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## From the Managing Editor

What does it mean to create a Renaissance? Literally, the word means “rebirth”—but of what? There must have been a devolution from a time in which a higher level of culture had prevailed. Such a rebirth took place in the early 15th Century, following the mid-14th-Century Black Death, which looked back to earlier flowerings of culture and art, such as that begun by Dante and his collaborator Giotto, around the year 1300, and even further back, to the work of Plato and his Academy. Filippo Brunelleschi’s revolutionary discovery of perspective, in the 1420s, made possible the breakthroughs in painting, sculpture, and architecture, as in the famous Duomo in Florence. Nicholas of Cusa, born a generation after Brunelleschi, extended this revolution into the sciences and philosophy, and indirectly prompted the voyages of Columbus.

Bringing about a Renaissance today was the challenge posed by the Jan. 26 Schiller Institute conference, whose coverage begins in our *Feature* this week. Keynoted by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the conference was held in the historic Riverside Church in New York City, and was highlighted by beautiful performances of Bach’s “Magnificat” and other Classical music. A video-taped message from Rep. Walter Jones was also presented, and his call for support for two crucial bills was unanimously endorsed by participants.

Otherwise, we have lots of coverage of leading developments: In *National*, we cover the Federal Appeals Court decision, finding Obama in violation of the Constitution (yes, that is grounds for impeachment!); also, why it *does* make a difference whether we know the truth about what happened in Benghazi; and an investigation to be conducted by the UN Human Rights Commission of Obama’s killer drone attacks.

*International* covers important updates from Russia, Israel, and Italy, where one of the world’s oldest and most powerful banks is on the verge of bankruptcy due to derivatives trading. From our German bureau we print an exposé of the “fake” Glass-Steagall proposals. In the U.S., we report on an emerging revolt against the Fed’s hyperinflation policy, which Glass-Steagall will halt.

And from our Founding Editor Lyndon LaRouche: “Now Return To The Subject Of Our Constitution: The Principle Involved,” in *Science*.

