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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: “At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”. The extract from the ode widely recited on ANZAC Day might deliver two thoughts. One is the example of remembering something from a former time, like the first motor car we owned. The more significant interpretation is one where we will never forget the massive contribution of our soldiers.

The words ‘at the going down of the sun’ refer to the past, but ‘and in the morning, we will remember them’ refers to the present and the future. The message emerging surely means that we should recognise that ‘the morning’ has arrived. It is here!

What might we do to honour the past efforts by continuing the battle for freedoms? In the time of war, men and women were keen to enlist to preserve their nation and its privileges. They did so in the knowledge that it may cost them their life. In contrast; today it is very difficult to motivate our citizens to take any action to defend the values and rights that were once cherished. Even to ask someone to write a single paragraph letter to their Member of Parliament, is usually seen as a waste of time. What if our soldiers had that attitude?

There is concern about Australia’s future on most people’s lips but most do nothing constructive about it. The Westminster system provides representative government - the MP’s are meant to represent the voters. This can only work well when the voters tell their MP’s what they require. The League of Rights and other groups provide plenty of information on current affairs. Some of it will not be found in the mainstream media but is valuable material for readers to become active and encourage friends to also let their MP know what they expect of him or her. It is so much easier to promote and defend freedoms in peace times than it was for our soldiers in a war environment.

Ken Grundy, National Director

A SYMBOL OF THE WEST, BURNS DOWN By Richard Miller

The fire at Notre Dame in Paris, is, I feel, a symbol of the future of the West. Slowly, but at an accelerating pace, all the achievements of Western man are being dismantled and disassembled. Everything is under attack, and there is no defence. Yet. The cathedral of the West is being burn down, with Nordic (Northern European) man, to be burnt at the stake. And, the sad thing is that many of our own kind are ethno-masochistic enough to like it, perhaps until the flames lick their feet, or they lose their stuff. Then, sheer fear and panic.

Say, does anyone know why so many churches are burning down all-over Europe? It is a really amazing coincidence is it not? <https://www.newsweek.com/spate-attacks-catholic-churches-france-sees-altars-desecrated-christ-statue-1370800>

‘France has seen a spate of attacks against Catholic churches since the start of the year, vandalism that has included arson and desecration. Vandals have smashed statues, knocked down tabernacles, scattered or destroyed the Eucharist and torn down crosses, sparking fears of a rise in anti-Catholic sentiment in the country. Last Sunday, the historic Church of St. Sulpice in Paris was set on fire just after midday mass on Sunday, *Le Parisien* reported, although no one was injured. Police are still investigating the attack, which firefighters have confidently attributed to arson.

Built in the 17th century, St. Sulpice houses three works by the Romantic painter Eugene de la Croix, and was used in the movie adaptation of *The Da Vinci Code*, by Dan Brown. Last month, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Houilles, in north-central France, a statue of the Virgin Mary was found smashed, and the altar cross had been thrown on the ground, according to *La Croix International*, a Catholic publication.

Also in February, at Saint-Alain Cathedral in Lavaur, in south-central France, an altar cloth was burned and crosses and statues of saints were smashed. The attack prompted Lavaur Mayor Bernard Canyon to say in a statement: “God will forgive. Not me.”

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(continued from previous page) And in the southern city of Nimes, near the Spanish border, vandals looted the altar of the church of Notre-Dame des Enfants (Our Lady of the Children) and smeared a cross with human excrement. Consecrated hosts made from unleavened bread, which Catholics believe to be the body of Jesus Christ, were taken and found scattered among rubbish outside the building.

Bishop Robert Wattebled of Nimes said in a statement: "This greatly affects our diocesan community. The sign of the cross and the Blessed Sacrament have been the subject of serious injurious actions.

"This act of profanation hurts us all in our deepest convictions," he added, according to *The Tablet*, which reported that in February alone there had been a record 47 documented attacks on churches and religious sites.

REPORT FROM THE TASMANIAN TOUR

Arnis Luks, Rod Linger and Dave Palfrey attended 7 kitchen-table meetings and also a further 2 impromptu gatherings at local churches. Arnis reported that the attendees received the varying messages well. The small groups was most effective, the message being adjusted to suit particular audience 'needs' - Trinitarianism, Dialectics and Paganism being a big part of all the discussions. Interaction and engagement was constantly dynamic. The encouraging number of attendees was a direct result of the preparatory work done by

OUR OPEN SOCIETY IS UNDER GRAVE THREAT: CALLS FOR STRONGER LAWS TO CURB HATE SPEECH ARE DANGEROUS by Nigel Jackson

In my local newspaper this week (the *Ferntree Gully Belgrave Mail*) the front page story ("Cross of Easter") deals with an art installation at the front of nearby Tecoma Uniting Church which is said to draw "parallels between Christ's crucifixion and the treatment of asylum seekers in Australia".

Described as "confronting", the work shows three figures representing asylum seekers hanging on crosses. The artist, the Reverend John Tansey, is reported as stating that his art work reflects "the crucifixion of the human rights of asylum seekers". There is no reason to doubt his sincerity or compassion for detainees on Manus Island, Nauru and Christmas Island – or the church's good intentions or those of its minister, the Reverend Matt Cutler.

Nevertheless, the question of whether or not this is actually a foolish misuse of a sacred building and place of worship can validly be raised. More importantly, it could even be argued that the installation is a form of hate speech, in that it implicitly vilifies the federal government and others who support a tough policy to deter an unwelcome flood of illegal immigrants or "boat people" into Australia.

It even tends to equate their policies and actions with

The Vienna-based Observatory of Intolerance and Discrimination Against Christians in Europe, which was founded in cooperation with the Council of European Bishops Conferences (CCEE) but is now independent said there had been a 25 percent increase in attacks on Catholic churches in the first two months of the year, compared with the same time last year. Its executive director, Ellen Fantini, told *Newsweek* that while in many cases the motive for the attacks was not known, France faced growing problems with anti-Christian violence, especially by anarchist and feminist groups.

"I think there is a rising hostility in France against the church and its symbols," but "it seems to be more against Christianity and the symbols of Christianity."

It is a mystery why that would be.

Rod and Christine Linger, who literally and actually made hundreds of phone calls. Booklets that were available at each meeting are being made available on our website Library, or printed and posted from our Head Office. This encouraging result and subsequent momentum is a timely opportunity for other states to allow Arnis to present his timely message.

Please promptly contact your State Director with a desire to hold a kitchen-table meeting in your area. Our team is ready, willing and able to assist.

those of the brutal and authoritarian Roman government said to have executed Jesus two millennia ago.

What this example reminds us is that it is extremely difficult to define the term "hate speech", or cognate terms such as "racial and religious hatred." There is reason to feel that Gillian Triggs, a well-known advocate for human rights, and Julian Burnside, Greens candidate for Kooyong, were insufficiently aware of this when they penned their opinion piece recently calling for stronger legislation to prevent events such as the Christchurch massacre in New Zealand last month ("We need stronger laws to deal with hate speech", 15/4).

Under close examination, their plea really looks like a carefully manicured proposal for the increased political censorship of views they happen to dislike and disagree with. This is suggested by their thoroughly misleading description of Senator Fraser Anning's commentary on the massacre.

In his open letter to the Prime Minister dated 27th March the senator wrote: "My statement unequivocally condemned this heinous act of murderous violence.... After putting the immediate blame where it belongs, I looked for contributing causes."

There is thus no justification at all for the description

of his comments by Triggs and Burnside as “a vile response” that constituted “an abuse of free speech.” Yet they claim that his words are on the wrong side of a purported line that they draw between hate speech and free speech.

Again, there is no reason to doubt their sincerity and good intentions; but history shows that enormous social and political damage can be done by well-meaning zealots convinced of their own personal rectitude and the unassailability of positions and arguments that they have adopted.

The well-known difficulty of adequately defining hate speech, let alone legislating adequately against it, means that it becomes too easy for such zealots, if given

political power, to crush the free speech of their moral and intellectual opponents, under cover of opprobrious terms such as “hatred” or “racism”.

The truth is that, far from needing weightier laws against hate speech, Australia would benefit from the repeal of some, including Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act. The open society we have enjoyed in this continent since the arrival of our British founders is currently under threat, not so much from lone psychopaths as from cadres of fanatical do-gooders.

The proposal of Triggs and Burnside is a classic example of advocating a remedy that is worse than the illness. Free speech is an indispensable bulwark against tyranny. ***

GENETICALLY ENGINEERING AUSTRALIA By Brian Simpson

It was the night before Christmas ... no, it was not. Rather, it was the day before the federal election was called:

“The day before the Federal election was called, the Government quietly announced changes to Australia’s Gene Technology Regulations that will allow a raft of new genetically modified (GM) animals, plants and microbes to enter our environment and food chain with no safety assessment and potentially no labelling. These include super-muscled pigs, non-browning mushrooms, and wheat with powdery mildew-resistance.

The deregulation comes as a new study adds to the growing body of evidence that new GM techniques such as CRISPR are not as safe as claimed.

The study found that in 50 per cent of the cells looked at, the use of CRISPR resulted in unexpected effects,

including the production of new proteins.

There is a risk that these proteins could be novel toxins or allergens. It is vital that GM animals, plants and microbes produced in this way are assessed for safety before being released into our environment and our food chain.”

Here are the articles referred to above:

<https://www.nature.com/news/super-muscly-pigs-created-by-small-genetic-tweak-1.17874>

<https://www.chemistryworld.com/news/crispr-edited-mushroom-dodges-regulation/1010298.article>

<https://research.csiro.au/gene-editing-workshop/wp-content/uploads/sites/208/2017/12/Felicity-Keiper-Regulatory-Challenges-Presented-by-Genome-Editing.pdf>

<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/583138v1.full>

<https://institutions.newscientist.com/article/2174149-crispr-gene-editing-is-not-quite-as-precise-and-as-safe-as-thought/> *

THE SILENCE OF THE (WHITE) LAMBS By James Reed

Much of our reporting on the theatre of the politically correct absurd in the universities comes from America. But Australian universities are quickly catching up:

<https://www.heraldsun.com.au/blogs/andrew-bolt/white-students-may-be-seen-but-not-heard/news-story/ae6465ad65876f0c8cb971e6cf90cff>

“Tensions have flared at the University of Melbourne after a workshop suggested “white males” and those who look like “Liberal voters” be forbidden from speaking during classes in a bid to dismantle privilege. Participating students at the “How privilege manifests in tutorials” workshop held last week were told that “white, male students” and “students resembling Liberal voters” should be discouraged from speaking to provide more space for women and non-binary people to contribute to discussions during tutorials.

The student union funded the series of workshops through the Student Services and Amenities Fee, a mandatory annual fee paid by full-time students to fund student support services as well as societies and the

university magazine.

Chris Kounelis, president of the Melbourne University Liberal Club, said the workshop was a ridiculous use of the SSAF, which this year cost full-time students \$303, and contributed more than \$6 million to the union’s coffers last year.

“Yet another initiative from our student union which provides little benefit for the mainstream students who pay for it,” Mr Kounelis said.

“Students should not be expected to fund this left-wing lunacy out of their own pockets.”

The politics student, a member of the Liberal Club, said university life was increasingly hostile to students who held conservative views, an atmosphere stoked by the regular presence of GetUp and groups such as Socialist Alternative.”

Clearly universities are no longer for education, but rather just indoctrination... ***

BLAME IT ON PESTICIDES

By Mrs Vera West

One is supposed to be conspiratorial, if not “racist” for blaming disorders like autism on pesticides. How dare anyone criticise our beautiful Big Agri! But, then there is this newly released paper in the *British Medical Journal*: <https://www.bmj.com/content/364/bmj.1962>

“Objective: To examine associations between early developmental exposure to ambient pesticides and autism spectrum disorder.

Design Population based case-control study.

Setting: California’s main agricultural region, Central Valley, using 1998-2010 birth data from the Office of Vital Statistics.

Population: 2961 individuals with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder based on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fourth edition, revised (up to 31 December 2013), including 445 with intellectual disability comorbidity, were identified through records maintained at the California Department of Developmental Services and linked to their birth records. Controls derived from birth records were matched to cases 10:1 by sex and birth year.

Exposure Data from California state mandated Pesticide Use Reporting were integrated into a geographic information system tool to estimate prenatal and infant exposures to pesticides (measured as pounds of pesticides applied per acre/month within 2000 m from the maternal residence). 11 high use pesticides were selected for examination a priori according to previous evidence of neurodevelopmental toxicity in vivo or in vitro (exposure defined as ever v never for each pesticide during specific developmental periods)...

Conclusion: Findings suggest that an offspring’s risk of autism spectrum disorder increases following prenatal exposure to ambient pesticides within 2000 m of their mother’s residence during pregnancy, compared with offspring of women from the same agricultural region without such exposure. Infant exposure could further increase risks for autism spectrum disorder with comorbid intellectual disability.

So, were we wrong, after all? I don’t think so, and history will bear us out. ***

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WHEN WILL THE \$243 TRILLION GLOBAL DEBT BOMB EXPLODE?

By James Reed

It seems it is only a matter of time now before the entire house of cards of the global economy comes crashing down.

<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2019-04-22/cataclysmic-243-trillion-global-debt-bomb-will-explode-impooverishing-everyone>

“Global debt now stands at a terrifying \$243 trillion according to a report by the Institute of International Finance this week. That’s quarter of a quadrillion. We’re in the realms of the absurd and the unsustainable. That’s money that will never be repaid. The debt-based system is irrevocably broken and is still propped up by the lies told by central bankers and governments in order to remain in positions of power over others.

The record debt figure stands at three-times the world’s total gross domestic product (GDP). In other words, it’s three times larger than the value of all products and services on the planet. And the United States is contributing massively to this problem, propping up a debt bubble that will crush everyone when it finally bursts. It’s pretty safe to say that if you aren’t concerned, you simply aren’t paying attention and will be hurt when it all collapses.

An irresponsible monetary system addicted to printing money and issuing credit is destroying the standard of living almost everywhere on the planet. It’s time to admit that we, as human beings, need a new alternative to the control, wealth redistribution, theft, and slavery that’s overtaken humanity"...

Read further: <https://blog.alor.org/index.php/when-will-the-243-trillion-global-debt-bomb-explode-by-james-reed>

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