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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and we testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us – that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ."* – 1 John 1:1-3

THE FIRST EASTER by Jeremy Lee:

The normal crowds of pilgrims are missing in Jerusalem this year, kept away by the violence and terror in that blood-soaked city. Stones rattle against armour-plate, and the hatred between oppressors and oppressed seethes. War throughout the Middle East looks the likely outcome, as any sort of mediation vanishes beneath the smog of hypocrisy and vested interests.

Similarly, hatred seethed in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, as Christ was scourged and led to execution by crucifixion on Golgotha.

The last to stay with Him were three women; all the rest had fled in terror. Yet three days later the news that changed the world began to spread, and three words transformed the centuries since then – "He Is Risen!"

Bukharin, one of Lenin's henchmen in the Bolshevik Revolution, is reputed to have addressed a mass meeting in the USSR on "atheism" in the 'thirties. At the conclusion of his lecture he asked for questions. After a full minute of profound silence an elderly man approached the dais. Turning to the audience he waited a studied moment, and then exclaimed "He Is Risen!" The whole audience rose as one, thundering back, "He is Risen indeed!"

On June 2nd, 1979, Karol Wojtyla, recently-elected Pope, touched down at Okęcie, Warsaw's airport, in his home country of Poland. Poland had attempted to obliterate all faith and belief since the communist takeover in 1945, almost 35 years earlier. As he led 200,000 Poles in worship that afternoon, the occasion culminated dramatically: "... a spirit of pandemonium began to surface, lapping outward from the centre to the furthest edges of the great crowd. A great chant – a kind of hunger cry

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on behalf of millions – rose up: "We want God! We want God! We want God!...." ("The Keys of This Blood" Malachi Martin.). The attendance at Mass on the day of his departure from Poland was over one million people.

We might ponder on the fact that the atheistic force of Money (Mammon) is now moving relentlessly for world dominion. But Truth is not mocked. Humanity has a soul, which struggles irresistibly towards the Light, no matter what barriers are placed in the way. The culmination of Easter is the Resurrection.

"GET BIG OR GET OUT": The words coined by former Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the National Party Doug Anthony at the beginning of the 'seventies, which accelerated the destruction of rural Australia, have taken on a while new meaning. A special supplement in *The Australian* (12/4/01) on the subject of Mergers and Acquisitions, was headed PRESSURE TO GET BIG OR GET OUT. It pointed out:

".... the number of M & A deals in Australia rose 46 per cent to a record 453 in calendar year 2000 A total of \$24.9 billion in assets changed hands, a 123 percent increase over the year before. All eyes are now on the \$10 billion bid by Royal Dutch Shell for Woodside Petroleum, a case that has provoked intense political debate and is still waiting approval by the Foreign Investment Review Board"

Already 2001 looks like creating another record. Australia's one-time icon – once called "The Big Australian" – has merged with the UK's Billiton, a disastrous move which Prime Minister Howard tried to paint white. The resulting multinational, with its head office overseas, will become the second biggest mining company in the world. The takeover was worth \$57 billion. Australia's Cable & Wireless Optus Wireless is set to merge with Singapore Telecommunications in a \$17 billion deal.

Mathew Grounds, managing director of corporate finance at UBS Warburg said, in the same article:

".... We may find in a couple of years that the world market consists of only a few players, of which BHP-Billiton will be one. And a similar thing could apply to telcos. So these sorts of deal add pressure for others in the sector to do similar deals in order to stay competitive So you've got this strange situation where companies are essentially foreign in terms of their major source of revenues, foreign in terms of their shareholder base and yet they are operating out of Sydney and Melbourne ..."

Is all this simply because Bigger is Better, more efficient, with better service for consumers? Not a bit of it. John Macleay, in an accompanying article, quoted KPMG's Global Research Report on Mergers & Acquisitions:

".... The report shows that although annual global merger and acquisition transactions are running at more than \$US2.2 trillion (\$4.5 trillion), 83 percent of mergers are unsuccessful when judged by whether they add shareholder value....."

Then why do they do it? It's the religion of power, finance and monopoly, with ego added in. The combination of these is enough to destroy the world.

POOR NATIONS' DEBT STING: The London accounting firm of Chantrey Vellacott DFK has stated that the World bank and the International Monetary Fund could write off 100 percent of the debts of the world's most impoverished nations without affecting their current loan and investment programmes. An action group called Drop The Debt has now been set up demanding just such action.

" ... *The AIDS crisis is devastating Africa and the continent's biggest creditors, the IMF and the World Bank are still taking the money,*' said Adrian Lovett, director of Drop the Debt *They should take a reality check and act now to cancel the debt ... the old excuse that they cannot afford to do so is comprehensively demolished*" (*The Australian*, 12/4/01)

THAT WHICH IS INCOMPATIBLE by Betty Luks:

Readers were asked to send in their submissions to the Bracks' Victorian Government with comments on the proposed "Racial and Religious Tolerance" legislation. The League made its own submission and has received a response from Premier Bracks' Assistant Minister John Pandazopoulos in which he states:

"In relation to your comments regarding freedom of speech the Victorian Government fully endorses the view that freedom of speech is central to democracy and in no way seeks to limit the freedom of Victorians to debate social, political or religious matters. The proposed legislation aims to allow Victorians to practise their faith and culture freely. It is not the intention of the legislation to stop people, including Christians, from celebrating their religion or to live their faith in the way they choose but rather to protect such rights.

The proposed legislation will recognise freedom of speech and the responsibility carried by it. It will uphold the right of all people to express their opinions and engage in open public debate made in good faith but it will make unlawful serious and harmful abuse."

What we can expect to become politically 'unacceptable' and 'unlawful' will become clearer as the one-worlders push for further and further control over the lives, speech, thoughts and emotions of freedom-loving people everywhere. Look at what has happened in Canada as reported to us by the *Canadian Intelligence Service*.

The SwissAir plane crash in Nova Scotia Canada: The Canadian Federal Government arranged a Memorial at a point near to the crash, ministers of several religions were asked to take part... two Christians, a Rabbi, a Native Canadian and a Muslim. Orders came from the Canadian Prime Minister's Office that the name of Jesus was not to be used in the service and no New Testament readings would be allowed. No restrictions were imposed on the other religious representatives. The Rabbi read from the Torah, and the Muslim from the Koran. (Shame on the Christian Ministers for bowing to such demands!)

Gideon Bible people: A small group of Moslem parents demanded removal of the Gideon Bible people from the school grounds because they might influence their children against the parents' wishes. Their demands were granted, the Gideons were denied access to the Christian children as well as to others who might have been interested in receiving a Bible.

The punch line is: This same group of Moslem parents was then allowed to explain *their* religious practices to students.

In another incident at the same school, an aboriginal spiritual leader was permitted to regale students with his version of native spirituality, which appeared to the person who relayed what was said as "a mixture of the real thing from their antiquity and Hollywood". Meanwhile, *Christianity remains banned!*

Truth is no Defence: The Supreme Court of Canada denied leave to appeal in the Zundel (Human

Rights) case where the issue simply was whether truth should be a defence to a statement which exposes one to hatred, contempt, or ridicule on the basis of race, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation, etc. In other words, truth is irrelevant if a member of some protected group feels offended by a statement. The Supreme Court of Canada agrees.

Why this attack on Christianity? Why not attack the other religions as well? Part of the answer is contained in Sir David Kelly's summary of the nature of the attack on Western heritage (taken from "The Hungry Sheep").

"Humpty-Dumpty, a pioneer in mass-suggestion, said that 'if I say a thing three times, it is so.' Constant repetition has created the wide-spread acceptance of a picture of the world in which the spiritual East, pacific and tolerant, stands in noble contrast throughout history to the greedy, materialist, machine-minded, intolerant West." (Of course Sir David was writing fifty years ago!...ed)

He refers to the proponents of the different 'pacifist' religions he had observed, such as Gandhi: "Gandhi talked of Ruskin and offered a 'purified religion' including the Bible and the Koran ... but to his own people (he) preached acceptance of their own tradition received from Brahma, including the caste system, idolatry, the Sacred Cow, etc."

And then there was the Japanese Okakura who wrote, "Asia is nothing if not spiritual" whilst Sir David commented that the prisoners of war in his compatriots' camps and jungle roads did not share his opinion.

Universal 'tolerance' and amalgamated religion: He warned us, "Their gospel of universal tolerance and a universal amalgamated religion was essentially dishonest, as their propaganda could only have, and was meant to have, a dissolving influence on the utterly incompatible Christian system..."

The doctrine offered by the leading Indian propagandists and their Western fellow-travellers was a kind of modernised Hindu-Buddhism in a Western form.

Referring to the high Indian religion, Sir David wrote, "...Its whole point is to eliminate the personality, which on the contrary is the mainspring of Christianity and the source of all its activity. Western man has wished to exist, ...to develop his personality in harmony with nature, he has gloried in precise thought and action based on it. All Orientalists agree that the Western system of logic is unknown to them, ...The Western idea of Law does not exist any more than the idea of the free person and the corresponding ideas of a common good, of the permanent power of renewal."

"The practical consequences of this profound Oriental pessimism and de-personalisation have been immense... passivity, stagnation and squalor...(and) if life is radically bad and the one goal is escape from personality, there can be no point in seeking justice and social reform..."

Utterly incompatible with Christianity: He went on to say, "None of the great religions keeps such a tenacious hold on the masses as Islam, ..." Therein lies another reason for the preference for other religions to Christianity. Whether it is the pessimism and escape from personality of the Orient or the tenacious hold on the masses of Islam, the 'one-worlders' use these people in the western world to act as a 'dissolving influence' on the utterly incompatible Christian system of religion.