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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Even though the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) deal has been finalised, our fight isn't over. We can still stop it. There is a very dangerous provision in the deal that allows multinational corporations to sue the Australian government - but if we can stop this provision, we can derail the entire deal. Key members of the Senate have already spoken out against Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) - and they have the power to vote against legislation needed to implement the TPP. Can you sign the petition to the Senate to oppose ISDS now? http://act.sumofus.org/go/11951?t=2&akid=14816.2670331.v-V9Y3

ACTION TARGET FOR THE WEEK: Ken Grundy

Actionists please write or email to all your State Senators. Concentrate on Cross Bench, ALP and independent-style Coalition senators. Ask the senators to vote against the TPP because the ISDS Clause will permit multinational manufacturers to sue our Government if any legislation affects their profit. It is foolish to place Australia in such a position with a disputes court above our Constitution and Parliament. In fact it is probably un-Constitutional for Parliament to allow an authority above our Government, and should it succeed in being passed by the Senate needs to be challenged in our Australian High Court.

Send that letter and email now!

Senator Contact Details here...

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators and Members/Guidelines for Contacting Senators and Members

TPP Text here: http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Treaties-and-International-Law/01-Treaties-for-which-NZ-is-Depositary/0-Trans-Pacific-Partnership-Text.php

AMERICA: THE PUNISHMENT SOCIETY "Violence is the Defining Hallmark of the US" by Dr. Paul Craig Roberts

Once upon a time, a dental or medical exam was an opportunity to read a book. No more. The TV blares. It was talking heads discussing whether a football player had been sufficiently punished. The offense was unclear. The question was whether the lashes were sufficient.

It brought to mind that punishment has become a primary feature of American, indeed Western, society. A baker in Colorado was punished because he would not bake a wedding cake for a homosexual marriage. A county or state clerk was punished because she would not issue a marriage license for a homosexual marriage. University professors are punished because they criticize Israel's inhumane treatment of Palestinians. Whistleblowers are punished - despite their protection under federal law - for revealing crimes of the US government. And children are punished for being children, but not by their parents. Police can slam children around and seriously injure them. But parents must not lay a hand on a child. If a child gets spanked, as everyone in my generation was, in comes the Child Protective Services Gestapo. The child is seized, put into "protective custody," and the parents are arrested. The CPS Gestapo receives a federal bonus for every child that they seize, and they want the money.

About all parents can do today is to restrict TV or video game playing time. Even this is dicey, because the kids are taught at school to report abusive behavior of parents. For many kids being told what to do by parents is abusive behavior. Kids have learned that they can pay back parents for disciplining them by reporting the parents to teachers or by themselves calling CPS. Kids who retaliate in this socially approved manner do not realize that they run a high risk of ruining the lives of their parents as well as their own and ending up in foster care where the risk of sexual abuse is present. (continued on next page)

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As society has made it possible for kids to prevail over parents, the kids think this right also applies to teachers, school administrators, and School Resource Officers, psychopaths with police badges who maintain discipline with force and violence. The kids quickly discover, as Shakara discovered in her encounter with Ben Fields, that whereas parents are constrained from using corporal punishment, School Resource Officers are not. Shakara's desk was overturned as she sat in it. She was slammed onto the floor, dragged across the floor and handcuffed. Any parent who did that would be facing jail time. Schools are no longer places of learning. They are places of punishment. Kids are punished for the most absurd reasons for nothing more than behaving as a child brings on punishment. As Henry Giroux has written, schools have become places of control, repression, and punishment.

17,000 American public schools have a police presence. All common sense has long departed. Five and six year-olds who get into a shoving match are arrested and carried off in handcuffs. Police issue tickets and fines to students for what was ordinary behaviour in my school days. Suspensions result as do police records that hamper a child's prospect of success.

The violence that *(police officer – ed)* Ben Fields used against Shakara is routine. Mother Jones reports that a Louisville goon thug, Jonathan Hardin punched a 13-year old in the face for cutting into the cafeteria line and of holding another 13-year old in a chokehold until the student became unconscious. A dispute over cell phone use resulted in a Houston student being hit 18 times with a police weapon.

The police violence extends beyond the schools. Any American unfortunate enough to have a police encounter risks being tasered, beaten, arrested, and even murdered.

Protesters, war and otherwise, are beaten, tear gassed, arrested. The American police state is working hard to criminalize all criticism of itself. Violence has become the defining hallmark of the United States. It is even the basis of US foreign policy. In the 21st century millions of peoples have been killed and displaced by American violence against the world.

With our public schools and police forces working overtime to teach the children who will comprise the future generations that violence is the solution and submission is the only alternative, expect the United States to be unliveable at home and an even worse danger to the rest of the world.

IN PRAISE OF A "VIOLENT MISOGYNIST" JAMES BOND 007? by John Steele

Those of us who grew up with Sean Connery's James Bond 007 were treated to a hairy-chested ultra-alpha male, who would never weep over a woman as the modern metro-male Bond, played by Daniel Craig has done (e.g. *Casino Royale, Skyfall*). Indeed, the old Bond in *From Russia with Love* and *Goldfinger* was an equal opportunity fighter, who would not hesitate to thump a woman if the mission required it. Thus in *Goldfinger*, a woman who was waiting for Bond for a love session had set him up with a thug who was going to blackjack him from behind but Bond who was kissing the girl saw said thug's reflection in the girl's eye and he swung her around so that she took the blow!

Thus it is interesting to read, with the new Bond movie *Spectre* about to be released, journalist Fiona Leckerman's article "*Spectre* is the Tale of a Violent Misogynist - So Why Does My Six-Year-Old Son Love James Bond so Much?" *Independent.co.uk*, October 27, 2015. Ms Leckerman says that she has seen the Connery Bonds and she sees aspects of these movies as "thrilling". However she is critical of the Daniel Craig recent Bonds, which have abandoned the fun of the old Bond and embraced a more realistic violence.

I think that this is true, but it is a trend in all movies and television, as witnessed in successful series such as *The Walking Dead*, *Game of Thrones* and *Ash vs Evil Dead*. Bond is merely following this trend. Now all of this popular culture material may be dismissed by readers as just more conditioning to accept sin, and they would be right. What is behind the legitimisation of extreme violence in movies and video/computer games that has become mainstream?

How can gun-banners, support taking guns away from legitimate users such as farmers, but still support on "freedom" grounds, ultra-violent movies and computer games? Could it be that the Dark Lords are slowly uncorking their plans for the future, of a decayed, violent world - a real version of *The Walking Dead* - where we all have been reduced to the level of a "zombie"?

(Ironically, it is because men have ceased being men, and have lost the manly spirit (courageous, independent, frank, upright) - which I think the woman's son is zeroing in on - ed)

Further here: http://www.bbc.com/news/world-australia-34644459

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ARE WE MUSHROOMS – OR NOT?

Andrew Bolt asks his readers the question: "None of us need accept more taxes. We're not mushrooms, are we? 4 November, 2015

No, they don't have to accept that at all: Australians will have to accept higher taxes under a GST reform plan, according to the federal government's top advisers on budget repair, bluntly contradicting calls from Coalition MPs for the proceeds to fund income tax cuts.

I have more faith in these Coalition backbenchers: As more Coalition backbenchers warn against the "lazy reform" of raising taxes to fund more public spending, Malcolm Turnbull and his top cabinet ministers are canvassing options that include an increase in the GST from 10 per cent to 15 per cent with a wider base that could be extended to health, education and financial services."

Further reading: Malcolm Turnbull's policy is wrong, wrong, wrong. His policy stems from his philosophy which the Australian League of Rights does not share with him. Again we come back to the individual as opposed to the group. Make the effort to read "Dictatorship by Taxation" by C.H. Douglas found here... http://alor.org/Library/Douglas%20CH%20-%20Dictatorship%20by%20Taxation.pdf

INVENTING THE INDIVIDUAL? by Betty Luks

Have you ever asked yourself how come the western world places so much emphasis on the individual in society as opposed to the group? Why are so many people objecting to the corporatisation of industries and the markets? Why does the Australian League of Rights battle against the centralisation of political and financial power – and promote Social Credit concepts?

The short answer is summed up in an article by the Guild of St. George reprinted in *The New Times*, Vol.59, No.8, 1995, **The Essence of Social Credit:** "Social Credit is not, strictly speaking, politics; but it is a policy; nor is it a religion, but it is applied religion, as engineering, for example, is applied science. As a policy it has been particularly associated with technical proposals for monetary reform. The proposals are not the essence of Social Credit but arise because we live in a monetary economy..." And of course Social Credit is very interested in the individual in society. Read further here... http://alor.org/Library/Douglas%20CH%20-%20Dictatorship%20by%20Taxation.pdf

Larry Siedentop, a Fellow of Keble College, Oxford, has done us all a favour by writing on such a topic, "Inventing the Individual: The Origins of Western Liberalism" (Penguin Random House 2013). He uses French historian, Fustel de Coulanges' observation to remind the reader modern man thinks quite differently to the ancients and we must understand that fact in our search for the 'invention of the individual':

"History does not study material facts and institutions alone; its true object of study is the human mind; it should aspire to know what this mind has believed, thought, and felt in different ages of the life of the human race."

Social Credit teaching also explores the philosophical basis of the individual in society teasing out many aspects to be studied to widen the understanding, but it is Larry Siedentop's narrative reconnecting modern man with the important events in our past history that grabbed my attention. There are words he uses that from a Social Credit viewpoint need to be defined to ensure we are speaking/writing of the same thing; a good example is the 'equality' of all human beings.

Human beings are not 'equal' in the sense I understand the term, they are, as individuals, quite distinct and unique. Why, not even 'identical twins' are exactly the same – are not 'equal'. This is where Social Credit training would help those who want to know more.

Back to Siedentop. Having dealt with the concepts and thinking undergirding the Greek and the Roman civilisations he turned the reader's attention to St. Paul and the early Christian centuries:

"Paul's message is directed not merely to Jews, but to all humanity. It is an invitation to seek a deeper self, an inner union with God. It offers to give reason itself a new depth. Rationality loses its aristocratic connotations. It is associated not with status and pride but with a humility which liberates.

Paul's conception of the Christ overturns the assumption on which ancient thinking had hitherto rested, the assumption of natural inequality. Instead, Paul wagers on human equality. It is a wager that turns on transparency, that we can and should see ourselves in others, and others in ourselves. A leap of faith in human equality reveals - beneath the historical accumulation of unequal social statuses and roles - the universal availability of a God-given foundation for human action, the free action of love.

That action is what Paul's vision of the Christ revealed. As deployed by Paul, the concept of the Christ becomes a challenge to the ancient belief that humans are subject to an immutable order or 'fate'.

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Paul's vision on the road to Damascus amounted to the discovery of human freedom - of a moral agency potentially available to each and everyone, that is, to individuals. This 'universal' freedom, with its moral implications, was utterly different from the freedom enjoyed by the privileged class of citizens in the polis..." There is much more of course but you will need to read the book.

In the meantime let's ponder the words of a Dominican priest: A parishioner asked him, "How does Jesus fit into that new story from science that tells us the universe is 14 or 15 billion years old and our Earth at least 5 billion years old?"

Dominican priest: Much of Christianity has made Jesus Christ into a denominational saviour figure while others have looked upon his saving grace as limited to a few who meet strict qualifications. But what about creation as a whole? How far back and forward in time does the Christ figure extend, and who exactly is Christ? Christian scripture, in fact, gives us Jesus'

place in that history counted in billions of years if you look for it - in the prologue to John's Gospel, for example, or in the Pauline hymns of the letters to the Colossians and Ephesians, or in the opening of John's first letter. All speak of Christ existing from all eternity. We just don't see those references. They've never been unpacked for the majority of Christians, and we don't have theology to know how to see it.

Christ is not Jesus' last name. The book of Acts says God has raised up Jesus and anointed him as the Christ. Our new awareness of the cosmos' vastness and unimaginably ancient history is forcing us to rehear those scripture texts. It's exciting good news. The Jesus we now have, the Jesus we participate in, are graced by, are redeemed by, is the risen Christ, the eternal Christ. The word "Christ" means "the anointed one," and that anointment by God includes us and all of creation.

Further reading: "Religation" by Geoffrey Dobbs found here... www.alor.org/Library/Dobbs%20G%20-%20Religation.pdf

EXPLOSIVE TIP-OFF FROM INSIDE TURNBULL CAMP IGNITES A BUSHFIRE

Source: David Pascoe's Facebook. "The Brotherhood of Big Gas Goes After Alan Jones: It was the kind of message from Canberra we really weren't expecting – a bombshell straight from inside the Prime Ministers very own camp.

It seems that Senator James McGrath – Turnbull's own numbers man for his recent leadership coup and the campaign strategist who delivered power to Campbell Newman in the 2012 state election - has now been hurriedly dispatched to Queensland as a forward scout with two missions: first, to find out how Turnbull has been received by Queensland – and the second, much more deadly strategy: to completely wipe out Alan Jones.

McGrath is a political strategist, head kicker and toecutter of the highest order: he previously worked with Lynton Crosby, whose company Crosby Textor runs campaigns for both APPEA and the LNP, no less, so it's fair to assume that McGrath can be considered something of a Big Gas Brother, a true Master of the Mafioso.

Over the past few days he has been meeting with senior Queensland LNP party officials and members warning them that Alan Jones – one of the greatest champions the Australian bush has ever seen – must be removed off-air as soon as possible, telling them he is a massive danger to the LNP – and that they must all pull together to have him wiped out.

Clearly, from the kind of desperate tactics being used,

is clear that McGrath will stop at nothing.

What McGrath isn't telling the membership, however, is the really big bombshell: that he is part of the Brotherhood of Big Gas – and that he has also worked closely with Santos.

In the period between his election to the Senate in September 2013 and his admission to the Senate in July 2014, McGrath happily packed his bags and went off to work for Santos.

There is no big secret in this: McGrath has it proudly listed in his own list of Parliamentary Disclosures.

The push of Big Gas and Big Coal to mine the prime farmland of Australia is now shaping up as the closest thing that Australia might see to serious civil unrest: there is the massive battle already underway to save the Liverpool Plain from Shenhua Mine, the BHP Caroona Mine and Santos CSG – and then there is the other massive 'Western Front' further north to save the Darling Downs from being consumed by New Hope Coal Mines and Arrow Energy, Queensland Gas (British Gas), Origin and Santos.

Added to the emotion, of course, is the fact that Origin was the CSG company whose brutal and relentless pressure to drill for gas on George Bender's farm drove the Chinchilla farmer to take his own life a few weeks ago..."

Continue here:

https://www.facebook.com/OVHRepro/posts/7721814 16243071:0

IT'S NEVER-ENDING! MOREE PLAINS COUNCIL NOW PROTESTING

The Moree Champion and Samantha Waalton sounded the alarm: Moree Plains Shire Council loses control of CSG mining 3 November, 2015,

Changes to the Petroleum Act were rushed through both houses of NSW Parliament last week, removing the rights of local councils to prevent CSG companies from conducting seismic testing on public roads. It means that councils, like Moree, that have passed a resolution to put a moratorium on CSG exploration on council roads in their region, have lost their power to implement it.

The changes were introduced as part of the Mining and Petroleum Legislation Amendment (Land Access Arbitration) Bill 2015. The Bill introduces a clause that exempts seismic testing on roadsides from s72 of the Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 otherwise preventing CSG companies from conducting any prospecting activities on 'improvements' without landowner consent.

Metgasco are proposing to conduct seismic operations on roadsides at Rock Valley later this year, and Lismore City Council has made it clear that it will not provide consent for the activities, as they are the relevant landowner and roadsides are improvements. This new amendment will mean that Metgasco, and other CSG companies, will no longer have to seek consent from local councils for seismic activities on council roads.

Moree Plains Shire Council (MPSC) mayor, Katrina Humphries, expressed her frustration.

"I am very disappointed in the legislation that was put through under stealth," Cr Humphries said. "This CSG-amended legislation was put through when local government was extremely busy and we were contemplating the State Governments 'Fit for Future' project. Most importantly there was no consultation with our communities."

PARIS CLIMATE TALKS: from Andrew Bolt's Blog

Christopher Booker predicts another Copenhagenstyle flop at next month's Paris global warming conference:

Now, as Paris approaches – although scarcely noticed by the Western media – we can see just what the 20 countries responsible for 81 per cent of global CO2 emissions are proposing as their "Intended Nationally Determined Contributions" to cutting emissions by 2030...

China, now easily the world's largest emitter, contributing 24 per cent of the total, plans by 2030 to double its CO2 emissions, not least by building 363 more coal-fired power stations. India, now the third-largest emitter, plans by 2030 to treble its emissions. The fourth-largest emitter, Russia, despite slashing its emissions after 1990 by closing down much of its old Soviet industry, now proposes to increase them from their 2012 level by up to 38 per cent.

Japan, the fifth-largest emitter, does claim that it will cut its emissions by some 15 per cent, but is still planning to build more coal-fired power plants. Although South Korea, the world's seventh-largest emitter, claims that it will cut emissions by 23 per cent (not least by buying "carbon credits" that will allow it to "offset" its continuing production of CO2 for cash), even its proposed target will still be 100 per cent higher than it was 25 years ago.

As for the Middle East, the oil states such as Saudi Arabia and Iran (the eighth and ninth-largest emitters) have not yet submitted any proposals. But the United Arab Emirates, which have more than doubled their emissions since 2002, show no sign of slowing that increase, apart from a promise to invest in more "carbon-free" solar and nuclear power. As for Brazil, which as the 11th largest emitter has been rapidly increasing its dependence on fossil fuels, it sees its main contribution as being to slow the felling and burning of the Amazon rainforest. So which countries are obviously missing from this

list? President Obama may talk the talk about his ambitious plans for the US, the world's second-largest emitter. But there is no more chance of Congress agreeing to the proposed treaty than there was in 1997, when the Senate unanimously voted no to Kyoto.

All of which leaves the EU as the only part of the world committed to cutting its emissions by 40 per cent within 15 years. Even here, Poland is already refusing to sign the treaty, as it builds more fossil-fuel power stations to keep its lights on, while Germany, the sixth-largest emitter does the same...

And what about that Green Climate Fund, supposed by 2020 to be dishing out \$100 billion every year to help developing countries to "adapt to climate change"? Firm pledges received so far total just \$700 million, leaving \$99.3 billion still to go. The only real question that will remain after the failure of this bid for a binding treaty in Paris is how much longer it can be before the most expensive and foolish scare story in history finally falls apart. (emphasis – ed)

The most astonishing thing about this article is that *The Age* published it.

Ref

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/11968064/Whythe-Paris-climate-treaty-will-be-the-flop-of-the-year.html

MEASURING GLOBAL WARMING

Source: donaitkin.com/measuring-global-warming/ Don Aitken writes 01 Nov 2015:

When I first began to immerse myself in the world of global warming, nearly ten years ago now, what perplexed me most was the business of measuring something called global temperature. The data seemed so spotty, so irregular, so contrived, that making an average of the averages of the averages (an arithmetic mean, more precisely), and then going on about differences of a less than a degree C seemed to me dubious in the extreme. I wrote a piece about it here: http://donaitkin.com/an-agnostics-guide-to-global-temperature-part-2-measuring-temperature/

So my tendency was just to dismiss it all. But if you did that, Professor Bob Carter pointed out to me, you couldn't enter the debate at all. The orthodox and sceptics alike had to accept some measurement, and since the orthodox relied on their measurements, those who didn't agree had to find fault with those ones, or supply their own, or both. I have remained uneasy about all this measurement nonetheless, as readers will have discerned from a lot of my essays here.

French Société de Calcul Mathématique SA

I now have a new source of encouragement for my doubt. It is a long paper by the French Société de Calcul Mathématique SA, which you could translate roughly as the Mathematical Calculation Company Ltd, and I'll call SCM hereafter. SCM does a lot of work for the French Government, especially in defence and related areas, and it claims high competence in the areas of mathematical modelling, which is its core strength.

Its home page (there is an English version here: http://www.scmsa.eu/accueil_e.htm) is most interesting — and its corporate slogan is 'tools for decision help since 1995'.

The paper is among other things a wonderful summary of what is known, what tools are used, where the data come from, and how valid and reliable they are.

SCM has called its monograph a 'White Paper', with the title 'The battle against global warming: an absurd, costly and pointless crusade', and that is strong stuff from France, which, the paper says, likes to see itself as the "good boy of Europe", [and] adds an extra layer of virtue to every crusade.

Here is the SCM conclusion: None of the information on global temperatures is of any scientific value, and it should not be used as a basis for any policy decisions. It is perfectly clear that: there are far too few temperature sensors to give us a picture of the planet's temperature; we do not know what such a temperature might mean because nobody has given it any specific physical significance; the data have been subject to much dissimulation and manipulation. There is a clear will not to mention anything that might be reassuring, and to highlight things that are presented as worrying; despite all this, direct use of the available figures does not indicate any genuine trend towards global warming!

Oh my goodness. Why haven't we had something like this from within the UK, Canada, the USA or Australia? Will anyone in authority in the English-speaking world take notice of it? Probably not, for all the reasons I have mentioned in recent essays. But if you want to read something straight to the point, balanced and scientific that is also sceptical about the fuss about global warming, start with this SCM paper.

The English translation of this 195pp work is available here:

http://alor.org/Library/SCM_RC_2015_08_24_EN.pdf

ICELAND PARLIAMENT SETS UP ENQUIRY INTO MONETARY CREATION

It is heartening to read the Parliament of Iceland is going to conduct an enquiry into its bank/financial system.

The Parliamentary Resolution reads:

145th congress 2015 to 2016.

Document no. 171 - 169th issue.

Parliamentary resolution on reforming the mechanism of monetary creation.

Proposers: Frosti Sigurjonsson, Brynhildur Pétursdottir, Haraldur Einarsson, Karl Gardarsson, Kristjén L. Moller, Pall Johann Palsson, Willum Dor Porsson, Helgi Hrafn Gunnarsson, Svandis Svavarsdottir, Ggmundur Jonasson, Gssur Skarphédinsson.

Althingi resolves to appoint a committee of members of parliament (MP5) to carry out a review of the

arrangements of money creation in Iceland and to make recommendations for improvements. The committee will be composed of six MPs, one from each party. The parliament provides the committee with facilities, one employee and necessary professional assistance. Government agencies shall advise the committee. The committee is to deliver its findings in a report to parliament no later than ten months after its founding.

Report

For more than half a century, Iceland has struggled with serious monetary problems, such as inflation, currency depreciation, asset bubbles and a full scale collapse of the banking system. The currency has lost 99.7% of its purchasing power since the Central Bank of Iceland (CBI) was established in 1961.

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The Icelandic krona is actually not unique in this respect, as other world currencies are all based on the fractional reserve system. For example, the British pound has lost 99% of its purchasing power and the American dollar 96% in the past century.

Despite various improvements to the legal framework of financial institutions, the problem related to the ability of banks to create money in the form of deposits, has not been addressed.

This system has been increasingly criticised by experts as it provides banks with both the incentive and the opportunity for more money creation, far beyond the needs of the economy. It is therefore timely for elected representatives to perform an independent review of the mechanism of money creation in Iceland and make recommendations for improvement of the applicable legislation.

A recent report by Frosti Sigurjosson on possible reform of the monetary system, Monetary Reform - A better monetary system for Iceland, discusses the current mechanism of monetary creation in Iceland and addresses the fundamental problems inherent to this system.

In the summary of the Icelandic report it states:

"It is evident that the fractional reserve system provides both an incentive and the ability for the financial institutions to expand the money supply in Iceland. CBI seems unable to restrain the expansion. This arrangement seems to have contributed to the expansion of the money supply in Iceland by nineteen fold in the fourteen year period leading to the collapse of the financial system in 2008."

Our correspondent added these words: "The resolution shows significant and growing interest in monetary reform in Iceland. We consider a thorough comparison of a Sovereign Money system and the current monetary system is an important next step towards monetary reform.

Please distribute the resolution as widely as you can. International coverage of the matter is well noticed here in Iceland and really helps."

Don't let the importance of this Enquiry go unnoticed. Wherever you are in the world, write to one or more members of the Committee c/o the Parliament of Iceland expressing your appreciation of their efforts – along with observations/suggestions you consider important.

ICELAND SENTENCES 26 BANKERS TO A COMBINED 74 YEARS IN PRISON by James Woods

Unlike the Department of Justice, Iceland is focusing on prosecuting the CEOs rather than low-level traders. In a move that would make many capitalists' head explode if it ever happened here, Iceland just sentenced their 26th banker to prison for their part in the 2008 financial collapse.

In two separate Icelandic Supreme Court and Reykjavik District Court rulings, five top bankers from Landsbankinn and Kaupping — the two largest banks in the country — were found guilty of market manipulation, embezzlement, and breach of fiduciary duties. Most of those convicted have been sentenced to prison for two to five years. The maximum penalty for financial crimes in Iceland is six years, although their Supreme Court is currently hearing arguments to consider expanding sentences beyond the six year maximum......

When Iceland's President, Olafur Ragnar Grimmson was asked how the country managed to recover from the global financial disaster, he famously replied, "We were wise enough not to follow the traditional prevailing orthodoxies of the Western financial world in the last 30 years. We introduced currency controls, we let the banks fail, we provided support for the poor, and we didn't introduce austerity measures like you're seeing in Europe."

Meanwhile, in America, not one single banking executive has been charged with a crime related to the 2008 crash and U.S. banks are raking in more than \$160 billion in annual profits with little to no regulation in place to avoid another financial catastrophe.

Ref: http://usuncut.com/author/james-woods/

THE LONG SLOW EROSION OF FEMINISM: #Bring Back The Patriarchy! by Mrs Vera West

An article by Michael Sebastian at Return of Kings.com, October 28, 2015, observes that young people in increasing numbers are tweeting at #Bring Back The Patriarchy. Featured on this hashtag are tweets from children praising fatherhood and strong fathers: "#Bring Back The Patriarchy because a strong man in charge is the ultimate form of security for a woman and her children". And: "civilisation wasn't built by soft men in skinny jeans, but men's men of valour". Posts of pretty Nordic girls have comments like: "If you want daughters to have joyous,

gratifying lives then #Bring Back The Patriarchy. Feminism ruins girls lives".

Although this is only a twitter event it is significant because it does show that there is some cultural stirring against the system. This is good because the chatter technology represented by Facebook is generally "emasculating" as another Return of Kings article (October 29, 2015) put it, constituting a "perpetual Left-Liberal group think". Thus it is positive to see some opposition to this cognitive status quo.

AVOIDING CIVILISATIONAL COLLAPSE by John Steele

Those of us - and that is all of us here - who hope to 'not see' a civilisational collapse, generally accept that it will involve a protracted struggle. After all, Big Finance, Big Pharma, Big Agri and Big Everything-capitalism doesn't want it. We agree on these basics?

And examining the historical past, resistance will require the same sort of courage and strength that men and women of that time period exhibited. Yet the mental and physical strength of men and women is in freefall - and at least for men this is documented in a study by McAllister called Manthropology.

It is all well and good to say that we need a change in belief systems but what is the first, the very first step taken in a society where men are becoming obese and soft?

It has been found that physical activities such as chopping wood, can give both men and women a testosterone boost (B.C.Trumble (et al), "Age-Independent Increases in Male Salivary Testosterone During Horticultural Activity Among Tismane Forage-Farmers", Evolution and Human Behaviour, July 25, 2013).

This may also come from lifting weights, but activities associated with food production may be ---->>

COMMENT FROM COHEN

Speaking on behalf of 850 Orthodox Rabbis, members of the Rabbinical Alliance of America founded in 1942, spokesman Rabbi Y. Levin stated:

"Our country cannot recover economically nor can it regain its reputation internationally until it returns to its moral underpinnings, i.e. a respect for life at all stages and a return to decency and moral values".

"Those supporting Congressman Paul Ryan for Speaker of the House constantly tout his credentials as being the ultimate "dedicated family man". He may very well be dedicated to his own family as he has stated, but unfortunately he remains impervious to the needs of tens of millions of religious American families..."

"We urge the conservatives in Congress, the Tea Party, and the Freedom Caucus to acknowledge Mr. Ryan's political orientation and reject him as well as any other candidate who is not an uncompromising and vocal supporter of family values. This is America's final chance to return to greatness".

"The silence of the religio/conservative congressmen regarding Mr. Ryan and traditional family values is deafening. The silent conservatives and Mr. Ryan, not the liberals, share the ultimate responsibility for the ongoing tragedy of our descent into Gomorrah".

Ref: http://matzav.com/house-approves-budget-deal/

special, as an article at Modern Farmer.com, December 16, 2013 notes, quoting lead author B.C.Trumble: "In humans, men tend to compete for the attention of women via economic productivity as opposed to fighting other men in the street, so examining changes in testosterone during food production is important". Humble activities, such as *working the garden* or doing other heavy manual labour makes a difference. The reverse of this would also be true. Males who seldom lift anything heavier than a wine glass can be *oh so liberal, politically correct and girly*.

For men, especially young men, to begin the process of de-programming, would be to engage in some sort of community club that promoted robust physical activity. This may not be practical for all but other testosterone boosting activities such as gardening, with a direct skin contact to the minerals in the soils, could be

Perhaps, for both the male and female, physical regeneration and self reliance in the garden (amongst nature) is the necessary first step for civilisational regeneration, because it is Christian civilisation we wish to preserve. So turn off the box, and the noise, and go into your garden; for the regeneration of our civilisation starts with two - you and me! - ed

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