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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: RITUALISED SERMONS, CEREMONIES AND PRAYERS

Aren't you tired beyond belief of government's annual "ritualised sermons, ceremonies and main prayer" (as *The Australian* editorial, 9 May 2017 puts it) as Budget time has once more come upon us? The Editorial reads: "Budget set to bank our future on better growth. It has become a ritual. We know the sermons, ceremonies and the main prayer. We put ourselves through it and we always hope for better. But we know that almost certainly we will return to the same rites and promises a year later when, again, we will have fallen short of expectations. So we will offer a similar prayer for the year after that."

So? What's *The Australian's* answer to the government's ever-growing debt and deficit spending?

"... The now traditional role in this budget passion play for *The Australian* is to urge the government of the day to do more; to push for reform, face reality and seize control of the only budget item it has a reasonable degree of control over—its own spending. We do that again this year, yet already with a greatly diminished sense of optimism because it seems tonight's budget will again duck the toughest challenges, kick the reform-can further down the road and rely on optimistic revenue forecasts for a veneer of respectability..."

Andrew Bolt writes: "Desperate Liberals try big-taxing Labor Budget," 9 May 2017

"The Turnbull Liberal Government on Tuesday gave us a Labor Budget to save itself from election wipeout. Treasurer Scott Morrison has done exactly what Labor has done before and would do again: hit us with big new taxes to pay for a spending spree while debt continues to soar.

There's no more talk of big cuts to spending. We're getting big taxes instead, in a Budget that tells us the Liberals have surrendered. Labor has won the economic argument. Income tax will go up by 0.5 per cent—although Morrison is doing this by lifting the Medicare levy instead to make it seem higher taxes are healthy. Yes, the government talks in this Budget of "good debt", and then gives us a "good" tax, too.

That's not all. The big banks will be hit with a levy to raise another \$6 billion over four years, with the costs inevitably passed on to customers. Bosses will pay a levy for any foreign workers they hire, and students will pay more for their university degrees. These and other money grabs—plus a predicted lift in the economy—will help make the government's tax take next financial year jump by an astonishing 7.8 per cent.

A secure Liberal government would at least use some of that stolen bonanza to pay down its massive debt, about to reach \$500 billion, but Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull faces the sack if his poll numbers don't soon lift.

But after 10 straight years of huge deficits, the government is still not predicting a balanced Budget until 2021, and it must pray that China does not tank in the meantime. That said, some key assumptions in this Budget are not wild, even if they're optimistic. Growth is tipped to lift to 3 per cent after next year, but that is still just under the Reserve Bank's forecast. Yet one massive assumption does seem heroic.

The government admits it will raise spending to an astonishing 25.4 per cent of GDP in 2019, which just happens to be election year when it will want to splash cash. Then, it says, our politicians will suddenly become prudent and cut spending to 25 per cent of GDP so the Budget finally balances in 2021 and we can slowly start to repay our monster debt. It must be kidding. For one, Labor will almost certainly be in charge by then. Does anyone seriously believe it would spend less than this lot? Be afraid. Very afraid."

VOLTAIRE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AMUSED by Paul Walker

Voltaire François-Marie Arouet (1694 – 1778), was a leading French Enlightenment thinker, who was infamous in his day for his attacks upon the Catholic church, and for advocating free thought and free speech.

If a law such as section 18 C had existed in his day, he would have been prosecuted.

There is considerable debate about this, but Voltaire by today's standards, and by the standards of section 18 C would be regarded as an anti-Semite: <http://www.nytimes.com/1990/09/30/books/l-voltaire-and-the-jews-590990.html>; D. Prager and J. Telushkin, *Why the Jews? The Reason for Antisemitism*, (Simon and Schuster, 1983), pp. 128-129; L. Poliakov, *The History of Anti-Semitism from Voltaire to Wagner*, (Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1975), pp. 88-89.

These authors quote quite shocking passages from Voltaire that would be in violation of section 18 C, even if this section was reasonably constructed.

DREAMING THE DREAMTIME by Brian Simpson

An article that was mentioned briefly before in these pages, needs to be remembered: <https:// Cairnsnews.org/2015/09/25/dreamtime-a-cruel-delusion-of-british-anthropologists/>.

The article makes the argument that following anthropologist Alfred Cort Haddon's book, *The Races of Man* (1909), the Aborigines are likely to be new-comers, compared to a Negrito people who allegedly originally inhabited the country.

Pre-1770 explorers such as William Dampier who visited West and Northern Australia in the late 1600s saw these people. He described a race of people with hair "curled like the Negroes," which the modern Aborigine does not have. The Aborigines may have displaced them, for where else could they have gone?

Anyone supporting this theory will need to address arguments such as that given by R. Tobler (et al.), "Aboriginal Mitogenomes Reveal 50,000 Years of Regionalism in Australia," *Nature*, (2017); doi:10.1038/nature21416, which allegedly found "evidence for the continuous presence of populations in discrete geographic areas dating back to around 50 [thousand years], in agreement with the notable Aboriginal Australian cultural attachment to their country."

This paper details the analysis of mitochondrial DNA from 111 hair samples collected during expeditions across Australia from 1928 to the 1970s. It was found that the people from the samples were descendants of a single founding population that arrived in Australia 50,000 years ago.

Hence, Voltaire is a controversial figure, to say the least, but I agree that he was a keen free speech advocate. However, he was a destroyer of almost everything and he would be attacking the Australian establishment relentlessly—from a prison cell—if he was alive in Australia today.

It is very odd that the outgoing Human Rights Commission president, Gillian Triggs, who strongly defended section 18 C, has been awarded the Voltaire Award for her "courageous" defence of free speech: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/opinion/columnists/chris-kenny/an-absurd-twist-on-voltaires-edict/news-story/39921f72584739c98f46fc590efdfd7a>.

The obvious point made in the media is that section 18 C stands completely against everything Voltaire stood for: *The Australian*, May 4, 2017, p. 2. But, as noted above, a champion of multicultural tolerance may need to think very carefully about being associated with the Voltaire name, and what he has been associated with. We live in the age of multiple layers of paradoxes and contradictions. ***

Now, I am no expert, but if I had to make an objection to all this, I would claim circular reasoning; sure, the mDNA samples may show that the people were part of a single founding population, but does not show that this group was in Australia at that time. Perhaps the founding population migrated much later?

It is also somewhat amazing that the genetics of this population remained stable for such a long period, given that modern humans are, according to the standard theory, only 100,000 years old. The geneticists keep pushing towards that magical figure for Aborigines.

A more scholarly examination of the Australian pygmies is given by Keith Windschuttle and Tim Gillin: <https://quadrant.org.au/opinion/history-wars/2002/06/the-extinction-of-the-australian-pygmies/>.

Clearly, in the lead-up to the Aboriginal constitutional referendum issues like the fate of the Australian pygmies will need to be addressed, since the question of origins has been taken to be of importance. ***

BASIC FUND

The fund has now exceeded \$25k, with the balance showing \$25,980 for the end of April—mid way through the Basic Fund year. Thanks to the many large and small donors who have endorsed the work of the League. Our target is \$60k. Can the remaining loyal supporters help us reach the target soon, please? - ND

IS IT OK TO BEAT YOUR WIFE? by Mrs Vera West

Ah, multiculturalism, simply wonderful... According to a group of women it is alright for Muslim men to hit their wives: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/its-ok-to-hit-wives-say-hizb-uttahrir-women/news-story/52dd838887cb0a0c32686c7a31cb96d8>.

As I want to get this accurate, I will attempt the magic trick of cutting and pasting from the article with my electronic scissors:

“Muslim men are allowed to hit their wives — but only gently, and not with fists, instead using short sticks and pieces of fabric, according to a new video produced by the Australian women’s branch of radical Islamic political movement Hizb ut-Tahrir.

The video, posted to Facebook by the Women of Hizb ut-Tahrir Australia, features a Muslim woman, who identifies herself as Sydney primary-school teacher Reem Allouche, demonstrating the appropriate ways by which Muslim men may discipline their disobedient wives. She says the “hitting” must be done in a “managed way” with a short stick, a twisted scarf or a scrap of fabric. “It’s symbolic,” she says.

A fellow panellist adds: “And a beautiful blessing.” Ms Allouche tells the audience of 26 veiled women in Sydney’s west that Muslim husbands are in a leadership position in marriage and “it goes hand in hand that he would have the right to undertake disciplinary-measures”.

YOU SAY YOU WANT A REVOLUTION by James Reed

So sang John Lennon with the Beatles in 1968. Now it seems, Generation Y and Z may be looking in precisely that direction for social change: <https://qz.com/971374/europes-youth-dont-care-to-vote-but-theyre-ready-to-join-a-mass-revolt/>.

A survey of around 580,000 young Europeans, from 13 countries, as part of an EU-sponsored survey, titled, Generation What? <http://www.generation-what.eu/en/>, asked the question: would you actively participate in a large-scale uprising against the generation in power if it happened in the next days or months. Over half of the 18 to 34 year olds said that they would. For example, 67 percent of young people in Greece, and 65 percent in Italy were prepared to join a large-scale uprising, but only 37 percent of Germans. However, 61 percent of the French were willing to revolt, a figure which coheres with the large-scale disillusionment of French voters with the political process and elections: <http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/799707/French-election-boycott-vote-blanc-not-voting-Marine-Le-Pen>.

There is a small chance that the 14 million people who are boycotting the elections could lead to Le Pen becoming president, which would be a sweet irony.

Panellist Atika Latifi agrees: “He is permitted—not obliged, not encouraged—but permitted, to hit her. That is what everyone is talking about. It should not cause pain. Not harsh.”

Ms Latifi then produces a “sivaak”, a small stick, traditionally used for cleaning teeth.

“I got one, because I wanted to show you, it’s a stick, a small stick,” she says, as Ms Allouche hits her with it.

They then discuss other hitting devices, including “a coiled scarf” and “a folded handkerchief”. “What kind of hitting is that, with a coiled scarf?” Ms Latifi says.

Ms Allouche says: “We have a piece of fabric here, to demonstrate” and hits her again.

She adds: “It’s very evident that this is symbolic in nature. And it’s not what people have understood ... This is the reality of that disciplinary option.”

My reaction to this is one of suspicion. The hitting seems trivial, almost meaningless... hitting with a scarf? I do not believe it. It would serve no purpose and is therefore suspect.

What about this: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-04-24/confronting-domestic-violence-in-islam/8458116>; https://wikiislam.net/wiki/Wife_Beating_in_Islam. This may be closer to reality. ***

But, it won’t happen, because the NWO elites will not permit it, even for a token resistance, as given by Trump.

It would be a mistake to suppose that this youth are all leaning towards the Left. It is possible that there is a roughly even breakdown here. Perhaps many people are not even thinking in Left/Right categories anymore, but are concerned about their lack of a future and job prospects.

There is though a growing disillusionment with the political process among many alternative thinkers. Mike Adams penned a strong piece lamenting the failure of Trump to drain the “swamp,” in the light of congresses Obama-style spending bill and an inability to even repeal Obamacare: <http://naturalnews.com/2017-05-02-1-trillion-budget-america-swamptopian-future-beyond-reform-reason.html>. The same point was made by another former Trump supporter, Ann Coulter: <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/05/03/ann-coulter-swamp-people-47-trump-0/>. She said: “Apparently, Trump’s fine with no wall — and everything else in a bill straight out of George Soros’ dream journal—if only the Democrats hadn’t been so rude as to tell the public about it.

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When your main complaint is that the other side is gloating too much, maybe you're not that great a negotiator.

Yeah, sure, it's only 100 days in, it's an artificial deadline, the media is dying to say Trump has failed and so on.

Except: Planning for the wall should have begun on Nov. 9, and a spade should have been put into the earth to begin building it the day after Trump's inauguration. Now, it's 100 days later, and we still don't have the whisper of a prospect of a wall.

ENJOYING THE DECLINE

by Uncle Len, in Permanent Decline

My title is from a book which I have not read, but I saw somewhere, but I forgot where, by some author, whose name I can't remember. Brain fogs seem to be my lot for much of my waking hours. Anyway, I digress from what I was writing about. What was that? I can't remember. Well not exactly can't remember, more like, I never said what it was that I was going to say in the first place.

Hell, Greenacres made a comedy series about this kind of brain flatulence, with its delightful character Hank Kimball (played by Alvy Moore, 1921-1997) where the *Encyclopedia of Television* states that Kimball "personifies a kind of infinite regress, where every empirical statement branches into multiple statements that in turn preclude it, spiraling each new observation back and away from itself like an inductive Escherism*." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hank_Kimball. He qualified himself to death, the ultimate fate of government agencies: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVcXhaGOZyg>.

That brings me to dropping out, something I would have done if I had gone to university in the 1960s, dropped out and never returned. In fact, it is a mighty good thing to do today, saving oneself great debt while being unemployed. But many folk are now downscaling selling their homes and hitting the road in mobile homes: <http://www.naturalnews.com/2017-05-04-husband-and-wife-ditch-fancy-house-and-cars-to-happily-live-in-a-van.html>; <https://www.mindbodygreen.com/0-29856/i-live-in-a-van-heres-why-i-think-its-the-ultimate-life-hack.html>; <http://livingfree.news/>.

I definitely welcome the movement to downscaling. With jobs set to disappear, and the evil financial system in place still, people will need to adopt these alternative life styles. I hope someday to put together a book about this, Uncle Len's Tips for the Simple Life, if my busy schedule permits, and I remember. Remember, what?

* M. C. Escher, was a Dutch graphic artist who made mathematically inspired woodcuts, lithographs, and mezzotints including impossible objects, explorations of infinity, reflection, symmetry, perspective, truncated and stellated polyhedra, hyperbolic geometry, and tessellations..

Moreover, this isn't one random bill funding Planned Parenthood (which this bill does). This is the budget deal. There won't be another one like it until next October.

That's a spectacular failure. Democrats have got to be pinching themselves, thinking, Am I dreaming this?"

The failure of Trump to even attempt to achieve any of his election promises is the most astonishing U-turn in human political history. Trump has done a complete 180 degree turn from his election speeches, and moved from being an American nationalist, to a George Soros-style globalist. Now we know why Trump has not gone after Hillary Clinton and George Soros: he was part of the team all along.

I don't go for the idea that he was sincere and has been frustrated, or the bankers are putting pressure on him. We got too excited during the election because of the threat of a greater evil, Hillary Clinton. But, Trump was never going to do what he promised.

When this fact sinks in to the minds and hearts of Americans, I think we will have entered a new era, that of post-democracy. Electoral politics will be seen as useless and incapable of supplying any answer.

History, tragically, will be made in the way it always has been:

<http://www.jack-donovan.com/axis/2011/03/violence-is-golden/>;
<https://www.amazon.com/Tragic-Sense-Life-Miguel-Unamuno/dp/1461059879>. ***



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