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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Just as local pollution on an ever greater and more widespread scale can ultimately achieve damaging global effects, so also can local restoration and conservation, spreading here, there and everywhere, ultimately achieve global effects. There is no other way. The fantasy of starting at the Top with some wholesale Saving of the Planet by World Agencies employing super-clever scientists is just childish. Remote centralised interference can cause enormous, even global, damage; it can never restore. Growth is not of that nature. It is localised, not wholesale. You cannot 'grow' a tree, or a forest, in the time it takes to cut it down! The most that central governments and their agencies can do is to allow local restoration and right treatment of the land to give a reasonable living, as they should, and to discourage centralised agencies from imposing destructive practices, usually by financial means." – "On Planning the Earth V" by Geoffrey Dobbs, in "Home", July, 1989

HOW OPPORTUNE THE STERN WARNING by Betty Luks: Climate Change Report: I do hope you will forgive me the cynicism I feel towards politicians and their press gallery sycophants. But, just as the internet world was coming to grips with the terrible news of more and more loss of life in Iraq, Sir Nicholas Stern, head of the U.K. Government Economic Service and the former chief economist at the World Bank, just happened to release "**The Economics Of Climate Change**" report.

Just when Blair's political career was at its lowest ebb, he could now huff and puff about 'the climate change' on British television and (hopefully) take all eyes off the slaughter in Iraq.

Not to be outdone, John Howard and Kim Beazley took their cues, acted out a good verbal stoush in Parliament on climate change and the Kyoto Treaty.

Howard, the dastardly knave, said his party would not sign the Kyoto agreement. This was the opening for the gallant knight Beazley to come charging in on his mount to our rescue and declare he would sign it on behalf of all Australians and save us from a fate worse than death.

The Timesonline wrote that in his assessment of global warming Sir Nicholas, head of the Government Economic Service and the former chief economist at the World Bank, said that the scientific evidence was now "overwhelming" that climate change was under way and presented "very serious risks". The report was commissioned by the U.K. Treasury.

Refer to "Thought for the Week" for a response to Sir Nicholas Stern's and fellow one worlders' agenda for a world tax and carbon trading.

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HOWARD'S RECORD ON 'CLIMATE CHANGE' SPEAKS FOR ITSELF: A relevant article appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 23/10/06, by journalist Paul Sheehan, "We Fiddle as the Continent Turns to Dust". Mr. Sheehan, whilst praising the innovative grazing enterprises of Mr. George King on his property not far from Orange, N.S.W. (he inherited a badly eroded property and turned it into a showpiece, using holistic landcare techniques) expressed his growing concerns of our collective environmental stupidity.

But he also takes the Howard government to task: in spite of increased federal taxes, including the GST, to a peacetime record of 25.7 per cent of gross domestic product, the Howard government has not used this "unprecedented flow of funds to mobilise the nation against the greatest threat to its survival."

Droughts and water shortages are merely symptoms of underlying causes: Quoting grazier George King's comments in August of last year Sheehan wrote: "Our politicians and bureaucrats are still illiterate about this environment. We're still treating the symptoms, not the underlying cause. Droughts and water shortages are just symptoms."

Take special note of what Mr. King went on to say:

- We are going down to 20 per cent stocking rate, which is below our cost of production
- Our business cannot trade for many more years if we erode our equity each year (i.e., if financial costs of production exceed financial returns...ed)

Our salvation, our answer – is in Reality: Geoffrey Dobbs wrote "Home" journal 1989: "Economics (national housekeeping) is now entirely dominated by money and is detached from reality. Everything must give way to it. Money-profit must be made at all costs of real waste and squandering of energy, materials, truth, common sense, etc., even normal efficiency. Every reader will have experienced the innumerable insignificant wastes and interruptions to life which are imposed upon us all; each trivial in itself, but when multiplied by millions they give us a glimpse of the immense sabotage, both of our lives and of the world's energy and resources, which is being carried out in the name of money-profit, and of the money-slavery known as 'employment'."

Until the financial system is rectified there will be no turning from the disastrous direction we are headed. And who pray tell me, thinks the Labor party will do any better should they gain power at the next federal election?

THE CULT OF COSMOPOLITANISM by James Redd: Kwame Anthony Appiah, Professor of Philosophy at Princeton University, in "Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers" (Norton, New York, 2006), deals with the fundamental philosophical problems of globalisation: humans evolved in tribal groups, but we are now supposed to live as "one world", so how can this be done?

"Multiculturalism is not the answer as it "so often designates the disease it purports to cure." (p.xiii) Instead we should recognise "our" responsibility to all human beings and minimise the significant differences towards them. Appiah's position, of course, conflicts with the doctrine of multiculturalism which imposes universal altruistic commitments on Nordics (Northern European peoples) but permits ethnics and the "racial other" to pursue ethnocentric demands.

Appiah's approach is of merit because it rejects the relativism of values (i.e., there is no objective truth in morality) that is associated with multiculturalism. Appiah's cosmopolitanism, fairly practised by all ethnic groups could in fact lead to a harmonious world with a "live and let live attitude".

Nevertheless like so much work in ethics, Appiah's philosophy does not connect with the real politics of this world. Anglo Saxons are seemingly prepared to accept this promiscuous altruism and thus to disappear as a people. Arabs, Zionists and the Chinese and most others are not so easily seduced. Unless everybody plays fairly and consistently by the rules of the cosmopolitan game, a type of

"tragedy of the commons" situation arises where ethnocentric egoists defeat promiscuous altruists, as the biologist Garrett Hardin has detailed in many works.

Cosmopolitanism, in short, is a group evolutionary strategy which involves racial suicide for those groups who adopt it, in a world of egoism.

Contrary to reason forcing us to embrace cosmopolitanism, reason and principle direct us in the opposite direction: to parochialism, tribalism and nationalism, identities with which we can meaningfully embrace.

Adam Smith in "The Theory of Moral Sentiments" (1759) rightly observed that the average (non-Chinese) person may be moved to sorrow about an earthquake destroying China but would not lose sleep over it. However if he were to lose his little finger tomorrow he would not sleep tonight. Likewise, love of all humanity remains an abstraction. Never worked; never will.

SEX ON THE BRAIN by James Reed: Feminism is based on a philosophical contradiction: on the one hand there are not biological differences. However, on the other hand there are differences: women are "nurturing", men are "violent", "predatory", etc., etc. Along with that, feminists have to explain how it has been that all past civilisations have been based upon patriarchy.

Biology challenges these cosy 'left' ideas. Xia Yang, head of a genetics team at the University of California, Los Angeles, examined gene expression in the fat, liver, muscle and brain tissue of male and female mice. It was found that the genes were expressed differently in the males and females. This means that the treatment of diseases may need to differ between sexes. For example, aspirin seems to protect men from heart attacks better than it does women. (*New Scientist*, July 15, 2006)

A new book by U.S. neuropsychiatrist Louann Brizendine, "The Female Brain", to be released around October, summarises the scientific evidence which indicates that men and women perceive the world differently. Women have 11 per cent more neurones in the area of the brain devoted to emotion. Thus women typically have a higher "emotional intelligence" than men. But it also means that women, according to Brizendine are more prone to hysteria because women become more stressed as different levels (relative to males) of hormones such as oestrogen, cortisol and dopamine flood into their brains when they are emotionally distressed.

Other scientists such as Professor Richard Lynn and Paul Irwing have concluded that males have larger brains on average than females and thus a higher IQ, by 5 points. Men on average are bigger and their brains are bigger, meaning greater information processing capacity. Thus there are 5.5 men to every woman with an IQ above 145, which explains, they claim, the greater number of male geniuses winning Nobel prizes, field medals and other high achievements.

Professor Sandra Witelson believes that the female brain is hardwired so that women tend on average to get more pleasure from the care of children, whilst men's brains are less developed in this area. Thus differences on physiology between the sexes does not imply inferiority but complementarity: the sexes are parts of a whole that need each other, each in their suitable roles for a sane, healthy, harmonious functioning society. Unfortunately the zoo masters of the new world order, as part of their necrophilic plan for death and destruction, have thrown the natural order out of balance to the detriment of both sexes. But in the end Mother Nature will win out and the scum will go down the plughole of history.

(Source on scientific material: "Why We're Hemispheres Apart", *The Weekend Australian*, 19-20/8/06, p.26)

IMMIGRANT LABOUR AND REAL COSTS from a social credit paper by Victor Bridger: There is no doubt that immigrants are taking over jobs. In fact the trend now is not so much that

immigrants are taking over jobs on less pay than locals, but the work is being outsourced to cheaper labour countries. This does no good for the domestic situation and at the same time is not assisting those in third world countries who are working for a pittance.

Social credit differentiates real cost from financial cost. From the social credit perspective, the real cost of an hour's labour is an hour's labour, generally speaking, so that an hour's labour in China is equal to an hour's labour in Australia, or America, or in New Zealand. But in financial terms the cost to the Chinese manufacturer, for example for Chinese labour, might be 20 cents per hour at the exchange rate, whereas the cost to the Australian, American or New Zealand manufacturer might be \$10 per hour for similar work.

The figures are purely illustrative and should not be taken literally. The point is that due to the monetary factor alone, trade across national borders cannot be free trade in any real sense.

China has 'externalised' labour costs: China or any other country which have greatly reduced labour rates have substantially 'externalized' the cost of labour so that it is not priced into the goods shipped to countries on higher labour rates. For most things, the 'productivity' in terms of labour utilized per unit outputted, is higher in Australia etc. than in China, so from a 'real' standpoint, Australian, etc., goods should cost less than Chinese goods in the Australian, American or New Zealand market. Yet the Chinese goods are 'priced' lower.

This is not a free market in any real sense, but parasitical exploitation – of the Chinese workers and those of third world countries who are enslaved – of the Australian, American or New Zealand workers who are impoverished.

It is not a matter of being selfish but of pragmatic truth: It is not a matter of having the right to work and earn a living because that is a belief in a false policy. Everyone has the right in their own country to obtain the benefits of the productive system and that does not include the "right to work", because much of the benefits are the results of a productive system which does not rely on (human) employment.

It is not a matter of suppressing "the poor little individual from a third world country in the hope to achieve a higher standard of living". On the contrary, it is a recognition of the fact that the current system is exploiting them and this should be suppressed.

THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE PEOPLE from Jeremy Lee: There are a growing number of reports about the spectacular attack on U.S. Camp Falcon in early October by the Iraqi resistance. There appears to be a massive Pentagon cover-up of the attacks, in which, it has been reported on the internet, as many as 300 U.S. soldiers may have been killed.

Jeremy writes: "I think it was over two years ago that we reported in *OT* that the Iraqi war was lost. It is elementary that no force can prevail against guerrillas hidden and sustained within a civilian population, unless the hearts and minds of the civilians can be turned against the guerrillas. The U.S. never had a dog's chance of doing this while they depended on explosives, missiles and bombs to enforce their will. Having served four years in a guerrilla war I know this to be true.

They say truth is the first casualty in war. But to imagine that the disastrous attack on Camp Falcon could be kept secret is madness! Perhaps they just want it "hushed up" until after the congressional election – unbelievable!"

Also unbelievable. Richard Armitage, former US Under Secretary of State was heard to say in a dinner speech to the movers and shakers in Old Parliament House, Canberra, 2/10/06: "We are doing the Lord's work," (that is in Iraq). One wonders; which Lord?

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