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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The Law of Opposites: The Law of Opposites is just a variation of the Law of Unintended Consequences. When we attempt to achieve a certain goal – like, "make the world safe for democracy", a grandiose scheme of World War I – one can be sure the world will become less safe and less democratic regardless of the motivation. The 1st World War was sold to the American people as the war to end all wars. Instead, history shows it was the war that caused the 20th century to be the most war-torn century in history.

Our entry into World War I helped lead us into World War II, the Cold War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Even our current crisis in the Middle East can be traced to the great wars of the 20th century.

– Rep. Ron Paul, U.S.A. <http://www.antiwar.com/paul/?articleid=9672>

AUSTRALIA'S CULTURAL VALUES ARE...??? by Betty Luks: John Howard has insisted migrants to this country must conform to 'Australian values'. Consequently, there is much talk-back radio time and media space presently devoted to the topic of just what are these Australian 'values'. In fact, the discussions have even raised the question at to what is this 'thing' called 'culture'? So far, most of what I have heard and read has been a lot of 'gumph'.

Shouldn't we be talking about *civilised* values rather than 'Australian' values? There are quite a number of Australians exhibiting personal 'values' not far removed from the most primitive and degenerate. So, what would be considered a *civilised* nation?

Dr. John Baker in his study of races and ethnicity, "Race", pp.507-508, suggests that in societies ordinarily regarded as *civilised*, the majority of the people comply with most of the 21 requirements he has listed – not necessarily in order of priority.

The list – briefly:

The people cover their external genital organs and greater part of the trunk with clothes in public places; they keep the body clean and take care to dispose of waste products. They do not practise severe mutilation or deformation of the body, except for medical reasons. There is knowledge of building in brick or stone if the necessary materials are available. They live in towns linked by roads; cultivate food plants; domesticate animals; have knowledge of the use of metals; use wheels. Exchange property by use of money, order their society by a system of laws, which are enforced so that they ordinarily go about their various concerns in times of peace without danger of attack or arbitrary arrest.

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They permit accused persons to defend themselves and to call witnesses; do not practice cannibalism; their religious systems include ethical elements and are not purely or grossly superstitious.

They use a script to communicate ideas, have some facility in the abstract use of numbers. A calendar is in use, arrangements are made for instruction of young in intellectual subjects, some appreciation of fine arts and knowledge and understanding are valued as ends in themselves.

The industrialised nations of the world would be considered 'civilised' by most of Dr. Baker's touchstones, and yet we are now witnessing the most barbaric acts and uncivilised behaviour in many of them.

I would think a *civilised* people have developed an *inner standard* of moral values and societal rules. The real 'cement' of any *civilised* society is trust, honesty, loyalty, decency, etc., and it is in the application of these and many other personal values that a *civilised* people interact with one another. It is a standard of personal conduct that no legal system could ever guarantee.

In day-to-day affairs, *civilised* people 'treat their neighbours as themselves' – truthfully, honestly, decently, etc.

Civilised people have come to grasp: their relationships with their fellow man/woman/child are two-way affairs – and function best on mutual love (socially and morally) and co-operation.

That is why men were told to "love their wives as themselves". There is no comfort, enjoyment, respect, etc., they would like for themselves that they wouldn't want for their wives, their women, also.

It is the philosophy of the two-way street – summed up in that directive: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Not all peoples have yet learned that important lesson.

ISRAEL FIRED MORE THAN A MILLION CLUSTER BOMBS IN LEBANON by Meron Rappaport in Haaretz, Israel: "What we did was insane and monstrous, we covered entire towns in cluster bombs," the head of an IDF rocket unit in Lebanon said regarding the use of cluster bombs and phosphorous shells during the war. Quoting his battalion commander, the rocket unit head stated that the IDF fired around 1,800 cluster bombs, containing over 1.2 million cluster bomblets.

In addition, soldiers in IDF artillery units testified that the army used phosphorous shells during the war, widely forbidden by international law. According to their claims, the vast majority of said explosive ordinance was fired in the final 10 days of the war.

The rocket unit commander stated that Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) platforms were heavily used in spite of the fact that they were known to be highly inaccurate.

MLRS is a track or tire carried mobile rocket launching platform, capable of firing a very high volume of mostly unguided munitions. The basic rocket fired by the platform is unguided and imprecise, with a range of about 32 kilometers. The rockets are designed to burst into sub-munitions at a planned altitude in order to blanket enemy army and personnel on the ground with smaller explosive rounds.

The cluster rounds which don't detonate on impact, believed by the United Nations to be around 40% of those fired by the IDF in Lebanon, remain on the ground as unexploded munitions, effectively littering the landscape with thousands of land mines which will continue to claim victims long after the war has ended.

Because of their high level of failure to detonate, it is believed that there are around 500,000 unexploded munitions on the ground in Lebanon. To date 12 Lebanese civilians have been killed by these mines since the end of the war.

'Excessive injury and unnecessary suffering' It has come to light that IDF soldiers fired phosphorous rounds in order to cause fires in Lebanon. An artillery commander has admitted to

seeing trucks loaded with phosphorous rounds on their way to artillery crews in the north of Israel. A direct hit from a phosphorous shell typically causes severe burns and a slow, painful death.

The International Red Cross has determined that international law forbids the use of phosphorous and other types of flammable rounds against personnel, both civilian and military." <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/pages/761781.html> Truly, truly, *uncivilised!*

MORE ON THE "ISRAEL LOBBY" by Peter Ewer: John Mearsheimer of the University of Chicago and Stephen Walt of Harvard University created an intellectual storm by publishing a paper on "The Israel Lobby" in the March 2006 edition of *The London Review of Books*. They argued that the powerful Israel lobby is forcing the US government to put Israeli interests before U.S. interests.

Zionists world wide howled: "Anti-Semitism". This has not stopped the two academics. They have recently said that the U.S. government's unflinching support for Israel during the Israel-Hezbollah war in Lebanon, further supports their thesis. The authors are preparing a response to the criticisms which they have received. (Source: *The Australian*, 30/8/06, p.9)

THE 'TERROR' OF THE FREE RADICALS by James Reed: University intellectuals... the mere mention of them makes me reach for... well once I would have put "revolver" in that spot as the old maxim went, but today the only people with revolvers are the police and crime gangs! So let us proceed without a metaphor. Richard Nile "In Praise of Free Radicals", *The Australian Literary Review*, 6/9/06, p.3) waxes lyrically about the coming joys that a gaggle of retiring intellectuals will bring to Australian cultural life.

The turn of phrase is that "we may be on the cusp of a golden era of Australian intellectual life". The rest of the article sings the praises of the politically correct who will continue to do in retirement, what they did when they were in, largely university paid employment. Even in terms of literature, how many of these ageing 'champions' have tackled the great issues of human existence? How many of our intellectuals are even tackling the great issues of our times?

Merv Bendle ("Don't Mention the Terror", *The Australian*, 6/9/06. p.25) observes that Australian intellectuals have written little on the terrorism issue, at least in their professional journals, and when they do, the issue is examined through a simplistic trinity of "class, sex, race", and the claim that the real terrorist is the West. Excuse me while I yawn – I heard it all before at university in the 1960s. So-called "intellectual life" is like pop-music: the same songs are reworked and rolled out, over and over again. Dear egg-headed politically correct nerdiess: do us a favour and get an original idea.

THE FEMINIST STINGRAY by James Reed: The tragic death of naturalist and showman extraordinary Steve Irwin ("The Crocodile Hunter") has saddened most Australians. As Irwin was a man's man, a rugged "top end" type who represented old-style Australian values, I expected the feminist stingrays would arise to give Australian manhood another sting with their verbal barbs.

My predictions were correct. Ageing ex-Australian feminist Germaine Greer ("Greer Sticks in a Barb of Her Own", *The Australian*, 6/9/06, p.4) said: "The animal world has finally taken its revenge on Irwin. The creatures Irwin handled for the cameras were all in distress and could do little more than lash out; Irwin taught a whole generation of kids in shorts seven sizes too small" to "shout in the ears of animals with hearing 10 times more acute than theirs."

And: "Every creature he brandished at the camera was in distress."

So, poor old Steve was the naturalist equivalent of a "wife beater". In other words, Steve, lived and died, a man (recall the feminist logic that "all men are rapists") something which has no place in the crazy world of radical feminism.

MALAYSIA - 'RACIST' LIKE THE REST OF ASIA from **Len the Cleaner:** Your readers could find the article by Jaya Prakash "Malaysian - Not Asian" (*The Advertiser Review*, 2/9/06, p.6) of interest. While Australians are continually force-fed the idea of the 'successes' of multiculturalism and mulitracialism, Prakash makes the point that Malaysia, Asia's most moderate Muslim nation, is experiencing "Rising racial and religious intolerance" and "spreading fear among minorities".

He wrote: "Since the departure of the British in 1957, the burning issue of Malay self-esteem has been such that the community never hesitated, election after election, to vote in the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO). Together with political representations from the Chinese and Indians, UMNO in latter years formed an omnibus political grouping called Barissan Socialis, or National Front, to show the world a supposed visage of racial unity, reflective of today's truly Malaysian, truly Asian slogan. Under this pact, UMNO also took unto itself the custodianship of safeguarding Malay rights and privileges to ensure they do not become easy prey to the economically dominant Chinese."

Who remembers July 1969 when bands of Malays attacked and killed hundreds of Chinese because they feared their economic might?

The author singles out the policy of "bumiputra", "sons of the soil" which is a type of affirmative action policy for native Malays. What the author, a cosmopolitan, does not note, is that the policy is a form of protection against the industrious Chinese. It cuts both ways. And it also goes to show that in the long term, multicultural, multiracial societies simply do not work and will implode.

THE UNREHEARSED EVENTS IN HISTORY: None of us know just what the future holds, but one thing we were told, "sufficient the day the evil thereof" in which case, we all have a part to play in coming against the evil we do know is being wrought. Even the One Worlders' plans are subject to what C.H. Douglas referred to as "the unrehearsed events in history". We cannot say we have not been warned. It is what we determine to do about it that is going to make the difference. All round the world people are waking up to the horror of the plans and many are actively coming against the planners.

One task that can be done by all: Copy and spread to your Christian friends the "THE JERUSALEM DECLARATION ON CHRISTIAN ZIONISM" published in last week's On Target. If the Christian Church could be 'woken up' it could be a powerful force for good.

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS FOR BATTERED EX-JUDGE by **James Reed:** The Marcus Einfeld saga shows what good investigative journalism can do, especially to those who have not carefully covered their tracks. First it was allegations that he lied to avoid a \$77 speeding fine. Then came questions about his academic qualifications. Next are allegations that Einfeld's claim that he was a director of Marks and Spencer Ltd. In 1975-76 may not be true as Marks and Spencer is quoted as having no record of him (*The Australian*, 31/8/06, p.4). As well, Einfeld is reported to have sought compensation from the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HRCOC) for an overcoat and other personal items lost during a trip to New York in 1990.

He is reported to have also lodged a separate compensation claim with his personal insurance company ("Einfeld's Insurance Double Dip", *The Australian*, 6/9/06, p.7). When these allegations were raised Einfeld, through his PR agency CPR, said that this is the first time he has heard of it. *The Australian* cites sources which say that HRCOC was briefed about the double compensation claim issue at the time. Please explain!

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