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Thought For The Week: *The Law of Love - The Law of Violence* By Leon Tolstoy - **Appendix to Chapter 17**

...But however much the blindness of those who believe in the necessity and inevitability of violence may strike me as strange, and however blatantly apparent the inevitability of non-resistance may be to me, it is not reasoned conclusions that convince me, or that can irrefutably convince other people, of the truth of non-resistance; it is only man's awareness of his spirituality, the basic expression of which is love, that can convince. It is love, true love, which comprises the essence of man's soul; that love which is revealed in Christ's teaching, and excludes even the suggestion of any kind of violence.

Whether the employment of violence or the endurance of evil will be useful or harmful I do not know, and no one knows. But I do know, as every person knows, that love is well-being; the love of others for me is a blessing and still more is my love for others. The supreme bliss is my love for others, and not only for those who love me, but as Christ said, for those who hate me, offend me, and commit evil against me. However strange these things may sound to someone who has not felt this, it is so, and when you think about it and experience it you are only surprised at how you could ever have failed to understand it. Love, true love, love that denies itself and transfers itself to another, is the awakening within oneself of the highest universal principle of life. But it is only true love and affords all the happiness it can give when it is simply love, free from anything personal, from the smallest drop of personal bias towards its object. And such love can only be felt for one's enemy, for those who hate and offend. Thus, the instruction to love not those who love us, but those who hate us, is not an exaggeration, nor an indication of possible exclusions, but just an indication of that opportunity and possibility of receiving the supreme bliss that love gives. That this must be so follows logically and one only needs to experience it to be convinced. And then instances of offence and assault become valuable and desirable. And thus, having perceived the essence of the human soul, we see that it works in such a way that responding to evil with evil makes it suffer, whereas responding to evil with love leads to the highest attainable bliss.

Therefore, all non-violent resistance to evil brings well-being. And this well-being, by sublimating the personality, leads to the greatest bliss and also destroys the scarecrow which evokes resistance: the fear of death.

CHRONOLOGICAL COLLAGE OF THE RECENT AFGHANISTAN WARS

Soviet–Afghan War 1979 - 1989

The Soviet–Afghan War was a conflict wherein insurgent groups (known collectively as the Mujahideen), as well as smaller Maoist groups, fought a nine-year guerrilla war against the Soviet Army and the Afghan communist government throughout the 1980s, mostly in the Afghan countryside. The Mujahideen were variously backed primarily by the United States, Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, China, and the United Kingdom. The conflict was a Cold War-era proxy war. Between **562,000** and **2,000,000** civilians were killed and millions of Afghans fled the country as refugees, mostly to Pakistan and Iran. The war caused grave destruction in Afghanistan and is believed to have contributed to the Soviet collapse, in hindsight leaving a mixed legacy to people in both territories.

The foundations of the conflict were laid by the Saur Revolution, a **1978 coup** wherein Afghanistan's communist party took power, initiating a series of radical reforms throughout the country. These reforms were deeply unpopular among the rural population and established power structures. The repressive nature of the communist takeover, which vigorously suppressed opposition and executed thousands of political prisoners, led to the rise of anti-government armed groups. By April 1979, large parts of the country were in open rebellion.

The communist party itself experienced deep internal rivalries between the Khalqists and Parchamites

factions. In September 1979, Communist Party General Secretary Nur Mohammad Taraki was assassinated under orders of the second-in-command, Hafizullah Amin, which soured relations with the Soviet Union. With fears rising that Amin was planning to switch sides to the United States, the Soviet government, under leader Leonid Brezhnev, decided to deploy the 40th Army across the border on December 24, 1979. Arriving in the capital Kabul, they staged another coup (Operation Storm-333), killing General Secretary Amin and installing Soviet puppet Babrak Karmal. The Soviet invasion lasted until 1989 leading to the (supposed) collapse of the Soviet Union under Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1991.

Afghanistan 1990 - 2000

In the case of the great natural gas and oil fields of Turkmenistan, immediately north of Afghanistan, the US administration has for a decade (1990-2000-ed) strongly supported plans by US-led business groups for both an oil pipeline from Turkmenistan to the Arabian sea via Afghanistan and a gas pipeline from Turkmenistan across Afghanistan to Pakistan. Such pipelines would serve important US interests in a number of ways:

- Drawing the Central Asian oil states away from the Russian sphere of influence and establishing the foundation for a strong US position.
- Thwarting the development of Iranian regional influence by limiting Turkmenistan-Iranian gas links and thwarting a plan for a Turkmenistan-Iran oil pipeline to the Arabian Sea.
- Diversify US sources of oil and gas, and, by increasing production sources, help keep prices low.
- Benefiting US oil and construction companies with growing interests in the region.
- Providing a basis for much-needed economic prosperity in the region, which might provide a basis for political stability.

<https://www.outlookindia.com/website/story/pipeline-politics-oil-gas-and-the-us-interest-in-afghanistan/213804>

Also read: <http://www.antiwar.com/justin/j113001.html>

Afghanistan 2001 - 2021

Supporting the US in Afghanistan was Australia's only strategy

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/world/supporting-us-in-afghanistan-was-australias-only-strategy/news-story/21816c10a5b0a7373ab13f48b09a8529>

The empire strikes back By Geoffrey Barker June 2002

<https://www.afr.com/politics/the-empire-strikes-back-20020622-j791a>

George Bush's inclination for gunboat diplomacy may

prove costly for his staunch backer, John Howard. Military imperialism became anachronistic international policy after decolonisation and national independence movements swept the world following World War II. Imperialism belonged to the 19th century, the age of Kipling, when great powers routinely deployed gunboats and Gatling guns to suppress restless natives. Not any longer. A tide of neo-imperialist ambition appears to have risen in the United States since the collapse of the Soviet Union left the US as the world's sole economic and military superpower.

On The War on Terror in Afghanistan, I Don't Withdraw
By Alexander Downer

By copying Donald Trump's unilateral withdrawal policy, Joe Biden risks defeating the purpose of Australia supported its major ally: freeing the Afghan people from the dystopian nightmare of the Taliban.

<https://www.afr.com/policy/foreign-affairs/on-the-war-on-terror-in-afghanistan-i-don-t-withdraw-20210415-p57jj1>

The United Nations and academics estimate more than **100,000** Afghan civilians and military members have been killed in this USA led – Afghanistan 20-year conflict 2001-2021. Brown University in 2019 estimated about **150,000** Afghan civilians, soldiers and Taliban fighters have died in the “forever” war.

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/farewell-afghanistan-mission-unaccomplished-20210415-p57jnj.html>

Last Australian troops to withdraw from Afghanistan

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/defence/last-australian-troops-withdraw-from-afghanistan/news-story/67d6231a6bfdee8b39c12c88d141fddd>

Australia's longest war will end in September after Scott Morrison pledged to pull out all troops from Afghanistan, drawing a line under the two-decade conflict that cost the lives of 41 Diggers, scarred a generation of veterans and cost \$8bn under six PMs.

Following the historic decision by US President Joe Biden to end the “forever war” triggered (*supposedly-ed*) by the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York's twin towers and withdraw all American forces by September 11, the Prime Minister said on Thursday the withdrawal of Australian troops represented a milestone in Australia's military history.

Reading out the names of all 41 Australians who “sacrificed their lives for the sake of freedom”, Mr Morrison said the task of safeguarding Afghanistan's security had come at “a great cost”.

“This day, we dedicate to their memories, we think of their families, their friends, the life they would have

lived,” the Prime Minister said. “The loss is great. The sacrifice, immense, the bravery and courage, things we can speak of, but not know of personally.”

Mr Morrison shed tears in an emotional news conference in Perth, declaring the generation of Australians who fought in Afghanistan as “amongst our greatest ever who have served in the name of freedom”.

Amid fears the withdrawal could plunge Afghanistan back into the grip of the Taliban, unwind hard-fought social advancements and embolden extremist movements across the globe, Mr Morrison defended the conflict and said Australia was committed to helping the war-torn nation “preserve the gains of the last 20 years, particularly for women and girls”.

“Freedom is always worth it,” he said. “While our military contribution will reduce, we will continue to support the stability and development of Afghanistan through our bilateral partnership and in concert with other nations.”

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/australia-to-withdraw-all-troops-from-afghanistan-after-biden-vows-to-end-war-20210415-p57jeb.html>

[Afghanistan: US withdrawal makes return to barbarism all but certain](https://www.theaustralian.com.au/world/the-times/afghanistan-us-withdrawal-makes-return-to-barbarism-all-but-certain/news-story/410fde467d931b1eae76c915f313a3fe)

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/world/the-times/afghanistan-us-withdrawal-makes-return-to-barbarism-all-but-certain/news-story/410fde467d931b1eae76c915f313a3fe>

[US President Joe Biden delays Afghanistan troop withdrawal to 9/11, defying deal Donald Trump struck with Taliban](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-04-14/joe-biden-delay-afghanistan-troop-withdrawal/100067262)

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-04-14/joe-biden-delay-afghanistan-troop-withdrawal/100067262>

WAR CRIMES

[Andrew Hastie blasts Defence over publication of unsubstantiated allegation Australian soldiers killed Afghan children.](https://wentworthreport.com/2020/12/04/andrew-hastie-blasts-defence-over-publication-of-unsubstantiated-allegation-australian-soldiers-killed-afghan-children/)

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[PM's Reckless Apology Puts Australians at Risk](https://www.caldronpool.com/zimmermann-pms-reckless-apology-puts-australians-at-risk/)
By Augusto Zimmermann December 4, 2020

A prominent Chinese official shared a fake image of an Australian Digger threatening to slit the throat of an Afghan child.

In a tweet accompanying the fake image, Beijing's Foreign Industry spokesman said: “Shocked by the murder of Afghan civilians and prisoners by Australian soldiers, we strongly condemn such acts and call for

holding them accountable”.

Where did he get such an idea?

The Prime Minister of Australia has claimed that our defence forces serving in Afghanistan were murdering prisoners and innocent civilians.

Scott Morrison announced that he has apologised to the President of Afghanistan for the contents of a report he hadn't even read.

The Prime Minister has denied our soldiers the presumption of innocence. He has shown to completely ignore the common-law principle that everyone is innocent until it can be proven otherwise.

As the member for Curtin, Celia Hammond stated in a speech to the Federal Parliament on Monday:

“We must avoid at all costs a situation where our defence forces are universally demonised. They are individual men and women who serve and sacrifice for us. Ultimately, it must never be us-versus-them because they are us”.

Of course, she is absolutely correct. And this is precisely what the Prime Minister has done. The world was listening and China heard these accusations by Morrison against our Australian defence forces.

It would not be unreasonable to argue that Morrison's accusations have dramatically empowered our enemies and increased the threat of Islamic terrorism on the Australian soil.

As Sky News presenter Alan Jones points out, “How extraordinary that we approve the unified condemnation of China's behaviour, but our Prime Minister can't find courage enough to accept the extent to which his language has defamed thousands of innocent, courageous and heroic Australians whom we sent to Afghanistan to put their lives on the line in our name”.

Alan Jones concludes: “Prime Minister, never mind asking the Chinese to apologise. You should apologise to the nation and the world”.

I wholeheartedly agree with him. The Prime Minister has defamed the nation and empowered our enemies.

He has also escalated the risk of terrorism by inviting radical Islamists to seek retaliation for the alleged crime of killing innocent Muslims in Afghanistan.

As can be seen, it is now patently clear that Morrison's ill-conceived remarks against our army personnel poses a serious threat to our national security.

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<https://caldronpool.com/zimmermann-pms-reckless-apology-puts-australians-at-risk/>

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ANZAC TRIBUTE

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS

When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the “Anzac legend” became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.

In all, some 480,000 Allied forces took part in the Gallipoli Campaign, at a cost of more than 250,000 allied casualties, including some 46,000 dead.

The Ottoman Empire, Turkish and Arab troops, also paid a heavy price with the campaign to defend their soil costing an estimated 250,000 casualties, with 65,000 dead.

Early commemorations

In 1916 the first Anzac Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them “the knights of Gallipoli”. Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney march convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war Anzac Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns, and parades of serving

members of the AIF were held in most cities.

During the 1920s Anzac Day became established as a national day of commemoration for the more than 60,000 Australians who had died during the war. In 1927, for the first time, every state observed some form of public holiday on Anzac Day. By the mid-1930s all the rituals we now associate with the day – dawn vigils, marches, memorial services, reunions, two-up games – were firmly established as part of Anzac Day culture.

Later, Anzac Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in the Second World War, and in subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include those who lost their lives in all the military and peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved.

The Dawn Service

It is often suggested that the Dawn Service observed on Anzac Day has its origins in a military routine still followed by the Australian Army. The half-light of dawn was one of the times favoured for launching an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were woken in the dark before dawn, so by the time first light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert, and manning their weapons; this is still known as the “stand-to”. As dusk is equally favourable for battle, the stand-to was repeated at sunset.

After the First World War, returned soldiers sought the comradeship they had felt in those quiet, peaceful moments before dawn. A dawn vigil became the basis for commemoration in several places after the war. It is difficult to say when the first dawn services were held, as many were instigated by veterans, clergymen, and civilians from all over the country. A dawn requiem mass was held at Albany as early as 1918, and a wreathlaying and commemoration took place at dawn in Toowoomba the following year.

In 1927 a group of former servicemen returning at dawn from an Anzac Day function held the night before, came upon an elderly woman laying flowers at the as yet unfinished Sydney Cenotaph. Joining her in this private remembrance, the men later resolved to institute a dawn service the following year. Some 150 people gathered at the Cenotaph in 1928 for a wreathlaying and two minutes’ silence. This is generally regarded as the beginning of organised dawn services. Over the years the ceremonies have developed into their modern forms and have seen an increased association with the dawn landings of 25 April 1915.

Australians recognise 25 April as a day of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative

services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

The National Ceremony

Anzac Day was first commemorated at the Australian War Memorial in 1942. At the time, government orders prohibited large public gatherings in case of a Japanese air attack, so it was a small occasion with neither a march nor a memorial service. Since then, Anzac Day has been commemorated at the Memorial every year.

At the War Memorial the National Ceremony begins with the traditional order of service, including the veteran's march, Commemorative Address, laying of wreaths, hymns, the sounding of the Last Post, and observance of one minute's silence, and the national anthems of New Zealand and Australia.

The Ode

The Ode comes from *For the Fallen*, a poem by the English poet and writer Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943) and was published in London in the *Winnowing Fan; Poems of the Great War* in 1914. The verse, which became the Returned Services League Ode, was already used in association with commemoration services in Australia in 1921.

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

FOR THE FALLEN

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children
England mourns for her dead across the sea,
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.
Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And glory that shines upon our tears.
They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.
*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again,
They sit no more at familiar tables of home,

They have no lot in our labour of the daytime,
They sleep beyond England's foam.
But where our desires and hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the night.
As the stars shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

In Flanders Fields

The poem was written by a Canadian Medical Corps doctor, Major John McCrae, who was serving with a Field Artillery Brigade in Ypres. The death of one of his friends in May 1915, buried in the cemetery outside his dressing station, affected him severely and he wrote his poem as a way of expressing his anguish at the loss. He was dissatisfied with the poem when he finished it and threw it away, but one of his fellow officers retrieved it and was so moved that he sent it to the media in London, where it was published by *Punch* on 8 December 1915.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

The Red Poppy has special significance for Australians. Worn on Remembrance Day (11 November) each year, the red poppies were among the first to flower in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium in the First World War. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground.

The RSL adopted the idea in 1921, announcing: "The Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia and other Returned Soldiers Organisations throughout the British Empire and Allied Countries have passed resolutions at their international conventions to recognise the Poppy of Flanders' Fields as the international memorial flower to be worn on the anniversary of Armistice Day."

LEST WE FORGET

Extract

The recent release of the "Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Afghanistan Enquiry Report" came out one day before our Remembrance Day 11th of November. The investigation had been ongoing for more than (now) 5 years. The release of the report at this opportune time is to inflict maximum psychological damage to our brave service men and women and to also inflict similar psychological damage to us as a nation of individuals, fiercely loyal to our own kind. (end of Extract)

<https://www.abc.net.au/pm/stories/s375261.htm>

<https://msuweb.montclair.edu/~furrp/pol/wtc/rallnewgtgame.html>

https://www.fabians.org.au/john_howard_the_neo_conservatives_and_policy_failure_in_iraq

War Crimes In The Afghanistan Theatre of War

Stokes funded Ben Roberts-Smith's defence out of public company funds

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/stokes-funded-ben-roberts-smith-s-defence-out-of-public-company-funds-20210412-p57iia.html>

How is it that an individual serviceman can be called to account for the unnecessary loss of even one, and yet the individuals who make up government, lobby groups, industrialists and ultimately financiers who all benefit in some way from war policy, are never called to account for the loss of millions.

Read '*Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*' BY John Perkins here: https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Perkins%20J%20The_Confessions.pdf

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Former Scottish first minister Alex Salmond lashes Howard, Blair over Chilcot findings on war in Iraq
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-14/former-scottish-first-minister-calls-out-john-howard-over-iraq/7631116>

Scotland's former first minister Alex Salmond has launched a scathing broadside at Tony Blair and his Western allies over the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, following the release of the damning Chilcot report. And Mr Salmond has branded former Australian prime minister John Howard, Mr Blair's ally in the so-called 'coalition of the willing', a "great disappointment". "I don't think I'd want my prime minister seeing his international role as nudging the British prime minister and saying, 'Have you thought of this way to get to war?'," Mr Salmond told Lateline. "The Australian prime minister should be carving out

their own independent course in the world with allies and standing up for Australia, not taking part in illegal international engagements," he added.

The inquiry's long-awaited report into the Iraq war strongly criticised former British prime minister Tony Blair and his government, saying they led the country into war based on flawed intelligence that should have been challenged.

For his part, Mr Howard has said that while he respected the findings, he did not agree with all of them. "There was no lie. There were errors in intelligence, but there was no lie," Mr Howard said in response.

But Mr Salmond says the war was "a disgraceful episode of the total misleading of a parliament." "Any parliament worth its salt, whether here in Westminster or in Scotland or in Australia, doesn't stand for being misled, particularly on an issue like peace and war which has caused such death or such casualties, such carnage we see now." - Iraqis slaughtered to date - 1.456 million. Chilcot Report in full here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-report-of-the-iraq-inquiry>

Causes of War By CH Douglas - major points

https://alor.org/Storage/New_Times/media/CHD1-CausesOfWar.mp3

- "To impose your 'will' on an enemy", or "to resist your enemy's 'will' being imposed on you".
- An economic war results in, or precedes, a military war.
- The diplomatic class attempts to resolve the problem of unemployment, whilst also improving trade opportunities by 'capturing' underdeveloped markets.
- The seeds of war are in every village, where two grocers shops can be challenging each other for a reducing market.
- The irritant that causes war is generally poverty and economic insecurity.
- We live in a time of material abundance, but this material abundance, or wealth, is failing to be adequately distributed.
- With automation, advanced control and robotics, full employment is no longer necessary nor required. An alternative source of income must be realised for the community to be capable of purchasing all that it produces. For this to occur the rectification of the existing financial money system is in order.
- Real wealth in the community is the ability to produce goods and services as, when, and where required. Real wealth is not being reflected in the spending power within the community. As much as 95% of money (credit) in the community is in the form of bank credit (as debt), created by the banks out of nothing, as a brick manufacturer creates bricks.
- 'Rich and also weak' nations are not a factor for

peace. They are a temptation for invasion for exploitation.

- National strength, un-accompanied with a motive for aggression, is a factor making for peace.
- Poverty and economic insecurity is the irritant leading towards war.
- There is sufficient real wealth available for all to be in a state of reasonable comfort, not poverty amidst plenty. Any current economic crisis is one of glut, not scarcity. There is a distinct lack of money to buy available goods. The simple cure is the National Dividend. The more complex cure includes the Consumer Price Discount and the National Dividend.

Causes of War By Arnis Luks

We need to remove the motive for war rather than squabble about the existence or methods of war.

Leon Tolstoy's "*The Law of Love and The Law of Violence*", complemented by CH Douglas's "*The Causes of War*" both reinforced the great Christian challenge to Love our Enemies, not as pacifism, but as an active pursuit of policy to, in this case, eliminate the causes for war, to bring the law of love within the financial system into being.

Hate Crimes

The abstraction 'Government', is simply other people. The financial, bureaucratic, political and industrial elites (*government-ed*) would have you think that their understanding of things that directly affect you is more valid than your own.

When a young person decides to leave home and make decisions for themselves, reality comes home to bite rather quickly. Advice from parents can be accepted or rejected. How many times have you heard a maturing, independent, young person recognise the wisdom of parents and grandparents after the event? The building up of this wisdom is referred to as our cultural history. Outright rejection of this wisdom is a tool used daily by cultural Marxists.

Hate crimes, as espoused by the cultural Marxists, is a manifestation of intolerance and hatred directed towards those with different ideas and points of view. Freedom of Speech is integral to our cultural history and heritage and has been built up over eons. Reality comes home to bite rather quickly when we lose the Freedom to Speak our minds, being subject to tyranny from the bureaucracy.

Love or Hate

Protecting the young, the confused, the vulnerable from manipulation and exploitation is an act of love. The commissars of woke (*other people-ed*) would have you believe otherwise. Is it an act of love or hatred to insist your point of view for yourself is more valid than anyone else's? Is it an act of love or hatred to expose a confused young person's body to irreversible biological damage? Is it an act of love or hatred to express pride

in your culture or gender? Is it an act of love or hatred to recognise tradition as the simple person's wisdom? Is it an act of love or hatred to loath your own culture or history or peoples?

Veterans Reject Registration

In an act of resistance, veterans in their droves are refusing to register to attend the Anzac march. Numbers allowed to attend the march have been significantly limited under COVID 19 restrictions, while on the same day the Melbourne Cricket Ground will be hosting a crowd of up to 100,000 football fans. Similar contradictory arrangements are occurring across other capital cities of Australia.

The noose around our ancient freedoms is tightening.

Anti-vilification

A Victorian parliamentary enquiry into anti-vilification protections was tabled on March 3 this year. There were no naysayers nor minority report forthcoming. The restrictions of our ancient liberties is a bipartisan policy. The Coronation Charter leading towards those ancient rights being written into the common law took nearly 200 years of wrestling against tyranny. In two generations we are handing all those ancient and hard-fought freedoms back to the tyrant under the promise of medical security.

Our veterans fought and died in foreign lands in their thousands supposedly to bring freedom to those nations against their own forms of tyranny. In fact, tyranny must be fought every day, everywhere, by everyone. Our veterans, by refusing to register for the Anzac March, are demonstrating some resistance. The tyrant will always find an excuse. Another glaring anomaly in Victoria is with the Extinction Rebellion marchers allowed access for an entire week while our returned diggers are not permitted for a few hours. The revolution is being fostered by that, you could only describe as, communist administration.

Previous On Targets have recorded the legislative chronology, in particular through the Victorian Parliament over the past 45 years, of the various Acts to impose what is now essentially medical martial law. These things don't occur out of thin air. They are schemed and planned by conniving people. Any form of dissent will be further restricted if / when the anti-vilification recommendations are legislated. This isn't a utopian dream, it is a political nightmare.

If we follow the same path as the Soviets or the Afghanis, we will achieve the same result and will need to fight to the last for another 200 years to regain our ancient freedoms. Afghanistan has not accepted 'imposed tyranny' by two separate superpowers for the past 40 years. They went back to their ancient ways and will do so again once the withdrawal is completed. They will cast off the puppet, this time imposed by USA, not the Soviets.

Former Howard Foreign Minister Alexander Downer writes that he 'does not withdraw'. 150,000 dead Afghans would disagree with his biased conclusion.

Government as Tyranny – Yield or Starve

Government has plans afoot in implementing a UBI - Universal Basic Income for all. This will make government / bureaucracy all the more powerful from cradle to grave. By allowing government this total power with personal finances, ensures bureaucratic interference, conditional participation in every aspect of economic life. Consider the proposed "Vaccine Passport" as part of this mechanism of 'conditional' participation. An act of tyranny by a determined and pathological bureaucracy. Compounded by the surveillance state continually being rolled out under the COVID 19 banner, we see being built around us the infrastructure of a world dictatorship.

The situation we are experiencing under the COVID 19 tyranny is of too much government and is badly in need of decentralising-devolution, not further centralisation leading to revolution. This can only occur when sufficient number of individuals accept and insist on sufficient personal freedom with responsibility, rather than government intrusion into their lives. It appears our veterans are starting to sense the political disaster ahead. The counter to this state tyranny (Chinese social credit) is Douglas Social Credit - the policy of freedom.

Finance As A Tool For Freedom

What Douglas proposed as a National Dividend, issued as a part of your cultural inheritance, would not be subject to government interference nor edicts. The National Credit Authority, as proposed by Douglas, would operate independently of government and in a similar manner to the Bureau of Weights and Measures.

The National Credit Authority's function would be to monitor the stream of production and also the stream of spending power available for consumption (of that same production). Currently these two streams are morphed together (and out of balance) through banking and finance. Finance is significantly hampering the consumption of that production, by the disparity between available spending power against the total costs incurred in the course of production. After a detailed examination of over 100 separate company's book-keeping accounts, Douglas explained this with the "**A plus B**" theorem.

'A' being available spending power in the form of wages, salaries and dividends, and

'B' being other fixed costs not included in 'A' that go to make up the final 'price'.

'A' cannot equal 'A plus B', so available spending power will always be insufficient to purchase what we produce. This anomaly of insufficient spending power would be compensated with an injection of new credit (debt free) by the issue (of the 'wages of the machine' if you like), in the form of the National Dividend, not

subject to government interference, nor conditions. The financial system would then be in balance with sufficient purchasing power in the hands of the community to liquidate the costs incurred as a consequence of production.

The forever call for full employment, in concert with the pursuit of 'capturing' foreign markets or 'seizing foreign assets through foreign wars' would become a thing of the historical past. The seeds of war would be undone by this re-alignment of the financial and economic systems to be in balance, in harmony.

The Fighter Christine Holgate

Revealed: the true dispute behind the Holgate saga
<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/leadership/the-real-dispute-behind-the-christine-holgate-saga-at-australia-post/news-story/8d1c2a6f2661a52c23c304275c70db60>

...Expansion of financial services, is not in line with the BCG report recommendations. (BCG - formerly Boston Consulting Group, was brought in by then communications minister Malcolm Turnbull in 2014 to plot a new strategic path-ed) ...Ms Holgate told Tuesday's Senate hearing the review should never have been kept secret from the public...

https://www.communications.gov.au/sites/default/files/BCG_Postal_Services_Background_Report.pdf?acsf_files_redirect

The Holgate affair was also to do with liberal party's internationalising strategy to emasculate Australia Post for sale - debt for equity swaps, as was reported in last week's On Target, now reinforced by further articles.

Treachery is not limited to one brand of politics, but is prevalent across the whole body politic including the upper levels of our bureaucracy and learning institutions.

I believe there is zero chance of redemption through political parties and will continue to advocate, if you have confidence in any particular political candidate, is to encourage them to resign from their political party and run as an independent in order to effectively represent (the custodians of every political seat), the electorate.

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