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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: **Bring on the National Dividend!**

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Source: http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-01-17/davos-world-economic-forum-confronts-globalisation-revolt/8188960 Technology to have a bigger impact than globalisation: However, Mr Minack said while it may be possible - not to mention also nonsensical and painful - to reverse globalisation, it is also most likely pointless as well, given an even bigger threat to jobs and wages is coming down the tracks. Technology and the developments in automation, robotics and artificial intelligence will simply eliminate the need for many unskilled workers in both developed and developing economies.

"I think that globalisation has had a bigger effect than technology on incomes of unskilled and semi-skilled workers over the past 15 years," Mr Minack said. "But the next 15 years will see a reversal: technology, not globalisation, will likely become a major adverse influence on less-skilled workers' incomes."

In other words, the globalisation debate heating up the chilly climes of Davos may well be already out of date. Sure, the threat of trade wars and insular politics still abound, but it could all be about battles that have already been lost and won, not ones to come. The dynamics that have led to disgruntlement and alienation are only likely to intensify from here.

THE CAUSES OF WAR ARE IN EVERY VILLAGE by Betty Luks

In his November 1934 BBC broadcast on The Causes of War Douglas asked the question, "Is Our Financial System to Blame?" In answering his own question, he thought it important there should be agreement on what was meant by 'war' and gave the technical definition of the time:

"Any action taken to impose your will upon an enemy or to prevent him from imposing his will upon you." He then made the observation that that particular definition made "the motive rather than the method the important matter to consider" and lamented the fact that at that time in man's history "more energy is devoted to the endeavour to modify the methods of war than to removing the motives for war," and that if man would recognise that fact he would be in a better "position to realise that we are never at peace – that only the form of war changes." It suddenly struck me that Professor Jordan Peterson, whom we have been following of late on YouTube, and CH Douglas, were/are really 'on the same page' – Douglas of course some eighty years earlier. As Professor Jordan Peterson says in one video segment there have been great advances in the last 50-100 years in the discipline of psychology. (Professor Peterson's "Maps of Meaning" series, explores the connection between what modern neuropsychology tells us about the brain and what rituals, myths and religious stories have long narrated, drawing insight from the worlds of religion, cognitive science and Jungian approach to mythology and narrative. See Maps of Meaning Series here: https://www.youtube.com/user/JordanPetersonVideos) Douglas continued:

"Military wars are waged by nations, a statement which is the basis for the somewhat naïve, and I think certainly erroneous idea, that you would abolish war if you abolished nations. This is much like saying you would abolish rate-paying if you abolished Urban District Councils. You do not dispose of a problem by enlarging its boundaries, and, if I am not mistaken, the seeds of war are in every village."

The following portion of Douglas' broadcast brings to mind some of the campaign promises Donald Trump made to the American people:

Ensure the return of American industry to American shores Ramp up national production – get Americans back to work Reduce the unemployment numbers.

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But as C.H. Douglas pointed out over eighty years ago: "We can get a glimpse of the main causes of war if we consider the problem of statesmen, who are expected to guide the destinies of nations. I suppose most statesmen at the present time would agree that their primary problem is to

· increase employment, and to

induce trade prosperity for their own nationals, and there are few of them who would not add that
 the shortest way to achieve this would be to capture foreign markets.

But Douglas saw further than most men at the time: "Once this, the common theory of international trade, is assumed, we have set our feet upon a road whose only end is war. The use of the word "capture" indicates the desire to take away from some other country, something with which it being unable, also, to be prosperous without general employment does not desire to part.

That is endeavouring to impose your will upon an adversary and is economic war, and economic war has always resulted in military war, and probably always will."

Now we come to the human psyche and behaviour. Douglas noted:

"The so-called psychological causes of war are the response of human nature to irritations which can be traced to this cause either directly or indirectly. To say that all men will fight if sufficiently irritated seems to me to be an argument against irritating them, rather than against human nature. It is not the irritation which causes the economic war, it is the economic war which causes the irritation.

Military war is an intensification of economic war, and differs only in method and not in principle. The armaments industry, for instance, provides employment and high wages to at least the same extent that it provides profit to employers, and I cannot see any difference between the culpability of the employee and that of the employer. I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the armaments industry, but I am fairly familiar with Big Business, and I do not believe that the bribery and corruption, of which we have heard so much in connection with armaments, is any worse in that trade than in any other.

So long, then, as we are prepared to agree, firstly, that the removal of industrial unemployment is the primary object of statesmanship, and secondly, that the capture of foreign markets is the shortest path to the attainment of this objective, we have the primary economic irritant to military war always with us, and,..." And so now, eighty years later, we see the Robotic Revolution already bearing down upon us – and we haven't even grasped the significance of what the Industrial and Technological Revolutions meant in terms of "Poverty Amidst Plenty"! We are still trying to solve 21st century problems with 19th century ideas. Surely the right answers demand the right questions?

Douglas saw the problems nations would encounter in the future and he wrote:

"we have the primary economic irritant to military war always with us, ... moreover, we have it in an accelerating rate of growth, because production is expanding through the use of power machinery, and undeveloped markets are contracting. Any village which has two grocery shops, each competing for an insufficient, and decreasing, amount of business, while continually enlarging its premises, is a working demonstration of the economic causes of war – it is, in fact, itself at war by economic methods.

I do not believe that it is sensible to lecture the public of any or all of the nations on either the wickedness or the horrors of war, or to ask for goodwill to abolish military war or the trade in armaments, so long as it remains true that, if one of the village grocers captures the whole of the other grocer's business, the second grocer and his employees will suffer. Or if it remains true that if one nation captures the whole of another nation's trade the population of the second nation will be unemployed, and being unemployed they will suffer also.

It is poverty and economic insecurity which submits human nature to the greatest strain, a statement which is easily provable by comparing suicide statistics with bankruptcy statistics and business depression...

To know, therefore, whether war is inevitable, we have to know whether, firstly, there is enough real wealth available to keep the whole population in comfort without the whole of the population being employed, and, secondly, if this is so, what is it that prevents this wealth from being distributed...."

And that is where Social Credit concepts come in to play.

You can listen to the full BBC address by C.H. Douglas here... http://alor.org/avLibrary/

douglas-ch/4-major-c-h-douglas-on-the-causes-of-war-part-1

Download the text here... http://alor.org/Library/Douglas%20 CH%20-%20The%20Causes%20of%20War.htm

Watch Robert Klinck's masterly presentation "The Cultural Inheritance" which will give you the right questions to ask in order to grasp the realistic Social Credit answers...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caUpfS8kHgw

THE ZOMBIE TPP RISES FROM THE DEAD by James Reed

The 'Creature from Jekyll Island' - the US Federal Reserve, was created by an Act of Congress during the Christmas period, while most politicians were enjoying a holiday: https://www.amazon.com/Creature-Jekyll-Island-Federal-Reserve/dp/0912986212. This has been done so many times that it is tempting to conclude that people do not learn.

Jennifer Oriel (*The Australian*, January 16, 2017, p. 10), has said some words of wisdom about the folly of our political class: "Political leaders are in a state of advanced denial about the decay of liberal democracy and their contribution to its decline. Their refusal to adopt realism in analysing the root causes of rising nationalism, popular democracy and counter-revolutionary movements is self-serving. It enables the political class to sustain denial in the face of overwhelming evidence that their old world order of supranationalism, centralised power and political correctness has done incalculable harm to the free world."

And more harm they intend to do, as it is their way, or we become roadkill on the globalist superhighway.

Mal, the local rep of the international capitalist class has been working hard over the Christmas break to get the TPP back up and running. (*The Australian*, January 16, 2017, p. 1) He was shocked by Trump thumping Hillary Clinton, but recovered in 10 minutes to get all of the things that his masters want back on track. Thus, after having a few saké with Japanese PM Shinzo Abe in Sydney in early January, all the boys agree that they will blaze on without the US at the moment, and then start putting the pressure on Trump, hoping that he will crack on this one. Turnbull is going to try for an early parliamentary vote to ratify the TPP. Be warned.

So, the battle is on again. Labor will not ratify the TPP, given Trump's opposition: http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/labor-will-not-ratify-tpp-deal/news-story/41d2a1d2b e9e8d84afc7ef4c8dba329c.

If Hanson and all of the independents can be rallied, this can be finished off. Nick Xenophon has expressed scepticism about the TPP, and needs to be held to it.

David Leyonhjelm supports the TPP because it allegedly excludes China, and believes that the success of the agreement would make China more like us: http:// davidleyonhjelm.com.au/the-rabble-that-opposes-the-tpp/.

This misses the point because Turnbull wants China to fill the role which the US once had by joining the TPP. Then, China is part of another globalist dream agreement, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, so it is all just academic. The elite want their New World Order, or they will burn the planet, as they did in World War I and II.

The problem with Leyonhjelm's libertarianism, and the philosophies of all those obsessed with economics,

is that it is committed to reductive individualism and a fundamentalist faith in the free market. Free markets can fail and have their faults, just as socialist systems have their glaring insuperable problems, and radical individualism ignores all that makes humans, human. These free trade agreements all pose an existential threat to local workers, culture and freedoms. That does not matter to the capitalist class because their own loyalty is to money. They are quite happy to let some free trade tribunal override Australian law on issues if that is what their masters want. Let in one billion Africans to Australia, to do all the jobs that locals do? If it can be done, for the economic reductionist, it should be done. That is inconsistent with individual freedom, so libertarianism is incoherent as a political philosophy.

The best refutation, though, is to defeat the TPP. Get to work getting everyone you know to express their opposition to the Labor Party and independents. All you need is a phone. Give Mal a great new year's gift!

And on the Subject of Mal....

As an example of the globalist economic reductionist mind at work, consider the debate generated by Dick Smith calling out Lucy Turnbull, the prime minister's wife, over the migrant-fuelled growth of the city of Sydney. (*The Australian*, December 15, 2017, p. 6) Lucy Turnbull is chief planner for the City of Sydney.

Here is what Dick said in an advertisement that he paid for himself: "The response from Lucy Turnbull's office was typical: that planning was based on middle range growth forecasts and that over half of this growth is from natural increase".

That, though, is not according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, which has net overseas migration into Sydney accounting for 67 percent of population growth in 2016, and this has been so for the last 30 years. The "Big Australia" projections, given present immigration levels, is for 41 or more million in Australia by 2060. But that is optimistic, for as most of this population increase is from China, Australia will have long ago dissolved into communist China by then, and would be a tribalist, communist Republican, non-Christian society.

Fortunately, as we all know, the so-called environmental/ global warming crisis is nonsense and there are no likely future resource shortages, even for a world of 20 billion people consuming at present rates. Oil and gas will also last indefinitely so we won't have to worry about the future Chinese-Australia running out of resources. Thus, as an anti-environmentalist, I have to take what Dick is saying with a grain of salt.

In my opinion, the real population questions are cultural, racial and geo-political. ***

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THE LOGIC OF HOMELESSNESS AND SLEEPING ROUGH: SOME MEDITATIONS by Uncle Len. PhD in Bumology

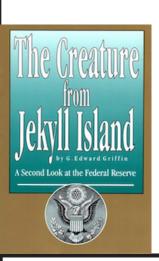
Once again, large bags of emails have been piling into central office, cluttering the desk space, inquiring about the fate of everyone's favourite degenerate, Uncle Len. I live, barely. The hot weather in the shed has produced an attack of the mutants, with cockroaches as big as cats, and rats as big as small dogs. The combined forces of Mordor have waged war against my meagre possessions. But I have fought back, bravely, with chemical weapons purchased from Billy Bunter, the local hardware store. I almost poisoned myself in the process, but I killed all of the blitters, until tomorrow.

But as I was saying, there is a homelessness crisis in Australia, and being an eternal victim, I know something about it. (*The Weekend Australian*, January 14-15, 2017, p. 4) It seems that the rise in the number of rough sleepers in big smoke cities such as Melbourne, has increased by 75 percent in the past two years because of domestic violence. I have a lot of sympathy here as my old man, a drunk, almost killed my mother many times. I even got stabbed in the arm, once, and shot at. Unfortunately, he missed me.

Anyway, you don't want to hear why I am as I am. Awareness campaigns have led to authorities removing women and children from dangerous homes, but public housing has not increased. So the women and children get what housing is available, which is fair enough, and the blokes sleep rough in the street. I am not implying that women should – they should not. But something needs to be done about housing for men. One bloke in Sydney has been waiting for housing since the year 2000. I think I put my name down for public housing sometime in the late 1980s and have never heard anything. Then again, I am pretty lazy and apathetic and depressed as hell most of the time, so I probably dropped off the system, not following things up. That, or nobody just cares about me, which makes sense. The only kind thing ever done for me, was letting me rent this shed, for half of my unemployment benefit.

What can be done about shelter for homeless men? Plenty; you have come to the right place. Camping gear such as tents and swags can be obtained relatively cheaply, and the government could get a heap from Asian sweatshops. Our neglected parklands at night could become vibrant multicultural tent cities! Assign one police officer, or security guard to look after things, and Bob's your uncle. Or Len. Houses, in my opinion, and I am nobody, are overrated. And, overpriced. So plenty can be done about homeless men. But I can't help but think, when I see my brothers put down their dirty old quilts on the city sidewalks, that the elites want this display, to warn every on-looker, that if they step out of line, that will be their fate. We are all, a few steps from becoming an Uncle Len in the jungle of globalisation.*** ON TARGET

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