

EDITORIAL

Today a Vast Financial Bubble Is Collapsing— A New System Is the Only Way Out

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April 9—Any United States President who does not wish to sacrifice his or her country, and the rest of the world besides, on the altar of the dying global financial system and its warmongering elites, will listen to the wise words of Lyndon LaRouche:

What is collapsing today, is not an economy, but a vast financial bubble, a bubble whose chief economic expression is the U.S. financial system's role as 'The Importer of Last Resort' for the world at large. ... In effect, the world has been supporting, until about now, a vast U.S. dollar-denominated financial bubble, all largely for the purpose of propping up an inflated, intrinsically bankrupt U.S. economy's role as 'importer of last resort' for much of the world. What happens, when that financial bubble moves into its inevitable chain-reaction-collapse phase? That is what is happening now.

These prophetic words, [written nearly 25 years ago](#), identify the actual cause of the collapse of U.S. industry over the past five decades, and the common enemy of us all—as opposed to the pretentious fantasy of the gaggle of economically illiterate advisors surrounding President Donald Trump, that, somehow, other nations, and not the criminal City of London/IMF-based world financial system, are to blame.

On April 9, the same day that Trump's nation-specific tariffs took effect, [Trump announced](#) a 90-day

pause on those tariffs for most nations—the well-behaved ones—with the notable exception of China, on which Trump brazenly announced a 125% tariff, because of the “lack of respect that China has shown to the World's Markets,” and in retaliation for China's announced reciprocal 84% tariff on U.S. imports. The tariffs imposed by both sides are even higher today.

Looming in the background of the bravado and news headlines is a financial system which is ready to blow sky-high, perhaps [beginning in the bond market](#), and which, in its terminal condition, could not be saved by any amount of liquidity pumping or bailout.

Add to this picture—because it is an integral part of the same system—the multiple flashpoints of war that still loom. At the moment, negotiations are potentially beginning between U.S. and Iranian representatives—a hopeful step toward diffusing a war that could quickly turn nuclear—while at the same time, the U.S. amasses weaponry in the region and [announces](#) new sanctions targeting Iran's nuclear program. Conditions have not yet been agreed upon for an end to the war in Ukraine, and Israel proceeds in its genocidal [liquidation of Gaza](#).

Moments like this must give us pause to think, along with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that “only when it's dark enough, can you see the stars.” The fact that there is no solution within the dying geopolitical system of empire, war, and Wall Street means that the *only* way out is through the creation of a new

system, a new paradigm, based on entirely different axioms than the current one.

In her April 9 [webcast discussion with Ambassador Jack Matlock](#), Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche put forward a sane approach to dealing with the impending blowout of the financial system: “The proper way to have done it would have been to call for a big international economic conference, like a New Bretton Woods conference, and then discuss the principles of how this reorganization should be done. And then put the details to a taskforce and expert groups and work it all out in a goodwill cooperation.”

The basic principles for discussion at such a conference have been laid out by Lyndon LaRouche in documents such as his “[Four New Laws To Save the U.S.A. Now! Not an Option: An Immediate Necessity](#)” and in the Schiller Institute’s pamphlet, “[Development Drive Means Billions of New Jobs, No Refugees, No War.](#)”

These will be discussed at the Schiller Institute’s [May 24-25 conference](#), “A Beautiful Vision for Humanity in Times of Great Turbulence!” Man is the creative species; the great blessing we have been given is that in moments of great turmoil, only beautiful and revolutionary solutions have the power to succeed.