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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance -

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Science is knowledge. In action it is the research and documentation of natural law. For that job there is only one essential, besides training and common intelligence, and that is integrity, singleness of purpose: the 'single eye' that, as Christ said, is the only means to enlightenment. *In that sense* the scientist is truly religious in spirit. He knows that all personal bias and preconception must be eliminated from the mind; that facts as they come to light must be accepted, not for any moral reason, involving punishment, but simply because it is only in that obedient, impersonal, selfless spirit that Truth, his objective, can be attained.

To me Christianity is realistic in the highest degree; but it was not the Church, but two superficially mundane interests that brought me to an appreciation of the realistic and practical quality of Christ's teaching. In the first place it was the study of art, and later the study of that philosophy we call Social Credit. And the more I examine them the more do Christ's teaching and Social Credit identify themselves and fuse in my mind. I put down here my interpretation of the fundamental principles of Christianity, solely for the purposes of my analogy...

What I have found, then, in Christianity, is a technique of living; and it is with me that, whatever adherence I may give to Social Credit or anything else, the technique of personal existence must be my primary concern... Christ was a realist, the greatest that ever lived by my definition of Realism, which is a concern with the immediate present, with facts as they are. "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you," said Christ, and *that* to my mind is an eminently realistic statement. It was Idealism that shoved Heaven up into the sky, and that has persistently postponed human blessedness to any time and place except here and now; when just here and now are all that we really possess to work on. It is surely a devil's trick to rob us of the present, the only possession we can really call ours....

It is because of the realism of their belief that Social Crediters find themselves so markedly opposed to a world that sees no hope other than in Plans - Four, Five, and Ten Year - and Boards and Leagues, and Conferences; all idealistic, all projecting themselves outward from an unsolved, immediate present, into an intellectual, Utopian dream of what might be, of what ought to be...

Newman's "One step enough for me" may be childishly simple; but it is profoundly and truly a summing-up of the Christian point of view and, I would add, the scientific also. The Christian task, as I see it, is to attain the right attitude towards life, to understand and carry out its laws as disclosed. What follows, follows; and it is just here that faith comes into operation. It seems to me an astonishingly

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foolish mistake, and one very frequently made, to confuse faith with blind belief; they are in no way related. Faith might be defined as an unshakeable understanding that obedience to a known law must produce correct results, even though ... the actual nature of the ultimate result is hidden from us. The Social Credit faith is of that nature, and so, too, is the truly Christian..."

– Social Credit and the Christian Ethic by Norman F. Webb in "The Fig Tree", Vol.1, 1937

HANGING OF IRANIAN CHRISTIAN – FOR CRIME OF 'APOSTASY' – Betty Luks: The following report reminds me of the time when the Christian Church would burn heretics' bodies alive in order 'to save their souls'. While On Target usually concentrates on political and social issues that affect this nation, we have published the following to show just what it costs in some countries to make a stand for the Christian Faith. Pastor Anthony Grigor-Scott is a non-denominational minister who ministers primarily to other ministers and their congregations in other countries, therefore he is well aware of the persecutions many Christians suffer for their Faith. He has written to us about the fate awaiting an Iranian Christian Pastor and his desperate need.

Pastor Grigor-Scott writes: "We now have the official verdict written in Farsi on Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani, who is sentenced to be hung for the crime of apostasy. I understand one of the judgments of the court states that Pastor Nadarkhani claims to be the Saviour, but of course this position was occupied and the important Work completed 2,000 years ago. Fortunately, Brother Youcef has not been sentenced to crucifixion and has twenty days in which to appeal the verdict, a process already begun by his attorney Dr. Nasser Sarbazi. Meanwhile, Voice of the Martyrs [http://www.prisoneralert.com/pprofiles/vp_prisoner_206_profile.html?_nc=a6a139416125b06a8865823dec54e718] has posted a Prisoner Alert with instantaneous translation wherewith you may write letters of encouragement to our Brother, or letters of protest to Iranian officials.

Also a Print Fact Sheet on his case. Go here... http://www.prisoneralert.com/qry/vp_prsnprofile.taf?pfid=%20206&_nc=7c6cd4ffb367ca0307763516a99ab0c9

He asks for prayer and action for this Iranian Pastor and other Iranian Christians: (Pastor Youcef's wife) Fatemeh Pasandideh; (Pastor Behrouz' wife) Fatemeh Kojouri Tork; Mehdi and Mina Kerbalayi and their mother, Nahid; Brother Afshin, Sister Mahsa, Brother Mid, Sister Nasrin Karaj, and Pastor Behnam Irani Shiraz who are all incarcerated for the faith or released on bail.

Now there is something you can do: Email or fax – Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic, His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei, Fax + 98 21 774 2228; email istiftaa@wilayah.org : His Excellency the President Dr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Fax: + 98 21 649 5880; If readers choose to write a lengthy electronic letter to Mr. Ahmadinejad they should write and save it in .doc, .rtf, or .txt format, then visit his Website <http://cp.president.ir/en/> and follow the user-friendly instructions to upload the document. If they have only a brief letter they may simply log onto his Website <http://cp.president.ir/en/> and type or paste their message.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Manouchehr Mottaki, Fax: + 98 21 390 1999; email matbuat@mfa.gov

CALLS INCREASING FOR THE JAILING OF 'CORPORATE CRIMINALS': If the reader would like to see an 1800's portrayal of just such a ponzi scheme as the recent derivatives scam', purchase a BBC film version of Anthony Trollope's novel "How Then Should We Live NOW". Anyone who has taken the trouble to understand the fraudulent financial system under which we now live would recognise just what Augustus Melmott (former banker now speculator) meant by the sly suggestion that his banker friend write off his outstanding debt 'as a loss'. If you had the legal power to create financial credit out of nothing then there would be no 'skin off your nose' to do a friend 'a

favour' – now would there? For an explanation of a fraudulent speculation scheme go to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/ponzi.htm>

"Seriously", writes the journalist "Jail the Bankers or This Economy Will Never Fully Recover". Alternet November 17, 2010: "By refusing to hold the corporate criminals at the heart of the housing crisis accountable for their crimes, we're creating powerful incentives for future malfeasance.

The Great Recession showed the world that the crimes that create the most victims are not committed by terrorists, gangbangers or drug traffickers, but by well-heeled crooks in Wall Street's executive suites. Tens of millions of people have seen their jobs disappear and their pension funds fleeced, and had their homes taken out from under their feet as a result of the crash of Wall Street's Great Casino. Yet so far, the culprits have been given little more than a slap on the wrist.

Failing to prosecute Wall Street's high-flying crooks doesn't only represent a great miscarriage of justice. Powerful voices within the economic establishment are now making the case that holding the bankers criminally culpable is necessary if we ever hope to stop our national economy from moving from one speculation-driven bubble to the next...

Economist James Galbraith of the University of Texas agrees. He told Bill Moyers that at the heart of the crisis was "a huge amount of" criminal fraud, which the Bush administration and the FBI knew was occurring but didn't prosecute...

According to University of Missouri scholar (and veteran regulator) William Black, there was widespread fraud "at every step in the home finance food chain."

As Black and economist L. Randall Wray recently wrote: The appraisers were paid to overvalue real estate; mortgage brokers were paid to induce borrowers to accept loan terms they could not possibly afford; loan applications overstated the borrowers' incomes; speculators lied when they claimed that six different homes were their principal dwelling; mortgage securitizers made false [representations] and warranties about the quality of the packaged loans; credit ratings agencies were overpaid to overrate the securities sold on to investors; and investment banks stuffed collateralized debt obligations with toxic securities that were handpicked by hedge fund managers to ensure they would self destruct.

Economists talk about "moral hazard," which basically means that people – and institutions – behave differently when they're insulated from the potentially negative consequences of their actions. That moral hazard has been a fixture of our under-policed financial sector for years. A shining example of that is Citigroup, which received \$45 billion in TARP funds in addition to having another \$300 billion in bad paper taken off its books by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. But that was only the latest round; last year, the *New York Times* noted that over the past 80 years, "the United States government has engineered not one, not two, not three, but at least four rescues of the institution now known as Citigroup..."

More material on the League's Media File on the Website. Encourage others to look at it.

Also, look at "The Banker" here.. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peX4dBEF0Vg&feature=player_embedded

SO CALLED "OBJECTIVE" MEDICAL RESEARCH by Peter West: So much for "objective" medical research - it has been revealed that Big Pharma hired ghost writers to "distort" truth about hormone replacement therapy drugs" (Naturalnews.com, October 5, 2010). The news comes from documents uncovered from "discovery" in a lawsuit against a pharmaceutical corporation who manufactured Prempro (conjugated equine estrogens). An analysis of ghost written reviews showed

that the articles downplayed the harms and promoted unproven benefits of the therapy drugs. A communications company had hired writers to produce the articles.

It makes one think: how much more of modern medicine is based on a sham and a scam?

THE ZOMBIE UNIVERSITY by James Reed: Action movies and computer games require an "Other" who can be mercilessly slaughtered. In our politically correct world – which if it was consistent and not based on crass capitalism should outlaw such violence – the zombie now fits the role as such an "Other". The zombie is a fallen human, a now-monster with no self and only a desire to kill and heat human flesh. So it is okay to kill zombies with an array of objects from guns to chain saws.

Joseph Gora and Andrew Whelan ("Invasion of Aca-Zombies", *The Australian*, November 3, 2010, p.29) see a zombie plague infecting the university sector where "Universities are increasingly populated by the undead: a listless population of academics, managers, administrators and students, all shuffling to the beat of the corporatist drum".

The metaphor is appropriate for the times. The modern university does resemble something out of the worst nightmares of Hollywood horror movies, a giant freak show of horrors. Worst of all is the poisonous thinking which once was based on sheer left wing racial hatred, but now has joined forces with global corporate capitalism to destroy the very society and people who nurture it. Truly this is an unspeakable evil that rivals the evil of zombieland – for the zombie only wants to eat your flesh, but the university ethos seeks the cosmopolitan destruction of our racial soul.

ASYLUM-SEEKERS ARE LAW BREAKERS by James Reed: Angry citizens have been, well, angry, at meetings held by the government to hose down community concerns about hundreds of asylum seekers being housed in communities across the country. Immigration Minister Chris Bowen has said that the asylum seekers are "safe" and "unlikely to escape detention and break the law". Yes, sure, like asylum seekers right across the world. Never mind that these people broke the law by coming here illegally in the first place. Never mind the constant possibility of terrorists in the mix. But to add to the joy, Liberal Premier Colin Barnett wants the Gilly government to halve the number of male asylum-seekers planned for the Northam detention centre (*The Weekend Australian*, November 6-7, 2010, p.2). Now if there was no problem, why would he want that?

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE OZ-STYLE COMING YOUR WAY! by Peter West: N.S.W. factional power broker Labor Minister Mark Arbib wants the Labor Party to support "gay" marriage (*The Weekend Australian*, November 6-7, 2010, p.3). He wants MPs to have a conscience vote on the issue. According to *The Australian*: "His stance is designed to push the party to take a progressive lead on the issue and bolster its credentials in inner-city seats where it has been bleeding voters to the Greens, who have championed gay marriage". Queensland Premier and Labor Party national president Anna Bligh has also declared her support for gay marriage (*The Australian*, November 8, 2010, p.9). Long live the cultural wars! Good on you Mark, don't hold back, go, go, go! We the voting public need to have all of these issues spread out before us. We deserve to have our faces rubbed in them. We deserve to have asylum seekers in every street, until we collectively say "no more, we will stand for no more!"