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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance -

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "If in practice, to stand up in church and announce: 'I believe in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost', leads to precisely the same social policy as announcing, 'I believe that God does not exist and the Holy Trinity is a load of pernicious, mystical nonsense', there is really no point in making these religious noises. As the late C. H. Douglas put it: 'It must be insisted that Christianity is either something inherent in the very warp and woof of the Universe, or it is just a set of interesting opinions.'"

Those who believe that facts, whether concerning the ultimate nature of things, or anything else, are matters of opinion, and that the truth can be established by counting opinions, are not Christians in any practical sense, whatever creed they habitually vocalise on religious occasions. Indeed, the creeds themselves are being increasingly neglected, and especially the Creed called Athanasian which sets out the central, Trinitarian conception upon which Christendom, and our Christian Constitution have been founded and gradually built over the centuries."

— Geoffrey Dobbs in *"Responsible Government in a Free Society"*, 1969

A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME? by Betty Luks:

An interesting article has appeared in *The Australian Jewish News*, September 24th, 2004. But before you read on, ask yourself this question: "Do you think a Christian could be elected the Prime Minister in the Jewish state of Israel?" Not likely, you think?

West Australia's Waverley Council deputy mayor, George Newhouse, took offence at WA Liberal MP Don Randall, member for Canning, stating that most Australians would prefer a Christian as prime minister.

Mr. Newhouse, who is also the Jewish Labor Forum's executive spokesman, rejected Mr. Randall's comments saying, "Australia is well known as one of the most open societies in the world."

"Australia," continued Mr. Newhouse, "is a country where a Jew, Buddhist, Catholic, Sikh, Muslim, Baha'i or another faith could become a prime minister," going on to insist, "The prime minister must take a strong moral stand and reject the comments by Ron Randall immediately."

Really Mr. Newhouse? And why a *moral* stand? What set of moral standards are you appealing to? Surely what is good enough for the Jews in Israel must also be good enough for predominately Christian Australia?

Footnote: It was reported in the article John Howard was cautious not to be drawn into the debate.

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SOUNDING THE ALARM BELLS by Phillip Benwell – Mr. Benwell is the National Chairman of the Australian Monarchist League:

"The recommendations of the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee into a republic have very serious consequences for our democracy and if a Labor Government is elected there is a high probability that they will be implemented. This is why I have taken such a strong stand at this election that to secure the continued protection of our Constitutional Monarchy, it is imperative that Monarchists temporarily override their angst against those Members of Parliament who are republicans and at this election *vote for all coalition candidates* to ensure the return of a Howard Government as a Latham Administration would certainly destabilise, if not destroy, our Constitution.

Whilst the holding of plebiscites are repugnant to our constitutional practice and will be manipulated to provide a return beneficial to the republicans, I am not convinced that it will assist our cause to make it an issue during this election campaign. In fact it could well work against us as promoting Latham's republican agenda may influence swinging voters who are republicans to vote for Latham on this very issue!

The danger of Labor governing in all six States as well as Federally is a far safer issue to promote. 'Wall to wall Labor' will override the interests of the States and create an impediment to the proper government of this nation.

It is a matter of great concern that the Senate Committee has ignored the many submissions, both against the holding of the inquiry and against a republic. It is also worrying – indeed reprehensible – that the Committee in recommending a civics education programme has stipulated that it should be "in relation to the issues surrounding an Australian republic."

Recommendation 24 8.66 is extremely dangerous: It recommends that the Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act should be amended to allow the preparation and dissemination to voters of independent information, rather than partisan arguments for the Yes and No cases, and that such preparation be overseen by the proposed Parliamentary Joint Committee on Constitutional Education and Awareness WHICH MEANS THAT THE POLITICIANS WOULD CONTROL THE ARGUMENTS FOR BOTH SIDES.

It is therefore crucial that those who value our democracy do everything within their power to prevent a Latham victory on October 9th.

This is not playing 'party politics' but a desperate appeal to prevent our Constitution from vicious attack. Even should Costello become Prime Minister within the next three years, we will still have friends in his Government whereas under a Latham Administration, we will have none!"

The Report of the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee into a republic has been published. Copies should be able to be obtained by e-mailing: legcon.sen@aph.gov.au <<mailto:legcon.sen@aph.gov.au>> The Committee's official website: http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon_ctte/republic03/report/index.ht

LAW SUIT AGAINST AMERICAN LEADERS: There was a time responsible governments and authorities would have withheld alarmist news of threats to 'national security' for fear of frightening or panicking the citizens. Those responsible for the nation's security went about their duties of protecting and safeguarding the citizens, and, only when it was absolutely essential were warnings broadcast to the general public. These days we are being bombarded with controlled 'news' of 'terrorist' activities. How much of this 'news on terrorism' is meant to strike fear in us? Fearful people are more easily manipulated and herded in the 'right' direction.

Astonishing claims: But one would have thought the mainstream media would 'eagerly snap up' the

astounding claims by American lawyer Stanley Hilton that "George Bush authorised the 9/11 attacks"! Mr. Hilton, a former senior advisor to Senator Bob Dole, and 'insider' of the Republican Party is suing the U.S. Government for carrying out the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. The lawsuit, he explains, is a Taxpayers' Class Action on behalf of the families of the victims of 9/11.

Stanley Hilton claims:

- To have some very incriminating documents verifying that George Bush personally authorised the attacks and signed the Order to do so.
- That Bush and his puppets, Rice and Cheney and Mueller and Rumsfeld among others, were involved, not only in aiding and abetting and allowing 9/11 to happen, but in actually ordering it to happen.
- Mr. Hilton has deposed a number of American military officers (to make statements under oath).
- He is also challenging the constitutionality of the so-called "USA Patriot Act ". Patriot Act I with Patriot Act II, would give the US government the power to literally strip any American of citizenship if declared 'an enemy combatant', i.e., political opponent of the government.

The most 'newsworthy' item: The most newsworthy item the *Australian* newspaper could come up with was that one alleged terrorist visited Australia, which appeared in *The Australian's* September 22nd, 2004, article; "9/11 mastermind's Aussie visa" by one Martin Chulov.

Judging by other revelations of Mossad's activities in this part of the world, one suspects Australia is 'crawling with spies and double agents'!

But how many Australians know of Stanley Hilton's headline grabbing claims? They are breathtaking – and worrying.

An American married to one of the hijackers: One of Mr. Hilton's witnesses, an American woman, has declared under oath, that she was married to one of the hijackers and she knew about seven of the others.

Mr. Hilton has gathered some very interesting documents and memoranda, including documents from several of those advisors around Bush, namely Wolfowitz, Wormser, Feith and Perle.

"And they actually wrote these memos several months before 9/11, in which they fervently wished for a 'Pearl Harbour type incident' to give them the shock value that would enable them to ramp through their agenda," he said in a radio interview.

The witness formerly married to one of the alleged hijackers says: 'Al Qa'eda' is just a word.

"Essentially these Arab hijackers were double agents. That is, they were operating inside the US for ten to fifteen years in "cells". Some of them used the term al Qa'eda – they've used other terms. Al Qa'eda is just a word. That means nothing. You could call them the Muslim Brotherhood, the Army of God, they go by all sorts of names."

But that what they are is a series of cells that have been aided and abetted by the US Government. The truth appears to be these men were double agents. In that they nominally appear to be Arab fanatics. But one of the points that she stressed is they are really not Muslims. They are more interested in *Playboy* than in the *Koran*. These people drink. They are very secular. They are not the fanatical Muslim zealots that Bush would lead us to believe.

They receive regular payments from the US Government. They have been recruited by the CIA, FBI, counter-intelligence, and so-forth and paid money and allowed to exchange information with U.S. government agents about various activities going on.

Three were trained at US Naval Air Station: Something that everybody wants to ignore is that three of the hijackers, at least, were trained at Pensacola Naval Air Station not at a local airfield – on the base, by the government, at least.

The lawyer claims hijackers still alive: Now we find out that eight of the hijackers under names we heard are still alive in the Middle East, on television doing interviews.

There are many obstacles being put in the way of Mr. Hilton to prevent this case coming to court.

Further details are found through >www.deprogram.info<

BUSH'S LIES IMPOSSIBLE TO 'RE-EXPLAIN': Americans are now waking up to the nightmare situation Bush and his cronies (and Howard and Blair...*ed*) have created in Iraq. The following letter appeared in the Opinion column of *The Cornell Daily Sun*, September 21st, 2004:

Re: "Why We Went to War: A Re-Explanation," Opinion, September 15th: "After reading Jamie Weinstein's simplistic justifications for a blatantly misguided war in Iraq, I have to ask myself, has he looked at the news recently? The same day as his column, (other) newspapers reported that Iraqi insurgents had killed at least 50 more innocent Iraqi citizens. Just another day and another statistic in the new, free Iraq. Can you imagine the response if more than 50 Americans were killed in a day?

Every day, many more Iraqis die. Innocent citizens – men, women, children, mothers, grandmothers – journalists slaughtered live on Arab television – blown up by suicide bombers who never attacked or even existed before the US occupation. Blown up by US assault helicopters firing missiles into crowds.

Killed for their own liberation, for democracy, for what?

And Americans are constantly dying too – now over 1,000 dead soldiers and counting. Add that to the more than 12,000 Iraqis, and George W. Bush has accomplished quite something in his presidential tenure. How many thousands more will die for his lies?

This war in Iraq, where Bush declared, "Mission accomplished" 16 months ago, is a nightmare. With this unjustified, "miscalculated" war, he has actively recruited and created more terrorists in Iraq and abroad. He has turned his back on the global threat of al-Qaida, and he has turned his back on America. Iraqi opposition to and hatred of Americans grows while Bush and Weinstein spew partisan rhetoric. Contrary to Weinstein's conclusion, the world is not a safer place.

One last thing: it was not "our" decision to go to war. "We" did not go to war. Bush misled us into war. He lied to the world. He lied to you, and he keeps lying every day while innocent Iraqis and Americans continue to die. – Garrett W. Meigs, Cornell, USA.

Bush's war needs troops: Young Americans will be intensely interested to learn from *The Charleston Gazette*, 22/9/04, that "President Bush may seek a military draft, or mobilize more of the National Guard and Army Reserve, to obtain enough combat troops to wage his bogged-down Iraq war, (after the coming presidential elections...*ed*). Two bills pending in Congress would launch a new draft for all young Americans ages 18 to 26, both male and female, with no college exemption. Also, a new border agreement with Canada is designed to prevent young Americans from fleeing northward to elude the draft." http://www.truthout.org/docs_04/092304Y.shtml

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