

Lift Our Eyes to the Stars

On July 20, 1969 mankind truly became citizens of the Solar System, when the Apollo 11 spacecraft touched down on the Moon. That historic moment, followed by the unforgettable “giant leap for mankind,” survives as a testament to the spirit of the real identity of the United States, when it was committed, under our great Presidents, to expanding the knowledge and welfare of all mankind.

What has happened to that identity? How could we as a nation, have become so degraded as to throw away that beautiful vision of man’s achievement, and submit to “leaders” such as Barack Obama, whose policies are systematically killing the space program, among his other victims? Can we, in fact, muster the quality of mind to fight to take up the mission which President Kennedy laid before the nation, and put ourselves back on the road to progress again?

The answer to those questions lies in facing some fundamental truths about the nature of mankind. As Lyndon LaRouche has stressed in recent years, human beings are not creatures of the senses, controlled by what they can hear, see, smell, taste, and touch. Human beings are *noëtic* beings, defined by having minds which can (and must) envision the future, and can take willful action to create what that future will be. Through their minds, which develop the ideas, and then the tools, to intervene into nature, human beings exercise the power to control their environment, to the benefit of the planet as a whole.

How very opposite this reality is, to the today’s common conception that we are creatures determined by our biology and the resources given to us from the past. We have literally been “dumbed down,” concerning ourselves almost totally with our immediate experience, and giving the non-

sense excuse of “not enough money,” when confronted with the demands from those committed to the space program, that we resume our mission to the Moon—as just one example—as the necessary jumping-off point for the full-scale exploration of the Solar System required for the defense of Earth for generations to come.

For space exploration, including eventual manned missions, is not a frill; it’s a necessity for mankind’s progress and survival. It is the Solar System, and the galaxy beyond, which actually determine our conditions of life and future as a species. To deny this reality is suicidal.

President Kennedy’s decision to commit the United States to land a man on the Moon during the 1960s, represented not just a “practical” response to Soviet leadership in space at the time, but an affirmation of man’s nature as a noëtic creature who can discover the principles which govern the universe, and master them. As such, it necessarily did have “practical” effects in vastly increasing man’s productive powers of labor, as a by-product of that higher commitment.

The other side of the issue is that a determination to *kill* space exploration, including manned space flight, reflects the anti-human intention to destroy human progress, and human beings as such. One sees this clearly in the case of Obama, who readily adopts the programs of Wall Street and the British Queen which are killing millions in the name of saving money and the environment. Such programs *save* nothing—not even their bankrupt system of Empire.

Man’s mind as the pinnacle of Creation—that’s the principle that must be restored. It’s the foundation of every program we require to save humanity now. Focus on it, and we can succeed.