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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "...But no one talks about all this, thanks to the Israel Lobby's unquestioned influence over mass media and government. We have been collectively lobotomized by the Lobby. We are virtually brain-dead when it comes to asking basic questions, and demanding rational answers. Any brain-dead social body can persist on life support for a period of time, but its days are surely numbered. Financial collapse is a sign that our vital organs are shutting down. Unless we are able to rouse ourselves from our comatose state, America is not long for this world."

– "Why are we in Afghanistan?", David Skrbina, lecturer in philosophy,
University of Michigan – Dearborn

A THOUGHTFUL SPEECH BY THE MEMBER FOR WILLS: Mr. Kelvin Thomson MP drew attention to the reality of excessive immigration and massive urban growth in parliament (17th August 09) in the following extracts from his speech:- "According to Melbourne Water, water shortages in and around Melbourne is being driven by both climate change and population growth. Housing affordability in Australia has undergone a period of dramatic decline. John Edwards, an economist with HSBC, has noted that Australia's high level of migration, the highest level in our history, is going to keep upward pressure on house prices. The same goes for rent. The General Manager of Australian Property Monitors, Michael McNamara, has said the shortage of rental properties will continue to worsen because of rising migration. Our cities are too large. They dwarf people. The sheer scale of them is overwhelming for some, who lose the plot and fall victim to mental illness or drug and alcohol abuse. For the rest of us, the madding crowd swells every year, giving us that little bit less room. Every square metre of space is fought over..."

In my home city of Melbourne, a lot of people of goodwill have supported high-rise as preferable to urban sprawl. What they do not realise is that it is not halting any urban sprawl at all. Suburbs continue to continue to march out onto the horizon. Property developers are having their cake and eating it too. We are growing upwards and outwards. Melbourne is becoming an obese hardened-artery parody of its former self.

There is something intangible but important about the personal space of a backyard. I believe the children who grow up in concrete jungle suburbs are subject to more bullying and harassment and are more vulnerable to traps such as crime and drugs. More people equals more cars, and the more cars there are out on the roads the longer it takes us to get anywhere. The time that motorists spend on the

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roads in and out of Brisbane, for example – to the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast or Ipswich – is truly appalling.

Each suburb we build out of the city fringes means more traffic coming through the inner suburbs, more congestion, more pollution and more noise. It does nothing for our calm, our quality of life or our sanity. We think we have no choice but to grin and bear it. It is not true...

Increasing population consumes resources and makes them scarcer, leading to price rises. The rising price of petrol is a clear function of scarcity fuelled by population growth, and the increased cost of basic resources such as water and petrol feeds into everything they contribute to – food costs, transport costs, insurance, housing, et cetera. Some economists argue that increasing population will create economies of scale and put downward pressure on prices. In reality, this downward pressure on prices is sighted less frequently than Elvis Presley.

A vast area of the central Pacific Ocean has become smothered in plastic. It is referred to as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The area affected is estimated to be twice the size of Texas and to a depth of at least 30 metres. What a disgrace!"

Editor's comment: Mr. Thomson is to be congratulated for his speech. The growth of cities is a travesty of natural law. It is driven by financial policies which foster bigness. A drastic re-think is required to give people a more natural lifestyle. *Read "The Money Trick" to see a better policy.*

Borrowing to pay the banker? Jeremy Lee will be releasing a new DVD within the next few weeks dealing with this absurdity. "Mending a Mortgaged World" addresses the insanity of all nations, including Australia, trying the impossible – to borrow themselves out of debt! In spite of endless conflict and destruction, the haunting idea of peace on earth persists – we KNOW this a world of superabundance! The ten-year-old presentation "Retell the Story" will be included on the DVD, providing illuminating background to the situation we could have avoided then.

BOB BIRRELL: EARNINGS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS by James Reed: Monash University sociologist Bob Birrell (*The Australian*, 5/8/09; 12/8/09), has criticised the oft-quoted billion dollar figures said to be generated by foreign students studying in their countries. Australia's figure is \$15.5 billion, Britain \$11 billion and the United States \$18.5 billion. Based on these figures alone, the Australian figure seems suspicious in my opinion.

Birrell argues that these figures are wrong because they don't take into account the income foreign students earn whilst studying. Birrell thinks the real figures are about half. I think if we consider opportunity cost factors, such as the degradation of the universities into degree machines, the places that native Australian students miss out on (the idea that foreign students 'create' places begs the question because it assumes what has to be proven) – the international student scam basically is of no benefit to Australia as a nation at all. It serves only ideological, anti-nationalist, sentiments.

Consider Glenn Withers response to Birrell (*The Australian*, 12/8/09 p.34). Withers is a big immigration supporter and is now chief executive of Universities Australia. In his article he makes some technical objections to Birrell. Withers adopts a globalist economic position which rejects the idea that 'exports are good' and 'imports are bad'. That is the philosophy that has led to the Asian economies rising and the West falling. But for Withers, Birrell has "nativistic enthusiasm". For him economics is not as important as ideology:

- "For most in universities it is about the learning experience for all students and an international student presence that enhances that. Our obligation is to advance that objective in all the best ways possible, and not seek to pull it down."

Now if Withers truly believes that, let him resign from his job, give all his super and assets to Aborigines

and refugees, and let him sit the Year 12 exam again with Asian students. Let him compete to get a place, in say medicine or dentistry. I wonder how he would go?

ISRAELI GAY CLUB MASSACRE: BUT NO CALL FOR GUN BANS by John Steele: You know the pattern by now. Some 'nut' gets a gun, usually an illegal one, and kills a lot of innocent people. Even if this happens overseas, the gun-banning lobby jumps up and down and wants more guns banned. In Tel Aviv a masked man shot two people and wounded eleven others in a gay club. He then fled.

At present there is a complete police-blackout on details in this case. Now leaving aside the homophobic line, what I find interesting is that the gun control lobby did not, as far as research revealed, follow its usual pattern. Why no call for a ban on firearms in Tel Aviv? I am no anti-Semitic and I can see good reasons for Israelis having guns for self-protection, but my point is that the gun control lobby, as a global movement, have been very selective. So speak up: what is your opinion on this?

Do you want to deprive Israelis of the right to own firearms – if so, why and if not, won't this undercut your basic gun control position?

OUTRAGED DENIALS THAT ISRAEL PLUNDERS PALESTINIANS' ORGANS: Israeli's have expressed outrage at the claims by photographer Donald Boström in a Swedish newspaper (*Aftonbladet*) that they (the Israelis) 'plundered' young Palestinians' organs. The English translation of the newspaper headlines read: "Our Sons Plundered for Their Organs" and the article states:

"You could call me a "matchmaker," said Levy Yitzhak Rosenbaum, from Brooklyn, U.S.A., in a secret recording with an FBI-agent whom he believed to be a client. Ten days later, at the end of July this year, Rosenbaum was arrested and a vast, Sopranos-like, imbroglia of money-laundering and illegal organ-trade was revealed. Rosenbaum's matchmaking had nothing to do with romance. It was all about buying and selling kidneys from Israel on the black market. Rosenbaum says that he buys the kidneys for 10,000 dollars, from poor people. He then proceeds to sell the organs to desperate patients in the States for 160,000 dollars. The accusations have shaken the American transplantation business. If they are true it means that organ trafficking is documented for the first time in the U.S., experts tell the New Jersey *Real-Time News*.

On the question of how many organs he has sold Rosenbaum replies: "Quite a lot. And I have never failed," he boasts. The business has been running for quite some time. Francis Delmonici, professor of transplant surgery at Harvard and member of the National Kidney Foundation's Board of Directors, tells the same newspaper that organ-trafficking, similar to the one reported from Israel, is carried out in other places of the world as well. 5-6,000 operations a year, about ten per cent of the world's kidney transplants are carried out illegally, according to Delmonici.

Countries suspected of these activities are Pakistan, the Philippines and China, where the organs are allegedly taken from executed prisoners. But Palestinians also harbour strong suspicions against Israel for seizing young men and having them serve as the country's organ reserve – a very serious accusation, with enough question marks to motivate the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to start an investigation about possible war crimes.

Israel has repeatedly been under fire for its unethical ways of dealing with organs and transplants. France was among the countries that ceased organ collaboration with Israel in the nineties..." The original article: <http://www.aftonbladet.se/kultur/article5652583.ab>

Israel Shamir (member of the Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem) writes: "...Israel is not the only country suspected of such nefarious activities. Carla del Ponte, chief prosecutor at the Hague tribunal for Balkan crimes, wrote in her 2008 book "The Hunt: Me and War Criminals" that under the

egis of the Kosovo Liberation Army, this ally of NATO and the U.S., hundreds of young Serb prisoners were allegedly taken by truck from Kosovo to northern Albania where their organs were removed. Some prisoners were sewn up after having kidneys removed until the moment they were killed for other vital organs. Carla Del Ponte had seen the house where such surgeries were done and had met with the people involved, one of whom "personally made an organ delivery" to an Albanian airport for transport abroad.

However, Carla del Ponte's accusation against Albanians did not cause such a stir, and nobody condemned her as "anti-Albanian", nor would she care if somebody had, for it is perfectly all right to be anti-anybody as long as not anti-Jewish. The Jews have a potent weapon in their "anti-Semitism" label. Or do they?...

More importantly, Israeli outrage is a proof that – despite approval for it by radical Cabbalists and neoliberals – transplantation of human organs is an immoral dreadful thing, too close to cannibalism, and we all know that. Yes, it is awful if Israeli soldiers tear kidneys out of Palestinians and kill them afterwards. But it is equally awful, if a kind doctor removes a kidney out of a Detroit mechanic whose house was repossessed by a gentle banker, or out of a Ukrainian worker who was sacked by a polite oligarch, or out of an Indian farmer who has to pay his debt to Monsanto. Every poor man on the planet is a Palestinian – though the means of his dispossession may vary. This kind of thing should be stopped. The human body is sacred..."

LA Times, 24/8/09 – **"Organ harvesting sparks Israel-Sweden tiff"** – Richard Boudreaux:
latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-israel-sweden24-2009aug24,0,6566414.story

"Sweden, citing a right to free expression, refuses to condemn suggestions that Israeli troops harvested the organs of dead Palestinians. Israel says the article could incite violence against Jews.

Israel, already on the defensive over European criticism of its policies, has picked a diplomatic fight with Sweden over an unsubstantiated newspaper "expose" suggesting that Israeli soldiers harvested the organs of Palestinians who died in army custody.

The article in the Swedish tabloid *Aftonbladet* on Aug. 17 drew little attention until Israel demanded, two days later, that Sweden's government condemn it. Swedish officials refused, saying the newspaper has a constitutional right to free expression.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu joined a chorus of Israeli protest against the Swedish stance, saying it ignores the article's potential to incite violence against Jews. Addressing his Cabinet, Netanyahu likened the report to "medieval libels that Jews killed Christian children for their blood," said an official who was present.

Two of the tabloid's reporters were told Sunday their applications for press credentials in Israel would be delayed for 90 days. An Israeli website announced a campaign to shun IKEA furniture and other Swedish products. The tempest could strain Israel's already fragile relations in Europe. Sweden holds the rotating presidency of the European Union, and Netanyahu is leaving today on a visit to Britain and Germany.

Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt is to visit Israel on Sept. 10, but Israeli Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz suggested he may not be welcome.

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OUTRAGED DENIALS THAT ISRAEL PLUNDERS PALESTINIANS' ORGANS continued from *On Target*: Israel's reaction is a measure of sensitivity to strong international criticism of its offensive in the Gaza Strip and the policies of Netanyahu's 5-month-old government. Israel is resisting U.S. and European demands to halt all growth of Jewish settlements in the West Bank as a prelude to peace talks with the Palestinians.

The Swedish article repeated Palestinian allegations, dating to the early 1990s and denied by the Israeli military, that troops removed dead prisoners' organs. The writer, Donald Bostrom, said the allegations should be re-examined in light of last month's arrest of an American Jew charged with plotting to buy a kidney from an Israeli and sell it to an American patient.

Bostrom later told Israel Radio he could not vouch for the accuracy of the accounts of his Palestinian informants.

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said the article had "an odour of anti-Semitism." The Swedish government's refusal to condemn it, he said, recalled Sweden's neutrality during World War II.

In a blog Thursday, Bildt denied that Sweden harbours anti-Semitic sentiments. He said he understood why the article stirred strong emotions in Israel but defended free discussion.

Lena Posner, head of the Jewish community in Stockholm, told Israel's *Ynet news* website that Israel had blown an obscure article out of proportion and caused a backlash. "In Sweden, as in Israel, freedom of expression is sacred," she said. "Everyone in Sweden cannot understand how Israel dares to interfere."

MOUNT CLINTON BLOWS ITS TOP! by James Reed: In Kinshasa, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton lost her cool when a male African student asked her what Mr. Clinton thought about the involvement of China and the World Bank in the Congo. Hillary fumed: "You want to know what my husband thinks? My husband is not Secretary of State – I am. You ask my opinion; I will tell you my opinion. I'm not going to channel my husband."

It turns out that the student really meant "Mr. Obama" not "Mr. Clinton". But even so, over-the-top feminist and egoist Hillary could have delivered the reply: I am here as Secretary of State, I'm not going to channel the president's opinion, only official U.S. policy.

Really there was nothing wrong with asking her Bill Clinton's opinion. She could have answered politely is she wasn't such a

THE LONELINESS OF THE LONG-DISTANCE ESSAY WRITER by James Reed: Then there was Big Kev '09 writing away like a man possessed by a muse, and then there was Malcolm Turnbull, also writing an essay, telling us that Rudd was burying us in a world of debt. Recently Rudd submitted an article to the journal *Foreign Affairs* (Council of Foreign Relations, I believe). The article was rejected. I bet that hurt Kev's pride!

The essay *persona* is all about appearance, the appearance of saying something profound, the appearance of being an intellectual. That is what Rudd wants to be, a man of letters. In general, the Left loves intellectuals, words, books, essays and all that *talk*.

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Some will say that Rudd should be governing the country, and not writing. But they fail to understand that this is how people like him govern. For postmodernism there is no reality outside of texts, and Rudd is ensuring that he has a text to live in.

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS: ABORIGINAL COURTS? by Ian Wilson LL.B: Western Australian Chief Justice Wayne Martin has said that Western Australia needs Aboriginal community courts. ("Aborigines Need Own Courts", *The Australian*, 31/7/09, p.29. He believes that this is required because of Western Australia having Australia's highest rate of Aboriginal imprisonment. Although Aborigines constitute only 3.5 per cent of the Western Australian population, Aborigines constitute 40 per cent of adult prisoners and 76 per cent of juvenile detainees.

Only Tasmania does not have an Aboriginal sentencing court: Western Australia has only one Aboriginal court in Kalgoorlie. At present this court is under evaluation by the W.A. Attorney General and a report will be available next month. It is not clear at present whether or not reoffending rates have decreased.

I have no objection about Aboriginal elders confronting offenders, if it can be shown that this lowers reoffending rates. My concern is that there may be a politically correct desire by the legal reform lobby to lower Aboriginal imprisonment rates by making such courts a "soft option".

These Aboriginal people, however "dispossessed" are still breaking the law. So the real issue as Chief Justice Martin also observes, lies outside of the justice system. But that puts us squarely in the wild world of politics, where Aboriginal issues have been quietly regarded as too hard, for too long.

'SCIENCE' AND ORGANIC FOOD by John Steele: From my new "homeless" lifestyle, living in a tent, I have had plenty of time to meditate upon many things, including the question of the nutritional value of organic food. A recent "meta-analysis" (that is a review of a whole bunch of papers), published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* concluded that there is no evidence to support the idea that organic food is nutritionally superior to conventional food.

There was no investigation of other factors such as chemical residues and the health benefits of various plant nutrients. Organic foods are often fresher than conventional foods: some fruits in supermarkets may be up to many months of age, dwelling in 'controlled atmospheres'. The nutritional content can hardly match fresh food. So, on common sense grounds, from the safety of my swag, I say, that I for one do not believe the results of the survey. Maybe all SS studies were methodologically flawed? How can such surveys, "level out", so to speak, methodological errors that are likely to exist in each individual paper? Surely... garbage in, garbage out!

THE WHITE HOUSE BEER SUMMIT by James Reed: It is interesting to see a story through to its end. Cambridge MA police Sergeant James Crowley, who arrested radical black professor Henry Gates (a mate of B. Hussein Obama) attended a "beer summit" along with Vice-President Joe Biden and Barack the Emperor.

One photo shows Obama walking ahead down the White House steps leaving Crowley to help Gates (with a walking stick) down the steps. All of this shows how an elite Ivy League black professor used his influence to put a blue-collar cop in his place.

Gates showed his arrogance by threatening the police officer saying he didn't know who he was dealing with. And just as suddenly, the black president intervenes. If Gates had been white, Crowley would have been seen as just doing his job. Welcome to the post-white world. It's only beginning...

GREENPEACE LEADER ADMITS ARCTIC ICE EXAGGERATION: In an interview with the BBC's Stephen Sackur on the "Hardtalk" program, Leipold initially attempted to evade the question but was ultimately forced to admit that Greenpeace had made a "mistake" when it said Arctic ice would disappear completely in 20 years.

The claim stems from a July 15 Greenpeace press release entitled "Urgent Action Needed As Arctic Ice Melts" in which it is stated that global warming will lead to an ice-free Arctic by 2030.

Sackur accused Leipold and Greenpeace of releasing "misleading information" based on "exaggeration and alarmism," pointing out that it was "preposterous" to claim that the Greenland ice sheet, a mass of 1.6 million square kilometres with a thickness of 3 km in the middle that has survived much warmer periods in history, would completely melt when it had stood firm for hundreds of thousands of years. "There is no way that ice sheet is going to disappear," said Sackur. "I don't think it will be melting by 2030. ... That may have been a mistake," Leipold was eventually forced to admit.

However, Leipold made no apologies for Greenpeace's tactic of "emotionalizing issues" as a means of trying to get the public to accept its stance on global warming.

Greenpeace Leader Admits Arctic Ice Exaggeration

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NC7bE9jopXE&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.prisonplanet.com%2Fgreenpeace-leader-admits-organization-put-out-fake-global-warming-data.html&feature=player_embedded

SEEKING TO REGAIN RIGHTS FILCHED BY 'BIG-BROTHER': *The Age* newspaper reported, "Victoria's leading employer group has told Attorney-General Rob Hulls to butt out of Melbourne's men-only clubs." ("Hulls warned on men's clubs": Paul Austin, 11/8/09).

"The Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry has also warned the reformist Attorney-General against interfering in the internal affairs of the churches. Mr. Hulls has commissioned a review of exemptions in the Equal Opportunity Act that allow private clubs and churches to discriminate against people on grounds such as gender and religion. He has called men-only institutions such as the Melbourne and Athenaeum clubs outdated relics.

Chamber chief executive Wayne Kayler-Thomson yesterday accused Mr. Hulls of undermining the fundamental right of freedom of association. "We do not support the notion of a government that tries to remake society in its own image," he said. "In our view, market forces should and will determine the fate of private clubs, not government fiat." Mr. Kayler-Thomson said Mr. Hulls' "political correctness" also posed a threat to the principle of separation of church and state.

"We do not have a state religion in Australia, and we are grateful that the church does not interfere in state matters – the trade-off is that an overweening state keeps its distance from religious organisations," he said. "Australia has largely avoided some of the politically correct excesses of the United States and Britain in this respect."

Mr. Kayler-Thomson said industry leaders were happy to work with the Government to reinforce non-discrimination "as a tool of business excellence – but we do not believe that civil society should be turned on its head in the process".

The Islamic Council and the Catholic and Anglican churches oppose reducing religious exemptions to the Equal Opportunity Act, and the Presbyterian Church has warned it will defy the law if an "intolerant secular agenda" is imposed on Victoria.

Mr. Hulls, who last night emphasised no decision had been made on changes to the exemptions, acknowledges many people believe religious schools should be free to select their staff "on whatever basis they determine in order to remain true to their religious beliefs". "But some people argue the value of freedom of religion does not entitle religions to discriminate against the difference and diversity of others," he wrote in *The Sunday Age* last month."

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