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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The mass-production of "superfluities", degradation of agriculture and wasteful industrialism have been supported by a largely silent clergy. For Massingham, frugality is a Christian virtue, "while the choice for man has definitely become his mastery of money and the machine, or their mastery of him" (Massingham 1943,195). Referring to Tawney's "Religion and the Rise of Capitalism", Massingham notes the "Tudor clash between Christian morality and economic interests":

Theology surrendered to ethics, ethics to economics, and man followed suit from a spiritual being to an economic animal. The terms of surrender are indeed explicitly set out by the Tonnage Act of 1694, by which the king handed over his prerogative in the issue of money to a private interest in the newly created Bank of England. Thus the Bank of England took precedence of the Church of England by relieving economics of Christian supervision and giving it into the charge of itself (Massingham 1943, 103).

– "The Tree of Life: Reclaiming a Rich History", Frances Hutchinson, University of Bradford, U.K.
<http://douglassocialcredit.com/resources.php> :

Bank of England: <http://www.alor.org/Library/EnemyWithintheEmpire.htm>

AN ECONOMY FOR REAL PEOPLE AND THE PLANET: Video Vandana Shiva: A video featuring Vandana Shiva, author, scientist, writer and activist has come to our attention. She is warning the world of the same threat – now far advanced – as did C.H. Douglas nearly eighty years ago. One would think she had studied Douglas, but the truth of the matter is, anyone who studies the real economy as opposed to the 'fictitious economy' of finance/economics and wanted freedom and democracy for his/her people, would come to the same conclusions. The wise Indian lady expresses words of wisdom and insight that are especially relevant at this time... She speaks about the illusions of our economic system and globalisation: "Money used to be a medium of convenient exchange. It was never meant to be worth something in and of itself. It was a promise to pay the bearer... we have to come back to the economy of real goods and real services. The more we can remove money from our lives the more we will have real prosperity."

She speaks about the current economic system going further and further out of whack with reality. "You can multiply money fictitiously, but a tree will only grow at it's own pace and the false growth of the economy is destroying the real growth of the planet, of people and culture." She further underscores

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her point about destructive globalisation by talking about the 200,000 Indian farmers who have committed suicide since Monsanto came to India. That number is from 2006, and counting.

Watch: <http://www.nextworldtv.com/page/5414.html>

IT WILL BE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO PAY IT BACK: GREEK PM IS RIGHT – Plebiscite on Greece's 'bailout': The headlines were screaming at the Greek president. He wanted to put the matter before the people before placing the nation further and further into the clutches of the money lenders. One would have thought that was the way to go in a genuine democracy. Do the Greeks have the power to take back and create their own money system? According to the latest news, it seems the dark forces have forced him to 'reconsider' having a referendum of the people.

"Markets slide as Greek gamble appals EU chiefs", Charles Bremner in Brussels, Sam Coates and Jenny Booth, <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/1/11/2011>

The latest news is "**Democracy's birthplace won't get a vote on the EU deal**" Andrew Bolt – 4/11/2011: So the people won't be asked and a mandate won't be won: Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou has dramatically scrapped plans for a referendum on the proposed European bailout... The American-born premier is not intending to quit, and will instead hold talks with the opposition over their calls for a transitional government and early elections.

"The referendum was never an end in itself," Mr Papandreou told an emergency meeting of his cabinet. "... I said yesterday, if the assent were there, we would not need a referendum."

The Greek drama overshadowed the opening of the G-20 summit in Cannes, on the French Riviera. Meeting ahead of the summit, Europe's leaders made plain to Papandreou that they had reached the end of their patience with Greece, demanding that the beleaguered nation declare whether it wants to stay in the euro currency union - or risk going it alone in a dramatic secession.

Listen to Nigel Farage: talking about United States of Europe's Insane Politics <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugX8NDYkqC0>

THE EUROCRATS' RESPONSE? THEY ARE TERRIFIED OF DEMOCRACY! "Financial crisis: Eurocrats are terrified of democracy" – *Telegraph*, 3/11/11, 11:45 am: "Greece's prime minister George Papandreou is in the doghouse only because he dared to offer voters a choice" writes Daniel Hannan, Conservative MEP for South East England.

Shall I tell you the truly terrifying thing about the EU? It's not the absence of democracy in Brussels, or the ease with which Eurocrats swat aside referendum results. It's the way in which the internal democracy of the member states is subverted in order to sustain the requirements of membership.

George Papandreou, the luckless Greek leader, is the latest politician to find himself being chewed up because he stands in the way of the Brussels machine. On Monday afternoon, Papandreou announced a referendum on whether to accept the EU's bail-out terms. He had evidently had enough of the antics of the opposition party, New Democracy, which kept insisting that Greece remain in the euro, while opposing all the austerity measures necessary to that end – an outrageous stance given that New Democracy ran up the deficit in the first place. Papandreou hoped to force his opponents off the fence: in favour of the spending cuts or against euro membership. Perhaps he also hoped to put pressure on the EU to offer more generous terms.

I wish I could convey the sheer horror that his proposal provoked in Brussels. The first rule of the Eurocracy is "no referendums". Brussels functionaries believe that their work is too important to be subject to the prejudices of *hoi polloi* (for once, the Greek phrase seems apposite). Referendums are always seen as irresponsible; but, at a time when the euro is teetering on the brink, Papandreou's proposal was seen as an act of ingratitude bordering on treason.

Across the palaces and chanceries of the continent, Euro-elites closed ranks. Nicolas Sarkozy's spokesman described Papandreou's announcement as "irrational and dangerous", Angela Merkel's called it "irritating", Silvio Berlusconi's "negative". Such phrases, in the mouths of government officials, suggest purple, choking rage.

The Athens establishment lined up with them. Antonis Samaras, the leader of New Democracy, vowed – with splendid disregard for his party's name – to prevent a referendum "at all costs". Constantine Michalos, the president of the Athens Chamber of Commerce, called the proposal "an act of political blackmail". All these insults were provoked by the suggestion that people be allowed to determine their future through the ballot box.

Further reading here.. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/greece/8862796/Financial-crisis-Eurocrats-are-terrified-of-democracy.html>

Australians would do well to take note of their own prime minister's call for Australia to up its contribution to the IMF to keep the global financial system from teetering over the edge.

What is needed is a "Responsible Government in a Free Society" by Geoffrey Dobbs \$6.00 + postage – available from Heritage Book Services.

Andrew Bolt notes 3/11/11: "If Papandreou can call a vote on an austerity package he hadn't promised, why can't Gillard call a vote on a carbon dioxide tax she didn't promise, either?"

AUSTRALIA FOR SALE! (WHAT! HASN'T IT BEEN SOLD YET?) by James Reed: South Australia is home of the foreign ownership of farms for the states; according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics over 12 percent of South Australian farmland is overseas owned. Next in the sell out stakes is Queensland at 11.8%, Western Australia at 8.5%, Tasmania with 5.6%, New South Wales with 2.7% and my state of Victoria with 0.8%. Victoria, listen to Uncle James, you are supposed to be the "treason state." What is wrong with you, letting South Australia beat you! South Australia has been able to destroy 1000 farm businesses in the last three years alone! (*The Advertiser*, September 10, 2011, p.1)

The Foreign Investment Review Board essentially doesn't exist as millions of dollars float away offshore. And the Northern Territory (a state) beats even South Australia with a proud 24% of foreign ownership. Right on, N.T.!

The goal of our "leaders" is for 100% foreign ownership of not just agriculture, but *everything*, including government. The Anglo Saxon core of Australia is being replaced, daily, by mass migration and feminist-fuelled crashing birth rates and a diseased "mass culture". In China any foreign investment over \$1 would be scrutinised, but they are not deracinated... are they?

ON PLAYING THE MANNE by James Reed and Brian Simpson: The enemy of my enemy is not my friend, but still my enemy. We intensely enjoyed seeing Jewish intellectual Robert Manne in his "Bad News" essay take on *The Australian* and we have also enjoyed *The Australian* media-machine taking Manne "apart". With masses of journalists attacking one, how could any essay not fall "apart" especially when one approaches matters from Manne's world view? Manne goes from conservative right to left and then back to the right and then to the left so fast few people can keep up with him! Even Bertrand Russell didn't change his position so quickly. Manne would no doubt argue that he is a free thinker and is following the argument where it leads, but we think another explanation is that the theoretical positions which he embraces are flawed and conceptually unstable so that he has no secure foundation to his thought.

The claim by Paul Kelly that Manne "throws truth overboard" (*The Australian*, September 14, 2011) in the case say of the stolen generation claims of genocide, is understandable in the context of the

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theoretical inadequacy of his work. Thus as one letter-writer to *The Australian* put it, Manne "during his tenure as editor of *Quadrant*... was obviously obsessed with his perception that the bulk of English speaking settlers who arrived before World War II – and their descendants – were morally delinquent in not sharing his concern with the horror of the Holocaust... He and philosopher Raimond Gaita found the proof of this moral degeneracy by coming up with a definition of genocide so wide that anyone who did not self-flagellate about the effects of settlement on Aborigines was, *ipso facto*, guilty of supporting the genocide that Manne and Gaita claimed had occurred." (*The Australian*, September 15, 2011, p.15) When this concept of genocide was subjected to a *reduction ad absurdum* (or alternatively a "radicalisation") in a work such as "Pauline Hanson: The Truth" (compiled by the Pauline Hanson Support Movement in 1997), Manne was a critic of the claim that mass immigration, multiculturalism and Asianisation, also constituted "genocide". Given though his "wide" definition of "genocide", it is not clear why the argument should not be cornered in this direction, even as a thought experiment. Lacking from Manne's *Quadrant* pieces on the stolen generation in our opinion was a robust, first principle, foundational defence of the central concept of genocide. Manne's critique of "The Truth" was ironically published in *The Australian*.

Neither Manne, nor *The Australian* deal with the core issue that topics such as Asian immigration, multiculturalism and multiracialism are essentially now "out of intellectual bounds" and *The Australian* certainly does not permit any challenge to the new politically correct status quo. Even the issue of the limits of population growth, let alone economic growth, is seldom mentioned in *The Australian* and to our memory, Dick Smith is the only one to have published an article in recent times criticising immigration-fuelled population expansion in *The Australian*. Manne could have developed a critique of *The Australian* from this basis, but on the immigration/Asianisation question he seems to take the same politically correct line as *The Australian*. We therefore take the view that the bitter Mane vs *The Australian* debate is pretty much a family feud.

FACEBOOK AND THE RISE AND FALL OF IQ by Peter Ewer: A recent study, published in *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, allegedly shows that the number of Facebook friends one has is correlated to larger, denser areas of the brain that process social perceptions. The brain areas are the right superior temporal sulcus, left middle temporal gyrus and entorhinal cortex. Again, all this shows is that people with a bigger 'social brain' are more sociable and in an electronic age have more cyber-friends. Once upon a time they probably would have had more person-to-person contacts. Those brain areas process social perceptions such as procuring a person's gazes and facial expressions. Maybe these brain areas would be even bigger if normal-to-normal facial communications occurred rather than the alienated cyber-communications of today. If those scientists are right who see solar activity frying electronic circuits in 2012, then a lot of young people will go over the edge of sanity. What life would they have after texting?

Of more interest S. Ramsden (*et.al.*), "Verbal and Non-Verbal Intelligence Changes in the Teen Brain", *Nature* doi:10.1038/nature.10514(2011), found that IQ is not stable across one's life and for adolescents can vary by as much as 20 IQ points.

Adolescents tested by the team had brain scans via a MRI. It seems that the human brain and IQ can change in response to learning events. As I see it, with the present dumbing-down that is occurring in our education system, in a few years, many of our teenagers would have reverted to the level of base savages, perhaps ultimately drinking blood out of a skull! (Grumpy old men of the world unite!)