

4. The end of the New Age

In the preceding sections of this campaign statement, the emphasis has been upon the fact, that the very survival of the U.S.A. as a republic, now depends upon not merely abandoning much of what had become established popular opinion, during the recent thirty-odd years. We must return to what will often tend to be rejected, if only initially, as the kind of thinking which many among today's "New Age" generations have been conditioned to regard as *both* hopelessly outdated and, yet, intolerably novel. Typically, a large portion of recent, younger adult viewers have reacted unfavorably, still today, to their viewing of a half-hour feature film, "The Woman on Mars," originally presented as a network broadcast, as part of my campaign for the Democratic Party's 1988 Presidential nomination. In that film, I presented a long-range, science-driver project which I had developed and published in detail some years earlier, a program which would represent a major growth-stimulant for our economy.³⁷ In that film, I present the project which best meets this requirement, a commitment to establishing an initial working colony on Mars by about forty years ahead. From among many viewers from the New Age generations, still today, the typical reaction to that film, has been to reject that proposal as both "old hat" ideas from the forgotten 1960s, and "too far-fetched" for the world of today.³⁸

37. A man who had become a collaborator, veteran space scientist Krafft Ehrlicke, a leading project designer for the industrial colonization of the Moon, had died at the close of 1984. To honor him, my wife Helga Zepp-LaRouche, organized an international scientific conference, held in Reston, Virginia, in the Summer of 1985. During and following the preparation of the presentation which I made at that conference, and into the following year, I developed an economics-based design of a program, centered upon reactivation of the Sanger project, for what Krafft had considered the next step to be realized through developing a space-base on the Moon: the colonization of Mars. The Sanger project had envisaged piggy-backing a rocket-plane onto a Mach 6-Mach 8 Scramjet aircraft, as the economically sensible way of lifting cargo and passengers from an airport-takeoff on Earth, into Earth-orbit. The rocket-plane, as well as the Scramjet aircraft, would return to the Earth's surface. The Scramjet itself represented the first possibility for non-stop aircraft flight half-way around the world. I had worked on designing my proposals for the Mars project with relevant scientists from several nations. It was chiefly my work on this, from 1985-1986, which provided the background for the 1988 "Woman on Mars" feature film.

38. Those young people who make that sort of objection, are not being as inconsistent as might appear, on the surface, to be the case. Pose the question to a mathematical physicist: "Where on the map does there exist a place which coincides with such an objection?" He might frown, and then offer:

So, as I have emphasized that fact in the immediately preceding section of this statement, many of the extraordinarily novel ideas about economics and culture, the which were popularized during recent decades, are now becoming increasingly, justly self-discredited by presently breaking realities. The discrediting of both radically monetarist and New Age ideas, defines a timely opportunity for returning the attention of these relatively younger generations to the best among the opinions which came to prevail among the Democratic Party's leadership and voters, during the time of recovery from Wall Street's Great Depression of the 1930s. It is time to return to those ideas which led us up out of the mud of that Depression and World War II, and on to President John F. Kennedy's successful mobilization of our nation to put a man on the Moon according to schedule. We must return to policies based upon the notions of general welfare and of core constituencies, which typify our memory of that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) tradition which still prevailed among us, until about thirty years ago.

To return now to that FDR tradition, which had served us better than anything since, we must account for that process by which we have been corrupted into adopting that change which has ruined our economy: the presently hegemonic "post-industrial" paradigm-shift. We must examine the cultural influences which have brought us, thirty-odd years later, to the present, fag end of an old New Age. We must summarize the way in which these implicitly suicidal opinions were introduced. We must point out what should be the obvious implications of the ways in which they have been introduced and perpetuated. In short: we must write the epitaph for the impending death of the now old New Age.

Think back to that ever-hopeful thought of President Abraham Lincoln's, which is to be recited again any time our

"How did that person get from yesterday to his present place of outlook?"

The reply to that physicist is, "He doesn't know. He just got there."

Then, the geometer smiles. "Then, he may not be as silly as he might appear to be; but, he is not being inconsistent. In physical geometry, there exists exactly such a logical place in the universe which meets precisely those mapping specifications."

"Where?"

"Not where. Nowhere," the geometer replies.

The questioner pauses over this reply, and then begins, slowly, to nod. "I think you are right," he says to the geometer; "knowing him as I do, I think that is exactly where his mind is at this time."



A press conference at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on the Mars Pathfinder mission in July 1997, with mural of the Martian landscape in the background. In 1988, LaRouche produced a campaign broadcast, "The Woman on Mars," in which he argued that a project aimed at establishing a colony on Mars within 40 years, would provide an essential stimulus for the U.S. economy. At the time, many younger adults rejected this idea as "far-fetched"; now, the nation's survival depends on abandoning such wrong-headed opinions.

nation is being ruined by some great folly of its own people, such as the New Age fads wrecking our nation today: You can fool all of the people some of the time, and most of the people most of the time; but, you can not fool all of the people all of the time.

Today, we should remember Lincoln's aphorism in the light of his later reference to one such period of popular folly, in his last public address, shortly before he was murdered by the British monarchy's assassins. Lincoln's stated policy on that latter occasion, that the states of the just-defeated Confederacy should reenter the Union as if they had never left it, is not only a model of the compassionate policy of a great statesman, but an acknowledgment of the fact, that, most of the time, the great follies of our nation occurred because, then, as now, most of the people, in at least some large section of our republic had, once again, made fools of themselves. If the latter were not a true fact, neither that Civil War, the Great Depression, nor the presently ongoing global financial meltdown crisis could have erupted as it did.³⁹

Unless most of the people in the U.S. drop the habits by which they fooled themselves into bringing this present global meltdown upon themselves, this nation could not, and would not survive the present crisis, at least not in any recognizable form, today.

In known history, at least most of the time, the behavior

39. The worst tyrannies, such as Hitler's dictatorship in Germany, for example, are made possible, by inducing most of the people to fool themselves into accepting that tyranny. It was so, through "bread and circuses," that Caesarism came to power in Rome.

of what we describe, more or less loosely, as lost empires or nations of the past, those doomed cultures, and most of the people in them, were gripped by ruling beliefs which were false. These ruling beliefs, beliefs of a type whose proper technical name is "ideologies," were usually ultimately destructive of that nation, empire, or culture which, like the poet's Ozymandias, doomed itself to rot in ruins in the abandoned sands of a desert which was of its own making. It was only by abruptly rejecting the British monarchy's rentier-financier form of imperialist ideology, through successive revolutions, such as the 1776-1783 War of Independence, and our Civil War of 1861-1865, that our nation succeeded in freeing itself, three times, each at least temporarily, from the grip of ideologies which otherwise doomed it to extinction at each of those times.⁴⁰

Take as our example, the self-doomed ideology, now become old: today's grisly, balding, pot-bellied, crisis-ridden "New Age." For us, in the U.S.A., this is an imported ideology, a hoax, based upon the pseudo-scientific, destructive

40. We might add the revolution of the 1960s, which came to be led by the Reverend Martin Luther King. King, a true martyr of our republic, stood, like President Abraham Lincoln, far above the crowd, not simply as an opponent of the racist Jim Crow legacy. There were many opponents of Jim Crow, and that, in its way, was good. But Martin was something else, whose purpose was not merely to oppose Jim Crow, but to overcome it and what it represented. Martin acted way above the crowd, as a great statesman, who recognized that freeing this republic from the potentially fatal *folly* of Jim Crow was urgently needed to ensure the nation's survival for all its people, including its posterity. True justice exists, only when it exists for all.

cult-beliefs of “ecology” and “population control.” This cult was imported in its present form from circles represented by Britain’s Duke of Edinburgh and his curiously twisted son, Prince Charles. Varieties of this imported cult took over the so-called “New Left,” beginning about 1972. Still today, it continues to fool many of the people of the U.S.A., and other places, in one way, and degree, or another.

Nonetheless, as I have said repeatedly here, the popularity of the New Age cult has begun to erode. Struck by the recent blows of an advancing world depression and renewed spread of war and threats of war around the world, one way or the other, the cult is already doomed. We shall either rid ourselves of this cult, as a foreign disease which has infected us, or the disease will destroy itself by destroying the host it has infected, the United States, among its other victims. The question of the day, which each among you must ask himself, or herself, is, are we going to get off this aging rust-bucket, this leaking New Age Ship of Fools, before we sink with it?

The devilishly clever thing about most temporarily successful ideologies, such as the “New Age’s” ecology fads, is that they, like deadly “recreational” drugs, come with built-in anodynes, which temporarily mask the painfulness of the self-inflicted destruction which the foolish believer is wreaking upon himself, as also others. Most of the time, up to a point, the ideology carries with it built-in delusions, which shield the victim from the fact that this is an ideology, a set of delusions which will ultimately destroy the persons who continue to act on such beliefs, or even bring the entire society into ruin.

Take the case of the presently ongoing blow-out of the world’s financial system. There is a prize-winning, overripe example of the effects of a really lunatic ideology.

When the history of the crisis is written, not far in the future, the outbreak of today’s threatened plunge into an *almost inevitable* great new world depression, will be traced to what has been a now recent, new Wall Street crash. The facts will show that the crash leading to the brink of this new world depression erupted with the Sept. 23, 1998 bankruptcy of Wall Street’s Long-Term Capital Management organization (LTCM). LTCM is a cabal of leading New York and other international banking interests, which represented the heart of the consortium composed of our corrupt Vice-President Al Gore’s cronies among both Wall Street banking and Russia’s carpetbagging mafia.

To see how ideology worked in producing the new ongoing world depression, it is important to point out here, once again, that the 1997 Nobel Prize for Economics was awarded to Robert C. Merton and Myron Scholes for the so-called Black-Scholes formula. It were better named “The Black Holes Formula”; it sank LTCM, and much of the U.S.A.’s and also the world’s banking system, into a global financial derivatives pit whose bottom has still not been reported yet, more than three months later.

Still worse, not only U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan

Greenspan, but Greenspan in concert with the leading central bankers of western Europe, and Japan, and in concert with the governments of the G-7 IMF member-nations, responded to the LTCM derivatives blow-out with the greatest, and most insane, hyperinflationary financial pump-priming in history, from the beginning of October 1998, to the present moment of writing. Worse still, since the beginning of the New Year, the world is collapsing into a far deeper and bigger global financial collapse than that which began in October 1997, or exploded afresh during August and September of 1998. Even as I write this, Greenspan and the G-7 are reacting by an even wilder orgy of hyperinflationary pump-priming, on their way to what threatens to become soon, unless stopped, a globalized replay of the 1923 hyperinflationary disintegration of Germany’s Reichsmark.

That is not your money working for you at Chase Manhattan or Citicorp; that is ideology in action. That is central bankers and even the world’s G-7 governments gone collectively insane. What could be a more appropriate sign, than that it is the so-called Internet stocks of the Al Gore “information society” fan club, like the September 1998 meeting of that Al Gore Wall Street “derivatives society” fan club called LTCM, which are leading the current burst of hyperinflationary insanity on Wall Street. If one looks closely into the way in which the relevant “Black Holes” (Merton-Scholes) scheme was cooked up, the September 23 LTCM crash and its continuing aftermath, are to be identified as the fruit of the ideological hoax called “information society”; the presently oncoming global financial collapse is thus typical of the self-imposed death of the New Ager’s “post-industrial” utopia.⁴¹

As an outgrowth of a change introduced over the course of 1964-1972, the U.S.A. was subverted, from Europe, by a self-styled theosophist ideology, which was sometimes called “The Age of Aquarius,” “The New Age,” or, the “rock-drug-sex youth-counterculture.”⁴² This so-called “cultural paradigm-shift” of 1964-1972, is sometimes recognized by such

41. In this instance, “information society” signifies the combined, and closely interrelated work of two of the most notorious acolytes of Bertrand Russell, “information theory’s” Professor Norbert Wiener and “systems analysis’s” John von Neumann. The collapse of LTCM under the influence of the Black-Scholes formula directly discredits both Wiener’s esoteric, kookish, logical-positivist definition of “information,” and von Neumann’s lunatic, logical-positivist’s presumption, first stated publicly in 1938, that economic processes could be sufficiently well represented in terms of solutions to simultaneous linear inequalities. A Nobel committee’s apologist for the Merton-Scholes fiasco exclaimed: but, the formula is not to be blamed for the fact that LTCM overlooked the obvious lack of correspondence between the formula and the real universe.

42. The astrological symbology in the use of “Age of Aquarius” signifies the triumph of Dionysus-Satan-Lucifer over “Pisces” (Jesus Christ). The best known origins of that explicit dogma are Friedrich Nietzsche and British theosophy’s Aleister Crowley. “New Age” came into use according to what has sometimes been identified as “Zipf’s Law,” as short-hand for “Age of Aquarius.” The role of the theosophy of Madame Blavatsky, Friedrich Nietzsche, and Aleister Crowley is identified below.

other aliases as “information society” and “post-industrial” utopianism.⁴³ Under these various aliases, the “New Age” ideology marched into and through the institutions of the U.S.A. and other nations, to become the prevailing trend in the “politics as usual” of 1976-1998. That change has virtually bankrupted our national economy, that of western Europe, and, measured in dollar values, that of most of the world at large. The apostles of the “Age of Aquarius” boasted, that the advent of Aquarius would bring to an end the tyranny of Pisces (i.e., Christ). That now old “New Age” ideology, has now itself come to its lawful fag end. The time for today’s politics and government “as usual,” has ended.

Review, summarily, how those thirty-odd years of changes, leading to our nation’s presently erupting disaster, have proceeded.

Since the successive political assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Malcolm X, Rev. Martin Luther King, and former Attorney-General Robert Kennedy, the political and economic institutions of the United States, and much of the rest of the world besides, have travelled a tortured, ruined road downwards. In the U.S. itself, a tiny minority appears to be relatively super-rich, while those productive entrepreneurs, skilled operatives, and professionals, who used to earn a solid household income from their labors, have been turned into a new debt-ridden poor, and the ration of the total population in virtually hopeless misery has increased greatly. These changes are reflected in an increasing estrangement of the great majority of the citizens from the political parties and elected government, especially since the early 1980s.

All of those changes for the worse have been unnecessary. We should never have walked that road. Now, we have come to the end of that much-potholed pavement; the bridge across the chasm is out. We have no choice, but to fall into the chasm, or turn back. The new habits which our government and our political parties have accumulated during the recent thirty-odd years, are so clearly shown to have been the building of what now confronts us as an economic, social, and political, global catastrophe.

It is past time for a change, time to clean house. The place to begin the cleaning, is where the present mess began to

pile up, shortly after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. It began with what is called “The New Age.”

1964 was the year when what was to become an epidemic of invading British Beatles, scuttled across Ed Sullivan’s national television stage. From that time on, the post-Kennedy years, 1964-1972, continued to be dominated by the spread of a radical change in the mental and other habits of much of our population. This change, called variously a “New Age,” “the sexual revolution,” “the rock-drug-sex counterculture,” or a “cultural paradigm-shift,” spread like a new, virulent form of venereal disease, from among university student populations in the Americas and Europe, into broader layers of adolescents and young adults. As university graduates moved on, after graduation, to their more or less inevitable upward march through the private and public institutions of power, the influence of this “New Age” gained a correspondingly stronger grip on the reshaping of our nation’s cultural and economic policies. By the middle to late 1970s, New Age policy-thinking had fastened its Dracula-like bite into the necks of our leading political parties and institutions of government.

For the traditional constituencies of the political parties, this change was not merely a shock, but an economic as well as a cultural disaster. Every stratum of the population whose households’ standard of living and security was gained through participation in the frontiers of technological progress and increased productivity in agriculture, industry, and basic economic infrastructure, was experiencing shocking set-backs to its standard of living and general security. Beginning the ominous event of August 15, 1971, this change was felt sharply in the U.S.A., with President Nixon’s launching of what became known as “Phase I” and “Phase II” of a brutal austerity package. From that point on, the standard of living and economic security of the U.S. labor-force began its present plummet toward ultimate despair. On August 15, 1971, the old Bretton Woods system was destroyed, replaced by an increasingly disorderly and ruinous “floating exchange-rate monetary system.” By 1975-1977, the economic shocks suffered by our most productive constituencies were already worse than merely painful.

The measures introduced, beginning October 1979, combined with a series of measures of deregulation enacted during the closing years of the Carter Administration, shattered our national economy at bedrock. Since then, conditions of life and work for the traditional constituencies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Democratic Party, have grown worse. The result has been a state of desperation for what had once been not only the relatively poor, but also the formerly successful farmer, the industrial operative, the independent entrepreneur, the scientifically qualified professional, and the senior citizen. For most households, adult members have been pushed to the point, that each are forced to work as many as two to three jobs, in order to achieve a level of real income which is much lower today than comparable families’ house-

43. The fusion of the otherwise separate notions of “information society” and “post-industrial society,” was first given broad circulation within the then burgeoning “New Left,” in the year 1964, the same year the pestilence of Beatles invaded. These notions were propagated then in a publication entitled *The Triple Revolution*, authored by Robert Theobald, et al. The publication’s circulation was funded by Ford Foundation funds through a Robert Hutchins conduit. At that time, it was a relatively influential piece among the same population of students who launched Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). Thus, even when the original publication had been almost forgotten, its thesis spread as the characteristic set of root-ideas permeating the burgeoning New Left of the 1964-1972 interval as a whole. As of the launching of the global “ecology movement” of Al Gore, et al., in 1972, the “Triple Revolution” thesis had established itself, within the ecology-movement context, as the common ideas of such close collaborators of the 1970s as Al Gore, Newt Gingrich, and the colorful Tofflers.