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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "An examination of world institutions today reveals the following. Dominant male elites control the financial economy of the business world, which directs the production of commodities to be exchanged for *money* on the market. In the meantime the truly co-operative work of agriculture, engineering, caring, nurturing and provisioning is carried out by the ordinary 'man (and woman) in the street'. Simultaneously, the non-commercial arts, sciences, technologies, educational processes and other 'cultural' activities are developed and bear fruit outside the narrow confines of the top echelons of the centralised institutions. The sustaining, co-operative and cultural activities which form the base of the hierarchical social pyramid supply the elites themselves with members and the means of subsistence. Yet, as things stand, those at the base of the hierarchical 'cone' are, seemingly, powerless to affect the policies of those at the apex of the pyramid..."

It would seem that the time has come for ordinary people to cast a critical eye over the key Institutions of modern society. The disintegration of the social framework is being orchestrated from the top of what Douglas termed the 'pyramid of power'. But it is the mass of little people at the bottom who sustain the system. Without the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker, without the tinker, tailor, soldier and sailor, without the parents, teachers and trainers of all the workers, there would be no pyramidal system handing down the orders..."

– *"The Social Creditor"* Vol.86, No.2, Summer 2010. www.douglassocialcredit.com

GREEN ENERGY 'MAFIA' SHOWS HAND: TAKE NOTE AUSSIES: "The author of a damning study about the failure of Spain's "green jobs" program received a 'threatening package' from solar energy company Thermotechnic". Christopher Horner a senior fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute wrote (24/6/2010): "Green' Energy Company Threatens Economics Professor ... with Package of Dismantled Bomb Parts".

"Spain's Dr. Gabriel Calzada – the author of a damning study concluding that Spain's "green jobs" energy program has been a catastrophic economic failure – was mailed a dismantled bomb on Tuesday by solar energy company *Thermotechnic*.

Says Calzada: Before opening it, I called [Thermotechnic] to know what was inside ... they answered, it was their answer to my energy pieces.

Dr. Calzada contacted a terrorism expert to handle the package. The expert first performed a scan of the package, then opened it in front of a journalist, Dr. Calzada, and a private security expert. The

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terrorism consultant said he had seen this before: This time you receive unconnected pieces. Next time it can explode in your hands.

Dr. Calzada added: [The terrorism expert] told me that this was a warning.

The bomb threat is just the latest intimidation Dr. Calzada has faced since releasing his report and following up with articles in *Expansion* (a Spanish paper similar to the *Financial Times*). A minister from Spain's Socialist government called the rector of King Juan Carlos University – Dr. Calzada's employer – seeking Calzada's ouster. Calzada was not fired, but he was stripped of half of his classes at the university. The school then dropped its accreditation of a summer university program with which Calzada's think tank – Instituto Juan de Mariana – was associated.

Additionally, the head of Spain's renewable energy association and the head of its communist trade union wrote opinion pieces in top Spanish newspapers accusing Calzada of being "unpatriotic" - they did not charge him with being incorrect, but of undermining Spain by daring to write the report. Their reasoning? If the skepticism that Calzada's revelations prompted were to prevail in the U.S., Spanish industry would face collapse should U.S. subsidies and mandates dry up.

Spain's government now acknowledges the debacle: As I have previously reported at PJM, Spain's "green jobs" program was repeatedly referenced by President Obama as a model for what he would like to implement in the United States. Following the release of Calzada's report, Spain's Socialist government has since acknowledged the debacle – both privately and publicly. This month, Spain's government instituted massive reductions in subsidies to "renewable" energy sources.

Dr. Calzada is a friend of mine, kindly writing a blurb for the jacket of my latest book: "Power Grab: How Obama's Green Policies Will Steal Your Freedom and Bankrupt America". My book details the Spanish "green jobs" disaster uncovered by Dr. Calzada, plus similar "green" economic calamities occurring in Germany and Denmark – also programs Obama has praised – as well as in Italy and elsewhere.

As I detail in "Power Grab", they felt Spain would be in a dire position without the U.S. playing the role of sucker. With today's revelation, now we know just how far the "green energy" lobby will go to keep the money flowing."

Source: <http://pajamasmedia.com/blog/breaking-green-energy-company-threatens-economics-professor-with-package-of-dismantled-bomb-parts/?singlepage=true>

Further reading: "*The Climate Caper: Facts and Fallacies of Global Warming*" by Garth W. Paltridge, \$25.00 plus postage. Governments are becoming captive to scientific and technological elites who are achieving their ends by manipulating fear of climate change into the greatest example of a religion of the politically correct.

MEET NEW ZEALAND'S 'ETS' – COSTLY, CORRUPTED AND USELESS: New Zealand discovers what a useless and corrupt rort an emissions trading scheme really is:

New Zealand's failure to cut greenhouse gas emissions has left taxpayers staring down the barrel of a Kyoto Protocol liability of at least \$1 billion and possibly more than \$5 billion, according to a book analysing National's emissions trading system.

The authors of "The Carbon Challenge" – Victoria University researcher and economist Geoff Bertram and climate-change analyst and researcher Simon Terry – also describe the Government's current ETS as "technically obsolete" and "beyond rescue" as a sustainable framework for tackling climate change. They say the scheme will not make any inroads into cutting New Zealand's gross emissions levels.

On top of that, the ETS was so unfair in the way it distributed benefits to high emitters with political

influence, while placing a regressive quasi-tax burden on households, that there was a risk it could undermine the public's willingness to support a stronger regime in the future.

Such was the scale of subsidies that only one in every five dollars charged under the ETS would become available to the Government to pay off the Kyoto liability. Households already bore half the total costs resulting from the ETS during its first five years while accounting for just a fifth of all emissions. This is the kind of thing the Gillard Government still is promising us. – *Source:* Andrew Bolt Blog – 30/6/2010

THE TYRANNY OF THE INTELLECTUALS AND NEW CLASS ELITES: James Reed and Chris Knight: Donald Horne – darling of leftist "intellectuals" – is an example of how ideas can really be dangerous. Author of *The Lucky Country*, he met in the 1960's with 20 or more other young intellectuals to think about how the White Australia Policy could be undermined – and by mid 1960 it was. (*The Australian*, 19/5/2010, p.25) Actually this was a delusion of grandeur on the part of the Immigration Reform Group, which from memory we think they called themselves. Articles calling for reform and for the taking in of Asians to Australia were appearing in leading newspapers in 1945 while our lads were still dying fighting the Japanese. The intellectual class in Australia were obsessed with destroying the White Australia Policy since its birth, and aided by big business they did.

Moving on, multiculturalism was embraced, then Asianisation and now the complete elimination of Anglo culture and its race its logical consequence. The men who fought in World War I would have known what these new class elites and intellectuals were: their unpolluted natural instincts would have seen those who wish to swamp a nation and cause its demographic death as – *enemies!* They would have seen this class as engaging in an act of war against all that Australia stands for. After all, what real point was there in defeating Japan in World War II if Australia is just to Asianise now in the 21st century. Why, it would have been better to surrender to Japan and have got it over with! Then we would have never existed or survived (at least in 2010) and would have been spared the misery of our whingeing new class.

IS LEGAL REASONING ARBITRARY? by Ian Wilson LL.B: Against the lawyers series: Let me share with you something that has bothered me since first reading case law at law school. My problem can be illustrated by a recent plaintiff – personal injury case which succeeded in the High Court recently. Two New South Wales police officers sought compensation for stress as a result of the Waterfall train disaster of 2003. The N.S.W. Court of Appeal had heard the case on appeal and dismissed it because the officers witnessing the aftermath of the accident had not witnessed the accident itself, as required under the Civil Liability Act (N.S.W.). The High Court, however, held that the event of the accident was still being played out when the officers arrived, so the "accident" was still occurring.

This seems to be arbitrary and arguing only to get the intuitively "just" result. Common sense and ordinary language suggests that the "accident" was over when the police arrived and that the injured and dead were an "aftermath". If this is wrong, then the Civil Liability Act needs to be changed by parliament. Yet the example shows the elastic logic of the law, where, like in philosophy, plausible cases can be put for a thesis and its negation (denial). The really interesting question is whether there is an objective way of choosing the thesis or its negation, or is it all just a question of values, public policy, ideology and politics.

WHY I 'HATE' CLINT EASTWOOD by James Reed: Clint Eastwood, actor and director has turned 80 and the media celebrated his long film career. He began acting in the TV series *Rawhide*, appeared as the "man with no name" in Sergio Leone's ethnic 1960's westerns, then as Dirty Harry... only to end his career by directing a series of highly politically correct movies – a movie depicting

World War II through Japanese eyes and one celebrating Asian migrants coming to America, *Gran Torino*. Now this is not really a journey from conservative values to multiculturalism. Unlike John Wayne's characters, the Eastwood characters were usually politically correct for the times. The "man with no name" with his dirty poncho could have been a Mexican. John Wayne apparently wrote to Eastwood and said: "those people were not like that" – criticising the blood thirsty portrayal of western characters by Eastwood. Give me John Wayne any day with his wholesome movies with the best of the values of our race. Eastwood is the essential postmodern – the man with no name and no substance.

OBAMA: THE POST-AMERICAN PRESIDENT by James Reed: What seems to be a ground breaking book will soon be released from well known web-writers, Pamela Geller and Robert Spencer: "The Post American Presidency: The Obama Administration's War on America" (Threshold Editions, 2010, release date July 27, 2010). Searching this book at Amazon.com led me to numerous other anti-Obama books written by distinguished conservative writers and journalists. Here is a sample:

Andrew McCarthy, "The Grand Jihad: How Islam and the Left Sabotage America" (Encounter Books, 2010); Michael A. Ledeen, "Obama's Betrayal of Israel" (Encounter Books, 2009); Joshua Muravchick "Obama's Radical Transformation of America: Year One" (Encounter Books, 2010; Stephen Moore "How Obama is Bankrupting the U.S. Economy" (Encounter Books 2009), and so it goes on.

We may not agree with all in such books but at least there is an intellectual movement opposing what is going on – in America.

Compare this situation to Australia. Here there are *no* writers, *no* intellectuals actively writing to undermine the intellectual foundations of our enemies. There is not even a good anti-immigration book out there and the few alternative publishers don't seem to be seeking one. Australia is an intensely anti-intellectual culture and this is sadly reflected in the level of opposition to the cultural wars. We do not seem to be able to appreciate that this battle is in part, a war of words and that we need to encourage thinkers to take on the enemy. The time to support thinkers from our side, rather than hobbyists – is now!

JUST ARRIVED: "Overloading Australia: How governments and media dither and deny on population" by Mark O'Connor and William J. Lines. Just some of the subjects dealt with in this book: Greenhouse gases going up. Oil and gas depleting. House prices exploding. The authors write: "Overloading Australia" explains why and how to stop it. This is the book that well-known Australian Dick Smith says all Australians should read. Price \$18.00 plus postage.

COVERING UP "TERROR CAMERAS" WITH HEAD GEAR by Peter Ewer: The BBC (June 17, 2010) reports that plastic bags will be put over 216 surveillance cameras in Birmingham, a place with a large Muslim population, following complaints from Muslims. The cameras were originally financed through a counter-terrorism fund but now will not be doing the job they were originally intended to do. Political correctness in silly Britannia, comes before public safety, if that was the real purpose of the cameras.

It is hard to believe that there was once a "British Empire" which the sun never set upon. Now the sun really is setting upon Britain and the rest of the West. The *solution* – ah, solution – is to begin the long, hard battle to win back our civilisation and reason. If the cameras can be covered up so easily, then maybe it was a bad idea having them in the first place? Failing that, how about British politicians putting the bags over their heads?!

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