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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: HOW DOES A POLICE STATE HAPPEN? by Jeremy Lee

If the idea of a Police State was announced in advance, it would never happen! The people would resist, find leaders, rise up and stop it. But, of course, the loss of personal freedom never happens in one moment of time, but gradually, inch by inch, never moving fast enough to cause too much opposition, taking a backward step now and then, in order to take two forward steps later.

How do we recognise it? And what do we do about it?

There is a hundred and one symptoms, chief being absence of justice for the weak. When one person cannot find justice, all are endangered.

There's no road-sign saying "BIG BROTHER HAS ARRIVED". But you can hear his footsteps before you see him. Here are some of the "vibes" you'll pick up:

When the person you elected can look you straight in the eye and tell you the opposite of what he promised when asking for your vote.

When he tells you your personal liberties must be sacrificed "for the common good".

When your next door neighbour doesn't want to get involved because he's scared what's happening to you may happen to him if he speaks out.

When the media has become a public prosecutor, in which it stereotypes, accuses and judges those it disagrees with in its articles and programmes.

When reporters will film for two hours to find one statement they can use to misrepresent what you really believe. When untrue headlines on page 1 can condemn you nation-wide, and a forced apology appear in the smallest print possible on page 148 three months later.

When your producer or business association has set up an expensive headquarters in the capital, awarded its staff large and permanent salaries, and stopped speaking for your interests.

When Trade Unions, Business Associations and Producer Organisations have made their peace with the government in office, and push the "establishment-line".

When the perks, benefits and superannuation available for elected representatives is more generous than those of the average voter.

When the most feared institution in the country is the Tax Department.

When all the taxes you pay – direct, indirect and rates – take more than 20 percent (in some countries it is now 50%) of the total income of the people.

When statistics become more important than human beings.

When GDP is more real to politicians and statisticians than human happiness.

When young people no longer believe their country offers them a secure, long-term future.

When young people get angry with their parents for pretending that it does.

When the growing percentage of the population no longer care who wins elections, believing that the process is rigged, unrepresentative and undemocratic.

When one wage can no longer support a family –but party politicians tell wage-earners they're better off.

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When crime, violence and vandalism – major signs of a hopeless and visionless environment – are increasing. When your home is no longer your castle; when private property is invaded; when entry without a warrant becomes a government provision.

When all forms of activity come under "surveillance", regulation and inspection by government.

When debt is the major factor in every public and private enterprise, used as the excuse for more regulation, confiscation or fire-sale to foreign ownership.

When men and women will hurry by injustice on their way to a Sunday service – and then bemoan the fact their faith is not taken seriously.

When the only political response to every problem is in legislation and regulation.

When politicians see their party, and orders from the Party Whip, as more important than their conscience or the electorate.

When a Minister will allow a great injustice to be perpetrated with the excuse that "Cabinet solidarity" prevents personal commitment.

When ordinary people, seeing the corruption around them, become corrupted themselves by their selfimposed silence and conformity.

Yes, the Police State begins to happen when people no longer care enough for freedom to speak out. As former US President Abraham Lincoln said: "Silence, when we should protest, makes cowards of us all."

The great Russian, Solzhenitsyn, in his epic, *The Gulag Archipelago*, wrote of those who languished in slave labour camps:

".... at what exact point, then, should one resist the Communists? How we burned in the prison camps later thinking: What would things have been like if every security operative, when he went out at night to make an arrest, had been uncertain whether he would return alive?

Or, if during periods of mass arrests, people had not merely sat there in their lairs, paling with terror at every bang of the downstairs door and at every step on the staircase, but had understood that they had nothing to lose and had boldly set up in the downstairs hall an ambush of half a dozen people with axes and hammers, pokers, or whatever else was at hand.

".... the organs (police) would very quickly have suffered a shortage of officers ... and, notwithstanding all of Stalin's thirst, the accursed machine would have ground to a halt...."

There is no such thing as freedom for some and not others. As the famous American lawyer Clarence Darrow said in 1920: "You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom. You can only be free if I am free."

When the State claims it can raise your children, run your business, spend your money, make your decisions, run your life, and defend your family and property better than you can – and makes it a crime for you to disagree ---- BIG BROTHER HAS ARRIVED!!

It will call itself by sweet-sounding names; even "the free society".

But your own personal freedom is the price you pay.......

NATIONAL WEEKEND AMENDED NOTICE - NOTE THE CHANGES ON P4

THE MEANING OF "HATE SPEECH" by Tom North

Andrew Bolt (*Herald Sun*, October 1, 2016) points out that "hate speech" is taking a mutated meaning. A Perth woman seeing people posting "anti-marriage equality" stickers on a sign that she was standing in front of said:

"Does anyone by chance know who is responsible for this hatred? I'd love to speak to them." Yes, it was a rhetorical question. This is a common point of view of the "Yes" approach.

The sign said "Keep Marriage Man and Woman." This sentiment, held by the vast majority of the human race throughout time, has now been regarded by proponents of the "new morality" as hate speech.

But there is no point arguing with them: call it "late for dinner," it will be opposed. "Hate" is fast losing any emotional impact it once had.

DOG: ATO BOUNTY HUNTER! by John Steele

Will we soon have people like Dog the bounty hunter, the American who on TV chases down all sorts of bad folk who haven't paid fines?

According to *The Sydney Morning Herald*, September 27, 206, the Australian Taxation Office is hiring debt collectors and the ATO are "putting prices on the heads of tax debts, with individual operators promised bonuses and incentives to "convince" debtors to pay-up."

There are fears that "high-pressure tactics" may be used and even "corruption" may occur! The article does not mention what these tactics might be. There is a photograph illustrating the article that at first looked to me like a hand holding a baseball bat — but, silly me, it was just a rolled up one-hundred-dollar bill. My mistake. How could I have thought that?

But, will we soon seen the Australian version of Dog on our reality TV? Where can I sign up?

GRIM TIMES FOR AUSTRALIA'S DEPLORABLES by Paul Walker

A tremendous article by Maurice Newman ("Road to Tyranny is Paved with Leftie Assumptions," *The Australian*, September 27, 2016, p. 14), deserves mention before it disappears down the memory hole.

The primarily Left Media, he says, does not publicise that in the July election almost 600,000 voters gave their first preference to Pauline Hanson's One Nation. These are the Australian version of the "deplorables," the term used by Hillary Clinton to dismiss the white dispossessed "uneducated." And Newman says that the chattering class must vilify these Australians with no debate "lest too many of us waver on the virtues of bigger government, central planning, more bloated bureaucracies, higher taxes, unaffordable welfare, a "carbon-free" economy, more regulations, open borders, gender-free and values-free schools and same-sex marriage: the sort of agenda that finds fayour at the UN."

The problem with this UN-inspired form of collectivism is that it ultimately implodes and self-destructs: big governments become a source of debt creation and regulation strangles creative enterprise. Only societies which are free and open with small governments can flourish.

However, in Australia, living standards are being eroded and wealth and income growth, falling, while a vast array of politically correct social programmes are lavishly funded.

Thus, the Labor government on the basis of one television programme shut down Australia's live cattle exports, causing massive economic hardship. People don't matter for governments, Newman says, because

they have adopted the amoral principle that the ends justify the mean.

Faith has been lost in the democratic process because "Australians feel increasingly marginalised and unrepresented. They are tired of spin and being lied to. They know that data is often withheld or manipulated." I agree with this, but see this as the fault of the established political classes rather than the "democratic system."

However, it is interesting to note that Newman says that increasingly more Australians no longer want, to use a motor mechanics metaphor, the same old tune-up at the "same old garage." They want a new engine. "One Nation may not be the answer, but its garage does offer a new engine." This is a significant comment coming in a mainstream paper.

Newman is well versed in business and the global economy and has said some things also said by James Reed, who is not so versed, in recent articles. For example: "Australia is now on that road to tyranny (of an addiction to centralism as described by F. A. Hayek in *The Road to Serfdom*) and, with another global recession in prospect and nearly 50 percent of voters already dependent on government, the incentive is to vote for more government, not less." That will simply be more of the same poison.

The time is ripe to work hard and to outline what this "new engine" may be on social credit principles, not only economic, but in terms of the full array of cultural, moral and political policies. Interacting and influencing the direction of One Nation would be a very good start.

THE SILENCING OF WOMEN IN THE STIFLING CULTURE OF ABORIGINAL UNITY by Mrs Vera West

What happens when feminism clashes with multiculturalism? It seems that multiculturalism wins. As reported in "'Women Silenced' in Stifling Culture of Aboriginal Unity," (*The Weekend Australian*, October 1-2, 2016, p. 7), in the 1970s many female Aboriginal leaders put ethnic solidarity, "standing as a people" over feminist issues.

According to indigenous researcher Suzanne Ingram, Aboriginal women are still facing racial solidarity pressures, serving as "solidarity stewardesses serving a sophisticated silencing agenda," on issues of domestic violence in their communities. Ms Ingram believes that the issue of "silencing" has got worse with women who speak out about black-on-black violence being seen as engaging in betrayal.

Her paper "Silent Drivers/Driving Silence – Aboriginal Women's Voices on Domestic Violence," published

in *Social Alternatives* (vol. 35, 2016, pp. 6-12), cites alarming statistics that "intimate partner violence" can be as high as 38 times greater for Aboriginal women than non-Aboriginal women.

White feminists are failing to address the issue of Aboriginal domestic violence and priority has been given to male-led social justice issues such as constitutional recognition. Something clearly needs to be done about Aboriginal women suffering in silence, so good work for this Aboriginal woman speaking out. However, challenging the *status quo* comes with its risks, and I pray that her career will not be harmed, given the culture of "silencing."

Ref: https://www.questia.com/library/journal/1P3-4126115481/silent-drivers-driving-silence-aboriginal-women-s

Also: http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/ingram-women-silenced-under-culture-of-aboriginal-unity/news-story/29269 34338251138a8881b97049442e2

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- GLOBALISATION: A THREAT TO THE RULE OF LAW AND OUR COMMON HERITAGE
- THE CULTURAL INHERITANCE OF SOCIAL CREDIT

Please make a special note that the venue for all of the events over the weekend will be:

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The Public Schools Club 207 East Tce, Adelaide

FRIDAY NIGHT INFORMAL GATHERING
For those who wish, there will also be an
informal gathering on the
21st October Friday evening from 6.00pm
at The Public Schools Club,
207 East Tce, Adelaide
BOOKINGS ARE NOT REQUIRED
FOR THIS INFORMAL GATHERING

A SENIOR'S PERSPECTIVE OF FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook.

I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

AUSTRALIA 2000 - HOW BRIGHT THE VISION? by Jeremy Lee

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