
Editorial

Man, or Beast?

The bestiality should shock any sentient human being. A young Palestinian teen burned alive in a revenge killing, mass beheadings in Iraq of those who refuse to bow to the diktat of the “Islamic Caliphate,” tens of thousands of destitute Central American youth fleeing certain death from drug gangs and poverty across the Mexican border into the United States. A devastating picture globally, of man’s inhumanity to man. A New Dark Age.

Particularly gripping in recent days has been the situation of young illegal migrants into the United States. They have been sent either by desperate parents, who see no chance to give them a future in their own countries, or by murderous drug gangs, eager to use them as tools of their expanding trade. They brave the perils of long travel and flood across the border in the same way as Africans take to leaky boats in the Mediterranean, to try to get to Europe. They know many of them will die in the attempt, but they see no alternative.

This is a pattern of tragedies which must be addressed at its common root. Or, should we say rot.

That rot is the stink of Empire, with its corrosive destruction of the very idea of humanity in its essence of creativity and *agapē*. As with the dominance of the Roman Empire centuries ago, the planet is now being shaped by the imperial ideology of the British financial empire, based on the paradigm of the not-so-fictional Zeus. No culture is immune from this disease, although it takes different forms within different religions and states.

One of those dominant forms which spreads across cultures is the worship of money, as Pope Francis has reminded us. It has been a world economy based upon money producing money—rather than human invention creating improvements in

nature and human existence—that stands behind much of the desperate, virtually animal struggle for survival which we see today. That is the case, for example, in Central America, where unemployment rates are estimated to range upwards of 50%, basic infrastructure of clean water and protection from the elements is lacking, and internationally financed predator gangs run rampant, stronger than the state.

Another characteristic of the disease is the denial of the unique, sacred nature of the human mind. Every human being has the right and obligation to develop that creative capability to the best of his or her ability. Yet the Imperial ideology—whether it be through religious fundamentalism, Bertrand Russellite atheism, or mathematical behaviorism—literally tries to kill this capability. Perhaps the best example of such ideology is the deliberate spread of mind-destroying drugs, as we see today from, among others, the international banks, the British House of Lords, and billionaires like George Soros—with the blessing of the Obama Administration.

Clearly our culture will not be cleansed of this rot overnight, nor with the stroke of a legislative pen. Where we must begin is with a recognition of the problem, and a determination to rid our societies of the imperial practice. From that standpoint, the obvious first step is to move immediately to bankrupt the British Empire’s enforcer, its financial system, and turn instead to a model of high-technology economic development, as is now being sought in the Eurasian world.

Lyndon LaRouche has laid out the program and philosophical underpinnings in his “Four New Laws To Save the U.S.A.” It’s the pathway to a *human* future for all mankind.