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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Lest we forget...

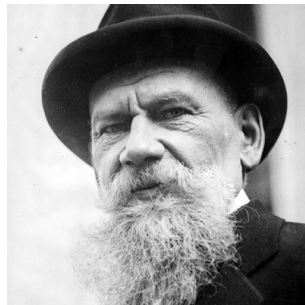
**We are the sons of Australia,
of the men who fashioned the land;
We are the sons of the women
Who walked with them hand in hand;
And we swear by the dead who bore us,
By the heroes who blazed the trail,
No foe shall gather our harvest,
Or sit on our stockyard rail.**

-- From “No Foe Shall Gather Our Harvest” by Dame Mary Gilmore, 1940



TOLSTOY: FACING REALITY by Chris Knight

Man does not live by economics alone and economies, although important, do not determine social reality. Leo Tolstoy, the great Russian novelist and author of “War and Peace” said in his little known book “The Meaning of the Russian Revolution” (Kobunkan, Tokyo, 1908): “In the curious and widely diffused teaching called the Science of Sociology, it has been asserted that the relations between the members of human society have been, and are, dependent on economic conditions. But to assert this is merely to substitute for the clear and evident cause of a phenomenon one of its effects. The cause of this or that economic condition always was (and could not but be) the oppression of some men by others.”



Leo Tolstoy 1828—1910

“Economic conditions are a result of violence, and cannot therefore be the cause of human relations. Evil men – the Cains – who loved idleness and were covetous, always attacked good men – the Abels – the tillers of the soil, and by killing them or threatening to kill them,

profited by their toil. The good, gentle and industrious people, instead of fighting their oppressors, considered it best to submit, partly because they did not wish to fight, and partly because they could not do so without interrupting their work of feeding themselves and their neighbours. On this oppression of the good by the evil, and not on any economic conditions, all existing human societies have been and still are, based and built.”

This is about as good a theory of the dynamics of human society as we have and an expansion of Lord Acton’s maxim that all that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. All too often, good men, in fact, do nothing and let it all happen.

A LESSON FOR THE FABIANS by James Reed

We all know that the Fabians, at least in Britain, used the symbol of a wolf in sheep's clothing. I don't know if anyone has



noted this before, but one of Aesop's Fables "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" gives a decisive answer to Fabianism: "Once upon a time a Wolf resolved to disguise in appearance in order to secure food more easily. Encased in the skin of a sheep, he pastured with the flock, deceiving the shepherd by his costume. In the evening he was shut up by the shepherd in the field; the gate was closed, and the entrance made thoroughly secure. But the shepherd, returning to the field during the night to obtain meat for the next day, mistakenly caught the Wolf instead of a sheep, and killed him instantly." A lesson indeed, for the Fabians.

Pro Hart painting of the Fabians

www.abc.net.au/news/2006-03.../pro-hart-painting...fabians/1718168

AN OPEN LETTER TO FARMER NOEL WIECK from David Pascoe

Dear Noel,

We want you know that our Facebook page has nearly melted overnight under the massive level of support that has poured in for you and your family after we posted your letter yesterday.

Australians right across the nation are asking us what can they do to help you, and what they can do stop this terrible travesty being done not only to you and your family, but also to our children, our health and our farmland.

Words never seem to be enough sometimes, so we would like to share a special song with you. We heard it played this morning and it reminded us of you and everything you stand for: hard work, decency, family, community.

My wife Heather knew Slim Dusty and his wife Joy well. She worked on a charity concert with him at Carlton Hill station near Kununurra some 25 years ago, and she thought the world of him because he was as humble and decent and genuine in real life as he seemed on stage.

It's good men like you, Noel – and all the good women that stood their ground and worked beside them – who made our state and our nation such a wonderful and prosperous place, and we are all in gratitude for your hard work

The battle is brewing and the people are now standing up in their millions.

Anyone who saw Q & A last night would be left convinced that the nation wants to protect its magnificent food bowls – at any cost.

Anyway, Noel, this song is for you and

your family with our thanks for all you do.

Take heart: the people are now standing beside you

Regards, David

Noel is the Darling Downs dairy farmer who will be forced to use treated sewerage water for his cows so New Hope mine can steal his clean fresh bore water for their mine...

The expansion, you understand will take 9 billion litres of water for free, suck all the bores down 47 metres, strip the prime farming Eastern Downs region of its water - all while the multi-millionaire owners are planning a staggering \$19 billion profit for themselves. (That's right. \$19 billion, and they pay barely any royalties at all to the State of Queensland.)

The LNP approval of the Stage Three expansion in the dying days of the putrid-smelling Newman-Seeney Government came only after New Hope Group - through its subsidiary companies Washington H Soul Patterson and Brickworks - donated nearly \$1.6 million to Liberal party coffers. (That's right, nearly \$1.6 million)

On the nose? You could say that. But before we talk about the prospect of a decent dairy farmer, who is diligently and honourably producing clean fresh food for our kids, being forced to use recycled sewerage water so Robert Milner - who is rich enough to strip down naked and bath in his own money every night like Scrooge McDuck - can take over Noel Wieck's pristine clean, fresh bores and use them to wash his

filthy black coal instead.

So let's get back to that curious on-line poll, which showed a staggering YES vote that the readership of the Chronicle suddenly wanted the mine expansion. It was all a little strange, since it's the exact opposite of all the other extensive private polling that has been conducted right across the Darling Downs lately. It is showing how fiercely the people want to defend their reputation for clean food bowls that the nation can depend on.

And then the truth came out. All those local luminaries ended up with fingers rubbed raw from sitting up all night tapping the YES button, dreaming of a juicy slice of the \$19 billion profits, a big chunk of the next round of Robert Milner's greasy political donations - and all the while lying buck-naked in a money bath like Scrooge McDuck.

We figure it would have to be a money bath, you understand, and definitely not a milk bath because nobody would want anything to do with milk grown on sewerage - or would they?

Read Noel Wieck's letter for yourself on David Pascoe's Facebook page. The respected dairy farmer has spelled out exactly what has been done to him - and what will be done to every single farmer on the Darling Downs if dirty money, Mining Mates and Mongrels in Suits have their way.

So stand up and join us, Australia. This is not the kind of country we want to live in. We believe that decent, hard working men like Noel Wieck and the health of our kids is worth much, much more than any Liberal Party donation.

Source: Dr David Pascoe BVSc PhD OVH Repro

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJ2dtI86dzE> to listen to Slim Dusty

YOUR ELECTRONIC VOTE IS SECURE AND SECRET - RIGHT? THINK AGAIN!

Thousands of NSW election online votes open to tampering. Security experts found a major security flaw in the popular New South Wales online voting system ahead of the March 28 election, where Labor's Luke Foley and Liberal Mike Baird are facing off to be the state's NSW premier. If you're one of the 66,000 people from New South Wales who voted

in the state election using iVote between Monday March 16 and midday on Saturday March 21, your vote could have been exposed or changed without you knowing.

How do we know that? Because we uncovered a security flaw in the popular iVote system that would have let us do

exactly that, if we'd chosen to. That's despite repeated assurances from the New South Wales Electoral Commission that: People's vote is completely secret. It's fully encrypted and safeguarded, it can't be tampered with. As we've been able to show, that's not true.

-- Dan Himbrechts/AAP

THE ABORIGINAL RECOGNITION AND THE "RACISM" CLAUSE by Ian Wilson LL.B.

It seems now that the addition of a section 116a to the Australian Constitution, to have added an anti-racism clause, will not be included in the referendum as Constitutional lawyers have pointed out the obvious, that it would create a bill of rights in the Constitution.

West Australia Liberal MP, Ken Wyatt, who chairs the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, Australia's first Federal indigenous MP,

now wants the Racial Discrimination Act strengthened, requiring an absolute majority of both Houses of Parliament to set aside or remove any part of the Act. Wyatt's proposal is flawed. Unless there was a change in the Constitution, the change to the Racial Discrimination Act requiring the absolute majority would be via an Act of parliament. It is a generally accepted common law principle that a parliament cannot bind a future parliament as otherwise unworkable laws would

become entrenched. It is thus highly likely that the absolute majority proposal would be ruled unconstitutional. This illustrates though the extent that the Racial Discrimination Act has become a religious icon for the New Class, where its protection in any respect requires abandoning more fundamental principles of law. At the next election, Ken Wyatt needs to be strongly campaigned against as a matter of principle.

THE DARK SIDE OF THE INTERNET by James Reed

We seldom see material in the mainstream press outlining the "dark side" or disutility of any technology. Of all things, technological optimism is the dogma that both left and right, pro-growth and even most greens accept. Technology and its impact upon society is "inevitable" because there is no democratic decision made about technology. Professor Alan Dupont, "The Dark Side of a Fully Wired World," (*The Weekend Australian* February 7-8, 2015, p.24) points out that we are heading swiftly towards the internet of everything, with, by the end of this year, 15 billion devices connected to each other via the internet and 40 billion by 2020.

Not only is there the shadowy world of crime and paedophilia circulating the net, and something called the "dark net", there

is also the ongoing world of cyber-warfare. The North Korean attack on Sony Pictures is a recent example, where the script for the next James Bond 007 movie Spectre (probably the last with a white Bond) was stolen, among other things.

It is hard to identify where attacks are coming from. Worse, as Professor Dupont notes "critical national infrastructure, both government and privately owned, is increasingly vulnerable to cyber sabotage and that the threshold for destructive attacks is falling alarmingly while defences are proving inadequate to the task".

The future of the Internet of everything is easy to see. It will become irresistible to terrorist attack, even by alienated computer hackers who are not jihadists,

but who just have that Dr. Frankenstein science/technology desire to "just do it". And do it they shall. What is to stop the crazies attacking, cyber attacking, nuclear power stations or even chemical manufacturing firms, who could also make nasty spills? I know nothing about technology, but after reading the Dupont article, I see another reason to be afraid, very afraid.

With all the threats facing humanity I wonder if there is any betting organisation taking bets on what threat finally takes us down? It would be good business because the organisation would never have to pay out.

Comment: But then neither would the betting organisers be able to spend and enjoy their monies...ed.

WE, ROBOTS by Chris Knight

A fascinating article by Andrew Keen, "The Ascent of the Robots," *The Australian* February 27, 2015 p.11 tells us that an Oxford University study has said that 47 percent of all jobs in Britain and the US could be lost by computerisation. "Big Data." On the horizon, British physicist Stephen Hawking has warned that thinking machines could "spell the end of the human race". This has been

dealt with in various movies such as the Terminator series and the forthcoming Avengers 2, but could soon be a reality.

Before that unhappy moment, computerisation will continue to eliminate jobs. This is inevitable as capitalists seek to reduce labour costs. No workers at all are the best possible world for them. Of course that means no consumers though to buy their

junk. But perhaps that won't matter. The über-capitalists may feel that it is better to have a smaller world population anyway, as the greenies tell them, so all of us ordinary folk will become disposable. Here comes the zombie apocalypse... If the robots do take over, I hope that they take down the global elites first. After all, they are the robot's greatest threats.

THE DEFECTIVE BUTTERFLY by Chris Knight

Ian Goldin and Mike Mariathan, "The Butterfly Defect: How Globalisation Creates Systemic Risks and What to Do about It," (Princeton University Press, Princeton, 2014), deals with the systemic, or inevitable built-in risks of globalisation and what can be done about them.



Most of us would say that these risks constitute a *reductio absurdum* of globalisation, and that people should resist it, especially by alternative financial policies, such as Social Credit. But for these academics, globalisation is inevitable, the only game in town. (p.200) The book looks at risks including those to [1] financial sector; [2] supply chain risks; [3] infrastructure risks; [4] ecological risks; [5] pandemics and health risks and [6] inequality and social risks. The analysis is, unsurprisingly conventional economic thinking, although they admit that the mechanisms and networks of global management have not

kept up with global integration. The consequences of this continued failure is not explored by the authors; the assumption is that all will be well in the end. Thus in their chapter discussing pandemics there is a recognition that globalisation is making humanity sitting ducks for pandemics like the 1918 "Spanish" (actually, Chinese) flu which killed 100 million people worldwide. They note that there is even a "significant probability" that financial centres could be hit, crippling the world economy. Their answer is global co-operation and disease control, not trying to defuse the global madness of integration. This response is totally inadequate, because in the integrated open borders world created by global capitalism, diseases would have gone "global" or if you like, "viral" before the New World Order disease experts can intervene. It is only a matter of luck that it hasn't already happened. Likewise in their chapter on ecological risks from globalisation they admit that

"globalisation has fuelled global warming through development-related emissions." (p.129) Take a deep breath; you don't have to believe in global warming, just follow their argument. They also accept that increased growth has resulted in biodiversity decline across the world. (p.137) To counter all this they cite studies showing, they claim, that free trade actually lowers pollution. Got that: transporting virtually identical bananas across the world in a form of magical chairs is "good for the environment." But how can that be when the authors say: "The tempo of development in recent decades has destabilised the natural ecosystems in many ways. The result will be an increase in disasters, a growing vulnerability to hazards, and the depletion of resources and biodiversity, placing people and systems at risk." (p.141) That, to my mind, would constitute a pretty good case against globalisation; but then, I am not an economist. Just what would it take to refute globalisation for the economist? I believe that no evidence could do it because globalisation is metaphysical, or if you prefer, theological foundation principle, that never gets to be challenged.

WE SHALL BE AS GODS! WATER IS NOT A HUMAN RIGHT, SHOULD BE PRIVATISED There you have it – Nestlé CEO says so: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEFL8EIXHaU>

Across the globe, Nestlé is pushing to privatize and control public water resources. Nestlé's Chairman of the Board, Peter Brabeck, has explained his philosophy with "The one opinion, which I think is extreme, is represented by the NGOs, who bang on about declaring water a public right. That means as a human being you should have a right to water. That's an extreme solution." Since that quote has gotten widespread attention, Brabeck has backtracked, but his company has not. Around the world, Nestlé is bullying communities into giving up control of their water. It's time we took a stand for public water sources. **Tell Nestlé that we have a right to water. Stop locking up our resources!**

At the World Water Forum in 2000, Nestlé successfully lobbied to stop water from being declared a universal right -- declaring open hunting season on our local water resources by the multinational corporations looking to control them. For Nestlé, this means billions of dollars in profits. For us, it means paying up to 2,000 times more for drinking water because it comes from a plastic bottle. Now, in countries around the world, Nestlé is promoting bottled water as a status symbol. As it pumps out fresh water at high volume, water tables lower and local wells become degraded. Safe water becomes a privilege only affordable for the wealthy. In our story, clean water is a resource

that should be available to all. It should be something we look after for the public good, to keep safe for generations, not something we pump out by billions of gallons to fuel short-term private profits. Nestlé thinks our opinion is "extreme", but we have to make a stand for public resources. Please join us today in telling Nestlé that it's not "extreme" to treat water like a public right. Tell Nestlé to start treating water like a public right, not a source for private profits! Sources and further reading: Nestlé: The Global Search for Liquid Gold, Urban Times, June 11th, 2013 Bottled Water Costs 2000 Times As Much As Tap Water, Business Insider, July 12th, 2013 Peter Brabeck discussion his philosophy about water rights

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UNLOCK THE SECRETS IN THE SOIL

Source: Dr. Christine Jones, Amazing Carbon website.

There is an extraordinary soil health revolution taking place in North America. This farmer-led movement is receiving increasing attention and support from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), particularly the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). NRCS publish an annual Soil Planner, with the running title 'Unlock the Secrets in the Soil'. [1]

Multi-species covers and companion crops are taking the U.S by storm. Innovative farmers are experimenting with up to 70 plant species to see which combinations work best. Some U.S. farmers are setting aside up to 25% of their cash crop area for cover crops. They believe the benefits far outweigh the costs. It has been reported that two full seasons of a multi-species cover can perform 'miracles' in terms of soil health. 'The Benefits of Promoting Soil Health in Agriculture and Rural America' was the topic of recent hearing of the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy and Forestry (Committee on Agriculture).

A farmer's perspective

Pennsylvania farmer Jim Harbach has been using multi-species cover crops with highly beneficial results. Jim's testimony to the Subcommittee:
'... I am very fortunate to have been part of agriculture for more than 40 years. I have witnessed the transition from conventionally ploughed ground to no-till. Some of our fields have not been ploughed for 40 years. We have seen first-hand the transformation of our soils, and the positive results when you farm in Nature's image.

In the last decade, with the addition of cover crops, and the belief that plants feed the soil, instead of soil feeding the plants, we have seen incredible results. Some examples include organic matter increases of one percent in 3 years, and steady state infiltration rates that average 4 1/2 inches per hour [11.5 cm/hr].

I am not an organic farmer, although we no longer use insecticide or fungicides, and only a fraction of the herbicides and fertilizers that we once applied. I used to be part of the group of traditional thinking farmers. Agriculture today is farming a degraded resource, and has accepted this as normal. Despite our best efforts, our soils have lost the ability to effectively absorb rainwater, are void of biological life, and are depleted of nutrients. Our soils are so degraded that we must rely on industrial inputs to keep our farmlands productive.

We now have a broken water cycle as a result of a broken carbon cycle. The loss of soil organic matter has contributed to

carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere because we have robbed the soil of its carbon. Soil organic matter has many functions, water infiltration, water-holding capacity, groundwater recharge, and its ability to cycle and store nitrogen, along with other nutrients.

...what we need is a mammoth soil health education campaign to teach farmers, Federal and State agencies, regulators, universities, children and the general public. Farmers need to understand how the soil functions before they will value it as a resource.' You can read and listen to Jim's full testimony through references. [2, 3, 4]

As well as diverse covers, it is becoming increasingly common to see cash crops grown with 'companions'. Peas with canola, sub-clover with wheat, soybean and/or vetch with corn, buckwheat and peas with potatoes. On Menoken Farm, North Dakota, a mix of hairy vetch, berseem clover, dill, canola, phacelia, flax, buckwheat, sub-cover, turnip, radish, field pea, soybean and cowpeas grown as a flowering understorey with sunflowers attracts predatory insects, bypassing the need for insecticide.

Australian farmers may say that's all very well for North America, but those crops won't grow here! At the time of European settlement much of the Victorian wheat-belt had a groundcover of green plants during summer months - even in summers when it didn't rain. The higher water-holding capacity was the result of intact microbial communities providing better soil structure.

Over the last 200 years, soils have become degraded and lost much of their function. To reverse this trend, farmers could experiment by setting aside some of the usual cash crop area for multi-species covers - or try adding one or two companion species to cash crops. This only needs to be done on a small area to begin.

Carbon flow through plant microbial pathways is enhanced by above and below-ground diversity, resulting in better structured soils with higher water-holding capacity and improved nutrient dynamics. As soils improve it will be easier for plants to survive over summer.

Chief of NRCS, Jason Weller said to the Subcommittee:

'This approach to managing our soils as a living ecosystem is something that we are really excited about.... for many years, our organization, many in our culture, have been focused on the physical and chemical properties of soil.... We are increasingly becoming aware of what is actually happening in that ecosystem below the surface of the Earth, what is

happening in the soils. And what we are learning is that the life in the soils is among the most verdant, abundant source of life, diversity of life on Earth.

... we have a massive challenge to grow food, we have less land to do it on, how are we going to do it?... when you have bare soil, on the hot summer months, you can actually cook the microbes in the soil itself. You can actually kill the microbes. Bare soil also increases the drying out of the soils and the plants, creating plant stress.... At the end of the day, in my view, cover crops are one of the best risk management tools we can offer a farmer from our quiver of conservation practices, but this is a great risk management tool. It helps not only maintain yield, but also protects farmers in periods of stress. The full testimony can be found through resources.2, 3, 4.

The connection between soil life and soil moisture

Jason noted that one of the most significant findings to emerge in the last decade has been the improvements to infiltration, water-holding capacity and drought resilience when bare fallows have been replaced with multi-species covers. This improvement has been particularly evident in lower rainfall regions and in dry years.

Soil function is determined largely by its structure. In order for soil to be well structured, it must first be living. Life in the soil provides the glues and gums that enable soil particles to clump together into little lumps called aggregates. The spaces between the aggregates allow moisture to infiltrate easily (overcoming non-wetting). Moisture absorbed into soil aggregates is protected from evaporation, so that soil remains moister for longer after rain or irrigation. Well-structured soils are also less prone to erosion.

Unfortunately, soil structure is very fragile and soil aggregates are continually being broken down. For this reason it's important to implement farm practices that encourage soil organisms to flourish and produce adequate amounts of the sticky substances required to maintain aggregation and hence water-holding capacity.

You'll find some great quotes on soil life and soil moisture in the NRCS 2014 Soil Planner.1

The nutrient cycle and living soils

The mineral cycle also improves significantly when soils are kept alive. Maintaining a living soil often requires that rates of synthetic fertiliser be reduced, to enable microbes to do what microbes do best. Around 90% of the

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nutrients taken up by plants are first cycled through the soil food-web.1
No amount of NPK fertiliser can compensate for compacted, lifeless soil with low wettability and low water-holding capacity. Indeed, adding more fertiliser often makes things worse. Tillage may provide a ‘quick fix’, but is detrimental to soil fungal networks and earthworms, increases the susceptibility of the soil to erosion and in the longer term depletes the more resilient forms of soil carbon.

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Some of the following could be of interest

for further reading...

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THIS IS AN EVIL OBSCENITY AND A HUMAN TRAGEDY OF DREADFUL PROPORTIONS

From Wallace Klinck, Canada - The headlines in the Canadian newspaper the *National Post* 10 March 2015, read: **“Job, financial stress blamed for jump in suicide rates among middle aged”**

This is an evil obscenity and a human tragedy of dreadful proportions - in the main all due to the consequences of financial policies based in ignorance. People perish because of lack of knowledge - knowledge deliberately suppressed.
 His brother Robert Klinck asked of his political representatives: Just what measures are foreseen to deal with the projected disappearance of 50% of "jobs" within the next decade or two? A general distribution of rope? He added: To these monsters, human life is far down the list of important statistics.
 The *National Post* article by Sharon Kirkey continued: New research shows a

worrying rise in suicides related to job and financial stresses among middle-aged men and women — as well as a disturbing trend in the methods they are using to end their lives. Researchers who dug deep into the circumstances surrounding suicides in the U.S. between 2005 and 2010 found economic factors played a role in a growing proportion of suicides among 40- to 64-year-olds, with the sharpest increases occurring during the worst years of the “Great Recession.”
 Whether it is the Aboriginal folk in the remote outback of Australia, worried about the lack of government/financial support (transport costs plus the tyranny of distance for their health needs, support, all sorts of

supplies, etc.), the Canadian and/or American middle classes in the big cities, or the Venezuelan farmers, the story is the same. Individuals and communities are full of fear and uncertainty. And all this worry and concern in an age of such material abundance.
 Comment: The situation reminds one of the Charles Dickens era, with the soul-destroying, spirit-breaking workhouses and abject poverty. The intention behind such policies was/is to break the human being, to break the spirit. People will then be managed more easily; you know there will not be too many organized revolts or protests. The poor and the needy will just lie down and die - without a whimper.

THE THEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEM OF HORIZONTALLY ACQUIRED GENES By Brian Simpson.

A Crisp (et. al.), “Expression of Multiple Horizontally Acquired Genes is a Hallmark of Both Vertebrate and Invertebrate Genomes,” *Gene Biology*, 2015, pp.16-50, presents evidence that horizontal gene transfer has occurred in all animals (maybe plants as well). Horizontal gene transfer occurs when an organism acquires genes other than from a direct ancestor, such as from bacteria, viruses, fungi and other microscopic organisms.

Crisp (et. al.) determined that horizontal gene transfer has occurred in humans, in : amino-acid metabolism (two genes), macromolecule modification (15 genes) lipid metabolism (13 genes), anti-oxidant activities (five genes) and innate immune response (seven genes). (p.6) Most horizontally acquired genes code for enzyme activity.
 All of this could be a problem for a fundamentalist Christian creationism

which rigidly holds that humans are basically distinct, biologically, from the rest of the animal world. It would seem that God did not create humans fully complete, but our fundamentalist friends say that He did. They will have to work it all out. For the Christian, humans are distinct from other animals, not because of their bodies (all being made from the same basic stuff, call it “dust”), but because of their immortal souls. Bacteria, we may suppose, simply do not have such souls.

'GM DAMAGES' DECISION IN COURT AS ORGANIC FARMER LAUNCHES APPEAL

ABC News, 23 March 2015: By Nicolas Perpitch

A judge should have found a farmer of genetically modified canola was responsible for anticipating the impact of his crop and harvesting methods on his neighbour's organic farm, an appeals court has been told. Prominent QC and former West Australian governor Malcolm McCusker is representing Kojonup organic farmer Steve Marsh who wants to overturn a Supreme Court ruling which struck down his compensation claim. Mr Marsh had sought \$85,000 in damages from his former childhood friend Michael Baxter and a permanent injunction that would stop Mr Baxter growing GM canola in the future. The canola swathes blew onto his property in 2010 and he later lost organic certification for 70 per cent of his land. It's the manner with which they harvested which caused the problem. However, in May last year WA Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Martin comprehensively rejected Mr Marsh's claims and awarded Mr Baxter more than \$800,000 in costs.

Opening the appeal case today, Mr McCusker pointed to the swathing harvesting method used by Mr Baxter. He said it created a real chance winds could blow the GM canola off two paddocks on his Seven Oaks property and onto Mr Marsh's Eagle Rest farm. "His honour should have found a reasonable person in his position should have anticipated this could have happened," he said. "It's the manner with which they harvested which caused the problem."

Mr McCusker told the three appeal judges the trial judge was "in error" to rule there could be no claim for damages without physical injury to person or property. "There was no basis for his honour saying this is a wholly novel claim," he said. Mr McCusker said Mr Baxter had a duty of reasonable care to ensure his GM canola did not contaminate his neighbour's organic farm and affect his certification. "It was a risk which was foreseeable," he said.

Case 'not about GM versus organic'

The case has attracted international interest and provoked debate on the merits of GM crops. Mr McCusker said this case was not about whether GM was harmful or organic food was better. "The heart of this clash between two neighbours is a question of how two systems of agriculture can co-exist," he said. "The answer is, they can if prudence and care is taken." The appeal hearing is set down for three days.

About 30 anti-GM campaigners holding placards protested in support of Mr Marsh outside the court. Louise Dunn said it came down to freedom of choice. "I know the GM farmers say they should have freedom of choice to grow GM food," Ms Dunn said. "But the freedom of choice principle is freedom of choice as long as you do no harm to others. And this has done harm to an organic farmer by losing him certification and his livelihood."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Pondering on two poems by Dame Mary Gilmore, namely "Nationality" and "No Foe Shall Gather Our Harvest Or Sit On Our Stockyard Rail" and wondering how she would feel about the sell off of our

minerals and prime rural land.

For myself I see the "foe" to be faced within our own Parliaments. Traitors all, selling our children's birth-right and NOW their bread as well.

Its time we made our representatives

represent us, not China nor some free trade deal that is going to deliver Australia into the hands of big business like a ripe plum.

Yours Sincerely, David Smith,
Eastwood Wollomombi NSW

3D IS RAPIDLY TAKING SHAPE SAYS THE HEALTH RANGER

(NaturalNews)

As someone who routinely considers the future ramifications of present-day trends, I'm always astonished when people are reluctant to acknowledge obvious trends. As I have begun to share here on Natural News in recent articles, 3D printing is rapidly taking shape as a revolutionary technology for liberty and freedom, but relatively few people are able to see that yet.

I see the implications of 3D printing revolution as clear as day, and over the last several months I've taken it upon myself to become extremely well-versed in a 3D design software product called Solidworks from Dassault Systems (www.Solidworks.com). I've also purchased four 3D printers (so far), printed hundreds of objects and tested nearly every filament available today. In just a few short weeks, I'll be

unveiling breakthrough new technology on www.FoodRising.org that will be freely distributed as downloadable files that people can print on their own 3D printers. This effort combines open source grassroots file sharing with revolutionary self-reliance "low tech" technology that will be widely embraced and shared all around the world.

As this is all taking shape, there are still some people who just don't get it. They think 3D printing is a "gimmick" that can only be used to print holiday decorations and cookie cutters. What they don't yet realize is that people like Cody Wilson have already successfully designed and shared functional firearms receivers that can fire live ammo (www.DefDist.org). This is not a gimmick. In fact, it was taken so

seriously that top federal officials in the U.S. government freaked out and threatened Defense Distributed with criminal prosecutions...

3D printing to "revolutionize war" says AFP

The reason I mention all this is because the AFP wire service recently put out a fascinating story entitled 3D printing could revolutionise war and foreign policy. You can read the story at SpaceDaily.com. [1]

The opening paragraph summarizes the stunning realization that's now starting to sink in across mainstream thinkers: 3D printing will revolutionise war and foreign policy, say experts, not only by making possible incredible new designs but by turning the defence industry -- and possibly the entire global economy -- on its head.

Continue reading here... <http://www.naturalnews.com/revolution.html>

Weekly Target With Information for Supporters

Australia Post is seeking permission from the Government to increase postal-charges, to be accompanied with a reduction in services.

This will have a serious impact on struggling business and individual communications. It will further cut Australia Post revenue due to active consumer resistance to higher costs.

This is how financial policy destroys assets and infrastructure!

At right is a pamphlet produced by the Murray Electors' Association warning Electors in 1971... if people didn't take action now this is what will happen... AND IT DID! (*Aided and abetted by successive Parliaments*)

You are urged to write to your Federal Member and lodge a protest against this imposition. Ask them if they voted in Parliament for the increase in postal charges.

"Australia Post gets green light for changes"

thenewdaily.com.au/news/2015/03/03/Australia-post-green-light-changes/
Mar 3, 2015

The Federal Government will allow Australia Post to implement a two-speed delivery system for letters, as it faces its first full-year loss in 30 years. The Federal Government has given Australia Post the green light to implement a two-speed letter delivery system, while stamps could increase to \$1, in an attempt to keep the service afloat.

These sweeping changes come as Australia Post announced a 56 per cent drop in half-yearly profit last week, with the dive driven by mounting losses of \$151 million in its letters business.

Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull endorsed the idea during a meeting with Coalition MPs on Tuesday morning, saying there needs to be an "open kimono" approach to Australia Post.

From the "On Target" archives...

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THOSE INCREASED POSTAL CHARGES

"The Post Office will pay about \$141 million in interest during 1971-72...The Post Office finances its expenditures from revenue plus monies borrowed from the Treasury. It will borrow \$255 million in 1971-72". -*Post Office News*, September.

Every business organisation is painfully aware that increased communication costs, postage, telephones and telegrams, must be charged into prices. Like increased transport costs, increased communication costs substantially contribute to furthering inflation. It is true that general inflation has caused employees of the Post Office to be paid increased wages, and that increased wage costs must be recovered through higher charges. But it is not true that increased wages are the only cause of dramatic increases in postal charges, as the figures quoted above reveal.

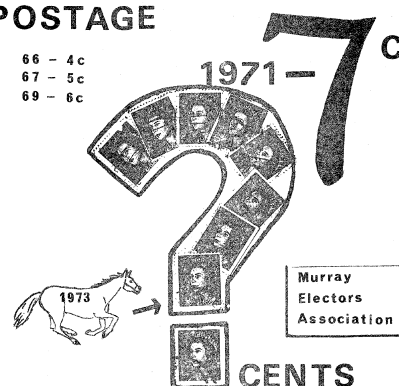
It is outrageous that, having loaned part of the taxpayers' money contributed in taxation to finance capital works for the Post Office, the Government should insist that not only are the taxpayers taxed twice, but that they are also forced to pay interest in higher Post Office charges - on their own taxes.

Unless this iniquitous policy is challenged, Australian taxpayers can look forward to substantial further increases in all postal charges. Business organisation could give a lead in opposing the present method of financing the Post Office, which would be at least a start in the right direction against the whole policy of continuing inflation.

Please write those letters to your MP!

POSTAGE

66 - 4c
67 - 5c
69 - 6c



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Under this policy, which amounts to DOUBLE-TAXATION, there is only one way Post Office charges can go— UP!

HALT Inflation —

OUT with "double-taxation"

IN with — 1. Direct Grants from Tax Revenue

OR — 2. Low Interest Loans Reserve Bank

The practice of using taxation revenue for capital works has earned the growing wrath and censure of State Parliamentarians. The Hon. E.J. Hauser, Minister for Local Government in Victoria speaking in the Legislative Council, September 30th 1969: ".....The States have to repay the loans, and, to add insult to injury they have to pay interest, too. The figures show that for every \$1 of surplus revenue that the Commonwealth lends to the states, it receives back \$2.50. So far the Commonwealth has invested the staggering total of \$2,200 million in loans of surplus revenue to the States".

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