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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Another historical fact of major importance now plainly visible to those who can watch what is happening 'as from a telstar in space and time' – a moral viewpoint – is that the 'New World Order'...is utterly unattainable, there can be no such thing. What passes by that name is what we now have, a world disorder, an age of conflict without precedent in recorded history... By 'moral viewpoint' we mean what Carl Jung means with the expression 'a religious attitude to life'; and this we would define as follows: It is an attitude founded on the unassailable belief that all existence is subject to immutable laws of cause and effect, and that hence there can be no order in the world except that which arises out of compliance with such immutable laws; moreover, that such immutable laws are encoded in human nature as everywhere else in the universe. From which it follows that wherever there is persistent disorder, there have been violations of laws applicable to human nature, especially such as arise out of a misuse of power."

– Ivor Benson, *Behind the News*, January, 1993.

THE INSANE BRUTALITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL by Kathleen Christison: *Kathleen Christison is a former CIA political analyst and has worked on Middle East issues for 30 years. She is the author of "Perceptions of Palestine," and "The Wound of Dispossession".*

Atrocities in the Promised Land Words fail; ordinary terms are inadequate to describe the horrors Israel daily perpetrates, and has perpetrated for years, against the Palestinians. The tragedy of Gaza has been described a hundred times over, as have the tragedies of 1948, of Qibya, of Sabra and Shatila, of Jenin – 60 years of atrocity perpetrated in the name of Judaism. But the horror generally falls on deaf ears in most of Israel, in the U.S. political arena, in the mainstream U.S. (and Australian...ed) media. Those who are horrified – and there are many – cannot penetrate the shield of impassivity that protects the political and media elite in Israel, even more so in the U.S., and increasingly now in Canada and Europe, from seeing, from caring.

But it needs to be said now, loudly: those who devise and carry out Israeli policies have made Israel into a monster, and it has come time for all of us – all Israelis, all Jews who allow Israel to speak for them, all Americans who do nothing to end U.S. support for Israel and its murderous policies – to recognize that we stain ourselves morally by continuing to sit by while Israel carries out its atrocities against the Palestinians.

A nation that mandates the primacy of one ethnicity or religion over all others will eventually become psychologically dysfunctional. Narcissistically obsessed with its own image, it must strive to maintain

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its racial superiority at all costs and will inevitably come to view any resistance to this imagined superiority as an existential threat. Indeed, any other people automatically becomes an existential threat simply by virtue of its own existence.

As it seeks to protect itself against phantom threats, the racist state becomes increasingly paranoid, its society closed and insular, intellectually limited. Setbacks enrage it; humiliations madden it. The state lashes out in a crazed effort, lacking any sense of proportion, to reassure itself of its strength.

The pattern played out in Nazi Germany as it sought to maintain a mythical Aryan superiority. It is playing out now in Israel. "This society no longer recognizes any boundaries, geographical or moral," wrote Israeli intellectual and anti-Zionist activist Michel Warschawski in his 2004 book *"Towards an Open Tomb: The Crisis of Israeli Society"*.

Israel knows no limits and is lashing out as it finds that its attempt to beat the Palestinians into submission and swallow Palestine whole is being thwarted by a resilient, dignified Palestinian people who refuse to submit quietly and give up resisting Israel's arrogance.

We in the United States have become inured to tragedy inflicted by Israel, and we easily fall for the spin that automatically, by some trick of the imagination, converts Israeli atrocities to examples of how Israel is victimized.

- But a military establishment that drops a 500-pound bomb on a residential apartment building in the middle of the night and kills 14 sleeping civilians, as happened in Gaza four years ago, is not a military that operates by civilized rules.
- A military establishment that drops a 500-pound bomb on a house in the middle of the night and kills a man and his wife and seven of their children, as happened in Gaza four days ago, is not the military of a moral country.
- A society that can brush off as unimportant an army officer's brutal murder of a 13-year-old girl on the claim that she threatened soldiers at a military post – one of nearly 700 Palestinian children murdered by Israelis since the intifada began – is not a society with a conscience.
- A government that imprisons a 15-year-old girl – one of several hundred children in Israeli detention – for the crime of pushing and running away from a male soldier trying to do a body search as she entered a mosque is not a government with any moral bearings. (This story, not the kind that ever appears in the U.S. media, was reported in the London *Sunday Times*. The girl was shot three times as she ran away and was convicted to 18 months in prison after she came out of a coma.)

Critics of Israel note increasingly that Israel is self-destructing, nearing a catastrophe of its own making. Israeli journalist Gideon Levy talks of a society in "moral collapse".

Michel Warschawski writes of an "Israeli madness" and "insane brutality", a "putrefaction" of civilized society, that have set Israel on a suicidal course. He foresees the end of the Zionist enterprise; Israel is a "gang of hoodlums", he says, a state "that makes a mockery of legality and of civil morality. A state run in contempt of justice loses the strength to survive".

As Warschawski notes bitterly, Israel no longer knows any moral boundaries – if it ever did. Those who continue to support Israel, who make excuses for it as it descends into corruption, have lost their moral compass. <http://www.ziopedia.org/content/view/730/1/>

ISRAEL TO GET U.S. 'BUNKER BUSTER' BOMBS: Citing U.S. officials, the *New York Times* reported that the Bush administration was rushing a delivery of satellite- and laser-guided bombs (100 GBU-28 bombs, capable of penetrating some 20 feet (7 metres) of concrete) to Israel in response to an Israeli request connected to the Lebanon offensive. The report did not give details on the munitions in question but said they were part of a sale the Pentagon approved in 2005.

Source: CorpWatch: "Bunker Buster" bombs are manufactured by Raytheon -24/7/06.

LET 'EM EAT LUNCH BREAKS by James Reed: Wal-Mart, the world's largest retail company must pay US\$200M to workers who were illegally denied lunch breaks (source *The Independent* on-line edition, 25/12/05). The Californian decision refutes denials by the company that it has been cutting corners to keep labour costs down. This case is the first the company has lost. Around 40 other cases are in the legal pipeline alleging that the stores violate U.S. labour laws, not paying overtime to workers, denying lunch breaks and so on. Critics of the Wal-Mart superstore concept see such stores as eroding communities and underpaying workers.

Many employees rely upon government food stamps to survive because wages are so low. This is the sort of world which the elites have offered as a counter to social credit philosophies. The social dividend, based upon the enormous technological productivity of modern society (and the cultural heritage), would have supplied to all citizens a living wage/dividend which would ensure freedom of the individual. There can be no effective democracy where people are reduced to mere mechanisms in a global machine.

American capitalism, with the cardboard box lifestyle of the working poor is an example of the antithesis of social credit. So too was the Soviet-style government controlled labour camps and so is the Asiatic sweatshop of today. These systems all are founded upon the exploitation and degradation of the individual. By contrast, social credit is about the elevation and dignity of the individual.

ALL THE WORLD IS NOT A WORD by Brian Simpson: I dropped out of philosophy as an elective at university, but I do recall from some lectures that I managed to stay awake in, that "postmodernists" – the latest trendy literary version of the Left – believe that there can be no objective truth. All understanding is mediated in a sea of language and language is purely arbitrary construction. Reality is screened from our understanding by language.

However, recent research published in the influential "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences" by Elizabeth Brannan of Duke University questions this. In a study of infants it was found that babies have a grasp of mathematics. Other research has indicated that non-verbal creatures such as monkeys also have an internal representation of numbers.

So language doesn't determine thought: rather it is thought that determines language.

Postmodernism is the philosophy underlying much of Australia's secondary school English and literary studies. But it is a philosophy as false, as distorted – and as dangerous as its cousin Marxism.

THE NEW AGE CURRICULUM by James Reed: Much of my critical energies are focused upon criticising writers and material published in *The Australian*, Australia's only national (not to be confused with the term "nationalist") newspaper. However, the paper over the last twelve months has done well in exposing the dumbing down that is occurring in the Australian education system due to outcomes based education, put in place by left0-wing education elites.

Thus *The Australian* of June 16th, 2006, reports of a Western Australian year 12 science exam which quotes from a new age philosopher that humans are causing the "greatest mass extinction" on earth. The comment is from a philosopher, not a biologist.

In South Australia one primary school even allows children to design their own learning plan. The justification is that although children need mathematics and language skills, they need to learn about "how to learn" because they will be changing jobs several times in their career lifetimes.

This is crazy logic: surely one gets sound basics first then you permit autonomy of learning. Most children don't have this capacity for autonomy. Most high school students and a sizable number of university students lack it. It is too demanding and advanced – a recipe for failure. That is why increasing numbers of parents are choosing home schooling to save their children's minds from ideological contamination.

A DOWNER ON CHINA by David Whiteside: Foreign Minister Alexander Downer is best known for not knowing what was going on in the AWB wheat scandal and for obstructing the U.N. inquiry into the affair (while simultaneously not knowing what was going on). Downer though has been dancing with the stars on the world stage (such as Condoleezza Rice) in cautioning the hawks in the Bush administration that see China as a threat. Threat? What threat? "Our message is that we don't support a policy of containment of China," he said (*The Australian*, 16/3/06, p.1). The power of China should be "harnessed to the advantage of the region". How exactly this was to be done was not detailed. It never is.

Australia's elites cannot see past the short term dollar gains from China. At least America's elites are slightly more critical, with concerns about China's human rights violations, its genocidal activities in Tibet and its sinister military expansion. Listening to the rhetoric of kow-towing Australian business leaders and politicians one would almost surprised to learn that China is still ruled by a non-democratic Communist regime.

China has no respect for intellectual property and its firms produce cheap counterfeit goods that have cost the Western nations, especially the US, billions of dollars a year. The Chinese pegged the yuan to the U.S. dollar at an artificially low rate so that they could exploit U.S. Free Trade policies and flood the U.S. with cheap goods which they dumped on the market, causing a sky rocketing effect in the U.S. trade deficit. China plays economic hardball all the time and doesn't believe in Western free trade myths.

This is the nation which Alexander Downer does not want contained. No doubt he and his followers look forward to China becoming the dominant power of the 21st century. They are now set to sell uranium to the Chinese military giant in an act of foolishness that the Western world will record with dismay. Beware of the coming tyranny.

"RACISM" AND THE RULE OF LAW by Ian Wilson LL.B.: Townsville District Court Acting Chief Judge Tony Skoien has agreed to move the trial of an Aboriginal man accused of leading the Palm Island riots, because he was presented with a study which allegedly showed that the locals were a bunch of racists who could not beat down their prejudices to give a Palm Island Aboriginal a fair trial. ("Racism leads to Palm Riot Trial Shift", *The Weekend Australian*, 15-16/7/06, p.3). Note that if a person in the community has a criticism of Palm Island Aborigines, under this new methodology, the criticism is by definition racist. Never is there a concern to examine whether there could be a basis, even in part, to these opinions.

The law requires justice to be blind: Further, even if some opinions were "racist", an opinion poll has been used by a court of law to rule out an entire community of peers from constituting a jury and for classifying an entire population as "racist". Townsville activists and lawyers have now called for a quota of Aboriginal people in all criminal trials involving Aboriginal defendants (*The Australian*, 17/7/06, p.1). Presumably this will lead to, ultimately, a quota for gays, if the offender is homosexual. But what if the offender is of mixed race (Asian/Aboriginal), gay, physically disabled, Islamic, dwarf (i.e., height challenged), aged, female, psychopath? Would that mean that only Australian academics would be able to sit on a jury? Raced-based juries have been rejected in the United States and they should not be implemented here. The rule of law requires that justice be blind – and a randomly selected jury insures that.