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The world's population is still reeling from last year's natural disasters. Japan, a first-world nation, was brought to its knees by a magnitude 9.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami in March; the US faced a record number of weather-related disasters; East Africa was hit with the worst drought in over half a century, putting 13 million people at risk; and the list goes on. If we find ourselves so vulnerable to threats which should be predictable, what hope do we have in the face of threats never before encountered?

In one sense, such natural disasters cannot be separated from those of man's making, such as the twin crises of the collapse of the trans-Atlantic-centered global financial system and the immediate specter of thermonuclear war. Both underscore the imperative to redirect global policy away from the contrived conflicts of oligarchical manipulation, which have kept mankind in a state of relative infancy, toward the conscious evolution of the human species.

Recently, circles in Russia have proposed to judo the current insanity of a drive towards war by invoking Lyndon LaRouche's principle of the 1983 Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Termed the Strategic Defense of Earth (SDE), this new initiative would focus on cooperation between the USA and Russia for missile defense, as well as defense against the threat of asteroid or comet impacts. This is not the stuff of science fiction, as this very real threat was underscored by the recent near-miss of asteroid 2005 YU55.

This follows the same general intention expressed in a recent proposal for international collaboration on a network of satellite and Earth-based observation systems to provide warnings of earthquakes, extreme weather, and other natural disasters before they occur, as well as help to coordinate any emergency response measures needed. The proposal, called IGMASS (International Global Monitoring Aerospace System), would monitor everything from the structures and changes in the Earth's crust (from mineral deposits to fault lines), to the electrical, magnetic, and particle conditions of the atmosphere, ionosphere and above, providing a comprehensive picture of the interactions of these Earth systems.

These proposals come in the context of the emergence of a new global frontier, the Arctic. As documented in a recent LPAC policy paper, "Self Developing Systems and Arctic Development: Economics for the Future of Mankind," Russia, China, and other leading nations have taken the first steps in what must become a full mobilization toward the development of this region – a prospect that should be seen as a new launching point for a renewed global focus on space colonization.

Generalized warfare is no longer a tolerable option for our species. As the SDE and IGMASS proposals indicate, we require a new concept of the strategic defense of the human species, which must be informed by two primary considerations:

1. If we wish to survive as a species, we must eliminate the ideology of monetarism, the false belief in an intrinsic value built into money, or any object for that matter. The immediate reinstatement

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ment of the original 1933 Glass-Steagall legislation is required to separate out the mass of hyperinflationary speculative debt of the presently failed monetary system, a debt to which a sovereign United States has no obligation. However, after decades of a severe lack of real, physical economic investment, the amount of money remaining after this separation would not be enough to fulfill our obligations to the future-oriented, capital intensive projects we require. This requires the employment of credit, as opposed to money per se, a unique kind of debt which has been and can be legally uttered by Congress for such productive purposes as we will outline here. A credit system, as opposed to a monetary system, is the means by which humanity ensures that future generations progress to successively higher levels of physical economic activity.

2. Mankind exists within a universe that is inherently anti-entropic. This means it is impossible to indefinitely maintain any fixed level of economic development, and any attempt to do so will guarantee the extinction of the human species. Most glaringly dangerous in this regard is the very existence of the “green” ideology, which calls for halting fundamental economic advancement (e.g. nuclear power) in the name of so-called “sustainability.” In the context of a ceaselessly developing universe, this means death.

Mankind’s ability to ensure his own existence depends absolutely upon our unique capability to consciously wield ever higher qualities of power sources, representing increases in levels of energy-flux density. Thus, the relatively immediate future existence of the human species will necessarily be characterized by mastery of what LaRouche has identified as the nuclear/thermonuclear economic platform, spearheaded by a Moon-Mars colonization perspective.

In doing so, we will begin to gain a competent understanding of the “weather” conditions inherent to our galaxy, with which we must contend both on the Earth, and on any body we begin to inhabit. We must set out now to do what is presently unthinkable - to come to not only understand, but to increasingly control these forces.

But before getting back to this, we must ask ourselves the question: do we actually know enough about the threats that we face? Do we know our enemy adequately? In this report, we will examine the second of the two points listed above: that the real threat is not from events in a passive universe, but in the fact that the galaxy itself is evolving, and that its rate of evolution defines what must be our own.

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