

On the ‘Four Laws’ And *The Hamiltonian*

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Host Matthew Ogden: Michael, maybe you can say a bit about the subject of *The Hamiltonian* broadsheet [just released in Manhattan by the LaRouche movement](#).

Michael Steger: Sure! I think it’s worth stating in terms of the international picture, that over these last 15 years since the 9/11 attacks, every major political institution, whether it be a political party, a branch of government, or a grass-roots organization, has largely been discredited by the inability to either stand up to the Bush and Obama regimes, or to not be bought out and compromised by them,— except for what our organization has largely done.

That creates a real political vacuum in the United States. As we’ve seen with both of these candidates, they’re despised by a majority in their parties, and an increasing majority of the American people. And so when you look at the New Presidency, the way Lyn’s laid it out—he laid this out, this paper, “[The Four New Laws to Save the United States Now](#),”—this was two years ago.

The perspective was clear from Lyn’s vantage point, that we’re at a point where there is no institution in the United States—political body, think tank—that has any clue at all of how to deal with the current unfolding crisis. On one side, there’s the immediate war danger, and the political breakdown of the European Union, NATO, trans-Atlantic system. At the same time, there’s the breakdown of the financial system. But they’re not separate. They are the same fundamental system that is now facing a kind of moral bankruptcy, a collapse of

any real value to human society.

Clearly, nations like Germany, Italy, and the United States have a real role to play in the overall development perspectives. But you have to see things in the context of this breakdown. What Lyn put forward,— we’ve seen it,— we’ve seen the resurgence of Glass-Steagall. Both parties’ platforms now have it. There’s a clear recognition, broadly, among the American people, of what would seem to be an arcane banking-regulation policy. But, as many people have grown to recognize, it’s really the major tool to dismantle this Wall Street apparatus, this kind of criminal financial fraud that’s been perpetrated, recklessly, without any real control, for the last 15 years, and really much longer.

The New Presidency

The question that Lyn raised, was what is a competent government at this point, especially in the United States—a real, competent form of policy? And there has to be a commitment toward

the future of mankind, long term. He said this repeatedly in the recent period. We cannot base these steps we’re going to take, on the past. We have to base *our* solution on the future. What Russia, under Putin, and China are now doing, is consolidating a very bright future for the majority of mankind, with the collaboration of nations which have huge geo-strategic past problems, but recognize now the economic question of collaboration between China and India, India, and Pakistan, Iran with other nations in the Caucasus, and with Russia.

This kind of collaboration and integration of Eurasia is really a remarkable question. And in that, you have a driving policy led by China regarding space exploration and fusion research. China is one of the world

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leaders today in fusion research capabilities, as is South Korea. You have a capability there for the United States to orient to, around the Four Laws, which is, first, Glass-Steagall. The second is a National Banking system. That means you have a banking system which now has the capability, regulated by the office of the Treasury, of a kind of Greenback-like Lincoln policy. The Third Law is that we define what a federal credit system is for. It's not just a federal credit system. You don't just allow the federal government now to just print credit. *We define it from a physical-economic standpoint of the future*, what is necessary for mankind's long-term survival. And that's where the collaboration of nations like Russia, China, and India becomes so essential, because these questions of space exploration and fusion power really define that. And that really is the Fourth Law, which is a collaboration with these nations, around this kind of scientific advancement of mankind.

Our perspective, which I think what should be an increasing perspective of the American people, who tend to find themselves distraught by this Presidential election,— is not to cower in fear, or hide somewhere in a hole, waiting for it to all end, but to recognize that there's a political vacuum, where our leadership is essential, and that these policies are the immediate steps that any President has to take. If not, we're not going to regain or reconstitute a Constitutional American Presidency. But the Four Laws are actually going to secure the physical livelihood of the United States for the generations to come, and that really is the intervention that has to be made on the new Presidency. There will be a series of articles. [Kesha Rogers' second article](#) was released in *EIR* magazine yesterday, and there will be a follow-up article next week by Dave Christie (see p. 7, this issue), and there will be more to come.

Ogden: Well, absolutely filling that political vacuum is

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what *The Hamiltonian* is serving to do. I think it's already having a radiating effect. Diane, if you want to just jump in and discuss a little bit of the effect in New York.

Diane Sare: Well, first I'll just start by saying that Manhattan is the political center of the United States; and it's certainly the political center of these two campaigns. Both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are based in this area. And I will also say the population is clearly anguished. We talked last

week about how Hillary's campaign is providing cover for Obama to run his war and provocation policy. And I think the weakness that we're filling in, is that Americans have been so bereft of a future, or of thinking of a future, that they're not able to think strategically. So, many people have questions about, "Why is Putin working with Erdogan; isn't Erdogan horrible? Didn't he do these horrible things?" Well, he did do horrible things, but there is a strategic shift where it's become very clear that the interest of Turkey is tied up in the new BRICS dynamic, that a *New Paradigm* has been created, and in a sense, that's what we are creating here.

The Spirit of Man

I actually was sent something from one of our collaborators on the West Coast, which I think is really



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Hillary Rodham Clinton at the London meeting to discuss NATO military intervention in Libya, 29 March 2011.



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Donald Trump, Jr.

delightful in terms of an approach to how to think properly. It's comments from Helen Keller when she got an opportunity to go up in the Empire State Building and "look" out at Manhattan. I think everyone knows—hopefully—that Helen Keller was both blind and deaf; but her insights into these matters are the more striking and more profound. In fact, she speculates that she and her friend who was blind, had a much better view of Manhattan from the top of the Empire State Building than the people who had two good eyes. Her description is somewhat delightful. She says that "It was a thrilling experience to be whizzed in a lift a quarter of a mile heavenward, and to see New York spread out like a marvelous tapestry beneath us. There was the Hudson, more like the flash of a sword blade than a noble river. The little island of Manhattan, set like a jewel in its nest of rainbow waters, stared up into my face. And the Solar system circled about my head. Why, I thought, the Sun and the stars are suburbs of New York and I never knew it." I think that makes her a New Yorker for sure.

She said, "I have this sort of wild desire to invest in a bit of real estate on one of the planets. All sense of depression and hard times vanished. I felt like being frivolous with the stars."

Then, she talks about the construction of the Empire State Building as itself being poetical. She says, "From everyone except my blind friend, I had received an impression of sordid materialism. The piling up of one steel honeycomb upon another with no real purpose but to satisfy the American craving for the superlative in everything. Well, I see in the Empire Building something else—passionate skill, arduous and fearless idealism. The tallest building is a victory of imagination. Instead of crouching close to Earth like a beast, the spirit of man soars to higher regions. And from this new point of vantage, he looks upon the impossible with fortified courage, and dreams yet more magnificent enterprises."

This reminds me so much of what President Kennedy about why we go to the Moon; or Krafft Ehricke's sense of the extraterrestrial imperative for mankind. It's our job here—particularly in Manhattan, where I think people may be most susceptible to it; because in Manhattan we are blessed with an extraordinarily diverse population from all over the world. It's not simply that

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you have the headquarters of the United Nations. But if you think of what the population is in Queens and Brooklyn and New Jersey, where I am, and the surrounding areas,—the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island had something to do with this many years ago. You have a population which actually is in touch with the rest of the world. So, there are people in this area that have a sense that the whole world is not going to Hell;

that in some places, having a pothole that could swallow up a double-decker bus is actually considered a sign of poverty, and you're supposed to repair it and do something about it—as opposed to what people have begun to take for granted here. So, the idea is to rekindle a spark of a certain quality of American identity which is a love of the future, a love of the potential for what mankind can contribute to the future, which I think Helen Keller expresses so magnificently in that piece.

I would just say—Mike alluded to this—on the question of Sept. 11: one person I spoke with said last night that her uncle had just passed away two days ago. He was someone who had worked there, and suffered from various kinds of lung disease and finally died. The death toll from these attacks has not ended, and it's not only the people in New York who were first responders. It's people who were killed in these wars which I think we're going to take up a bit more, these wars that were totally unjustified, that were based on lies and cover-ups from the Bush Administration through the Obama Administration.

If we can address that, at this fifteenth anniversary, that we end this period of injustice and of criminal wars of aggression,—I think you could see a real shift. It's as if the American people have had a heavy manhole cover on top of their brains and on top of their identities, and they haven't even allowed themselves to think of what the potential is. In those circumstances, I think all bets are off, even in terms of this ridiculous scenario that we're calling a Presidential election. There's nothing to say that these two mentally unstable characters passing for Presidential candidates, have to be the candidates by the time we get to November. So, it's a very, very rich moment, and it's just urgent that everybody who hears what we are saying and what the LaRouche Movement is doing, who gets our literature, moves to circulate it and mobilize as many people as you can.