



# THE BOIS D'ARC-AMADOU PARADOX

For my family: an exercise in Promethean Epistemology.  
by Pierre Beaudry, November 11, 2014



*“The great secret of the universe consists in learning how to transform ugliness into beauty; that is the reason why the purpose in life is to transplant trees.”*

Dehors Debonneheure

For my dear little nephews, Emile, Louis, and Philippe,

When I contemplate the universe, I always ask myself how all of this can hold itself together?

And, I say to myself: “It must be by the skillful hands of God.”



In my search for examples of how nature can stimulate the human characteristic of creative artistic composition and “insight” you into acting in changing the world, I recently stumbled upon a little known American tree called *Maclura Pomifera*, otherwise known as Bois d’arc or Osage orange. Americans pronounce it “bowdark.” It is a tree which is of the mulberry family and which has survived the last Ice Age of 120,000 years ago. This extraordinary tree is uniquely indigenous to no more than 10,000 square miles of a narrow bottom land area of Northeastern Texas, Southeast Oklahoma, and Southwestern Arkansas; that is, roughly the basin of the Red River Valley.

**Figure 1** Always pick up your Bois d’arc by the scruff of the neck, because it may bite you..

You may also be wondering why I consider this tree to be relevant for the science of epistemology. Indeed, what would a tree have to do with the development of the human mind? The short answer to that question is that Bois d'arc has a unique characteristic in the world which is that its origin is typically American; that is, Promethean in character. However, that doesn't show very much, at first glance, because it generally just sits there, silently, on the side of the road, waiting for you to pick up some of its pieces and change their poverty into beauty. Then, the real poetic effect of that wood strikes you, but only in your mind, because that is where the great secrets of the universe are located. So, let me tell you the story of Bois d'arc.

## 1. THE DISCOVERY OF BOIS D'ARC BY LEWIS AND CLARK

First of all, you should know that Bois d'arc has a history which is unmistakably tied to the formation of the United States as a Republican Nation opposed to the British oligarchical system. Like the American character itself displays, Bois d'arc also manifests a very perplexing and contradictory destiny. Not only is this a tree which can only survive by being transplanted, but no other wood in the world has demonstrated a more paradoxical character, which is to be both totally repulsive and appealing at the same time. It is this paradoxical characteristic that has made Bois d'arc the tree of the future, because, when you transplant that tree, it is only because of an uncertain tomorrow.

Ever since the discovery of the passage to the Pacific Ocean by Captain Meriwether Lewis and his friend Second Lieutenant William Clark, that is after their expedition of 1804-1806, tens of millions of Osage orange trees were transplanted across America during the nineteenth century move to the West by patriotic settlers. Most shoots were used as a hedge fence or windbreakers by farmers ever since Benjamin Franklin requested information from Jared Eliot for planting a hedge on his property in 1750. Franklin wrote to Eliot: "I request you to procure for me a particular Account of the manner of making a new kind of Fence we saw at Southold on Long Island, which consists of a Bank and Hedge." (Benjamin Franklin letter of October 25, 1750 to Jared Eliot in *The Papers of Benjamin Franklin*, Ed. William W. Labaree, Yale University Press, New Haven Ct., 1959.)

In 1804, Lewis and Clark were commissioned by President Jefferson to explore and map the newly acquired territory of the Western half of the American continent, beyond the Mississippi, by establishing a Corps of Discovery. The primary purpose of that Corps of Discovery was to find a route to the Pacific Ocean and establish commercial trade with all Indian Nations along the way, before the British tried to claim that territory. As Jefferson's instructions stated: "The object of your mission is to explore the Missouri River, & such principle stream of it, as, by its course and communication with the waters of the Pacific ocean, whether the Columbia, Oregon, Colorado or any other river may offer the most direct & practicable water communication across this continent for the purpose of commerce [with the Indians]." (Ambrose, Stephen E., **Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West**, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1996, p. 94)

A secondary objective of the Corps of Discovery was to study systematically plants, animal life, and geography. In other words, the [Lewis and Clark Expedition](#) was organized for a strategic,

economic, and scientific purpose. The strategic point to be understood is that the net effect of this expedition actually created the geographic unity of the United States in order to obtain a political unity that would be shared with Indian Nations. In other words, the mission of Lewis and Clark was international and the essential condition for that mission to succeed was epistemological in character: the mission was to make a discovery of principle; that is, a discovery, from the top down, of a principle of how the human mind develops by leaps and bounds when it rejects oligarchism and establishes the principle of the *advantage of the other* for the benefit of mankind.

Before their departure in May of 1804, from near Saint Louis on the Mississippi River, Lewis sent President Jefferson the first seeds and saplings of Osage orange that he had obtained from Pierre Chouteau, an Indian agent living in Saint Louis, who may have been the one to coin the French name of “Bois d’arc” (wood for making bows) that the Osage Indian Nation had been using for centuries to make bows and arrows. This is how Bois d’arc was first discovered and immortalized by Lewis and Clark as part of their mission to unify the United States as a Constitutional Republic by way of integrating all of the Indian communities of the continent to the American system. However, that discovery of principle does not imply that the route was not going to be brambly and covered with thorns. It was filled with them.

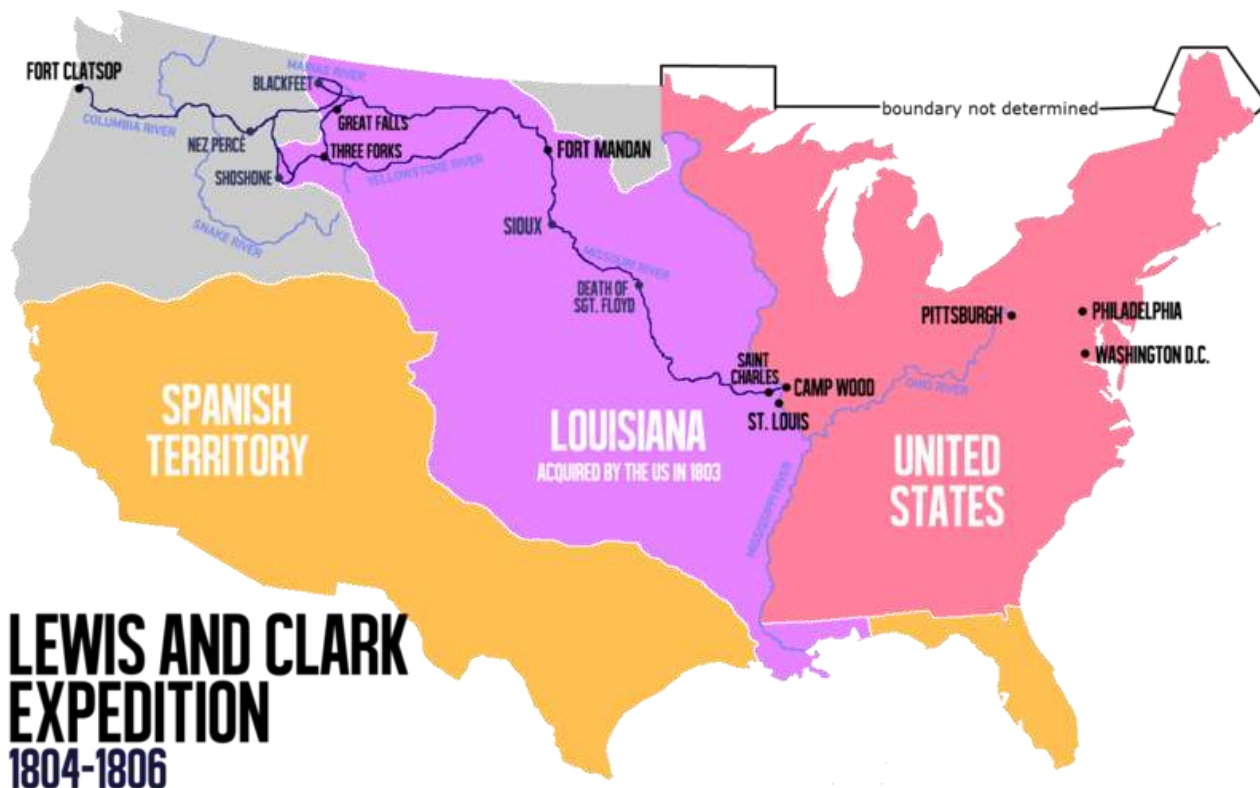


Figure 2 Route of the [Lewis and Clark Expedition](#).

The discovery of principle of this expedition was meant to establish a true human relationship with the more than two dozen Indigenous Indian Nations that were met along the way to the Pacific. I can only assume, today, that the effort was successful since during the two years that it took for the expedition to be completed, the members of the Corps of Discovery would undoubtedly have been killed or starved to death had it not been for their intention to build an economic community of principle of all inclusiveness with the different Indian Nations they encountered during their travel.

By bringing this discovery of principle of Lewis and Clark together with the Bois d'arc-Amadou paradox, my aim is not to paint a bright and shiny image of what a discovery of principle is all about. It would be a lie if I did. The point to remember is that it was very unfortunate that the large scale encroachment of later American settlements against the Indian Nations of America that followed the path of the Corps of Discovery did not succeed in maintaining the principle of the *advantage of the other* like Lewis and Clark had succeeded in achieving.

## 2. THE CONTRADICTION CHARACTERISTIC OF BOIS D'ARC



The greatest use of Bois d'arc has been for the planting of hedges and fence-posts across the United States during the greatest part of the nineteenth century. Remnants of such natural hedges can be found today almost everywhere across the Midwest.

Otherwise known for its durability, Bois d'arc has been the most important wood for the construction of tough chuckwagons, hedges, fenceposts, building foundations, floors and furniture. In a word, Bois d'arc was used as a universal and patriotic wood that settlers of the American West required for their expansion into the western territories to create a nation.

**Figure 3** A piece of Bois d'arc fence-post transformed into a golden flaming vase. If the original function of Bois d'arc was for practical use, its intentional function is to reflect beauty. (hiltonhandcraft.com)

This wood is so hard that it gives headaches to all woodpeckers who try to peck holes in it and admits of no nails. It burns so hot that it spits fiery sparks that snap crackle, and pop like a guardian angel fighting the devils in the fireplace of nation building long after the children have gone to sleep during winter nights. Bois d'arc produces twice as much heat as basswood and burns as hot as coal. It has been known to be so hot as to warp woodstoves. One of the most revealing stories about Bois d'arc is that barbed wire will rust away on the post before the post rots away in the ground.

Bois d'arc heartwood displays the most exciting beauty that nature can create in a wood and compares with the most beautiful Rosewood, Mahogany, Ironwood, or Amboyna Burl, in nature's palette of wooden artistic composition. Covered with forbidding thorny branches, Bois d'arc has a rough and tough forboding external appearance while it has heartwood made of yellow and red streaks ranging from dark golden brown to a fiery orange. Thus, the name Osage orange.



**Figure 4** A forbidding hedge of Bois d'arc: A Socratic wood unappealing on the outside, but with a beautiful soul on the inside.

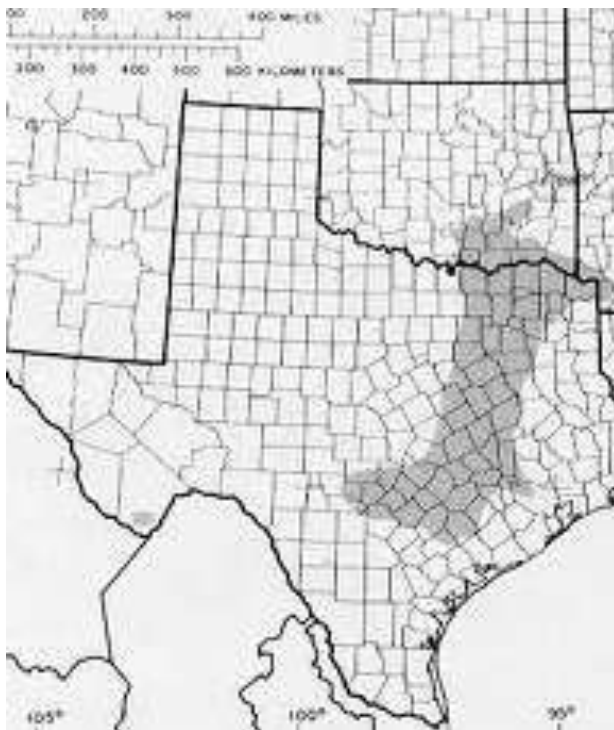
### 3. BOIS DARC: A NATIVE OF TEXAS

“In Texas, there is a saying that “oak posts last a long time, mulberry lasts still longer, cedar lasts one hundred years, Bois d’arc lasts forever.”

Fred Tarpley, *Wood Eternal*.

The hardest, heaviest, most durable, most decay-resistant, the most dense and elastic wood in the world, Bois d’arc, or Osage orange wood, is the most extraordinary American native there is. It is not only a native of the United States, but it is unique to a specific region of Texas. Originally located in the Texas Red River Valley, Osage orange can only be found in the wild in that region, and in no other forest in the world. I have not yet found an explanation for this singularity, especially since it can grow in any climate and in any soil, rich or poor.

Osage orange was one of the primary trees that was used as windbreakers in President Franklin Roosevelt’s 1934 Great Plains WPA Shelterbelt project to change weather patterns and to prevent erosion of the soil caused by the dust storms of the Great Depression. By 1942, 220 million trees had been planted stretching out 18,600 miles across the six mid-western states of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota.



**Figure 5** Native range of Bois d’arc in Texas.



**Figure 6** Great Plains WPA Shelterbelt project

The original location and native habitat of Bois d'arc is limited to twelve Northeast Texas counties and two small areas of Arkansas and Oklahoma, where it is said to have survived the dinosaurs. According to researcher, Fred Tarpley, of Commerce, Texas, the capital of Bois D'Arc, pollen from Bois d'arc of the earlier geological Dinosaur period, was found in Canada. "Fossils of pollen from the last interglacial period, when climate was warmer than that of the present time, attest to Osage orange growing as far north as Toronto in Ontario, Canada. Pollen of the tree's flowers now preserved from 120,000 years ago in fossil form was found in sediments from the Don Valley Brickyard in Ontario." (Dr. Fred Tarpley, *Wood Eternal*, Tarpley Books, Campbell Texas, 2010, p. 29.) However, if the tree exists in other countries today, it is because it was originally exported from Texas.



**Figure 7** Patrick Henry's bois d'arc tree at his Brookneel home in Virginia. This tree has been nominated America's largest and oldest Osage orange tree, estimated at 209 years old. Henry's tree can be traced back to the seeds of Osage orange that Lewis sent to President Jefferson during their famous expedition.

The Patrick Henry tree at his Brookneel estate became the national champion in 1972 with a circumference of 24' 6", a height of 51' and a spread of 92'. According to Tarpley, "The story told at Patrick Henry's home in Virginia during tours and in publications is that the champion Osage orange growing in the yard was one of the early saplings sent to the East by Meriwether Lewis in 1805 after the first shipment of 1804 had failed to survive plantings." (Fred Tarpley, *Wood Eternal*, p. 150)

Tarpley reports that according to Donatien Pascal Kamdem, “Osage orange and black locust were listed as the most effective methanol extracts from durable wood for their toxic effects on wood-destroying organisms such as brown rot and white rot.” [Fungal Decay Resistance of Aspen Blocks Treated with Heartwood Extracts, Forest Products Journal, 1994, p. 30-32. See also S. Wang, Heartwood Extractives of *Maclura Pomifera* and Their Role in Decay Resistance, 1983, 12 pages.] A close relative of the Osage orange lives in China under the name of Coudrania. It has thorns like the Bois d’arc and has a fruit which taste like a fig. Like the Bois d’arc, the Coudrania leaf is nourishment for the silk worm.



**Figure 8** Characteristic orange bark of older Bois d’arc. Lewis and Clark Bois d’arc leaves and thorn branch samples. The Osage orange apple is the fruit of the female of the species.

#### **4. THE SINGULARITY OF AMADOU AS A PROMETHEAN FIRE CATCHER**

Paradoxically, Bois d’arc is also fungus resistant, and most effectively, against the fiery fungus known as *Fomes Fomentarius*, or Amadou. In fact, I know of no case of real Amadou growing on a Bois d’arc tree. Then, you might ask me why I combine them together? Before I can answer that question, I have to first open a parenthesis on my working hypothesis

The point to understand about Amadou is that it is a natural spark catcher. No other fungus compares with Amadou as a natural fire catcher. So, therefore, my question is: how does Amadou relate to the the human mind’s power of increasing energy-flux-density by making discoveries of principle from spiritual sparks? It is in that sense that Amadou raises the question as to how and when man must have first discovered that Amadou had a direct relationship to Promethean fire.



My working hypothesis is that the discovery of fire and the discovery of Amadou were made at the same time when man discovered the great proportionality between the human mind and the intelligence in the heavens. Why? Because fire comes from a spark and Amadou is the perfect spark catcher. And, since in a discovery of principle, you never have two without three, the discovery of Amadou and fire together becomes a true performative action of discovering how temporal eternity may have been first discovered, because the first man who discovered fire, was also the one who discovered that the future was located in the heavens.

In other words, Amadou must have been discovered when man first seized upon the discovery of the proportionality relating the human mind catching the idea of Amadou and fire as being one and only one idea. That is, the idea of Amadou catching a spark of fire in relationship with the idea of the

incommensurable magnitude of the universe as a whole. In that case, it must have been safe to say that since the human mind was able to catch the spark of an idea of the incommensurable magnitude of the universe as a whole and was able to consume that idea totally in his mind, like Amadou does with a tiny spark to produce fire, then, the discovery of the fiery power of Amadou was made in relationship with the heavens, because this is when man began to discover that the spark catcher in his mind, and the one that nature had created and that he had in his hand, must have been understood as proportional with the sparkling fire coming from the stars above.

Therefore, Fire, Amadou, and the stars above are to each other of such a nature that the last is to the first as the first is to the mean, in the same proportion that the mean is to the last; and therefore, as Plato demonstrated in *The Timaeus*, all three become one and the same thing.



**Figure 9** The singularity of a rare *fomes rimosus* (false Amadou) growing inside the cavity of a Bois d'arc tree near the corner of Market Street and Sycolin Road in Leesburg, Va. The toxic nature of Osage orange generally prevents the growth of such fungi. This might explain why this fungus has been growing in such a stunted manner.

Although the question of when and where this discovery of principle may have first taken place on Earth might not be answerable in chronological terms, it is perfectly answerable under the simultaneity of physical eternity between creative human thinking and the intelligence behind the celestial vault.

As Fred Tarpley, the author of *Wood Eternal*, noted at the beginning of his book: “The ability of Osage orange to outlast other timber as fence posts, house foundation blocks, and archery bows earned the tree the nickname of ‘wood eternal.’” Amadou, on the other hand, might yet earn the nickname of “*eternal mushroom*,” because to catch a spark is irrevocably tied to the epistemological characteristic of fire as is the love of mankind.

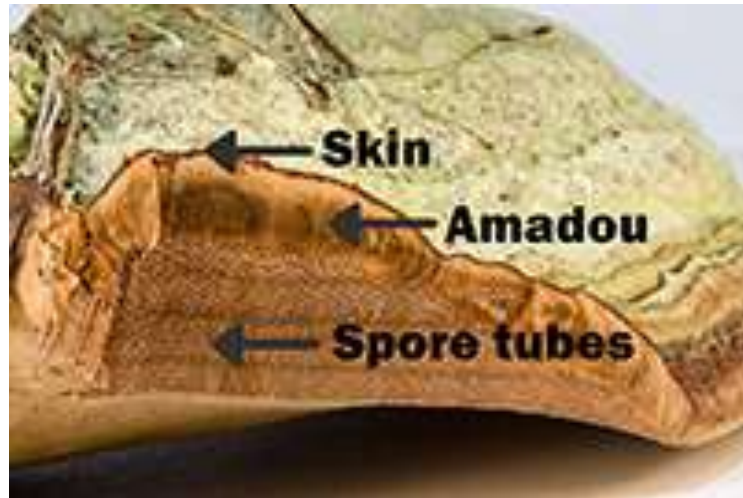
The etymology of Amadou comes from an old Provençal term meaning easy to fall in love and therefore, metaphorically speaking, the meaning is “easy to catch a spark” that will generate fire. Thus, the fungus, whose name in Latin is *fomes fomentarius* meaning “fire tinder” because it is very quick to catch a spark, consumes itself without even generating a flame. In the popular French vernacular, the term “amadouer” also means to convince or to win over someone by flattering means. That meaning is a deformation which does not pertain to the art of axiom busting. Amadou is an axiom busting action.

How far back in history the discovery of Amadou can be traced is not known. However, paleontologists who study early man’s fire sites should also be able to find traces of Amadou. The most ancient case on record was discovered on September 19, 1991, when two German tourists from Nuremberg, Helmut and Erika Simon, found the frozen body of a man in the Austrian-Italian Alps while strolling on a path at an elevation of 10,530 feet. The man, who became known as Ozti the Iceman, had been frozen in that location after having been killed at around 3,300 BC. Among the items found on his person were flint flakes and four small pieces of Amadou. The man was equipped to make fire.



**Figure 10** A very happy *fomes rimosus* or cracked cap polypore, growing in the cavity of a black locust tree along the Leesburg Va bikepath. Interior view of the cracked cap polypore.

*Fomes rimosus* (faux Amadou) is a cork-like fungus which is ideal tinder. Unlike *fomes fomentarius*, (Amadou), *fomes rimosus* is a tinder polypore which does not need to be dried to start a fire. It can be used for fire fresh from the tree. It does not, however, catch a spark as quickly as dry Amadou.



**Figure 11, *Fomes fomentarius***, or Amadouvier is a mushroom that generally grows on birch trees.

**5. HOW INDIAN PRIME MINISTER, NARENDRA MODI, SPARKED THE AMADOU OF PEACE AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN [from [SPARKING THE AMADOU OF PEACE](#) ]**

*“To Amadou somebody is to get him to catch the idea that he has to change.”*

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How do you catch the spark of a new idea which never existed before and convince the whole world to become completely consumed by it? That’s the Promethean action of Amadou that Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, succeeded in presenting to the world on September 27, 2014 at the Madison Square Garden of New York. This Promethean idea was what Lyn has been developing for decades as the required idea of the paradigm shift of a New Just World Economic Order against the looting policy of the British Empire. See the historical Modi video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpYSOypGcJc>

The idea of Amadou is as old as the world, however, the question this discovery poses for me, today, is not merely how to make fire, cook food, keep warm, or introduce beauty on your dining table. The question is more fundamentally to know how to “*Adamou someone.*” In other words, how do you convince someone to change his axioms by forcing him to do something he would not have otherwise accepted to do under normal circumstances? How do you get someone to catch the spark of an axiomatic change?

That's what the question of Amadou is all about; it is the disposition of the mind to catch the living fire-power of creative Rabelaisian and Promethean ideas that will lead you inevitably to adopting a world policy of increasing the benefits of peace and development of all of mankind. The secret of Amadou, therefore, lies in doing something only for the *advantage of the other*. As Francois Rabelais put it: *“Such is the nature of gratuitousness. Time, which gnaws and fritters all things away, only augments and increases the value of benefits. For one good turn freely done to an intelligent man grows continuously by his generous thoughts and remembrances.”* (Francois Rabelais, *Book I*, Chapter 50.)



**Figure 12** Artifacts of Bois d'Arc-Amadou by Pierre Beaudry



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**Figure 13 A:** The author holding a piece of burning Amadou. **B:** Three pieces of Bois d'arc with Amadou searchlights from [LANTERNLAND](#).

At the July 3, 2014 summit of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington DC, acting foreign minister of Guyana, M. Robeson Benn, walking in the footsteps of former foreign minister, Fred Wills, called for the defense of Argentina against the predator vulture funds and for the restoration of the Glass-Steagall system of bank separation in the United States. That sparked the Amadou of the whole of Ibero America. Benn invoked the *Peace of Westphalia principle* of serving the *advantage of the other* by recalling the statement of former Malaysian Prime Minister, Mahathir bin Mohamad, who stated: *“The international financial system and policy should revolve around the issue of not begging your neighbor, but prospering your neighbor.”* That connected Ibero America with the whole of Asia.

What is the strategic significance of this move? Prime Minister Mahathir and foreign minister Benn have both acted as Amadou, because, now that Argentina is on the chopping block, their actions are aimed at sparking the United States Congress to move on the urgent matter of reinstating the Glass-Steagall Law that the American Members of Congress would not have accepted to reinstate under normal circumstances. But, it seems that this cannot be accomplished without first getting rid of Obama or, at the very least; put him in a position where he can do no harm. Minister Benn stated:

“I would like to pose the question, perhaps, as to whether we should not, out of this imbroglia, re-look at the overall question of the repeal of the Glass-Steagall Act in 1999 in the United States, which related to the activity of the banking system, the international financial institutions, mainly resident in the United States and in the United Kingdom. President Roosevelt, of the United States of America, established a banking act, signed off on the Banking Act of 1933, which set up firewalls between the activities of the banks, and on the questions of speculation in the financial system. There is, perhaps, the need now to take a look at putting back in place important sections of the Glass-Steagall Act which was repealed in 1999.”

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“We know the devastation, the dislocations in the United States economy in 2008, had even more devastating, dislocating effects in the world financial system. So we need to perhaps review the question, or call upon U.S. legislators to pursue efforts to put back in place the type of regulation in the banking system which would prevent vulture funds, which would prevent this response whereby there is this form which I call the term ‘modern day piracy,’ modern day piracy which has serious implications for the world economy and, particularly now in the case of Argentina, a very significant country in Latin America, severe implications for its economy and which would create a cascading effect in Latin America, and Central America, and elsewhere.”

"Guyana stands in solidarity with Argentina in rejecting and condemning the actions of vulture funds that put in jeopardy progress made by these countries... The dilemma of the Argentine people and government resonates with all developing countries. It is the moral responsibility of all stakeholders, including the American people and their government, to ensure that countries such as Argentina, which has made significant strides in improving their debt situation, [not have to adopt measures] which threaten the progress that has been achieved." ([E.I.R. Aktuelle Meldungen, Guyana Urges Return to Glass-Steagall at Historic OAS Meeting](#), July 4, 2014.)

This action was an Amadou shot resonating around the world, and its intention was to resonate in the souls of 80% of the world leaders who are now facing the necessity to say “NO” to the British Monetary System of looting and “NO” to the Obama sanctioning of the so-called “Griesa Justice” in the pirating of Argentina.

The United Nations vote to support Argentina against the predatory vulture funds was almost unanimous, at the exception of the United States and Canada. There have also been very powerful statements coming from the Brazilian and Venezuelan foreign ministers in support of Argentina making the point that an attack on Argentina is also an attack on every country of Ibero-America.

The Venezuelan minister called for the establishment of “a new global financial system” and the Brazilian minister’s forceful support of Argentina demonstrated that their intention was to confirm that support at mid-July summit meeting of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) in Brazil. The point to remember about the BRICS is that the future development of all of mankind is based on **Rabelaisian gratuitousness**. Like the Chinese say: “Justice over profit.”

The summit implemented the creation of a development fund with \$100 billion from a new banking institution called Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) and funds from another institution called BRICS Development Bank. This new institution will start with a capital of 50 billion dollars and is expected to expand to 100 billion within two years, and up to 200 billion within five years. The bank’s intention is to finance up to 350 billion of infrastructure projects accompanied with a complete reorganization of education, health, science and technology.

In one word, the BRICS meeting became the key forum for the initiation of a New Just World Economic Order through the creation of a policy of peace and development similar to the 1970 LaRouche idea of an International Development Banking (IDB) with his 1982 [Operation Juarez](#) project with Mexican President Lopez Portillo. Solidarity and mutual benefits, however, is not enough; what is also

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required is a dramatic worldwide axiomatic change in the minds of all of the peoples of the world, where everyone sacrifices his self-interest for the *advantage of the other*. That is why the time has now come to light a generous spark of Amadou in the soul of every human being on the planet.

This idea was made clear during a speech at the United Nations General Assembly, Saturday September 27, by India's Prime minister, Narendra Modi, who called for the world to be based on the principle of the *advantage of the other*. He stated:

“Today, we still operate in various Gs with different numbers. India, too, is involved in several. But, how much are we able to work together as G1 or G-All? On the one side, we say that our destinies are inter-linked, on the other hand we still think in terms of zero sum game. *If the other benefits, I stand to lose.* [My emphasis] It is easy to be cynical and say nothing will change; but if we do that, we run the risk of shirking our responsibilities and we put our collective future in danger.” (Modi: Let Us Fulfill Our Pledge on a Development Agenda, September 28, 2014. <http://larouchepac.com/node/31826>)

Here is the rub: “*How can I win by making the other benefit?*” This is the paradox of Amadou that every member of the human species must face in the world today, and who is going to have to solve in the coming weeks and months. This paradox represents the true end of capitalism and of communism, as they have been understood until this time, because Amadou demonstrates the fallacy of profiting by taking from others. *The zero-sum game is a fallacy of composition, because the assumption is that the gain of one must be the loss of another.* Why? Because this game is based on the false British Empire assumption of the survival of the fittest.

The beauty of this moment of axiomatic change is that not only you cannot gain by taking something away from another, but you cannot gain from mutual sharing poverty with others either. You can only win by transforming poverty into beauty. And, this is what Modi has proposed we do everywhere in the world, starting by setting the example with India. This is how the advantage of the other leads you beyond the narrow form of nationalism. It is good to be a patriot of your country, but, to be a world citizen is even better.

China has worked from the same principle of *all inclusiveness of others* by applying a policy of the “Three No’s” as the Director for International Energy Strategic Studies, Shi Ze, expressed it at the Schiller Institute 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference on October 18, 2014 in Germany: *The New Silk Road and China's Lunar Program: Mankind is the Only Creative Species!* Ze developed the principle of *the advantage of the other* in a negative manner by saying that the *One Belt and One Road* policy stresses “no interference in the affairs of other, no seeking for ‘sphere of influence,’ and no striving for hegemony” ...”In promoting regional collaboration, we insist on the ‘three nos,’ we are not ourselves seeking a sphere of influence or pursuing selfish interests, but rather seeking mutual benefit and mutual progress for the international community and, in particular for the countries along the belt.” (Shi Ze, [Ideas for Cooperation Along the Silk Road](#), EIR, October 31, 2014, p. 21.)

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## CONCLUSION

*“Nothing under heaven is softer or more yielding than water; but when it attacks things hard and resistant, there is nothing that can withstand it. That the yielding conquers the resistant and the soft conquers the hard is a fact known by all men, yet utilized by none.”*

Lao Tzu, *Tao Te Ching*

Although Modi made it clear that technological progress will make it possible to develop an all inclusive policy of the *advantage of the other* by greatly eradicating poverty in India, he knows the nature



of the difficult axiomatic change that people have to make to implement this mission for the future of our planet. He set the condition for that purpose in his Brazil speech of June 2014, where he said: *“For the first time, it [the BRICS] brings together a group of nations on the parameter of ‘future potential’; rather than existing prosperity or shared identities.”* That was how Modi expressed his discovery of principle.

**Figure 14** Indian Prime Minister Narendra (Amadou) Modi at the Madison Square Garden. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpYSOvpGcJc>

As is the case with all discoveries of principle, the concept is as precise as the discovery of an irony in a painting of classical artistic composition. You have to put your finger on it for people to see, otherwise, they won't get it. And once they see it, they can no longer forget it.

So, I propose that you go out and find the poorest piece of Bois d'arc that you can find along some dirt road; clean it up, and transform its apparent outward poverty into a piece of true eternal beauty. To help you find it, I propose that you read EIR's translation of Modi's presentation: [INDIAN PRIME MINISTER MODI'S HISTORIC SPEECH IN NEW YORK.](#)





**Figure 15** Celebrate Modi's New Peace of Westphalia challenge by transforming what appears to be the garbage of society into a treasure of immortal beauty for the future.

The secret that Modi has let out of the box is a profound secret of the universe: ***One can only gain by giving the advantage to the other.*** In fact, there is no other way to gain. That was the gist of his message: you have to change completely the way you think. What today appears to be impossible to do tomorrow will appear to have been a mere momentary hiccup in the process of having to swallow this historical truth. The secret of this new paradigm of ***gaining by losing*** lies in the fact that it is a joyful act of human maturity, and not a burden, to sacrifice oneself for the benefit of all of mankind. The irony, however, is that if you don't do it, during the months ahead, you have a good chance to lose everything you have and die in a thermonuclear cloud.

Within only a few minutes of humbleness and total truthfulness, Modi caused a true axiomatic change to happen among the population of India worldwide. His speech will go down in history as a far reaching event of great goodness, which future generations will look back at with a smile and say: ***“So, that's all it was, that's all you needed to do in order to change the whole world and guarantee the future. Why didn't I think of that before?”*** That's the beauty of making this axiomatic change at this historical juncture, and that's the chance that all of you have to celebrate this paradigm shift, now, with Prime Minister Modi, in this extraordinary moment where everybody in the world has the opportunity to become an integral part of the future.

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