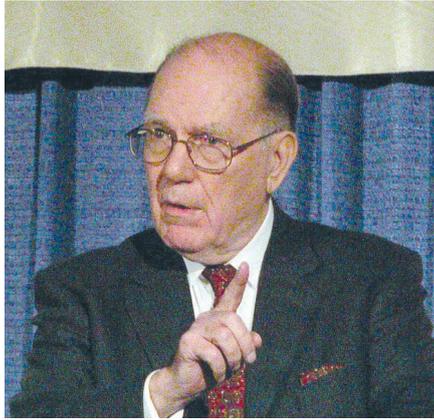


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## Building a Youth Movement to Save a Bankrupt Nation

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have when you go into these various places, like the campuses—go into places such as the state legislatures, or the Congress—you see the effect you have. The presence of four, five, or six of you, walking in, knowing what you’re talking about, which is more than most of these legislators can do, and others: You have an effect on them.

What happens then, is not magical, it’s principled. Whether people know it or not, the difference between man and a monkey, is the fact that the human species can do what

no monkey can do, no ape can do, no Al Gore can do: Actually assimilate valid ideas of principle, and transmit them to a next generation. That’s the difference between man and the ape. Man is capable of discovering universal physical principles by a method of discovery which is illustrated by Plato’s dialogues. Or illustrated by the case of Kepler, or illustrated by the case of Gauss, or the case of Leibniz. Man can do that—and transmit these discoveries, about what’s out there in terms of principles in the universe, and transmit this to new generations.

These discoveries, and their transmission, increase man’s power in the universe, per capita and per square kilometer. Therefore, the most important thing about man, is society. We all die. Everyone is going to die. The mortal life of everyone will come to an end. So, you’ve got a mortal life; what are you going to do with it?

How long it is, is not the most important thing. It’s what you go out of this life, leaving behind.

Historically, only a certain kind of youth movement can change things.

Your generation, as well as those among your parents’ generation, who are still alive and viable, are confronted by the fact that your parents’ generation gave you a *no-future* world. There’s no way you can make a deal with this culture, which prevails today. No way. Because you can’t survive! This culture cannot deliver you the means to survive....

So, you know that. What are you going to do about it? You know that you don’t have a future unless you can change society. But you’re a generation which is not in a controlling position in policy-making of society. So, what you do, is you go out like missionaries, and begin to organize the dead generation, your parents’ generation, in society. And you see the impact you

And what do you leave behind? You leave behind younger people. You leave behind successive generations of younger people. You leave behind what you transmit to them, what you contribute to their development, to the circumstances of their work in life, to the conditions of society, to coming generations....

And when you're wise, and you're living in a generation, you think about dying. Not in the sense of a

morbid thing, but you say, "I'm going to die eventually. Now, while I'm still here, I'm going to get a certain job done. And my job is, to guarantee, to the degree I can contribute to this, that the next generation will have everything we have, in terms of knowledge, and the next generation will have a better life than we had. And that future generations will benefit from what we, in our generation, have done."