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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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LETTER TO SENATOR CORY BERNARDI By Betty Luks

Dear Senator Bernardi, Thank you for your 'weekly dose of common sense'. I note your comments about Bitcoin and other 'cryptocurrencies', but what really took my attention was your comment that:

"Already around 83 per cent of all global transactions are digital in nature. Cash usage is in steady decline and it won't be long before there are calls for cash to be withdrawn from circulation... We have already had some government ministers say the \$100 note should be withdrawn from circulation. That is just the beginning... There are appealing incentives for government to abolish cash. Currency has associated printing and storage costs. It cannot be tracked and can be used for illegal activities."

I am not sure that I understand what you mean by "appealing incentives for government to abolish cash. Currency has associated printing and storage costs…" If you mean Australian notes are currency then what do you mean by digital transactions? I would have thought Australian notes were 'legal tender'.

The Commonwealth Constitution Part V: Powers of the Parliament reads: **(xii)** Currency, coinage, and legal tender: **(xiii)** Banking, other than State banking; also State banking extending beyond the limits of the State concerned, the incorporation of banks, and the issue of paper money.

Although politicians have claimed, over many a year, that banks do not create the bulk of our nation's money supply (i.e., bank 'credit' – read debt), with the advent of the internet that denial is being shown for the false claim that it is. **The Bank of England's Working Paper 529** *Banks are not intermediaries of loanable funds — and why this matters* (Jakab and Kumhof) Found here: https://alor.org/Library/Bank%20of%20England%20working%20paper%20529.pdf

There are so many related matters that would come under such a suggestion as doing away with Australian note issues, and I presume coins, not least the suggestion that governments would hand over their constitutional responsibility to private institutions to "issue and control the nation's money supply" and thereby have effective control of the economy through the issue of private bank created 'credit'. Judging by your weekly letter, the constitutional issues alone have not shown up on your radar.

FEAR THE CASHLESS SOCIETY By James Reed

The trial run was in India, but across the world, the power elites are beginning the movement towards the cashless society, and Australia is no different: http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-27/is-australia-on-the-brink-of-becoming-cashless-society/8377288

"The Reserve Bank is introducing new technology this year which will push Australia even further towards being a cashless society. Later this year the bank will roll out a new system called the New Payment Platform (NPP). The NPP will mean money can be transferred almost instantaneously, even when the payer and payee are members of different banks. The technology will also support "overlay" services, meaning banks will be able to create their own payment services to entice customers. Professor Richard Holden, from the University of New South Wales, has been studying the rise of the electronic economy and said the NPP would make electronic payments "super easy." "[It] is going to make it super easy to transfer money instantaneously for free of any amount or kind," he said. "So you're not going to have to worry about setting up someone as a payee in your online banking and making sure you've typed in the BSB number and stuff like that."

Oh, well, it must be good then! Not a drop of criticisms here about some of the clear disadvantages of the cashless Australia, predicted to be by 2020. At the individual freedom level it will mean that big Brother will be able to monitor and potentially control all transactions. It will make those attempting to escape from the system and live off grid, certainly something that many of us would like to do, more difficult. *(continued on next page)*

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Finally, even if there were no freedom and privacy issues, this move is making society more vulnerable, not less vulnerable. We may find that hackers have brought down the AI architecture one day, so that people would

MAD MAX IN SOUTH AFRICA By John Steele

More bad news for Cape Town, which runs out of water in a mere 90 days:

https://www.forbes.com/sites/trevornace/2018/01/18/ mad-max-scenario-cape-town-run-out-water-90-days/#4ba8deaa5414

"Cape Town, South Africa is in crisis mode right out of a Mad Max movie. Given current water consumption, the city has approximately 90 days until it runs out of water. The city recently pushed forward what they call Day Zero, where the city will be forced to shut off water supplies to all but essential consumers, such as hospitals. This would mark the first major city in the world to run out of water, a result of a prolonged 3-year drought. The city has mandated that every household limit their water consumption to 23 gallons per person per day. However, only 54% of households are meeting that target. The city has asked residents to

While young tigers at our universities put up posters on round cement structures telling us about the joys of communism/socialism, and how great the Russian revolution was, the reality of socialism is seen in every socialist experiment. Venezuela is the latest failure: http://collapse.news/2018-01-16-starving-venezuelans-ransack-food-banksslaughter-grazing-cattle.html

The country has moved into social collapse mode, with food shortages, and starving people everywhere. There are roaming gangs preying off people, raping and looting, and even murdering and torturing:

"When petitioned for more information about what else is unfolding throughout the nation of roughly 30 million people, Venezuela's Information Ministry refused to respond. But social and independent media sources are telling the world everything it needs to know about the nature of socialism in action. "They're hunting. The people are hungry!" one individual stated in a video posted to social media that depicted roughly a dozen men running around a lush pasture chasing a cow. When they finally caught

in a world gone techno-mad. limit their showers to a couple minutes, stop watering their lawns, no washing of cars, and flushing toilets only when necessary. As the city approaches Day Zero, four million South Africans living in the Cape Town metropolis fear for what seems inevitable. On April 22nd, apart from a major reduction in residents daily usage, the city will turn off water supplies and

The cashless society a crazy anarcho-tyrannical idea

not even be able to buy food to eat. Or, there could be

an EMP attack on the grid by North Korea, who has

threatened to nuke Australia.

implement rations for residents." The water crisis is due to a three year drought, that shows no sign of letting up. Wealthy South Africans are hoping to get water trucked in, but the poor people will go unbathed and thirsty. It is inevitable that violence will erupt over limited water.

Again, all of this is a product of a socialist, disorganised government, who had not made adequate *** preparations for drought and water shortages.

SOCIALISM: THE WAY OF DEATH By James Reed

the bovine, they beat it to death – along with another 300 animals, according to Paparoni. At the same time, looters are apparently plundering food trucks, state-run markets, and other sources of food wherever they can find them. A 50-year-old veteran by the name of Zuley Urdaneta says he recently witnessed the looting of both a food truck and a food collection center, both of which were looted dry of everything they had. "They knocked down the gates and looted flour, rice, cooking oil, cooking gas", Urdaneta is quoted as saying. "The police and the National Guard tried to control the situation by giving out what was left."

Venezuela is an extreme case of socialism, but much of the West is following in its footsteps in some way through centralist policies which make countries highly vulnerable. Numerous articles have reported on the concerning economic state of almost all of the West, as we sail ever-closer to economic collapse: *** https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2018-01-16/ chinas-housing-market-bursting-again-should-you-be-worried-time

IF JAPAN CAN, WHY NOT US? By Mrs Vera West

It is well known that birth-rates of primarily Northern European people, in the West, are below replacement level. The same problem exists in Japan. Unlike the deracinated West, the Japanese resist the immigration mania of replacing their people by foreigners, and good for them. However, now it seems that one town in Japan has reversed the trend of racial/demographic decline, doubling its fertility rate:

"A patchwork of nondescript houses nestled at the foot of a mountain, Nagicho looks like an ordinary Japanese town. On closer inspection, something extraordinary marks it out: babies. Yuki Fukuda is one of many local mothers with three children. The bump under her winter coat indicates that another is on the way, part of a baby bonanza that has seen the town's fertility rate double since 2005. (continued on next page)

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Not surprisingly, reporters have flocked to this remote corner of the country to see if there is something that promotes fecundity in the water flowing down from Mount Nagi. The cause appears to be more prosaic: economics. Alarmed by the dearth of children, the local government increased incentives to have babies. The fertility rate rose from 1.4 (meaning that the average woman will have 1.4 children in her lifetime, roughly the national rate) to 2.8 in 2014. Provisional figures suggest the rate has since fallen back to 1.9, but even if correct, that remains well above the national average."

https://www.economist.com/news/asia/21734319-subsidisingparenthood-appears-work-wonders-small-town-japan-doubles-itsfertility-rate So, the answer is simple: set up an economy where there is the economic capacity for women to make the choice to have children, and they will. That is one of the clear merits of social credit, which solves the fundamental economic problem of the deficiency of purchasing power. Don't tell me, all you male writers that women have all become feminists and don't want to start families! James Reed, are you listening!

Sure, there are a lot of these types out there, but the average young girl would still go down the family path if society pushed that agenda, rather than the insane and inhuman hyper-capitalist globalism, of maximising the number of atomistic consumers:

https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/12/opting-out/500018/

Do not despair young Hobbits, there is still hope: *** http://www.mindopenerz.com/7-inspirational-lines-j-r-r-tolkien-ever-wrote/

HOME SCHOOLING: RESISTING THE BRAINWASHING OF THE STATE By Mrs Vera West

The cultural wars start in the schools, and that is why many parents home school their children. But, does this harm children's education, given that many parents are not professional teachers? From America:

"In 1997, a study of 5,402 homeschool students from 1,657 families was released. It was entitled, *Strengths of Their Own: Home Schoolers Across America*. The study demonstrated that homeschoolers, on the average, out-performed their counterparts in the public schools by 30 to 37 percentile points in all subjects.

A significant finding when analyzing the data for 8th graders was the evidence that homeschoolers who are homeschooled two or more years score substantially higher than students who have been homeschooled one year or less. The new homeschoolers were scoring on the average in the 59th percentile compared to students homeschooled the last two or more years who scored between 86th and 92nd percentile.

This was confirmed in another study by Dr. Lawrence Rudner of 20,760 homeschooled students which found the homeschoolers who have homeschooled all their school aged years had the highest academic achievement. This was especially apparent in the higher grades. This is a good encouragement to families catch the long-range vision and homeschool through high school.

Another important finding of *Strengths of Their Own* was that the race of the student does not make any difference. There was no significant difference between minority and white homeschooled students. For example, in grades K-12, both white and minority students scored, on the average, in the 87th percentile. In math, whites scored in the 82nd percentile while minorities scored in the 77th percentile.

In the public schools, however, there is a sharp contrast.

White public school eighth grade students, nationally scored the 58th percentile in math and the 57th percentile in reading. Black eighth grade students, on the other hand, scored on the average at the 24th percentile in math and the 28th percentile in reading. Hispanics scored at the 29th percentile in math and the 28th percentile in reading."

https://www.hslda.org/docs/nche/000010/200410250.asp But what about Australia? The available data also gives a very positive role to home schooling:

"Homeschooling students are academically performing better than average according to the NAPLAN homeschool statistics. Test results indicate homeschool students got:

- 70 marks higher than average overall,
- 40 marks higher in spelling,

• 20 marks higher in writing." https://www.homeschoolingdownunder.com/ homeschooling-australia/homeschooling-statistics/

The problem with establishment schools is that they are riddled with political correctness, and problem students, so that they come to resemble prisons rather than places of learning. Remove all this nonsense, give students responsibility, and like young plants, freshly watered, in good nutritious soil, watch them flourish. ***

NONE DARE CALL IT CONSPIRACY By Charles Taylor

Those timid souls who have maintained the idiot view of history, that there are no conspiracies by the power elites, will find recent US revelations, fascinating. First the FBI set out to create a 'secret society" to work to undermine Trump: Important text messages just "disappeared": The Trump presidency has certainly shown the dirt of the Deep State, that is just below the surface of daily life, ever waiting to smash anyone who dares offer a challenge, or threat. The FBI has become part of the Deep State political process. ***

BIG MAL NEEDS TO SPEND SOME TIME AT CENTRELINK By James Reed

Malcolm Turnbull, emperor of Australia, has decided in his royal wisdom to pay for 30 extra political staffers, which will cost taxpayers \$ 840,000 per year: http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/malcolm-turnbull-approvesextra-pay-for-30-government-staffers-costing-taxpayers-840000/news-story/ d0591b792707da214a4a27d825210248

The staffers can be paid a maximum salary of \$259,000, which is above the salary level of another form of bludger, federal MPs who clean us out for a minimum of \$203,000. Meanwhile, mass immigration and economic foolishness has resulted in record low wage growth, which is just what the capitalists want.

And, increasingly Aussies are flung onto the dole

THE TPP ZOMBIE RISES ONCE AGAIN! By James Reed

We may have relaxed and thought that Donald Trump had slayed the TPP dragon, but it has returned, more dangerous and more globally insane than ever:

https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics-Economy/Economy/ TPP-11-set-to-sign-accord-in-March-without-Us

The deal will be signed on March 8, 2018, without the US. The objections to the TPP are numerous, but basically it is a bill of rights for corporates to ride rough over national sovereignty. Trump saw this, and even Hillary Clinton did, but our politicians are so mad with

News of the reformed Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) with eleven partners and excluding the US, has brought the usual good news for commodities like beef, cheese and other primary products which will have greater access to more markets. This cannot be denied, but we hear little about other aspects of the deal. More facts are needed before Parliament agrees to the

total package. Just as we gain access to other markets; those other markets will gain access to ours. How will these matters affect our industry and how many of our workers will find themselves out of a job?

Previous trade agreements have enabled foreign interests to purchase Australian real estate, including farmland. Other unfortunate clauses have made it difficult for us to maintain a disease free status through bio-security, because the agreement forbids us banning certain products.

We do not want a repeat of the Canadian situation where they were prevented from giving their local wines preference over imports.

Even if we acknowledge the good aspects of the TPP, it must be agreed the package as a whole, presents a loss of control over our own affairs.

The hundreds of clauses in the deal are not just about trading commodities.

Contact your MP and Senators, especially those ON TARGET

lines, where they struggle against the tyranny of Centrelink and all of its humiliating nonsense: http://www.news.com.au/finance/money/costs/ centrelink-debt-drove-man-to-suicide-says-family/ news-story/317208e77b3c634c16baa4224f899642

People have to go through the circus of job applications even though there are no realistic jobs available. It is a cruel, sick joke, on poor Australians.

Mal and his furry friends need to spend a few weeks living on the dole, and not in their fancy houses to get a taste of what they are doing to the poorer Australians with their globalisation mania as exemplified in the TPP, coming our way, like a freight train out of control. ***

'globalitis' that they can no longer think in the national interest, if they ever did.

There is still time to begin a new battle against this. For a start, contact all the independents, especially Pauline Hanson. Hopefully, people in other countries will also take up the fight against the TPP. It may collapse again. But, like a zombie, it will keep returning from the dead, because evil never finally dies on this mortal plane, only the divine one. The price of freedom is an eternal battle. ***

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holding the balance of power, like One Nation, the Nick Xenophon Team and the Greens, asking for a list of the likely downsides for Australia. Urge them to provide the full picture regarding the TPP before committing to the deal. Report any interesting results to League headquarters. -- *ND*

