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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

If people wore colours according to their deeds,
You would see men in highest places wearing black,
And lots of unsung heroes who never made a name,
Would be going round with gold upon their backs.

If people were like flowers, imagine what you'd see,
Thorns in highest places, where the roses ought to be,
And down among the hedgerows, where the grasses grow so tall,
You will find the sweetest roses of them all.

Author unknown

FURTHER NEWS FROM MADAGASCAR by Diane Boucher:

Editor's note: Readers will remember we reported on the Madagascar villagers founding their own Social Credit Bank (Vol.40 No.35) but queried why they "brought all their belongings to create a fund to start the new bank". Diane Boucher has answered that query.

"What the villagers did with their belongings was to put a monetary value on them. So the accountant of the Bank was able to write these values to the account of each member of the Social Credit Bank. The credit (positive side) transaction and debit (negative side) transaction (I'm not sure if credit and debit are the right words in English) are simply written in a small accounting booklet for each member and in the great book of the accountant during each sale.

When somebody needs credits to make products, the accountant writes the new credits in the producer's account. **So the new credits are created with the new production.** Without any interest."

(**Comment:** Nor have the created accountancy figures been claimed by the accountant as his own - to be repaid, with interest to him! He can quite justly claim a fee for the service he provides to the villagers, but he cannot claim the figures in his great book belong to him, and not only does he want them back, he wants interest on them as well!)

Diane continues: "The credits are cancelled when the products are sold, that is to say they are cancelled with the *consumption* of the products.

Periodically, new credits are written to the accounts of every member of the Social Credit Bank **in the measure where there is social progress. It is the [local] dividend.** It is the same way of functioning as in the story of the five islanders.

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The discount is not implemented yet, because this economy is very simple. When it will become complex enough to have producers of intermediate goods or equipment goods, it will be necessary to implement the discount to consumers with compensation to the producers."

THE TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL ABUNDANCE: In the early 1900s Clifford Hugh Douglas saw: "The outstanding facts so far as Western Europe and the United States of America are concerned, are first of all this tremendous potential abundance, and, secondly, that this abundance is obtained by a decreasing amount of what we call employment.

One of my colleagues in Great Britain, working along quite separate lines, and using somewhat different data, arrived at the same conclusion that I did and that was the result which was confirmed by the more responsible side of what is called the Technocracy Movement in the United States which is also studying the matter, and the three groups came to the same conclusion, which amounted to this:

It was obvious so far as Great Britain was concerned, that by 1942, if there was no tremendous jump forward in invention or innovation; if matters actually took their normal course, it would be possible to supply all the goods and services that Great Britain could possibly use for a very much higher standard of living than anything we have conceived up to the present, with an unemployed population of over 8,000,000 in Great Britain."

Now, try to graft a policy of something for nothing (Grace) onto that philosophy which insists: "He who does not work will not eat! Whether the work is needed or not!"

"Why," say our masters, "if we don't have the masses ground-down with work and more work, and paying taxes and more taxes, some might have some leisure time, some time to think for themselves; and that would never do! They might even wake up to the scam we are perpetuating!"

Some might even pose the question: How is it possible for a world which is suffering from over-production to be in such economic distress?

In an article republished in the September edition of *The New Times Survey* ("Economics is not the Central Problem") the writer helps us to see the wood and the trees:

"It is not a matter of precedence, of what comes first in considering spiritual and material values. The real issue is Truth applied to both worlds! **The real issue is that of Truth itself, which belongs to and unites both spheres, making flesh and spirit one, informing the whole of life!**"

In last week's *On Target* Anthony Cooney helped us to get a better grip on the importance of applied Christian Faith by not only distinguishing between the spiritual and temporal in his explanation of 'faith' and 'works' in relation to the social credit of a community, but also in seeing the absolute importance of marrying the two in our application of the Faith.

He wrote: Sufficiency is the message of the Gospels –

"Behold the lilies of the field, they sow not, neither do they spin" - applied by the Honest Money and Just Prices of Social Credit (the National Dividend and National Discount.)

"Sufficiency" according to the social credit definition "can be measured in terms of human satisfaction." The "work ethic" which is the antithesis of Social Credit, whether it be called "Protestant," "Catholic" or "Marxist," is that which demands MORE, irrespective of human satisfaction.

The American social creditor Michael Lane wrote in response to Cooney's article: This piece by Tony is so deep!

Good Works sanctify a man's moral character; the "work ethic" of the Middle Ages was Sufficiency; Sufficiency can be measured in terms of human satisfaction; the purpose of the National Dividend is to decentralise credit to allow the individual to express his satisfaction or dissatisfaction. Beautiful!

The 'B' element in prices is Dead Work... The purpose of the National Dividend is to cancel out from prices the detritus of the costs of 'dead labour'.

I'd put this a little differently: I'd say "Past Work" and "Past Labour" or "the Work of the Dead" and "the labour of the dead."

The people are dead, many of them. The labour is done, the cost is paid. But something remains, the fruitful and creative aspect of their work, the immortal part, which never dies, which keeps on producing for us.

The marvel of the Cultural Heritage. We should be done with it as far as *costs* go, but we can enjoy its *fruits* forever."

PRINCIPLE – FIXED FOR ALL TIME: It is my experience people grasp truth in their own individual ways and one example which works for one person doesn't necessarily work for another. The following excerpt from Sir Charles Leonard Woolley's "The Sumerians" is offered as another example of 'the cultural heritage' quite a number of following civilisations 'inherited'.

Sir Charles describes the Sumerians' achievements in social organisation, system of law and concepts of justice, education, the arts and crafts and the working of metals -- long before the Greeks or the Egyptians, or even the Babylonians entered on to the stage of world history.

Of their building techniques he had this to say: "The arch was a commonplace in architecture, the doorways (of houses) were arched with bricks set in true voussoir fashion... What is true of the arch is true also of the dome and the vault. *Here, where the principle once invented is fixed for all time...* the sequence is easier to follow than in the more fluid arts of design..."

That is why Michael Lane can say: "The marvel of the Cultural Heritage (is) we should be done with it as far as *costs* go, but we can enjoy its *fruits* forever."

We should be able to enjoy the fruits of our cultural inheritance, in all fields of activities, from past generations. We don't have to reinvent the wheel. The benefits – of the knowledge of how to do this and how to do that – belong to all the community. It is the cultural inheritance of each and every one of us.

"(The purpose of the) National Dividend: The 'B' element in prices is Dead Work... The purpose of the National Dividend is to cancel out from *prices the detritus of the costs of 'dead labour'.*"

Editor's note: As anyone who runs a business would know, payments in a production system are divided into two groups: The 'B' elements are all the payments made during the production process, including wages, salaries and dividends, which have to be recovered in prices in the market place – or the business goes bankrupt. The wages, salaries and dividends (the "A" payments) represent the purchasing power of the community.

PASSPORT TO TERROR by Justin Raimondo antiwar.com – **Israel's Underground Passport Factory – A Threat To National Security:** While the following is written from an American perspective Australians would also share the same concerns.

"In the world of international terrorism, both privatised and state-sponsored, passports and other identity papers are the coin of the realm. Terrorists targeting America are particularly eager to get their hot little hands on Canadian and New Zealand passports, for a number of reasons, most especially because the holders don't need visas across a wide swathe of the globe, including the United States. Now, as the orange alerts have us wondering when and where the next terrorist strike on American soil will occur, and US, British, and Pakistani agents bust up an important Al Qaeda operation, discovering how the terrorists procure travel documents provides important clues as to how they operate – and with whose complicity.

In April I wrote about the "passport farm" Israeli agents set up in New Zealand, in which four employees of the Mossad, Israel's intelligence agency, were caught trying to obtain a New Zealand passport in the name of a housebound paraplegic. Uriel Kelman and Eli Cara were arrested, in a much-publicized case, and jailed, while Prime Minister Helen Clark openly raged against what was undoubtedly an Israeli intelligence operation. Since then there have been a few rather interesting, albeit

ominous, developments. It turns out that the ringleader, Ze'ev William Barkan, who fled before New Zealand security could nab him, was and presumably still is a member of the Israeli diplomatic corps, having served at embassies in Vienna and Brussels. He was last seen in North Korea, travelling with a Canadian passport as "Kevin Hunter," where he turned up in Pyongyang as a "consultant" brought on to help the North Korean government build a "security fence" in order to keep their people in. Now that the East Germans have wound up in history's dustbin, the Israelis are the current experts in the field. Barkan is a man of many skills, and one of them, according to an aid worker cited by the *Sydney Morning Herald*, is this: "He goes to Laos, Cambodia, Burma and Thailand and deals with gangs who rob tourists of their valuables and passports," the aid worker said. 'Barkan is mostly interested in passports and there have been a number of Australian passports.' Intelligence analysts in New Zealand believe Barkan, a former navy diver in the Israeli Defence Force, was trying to secure a 'clean' passport for use in a sensitive Israeli undercover operation in the region, less risky than a forged passport."

The inner workings of Barkan's New Zealand operation were exposed when the fourth suspect in the case, Tony Resnick, was outed. Mr. Resnick, 35, who fled the day after the arrest of Kelman and Caras, was a paramedic with the St. John Ambulance in Auckland before taking a job as a healthcare lecturer at the Auckland University of Technology. He had previously worked as a paramedic in Israel, and, in his capacity as a paramedic in New Zealand, had possibly visited the home of the targeted paraplegic. Using Resnick's connections to wheelchair-bound and otherwise incapacitated New Zealanders, Barkan's cabal targeted people who would not likely be travelling abroad, and set up a passport farm by stealing their identities. The Israelis were caught by a suspicious official, who checked their references and laid a trap. But the question that is no doubt haunting the government of New Zealand is how many times did they succeed before they were caught - and to what purpose was Israel culling travel documents? The answer to this last question is discernible if we look at Israel's record in this regard. The botched assassination of Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal in Jordan caught the Israelis with their pants down on the passport issue: the assassins were outfitted with Canadian travel documents. This incident no doubt came to mind as New Zealand government officials contemplated the meaning and purpose of Israel's underground passport factory.

Speaking of Canada, the story of the Mossad's New Zealand hijinks took a Canadian twist when that country's foreign ministry announced that it was investigating the matter of Barkan's passport. **New Zealand's foreign minister, Phil Goff, replied:** "I have read with interest the Canadians are following up allegations he may have travelled at some point on a stolen Canadian passport. When he came to New Zealand my understanding was he was travelling on a US passport. Clearly there would be co-operation between police forces in different countries to try to get to the bottom of these things." So there's an American twist, too. Barkan reportedly had an American accent, and said he came from Washington, DC, where his family supposedly was in the "windows and doors" business. The *Sydney Morning Herald* confirms his Washington residence, and says Barkan grew up there as Zev Bruckenstein, where his father was director of religious studies at a synagogue... Maybe next time, the terror masters should seek out Ze'ev Barkan: I'm sure he can give them a real deal on a New Zealand passport - or perhaps even a Canadian one, in which case they'll have no trouble coming in from our equally porous northern border.

But wait: doesn't this posit a relationship of some sort - possibly falling somewhere between active and passive collaboration - involving the Mossad with the terrorists who seek our doom? Don't be too surprised, because it wouldn't be the first time"

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