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From the Managing Editor

On the one-year anniversary of Curiosity's landing on Mars, we celebrate with some pointed questions. "What is life?" asks Lyndon LaRouche. Is there life on Mars? And what would we have to do to get people there, and beyond Mars, to explore the Solar System?

Some lunatics today are saying, "No problem! We'll just drum up some venture capital and send a bunch of folks up there for a nice ride, one-way, and film it for 'Reality TV'" (as reported by Ben Deniston in *EIR*, June 28). But if we're not crazy enough to sign up for that trip, we're going to have to solve some very knotty scientific problems. Not only is Mars not a very hospitable place for mankind at present, but the trip itself would wreak havoc with the human biological constitution.

Thus, LaRouche says, we require "a kind of leap" in our development, of the sort that brought the human species into existence in the first place. And this raises the epistemological problem that LaRouche has been hammering away at for many months: the reliance on "sense perception." The crux of his warning, he writes, is "that human sense-perception, itself, is not to be considered as a trustworthy metric for guiding the launching of such ventures as manned operations on Earth, nor, presently, on Mars."

This week's news analysis spans the globe:

- How reinstating the Glass-Steagall bill and creating a Hamiltonian credit system will *bankrupt Wall Street*. Does that frighten you? But it's a good and necessary thing, as Leandra Bernstein argues. And if we don't do it, we're heading for an even more desperate economic breakdown, and possibly world war.

- Reports on organizing for Glass-Steagall in the U.S. and Italy, as the LaRouche movement struggles to convince citizens what a Hamiltonian credit system really means, and why it is essential;

- The strategic crisis: British roots of the Muslim Brotherhood; new flashpoints in the Syria war; and signs of motion in Washington on exposing the Administration's Benghazi coverup.

- An interview with LaRouche by the Chinese news service Xinhua, which focuses on the need for high-tech collaboration between our two nations.

