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Developing Africa through the BRICS: Do We Have the Moral Fitness to Survive?

Ramasimong Phillip Tsokolibane, leader of the LaRouche South Africa movement

Craig Isherwood: I would like to introduce Phillip Tsokolibane. Just a bit of background: Phillip has been with the LaRouche South Africa movement since 1992. That movement in South Africa came about when one of our U.S. associates, and our good friend, Al Douglas, visited the Republic of South Africa back then in the course of doing research into an organisation called Lonrho. This is the [former] London and Rhodesia mining company, controlled by the British Crown itself, and it’s part of the Queen’s personal fortune. He went through a research program which ended up in the production of this book, called *Tony Rowland: The Ugly Face of Neo-Colonialism in Africa*. It goes through that history and is very interesting.

Back in those days, 1992, when we first moved to Melbourne, when Al was working with myself and Noelene to refound the CEC as the arm of the international LaRouche movement, there was a known MI5-ASIO agent here, by the name of David Greason. He was running some pretty nasty demonstrations against us here, and writing some pretty nasty, inflammatory articles against us. In one of them, he observed, with surprise, “The CEC works late at night, and what in the world are they doing, calling South Africa?”

Well, now you know, with Phillip’s presence here. The CEC was refounded at the same time as the South Africa organisation being founded. It was out of the same process, and here we are together, 23 years later, at this conference.

Back then, in 1992, the original leader of the LaRouche movement in South Africa was Philemon Sekoatle, who died in the late 1990s. Phillip stepped up to fill his shoes, and to ensure that the movement continues to this day.

So we’re very privileged, and very happy, that Phillip has been able to join us from South Africa, to give us his understanding of what developing Africa through the BRICS means. Please welcome Phillip.

Ramasimong Phillip Tsokolibane: Good afternoon. I know that back at home, it’s “Good morning”, well into the night. You are about nine hours ahead of us, so I should be sleeping by now, but I am here with you.

My name is Ramasimong Phillip Tsokolibane. I know you can’t pronounce my first name, and even my surname, but “Phillip” is okay. I am proud to say that I

represent the LaRouche movement in South Africa, as Craig has just said. I have come to realise both the awesome power and responsibility this gives me, representing the most important person and greatest thinker of our time or of any time, whose very name strikes terror in the cold hearts of the enemies of the human race, most notably that evil whore of Babylon, the Queen of England, and her cadaver-like, Nazi consort, His Royal Virus Prince Phillip. It strikes fear in their toadies such as American President, Barack Obama, their very own ‘house n-----’, as I saw first-hand when we literally took over a demonstration of hundreds with the famous ‘moustache poster’, when Obama defiled our nation in a visit in 2013.

The oligarchs’ monetarist system—which enslaves nations and the minds and bodies of their peoples with imposed and illegal debts—is finished. The time has come to make LaRouche's vision of a new, just world economic order the reality. We represent the *future* of mankind; it is our time, if we choose to seize this opportunity. If we say we are going to win, and are doing nothing, then the British will always prevail. We have to work hard, put in efforts like never before. If we fight, we’ll win. But if we just say the words that we’ll win, and fold our arms, it will never be done. But we represent the future of mankind; it is our time, if we choose to seize this opportunity. For all their piles of worthless money, this oligarchy cannot stop us, because it cannot crush mankind’s potential for creativity in the service of its immortal ideals of truth and beauty, which Mr LaRouche and his wife Helga have represented in their lifetimes.

As I flew over the vast ocean on my way to this meeting, I began to reflect upon who I am, as part of this movement. There I was, suspended in the air, travelling at high speed. What a wonderful creature man is, to have created such a means of conveyance. Birds can fly because they have been given that ability, to fly. Man, through his creativity, made himself capable of flight. No other creature could do something like this, by intent. No other creature has been given this capability by the Creator, as the creativity of man. We are not born with wings, but, yes, I flew over here, with about maybe 500 people on board. I didn’t fly alone, but we flew. So, that’s the creativity of man. That’s what we are here to do.

You have just listened to Dennis [Small], talking about China going to the Moon. That’s creativity: going to the Moon to try and mine helium-3. No species could do that, but man can do it. That’s creativity. That’s what we’ve been given by our Creator, so we have got to use that.

Yes, we are here. I think other people are busy with cricket. That’s entertainment. That was what the Romans used to do in the Coliseum: entertainment! Give them entertainment, entertainment. So, give them cricket, give them cricket! And you’ll always be “Australia down under”—down under what? Down under the foot of Queen Elizabeth.

I looked up and realised that we are not even bound to this planet, or even this mortal coil. Man has travelled into near space and to the Moon, and our minds have ventured even beyond that, with our deep space probes such as Voyager. We are on Mars with the rover. China has sent its lunar rover with the mission to make it

possible eventually to mine the Moon for helium-3, as fuel for the coming age of fusion power here on Earth.

So, we are, in fact, with our knowledge and actions, organising nearby space as well as more distant reaches of our solar system, just as the great Johannes Kepler understood we must, 400 years ago. Kepler was living in the stars—even as he was dying of starvation, here on Earth, as result of the policies of the same decadent oligarchy that now drives the world to the brink of thermonuclear extinction. Kepler believed, as did Nicholas of Cusa before him, in the possibility of man—in a future created by man’s knowledge of the universe—as a force changing the universe for the better by our actions. This is the awesome power of the human mind that Lyndon LaRouche connected me to, for which I will be always and forever grateful, and humbled. Maybe, if hadn’t met Mr LaRouche, I wouldn’t have known about all this. I will be forever grateful and humble, for that. But I think that one nice thing is that he didn’t keep it to himself. That’s what man must do. That’s precisely what you must do. Our duty is to teach others—those who are enjoying cricket. Our duty is to teach them, that we are men, and we are here with a mission. What’s important to us, is—when you come to my funeral (I always visualise that), what’s important is what this man has left for mankind. Not a beautiful car, not a beautiful house, because we are mere mortals, but we are capable of becoming immortal. People say, “No, it’s impossible!” Yes, we’ll die in the flesh, but [there’s] the spirit. That’s why we can still talk about Kepler and Cusa today. They long ago died, but we are still talking about them today, because we are living what they have left, and it is taking us up. So, when you come to my funeral, what will be important is what I have left behind. When times become difficult, what did you learn from me? Yes, the old man might go, Lyndon LaRouche might go, but what is he going to leave behind? It’s important. I think we are sure that we can take on the British Empire, even without him, simply because he has taught us. We are now men and women who can take this cause on our shoulders and fight. When he started the youth movement, people were saying, “No, what’s this?” But he was into the future, because without the youth this organisation will not live forever. So we have to have the youth. I see, yes, it’s good, you have old people here, but where are the youth? We’ve got to invest in the youth. But the old people must teach the youth. They won’t just come by themselves, if the elders are not there to take them along.

Kepler believed, as Nicholas of Cusa before him, in possibility of man, in the future created by man’s knowledge of the universe, as a force changing the universe for the better by our action.

I thought back to the place where I came from—a township, a ghetto just outside of Johannesburg, overrun with great misery, with no indoor plumbing, few paved streets and, throughout the entire country, unreliable electric power. These are the conditions in the townships, where I come from. Much worse off are the shack dwellers, the squatters—hundreds of thousands of them in the Johannesburg area alone—who have had to scavenge pieces of wood, bricks, plastic sheets, and corrugated iron to make homes for themselves in what are called ‘informal settlements’. In the townships and informal settlements, poverty and unemployment

are so high that they are not only demoralising, they are murderous. I see many people die before their time, of poverty and disease, including AIDS, in a genocide that could be prevented. Every Saturday, like yesterday, is reserved for the burials—which means we can't have a conference on a Saturday. It is reserved for funerals. We really bury people on Saturday.

I asked myself, "How can all of this unhappiness be reconciled with that great power of the human mind that places man in command of the solar system?" My answer was, "It cannot be reconciled. It is a perversion, an incommensurable." So, I say to you, "Do not try to accept or to reconcile them. Reject this current system, and change it, by imagining a different world and bringing it into being. That is the only way to solve this problem, created by the continued existence of the perverted and decadent monetarist world order. Think and live in the stars, think and live in the future, just as Kepler did."

South Africa is a member of what is called the BRICS group of nations. Together, they have formed the seed-crystal of a new economic system for the organisation of human productivity, the replacement of the dying monetarist system. But where did the idea for the BRICS come from? It is the result of the process set in motion by Mr LaRouche's attack on the bestial and murderous intention of the monetarist system dominated by the British Empire, and his proposal, exactly 40 years ago, to replace it with what he called the International Development Bank. [Image at 16:37, holds up the IDB pamphlet.] It was through the organising of Mr and Mrs LaRouche in Russia, China, and India, in particular, that laid the foundation for the BRICS, no pun intended.

For those people who are not aware of what the LaRouches have been doing since this movement was formed: Helga Zepp-LaRouche was at times called the "Silk Road Lady". So, this is what the LaRouches have been doing all along. It didn't just come out as BRICS. People had to work very hard for the BRICS to be where it is.

So, because I see the great poverty of Africa, I have resolved to work tirelessly to create a new systemic solution to that problem, recognising that the monetarist system seeks to solve 'the African problem' by murdering our populations. I must make you see that finding a human solution to this crisis is not some intellectual exercise. It is an urgent matter of life and death. There is a sobering reality brought to this fight, when you finally and fully realise that if you fail, you and millions upon millions will die. That is the responsibility that we, who can see into the future, must bear. I feel its weight daily. Going to the future is like in the Bible, where somebody went to the mountain. Martin Luther King, Jr. mentioned that, in his famous speech: that you've got to go to the mountain, like Moses, and see the Promised Land. So if you can't realise that, if you can't see the Promised Land, if you can't see the future, then you can rather go and play cricket. But what is good with this organisation, is that you always go to the mountain. We will always uphold, that the future determines the present. What you are doing today, is going to be realised tomorrow, simply because we've gone into the future. We've seen the Promised Land. We've already seen, while others haven't seen, what BRICS will bring for humanity. That's why we are having this conference: that Australia must join. Well, the professor [Georgy

Toloraya] said, not everybody will join, but even if not by joining, but being with BRICS in spirit, so that when you want loans you can go to BRICS— My President Zuma said that the New Development Bank is a new bank, where you come and say, “I need a loan,” you won’t leave without the loan, unlike the IMF, unlike the World Bank.

Pessimism is not permitted. I remain optimistic and have evidence for my optimism. Consider this: The ‘inevitable’, as some foolish people might believe, is really never so. Not as long as we remain creative human beings. Kepler and Mr LaRouche teach us this.

My late former President, the founder of modern South Africa, Nelson Mandela, thought like this. He was repeatedly told, even by his closest supporters, that to free South Africa from the evil apartheid system would require a bloodbath. "It was unavoidable", or so the British wanted us to believe. But Mandela imagined a different way, one that foiled British-inspired efforts to drown our nation in blood. To make this work, he had to recruit his so-called enemy, President F.W. de Klerk, to his view of a peaceful transition. And while many thought this impossible, Mandela organised de Klerk as his partner, and together they organised both black and white South Africans to see their common interests and common future. Yes, we could have gone through a bloodbath, like other countries, who are our neighbours: Angola, Mozambique. I don’t know if you know about those countries. They went through the bloodbath. What they had achieved under colonial rule was erased. They are trying to develop, which is difficult. Imagine if South Africa had gone by that way.

We are the only country in Africa that has nuclear power plants. That could have gone! The British would have just wiped it out. Even up to today, they are not happy that we have that capability. So, really, my President Mandela played an important part.

But for Mandela’s dream of a prosperous South Africa to be realised, he needed international allies. And while he received pompous and pious words of support, the British saw to it that there were no real funds for sorely needed development projects. The United States of America also failed to provide such aid, during Clinton’s time. Had the BRICS existed then, Mandela would have found such allies in the fight for prosperity.

During World War II, the great American President, Franklin Roosevelt, travelled through Gambia, a British colony in West Africa, on his way to his meeting with Churchill at Casablanca. He was appalled at the poverty he saw, and how the British justified it. This—according to his son Elliot, who travelled with him—deepened his resolve to end once and for all the British Empire and all imperial systems of colonial enslavement. FDR realised that nations needed to escape not only political shackles, but economic colonialism as well. He was committed to great economic development for Africa and embraced an idea of building up industry and infrastructure throughout the continent. His plan involved using Australia, your nation, as an economic launching point for development, creating whole cities of

industry and technology to which millions of Africans—and Chinese, as well—would be brought to work, and to learn the secrets of technology and modern industry that they then could apply in their own nations. So, I suspect that once you were a big nation.

In the war, Australia was assigned the mission of serving as a massive training base for allied forces, while also marshalling material resources for the war effort. But in FDR's planning for a new war on colonialism, he wanted Australia to break away from the British Empire, and ally with the U.S.—to develop its industry, expand its population, and serve as a base for the industrialisation of Africa, China, and India.

It is certain that these ideas were discussed with your visionary Prime Minister John Curtin, who shared much of FDR's outlook and whom FDR wanted to recruit to his anti-colonial crusade. Unfortunately, both men died before their dream could be realised.

We need to revive such a development perspective today around the BRICS, as the only pathway away from thermonuclear war, which we must never allow to become 'inevitable'. If we have the moral fitness to survive, we will do this.

I have urged my fellow citizens to support the petition of the Schiller Institute that calls on the U.S. to break with its current policy alignment with the British Empire and Wall Street, and join with the BRICS in supporting major economic development projects. We always run up against people who say "Screw the U.S. We should go it alone". But that just won't work: The U.S. must work with the BRICS—or else, with the U.S. on the wrong side—that initiative will be crushed. We need America, the U.S. to work with us. Right now, British agents in the U.S. government—such as that Nazi in the State Department, Victoria Nuland—have unleashed a destabilisation of South Africa to promote 'regime change'. The intention is take South Africa out of the BRICS. Even at this late hour, they still believe, or think that they can take us out of the BRICS and plunge South Africa into bloody chaos. My associates and I have exposed this plot. We will not let this happen!

We have told our fellow South Africans that they must take on the mission of leading the development of Africa, using the BRICS as the launching point. Take on development from that perspective, not merely for benefit internal to South Africa. I would urge you in Australia to do likewise; you are a big continent, with a lot of possibilities, but you think small. Under British influence, you have become a small nation. Think big, and act accordingly.

Thinking big is precisely what is required when posing a development perspective for Africa. Its problems cannot be resolved piecemeal, or country by country. That will never work. Africa must have projects that not only solve present urgent needs, but look to a prosperous future, with cooperation among nations and peoples who, under the British Empire's economic colonialism, have often been driven towards murderous conflict.

Today there are promising steps in the right direction. I will mention just three: The continent-wide transport infrastructure plan, the Cape to Cairo

transportation and energy corridor, and the plans for nuclear power development in South Africa and Egypt.

The African Union and China signed a memorandum of understanding in January 2015 to greatly improve, expand, and integrate Africa's continental transport systems, including high-speed rail, road, aviation, and other infrastructure necessary for industrialisation.

Even before the agreement with China, the African Union had initiated construction of the South-North transportation corridor of roads, rails, and bridges—running from Cape Town to Cairo. The project should also include energy infrastructure, according to South African President Jacob Zuma.

Nuclear power is coming to Africa through the efforts of South Africa and Egypt. Though South Africa has a power plant, this is going to be in addition. South Africa is committed to adding 9600 megawatts of nuclear power capacity to its existing 1800 megawatts of nuclear. Egypt plans to build reactors to provide 4800 megawatts with Russia's help. The success of these projects will surely launch nuclear power planning throughout the continent. Yes, we have to start somewhere, but we hope and believe that Africa will go nuclear, so we'll have nuclear power not only in South Africa or Egypt.

Make no mistake about it: It is absolutely impossible for both of our nations to fulfil our mission, if we remain members of the British Empire, kissing the ugly rump of the British Queen who presides over the so-called Commonwealth. It is high time we grew up as nations, and ended all ties with the British Empire. Let us agree to toss all the pictures of this evil Queen—the symbol of the evil that purports to rule this planet at present—into the bonfire of history, and let our peoples rejoice!

It is tempting on this big continent to think that you might escape the worst that happens in the rest of the world. South Africa has a similar problem, located all the way down on the tip of Africa. This is a delusion. If the rest of the world dies—or even a large portion of it—you will die eventually, as the popular 1960s novel by Nevil Shute, *On the Beach*, foretold. Though others have mentioned the movie, I'm talking about the novel.

Rather than hide from the world, let us all, together, seize this moment to redirect our world! Look no longer down at your feet and your land. Look up, with me, to the stars and beyond—that is our common destiny!

Thank you.