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*"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free".*

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## A WORLD IN A TRANCE

*by Eric D. Butler*

Prime Minister Paul Keating has painted a glowing picture of an Australian future in which there will be an expanding economy with unemployment progressively falling and a higher standard of living for all Australians. All that is required is that Australia throw off the "shackles" of "British imperialism" by becoming a Republic, and linking itself to an exciting Asian future. As one listens to Paul Keating, one is reminded of the statement by the British Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, who said he had become *intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity*. No doubt Paul Keating actually believes what he says. This century has been dominated by politicians like Paul Keating, uttering the most incredible nonsense, completely divorced from reality, living in a trance.

During the years of the Great Depression, which nurtured the seeds of the second World War, there were large numbers of wishful thinkers including the pseudo intellectuals who seriously suggested that the hell of Stalinism was the hope for a Brave New World. And that if the West would only join with the Soviet Union, Adolph Hitler would be curbed. British Socialists were prominent in the campaign to prevent one essential step towards avoiding war, rearmament, and a display of British strength. One of the more perceptive books of the period described "a World In a Trance", while the famous British journalist and writer Douglas Reed tried to alert the British through his (mainly censored) despatches to *The Times*. He resigned and wrote a best seller, aptly described as *Insanity Fair*. The author of Social Credit, C.H. Douglas, warned that the debt system was being exploited in a campaign to destroy the British Empire as a prelude to creating some type of a New World Order.

roller-coaster Greek presidency beginning in January." In some colourful language, the Greeks attack a "bestial" Germany and a "lying" Turkey.

Political developments in Italy, one of the founding members of the EEC, with the first agreement - the Rome Treaty - being signed in Rome, are a dramatic confirmation of a worldwide revolt against centralism. At the June Italian Municipal elections, the dominant political force in Italy since the end of World War 2, the Christian Democrats, were swept away, with the Northern League, which favours the break up of Italy into its different regions, polling heavily. Northern Italians feel a growing resentment towards Southern Italy. We might turn our attention to Canada, where the Conservative Party, the architect of the GST and supporters of the North American Free Trade Agreement, were swept from office with the French

### AN EXPLOSION OF ETHNIC GROUPS

Following the collapse of the Iron Curtain and the break up of the Soviet Empire, the wishful politicians and others were proclaiming that the world was moving into a new era of peace and stability. But the realists observed that the basic flaws in the finance-economic system were being exploited in an attempt to centralise power globally, with the vision of a New World Order being created out of the establishment of a number of Common Markets, starting in Western Europe. The current overall situation is one in which the world is dominated by an explosion of a multitude of different ethnic and cultural groups demanding a greater say in their own future. At the very moment that the European Economic Community is being described as a great success, internal frictions are flaring. German-French relations are strained as Germany seeks to help pressure the French to sacrifice their farmers, and their culture, to meet the demands of the Americans concerning the GATT negotiations. A headline from a London report reads, GREEK TIRADE ANGERS BONN, STRAINS UNITY, the report stating that "Foreign ministries throughout the European Union were in despair yesterday as a blazing row erupted between Greece and Germany, shattering the post-Maastricht illusion of unity and setting the course for a

### OUR POLICY

To promote loyalty to the Christian concept of God, and to a society in which every individual enjoys inalienable rights, derived from God, not from the State.

To defend the Free Society and its institutions - private property, consumer control of production through genuine competitive enterprise, and limited decentralised government.

To promote financial policies, which will reduce taxation, eliminate debt, and make possible material security for all with greater leisure time for cultural activities.

To oppose all forms of monopoly, whether described as public or private.

To encourage electors always to record a responsible vote in all elections.

To support all policies genuinely concerned with conserving and protecting natural resources, including the soil, and an environment reflecting natural (God's) Law, against policies of rape and waste.

To oppose all policies eroding national sovereignty, and to promote a closer relationship between the people of the Crown Commonwealth and those of the United States of America, who share a common heritage.

Canadians overwhelmingly voting for the Bloc Quebecois, which wants to take Quebec out of a unitary State. The big vote for the newly formed Reform party, with its roots in Western Canada, was another vote against centralisation.

It can be predicted with complete certainty that President Clinton's dream of a harmonious North American Free Trade area, with suggestions that this should be expanded to include the whole of Latin America, must end in another nightmare. Tensions continue to mount inside multicultural USA, one significant development being that in the bigger cities like Chicago, the different ethnic groups are separating themselves into different areas. While black Americans have moved into the capital, Washington, the whites have moved out. Washington is now a predominantly black city. The reality is that *apartheid*, separate development, is defying the official policy of integration.

## DISASTER IN AFRICA

The same reality is dominating Africa. Thirty years ago another Western political leader, Harold Macmillan, went to South Africa, stable and prosperous, with the blacks advancing economically under the system of law and order provided by the whites, and told the South Africans that *apartheid* must go, that the "winds of change" were starting to blow throughout Africa. Those winds grew into hurricanes and have left a trail of wreckage behind them. Generally forgotten is that the first civil war in Nigeria, which was allegedly going to be the showcase of Western-style democracy in Africa, left nearly two million dead. Uganda, once described as the "Pearl of Africa", has suffered probably a million casualties under the Idi Amin and others. As these lines are being written, the on-going butchery in Burundi of the minority Tutsi by the majority Hutu is continuing. Tribal-based massacres continue right throughout Africa. The retreat back into barbarism was temporarily halted when the Rhodesians decided for independence in 1965. But they were eventually crushed under slogans of "world opinion" and "majority rule". Only a handful of whites are left in Zimbabwe desperately trying to sustain a collapsing economy under the domination of Marxist Robert Mugabe. "Eminent person" Malcolm Fraser proclaimed Mugabe as a great leader, while Communist trained Nelson Mandela was described as a "world statesman".

Those who will not learn from the mistakes of history are doomed to repeat them. What has happened in the rest of Africa, has happened in what was formerly Yugoslavia and elsewhere around the world, and is going to happen in "liberated" South Africa. The same reality is operating throughout the former Soviet Union, where Boris Yeltsin is attempting to preside over people who are becoming increasingly desperate with every sign that they are prepared to turn to leaders who could make Hitler look like a boy scout. And in spite of agreements concerning nuclear weapons, there are enough of these still available to those who feel no compunction about using them. The fighting in those parts of the former Soviet Union, which were predominantly Islamic, is simply a reflection of what is happening worldwide.

## A KEATING DREAM

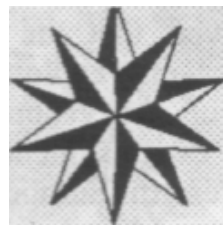
Which brings us to that Keating dream in which Australia's future will be secured. President Clinton shares part of that dream with him, believing that the USA can help solve its internal domestic economic problems in what he and those who think as he does see as unlimited markets in nations like China. But what is happening throughout Asia contains the seeds of friction and conflict in the near future. Australians were told, and still are, that their future is linked with a prosperous Japan.

But the "booming" Japanese economy is in deep trouble. This was predictable. The programme of mass industrialisation imposed upon Western European peoples resulted in a number of social developments, which have strained the very fabric of society. The influence of Christian culture had some effect in minimising some of the worst features of the industrial revolution, such as child labour in the coalmines. But high unemployment throughout all the Western industrialised nations is producing a new type of underclass and sub-culture among the young. The signs of growing social disintegration, this in turn producing political instability, is clear to see.

Asian disintegration along with political convulsions will be much more explosive and much more dangerous than in the West. Keating's programme to have Australia's future tied to Asia is one of suicide. Major conflicts within Asia are foreshadowed by a number of defence strategists, one of these being Dr. Paul Dibb of the Australian National University. There is a big military build-up throughout Asia, including India. In his famous BBC address on the Causes of War, C.H. Douglas said that the basic cause of military conflict in the modern world was the "fight" for markets. Every industrialised nation must, under debt finance, seek to sustain its domestic economy by striving for a "favourable balance of trade". Whether or not China can hold together as a unitary State remains to be seen - there are big internal stresses as some of the regions strive for greater autonomy - but it is certain that there can be no stability under orthodox finance-economics.

## THE WAY TO SALVATION

All attempts to solve the world's problems by increasing centralisation, economic and political, are doomed to failure. Every step towards greater centralisation inevitably creates greater problems, which are then used as an excuse for greater centralisation. C.H. Douglas pointed the way to salvation by stressing that maximum decentralisation was the only certain path to sanity, away from madness. In one sense, the present state of the world is the only hope for the world. The state of the world is the result of violating absolutes. The great Lord Acton said that it was an absolute that all power tended to corrupt and absolute power corrupted absolutely. Salvation depends upon sufficient people taking seriously the Christian doctrine of the Incarnation; that they seek to discover and understand those absolutes, which are being violated. Example remains the most powerful teacher in the world, and if they can break from the madness dominating the world today, Australians by example can save themselves and show others, including Asians, how to do likewise. They must firmly reject the Keating policy of national suicide. \_\_\_\_\_



## CHRISTMAS

### GREETINGS!

*We extend Christmas Greetings to all our readers and their families, trusting that they will enjoy a Happy and Holy Christmas Season, refreshed both physically and spiritually for yet another challenging New Year.*

# NEW RUSSIAN NAVAL BASES?

*"The passion for power over things can never cease to threaten mankind, and is always sure of finding new and unforeseen allies in continuing its martyrology".*

*Lord Acton: Lectures on Modern History, 1906.*

**Generally overlooked in the euphoria concerning the collapse of the Soviet Union, is that Russia still possesses sophisticated nuclear weapons, and that prominent Russians have suggested they may have to be used. A British student of world affairs submits the following thought-provoking article.**

It is highly likely that we shall shortly hear of two new Russian naval bases. If either of them is established the balance of world power will be decisively altered; if both are occupied Russia will rule the world, as she has intended to do throughout her long history.

One of these bases will be Subic Bay, in the Philippine Islands. America scuttled out of this huge base late last year, apparently terrified by the armed might of the Filipino forces. The base is well worth having, quite apart from its strategic value. The buildings and roads alone are valued at over three billion dollars. The political joke masquerading as the government of the Philippines can no more make constructive use of these facilities than it can rule in, a civilised manner. A power vacuum has been created by the American retreat: Russia will almost certainly fill it.

From Subic Bay to the Australian coast is about 1,800 km, nothing to modern carrier-based aircraft, of which Russia has no shortage. Possession of Subic Bay would enable Russia to dominate the whole of the Pacific Rim. It would be a serious check to the Chinese and Japanese ambitions to own Australasia.

The other base which Russia will almost certainly seize is Simonstown, in what will soon be renamed Azania. He who controls Simonstown can hold the West to ransom, as a glance at the map will show. This magnificent base allows complete control of all east-west sea traffic. It is reliably estimated that between 500 and 600 oil tankers, half of them fully laden, round the Cape every month. Apart from tankers a monthly average of 2270 other vessels round the Cape. Not one of all these can complete its voyage without the leave of whoever holds Simonstown - soon, perhaps, to be renamed Mandelagrad by the new Communist-dominated Black conquerors.

A few years ago the South African Navy took action against the officer commanding Simonstown because he was found to be spying for Russia. It is certain that General Joe Slovo of the K.G.B. who controls the A.N.C. terrorists, and will soon be part of the government of "Azania" knows as much of the naval secrets of Simonstown as does South African Navy headquarters.

It will be argued that these assertions are baseless, that Communism is no more, that the Russians have suddenly become "moderate" and "democratic", that they have abandoned their age-old intention to rule the world. This is far from true.

Firstly, the Western liberal intelligentsia will not allow socialism to perish; Communism is the Russian form of socialism, as Fascism was the Italian and Nazism the German variety. The Western intellectual elite, firmly in control of Western thought, is unique in history. Intelligent, partially educated, unmoved by argument and firmly entrenched in academe, the media, politics and the churches, it hates its own race and culture and works hard to destroy them. This elite (which ironically has made "elitism" almost as dirty a word as "racism") will at all costs keep socialism alive. It must, because

it has ever since the Twenties provided these rootless intellectuals with a set of political ideas and a surrogate religion. The many repellent specimens in Australia are proof of this statement. In a speech delivered at St. John's University, Long Island, New York, Dr. Richard Clark described the situation accurately in these words, **"The West has been crippled by a corrosive and corrupt ideology-morality that causes our political-intellectual elites to declare themselves in sympathy with and in support of the very elements that boldly proclaim their goal to be the destruction of the West."** The media provide daily proof that Dr Clark is right.

Wishful thinkers who argue that Russia has somehow changed will not like being reminded that, amid the turmoil in the former Russian Empire, work has gone on uninterrupted on what will be the world's biggest aircraft carrier. This will probably be the flagship of the squadron, which occupies either Subic Bay or Simonstown.

Russia has never renounced her age-old ambition to rule the world. Quite recently Mikhail Gorbachev, dedicated Communist and darling of Western intellectuals, said **"In October 1917 we parted with the Old World, rejecting it once and for all. We are moving towards a new world, the world of socialism. We shall never turn off that road"**. The "new" Russia has not repudiated these words. Why should she? They echo the thinking of every Russian Tsar, of the Communist Empire and now of the "new" Russians who decide her foreign policy and strategies.

Logistically, Russia is quite capable of seizing both Subic Bay and Simonstown. She has for many years steadily pursued a policy of signing "treaties of aid and friendship" with Third World countries. These treaties invariably give her access to naval or air bases, or to both.

In 1967 by treaty she obtained access to the huge base abandoned by the scuttling British in Egypt. A treaty with Somalia allows her to use naval and air bases in Mogadishu and Barbera. Russia has built recently a huge airfield at Uanle Wen in Somalia, and there is of course the vast air base in Addis Abbaba built during World War II. Further treaties give Russia access to naval bases in Angola (1976), in Mozambique (1977), at Hodeida and Socotra in the Yemen, at Latakia and Tartus in Syria. The day after Britain scuttled out of the huge and vital naval base at Aden Russia moved in. She has the use of Iranian airfields and of a huge new airfield in Zimbabwe. Clearly, it is well within her capability to seize and hold both Subic Bay and Simonstown, and so doing would strengthen her immensely.

From the very beginning of her long history Russia has been aggressive and imperialistic. The endless list of her foreign wars makes this plain. The Communist Empire merely continued a policy, which it inherited and with which it agreed. Communist dogma holds that a socialist world, dominated by Mother Russia, is historically inevitable; that it is the function of the Communist Party to bring this about. Thus the purpose of Russian military power is to keep socialism alive while history takes its predestined course. Communism merely

echoed the racial mindset of the intensely patriotic, long-futured and enduring Slav people.

Australasia has not the military strength to oppose the Russian plans for our future. Nor can any help be expected from a politically cowardly and militarily weak West.

It is said that the most deadly curse in the Chinese armoury of abuse is a wish that one's enemy "may live in interesting times". Many would think that, with a financial recession on our hands, inassimilable aliens flooding in to our land, multiculturalism and racial integration the order of the day our times are already interesting enough.

But if and when Russia occupies Subic Bay, and then moves to fill our vast empty spaces with Chinese colonists, then indeed our future, brief though it will be, will be interesting enough to satisfy the most malevolent of Orientals and to terrify the most phlegmatic of Australians.

## UPDATED SOCIAL DYNAMICS SEMINAR

Making use of modern technology, the Australian League of Rights, which grew out of the Social Credit movement, has updated its basic Social Dynamics Seminar on video film, making use of professional assistance. Starting early next year, a nation-wide programme of education will be launched, designed to equip dozens of League actionists who can use the video presentation. This is the biggest educational programme in the history of the League. Advisory National director Eric Butler will participate in the major Queensland launch in Nanango on Saturday, January 22nd. It is anticipated that dozens of key League actionists will gather from all over central and southern Queensland.

The traditional Annual Australia Day conference of Southern Queensland supporters will be held in Toowoomba on Sunday January 23, the day following the Nanango launch.

Eric Butler will also participate in the northern New South Wales launch of the Social Dynamics Seminar, at Inverell, on Saturday, January 29th. Several public meetings are also planned for Eric Butler in southern Queensland and northern New South Wales.

League supporters everywhere can make use of the official presenters of the Social Dynamics school, who will - given notice - service any group in excess of half of dozen. Private homes are ideal for the School.

### MISS C.M. DOUGLAS

We regret to announce the recent death of Miss C.M. Douglas of Scotland, at the age of 88. Miss Douglas was the daughter of the founder of the Social Credit Movement, C.H. Douglas, and took a keen interest in all matters relating to Social Credit. She was particularly interested in the vigour of the Social Credit Movement in Australia and always extended a warm welcome to Australian visitors. South Australian State director of the League, and editor of *Heritage* magazine, Mrs. Betty Luks, visited Miss Douglas during her visit to the United Kingdom early this year and persuaded her to have her photo taken, assuring her that she would send it to Eric and Elma Butler on her return to Australia.

Miss Douglas, like her father, was a sturdy individualist and in spite of failing health, insisted on living in her own home until being hospitalised a few days before her death. In one sense, her death marks the end of an era. But the Social Credit idea lives on into the future, partaking of those eternal truths which, as Douglas said, transcend human thinking. Miss Douglas was a faithful servant of those truths.

## DUKE OF WINDSOR AND THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Well-known writer Alfred deMarigny, writing in *A Conspiracy of Crowns*, tells of a dinner party he attended in Nassau, Bermuda, when the Duke of Windsor, formerly the Prince of Wales, was being installed as governor. DeMarigny quotes the Duke as saying, "There is no need or purpose in going to war for the benefit of foreign powers, and by that I mean France, the Communists and International Jewry." There has been over the years a persistent campaign to smear the Duke of Windsor as being pro-Hitler because he believed that a Second World War would be disastrous, not only for western Europe, but for the British Empire. His fears were justified.

## PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ZIONIST ADVISERS

Well-known American author of *Prophecy and Politics*, Grace Halsell, wrote a major article for the March, 1993 issue of *The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* in which she analysed how the Zionists have almost completely taken over the Clinton government. Halsell documents how Zionist sympathisers now dominate every policy area in the U.S.A. She concludes her article: "Another pro-Israel group is the Centre for International Security, run by Joseph Churba, an ultra-right pro-Likud activist who once teamed with the militant Rabbi Meir Kahane. Still another is the International League for the Reparation of Russian Jews, whose driving force is Richard Perle.

"In the list of those doing service for Israel, one finds an interlocking of names such as Kissinger and Perle, who - in or out of government - maintain the same priorities . . .

"Increasingly, U.S. interests and the long range future of American relations with the entire Islamic world are in the hands of an intricate network of academics, think tank associates, attorneys, editors and writers long associated with Israeli causes or pro-Israel institutions. Unfortunately, these self-styled and media-created 'Middle East experts' have derived virtually all of their 'expertise' from contacts among Israel's four million Jewish citizens and virtually none from first-hand experience with the one billion Muslims who make up most of the population of the Middle East, and of other Asian and African countries who judge the U.S. largely by its Middle East policies."

## BASIC FUND SURGES PAST \$40,000

In spite of the harsh economic conditions, seriously affecting rural supporters of the League of Rights, the League's Basic Fund has surged forward to over \$40,000. A minority of League supporters and sympathisers have now contributed one third of the total target of \$60,000. It is anticipated that the upsurge of support which comes with the Christmas Season will carry the Fund past \$50,000 by the time of the New Year, leaving approximately \$10,000 to be contributed during the later stages of the appeal, scheduled to finish by the end of April at the very latest. The League's planned programme of continued growth, particularly on the Social Credit education front, has been carried forward with the development of the video presentation of the Social Dynamics Seminar.

While there has been a nation-wide ferment of various activities by different groups, most of those involved have drawn heavily on League material and also advice. We make a special pre-Christmas appeal for all those who have not yet contributed to the Basic Fund, to do so as quickly as possible. All contributions to Box 1052J, G.P.O. Melbourne, 3001.

## TOWARDS WORLD GOVERNMENT

Obeying his Zionist masters, U.S. President Clinton urged Pope John Paul during his 1993 visit to the U.S.A., to take immediate steps to have the Vatican normalise its relations with Zionist Israel.

One of President Clinton's Democrat colleagues, Senator Chris Dodd, is calling for the United Nations to establish an "international criminal court". The proposal has passed the Senate Foreign Committee by an 11-7 vote. Republican Senator Jesse Helms, whom the Zionists have attempted to defeat in Congressional elections, has commented that he is determined to do all in his power to prevent the sacrifice of "our precious constitutional guarantees for any sort of world court."

The respected conservative Washington publication, *Human Events*, notes that under the proposal to establish an international criminal court, "individual American citizens could be tried, convicted and punished, not according to the laws of their own country, but under international rules that have yet to be established and according to who knows that kind of novel and capricious interpretation."

Any kind of "New World Order" must, of course, have an international police force. UN peacekeeping projects are an attempt to move towards this objective. Results in the former Yugoslavia are not proving very successful, while in Somalia there has been a backlash against the UN as a result of civilians, including women and children, being gunned down by UN Pakistani troops.

At the recent conference on Human Rights, held in Vienna, Austria, an agreement was reached that economic development in underdeveloped nations is a "human right". The *New York Times* reports that "Washington (under the Clinton administration) is moving towards accepting the long-standing third world demand that development be considered a human right . . . it intends to ask the Senate to ratify the 1966 international Convention on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights." A major feature of the programme to create a New World Order is that developed nations should transfer resources to the underdeveloped nations. Since the Whitlam government this programme has been followed with enthusiasm by all governments at Canberra. One result has been the reduction of Australia's industrial base by at least 50 percent.

While the promoters of the programme for the "New World" are increasingly active, the plight of the world everywhere demonstrates that every step towards advancing the programme results in more economic and social disasters.

## REALISTIC CONSTITUTIONALISM

In his 1947 lecture to the Constitutional Research Association in London, C.H. Douglas said, "Speaking, not of course, as a lawyer, but as a student of history and organisation, it is my opinion that the restoration of the supremacy of Common Law; the removal of encroachment upon it, and the establishment of the principle that legislation by the House of Commons impinging upon it is *ultra vires*, is an urgent necessity. The locus of sovereignty over Common Law is not in the electorate, because Common Law did not derive from the electorate and indeed antedated any electorate in the modern sense. In the main, it derived from the Medieval Church, perhaps not directly, but from the climate of opinion, which the Church disseminated . . ."

"When England had a genuine Trinitarian Constitution, with

three interrelated and interacting loci of sovereignty, the King, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, these ideas were instinctive, and those were the days of Merrie Englede. Since the Whig revolutions of 1644 and 1688, and the establishment of the Bank of England under characteristically false auspices in 1694, the Constitution has been insidiously sapped by the Dark Forces, which knew its strength, and the obstacle, which it offered to treachery. We now have only the mere shell of the Constitution . . .

"To an audience of this character, I do not need to enter into a discussion on the merits or otherwise of democracy, because whatever else it may be, Great Britain is not, and never has been an effective democracy, and was never less so than at present. Nevertheless, short of a coup d'etat, I do not think that the idea of democracy, which is of course very nebulous, can be abruptly abandoned. It has been too much propagandised, and means too many things to too many men . . . But whether by the strengthening and elevation of Common Law, and its repository in the care of an effective Second, non-elected, Chamber, or by some other method, clearly defined limits must be placed on the power of a House of Commons elected on a majority principle . . ."

"To a very considerable extent, we must retrace our steps, in the face of many false guides, to the fork in the road somewhere about the time of the so-called Reformation . . . Our present situation is not adventitious - it is the outcome of a venomous hatred and envy of our indigenous qualities. If anyone is foolish enough to suppose that the prestige of this country and the Empire, and with them, the welfare of the population, can be restored by an appeal to an anonymous, irresponsible, and misinstructed ballot-box democracy, I can assure them that, if their opinion should prevail and our destinies be submitted to decisions by that process, the outcome is a mathematical certainty - our final eclipse."

## "CONTEMPORARY ART"

Mr. Lionel Lindsay was one of the famous Lindsay family, and once wrote a most revealing work, *"Addled Art"*. The work is now a collector's item and is rarely referred to because Lindsay had exposed how much of what has been termed "contemporary art" was a racket in which the main operators were Jews. Anyone mentioning this fact is smeared as being "anti-Semitic".

**In a letter to *The Sydney Morning Herald* of October 16th 1940, Lionel Lindsay wrote: "The Australian public is perhaps yet unaware that modernism was organised in Paris by the art dealers, whose first care was to corrupt criticism, originate propaganda - in this infinitely superior to Goebbels, for it worked - and undermine accepted standards so that there should be ample merchandise to handle. It was Udhe, the Jew art critic, who proudly boasted that three-fourths of the art dealers, critics and collectors were Jews, whilst to mystify the public a jargon was employed which no art in the part has needed to establish its bona fides."**

## WELCOME TO PRINCE CHARLES

The Australian Heritage Society, a division of the Australian League of Rights, will be taking space in *The Weekend Australian* of January 22-23, to extend a welcome to Prince Charles, quoting his statement in his 1988 Bicentennial address, in which he said that the true heritage of Australia was its Constitution. A central feature of that Constitution is the Constitutional Monarchy. Those wishing to make a special contribution to the cost of the insertion in *The Australian* may do so through Box 1052J, G.P.O., Melbourne 3001.

# CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS

by Edward Rock

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An address to the Christian Staff Fellowship of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

A Christian economy above all else is one, which reflects the mind of Christ in the use and provision of material needs so that the needs of each individual can be provided without enslaving the individual to their pursuit. A Christian economy therefore is concerned to release the individual from the worship of mammon, remembering that mammon is not only money, but materialism in the form of economic necessities. A Christian economy differs radically from the full employment policies pursued by all governments and orthodox economists, full employment as a policy being the pursuit of materialism as an end in itself. If the word 'employment' must be used in Christian terms it should be as 'dis-employment' as the individual is released from unnecessary economic activity to pursue individual fulfilment in what may be justifiably termed a policy of 'full creativity'. The whole purpose of a Christian economy is to release the individual from soul-destroying activity incorporating work for work's sake activity, or an economy artificially primed to create work, in order that the soul of each individual may be fully open to creative activity.

The great Christian writer Dorothy L. Sayers caught a glimpse of this process when she wrote in *Creed or Chaos*: "A society in which consumption has to be artificially stimulated in order to keep production going is a society founded on trash and waste, and such a society is a house built upon sand." Such is our society built on the economics of those who advise Messrs. Keating and Hewson.

Christian economics at its most mundane is the process of subduing the earth in order that the whole of mankind may be released from material necessity.

A Christian economy is one in which individual producers will increasingly become a shrinking minority, almost disappearing under the impact of modern technology, and all those revelations of knowledge which are designed to free the individual from any form of dependence upon material things. Both producers and consumers, who constitute the whole of the populace, exercise their respective functions in an environment of complete freedom of association, and in which the only governing factor is freedom of choice.

## Advancing the freedom of the individual

A Christian economy above all else is concerned to advance the freedom of every individual

A Christian economy serving society seeks the ultimate freedom, to release mankind from any form of malice, greed or envy so that the mind of man is completely free to choose without any pressure one way or the other whether he will accept or reject God as his Father, Christ as his saviour, and the Holy Spirit as the ongoing revelation of all truth.

Christian economics is an exciting subject because by its very nature it must address itself to what Jesus Christ taught us in his ministry on earth about the laws established by His Father in order to release mankind from dependence upon material necessity, leading us inevitably to further truths revealed through the power of the Holy Spirit to apply to every changing situation.

Christ's whole attitude towards matters economic was that if we follow his teaching, matters material and economic will become inconsequential, they therefore should not loom large in men's minds, for God will supply our needs so abundantly that man need not even bother himself about their availability, nor even concern himself over much in involving himself in making them available, and that God will supply such ways and means as to reduce the whole economic process to

simplicity itself.

All Christ asked for was our faith and belief that the only concern of His Father was always to supply our every need as the fruit of faith. Our part is to take hold of the necessary faith, in order that we may enjoy the reality supplied by God. Man, because of a lack of faith has always tended to believe it is his job to struggle to supply the reality as though God never created it, to organise the whole of society to that end, and having put in six or seven days of strenuous struggle each week to then perhaps offer God some small sop of faith and worship for an hour or two in return.

Speaking personally, I came to the subject of Christian Economics via a route I believed at the time, some fifty years ago, was the complete Christian answer. Fifty years ago as a young soldier serving with the A.I.F. in New Guinea looking to become part of a rejuvenated new world after W.W.2, the war which was to rectify the mistakes of the war to end all wars, W.W.I, I believed the complete Christian solution to our economic problems had been supplied by Karl Marx with his teaching that society could be organised to eliminate all poverty and injustice, and that the price he demanded made it all worth while. The price? Renounce ownership of private property? That wasn't too hard for me, I didn't own any, as was the case with the majority of other young Australians. Renounce personal sovereignty. If that meant serving others in a collective ownership situation I could see nothing wrong with that. Renounce national sovereignty? Exchange loyalty to one's country in exchange for a better world? What was wrong with that? Why stop at one nation? The whole world was our oyster.

## The challenge of Karl Marx

Christians are asked to give up all they have to serve Christ. Karl Marx was asking the same. To me Marx was spot on and a better Christian than those who called themselves such. Had not Christ told us to love our neighbour as ourselves? Wasn't that what Marx was asking? To me Christ and Marx were blood brothers.

Other sacrifices equally demanding and challenging were asked by Marx. To work where directed for the good of all. Should it not be our desire, I asked myself, to have every section of society working like clockwork, with every power shaft delivering power where it was needed, every cog engaging with its fellow cog, all computers programmed to the maximum efficiency. Every function perfectly co-ordinated by those with superior organisational capacity in order to achieve perfection. What a vision, what a dream to bring to reality!

To give up one's freedom to shoot off in a direction of one's own choosing was little to ask in the interest of the whole. I was convinced the direction of labour, the planned society, production targets, central control of production and distribution, was the only moral and Christian way to go. I was absolutely convinced Karl Marx had the complete answer, was absolutely compatible with the Christian faith, and in fact was the answer to prayer, especially the prayers of those who had lived through the horrors of the recent man-made depression where poverty abounded amongst God's plenty. To me here was Christ supplying every answer we needed through his great prophet, Karl Marx.

I never bothered to inquire what Marx thought about Christ. Had I done so I might have been rudely shocked because Marx made no secret of his hatred for Christ and all things Christian. I doubt however if such knowledge would have deterred me as it did not deter thousands of other

Christians. We were caught on the wave of a new religious experience, and we were marching on to victory. Nothing could stop us.

Despite the dramatic collapse of the Soviet experiment and years of ignoring the obvious that any society built solely on human intelligence and power completely divorced from recognition of a higher authority whose laws must be ascertained and obeyed, western society today continues to embrace the basic Marxist social principles of centralising all power into the hands of an irresponsible and dictatorial minority, a complete replica of the Marxist dogma. The results are completely disastrous for the human spirit, individual freedom and personal and social morality, resulting in the destruction of vision and hope for both young and old.

So what was it that stopped me? Stopped me in my tracks at the height of my Marxist euphoria? It wasn't anything very powerful at the time, or so I thought. It was a simple question I could not answer put to me by a faithful sister back home in Melbourne. She asked, *What will you do with those who reject your Marxist Utopia?"*

At first I rationalised. Such people would see the error of their ways, and even if they didn't they would have to be made to see the error of their ways for the good of all. Marxist brainwashing camps can easily be justified, especially those in our higher tertiary institutions where the worship of human knowledge without worship of God reaches its pinnacle. The good of all was the most important consideration, and if others had to be sacrificed to it, so be it.

I took my problem to my socialist friends, a wonderful company of fellow souls with whom many hours were passed eulogising the Marxist vision. They all rationalised the same way, the few had to be sacrificed for the good of all, and anyway when we gained power the result would be so marvellous all the doubters would see the error of their ways.

## The central question of life

But that voice of God planted in every individual, my conscience, continually brought me back to the central question in life, the one from which all other questions evolve. Could I refuse a fellow individual the right to choose his own path in life, and if I did was I not seeking to obliterate that most precious of all God's gifts, individual freedom, the point from which all individuals choose whether they will accept or reject God? I reluctantly came to the conclusion there was only one answer, and very reluctantly I turned my back on the socialist Utopia and looked for answers based upon God's gift of freedom of choice. My feet were at first tenuously, but later firmly planted on the road that could only finish at one destination, wherever one chooses to serve Christ. At first I had a vague notion I had chosen freedom and rejected slavery, but the full impact of that choice took some time to develop into the knowledge that there is only one purpose in life, to love and serve God through obedience to His Son, Jesus Christ.

Had I stayed on the Marxist road, which remains today the orthodox policy pursued by all governments and economists, I would have been embroiled in the never ending failure of determining the best way to organise a purely material society, making everyone fit into preconceived plans. As such I would never arrive at a satisfactory solution because the satisfying of man's needs is a purely individual matter.

In a Christian society the individual is both a servant, and is served by a hierarchy of servants who do not decide what is best for you, but respond to the choices you make. In accordance with Christ's teaching, the service offered you would be so unobtrusive as to make little or no impact on your attention, and yet would be so effective as to supply your every need with little or no response from yourself. The material side of life would lose all significance, unless you, yourself chose to

make it do so, in which case you would almost certainly have strayed from Christ's teaching.

Consider the following teaching:

*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

*Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*

*Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?*

*Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?*

*And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not neither do they spin:*

*And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

*Wherefore if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

*Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?*

*(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek); for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

*Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.* Matthew 6:24,34.

These words of Christ were designed as a condemnation of those trying to do the impossible, serving two diametrically opposed masters to achieve mastery over material needs. It was also clear revelation that through faith in God such needs can be met without the struggle to do so dominating the mind and major activity of man.

## Building God's kingdom on earth

What Christ is saying in this graphic description of a Christian economy is that it is his purpose to eliminate from the human dimension activity which is of no importance to God, the provision of material needs, and in doing so sets the individual free for the much more important task of building God's kingdom on earth, in which material things give way to the spiritual things of God. That is the significance of Christ's injunction to us in the prayer he commanded us to pray, *thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.*

In this picture painted by Christ there is a notable absence of certified economists, bankers and financial gurus feverishly arguing and at odds with one another and with the government over the best way to organise the economy. The picture is of how to reduce to their proper perspective the minor things of life, the material things, the things of least significance, whose only value in God's eyes is that they should be provided without fuss or bother by unobtrusive servants tuned to the

mind of God. Servants who know how to do their thing without themselves becoming slaves to the necessary process because every obstacle not of God is removed from their path. In such an economy government takes on an entirely different role to that pursued by governments of our day. It becomes a servant of Christ, and therefore a servant of the individual with only one real purpose, to ensure the freedom of every individual.

Can we imagine such an economy? Can our faith and our vision stretch to encompass the reality of the picture presented by Christ? To try and get the possibility into perspective let us return for a moment to mundane material matters. Have you ever thought what happens when you flick a switch attached to a power grid? You do it without thinking, but what happens in response? Gigantic turbines or generators deliver to your finger tips vast resources of power, silently, unobtrusively, without you even thinking about it, you get on with other things, perhaps *seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*, or, serving mammon which is also your right under the freedom God gives you!

Or can you even imagine when every house, farm or factory operates its own power grid via solar panels, or windmills generating power, storing the power supplemented by a silent generator which automatically cuts in when the stored power runs out, that is if our technical servants do not find ways and means to ensure that such power never runs out!

## Unlimited power

I am sure you have thought of what lies beyond those gigantic generators. The vast resources of the sun generating unlimited quantities of power each day, only an infinitesimal fraction of which we harvest and use through those generators. The same analogy I have applied to the generation of power can be applied to every resource we need. Every resource we need is there in abundance, *pressed down, full and overflowing*, if we have the faith. If we have the faith we cease to worship two masters, we cease to worship mammon, and money, which is now the servant of mammon, takes on an entirely different role and becomes the servant of Christ removing present barriers between us and access to God's Grace available to us in a Christian economy.

To arrive at that point we need to understand why the present monetary system while basically efficient as a mechanism, as a means of fulfilling the purposes of God is intrinsically evil.

To understand the proper function of money we need to return to the first book, and even the first verse of the Bible. *"In the beginning God created..."* The battle between those who accept God, and those who reject Him has always been around that verse. The battle in which Christians should never give ground is the fact that God is the creator of all life, and that battle revolves around that word 'creation'. The theory of evolution dominates all our tertiary institutions and is taught as law to our children as they evolve through our educational institutions. They are not taught the fact of creation, proven and illustrated by the historical Christ in his earthly ministry when he performed many acts of creation. The water into wine, five thousand fed with five loaves and two fishes, the dead restored to life, the withered arm fully restored etc. Because those facts involve faith, they are rejected because faith is not a subject for modern education divorced from God, and in that great divorce man is lower than the birds of the air, or the lilies of the field. But that Godly power of creation has its application to the creation of money now under the dominance of man, and unless man seeks to emulate God in that creative act his fate is sealed.

Money does not evolve naturally, it does not grow on trees, it has its source in actions taken by man to create it out

of nothing, and because that man-made act of creation does not fulfill the same purpose of God's power of creation the two are in conflict. From that conflict comes Christ's warning, *No man can serve two masters . . . ye cannot serve God and mammon*. Therefore the objective of Christians is to ensure that money created by man serves the purposes of God as outlined in the remainder of that chapter of St. Matthew.

The conflict between God and man in the way money is presently created lies in two main factors. First that man creates all money as irredeemable debt, and secondly distributes such debt money selectively, giving first priority to servants of mammon. This process can be seen in the power of the media. Rupert Murdoch and Conrad Black would never be able to buy up major newspapers unless they were the favoured servants of the debt merchants, as are the controllers of major television networks. The same process applies to governments. Only political parties, which pursue policies favourable to the debt merchants, receive favourable coverage in the enslaved media, and when they assume power they must pursue policies, which ensure the power of the debt merchants remains supreme. These are the main reasons why Christian civilisation is now in a rapid decline. The world is full of individuals and nations completely obsessed with the problem of debt, a process that could be arrested overnight if the Christian Church chose to serve its true master by teaching what the mind of Christ teaches us about the creation of money.

## Freedom from debt

In a Christian economy money would never be created at birth as a debt, nor would it be selectively distributed. It would be created free of debt and distributed impartially, without discrimination, free of any means test. The only financial debt incurred would result from individuals lending and borrowing from one another from their source of debt free money, which as such is easily redeemable having no built in compounding debt factor. From the basis of free individuals making free choices so decentralised to make monopoly growth impossible, we would see that economy described by Christ spring into life. Individuals would not wait on governments to solve their economic problems, or fear the power of the bankers, or be confused by the babbling of certified economists. Each individual would become the springboard from which economic activity was generated, measuring and supplying those individual needs with the same degree of quiet efficiency as when we tap into a power grid through a light or power switch, reducing the process to that point of anonymity and irrelevance to the main purpose of living subscribed to it by Christ.

What we are basically talking about here is sovereignty, the sovereignty of God and the sovereignty of man, both working in harmony together. Once the Christian church starts to teach that true sovereignty insisting that all money be created free of debt, and distributed in accordance with God's Grace just the same as that Grace ensures that the rain and the sun is available to the just and the unjust, sinner and saint without discrimination, then we will see a far greater understanding and acceptance in the mind of man of the purposes of God. Quite contrary to much erroneous preaching of the gospel concerned with mass evangelism as the means to salvation, the main responsibility lies with that small catalyst of followers Christ spoke of when he said, *ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt loses its savour, then how shall the earth be salted?* Through the few who deliver their fellow man from the evil of mammon, and through the elimination of the love of money as *the root of all evil*, the many shall be saved to the glory of God. That basically is the purpose of Christian economics. Can we envisage a time when the subject becomes an integral part our educational curriculum? Satan is already shivering in his devils' kitchen at the prospect. I commend the subject to all Christian teachers and leaders.