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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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**THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK:** "It (the Christian philosophy) was expressed by another New England thinker, Henry Ward Beecher: 'Christ did not die for laws or governments. He did not die to build a nation up. He died for men, the separate souls of men'. The crux of the whole Christian philosophy is that the Supreme Being (the Power above the State so violently denied by the totalitarians) does actually meet and communicate with the spirit of man, in his inner personal life; or as St. Augustine put it; "God stoops to man that man may rise to God. It is the eternal Vine, which gives the life and value to the branches; and it is a value that belongs only to the personal life, which is individual; to each living separate soul, not to institutions or committees or clubs, or cabinets, or governments, or states.

The State was made for man, not man for the State. The State may be immensely useful to the individual men who have made it but it did not make men, and it may be harmful to them. "No philosopher, even in this mad world, has yet maintained that the State was destined for Eternal Life. But the greatest of all philosophies has maintained, rightly or wrongly, for two thousand years, that the individual human soul is immeasurable because it is capable of rising to communion with God and 'enjoying him for ever'. This is the proposition upon which Christendom was founded, and it is the only proposition upon which we can guard the otherwise quite arbitrary claims to the great charters of human freedom."

—Alfred Noyes in *The Edge of the Abyss*, 1880-1958.

## THE GENOCIDE OF CHRISTIANS By James Reed

Mainstream Christian churches throughout the West seem to have merged into the general social justice warrior philosophy of defending all the cool people that the Left designates as sacred. This is fine so long as there was just a little bit of consideration of one's own tribe, that is Christians, but while the slightest offence to cool people draws anger from the mainstream churches, there are no marches denouncing Christian genocide:

https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-48146305

'The persecution of Christians in parts of the world is at near "genocide" levels, according to a report ordered by Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt. The review, led by the Bishop of Truro the Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, estimated that one in three people suffer from religious persecution. Christians were the most persecuted religious group, it found. Mr Hunt said he felt that "political correctness" had played a part in the issue not being confronted. The interim report said the main impact of "genocidal acts against Christians is exodus" and that Christianity faced being "wiped out" from parts of the Middle East. It warned the religion "is at risk of disappearing" in some parts of the world, pointing to figures which claimed Christians in Palestine represent less than 1.5% of the population, while in Iraq they had fallen from 1.5 million before 2003 to less than 120,000.'

'Evidence shows not only the geographic spread of anti-Christian persecution, but also its increasing severity," the Bishop wrote. "In some regions, the level and nature of persecution is arguably coming close to meeting the international definition of genocide, according to that adopted by the UN." The foreign secretary commissioned the review on Boxing Day 2018 amid an outcry over the treatment of Asia Bibi, a Christian woman who faced death threats after being acquitted of blasphemy in Pakistan. Its findings come after more than 250 people were killed and more than 500 wounded in attacks at hotels and churches in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday.'

(continued from previous page) I note the claim made above that Christian genocide is not being denounced because of political correctness. It is just like the allowance of the mass rapes of European children. If it is whites then it just does not seem to matter what happens to them. A world like that hardly deserves one's alliance does it, if it is your mob getting the rough end of the pineapple? Anyway, when the rest of the West follows Canada's lead of banning Christian protests, Christians will not be able to protest even if they wanted to, as their God-given freedoms blow away in the winds of political correctness, as if by the snap of Thanos:

https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/

ontarios-bill-84-threatens-to-criminalize-christian-speech-as-hate

'On March 20, 2019, Bill 84 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature. It is a Private Member's Bill, introduced by York Centre MPP Roman Baber. The bill passed second reading at the end of April, and is now before the Standing Committee on Justice Policy. The bill is entitled Prohibiting Hate-Promoting Demonstrations at Oueen's Park Act, 2019. The bill provides that no demonstration, rally or other activity that, in the opinion of the Speaker, is likely to promote hatred against any identifiable group, shall be permitted on the legislative grounds. No reasonable or rational person accepts or agrees with the deliberate spread of "hate". It is unacceptable in a civilized society. The problem with this bill, however, lies in the fact that the definition of "hate" is uncertain under Canadian law. As a result, unfortunately, the use of the word "hate" can be a useful tool for some to prevent differing views from being expressed. That is, the word "hate" can be used to silence opposing views expressed when, in fact, the views are simply

a reasonable expression of belief. This concern is based on actual experience. Canadians have already experienced the contempt shown by the Supreme Court of Canada towards Section 2 of the Charter of Rights which provides for freedom of opinion, expression and religion. In the Trinity Western Christian University case (2018), a private Christian university's moral covenant was deemed hateful and discriminating. In the Bill Whatcott case (2013), the Supreme Court of Canada concluded that the effects of an expression used, not the communicator's intent, are what is relevant. The court went on to conclude that "truthful statements and sincerely held beliefs do not affect the finding of "hate". Mr. Whatcott merely expressed in his pamphlet the well-established facts about homosexuality which the court held to be "hateful". It is worth noting that the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, presumably consisting of equally learned judges, had previously concluded that the pamphlet was not hateful. The Supreme Court of Canada prides itself on being a "progressive" court and has an established bias as evidenced in a series of decisions that have struck down laws based on traditional values. There is little likelihood that the court will protect tradition-based groups if they are denied the right to demonstrate at the provincial legislature.'

Such is the Fabian strategy of the elimination of freedoms by gradualism, only now that caution has been dropped as the final goal of total censorship is in sight and it is full steam ahead. All of this was written about decades ago, but the punters were too concerned with satisfying their animal needs to worry about the higher good. \*\*\*

## THE FANATICAL CLIMATE CULT By James Reed

There seems to be a theme today among us writers of bashing false science, and science cults, like IQ. Take Sweden which is banning ancient Nordic writing, which is not surprising for a country desperately trying to abolish itself. School children who have not joined the climate doomsday cult are now treated like, well, they are discriminated against in the land where discrimination does not exist.

https://www.rt.com/news/459997-sweden-rune-ban-nazis/

'A Swedish girl who refused to join her classmates in skipping school for the sake of the climate has ended up being labelled as a "climate denier", which her mother described as "mass psychosis". A high-school pupil who refused to attend a so-called "school strike for climate" has been bullied not only by her classmates, but the teacher as well, the magazine *Det Goda* Samhället reported. When the girl's classmates decided to join the "climate strike" spearheaded by

teenage activist-turned-superstar Greta Thunberg, "Sanna" declared she didn't want to attend and was given a tongue-lashing from the teacher. "The teacher said 'Sanna' was uncommitted and failed to understand the seriousness of the climate threat. She asked her to reconsider her decision, and she said it openly, for the entire class to hear. 'Sanna' felt like the teacher was trying to ridicule her in front of the others", "Lena", the girl's mother, told Det Goda Samhället. Because of the teacher's actions, the rest of the class also turned against "Sanna", who ended up being boycotted by her own friends and accused of being a "climate denier", "Lena" recalled. When the mother called the school's administration, she herself was questioned by the female principal. "She said it was sad that 'Sanna' went against the rest of the class and refused to participate in something this positive. I could read between the lines that she thought I had a wrong attitude myself", "Lena" explained.'

### **EXIT THE TRAITORS By Richard Miller**

Another one bites the dust, and it is about time, too, as British Prime Minister Theresa May resigns in girly tears, and exits stage door left, probably to get some well-paying EU job in the great hive. Yes, they didn't call her "May" for nothing. I found this statement from Robert Spencer about May, which hits the nail firmly down into the timber:

https://www.jihadwatch.org/2019/05/

uk-appeaser-theresa-resigns-over-brexit-failure-robert-spencer-issues-statement

'Theresa May was an absolute disgrace, the worst Prime Minister of Great Britain in decades and possibly centuries. It is she who confirmed the mass immigration policies that have so seriously undermined British society and who cracked down hard against all who protested, seriously eroding Britain's centuries-long traditions of free discourse and free inquiry. Even if Britain survives as a free nation, future generations of free Britons will loathe her name.'

I doubt that her name will be remembered since there is always a long line of replacements there to do the globalist bidding for their 30 pieces of silver. The far from ideal British police are not crying about the departure of May:

'Police officers across the country are celebrating Theresa May's resignation, having been thoroughly alienated by the Prime Minister in her previous role as Home Secretary under David Cameron. Theresa May presided over massive cuts to police budgets and manpower during her tenure, and made "taking on" the Police Federation which represents rank and file officers up to Chief Inspector one of her signature stances — although she seemingly enjoyed a more collegial relationship with politically correct senior officers, such as Metropolitan Police chief Cressida Dick. As Home Secretary, Mrs May attended Police Federation conferences and publicly berated delegates

for "crying wolf" and "scaremongering" when they claimed the cuts — abetted by the left-wing Liberal Democrats, who were in a coalition government with the Tories until 2015 — would destroy neighbourhood policing and lead to the adoption of a "paramilitary style" of policing. ... The Greater Manchester Police branch of the Police Federation was particularly scathing when news of Mrs May's long-awaited resignation finally broke. Chairman Stu Berry said that there are now 21,339 fewer police officers and 15,894 fewer members of police staff than in 2010 — despite the general population exploding and violent crime climbing dramatically — and suggested that "officers will shed no tears at her departure" in a statement published on social media.

"I feel that I cannot varnish my words following Theresa May's decision to leave office. During her time as Home Secretary she decimated the Police Service to near breaking point and significantly reduced the service we provide to the public," Berry said. "Her legacy is one of misery for thousands of people. This country a less safer place [sic] due to her ideology as serious crime statistics soar in every major town and city in this country. Our members and the Public we serve will continue to suffer the consequences of her dogma for decades to come," he insisted. "The emotion that she exhibited today were tears for her own self-made demise. It is a shame that she did not have similar empathy for countless victims of crime that could have been avoided."

Why, in some respects the sorry saga is a bit like the ending of the horrid Game of Thrones, which is apparently infuriating leftist feminist types, since the feminist hero with the migrant army went mad at the end, and had to be well, dealt with by someone vaguely resembling a hero. Yes, some see this cultural garbage as a metaphor for our times, and perhaps they are right, since out times is in fact, cultural garbage.

#### ON BEING WHITE - Letter from a N.Z. Voter

On reading online news this afternoon I found a quote attributed to your office on NewsHub in an item on an online retailer who has withdrawn a T shirt printed with "It's OK to be white" from sale. The item stated "The seller claimed the items were a way of counter-signalling "anti-white bigots" - but the Human Rights Commission (HRC) disagreed, saying they conveyed a message of "intolerance, racism and division". I am a male, pale and stale 73 year old who spent a career teaching English at some of the leading universities in Japan as well as to Japanese diplomats. My understanding of the term "OK" in this context is that it means "acceptable", and as such is interpreted by myself as not being offensive, either by

intent or otherwise. Please advise by return:

- if the quote attributed to your office by NewsHub is correct;
- if your interpretation of the term "OK" is at variance with mine and if so, what yours is; and;
- I and quite a few of my friends, relatives and colleagues, are, unfortunately it would seem, equally "white" in that we are overwhelmingly, like a large percentage of this country's population, of Anglo Celtic origin. If we were to wear said T shirt or verbally express such sentiments, what censure, penalty, and /or disapprobation could we expect from your office? \*\*\*

### THE THREAT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM By James Reed

Conservatives, God bless them, are rightfully saying that threats to religious freedom was one reason why the Coalition, who never won an opinion poll, did win the one that counted, making the election a kind of Trumpish affair:

www.spectator.com.au/2019/05/ten-reasons-labor-lost-the-unlosable-election/

- ...6. 'Israel Folau and "freedom of speech". The elephant in the room throughout the entire election campaign was the saga involving Israel Folau and Rugby Australia. All of a sudden the issues of freedom of speech and freedom of religion were brought to the fore. Up until recently Labor had been riding the high moral ground of championing everything LGBTIQ. But with Folau's trial and termination came the public realisation that 'tolerance' had morphed into denouncing any other opinion.
- 7. Religious Freedom. Following on from the previous point, many private schools took the extraordinary step of urging parents not to vote Labor as it would strip them of their right to employ staff who shared their ethos. This was because Labor's legal affairs spokesman, Mark Dreyfus, said that:

  A Shorten government would remove key legal protections for religious freedoms, fuelling concerns schools will find it more difficult to insist teachers agree to uphold their core values.
- **8.** The Gender Commission. Dr David van Gend outlined the implications for parents in regards to Labor's transgender policy brilliantly here in *The Spectator Australia*. But he was obviously not alone. Kerri-Anne Kennerley also unleashed an extraordinary attack on Labor's plan to fund a National Gender Centre. As Kennerley said:

These kids out there who are gender confused, and there's a percentage of people out there gender confused, they will put up this Commission and we, like Tasmania, will have a child and it won't be male or female, it will be gender-free. That'll be national... And if your child is confused, the rights of your child will go to them, you will have no rights as a parent. That child will go, "I want to be either a boy or girl, please give me whatever I need" and you as a parent will have no choice."

- 1. Tanya Plibersek's aggressive policy of extending abortion. While the subject of abortion may have been viewed as too 'controversial' and 'divisive' for the Coalition to tackle, for many conservative religious voters such as myself, this was the real deal breaker. Especially when the deputy leader, Tanya Plibersek, promised that if Labor won the election then they would offer free abortions in all public hospitals.
- **2. Scott Morrison**. Credit where credit's due. Because Labor didn't merely lose the election; the Coalition actually won it. In his acceptance *ON TARGET*

speech Australia's first Pentecostal Prime Minister acknowledge that, in keeping with his theology, "I've always believed in miracles". In fact, Dennis Shanahan wrote in The Australian: Morrison didn't just beat Labor in this election. He beat the Zeitgeist, the vibe and the emotional appeals while leaving Clive Palmer and the Greens failing to live up to expectations. Bill Shorten's political career ended last night but Morrison's is just beginning. In scenes reminiscent of Hillary Clinton's defeat at the hands of Trump, many leftist progressives had a complete emotional meltdown. For instance, Dr. John Dickson, formerly of the Centre for Public Christianity, issued the following tweet in response to the hysterical nastiness of Jane Caro: But enough of the schadenfreude, or should that be as Stephen MacAlpine labels it, 'Shortenfreude'. Australia has dodged a bullet and we've been given the benefit of a conservative government for another whole term. Now that we've seen how unreliable all of the pollsters are, maybe we can even stick with the same Prime Minister for an entire term.'

Nevertheless, there still remains an on-going threat to religious freedom despite the Coalition win, and there is an event to explain all of this:

# Religious freedom under serious threat, despite Coalition win

This post-election briefing will explain the:

- 1. New political landscape.
- 2. Very serious threats to religious freedom from the Morrison government's request to the Australian Law Reform Commission for recommendations to change federal, state and territory laws to "limit or remove altogether (if practicable) religious exemptions" from anti-discrimination laws, which are the protections for religious freedom.
- **3.** Government's mandate to solve the growing energy crisis without reliance only on renewables.
- **4.** Need for a new economic agenda for Australia. Hear National Civic Council President Pat Byrne, Chris McCormack, Peter Westmore.

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