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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The People are Finally Rattling Their Chains! Birkenhead County Court: In 1997, Mr Hayes stood for election in Wallasey representing the Referendum Party against sitting MP Angela Eagle. He polled 1,490 votes and finished fourth. The Referendum Party was a single-issue party that emerged in the 90s calling for a vote on the U.K's. relationship with the European Union. One of the protestors who had travelled up for the demonstration from Coventry said: "The purpose of today is generally to get a feel of how unsatisfied people are with the governing of the country. I wouldn't say I was angry, just dissatisfied. I believe that the power is distributed unfairly at this point in time. I believe that the people who are in control are morally defunct. I don't think they are serving the interests of those they are supposed to be serving." Watch here: http://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/8893981.Hundreds_gather_in_Birkenhead_in_mass_protest/

The British Constitution Group (BCG) website says: "We, the British People have a right to govern ourselves. That right has been subjugated as a consequence of acts of treason having been committed by the collective political establishment, aided and abetted by corrupt segments of the judiciary, the police, the Church and the civil service.... BCG and the movement of "lawful rebellion" is strongly supported by Brian Gerrish, a former Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander who publishes the UK Column newspaper, which documents how Britain is being destroyed by globalist interests as well as the insidious "Common Purpose" organization which has infiltrated every level of British society.

– <http://www.thebcgroup.org.uk/>

Rally in N.S.W. to defend Your Castle (Property) with Mr. Peter Spencer in attendance – N.S.W. State Parliament Building, 12 Noon, 15th March 2011. – SOS News - www.sosnews.org

HOGES COMPARES AUSTRALIAN TAX OFFICE TO THE TALIBAN: A furious Paul Hogan has lashed out at the Australian Tax Office (ATO) during Channel Nine's A Current Affair program. Hogan repeatedly insulted members of the ATO, calling them "ego-tripping mongrels" and saying the level of public enmity against them was so high "I may as well have picked the Taliban to take on".

"They're used to having people roll over," Hogan told host Tracy Grimshaw. "I'm not going to roll over, I may lose but I'm taking some of them with me." Hogan was referring to his ongoing five-year battle with the ATO and Australian Crime Commission (ACC) over unpaid taxes.

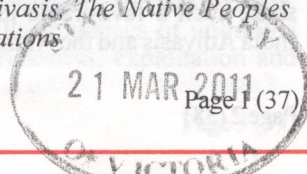
While the ACC dropped its criminal investigation into Hogan and friend John "Strop" Cornell, for

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alleged fraud and tax evasion in November last year the ATO is continuing its parallel investigation. At least \$150 million hangs in the balance and Hogan told *The Australian* he was being treated as "guilty until proven innocent" alleging the ATO had cut off his sources of income and imposed limits on his overseas travel.

Hogan said his anger comes after an alleged request to see detail surrounding his case was responded to with pages of blacked out documents. Displaying the documents to host Tracy Grimshaw he quipped he wasn't sure if they were an attempt at a joke or if the department was "flipping me the bird". "Are they bad jokers or are they just treating me with contempt," he said.

He said he now felt he "must go public" because the ATO were "arrogant bullies" and he realised "you can't talk with these people". "If I was Fred Smith and I was copping this treatment I wouldn't be here talking to you I'd just be coppin' it," he said. "It's become very personal, I hate bullies - and that's what these people are."

Hogan said the five-year battle had destroyed his reputation. "They've declared me a criminal all round the world," he said. "It's over, I used to be Hoges the funny man or Crocodile Dundee. "But now I'm the tax man. Google it, they've turned me into the tax man and that never goes away."

Hogan even showed some flashes of the humour and flair that made him a star. He directly addressed the "front line troops" of the ATO and ACC assuring them he knew they were "decent, hardworking people" and it wasn't their fault if "their boss was an ego-tripping mongrel".

He even apologised to clowns everywhere for comparing them to the high-ranking bureaucrats of the ATO. "Clowns may be creepy-looking but they're just trying to give you a laugh," he said. "I'm sorry clowns for comparing you to these fools." It is ATO policy not to comment on individual taxpayer cases.

Watch the video interview 'Paul Hogan hits back': <http://aca.ninemsn.com.au/celebrity/8221243/paul-hogan-hits-back>

A SELL-OUT OF THE PEOPLE TO DISASTROUS CORPORATE-CAPITALISM? *The Sunday Age*, 6/3/2011, had an article by Chris Berg based on a book "The Long Divergence: How Islamic Law Held Back the Middle East" by Timor Kuran. The author claims the Islamic legal framework is the underlying reason for the lack of democracy and such poverty. **And the answer? According to the author Timor Kuran, writes Chris Berg:** "Kuran argues Islamic law primarily failed to develop the concept of a corporation: an economic and legal construct, separated from family and tribal loyalty, designed to encourage investment and profit sharing..."

As corporations multiplied in Europe from the 17th century, the Arab world's relative success disappeared. It needn't have been so. There's nothing particularly un-Islamic about the corporation – the organisation was embraced by Muslims in the 20th century. Kuran shows Islamic law is flexible enough to change, but a failure to encourage economic growth meant Arab nations slipped behind the West. First Tunisia, then Egypt, and now Libya: Muammar Gaddafi looks set to join the cohort of fallen Middle East dictators. And about time too. Under Gaddafi's tribe-centric Stalinism, Libya has consistently ranked in the bottom 10 countries for economic, social, political, and press freedom. Libya is not alone. The Arab world fills the lower ranks of all these indexes."

Further reading here....<http://www.ipa.org.au/news/2301/selling-out-the-koran>

THE ADIVASIS, THE NATIVE PEOPLES OF EAST INDIA WOULDN'T AGREE: But not all share such a favourable idealistic view of 'corporations'. The authors of "Out of This Earth: East India Adivasis and the Aluminium Cartel" present a far different viewpoint and from personal experience

at that. Frances Hutchinson reviewed the above book in *The Social Creditor*, Volume 86 p.93, and writes: Written from the perspective of the Adivasis (first peoples of India), this compendium of research on the impacts of the global corporate institutions of the 'developed world' right across the earth covers the activities of the aluminium cartel not only in India but also in Canada, Australia, Iceland, Jamaica, Hungary, Russia, China, the U.S.A., throughout Africa and elsewhere.

Careful reading of this tome goes some way to providing answers to the conundrums posed in the following quotations.

"What is the shape of aluminium's history? Has modern society become too dependent on aluminium too quickly for us to comprehend the industry's full impact?

'Wonder metal' of the twentieth century ... Conductor of electricity through elements and cables ... Revolutionising transport and packaging ... Duralumin and other alloys used in making aircraft, taking humans to the skies ... Explosive properties of aluminium in the thermite process enable mass bombing of civilians ... Mega-consumer of electricity, prime purpose of the big dams ... Major polluter of water, earth, air and outer space ... Destroying mountain ecosystems through strip-mining bauxite ... Underminer of countries' economic independence ... Invading Adivasi territories and evicting them from their land ..."

Corporate capitalism: most disastrous form of social organisation in history: Hutchinson continues: "The authors of "Out of This Earth" set out to document the ecologically and culturally destructive nature of the aluminium industry, especially in its impact upon the Adivasis (First People) of the East Indian state of Odisha in East India. Seven years of thoroughgoing research have produced a well-rounded critique of corporate capitalism, the most disastrous form of social organisation in history.

Bauxite plays vital role in natural locations: In place within the mountain eco-systems in which it is found, bauxite plays a vital role in the maintenance of water flows through forests and surrounding country-sides. Its removal in vast quantities for the extraction of aluminium for use in consumer goods, transport and above all the armaments industry, is destroying the earth's ability to sustain plant, animal and human life. Removed from its natural locations, the bright metal becomes toxic and harmful. Furthermore, the mining and processing of aluminium consumes vast quantities of water and electricity, supplied by dams created by the industry's complex network of institutions operating behind closed doors. Thus mining companies, investment bankers, governments and metal traders are related through traders in derivatives in the major financial centres of the world, creating the contracts and deals which endorse the right to exploit 'undeveloped' lands regardless of the best interests of local peoples.

Multinationals originated in 17th Century: The institutional structures of the multinational corporations now encircling the globe have origins which date back as far as the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The French, and later the British East India Companies took forceful control over Indian politics through "intrigue, murder and war". The pattern of divide and rule tactics established by colonialism has been used ever since.

Nominally, power is thought to reside with local elected representatives through the judiciary and the police. In reality powerful multi-national corporations determine outcomes through their financial control over judicial, political and information systems. Huge corporations constitute the most totalitarian institutions in human history...

The history of exploitation in India is related to the world patterns, through examples in Russia, China, Africa, Iceland and the West Indies. As country after country falls for the promises of unlimited prosperity, across the world country after country is plunged into powerlessness, exploitation and

debt. Detailed case histories of countries and people affected by 'development' occur throughout the book. To take just one example, the dramatic crash of Iceland's three main banks in October 2008 is well known. Less well known is the process of deception involved in development of secret plans and deals which would allow some of Europe's last undamaged wilderness to be destroyed by dams, geothermal plants and smelters. Typical of aluminium capitalisation, huge loans were taken by the Icelandic government, banks and companies, to pay for the infrastructure needed by the aluminium companies...

Empty value of 'money' recognised: Those who recognise the empty value of money to compensate for the loss of produce from the land, and hold out against the 'development' are driven away as mines and factory buildings destroy their forest environment. Those who forcibly resist find the full force of law turned upon them, as trouble-makers standing illogically in the path of progress, and face being murdered by contract killers.

Women play a dominant role in the resistance, being the first to recognise the necessity to treat the earth's resources with respect. Individual stories spring to life in the pages of this book. The sense of the futility and loss in the name of 'progress' is depicted with journalistic skill by the authors. These ordinary people offer a powerful message which goes well beyond their individual protest to highlight the plight the whole world faces at this point in time. Ecologically sustainable lifestyles such as those practised by the Adivasis are being destroyed, leaving in their wake unprecedented material, cultural and spiritual poverty.

In this tale of intrigue and corruption, of greed and collusion in high places, the authors turn the spotlight onto the world's ruling elite who are in process of committing all the sins depicted in Dante's *Inferno* in the name of progress and development.

The question raised in these pages is, how well do we know the earth which sustains us in this life here and now? How well do we understand the workings of the institutions of the global financial-military-industrial complex through which we work together to draw upon the earth's resources and our own skills and labour to produce the necessities for human survival?

THE NILE INQUIRY ON ELECTRICITY POWER STATIONS from Australians for Constitutional Monarchy website: The Rev Fred Nile MP chaired the NSW Legislative Council's Inquiry into the Gentrader (Electricity Power Stations) Transactions in 2010-2011. The Final Report was tabled on 23 February. The Inquiry almost did not proceed after the Premier, the Hon Kristina Keneally MP, advised the Governor to prorogue the Parliament on 22 December 2010, although elections were not due until 26 March 2011. This was widely believed to be an attempt to prevent this Inquiry from going ahead.

The Crown Solicitor then advised the Premier that the inquiry could not proceed. But following contrary advice from the Clerk of the Parliaments that the Committee could still meet and transact business during a prorogation, the President of the Legislative Council announced that she would allow the Inquiry to proceed. The Committee was nevertheless stymied in its efforts to uncover the facts surrounding the Gentrader transactions.

Despite multiple efforts to hear evidence from the directors who resigned from Delta and Eraring, these directors declined to appear before the Committee due to concerns about the application of parliamentary privilege during prorogation.

While the Committee sought reassurances from the Premier that she would not bring legal action against the directors for giving evidence to the Inquiry, the Premier would not give such an undertaking.

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