy gold. They should be rewarded for their show of sanity, and service to an aching humanity. A new monetary system will adopt a fixed fair standard price of monetary-reserve gold, while also providing the private investor new kinds of places where a sensible individual might wish to invest for the future.

Hope for Africa

Q from the African Optimism organization, in Boston: There is currently an ecological disaster affecting Lake Victoria, which is affecting many people from Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda. How can both people and life in the lake die at the same time? Could there be a direct force killing the lake? If the lake dies, it would affect the new African Union which relies on water from the lake for its projects against famine, poverty, and for transportation. What can Africa do

to save the lake and the people?

LaRouche: The source of the problem is that an intentional policy of genocide has been adopted, against sub-Saharan Africa, under policies such as Henry A. Kissinger's 1974 NSSM-200 and the Carter Administration's outgoing policies for global population control. The argument by Kissinger and others has been, that if the population of Africa were to grow, and demand the right to modern technology, that population would eat up African mineral and other resources which the United States and Britain intended to preserve for their own future consumption.

Unless that evil policy, now embedded in Anglo-American strategic doctrine, is overturned, there is no hope for Africa. We must fight for the measures of development, but we must not deceive ourselves into believing that the present authorities will do anything but react with murderous rage to our making such seemingly modest and innocent proposals.

Ashcroft's Witchhunts

Q: I would appreciate your view with regards to the witch-hunts led by Ashcroft against Americans who are of Moslem and Arab descent.

Thank you for speaking the truth; it is certainly a breath of fresh air and far from the lies and twisted truth we hear daily through all types of media outlets.

LaRouche: Attorney General Ashcroft's behavior is what was to be expected from a man of his racist associations and shallowness of mind. However, although he is responsible for actions taken under his direction, the operation being run has all of the earmarks of a longstanding, pro-fascist element within certain nooks and crannies of both the FBI and other elements within the Justice Department. These characters have never overcome their jealousy of the freedom to torture and kill of Himmler's Nazi Gestapo. The main problem is those members of Congress and citizens generally, who give support to this sort of repression; every U.S. citizen's rights are threatened by allowing such operations; any citizen not caught up in an insane lynch-mob mentality, would recognize that fact, and rise up in protest against these repressions.

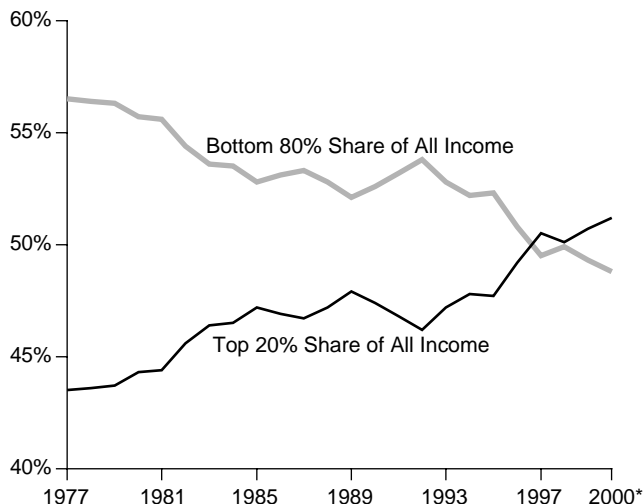
Remember, no credible evidence has ever been presented publicly by the U.S. or other government, to prove that any foreign organization was involved in the authorship of the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

The 'Land of Opportunity'

Student, College Park, Maryland: The gap between social classes is very large in the United States. One percent of the population controls 40% of the wealth, while the poor are working just as much, if not more, as the wealthy, implying that the social system is in fact heavily biased. What is your solution to make statistics back up the saying that America is the "land of opportunity"? Or do you feel it is a situation which doesn't need to be addressed out of

FIGURE 1

Top 20% of Population Have More Than Half of All After-Tax Income



* = projected

Sources: Congressional Budget Office; EIR

fear of being labeled a socialist.

LaRouche: My associates and I have covered these patterns repeatedly in our publications. The pattern is much worse than you indicate. In any case, if I know something important to be true, I would not hesitate to report it. In brief, the shift of the U.S.A., from a pre-1965 producers' society, to a post-1966 consumer's society, is the principal cause of the post-1977 collapse in share of U.S. national income of the lower 80% of family-income brackets. The other leading factor, is the rise of the percentile of national income sucked up by a bloated financial-speculative bubble in real estate and other categories. The U.S. economy today is a weak hand desperately clutching the frayed end of a slippery rope, while the chasm yawns hungrily from below.

Questions from Iran

LaRouche's replies follow each of three questions from an Iranian representative.

The 'Clash of Civilizations'

1. Iran's President Khatami, in a recent speech, emphasized two points:

A. Last year's emergence of terrorist events on American soil is directly related with today's crisis in the Middle East; and

B. The powerful pro-Israeli lobby has taken advantage of President Bush's inexperience in international relations and foreign policy, and this interest is pushing Washington today towards a trap which is contrary to U.S. national interests. What is your opinion on those comments by President Khatami?

LaRouche: On the first of the foregoing points. The attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 were the product of a covert operation whose effect was to push the U.S. Government into launching the initial phase the "Clash of Civilizations" war against Islam which has been prescribed by such collaborating figures as Zbigniew Brzezinski, Samuel P. Huntington, and British Arab Bureau veteran Bernard Lewis.

Notably, no plausible proof of any Arab or other Islamic connection of these events of Sept. 11, 2001 has ever been presented publicly to the present date. Furthermore, careful study of even as much detail of those events as is known in the public domain, shows a level of pre-planning and other sophistication far beyond the capability of Osama bin Laden or any similar organization. It is virtually certain that the operation was directed by a tight, very high-level group inside the U.S. security system.

On the second point above, I must emphasize the need for caution about the nature of the so-called pro-Israeli lobby. If one studies the history of the matter, the notion that the United States is controlled from Israel is directly contrary to the reality of the situation. Rather Israel is controlled by certain Anglo-American interests which use Israel as a cat's-paw of certain Anglo-American interests in the Middle East and elsewhere. The control is exerted on behalf of what is known as a utopian military faction in the U.S., a faction which has long-standing links to certain institutions of the British monarchy. This is the faction which U.S. President Eisenhower identified publicly as the "military-industrial complex." In standard U.S. military usage, this faction is known as "the utopians." Typical of the ideology of this military faction, is Samuel P. Huntington's standard text, *The Soldier and the State*.

What Huntington represents is a mimicking of the function of the ancient Roman imperial legions, which is a virtual mimicking of the Nazi international Waffen-SS. This is also the policy of a large number of like-minded people, including many trained under Professor William Yandell Elliott at Harvard University. Typical are Zbigniew Brzezinski, Samuel Huntington, Henry A. Kissinger, and many other notables from the 1960s through to the present day.

With the 1989-1971 collapse of Soviet power, the Anglo-Americans of this utopian persuasion, decided that the opportunity existed to proceed to the establishment of an English-speaking world empire maintained by military force, for launching a form of perpetual warfare in approximately the manner ancient imperial Rome managed its empire. Thus, the drive toward so-called globalization and perpetual warfare was begun with the perpetual war against Iraq, and then the

Balkans. The launching of the "Clash of Civilization" war against Islam, world-wide, was pivotted on the role assigned to Israel to serve as detonator for general Middle East perpetual warfare, during which a used-up Israel would itself be self-destroyed by this overreaching of its capabilities. The key factor, is the threat, or actuality of Israel's use of its nuclear-weapons arsenal under these conditions.

President Bush was known during his 2000 campaign for the U.S. Presidency, as a person of manifestly very modest intellectual qualities, but he is being used as an instrument for launching what is intended to become perpetual warfare throughout much of Eurasia and beyond, especially targetting Islam at this stage. This would not be possible politically without the use of an Israeli government led by veteran fascists such as Sharon and Netanyahu.

Wiser circles in the U.S.A. seek to free the President from the control of "Christian Zionists" in the Republican Party and controlled pro-Israeli assets such as Senator Lieberman and former Vice-President Gore in the Democratic Party, who seek to draw the U.S.A. into a generalized Middle East war. Behind the scenes, the control over the situation lies with an English-speaking concert of pro-utopian factions within the British and U.S. military-strategic establishment.

Therefore, on these accounts, the situation is much worse than President Khatami's expressed views suggest.

U.S.-Iranian Relations

Q: 2. What is your opinion about the future of relations between the United States and Iran, especially given the increased role of the Pentagon and the hardliners in the United States? Iran plays an undeniable role in the development of civilization, with notable figures such as Ibn Sina, and other Iranian scientists and scholars. To take the best these individuals have contributed . . . this was the idea of President Khatami in his call for a Dialogue of Civilizations. Do you see a chance of changes in the immigration laws, with increased restriction of travel of Iranian people and others, which would seem to stop the dialogue between the Iranian and American people? Does this mean Bush wants war and Iran wants peace?

LaRouche: Essentially, that is precisely the present situation, until U.S. policy is changed.

Media Propaganda

Q: 3. On the role of the media in the U.S.A.

There is a pattern where there is the emphasis on some news more than others. Some issue capture large captions, like the rescue of a stranded cat from a tree, while other, extremely important gatherings and speeches, like yours today, are not covered as much as others. What is the role of the Zionist lobby in this media censorship? How can we effectively counter this media propaganda?

LaRouche: U.S. public opinion is chiefly controlled by a broadcast and print mass media which, in turn, is controlled

by financier interests allied with the utopian strategic-military faction. The only significant difference is between those who preferred the United States to act with restrained exposure to risk of set-backs to its operations, and the desperately reckless warmongers. The control of U.S. public opinion is much more thorough, much more shameless than in Europe, for example. However, there is one major source of weakness in all this control: the presently ongoing collapse of the world's present monetary-financial system. This not only limits greatly the U.S. ability to sustain the conduct of warfare, but threatens to cause a break of public opinion away from control of the mass media.

Presently, the idea of solidarity with Israel against the Palestinians has reached the level of mass-hysteria within much of the U.S. population. Since I know, as others do, that current U.S. public opinion could quickly change under pressures of financial collapse, I fear a new terrorist attack launched inside the U.S., on behalf of combined Israeli utopian interest, a "false flag" attack of the type frequently used by the Israelis, conducted, this time, for the purpose of driving the U.S. public insane, and thus luring it into support of general warfare.

Universal Fascism on the March

The following is LaRouche's reply, dated May 11, to several e-mail questions from a racist, obsessed with "preserving the Aryan race" from Jews, Catholics, Marxists, and Liberals.

LaRouche: I am familiar with the lines of argument you have employed. They typify a more elaborated presentation of kindred ideological views which are, otherwise, sufficiently widespread in their increasing influence today, that a public, clinical, rather than a simple political, reaction to your argument is required. Since, some of your argument poses issues on which the continued existence of civilization hangs; since I am also among the relatively few political figures personally qualified to get to the scientific root of the most crucial aspects of these topics, I should respond publicly, not so much to your message as such, but to the correlation between the rapid spread of analogous views and present strategic conditions.

I point, first of all, to the combined conditions typified by the combination of a growing world-wide monetary-financial debacle, with both the monstrous behavior of the current fascist (Jabotinskyite) government of Israel today and the universal fascist strategy, called "utopian," expressed from within important military and other circles in the current U.S. government. Typical of the expression of such fascist trends, are the cases of elements, such as the pathetic former Vice-President Gore, and Senators John McCain and Joseph Lieberman, of both principal parties.

Fascism and related expressions of so-called "universal fascism" are on the march, globally, today, as not since the Winter of 1941-1942. Merely typical, are the social and related psychological effects of the accumulated sense of betrayal which has become widespread in eastern Europe and the Balkans, as a result of the accumulated effect of the cruel and dirty agreements reached among Thatcher-Mitterrand-Bush in the 1989-1991 arrangements. Rage accumulates around the world, on account of similarly ugly policies of practice. Presently no government of the trans-Atlantic set, or Japan, has shown anything morally better than an increasingly hysterical incompetence in its world outlook and practice. Consequently, the deep cultural pessimism which Armin Mohler described—that from Schopenhauer through Nietzsche—and also to be traced through the circles of Heidegger, Jaspers, Theodor Adorno, Hannah Arendt, and Martin Buber, Jean-Paul Sartre, et al., once again stalks humanity, constituting a threat more deadly than anything experienced by European civilization since the Treaty of Westphalia.

The case of the history of Zubatov-cum-British-cum-Mussolini (and once-hopeful-to-become Hitler) agent "Vladimir Hitler" Jabotinsky and his Betar organization, typifies the ironies of the onrushing world-cultural debacle menacing us all today. Under these trends, which branch of humanity has now become more capable of the beastliness of the hyenas, the great cats, the wild pigs, or the snakes? It is often difficult to say which is the worst.

When did this new wave of beastliness begin to take top-down control? Was it when the "Open Conspiracy" circles of H.G. Wells and the Twentieth Century's most evil man, Bertrand Russell, introduced the utopian nuclear doctrine displayed at Hiroshima (to make up for the disappointment of losing the opportunity to drop that bomb on Berlin)? There were too many veterans of World War II, such as Douglas MacArthur and Dwight Eisenhower in place, to push the universal-fascist ideas of utopian warfare, such as Huntington's original printing of *The Soldier and the State*, to the fore, until the leading official impediment to their perverted ambitions, President Eisenhower, stepped down in 1961. So, during 1961-1965, all Hell broke loose, with such manifestations as the premature departure of Adenauer, the attempted assassination of President de Gaulle, the clearing of the way for bringing in the first Wilson government in Britain, the assassination of Mattei, the assassination of Kennedy, and the later ouster of Erhard.

Out of this, the U.S.A. was transformed, beginning the mid-1960s, from the leading producer society of the world, into what was intended to become, and did become, a monstrously decadent consumer society, as Rome degenerated morally in the aftermath of its victories in the Second Punic War. Thus, Caesarism was revived, to take over U.S. policy, corrosively, increasingly, a process echoing the earlier birth of the first fascist regimes, those of Napoleon Bonaparte and his nephew, and the Carlists of Spain, and, in due course,



H.G. Wells (left) and Bertrand Russell, the Twentieth Century's most evil man. Racist beastliness began to take top-down control in the Western world, when their "one world government" circles introduced the utopian nuclear doctrine displayed at Hiroshima.

the set of specimens merely typified by Mussolini, Hitler, and Franco.

The U.S. fascism of today is typified by the figure of Harvard Professor William Yandell Elliott, the "Old Fagin" who spawned the craven "Artful Dodgers" of a collection merely typified by the cases of Zbigniew Brzezinski, Samuel P. Huntington (of *The Soldier and the State* and "Clash of Civilizations" notoriety), and Henry A. Kissinger. The trend toward fascist foreign and domestic policies in the U.S.A. since the assassination of President Kennedy, is expressed most succinctly by the role of Henry A. Kissinger as the controller of the Nixon Administration, and pro-Wellsian lunatic Zbigniew Brzezinski as the "Svengali" of the Carter Administration. British agent of influence Elliott, a key figure of a pro-H.G. Wells, neo-Confederacy cult-circle known as the Nashville Agrarians, typifies the pivotal link between nominal Catholics of the Carlist, Buckley type, and lunatic packs of "bugger"-like "Protestants" in the footsteps of treasonous Aaron Burr's grandfather, the notorious Jonathan Edwards. It is that, in fact, anti-Christ pack of wildly gnostic, nominally Protestant, nominally Catholic, and pro-fascist Jewish varieties of neo-Manichean styles in gnostic cults, which one must pin-point as the central features of the mass-based component of the fascist mass-movement within the U.S.A. today. This is the social base for the so-called revolution in military affairs being expressed under the rubric of a "war on terrorism" today.

That said respecting the environment in which the current rise of fascist movements is fostered, look at the opposite side of the equation, the actually human side. Look at this from two

standpoints. First, the matter of defining the characteristics of the human race, and, second, the matter of the errors inhering in the "connect-the-dots" methods to whose use you repeatedly reverted in your messages. These are not so much your problem, in particular; errors on these two accounts are the most commonplace errors expressed, not only by the population in general, but among many in the highest rank of mathematical-physical sciences and academics generally, worldwide, today.

What Is Human?

Perhaps the most significant among the deadlier legacies of pre-civilized barbarism, is the arbitrary, anti-scientific belief in genetically determined racial characteristics. Until the rise of the neo-Nazi faction to power in Israel, the British liberals, and their admirers, were the absolutely worst influence globally on this account. Not accidentally, if you run an empire, when you thus degrade the mass of your victims to the status of human cattle, rather than cognitive human beings, you must expect an occasional bestial response from the victims.

Notably, for this very reason, what modern fascists hate most consistently, are ecumenical currents of Christianity and Islam, and the ecumenical Judaism exemplified by Philo of Alexandria and Moses Mendelssohn. Indeed, the neo-Nazism of the currently reigning Jabotinskyites of Israel, is based on a passion by Jabotinsky et al. to eradicate the German and Yiddish Renaissance Jew, for the same ideological motives as Hitler or Jabotinsky's Okhrana associates sought to remove them from the map. The horrifying extent of the rejection of

Moses Mendelssohn's legacy among the present population of Israel, makes a doubled mockery of the Israel fascists' references to Hitler's near-extermination of the German and Yiddish Renaissance Jewry.

What all fascists hate, more or less equally, about ecumenical Christianity, Islam, and Mosaic Judaism, is that each regards all mankind as made equally in the image of the Creator of the universe. No actual Christian, but only gnostic nominal Christians of lunatic persuasions, for example, could ever allow such crimes against humanity as the Spanish Inquisition, or the Venice-directed Crusades of the Normans and the Anjevins. All the progress of modern European civilization during six hundred years, has been chiefly a reflection of the Fifteenth-Century Renaissance's ecumenical Council of Florence, and the ecumenical Treaty of Westphalia's rejection of the chiefly Habsburg-led religious warfare of the preceding 137 years. The emergence of the modern conception of strategic defense, by France's Lazare Carnot and the reformers associated with Gerhard Scharnhorst, translated the Christian's Augustinian principle of justified warfare into a rigorously defined expression as physical science, with the reforms associated with those two geniuses. Thus, the lesson of the victory of strategic defense taught to Napoleon in Moscow, was taught to Germany at Stalingrad, and to the Soviet forces in Afghanistan, a lesson which today's foolish promoters of a perpetual "war on terrorism," have clearly not yet learned, but certainly will. In the practice of modern civilized forms of society, the proper object of warfare, if war can not be avoided, is an early successful peace, not perpetual warfare like that undertaken in post-MacArthur Korea and Indo-China.

The modern nation-state, best expressed by limitless enthusiasm for scientific and technological progress, and by that love of mankind expressed as the intent to establish a universal Classical humanist education for all, is the finest achievement of statecraft in all known culture and statecraft today. It expresses the essence of the motive underlying Benjamin Franklin's direction of the crafting of the U.S. Declaration of Independence and Federal Constitution; that, in opposition to the bestial, feral constitution of the Napoleonic, fascist, treasonous Confederate States of America. The realization of the intent of Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Quincy Adams, and Abraham Lincoln, is a form of state which expresses the recognition of a fundamental distinction between the human species and all lower forms of life. This was the purpose of the German Classic, and the world's greatest modern scientists and creative artists, as typified by Kepler, Leibniz, Bach, Kästner, Lessing, Mendelssohn, Schiller, Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Gauss, the Humboldts, Schumann, Riemann, and Brahms. These and their like provide us a distillation of the highest expressions of statecraft in the tradition of Solon and Plato.

The need for that form of state, is the need to constitute society to an effect consistent with the requirements of human

nature as a cognitive being. I have written much on these matters, much of which is accessible immediately on websites associated with me. I would emphasize attention to my insistence on the use of Carl Gauss' 1799 refutation, in his first statement of the fundamental theorem of algebra, of the fatal intellectual errors of D'Alembert, Euler, and Lagrange. This work of Gauss, when studied against the background of his teacher Abraham Kästner, and against both the dialogues of Plato and the influence of Eratosthenes' "Platonicus," shows the pupil, in the relatively simplest and elegant way, what the mathematical meaning of a universal physical principle is, and also confronts the student with a most efficient experience with that aspect of his or her own mental life, cognition, which separates human nature from the practices of the empiricists, the Kantians, and the beasts.

In summary of that point, the following. Had mankind been a beast, determined by genetic heritage alone, the human population would never have exceeded several millions ape-like individuals on this planet, at any time. The increase of the per-capita power over nature, as reflected per square kilometer of the Earth's surface-area, is the result of the cumulative process of transmitting, and adding new discoveries of experimentally demonstrable universal physical principles, through the perpetuation of cultures by means of that faculty of cognition which Kant, in his *Critiques*, denied to exist. That is cognition, as distinct from the merely bestial powers of sense-perception found among lower forms of life. Thus, truly human relations are primarily cognitive relations, reaching across the successive spans of mortal generations.

In this process, the effect of transmitted cognitive products across generations supersedes the role of simple genetic heritage in determining the behavioral characteristics and productive potential of successive generations. Thus, I have written of the role of "super-genes," and have compared my own work with that of Vernadsky on this account. It is the evolutionary progress within and among cultures, through the cognitive generation and transmission of the discovery of universal physical principles, which expresses the true, universal nature shared equally among all mankind.

All racism is a mental and moral disease, typified by those would-be beasts who regard the targets of their abuse as, in practice, either hunted or herded varieties of human cattle. That was always the characteristic and legacy of the doctrine of the inferiority or hatred of sections of humanity targetted as intended victims of bestiality.

Connect the Dots

The most commonly recurring, most plainly anti-scientific flaw in the argument in your most recent message, is the repeated use of the method of the child's game of "connect-the-dots" for making sweeping generalizations about categories of people. "So-and-so is connected to so-and-so, who are connected to such-and-such," and so, on, and on, and on. In modern society, uses of "connect-the-dots" are characteristic



*"All those among us, who have been privileged, as I have been, to develop and employ their cognitive powers as a mode for communion with the living thoughts of many among the greatest known souls from even millennia of mankind's past, enjoy a special quality of life."
Raphael's "The School of Athens" depicts generations of great thinkers, from Plato to the painter himself.*

of the empiricists, among others. Take the case of Leonhard Euler's fraudulent attack on Leibniz's notion of an infinitesimal calculus, as an illustration of a display of utter incompetence by one among those otherwise classed as the most accomplished mathematicians. The same anti-scientific blunder by Euler and Lagrange, was the source of the blunder refuted by Gauss' definition of the complex domain, in his fundamental theorem of algebra. Euler's and Lagrange's blunder, which has done great damage to legions of university students over two centuries, is the same fallacy on which Immanuel Kant, an adherent of the same anti-Leibniz network, based the entirety of his *Critiques*.

You use the connect-the-dots method in a cruder fashion, but the principle of matter is the same.

Hence, in my determination to free my fellow-creatures from that mechanistic, at-the-blackboard misconception of nature, which has been my burning concern since adolescence, I have lately settled upon the referenced Gauss work as the most efficiently, relatively direct approach to making clear to the relatively greatest number, the crucial distinction between science and connect-the-dots syllogisms.

Instead of deriving mathematics from experimental proof of discovered universal physical principles, as Kepler, Leibniz, Gauss, Riemann, among others, have done, the empiricist attempts to fit observed or conjectured sense-impressions into an a priori scheme based on the fallacious, but popular notion of the counting numbers. It does not occur to the victim of an empiricist conditioning, that no one ever has seen a universal physical principle, such as

universal gravitation, and never will. We see only the effects of those principles, and by understanding and applying those principles, are able to control the relevant, perceptible effects. That is the simplest, broadest principle of modern experimental science.

All those among us, who have been privileged, as I have been, to develop and employ their cognitive powers as a mode for communion with the living thoughts of many among the greatest known souls from even millennia of mankind's past, enjoy a special quality of life. In our mind's eye, we see all those departed companions of our cognitive communication as like the collection of influential personalities arrayed in Raphael's "The School of Athens." In our mind's eye, thus, we feel their eyes upon us; we may often disagree with them on this or that matter, but we will never do anything which would rightly be considered shameful in their eyes.

The problem of those whose reading of history is in terms of "connect-the-dots" schemes, such as those to which you have turned, is that that very way of thinking blocks out the possibility of insight into the most important areas of knowledge. Worse, it tends to make life itself a living nightmare, an addendum to Dante's depiction of the Inferno. With such pessimism, nothing of much good were likely to be accomplished.

I suggest therefore, that you consider adopting a more cheerful way of viewing the current awfulness of the world, such as my own. If nothing else, try the exercise from Gauss to which I have referred.

—Lyndon