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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The sole value-system which takes substantial exception to Christian social teaching is that of Rational Economic Man (REM) and his neo-liberal free-market individualism. According to REM, religious beliefs are matters of individual conscience, to be confined to the private sphere. Christianity encompasses values which enable the individual to set their own rights and responsibilities within the broader social context.

In sharp contrast, neo-liberalism sets all relationships within the context of market mechanisms, where money is the sole indicator of value. Global capitalism demotes spiritual and ethical values to matters of private individual conscience, of no relevance to the public sphere of life, the so-called level playing field of the market economy. Only in the world of REM can a child be considered as merely another consumer good upon which the parents can choose to spend their money as an alternative to a car or other luxury commodities... The rational economic agent cannot deal with issues which do not relate directly to the formal (i.e. money) economy.

– Frances Hutchinson, *"What Everybody Really Wants to Know About Money"*, 1998

"Parliamentary democracy has one meaning now: the replacement of democracy with a business plan for every human activity, every dream, every decency, every hope, every child born."

– John Pilger, 2011

MARK STEYN ON FREE SPEECH – MINE, HIS AND YOURS: Andrew Bolt's Blog, 22/6/2011: "Many flattering and supportive things were said by very fine speakers at the IPA function on Monday defending my right to free speech... But... Mark Steyn's contribution was the one that brought down the house. I confess to being in awe of it – not just because I appreciate the compliment of having it come from probably the most brilliant columnist in the English-speaking world, but because it's such a tremendous piece of writing." This is a MUST watch and listen: http://blogs.news.com.au/heraldsun/andrewbolt/index.php/heraldsun/comments/mark_steyn_on_free_speech_while_he_still_has_it/

** After watching Mark Steyn you will find "The Big Idea" by C.H. Douglas of immense value. Written many years ago subsequent events have merely confirmed the facts exposed in this book. \$5.50 plus postage.

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IT'S NOT JUST THE CARBON TAX, IT'S ALSO THE GREEN STEALTH TAXES: Time to end carbon stealth taxes. Costs are rising, especially for electricity. Naturally, politicians blame everyone else, but most of the blame rests with them and their covert climate taxes. These Green Stealth Taxes do nothing to reduce real pollution, have no effect on the climate, but do inflate costs. Sly climate taxes are everywhere, like weeds in the garden.

For example, Queensland has a "Climate Smart" law mandating that 15 per cent of electricity must be generated by gas rather than by low-cost coal. In addition the feds have a target to generate 20 per cent of electricity from renewables, which are far more expensive than gas. And they dictate propped up prices for solar feed-in tariffs, which push up costs for all electricity consumers.

Then we have the Climate Change "industry", a multitude of businesses creating pretend-jobs supported by stealth taxes and subsidies. These parasitical "industries" include ethanol, wind/solar power and carbon sequestration.

Taxpayers also pay for wasteful spending by governments on climate junkets, carbon tax propaganda, carbon accounting, one-sided climate research, the Carbon Bank, deceptive advertising and carping climate commissioners. All of this money could be reducing taxes or providing infrastructure or services that people really want. The government's own "Productivity Commission" identifies 230 carbon stealth taxes and subsidies with an estimated cost of \$44 per tonne of emissions reduced.

It is not sufficient to stop The Big Carbon Tax – we must also smoke out the Stealthy Carbon Taxes. Source: <http://australianconservative.com/2011/06/time-to-end-carbon-stealth-taxes...>

THE POLITICAL CLASS VS THE REST OF US by Mike Burston: The following 'snippet is taken from Climate Skeptics Newsletter, 21/6/2011: "The Labor/ Greens alliance would bridle at any suggestion they were elitist but now appear to have assumed the role of a sort of symbolic aristocracy – keepers of cultural symbols and beliefs that we are neither allowed to know about nor indeed be part of. In other words they are not inclusive.

Climate Change alarmists are quick to rubbish any suggestion of conspiracy theories although they have not identified anyone doing so, but the sad fact is a majority of big businesses look to benefit from the whole new tax-subsidise-and-trade empire that will be created from the commercialisation of carbon. Banks, commodity traders, lawyers, accountants, regulators, academics, solar, wind and gas entrepreneurs, and the carbon sequestration lobby are all planning to profit from trading hot air certificates.

Complete failure of Coalition to Challenge: While the bulk of the community is undoubtedly sceptical of people driven climate theory the nation is faced with the complete failure of the coalition to challenge the "conventional wisdom" on Climate Change".

Editor's comments: Don't forget the role the Coalition has played in all of this. Refresh your memory by following the 'Technocracy' thread and 'Carbon Currency' via the League's *On Target* website search facility.

S.A. LIB PUBLICLY COMMITS TO CARBON TAX REPEAL IF COALITION WINS: The Liberals and Andrew Bolt have described the carbon tax as a carbon dioxide tax. CO₂ is colourless, odourless, etc., and is therefore blatantly mis-described when we see photos of huge chimneys belching emissions. This is mostly steam – not CO₂.

Of course carbon monoxide (a car exhaust emission) is related to carbon but not mentioned in the blurbs we are bombarded with. Carbon is a black sooty substance which occurs when crop residue is incorporated into soil with the normal rotting process, adding to water retention, and is a good nutrient, but this is NOT what industry emits.

Patrick Secker, Member for Barker, recently addressed a South Australian public meeting on the carbon tax. He gave an example of how much man-made carbon *dioxide* would exist in the atmosphere by saying "If this room contained 80 000 balloons of CO₂, one of them would represent the amount generated from human activity". He committed to repealing the legislation if the coalition forms the next government.

He warned that a carbon tax would cause costs to rise for every business and resident. Power bills alone were estimated to rise \$350 to \$400 per house per annum.

Some industries were likely to relocate to lower-cost countries, causing more unemployment at home. He used the EU as an example: Cement manufacturing is carried out in Turkey, not because of the pollution but because of cheaper power. Also a carbon tax will surely lead to much sorting of the system as carbon emissions are measured and compensation is claimed.

Write to Tony Windsor today: Readers are urged to write to Independent Tony Windsor at Parliament House Canberra; he will probably be the deciding MP when the votes are counted. Also write to Independent Rob Oakeshott, but Tony Windsor is the first priority. Brief letters will be best. Ask them to vote against the tax.

Editor's comment: While Mr. Secker is "committed to repealing the legislation if the coalition forms the next government", what about the 'global warming' bureaucracies originally set up under John Howard's stint in office? Where is Patrick Secker's public commitment to go against the warmists in his own party in the fight to dismantle the bureaucracies and repeal the legislation?

(O.T., Vol.47 No.24, 2011. "Howard's Dark Deeds: Built 'Global Warming' Bureaucracy").

UNIVERSITIES' FAILURE BECAUSE OF LACK OF FAITH IN THE TRUTH by James Reed:

Professor Greg Craven, constitutional law expert and vice-chancellor of the Australian Catholic University, has said that universities are facing something of an existential crisis: "Universities in Australia have never been able to articulate a vision of themselves that is compelling to anyone but themselves, or even to themselves." ("Universities fail because of a Lack of Faith in the Truth", *The Australian*, April 27, 2011, p.18) Lacking a vision of "the truth" universities become the play-things of governments, preoccupied with export income from international students and the like. As proof of Professor Craven's claim the Higher Education section of The Australian edition in which his article appears is full of this concern with money and funding; e.g., "Macquarie Facing Looming China Crisis", *The Australian*, April 27, 2011, p.19).

Craven also believes that universities have a Socratic role to criticise government and "vested interests" while "supporting academic freedom". This is a lone voice in the wilderness, even if he is a vice-chancellor. There are many cases of Socratic individuals who have been simply pruned and shredded from the university system for doing just what Craven recommends. No doubt there are limits to Craven's open-mindedness - would he support a university research fellowship for a brilliant mind willing to take apart the politically correct outpourings of the present multicultural/racial/immigrationist regime? How about a fellowship for a social creditor in order to dissect orthodox finance?

Editor's comment: For those who would like to study a 'dissection' of finance by a Christian could download Canon Peter Dominy's recently completed PhD thesis entitled "Decoding Mammon: Money in Need of Redemption". The author is a retired Canon of the Church of England. **The thesis is available online from the University of Exeter** <https://eric.exeter.ac.uk/repository/handle/10036/3065>

OBAMA OBSERVES: TECHNOLOGY A CAUSE OF 'UNEMPLOYMENT': Canadian social creditor Wallace Klinck had his attention drawn to U.S. President Obama's recent musings over an

"observed tendency for science and automation to create 'unemployment'". What! It's taken the Americans this long to wake up to what the Luddites grasped so long ago.

Wallace Klinck noted: The Luddites smashed the machines because tending them for wages was the only basis of economic security (marginal as it was) known to them. The Luddites smashed the new textile machines because they feared, quite rightly, that their traditional cottage or home spinning and weaving industry was being threatened by the new technology that could be operated by cheap labour. (These days it is the Chinese people who provide the cheap labour to operate the machines...ed) Of course realistically, mere man is very limited in his physical efficiency and only the development of more productive machines can provide increased security through a higher standard of living (which is) characterised by increased volume and quality of goods and services. Thus the Luddites blindly attacked the very basis for their increasing economic salvation.

Purpose of Work ... is? Any society that makes an end of a means** by regarding the purpose of an economy as being the creation of "work" or "employment" is at fundamental odds with its own best interests. Every engineer worthy of the name is attempting to reduce the need for human energy-input into productive processes. (Further reading: The Use of Social Credit by C.H. Douglas on website... ed)

Politicians working to sabotage best efforts of science and engineering: In advocating policies allegedly designed to offer so-called "full-employment", virtually every politician is working to sabotage the best efforts of science and engineering to free mankind from the necessity of endless work.

Let's get down to reality. The proper ultimate goal of a sane economy is to provide a maximum amount and quality of genuinely consumer-desired goods and services with absolute minimal real cost. This necessarily entails the elimination of human effort as an input factor cost of production. In the days of Merry England I am told the people enjoyed approximately 150 holidays per year. Does the present situation denote progress? While the rational socio-economic ultimate goal is a totally automated economy the obvious question arises – how to transfer the outpouring of consumer goods and services from the production line to the consumer?

Social Credit as presented by the late Clifford Hugh Douglas provided the solution to this increasing 'problem' of the modern age approximately ninety years ago.

Obama is definitely glimpsing economic realities but unless he has something more constructive in mind, he is merely hearkening back to the old misperceptions and errors of Karl Marx and his blinkered work-worshipping comrades – and of the Fascists who succeeded them. If any of you have easy access to Obama feel free to forward this message to him.

HUCKABEE, HUG-A-BEE, DON'T WANNA BE by James Reed: Mike Huckabee, former Arkansas governor and one of the Republican Party's potential candidates for the U.S. presidential elections next year, has said in interview about how tough Obama will be to defeat, how much money he has (campaign funds of US\$1 billion) etc., etc. Political commentators said Huckabee sounded more like someone commenting on politics than one keen to be president. Well, he has a new book "Simple Government", so he is...busy. Not too busy though to dismiss claims that Obama is a Muslim and not born in the U.S.A. The argument: gee, wouldn't Hillary Clinton have used that? Now, that's the sort of person that the New World Order needs as president, but why bother while they have Obamarama as Emperor Maxima.