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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: A nation is an organism, and it is therefore scientifically impossible to do "harm" to one part and at the same time "good" to another, because organic "good" resides in the degree of balanced co-ordination of the whole.

- Eric D. Butler, 1955

Whilst the Christian life binds together a world-denial and a world-renewal, whilst it ascends through deepest pain to highest perfection, and whilst, at the same time, the consciousness of trespass and suffering endures in the soul alongside of the consciousness of redemption, it develops a breadth and depth of discernment unknown to other religions, and it gains a perennial inner movement.

Nothing lies further from Christianity than an attempt at weakening and excusing suffering. For what purpose then does it need a deliverance if suffering does not oppress man with intolerable gravity? But all suffering cannot stifle man and drive him to despair, because Eternal Love raises him to a new world - a Love which all the power of the enemy cannot harm.

But this new world has to be wrested ever anew from the kingdom of darkness, and even an echo of pain is heard within the realm of blessedness. Thus life remains throughout guarded from inactive repose and luxurious enjoyment, and after the conquest itself the struggle does not cease to exist.

Man obtains here within the kingdom of belief and hope a secure treasure which appeared at the outset as a distant goal. Thus this existence becomes simultaneously a possession and task, rest and effort, joy and pain, certainty and doubt, and along with all this there yields itself that flow of inner life by means of which Christianity far surpasses all other religions.

- Rudolf Eucken in "The Truth of Religions" translated by William Tudor Jones, 1911

HOW BOB CARTER COST ME A CAREER - and made me a better person by Michael Smith



In 2006 I must have been a part of the target market for Al Gore's monster money-spinner "An Inconvenient Truth".

I was comfortably enjoying the fruits of a reasonably successful corporate career, transitioning to what consultants call a 'portfolio lifestyle' with a few board directorships. I had time on my hands and even now I can remember seeing ads and articles for Gore's horrifying story of calamity everywhere.

I couldn't get to the Boondall Cinemas in Brisbane quickly enough. On my way out I walked through a throng of school kids playing Space Invaders and pinball machines. Gore's movie moved me so much I remember looking at the kids thinking "you poor buggers, we've stuffed the earth up and you are doomed". Gore must have been right, he was the Vice President of the USA and he had a PowerPoint Chart so big he needed a cherry-picker to get to the top of his graph. Remember the graph? The CO2 graph that proved everything?

I was working with a lot of very very smart people at the University of Queensland as the Chairman of the Business School's advisory board. The business school was quite entrepreneurial and responded like a flash to demand for skilled leaders the world needed if we were to tackle global warming. I spoke at conferences to promote the University's carbon accounting finance courses and the like - and I put my heart into it as a true believer.

That is until I spoke with Bob. Bob changed my life. He was the person who opened my eyes to the way facts can be manipulated. More than anyone else, Bob demonstrated the quiet truth about our susceptibility to power and big lies repeated often. By January 2007 I'd been given the privilege of presenting a one-hour nightly radio show on Brisbane's talk-back station Radio 4BC. Within months that grew to a 3 hour show during the 3 to 6PM Drive Time. One of my first guests was Bob.

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I thought it would make good radio to hear "Mr Full Bottle On The Inconvenient Truth" slaughter the eccentric old salmon swimming upstream. I lasted about 30 seconds before the wily bugger had me on the canvas with his first knock-out punch.

I'd made the error of asking Bob for his opinion after my perfect opening monologue. Bob said, "I don't have an opinion. I am a scientist. I don't deal in opinion. I deal in facts. Observable, proven facts. I deal with the scientific method, making observations, doing experiments and arriving at conclusions. Your starting point seems to be an unproven hypothesis based on computer projections. Do you have any facts to back up your claims about global warming?"

It got worse for me from that point on.

Bob changed me in a fundamental way. He was courageous in a way I'd not experienced at close quarters. About 6 months after my first Road to Damascus encounter with Bob, I flew to Townsville, home to Bob's Alma Mater James Cook University for the Festival of Chamber Music. Bob had been the head of the University's School of Earth Sciences and was granted something of a laureate professorship in his semi-retirement.

I'd travelled with Queensland's Governor Dame Quentin Bryce and my partner was the editor of Limelight magazine, the sponsor of the Festival. I remember the small talk at a cocktail party coming to a crashing halt when I was introduced to a professor from James Cook. I said, "Oh you must be very proud of Professor Carter, he's making quite a name for himself on global warming." I felt the colour rise up my neck - but imagine the reservoirs of courage Bob must have had to walk the corridors of stares and whispers.

Bob was undeservedly treated like a pariah.

I never saw or heard anyone successfully challenge Bob on questions of fact, nor on the product of his application of the scientific method.

ARE WE 'LOSING IT' AS A NATION? by Wallace Klinck

Wallace Klinck was encouraged to watch Pat Buchanan's 2012 video on the "Suicide of a Superpower..." - seen here <http://www.pjtv.com>

The introduction reads:

"Peter Robinson sits with author, journalist and former presidential candidate, Patrick J Buchanan. From declining birth rates, to shifting values, to the decline of Christianity, Buchanan thinks Western civilization is falling apart. Buchanan is worried that the American melting pot has stopped assimilating immigrants the way it once did. Is America dying? Are you a racist if you think America is breaking apart? Find out."

Wallace responds:

The trend is inevitable under the destructive debt-multiplying financial system under which we live and

But he wasn't trendy. He wasn't fashionable. And in academia in Australia in the time of global warming, he was sure-fire poison for any university's government funding tree.

Bob gave me the model that helped as I searched my soul for the courage to speak when it's costly. Soon after Bob opened my eyes to the facts on the anthropogenic global warming theory I was invited to interview the then Vice Chancellor of the University of Queensland Professor Paul Greenfield AO on 4BC's prime time radio show in Brisbane.

Rudd was PM and global warming was the golden-egg layer for universities in search of funding.

I was invited to become the former chairman of the UQ business school board quite soon after that friendship-testing and very public conversation.

Bob copped that crap everywhere. He got it from both sides of politics, Turnbull, Wong, Rudd. He was perfect curmudgeonly fodder for the Twitter generation, the depth of whose analysis is limited to 140 characters. We are much, much better for Bob's persistence in the face of all that.

I can't recall where I first heard Clifford Stoll's quote, but it seems apt in reflecting on Bob's legacy.

Data is not information.

Information is not knowledge.

Knowledge is not understanding.

Understanding is not wisdom.

The late Professor Bob Carter was a wise man. Thank you for your service to science - and much, much more.

Vale Bob.

PS - Bob could you get one of the Angels to drop down and take the football that's lodged in my throat after putting your photo up on this page? You will be very sorely missed old mate. I'll have a few in your honour.

Ref:<http://www.michaelsmithnews.com/2016/01/how-bob-carter-cost-me-a-career-and-made-me-a-better-person.html> ***

with which we have been surreptitiously saddled, the nature of which hardly anyone seems to suspect much less understand. It has driven us into endless wars as we fight to protect access to resources and foreign markets, so as to capture credits to compensate our chronic and increasing lack of effective domestic purchasing-power. The chronic and growing shortage of consumer purchasing-power has devastated family life as earning money has become the consuming need for all members of the family. With the disintegration of the family and the abnormal obsession with money the cultural and moral quality of life has declined as society becomes increasingly atomized. **People see so-called "Christian" values as little more than a curiosity and as being a demonstrated failure as a practical guide to life.** *(emphasis-ed) (continued on next page)*

(continued from previous page) The people have been misled and beguiled by the media which has deceived them into identifying with their enemies, so much so that they almost deify their destroyers.

Pat (Buchanan) falls into this same error in speaking of “Judaean-Christian” values. What did Jesus have to say about the Pharisees?

He is partially correct about emphasizing the domestic economy relative to international trade, but he espouses an anti-Christian attitude in his concern with maintaining “employment” in an age when technology is rapidly eliminating the need for it. He sees employment as the only way of distributing incomes and has no understanding of the faulty financial and industrial cost-accountancy mechanisms which drive an ever-growing wedge between effective consumer incomes and final prices of consumer goods.

He believes in a “work-state” instead of a distributive one which opens up rather than suppresses the Abundance of the Kingdom, and does not appear to understand the principle that without consumption production has no *raison d'être*.

Consumers should be under no overall necessity of incurring debt in order to claim the output of industry. When a given commodity is completed and ready for consumer purchase the *physical costs* of its

THE VOLGA FLOWS INTO THE BARADA by Ghassan Kadi

Syria has never been a perfect place, and probably she never will be. Yet, those who truly love Syria, do not love her because they perceive her as of some fantasy, a Shangrila, a utopia or a paradise-lost. They simply love her because they know the wonderful aspects that the Syrian culture has.

Syrians are humans. Inherently, they are not any different from those who are Portuguese, Chinese or Canadian. If they are different at all, it is because of their acquired cultural inheritance; an inheritance that can have a significant bearing on their thought process, perceiving and evaluating events, and decision-making among other things.

To this effect, ancient cultures have much in common. Syria has been one of the cornerstones of ancient cultures. Long before pragmatism and obsession with economic growth, humans interacted at deeper levels, with valued virtues such as care, hospitality, gallantry, duty, accountability, honour and the like. Some of those virtues, especially in the West, look now somehow archaic and “primitive”, and they can become so when honour gets reduced to something that

manufacture have been fully met and the *financial system* should faithfully reflect this incontrovertible fact.

So long as society is dominated by the false anti-Christian moral imperative of Salvation through Works rather than by the redeeming Doctrine of Salvation through Grace, our financial and economic affairs will be fatally flawed and lead to our ultimate destruction.

This “racial justice” issue is based upon the opportunity of all to be disinherited wage-slaves - and is predicated upon the destruction of a culture as a prerequisite to a better life for all. It is pure Marxist dialectics designed to drive a wedge of resentment amongst peoples and its “solution” to the problem of “inequality” will involve increasing State intervention in the affairs of mankind.

It is a deceptive propaganda ploy to suggest that those who have contributed to civilization so as to improve economic and social conditions are somehow unjustly “privileged” and should be stricken with guilt over their successes.

Tear it all down and what hope is left for anyone - privileged or underprivileged? Envy is a terrible emotion. “Whiteness shaming”! Let him who is without sin cast the first stone. ***

can be settled in a duel, but such misconceptions do not take from such virtues their true substance. Those virtues exist in all cultures, even within the most modern of them, the most materialistic of them all, because people will always be by-and-large virtuous beings. However, in ancient cultures, those values are still alive and well and highly regarded.

What makes Syria stand out in the Middle East is the fact that those so-called “old-fashioned values” were well and alive within Syria before the “War On Syria” was launched. The polarization of the rest of the world that followed is still taking shape nearly five years later, and those who are standing against Syria, are giving clear statements about the nature of their own cultures and belief systems.

The reverse can be said about those who are standing up in defence of Syria.

The Russian culture, not quite as ancient as the Syrian culture, stems from the same “old-fashioned values” and remains to be a culture in which those virtues are alive and well. (continued on next page)

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(continued from previous page) Whilst it is true that Russia has strategic interests in Syria, it is not however by accident that Russia came to Syria's help and defence.

Syria and Russia are very different at the surface. They have virtually no common ethnicities, and very little in common when it comes to religion, despite Antioch (a Syrian city now in Turkey) being a cradle for Orthodoxy. The cuisine, the language, music, traditional attire, folklore, are all so different, yet at deeper levels, the cultures are very similar. Syria is having a very tough time at present, and during tough times, one sees the best and the worst; from teen-aged Syrian girls taking up arms to resist invaders, to healthy young Syrian men fleeing to Europe to evade military service. Even worse, we see Syrian young men taking up arms to join ISIS and other organizations against Syria and her national army.

But Syria is still standing, and if she gets defeated, she will be defeated standing. She is still standing because the majority of Syrians opted to stand and to take the fight for better and for worse. Russia has also had her share of misfortune after the collapse of the Soviet Union. The monumental turn around that Russia made in two decades, a turn around that brought her back from the doldrums of the worst nadir she had for centuries to that of world leadership; and almost overnight. At many levels, the "miracle" is attributed to the genius of President Putin. There is little doubt that without the wise and strong leadership of President Putin, Russia wouldn't have been able to rise like she did, and as quickly as she did.

Having said that, President Putin couldn't have performed his "miracle" without the Russian people and the culture that underpins their hearts and minds. Most Russians see him as the embodiment of their best qualities, and reciprocally, he brought the best out of them.

The Syrians who are standing up in defence of Syria are not at all different from the Russians who walked the talk with President Putin and put Russia back in the fore front of world leadership.

The West has become bent on destruction; including self-destruction. The level of citizen happiness and satisfaction is receding to unprecedented lows. Police shootings and public shootings in America are becoming daily events. Europe on the other hand is fostering foreign policies that have clearly encouraged terrorism and which only lead to the rise of ultra-right-wing policies. The sense of national and personal pride in the West is being eroded and there seems nothing on the horizon that can reverse this situation. After all, the "Yes We Can" Obama slogan failed to define who "we" are! The moment he gained residence of the Whitehouse, he and the people were no longer one, and "we" turned into me and you and him.

In contrast, in Russia and in Syria, Presidents are loved and respected. Westerners find it hard to believe this, but they do not know any better. They have lost their confidence in their own leaders decades ago. In Syria and in Russia, the army and the police are highly regarded, the elderly are treasured, and the ceremonies that honour those who have fallen are not mere ceremonial acts performed by officials, they are actions that involve heartfelt work and passion of each and every citizen.

Moreover, when Westerners take to the streets, they often do this in protest against their own governments. They know that their governments do not really represent them, and they therefore regard authority just like a prisoner perceives his warden. However, when Westerners see Russians and/or Syrians parading in the streets carrying posters of their leaders, they think it is government propaganda. They truly do not know any better. Public property is ~~sacreligious~~ *sacroreligious* (correction-ed) *sacrosanct* in Russia and Syria; a stark difference from the graffiti-ridden West. Morally, the West is unequipped to fight ISIS because it does not have its own moral anti-thesis to fight it with. In saying this, we must always remember that the fight against ISIS is not only military. If anything, it will have to be more ideological than military, but the West does not have what it takes to fight either war.

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(continued from previous page) The fight for Syria is not simply a fight for a piece of land. It is a fight for decency and for cultures that uphold the good old-fashioned virtues that have almost totally disappeared in the West. It is a war that can only be fought by Syrians who uphold the virtues of their culture, by non-Syrian supporters who have similar values, and by other nations who share those values.

It is a war of freedom of thought versus oppression, secularism versus sectarianism, duty versus laziness, respect versus disrespect, standing tall versus begging, enlisting versus desertion, knowing the difference between might and bullying, standing up against bullies, disallowing acts of injustice against those who are meeker, patience, resolve, steadfastness, dignity, pride and a huge dose of humility to cloak all of the above with the necessary human touch that does not allow those virtues to give rise to personal self-importance and egocentrism.

AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT: a case study in wisdom versus folly by Roger Underwood

Many years ago, still a young man, I watched for the first time the grainy, flickering black and white film of the British infantry making their attack on the opening day of the Battle of the Somme. The stark and terrible footage shows the disciplined soldiers climbing from their trenches and, in line abreast, walking slowly across no-man's land towards the enemy lines. They scarcely travel a few paces before the German machine gunners open up. They are mown down in their thousands. They are chaff before a wind of fire.

I can still remember being struck nerveless by these images, and later by anger when I realised what that calamitous carnage represented. It spoke of the deep incompetence of the Generals who devised this strategy of doom and then insisted upon its implementation. It spoke of front-line men led by people without front-line experience. It spoke of battle planners unable to think through the consequences of their plans, and who devalued human lives. It spoke of a devastating failure of the human imagination. Worst of all, the strategies of the World War I Generals demonstrated that they had not studied, or that they had forgotten, the lessons of history.

REMEMBERING THE FEBRUARY 7 FIRESTORM

As a matter of interest, I have attached a survivor's account of the Kinglake fire in 2009, made a month after the fire and posted on 'past Numurkah students Facebook page'. Hope you enjoy the read but never have to share the experience!... *Lou Cook*.

From Daryl Taylor – Year 1978

Numurkah (Victoria) students' blog page:

This is a lengthy read, but a great one, so make yourself a cup of tea or coffee, and settle back and enjoy...

We first moved up to Kinglake from St. Andrews, on September 8 nearly 8 years ago, 3 days before 9/11.

Some non-Syrians have risen to the support of Syria without having the slightest clue who and what they are supporting. Some have done this for reasons of vested interests, but unless those individuals and nations share those very same Syrian cultural ideals and virtues, they will either find out that they had deluded themselves, or others will find out that they have been deluded by them.

It is not by accident that Russia came to the defence of Syria. The similarities in qualities of the cultures are uncanny, and the role that Russia is playing now in trying to keep the West honest stipulated that she needed to make a loud and clear presence in Syria. "The Orontes flows into the Tiber" was an ancient Roman proverb used to elaborate the then strong ties between the Levant and Rome. In today's age, the Volga flows into Barada.

Ref: <http://thesaker.is/the-volga-flows-into-barada/>

In the final year of the American Civil war, 50 years earlier, the Union army had been equipped for the first time with Springfield repeating rifles, replacing the single shot muskets they had previously used and still were being used by the Confederate army. The impact on Confederate soldiers attacking defenders armed with repeating rifles was identical to that later inflicted by machine guns on the Western Front. But it was a lesson unlearned, of collective wisdom unregarded....

The catastrophic bushfires in Victoria this year (2009-ed), and the other great fires of recent years in Victoria, New South Wales, the ACT and South Australia are dramatic expressions *not just of killing forces unleashed*, but of human folly. No less than the foolish strategies of the World War I Generals, these bushfires and their outcomes speak of incompetent leadership and of failed imaginations. Most unforgivable of all, they demonstrate the inability of people in powerful and influential positions to profit from the lessons of history and to heed the wisdom of experience.

Read further: <http://alor.org/Library/Underwood%20R%20-%20Australian%20Bushfire%20Management.pdf>

It is etched in my memory. We were still shifting in, and I'd just hooked up the T.V. I'd had a broken night's sleep and in a stupor flicked on the box at 4:00am. I watched, incredulous, as CNN replayed the vision of the first tower being hit.

20 years ago I travelled around the states with my mate Mick and spent time in New York City. Mick, an actor, moved there to work off Broadway and make movies. I've come to realise there are interesting parallels between the Feb 7 Firestorms and the Sept 11 Terrorist attacks.

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(continued from previous page) New York is a tough town; at least it was in 1990. No one ever looked you in the eye. Everyone was intent on getting where they were going in the shortest time and with a minimum of hassles. One did not feel a whole lotta love in the city. The incredible outpouring of emotion after their disaster, and the wonderful displays of courage, caring and conspicuous humanity were at odds with New Yorkers' pre-9/11 experiences.

When people ask me what it was like in the fires, the thing that recurs is the profound experience of community in the aftermath. Out of the charred rubble arose raw human emotion and an unprecedented willingness to help each other out. The fire melted away entrenched differences and old rivalries. We embraced each other as one community. I have never had so many hugs.

Our area has a history of among the highest rainfall in the state (though there was no evidence of this in the weeks and months leading up to Feb 7). We bought a small mud brick cottage about 500 metres from the centre of town on the south side of the ridge. Our home was surrounded by tall Mountain Ash, Stringy Bark, Manna and Peppermint Gums. Under the canopy, grew luscious temperate rainforest tree ferns.

We regularly traversed the short distance to the Kinglake National Park. Every day we encountered possums, wombats, wallabies, kangaroos and lyrebirds. Occasionally we'd see a phascogale or an echidna or hear the bellow of a koala far below. The treetops and early mornings resounded with bird song.

Three years ago we had our initial experience of fire. Bushfires were raging in the state forests and national parks to the north. The Bureau of Meteorology had forecast a hot dry day with wind gusts expected to exceed 120km/hr. We battened the hatches.

JUDY WILYMAN'S ANTI-VACCINE PHD NOT INCLUDED IN UNI'S REVIEW

A good example of an issue not following the official script of the politically correct - ed

The University of Wollongong has relented to intense pressure from the scientific and medical communities and will undertake a review of the awarding of PhDs at the institution, but not one conferred last week that sharply criticises the government's vaccination policy.

Sixty-five of the university's academics yesterday signed a public statement urging parents to vaccinate their children.

Vice-chancellor Paul Wellings requested the review, asking that it be completed by May 27.

In an email to his deputy vice-chancellor Judy Raper, seen by *The Australian*, Professor Wellings says the review will not look at any specific PhDs, but the awarding of doctorates more generally.

The state government and the CFA acted quickly. There were 67 fire trucks parked in the open space between the Kinglake Bakery and the CFA Fire Station. 'Elvis' and his companion fire dousing helicopter hovered overhead.

My father, Ian, brought us a back-up mobile water tank and pump from the Strathmerton Lions Club. My partner Lucy took our daughter Maggie to the house of a close friend in Hurstbridge. Ian and I waited, well-hydrated and well-prepared, but still anxious, while the fires lapped at the northern edge of town.

Circumstances conspired to save us and our town in 2006. A strong southerly change blew in after three long days and nights of hyper-vigilance. The predicted hot northerly didn't eventuate. Instead a strong southerly brought rain ... relief ... and some long overdue sleep.

We'd all heard the unprecedented dire warnings early in the preceding week ... first from the Bureau of Meteorology ... on Thursday from the CFA, and then on Friday from the Premier ... 46 degrees and very strong hot northerly winds. After nearly two weeks of 40 plus temperatures, and ten years of extended El Nino drought, the stage was set for the worst fire conditions in living memory.

We learned subsequently that Victoria's Fire Risk Warning System kicks in with Total Fire Bans at 50 points. The conditions we endured on Black Saturday, were nudging 250 on the same scale. Until now, no thought had been given to a warning system for Catastrophic Fire Risk.

The same late southerly that brought rain and spared Kinglake in 2006, was to obliterate our community in 2009....

Read further: <http://numurkahpaststudentclub.edublogs.org/tag/1978/>

Also: <http://alor.org/Library/Underwood%20R%20-%20Remembering%20the%20Feb%207th%20Firestorm.pdf>

The university has been embroiled in a battle between the scientific community and the anti-vaccination lobby after the awarding of a PhD to prominent anti-vaxer Judy Wilyman last week.

Public Health Association of Australia president Heather Yeatman, a lead signatory on the statement, said the 65 academics "wanted to clarify the scientific position and point out we are firmly behind vaccination".

Ref: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/judy-wilymans-antivaccine-phd-not-included-in-unis-review/news-story/874833db483a8f733a7a52023b2caec5>

Judy Wilyman's Thesis is available here:

<http://alor.org/Library/Wilyman%20J%20-%20A%20critical%20analysis%20of%20the%20Australian%20government%20rationale%20for.pdf>

“WOW! THAT’S THE LIFE MOMENT ISN’T IT?”

It was such a joy to view Erica Seccombe’s “Work in Progress. Grow Project. 3 beans” on Youtube. Erica is a “PhD candidate ANU School of Art, Photography and Digital Arts”.

She explains:

“Grow: experiencing nature in the fifth dimension. 4D Volumetric data allows the viewer to observe the inside and outside of a dynamic system such as a mung bean sprouting. In this animation, a mung bean sprouts next to a radish, while another fails in the background. Captured over 9 hours with 4D Microcomputed Tomography X-ray, ANU Department of Applied Mathematics, rendered in Drishti, at VizLab, NCI.

Erica continues: “GROW is a project in which I am investigating the aesthetic possibilities of computational extension of vision through 3D Microcomputed Tomography X-ray (3D Micro-CT) in the XCT Facility at the ANU Department of Mathematics. My intention for this project is to capture in 4D the dynamic process of propagating agricultural seeds, from embryo to first leaf stage. Micro-CT is conventionally static but there is now ground-breaking work capturing movement as an object is transformed; such as a seed sprouting from an embryonic state. I am visualising this data through a unique scientific volume exploration tool Drishti.

Through GROW I am attempting to merge science, technology, art and culture in an innovative way. By transcending conventional images of seeds germinating I am endeavouring to create new work that has meaning beyond a purely scientific interpretation of data”.

Watch here... <https://vimeo.com/142102607>

COSMIC CYCLES CONTROL CLIMATE by Viv Forbes

Those who think a war on carbon energy will lower Earth’s temperature need to study climate history. Temperatures on Earth dance to a cyclical rhythm every hour, every day, every month, every season, every year, and to every beat of the sun-spot and glacial cycles.

These cycles interact to produce a wide range of ever-changing temperatures. Even at the same moment, temperatures vary dramatically from the equator to the poles and from the surface to the stratosphere. For would-be climate “managers” to claim they can calculate a mythical “global temperature” with precision greater than thermometers can measure is statistical nonsense.

It is even sillier for people who cannot accurately forecast next weekend’s weather to claim they can regulate the temperature of the globe by bashing industry and taxing carbon.

What is the role of carbon dioxide in climate? Al Gore did a great job to dramatise the recurring glacial cycles revealed by ice cores in his widely acclaimed work of science fiction. But he missed two inconvenient truths.

Comment:

DYING AND BECOMING

Can you see what I see? We read... “When a seed germinates it soaks up water and its metabolism kicks in, and if the seed coat is good at letting things in but not out, then the CO₂ could build up inside the seed...”

Jesus Christ used such examples in His parables in order to teach the people about the things of the Spirit. I immediately likened the dynamics of the mung bean seed to the ‘being born again’ experience.

When a seed germinates it soaks up water (water immersion in Christian baptism) and its metabolism kicks in, and if the seed coat is good at letting things in but not out (the human soul has only to strip itself of those outer coverings or shells which are no part of its true nature,) then the CO₂ could build up inside the seed (“receive ye the Holy Spirit” - in order to expand freely by means of the ‘organic filaments’ which unite it with all spiritual being and the ‘new life’ bursts forth as it splits the outer shell or covering).

Integument:

- In biology, integument is the natural covering of an organism or an organ, such as its skin, husk, shell, or rind. It derives from integumentum, which means "a covering" in Latin.
- www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/integument <> Definition of integument. : something that covers or encloses; especially : an enveloping layer (as a skin, membrane, or cuticle) of an organism or one of its parts. ***

First, ice cores show that in the glacial spring-time the temperature rose BEFORE the CO₂ levels rose. Therefore the rising CO₂ cannot be a CAUSE of the warming – it is a RESULT of CO₂ being expelled from the warming oceans.

Second, at the top of every warm cycle, high levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere were unable to prevent Earth from cooling into the next cycle of ice.

We are fortunate to live in the Holocene Epoch, the latest warm phase of the Pleistocene Ice Age. The climate history of the Holocene, and its predecessor the Eemian, are well documented in ice core logs. These show that today’s warm Greenhouse Earth is probably nearing its end. It will be followed by Icehouse Earth. There is no evidence in the climate records that carbon dioxide has a detectable effect on global temperatures. However if our continued use of cheap reliable hydro-carbon energy does slightly delay the onset of the next glacial winter, we and all life on Earth should count ourselves lucky. ***

ACTION TARGETS FOR THE WEEK - KG

Last year I emphasised the need for action if we are ever to correct the wrongs in the political arena. There is more than one way to communicate with your MP or Senator.

Correspondence: Preferably by written letter posted to the MP's office or Parliament; emails are a poor second choice because they are easily deleted or may generate a very brief reply, but some people prefer a more personal contact, in which case you might meet the MP or speak by telephone. The written way creates a record of your request and the reply given. This is important for further interaction and for the record. Still other forms of action include letters to editors, talk-back radio and gathering "opinion poll" details from the public at supermarkets or other locations where people gather. The results may be sent to the appropriate MP.

TPP

The ABC radio reported the gains for Australia of signing the TPP Agreement would be a trade increase of only 1%, while other trading partners stood to gain up to 10%.

Actionists please contact all your State Senators.

Concentrate on Cross Bench, ALP and independent-style Coalition senators. Ask the senators to vote against the TPP because the ISDS Clause will permit multi-national manufacturers to sue our Government if any legislation affects their profit. It is foolish to place Australia in such a position with a disputes court above our Constitution and Parliament. In fact it is probably un-Constitutional for Parliament to commit to an authority above our Government, and should it succeed in being passed by the Senate, needs to be challenged in our Australian High Court.

By asking a question, your MP should send a reply. Getting the correct answer will not only inform you, but will provide some learning to the MP.

So in addition to asking them to oppose the TPP, you may ask them:

1. If improvements or amendments to the TPP are desired, what is the procedure to achieve such change?
2. If Australia chose to withdraw from the TPP, what procedure would be required?
3. What is the duration of the TPP?

Contact your MP/Senator now. The TPP will soon be before the Parliament.

Senator Contact Details here...

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Guidelines_for_Contacting_Senators_and_Members

TPP Text here:

<http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/tpp/official-documents/Pages/official-documents.aspx>

BASIC FUND

This was launched late last year, soon after the National Weekend in Adelaide where some early contributions were welcomed. The aim is to reach \$60,000 to keep the good work going. We cannot let down the great work of Eric Butler, Jeremy Lee and others have done. Please consider assisting the fund.

REDUCE IMMIGRATION

Last week's *On Target* carried an article from Denis McCormack. Refer to it and write to your MP asking questions like:

1. How can we justify any immigration while unemployment levels are so high?
2. Where will the jobs come from when robots are taking over the work?
3. What will the workforce do to survive?
4. In the year ended June 2015, 168,000 people came to Australia. That is more people than one and a half Federal electorates.
5. Immigration exacerbates all of the above.
6. Remember the "buzzword" Sustainability. It needs to be recognised that the current population increase is not sustainable.

With any action taken, it is important to keep a copy of your work. Also keep replies with significant information. **Above all**, let Head Office know some of the replies. We need to know too.

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