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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"There is, in a certain type of metaphysics, a theory, or rather statement, that animals have a 'Group' soul, and that the real test of difference between the animal kingdom and the human race is the individuality of the human soul... This means, if it means anything, that the supreme aim of evolution is differentiation, and that the determined effort to present human beings, and to treat human beings, as a collectivity, is the Sin against the Holy Ghost, for which there is no forgiveness.*

"Now, this idea has a curious corollary. It implies that organisation is a descent – a retrogression. I do not think that it necessarily implies that organisation is inadmissible, if done consciously and with full understanding by those who are organised. But it seems to me to offer a very important explanation of the inevitable degradation which accompanies large organisations. It is not human nature which is at fault – that is just exactly what it is not. It is the prostitution of human nature to a lower order of evolution – the group soul."

– "The Big Idea" by C.H. Douglas, 1942

GOVERNMENT RUNS OUT OF PLAUSIBILITY by Jeremy Lee:

There is the desperate air of a car salesman trying to flog a vehicle without wheels about the statements of the Prime Minister and the Treasurer this week. After all, how do you explain the latest low in the dollar, under 48 cents, as "good for the economy" when you were slamming Labor for a 70-cent dollar when in Opposition? It is all redolent of the "Animal Farm" scenario, where "bad is good" and "good is bad".

In other words, "you can't fool all the people all the time".

Mike Nahan, executive director of the Institute of Public Affairs, writing in *The Australian* (4/4/01) clarified what *On Target* has been saying for well over a year; it was the corporate world that forced Howard's back-flip on the GST. Nahan said:

"Corporate Australia, through its associations and individual leaders, has spearheaded the push for tax reform and the GST. IT pushed John Hewson to Run with a GST in Fightback! It led the campaign to convince John Howard of the merits of a GST, and it Has been intimately involved in the development of the Coalition's new tax system.

"Although it has been active behind closed doors negotiating the detail, it has been silent in defence of tax reform. Most pointedly, it has said nothing about the benefits that have flowed to corporations.

"Corporate Australia, specifically the BCA (i.e. the Business Council of Australia – ed.) was the originator of national competition policy. Yet again, except for a few submissions to inquiries, it has sat by reaping the benefits of reform"

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There is something odious about a political party going through the motions of representing the public will, while accepting the policies and the cheques of huge and mainly foreign owned corporations out of public view. But events are now catching up.

In a survey of 20 economists conducted by *The Australian Financial Review*, details of which were carried in its edition of April 2nd, 17 blamed the GST as the main reason for the current recession:

".... An overwhelming majority of economists surveyed by The Australian Financial Review said implementation of the new tax system was the most important factor contributing to the economy's slowdown in late 2000"

If Opposition leader KIM beazley would adopt a new slogan – DON'T ROLL IT BACK - **ROLL IT OUT!** – he'd score as big a swing as Peter Beattie in Queensland. But then, the big foreign-owned corporations, not to mention the IMF, wouldn't like it, and might slice their contributions to his campaign.

ANOTHER ELECTION FUNDING RORT: With the federal election looming closer, the Liberals have hit on another idea for raising money. According to an article by veteran IT writer Stewart Fisk (*The Australian*, 27/3/01) Communication Minister Richard Alston has invited 15 corporate leaders to participate in formulating Liberal Party policy for a fee of \$7800 through the party's IT and Communications Forum. The fee, naturally, will be tax deductible!

Fisk continued his article by describing the questionable election fund-raising techniques now appearing in industrialised countries. He pointed out that the average US Senator spends \$6 million on his election campaign, which works out to about \$8,000 a day during his term of office. Quite a few favours to be returned!

GRIM OUTLOOK: As if the insanity of Australia's domestic situation was not enough, the news is now breaking that we are on the edge of another Asian meltdown. Michael Richardson, reporting from Singapore in *The Australian* (4/4/01) quoted one Asian leader in the electronics industry, Sim Wong Hoo, as saying *".....he has never seen such savage conditions in his 20 years in the often turbulent electronics industry"* Richardson went on: *" Nearly four years after the East Asian financial crisis erupted the region's economies are again being severely buffeted, but this time from the simultaneous weakness of two markets, the US and Japan, which together absorbed more than a third of Asia's exports last year"*

Florence Chong, writing in the same issue under the heading HAUNTING SHADES OF 1997 AS CURRENCIES TREMBLE, added:

"There is a sense of near panic in East Asia today. The reason? A fresh round of currency selldown almost reminiscent of the 1997 crisis.

"International currency traders are dumping Asian currencies for the mighty greenback as sentiment towards the region worsened in the past couple of days. The worst hit currencies are the Japanese yen, Thai bath, and the Korean won. Even the usually resilient Singapore dollar has tested a new trough in the past 48 hours....."

"Only the Malaysian ringgit, pegged at RM3.80 since 1998, and the Hong Kong dollar, at \$HK7.80, have not been tested"

There must be quite a few Asian leaders listening more and more closely to Malaysia's Dr. Mahathir.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRISIS INTENSIFIES: The official figures for the South African economy show "growth". But the unemployment figures are staggering.. Depending on the interpretation of the figures produced by Statistics South Africa, unemployment is between 26.7 and 37.3 percent. Unemployment in the black community is between 31.6 percent and 41.2 percent. In the coloured and Indian communities it is somewhere between the two.

Unless the Thabo Mbeki regime can provide the opportunity for ALL races in South Africa to thrive economically, the future is a powder keg.

GLOBALISATION – A PROCESS? by Betty Luks:

I'm sure many Australians would've been interested to hear Peter Costello's address to the Sydney Rotary conference as reported by Michelle Grattan in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, March 23rd – "There's no turning back on march to globalisation, says Costello".

The Federal Treasurer told his audience that railing against 'globalisation' is like 'railing against the telephone', although, he added, "both sides of politics agree that 'globalisation' is at the heart of much electoral anger".

"One of the things worrying people was the effect of globalisation on the nation state. Many things are now influenced by decisions taken at an international level, for example in the areas of finance and the environment... Governments seem to have less room to manoeuvre and if they have less room what hope have individuals? This leads to a sense of powerlessness."

Mr. Costello believes 'globalisation' is a *process*, not a *value*. He said it described what was happening, "But globalisation is not a value any more than a telephone is a value," he told the Rotary conference. And what is more they are not reversible."

Not quite so Mr. Costello!

'Globalisation' may be the process by which the power-hungry elites of this world are striving to centralise all power and control into their hands – but it is not a valueless policy!

A telephone had an inventor and a designer – just as this push for 'globalisation' had an inventor, an originator, a designer – it stems from a philosophy. It is a concept that had its beginnings in a philosophy of how the world should be organised and controlled. It is diabolical – and anti-Christian.

In all of these plans one wonders does Mr. Costello, ever make room for the things of God? Is he not aware of the development of the concept of human personality and of freedom which had its roots in the teachings of Christ? Has he ever striven for Christian political principles (values) during his time in office? After all, he claims to be a Christian.

What about the original Liberal Party's "Statement of beliefs" of 1949? The stated principles were in harmony with the Christian concepts of national sovereignty and individual sovereignty and freedom – and freedom loving Australians generally. Those who continue to blindly vote Liberal would do well to compare the following 'statement of beliefs' with the *actions* of their present Liberal politicians.

- We believe in Australia, her courage, her capacity, her future and her national sovereignty, exercised through Parliaments deriving their authority from the people by free and open elections.
- We believe in the Individual. We stand positively for the free man, his initiative, individuality, and acceptance of responsibility.
- We believe that the 'class war' is a false war. The real conflict of our time is not between 'classes' in the old sense, but between the iron discipline of autocracy -- whether Communist or Fascist – (or Globalist...ed) and the self-imposed discipline of the free man. The spirit of man must prevail.
- We believe that Liberalism means flexibility and progress. Its principles and its spiritual and intellectual approach enable it to meet and deal with the new and changing social and economic circumstances. By elevating the Individual it meets and defeats the terrible doctrine of the all-powerful State...
- We believe in the great human freedoms: to worship; to think; to speak; to choose; to be ambitious; to be independent; to be industrious; to acquire skill; to seek and earn reward.
- WE BELIEVE THAT NATIONAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC POWER AND POLICY ARE NOT TO BE DESIGNED TO CONTROL MEN'S LIVES, but to create a climate in which men may be enabled to work out their own salvation.

Many years ago a very wise man observed that the push for world control would eventually fail. Why? Because every move taken towards this centralised control contains its own seeds of destruction. The push for world power by some human beings goes against the very fabric of the universe. But, of course, those who value their freedoms must take their stand in the battle to regain them. They have to *exercise their freedom*!

If Australians continue to blindly vote for the political parties who have betrayed them then they deserve everything dished out to them!

Every sitting member, every candidate at the next federal election should be assessed. Don't take their word for it either. Ask around – if they are local people they will have a track record. Remember, you will not get 'figs from thistles'. They need to know now that you will campaign against them if they continue to follow the 'party line' and not *represent* the electors. But you will support them if they take a stand for their fellow Australians.

Remember, you cannot have your freedoms if you do not exercise them – freedom to worship, to think, to speak, to choose, etc.

RESCINDING UN TREATIES by Antonia Feitz:

If the White House has asked the US State Department to establish how the US can legally withdraw its signature to the 1997 Kyoto treaty (*Courier Mail*, 29/03/01), why can't Australia or any other country do the same? It's time we rescinded those UN treaties which are undermining our national parliament and domestic laws.

The Teoh case was a perfect example of the abuse. In 1995, a High Court overturned a deportation order against a convicted Malaysian heroin importer named Teoh. Why? Because the government department which handles deportations hadn't taken into account the 'rights' of Teoh's Australian child under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

What a farce! Who among us ever imagined that the CRC would be used this way by globalist judges to undermine national sovereignty? We had been led to believe the UN Convention was to protect children's rights, not scummy foreign drug dealers' rights. Worldwide, people have had a gutful of this politically correct globalist nonsense.

In response to that outrageous High Court decision, even the then Keating "Labor" Government drafted legislation which would require Parliament to pass specific laws to give effect to treaties and consequently to kill off the "implied law" globalist clap-trap.

The Administrative Decisions Bill – generally known as the Teoh Bill – is currently before the Senate. Seeing as the likes of the unDemocrats are incensed by the Bill, it must be good news. It is too: Amnesty's Heinz Schurmann-Zeggel claimed the UN Human Rights Committee has said the proposed law would put Australia in breach of her UN Civil and Political Rights Convention obligations (ABC Radio AM, 28/3/01). Good.

A Leesite Senator, Brian Greig, said his party will oppose the Bill because it's "part of the Hanson agenda". He said, "It's clear that beating up on the UN and criticising international treaties is popular amongst the more conservative voters and something that Pauline Hanson has been going on about for some time" (ABC Radio *The World Today*, 28/3/01). It's just too bad for Greig that the criticism is only going to get louder as more people wake up to what's going on.

Typically, the Beazleyites' shadow Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, described the Bill as "this horrendous piece of anti-human rights legislation". You wouldn't expect anything less from Beazleyite control freaks.