As Lyndon LaRouche stresses in his remarks to the Italian Institute for Asia in Rome, published in this issue, contrary to the fairy-tale professed by the Administration and retailed by the mass media, Osama bin Laden could not have been the culprit responsible for the events of September 11. Rather, such a complicated operation could only have been carried out by rogue elements within the U.S. military-intelligence command, for the purpose of effecting a coup d’état against the Bush Administration. There could have been foreign accomplices, but no Arab government, no Arab terrorist organization, could have done it.

The purpose of the attack was to drive the United States into global, “Clash of Civilizations” warfare—very likely, by pushing the U.S. to support an Israeli launching of general war against the Arab world—for the geopolitical purpose of destroying the current efforts for Eurasian cooperation and economic development.

There are three locations of this geopolitical policy: the Blair government of Britain; the military command of Israel; and the financier circles in the U.S., typified by the faction identified with Henry Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and Samuel P. Huntington. This does not necessarily mean that these individuals were directly involved in September 11. But, the attack was aimed at launching their “Clash of Civilizations,” as the pretext for the new Anglo-American imperium advocated by their Harvard mentor, William Yandell Elliott—i.e., the “Open Conspiracy” of H.G. Wells.

Fortunately, thus far the attempted coup has not succeeded. Unfortunately, it has also not yet been defeated.

As this issue of Fidelio goes to press, it is useful to review the global strategic situation as elaborated by Lyndon LaRouche:

1. The world has entered the crucial, terminal phase of disintegration of the present international monetary-financial system, characterized by an accelerating physical-economic deflation in production, and a futile attempt to delay the collapse of the monetary-financial system, through accelerating growth of an already hyperinflationary financial bubble. The end of this process has been reached, as evidenced not only by Argentina, but by Japan—and when Japan goes, by the U.S. itself.

2. As long as governments cling to defending the false axiomatic policy-shaping guidelines of the post-1971 I.M.F. system, each will be toppled by succeeding replacements, until either those nations begin to disintegrate, or governments emerge which reject that I.M.F. system altogether, and proceed as LaRouche has instructed: Put the existing system through bankruptcy reorganization, create Hamiltonian national-banking systems under the authority of the sovereign nation-state, and establish a New Bretton Woods system of sovereign nation-states committed to the General Welfare of each and all.

3. This economic collapse is accompanied by the threat of a global “Clash of Civilizations,” of devastating worldwide religious warfare, reenacting the horror of Europe’s 1618-1648 warfare, but on a global scale. The only alternative to this “Clash of Civilizations,” is a dialogue of civilizations, and a commitment to global economic development centered on LaRouche’s Eurasian Land-Bridge conception.

4. It is not likely that the needed global economic and related reforms could be made in a timely fashion, unless the U.S.A., the world’s most powerful nation, were to assume the role implicit in what Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton defined as the American System of political-economy, and unless it carried out that role in a manner consistent...
with the qualities of leadership of Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt. Thus, although international conditions have undermined the institutions of U.S. domestic and foreign policies of practice, the affirmation of the original American Revolution, as against American Toryism’s corruption of that original intention, gives the task before the U.S. today the essential characteristic of a continuing American Revolution.

Dialogue of Civilizations
This issue of Fidelio begins, appropriately, with an invitation issued by Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp LaRouche, to participate in an International Correspondence for a Dialogue of Cultures. The issue as a whole is designed to contribute to sparking such a dialogue, to counter the attempted coup d’état now in process. As you will read in the news section, the LaRouches have carried this message throughout the world in recent months, with crucial trips to Italy, Russia, and India, as well as teleconferences before audiences in Mexico, Peru, and Guatemala.

The issue includes a feature article by Muriel Mirak Weissbach, “Andalusia, Gateway to the Golden Renaissance,” which discusses the unique contribution to European culture made by Islamic Spain. The dialogue fostered between the Platonists of the European Islamic heritage, and their Christian humanist interlocutors, stands in stark contrast to the “Clash of Civilizations” mentality of the Crusades and the Inquisition.

This is followed by excerpts of important speeches given by Presidents Mubarak of Egypt and Khatami of Iran, and a statement by Lyndon LaRouche on the ecumenical principle.

Moreover, as LaRouche emphasized in Rome, the Brzezinski-Huntington “Clash of Civilizations” is not only aimed at fostering war against Islam: the long-term enemy is China. In this context, we publish Pope John Paul II’s message marking the 400th anniversary of the arrival in Beijing of the missionary

On the Thirty Years’ War

All the events of this period, if they did not originate in, soon became mixed up with, the question of religion, and no state was either too great or too little, to feel, directly or indirectly, more or less of its influence.

Against the reformed doctrine and its adherents the house of Austria directed, almost exclusively, the whole of its immense political power. In France, the Reformation had enkindled a civil war which, under four stormy reigns, shook the kingdom to its foundations, brought foreign armies into the heart of the country, and for a half a century rendered it the scene of the most mournful disorders. It was the Reformation too, that rendered the Spanish yoke intolerable to the Flemings, and awakened in them both the desire and the courage to throw off its fetters, while it also principally furnished them with the means of their emancipation. And as to England, all the evils with which Philip II threatened Elizabeth, were mainly intended in revenge for her having taken his Protestant subjects under her protection, and placing herself at the head of a religious party which it was his aim and endeavour to extirpate. . . .

Fearful, indeed, and destructive was the first movement in which this general political sympathy announced itself; a desolating war of thirty years, which, from the interior of Bohemia to the mouth of the Scheldt, and from the banks of the Po to the coasts of the Baltic, devastated whole countries, destroyed harvests, and reduced towns and villages to ashes; which opened a grave for many thousand combatants, and for half a century smothered the glimmering sparks of civilization in Germany, and threw back the improving manners of the country into their pristine barbarity and wildness.

—Friedrich Schiller, from the ‘History of the Thirty Years’ War in Germany’

Father Matteo Ricci, accompanied by Michael Billington’s “Matteo Ricci, The Grand Design, and the Disaster of the ‘Rites Controversy.’”

We are at a unique branching point in world history, and there are only two alternatives. If humanity is to survive and flourish in the Twenty-First century, then we must follow the lead of Lyndon LaRouche, by realizing the true purpose of the American Revolution on a global scale. Failure to do so, will bring with it a devastation far greater than that experienced by Europe in the Thirty Years’ War.