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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: “Two other fundamental ideas of Social Credit in Jesus’s teaching are better known, so that *causa brevitatis*, we merely mention them: His regard of Mammon, the god of wealth, as the deadly enemy; and His profound conception of democracy. “Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones: it is not the will of your Heavenly Father that one of these little ones should perish.” The rich who scorned the invitation were left to themselves, and the marriage feast was thronged with the blind, the lame, etc. Perhaps the most significant gesture towards the democratic idea, God’s trust in every man, is the fact that our Lord chose twelve horny-handed sons of toil to be his disciples, and only one of them failed to justify His choice, and allowed himself to be corrupted by finance.”

– Fundamentals of Social Credit in the Teaching of Jesus By The Rev G. R. Robertson , M.A. *The Fig Tree*, No. 4, March 1937.

THE INHUMAN IN OUR MIDST By Jeremy Naydler

The advent of computers was deeply intertwined with the reductionist assault on our thinking as a spiritual activity, for both were the result of a four hundred year drive to mechanise the mind. In the case of the computer, logic was finally wrested free of the human being, to function in an electromechanical domain entirely independent of those human qualities of feeling, imagination, understanding, empathy, conscience and so forth, which had always hitherto provided its context. In the average modern computer, there are not just hundreds, nor even thousands, of switches arranged in ways ... to simulate logical thought processes. There are hundreds of millions of switches, turning rapidly on and off billions of times per second. And not once is there a flicker of human doubt, the possibility of an emotion, nor even the tiniest opening to a meaningful insight. In the computer, logic functions in total independence of the human being.

Through the establishment of logic in a realm separate from the human, something extraordinary has been achieved, for machines have been endowed with a certain ability to reason that previously belonged only to humans. However, it is a reasoning that falls below the level of true thinking, for it corresponds to that kind of instrumental and calculative thinking which in the Middle Ages was identified as belonging to the level of the *ratio* (reckoning). True thinking, that is truly human thinking, goes beyond mere calculation, information processing, and the application of problem-solving logic, for it incorporates the contemplative intelligence of the intellectus, with its demand for understanding and insight, and its requirement that the mind open itself to the interior reality of spirit. Machine thinking, by contrast, cannot break out of its confinement within a realm of extreme logical precision that is empty of spiritual content, empty of meaning and empty of value.

This is not to condemn it, for it can be extremely useful, but we need nevertheless to see clearly what it is. We need to see this in order to conduct ourselves in the right way towards our machines, because the fundamental requirement that logic be constrained to serve spiritual ends, and that it be tempered by human sensibilities and values, still holds. But when we are considering our relationship to computers, we have also to contend with the fact that their processing ability, which far outstrips our own, inevitably has an effect on us. The collective ratio has grown far more powerful through its having been, in a certain one-sided way, embodied in machines. And so the influence of the ratio on the whole psychic and spiritual make up of the human being is far greater today than it has ever been. The danger that faces us is that we all become so mesmerized by the brilliance of our computers that we begin to think like them, and forget what it means to think humanly. ***

Extract from: Jeremy Naydler, *The Inhuman in Our Midst: Reflections on the Origins and Development of the Computer*. Published in *New View* Autumn 2010 where it is fully referenced.

BLEEDING DRY THE HEALTH SYSTEM: FOREIGN TOURISTS By James Reed

It is not just the US which is suffering from migrant/globalisation overload; Australia is too. Consider the costs now imposed by tourists, foreign workers and international students on our collapsing public hospitals:

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/health/public-hospitals-being-bled-by-foreign-tourists/news-story/dd2ed41056e0a10eba09dcdcd2d79ac7>

‘Tens of millions of dollars in public hospital debts are being run up by tourists, foreign workers and international students each year, prompting a renewed bid to make them pay their way. However, a NSW proposal to require all visitors to take out health insurance, separate to any travel insurance they might have, has served only to highlight the complexity of the problem. When NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard put the proposal on the agenda for the Council of Australian Governments Health Council, he received the cautious backing of several states and his federal counterpart, Greg Hunt. “Regardless of who they are, if you are sick you should be able to access healthcare,” Mr Hunt told *The Australian*. “However, there is a cumulative effect when temporary visa holders, who are often here on holiday, access

our public health system, incur costs, and then leave the country with debts unpaid.” A ministerial advisory committee has since been asked to recommend options to “ease the burden on Australia’s public health system” without jeopardising the tourism, skilled worker and education sectors. Mr Hazzard said about \$30 million worth of public hospital treatment for Medicare-ineligible patients in NSW was left unpaid each year. Most of that was for hospital accommodation. NSW has highlighted the case of an uninsured patient from China who spent two months in hospital recovering from a brain haemorrhage and was unable to pay the \$250,000 bill. In some cases, visa holders give birth in public hospitals, leading to speculation trips are being planned to allow mothers to access Australia’s health system.’

As always, we are being played as suckers, all a product of deracination mixed with globalisation, the open movement of people and money. When the “good people” who have done nothing about immigration and globalisation desperately want medical treatment, but the cupboard is bare, will they think then? ***

THE IMMIGRATION-CAUSED COLLAPSE OF EUROPE By Richard Miller

Most of us writing at this site on the race/immigration issue are pretty pessimistic about the survival prospects of the West, if mass immigration continues. But we are not the only ones, and Italy while in the past being at the German level of terrible, is now leading the way back to sanity:

<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2019-01-14/europe-could-collapse-over-migration-says-italy-pm-salvini-insists-paris-berlin>

‘Italy’s Prime Minister, Giuseppe Conte, said on Monday that the European Union risks collapsing unless it is able to find common ground on mass migration. “If we continue to stall without a shared path, we risk bringing down the European building,” Conte remarked at a press conference discussing a recent meeting in Rome with European Home Affairs Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos. Avramopoulos

also met with Italy’s Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, who has led the country’s tough stance against NGO-operated migrant transport ships across the mediterranean to Italian ports. Salvini, speaking with RAI’s *Tg2* bulletin, Salvini knocked France and Germany for “dictating legislature” over the past decade, adding that he and his allies in other EU countries “want to change Europe, not destroy it,” reports *Bloomberg*.’

This falls a little way short of what we have been saying in our coverage of Europe’s disintegration, but the message is clear and easily extrapolated from present trends, by just continuing all the curves on to the catastrophe point. It will be coming soon, because if things are not getting better, and not static, then it is down all the way. ***

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To *The Australian* Your editorial “Crunch time for Brexit deal” (15/1) correctly states that the UK’s House of Commons must honour the 2016 referendum decision to leave the EU. Unprovable claims that a majority of the British people would now vote to “Remain” should be ignored. Devious attempts to secure a second referendum or sabotage a “no deal Brexit” should be rejected as dishonest. Scare prophecies of what a “no deal exit” would involve should be resisted as lacking credibility. Alas, however, the interests of

powerful elites threaten to indeed “make a mockery of British democracy”. Is it possible that similar interests are behind the gathering push to drastically alter the nature of Australia if the coming elections result in a change of government? In both cases what is most at stake is the individual freedom that George Orwell so wisely warned is at risk from socialist bureaucracy and eventual tyranny.

Nigel Jackson, Belgrave, Vic ***

WOMEN AND SOCIAL CREDIT ECONOMICS By Frances Hutchinson

Women's emancipation into 'salaried slavery', observed a writer in *The New Age* in 1934, had done nothing to ameliorate women's status or conditions. The quest of the 1990s women's movement to free both women and men from the wage slavery of capitalism is echoed throughout social credit literature, not only in the pages of national weeklies such as *The New Age* and *Social Credit*, but also in numerous pamphlets and local presses throughout the country. John Hargrave presented the case for Social Credit as follows:

Q. How will Social Credit affect the position of women in general? By giving every woman a birthright income – i.e., the National Dividend based on the productive capacity of the community – it will ensure economic independence and freedom, for it will release her from being:

1. Tied to the home when she wishes to lead her own life.
2. Treated as a drudge, or as an inferior – i.e. the 'chattel' status.
3. Driven to marry for the sake of economic security.
4. Bound to some man who ill-treats her, or is in some other way unsuitable as a person to live with.
5. Driven into work-wage slavery in competition with men in order to keep alive.

Q. Will women get 'equal pay for equal work'? Yes, they will. **(1)** Because a Social Credit Government will naturally stand for fair play for all citizens without distinction; **(2)** because employers will no longer need 'cheap labour'; and **(3)** because each individual woman will be able to say – 'If I do this job as well as a man could do it, I shall want the same pay as a man.' And if the employer says, 'No,' she will be able to say: 'Very well, I refuse the job. After all, I can live on my National Dividend.' This places every woman in a very powerful position. (It will apply equally, of course, to badly paid male workers.) Following from women's growing interest in the social credit economics of Clifford Hugh Douglas across Britain and Canada, and 'more noticeably in Australia and New Zealand, American women were encouraged to banish the notion that economics is a 'man's subject'. Man's lust for power could be countered if women applied the simple test to all economic proposals: 'Is it good social housekeeping?'

National Dividend

Through housekeeping and child-rearing, families have made a vital contribution to the money economy. Yet, while other contributions are evaluated in terms of money and subsidised where considered necessary, the work of rearing children and caring for the sick is left out

of account. Meanwhile, high salaries and perks are paid out to those who make guns and weapons of destruction.

Prominent women social crediters like J.C. Willett advocated economic independence for women as a means of creating emotionally stable Households for the benefit of sound child rearing practices. A National Dividend would go far towards removing two of the most insidious foes of understanding between men and women – masculine arrogance and feminine coquetry. Where either party is entirely dependent financially upon the other, true values may become distorted, unworthy artifices for gaining things desired may be resorted to, and honesty and understanding give place to reservations and strain. Writing as early as the 1930s, Willett expresses her concern at the psychological stress caused by the unhealthy financial system. Much poor parenting is due to families having to live in poor economic circumstances. Equally, the abusing father and violent husband can be better dealt with by a woman who is financially independent. Willett explores the illogicalities of a financial system in which poverty exists alongside 'overproduction'. Women work for low pay in poor conditions, with disastrous consequences for their mental and physical health. Poverty can also lead to prostitution. The real cure is to remove the financial necessity for women to sell themselves into service to a male-dominated institution, be it a multi-national corporation or a Household in which the man is the predominant breadwinner.

Education also suffers when it merely serves the temples of 'Sound Finance'. "Everything becomes subservient to the need of finding a living. Education for leisure, and to produce liberal [imaginative] minds, is either ignored as not paying or voted out as too idealistic." In words which could have been written six decades later, Willett documents the ills of an education system governed by financial considerations: oversized classes, inadequate equipment, old and unhealthy buildings, physical and mental stress on teaching staff and nervous strain reflected in the children themselves. Formalism and routine replace the freshness which is all-important in the teaching profession. Many are forced into teaching for financial reasons, unable to secure financial support for the university research they are capable of producing.

Under a Social Credit system all children should be able to stay at school to pursue a 'more liberal, less exam-ridden education – an education for the leisure in which they must one day share – and face after-school life with the assurance that they will not be confronted with the mad rush for employment for employment's sake'. She concludes that poverty and misery are not inevitable. It is against the iniquity of the existence of poverty in the midst of abundance. ***

PAY CHEQUE TO PAY CHEQUE By James Reed

The poverty level in Australia is \$ 433 a week, but few people on social security benefits get that, and the millions doing casual work, and exploited foreign labour would also fall below it. Even so, people who live about the poverty line are falling increasingly into debt, with Australia's personal debt being the highest in the world, the ratio of household debt to income more than doubling between 1995 and 2015, going from 104% to 212%, according to the 2015 OECD data. Thus, if the average person earns \$80,000 net, they are spending \$169,600 per year. That is not usually luxury spending but just getting by, with the myriad of expenses that having a family brings, especially having children. I did not find parallel figures for Australia, but I expect things are even worse here:

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/01/09/shutdown-highlights-that-4-in-5-us-workers-live-paycheck-to-paycheck.html>

CORPORATES AND TOXIC MASCULINITY By John Steele

Now the corporates are showing their true colour, namely red, and openly engaging in the cultural wars. Where better to start than to attack men where it hurts, namely, the face:

[https://www.breitbart.com/tech/2019/01/14/](https://www.breitbart.com/tech/2019/01/14/pg-urges-men-to-lose-their-toxic-masculinity-in-gillette-razor-ad/)

[pg-urges-men-to-lose-their-toxic-masculinity-in-gillette-razor-ad/](https://www.breitbart.com/tech/2019/01/14/pg-urges-men-to-lose-their-toxic-masculinity-in-gillette-razor-ad/)

“Proctor & Gamble is urging men to shave their “toxic masculinity” in a new ad for Gillette razors. The ad shows men fighting, cooking barbecue, and verbally harassing women, interspersed with news reports about the #MeToo movement. A new ad from P&G razor brand Gillette encourages men to

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To *The Age* Despite Judith Ireland's scepticism ('Nothing sacred to see here', 19/1), Australia Day has now indeed become 'a precious national celebration.' It is an important ritual festival supportive of traditional Australia which is under siege from those who seek to undermine its culture and political order. The majority of Australians recognise that 26 January 1788, marking the constitutional beginning of our nation, is a significant date which should be annually honoured with gratitude to our forebears. Ken Wyatt may see British settlement as an 'invasion that ended 60,000 years of unimpeded enjoyment of this continent' ('Become a republic, then change the date: Wyatt', 19/1), but most of us see it from today's perspective as having brought far more benefits to human existence here - for all contemporary Australians - than losses.

Nigel Jackson, Belgrave, Vic

‘Nearly 80 percent of American workers (78 percent) say they're living paycheck to paycheck, according to a 2017 report by employment website CareerBuilder. Women are particularly vulnerable: 81 percent of them report living paycheck to paycheck, compared with 75 percent of men. Tony Reardon, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, tells CNBC that the group has heard from hundreds of frantic federal employees. "They're scared," he says. "They don't know how they're going to put food on the table.’

These people may be suffering, but their righteous anger needs to be expressed against the Democrats and the new class, who in any case are seeking to replace them. Through mass migration. The deplorables will be very hungry indeed, in the open borders world, and there is a parallel lesson for Australia here too. We are next. ***

reexamine themselves and the way that they raise young boys. The ad, which is called “We Believe: The Best Men Can Be,” is essentially a two-minute broad generalization about the way that men act and think.”

Here is the ad for your examination:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=koPmuEyP3a0>

To hell with their razors and shaving; a beard is the “best a man can do.” And, there are other razors, and electric shavers anyway, choose them. ***

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