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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Did Western Christian Civilisation develop over nearly two thousand years by "mere chance"? The development took place because sufficient individuals strove, sacrificed, many died, to advance a concept of how individuals should live together in society. The retreat from that Civilization has taken place because individuals with an anti-Christian view of how men should live, have used instruments of power and influence to strive to create a world in which their philosophy prevails....

(C.H.) Douglas' warning that the drive towards creating a World State was designed to ensure that centralised Money Power was reinforced with centralised economic and military power has been dramatically confirmed by the promoting of programmes such as "The New International Economic Order" which specifically lists basic raw materials, food, oil and minerals, for international control."

– Eric D. Butler "Releasing Reality: Social Credit & the Kingdom of God." 1979

NEW HEIGHTS FOR DOUBLE-SPEAK – OR NEW DEPTHS? by Betty Luks: "These measures will encourage greater public participation in our democracy, which will lead to a fairer, more competitive electoral system" – so announced the Liberal spokesman when releasing details of amendments to the Federal Electoral Act. Dean Jaensch of Flinders University wrote of the amendments for his readers in the *Adelaide Advertiser* 30/8/06.

To sum up the most blatant:

- Candidates for the House of Representatives will now have to pay a deposit of $500 and for the Senate $1,000. This will make it harder for minor parties and independents to contest elections. This proposal met with Labor support – of course.
- The raising of the level of undisclosed donations is now $10,000. This means that a political party will not have to disclose who gave how much to which party unless it goes over $10,000. Jaensch observes this amendment does nothing for transparency and financial influences on the political parties.
- Further, the amendments increase the level of tax-deductible gifts to parties and candidates from $100 to $1,500 per year. He asks: "Why should the taxpayer give to a person or business who has donated to a political party?" Charities are acceptable to most people – but *political parties*?
- Sitting members of the federal parliament will now have $217,000 of taxpayers' money in an election year to spend on printing and postage mail-outs, leaflets, and every other type of personal or party

propaganda. Peter Costello – good fellow that he is – defended the overall expenditure of $20 million.

Pity the poor taxpayer: "But," writes Mr. Jaensch, "there's more." For the first time, sitting members can now use taxpayers' money to print their how-to-vote cards and the millions of postal vote applications they send out at every election. "But surely these, especially the how-to-vote cards, are for the benefit of the party?" he asks.

Taxpayers, take careful note of such gall: You the hard working people in this land, not only do you have to bear the weight of the heaviest taxation in Australia's history, you will now be funding – over the three year cycle – nearly half a million dollars FOR EVERY MEMBER OF FEDERAL PARLIAMENT to assist him/her in holding on to his plum position for as long as he can, at your expense.

TELSTRA: Not only have the sitting members done their best to ensure they retain their plum positions, they have also decided to sell another huge portion of the people's asset, Telstra – and, wait for it, invest the proceeds from the sale into what is known as 'The Future Fund'.

Future Fund: A vague term implying a benefit for someone, sometime, down the track. It is an investment fund set up by the politicians on the proceeds of the Telstra sale (to be managed by David Murray, former chief of the Commonwealth Bank) to ensure that when the politicians do finally leave the political scene they will have access to a share of the golden eggs the Fund will generate for them. As for the under-serviced country and remote area Telstra customers... tough luck.

AMERICA GOES 'CAP IN HAND' TO CHINA by Betty Luks: Although not quite the same conditions prevail as in ancient times (since earliest times there have been banks and bankers, cheque systems, Letters of Credit, Bills of Exchange, etc), Americans are going to learn a hard lesson as did the ancients, as recorded and explained in Richard Kelly Hoskins' "War Cycles: Peace Cycles".

Once a nation lets the Money Power (Mammon) gain control of their financial system it is merely a matter of mathematics and time before that nation is going to end up in pawn to that Money Power. After a time, when the host nation has been bled dry, and therefore on the verge of financial bankruptcy, the parasitic Money Lenders will latch on to another nation – another host body – relocate their central headquarters once more and repeat the process as before.

Richard Kelly Hoskins gives an example in "War Cycles: Peace Cycles": The ancient biblical character Seth borrowed 10 talents from the temple priests – he'd had a bad year and needed to purchase seed for the next year's crops. The temple priests graciously allowed Seth to borrow the ten talents on condition he repaid the 10, plus one talent extra as 'interest'. His land, livestock, wife, children and he himself served as collateral, that is, as security for the loan.

The extra talents in circulation proved of benefit to the little community as a whole and the following year's production proved abundant. Grain, sheep, cattle, you name it, there was plenty of production.

But wait a moment, the contract Seth had signed was for the repayment of the ten *talents* plus one more. With such a good harvest he could pay in grain, sheep, cattle or some other *real wealth* but the contract he'd signed called for payment in *talents*. Even if he was able to gather up the original ten borrowed he still could not produce the extra one.

Farmers, you see, don't 'make' talents (money). The *source*, where *money* originated was in the temple treasury (banking system). The temple treasury had the sole prerogative of creating and issuing the community's money supply.

The ancient story goes: Besides Seth and his family, there were tens of thousands of Babylonians who could not pay debts of eleven talents when only ten were in circulation. And so, the priests of

Baal reduced a large part of their fellow countrymen to slaves and the "system of interest" spread wherever Babylonian armies marched or Baal priests practised their religion.

Crudely searching for money: In this age of prodigious production, the great United States of America's power and might is declining and President George Bush, according to a United Kingdom MP, Michael Meacher, went with "cap in hand" to "crudely search for money" from the Chinese – where those who practice the parasitic system have firmly settled into a cosy symbiotic relationship with the next 'host' body, the Communist regime in China. They may not have removed their central headquarters to China as yet, but it obvious they are supplying the financial 'blood' to the economic body, thereby building up the nation.

"America Goes Cap in Hand, as Britain Once Did," Michael Meacher, *The Telegraph*, 18/8/06.

"The financial and trade imbalances that are now severely stretching the U.S. are changing the balance of power in China's favour.

Indeed, what prompted George Bush's recent Asian trip was no new political initiative but, crudely, a search for money. With U.S. net foreign debt of over $4,000bn now approaching 40pc of GDP, and a current account deficit of more than 6pc, the U.S. is reduced to seeking financial support from China, just as Britain was obliged to go cap in hand to the U.S. after the Second World War."

(It was after WWII that the Money Power transferred its central headquarters from Britain to the U.S.A. – having bankrupted Britain. Now it is America's turn to be abandoned. The Money Power acts like rats fleeing a sinking ship...*ed*)

"And, as was the case with Britain 60 years ago, help will be forthcoming but at a price. The Chinese politely listened, and waved Bush off as he flew on to thank the Mongols personally for sending 160 troops to Iraq. The symbolism could hardly be lost on anybody.

Investments have reached 40pc of GDP: China's investment rate has accelerated to the point where it now exceeds 40pc of GDP, leading to a huge growth in exports capable of financing an equally dramatic growth in imports and still yielding a current account surplus of over $70bn.

With Japanese exports to China now totalling nearly £10bn a year, Asia is increasingly forming into an economic bloc focused on China.

The American response to its parlous financial state is eerily reminiscent of the strategy adopted by Britain when its empire faced a similar financial and security challenge a century ago. In the inter-war years Britain still maintained a global military stance, dependent on Middle Eastern oil to fuel it, but gradually undermined by a weakening home industrial base and rigid domestic wage structure.

World-wide investments built up over the previous century were no longer sufficient to cover the British deficit. With sterling still the reserve currency, the solution sought was a mix of capital controls and imperial trade preference. The British Empire was transformed into an international trading and monetary bloc, with the main net savings surplus countries forced to keep those assets in sterling to finance Britain's deficit.

Today the U.S. appears to be trying to achieve a similar device: There are, however, significant obstacles to this U.S. strategy. Hitherto the U.S. has used access to its enormous internal market to finance its growing worldwide military presence and particularly to ensure the continued flow of strategic commodities on to international markets, above all oil. America now has troops in 133 countries across the globe. But there are clear signs that this cannot be sustained indefinitely as U.S. trade and finance deficits continue to grow remorselessly....

The U.S. exit from Iraq, which will be enforced under unfavourable conditions, will certainly not be the final day of reckoning. That will come when the US is compelled to make fundamental changes to its current financial-trade-political stance as being insupportable, as happened half a century earlier to Britain at Bretton Woods."

Michael Meacher, Labour MP for Gidham West and Royton, was Environment Minister from 1997 to 2003.

WMD? MEANWHILE, AT LEAST 100,000 HUMAN LIVES LATER: *The Sydney Morning Herald's* Marian Wilkinson reports. 1/9/06: "The Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, has confirmed for the first time that he was personally told by a senior Australian weapons inspector that the U.S.-led weapons hunt in postwar Iraq was seriously flawed. But he denies suppressing a damning six-page letter by the inspector, John Gee, who resigned from the Iraq Survey Group in March 2004.

Interference by CIA and Bush Administration: The letter outlines in detail, interference by the CIA and the Bush Administration in first reports about the weapons hunt, to avoid finding that Iraq did not possess weapons of mass destruction.

Dr. Gee, one of Australia's leading chemical weapons experts, briefed Mr Downer on his concerns after his resignation. He bluntly told him that he believed Iraq had no such weapons.

While praising Dr. Gee as "a serious person", Mr. Downer said yesterday, "I personally gave no instructions that it [his letter] was to be or wasn't to be distributed. As far as I knew, people around the Government were very well aware of Dr. Gee's concerns. We had no reason not to want to hear what he had to say."

But Dr. Gee repeated his belief, reported in the *Herald* yesterday, that when he returned from Iraq in March 2004, Mr. Downer issued instructions that his letter not be be distributed outside the Department of Foreign Affairs. "I was told that by some people whose judgement and commitment to the truth I trust," Dr.. Gee told the ABC yesterday."

IN DEFENCE OF MEL GIBSON by Betty Luks: While tens of thousands of Lebanese fled in fear of a massive invasion by Israeli troops, while bodies of dead children were pulled from the rubble and the "old, sick and weary" emerged from the rubble of Beni JBail – the media roasted Mel Gibson about his alleged "anti-Semitic" remarks, said to be "tragically inflammatory statements".

Yet the remarks were made while the man was drunk. He said that "Jews are responsible for all the wars in the world" – obviously absurd and a remark not to be taken seriously. Yet, even if Gibson had said that "Jews are responsible for some of the wars in the world" – this need not be a racist anti-Semitic remark. Maybe he in fact believed that this was a good, positive thing which was doing the world a service in the aid of freedom a la the "war on terrorism".

It seems that people jumped the gun, without giving Mel time to explain. Mel has worked with Jews in Hollywood and has never been offensive to them before.

"The Passion of the Christ" film is merely a faithful recording of the Christian Gospels and he should not be punished over and above all of Christianity for this portrayal.

Christopher Hitchens (*The Australian*, 2/8/06, p.14) says that Mel Gibson is "sick to his empty core with Jew hatred". He goes on to attack almost everything about Mel and especially Mel's loyalty to his father, described as a "raging Jew baiter".

From the nasty tone of this article, one wonders why Hitchens would go so far over the top in criticism. In the scheme of things in the modern new world order, it seems that words hurt more than guns and bombs, stone and rubble.

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