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# EIR

## From the Managing Editor

Lyndon LaRouche begins his latest contribution to the magazine (*Feature*) promising "Some urgently needed tough talk." He compares the ongoing destruction of our current civilization to "Troy re-enacted on a now global scale." "Since that time," he writes, "human civilization as we have known it … has been careening, now, along a course of ups and downs, mixed with surges of brutal and also exhausting trends of a type which would be akin to a precedent in the model of a virtual extermination of the population of Troy." "Mankind's Existence Is Called into Question," he writes, and it is we who will determine what comes "Next?"

Our cover story, as we approach the 12th anniversary of 9/11, is intended to blow apart the continuing coverup of the still-classified 28 pages of the 9/11 Congressional Joint Inquiry's Final Report, dealing with the role of the Saudi monarchy in the terrorist attack on the U.S., which has continued through the administrations of both Bush and Obama, who are "Joined at the Hip in Shameless Coverup of Anglo-Saudi 9/11." As the introduction to our *Investigation* states: "The wellspring of all significant international terrorism today is the Anglo-Saudi imperial alliance.…"

The Queen and her minions have further reason to be on edge: They are shaking in their boots over the swelling support for Glass-Steagall, which moves closer to being enacted, day by day, and which will wipe out the London/Wall Street economic royalists. To fuel this process, we provide a rundown of the "Crimes of Wall Street: Big Banks Commit Murder of U.S. States, Cities," in *Economics*, where you will also find reports from Greece and Detroit—both victims of the voracious global banking syndicate. LaRouche himself speaks to this question, during his Aug. 9 webcast, "Wall Street Mafia Drives To Stop Glass-Steagall" (*National*).

LaRouche's growing influence, especially among those who are moving to prevent world war, is featured in "LaRouche Warning Circulates To Stop War Drive vs. Iran," followed by a guest article, "Rouhani: A New Perspective for Iran." An in-depth report, "Know Thy Brothers: Tunisia and the IMF," examines the unholy alliance between the IMF and the Muslim Brotherhood in Tunisia.



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# Bust the London-Riyadh Global Terror Axis

by an EIR Investigative Team

Aug. 13—If another major terrorist attack like the Sept. 11, 2001 hits on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, or the Sept. 11, 2012 armed assault on the Benghazi, Libya U.S. Mission occurs, you can blame it on George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and the British and Saudi monarchies. The wellspring of all significant international terrorism today is the Anglo-Saudi imperial alliance, expressed most vividly in the 1985 Al-Yamamah arrangements between London and Riyadh that persist to this day.

Al-Yamamah ("The Dove") was ostensibly an arms-for-oil barter deal, first brokered by then-Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar bin-Sultan, and then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Under the cover of the arms-for-crude-oil deal, over the succeeding 28 years, hundreds of billions of dollars in cash have been squirreled into offshore banks accounts in such notorious havens as the British and Dutch Caribbean Islands, Switzerland, and Dubai.

Those funds have bankrolled nearly 30 years of global terrorism and coups d'état, dating back to late-1970s British and American sponsorship of the Afghan "mujahideen" which spawned al-Qaeda and every other Muslim Brotherhood offshoot now imposing a reign of terror across the entire Islamic world, and into Africa, Europe, and the Americas.

Beginning in the mid-1980s, Al-Yamamah slush funds bankrolled the Afghan "resistance," separatist wars in Africa, and the 1990s conflicts in the Balkans following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact. An honest and thorough investigation—yet to be accomplished—would all-but-certainly reveal that Al-Yamamah funds bankrolled the 9/11 terrorists.

The existence of an Anglo-Saudi top-down command over al-Qaeda and every other jihadist front group is well known within some circles at the highest levels of the U.S. government—dating back decades. But the successive Bush (41 and 43) and Obama administrations have presided over a brutal coverup of this Anglo-Saudi treachery, making them complicit before, during, and after the fact, in terrorist atrocities that have claimed tens of thousands of lives globally, and provided the pretext for every police-state tyranny that has been wrought on the United States over the past dozen years.

The single most glaring case of coverup of the Anglo-Saudi terror is the refusal of the George W. Bush and Obama administrations to release the 28-page chapter from the final report of the Joint Congressional Inquiry probing the 9/11 attacks, which catalogued the roles of the Saudi Ministry of Defense and Aviation, Saudi Arabia's General Intelligence Directorate (GID), and then-Saudi Ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar bin-Sultan, in the financing and protection of teams of 9/11 hijackers (see accompanying documentation).

Had Presidents George W. Bush or Barack Obama released those 28 pages, and allowed a thorough investigation into the role of British and Saudi intelligence in the September 2001 attacks, it is quite possible that



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*Queen Elizabeth and her "deadly virus" consort Prince Philip run the Empire with one determined commitment—the reduction of the world's population to less than 1 billion—by terrorism, famine, disease, and/or war.*

Ambassador Christopher Stevens and the other American diplomats and security officers who were killed or injured in the 2012 attacks on the Benghazi Mission and CIA Annex, would still be alive today. Thousands of others, killed or injured in Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Libya, Syria, Mali, and other frontline battlegrounds, too, might have avoided their fate. And the enormous buildup of the Big Brother espionage state that has now finally been partially exposed by the Edward Snowden, IRS, and other recent revelations, could never have been allowed or justified.

In addition, as the result of the failure to expose and wipe out the Anglo-Saudi authorship, funding, and protection of the global jihadist- and narco-terrorist nexus, the so-called "Global War on Terrorism" has been turned into one of the biggest criminal hoaxes in modern history.

Virginia Republican Rep. Frank Wolf has gathered the signatures of more than 160 House Republicans demanding the creation of a Congressional Select Committee to probe the Sept. 11, 2012 attacks on the American facilities in Benghazi, Libya. The Obama White House is desperate to block any such investigation. In tandem with the release of the buried 28 pages from the earlier Congressional Joint Inquiry into the original 9/11 attacks, such a Benghazi inquiry could unearth the actual roots of the two greatest terror atrocities against the United States since the British sacking of Washington and the burning of the White House in the War of 1812.

## An Open Secret

The suppression of those 28 pages has been repeatedly cited by former Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.), Lyndon LaRouche, authors Anthony Summers, Robbyn Swan, and others, as the crucial element in a far-broader coverup of the roots of modern irregular warfare and terrorism.

Much of the evidence of the deeper oligarchical roots of global irregular warfare is hidden in plain sight.

• In December 2000, the editors of *EIR* submitted a memorandum to then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, calling for a formal investigation to determine whether Great Britain should be put on the State Department's list of state sponsors of terrorism. The *EIR* document was based exclusively on formal complaints and evidence submitted by governments from every continent, all detailing the fact that Great Britain had provided safe haven and logistical support to terrorist organizations, including the Chechen separatists (Russia), the narco-terrorist FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia), Sendero Luminoso (Peru), the Kurdish Workers Party (Turkey), Gamma al-Islamiya (Egypt), Ansar al-Sharia (Yemen), the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (Libya), and the Islamic Guerilla Army (Algeria).

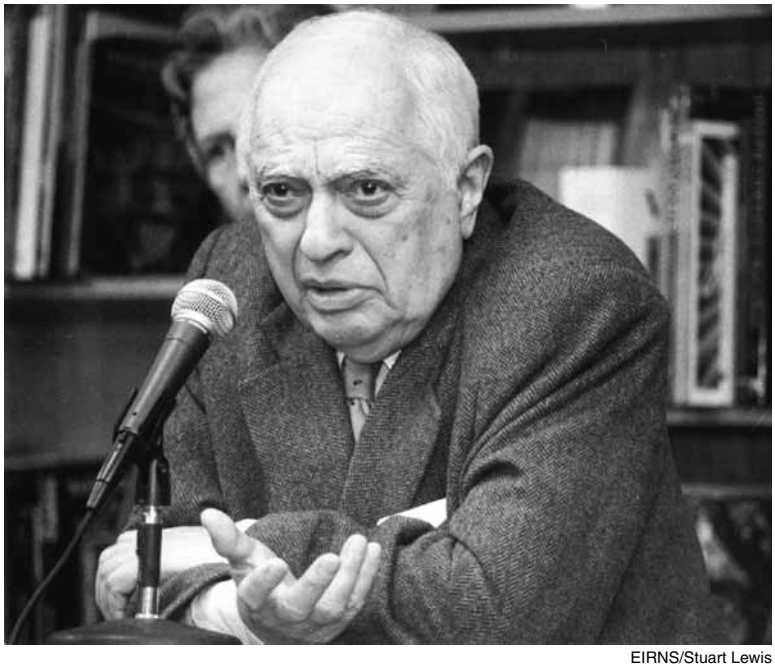
The *EIR* memorandum named Osama bin Laden, who, at the time, was maintaining a home in Wembley, England, and operated a propaganda office in London under the protection of the British Crown, as a subject for investigation.

• In 2007, *EIR* published exclusive evidence about the true nature of the Al-Yamamah-BAE Systems project and the offshore terror funds. Among the evidence

presented by *EIR* was material drawn from a semi-official biography of Prince Bandar, which detailed the offshore sequestration of Al-Yamamah profits and their use to arm the Afghan mujahideen, African governments, and other agencies engaged in "the fight against communism." Prince Bandar boasted in that book that the Al-Yamamah deal was a product of the unique relationship that existed between the British and Saudi monarchies, which allowed for the build-up of a massive "black fund" with no governmental oversight.

That *EIR* exposé included details, provided in public locations by Senator Graham and others, detailing some of the evidence of the Saudi official funding of 9/11.

When the investigations into the BAE-Saudi program threatened to blow up the Anglo-Saudi controlling hand over al-Qaeda and other jihadist terror, British Prime Minister Tony Blair ordered the Attorney General to shut down the probe on "national security grounds." To this day, Al-Yamamah barter deals between BAE and the Saudi Defense Ministry continue to feed the offshore terror slush funds.



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*The strategy of building up al-Qaeda and modern Muslim terrorism as a weapon against nations can be largely traced to "academic" and British intelligence agent Dr. Bernard Lewis, shown here speaking in Washington, D.C., in 2003.*

• In 2010, Ian Johnson wrote a book-length account of the British and American intelligence services' long-running sponsorship of the Muslim Brotherhood, *A Mosque in Munich*, which catalogued the 1960s emergence of the Muslim World League as the international recruitment arm of the Saudi-funded global jihadist terror. The Johnson account demonstrated that the Anglo-Saudi intelligence "special arrangements" predated Al-Yamamah by decades.

• Also in 2010, British researcher Mark Curtis wrote another book-length account, *Secret Affairs—Britain's Collusion With Radical Islam*, based largely on declassified British Foreign and Commonwealth Office and MI6 documents, showing that the British Crown intelligence service has been the sponsor and controlling force behind the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood and all of its even more violent offshoots, dating back to the organization's founding in the British-occupied Suez Canal Zone in Egypt in the 1920s.

• The History Commons, a little-known but important online archive (www.historycommons.org), has assembled over 20,000 news entries—all from public sources—detailing the Anglo-Saudi links to the 9/11 hijackers and other brutal acts of mass terror. It is an open secret, frequently publicized in the British media, that "Londonistan" is the capital of global jihadist terrorism. Despite the *EIR* effort in late 2000 to shut down the British Crown's transparent alliance with Saudi Arabia in sponsoring worldwide terrorism and separatist insurgency (Chechnya, Kurdistan, Kashmir, etc.), London remains the protector and recruitment hub for terrorism on every continent to this day.

The issue before us is not the availability of evidence. The issue is that leading government circles in Washington, London, and Riyadh are committed to covering up the Anglo-Saudi responsibility for 9/11, Benghazi, and other atrocities. Until and unless that coverup is broken, no one is immune from attack. The fact that two successive American Presidents—George W. Bush and Barack Obama—have put their personal imprimatur on the coverup of the British and Saudi monarchies' role in funding and orchestrating terrorism is grounds for prosecution and impeachment.

## Anglo-Saudi 'Thirty Years War'

The British alliance with Saudi Arabia to promote global terrorism and genocide has been a dominant policy for more than 30 years. Back in the mid-1970s,

Dr. Bernard Lewis, a leading British intelligence "Orientalist," called for an "Arc of Crisis" extending across the southern tier of the Soviet Union, from the Caucasus to Central Asia and into Western China's Xinjiang Province. Lewis called for Western intelligence sponsorship of an Islamic fundamentalist jihad against the "Godless communist monolith."

The "Bernard Lewis Plan," as it came to be known, gridded precisely with the official policy of the British monarchy to reduce the world population to below 1 billion people, through war, disease, and famine. Lewis was dispatched to the United States in the mid-1970s, where he sold the British new Thirty Years War scheme to such prominent American national security figures as Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Dick Cheney, Michael Ledeen, Richard Perle, and the entire coterie of neoconservatives who would come to populate two Bush administrations.

In effect, the "Bernard Lewis Plan," promoted by the British Crown and adopted by the Carter, Reagan, and Bush administrations, fostered a Thirty Years War that rages to this day. Starting in Afghanistan, London and Riyadh, with the complicity of dupes and traitors in Washington, created a global "dark age" legion of fanatical suicide fighters, who have gone from Afghanistan to Iraq, Syria, Libya, and beyond.

The sponsorship of this "new dark age" project is a top-down affair. The policy of the British monarchy is vast population reduction. They have a witting ally in Saudi Arabia, despite the fact that some of the very jihadist forces unleashed with London sponsorship and Saudi funding will ultimately bring down the Saudi monarchy itself.

Senior U.S. intelligence sources have confirmed that the "new" British policy for the entire Islamic world is the promotion of a permanent sectarian conflict between Sunni and Shi'a, exploiting a 1,000-year-old split within Islam, with the goal of mass genocide.

One of the most important British assets in this global genocide scheme is Prince Bandar. Trained in Britain, Bandar was not only the Saudi interlocutor with the British Crown and BAE in forging the original Al Yamamah deal. As Saudi Ambassador in Washington (and as practically an adopted son of George H.W. Bush), Bandar presided over the Saudi intelligence officers who shepherded the 9/11 hijackers for a year, leading up to the September 2001 attacks. His wife, Princess Haifa, provided cover for Bandar's direct financing of at least one team of the hijackers.

Today, Bandar is in an even more prominent position, as national security advisor to King Abdullah, and as head of the Saudi GID intelligence service. It is Bandar who is behind the deployment of thousands of "dark age" suicide fighters into Syria and Lebanon, to guarantee that the Sunni versus Shi'ite conflict reaches a critical mass of killing and hatred to last a century.

Bandar, however, is a foolish pawn in a much bigger game, a game controlled from London, not Riyadh. That oligarchical game is one of divide-and-conquer. Ultimately, it is a game of mass population reduction on a scale never before seen in history.

It is that British policy that must be stopped. The suppressed 28 pages from the Congressional Joint Inquiry are the crucial entry point for exposing the true nature of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and all that followed. Open that door and the entire Anglo-Saudi war against civilization can be exposed. From Bandar to BAE to the British Crown, the true masterminds of the heinous crime of 9/11 can be revealed. Those in the United States who have been complicit in the coverup of that crime can and must, as well, be brought to justice—including those currently occupying the highest office in the land.




# Bush and Obama Joined at the Hip in Shameless Coverup of Anglo-Saudi 9/11

Aug. 12—Twelve years ago next month—on Sept. 11, 2001—four teams of hijackers commandeered large passenger jetliners on coast-to-coast flights, and flew three of those planes into targets in New York and Washington, D.C., killing almost 3,000 perons. Of the 19 men that made up the hijacking teams, 15 were Saudi Arabian. Many of them, particularly the pilots, had been living in the United States for a year or longer, and had been taking flying lessons at well-known flight schools.



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*Joined in policies, joined in coverup.*

As former Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.), who co-chaired the Congressional Joint Inquiry, has repeatedly stated, there was in existence before 9/11 an extensive, state-sponsored support apparatus inside the U.S. which allowed the hijackers—most of whom had never been in the United States before—to live here and train, and to coordinate their attacks in an astoundingly successful manner, from their standpoint.

That support apparatus was first uncovered in San Diego by Senator Graham's investigators in 2002, when it was revealed how financial support for the hijackers had been funnelled through a Saudi intelligence agent, and the wife of Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar.

The funds involved, as *EIR* has uniquely documented,[1] were derived, at least in large part, from the British-Saudi Al-Yamamah slush fund, consisting of funds skimmed from the British-Saudi oil-for-aircraft deal exposed in the BAE scandal.

Despite the clear evidence of the state sponsorship of the 9/11 attacks by Great Britain and Saudi Arabia, the Bush-Cheney Administration launched military attacks on two nations which had only peripheral involvement (Afghanistan), or no involvement at all (Iraq).

And, as we shall show, the Bush Administration systemically suppressed the evidence of the British-Saudi role, most notably in the case of the still-classified 28-page section of the Congressional Joint Inquiry's final report, which is reliably reported to deal with the Saudi role.

When Barack Obama took office in January 2009, he promised to get the 28 pages released, but instead, has undertaken his own full-throated defense of the Saudis, and his own coverup of their role.

Moreover, when another important component of the Saudi hijacker-support network was discovered in 2011, centered in Sarasota, Fla., the Obama Administration went into full coverup mode to prevent any of this evidence from becoming public.

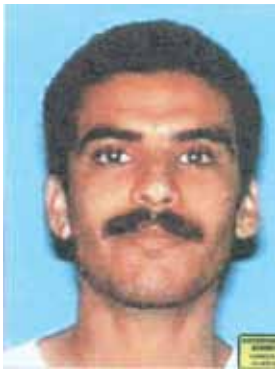
Twelve years is long enough! When one considers the human and financial cost of the "war on terror," which has left the true authors of the 9/11 attacks untouched, it is high time to break through the coverup, starting with the immediately release of the 28 pages.

1. Bandar's funds were likely derived from the Al-Yamamah project slush funds skimmed from the Saudi-British/BAE aircraft and oil deal. See box; also "9/11 Secret Partially Revealed," *EIR*, Sept. 16, 2011, and other EIR articles on the BAE scandal.

## Saudis Were Protected Pre-9/11

On Jan. 8, 2000, two known Saudi terrorists carrying U.S. visas, **Nawaf al-Hamzi** and **Khalid al-Mihdhar**, arrived in Los Angeles, where they were readily admitted into the United States. A couple of weeks later, a known Saudi intelligence officer, **Omar al-Bayoumi**, brought them to San Diego, where he settled them, and introduced them to the Saudi community. As was later discovered in the course of the Congressional Joint Inquiry, both Bayoumi and a second Saudi agent, **Osama Bassnan**, conduited large sums of money from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its Ambassador to the U.S., **Prince Bandar**, to Hamzi and Mihdhar.

In May, the two new arrivals began taking flying lessons. At the local mosque, they met **Prof. Abdussattar Shaikh**, who was on the payroll of the San Diego FBI office, assigned to monitor the Saudi community. In June 2000, when Mihdhar temporarily left the U.S., Hamzi moved into the home of FBI informant Shaikh.



*Khalid al-Mihdhar*

Al-Mihdhar spent the next year abroad, recruiting the "muscle" for the hijacker teams. In June 2001, he easily obtained a new multiple-entry visa from the U.S. Consulate in Jeddah.



*Omar al-Bayoumi*

Although Mihdhar personally seems to have visited the U.S. Consulate, he didn't need to. By this time, the U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia had instituted new procedures—called "Visa Express"—which allowed any Saudi to obtain a visa for entry into the United States without personally appearing at the consulate! (One official called this "an open-door policy for terrorists.")



*Nawaf al-Hamzi*

And, it wasn't just the State Department that gave the Saudis special treatment. Graham recounts how he learned in the course of his investigation, that U.S. Customs officials were taught in their training, that "Saudis are different." One Customs agent, who had risked his job by questioning and denying entry to **Mohammed al-Qantani**, a Saudi who, unbeknownst to the agent, was being met at the airport by hijacker-to-be **Mohammad Atta**, later told Graham that, in Graham's words, "a Saudi encountered in the course of duty is to be treated with deference and special respect." His fellow agents told him he was "crazy" to deny entrance to a Saudi.



*Vice President Dick Cheney, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, and senior staff immediately after the 9/11 attacks. The coverup begins.*

The case of Hamzi and Mihdhar illustates one facet of—to put it mildly—the blind spot that was endemic among large sections of the U.S. political establishment and the intelligence community toward the Saudis and their sponsorship of what became known as al-Qaeda. The Bush Administration's resistance to taking seriously the body of intelligence about al-Qaeda and the impending attacks on the United States, has been documented by, among others, former White House counterterrorism advisor Richard Clarke and former CIA Director George Tenet. In the White House, this blindness toward al-Qaeda and its Saudi sponsors was centered on Vice President Dick Cheney and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, and in the Pentagon, on Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and his top advisors, including Paul Wolfowitz, Stephen Cambone, and Doug Feith.

These officials all viewed the Saudis as important allies of the United States and Britain. This went back most immediately to the post-1979 war against the So-

viets in Afghanistan—in which the U.S., Britain, and the Saudi Arabia were the primary backers and funders of the mujaheddin fighters; and then, the 1980s Iran-Iraq War, in which the policy of the British, and of many in the U.S., was to let both sides bleed each other to death. On the British side, the Saudi alliance was underscored by the 1985 Al-Yamamah oil-for-aircraft deal, of which one critical component was a multi-billion-dollar terrorist slush fund administered in part by Prince Bandar (see box).

## Al-Yamamah: Funding Terrorism

Aug. 12—In *EIR*'s cover feature on June 22, 2007,[1] Counterintelligence editor Jeffrey Steinberg first laid out the secret deal between the Saudi royal family, and the British arms manufacturer BAE Systems, which holds the key to the funding of international terrorism globally. The name of that deal is al-Yamamah; it was signed by the British and Saudi defense ministers on Sept. 25, 1985.

The al-Yamamah deal was structured as a barter arrangement, with the British providing aircraft, and the Saudis providing oil. Saudi Arabia agreed to provide Britain with one tanker of oil per day, for the life of the contracts, which have been renewed a number of times since. An oil tanker holds approximately 600,000 barrels of oil.

BAE Systems began "official" delivery of the Tornado and Hawk planes to Saudi Arabia in 1989. BAE Systems now has approximately 5,000 employees inside Saudi Arabia, servicing the contract.

Is it possible to place a cash value on the oil deliveries to BAE Systems? According to sources familiar with the inner workings of al-Yamamah, much of the Saudi oil was sold on the international spot market at market value, through British Petroleum and Royal Dutch Shell.

*EIR* economist John Hoefle has charted the financial features of the oil transactions, based on BP's own daily tracking of world oil prices on the open market. Using BP's average annual cost of a barrel of Saudi crude oil, Hoefle concluded that the total value of the oil sales, based on the value of the dollar at the time of delivery, was $125 billion. In current U.S. dollar terms, that total soars to $160 billion.

Based on the best available public records, the total sticker price on the military equipment and services provided by BAE Systems to Saudi Arabia, over the 22-year period to date, was approximately $80 billion. And those figures are inflated by billions of dollars in slush fund payouts. Indeed, a limited-damage scandal around al-Yamamah erupted in November 2006, during which a British Ministry of Defence document revealed that the prices of the jets had been jacked up by at least 40%.

Thus, BAE Systems, a crown jewel in the City of London financial/industrial structure, secured somewhere in the range of $80 billion in net profit from the arrangement—in league with BP and Royal Dutch Shell! Where did that money go, and what kinds of activities were financed with it? The answer to those questions holds the key to the power of Anglo-Dutch finance in the world today.

The biographer (2006) and friend of Prince Bandar bin Sultan, who brokered the deal for the Saudis, William Simpson has provided an insight: "Although al-Yamamah constitutes a highly unconventional way of doing business, its lucrative spin-offs are the by-product of a wholly political objective: a Saudi political objective and a British political objective. Al-Yamamah is, first and foremost, a political contract. Negotiated at the height of the Cold War, its unique structure has enabled the Saudis to purchase weapons from around the globe to fund the fight against Communism. Al-Yamamah money can be found in the clandestine purchase of Russian ordnance used in the expulsion of Qaddafi's troops from Chad. It can also be traced to arms bought from Egypt and other countries, and sent to the Mujahideen in Afghanistan fighting the Soviet occupying forces."

In effect, Bandar's biographer confirms that al-Yamamah is the biggest pool of clandestine cash in history—protected by Her Majesty's Official Secrets Act and the even more impenetrable finances of the City of London and the offshore, unregulated financial havens under British dominion.

1. "Scandal of the Century Rocks British Crown and the City."



White House Photo/Eric Draper

*President Bush and Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar in Crawford, Tex., Aug. 27, 2002. The Prince was implicated in funding the 9/11 attacks the previous year, but that didn't disrupt their friendly relationship.*

## 'Clean Break'

Saudi Arabia and other (Sunni) Arab Gulf states were integral to the 1996 "Clean Break" strategy cooked up by U.S. neo-cons such as Richard Perle and Doug Feith, and Israeli right-wing Likudniks. "A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm," issued by the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies in Jerusalem, called for Israel to ally with Turkey and Jordan, in targetting Iraq and Syria, and to a lesser degree, Iran. (Later, in 2006, Cheney and Condi Rice were calling for an anti-Shi'ite, anti-Iran alliance to be composed of Israel and the Sunni states of the Persian Gulf, including, notably, Saudi Arabia.)

In the pre-9/11 period, Rumsfeld and his neo-con advisors were particularly dismissive of warnings, derived largely from NSA intercepts, about impending al-Qaeda attacks. Journalist Bob Woodward, in his *State of Denial* account, reports that in June 2001, Rumsfeld challenged the CIA's assessment of **Osama bin Laden**'s plans, asking if this were some kind of grand deception. Tenet, in his memoir *At the Center of the Storm*, reports that he was approached by Cambone, the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, in July 2001, with the same question: Were al-Qaeda's threats a deception, intended to tie up our resources and expend our energies on a phantom threat? Tenet says that Wolfowitz, the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, was raising the same question. To the extent that Rumsfeld's Pentagon was focussed on threats, and not just management issues, their attention was on the neo-cons' favorite "axis of evil" targets, Iraq and North Korea.

The Rumsfeld-Wolfowitz mindset continued right up through the 9/11 attacks. For a couple of days after Sept. 11, Rumsfeld and Wolfowitz refused to accept that the attacks were carried out by al-Qaeda, insisting instead that Saddam Hussein was responsible. On the afternoon of 9/11, Rumsfeld actually ordered the Pentagon to begin making plans for retaliatory air strikes against Iraq.

Despite the close relationship between the Saudi royal family and the Bush crowd in Texas,[2] tensions between the Saudis and the new President George W. Bush were on the rise during the Summer of 2001, as the younger Bush unequivocally backed the Israelis, and blamed the Palestinians, for the violence in the West Bank and Gaza. After Saudi **Crown Prince Abdullah** turned down an invitation to visit the White House, the President's father, George H.W. Bush, personally intervened to assure the Saudis that his son's "heart is in the right place."

On Aug. 23, after President Bush had backed a particularly brutal Israeli operation on the West Bank, Abdullah ordered Bandar to confront the White House. Bandar took the message to the Administration in a meeting with Rice on Aug. 27, in which he threatened to break the longstanding alliance with the United States. Bush quickly backtracked, assuring Bandar that his Administration would support the creation of a Palestinian state. Bandar flew to Riyadh with a personal message for Crown Prince Abdullah from Bush. When Bandar returned to Washington, he went to the White House and met personally with Bush, Cheney, Rice, and Secretary of State Colin Powell, on Friday, Sept. 7. Discussions continued over the weekend of Sept. 8-9, and Bush invited Bandar to return to the White House the following Thursday, Sept. 13.

The terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, with 15 of the 19 hijackers being Saudis, did nothing to disrupt Bush's and Bandar's plans. Incredibly, two days later, on Sept.

2. Craig Unger, *House of Saud, House of Bush* (New York: Scribner, 2004). The account of the Bush-Bandar relationship is largely drawn from Unger's account.

13, Bandar—who had financed and controlled the 9/11 hijackers—was indeed back at the White House, smoking a cigar with Bush on the secluded Truman Balcony.

Over the previous 48 hours, Bandar had been in constant contact with the White House, arranging for the flight of at least 140 Saudis—members of the royal family, and of the extended bin Laden family—out of the United States. Despite the fact that all commercial aircraft in the United States were grounded, special chartered flights began picking up Saudis around the country on Sept. 13. Although both the White House and the FBI initially denied authorizing the flights, Bandar and other Saudi diplomats had no such reticence: They declared that the evacuation had been approved at "the highest level of the U.S. government."

Astoundingly, at the time when a thousand Arabs and Muslims across the U.S. were being arrested and detained on the slightest suspicion of terrorist links, privileged members of the Saudi royal family and of the bin Laden family were allowed to flee the United States, without the FBI or anyone else being allowed to interview them!

## The Congressional Joint Inquiry

Meanwhile, by the end of September, Graham, as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, had arrived at an agreement with Rep. Porter Goss (R-Fla.), the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, to pool their resources and to conduct a joint investigation, rather than the House and Senate each doing their own probe. They met with Bush, Cheney, and other Administration officials, who all promised full cooperation.[3]

In February 2002, after the second session of the 107th Congress had convened, Graham and Goss formally announced the creation of the Joint Inquiry. But within days, Graham learned that bin Laden and al-Qaeda were no longer the Administration's priority: Military and intelligence resources were being shifted to prepare for a war in Iraq. Graham, while at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa for a briefing from the military's Central Command, was stunned, and then furious: All the Administration's promises about rooting out terrorism, and destroying al-Qaeda, were being scrapped.

During the Summer of 2002, the Joint Inquiry, and its specially hired professional staff, proceeded on its investigations and preparation for public hearings, with an end-of-the-year deadline, when the 107th Congress would end. When Mike Jacobson, a former FBI counterintelligence analyst working on the committee staff, came across an FBI informant's report on Hamzi, the staff asked the FBI what else they had; weeks went by with no response. While Jacobson and another investigator for the Joint Inquiry were preparing for a visit to the FBI's San Diego field office, staff director Eleanor Hill was summoned to meet with top FBI officials about "a very sensitive issue," which turned out to be that of the FBI informant who, it was admitted, had indeed known Mihdhar and Hamzi quite well. The FBI, on direct instructions from the White House, delayed, stalled, and obstructed the Joint Inquiry; the informant was relocated, and was never produced for questioning.

In November 2002, the FBI disclosed to Graham and Goss in a letter, that it was the Bush Administration that was behind the stonewalling. "We were seeing in writing what we had suspected for some time," Graham wrote; "the White House was directing the coverup."

In San Diego, the Inquiry's investigators discovered the Saudi money trails to the hijackers Mihdhar and Hamzi. One trail led from Saudi government agencies, through the Saudi spy in San Diego, Bayoumi, who passed funds on to the hijackers; the second trail began with **Princess Haifa** (the wife of Prince Bandar), and continued through a second Saudi intelligence agent, Osama Bassnan, to the hijackers. Princess Haifa was also a sister of Prince Turki bin-Faisal, then the head of Saudi intelligence agency GID.[4]

## 9/11? What Was That?

As the Joint Inquiry moved toward public hearings in September 2002, the Bush Adminstration's stonewalling increased. This included stalling on declassification of documents, and resistance to providing witnesses. As Graham put it, "The more we learned, the

3. Bob Graham, *Intelligence Matters: The CIA, Saudi Arabia, and the Failure of America's War on Terror* (New York: Random House, 2004); see also Jeffrey Steinberg, "Bob Graham, a Man with a Mission," *EIR*, Sept. 21, 2012. Unless otherwise indicated, the account of the Congressional Joint Inquiry is taken from Graham's book.

4. When top al-Qaeda official **Abu Zubaydeh** spilled the beans on the Saudi royal family members who were directly financing al-Qaeda, and other evidence of Saudi financial support was found, the evidence was suppressed; three of the Saudi princes he named, including Prince Ahmed bin Salman, turned up dead with months. See Edward Spannaus, "Abu Zubaydeh Case Shows Fraud of NSA's Dragnet Surveillance," *EIR*, June 21, 2013.



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*"The more we learned" about the attacks, said Sen. Bob Graham, who co-chaired the Congressional Joint Inquiry, "the less curious the Administration seemed about what had happened on September 11." Shown: the remains of the World Trade Center following the 9/11 attacks.*

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After the public hearings concluded on Oct. 2, the Joint Inquiry spent the next two months preparing its Final Report, which contained findings of fact, and recommendations for improving the collection, sharing, and use of intelligence. The Report, in its full, classified version, was filed on Dec. 20, 2002. Then followed many months of battle to get sufficient portions of the Report declassified, so that the public could see some version of it.

Finally, on July 24, 2003, a heavily redacted version of the Report was released to the public. Graham says he agreed that several of the censored sections were properly withheld in the interests of national security. But, he says, "there was one area that did not need to be kept secret, and it was the one area where the White House refused to relent," explaining: "This was, not surprisingly, the section of the report related to the Saudi government and the assistance that government gave to some and possibly all of the September 11 terrorists."

This was the now-famous 28 pages, which begin on page 395 of the Report. This section begins by referring to information concerning "specific sources of foreign support for some of the September 11 hijackers while they were in the United States."

Both Graham and Richard Shelby (Ala.), the Republican co-chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, reviewed the 28 pages, and said that 95% of the information in those pages could be released without harm to the national security.

Graham attributed the suppression of the 28 pages to the White House, not the CIA or the FBI, and he later said that this, in itself, was sufficient grounds to impeach President Bush.[5]

## The 9/11 Commission

From the outset, Bush and Cheney were opposed to any investigation, and particularly to any public airing of the intelligence failures prior to 9/11. Already in January 2002, Cheney had called Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle to demand that he shut down any public airing of pre-9//1 intelligence. During the course of 2002, under heavy pressure from the families of 9/11 victims, the White House was forced to agree to the creation of an independent, bipartisan commission to conduct a full investigation of the 9/11 attacks. The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (the "9/11 Commission") was estabished by an act of Congress in November 2002—while the Congressional Joint Inquiry was still finishing up its work. While intended to be independent of the White House, it was in fact surreptitiously controlled from the

5. Anthony Summers and Robin Swan, *The Eleventh Day* (Ballantine Books, 2011), p. 420.



2012 Munich Security Conference

*Henry Kissinger was Karl Rove's first choice to head the independent 9/11 Commission, but he resigned abruptly after being asked by 9/11 family members, "Do you have any Saudi clients?"*

outset by the Bush-Cheney White House, which blocked any investigation of the real state sponsor of terrorism—Saudi Arabia—and instead used the Commission to try to rally support for an attack on Iraq.

White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove oversaw the White House's choice to chair the Commission. The first choice was Henry Kissinger, a selection which alarmed many, including families of 9/11 victims.

In mid-December a delegation of 9/11 family members met with Kissinger in the Manhattan offices of Kissinger Associates, to demand that he make public his client list. When he explained why he could never do this, 9/11 widow Lorie van Auken got right to the point: "Do you have any Saudi clients?" Startled by the question, Kissinger lost his balance, spilled his coffee, and abruptly called the meeting to a close.[6]

The next morning, Kissinger called the White House and resigned. The following day, Rove called the patrician former Governor of New Jersey, Thomas Kean, to ask if Kean would consider taking the position vacated by Kissinger. When Kean accepted, and came to the White House to meet with Rove, White House Chief of Staff Andy Card, and National Security Advisor Rice, he got the same, uniform message from all of them: "We don't want a runaway commission. We want you to stand up."

Over time, a baffled Kean realized that what they meant, was that he should "stand up" for the President, i.e., protect the President at all costs.

The primary means by which the White House controlled the 9/11 Commission was through the insertion of Philip Zelikow as the Commission's executive director. The ambitious and arrogant Zelikow had served on Condi Rice's transition team in December 2000-January 2001, and had been instrumental in the demotion of White House counterterrorism advisor Richard Clarke—who was later to expose how utterly unconcerned Rice and Bush were about the threat of al-Qaeda terrorism when they came into office, and indeed, up until the very moment of the 9/11 attacks.

Unbeknownst to any of the 9/11 Commissioners, Zelikow had, at Rice's request, secretly authored the Administration's National Security Strategy doctrine which, in its advocacy of pre-emptive war, overturned the nation's entire military and diplomatic history.

At the Commission, Zelikow immediately centralized everything with himself, forbidding any direct contact between the staff and the ten Commissioners—reducing the latter almost to the status of figureheads.

Worse, Zelikow was later found to be maintaining a secret back channel to the White House, with frequent calls with Rove and Rice.

## The 28 Pages—Again

Under the law creating it, the 9/11 Commission was supposed to build its investigation upon the record of the Congressional Joint Inquiry. Graham was encouraged by the creation of an independent, bipartisan commission, and was hopeful that it would get to the bottom of what had gone on with the Saudis in San Diego—which his Congressional Inquiry had been unable to do, because of pressure and stonewalling by the White House and the FBI.

Two staff investigators from the Joint Inquiry, Justice Department lawyer Dana Leseman and FBI coun-

6. Philip Shenon, *The Commission: The Uncensored Story of the 9/11 Investigation* (New York: Hatchette Book Group, 2008), p. 13.




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*Philip Zelikow, the executive director of the 9/11 Commission, forbade any direct contact between the Commission staff and the ten Commissioners, while maintaining a secret back channel to Karl Rove and Condoleezza Rice.*

terintelligence analyst Mike Jacobson, were brought onto the Commission staff, at the suggestion of one of the Democratic Commissioners, former Rep. Tim Roemer. Jacobson had been the primary author of the suppressed 28 pages.

Both Leseman and Jacobson were familiar with the Saudi investigation; moreover, they had the requisite security clearances, and they were anxious to follow through on the work they had started in the Congressional Inquiry. Jacobson did not have a copy of the classified 28 pages that he himself had written, so, early on, Leseman asked Zelikow to provide it to them.

Although all the documents of the Joint Inquiry were supposed to be available to the Commission, Zelikow refused.

When Zelikow later found out that Leseman had somehow managed to obtain a copy of the classified portions of the Congressional report anyway, he fired her on the spot. This, despite the fact that she needed the 28 pages to do her job, she had the required clearances, and she handled the documents totally properly, always keeping them in the Commission's offices, and locking them away at night. After this, no one, even Jacobson, dared to seek access to the secret 28 pages.

Zelikow, like the White House, had little interest in getting to the truth behind 9/11.

## On to Baghdad

Meanwhile, in March 2003, Bush had ordered the long-planned invasion of Iraq, billing this as the next step in the "war on terror." Zelikow faithfully followed Bush and Cheney's lead, in attempting to concoct the case that Saddam Hussein was somehow linked to al-Qaeda and the 9/11 attacks. Zelikow went so far as to feature, as a prominent witness in a July 2003 public hearing, the neo-con crackpot Laurie Mylroie, who blamed Iraq for just about every terrorist attack in the history of the world, including the 1993 and 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center.

Shortly after this, 9/11 families' representative Lori van Auken (who had earlier confronted Kissinger over whether he had any Saudi clients), tore into Zelikow at a meeting of families and the Commission staff. "That took a lot of nerve putting someone like that on the panel," she said. "This is supposed to be an investigation of September 11. This is not supposed to be a sales pitch for the Iraq War."

Zelikow's pushing of the Iraq War was also a factor in the resignation from the Commission of former U.S. Sen. Max Cleland (D-Ga.). The other major element was Cleland's perception that Tom Kean and the Commission's vice-chairman Lee Hamilton were totally unwilling to confront the White House. Cleland later said he did not want to participate in the "whitewash" and coverup of 9/11 being orchestrated by the White House.

## Saudis Questioned

Meanwhile, Mike Jacobson, who had originally uncovered the evidence of the Saudi support network in San Diego, kept pushing the Saudi issue, particularly attempting to get access to Saudi intelligence agent Bayoumi, and also to **Fahad al-Thumairy**, a former Saudi diplomat who had been in contact with Hamzi and Mihdhar in Los Angeles. (Bayoumi fled to London after 9/11, where he was detained by Scotland Yard. When the FBI sent agents to London to interview him, the British, at the request of the Saudi Embassy in London, released him and allowed him to return to Saudi Arabia.[7]) Thumairy, a professed jihadist, was

7. "Was the Saudi Government Involved in the 9/11 Terror Attacks?"

technically not a diplomat; he worked for the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, and was the liaison from the Saudi Consulate to the Saudi-financed King Fahd Mosque in Los Angeles. In 2003, he was deported from the United States.

Jacobson and other investigators found evidence suggesting that Thumairy had orchestrated support for the hijackers through a network of Saudi expatriates and others, which included Bayoumi. They were anxious to confront Thumairy with the evidence they had collected. In the interview in Riyadh, Thumairy was uncooperative, even denying that he knew Bayoumi, despite abundant evidence to the contrary. Later Commission memos evaluated his answers as "deceptive" and his explanations as "implausible."

Bayoumi was twice interviewed by Commission investigators, after which Zelikow—incredibly—expressed his view that Bayoumi was *not* a Saudi agent.

John Lehman, a former Navy Secretary and a Republican Commissioner, was also concerned about the Saudi ties to 9/11, and particularly about the money flows from Bandar's wife to San Diego. On a number of occasions, Lehman pressed the White House on the Saudi question, and, according to author Philip Shenon, he was struck by the White House's determination to hide any evidence of the Saudi-al-Qaeda relationship. "They were refusing to declassify anything having to do with Saudi Arabia," Lehman told Shenon later. "Anything having to do with the Saudis, for some reason, it had this very special sensitivity."

When it came to writing the 9/11 Commission's Final Report, Jacobson and others, believing that they had explosive evidence on the Saudi government connections to the hijackers, tried to get their material included in the body of the report, but it was downgraded, and relegated to the footnotes.

The Saudi Embassy in Washington was so happy with the final report, claiming that it "debunked the myths" about Saudi involvement, that they posted excerpts on the Embassy website.

## Obama's Promises

When Barack Obama took office in 2009, hopes were raised that he might release the 28 pages. Shortly after his inauguration, some of the 9/11 family members met with Obama, who assured them that he would get the 28 pages released. Bill Doyle, whose son died in the World Trade Center, says that Obama promised him personally that he would release them. Graham states that he too was promised that Obama would release the missing pages.

But tellingly, within a few months of taking office, the Obama Administration filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of Saudi royal family members who were seeking to defeat a lawsuit by 9/11 families trying to hold the Saudis responsible for the 9/11 attacks. "I find this reprehensible," said Kristen Breitweiser, a leader of the families. "One would have hoped that the Obama Administration would have taken a different stance than the Bush Administration."

## The Sarasota Revelations

The Obama Administration didn't just carry on the Bush-Cheney coverup; it added a new one of its own.

In September 2011 (as *EIR* has reported[8]), dramatic new disclosures came to light, linking Saudi nationals living in Sarasota, Fla., to a number of the 9/11 hijackers. What emerged was that shortly before Sept. 11, 2001, a wealthy Saudi family abrupty fled from their luxury home in Sarasota; subsequent investigations revealed that a number of the future hijackers, including lead hijacker Mohamed Atta (who crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center) had visited the house, and others had been in telephone contact. Security records of the gated community showed that two other hijacker-pilots, **Marwan al-Shehhi** (South Tower, World Trade Center) and **Ziad Jarrah** (Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania) had also visited this particular house. All three had taken flight lessons at the Venice Airport, less than 20 miles from the Sarasota house.

The house in question was owned by **Esam Ghazzawi**, who had been a financial advisor to a high-ranking member of the Saudi royal family, **Prince Fahd bin Salman**. (Prince Fahd's father is a brother of King Fahd; his younger brother, **Prince Ahmed bin Salman**, was one of three Saudi princes who died suddenly in the Summer of 2002, after reportedly being identified as

*Daily Beast*, March 13, 2012, citing *Newsweek*.

8. See, for example, Edward Spannaus and Jeffrey Steinberg, "More Explosive Evidence of Saudi Support for 9/11 Hijackers," *EIR*, Sept. 23, 2011.

financiers of al-Qaeda and the 9/11 attacks.)[9]

Also living in the Ghazzawi house were his daughter and her husband, **Abdulazzi al-Hiijjii**. Al-Hiijjii fled to London, where, ten years later, he was living in a luxury flat, and working for Aramco Overseas Company UK Limited, a subsidiary of the Saudi Arabian state oil company.

After the Sarasota story surfaced, former Senator Graham told the *Daily Beast*, "There's no question in my mind that the Saudi government was involved in 9/11."

"This is the most important thing about 9/11 to surface in the last seven or eight years," Graham told the *St. Petersburg Times*. "It's very important for the White House to take control of this situation. The key umbrella question is: What was the full extent of Saudi involvement prior to 9/11, and why did the U.S. Administration cover this up?"

9. See footnote 4.

## Graham: Hijackers Needed The Saudi Support Network

In a Sept. 15, 2011 interview with Democracy Now!, former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham said the following:

"One of the questions around 9/11 is whether these 19 hijackers were operating alone or whether they had a support network that assisted them and gave them anonymity. It's been my feeling that it was very unlikely that they could have been successful without such a network. We know a great deal about the network component that existed in San Diego. What we've just learned is about another pod of this network in Sarasota.

"What we know to date is that there was a wealthy Saudi family living in a gated community near Sarasota, which had numerous contacts with Atta, the leader of the hijackers, and two others who were doing their [airline] pilot training near Sarasota. We also know that this family left the United States under what appear to be very urgent circumstances on August the 30th, 2001, just before 9/11."

When asked how his concerns about the Saudi role in 9/11 had developed, Graham responded:

"Well, it started with the disbelief that 19 people, most of whom didn't speak English, had never been in the United States, could have come here, plotted, practiced, and then executed such a complex plan as 9/11. My assumption had been that they had some support system that was already in place in the United States, which facilitated their activities. We learned a lot about such a facilitation in San Diego. Now we're beginning to learn about Sarasota. The question in my mind is, what happened in places like Arlington, Virginia; Paterson, New Jersey; Phoenix, Arizona; Delray Beach, Florida, where we know hijackers lived for a considerable period of time? Were there similar facilitators in those communities?

"Right after the first Persian Gulf War, the monarchy in Saudi Arabia became very concerned that they were going to be the next Iran, a youth-led revolt. In order to avoid that, one of the steps they took was to begin to establish monitors in those areas of the world where there were significant numbers of Saudi youth, particularly college and university students.

"One of those places was San Diego. The man who was listed by the FBI, described prior to 9/11 as a Saudi agent, had the responsibility of that monitoring in Southern California, but he also, in January of 2000, took on a second task, which was to provide assistance to two Saudis who had recently entered the country. We know that they had been very important and experienced operatives of al-Qaeda, because, among other things, they had just attended a summit of terrorists held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the first week in January in 2000. Bayoumi, the agent in San Diego, and Bassnan, who was the successor to Bayoumi, provided substantial assistance to these two men.

"Now, it appears in Sarasota that the facilitators may not have come from the same network of persons who were monitoring students, but rather from people who were close to the [Saudi] royal family and were considered reliable, and who were given this assignment of helping hijackers."




*Former Senator Graham has continued to press the issue of reopening the 9/11 investigation and releasing substantial sections of the redacted 28 pages. He is shown here on Sept. 15, 2011.*

In a Sept. 15, 2011 interview on Democracy Now!, Graham described the Saudi "support network" for the 9/11 terrorists that the Congressional Inquiry had uncovered earlier in San Diego, and said, "We've just learned about another pod of this network in Sarasota."

"What we know to date," Graham said, "is that there was a wealthy Saudi family living in a gated community near Sarasota, which had numerous contacts with Atta, the leader of the hijackers, and two others who were doing their pilot training near Sarasota. We also know that this family left the United States under what appear to be very urgent circumstances on August 30, 2001, just before 9/11." Graham stressed that the FBI did not tell the Congressional Joint Inquiry about the Saudi hijacker contacts in Sarasota, just as it had not disclosed the San Diego network until his investigators discovered it.

## Graham in Federal Court

In May 2013, in a declaration filed in Federal court in Florida, Graham called for the FBI to make full disclosure of all documents relating to its investigation of the Sarasota Saudis. After describing the FBI's failure to provide the relevant information to both the Joint Inquiry and the 9/11 Commission, he declared: "I am deeply troubled by what appears to me to be a persistent effort by the FBI to conceal from the American people information concerning possible Saudi support of the 9/11 attacks." Graham was joined in his call for full disclosure by the organization representing 6,600 survivors and relatives of those injured and killed in the 9/11 attacks.

What triggered Graham's and the 9/11 families' new demands, were statements made by the FBI in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit pending in Federal court in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. After the FBI at first denied that there was any connection between the Sarasota Saudi family and the 9/11 attacks, the Bureau then claimed, in Spring 2013, that disclosure of certain classified information about the Saudi family "would reveal current specific targets of the FBI's national security investigations."

In his court declaration in May, Graham also pointed out to the court, that the section of the Joint Inquiry's report that deals with Saudi support for the hijackers is still being withheld from the public. "The 28-page section of the Inquiry's Final Report dealing with 'sources of foreign support for some of the Sept. 11 hijackers,' remains classified to this day even though declassification would not, in my opinion, endanger national security."

## 'Stop Protecting Saudi Potentates'

Almost immediately after Graham made his court filing, the group representing survivors and relatives of those injured and killed in the 9/11 attacks issued its own statement, which said:

"The Steering Committee of the 9/11 Families United To Bankrupt Terrorism endorses the efforts of investigative reporters Dan Christensen and Anthony Summers and calls on the FBI to come clean regarding an investigation involving a Saudi family, former residents of Sarasota, Fla., who may have provided aid to the 9/11 hijackers."

Sharon Premoli of Dorset, Vt., who had been pulled from the rubble of the World Trade Center, stated: "After almost 12 years, the time has come for the Department of Justice, the FBI and this administration to give the American people access to the truth about who financed the murder of 3,000 people on 9/11. It is simply implausible that release of this information would interfere with any current national security investigation. Rather, the FBI's obstruction creates at least the perception of a cover-up to protect Saudi potentates."

Although there is some question as to who has the power to declassify and release the 28 pages dealing with the Saudis—Congress or the Obama Administration—the families put the onus directly on Obama.

"First President Obama promises me personally to release the 28 pages removed from the Congressional committees' report and doesn't, and now the FBI is

pulling this stunt," said Bill Doyle. "The FBI keeps contradicting itself. On one hand, they say they found no evidence connecting the Sarasota Saudis to 9/11. On the other hand, they say releasing the information would threaten national security. But they can't have it both ways. And the Courts should not let them get away with it."

"I think that in the period immediately after 9/11 the FBI was under instructions from the Bush White House not to discuss anything that could be embarrassing to the Saudis," Graham was quoted by MSNBC as saying in March 2012. "It is more inexplicable why the Obama Administration has been reticent to pursue the question of Saudi involvement. For both administrations, there was and continues to be an obligation to inform the American people through truthful information."

As recently as July 13, 2013, Graham has continued to press the issue. In a *Miami Herald* op-ed, entitled "Questions for Obama," Graham took up the President's recent call for "a national debate on liberty and security in post 9/11 America."

"I welcome this call," Graham wrote, "but the difficulties with your proposal include: how to have a debate on a subject you don't know exists; and how to have a debate if the facts necessary to engage in an informed discussion are withheld."

Graham cited the Sarasota situation, which, he said, raises questions such as: "Could the 19 hijackers have conducted such a complex operation alone?" and "Did the terrorists have the support of a network, perhaps directed by elements of a foreign nation-state?" After reviewing the basic facts of the Sarasota situation, Graham then posed a series of questions for Obama, which include: "Why have the Saudis been treated in a distinctively different manner than other nationalities?" Graham pointed out that "this stark difference was highlighted after the Boston marathon bombing in April. Within hours of the massacre, the FBI was aggressively investigating whether the two Muslim Russian Chechen bombers had acted with the connivance of Muslims from Russia's volatile North Caucasus region. Yet, more than 10 years after 9/11, it appears everything possible is being done to conceal Saudi assistance to the 19 hijackers."

Indeed it is.

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CRIMES OF WALL STREET

# Big Banks Commit Murder Of U.S. States, Cities

Aug. 10—The LaRouche Political Action Committee has instituted a weekly Wall Street Crime Report (larouchepac.com), beginning July 2013, which is documenting, state-by-state, and city-by-city, the criminal actions of the mega-predator banks, with the consent of the state or the Federal government, genocidal actions which are destroying the lives of Americans.

Over the past 20 years, the $3 trillion annual sum of U.S. budgets of municipalities, counties, and specialty entities of all kinds, was seen as a looting ground by the Wall Street/London/Eurozone banks. Interest rate swaps and other contrived deals were struck, in tandem with manipulated financial rate indices, such as Libor (London Interbank Overnight Rate); ISDAfix, FOREX, and others.

This assault bilked local governments and states out of multi-billions of dollars. Thousands of localities were swindled, including school districts; towns and counties; hospital and university systems; port and airport authorities; water and sewer commissions; irrigation and levee districts; pension funds, and the like.

Prior to these outright thefts, there were two decades of looting through inducing local entities to place their funds into rigged "investments," such as derivatives. This gave rise to crises, insolvencies, and damage to residents; for example, the famous 1994 blowout of the finances of Orange County, Calif., through derivatives losses set up by Merrill Lynch.

All of this deadly swindling was perpetrated atop the underlying process of erosion of economic activity of the United States and the world.

The Libor ripoff, for example, is estimated to have affected, and swindled, 75% of all municipalities in the U.S., and was done by a cartel of megabanks, and perpetrated as a standard operating procedure, especially since 2005. The idea was to use interest-rate swaps to rig terms and obligations in order to extract huge money flows from state and local governments; from authorities responsible for water, transportation, and public safety; from hospitals, educational institutions, and others. If the entrapped cities and entities want to vacate these looting contracts, they face huge termination fees to the banks.

This can only be stopped by the instant restoration of Glass-Steagall, followed by the implementation of a Hamiltonian credit system, and massive job-creation programs like the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA XXI). Every state in the Union has an interest in forcing through this action now, which will literally put the Wall Street sharks out of business.

Here is a compilation of the Crime Reports from July 21 and Aug. 5.

## Northeast/New England

### Connecticut

• The City of New Britain's Firefighters' and Police Benefit Fund was among the first to sue the banks that sold them interest rate swaps, claiming the Libor ma-




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*JPMorgan Chase, and its CEO Jamie Dimon, are at the top of the list of criminal bankers whose ripoffs of U.S. states, cities, and general welfare institutions, have decimated entire regions of the country, and their people. Here, LaRouchePAC takes on the Wall Street mafia, in New York City, Aug. 12.*

nipulation had cost them millions, in the days following the revelation of the rate-fixing in 2012.

**Massachusetts**

• The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA), faced with a $160 million deficit in fiscal 2013, was forced to raise fares, in some cases, precipitously (23% to 150%), due to a crushing debt burden arising from interest-rate-swap deals, which were subject to criminal manipulations by the banks. The MTA serves 175 cities and towns that include about 70% of the state's population.

• The City of Boston: Numbers of entities serving the metro-Boston region have been bleeding from swaps deals. Partners HealthCare, the big medical complex involving Massachusetts General and Brigham and Women's Hospitals, in August 2012, reported $59 million in swaps losses for its recent fiscal year. The MBTA has been running at about $25 million in annual swaps losses, in favor of its swap counter-parties: Deutsche Bank, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, and UBS.

**Rhode Island**

• Central Falls, a city of 19,000 people, was forced into bankruptcy, and massive cuts in pensions and public employment, plus huge tax increases, in 2011.

## Mid-Atlantic

**Maryland**

• The City of Baltimore has been cheated out of millions of dollars through rigged interest-rate swaps, which losses led, according to Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, to devastating cuts in fire safety, among other services. Baltimore was the lead plaintiff in a suit against the 16 banks involved in selling interest-rate swaps. Federal Judge Naomi Buchwald of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York ruled largely in favor of the banks on April 1, 2013.

**New Jersey**

• The cities of Camden, Paterson, Newark, and Jersey City, all brutally deindustrialized by the looting of the physical economy by the Wall Street money machine, have all come under various forms of receivership, especially their school systems—as local and Federal authorities continue to push for privatization of education.

**New York**

• Throughout the state, there has been a loss of medical facilities, sufficient for ratios of health-care delivery. In Brooklyn, for example, Long Island College Hospital is in line for shutdown by the owner, SUNY Downstate, while area residents and medical staff fight to keep it open.

• Nassau County, Long Island, which was forced into state receivership in 2011, for the second time in a decade, was defrauded of an estimated $13 million by Libor interest-rate rigging.

**Pennsylvania**

• The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been broadly and visibly affected by interest-rate-swap

swindles, as documented by Auditor General Jack Wagner in a January 2012 report entitled "Too Big to Trust?—Banks, Schools, and the Ongoing Problem of Interest Rate Swaps." Wagner found that of the 500 school districts in Pennsylvania, 107 had entered into interest-rate swaps between 2003 and 2009, as had another 86 local government entities. Altogether, they had contracted 626 swaps, relating to $14.9 billion in debt during that period.

• The City of Philadelphia and its school district, which Wagner had said had $1 billion in swap contracts in 2010, had already lost $331 million in net interest payments and cancellation fees relating to swaps negotiated with bailed-out institutions such as Wells Fargo, Morgan Stanley, and Goldman Sachs, and stood to lose another $240 million in net interest rates alone. Many other cities, such as Reading and Bethlehem, were similarly ripped off. Philadelphia has been bilked into overpaying $110 million in inflated swaps termination fees by a grouping of 12 banks, which otherwise raked in swaps payments prior to the termination. The particulars are laid out in a lawsuit filed July 26 by the City of Philadephia against the banks, which include JPMorgan Chase, Royal Bank of Canada, Royal Bank of Scotland, UBS, and nine others (see *City of Philadephia v. Bank of America Corp. et al.,* Federal Court, Eastern District).

• Harrisburg, the state capital, came under state receivership as a result of its own interest rate derivative, taken out on behalf of building a sewage system. The result was the evisceration of the city budget. On Aug. 14, the Harrisburg City Council is scheduled to meet, under pressure to rubber-stamp the new killer-austerity proposals.

• More than 20 local governments are at present under state-run emergency management, under which deep cuts in services, workforce, and infrastructure are being imposed. Most, if not all, of these municipalities are among those local government entitites in the state that have been looted under interest-rate-swap swindles. A May 9 memorandum issued by state senators opposing swaps, reports, "These risky and complicated swaps have cost Pennsylvania taxpayers billions of dollars. From October 2003 to September 2012, 108 of 500 school districts—a shocking 22 percent—and 105 local government units had $17.25 billion in public debt tied to swaps, according to DCED [Department of Community and Economic Development].... We believe swaps represent gambling with the public's money..." (Senators Mike Folmer, Rob Teplitz, John Blake, John Eichelberger, Lisa Boscola, whose bill S293 bans swaps for all local governments). The major Wall Street predators include: Wells Fargo, Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, Royal Bank of Canada, and others.

• The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission lost $109 million in swaps in recent times, according to a January 2013 report by state Auditor General Wagner. Along with this, there is a concerted effort by Wall Street to pressure the state to sell or lease the turnpike to private Wall Street interests, which so far, legislators have rebuffed.

## Southeast

### Alabama

• Montgomery County/Birmingham was forced into bankruptcy in 2011, as a result of a JPMorgan Chase swindle on interest rate swaps for their sewer system. The county is just now seeking to re-emerge from bankruptcy, after having suffered substantial water rate increases, layoffs, and other attacks on living standards.

### Florida

• Sarasota Memorial Hospital lost $5 million in derivative swaps, due to the Libor rigging, which led the hospital to cancel expansion, and left 50,000 people without the services of a needed new hospital.

### Kentucky

• Owensboro Medical Health System was swindled out of $14 million through an interest rate swap negotiated through Merrill Lynch, in the Spring of 2010.

### North Carolina

On July 1, 70,000 jobless North Carolinians lost their unemployment benefits, as a result of changes in state law, which not only lowered the number of weeks that benefits were available from 26 to 20 weeks, but reduced the maximum benefit from $535 to $350, thus making the state ineligible for Federal unemployment funds. The unemployment rate is officially 8.9%.

### West Virginia

• There are now 23,000 coal miners, centered in West Virginia, and in the other Eastern coal states, facing health-care cutoff in October, because of deliberate Wall Street/London actions to destructure their cartel commodity operations, in order to dump "excess" people and carbon "waste."

The corporate screw-you maneuvering is simple. When "coal was king" the commodities wing of Wall

Street had its stake in Arch, Peabody, and other companies, worldwide. They made a bundle, while mine-safety regulations were kept below minimum, notoriously so, under the successive Bush regimes, when many U.S. miners' lost their lives in numerous mine disasters.

Then, the moneybags behind the commodities cartels pulled up stakes, destructured corporations, and went off with their loot, before the greenie "carbon-is-out" campaign hit full force. Patriot Coal Corp. was created as a shell company, to later walk away from any and all obligations to the workforce, and to discontinue coal-mining activities.

Peabody spun off Patriot in 2007, giving it about 11% of its assets, but over 43% of its retiree liability. In 2008, an-Arch spin-off, Magnum Coal, was absorbed into Patriot. In the process, Patriot got 12% of Arch's assets, and 96% of its retiree health-care liabilities. In 2012, Patriot declared bankruptcy; it soon announced that it could no longer afford to pay pensions and health benefits to its workers, retirees, and their families. On May 29, this was upheld by a Federal bankruptcy judge in St. Louis, headquarters of Patriot, Arch, and Peabody.

On June 25, President Obama delivered the imperial-greenie epitaph: Carbon is out. Coal is out. People are out.

## Midwest

### Illinois

• The City of Chicago is being forced into new draconian budget cuts, both within its school system and other public services, as a result of the deliberate starving of the physical economy by the Wall Street banks. The Chicago Public Schools authority was paying out in the range of $36 million a year, as of 2011, on swaps deals with Bank of America Corp., Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Royal Bank of Canada, and Look Capital LLC.

One such agreement extends until March 2036. From 2003 to 2011, the swaps claims by the banks forced a net loss to the school system of $120.7 million, according to the Chicago Teachers Union. Now, under Mayor Rahm Emanuel, former Obama chief of staff, the school system is being drastically downsized. In June, 50 schools were closed, with associated layoffs of 850 personnel. On July 18, 2,100 more teacher layoffs were announced, as the budget deficit reached $1 billion.

### Michigan

• Detroit is the largest city in the U.S. ever to declare bankruptcy, a victim to the Libor interest-rate derivatives scandal, in addition to the criminal shutdown of the auto industry, which was presided over by the Bush and Obama Administrations. Detroit itself is being murdered, along with its hundreds of thousands of citizens, among whom the official unemployment rate is 18.5%, with real joblessness being much higher. The city was thrown into a Federal Chapter 9 bankruptcy process on a blitz timetable, in service to the Wall Street predators and state collaborators, intent on extracting every last bit of loot, while obliterating the population and region. A rapid timetable is in motion; on Oct. 23 a hearing for whether the state's bankruptcy application is legitimate will take place; but meantime, the apparatus is in motion for cutting government functions and workforce. For example, on Aug. 2, emergency manager Kevyn Orr announced his plan to increase the fees that city workers pay on their health care.

• On Aug. 2, the Pontiac School District, with 4,700 students, was officially designated as in a state of financial emergency, activating a state law under which local leaders are now compelled to choose various options: accepting an emergency manager; filing for Federal Chapter 9 bankruptcy, asking for another "evaluation," etc. The City of Pontiac itself has been dismembered under an emergency manager assigned by the state in 2010.

• Genessee County, 60 miles from Detroit, suffered a failure Aug. 2, in its attempt to secure loans to build a new water system (rather than relying on Detroit's); there were no buyers for its $53 million municipal bond offering. Genessee County bonds have an A2 rating by Moody's, nominally meaning, "a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations," but no credit for government functions has come forth as of this writing. Only cutbacks and cutoffs.

• Saginaw County plans a bond offering of $60.6 million, not for infrastructure, just to fund its pensions. Many Michigan localities, already in dire straits, are now consigned by Wall Street as uncreditworthy because of "Detroit contagion."

## Southwest

### Texas

• The State of Texas, home of the Bushes, has undergone a massive cut in the 2012-13 education budget, losing over 10,000 teaching positions, and over 25,000




*Goldman Sachs and CEO Lloyd Blankfein were leaders in the criminal syndicate that bilked millions from U.S. cities, using the Libor scam, and other forms of "creative" looting.*

jobs overall, even as enrollment rises by 83,000 students per year. Schools have been closed across the state, with poor children losing access to free lunches.

• The City of Houston has been forced to make multi-millions of dollars of artificially high payments to a group of predator banks, including Bank of America, Barclays, Citigroup, and others, against which the city filed a lawsuit in July 2013, over their the banks' manipulation of interest rates, in particular, the Libor.

## Western States

### California

• As the most populous state in the Union, California has been looted in myriad ways by the predator banks and the austerity and environmental policies of the Obama Administration. We highlight three examples here:

• Oakland, a city of 390,000, has been bled dry by Goldman Sachs interest-rate swaps, which were part of the Libor rigging. The police force has been drastically cut, leading to an increase in crime, and hundreds of jobs cuts, to allow the city to pay exorbitant, fraudulent fees to Goldman.

• The Central Valley, a rich agricultural area, has been devastated by the Obama Administration's environmental policies, including support for the cutback of necessary water for irrigation in the drought-stricken area, and refusal to provide for the water projects to solve the problem in the longer term.

• Crucial state institutions, such as the state pension fund (CalPERS) and state universities, have been swindled massively by the Libor-rigging scandal.

• JPMorgan Chase is estimated to have cost California electricity customers about $160 million in fraudulent costs in 2012 (and Michigan customers another $83 million), through its electricity market "merchant bank investments," which were prohibited when the Glass-Steagall Act was in force. The bank has been fined some $500 million for price-rigging, by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Barclay's Bank has been fined $470 million by FERC, for the same crime, but is refusing to pay.

Using the Enron *modus operandi*, JPMorgan holds interests—many of them controlling—in 35 electricity-generation plants nationwide, totalling 8,000 megawatts-electric, with 13 of the plants in California. (This is not to mention its ownership of 100 oil tankers.)

Many of these plants are operated by the electric utility holder AES Corp., but Morgan sells them their fuel supplies, controls their prices, and decides when they go on or off line.

California has likewise been hit by swaps rip-offs. Dozens of government and specialty entities in the state were roped into swaps deals rigged to oblige them to pay multi-millions to Wall Street; these include the University of California system, the cities of Richmond and Riverside, and 18 cities in the counties of San Diego, Sacramento, and others. In 2013, so far, 15 entities have filed lawsuits against banks including Deutsche Bank, Bank of America, Citigroup, Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and more.

Besides rigging the Libor, the Wall Street/London/Eurozone banks are implicated in the manipulation of another rate-setter, the ISDAfix Index, which has been used to rig derivatives and other kinds of speculative deals. Last year, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) began tracking through a million e-mails associated with the banks and ISDAfix, and according to an Aug. 1 Bloomberg report, there are patterns showing how the banks used the rigged trends on the ISDAfix Index to impose losses on companies, governments, and pension funds such as CalPERS, the largest in the nation.

### Oregon

• The Rogue Valley Medical Center, in Medford, a city of 75,000, with an unemployment rate of 9.6%, as of April 2013, was looted when the Wall Street crisis hit in 2008, collapsing the auction-rate securities market. The interest rates on its swaps soared from 5% to 18%, leaving Medford to pay a $30 million termination fee to end the swaps—which it did at the expense of hospital staff and other cutbacks.

# Greek Leader Seeks Kirchner's Advice On Exit from Euro

Aug. 5—*Theodore Katsanevas, economics professor at the University of Piraeus (Greece), and a founder of the anti-euro Drachma 5 Party in that country, has requested that the government of Cristina Fernández de Kirchner send "a top Argentine official to Greece to explain the Kirchner policy approach" in its battle against "the vulture funds and the banks more generally."*

*Professor Katsanevas issued his proposal in the form of a question sent to the July 27 webcast of Helga Zepp-LaRouche, president of the Schiller Institute in Germany, and Dennis Small, Ibero-American editor of* EIR*, in dialogue with a meeting in Buenos Aires. The webcast was titled: "Glass-Steagall: How To Stop the Global Financial Meltdown Over a Weekend; Who Is Out To Topple the Kirchner Government in Argentina, and Why?"*[1] *Here is the exchange:*

**Katsanevas:** I am interested in knowing about the Argentine government's future plans, how it is facing the problems posed by the vulture funds, and the banks more generally, and whether it has the support of the Argentine people.

Specifically, what is its view on Glass-Steagall, and what is the overall state of the Argentine economy? We would like to know whether the Kirchner government has any advice for us regarding "Grexit" [a Greek exit from the euro—ed.]. A visit by a top Argentine official to Greece, to explain the Kirchner policy approach, would be most welcome here."

**Small:** I do not represent the Argentine government, nor am I going to say anything or put a response in its mouth. However, we can have a sense of what their response might be, on the basis of what they have said on other occasions regarding the Argentine situation, and what their approach is to Europe.

President Cristina Kirchner has said that the destruction which the Troika is currently bringing about in Europe, is unthinkable. And it is also useful to recall what President Nestor Kirchner said on April 15, 2005, in Munich, Germany: "There is life after the International Monetary Fund, and it is a very good life." That was in 2005. One decade earlier, in 1995, Lyndon LaRouche's *EIR* magazine published a special report, and we held international events, under the title: "Yes, There Is Life After the Death of the International Monetary Fund."




Courtesy of Theodore Katsanevas

*Prof. Theodore Katsanevas*

It's pretty clear that the right path for Europe is exactly what Helga Zepp-LaRouche has indicated. The chessboard has to be completely kicked over. It is not only necessary for every country to leave the euro; rather, the euro has to leave Europe altogether. The euro system should not exist, because it is a system of looting and austerity run by the British Empire.

We have proposed measures which, along with Glass-Steagall, are required to fix the European situation. Therefore, from our standpoint, the standpoint of the international LaRouche movement, we believe it would be highly desirable for there to be direct exchanges among the patriots of Argentina and Greece, and of Spain, Italy, the U.S., Russia, and others. That is precisely why we organized this international webcast. Because only that kind of international coordination among those of us who are both patriots of our respective countries, and world citizens, as Schiller put it, only in that way will we be able to defeat the British Empire.

1. A video of the webcast is posted at http://larouchepac.com/webcasts/20130727.html.

LAROUCHE RESPONDS

# Wall Street Mafia Drives To Stop Glass-Steagall

Aug. 10—The criminal enterprise known as the Wall Street "too big to fail" (TBTF) banks has been caught red-handed in a desperate effort to block passage of Glass-Steagall. Bills have been introduced in both the U.S. House (H.R. 129) and the U.S. Senate (S. 985 and S. 1282) to reinstate the 1933 legislation that broke up the banks into totally separate commercial and investment entities. Through a lobbying effort estimated to have cost more than $300 million, Wall Street was able to repeal Glass-Steagall in 1999.

So far, 24 state legislatures have introduced or passed resolutions demanding that their Congressional delegations support Glass-Steagall's passage; and major labor, farm, and civil rights organizations have also endorsed the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall separation.

In response to that nationwide outpouring of support for Glass-Steagall, Wall Street has responded with a four-pronged assault to block passage, according to well-placed Washington sources. These reports grid precisely with evidence directly obtained by LaRouchePAC organizers.

First, the Big Six Wall Street banks (JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, and Wells Fargo) have unleashed their lobbyists and trade associations to target state legislators who back the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall. Evidence of this operation has surfaced in Delaware, Minnesota, South Dakota, Texas, and California.

Second, members of the U.S. House and Senate have been personally contacted by top officials of the Big Six banks, and threatened with loss of campaign support and of thousands of jobs in their districts, unless they drop their support for the Glass-Steagall bills.

Third, the CEOs and other top executives of TBTF banks have been placing personal calls to Congressional leaders and other pro-Glass-Steagall influential figures, also threatening reprisals against any who persist in pressing for Glass-Steagall.

Fourth, LaRouchePAC activists mobilizing support for Glass-Steagall have been subjected to physical attacks, vandalism, police harassment, and other measures to blunt the growing support for breaking up the banks and throwing the top Wall Street criminals in jail. These attacks have been organized on a locale-by-locale basis, using whatever hooligan elements can be hired.

According to one informed Washington source, Wall Street and the Obama White House were caught completely off-guard by the rapid escalation of support for Glass-Steagall. The movement toward passage of the reinstatement bills moved ahead far more rapidly than anyone in the Administration or the Big Six banks had expected. The fact that half of the state legislatures in the country, including New York and California,




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*LaRouchePAC organizing outside JPMorgan Chase in New York City. The "Big Six" Wall Street banks are twisting arms to prevent the reinstatement of the Glass-Steagall Act.*

have had resolutions introduced calling for the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall, indicated a level of mass public support that posed an existential threat to the very survival of the "too big to fail" criminal enterprises of Wall Street.

It should be no surprise that the TBTF banks have resorted to mafia tactics. The banks are being protected from long-overdue criminal prosecution by the White House and the Justice Department, which has officially adopted the "Holder Doctrine," under which the big banks, including their top executives, have been given a license to steal and murder with immunity from prosecution. With Detroit showcasing the genocidal consequences of such policies as the rigging of the Libor interest rates and the manipulation of interest rate swaps to loot already desperate city budgets, the ability of the Obama Administration to continue its protection racket is running up against growing popular rage.

The Wall Street actions targeting Glass-Steagall are criminal in their own right.

## LaRouche: 'A Showdown'

Asked to comment on the Wall Street moves, which were exposed in a recent press release by LaRouchePAC, during his Aug. 9 webcast, Lyndon LaRouche emphasized the "showdown" nature of the current fight and made two essential points. First, the criminal activity by Wall Street reflects the fact that the bankers realize Glass-Steagall is headed for victory, and that *only* by corruption and intimidation can they stop it. Second, the consequences of *failing* to pass Glass-Steagall are nothing less than the implemention of the global depopulation plan of the real power behind Wall Street and Obama, the Queen of England.

We provide the transcript of his answer, which is available in video format at http://larouchepac.com/node/27690.

"Well, the significance of this, is the fact that the relevant people have been caught right-handed, left-handed, and back-handed. And they're now, in a sense, subject to a thorough investigation before and after this proceeding is completed. In other words, they're not going to get away with this on their own basis, because they're still subject to what they've done in fraud, in this case.

"This means hope for the United States, because the actions that have been taken, and the fact that they are traced to these agencies—not just these banks, but political institutions which are responsible for this sort of stuff—means that unless Glass-Steagall is automatically victorious in this matter, then the question is: How much fraud was perpetrated in order to bring about a defeat of Glass-Steagall?

"So, the issue is not settled. It can be settled by a victory of Glass-Steagall, but it cannot otherwise. The fact that the charges that are made in terms of reported facts—and they *are* reported facts—means that you've got something very dirty going on, and it can lead to very serious consequences for members of the Congress, because in some cases, this was done, or was being done, under the instigation of members of the Congress and their agents. So, it's a very hot situation.

"The other side of the thing is the positive side: The fact that these guys were caught out—they had no anticipation that such an event was occurring in that form—indicates the importance, and the probable vic-

tory, which probably lies—an honest victory lies in the hands of those who were defending the Glass-Steagall reenactment. And therefore anything that's done which gets even close to that kind of problem, where there's a doubt about who actually got the vote, and whether intimidation was used—which is really a felony—intimidation was used to effect, say, a defeat of the Glass-Steagall motion—then that's another issue.

"So, we are not going to, obviously, sit back and watch this process. We will watch it, but we are also going to look into the hooliganism which is already in progress to try to defeat Glass-Steagall. The attempt to change the definition of what the law is, is in itself monstrous. And particularly when you consider the fact that what the intention is on the other legislation: If Glass-Steagall is not victorious, and if something like what has been proposed is introduced instead, you're going to see something else which is really darker.

## The Queen's Intent *Is* Genocide

"The Queen of England, who is actually the controller of this process, including responsibility for participation in this fraud, has declared her intention to reduce the population of the planet, through her powers—the empire she controls—from 7 billion people, to 1 billion or less. She is presently headed toward *less*, which would mean the greatest mass murder that the planet has ever known.

"Imagine going from 7 billion people down to less than 1 billion people? Well, what's the population of China? The population of China is how many billion people? 1.4 probably, something like that. What about Russia? What about India? What about Japan? You mean you're going to wipe out, one way or the other, you're going to wipe out most of the population of China! You're going to wipe out most of the population of Japan, of India, of Russia, and other countries!

"*This is what is at stake here*, because the Queen of England, who is actually the backer of these policies—the one who's instrumental, and she's *declared* herself to be that, she's *declared* herself as intending to bring about a reduction of the human population from 7 billion people to less than 1. She's done it, she intends it, and she has the power to do so! It's not England, it's not the British Isles; she controls much more. She controls more or less directly about 40% of the human population, and has a great influence on others, a great pressure. So, you want to see, in a quick run, you want to see the population of this planet falling from below the 7 billion people it was at least recently, to the less than 1 billion people which is indicated now?

"This would be largely by starvation; that would be the key thing. You see starvation now: There is not enough food being produced in the United States to meet the requirements of the population of the United States. And that's what she [the Queen] has done.

"The green policy is one of the means by which the genocide will be effected. People have been fooled into this idea of green policy. But what that green policy has meant so far, is there's not enough food to feed the population of the nation. And that is not something that's a natural occurrence; that's something that was done *deliberately, intentionally, and under her direction*. And she takes responsibility for it! She says *she's* the one—and with her cohorts—*she's* the one who's pressing the genocide. *She's* the one who's demanding the genocide.

"And the other side: Look at U.S. history. You take from deep into the United States' history, that there has been a control over the banking system and related institutions of the United States, from Britain. These things are her policy now, but it goes back to the early part of our nation. And it's evil. It *has* been evil all along. It was only after we won the Civil War, that we were able to put some checks on the genocide which was already going on. And then afterward, we've had the same kind of problem as before, with Presidents who were controlled by banks—the British banks controlled around the New York area, and Boston. And this was a concentration of banking which was used to doing all the dirties against the United States up to that time. And that's where we are.

"So, we have the two things. First of all, this is a criminal operation, in terms of what the facts are that are presented. If you're hiring gangsters to go out and try to change the policy of the United States by gangster methods, that's a crime! And that's what they *declared* themselves intending to do! On the other hand, the policies that the Queen is pushing—which is *their* policy: The same institutions involved in this are the ones which intend to put this thing through.

"So, you're facing *your* genocide; your victimization and genocide is what you're facing. And these guys, these hooligans, who are using these kinds of methods already—hooligan methods—means that these guys are criminals. And if we don't beat these guys, you're going to see a lot fewer citizens of the United States and other countries surviving."

# Bankrupt Wall Street, Not Detroit

*The LaRouche Political Action Committee has issued a 20-page pamphlet, under the title, "Detroit: Arsenal of Democracy, or Test-Case for Fascism," for immediate circulation nationwide. We reproduce the introduction to the pamphlet, written by Bill Roberts for the LaRouchePAC Policy Committee, here.*

If what is being done to Detroit, under the guise of bankruptcy, is not defeated, Detroit will quickly become the model for what will be done to numerous other cities, counties, and states. Detroit's bankruptcy case is now being fast-tracked in order to avoid possible legal challenges like those that ended in Harrisburg, Pa., and other municipalities being declared ineligible for Chapter 9 bankruptcy. One of the obvious legal challenges that this fast-tracking seeks to avoid, is that bankruptcy would bring about a default on pension payments to city workers, which is illegal under the Michigan Constitution.

What worries Wall Street and the City of London even more, however, is that the temperament of the American population is rapidly turning against the criminals in high finance. Whether it is HSBC laundering drug money and financing terrorists, or Standard Chartered committing massive securities fraud, senior executives of banks that are considered systemically important are never criminally prosecuted and have never had to admit guilt.

Growing anti-Wall Street sentiment could very quickly make Detroit a symbol of the crimes Wall Street has committed for decades. There is already a growing recognition that Detroit is not a unique case, and that a rapid succession of planned bankruptcies will soon follow for other cities. The criminals who intend to commit Nuremberg crimes against Detroit don't intend to wait around for the American people to catch wind of what is going on.

The intended rape of Detroit is a preview of what is in store for all U.S. cities under Title II of the 2010 Dodd-Frank bill: As the global financial bubble implodes, the systemically important financial institutions will bail themselves in, Cyprus-style, by robbing their unsecured creditors' accounts. In Detroit's case, UBS AG and Bank of America have been promised 80 cents on the dollar from Emergency Financial Manager Kevyn Orr to cover exit fees from rigged interest rate swaps, while city workers are robbed of the income they have earned. Detroit is to the United States what Cyprus is to Europe.

During the last three weeks of July, members of the LaRouchePAC Policy Committee, joined by former and current state legislators, conducted non-stop meetings with offices of the U.S. Congress, to deliver the message that the American population demands that they reinstate Glass-Steagall, and that the purpose of Glass-Steagall is to bankrupt Wall Street.

Through rampant financial speculation, Wall Street has collapsed the food supply, the manufacturing base, and the life expectancy of the population. This has not been done by accident: It has been the repeatedly stated policy of the British monarchy to reduce the population of the planet to less than 1 billion people. Either Congress acts now to destroy Wall Street by implementing the step-by-step process of bankruptcy reorganization of these institutions, or Wall Street will rapidly accelerate the death rate of the American population.



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It is a question of power. Does Wall Street have the power to commit mass genocide, or do the American people have the power to destroy Wall Street? The heavy-handed deployment by JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, and other banks, opposing the adoption of a resolution in support of Glass-Steagall by the State Senate of Delaware in June, shows that the Wall Street banks are not confident

that they have the political power to implement systemic genocide against the American population.

There are now 74 co-sponsors to the Kaptur/Jones H.R. 129 in the House of Representatives, and 2 bills in the Senate for Glass-Steagall, S. 1289 and S. 985, with growing support. Resolutions in support of reinstating Glass-Steagall have now been introduced in half of the state legislatures across the nation, and pressure is being leveraged by these legislators to force Members of Congress to either support Glass-Steagall, or be smoked out as shameless whores for Wall Street.

What happens to Detroit will not be decided in Detroit. A full recovery program for the United States must be driven by increases in the productive powers of labor, as Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton understood this to be the most critical factor in the ability of a population to generate wealth. Detroit, as the former center of the machine-tool-design industry, with its skilled workforce and unused manufacturing capacity, can lead the nation to higher levels of productive output.

One very critical component of a recovery program in the United States will be a large increase in the number of nuclear power plants. A recovery of U.S. agriculture and manufacturing will not be possible without the construction of dozens of new nuclear power plants. The supplementation of nuclear power to the 1964 NAWAPA water infrastructure program, for example, will greatly increase the amount of water available per year for irrigated agriculture in the Western states. Large amounts of new manufacturing would quickly overtax America's already limited power supply if there were not very large additions of power generation added to the grid.

The construction of dozens of brand-new nuclear power facilities is not only critical to revive our nation's ability to support its population into the future, but it would employ millions of people in the production of materials such as concrete, steel, and other components. With millions of empty square feet of variable-use factory floor space, Detroit could conceivably mass produce nuclear power plants to drive a several decades-long recovery process.

The enemies of the nation would rather you believe that Detroit is a unique case of mismanagement, that Detroit has to just learn to live within its means, and that bankruptcy will be the beginning of a new birth for Detroit. But that's because they want to destroy you next.


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*—Lyndon LaRouche, Feb. 11, 2013*




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# LaRouche: Obama Is The 'Embarrassment' in U.S.-Russian Relations

Aug. 12—In response to an institutional question on U.S.-Russian relations during his Aug. 9 webcast, Lyndon LaRouche declared that Barack Obama himself is the "embarrassment" in U.S.-Russian relations, and should be seen as on his way out of office.

After an introductory statement about Obama's cancellation of his projected summit with President Putin, due, at least in part, to Russia's granting asylum to NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, the questioner asked: "How would you recommend the United States and Russia proceed? Can the Geneva II plan [for Syria] be revived? And, in the larger framework, how would you redefine the U.S.-Russian relationship?"

LaRouche replied:

"Well, there's not much Russia could do about this problem, because Russia has not actually done anything which is really legitimately considered an offense against the United States. They've done nothing. They've done everything to avoid that. Now the Snowden affair is not an issue, because Russia has a policy, a standing policy: They are not liable to force this guy to go back to the United States. And the general opinion is that the [Obama Administration's] intention would be to, you know, beat him up, kill him, pretty fast—that a nasty accident might happen. They don't want him around.

"Now, on the other side, you have to realize that the current President of the United States is walking *closer and closer to impeachment*. We had one impeachment of that type back in the early 1970s, and I think we might have the repetition of that now. But he's *not* going to remain in, likely, unless some very extraordinary things are done. He [Obama] is *not* popular. He has committed offenses. The programs which have been run under his Administration are objectionable to the American people *in the great majority*. The only thing that enables him to stay in office, is intimidation of the citizens.

"No, this guy is *out*. He's about to go. And as already revealed in revelations that have been made, what has been done has been *criminal activity* in point of fact—and also treasonous. To intimidate, by the methods that are reported so far. . . .

And the Snowden affair: Snowden is accused of what? Snowden is accused of objecting to those methods—those frauds. He's saying that the whole thing is a fraud, that the people of the United States are left helpless, that the government of the United States so far has been impotent, because of these policies. And that the only thing that's kept Obama in office, is corruption.

"And this guy's corruption is already far worse than Nixon's. Nixon was a small-time fish, compared to what Obama has done, and what his people have done for him. So, this guy *should* be thrown out of office. The American people deserve to have the right to have this guy thrown out of office, because he's committing crimes. And one of the curious things that infuriates Obama in particular—but especially London, more than Obama—is the fact that it's true: The charges against his administration are true. That's it.

"So, this President does more than fully deserve to be thrown out of office. Whether they've got the votes yet to insure his being thrown out of office, is irrelevant. This guy, for what he's done, what his administration has done, the facts that have been put on the floor, on this same issue—no, this guy has no right to continue to be in the Presidency of the United States.

"So, if the President of the United States—so-called, or whatever that is—complains, so what? All he's doing is compounding his crimes, by trying to complicate the relationship with Russia, when Russia has done nothing that the United States should object to. There was no violation of law. The United Nations Organization leaned in the direction of supporting that. So, what's the problem?

"Obama should save a lot of expenses by just resigning, and walking out of office. That's the best thing he could do.

"And Russia should be *praised* for what they did. They didn't violate the law. They didn't violate their own law. They took no extraordinary measures to embarrass the United States. The President of the United States is the great embarrassment of the United States."

# Childish Obama Rants While 'Grown-Ups' Meet

by William Jones

Aug. 12—President Barack Obama has again clearly manifested to the world the urgent need to heed the call by Lyndon LaRouche to immediately impeach the President for criminal activity. Speaking at one of his rare appearances before an increasingly hostile White House press corps on Aug. 9, prior to taking his annual foray to that haven of the rich and famous, Martha's Vineyard, President Obama launched into a tantrum over Russia's refusal to hand over fugitive whistleblower Edward Snowden to U.S. authorities.

Obama is obsessed with the Snowden revelations, which exposed the extensive police-state-like surveillance he has imposed on the American people. The President was in such a rage state that he placed the critical U.S.-Russia relationship in danger, by canceling his upcoming summit meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in St. Petersburg next month. While the decision to grant Snowden a one-year asylum is totally consistent with both Russian and international law, Russia having no extradition treaty with the United States, the Russians are also aware that Snowden, whose revelations have become a great embarrassment to the President, could be tried for treason, a crime for which the death penalty can be imposed.

Obama unsuccessfully claimed that the Snowden affair was not his main concern: "I think the latest episode is just one more in a number of emerging differences that we've seen over the last several months around Syria, around human rights issues, where it is probably appropriate for us to take a pause, reassess where it is that Russia is going, what our core interests are, and calibrate the relationship so that we're doing things that are good for the United States."

Like an adolescent bully, Obama also took the occasion to ridicule the Russian President, quipping that Putin has "got that kind of slouch, looking like the bored kid in the back of the classroom." Even the jaded White House press corps couldn't help but express amazement at an American President characterizing the leader of another country, particularly Russia, in such a derogatory manner. And pictures of the slouching Obama, in contrast to the athletic Putin, soon graced the Internet.

### The 'Grown-Ups' Meet

If there were no countervailing forces at work here, such behavior might, in the current strategic context, lead to war—and still could. Nevertheless, at the same time as the Obama performance before the press corps, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov was holding his own press conference at the Russian Embassy in Washington, at the conclusion of a one-day meeting between the Russian foreign and defense ministers and their American counterparts. No doubt aware of the contrasting atmosphere of these meetings with the antics of that *enfant terrible* in the White House, Lavrov commented that the ministerial meetings on Aug. 9 had been consistent with Secretary of State John Kerry's earlier call to "work like adults."

"When John Kerry became Secretary of State and we met for the first time, with him in his new capacity, we discussed in general how our relations would develop," Lavrov said. "I well remember that at the conclusion of our conversation, he said he believed that we could achieve changes in Russian-American relations, and called for working like adults. And that is what we are trying to do, because if some little episodes become an obstacle to everything else, then this is completely the wrong policy."

The discussion among the four ministers—besides Lavrov and Kerry, there were Defense Ministers Sergei Shoygu and Chuck Hagel—covered the gamut of the bilateral relationship, as well as the important international issues in which cooperation between Russia and the United States was absolutely key, in particular, with regard to the growing conflict in Syria. In their introductory remarks, the four made it clear that they were not going to be waylaid by the "controversy" over the Russian decision to grant Snowden temporary asylum.

"This meeting remains important above and beyond the collisions and the moments of disagreement," Kerry told reporters at the beginning of the meetings. "It is important for us to find ways to make progress on missile defense, on other strategic issues, including Afghanistan, Iran, on North Korea, and Syria." Kerry noted good-naturedly that both he and Lavrov were former hockey players, and that they therefore realized that, in diplomacy as in hockey, players would some-



State Department

*Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State Kerry—"the adults"—confer on Aug. 9, at the State Department, as President Obama, on the same day, threw a temper tantrum over Russia's granting of temporary asylum to Edward Snowden.*

times clash, but the game would still go on. Hagel had taken additional time in the morning to meet with his counterpart, Defense Minister Shoygu, their first meeting. Hagel pointed out the need for such 2+2 meetings in the context of a world situation, which he accurately described as "combustible."

## Matters of Substance Discussed

The substantial agenda included missile defense, Syria, the Middle East peace initiative, the need to fight illegal drugs from Afghanistan, and Russian transport for U.S. forces leaving Afghanistan.

At his press conference at the Russian Embassy after the day's meeting, Lavrov was fairly up-beat. He announced that the two sides were committed to organizing a second Geneva conference on Syria, "no matter what." He had earlier praised Secretary Kerry for his recent initiatives on the Israeli-Palestinian front. While Kerry has been intent on making some headway on Geneva II, it is certainly not on the agenda of Obama's two grenade-throwers at the White House, National Security Advisor Susan Rice and her gal-pal at the UN, Samantha Powers. Little pressure has been brought to bear, therefore, on the Syrian "opposition" to bring them to the negotiating table in Geneva.

Lavrov also felt that there was more consideration now being taken by the U.S. side for Russian concerns about the planned missile defense architecture in Western Europe. "The main thing that I saw and heard in the course of our discussions today was an understanding of the need to approach this topic in the context of all the other aspects, which one way or another influence strategic stability," Lavrov said. "We discussed the missile defense issue in a very substantial manner, in order to understand what risks it might or might not create for strategic stability, which both we and the American side are equally interested in deepening in every possible way."

Defense Minister Shoygu invited the United States to participate as observers at the upcoming Russia-Belarus military exercise, Zapad 2013. The two defense ministers also agreed to establish a video link between them, so as to maintain direct contact above the staff level. The U.S. was invited to participate in a " tank competition" with Russian forces next year. In his comments on the meetings, Shoygu said that Russia was not opposed to any country building up their defenses as long as it didn't infringe on the defense capabilities of Russia. In particular, he expressed concern about the planned deployment of anti-missile cruisers in the Baltic or Barents seas, a component of the U.S.-NATO missile-defense program in Europe.

Lavrov defended the decision taken by the Russian government in giving Snowden a one-year asylum. He reiterated the legality of the measure, but he also made clear his views about Obama's overreaction, noting that quite a few times, Russian citizens had been arrested in third countries and handed over to the U.S., in violation of international consultative agreements on such matters. "We draw attention to all of these cases but we never say, 'Until you do as we say, we won't talk to you about Afghanistan, or about missile defense, or about any other topic.'"

But the efforts by Kerry and Hagel to salvage the relationship, can only have a limited value while the President himself, surrounded by those mavens of madness, Susan Rice and Samantha Powers, continue to throw lit matches into this all-too "combustible" situation.

# LaRouche Warning Circulates To Stop War Drive vs. Iran

by Michele Steinberg

Aug. 12—Lyndon LaRouche's warning, in an Aug. 3 press release, that Israeli attacks against Russian-related targets inside Syria could trigger nuclear war between the United States and Russia, has been widely disseminated. On Aug. 9, LaRouche was featured in the media across Iran, including PressTV, Iran's semi-official FARS News Agency, and Al-Alam, the Arabic-language news service owned by Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB). In the United States, the release was posted in full on the "People's Voice" website. On Aug. 10, Russia's MIGnews.com, a military news feed, picked up the Iranian FARS coverage, under the headline "Russian-U.S. Nuclear War Could Begin Because of Israel." The MIGnews story was in turn picked up by Rosbalt, a Russian news agency, and other Russian media outlets.

This dissemination of LaRouche's warnings to millions of international readers underlines the global recognition of the threat of war coming from the British Empire and its satraps. In addition, international journalists are now coupling LaRouche's analysis directly with the war-avoidance efforts of Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey, former Deputy Director of the CIA Mike Morell, and other leading American intelligence and military officials.

The PressTV story, headlined "Israel Can Spark U.S.-Russia Thermonuclear War: LaRouche," quotes extensively from an article by Jeffrey Steinberg in the Aug. 9 issue of *EIR*,[1] which reported LaRouche's statements, and also notes that the leaks to the *New York Times*, which came from inside the U.S. government, regarding the July 5 Israeli attack, were "intended to make clear that the United States is not supporting the Israeli strikes against Russian targets against Syria."

"Such strikes could lead to an escalation that directly draws the United States into a head-on confrontation with Russia," PressTV continued.

In a similar vein, on Aug. 8 and 9, a dozen prominent Russian media outlets, both in English and Russian languages, widely reported the warnings by the CIA's Mike Morell, about the rise of al-Qaeda in Syria.

"Morell Says Fall of Assad Government in Syria Will Create Threat to U.S. Security," was the headline in *External Economic Relations* magazine; NTV reported "Americans Fear Fall of Assad Regime"; and Peacekeeper.ru, the military and analysis site, ran an article entitled "CIA Says Overthrow of Assad Will Create Threat to U.S.A."

The starkest warning came from Voice of Russia, the Russian government's broadcasting service, which had an Aug. 8 piece headlined, "American Generals Do Not Want To Fight in Syria," stating that "the main threat according to Morell is the possibility of the fall of Bashar al-Assad. If that happens, says Morell, Syria will become a base for terrorists. . . .

"Of even bigger concern among the security forces is the idea of direct U.S. intervention in the Syrian conflict. According to the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Gen. Ray Odierno, even a 'limited intervention' will

1. "LaRouche: Israeli Moves in Syria Threaten World War."

result in too much loss. Even earlier, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey had spoken against the U.S.A.'s military involvement in the Syrian conflict. He explained that the operation would be too expensive and unlikely to be effective," the article said.

Then, Voice of Russia quoted Russian political analyst Boris Mezhuev: "The [U.S.] military understands everything about war much better than many others; therefore, it is not surprising that they resist the United States being drawn into another adventure."

## Threats Against Iran

And now, with four recent strikes against Russian weapons depots in Syria under Israel's belt, new threats from Israel against Iran are being taken very seriously, report high-level U.S. intelligence officials.

Immediately after the Aug. 3 inauguration of Iran's new President Hassan Rouhani, and days before the arrival of General Dempsey in Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his allies began a steady push for war against Iran, and against Hezbollah, the Iranian-allied Shi'ite movement in Lebanon. There is nothing subtle about either Netanyahu's intent or his rhetoric: The strikes on Syria are seen in the U.S. as a serious trigger for wider war.

For good reason. According to the Anglo-Israeli war camp, personified by Netanyahu and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the countdown for Israeli strikes against Iran's nuclear sites began the moment that Rouhani, the conservative cleric who won a decisive victory in the Iranian elections, was elected, and escalated when he took office.

On June 19, speaking at the annual Presidential Conference in Jerusalem, Blair announced, "Those who have power in Iran should feel our resolve, and understand that we will not back down. Of course, every military option is something we do not want, but a nuclear Iran is the worst thing."

Blair's declaration was a mere four days after the election of Rouhani—a victory that was due in large part to the support of the Iranian Reform voters and demonstrators—and was the signal that the Rouhani election is not going to change the British Empire's resolve to destroy Iran.

On Aug. 3, Rouhani was sworn into office, and the war drums began to sound.

On Aug. 7, Netanyahu held a press conference to warn the UN Security Council Permanent 5+1 states (the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China, and Germany) that Rouhani is no different from his predecessors, and is fully committed to an Iranian nuclear bomb. Netanyahu claimed that Iran is inching closer to stockpiling enough enriched uranium to build a bomb, and is also building a heavy water reactor that will give it an ability to produce plutonium in the near future.

At the same time that Netanyahu was threatening Iran, an unnamed spokesman for the Israeli Defense Forces was briefing reporters on a pending war with Hezbollah in Lebanon, warning that since the 2006 Lebanon War, which lasted 33 days, Hezbollah has amassed 60-100,000 rockets and missiles, which are hidden in villages in southern Lebanon, reported the *Jewish Press*, Aug. 1. The source said that Israel would suffer much greater casualties in the "next" Lebanon war, warning that Hezbollah could fire 2,000 rockets and missiles every day, with longer range and greater accuracy.

Further adding to the war furor in Israel, Gen. Amos Yalon, retired head of Israeli military intelligence, gave an interview, Aug. 7, to Israeli Army Radio, claiming that the Obama Administration has reversed policy on an Israeli strike against Iran, and now would permit an Israeli attack.

All of these coordinated statements are aimed at once again raising the specter of a bigger Middle East war, triggered by Israeli preventive actions. Whether Israeli leaders are worried about a possible U.S.-Iranian deal once the Rouhani government has been confirmed by the Majlis (parliament), or whether they are throwing down the gauntlet in anticipation of pressure from Dempsey, who arrived in Israel on Aug. 12, to refrain from any unilateral action, the escalation of rhetoric is serious.

## Devil's Bargain on Palestine?

On Aug. 8, under the headline "Is Netanyahu Preparing to Bomb Iran?" in www.al-monitor.com, Ben Caspit, a veteran Israeli journalist, wrote about the indications that the announced freeing of 100 Palestinian prisoners by Netahyahu's government, as part of the "revived" peace talks, is part of a deal [with the British Empire committee running U.S. President Obama—MJS], under which Israel will strike Iran by the end of the Summer or early Fall. Caspit is one of the few Israeli journalists to have interviewed Lyndon LaRouche.

Caspit considers an Aug. 5 *Wall Street Journal* story that Iran will be able to make a plutonium bomb by early next year to be probably a leak from an Israeli source to justify an attack. He quotes Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon, saying that underlying the decision to

release the prisoners "were strategic considerations, which might be revealed in the future." Caspit interprets Ya'alon to mean, "I am opposed, and have always been opposed, to freeing murderers, but given that scuttling the Iranian nuclear bomb is of paramount interest, overriding all other trivial affairs, we have freed the prisoners. In the future you'll understand why."

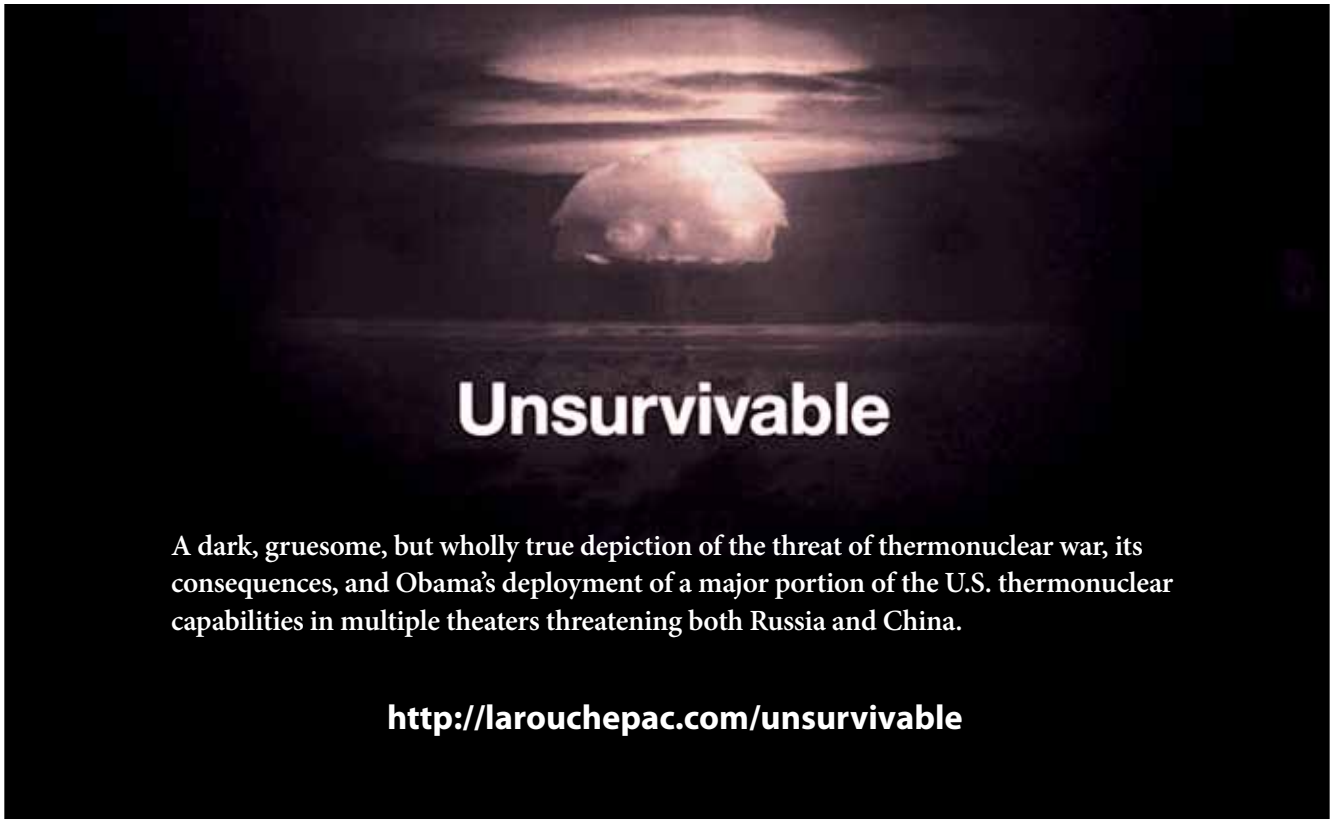
Caspit suggests that what we will understand in the future is that "Israel will do whatever is necessary to start negotiations with the Palestinians, maybe even reach an interim arrangement ahead of the final status arrangement. America will give Israel a green light to bomb Iran after having fully verified that the Iranians are really poised to make the final 'charge' toward the bomb."

Caspit says that the Israeli defense establishment could be the last obstacle to the bombing, including the commander of the Air Force, Maj. Gen. Amir Eshel; Mossad Director Tamir Pardo; Shin Bet Director Yoram Cohen; Director of Military Intelligence Maj. Gen. Aviv Kochavi; and Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz. All firmly oppose it.

Caspit references an Aug. 6 *Ha'aretz* story by Sefi Rachlevsky, who further substantiates the thesis, adding evidence that Netanyahu and Obama share the sort of severe mental/moral illness which would allow them to launch a war which could exterminate the human species.

"It's difficult to retain power for years when in contrast to your public, you're a devout believer in the policy of settlements and Ayn Rand-style capitalism, and also hold a grudge against the 'traitorous elites' that [murdered pro-peace Israeli Prime Minister] Yitzhak Rabin symbolized," Rachlevsky wrote. "It's equally difficult to remain in power when your spiritual guide is Pastor Jeremiah Wright, when Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is closer to you than any other leader, and when you sympathize with political Islam. In that situation, craftily 'leading from behind' is the only option."

What Caspit failed to note is that the Israeli defense establishment opposition functions in tandem with U.S. military leaders, particularly JCS chief Dempsey, whose trip to Jerusalem this week follows that of U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh, whose low-profile, week-long visit was hosted by the same General Eshel whom Caspit identifies as part of the "last obstacle" to the war against Iran.



Ghoncheh Tazmini

# Rouhani: A New Perspective for Iran

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## Introduction

Iran is likely to change substantively under Hassan Rouhani's leadership.[1] Allow me to qualify "change." Change is not regime change, nor is it change toward a more secular, liberal political system à la the West. Change in Iran means qualitative change, it means breathing new life into the Islamic Republic. There are two reasons why Rouhani can change Iran.

The first is that his moderate inclination will bring about the same subtle, yet tangible results that Mohammed Khatami's Presidency [1997-2005] brought. These are qualitative and conceptual changes rather than quantitative. They are palpable, substantive changes that will reverberate within Iranian society. At the state level, he will bring about the "politics of normalcy," which will have a direct bearing on society.

The second reason stems from the fact that he is as much a conservative, establishment figure as he is a moderate figure. Thus, he will have more political "purchasing power," and will elicit piecemeal results, because he is cut from the same cloth as establishment figures.

## Politics of Normalcy

In order to glean some insights that will support the claims made above, it is necessary to evaluate Iran's recent history. The father of reform, Khatami, has always been the subject of mixed reviews. Critics argue that Khatami failed to achieve concrete results. While there were huge discrepancies between Khatami's campaign promises, popular expectation, and what was really achieved, the "Khatami experiment" unleashed a vibrant civic activism and budding pluralistic momentum that prevailed well beyond the end of his eight-year Presidency. The reform movement ushered in a critical transition in modern Iranian history, with reverberations that can still be felt today.

More significantly, Khatami tried to move Iranian politics beyond tumultuous times towards a regular mode of politics. In the context of Khatami's reform campaign, the "politics of normalcy" reflected the state of a country that had endured years of turbulent social and revolutionary change. In the years following the 1979 Revolution, both state and society were thrust into a purposive, ideological, state-driven transformation—the creation of the democratic-theocratic Islamic Republic—an extraordinary experiment without historical precedent. The attempt to link up with the past, to restore the torn fabric of society, to draw on intellectual traditions and the cultural and religious values of the past, all reflected the post-traumatic pursuit of a usable past as the grounding for contemporary Iran.

Khatami's pragmatic approach was rooted in the attempt to base Iran's politics in the repudiation of revolutionary politics. While the reformer-President embraced the contributions of these extraordinary times, he pushed for change through simultaneous engagement with the future as well as the past. As such, his movement gave enormous importance to the defining features of modernizing societies. A break from the past, in the current situation, would encompass the promotion of civil society, greater openness, the rule of law, economic integration, and gradual rapprochement with the international community—the core features of Khatami's political platform.

Khatami believed that modernity was compatible with Iranian culture and that Western-inspired practices could be successfully woven into Iran's national, religious, and historical tapestry. His mission was to initiate a civilizational upgrade, and to push the Islamic Republic into the 21st Century.

## Revival under Rouhani

Likewise, Rouhani's Presidency is likely to represent the explicit project of a return to normalcy through

1. Hassan Rouhani was elected President of Iran on June 15, 2013, and took office on Aug. 3, 2013.



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*Ghoncheh Tazmini: "In Rouhani's Iran, we are likely to see a revival of the politics of normalcy where ideological radicalism will give way to Iran's broader interests."*

progressive reform. The politics of normalcy refers to a country that is seeking to avoid diplomatic isolation, and a nation that is seeking to rid itself of revolutionary-style politics, self-reliant economic policies, and rigid social mores. It is a shift towards more pragmatic politics characterized by an effort to base Iran's politics on the repudiation of revolutionary politics—politically, economically, and socially. In Rouhani's Iran, we are likely to see a revival of the politics of normalcy, where ideological radicalism will give way to Iran's broader interests.

Khatami's identification with the politics of normalcy is one of the lasting legacies of his political program. A pragmatist, cognizant of the forces of civil society, market forces, and globalization, Khatami sought to construct a model of normality that combined Western-inspired reforms with something broader, taking into account Iran's unique culture, history, and place in the world.

Khatami had effectively consigned the revolutionary period of Iran's politics to history, but carried forward the original revolutionary ideals of social justice, freedom, and equality. With Rouhani's victory, a new chapter of normality has been inaugurated—and this will very much characterize the essence and spirit of change.

In one of his first statements following his victory, Rouhani hinted at the possibility of a relaxation of social restrictions. He expressed opposition to meddling in private lives, gender segregation in society, and Internet filtering. He has vowed to promote the freedom of expression, to limit artistic and cultural censorship, while fostering rapprochement. The President-elect has pledged that he will form a broad-based "trans-factional" cabinet from across the political spectrum. The rumored members of his cabinet include two females, and seasoned technocrats from both the Khatami and Hashemi-Rafsanjani (a moderate-centrist) eras.

## Neither Reformer nor Hardliner

Like many religious-minded scholars before the 1979 Revolution, Rouhani was drawn to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Heard mentioning the Ayatollah in a Tehran mosque, he became a target of the last Shah's dreaded intelligence service. He was forced to leave the country, eventually joining Khomeini in exile in Paris. Rouhani is a solid establishment figure: Since the Iran-Iraq War of the 1980s, in which he played a strategic role in the military command, he has not been excluded from regime institutions. Unlike many reformist and centrist leaders before him, he still enjoys a relationship of trust with the Supreme Leader [Ali Khamenei].

Rouhani's approval by the Guardian Council, while centrist Hashemi-Rafsanjani was disqualified, is a testament of his impeccable revolutionary credentials. However, Rouhani does not share the visceral anti-Americanism of the Iranian revolutionary tradition: For example, in 2003, he attracted attention by visiting the scene of the Bam earthquake, and thanking the U.S. for its help.

Rouhani is neither reformist nor hardliner. He is the synthesis or product of a thesis (the reformist/pragmatist camp, excluding the more radical, secular Green Movement supporters), and an antithesis (Ahmadinejad and the more conservative-traditionalist, principalist elements). Rouhani is the reconciliation of the contending and competing ideological tension between these two camps—a compromise of sorts. This will be Rouhani's "brand," and one could argue the beginnings of an alternative construction of civic national identity.

The pushes and pulls of Iran's recent history have brought to the surface a President-elect who will be able to benefit from both socio-political constructs. He will be able to prioritize or instrumentalize either discourse, depending on political realities. As such, he will have more nuanced conceptual tools with which to address Iran's trials and tribulations. Between 1997 and

2005, Khatami's reform efforts were stifled amidst intra-elite wrangling. Khatami found himself in an institutional gridlock, and was unable to maneuver around the political structure or to reconcile the political rifts that impeded his program for change.

Rouhani, on the other hand, straddles the fence, and this will give him a freer hand in implementing change. One can even say that Rouhani is closer to bringing harmony to the complex Byzantine hybrid of the Iranian theocracy-democracy, and of acting as an antidote to a socially divided Iran. He has demonstrated that while he is sensitive to the concerns of the conservative establishment, he remains committed to the goals and aspirations of the popular will.



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*President Hassan Rouhani "has vowed to promote the freedom of expression, to limit artistic and cultural censorship, while fostering rapprochement."*

Rouhani's campaign made clear that he acutely understands the extraordinary economic strain the Iranian regime and society are under. To relieve the pressure, Rouhani appears open to a diplomatic agreement that would place limitations on Iran's nuclear program; one that would significantly increase transparency in exchange for acknowledging Iran's rights and the lifting of sanctions over time. He has even hinted that he would ease Iran's preconditions for direct talks [with the U.S.] in an effort to end Iran's international isolation. This suggests a more dynamic and creative logic of engagement, and the repudiation of the politics of resistance and confrontation. While he is a staunch supporter of Iran's nuclear program, Rouhani does recognize the importance of rehabilitating Iran's sanctions-battered economy, and its foreign relations.

This balancing act is Rouhani's key to eliciting change. Again, Khatami's Presidency can shed some light. Diehard reformists felt that Khatami had not pushed for reform assertively enough, that he had been too passive. While Khatami persistently showed reluctance to "rock the boat," in retrospect, this may have been his strongest feature. This kind of conservatism will work to Rouhani's advantage in effecting change.

Back in 1999, Khatami received harsh criticism for not reacting aggressively enough to the raid of student dormitories by paramilitaries during the student protests. Khatami issued a harsh rebuke against the perpetrators but he tried to quell the unrest rather than to stoke it—as Mir-Hossein Mousavi [Prime Minister, 1981-89] did during the post-election protests in 2009 that swept across Iran. To this extent, Khatami was Mousavi's polar opposite. While Mousavi capitalized on the widespread social dissent by urging the masses to protest, Khatami maintained social order by suggesting that the public express civic activism through the print media, academic interventions, and most importantly, the ballot box.

Like Khatami, Rouhani will eschew social disorder and tumultuous revolutions in favor of gradual and cautious change. In 1999, Rouhani took a tough stance against student demonstrators, declaring that the perpetrators arrested for sabotage and vandalism would face severe charges. With respect to the 2009 protests, while Rouhani did not support the Green Movement, he instead offered a practical solution, suggesting a random recount of 20% of the votes.

The defining, and indeed lasting, feature of Khatami's approach was his reluctance to engage in, or support, any behavior that would threaten the foundation of the Islamic Republic. Khatami wanted to reform the system in order to save the system. Change under Rouhani will mean the same thing.

Recently, Khatami urged the Supreme Leader to collaborate with the President-elect in carrying out his mission. This could very well happen. Here we see how Rouhani's deeply entrenched conservative background works to his advantage.

They are the credentials he needs to transcend the dichotomy between conforming to native traditions and practices, and encouraging progressive change.

# Know Thy Brothers: Tunisia and the IMF

by Ramtanu Maitra

Aug. 8—At the time of writing, Tunisia's Prime Minister Ali Larayedh, representing the democratically elected Islamist party Ennahda, has managed to stave off the raucous public demand for the government's ouster, but the situation is extremely fluid, and the present teetering-on-the edge government could be swept away at any point. On July 30, Tunisia's largest labor union, the Tunisian General Labor Union (UGTT), called for the dissolution of the Islamist-led government and called for its replacement by a technocrat administration. A day earlier, the secular party Ettakatol, a junior coalition partner in the Larayedh-led government, had threatened to resign if a new unity government were not formed.

On Aug. 7, Tunisia's transitional parliament was suspended. The biggest shock to the ruling Ennahda party, the Tunisian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood (MB), may be that this latest blow came from one of its secular allies—a sign of rising polarization between Islamist and secular forces, which could bring down the government at any time.

Meanwhile, the mainstream media continues to harp on the latest crisis, as being an ideological battle between Islamists and non-Islamists, the latter of whom found their voices following the recent killing of two moderate leaders, Chokri Belaid on Feb. 6, and Mohamed Brahmi on July 25, allegedly by the Islamists. In reality, however, Tunisians are protesting against the economic devastation caused, first, by the deposed leader Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali (1987-2011) and, then, during the post-revolution period by the Ennahda party, since it took over in 2012. Interestingly, the common thread that ties Ben Ali clan's despotic regime with that of the Brotherhood is their mutual dependence on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to run Tunisia's economy.

In this respect, Tunisia is not unique. The U.S.-educated and Washington-endorsed MB leader, former President Mohamed Morsi of Egypt, had also sought and obtained an IMF deal, loaded with conditions and



*The common thread that ties former President Ben Ali's despotic regime with that of the Muslim Brotherhood is their mutual dependence on the IMF to run Tunisia's economy.*

constraints. In Pakistan, where the jihadis have infiltrated every institution, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's finance minister and close confidant, Ishaq Dar, is running from pillar to post to get the IMF bosses to agree to a loan that would do Pakistan no good. In other words, the Muslim Brotherhood and other jihadis, with almost zero understanding of how the international financial institutions use loans to help the West gang up on governments, have exposed their dependence on the predatory IMF-World Bank.

In addition, the Brothers had long ago sidled up to the Western intelligence apparatus to promote their case with the international financial institutions and bankers, who, being the mainstay of the present world





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*Darlings of the British Empire: Tunisian President Moncef Marzouki (left) and Ennahda Party leader Rachid Ghannouchi were awarded the 2012 Chatham House Prize by Prince Andrew, for "the successful compromises each achieved during Tunisia's democratic transition."*

order, work closely with the major countries' intelligence agencies.

## The 500-Pound Gorilla in the Room

Take the case of Rachid Ghannouchi, the intellectual leader of the Ennahda party. Ghannouchi came back to Tunisia to take over the reins of the party after 22 years of self-imposed exile in Britain. During that time, Ghannouchi became a celebrity in the U.K. He was awarded the 2012 Chatham House Prize (along with Tunisian President Moncef Marzouki) by Prince Andrew, Duke of York, for "the successful compromises each achieved during Tunisia's democratic transition." On issuing the award, Chatham House noted that "Sheikh Ghannouchi has been widely praised for the role he has played in promoting compatibility between Islam and democracy and modernity, a contribution which has promoted a culture of tolerance and bridge-building across the political spectrum."

Chatham House, aka the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA), acts as an arm of the U.K. government in target countries through its links with those countries' research and study centers. These centers then become channels for implementing Britain's imperialist policies.

Ghannouchi's connection to British intelligence became public once again when the Muslim Association of Britain (MAB), the Brotherhood's representative in England, announced that the Tunisian MB leader was an invited speaker at the Dec. 17, 2011 MB conference titled "Creating Hope." Also among the speakers listed at that conference was Robert Lambert. As a British intelligence Special Branch officer for 26 years, Lambert ran operations at a covert unit that placed police spies into political campaigns in Britain, including those allegedly run by anti-racism groups.

Lambert wrote, in a Dec. 5, 2011 article in the *New Statesman*, that "Britain can be proud of how it has provided a safe haven for members and associates of the Muslim Brotherhood during the past three decades. Many escaped imprisonment and torture in countries run by corrupt dictators strongly supported by the west until the Arab spring. Now some are returning to their countries of origin to help build new democracies and bulwarks against future dictatorships in the Arab world."

## An Economic Crisis Ripe for IMF Takeover

Tunisia's unemployment rate stands at 17%, exactly the level it stood at during the last days of Ben Ali. In the country's interior, and among young people with university degrees, unemployment runs over 30%. The income share of the top 10% is approximately 32%; and the top 20% of the population controls 47% of Tunisia's income. Tunisia's inequality is so severe that the bottom 60% of the population earns only 30%, while the top 40% take home 70% of the income.

It was evident in 2011, prior to the removal of President Ben Ali, a friend of the IMF, that the population wanted a change in economic direction. Protesters were on the streets calling for him to leave office. Some held signs in Tunisian Arabic dialect that read "Ben Ali, Yezzi Fock" ("Ben Ali, It Is Enough"), which became the protesters' political slogan. Labor and industry

unions, which had played an active role in public life since Tunisia's independence from France, supported the protesters. It was abundantly clear that the people of this economically devastated nation were looking for a solution to the country's economic mess; but there was no indication they were looking to the Islamists to provide that solution.

But that is exactly what happened. And it happened the same way in Egypt, as well. In Egypt, a corrupt and decrepit regime under Hosni Mubarak had been propped up by the West for decades; in Tunisia, Ben Ali and his clan had held onto power since 1987, with the help of former colonial power France. Both regimes made sure no political party of substance could emerge. But the Muslim Brotherhood, a secret underground operation with international intelligence links, remained vibrant underground, and emerged quickly, once the despots were removed by the people. And since the Brotherhood was operating hand-in-glove with the IMF, the West found no difficulty in helping them to come to power.

Some observers were surprised that the Ennahda, an Islamist party linked to the radical Islamist Salafists and Wahhabists, was granted a $1.78 billion loan by the IMF in June. But really, there is no reason for surprise. As Rob Prince ("Tunisia and the IMF: Ennahda's Mana from Washington, Part Two," *Colorado Progressive Jewish News*, April 22, 2013) pointed out, at least six weeks before the IMF officially granted the loan, both Washington and Paris were exerting considerable influence with the Fund, and had decided that, when it comes to Tunisia, the horse they would ride was Ennahda. "This is the central political message of the IMF loan. Washington's support for Ennahda comes in spite of unimpeded storming and partial trashing of the U.S. embassy in Tunis last September, in which the Tunisian Ministry of the Interior was unable to stop the riot, despite prior warning of danger, including a warning from U.S. Ambassador to Tunisia Jacob Welles that went unheeded," Prince noted.

"Although some may wonder why the Obama Administration would support Ennahda, knowing well its working relationship with the country's radical Islamic militants of Salafist and Wahhabist persuasion, it is not as strange as it might seem at first. When it comes to working in tandem with U.S. regional strategic and economic goals, the Ennahda Party has never wavered. As we say, they know well on what side their bread is buttered. On economic policy, Ennahda continues, and with this IMF loan, even intensifies, Tunisia's commitment to neo-liberal economic policies—i.e., keeping the Tunisian economy open to global finance and corporate penetration," Prince wrote.

On June 23, just days before the IMF agreed to the loan, World Bank economist Joseph Stiglitz shared a podium in Tunis with then-Prime Minister Hamadi Jebali, Finance Minister Houcine Dimassi, and Central Bank Governor Mustapha Nabli. Nabli, who had been the chief economist and sector director for the Middle East and North Africa at the World Bank, took the Central Bank post once Ben Ali was ousted in January 2011. At the forum, Nabli took the opportunity to beat his own drum by asserting that it had been his "flexible" monetary policy in those rocky months after the revolution that had saved Tunisia's banking sector and its tiny financial markets from meltdown. Stiglitz, Nabli's former colleague at the World Bank, pushed for privatization and liberalization, warning Tunisian policymakers to resist the temptation to create too many public-sector jobs and, instead, cut subsidies.

## Ben Ali and the IMF Loan

Cutting subsidies and holding down public-sector wages has been the Western mantra in developing countries since the 1980s, as part of the IMF's "structural adjustment" programs. At that time, with the Cold War in full swing, the IMF was let loose by the West to kick some of the Third World countries when they were down, and desperately looking for foreign exchange to pay their debts and import the essentials. Lifting subsidies on food, medicine, and education, and freezing public sector wages and benefits was the price for securing World Bank/IMF loans.

Just before Ben Ali, who was the Interior Minister under Tunisia's first President, Habib Bourguiba (1957-87), carried out a bloodless coup against Bourguiba, Tunisia was experiencing bread riots. The IMF was pressing Bourguiba to lift subsidies on food, but he was resisting. He had public support because his policies were based on strong state participation in the economy, free public education, democratization of the role of women, and subsidies for basic foodstuffs and fuel. In 1986, however, Tunisia was scrap-

ing the bottom of the barrel for its foreign exchange reserves, due to, among other things, a sharp decline in oil prices. In 1987, Bourguiba agreed to an IMF loan, in exchange for lifting subsidies on bread. In November of that year, he was gone. When Ben Ali took control of Tunisia, the IMF found a soul mate in the former French colony.

In a matter of weeks, the new government's attitude toward the World Bank and IMF shifted from one of hostility and suspicion, to a warm embrace. At the beginning of his rule, Ben Ali promised democracy and transparency to the IMF. He gave Tunisia a quarter-century of IMF "structural adjustment." He deconstructed much of the social edifice that Bourguiba had succeeded in building. When finally chased out of power in 2011, Ben Ali left a country economically and socially polarized—half of the economy in the hands of the two ruling families (the Ben Alis and the Trabelsis), a repressive apparatus of more than 200,000 police in a country of 10 million, with an enormous debt burden. As is virtually universally acknowledged, much of Tunisia's economic and social decay of the Ben Ali years can be laid at the doorstep of the IMF (Prince: "Tunisia and the International Monetary Fund—the Rip-Off Continues," *Colorado Progressive Jewish News*, April 13, 2013).



*President Habib Bourguiba (1957-87), who promoted economic development and agricultural subsidies, was overthrown in a coup led by Ben Ali, in league with the Brotherhood and the IMF.*

## An IMF Loan for the Brothers

Ben Ali's ouster was sought by the Tunisians to change the country's economic direction. However, the Muslim Brotherhood saw in it an opportunity to grab and consolidate power. Economic issues were not on its radar screen and, anyway, it had already made itself dependent on the IMF. As a result, the post-Ben Ali period failed to bring economic relief to the Tunisians. While it was evident that Tunisia's economic condition could not be quickly turned around, it was expected that the Brothers, who were brought to power by the people protesting their rip-off at the hands of the Ben Ali clan/IMF, would make an effort to carry out economic reforms over time.

But what happened instead? The same old, same old love-fest of the Tunisian authorities with the IMF-World Bank. This time, the Tunisian partner is no longer the Ben Ali clan but the Brotherhood, proclaiming religious morality.

Last November, the World Bank approved a $500 million loan to Tunisia. It was the bank's second loan to the country since the uprising that toppled Ben Ali. The $1.78 billion loan from the IMF came through in June. Justifying the loan, Tunisia's Minister of Finance Elyess Fakhfakh said Cabinet members have embarked on an ambitious government spending strategy, with one-third of its total 2013 budget dedicated to infrastructure projects. He said that such a "Keynesian economic model" is aimed at helping create short-term job opportunities for Tunisians—one of the country's main economic and social problems—as well as to help private businesses stay afloat.

The Finance Minister did not, however, want to elaborate what the IMF loan would do to the country. To begin with, it is a stand-by loan, which means that the Tunisian government will not necessarily be utilizing all the funds. The amount will be available if needed, but the government could technically access little to none of the funds if it is deemed unnecessary to do so.

Although the Ennahda government asserted in April that it does not anticipate using the stand-by funds, it is a certainty that it will do so; that was the real reason that they ran to the IMF.

A member of the opposition centrist-liberal Republican Maghreb Party, Karim Bouabdili, who serves on the National Constituent Assembly (NCA)'s finance committee, told Tunisia Live on June 11 that the loan could lead the country into "crisis and a revolution of hunger as happened in France."

"This loan will just be used to pay the wages of employees or increase their wages," he said, calling it "a waste of money." Bouabdili continued, echoing a common criticism from the loan's opponents: "The government has not been transparent. The government did not try to communicate to us the purpose for which the loan was taken and how it will be used."

A memo released in April by a think tank tied to President Marzouki criticized the loan agreement, and called into question the transparency of the Tunisian government. The memo was issued by the Tunisian Institute for Strategic Studies (ITES), a publicly funded research institute affiliated with the office of the Tunisian President. The head of ITES is a member of Marzouki's Congress for the Republic party. Information provided to the IMF by the government painted a much grimmer picture of the Tunisian economy than had been presented publicly, illustrating a "catastrophic" economic situation, the memo asserted. ITES criticized this as representing a broader lack of government transparency regarding financial and budgetary matters.

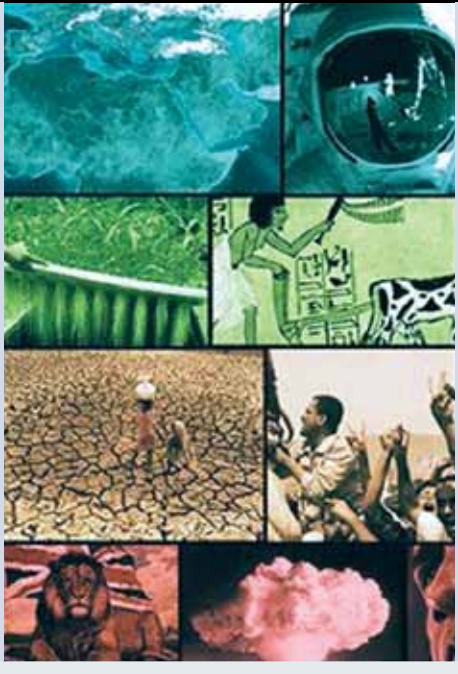
Much of the criticism centered on the assertion of critics that the IMF loan required Tunisia to undertake certain policy reforms, and that the country was thus sacrificing some of its sovereignty. Moez Belhaj Rhouma, an NCA member with the ruling Ennahda party and a member of the finance committee, refuted this in May. "The IMF did not set any conditions; they are simply recommendations to reform the banking sector and to provide guarantees about the stability of the national economy," he told Tunisia Live. "It is the Finance Committee that sets these recommendations; it is us who called for them" (Tristan Dreisbach, "IMF Loan Finalized after Months of Delays and Debate," Tunisi Live, June 11, 2013).


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## A Prologue

**(Some Urgently Needed Tough Talk:)**

*The evident outcome of civilization since the succession of the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, had sent the United States itself careening into successive, apparently relentless waves of an accelerating decline, down, down, and down: to the verge, presently, of our civilization's presently threatened early, self-inflicted extinction.*

*I explain that matter of fact, as follows.*

*Although there had been subsequent relative ups and downs in the net fluctuations, both earlier and later, since the successive assassinations of the two Kennedy brothers, the U.S.A.'s currently long-wave trend has been, in effect, in a downward direction as since the fraudulent suppression of the true, but forcibly suppressed evidence, respecting, once again, the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and of his brother, Robert.*

*The result has been actually a net, relentlessly downwards trend in the continued development of our republic and of its society since that time; the data since that time, shows this downward trend. This has been a process, which has now reached a present time when all related, wrong-headed circumstances are now soon due to be taken brutally into account.*[1]

*In these presently ever-more-awesome and worrying times, the world has entered the wildest, globally-extended hyperinflation in contemporary history. It could also be described as that which has already been spilled into the verge of the worst, and clearly intentional, trans-Atlantic hyperinflation in the recent history of this planet.*

*It is now a hyperinflation which had been explicitly intended through frankly admitted joint actions by the jointly evil forces of the British empire and Wall Street. This has been, and now remains as a stated intent of those same brutally evil forces, an intent to reduce the present human population of the planet, rapidly, from an heretofore reached level of seven billions human beings, to what is now the declared goal, as stipulated by the British monarchy and its Queen, of less than one billion survivors. It is a British imperial goal intended to be accomplished by measures to be in effect during a*

1. The silly practice of counting quantities of merely money as a measure of wealth or decline, needs be judged against two most relevant measures of fact. First, the actually physical rate of consumption of net physical resources of what had been the actual physical standard of living per capita, as compared against the lunacy of Wall Street gamblers' net consumption of sheer waste. When actually physical standards are adopted, everyone on Wall Street is implicitly exposed as a worthless swindler, who belongs, consequently, in a prison for swindlers, not in positions in government.

*span of sheer terror against mankind generally, a terror to be launched approximately, earlier than the close of this present year.*

*Thus, meanwhile, since this moment, even the populations of very large national economies generally, such as those of China and perhaps India, have not been enabled, yet, to foresee clearly the sheer ferocity of the actually intended extremes of a persistent, currently downward trend in world economy.*

*Thus, what I must report here and now, is an ugly, global reality, which is a renewal of the evil actions launched, in chief, by the actually same authors as those of the Anglo-Saudi, mass-murderous attack on the United States September 11, 2001. Now, China is likely to become seriously concerned with the presently threatened renewal of these originally "9-11" threats. That is the original "9-11" attack which had been organized, almost entirely, by the relevant, allied Anglo-Dutch-Saudi forces, an attack then, which had set off the now accelerating global trend in sheer "Bush-league" financial swindles, swindles which are to be measured now in a count of the varieties of not merely millions of deaths, but the swindling of actually billions of innocent victims, at the least.*



*Only the combination of leading powers, such as the U.S.A., Russia, China, and perhaps others, could check the British imperial willingness to set off a global thermonuclear holocaust, LaRouche writes. Shown is Hiroshima after the nuclear bombing in 1945; after a thermonuclear war, life on Earth might not continue to exist at all.*

*Thus, to summarize the point of fact immediately here, the continuation of that original September 11, 2001 ("9-11") attack on the U.S.A., by the same leading, Anglo-Saudi institutions, has had a continually increasing impact among the targeted populations of a now rapidly growing rate of looting of nations. In the meantime, there has been a persistently accelerated rate of a currently downward trend present in most conditions of human life within the planet at large, a "super-crime" which is now the currently, openly declared intention of the British monarchy. This is a threat which is now intended, explicitly, as stated by the present Queen of England herself, to become the source of a currently measurable collapse in the population, that from a former level of about seven billions for the world population, to the stated, intended, early, present British goal of approximately one billion persons globally.*

*This immediately current, world-wide trend, varies in intensity as applicable to regions; but, the ultimate direction of the intended goal, is, that, despite all mere shadings of appearances from particular case to particular case, the result would be more or less the same, generally: an intensely downward plunge forced upon the world by the British-Dutch empire. All that would be the effects of an actually, publicly stated set of mass-murderous efforts, by the British empire, toward a presently stated goal of reducing the entirety of the Earth's population to less than a single billion of intended survivors, globally: as it were "Troy re-enacted on a now global scale."*

*That if we were to permit those same, relevant British imperial interests and their inherently immoral associates, the Wall Street interest, to continue their stated goals for the presently hyper-inflationary rates of that mass-murderous policy of the combined Wall Street, with the Anglo-Dutch monarchical system and their attachments, and their goal of a world-wide human population driven down in the immediate future. This, in fact, is indicated as an intended process of rapidly accelerated collapse of the total population of the planet. That means a rapid reduction from that of a world pop-*

*ulation of, presently, approximately seven billions, to probably less than a single billion of total world population: an intention which would probably occur, under presently reigning systems of government, during the interval of the immediate few years ahead, if not though the much quicker thermonuclear assault: this is the presently threatened case of global genocide, unless we act efficiently to stop that already moving scheme of genocide against the general population of the planet, now.*

*What the proper understanding of that presently, actually global trend, requires of us now, is a leadership supplied with a deep and actually systemic insight into the fact of the matter: what had occurred since no later than such events as the historic virtual extermination of the population of ancient Troy. Since that time, human civilization as we have known it, from even such relatively early times as those, has been careening, now, along a course of ups and downs, mixed with surges of brutal and also exhausting trends of a type which would be akin to a precedent in the model of a virtual extermination of the population of Troy. Most notable, are present trends which are presently directed by that same Anglo-Dutch imperial power which had been first established since the relevant developments of the early-to-middle Seventeenth Century.*

*Now, her nominal Majesty, the Queen of England, Elizabeth II (and, her Royal Dutch partners), have publicly decreed, repeatedly, the drastic measure of a rapid plunge of the human population of this planet, from an approximate total of seven billions persons, toward less than one billion. Exactly that intention, is now already in progress under Her Majesty's public stated intention-in-fact, the urgently pressed warning of her launching of this horror. And, meanwhile,"no damned fool among us" seems to respond decently to this warning of an already clearly and widely expressed fact, the fact of an already onrushing, abysmal collapse.*

*I repeat, that this represents the threat of a currently accelerating death-rate for the planet as a whole, a rate which is explicitly intended, according to that Queen's publicly stated intentions: intentions which are presently stated to signify, as intended by her circles of power, to lead soon into a world human population collapse into a level of substantially less than one billion, that within your own immediate lifetime, or, quicker—or, should we not, therefore say, "mass-death time."*

*That trend against which I warn, here, represents a long-standing outlook of an Anglo-Dutch-led evil, an imperial action which no reasonably disposed, well-informed, sane, decent, and intelligent person, would honestly condone, and would certainly not support—excepting certain Wall Street types and kindred wretches. Even an Adolf Hitler had been relatively tame—if only relatively, by comparison with the degree of sheer evil of these currently global trends prompted from among those mass-murderously inclined Anglo-Dutch imperialists' inclination to thermonuclear warfare.*

*One need only consider the case of such bestial primitives as Britain's Tony Blair, as a most relevant sort of an example of a British maker of mass-murder; he is but one most visible case, a case whose virtually Satanic ferocity against targeted peoples and their nations, should certainly make even the likeness of an Adolf Hitler blush.*

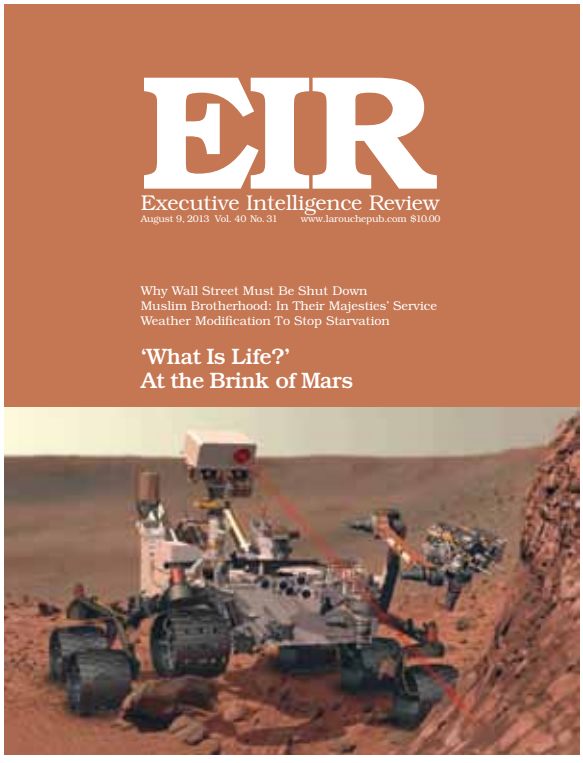
*We must consider carefully, and also painstakingly, the officially stated, current intentions of the inhumanly monstrous imperial partnership in schemes for genocide by the Queen of England and her Royal Dutch cronies, both of which sets are currently still dominant, for the moment, in the terms of being a single, unified, quasi-global imperial power, a power now reaching to the prompting of a virtually global, thermonuclear genocide towering over the world generally: a thermonuclear genocide whose effect is to be expected as in full, probably no later than the presently oncoming new year—unless an urgently, drastic needed change were introduced.*

*These are to be taken as among the factors which must be placed under consideration: factors which have pre-shaped, and which now define the relative immediacy of the likelihood of a British imperial willingness to set off a global thermonuclear holocaust of even total genocide, rather than abandon the intent for the Anglo-Dutch empire's present, mass-murderous goals. Only the combination of leading powers, such as the combined abilities of the U.S.A., Russia, China, and, perhaps, also India and others, would be a sufficiently combined aggregation of motive and resources, to check the mass-genocide which has been specifically announced already by the predatory Anglo-Dutch imperial monarchy.*

*Despite the abundant evidence already at hand, only a small fraction of even the population of the United States, has yet been capable, this far, of actually recognizing the actual causes and motives for the carnage of sheer evil which has been already implicitly*

*pre-publicized as the intent for a present Anglo-Dutch-led program of globally directed genocide. It is an intended genocide whose intention and passions are rooted in its monetarist, stock-market-based, programs of global mass-murder already in an accelerating motion.*

*This intended such genocide, which has been demanded, and against which I, for one, have repeatedly warned, is one of shameless openness in fact, as shown by the current Queen of England and those of the Queen's current roster of lackeys, as that fact is typified by the financial super-bubbles attributable to Wall Street, London, et al. This is now a set of already-fully-in-the-making, intentionally accelerated rates currently. Those monetarists in the likeness of those certain British accomplices of the mass-murderers, and their kindred varieties of oligarchs, are not really citizens of any nation in a meaningful sense; they are, like the Emperor Nero, not as much people, as they are careening monsters fabricated by their own evil intentions.*




*LaRouche's "At the Brink of Mars" appeared in EIR, Aug. 9, 2013. The present document picks up where that one left off.*

## I.
## The Mars Complex

Should my herein-stated concerns be heeded, the long-ranging prospects for policy-shaping of our planet and its peoples, lie along the course of an orientation toward the long-term cooperation of the Earth with the planet Mars. I do not mean any immediate attempt to colonize Mars with a human population. That would be worse than a futile folly for the early generations of this presently still-young century; a longer-term, "practical" association of the two planets, as planets, one, Mars, to be engaged in a pro-human set of developments steered from, the other, Earth is needed, instead. Any present prospects for mankind's development of Mars as such, and for other needed, Earth-directed developments on "fields of Mars," come in a future time, later, probably within the later fraction of this present century.

The sketched outline of prospects goes as follows.

Our appropriate goal for this immediate case ahead, is *to integrate (conceptually) the territory of Mars within the nearby regions of space-linked developments, all with increasing effectiveness, and dedicated to the role in space-based developments fostered by a present population on Earth itself: that also according to the relevant, crucially important roles to be provided by placing appropriate forms of stationed, highly useful functions on our Moon.*

The common defense and development of the physical development of Mars in an adjunct role, is paralleled with a related defense of the human population of Earth from asteroids in relatively nearby Solar space. This is, presently, an available as much as an urgently needed prospect for mankind, beyond. This phase includes the Mars development's certain beneficial influences on stimulating correlated developments on behalf of the human habitation and security of Earth as such.

With the completion of my recent publication, titled, **"At The Brink of Mars**," I had completed an argument for the sake of which I must now participate in moving relevant matters onward. We must move toward a position outside those presumed limits traditionally assigned to what I had more or less regarded as the heretofore traditional notions of Earth's biology. Here, in the following pages, I shall now re-examine certain alternative, hypothetical, but nonetheless popular assumptions, assumptions respecting some among the apparently more significant subjects of life on, and, prospectively, also beyond Earth.

Those ostensibly slight, initial differences in shifts of such a common interplanetary outlook, turn our attention, for purposes of justified conjecture, away from

some of the heretofore presumed facts respecting life on Earth, and, thus, toward facts which forewarn us to tend to consider other Earth-bound options on the future prospects for Mars, too. Such a survey must include relatively immediate consideration of the need for a cure of an accumulated set of long-standing, popular mis-perceptions now prevalent among our own "Earthlings."

All that which I have just stated here, at this time, is as if to say, in turn, that we must abandon certain relatively customary presumptions. To wit, instead of looking at Mars from a standpoint of Earth, we must imagine, hypothetically, an experimental outlook respecting Mars, that in company with a certain alternative conception, that of an outlook on the Mars-Earth relationship as a subject to be considered for crucial "thought-experiments": as I shall make clear at an early point in this report. My immediate "thought-experiment" on this account, is to act as if to consider looking at a biology of Earth from the vantage-point of reference to the principles of the Mars surface and its sub-surface. *This must be directed as a "thought-experiment,*" for not only Mars, but possibly later, relevant other Solar-astronomical locations.

To restate that same point: instead of defining biology on Mars from the reference-point of analysis of currently preferred, Earth-bound outlooks on the biology of the Solar system, outlooks which may now serve, nevertheless, as an hypothetical insight, as if to be secured by means of observations as if from Mars, as if from the standpoint of the currently common opinions on the subject of the biology of Earth. This time, we must turn the outlook around, against customary approaches, to look at the needed corrections of some hitherto popular, but nonetheless already actually known as wrong-headed assumptions by Earthlings: presumptions respecting a physical biology of life on Earth, when that were reconsidered in a fashion as might be imagined from an alternative, leading vantage-point, one contrary to the ordinary, popularized, but usually mistaken notions of the human sense-perception relationship.

I explain these extremely important, and already somewhat known, but too rarely considered essential facts. I summarize the case by the aid of the following means:[2]

## A Fresh Approach to Earth

The critical point of an argument which is now to be demanded, respecting the subject of the biology heretofore attributed to Earth, is that it should have become recognized, already, as obviously including some rather wild, systemically, but commonplace sorts of what have been actually traditional errors, even among Earth's scientific intelligentsia. However, for the reason which should have become obvious to a rapidly growing, if presently only small part of the population earlier: there is, nonetheless, the fact, that what are currently conventionally considered to be Earth-bound biologies presently, had been customarily interpreted according to some overwhelming, but profoundly mistaken, systemic presumptions, presumptions which have dominated popularly-taught human biologies since even ancient times, but also, very much, in the present time.

## The Legacy of Cusa

*My "alternative approach" indicated above, becomes soundly premised as factual, when we take into account what I presently know to have been the "artificial" character of the biology of sense-perception: as that is to be considered as the popular delusion which is named "sense-certainty." One should study carefully the true facts of that matter expressed in these highly significant remarks on the role of the combined work of Nicholas of Cusa and Johannes Kepler, as follows.*

It has now been several centuries past, since the great founder of a true modern science, the same Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, had sparked those initiating outlooks of his, outlooks which had been proven necessary for the establishment of the truly modern basis of understanding the importance of founding a society based on an extended destiny across (in fact) the Atlantic Ocean.

What Cusa had bequeathed is a view, on which hopes for the world across the Atlantic Ocean had provided a great escape toward freedom: to escape that still pro-feudalist barbarism, which persisted in the European social-political systems. I emphasize the crucial role of Cusa in the progress of mankind generally, that including the legacy of Cusa's most crucially significant follower in the field of physical science, Johannes Kepler.

From Kepler, there has been a continuing, if often varying, and manifold approach to true scientific progress; but, unfortunately, there have been frequent cases,

2. Unfortunately, numerous among notable specialists in the subject of space, have shown themselves ignorant of the intrinsic incompetence of the customary, but misguided, popular conceptions of sense-perceptions as such.

as in the instance of what are generally classed as "the reductionists:" those unfortunates (on both sides of the proverbial "pond") who have attached themselves, foolishly, and also often fraudulently, to a much-too-much abused mere name of "science."[3]

I refer to such mistaken presumptions as those which are premised on the currently still academically fashionable, but false notions: those are notions which have been included as a subject in a presumed, but commonly mistaken, general system of Earthly biology: as customary patterns of systemic frauds are often typified by such particular cases as those of the hoaxsters Euclid and Aristotle. Many victims of such foolish beliefs as that, may have been clever, despite their limited capacity for correctly estimating in respect to what is actually a limited outlook on secondary matters at issue; they premised their mistaken outlooks on what are often nominally clever, or even brilliant insights respecting details, at the same time; these were insights which have been premised on a view of the larger structure of what passes currently as nominally "scientific," through attachments to mediocrity, and which have therefore confined themselves to a set of ultimately crumbling foundations for the attempted building of appropriately urgent interests of mankind as a whole.

I mean, explicitly: that, rather than recognizing the rather plain fact which some among us may already share, we must recognize that opposition to that misguided intention which comes from the wider popularity of a system of false evidence, one which is now, actually, customarily employed for considering the actually mistaken facts about Earth. This latter fact, implies that the present outlook on this subject should remain, however mistakenly, confined, essentially, to a systemic, but also falsely biased notion of the underlying biology of Earth: a notion which is expressed according to the views of such hoaxsters as the representatives of the persistence of the duped followers of such ancient hoaxsters as Euclid and Aristotle.

What is necessary, if we are to speak of a future physical science of life on Earth (or, as extended to Mars), that, rather than merely customary notions of sense-perception, the need is to obtain a relatively independent, critical examination of the inherently fraudulent resort to the *a-priori* presumptions which are often preferred up to this present time.[4] These latter are presumptions which have left a shadowy cast of uncertainties upon that which has been a nominally conventional practice of science: a convention which continues to leave us often wondering, whether our own such "primary" presumptions concerning sense-perception, might be true or not.

## The Fallacy of Sense-Perception

Admittedly, from the vantage-point of what have been, heretofore, customary standards for what are often mis-taught, as by some among the customary, a-priorist presumptions of physics, notably presumptions which represent, ontologically mistaken, underlying presumptions spread on behalf of mathematicians who are actually, or implicitly, products of the late Nineteenth and Twentieth-century influence of the wretched, late Bertrand Russell. Nonetheless, in fact, there is no actual need for concerns on that account; the basis of my argument reposes in having first identified, and then rejected, the systemic hoax which deeply underlies, and which broadly taints prevalent academic and often foolish presumptions such as those of the dupes of the evil Russell.

Those are certain presumptions, closely related to belief in what is misnamed as the "elementary truth" of sense-perception, which, when properly tested by a careful scrutiny, show themselves to have been not only merely arbitrary, but also viciously errant presumptions. Those have been presumptions which have been often claimed as the basis for arguments which had been made, in turn, on behalf of the generality of those who have been trained as merely mathematicians *per se*; I mean those who lack the honestly independent, supporting principles of original proof of what have been the products of actually, efficiently physical evidence.

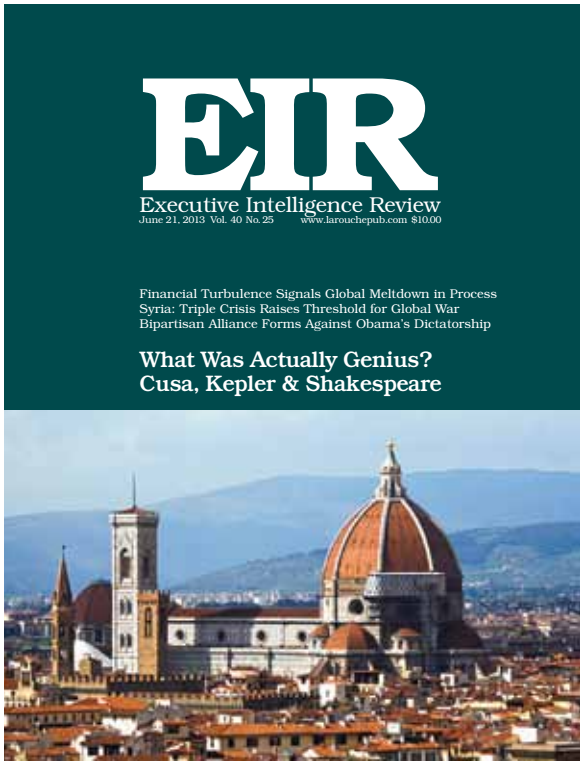
That has been the case with the sheer fallacies which have often, mistakenly, "been on the table." It is urgent

3. Cf. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., "Nicholas of Cusa, Kepler & Shakespeare," in **EIR**, June 21, 2013, or LaRouche PAC. Most people of this planet are so much attached to their experience, that they tend to imagine, mistakenly, even usually, that their habituated outline for opportunities is, for them, the only existing truth.

4. This is not to deny the phenomena of sense-perception, but to "downgrade" such phenomena's being merely "self-evident" phenomena, rather than "merely sense-phenomena." I.e., the case of Johannes Kepler's actual intention in stating a notion of *vicarious hypothesis: e.g., "as if shadows of reality*."

to be forewarned against, especially, the unsubstantiated work of certain mathematicians' common assertions. I mean, most emphatically, those pretexts typical of the followers of that now deceased Bertrand Russell, who, nonetheless, still represents the relics of his fraudulent intention toward the universe in general.[5]

The connections toward which I am pointing in my discrediting of an *a-priori* reliance on sense-perception, demonstrate the profound fallacy of doctrines which rely upon the presumption that sense-perception as such could be the foundation of human knowledge.




*LaRouche's article "What Was Actually Genius? Nicholas of Cusa, Kepler & Shakespeare" appeared in EIR, June 21, 2013.*

Human sense-perception as such, is merely a substitute for the attempt to correlate the human senses directly with almost any notion of a foundation of direct human knowledge.

The adoption of any such notion of sense-certainty, is ultimately a fraud in belief in-and-of itself. For that reason, it is important to contrast the images of sense-perception to the view of Earth's surface phenomena from the standpoint of the chemistry inherent to both a different planet, for example, and also to the "mechanisms" of human sense-perception. The fallacy inherent in sense-perception has been already clearly known by some; however, to enable human beings on Earth to recognize the implications of that fact, we require a measure urgently needed for building up a much-needed escape of the population from the fraud inherent in the notion of Earth-bound sense-certainty.

The proofs supplied, on this account, which are supplied by Classical artistic composition in music, are an obvious key to true knowledge of human social experience on Earth, and to liberate the human mind from the morally worthless trash of the popular "music," such as that of Franz Liszt and Richard Wagner of modern times, generally. That notion of thought-experiment, is only a sample of a broader, more profound examination, as pointed out, also, now immediately, here below.

## The Folly of Human Sense-Perception

Although the *a-priori* notion of human sense-perception is almost universally distributed into the receptacles of belief, the actual implications of sense-perception are only rarely even known to what is merely the effects of "popular opinion," effects which are simply "taken for granted." That is the crucial subject-matter which is to be clarified, betwixt now and the conclusion of this present chapter. This is a subject to which I had devoted relatively significant attention in my "Nicholas of Cusa, Kepler & Shakespeare" of June 10, 2013.[6]

The commonplace, systemic fallacy of even the typically literate populations, is the common source of what is essentially a folly, the actually systemic folly of mistaking the fruits of "sense-perception" for realities, rather than the merely "virtual quality of shadows," which they are in fact, merely ephemeral surrogates for reality. Although this fact is ill-known to the broader population, and even to some otherwise qualified scien-

5. As contrasted to such modern scientists as Nicholas of Cusa's **De Docta Ignorantia**, Johannes Kepler, Gottfried Leibniz, Bernhard Riemann, et al., Max Planck, and Albert Einstein, and as contrary to hoaxsters such as Bertrand Russell and his Twentieth-century school of pseudo-scientific behaviorism. Consider my own proposed action, in that specific light, for installation of Glass-Steagall. That is the only actually available means for preventing a massive genocide launched against a global humanity: unless Glass-Steagall were launched during the immediate future.

6. Op. cit., footnote 3.

tists, the implications of that same fact are profound in fact.[7]

The crisis aspect of that often mistaken reliance on sense-perception as such, is notable, as such, for our purposes here. Essentially, to put the crucial point forward, the fact of the matter is, as the notion of *Chorus* indicates quite efficiently, that human reliance on sense-perception is an illusion, not otherwise a fact. In fact, the reality that sense-perception is based on such a state of illusion, is known by intellectually well-developed persons. However, nonetheless, the popular opinion in this connection prevails in public opinion.

The most significant of the practical effects of that popular misunderstanding, is that mere sense-perception is adopted generally, and mistakenly, as a direct expression of physical facts, rather than being the shadow-world which it actually represents, not only traditionally, but also directly. Whereas, the witting scientist's judgment is recognized promptly by the relevant scientist, yet the popular reaction to mere sense-perception as such, still dominates non-professional beliefs, and, regrettably, some otherwise significant ones.

As I had elaborated in my "Nicholas of Cusa, Kepler & Shakespeare," it is the standpoint of that elaboration which provides the only explicitly competent connection to the physical reality of the experience, contrary to the reading according to mere sense-perception, an experience which is to be correlated with the practical effects of physical truth. Scientifically, the *still-popular, a-priori* reliance on the sense-perceptual experience, is an elementary systemic error.

The latter error needs, even urgently, to be recognized as in fact. Thus, for example, what the planet Mars "experiences" is that scientific reading which has a common system of reference predicated on the physical scientist's explicitly physical reading of the phenomena and their actually physically efficient reading, as typified by the approach of such scientists as Cusa, Kepler, Gottfried Leibniz, Carl F. Gauss, Bernhard Riemann, Max Planck, and Albert Einstein—i.e., the figures whose memories were bitterly hated by Bertrand Russell and Russell's dupes among nominally scientific associations.

## II.
## Vicarious Hypothesis

> The preceding and following chapters of this report, will aggregate, in their content, what I now present as an urgently needed, fresher (but often contested) view of certain crucially important corrections. These are corrections which are required to yield an actually competent outlook on mankind's needed correction of the customary, but misguidedly accepted, but popular fallacies respecting the notions of "sense-certainty." The significance of this correction, which was referenced and outlined in my preceding chapter, will have been, provisionally, fully identified in due course in these concluding chapters of this report, here and below. The subject of the connection between the sensations reportable from Earth and Mars, respectively, as to their underlying truthfulness, is, in these recent and present times, the properly most exciting and rewarding, and also crucially necessary, and also deepest-rooted subject of the inquiry here.

As I have emphasized, implicitly, in the close of the immediately preceding chapter of this report: that the foundation for study of physical processes, does not and could not, provide any effective basis for honest support in a mere (e.g., "ontologically empty") mathematics as such. Here, the common failure to distinguish causes from effects properly, serves as the crucial issue to be challenged. That includes a need for the separation of the honest science of living processes, as distinguished from the *a-priori* pseudo-sciences which are premised on the mere mathematical presumptions which, in turn, remain presently premised essentially upon a mechanistic form of an ideology of non-life: such as, for example, the ideology represented by the categorically fraudulent teachings of, again, such ancient malefactors as Euclid and Aristotle.

Thus, we might state, fairly, that: from nothing, such as Euclid, there comes, most remarkably, an even less than nothing; and, consequently, that "nothing" actually lacks any actual content which need be considered

7. It is a matter of scientific principle, that sense-perception read as literally true, is presently the source of inherent incompetence for the purposes of actual science. See "Nicholas of Cusa, Kepler & Shakespeare." Cf. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., "Nicholas of Cusa, Kepler & Shakespeare," op. cit., footnote 3. Adopt Shakespeare's "Chorus" from **King Henry V** as a relevant example here.

as directly efficiently real, as in the end of each day of Earth's continued existence.

To simplify the needed discussion, the cases of Euclid and Aristotle represent the production of what have been outrightly intended frauds. The specific character of such frauds, is that they are premised on what is termed as sense-perception ("sense certainty"). That represents, pretty much, the spectacle of the Devil chasing his own reductionist's tail. There are numerous meaningful treatments of the practical effects of the fraudulent reductionism of that wicked pair.

I have been compelled to emphasize here, that the fact to be restated for the sake of emphasis, is that of the essentially underlying fraud of those reductionist fanatics such as Euclid and Aristotle. Their action had been the introduction of what is sometimes identified as a reductionist's peculiar, greatest hoax, that of the implicit reliance on an attempt to lend the mere appearance of reality by a pseudo-number which can be identified as "zero," not necessarily by name, but in the effect which underlies the *a-priorist* fraud which has been slipped into the common classroom use of arithmetic *per se,* such as the merely conjectural representation of Euclid and Aristotle.

*Of necessity, contrary to the reductionists, the universe actually shows itself as perfectly creative, from which all of the universe is as if born to our minds for the sake of our consequent recognition of the necessarily repeatedly, ever-freshly reformed nature of their presently inherent imperfections: their vast incompleteness.* As a matter of fact, there is no quantity, or a likeness of quantity, or of quality, between the radical reductionist's mythical sort-of-fascist "zero," on the one side, and the simple quantity of such as even the individual unit "1," on the other.

That is the same point in fact which I had restated, implicitly earlier, and as now, in my June 10, 2013 feature, "Nicholas of Cusa, Kepler & Shakespeare."[8] This applies directly to the subject of the preface, the present chapter, and the presently following chapters here. The crucial point of the argument, is, as I had pointed out briefly in the prefatory part of this present report as a whole, that human sense-perception exists, and has crucial importance in reaching toward an understanding of the typical human use of sense-perception; but, be warned, as I had done in the feature just referenced, that sense-perception as such is not a direct source-medium of the truth of the matter *per se.*

All among the greatest scientists and poets since antiquity, have wrestled with the inherent bit of irony which that issue involves. Sense-perception is an essential tool ("a compass" which merely aims, for its direction) for the ordinary challenges of daily life's experience; but, despite that fact, as the greatest scientific minds known to us concur, sense-perception is not a truth in fact, *per se*; it is a mere shadow which we often find convenient to reference, but, one which, also, usually leads us into the traps represented by the effects of the inherent follies of what is merely sense-perception as such. The celebrated 1854 habilitation dissertation of Bernhard Riemann, most notably the concluding single brief paragraph/sentence of the close, aims directly at that crucial point. The work of Max Planck and Albert Einstein, sets a comparably relevant standard for reference on this account, in contrast to the work of the frauds of incurable degenerates such as Bertrand Russell and his often highly praised, and absolutely overpaid dupes.

*Contrary to the reductionists, the universe actually shows itself as perfectly creative, from which all of the universe is as if born to our minds for the sake of our consequent recognition of the necessarily repeatedly, ever-freshly reformed nature of their presently inherent imperfections: their vast incompleteness.*

The universal principle at issue under the heading of that subject-matter, is located in the categorical distinction of the member of the human species, from all lesser species. Among all living creatures, only the human individual is actually known to us, potentially, now, as being actually capable of foreseeing future events such as I, for example, have done successfully on a number of important occasions of my work in forecasting; but, sadly, even most human individuals remain victims of an abortive quality of outlook which is expressed by the lack of ability to actually foresee the future: call this problem "Wall Street's Dirty Disease."

This, just aforesaid, conditional factor of intellectual incompetence which is also typical of the cock-

8. See footnote 3.

roach-like crawlers of Wall Street,[9] is generally expressed as the condition induced for the purpose of an intrinsically fraudulent denial of actual knowledge of the future, a denial which is to be regarded as typical among the intellectually dumbed-down majority represented by the victims contained, intellectually, within the inherently, systemically absurd pretexts of an oligarchical system of "sense-certainty," a condition which is typical among the currently reigning oligarchy's submitting subjects, presently. The cruellest fraud to be considered, on this account, is the customary inability of the greater mass of humanity, to enjoy access to a knowable experience of the future, an access which, for example, the most important scientists and poets have employed at crucial moments in their life's experience.

In fact, the all-too typical contemporary European or American thinker (notably), is often actually stupefied, if only to the degree that each has been successfully "dumbed down" by the reigning oligarchical and related academic systems of what is actually a form of mental disease which has been often customarily referenced as "prevailing opinion." Indeed, from the long history of the reigns of the oligarchical systems in such locations as Europe and the Americas, as also, emphatically, among much of the U.S. population, this has been true, most emphatically, for us here and now, but as also since the effect of the assassinations of U.S. President John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert.

On this account of fact, since the time of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, there have been a few noteworthy U.S. Presidents, such as the President Ronald Reagan who supported, notably, the initiative for a **Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)**, and with an added consideration for the possibility of a near-echo of something not-dissimilar during President Bill Clinton's actual term in office—the whole tribe of familiar Bushes echoes the deeply-rooted, treasonously fascist outlook of the late Adolf Hitler crony Prescott Bush. It is essential to bring the nation out of the Bushes.

9. I had the pleasure of exposing the utter incompetence all of the notable Wall Street forecasts of that time, during the period following the general collapse of Summer-Winter 1971. See the Queens College events of December 2, 1971. [On that date, leading Keynesian economist Abba Lerner disgraced himself in a debate with Lyndon LaRouche—ed.]. Wall Street has never actually improved in net performance since that time.



*Isaac Newton's influence "is far worse than silly dogma; it has been, probably, the greatest maker of fools among the body of even relatively many certified scientists, up to the present time," LaRouche writes. Painting by Sir Godfrey Kneller.*

## The Genius Shared by Cusa & Kepler

The most useful among all the most significant modern illustrations of the practical considerations required on that account, are to be recognized as having continued to be fruits of those discoveries made by both Nicholas of Cusa (i.e., **De Docta Ignorantia**) and, in particular, later, the rarely recognized true meaning of the *vicarious hypothesis* of Cusa's most notable follower in science, Johannes Kepler.

The probably worst among the arguably notable errors of the civilized, and also among the sillinesses of the generally contrary argument on record, is the doctrine associated with the "creepy-crawly" character of the absolutely contemptible Isaac Newton, one who is to be described as the most corrupt, and, also, the most outrightly silly of them all (Descartes aside). Newton and his influence is far worse than silly dogma; it has been, probably, the greatest maker of fools among the body of even relatively many certified scientists, up to the present time, as still in relatively large numbers, in

modern centuries of the trans-Atlantic region, fore and aft. However, the most truly evil of them all, as measured in relatively global effects for a science of modern times, has been Bertrand Russell.

Actually, Russell represents an attitude whose point to be made has been sought as a means to actually qualify in a fashion "according to the lights" of such outright hoaxsters as Euclid and Aristotle; that is to say, *that which does not actually express* a competent representation against what are merely popular, but intrinsically worthless academic opinions—or even worse! Unfortunately, the arguably worst perpetrator of the destruction of the ostensibly educated mind, has been the great evil for recent society which has been typified by the case of the same, justly infamous and murderous Bertrand Russell.[10]

Thence, with due consideration, it should follow, that the design of our universe is not to be premised upon the "hollow" foundation of foolishly conventional "economic dogmas of the present day"; but, rather, solutions which are systemically contrary to utterances of such sheer hoaxsters as Bertrand Russell, or the Aristotle and Euclid whom Russell, for one, had followed, perhaps not "faithfully," but as faithfully as he could in his intrinsically repulsive nature. Money, for example, has no intrinsic value; only the increase of newly-produced power to create truly human creative wealth, as according to the great and profound principle of U.S. Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, were ever actually relevant to mankind's appropriately actual intentions.

In brief, the "hard point" of truth to be considered here, exists only in its expression as "an ontologically active" motion: *it moves, in one sense, or another, but, actually, only through net physical growth and development which is properly now centered on the human species.* Life-in-and-of-itself is such an expression. The issue thus before us here, is the analysis of the meaning of motion, or, in other words*, a properly qualified principle of causality*. If we proceed from the center-of-reference provided by the work of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa, life as such, is readily to be included; but, there is motion simply as apparently such, a motion which either appears to actually generate motion, or is generated by real motion. The only competent question in an actual physical science of economy, is, therefore: *What creates what net increments?* Alexander Hamilton had already supplied the needed answer to that question for society.

That now said in, perhaps, a sufficient number of ways, what, then, is to be considered as a kind of distinction of what we have chosen to term "life," as distinguished from mere motion generally? Let us, therefore, also recognize, that the term "motion" is not a simply self-contained notion; the tentative "explanation" of this, is that, speaking "practically," the universe is, itself, a complexly organized process of processes; and, the task of the relevant investigator, is to sort out, preferably, processes of net physical growth which, variously, complement, or underlie one another as if reciprocally.

That much now said to set a standard question-mark of reference: how does life, as we experience this as a phenomenon on Earth, locate and implicitly classify itself? There are several expressions of proof by suitable approximations, by means of which the subject of human insight can be approached as a matter of successive approximations. That much just spoken, a careful consideration of some facts, as I shall outline the case here at a later point in this report's conclusion, will assist considerably in gaining approaches to the clarification needed for the gaining of relatively good, and significant insight into that subject-matter as a whole.

To restate that same point, as is necessary, runs as follows.

## Who Really Knows the Meaning of 'Human Mind?'

My opening statement in the body of these now following aspects of this report, here and now, had not been a spectacular one in its actually essential content, if, perhaps, somewhat surprising to some readers. It were better regarded as in the form of application of some useful ABCs of science, ABCs which usually suffer the inherent risk of not being "perfectly argued," but are, for exactly that reason, reasonably acceptable, and also preferable for their quality of truthfulness, in contrast to many from among the many actually erring academics and the like, especially in contrast to the cases of such as those who prefer a mere reputation for the popularity of the opinions which have been impressed upon them, rather than the pursuit of what were often difficult truths, but truths nonetheless.

The evidence on that account is momentous in both

10. Before I shall have completed this report, I shall state the case for actual human creativity.

quality and magnitude; I can only include some essentials here.

In the meantime, the mankind now dwelling within this Solar System, faces the contention represented for our use as located in some serious errors, especially popular ones; but, in the proper alternative, there is also mankind's available potential as a source of elementary great achievements for mankind: this, on the condition that the stench left over from heretofore popular opinions were quenched.



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*"There is one essential quality which distinguishes the potential of the individual human mind from that of all among the known beasts: it is, one and all, the ability to foresee the onset of the future."*

## The Actual Principle of the Human Mind

There is one essential quality which distinguishes the potential of the individual human mind from that of all among the known beasts: it is, one and all, *the ability to foresee the onset of the future*.

On the one hand, such an ability is specifically native to the human species (despite all contrary sentimentalities), as distinct from all other known species on this specific account. Apparently, "on the other hand," the effect of the widespread installation of an asserted separation of the members of a ruling class, as often met in the generality of the human population, has produced a specific kind of pernicious effect on the potential of virtually any, perhaps every member of the otherwise unique human species. The "Zeus versus Prometheus" legend, proffers a fair sketch of the matter: which is the image of the murderously vicious slave-master and murderer Zeus, versus the creative mind of the actual producer, the latter as in contrast to such as the murderous oligarchical, brutish beasts of the presently reigning Anglo-Dutch links of our nation's Wall Street crew and its like abroad.

The essential distinction is that of opposition to the victory of the master-slave model of relationship among persons. It is the issue of the scientists, versus the brutish killers represented by the financial oligarchy, such as the depraved creatures which populate Wall Street. That is a fair description; but it is a description of the means by which the oligarch intervenes into the actuality of the distinction of two mutually opposed hominid social prototypes, the one with the correlated intent to crush humanity, such as Queen Elizabeth's mass-murderous intentions threaten to bring about a massive genocide.

## An Account of Mankind

This is to be considered notable, on the account of the selection of certain narrowly defined, special subjects which I have pursued during the interval of the recent approximately six decades, which I have represented in my continued function as a leading-economist-in-matter-of-fact, as since certain achievements in economic forecasting carried out since the later part of the 1950s, the 1960s, and beyond.[11] Much of what I have done, thus, professionally, on this account, fits within the domain of the relatively best among the categories of economic forecasting, categories which are locatable in a domain in which my publicized role in economic forecasting has served in promoting the production of a set of fairly unique achievements, speaking

11. My first forecast "on the record," had been made formally, initially, as a by-product of my role as a management consultant, in the middle 1950s onward. What I have recognized, for my own part, as my status as ranking economist in the U.S.A. and beyond, had come quickly in my outstanding role in international contention during the very early 1970s and beyond. That was established in the simplest terms of reference in a celebrated, internationally publicized debate, on that account, on December 2, 1971, conducted at New York City's Queens College.

relative to the generality of what are otherwise fairly competent, but still poor results among even relatively leading economists in such regions as U.S.A. and in European ranks.

Those among my actually relevant achievements, to which I have already referred here, have depended for their sometimes perhaps rare, but relatively spectacular achievements on that which can be brought into focus according to my own emphasis on the potential rates of promotion of the use of a crucially important distinction of the beast from man. By that I mean, thus, my own ability, rather often, to foresee an element of the future of mankind, an ability which, in principle, is nothing less than a unique sort of universal potential, a potential which is specific to the human mind, a quality lacking in all other known species, but, which is typically expressed, variously, in such examples as my rather frequent, successful forecasting of the future breaking-points, and as by the expression of the long-range trends of failure, or success, from time to time, of the economies of specific nations.

In fact, it has been a conclusion which I have drawn from a long experience from my own more than ninety years of life this far, that all human beings, if and when they have developed certain innately distinct qualities of the intellectually appropriately cultivated individual, share in the potential of the ability to foresee crucial turns, up or down, in the destiny of their society. This specific distinction of the potential *of the appropriately cultivated human individual*, corresponds to another unique qualification of human society, the unique role of the use of fire, which has been an ability traced as ranging from earlier signs of fire-sites of "primitive man," to what has been shown on the account of today's thermonuclear fusion and prospective matter-anti-matter insights, of such leaders as Max Planck and Albert Einstein, and, hopefully, in the future beyond their time, now today.

## On the Subjects of Fire & Forecast

The human species is to be distinguished absolutely from plant and animal life generally, by a principally two-fold distinction of the member of our living species from all others presently known to us.

First, there is the principle of fire, which, insofar as we know presently, has been unique to man since the first fireside ever left from a site used by man. It is the categorical advancement of the qualitative intensity of category of fire, as from chemical power, into fission, thermonuclear fusion, and beyond, which distinguishes the human species uniquely as mankind.

Second, there is mankind's potentially willful capacity to foresee the future.

The leading indicator of a suppression, or loss of the individual's capacity to foresee qualitative unique future developments, identifies one crippled by the loss of the ability to foresee future developments, as distinct from a complete human being. Every great scientist has exhibited that ability. Conversely, every person who lacks a show of the ability to forecast the future, is, in the case of young or older persons, thus denied access to an actual foresight into the future.

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It is almost certain, that the damaging effects of a dominant role of popular opinions, are a principal source of the lack of intellectual and moral foresight, and hence, the suppression of majorities of populations' ability to rise above the crucially destructive inability to foresee future developments. That was an important factor in the practice of measures of control over human beings who have been victims of a reign of oligarchical systems such as the effects of the reigns of Prescott Bush and his notable family members in U.S. political life.

The effect of that disorder of those who lack creative foresight, includes the consequence of cutting off almost the entirety of actually creative human insight into the future, to the effect of defining such persons as inherently depraved with respect to the implications of the ability to develop a conscience which is actually sensitive to the human needs of society. The depravity which the British empire, for example, relishes in Presidents such as the brutish Andrew Jackson, is a reflection of such a disposition which is deadly in its effects on the population of the United States, and in comparable expressions of relative depravity among the governing circles of Europe, and elsewhere.

Our republic has failed to incorporate, efficiently, the creativity inhering in such U.S. leaders as Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Quincy Adams, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses Grant, William McKinley, Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, and John F. Kennedy, who have been inspired and creative Presidents; the Bush tribe in the Presidency, and, now, Barack Obama, have exemplified the very worst known political minds of recent times. The case of the indicated Bush's "I.Q.", has a certain significance, but not as a profound one in any sense. The British Empire has concentrated a great amount of its political and related energies on keeping the dumb, crooked, or foolish in the office of U.S. President, that as early and often as seems to have been possible. The substitution of money for mind in highest office, has been a lingering sort of a recurring affliction among the ranks of our system of the Presidency.

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## On the Subject of Foresight

Here and now, precisely there, lies an expression of the creative principle which is characteristic of that which Shakespeare's work once defined as the "Chorus principle."

That is to emphasize, that such features of the actual history of mankind as great scientific achievements of discovery, have had an effective reach of their personal influence from within society, the result of which has often spanned even centuries, or, implicitly, even more. It is characteristic of justly durable such gifts of immortality to the mortal, which distinguishes mankind from both beasts, and from the beastly humans of Wall Street and like monstrosities. Any truly great discovery of principle, is distinguished by the fact that it never continues as a fixed object, but, rather, exists as a seminal element of the actual in-progress "motion" of a future of mankind, a future proceeding from relatively lower origins of achievements, to those masterpieces, which, like seeds, have been transformed into a fruit of immortality in the outcome of the present, as also the future.

Such persons as those, are the true immortals. Their characteristic feature, is that advance in a society which moves from a relatively modest past, to bring about a relatively awesome future state of reality.

We come, thus, like seeds, to be, ultimately, as like the great forests composed of a future humanity, an ever-nobler, loving creation of, and by, humanity. Such are the goals of a true immortality, that of the once-born human soul, as written in that heritage which is presented in **I Corinthians** 13. The important thing to be said, or written, on that account, is, as written by that great prophet, to know, and to be known, born of such a realization as to become within the great bounds of the realized intention of both the presently living and their inheritance. The transition from merely generating a mysterious contribution to future mankind, and to true happiness of the presently living of it, which is the realization of that feat, is also the proper self-realization of one's own future existence, a true apprehension of a quality which is tantamount, in effect, to immortality. It were better to give a greater future to humanity, than to rely only upon a past which had already been lived; such is the true principle of a human life expressed as an immortal principle of human generation after generation, and after that generation, as shown by the particularly, notable and relevant case of Alexander Hamilton's uniquely true and brilliant conception of the process which no one lacking actually noëtic qualities of devotion, could actually ever understand, but would rather rely on the dead-end called "deduction," than that of realizing the true intent of the Federal Constitution of our United States of America.

The question: Which is the most natural consequence of the remarks which I have made, immediately, here, is expressed as the proofs of the success of those experiences of our living, whose realization is implicitly more the work of the immortal quality of noëtic achievement of the once-living personality, than the mere product of what has been presently experienced.

However, be careful: fantasies as such are plentiful, ephemeral, and never sufficient. The truth must be experienced in the likeness of the life which is still being lived for the sake of the future; otherwise, the wished-

for happiness with a prospect for the future, will not be sufficient to secure the indispensable outcome. Thus, the monster, such as the wretches typical among Wall Street's predators today, relies upon tormenting its intended victims, of which it, too, is also a victim in the end. Even those tortured into a tortured state of self-induced death, must secure some expression of assurance of the efficient, nobler meaning of the life of each of even the tortured, a realization which requires the reduction of the abilities to check the members of the predator class: "I defy you!" The nation which loses that defiant connection to its own future, may lose everything, even for many entire nations! The prankishness of Wall Street, for example, must be squeezed into its suddenly earlier, permanent retirement.

The crucial implication of what I have written immediately here, this far, is that the design for promised true freedom must be true, lest it become, otherwise, a silly mere charade.

This required achievement which I have placed before you here, immediately, could only occur within the ranks of the human species. That means that it is supplied to human beings through the actual achievements which are forebearers-in-practice of actually realized invasions of the intended future. I have just said, "could!" It must be done actually in some significant part, lest the intention melt away.

### Now, the Practical Measures Needed

This possibility of our intended success, depends upon a certain principle, which is a unique achievement for the human being: the ability to foresee, and to make the future as it had never been achieved before. The most notable failure among our particular society presently, is the inability to conceptualize an actual future state of progress. The tragedy, heretofore, on that account, is that widespread prevention of the sense of true human progress, an always necessary condition which is created within an active insight into the future of the currently living members of society.

On this account, the creatively inspired education of the children of our society, that for gaining a more advanced scientific and closely related knowledge of the future, occurring in such as the classrooms, is the only assurance that mankind will become truly fit to be called mankind, rather than molt into some profoundly evil thing to the contrary. That must be leading virtually everywhere, in countering, thus, such leading policies of practice of the present role of that inherent evil of the Anglo-Dutch imperialist tyranny which is currently still dominating, and worsening the current state of most of the world, directly, or indirectly, still presently.

For the sake of ourselves, we in the United States must become truly the Americans we have often claimed to have been, as in a mirror of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and for the sake of the outcome provided by the great master of a unique quality of the science of economy, that U.S. Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, without whose genius, the United States would not have survived even early on. It is from that vantage-point that we may become enabled to realize what it is that we must strive to become. The failures of the United States, as distinct from the most frequent choices for President (especially the legacy of "Bushes" since Hitler-supporter Prescott), have been the disease which has done the most to destroy our republic so far.

## III.
## The Genius of the Human Mind

As I have already included within the closing paragraphs of this chapter now in progress, the human individual differs qualitatively, and, yet, also most profoundly, from all other forms of life presently known to us. The essential distinction resides within the uniqueness of what is best identified as *the noëtic principle*, which is presumably known, or, at minimum, is practically knowable to members of the human species.

That is a principle which is actually accessed by the human species, but, unfortunately, does not often reach efficiently enough into the ranks of most of the populations up to this time. The very idea of human intellectual freedom to decide competently, depends absolutely on insight into the subject of this distinction.

There exist essentially three respectively distinct categories of differences to be considered here. The differences have lain, chiefly, under the domination of the often ruling influence exerted by what is known as "the oligarchical principle." (E.g., the Roman or British empire.) The other two have been, for one case, the depressed victims of such forms of oligarchism as that of the Roman empire prior to its rulers' descent into a probably fully-deserved Hell, and, for the other case, the truly principal human type, the relatively richer population of what true mankind must become: what mankind is implicitly to be intended to become.

Those three exemplary classes of types are by no means arbitrary, nor merely fanciful. The quality of




*Alexander Hamilton works with President George Washington on the latter's Farewell Address; painting by Allyn Cox in the U.S. Capitol Building. Without Hamilton's economic genius, the United Staes would not have survived.*

what might be usefully classed as "the good," is not merely fanciful in any actual respect. The history of mankind as such, has delivered what is to be regarded as the living prospect of "The Necessary Truth." The crucial fact to be considered, is the indispensable difference of mankind from all of the beasts, as also from the two-legged beasts.

## The Essential Difference

From the standpoint of biological distinctions among functions, mankind enjoys two leading, interactive qualities of distinctions from all other presently known, living species. For the one instance, the measure is the increase of the energy-flux-density expressed by the human species per-capita: i.e., the principle of what is called "physical science." For the other, the closely related ability of the adequately developed exercise of the human individual's ability to actually foresee the future; that, as I have often learned afresh, from experience, is the true acme of human achievement which is to be located in the combination of those two distinguishably, essentially indispensable qualities: science and the making of the future.

The notable additional consideration, is the distinction among nominal classes of members of the human species, which once often signified the distinction of master from slave. Somewhere in the process of past history of mankind, the human society had been (so-to-speak) divided between masters and the more populous aggregations of virtual slaves or quasi-slaves, the division of the reigning, from those identifiable as the suppressed.

Notably, were there not the agency of suppression of those who are classed as underlings, as by the self-described brutal current world empress known as the Queen of England at this moment—the Queen who demands a rate of mass-death of all but 14% of the current human population—the common human standard for human individual life would be expressed as a concentration of persons associated with emphasis on behaviors dedicated to rising rates of human progress in energy-flux-density of the individual human capabilities per-capita generally. For the contrary course, the mass-murderous fall of Troy bespeaks the prototype of reduction of so-called classes of society, whether either to utter destruction by ugly victors, or virtual, or actual slavery and its associated tendency toward utter degradation, as by itself, which now reigns in and is uttered from the slaughterhouse of Windsor.

But, put that imperial bestiality to one side. Consider the uniquely astonishing true genius of mankind! Let the effect of the progress of the human mind, once unleashed, speak for itself.

There is presently, no visible evidence in support of reasonable doubt, that mankind has the prospectively known means to reach the early goal of transcendence to a general means of thermonuclear fusion. None of the presently apparent limitations on the rate of progress of mankind, commands a visible true certainty of failure in such achievements for the remainder of this present century. Two illustrations are convenient. Consider, first, the fact that the rates of evolutionary progress which had been illustrated in such cases as the Presidency of President John F. Kennedy, need never have been obstructed, except by the brutishly crude methods of frustration by, chiefly, the advocates of President Kennedy's murder by the opponents of his policy as President.

If we take into account what was readily waiting to be accomplished as progress, but for President Kennedy's assassination, we are implicitly compelled to recognize the fact, that a general launching of a so-called "environmentalist" dogma was being actively promoted as a "green" policy during the same interval as President Kennedy's assassination, as, coincidentally, by the British monarchy and its Dutch oligarchical associates. Whatever the details in that pattern, the pattern had been introduced, top-down, not by need, but by choice. The pattern of accelerating collapse of the U.S. economy over the continuing pattern of changes since, leaves no reasonable doubt of the truly underlying causes of the horrid sufferings which those same trends have brought the Americas, Europe, and other regions of the world, similarly, since the death of President John F. Kennedy.

We have now reached the outer limits of seventy-five years of a drift into a presently looming Hell, made, in effect, by the reigning powers of the trans-Atlantic world since the close of the war that never actually closed, the alleged non-gaps between the nominal close of World War II, and the presently rising prospect of a thermo-nuclear extinction conducted in the indicated motive of the combined interest of the British empire and thermonuclear World War III.

There should have been no reason for confusion respecting the causes, intentions, and likely outcome of the actually unbroken link between "World War II" and an impending, thermo-nuclear "World War III." Only ***the Human Will*** appears to stand between the past and present prospects and virtually total destruction. I am, at least potentially, of a different image of the future; the future, in principle, is not what happens, but what must be made to occur.

On that account, consider the true prospects of mankind, and the evil forces which threaten a different outcome. In fact, it is foolish, in the extreme, to prejudge the outcome, in light of the great, outstanding power represented by the presently very existence of the human species as it has developed, as we have actually known it during the course of thousands of years to the present date. The choice of outcome has never been "the end" at any time to present date, whereas, today, there would be no hope of survival for anyone, not even the utterly, less than truly depraved fool, who caused the unleashing of thermonuclear War III. No one could be a worse criminal, than he, or she, who failed to prevent it.

It, therefore, appears to me, that the immediate bankrupting of Wall Street and similar ventures, is the most probable option for preventing thermonuclear World War III. If Wall Street were as bankrupted as it were already bankrupt in fact, and surely deserves to be, then, the cause for general warfare would no longer exist. It is, in fact, already, long since, a hopeless investment. The fact of the matter is, presently, that there is not sufficient nominal monetary wealth in the entire planet to prevent a fatal extinction of the existing, far worse than hopelessly bankrupt, current international monetarist system itself.

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What I have just reported, so, is true in fact, already. It is the implications of the presently hopeless financial collapse of the trans-Atlantic powers, which dominate the present trends. Those financier-predators have no successful reason to continue to exist, except to hope to outlive Wall Street's own self-inflicted extermination. Their own sense of security on this account, is their witless determination not to acknowledge the reality of their own, now imminent, self-extinction. They are following now nothing as much as the futility of their own search for their wholly hopeless, already onrushing non-existence. The solution, the only real solution, is to be found in that solution. For how many hours could they, themselves, expect to continue to exist under the same conditions which they themselves are presently determined to now bring quickly upon themselves?

## Seeing Our Future

The greatest achievement of any human individual, is to be located in that which is fairly identified as *the noëtic principle*. The standard for performance of the human individual or his or her species, is located essentially in the so-called "noëtic principle:" recognizing *the essential experience of experiencing an actually creative discovery during the latest moment of a truly unique discovery, no later than the moment before* ***"now."***

# Editorial

## *Why the Hysteria on Wall Street?*

The scene would have been hilarious if the stakes weren't so high. Bevies of bankers flocked to a hearing room at the National Conference of State Legislatures in Atlanta Aug. 12, to try to block a pro-Glass-Steagall resolution pending before that body. After three presentations in favor of the resolution, the bankers—some having come all the way from Delaware—surrounded the legislators who had spoken for Glass-Steagall, demanding that it be withdrawn.

It was a virtual repeat, on a more intense scale, of what happened in the Delaware State Senate at the end of June, when lobbyists for JPMorgan Chase intervened in a hearing on a Glass-Steagall memorial, implicitly threatening to cancel tens of thousands of jobs in the state if the memorial passed.

Why the hysteria? Why do the top Wall Street banks feel so threatened by resolutions for Glass-Steagall? Three facts help answer those questions, and point to what must be done.

First, it is clear to them, as well as to an increasing number of leading citizens throughout the nation, that the movement for re-imposing Glass-Steagall has growing momentum. With memorials now introduced into 24 states, including California and New York, a growing list of sponsors in both Houses of Congress, and an anti-Glass-Steagall President obviously weakened by scandal and incompetence, the FDR model of banking separation is a "winning" proposition in the very near term.

Second, the Wall Street banksters, at least at the highest level, understand that the reimposition of Glass-Steagall is a "death sentence" for the giant predatory banks. Hundreds of billions of dollars of debt on the books of the major banks are worth exactly . . . nothing, and once the Glass-Steagall standard is re-established, and Federal support removed, banks like JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America will find themselves on their own—and *bankrupt*. That will be no loss to real economy of the United States, but these allegedly all-powerful bankers will be as naked as the Emperor in Hans Christian Andersen's "The Emperor's New Clothes."

The third reason is less obvious perhaps, but crucial. Given the ratio of bad debt in the economy, relative to the core of income, there is *no way* this monetarist system can be saved. It's going to collapse, most likely in the very near term—gone up in a cloud of hyperinflationary smoke. The only question is, who will have the power to determine the terms of post-crash survival. The Wall Street crowd, itself a subsidiary of the Queen's financial empire, is hysterically determined *not* to be the ones who submit. They may be going down, but they are willing to destroy everyone else in a futile attempt to survive.

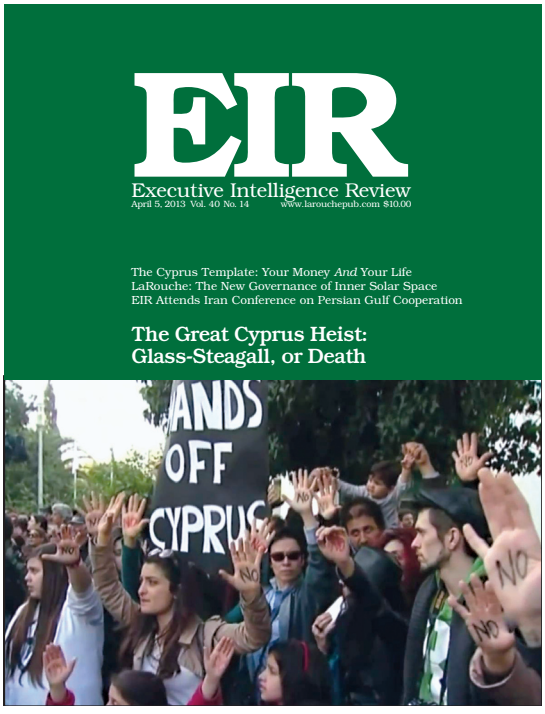
If they win, it's mass death worldwide, and likely, World War III.

But with Glass-Steagall, the United States, and the rest of the world, *can* survive. The Constitutional system established by Alexander Hamilton can be applied, to simply cancel the worthless debt, and set up a credit system, which restarts the economy through physical production, and a rapid increase in the productive powers of labor, through technological progress and a leap to a higher level of energy-flux density embodied in the necessary shift to a nuclear-fusion-based economy.

At certain times in history, it is the banks versus the people—and this is one of those times.

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