

A Force Which Can Resuscitate The United States

Edited excerpts from Lyndon LaRouche's dialogue with the Manhattan Project of Saturday, January 2, 2016

Dennis Speed: My name is Dennis Speed, and on behalf of the LaRouche Political Action Committee, I want to welcome you to our first meeting of the New Year. I think everybody basically knows the procedures. I see a few people who are new here. . . . So, Lyn, I'd like to give you the opportunity to say something to us, now that we've started a completely new year, and you're with us.

Lyndon LaRouche: Yes. We have to cope with the fact that we are facing a disaster. Now, the disaster has two phases. One phase is the fact that people are struggling to understand something about things, and the second thing is, they find out that it's a disaster. And, so, our question here and our problem here, is to get out of the disaster. And, I think the questions, and discussion matter that has come up in this course, will be of that significance.

We're in a disaster. We, in the United States, as well as in other parts of the world, especially in the trans-Atlantic region, are in a disaster. And, there's very little hope from that, on the basis of the surface, now.

So, this is the challenge. The United States is on the verge of being disintegrated, along with most of the people of the trans-Atlantic area. And our object is to get rid of Obama, and to get a form of

Presidential institution, and similar institutions, which are suited to the needs of humanity.

Right now, you have to face the fact, that we are now under a threat of almost extermination. That's what has happened. And, the British Empire has been, of course, the source of this. The trans-Atlantic community is disintegrating, generally. And, the question is, how can we take the situation, in that form, and find a solution?

Asia is strong, but Asia is going to be drawn into a thermonuclear war, unless we can stop the war. And therefore, we have a terrible fate before us, unless we can work our way out of it. And I think we should probably start from my remarks to that effect now, and open the discussion on the same matter from people here



Saint Paul Delivering the Areopagus Sermon in Athens, by Raphael, 1515.

who are reacting.

Speed: Very good. Lyn, I also have a few questions, which I got via Internet, which is a bit unusual. But, I think it's because it's the first of the year, and some people I got out some messages to, late last night, about what the urgency of this situation was, got back to me with a couple of questions. So, I may wish to go to the microphone, myself, at one point, and let you know what those are.

LaRouche: Don't tear your voice apart. It's valuable.

A Deadly Problem for Mankind

Question: Hi Mr. LaRouche. This is R—, from Bergen County, New Jersey. I have a question about executive power. . . . To me, it's pretty clear that over the last 15 years, the Executive branch has grabbed more power than they should have, and the Congress seems to have done very little to check that. How could that situation be corrected? Could it be corrected under the current form of government? And, assuming that there was a more rational form of government in place, how would that have to be corrected?

LaRouche: Well, right now, what we have in Asia—in major parts of Asia, not the entirety of it—but Asia, in general, is a viable institution. Whereas the trans-Atlantic community is not a viable institution. And so therefore, you can take that contrast, and look at the one side, and the other side, and you begin to get what the problem is. What happened is, generally, the British Empire has dominated things since before the beginning of our own Presidency—and, so, since that time, we've had degeneration as a trend in the trans-Atlantic community.

What we have now is a shift in that, in terms of parts of Asia—including Russia, on the edge of it—are really factors, which can play a leading role, for the nation as a whole. But, the trans-Atlantic community is totally corrupt, and has to be changed. So, therefore, what happens is you get President Roosevelt, for example. What happened is, President Roosevelt's intention was destroyed. It was destroyed by the Republican Party, against him. And, what's happened since then: In my life experience, I was thrown in the jug. I was a leading figure in the organization of the Presidency at that time. I was a key vehicle to pass the drama, from what had occurred in that decade, and I passed it on to President Reagan. I was put in prison, because they wanted to get

rid of me. And, a lot of people just went the other way, and when I got dumped out, they went back to Satan for succor.

So, that's what the situation is. We have to realize that the United States is ruled by—first of all—is ruled by an evil man, actually a collection of evil men. Bushes—and Bushes that didn't burn, but should. And Obama. And Obama is a Satanic figure. And, most of the people in the United States are intimidated by the presence of this Satanic figure called Obama! And everybody likes to kiss his rear end. I don't, but most of the people in Wall Street do. But they're going to die. Wall Street is going to die! Right now! Because, in the present system, the whole thing is going to collapse. Which means, the whole system of economy, under the present conditions and management, will collapse.

This is a threat of extinction of the citizens of the United States, and other parts of the world. And unless we can come up with a magic instrument by which we can solve this problem, there's not much hope for humanity. Now, this the kind of thing which has happened in past history. It happened repeatedly: Dark Ages. Dark Ages are part of the history in mankind's life.

And, therefore, you have two categories. You have the category which is the humanistic view, which sees progress, which sees goals, and which sees a higher value of mankind. The practical man often tends to be a stupid man. Because he tries to use mechanisms of decision, to decide what is true and what is not. The true man, the real man, is one who's creating a state of mind in the population, a state of mind which was greater, more advanced, richer, more enjoyable, than anything before.

Now there have been periods of ups and downs in the history of mankind, where things sometimes have gone up, and more often have come down. And our concern is don't try to adduce the history as simply a fact, which has occurred by some accident, or some happening. Mankind is right now in deadly danger. The very existence of the human species is in a deadly situation.

On the one hand, you have something in Russia, China, and some other areas,—as opposed to what you have in the trans-Atlantic community. The trans-Atlantic community, and its relationship is a disease, it's a threat to the very existence of the human species throughout the planet. And, our challenge is, we have to take a fighting position, to make sure that we don't go the Obama way, or the Bush way.

Manhattan

And, therefore, we are going to try to get a movement in history, with the aid of Russia, with the aid of China, with the aid of others from that sector, and to use that contact as a stimulus inside the United States, inside Europe. Because Europe is dying. Europe right now is *rotting*. Its rotting out. And, there's no light in sight.

And so, therefore, that's the situation we have. We have a deadly problem for mankind. All mankind is threatened. Now, mankind has been threatened in that way, in that manner, many times in the course of man's general history up to this present time. But, what we're going into now, is a very Dark Age. It's a Dark Age which is characterized by the British culture. And, that's the problem.

So, therefore, what is required of us, is to have the power of imagination, like people who have done that before, in earlier periods of history, of Renaissances and great periods of moment; and our challenge is to bring forth those kinds of solutions. As, say, from the Renaissance period, or what Kepler did, and what Leibniz did, and what we're trying to do, otherwise. These things require us to *search ourselves* to locate those principles and those actions, by which mankind has achieved restoration of humanity, repeatedly. And therefore, we have to become that force. We have to become that influence. We have to give that inspiration, to people who are demoralized by the conditions of life they experience.

This is particularly the case of the trans-Atlantic region. The trans-Atlantic region is now a *disaster*, with very few exceptions. It's going to Hell, with very few opportunities of success. And, that's the problem. We face something, where the imagination of the thinking population,— Now, just one little thing I want to put in on that point: *Manhattan*. If you look now, with the exception of certain spots, local spots inside the United States in particular, there's *nothing*, there's nothing waiting for mankind in general right now, under present conditions.

And therefore, we have to understand this problem, and we can, as we have before, as the Renaissance did, as had been done before the birth of the United States,— these kinds of things have happened. But they don't happen accidentally. They happen by the influence of people, of certain people, groups of people, who save mankind from *Hell*, or Hellish existence. And, we're in such a period, now. And right now, Russia, China, and

other nations of that connection, they are the main means by which we may escape all kinds of Hell, very fast, very soon.

Question: Hi. How are you?

LaRouche: I'm not too bad, for an old geezer.

Question: [follow-up] You look great. This is J— from Brooklyn, and I've been thinking about several questions, or several comments, and I was wondering which one I would bring up today.

Just recently, this past week, a group of us, who are involved in the Manhattan Project, our intention was to go and see Congress people and bring our materials and talk about the urgency of the crisis we are facing and get action, get things rolling, get things done, not just talk any more, but actually demand and challenge them to do something. So, this was Tuesday. We discovered that not only,— well, we went to see one Congress person who did have some people in his office, two people. Then, when we were planning to go to the other places, we discovered that these cowardly, jackass Congress people had shut down their offices. And we called person after person, office after office, and these offices were shut down. I guess they were having New Year's Eve early.

So, that was Tuesday. New Years' Eve wasn't till Thursday, why is there no one in their office; your constituents may actually need you? So, we were kind of discouraged by that. Except for the enthusiasm of one secretary about our music program, after she discussed it with one member.

So, if you could comment on the connection between the music and what we're trying to do to get the people, not just Congress people, but everyone, to understand the urgency of getting Glass-Steagall in place and getting rid of Obama, if you could comment on that connection again, I would really appreciate it.

What Can We Do?

LaRouche: Well, you noted, probably, because you've been watching this process, what we've accomplished,— we had two choruses, together embracing a population of about 1,000 people on Saturday and Sunday. Now, at this point, I would say that Manhattan is now the soul of the United States. Because what you've seen, by these choruses, the formation of these choruses, and to get people to turn out in numbers of 1,000 between the chorus and those that are sitting there



Schiller Institute

Soprano Rosa D'Imperio during the Schiller Institute's performance of Handel's Messiah on Dec. 20, 2015 at the Unitarian Church of All Souls in Manhattan.

and enjoying the program, this is something absolutely unique since a very long time, and it's unique actually to Brooklyn and Manhattan.

That in general, you can say, with a few exceptions like some localities in the West Coast, and it's with those exceptions,— there's nothing that is not demoralizing about what the people of the United States are experiencing now. And they reflect that. What drives them wild? They have children who are immoral, who are stupid, who are stupefied, who are destroyed,—they're not capable. They are criminal in their proclivities. And this is all over the United States. You have the local cities, and local towns in various parts of the United States. Most of these communities are corrupt. They're rotten in the sense that they have no capability of defining a perspective which humanity would want.

The one area which is most important for the United States is *Manhattan* and the immediate surroundings. That's the chief place of growth in the United States. You have some local spots in California, the middle part, mostly our people. One or two people here or there, something like that. But the general population is demoralized and is *de*-moralized in the literal sense. They've given up.

The young people are degenerate, in general, that is, the characteristic is degenerate; they are not responsive to reality. They don't believe in the truth, and they're little animals, with bad habits. And that's what's been done to them. They didn't do it. But you have a whole generation which, in this process,— and I've seen this,

I've lived through much of this period, and I can tell you the degeneration as I have experienced it directly, throughout the United States and the same thing in Europe. Europe is somewhat a different case, but it's the same principle. What happened in Canada? The mass deaths in Canada just recently? [The rash of economic suicides centered in Alberta.] All of these things show a civilization which is ready to die, or to come close to dying, to extermination of mankind as we know it.

Now there have been periods of evil, for example after the Renaissance, the great Renaissance. The great Renaissance was followed by, actually, a satanic program run by the Catholic Church. Then there was a fight to get that Satanic group out. And Kepler started something in his own way, under conditions of defeat; he died under conditions of defeat. But then with Leibniz, Leibniz's influence drove civilization upward. And so, therefore, we depend upon these kinds of patterns, and so we read these patterns,—like I read the patterns, and say, "we are going into Hell. This is the direction we are going."

We have to fight against going into Hell, which is what we are fighting. We have children, young children, throughout the United States, and they are adolescents and more, and they're degenerate. Look at their music. Look at their behavior. Look at the fruit of their behavior. What you're looking at is the self-destruction of mankind. You're seeing it in the United States; you're seeing it throughout Europe. Europe in general is degenerate. The British system, of course, has been a leading influence in that process.

So the thing we have to look at is the fact that we are facing an age of degeneracy. But there have been periods of degeneracy before,—like the Renaissance, itself, was a freedom from degeneracy. And therefore, our job is to organize mankind to free itself from periods of degeneracy, and the periods of degeneracy have been recurrent, and unfortunately, numerous, in the different parts of the planet.

Then you have also the other types of problems, problems which are sort of practical interpretation

problems. For example, Russia under the Soviet system. Stalin was a very loyal person for Russia and for Europe. *But!* he believed that everybody had to behave the way *he* wanted them to behave, and he would actually kill people, leading people, or suppress them, imprison them, because they wanted to manage him. He wanted them to obey him. Now what he demanded of Russians for obedience was not all bad. But the practice that he did, in saying, I'm going to kill people, if you don't do as *I* tell you, which is what his problem was. And so we're in such a period where we have to say, we have to build up throughout the system, the system of mankind, and we have sources in China, sources in India again today, Egypt is a positive factor. And Russia is a very important factor in this thing. And Putin has more or less licked the Stalin problem.



Gottfried Leibniz (1646-1716), who took up Kepler's ideas to advance a new Renaissance.

What We're Up Against

So these are the kinds of things. And therefore, the point is, can we—as individuals and groups of individuals—can we influence the process of redemption of mankind by influence, by good contributions, good ideas, good principles? And we're at a point where we, in Manhattan in particular, Manhattan is the best hope of the United States. Anything outside of Manhattan is not likely to be very important any more. It's true. It's not braggadocio, it's good luck.

We know there are a lot of crooks in Manhattan. They're abundant, and they're mostly Wall Street types. And look at the education system. Look at the education system in California. Do you want your child to be educated by the California school systems and universities anymore? It's degeneracy! And therefore, we have a mission here. Here we are, and what we've had in the two cases just recently, Saturday and Sunday, we had about 1,000 people, both singers and audiences, between the respective places, Brooklyn and Manhattan, and we produced an effect which has not been available to *anyone* in any significant degree heretofore. So therefore, we have an obligation, a moral obligation to

convey the essence of what we have accomplished in Manhattan, through the musical expert activities we have been working toward, and that's the *hope* of mankind. And therefore we're going to have to say that we've got something in Manhattan and its associations which is the secret of the successful future of mankind.

Q. Hi Lyn, it's M— from Manhattan. One of the things that I was struck by, actually yesterday, coming home from my temple,— but I'll preface it by this. A friend of mine travels all over the world, that's the job. And this person said, "There's really only one group of people that hate us." "Oh? A group of

people hate us? Oh, who could they be?" He said, "They're called Wahhabis." "Wahhabis, what's that?" "Well, that's Saudi Arabia. That's a Wahhabi, and they hate the hell out of Americans." "Oh? Really? Uh-huh." And then coming home from my Buddhist temple yesterday in the car, the driver said, "Oh, yes, well, you're talking about Wahhabis. They own and built every mosque." I said, "Wait a minute. You're going to tell me that these mosques that we have in New York and all over the place were built by the Saudis, who are Wahhabis?" "Yes, you betcha. Yes, they were."

And then I got thinking about what you had mentioned before—the 28 pages, of course—and that these fellows that slit the throats of the airline stewardesses and took all these flying lessons were actually staying with an FBI informant. So there's a connection there to the FBI.

LaRouche: [Laughs] I think a great deal about that. I can tell you that much. No, this is all real. It's fully real. There's been a process from 9/11, and you can go back to the 9/11 events, when these two planes were taken captive in Boston, and were circling around southern Manhattan. I was watching this thing, because I was watching the film of the two planes which had been captured with their passengers. They would come around the towers of lower Manhattan, and crash into the towers. In the process of crashing into the two

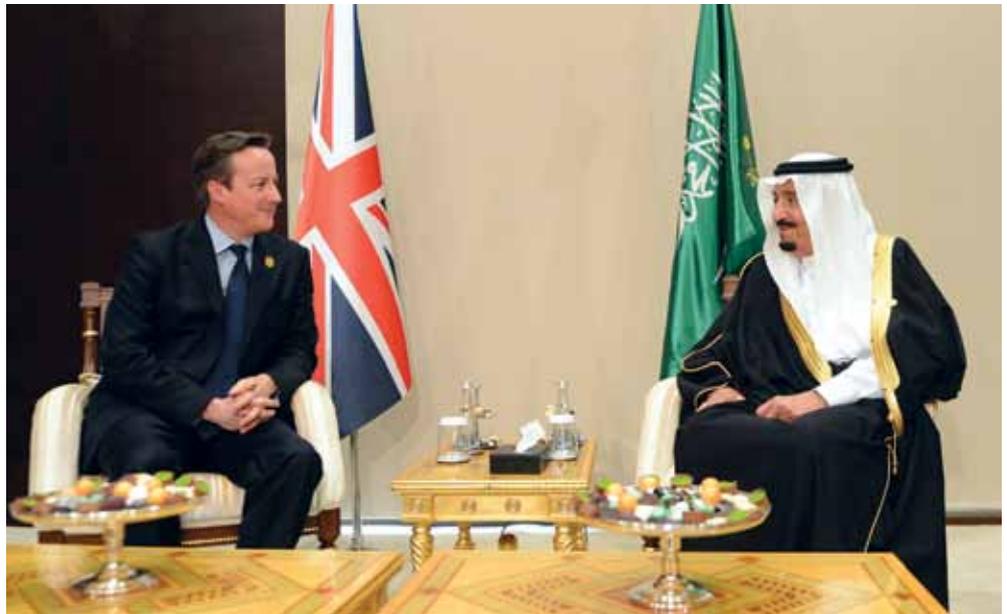
towers, the two towers collapsed and the people in them and around them died.

It was the Saudis, however, who had set this into motion, under British direction. That's how it happened. This is one of my areas of expertise. I've been working on this, and know that the British Empire and the Saudis, who are stooges for the British Empire, and the Saudi representatives in the U.S. offices, that is, as representatives from Saudi Arabia and Britain,— that the British Empire, the British monarchy, and the Saudis committed this mass murder against the people of the United States, a smaller number at the Pentagon, and many more in the southern part of Manhattan.

And so what conclusions must be drawn from this? Well, then go to the next step. The United States Congress suppressed any action against the Saudi action and the British action, and they have continued that to the present day. So therefore, who's running this? Well, the Bush family was already running it. Obama has been running it.

Frightened People

Obama has been killing people every Tuesday, people who were innocent, who were selected for being murdered by the President, Obama! Now, this is the world we live in. Europe is disintegrating. Western and Central Europe are disintegrating now. How far that will go is uncertain. However the British again are back in the business—the British and the Saudis, and the British and the Saudis are the same thing. The British monarchy and the Saudis are the same thing. Eh? They are mass murderers. And nothing has been done, much, to correct those problems. The victims of 9/11, the Congress! Huh? The government, have all protected this thing, supported it! And we are supposed to subject ourselves to the opinions of the authorities, of people who've done that to us in the United States, who have



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Buddies in Satanic crime: British Prime Minister David Cameron and King Salman of Saudi Arabia at the G20 Summit in Turkey in Nov. 2015.

done the similar things throughout various parts of the planet? Where is our President? We don't have a President! We have a piece of filth. Obama. He's rotten! He's evil. He's intrinsically evil, systemically evil. His step-father was evil.

So these are the kinds of things that we're up against. Now, if you go back into the history of mankind, you find periods in which the Satanic element, which is fairly called the Satanic element, keeps recurring. The great Renaissance—that was suddenly aborted after the end of that particular century, and we went to a period of evil. Kepler, himself, the great Kepler, was under the influence of a great evil that was going on in Europe at that time. Then you got a turn, an upturn. And it happened. Then Leibniz died. Leibniz had been one of the great creators of the Renaissance, the new Renaissance. And when Leibniz died, then, what later became the United States, became a part of the British influence of corruption.

And you look at the number of Presidents we've had, the total Presidents, and you find that most of the Presidents of the United States were really rotten. They were evil people, or stupid, or criminal types of people. And that's the point. And so therefore we have to understand that we have to use our own influence, our own moral standards.

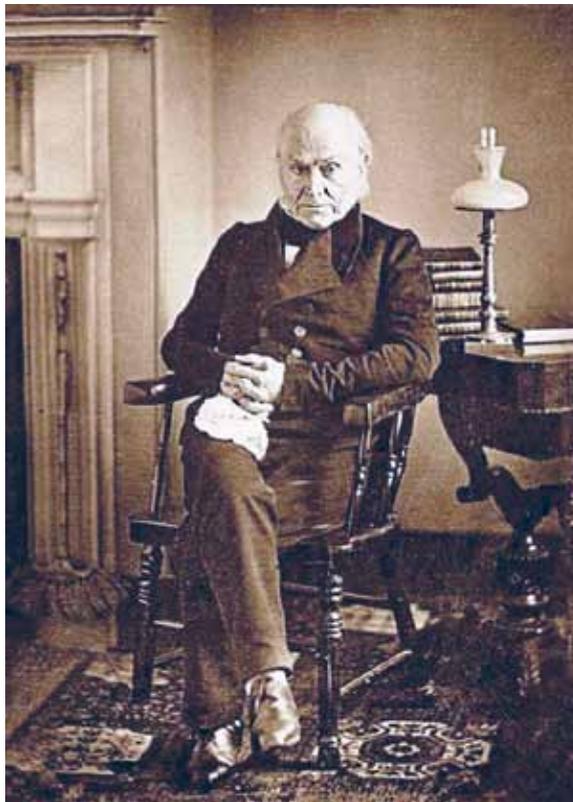
Russia now happens to be a very useful place for us, because of what Putin represents. Russia was not

always a good place, but Putin has made it a good place, relatively speaking, and we have other parts of Asia which are on the right side.

At the same time, you have people who are demoralized, but who would also agree that these things which happened were evil; but they say, “I’m scared; I’m scared.” Therefore, my particular concern has always been: Where does the evil come from, what is it, and what’s the problem that makes people scared so that they aren’t able to do something for their own selves, for mankind? All these kinds of things,—what do we do about it? How do we give them the courage?

The Moral Factor

And what I’ve seen recently, with what I’ve seen between Saturday and Sunday with the 1,000 total participation, in Manhattan and Brooklyn,—this has changed everything. And Manhattan is the only place in the United States in which a phenomenon like this could’ve occurred. And therefore my point here is, okay, fine. If Manhattan is going to be the place that re-initiates the United States, well, you have to say, “That’s a pretty good idea, it’s a pretty good job, considering the job.” What’s wrong with the rest of the United States, except for a few spotty areas where some people are of a higher grade? The United States is dominated by degenerates! And you have a few people who are the actual heroes, and this has often been the case in history,—that a small part of a population becomes a factor of influence which can bring an evil nation, an evil people, out of their evil into doing creative work. And that has been the history of the United States Presidency. We’ve had a few great Presidents. We’ve had many skunks who were Presidents. And therefore you have to take the few who actually represent a leadership factor, a moral factor. You have to bring them together. Assemble them as a force,



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One of the heroic U.S. Presidents, John Quincy Adams (1829-1833). This daguerreotype was done in 1843, when Adams was serving in Congress.

and let their influence go to work.

Question: Hi, Lyn. A— here in New York. M— is a tough act to follow, but I’m going to do my best. In our last discussion on the phone, you responded to what I raised by talking about the failure of our citizenry for a long time always to recognize the principle of Congress, and within your comments you stated that we needed to mobilize the population by itself, in a sense, to whatever we can to contribute to make that happen. Now earlier, a few days ago, I was invited to join a phone call on the Manhattan Project and the operation of developing and aiming at the Bronx, the Borough of the Bronx, to do work and get Glass-Steagall through, through this process.

So this is the choral principle in action, it seems to me, and programs and other things were discussed; I was able to contribute something along the lines of demographics, but the main thing is, this principle of, — well, this idea of what you’re saying of organizing the population by itself, and then, what we’re doing here, they seem to go hand-in-hand, and yet, I’d really like to hear greater elaboration from you on that.

The Principle of Mankind

LaRouche: Yes, I think it does require that, because it’s not as simple as a simple expression would suggest. No, the problem is, when you get people who have a sense,— well, look, everything that’s good about mankind is always based on the next generation ahead. That’s the principle of mankind. The goodness of mankind comes out of those people who gather, in a sense, to a common sense that the future is needed. For example, take the case of the United States today, in California. Look at what’s happening in California, the degeneration, the moral degeneration of the youth in

California, that is destroying the United States, that kind of thing, that pattern.

Now, this came out of the Twentieth Century, because a change came about when Bertrand Russell got involved, and Bertrand Russell's influence, even after he died, has corrupted the United States, as the trans-Atlantic area as well. You actually have a much better perspective for mankind in China; possibly in India, which is struggling to recover itself; and other locations, special locations; and Russia.

So therefore the hope of mankind is located in the composition of these elements, of this region. The general case on the planet, is that the trans-Atlantic area is the area of great danger. The British Empire is evil; the Saudis are evil, I mean, all the Saudis of the Saudi tribes are evil! They are Satanic, literally Satanic! They kill, they kill *en masse*, they kill humans *en masse* throughout Europe and this area! There's no hope for mankind in this area.

Then you find in Germany, Germany took a certain step toward help for people who were abandoned and driven out of the land, and then you had [Finance Minister Wolfgang] Schäuble, this official, who's a *killer*, a stinking killer! And you look at France, well, I don't think there's much in France; there may be some good people in France, but there's not a France which is going to lead Europe in any way into good ends.

So therefore, you're in this kind of situation. And the danger now is, even though China is making a great contribution; India is trying to recover its possibilities, again; Russia is playing a very leading role, on behalf of mankind; while Spain, Portugal, so forth, and so on, are rotting away. And therefore, the problem comes down to, is there a faction, as in the case of what happened in 9/11: is there a faction of forces, which has the capability of devoting itself to freeing mankind of these kinds of evils, of the type I've referred to in general?

And my view has been that. My own devotion has always been in that direction, to provide the kind of leadership which *sees the future*—not the future simply as a phenomenon, but the future as a better condition of mankind, the idea of higher scientific and technological capabilities, the idea of better education; getting people out of the mud. And what we've been living through, since I was thrown in the jug, out of the Reagan Presidency,—I've seen for the main part with a few pieces of exception, a degeneration of the United States as a whole, and of the people of the United States. Why did they degenerate? Because they're social, and when they

get into these social influences, it's like the guy who wants to marry seven wives, or something like that; this is a very bad idea; it's also very expensive.

But anyway, the problem is, we're looking for leadership of a kind which can become infectious, which induces people to appreciate the fact that they have access to choices of behavior which are rewarding from the standpoint of mankind. It's like Leibniz in his own time, and people like that. So it's the great leaders in society who often start with limited numbers of people, but who actually make a contribution in an infectious way, to inspire people to discover a better way of living. And without that factor, mankind has very poor chances of survival.

Mobilizing Ourselves

Everything the United States has accomplished, has been despite all the evil people who were President of the United States; most of the Presidents of the United States were evil, in their history! You had a few exceptional people as Presidents. And what we got, we got that way: We got Franklin Roosevelt. Franklin Roosevelt was a real genius in that respect: Here he was, a man who was suffering from a terrible disease, and yet he was able to provide leadership to mankind in the United States, at a time that the United States *had lost* the ability to survive! And then, at a certain point, the FBI took over. And the FBI destroyed that. But we had some people who were responsible people, who fought against this.

But more recently, I was a key figure assigned to the transition to Ronald Reagan. He was not fully functional as a President at that time, and I was one of the two people who was assigned to get Reagan's administration into order. And what happened is, they tried to kill him—by a Bush family member—and I was dumped, and since that time, in general, the Presidency of the United States has been for the most part, with one exception, a bad joke.

And therefore my view is, I have a commitment not to put up with that crap any longer!

Question: Hi, I'm E—N— from Philadelphia, and an activist for the LaRouche organization for years. I give you greetings; we've had the Pope in Philadelphia for Family Day 2015, but overlooked in Philadelphia was the 57 public schools closed down! Forty-plus students in the public school area in each class now. The pressure's put onto these families moving their children

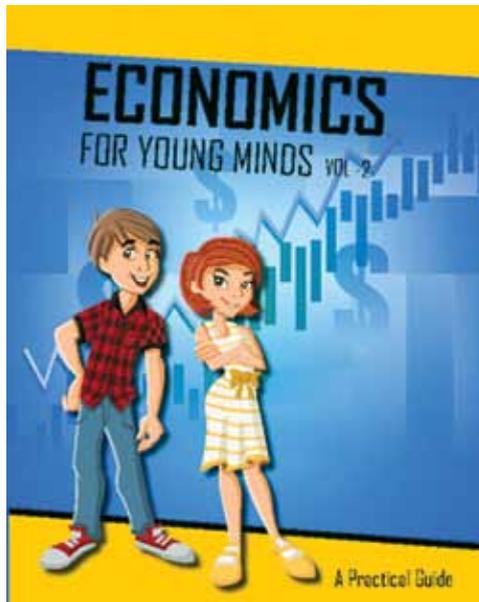
around to the schools that are left; nothing has been said about any kind of conditioning of high school students geared for college. And I'm giving you that question now. Mr. LaRouche, what is your ...?

LaRouche: OK, first of all, what we have is a general case of moral and intellectual degeneration throughout the whole system of the United States. There are individual exceptions to that pattern, but they are a very tiny minority. Look at the education system in California: California's education system is really an abomination, because they are destroying the minds of the students! And it becomes like a religion that they're devoted to.

We have some groups of circles in California, which we work with, and yes, they understand this. But the problem is, is that there's a need for a coherence among the people who do recognize that this is wrong, that what's going on is wrong, that the education system is wrong. But the difficulty is to get people to have confidence in themselves to be able to play a role of leadership which will move the society, move the people in the society, to improve themselves.

And that goes all through the country. Philadelphia's a mess; it's a horrible mess. Everybody who's there knows what the abuses are. And so that's the kind of thing we have to consider. And therefore, what I'm doing and what other people should be doing—those of us who understand how to organize society's behavior to get out of these kinds of messes—, *we have to mobilize ourselves to be the force that causes the desired effect to occur.*

Question: Good afternoon Lyndon. I want to wish you a very happy New Year; we're very happy to have you in this New Year. And I guess we're saying good riddance to the last year. But we did some work. The Manhattan Project was built last year and it advanced. So the question is, where are we going to go with it next, and I just wanted to ask you about,— well, we need to resurrect the ideas of Hamilton. New York is where he was; he came here, was brought here, because



Degeneracy starts in the schools, as with this text on monetarist economics.

he wanted to develop his mind; maybe he was brought here with the intention of having him play a role. But whatever it was, he had an uncanny creative power and he was able to figure out the natural laws behind the appearances, and maybe he got a good chance to see how the world economy functioned living on the outposts of the Empire.

Now Roosevelt tried to resurrect it, by making "Freedom from Want" a basic principle of his policy, which is also embedded in the principle of posterity that Hamilton bequeathed to us. So I'm just wondering, what is the best way to bring Hamilton to bear into the present, bring him back in spirit, and there are some

attempts—there's a play called *Hamilton* which I understand is not very good ...

LaRouche: No!

Question: [follow-up] It has bad music. It has some interesting information, but the modality is pathetic. But what're we going to do ... it's really up to us, to figure out a way to bring Hamilton back into our minds and to resurrect these ideas. What principles do we need to focus on ...?

We Have a Solution

LaRouche: No, we have a solution. It's actually international. We have various parts of the planet which are sources of inspiration for mankind. The difficulties, the suffering, the problems, all these things are there. And what we have now, we have the sense of leadership. We lost the sense of leadership in the United States, at least so far recently; we've lost it. And we've lost it because of the Bushes, and Obama. Not just them, because they're only the agents of the forces which did it. Then, at the same time, we have a Congress which is half-witted, or one-quarter-witted. And so therefore, we have to stage a fight, we have to inject a kind of influence into this social process, to get some more people to do what they should.

I can tell you, from the experience we just had in the two performances, the musical events, that that

expresses the kind of thing we needed to do! Those two sessions, on Saturday and Sunday, were the most blessed thing that has happened to the United States in recent history: Imagine about 1,000 people, children, the performers and so forth, all functioning! And this was a center of force, and it still *is* a force, from around Manhattan: It's a force which can re-suscitate the United States. And it's located essentially in Manhattan. The effect of it can be spread, by influence, and should be. We have to mobilize the people of the United States, who represent that movement, which is now an established movement; it was an electrifying act! I mean, those two performances, Saturday and Sunday, those two events were an inspiration for mankind, first of all in Manhattan, and then for mankind.

It's things like that which you have to seize upon, because these become the infectious elements which you need, to create forces that spread; whereas in most other parts of the United States, there either is no development whatsoever, there's only backwardness, or there's fear.

And therefore, for me, this is what you have to do. We have one possibility; we have one possibility, in Manhattan, in the United States, that's the center. Manhattan as reflected in what happened in those two performances, *that* is the model. Now you've got to take that, use that as a source of influence and try to spread it, first of all in that area, to consolidate this, and then to spread it. That's our best shot.

Question: Happy New Years, Lyndon. K—W— from Brooklyn. I've been doing an online radio show for three years in April: Dennis has been on it; Daniel has been on it; most recently, Paul Gallagher from LaRouche PAC has been on it, and also I interviewed Yanis Varoufakis, former finance minister of Greece, because more and more people have been saying, as of late, what I saw and felt. And you know, we were trying to tell people, back in the seventies,— you know, I hear you talking a lot about the youth being degenerated, and I basically saw and felt, and was saying that in the early seventies: the breakdown of the family system.

I just wanted to mention what's recently been coming out about Exxon, and these other companies



Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia
Uplifting mankind: The Return of the Prodigal Son by Rembrandt, drawn c. 1661-1669.

who knew about climate change and then were using their funding to quiet and deny their own science; and I feel like that's an epidemic, really, in our science, just being unhealthy and denying what's healthy and fit; and even the family system is doing the exact opposite of what is healthy and fit to their own children.

People Who Love Other People

LaRouche: Yes. Yes, that is absolutely true, and it has to be changed. It has to be changed. If we get people doing it, if we can get them to participate and agree to do that, that will help. And if you can spread it still further, that will help. This is not impossible; but there are very few people who are good prophets, shall we say; they're not very efficient at being prophets and therefore they don't succeed where they might have been

able to succeed, because they were not developed.

You have lots of people who have an impulse toward good ideas, but they're not capable to deal with them effectively. And therefore, they don't win the effect which is necessary. And it's not a hopeless-for-all-time issue; it's a question of whether can we influence people to become decent people and good people? And that takes some work sometimes. But if you wander around demoralized because you don't get your own way, the way you think you should get your own way, that demoralization itself will make you destructive, a destructive force; because you are not responding to the potential, that you might be able to exert an influence which will inspire people to discover, in themselves, something which makes them more worthwhile as people.

People who love other people, who care about other people, people who care about other families, who care about the effects of life, who worry about the sick, who worry about these kinds of problems, and that kind of inspiration, the idea of making a contribution, which will make the society's circumstances better,—that's what it all starts with. And if you lose that, if you become disheartened and you're not willing to try to help, well you may not be able to succeed with some people. *But*, you can find other people, who *will* be responsive. And those people who *will* be responsive, become the germ of actually creating the effects we need.

What happened between Saturday and Sunday in the choruses, this *changed* the course of everything! It changed it! It worked! Now, the problem is, we've got to extend that, what was accomplished by those two concerts, we've got to extend that principle, and work from Manhattan and its surroundings to use that and spread it! To get the equivalent of 1,000 into a singing service like that, that is something significant. There's nothing in the United States, in any part of the United States—except some kind of little boolah-boolah, or some baseball or basketball nonsense—that can attract that number of people. And when you get children, accomplished performers, and an aggregate of 1,000 people between two places, back to back, you cannot possibly assume that everything is desperate. Which means that you've got to get your handle on the things that are not the causes of desperation.

Question: [follow-up] I want to say one more thing. People talk a lot about income equality and wealth and the “wealth gap,” and how the top 0.1% owns whatever—42, or whatever the percentage of wealth com-

pared to the bottom 90% of the people. But what I don't understand is, why do people measure wealth, and I feel that as long as we're going to measure wealth by something that man just kind of makes up out of thin air in a Petri dish, we're never going to fix life's problems. Real wealth should be measured by morality and what comes from nature and natural law, and not some fake thing that man creates out of nothing, which is actually more representative of death than actual wealth, so. I think—

LaRouche: Well, my reaction to that is, I know that we have an accelerating rate, of total collapse of the economy and possibilities of life, among people in the United States. There is no prosperity. There is only degeneration.

Because, you know, how do you get prosperity? Well, you have to get the human beings to develop practices which will create the prosperity. You don't get prosperity by stealing something. Some people think that; but they're only stealing from somebody else, and they're spreading the poverty, one way or the other, indirectly.

No, the problem is just exactly that: There is no great wealth. There may be people who are called “wealthy,” but I can tell you that every person who is wealthy in the Wall Street sense, is hopelessly bankrupt right now! And totally bankrupt right now! So that's not something you have to worry about. You have to worry about the other side: How do you get these guys out of there, quick! Before more damage is done.

And therefore, the rate of death, the rate of degeneration and the approach to death through degeneration, among the people in the United States,— look, for example, people who are poorly employed, who used to have jobs that meant something, those jobs have now become deteriorated. They're marginal; they're degenerate; they're being thrown out of everything. They're dying! So there is *nothing good* in the system the way it's working now.

And the fact that you have something like this 1,000-person attendance between Saturday and Sunday,—this should inspire people by understanding what the lesson is that that represents. And that should be your source of confidence.

Comment: It's a proof of principle.

Crossing the Delaware

LaRouche: Yes, yes. That's it exactly.

And so, the point is, we should not be discouraged,

we should be *angry*, but not discouraged. Angry because of what is not done, or angry at that which is wrong and should not have been done. And what we want to do, is assemble people, to assemble among themselves as a team, and the best success we have had in this is in Manhattan, in the Manhattan area. It's the greatest success story we've had, recently. And what we have to do, is understand what that means, and then know how to interpret it. Then we become the prophets—of progress.



Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City

Washington Crossing the Delaware, painted in 1851 by Emanuel Leutze (1816-1868).

Question: Good afternoon, Mr. LaRouche: It's P—from Connecticut—the only one. I put this together kind of rough. Our town representatives and a ranking Senator of the state of Connecticut have been sending us updates on how bad and out of control our state government is, and how frustrated and disgusted, and how helpless they are because they have no voice. Whatever they do to help us, is not heard.

So I came up with this: I wrote them a letter, all the representatives of our town and the Senator, and I said: "You need to tell the people the truth. We are in a catastrophic financial collapse, make no mistake, and this will be followed by thermonuclear war annihilation." I said, "Please, write to the people and explain, there is a viable solution to stop this, FDR's Banking Act of 1933, Glass-Steagall. Tell them to email, call, the three elected officials in the state capital and demand that they support and sign on to H.R. 381 and S. 1709. It's your commitment to the people to protect and to get them into the fight. Let's cross the Delaware now." [LaRouche laughs]

I did get a response. So I will work with them, and get all the constituents of Connecticut onboard. And we will hit them with a vast population of demands. Actually, we could just go up there and just remove them; that would. . . [laughter]

LaRouche: Let me say: Look at the case of George

Washington crossing the Delaware. Now, what was he doing? He made a strategic decision, on which the very continued existence of the United States depended. He made it in the most inclement area you could imagine, the worst weather conditions you could imagine. And he got the troops to mobilize, despite all of these conditions, to cross the Delaware, against the British forces, which were having a celebration out there, on the assumption that Washington would *never* interfere, with a Delaware passage.

So what happened is, Washington did it! And before anyone knew anything about it—they were trying to celebrate, they were half-drunk—they were all rounded up and shuffled off!

Now, that is important; Washington did that, it was a very risky thing for him to do, but he acted on the basis of reason, because he understood that the mentality of the soldiers, the British forces, was such that they had a way of behaving, but they understand Washington. Now, Washington had been a strategist in wars, in the Indian wars, and so he was very experienced with this kind of thing.

You remember the case where the Indians were about to sabotage and kill all these soldiers, and he knew what to do. Now, the fact that George Washington solved the problem, meant that he had a strategic capability that was more potent than these guys across the Delaware could ever have imagined. On the basis of

that action rested the victory of the founding of the United States; without it there would have been no United States. The disaster would have been total.

So therefore, at this time, you're talking about as an option, and you have to make that option work. It means you have to get more support for it, to make sure it's going to succeed.

Question: [follow-up] We'll do that. And I thank you for bringing us onto the shore of the Delaware. [laughter]

LaRouche: Thank you!

Question: Hi, Mr. LaRouche, this is E—B— from the Bronx.

LaRouche: I met you some place!

Mankind is a Future Creature

Question: [follow-up] I'd like to ask you, among all the candidates that are running now for President, from the Democrats and the Republicans, is there any one candidate that you think would make a good President? And even if you don't think that one of them would make a good President, a great President, would you say that you would have to give him or her a chance to see what he or she does, when in office, if elected to the Presidency? Or are all of them not meeting your standards of what should be done?

LaRouche: What I think right now, under present conditions and the present trends, there is no possibility of a successful creation of a decent Presidency in the United States.

Now, the question is, how do we react, that being the case? Well, I always, in trying to do things like that,—but I don't stick any one thing; because I know that the future is not pre-fixed. The future is an effective force but it's not fixed. You see that,—for example, in the Russian case which our team has been looking over again recently. And yes, the option is there, but you haven't won anything yet, and there's no sign that you're going to win an election for him [Martin O'Malley] or for anyone else at this time, unless you can introduce a factor *which is not yet known*. And it has to be an effective one.

Now, my specialty is to always look at that problem. I never assume that there's any one fixed position, that will actually do the job. What you have to do, is you have to think ahead, into the future. You have to foresee what the rest of mankind cannot see, something from

the future, and that's what I concentrate on. I know that the present is never the future.

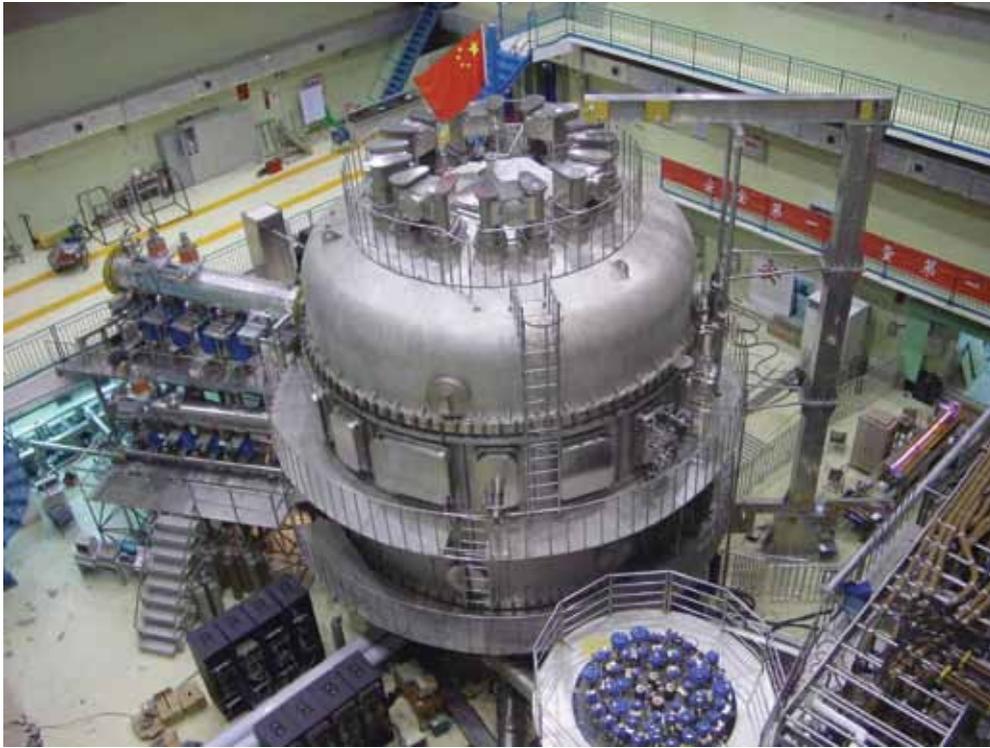
But people think about being practical. They say "experience teaches us." And I say, "experience is bunk. It's only bad news, it's bunk." And therefore, unless people can organize a population, to discover a solution which has not heretofore been known to man,—most of the time, you will be defeated. And therefore, you have to always think of the future in active terms, not in what *might* be the case; you have to actually have a grip, a solid grip. And what often gets me upset about my own organization is they don't grasp that! If you don't know the future, don't try to run the organization! In military affairs and so forth, it is always the same thing: If you don't have a grip on the future, you will either lose the war, or the guy who had the ability to win the war will have been a damned fool, and will fail.

In other words, what mankind must do,—the future! Washington presented himself on the basis of the future. If you don't know what the future brings, you don't have any way of accomplishing anything toward the future. My whole experience in life has been always,—I know that the only thing that works, is the future. It has to be the real future.

The problem I have with my own organization is that. When I went to the jug, they lost that ability to see the future. They wanted to be practical! What do people say? "We've got to be practical." I say, "You're an idiot! You shouldn't be doing anything. If you think you're practical, you should be fired, or sent into some comfortable place where you won't be bothered very much. Because you're not going to create any progress, not real progress. People talk about progress, but what's the usual result of "progress," as promoted? Failure! Claims to success are usually failures.

So the question is,—it's known in military terms and other terms also: If you don't know the future, and the future is not the right choice, you ain't a leader, or you shouldn't be! And my problem is, I have people who don't like what I do, because I want the future! I don't want some cheap imitation of a past disguised as the future. I don't want past affairs; that I don't want. I want a future. I want a creative future, and I want it to be a workable future, a necessary future.

But most people don't know that. They say, "You want to be successful; well, if you do this and you do this and you do this, these patterns, you will be successful." I say, "you will not be successful! You'll be a



Creativity in action: the Experimental Superconducting Tokamak in China.

failure! Probably a disaster.” And the trouble is, you’ve got to foresee the nature of mankind.

Mankind is a future creature! Human beings are not animals. The identity of a human being is as a being who discovers things, such as principles,—Einstein for example,—who discovers *principles* which mankind has not really understood before. These are fresh ideas. Principles are fresh ideas. And it’s only a person with fresh ideas of that nature—like George Washington’s practices, and Alexander Hamilton’s practices, for example—who achieves success.

The Meaning of Mankind

If you’re trying to imitate something, if you’re trying to adduce something from experience, you’re never going to create the future. And what we’re dealing with now, we have to accomplish the future! China is creating a future; Russia is creating a future. It’s actually being created, a real future. In Europe? There’s nothing,—hopeless!

If you cannot create the future, you ain’t human, or you haven’t achieved it. And the point of these kinds of discussions is to evoke a conception of a workable idea of the future. You may have good sentiments, and good views, and those are elements which are the ground of

creating discovery, but that’s what it is. Don’t you realize that the United States has been an historic failure, mostly, since Franklin Roosevelt was thrown out of office by the FBI? The FBI threw him out of office [in 1944]. Then he died later. But the consequence was a destruction. And we have had almost *no successful President in the United States*, who lived very long.

If you cannot create the future, you cannot solve these kinds of problems. And my dedication is precisely such, that I don’t like to get involved in anything which I believe is not the future. You

have to create the future! And that’s the meaning of mankind.

Unfortunately, in educational institutions today,—unlike Einstein, Einstein did see the future; most of the so-called deductionist scientists did not. They failed. Look, these two musical events on Saturday and Sunday in sequence, do you realize that that is the kind of thing which seems in one sense to be an old thing, an old idea; but if you look at it carefully, it’s a creation process? It’s bringing into play an *idea*, which mankind thought it *had lost*; but mankind then discovered a suspicion—only a good suspicion—that there was a future behind that pair of events. But it was only a good idea, only a promise. You have to make it real.

No, you don’t get things by this idea of lucky this, lucky that, lucky this; or even good ideas. You’ve got to get something beyond that: A creative force, and this is a military question; it’s also other kinds of questions. But, frankly, I have no confidence in popular opinion, none at all. Why? Because it’s popular. What we need is the future, the future of mankind, the progress of mankind; the kind of progress that mankind has never known before. And under these kinds of conditions, in which the whole culture of the trans-Atlantic region, is

collapsing! Disintegrating! The crucial thing is how do we get insight into what is the future.

Now, I think O'Malley is probably the only Presidential prospect, who I know now, who might just be competent to become a President. I'm not sure he's going to be able to do that; but I think it's that kind of outlook, because all the other candidates I know for President or similar kinds of positions, are failures; most of them are failures! I know they're disasters from the beginning!

And what's important in life is to be able to create the future, like Einstein.

Question: [follow-up] Thank you, Mr. LaRouche. Now I understand. I get what you mean. But you said there may be one candidate that could be a good President, and you mentioned O'Malley.

LaRouche: I tell you: The others all have such serious defects, all the others I know have such serious defects, I don't want them in the territory! [laughter] We're looking for what O'Malley might be able to do.

Speed: We're going to take one final question, Lyn.

Question: Hi Lyndon, it's K— from the Bronx. I was picking up some reading material very, very recently that came from Walter Russell, who wrote in the 1950s; and he wanted to raise the culture and the mentality of mankind, and he made reference to New York City. He said, that of the eight million people in New York City there were 7,000 who wanted the silences of nature and sought the beauties of music. The other 8 million wanted the noise and the jazz. I just thought you would find that interesting.

What I wanted to speak about is, Spain. Spain has recently had their elections, which confirm that southern Europe is going through a political earthquake. The tremors first destroyed the mainstream parties in Greece; this autumn Portugal was plunged into unprecedented political turmoil; now Spain. Italy sits on the brink of a major banking crisis. The voters of southern Europe are in open revolt against Germany imposing austerity. Can the EU survive 2016? Across Europe upstart parties are breathing down the necks of their established rivals.

How do you see the future of Europe and the relationships with Germany?

LaRouche: Well, everything is in jeopardy in the trans-Atlantic region as far I'm concerned. Egypt is

interesting. It's a successful society, and in general it is a leading agency; Russia, presently, is a leading agency; Spain and Portugal of course are disasters, and there's no hope. France is a disaster from my standpoint; there are some elements, but the overall characteristic of the government of France, is that the government morally is not capable of doing its duty. There are people in France, if we remove some of the governing people, you could probably get a government which might be functional. But as long as you have the variety of governments, of Presidencies and so forth that we have in France today, you have to look back at the history between what happened earlier, in history, and you have to look at the fact that France is largely corrupted.

Now, I've known some people in France who were important people. But they weren't able to sustain the fight; Charles de Gaulle himself was bounced out; and the old crowd came back in again. A friend of mine who was running as a candidate for some years, repeatedly, but he was always bounced out.

The Miracle of Manhattan

So therefore, you're in that kind of situation, France is useless, so far. It would be a *miracle*, if France produced anything at this point.

Greece is being destroyed; it's being crushed. The nations in that territory are being ruined! And if you want to get good fun, you have to work with the desperation,—think in terms of Russia. Russia, today, is a positive institution; China's a positive institution. There are other nations in Asia which are positive institutions.

But the trans-Atlantic region? There is no stability, no secured stability, in any place in the trans-Atlantic community. It's finished, in its present form, unless an intervention comes from China and Russia, and India, and so forth. Then the whole planet might come back.

The problem essentially is, the rot is the British Empire. And the British Empire is a product of the Satanic evil which crushed the Renaissance. Then all the things that have happened, in terms of positive development, have suffered in totality, from the kinds of omissions in these matters.

I'm not a pessimist, but I know that there is no good security, *unless you can create a future*, a true future. Not a projection of the present, but something which has never been done before, by anyone. And that's the only way you can solve this problem. And that's what



Seminal mind of the Italian Renaissance, Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), shown in a fresco in the Chapel of San Brizio in the Orvieto Cathedral.

I'm devoted to.

That's why I despise practical people! Why? Because I know they're not useful. They're doing the same old, same old thing; they're coming up with a new version of the same old, same old,—the old, dirty underwear, you know? And I don't think that's very productive.

But I think that we can assemble ourselves and look into what is the actual future of mankind,—the idea that there is a future! We used to understand that. But then, when Bertrand Russell got into power in the beginning of the Twentieth Century, then the idea of progress was *crushed!* And has been crushed and corrupted ever since. And what you have in Manhattan,—that's a miracle. And I think that miracle is one source of hope for mankind.

What we did in those two performances on Saturday and Sunday is an example of what could be the future. And I'm optimistic about it. That I'm optimistic about. The other stuff, I would warn people against.

Speed: So we're at the end, Lyn, and we're following your advice: We are going to omit any other questions, especially enunciated by myself. You've already said several times what you think about Manhattan. I don't know if you have anything in summary, but I will

say one thing about the music: We're getting all sorts of responses; we have an Italian choral director who wants to engage our chorus in a project to learn *Va Pensiero*, the way she says it should be done; because it's a prayer of slaves, and it's a prayer of revolution.

LaRouche: Yes.

Speed: So in any case, we're getting some interest from the people who know the art, and I think it's going to be interesting. I think you'll be seeing some of them here, actually, perhaps next week, or the following week. But I'd like to ask if you have anything other than what you've already said, in summary, that you'd like to convey to us?

LaRouche: I'd like to see your voice in better condition! [laughter] And you better do something about that, quickly!

Speed: [laughs] All right, since you have no intention of behaving, [laughter] we'll conclude the session today by thanking you for starting us off in the New Year in the right way!

LaRouche: OK, have fun!

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