

I really do appreciate what you, Helga, brought up just a minute ago in terms of the courage to really define a new narrative. The question was brought up earlier: why is the international community not stepping up? At the core of this problem, at the core of the solution, is the human condition. A new narrative, a paradigm shift, must happen, and right now. All the old modalities are no longer functioning. As individuals, as the international community, we need to address this and deeply examine, deeply listen to the root causalities, and invent a new paradigm that is on the path to peace. So, I think that courage at the heart of it to really turn the page, is warranted among the youth, amongst the leading members of societies. As a world body, we need to really examine this.

Zepp-LaRouche: I would just really appeal to all our viewers and listeners that, in a certain sense, you have to mobilize *agapē*. I think why people are not reacting, is because they have become infected with a depraved indifference. You can portray a picture where you say 95% of the people in Afghanistan are in danger to die over the winter—that’s what [UN World Food Program’s Executive Director David] Beasley has said. If you are human, this should evoke a tremendous pas-

sion to help and to make it better.

So, I would really appeal to you to forget that Afghanistan is a culture you may not know much about. I got really fascinated about the history of Afghanistan. It’s very difficult, because, for example, not so much is known about Bactria, but it was an ancient civilization at the time of the ancient Greek civilization; there are many Greek inputs. Not enough archaeological work has been done. In any case, there is a lot to discover.

People have to develop passion for other cultures and other countries. That does not mean you accept their values, nor should you try to proselytize and impose your values on them. The world is so rich, in terms of many expressions of creativity of the human genius. That should motivate us. And a new narrative, if you want to call it that way, should be built on the best traditions of what every nation and every culture has contributed. That’s why I put so much emphasis on Ibn Sina, but that should be that which links us to a more beautiful future for all of mankind. I want you to mobilize *agapē* to do exactly that.

Celani: Thank you, Helga. And thank you to all the speakers. Now, we go to the next section of our panel.

Comment from Former U.S. Diplomat On ‘Project Ibn Sina’

by Ambassador Chas Freeman

Asked about Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s “Project Ibn Sina” proposal for international cooperation to address the humanitarian disaster in Afghanistan, former Ambassador Chas Freeman responded in a November 30 interview with EIR. The hour-long video and transcript of the Nov. 30 interview with Ambassador Freeman are available [here](#).

I think there’s a very strong case to be made that the effort that the



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Russians made, and then we made, to modernize Afghanistan, to promote the rights of women, to improve education and health care, can only be effectively carried out on a multilateral basis. It cannot be carried out as Moscow and Washington attempted to do with an occupation force engaged in pacification over resistance.

So I think the idea of a multilateral approach to Afghan development is an excellent one, and probably the vehicle for

this—given what, I’m sorry to say, is a degree of petulance and vindictiveness in Washington that is, in my view, unconscionable, by which we are withholding the Afghan national reserves from the de facto government in Kabul, and thereby pushing Afghanistan into a state of famine and anarchy, which I think is intended to punish the Taliban, but which will probably provide fertile ground for the growth of Daesh—the ISIS, Islamic State elements—who regard the Taliban as milquetoast.

I think the most likely vehicle, unfortunately, does not involve the United States, but it’s probably the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which

includes most of the countries who would be needed for such an approach. We are creating a terrible humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan as we speak. Europeans may be more willing than Americans seem to be, to step forward to cooperate with others in the region to address this. So far, the Biden Administration has shown a degree of cold-hearted disdain for the suffering of Afghans, that I find really reprehensible.

Now you ask, does this have implications for Taiwan? I don’t think so. I think Afghanistan has to be approached in its own right, and the Taiwan issue is one that involves factors that are quite different from those in Afghanistan.

Leading Italian Trade Unionist Backs LaRouche’s ‘Operation Ibn Sina’

Dec. 2—Alessia Ruggeri, a renowned trade unionist in Sicily and chair of UPI Italia, an association of small and medium-sized enterprises, has publicly endorsed Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s proposed “Operation Ibn Sina” for Afghanistan. Ms. Ruggeri issued a press release titled “Helga Zepp-LaRouche launches Operation Ibn Sina to save the Afghan people,” published Nov. 23 in the *Il Corriere di Sicilia* daily, read all over Sicily; it spread from there to other Southern Italian media.

The release announced:

The Committee for the Republic, through its spokeswoman Alessia Ruggeri, endorsed the Ibn Sina initiative of the Schiller Institute. “I believe that the world is experiencing a quite sad political, economic and social moment, with the complicity of mainstream media. We have to regain the lucidity and ability to intervene in support of a right cause. The Afghan people are paying the price of international geopolitical strategies



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which deny their inalienable rights guaranteed by the UN Charter.

“I therefore accept with great honor the invitation of the Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites to be a part of it and give a significant European contribution.”

Also, the lawyer Roberto Zappia [of Milan—ed.] endorses the appeal in support of the Afghan people, first exploited for the affirmation of the territorial and political hegemony of the world powers and subsequently abandoned to the voracity of the finance and to its cynical ruthless logic.

The Committee for the Republic release quoted Helga Zepp-LaRouche on Operation Ibn Sina from the Schiller Institute conference on Nov. 13 (the Panel above), as well as Dr. Joycelyn Elders on the recent activities of the Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites, particularly in Africa. See Dr. Elders’ [call](#), “Open Letter to Virologists and Medical Experts.”