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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Challenging the fundamental nature of the financial system: It was Douglas who said that Keynes had a first-rate mind, the best that money can buy. This obviously was not intended as a compliment--at least from a Social Credit perspective. Douglas also observed that the statement of Keynes was pretty well an unqualified admission of the validity of the Social Credit analysis.

When it comes to *policy* however there is an irreconcilable chasm between the two schools. For those who think that the purpose of economics is to create "employment" the Keynesian policy makes sense because as Douglas stated, the present system is nearly perfect in providing work and it will continue to provide "work" of an ever-more unnecessary and destructive nature to the ultimate ruin of civilisation. Whatever Keynes's inner thoughts may have been, he failed to follow up with a logical and socially beneficial solution to the problem he posed, and continued his career serving the British Treasury without challenging the existing financial orthodoxy to become wealthy by means of voluminous personal trading in that arena, presumably with the advantage of inside information.

– Wallace Klinck, Canada, 2011

In the present social world of today, the question, "What is Money?" is greeted with puzzlement. Of course, everybody can recognise money. We all get it and spend it. From the moment the first breath is taken until the very last is expended, no day passes without some vital consideration of where the money is to come from, and where it needs to go. It is like saying "What is air?" to a mammal, or "What is water?" to a fish. In the man-made social context of the money economy, money is something with which we live, and move and have our being. Yet we have very little understanding of what money is. Is it a very useful tool? Or is it an all-powerful master?

– Editorial, *The Social Crediter*, Vol.87, No.2, Summer, 2011

THE SCIENCE BEHIND TRICKING THE PUBLIC: Piers Akerman, writes in *The Sunday Telegraph*, 12 June, 2011: "It is a matter of record that no one from the Gillard-Green-independent government (or its predecessor) has ever debated climate science with any of the many eminent scientists who have studied the dubious claims made by the scandal-tainted IPCC, which appear to be the basis for the hysterical statements made about rising temperatures and sea levels.

Nor have any of the tame scientists trotted out by Fairfax or the ABC taken up the challenge offered by

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those who are prepared to stake their professional and scientific reputations on their knowledge of climate science. Instead, the Australian National University hides behind ridiculous claims its climate scientists have had to be secured in special quarters due to death threats from those who have alternate views.

The ANU's claims were shown to relate to two idiotic messages sent over a five-year period and were so irrelevant they were not even forwarded to the police. Over-reaction by the ANU or an attempt to provide a propaganda diversion to an embattled Labor government? Either way, the actions of the ANU were totally inappropriate for a university that should have as a core principle the desire to promote thorough research in the most transparent atmosphere.

Claims of settled science without evidence-based research are as meaningless as policy produced with evidence-based debate. The Productivity Commission's long-awaited report is a parcel with this sort of nonsense...

The government's argument for a carbon dioxide tax is as threadbare as that offered by actors Cate Blanchett and Michael Caton. It is no more than a specious attempt to garner some faux moral superiority. Unfortunately, this obsession of the inner-urban elites now threatens the economic security of the nation. It demands the fullest scrutiny, not a rubber stamp from acquiescent government appointees and Labor's media Fifth Columnists."

HOWARD'S DARK DEEDS: BUILT 'GLOBAL WARMING' BUREAUCRACY: Letter in the Press: Sir, Craig Emerson's article in *The Australian* (May 7, 2011), "Sky won't fall from a carbon price", smacks of desperation in quoting John Howard twice. No mention was made of the scientific rationale for the carbon tax, which is understandable as the Earth is exactly the same temperature it was 30 years ago.

Mr. Emerson and the other Howard-quoters who have graced those pages completely misunderstood the Howard play. While he declared himself as an agnostic on global warming, Mr. Howard systematically built the global warming bureaucracy that we have today. When he had control of the Senate, he did not roll back the Australian Greenhouse Office or the Renewable Energy Target Scheme. The last dark deed of the Howard Government was the passage of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act in October 2007. This is the auditing basis of the carbon tax. His plan was to get the auditing system bedded down, then start taxing.

Labor's carbon tax would be a couple of years behind schedule if Mr Howard had not laid the bureaucratic foundations for it.

As we rationalists at the time found, Mr. Howard had no interest in the science of climate. To his mind, climate was serving a higher purpose, which was to bring forward the day that Australia adopted nuclear power. As such, he was a second-rate Machiavelli. He did not trust the Australian people to make that decision for themselves, and he did not trust his cabinet colleagues enough to tell them either.

The evil that men do lives after them, and in Mr. Howard's case that is a possible future in which Australia does not have a cement industry, a steel industry, oil refining, a multitude of other industries and, most importantly, a synthetic liquid fuels industry. That is the Howard legacy that many of us are toiling mightily to avoid. — **David Archibald**, City Beach, W.A: "*News Weekly*", 28 May 2011.

WHAT IS REALLY BEHIND THE EXPORT BAN? According to the *Northern Territory News*, the "Export ban costs \$100,000 a day":

"It is costing close to \$100,000 a day in feed and dead freight costs for cattle stuck in the Darwin

region export yards after the ban on their trade to Indonesia." The Federal Government has announced a six-month live cattle export ban.

Darwin-based *South East Asian Livestock Services* (SEAL) has 4000 head in the Noonamah export yards and two chartered ships waiting in Darwin Harbour. National Livestock Solutions director Linton Batt said the company had 70 head at Berrimah as it had sent a shipment before the ban came down. Mr. Batt said 99 per cent of his company's income came from the Indonesian live export trade.

"The reality is the issues can be fixed," he said. "What remains to be seen is the political handling of the situation because it has become a political issue now."

Adelaide River's Cedar Park export yards owner Nick Thorne said there were about 5000 head waiting there and *Wellard* spokesman Cameron Morse said he had about 1000 head at the Santavan export yards about 40km south of Darwin.

SEALS manager Dean Ryan said it cost \$20,000 a day to feed the cattle. He said the company had cancelled contracts with stations for more cattle. He said it also usually cost between \$US15,000 and \$US50,000 a day in "demurrage" or the cost for having chartered cattle ships and not using them.

Mr. Ryan said live export accounted for 70 per cent of his business and while it was early days he hoped to export the cattle elsewhere or get them on to a station. "But basically because the world knows that Australia is not exporting to Indonesia the world price is haemorrhaging by the day," he said. "If the Government told the *N.T. News* you were not allowed to sell newspapers to anyone in Australia what would you do? The Government reacting with a knee-jerk decision to suspend the trade is driven by an emotional backlash by bleeding hearts in the city which has torn the heart out of rural Australia."

N.T. Cattlemen's Association chief executive Luke Bowen held talks with the N.T. Government Primary Industry Minister Kon Vatskalis yesterday. He said the association was looking at establishing an industry helpline to keep people up to date."

Source: http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2011/06/10/239461_ntnews_pf.html

Comment: Maybe, just maybe, the intent is to "tear out the heart of rural Australia". After all, we are now being fed the idea the whole world is heading towards a food shortage. It looks like 'Mother Nature', constantly violated by modern 'science' and the global rapists, needs a helping hand in bringing the shortage about.

OPEN LETTER TO FOUR CORNERS from Scot Braithwaite:

Dear Sir, I must introduce myself. My name is Scot Braithwaite and my life has basically revolved around live export since I was 10 years old. I was unloading cattle boats in Malaysia at the age of 13. I have worked for all the major cattle companies including as a Head Stockman in the Northern Territory. I have a degree in economics from the Queensland University and I personally have sold more than 1.5 million head of cattle into Indonesia since 1991. I am presently employed as the marketing manager for *Wellard* rural exports.

I am writing to you after the Monday program to say that although I abhor the treatment of the animals shown in the video, your one-sided approach to the subject and the possible effect of that of a ban on live exports is too big a price to pay for a report based on the evidence of an organization that's charter is to shut us down.

I have the following points to make: I would like to have the same time as those who denigrated my life to show you the other side of our industry. To show you what is really going on. In Australia there used to be thing about "A fair Go". You have gone with images provided by one person followed

up by your investigative journalist who spent a week in Indonesia. Your report makes out that close to 100% of Australian cattle are treated as was shown on TV.

1. The ship that appears in the footage "for less than 30 seconds" is a vessel that cost tens of millions of dollars to build. We have had 3 separate media groups sail with this ship and it can in no uncertain terms be described as best in class. The *Wellard* group has another 3 vessels of the same standard with another 2 being built in China. This is a total investment of 400 million dollars to ensure that livestock exports from Australia are undertaken at the utmost levels of cow comfort and animal welfare.

2. The feedlot that was filmed was given a 10 second view. This feedlot is without a doubt world class. Your viewers should have at least had the opportunity to view large numbers of cattle eating and sleeping comfortably in a fantastic facility. This company has in addition moved to kill all his cattle through stunning system that he has control of. This owner has spent 20 years of his life in the industry, has built his business from nothing, has done all that is required of him from an animal welfare point of view yet your reporter makes no mention of these things.

3. Within a 3-HOUR DRIVE OR a 15-Minute helicopter there are another 3 world-class facilities. All three feedlots, including the one filmed, are at, or better than, what can be found in Australia. The cattle being fed, and the ration being fed, leads to a lot less animal health issues than a similar size operation in Australia.

One of these facilities is operated and owned by a large Australian pastoral house. They had no mention in your supposed unbiased report. The operation is run by a North Queensland man, who, through his absolute dedication to excellence has built a feedlot and slaughtering system that his company, the industry and himself, can be very proud of. The system is closed, all the cattle are already killed through their own abattoir. They import 20-to-25,000 cattle a year. They have been doing this for at least 5 years. Why should they be shut down? For what reason could anyone justify closing this operation down, especially without even bothering to look at what goes on.

4. The other world class feedlots that could have been investigated with a 3-hour ride in the car are owned by a large publicly listed Indonesian company. In all, they have on feed 50,000 cattle and import about 120,000 cattle a year. They have recently built an abattoir (the one that was briefly shown on the program). They built this 2 years ago, as they knew that modern methods must come to Indonesia and they were willing to make the investment to make it happen.

The total investment from these 3-feedlotters alone in infrastructure and stock is over 100 million dollars. Add to that the hundreds of millions that *Wellard* have recently invested in ships and do you really believe that these people would leave the final product to a murderous bastard with a blunt knife? They not only have tried to ensure the welfare of the animal but have made investments to make the changes all along the chain. These people deserve to have their side of the story heard. If the system is not perfect, and it isn't, they have the wherewithal and the incentive to make it happen in a very short time. These 3 importers who have shown a commitment to everything good about animal production, handle 45 % of total imports.

The other major issue that was not covered was the social responsibility that all feedlotters in Indonesia practice. Their operations are in relatively isolated poor areas; the feedlots provide employment opportunity, advancement through effort, and a market for thousands of tons of feedstuffs grown for the cattle. My understanding is that 8000 people are directly employed by the feedlots and over 1,000,000 people are reliant on the regular income made from supplying corn silage and other feedstuffs. This is not made up, it is fact. It can be easily checked.

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