



# Notre Dame de Paris on Fire

by Jacques Cheminade

*Cheminade, a former French presidential candidate and long-time friend of Lyndon LaRouche, issued the following statement on April 15.*

I have just learned about the fire at the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris. I want to express here the emotion that we all feel, friends and political allies—an emotion all the stronger because we have just concluded our seminar at Autun, home to the St. Lazarus Cathedral, the older sister of Notre Dame de Paris. Our cathedrals, centers of education for all, inspired the industrial and agricultural revolutions of the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries. Through them the connection between soul and matter, which always brings about a superior good for humanity, becomes manifest.

That in the 21st century, in France, in Paris, such an accident has been possible, overwhelms me. It is time to pull ourselves together in all areas of human activity, because we cannot remain inactive in those areas where humanity is at stake, and where human beings create objects so beautiful that they must be there forever, and for all of us sources of joy.

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