

II. The Nature and Destiny of Man

The New Presidency

by Matthew Ogden

Matthew Ogden delivered the following introductory remarks to the LaRouchePAC weekly webcast of April 24, 2015.

Good evening.... I'm joined here in the studio by both Benjamin Deniston and Jason Ross from the LaRouchePAC Scientific "Basement" Team.

This broadcast is intended to serve as a sort of prelude to an event which is happening tomorrow, a live town hall meeting which will be simulcast from three locations—New York City, California, and Texas—and will be addressed by Keshia Rogers and Michael Steger—both members of the LaRouchePAC Policy Committee—as well as Ben Deniston.

If you've been joining us over the last few weeks, you'll know that the LaRouchePAC has set a new standard of leadership with the presentations that Ben Deniston has given, both on these broadcasts and also elsewhere. Our job here tonight, is to draw out the implications of what Ben has presented from the standpoint of this question: What is the human species? What is our mission in the Solar System? And, what must be done to ensure that mankind fulfills this mission?

Mr. LaRouche emphasized earlier today that the problem that we face is that very few people in positions of leadership rise to that standard—the standard which was set by the presentations that Ben Deniston has given. You do have a very small but qualified number of leaders in areas of this planet such as the government of China, and related countries such as the

constituent countries among the BRICS [Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa], who *do* rise to that level of responsible leadership.

However, here in the United States, we confront what you could call an epidemic of stupidity and pragmatism. You have the press, the mass media, the members of Congress, elected officials generally, and the American public in general, who have *no* efficient understanding of the gravity and the profundity of the challenges which confront mankind. They have no *real* insight into reality, and they instead substitute a narrative which they wish to be overheard supporting, and feel comfortable being overheard supporting, but which has no basis in provable scientific fact. They adopt slogans, they adopt positions on so-called political issues, some of which may even be the correct ones; but these opinions will tend to have no real merit in fact, because they're not formed from the standpoint of scientific competence and scientific principle. So, this is the significance of what you've heard presented by Ben Deniston over the past several weeks, which sets an entirely different standard.

Mankind's Role in the Solar System

Now, as Mr. LaRouche emphasized in our discussion with him earlier, what we need is an efficient apprehension of mankind's true role in the Solar System and beyond, and the commitment to use every means available to mankind to fulfill that. Or, said otherwise, we need people to begin acting like human beings, and not

just higher apes. We need to ask the question: What is the natural destiny of mankind? What is the current *ability* of Man to achieve that destiny? What *were* the potential *future* ability of mankind to achieve that destiny, were mankind to begin acting according to his true identity? And what is *hindering* mankind from attaining that future?

And it's from this standpoint that you can confront the crisis that we face here at home as well as abroad. Yes, indeed, the United States has a crisis—a big one—typified by Barack Obama; typified by [California Gov.] Jerry Brown; but it is not only the United States. Mankind *as a whole* is in a crisis, which is caused by the way that mankind in general tends to think, and the way that governments tend to make policy based on their *failure* to take into account the identity and the true mission of mankind. *This* must be the starting-point, and not some afterthought. We have to begin from the standpoint of what the nature and the destiny of mankind must be, and then proceed from there—not the other way around.

And, as Mr. LaRouche also emphasized in our discussion today: The work that Ben Deniston has done achieves this standard, and allows us to do just that. It allows us to at least begin to perceive that mankind has a future destiny which we have barely even begun to understand. And this is an insight which should define an entirely new view of mankind's view of mankind himself.

So, the responsibility of those who *do* have this quality of insight is to educate and to lead the rest of society, and allow our fellow citizens to climb *upwards* to *this* level, to *this* view of the understanding of themselves, and make them *more* intelligent—as opposed to attempting to stoop down to their level for the sake of popularity, and, in so doing, make *yourself less* intelligent.

So, Mr. LaRouche said, “Ask yourself this question: How many members of Congress understand this, the nature of the human being? How can they pretend to have the authority to legislate the affairs of mankind, if they have *no* understanding of what mankind even is?”

So, the problem that we face, is the tendency by members of Congress and other elected officials—even



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LaRouche and Reagan talk during a debate held in New Hampshire during the 1980 Presidential campaign. As author of the Strategic Defense Initiative, LaRouche was brought into the Reagan Presidency to carry out back-channel negotiations on the SDI.

the relatively better ones—to submit to stupidity and to compromise with incompetence. And this is what is killing us—literally! Just look at the current potential for widespread depopulation and drastic rises in the death rate caused by the water crisis now in California and the other Western states. Look at the thousands of refugees who are drowning and dying in the Mediterranean, who are fleeing from the utter chaos which has been created as a *direct consequence* of Obama's illegal wars in Libya, against Syria, and the surrounding areas of North Africa. Look at the installation of an avowed Nazi government in Ukraine, and the looming threat of a thermonuclear war against Russia—but not only Russia, also not to mention China and elsewhere.

These are the consequences of the willingness to accept the general stupidity of so-called “politics” today, and to compromise with *both* what the Obama Administration and the Bush-dominated Republican Party represent.

The LaRouche-Reagan SDI

So, we at LaRouchePAC fully intend to create a *new* Presidency. But it must be created from this standpoint: What is the true mission of mankind, and what responsibility must our nation have to play its part in a *positive* way in allowing mankind to achieve that mission?

And we intend to do this much in the way that Lyndon LaRouche himself played a critical role in organizing the policy of the incoming Presidency of Ronald Reagan in the years leading up to his election in 1980

around what became known as the SDI, the Strategic Defense Initiative, which was an expression of the highest potentials of the human mind to harness the power of new physical principles in order to change mankind's view of himself as a species, change our relationship with the Solar System, and, in so doing, change the destiny of the human species itself, preventing the self-extermination of mankind through a holocaust of thermo-nuclear war.

However, because of the poisonous influence of the Bush family inside the Reagan Administration, that potential victory was sabotaged and derailed, and we now find ourselves on the verge of a war potentially far, far greater in magnitude and in destructive capability than what we faced even at the time of Reagan's Presidency—which is a danger that I believe underscores the responsibility that we have here, even as a small handful of leaders this country, all that much more.