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MONEY AND IDOLATRY - SOCIAL DECADENCE OR CHRISTIAN CREATIVENESS?

by Edward Rock

The following article was prepared for members of The Christian Alternative Movement, to assist them to participate in a campaign last year, designed to gain support for a Christian alternative to the existing debt system.

On February 2, 1985, a letter was addressed to Mr. Paul Keating, Australian Federal Treasurer; the opening sentence was as follows:

Dear Mr. Keating, The Christian Alternative Movement is concerned about the morality of current financial policy leading towards increasing escalation of national and personal debt, and the consequences for each individual Australian of such policies.

Five questions were then put to Mr. Keating, two of which were as follows:

2. Can Australia issue its own currency as purchasing power to the Australian people against her own production without reference to any external authority?

3. Can Australia issue her own currency debtfree?

A reply was received on July 2, 1985. The information appropriate to the above questions was as follows:

"Australia . . . like any other country issues currency without reference to external authority." And " 'debt free currency' — to use your terminology — is no longer issued anywhere in the world."

We are asking you to consider the function of money from a Christian perspective. We are mainly concerned that there should be established a body of opinion within the Christian Church which will clearly define the role of money, whether it is a servant under God, or does it exercise mastery over men. The question of idolatrous worship of a false god is paramount.

We would submit to you that the primary function under God of any symbol is that its only function is to represent reality. A symbol should never be taken to be either the reality, or greater than the reality it represents.

Money is a symbol that is obvious. It is not a commodity essential to sustain life. It has no practical use as a tool to be used in any job of work. Its essential value lies in its acceptability as a medium to enable the exchange of life giving goods and services. *Money makes life easier, it*

does not produce life. It is a servant, not a master.

In a world which has adopted a completely idolatrous worship of money, the Christian Church faces possibly its greatest challenge. Present attitudes towards money are steeped in orthodoxy. That which is evil is accepted as normal so that the source of life is dethroned, and the symbol is elevated into a place of worship. The penalties are enormous in terms of social decadence. When false gods are worshipped blindly the restraints exercised by the one true God disappears.

THE POWER OF DEBT

The power of money resides in the power of debt. We would ask you to consider the relation of money to debt from three perspectives.

1. When initially made by man, printed, minted or various forms of book credits or other negotiable instruments such as debentures etc.
2. Created as a debt, (we have the Australian treasurer's word that "debt free currency is no longer issued anywhere in the world.")
3. Created and issued free of debt.

Keeping in mind that all reality is a gift of God. "By Him all things were made; and without Him was not anything made that was made." We need to ask the question, Does God create his gift of reality as a debt, demanding repayment from man? Our God is not a God of retribution. He gives, he does not take. He extends unlimited credit. He believes in us. The very word credit is derived from the word 'credo', meaning 'I believe'. The term used to describe God's giving is 'grace'. We were taught in our infancy that God's Grace is a gift we cannot earn, and which we do not deserve. The Christian Church still has some understanding about God's Grace in the spiritual realm. How God "gave His only begotten Son," and that this was God's gift to the whole of mankind, not to just a select few. But the same Church cannot accept that this act of Grace includes economic grace! How Jesus chastises us for our "little faith" in Matthew 6: 24, 34. In the very first verse, 24, he dismisses the claim and the

power of money (mammon). He goes on to spell out the gift of unlimited economic grace available to all. It is a picture of heavenly abundance, or even outrageous abundance if you prefer an earthly simile. Abundance and the complete absence of fear. The difficulty modern Christians have with these promises is, are they reserved only for those select few who seek the kingdom, or are they made available by God through those who serve in the kingdom to all mankind? Does the shepherd differ between his sheep before he feeds them? Would God? Do the field workers of World Mission when they are dispensing life-saving food to the starving millions of Africa enquire first of the recipients if they have sought and entered the Kingdom of God before giving them the food?

GOD'S GRACE NOT LIMITED

God's Grace, whether it is in the form of salvation through Christ, or access to the fruits of creation is never limited by God. Only man seeks to limit God's gifts to his fellow man. In the realm of economic grace money is the main mechanism used by man to control and limit access to God's Grace. In a modern economy money is a licence to live. The enormity of that statement should not be missed. The gift of life, the point where God's Grace begins in each individual is subject to the creation, distribution and control of a licence, devised by man, divorced from God! Surely the Christian Church should have something to say about the creation and distribution of money? The next section of this statement should be read as a reaction to one of the most important statements to be read in Scripture, the Apostle Paul writing to Timothy whom he regarded as his own son. "The love of money is the root of all evil." Was he writing about those who seek it as a licence to live? Or was he writing about those who both issue and withdraw the licence, and regard that power as the power above all other powers. Even as these words are being written the headlines are full of the millions of dollars wiped out of existence in the stock market crash. This raises another important question. Should a symbol, which under God is only a measurement of reality, become the supreme object of speculation, remembering that speculation is based on uncertainty, where there is no stability? No wonder Christ whipped the money speculators from the temple! In Australia, for many years the value of our currency was set by the responsible Government. In the periods when Government did exercise that responsibility we achieved a social stability, which is the reward for responsibility. Today we have no such stability and the Government has abdicated responsibility for a stable currency and handed it over to national and international financial speculators. That is what "floating the dollar" means. When the dollar was "floated" the government deregulated the banking system. That is, it allows the banks to set the general interest rate according to market pressures. That is, according to how the moneylenders manipulate the ebb and flow of the money supply, which is to consolidate their power.

From where do responsible individuals and responsible governments obtain their authority? For a Christian there is only one answer: God. When indivi-

duals and governments reject that authority, whom do they reject? Again there is only one answer. It is significant that the present Australian Government is composed mainly of a leadership, which rejects responsibility for the main mechanism, which dictates the welfare of the people, and at the same time, rejects the authority of God.

CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY IN A CHRISTIAN SOCIETY

Christian principles governing the creation and distribution of money can be easily grasped if there is a ready acceptance of God's Grace in all aspects of life. The guiding principle being the granting to each individual without discrimination of the love of God as a gift, unearned and unmerited, without any strings attached whatsoever. No means test, no intelligence test, no exercise of that judgmental attitude Christ warns of in the first and second verses of Matthew 7, immediately after those stupendous verses in Matthew 6 mentioned previously.

The simple proposition can be stated in one sentence. All new money should be created free of debt and be distributed through each individual, without discrimination.

When the individual receives a financial gift from society for which he has not worked, such a gift is only made possible through the work of others. However it should not be regarded as a social stigma as is the common attitude today. The level of redundancy from work in the 20th century is the greatest in Christian history, and is a gift of God. Work redundancy is directly related to the unearned and unmerited gift of economic grace given to man by God. Contributions to that economic grace have been made by thousands of individuals, largely unknown, over hundreds of years. Like the recipients of modern technology they guilt on the reservoir of knowledge handed down to them. The technological explosion of today is largely, but not altogether the fruit of Christian civilisation, a civilisation that through the love of God released mankind from superstition and fear. When the individual is given freedom, released from bondage, he is able to expand that freedom. He does things and discovers things, which he had not done or known about before.

NEW UNHAPPY LORDS

They have given us into the hand of new unhappy lords,

Lords without anger and honour, who dare not carry their swords.

They fight by shuffling papers, they have bright dead alien eyes;

They look at our labour and laughter as a tired man looks at flies.

And the load of their loveless pity is worse than the ancient wrongs,

Their doors are shut in the evening; and they know no songs.

G.K. Chesterton, In "The Secret People".

STATISTICS, AND THE ALMIGHTY-COMPLEX

by Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs in "Home" (U.K.)

"Vaccination against whooping cough will cause a small number of children to suffer irreparable brain damage but the benefits to the majority outweigh the risks," the Department of Health said yesterday."

This was the opening paragraph in an article by the Health Services Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* (13th May 1981). It went on to say that while 1 in 100,000 children are brain damaged, the risk of death from the disease was at least five times as great (i.e. 5 or more per 100,000). Hence it was proposed to run a major campaign to persuade parents to have their children vaccinated as a routine measure.

How convincing this looks to most people, especially politicians and virtually all members of the 'health professions'; and what arrogant, despotic, ignorant nonsense it all is in fact! Who, on this earth, is entitled to inflict "irreparable brain damage" on some children on the grounds that they are conferring life itself on others? Who do they think they are — gods endowed with divine omniscience?

Ah, but do not the statistics prove beyond doubt that for every child brain-damaged at least five lives will be saved? NO, they do not! Neither are we claiming to know better than the statisticians who worked out these figures. No doubt the ink-marks were correctly handled according to the accepted formulae, but they are still symbols, substituted for some recorded observations of children, and they cannot escape from the human errors and the vast limitations of human knowledge which are necessarily, but invisibly, built into them. All medical statistics can record are reports of a few crude events directly attributable to one cause (e.g. whooping cough or vaccine) possibly one-millionth part of the conditions reported to or observed by general practitioners, which in turn are only a tiny fraction of those *not* seen by them.

All such statistics are based upon assumptions, usually unstated, not only of the accuracy, but of the completeness and unbiased nature of the data, and, at most, can only *suggest* relationships in the real world. By themselves they can *prove* nothing, and are wholly invalid as a basis for large-scale campaigns of propaganda based upon the blind faith that all the unstated, and probably unconscious, assumptions are correct and in the right context, let alone as reason for inflicting injury upon unknown children.

To take an example: while doubtless "irrevocable brain damage" to a child, clearly and inescapably caused by the vaccine, creates sufficient rumpus to be recorded and hence included in the statistics, what about the cases which the heavily propagandised and statistically convinced doctors were reluctant to diagnose as such? Is it likely that glaring, irrevocable, recordable, brain damage is its sole injurious effect? What about effects, which are delayed too long to be attributable to the vaccine? What about deaths or injuries to health, which are complicated by other factors interacting with the vaccine? Where are the statistics for those? In any case, is the vaccine 100% efficient in preventing the disease; and how does the immunity it confers compare with that of the infection itself?

These are but a few of the considerations which parents might bear in mind before deciding whether *their* child (who is not a featureless statistical unit) should risk vaccine-damage rather than whooping cough. But a campaign of selective and propagandist presentation of that tiny proportion of the effects which are so crude (i.e. death, or blatant brain damage) as to enter the statistics, not only twists their judgment, as it is designed to do, but also renders ludicrous any reliance upon subsequent medical

records and opinions formulated under the influence of deliberately fostered and financed mass-prejudice.

A TRICK PLAYED ON US TOO OFTEN

Nowadays this statistical-political trick is played upon us all too often by those members of the medical profession who have achieved some status in the power-hierarchy, and are exercising altogether too much influence over our collective lives in matters far beyond their competence, which in no way covers the treatment or mental manipulation of anonymous, bulked, humanity. Two obvious examples of legislation in recent years will come to mind: that enforcing the wearing of seat-belts in cars, and that legalising fluoridation of water supplies after it had been found to be *ultra vires* in Scotland; both designed to deprive the individual of the use of his own judgment in relation to his own (or his children's) health and safety.

In both cases, until the required Bill was passed, the evidence presented was grossly biased, both by the suppression of unfavourable statistics and the implicit assumption that 'statisticability' of medical records of human experience is the proper and valid basis for wholesale deprivation of personal responsibility in health matters. Only after the Acts had become law was unfavourable evidence allowed to reach the public.

In the seat-belt business, for instance, much play was made, and still is, with the figures for immediate or early death in hospital, virtually none with the prolonged effects of injuries (e.g. neck-whiplash) which at first may seem trivial but later become a burden when arthritis sets in, or with the part which internal injuries due to seat-belts may play in much later death or disablement, none of which can be recorded under the heading of accident statistics. The assumption is always that occasional and selected medical records are far more responsible and knowledgeable about your health than you are and are entitled to control your life.

As for the fluoridation farce, the crudity with which all considerations of caution have been contemptuously thrust aside with a ridiculously pompous exploitation of medical status and prestige will be remembered as long as this misuse of the water supply survives. The idea that even an eminent reputation in some medical specialism confers authority in everything else relating to health, also in all matters relating to water-use and water supply, environmental pollution, collective population-treatment, statistics, law, ethics and local and national politics, is possible only to a certain type of hospital consultant: the type notoriously prone to suffer from an 'Almighty-complex', at least in the view of his junior colleagues.

One is here reminded of the verse — based upon the well-known one about William Jowett — which runs something like this:

*Since I have had a medical training
in everything but that disdaining,
I am entitled to insist
that what I don't see can't exist.*

This is particularly apt to the fluoridation case where the statistics which are supposed to 'outweigh' the obvious risks of broadcasting a well-known economic poison and pollutant are based upon the superficial, visible, and countable nature of teeth and their surfaces, as compared with all internal parts of the body. Hence the effects on teeth are represented as definite, quantitative, scientifically established, while all other probable effects arising from the known chemical properties of fluorides are dismissed as speculative and unproven.

Aside from the puerile, selective and oft-criticised nature

of the dental statistics in question, these alleged 'experts' have never even grasped that their relative 'definiteness' is a measure of the uniquely 'statisticable' nature of teeth, and could be 'weighed' against deeper-seated effects only if those also were equally accessible and 'statisticable'. But there is at any rate *one* injury imposed upon a large number of people by having their own judgment in their own health matters 'weighed' against that of remote medical bosses with a pitiful ignorance of their own human limitations.

It is undeniable that innumerable people have been caused anxiety, fury, frustration, and the diversion of time and effort from their proper purposes, whether or not they have also suffered some direct aggravation of physical ill health through the unwilling consumption of extra fluoride. This is a fact blatantly exploited by those who 'weigh' these effects against teeth and find them wanting, on the grounds that they are fanatical, neurotic, lacking in status and intelligence, and hence expendable by their masters who are entitled to inflict these injuries upon them as the price of allegedly superior, statistical benefits to the dental enamel.

STATISTICS USED AS FORM OF OCCULT MAGIC

Even if statistics could give a true, balanced, and comprehensive picture, which by their nature they never can, it is their use as a form of occult magic to manipulate people's lives and frustrate their purposes, which is truly objectionable and ought not to be tolerated.

This misuse is by no means limited to officious members of the medical profession, who merely provide a somewhat crude example of it. In various forms it is a commonplace of politics, of sociology, and of advertising, and indeed, permeates our whole society, not excepting the Church. Almost any public debate on

almost anything, say capital punishment, crime, or poverty, is diverted from reality by the substitution of imaginary equal units for facts (which is not to deny that figures properly used with awareness of their limitations may often be helpful and even necessary). In a sense our whole money system is an extreme misuse of statistics to control the economy and our lives, instead of reflecting and enabling them.

One particularly mischievous misuse of statistics is that of determinist prediction. Here is an example from the *Church Times* (31st July 1987) — the first paragraph in a front-page article about a report published by the Secretary-General of the General Synod of the Church of England:

"The numbers of male stipendiary clergy will fall off steadily in the 1990s, dropping to about 9,800 in 2006."

Note that it says the numbers *will* fall, not that current estimates based on certain assumptions suggest that they *might* fall off in this way. The implication is quite clear: the future is laid down like a film which has already been made and remains only to be projected; and we are not free agents but puppets of the Divine Will, or of Fate, or Destiny, or Chance, or what have you. It follows that Christianity must be a load of rubbish. Is that what was meant? Not consciously, we can be sure, but unconsciously it is symptomatic of the death wish for their church and their religion, which seems to have found a place deep in the souls of many of our church leaders.

People, their lives, their health, and their deaths, are not units. When treated collectively as such they have a strong tendency to 'look after Number One'. In other words, imposed collectivism tends to push people into self-assertive individualism. We have to get free of this deep, idolatrous, superstitious faith in numerical symbols as the controlling power over our lives to make room for the true faith in the real world and its Creator.

Genes research in U.S. 'Off limits'

by William S. Purvis
(In The Citizen, Jackson, Miss., USA.)

The university of Minnesota has just completed a study of more than 350 sets of identical twins, many of them separated since birth. It reveals much about the importance of genes in the development of the human personality.

But regardless of the accuracy in the research, regardless of the care in compiling the data or in wording the conclusions, and regardless of everything else, the findings may be destined for the trash heap of academia.

Genetics is that branch of biological science, which deals with inherited characteristics. It is one of the most sensitive areas in the academic world today *because racial characteristics are transmitted through genes*.

Years ago a great debate took place between proponents of the nature (genes) theory and the nurture (environment) theory of personality development. Early on, both theories were considered important and there existed a near equal status or close interrelationship between the two.

Gradually, support for the environment theory could be more easily aligned with developing liberal thought on race.

As acceptance of this theory spread, there was a tendency to rely less and less on research and more on dogma. With dogma, even the obvious could be denied.

Today the environment theory of personality

development dominates liberal thought, which in turn dominates the entire field of education. Social programs and society in general are strongly influenced by this theory.

STUDIES SCORNE TODAY

Genetic studies dealing with personality development are scorned by environmentalists. The studies are perceived as efforts to destroy the underpinnings of liberal social thinking, including racial equality theories.

Without question, the University of Minnesota scientists had no intention of opening the race issue. It was to be strictly a twin study. But Leon Kamin, professor of psychology at Princeton, apparently feels that their study did just that.

As an ultra-liberal spokesman on racial issues and co-author of the book, *Not in Our Genes*, Leon Kamin reacted as if he were under personal attack. He calls the study not only "irresponsible" but flat wrong.

"It will be used to argue that you can't throw money at problems, that human behaviour is determined by genes and there's nothing we can do about it. This has nothing to do with science. "It's a political debate," he says.

THREAT TO LIBERAL HERESIES

He apparently considers their study a threat to

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governmental social programs, to the prevailing educational philosophy, and much more. But he is right about one thing; the race question in this country "has nothing to do with scientific study."

The State of Minnesota, with blacks comprising less than 1½ percent of its population, might provide a background of relatively little concern about the race question, but that issue is not overlooked for one minute in the "higher" realms of the liberal establishment.

At that level, racial "equality" goes absolutely unquestioned and the "white dominated society" is perceived as an evil, which has prevented black *economic* equality through "racism"

As John E. Jacob, president of the National Urban League, recently said, "Black America faces high unemployment, poverty, the erosion of past gains and a resurgence of raw racism, as a result of Reagan administration social and economic policies." Could genes have played a role in black America's problem?

While Minnesota's gene study might have avoided direct reference to the race issue, it drew quick fire from the liberals because it moved onto sacred ground.

Released results of the study showed that "most of the personality traits measured were influenced more by genes than by upbringing. Social potency, alienation, well-being and harm avoidance were all found to be products of nature (genes), not nurture (environment). Even such qualities as *respect for authority* and *adher-*

ence to high moral standards were found to be hereditary." (And therein lies the *heresy* in the eyes of the liberals.)

ATTACK ON FOUNDATIONS

Could an innocent study of twins in Minnesota be attacking the very foundation for vast government and private social welfare programs?

Could it open questions about the rationale for forced racial integration and for humanist teaching in the public schools?

Could it take away the excuse for racial quotas, preferential treatment and costly special assistance programs for blacks — all of which assume the possibility of creating racial "equality"? The liberal establishment seems to be saying "yes".

David Lykken, a University of Minnesota psychologist closely involved in the genes project, which began in 1979, insists that psychologists who object to genetic research on ideological grounds do not understand its true implications.

"Our kind of research is supportive of social intervention — but intervention in ways that work," he says.

But regrettably, it's Lykken and perhaps a few others at the University of Minnesota who do not understand.

The big issue is race, race, race. Racial differences do exist, and genes not only perpetuate those differences, but offer scientific proof of their significance.

CIVILIZATION DYING WITH CURE AVAILABLE

"If our civilization must perish it will not be because of ignorance of what is needed to save it; and, in that sense, it may be claimed that the cause of Civilization is not yet entirely lost. On the other hand, the fact that the patient appears to be dying within easy reach of cure is itself perhaps the most alarming symptom of disease of all. Civilizations before us have died in the midst of their ignorance; but our own Civilization, if it is doomed to perish, will have the evil distinction in history of dying not only with the cure at hand but on the eve of such a life as has never been known since the days of Eden, on the eve, in short, of the possible realization of the promise of the Golden Age. And it is this attitude of resistance to cure, of willessness in the presence of a potentially glorious future that may prove to be one of the fatal symptoms of our present epoch. The successful conspiracy of the mediocre against the able, which is the typical symptom of decadence, and of this age in England, may easily ruin us even in a period of profound peace. A war would merely prove it."

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TO THE POINT

As pointed out nearly seventy years ago by the author of *Social Credit*, C.H. Douglas, the industrial system can only continue to operate by increasing injections of debt finance, either for unnecessary capital works and similar wasteful activities, or for exporting in an attempt to gain a "favourable balance of trade." Deficit budgets, as first advocated by British economist John Maynard Keynes, are an attempt to overcome a deficiency of purchasing power, but on a basis, which strengthens the power of the State while guaranteeing a continuous inflation, which also ensures that there is a progressive centralisation of all power. The worldwide demand that the U.S.A. reduce its deficit means that, under present financial policies, the general standard of living in the U.S.A. is to be reduced.

The *Southern African Facts Sheet* for October 1987, reports that the United Nations spends approximately \$40 million each year in its vendetta against South Africa. It is difficult to estimate the exact amount because of the interlocking activities of different divisions of the UN. About 200 United Nations personnel are specially employed dealing with South African and South-West African affairs, working in the 14 separate divisions. The chief division, that of the Special Committee Against Apartheid has 18 members, three of them from the Communist bloc, while the remaining 13 are from the Third World nations. The Communist-dominated African Congress has observer status. As most of the funding for the United Nations is by the Western nations, they are contributing the biggest share of the \$40 million devoted to financing the Communist-promoted global campaign against South Africa.

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One of the Italian Bishops attending the Synod of Bishops in Rome last year, Archbishop Ersilio Tanini, raised the future challenge to the Church from "the Islamisation of Europe", observing that some experts forecast the presence in Germany of 50 million Afro-Asiatics, largely Moslems, with only 10 million Germans, by the year 2050. Similar-type predictions have been made for France. Such a development would result in major changes in the very structure of Western Civilisation. What do those Christians who preach the virtues of "multi-racialism" have to say about the prospects for maintaining Christian Civilisation if Islamisation continues to take place in all Western nations? Perhaps their Christian forbears were shortsighted in fighting to halt the Mohammed military thrust into Western Europe?

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"Growth" has become a type of God, one that must be worshipped if mankind is to survive. It is a manifestation of the economic teaching that increasing growth is essential to prevent the economy from collapsing. If the true and sane purpose of production is consumption, then it is a form of madness to continue enlarging the industrial system if the present system is more than adequate to produce what consumers really desire. If primary producers are forced by never-ending rising financial costs, to "flog" their soil in order to produce more, and to aid the national objective of "fighting" for a "favourable-balance of trade", then it becomes increasingly difficult to practise genuine conservation.

Measured by orthodox economic doctrine, Japan is a success story, which we other nations should emulate. But in May of last year, when a Canadian scientist of Japanese background, Professor David Suzuki, visited Australia to attend a conference on Technology, Education and Society, he warned against trying to emulate Japan. *The Australian* of May 12 quoted Professor Suzuki as saying that theories "calling for greater levels of growth and technological innovation" ignored the "very real costs involved." He said that Bhopal, Challenger space shuttle and Chernobyl were warnings of the price of high technology.

Professor Suzuki warned that the policy of growth was having a destructive impact on the environment right around the

world. However, the suicidal growth policy can only be reversed by challenging the philosophy undergirding present finance and economic policies. It is unfortunate that so many well-meaning people are being manipulated by totalitarians of one kind or another into exploiting the conservation issue to gain more control over the individual. These totalitarians studiously ignore the financial issue.

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There appear to be no limits to the madness of the multi-cultural theorists as they attempt to make their racial theories work. From England comes the report that, allegedly in an attempt to combat "racial prejudice", some of the infants of Sutton Coldfield are to learn numeracy by counting yams and pomegranates instead of apples and pears. *Home* (U.K.) comments, "The whole point of counting in terms of apples and pears is that the infants should connect counting, and ultimately mathematics, with something actual and real, with which they are familiar. Mathematics, and even the idea of numbers, is abstract enough without introducing it through a never-never land of paw-paws and lychees".

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A reader has given us a photostat copy of an item which appeared in *The Advocate*, a Melbourne Roman Catholic journal, fifty years ago, on October 21, 1937. Archbishop Dr. Mannix was quoted as saying, in the opening of an extension of a West Brunswick Church school, that "It was really beyond conception that in a large country like Australia . . . nefarious attempts should be made to prevent the natural increase of the population. He appealed to the politicians, as he had done before, to try to do something and not be satisfied with merely talking on the platform and telling the people that Australia needed population. *The population they wanted most was Australian children.*" (Our emphasis).

Australian-born children are what are required today, not the importation of racial problems. But the financial and economic policies of modern governments bear heaviest upon the family, particularly young families. Both newly wed husbands and wives are compelled to go to work even to start buying land and a house. There are several factors, including fear of the future, and the feminist cult, which is keeping the birthrate low in most European nations, but the dominant factor is economic. Many marriages also founder on the rock of financial debt, which should be described as one of the greatest scourges of man's history.

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Racial tension continues in multi-racial Malaysia. During the latter part of last year the government took the type of action, which, if taken by South Africa, would have had South Africa on the front pages right around the world. Large numbers of people, including some politicians, were arrested in Malaysia and held under the country's Internal Security Act, which allows detention without trial. All public rallies were banned. The Government

also ordered three newspapers to stop publishing for security reasons.

Slightly more than half of Malaysia's people are Malay, one-third are Chinese, one-tenth Indian and the rest from other groups. Non-Malays say they face discrimination in jobs and education. Chinese and Malays have been in conflict over an Education Ministry plan to appoint teachers who cannot speak Mandarin to administrative positions in government schools.

The Government fears a repetition of the bloody race riots of 1969 in which hundreds were killed, the "Father" of the Malaysian Federation, Tunku Abdul Rahman has expressed his grave concern that his successors in the Government should be forced to take the strong measures they have. Originally part of the Malaysian Federation, Singapore, with its predominantly Chinese population, was separated, with beneficial results for both Malaysia and Singapore. Presumably this type of apartheid - separate development — did not worry the creators of "world opinion".

Is it too much to ask Australian, and other Western politicians, to observe what is happening in multi-racial Malaysia?

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A picture in *The Daily Telegraph*, London, of November 13, 1987, is a striking confirmation of how Communist China is merging with the Western world: There is a huge picture of Colonel Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken while in the background is Mao Tse-tung's mausoleum. Peking now boasts the largest Kentucky Fried Chicken shop in the world. Mr. Richard Mayer, chairman of the American fast food chain, speaks eloquently of the Chinese venture, a joint project with two Chinese State Corporations.

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We have a collection of the strange and weird comments of various financial "experts" made since the Stock Market crash. We are not in the business of making specific forecasts about economics, but it was elementary that there had to be a limit to the increase in the number of money symbols being attached to the pieces of paper known as stocks and shares. We never cease to be amazed by the number of people who can still be "taken in" with the old chain-letter racket. The various-whiz-kids around the world, playing with their computers, have not created one iota of real wealth.

The week following the crash of October 19, one of the U.S.A's best known market gurus, Mr. Robert Pretcher, was predicting that the price of gold would be "clawed down" by a "bear market", but "bottom out" at \$200 an ounce. This has not happened. Press reports then said that Mr. Pretcher was working on a new forecast, but was cautious, stating that the reason for this was that "any bearish opinion would be blown out of proportion and perhaps, even worse, a bullish opinion given to the people might result in speculation by people who are not able to handle risk in an emotional and volatile environment."

Buying shares in proven basic industries for regular dividends based on profits is one thing; but speculating, often on money borrowed against assets such as a home, is something else. Even the big speculators like Australia's Holmes a Court are finding when the stock market crashes, they have to start selling in order to satisfy the debt merchants, who like the bookmakers at the races, never lose irrespective of what happens. But they have the power to create credit money practically out of nothing.

Even more confusing and often contradictory than the economic "experts", were some of the news commentators during the early days of the stock market collapse. Needless to say, some said the world was on the eve of another Great

Depression. Some even suggested that the end of the world was nigh. But Japanese announcers, describing what had happened in Hong Kong, said that "vast quantities of money had been wiped out" by something called "market forces." We have not as yet met anyone who can provide us with a precise description of these market forces, and exactly how they operate. But if, as the Japanese and other commentators said, billions of dollars had been "wiped out", some brave politician somewhere might care to ask, "If billions of dollars were wiped out and no longer exist, then how did they come into existence in the first place?"

A great physician of the mind might venture the diagnosis that a major sickness of the modern soul comes from the virus of the phrase: "*Everyone has the right to his opinion.*"

Everyone does not have the "right" to his opinion, but only the responsibility to see that his opinion is right. No one has the "right" to the opinion that ground glass is an excellent substitute for flour; that loaded twelve-gauge shotguns at full cock are good toys in a nursery; that fire never burns and water never drowns; that any and every passenger should have the freedom to take over the controls of a transcontinental jet; that a bat with rabies is as harmless as a dove.

And no one has the "right" to equally false opinions in the realm of value and taste. No one has the "right" to the opinion that the stumblebums of Podunkville play the same kind of football as the Baltimore Colts; that "Vinegar Joe" Stillwell was a general of the genius of Douglas MacArthur; that Jean-Paul Satre belongs in the same intellectual universe as Aristotle; that Edgar Lee Masters knew the Hell-of-it in Spoon River as truly as Dante did in Verona — not to speak of the Heaven-of-it; that Marx was the thirteenth disciple of Christ; that Shakespeare is the inferior of Eugene O'Neil.

One has no "right" to such "opinions", if one inhabits the cosmos of reason because such opinions are intellectual wrongs.

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Anti-South African Sanctions make USA dependent on Soviet Union

The following article is from the well-known American journal, "Barrons", of March 3. Since this article appeared, the UK has become even more dependent upon the Soviet Union for strategic materials.

"The Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act prohibits U.S. imports of any "article" from any firm connected in any way with the South African government. The law also threatens to prohibit currently legal imports of strategic minerals from South Africa one year after passage, (i.e. October '87), if "significant" progress hasn't been made in establishing a nonracial democracy. While few lawmakers (and almost none of their constituents) seem to realize it, *such provisions already have succeeded in sharply curtailing the flow of strategic and critical materials from South Africa. At the same time, they have made the U.S. increasingly dependent for such imports on the Soviet Union and its satellites.*

The statistics are jolting. For instance, U.S. imports of chrome ore from the Soviets surged to a whopping 6,440 gross tons per month on average for the six months ended March 31, compared with a mere 479 gross tons on average during the legislatively designated base period, 1081 through 1985. Chrome, of course, is essential to the manufacture of stainless steel and super alloys; hence, it is vitally important in the aerospace, chemical, defense, power-generation and transportation industries. And the U.S. is heavily dependent upon imports to meet its needs. Small wonder then that upon passage of the Anti-Apartheid Act, the Soviet Union, the world's second largest source of chrome, started developing a new mine with annual capacity of two million tons.

And chrome is only part of the shocking story. Imports of antimony from Russia have risen to 98 times the total in the base period. The U.S. also lacks adequate domestic sources of antimony, which is essential for such items as bullets, computers, radar and sonar. Anticipating the new demand, Russia also is rapidly expanding production of antimony in the Soviet Central Asian republics of Kirgiziya and Tadshikistan.

The list goes on — more Soviet ferrosilicon, manganese, industrial diamonds, rhodium, platinum and silver bullion, all critical materials. Strategic imports also are up from Soviet bloc countries. Ferrosilicon and ferrosilicon manganese are essential for alloyed and specialty steels used to make hull plates for Navy ships and in the bodies of military vehicles and tanks. *Under the first six months of the law, monthly imports of Soviet ferrosilicon averaged 2,814,527 gross pounds, compared with 692,970 for the 1981-85 average.*

Again, monthly imports of ferrosilicon manganese from Yugoslavia averaged 3,270,157 gross pounds, against the base of 2,168,352. *Imports of industrial diamonds from Russia were up 100 times the base average; platinum bars and plates up five times; rhodium up three and a half times and zinc up four and a half times. Six different categories of Yugoslav aluminium imports rose.*

The law says that the President may lift any of its provisions if he determines after six months that it is causing increased U.S. dependence on Soviet and Soviet-bloc countries for strategic and critical materials and reports his findings to Con-

gress. *Even though the newly compiled figures are so startling, President Reagan has no plans to do so.*

Secretary of the Interior Donald P Hodel, who also serves as chairman of the National Critical Materials Council, recently said, "If you ask somebody should we buy a major component of a weapons system from the Soviet Union, they would say, Of course not; that's crazy. Then should we buy the raw material that is necessary to make that weapons system from the Soviet Union? Of course not. *Because of the sanctions against South Africa, we are increasingly dependent on the Soviets and Soviet-bloc countries for raw materials that are essential to the defense establishment, at the very least.*" Commenting on the insanity of this U.S. trade and strategic dependence on the Soviet Union, Hodel added: "The last time I checked the Soviets were still engaged in killing, mutilating and bombing innocent people in Afghanistan in a clear war of aggression."

To make matters worse, the House Foreign Affairs Africa Subcommittee plans hearings this fall on HR 1580, a bill by Rep. Ronald V. Dellums, California Democrat. It would repeal the Anti-Apartheid Act and substitute a much more drastic measure. Among other things, it would ban imports of any minerals from South Africa essential for military uses unless the President certifies to Congress that domestic supplies are inadequate and "substitutes for such minerals are not available." It says nothing about importing from Communist countries. Moreover, it does away with the requirement to report to Congress on such imports.

HR 1580 also would get rid of a little-noticed part of the Anti-Apartheid Act, which states, "The United States . . . recognizes that some of the organizations fighting apartheid have become infiltrated by Communists and that Communists serve on the governing boards of such organizations."

Incredible as it may seem, during the last Congress, the House passed the Dellums bill. The only change in the current version is an addition, which would prohibit any form of cooperation, direct or indirect, with the government of South Africa by U.S. military or intelligence agencies. HR 1580 has 53 co-sponsors, including Rep. Peter W. Rodino, Jr., a New Jersey Democrat and chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Senator Alan Cranston, a California Democrat, has introduced S 556, a nearly identical measure, on behalf of himself and Democratic Senators Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts and Carl Levin of Michigan. S 556 now is pending before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

One must ask why the U.S. should believe that racial injustice in South Africa warrants action drastic enough to harm this country, but should embrace trade with the Soviet Union, which puts millions of its own people in gulags and commits untold atrocities abroad. U.S. foreign policy should have two objectives: to achieve its intended aims and to advance the nation's interests. On both counts, sanctions against South Africa have failed."

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