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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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THOUGHT OF WEEK: WHY IS GEORGE SOROS EMPEROR OF THE WORLD? By John Williamson

New World Order superman George Soros is pushing for thought control like never before:

"Billionaire open-borders activist George Soros has demanded the European Union (EU) regulate social media because voters' minds are being controlled and "manipulated". He claimed the size of social media firms made them a "public menace" and argued they had led people to vote against globalist causes, including electing President Donald J. Trump, in an article for *The Guardian* published Thursday. The speculator, who runs one of the largest campaigning groups in the world and is noted for his interference in foreign politics and elections, said ultimately unregulated social media threatened democracy and the "integrity of elections".

Soros is putting his oodles of money where his mouth is, having spent \$30 billion in his campaign to destroy nationalism across the world: https://alt-right-news.blogspot.com.au/2018/02/farage-slams-soros-30-billion-anti.html

It is simply amazing that nothing much is done to stop him. If we did not have the internet, his activities would just be part of the Grand Conspiracy, but at least we get a glimpse of how he works. Hopefully, he has not yet discovered the fountain of youth, and he will die, as all flesh must. All things must pass:

https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=pPTHem2iu0A

TRANSGENDERISM A PRODUCT OF MODERNITY By Mrs Vera West

It does not surprise me in the slightest: modern culture itself is creating transgenderism: http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/02/17/report-modern-culture-is-not-just-revealing-transgenders-it-is-creating-them/

"All scientific evidence indicates that gender identity disorders result principally from cultural causes and moreover, modern society is facilitating them, according to an analysis published Friday. Writing for the *Catholic World Report*, Anne Hendershott chronicles an exploding "transgender industry" illustrated by a massive surge in the number of referrals for gender-identity treatment, in some cases increasing by as much as 2800 percent in less than ten years. Western societies such as the UK, Sweden, Australia, and the USA have seen a spectacular rise in the number of persons, especially young people, seeking treatment for gender identity issues, paralleling the attention given to gender theory in communications, medicine, and the entertainment media. In the U.S., the percentage of adults who currently identify as transgender is double what is was in 2011, according to the best estimates. None of this should come as a surprise, Hendershott notes. In the year 2000, bioethicist Carl Elliott published a ground-breaking article in the Atlantic Monthly titled "A New Way to be Mad," which foretold this rapid growth in gender-identity issues by comparing them to past psychological epidemics."

The relevant links are here: http://www.catholicworldreport.com/2018/02/16/transgenderism-semantic-contagion-or-biological-fact/

It is simply social conditioning at work. Describe some condition in glowing lights, present a social reward system, and why would one NOT expect a growth in the phenomenon?

"By regarding a phenomenon as a psychiatric diagnosis—treating it, reifying* it in psychiatric diagnostic manuals, developing instruments to measure it, inventing scales to rate its severity, establishing ways to reimburse the costs of its treatment, encouraging pharmaceutical companies to search for effective drugs, directing patients to support groups, writing about possible causes in journals—psychiatrists may be unwittingly colluding with broader cultural forces to contribute to the spread of a mental disorder."

* reifying: convert (a concept etc.) mentally into a thing; materialize.

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(continued from prvious page) Thus, transgenderism, by this account is a social construction. But, that does not mean that particular individuals do not suffer from sexual identity issues, or that their pain and suffering is not real.

That something is a social construction, contrary to the Left, does not necessarily mean that there is no reality present. The question is: what reality?

THE SHAPE OF TRANSGENDER THINGS TO COME By Mrs Vera West

There is much to report in transgender news. For example, parents of a 17-year old lost custody of her for opposing her wish for medical treatment: http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/02/19/parents-lose-custody-of-daughter-for-opposing-transgender-medical-treatments/

"Judge Sylvia Sieve Hendon of Hamilton County, Ohio has allowed the girl to be taken into the custody of her grandparents – who support her medical transition – allowing them to make decisions that will further along her physical transition to the opposite sex. According to CNN, Hendon ordered that the family's names not be released. The parents reportedly continued to call their daughter by her given name, rather than a male name, and refused to consent to

hormone treatments that were recommended by her medical team. The girl claimed she became suicidal as a result of her parents' refusal to accept that she wanted to transition to a male.

"We think the grandparents are the ones who have an open mind and will ... make this sort of decision best for the child," said attorney Paul Hunt, who represents the court-appointed guardian ad litem. "The parents have clearly indicated that they're not open to it."

One can bet that that legal decision will set a precedence that will be followed around the world, if it is not already law.

 $https://nypost.com/2017/05/26/i-want-my-genitals-removed-to-become-a-genderless-alien/?utm_source=facebook\&utm_medium=site\%20\\buttons\&utm_campaign=site\%20buttons ***$

SAY GOODBYE TO GRENADES By Mrs Vera West

While the gangs who now rule the country that was once Sweden freely toss around hand grenades like baseballs:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_grenade_attacks_in_Sweden which is now accepted as part of the new exciting cultural ethno-diversity, the US Army is dropping hand grenade competency as part of its graduation requirement:

https://www.cnsnews.com/blog/craig-bannister/army-basic-training-drop-hand-grenade-competency-graduation-requirement#utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=cns&utm_campaign=b-ArmyTrainingDropsHandGrenadeRequirement

"The U.S. Army will drop its hand grenade competency requirement for graduation from basic training because getting recruits to pass it is taking "too much time" and they're just not strong enough, Major General Malcolm Frost told reporters on Friday. Changes to the Army's Basic Combat Training (BTC) will eliminate the current hand grenade proficiency standards as a requirement for graduation. Military.com reports:

"The new BCT does, however, do away with hand grenade qualification and land navigation course qualification as graduation requirements."

Discussing the change with reporters, Maj. Gen. Frost explained that training recruits to pass the current requirement was taking too much time:

"What we have found is it is taking far, far too much time. It's taking three to four times as much time ... just to qualify folks on the hand grenade course than we had designated so what is happening is it is taking away from other aspects of training."

Plus, trainees just aren't strong enough to throw the grenade far enough away – and simply can't be taught to properly throw a grenade 'if they haven't thrown growing up' – Maj. Gen. Frost explained."

No mention here about women and minorities, but the failure to be strong enough to throw an object less than the usual rock which teenage boys throw, is suggestive. Navigation also requires map reading and spatial IQ, which is also suggestive. Not that one would want to point a finger in any direction though, for I am still working out my navigation here, being an old woman!

Anyway, the future US Army probably will not be tossing many hand grenades, or even getting to the correct battlefield on time, so this is a good thing, which may lead to less loss of life.

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH, REGENERATED By Tom North

If you are like me with false teeth, you might find this interesting, if not amusing: scientists have discovered a way of making teeth repair themselves: https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/

https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/ instead-of-filling-cavities-dentists-may-soon-regenerate-teeth1/

"Sharpe [the research scientist involved] suspected he could dramatically boost teeth's natural healing ability by mobilizing stem cells in the dental pulp. Earlier research had demonstrated the 'Wnt signaling pathway'—a particular cascade of molecules involved in cell-to-cell communication—is essential for tissue repair and stem cell development in many parts of the body such as the skin, intestines and brain. Sharpe wondered: Could this signaling pathway also be important for self-repair processes in teeth?

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(continued from prvious page) If so, maybe exposing damaged teeth to drugs that stimulate Wnt signaling would similarly encourage the activity of stem cells in the dental pulp—giving teeth the kind of regenerative superpowers usually seen only in plants, salamanders and starfish.

To test this idea, Sharpe and his fellow researchers drilled holes into the molars of mice, mimicking cavities. They then soaked tiny collagen sponges (which are made from the same protein found in dentin) in various drugs known to stimulate Wnt signaling, including tideglusib, a compound that has been investigated in clinical trials for its potential to treat Alzheimer's and other neurological disorders. The scientists then placed these drug-soaked sponges in the drilled mouse molars, sealed them up and left them for

four to six weeks. The teeth treated with these drugs produced significantly more dentin than ones untreated or stuffed with an unsoaked sponge or typical dental fillers. In most cases the technique restored the rodents' pearly whites to their former intact state. "It was essentially a complete repair," Sharpe says. "You can barely see the joint where the old and new dentin meet. This could eventually be the first routine pharmaceutical treatment in dentistry."

All that is fine, but probably the best thing to do is to look after one's God-given teeth in the first place. Unfortunately, for me, my folks all lost their teeth in their teens and knew nothing about dental hygiene, so I basically followed down their path. Oh, to be able to eat a big juicy steak, or munch on something harder than oatmeal in milk!

HE WHO LIVES WITHOUT DISCIPLINE DIES WITHOUT HONOUR By John Steele

I have heard that saying, of my title, many years ago, but remembered it whilst reading:

www.survivalblog.com/discipline-critical-piece-emergency-preparations-j-d/

It is apparently an old Icelandic saying, but is relevant today, as it was in the time of the Vikings. And, don't be nervous, that is a Christian site.

The above article, while addressed to survival situations is relevant to much of modern life, because we are increasingly moving into that sort of situation with rising unemployment and crime. Discipline refers to the mental aspect of survival, the will to think and live, to overcome the odds, just as our ancestors did without the great material riches that we have. I particularly liked this talk about honour, which is very old school:

"Now, let's get to another aspect of that Old Icelandic proverb— Honour. Upgrading to Discipline 2.0 means that you can change fundamental truths about who you are as a person. This leads you to acquiring wealth in the form of honour. Honour is a form of wealth we have lost touch with in the West. However, most people throughout history, and throughout the

world outside of the West, have not. Most cultures in most places have a strong foundational element of honour and shame as a form of social currency. Ours used to be this way, and much of the change we have experienced in recent generations is explained by our cultural abandonment of this form of currency. We have exchanged it for greenbacks and Euros, much to our cost, and much to our risk. To people who do not have Dollars or Euros, honor is a currency."

The idea that honour itself is a form of wealth requires detailed mediation, since the very concept of honour today, as a badge of manhood has been rejected by toxic feminism. It is a gateway to a return of embracing the warrior virtues as the ideal of manhood, honour, strength, courage: (Recommended reading)

https://www.amazon.com/Manliness-Harvey-C-Mansfield/dp/0300122543 http://www.jack-donovan.com/axis/books/the-way-of-men/

These are not perfect books, but they are a good start considering how far manhood has fallen, a central theme to Jordan Peterson's work:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=taNqLH2kLXM

ABBOTT AND IMMIGRATION: IT IS ABOUT TIME! By James Reed

It took some time, but Tony Abbott at last, now that he has nothing to lose, is taking on the immigration monster: https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/feb/19/tony-abbott-renews-push-to-cut-migration-to-improve-quality-of-life

"Tony Abbott has seized on Peter Dutton's claim that Australia needs to cut its migration intake and signalled he will renew his push to do so by linking migrant numbers to quality of living issues.

On Monday the former prime minister said he would make the case for cutting migration to improve "stagnant wages, unaffordable housing and clogged infrastructure" in a speech in Sydney on Tuesday. The speech coincides with Malcolm Turnbull's trip to the US to meet Donald Trump and picks up on themes from Abbott's "conservative manifesto" launched in

2017, viewed as a critique of Turnbull government policies.

Abbott told 2GB Radio that the "gossip" regarding Barnaby Joyce and politicians' private lives was a "very serious distraction" to issues including power prices, wages, housing prices and traffic congestion that the government "should be attending to". Asked about Jim Molan's first Senate speech in which the conservative Liberal called for a reassessment of migration levels, Abbott said the program must be run "in Australia's national interest". "Just at the moment we've got stagnant wages, unaffordable housing, clogged infrastructure and there is no doubt the rate of immigration impacts on all of these things."

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Abbott said that immigration had averaged 110,000 a year for most of the life of the Howard government and since 2006 "it's been running at double that rate". "That means every five years we are adding – by immigration alone – a city the size of Adelaide to our population."

That immigration adds a city the size of Adelaide to Australia, primarily by compressing Sydney and Melbourne to increasingly unliveable levels, should have people rioting in the streets. The walls of parliament should shake, but since the end of World War II, immigration has been treated as a sacred cow, because it meets various conspiratorial agendas, I have argued for many years. It is no coincidence that immigration has softened up the population for all the post 1960s horrors, such as multiculturalism, Asianisation and political correctness.

Here is Judith Sloan recently commenting on some of the disutilities of Australia's insane immigration:

"The main chancers who regularly declare Melbourne the most liveable city in the world must have a (black - ed) sense of humour. They most certainly don't live in Melbourne. Take it from me, Melbourne is a complete nightmare to get around. If you drive, it takes an age.

If you take public transport, be prepared for the sardine-tin experience. House prices are out of this world. The shopping might be good, but it's impossible to park at many shopping centres. Hospitals and schools are overcrowded. There are parts of the CBD where it's easy to feel as if you are in another country — there's not a lot of English being spoken. If this is the most liveable city in the world, I'd like to see what's unliveable. I'm not Robinson Crusoe when I express these views. And let's face it, Sydney is not much better. The fact is Tony Abbott is really on to something when he calls for a significant reduction in the number of immigrants coming to this country. What I can't understand is why a Coalition government hasn't been on to this issue much sooner. Running a sensible and sustainable immigration program is as important as border control." https://www.theaustralian.com.au/opinion/columnists/judith-sloan/byevery-measure-we-need-to-give-immigration-a-brake/news-story/65d8ad 68225ec792ebca2496f011ef16

The answer to Sloan's question is easy enough: the Coalition is a Big Business party, and Big Business wants mass immigration for profits for their clan. If housing prices become unreachable for the average Anglo Australian, well, just die ... there are rich foreigners to replace you. It is as simple as that, and anyone walking the streets can see that. Been to the Sydney CBD lately anyone?

THECROSS-ROADS.ORG WEBCAST FORUMS

The league has initiated an 'online forum' where important issues are presented for extended analysis. The content, while not new, is penetrating and relevant in today's political climate. Every league member can assist by spreading the word of the existence of the forum and also participation in it. Currently sessions are held Monday to Friday 10 AM to 12 but there are plans afoot to extend further sessions into the evening.

Currently we are only using YouTube as our video provider, but as time allows we will extend our Internet presence across other video platforms.

Censorship can stifle healthy discussion and debate

Censorship and the stifling of vigourous discussion needs to be undone so an intellectually free and healthy society exists. You can do your part against Censorship by spreading the word - advertise the forum amongst your family and friends.

Our main 'forum website' is TheCross-Roads.ORG. Our main YouTube channel is currently 'arnisluks13'. Subjects covered to date include "Money Creation in the Modern Economy" & "The Individual - Free, Moral and Responsible". See you there! - ND

Young People's Forum

We are also starting a WebCast Forum for young people to discuss the issues of the day and work through to provide practical Christian/Social Credit answers.

All they need is commitment and a reasonable internet connection.

Do you know of any likely candidates amongst your immediate family and friends? This is an excellent way to learn what Social Credit is about.

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