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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“Governments love crises because when the people are fearful they are more willing to give up freedoms for promises that the government will take care of them. After 9/11, for example, Americans accepted the near-total destruction of their civil liberties in the PATRIOT Act’s hollow promises of security.

- *The Coronavirus Hoax* by Ron Paul : <http://www.ronpaulinstitute.org/archives/featured-articles/2020/march/16/the-coronavirus-hoax/>

FROM MY DESK By Arnis Luks

Observing the Economic Collapse: What we are witnessing is a deliberate and comprehensive civilisational breakdown. Former Sen Cory Bernardi’s newsletter anticipates the collapse of the bond market. Derivatives are at or near \$1.5 quadrillion. Shares are rapidly heading towards 50% of what they were a month ago. Predatory behaviour by the major banks has already started. Qantas CEO Alan Joyce is calling for financial assistance but allowing collapse of any competitors. Sensationalised images of parked trucks captioned with inflammatory statements depicting Italy's death toll are in direct contradiction to reasoned discussion and facts on the ground. <https://www.thinkinghousewife.com/>. The coronavirus is being blamed for a deliberately contrived economic collapse. The mainstream media is now, more than ever, the propaganda wing of the new world order NWO.

A couple of points worth noting:

1. Dharavi is a locality in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, considered to be one of the world's largest and most heavily populated slums, where people physically cannot self-isolate. Reports coming from India show minimal impact or loss of life from coronavirus, and yet Dharavi has a history of plagues, epidemics, floods and fire.
2. Recent testing for coronavirus in Australia is at unprecedented levels and any statistics produced is a one-off. Coronavirus mortality is not unprecedented and is predominantly in aged or immune-compromised persons.

Going Back to Basics - Eat in-Season Foods

Each year around influenza time the citrus trees come into harvest. The natural world provides the answer to any flu. Raw green leafy vegetables are also an excellent source of vitamins and other minerals. Avoid alcohol, high-carbohydrate foods and sugars which alter the pH of the body providing the environment for ill-health.

Soil Health improves Food Quality improves Personal Health

Using significant amounts of mulch promotes humus activity. This reduces water requirements and protects plant-life. The soil Mycorrhizal Fungi is probably the biggest engine-room in the world. It needs to be looked after and well maintained, being the source of life-forces for our body. Remember Garbage-In = Garbage-Out. Our main website library has added several important sections.

Gardening and Health, including such work from Lady Eve Balfour, Charles Darwin, Sir Albert Howard, and Mira Louise - ‘Protection from Polio’.

Below this section is **Training**, which now includes introductory, intermediate and advanced social credit items. Our mainstay document "Social Dynamics" lays the foundation of ‘how civilisations are formed’ and ‘how cultures hold together’ in these troubled times.

The soil provides the food that allows people to live in one place. Individuals at times work together to achieve the "increment of association". Leadership, or if you like ‘government’, exists simply to benefit people who have chosen to live together. It is not there to ‘lord it over the individual’ but the reverse, to ‘serve’. Something we are not seeing currently. The China-USA posturing appears to be setting the stage for a conflict to achieve ‘other purposes’. A must read to understand why modern wars are fought is by ED Butler:

The Real Objectives of the Second World War : An Exposure of International Finance (circa 1939).

These are important research tasks in order to disseminate the news-cycles for yourself and then help others.***

THE FATE OF EMPIRES AND SEARCH FOR SURVIVAL By Sir John Glubb

Extract and Summary

Our knowledge and our experience (perhaps our basic human intellects) are inadequate to pronounce whether or not the rise and fall of great nations is the best system for the best of all possible worlds. These doubts, however, need not prevent us from attempting to acquire more knowledge on the rise and fall of great powers, or from endeavouring, in the light of such knowledge, to improve the moral quality of human life.

Perhaps, in fact, we may reach the conclusion that the successive rise and fall of great nations is inevitable and, indeed, a system divinely ordained. But even this would be an immense gain. For we should know where we stand in relation to our human brothers and sisters. In our present state of mental chaos on the subject, we divide ourselves into nations, parties or communities and fight, hate and vilify one another over developments which may perhaps be divinely ordained and which seem to us, if we take a broader view, completely uncontrollable and inevitable. If we could accept these great movements as beyond our control, there would be no excuse for our hating one another because of them.

However varied, confusing and contradictory the religious history of the world may appear, the noblest and most spiritual of the devotees of all religions seem to reach the conclusion that love is the key to human life. Any expansion of our knowledge which may lead to a reduction in our unjustified hates is therefore surely well worth while.

XXXIX Summary

As numerous points of interest have arisen in the course of this essay, I close with a brief summary, to refresh the reader's mind:

- (a) We do not learn from history because our studies are brief and prejudiced.
- (b) In a surprising manner, 250 years emerges as the average length of national greatness.
- (c) This average has not varied for 3,000 years. Does it represent ten generations?
- (d) The stages of the rise and fall of great nations seem to be:
 - The Age of Pioneers (outburst)
 - The Age of Conquests
 - The Age of Commerce
 - The Age of Affluence
 - The Age of Intellect
 - The Age of Decadence.
- (e) Decadence is marked by:
 - Defensiveness
 - Pessimism
 - Materialism
 - Frivolity
 - An influx of foreigners
 - The Welfare State
 - A weakening of religion.
- (f) Decadence is due to:
 - Too long a period of wealth and power
 - Selfishness
 - Love of money
 - The loss of a sense of duty.
- (g) The life histories of great states are amazingly similar, and are due to internal factors.
- (h) Their falls are diverse, because they are largely the result of external causes.
- (i) History should be taught as the history of the human race, though of course with emphasis on the history of the student's own country. ***

A FIASCO IN THE MAKING?

As the coronavirus pandemic takes hold, we are making decisions without reliable data

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The current coronavirus disease, Covid-19, has been called a once-in-a-century pandemic. But it may also be a once-in-a-century evidence fiasco.

At a time when everyone needs better information, from disease modelers and governments to people quarantined or just social distancing, we lack reliable evidence on how many people have been infected with SARS-CoV-2 or who continue to become infected. Better information is needed to guide decisions and actions of monumental significance and to monitor their impact. Draconian countermeasures have been adopted in many countries. If the pandemic dissipates — either on its

own or because of these measures — short-term extreme social distancing and lockdowns may be bearable. How long, though, should measures like these be continued if the pandemic churns across the globe unabated? How can policymakers tell if they are doing more good than harm? Vaccines or affordable treatments take many months (or even years) to develop and test properly. Given such timelines, the consequences of long-term lockdowns are entirely unknown.

The data collected so far on how many people are infected and how the epidemic is evolving are utterly unreliable. Given the limited testing to date, some deaths and probably the vast majority of infections due to SARS-CoV-2 are being missed. We don't know if we are failing to capture infections by a factor of three or 300. Three months after the outbreak emerged, most countries, including the U.S., lack the ability to test a large number

of people and no countries have reliable data on the prevalence of the virus in a representative random sample of the general population. This evidence fiasco creates tremendous uncertainty about the risk of dying from Covid-19. Reported case fatality rates, like the official 3.4% rate from the World Health Organization, cause horror — and are meaningless. Patients who have been tested for SARS-CoV-2 are disproportionately those with severe symptoms and bad outcomes. As most health systems have limited testing capacity, selection bias may even worsen in the near future.

The one situation where an entire, closed population was tested was the *Diamond Princess cruise ship* and its quarantine passengers. The case fatality rate there was 1.0%, but this was a largely elderly population, in which the death rate from Covid-19 is much higher.

Projecting the Diamond Princess mortality rate onto the age structure of the U.S. population, the death rate among people infected with Covid-19 would be 0.125%. But since this estimate is based on extremely thin data — there were just seven deaths among the 700 infected passengers and crew — the real death rate could stretch from five times lower (0.025%) to five times higher (0.625%). It is also possible that some of the passengers who were infected might die later, and that tourists may have different frequencies of chronic diseases — a risk factor for worse outcomes with SARS-CoV-2 infection — than the general population. Adding these extra sources of uncertainty, reasonable estimates for the case fatality ratio in the general U.S. population vary from 0.05% to 1% (*a variance of 1 to 20 - ed*).

That huge range markedly affects how severe the pandemic is and what should be done. A population-wide case fatality rate of 0.05% is lower than seasonal influenza. If that is the true rate, locking down the world with potentially tremendous social and financial consequences may be totally irrational. It's like an elephant being attacked by a house cat. Frustrated and trying to avoid the cat, the elephant accidentally jumps off a cliff and dies.

Could the Covid-19 case fatality rate be that low? No, some say, pointing to the high rate in elderly people. However, even some so-called mild or common-cold-type coronaviruses that have been known for decades can have case fatality rates as high as 8% when they infect elderly people in nursing homes. In fact, such “mild” coronaviruses infect tens of millions of people every year, and account for 3% to 11% of those hospitalized in the U.S. with lower respiratory infections each winter. These “mild” coronaviruses may be implicated in several thousands of deaths every year worldwide, though the vast majority of them are not documented with precise testing. Instead, they are lost as noise among 60 million deaths from various causes every year.

Although successful surveillance systems have long existed for influenza, the disease is confirmed by a

laboratory in a tiny minority of cases. In the U.S., for example, so far this season 1,073,976 specimens have been tested and 222,552 (20.7%) have tested positive for influenza. In the same period, the estimated number of influenza-like illnesses is between 36,000,000 and 51,000,000, with an estimated 22,000 to 55,000 flu deaths.

Note the uncertainty about influenza-like illness deaths: a 2.5-fold range, corresponding to tens of thousands of deaths. Every year, some of these deaths are due to influenza and some to other viruses, like common-cold coronaviruses.

In an autopsy series that tested for respiratory viruses in specimens from 57 elderly persons who died during the 2016 to 2017 influenza season, influenza viruses were detected in 18% of the specimens, while any kind of respiratory virus was found in 47%. In some people who die from viral respiratory pathogens, more than one virus is found upon autopsy and bacteria are often superimposed. A positive test for coronavirus does not mean necessarily that this virus is always primarily responsible for a patient's demise...The most valuable piece of information for answering those questions would be to know the current prevalence of the infection in a random sample of a population and to repeat this exercise at regular time intervals to estimate the incidence of new infections. Sadly, that's information we don't have.

In the absence of data, prepare-for-the-worst reasoning leads to extreme measures of social distancing and lockdowns. Unfortunately, we do not know if these measures work. School closures, for example, may reduce transmission rates. But they may also backfire if children socialize anyhow, if school closure leads children to spend more time with susceptible elderly family members, if children at home disrupt their parents ability to work, and more. School closures may also diminish the chances of developing herd immunity in an age group that is spared serious disease.

This has been the perspective behind the different stance of the United Kingdom keeping schools open, at least until as I write this. In the absence of data on the real course of the epidemic, we don't know whether this perspective was brilliant or catastrophic...One of the bottom lines is that we don't know how long social distancing measures and lockdowns can be maintained without major consequences to the economy, society, and mental health. Unpredictable evolutions may ensue, including financial crisis, unrest, civil strife, war, and a meltdown of the social fabric...In the most pessimistic scenario, which I do not espouse, if the new coronavirus infects 60% of the global population and 1% of the infected people die, that will translate into more than 40 million deaths globally, matching the 1918 influenza pandemic. The vast majority of this hecatomb would be people with limited life expectancies. That's in contrast to 1918, when many young people died... ***

TRY IT ON THE DOG!

SOCIAL CREDIT AND THE SURVIVAL OF WESTERN CHRISTIAN CIVILISATION

By James Reed

"When a poacher gets a young Whippet he always takes it out when there is a lot of easily-caught game, which he lets it catch. This gives it confidence. That indicates a way to give people a sense of their power. First encourage people to try small things. Don't necessarily tackle the financial system straight away - tackle the local district council because there is a hole in the road and make them put it right. When you have got a number of people to see they can get a hole in the road put right, they can set out to get a new road, and so on. The principle is to try it on the dog!"

- Major C.H. Douglas, *The Approach to Reality* 1936.

The Breakdown of Civilisation

In a profound paper published in *The New Times* of May 1987, Eric D. Butler stated that the basic problem before us is "how to minimise the damage of the inevitable break up of civilisation".

C.H. Douglas also observed in this context: ----->>>>>

ROLE MODEL ON TRIAL - LADY RENOUF

"Michèle, your fearless and direct utterances in Dresden, unfortunately forbidden to all Germans, blew open the window of truth in one blast."

said Gerard Menuhin, son of legendary violinist and conductor Yehudi Menuhin, in February 2018.

On 15th May 2020 an Australian-born Briton goes on trial in Dresden for "incitement" – not for terrorism or threats, but because of a 10-minute speech given to 300 mourners at a commemoration of the Allied terror bombing of Dresden in 1945.

The charges have been brought under Germany's draconian volksverhetzung law – Para 130 of the criminal code, against Lady Michèle Renouf, former wife of New Zealand banking tycoon Sir Francis ('Frank the Bank') Renouf who was honoured with the Verdienstkreuz by the then West German government. In 1990 the engaged couple travelled to Bonn for the award of Sir Frank's medal, and as his fiancée Lady Renouf was given a Verdienstkreuz lapel ribbon. This honour related to Sir Frank's pioneering role in persuading the German federal government to relax its conservative policies and invest its financial surplus on world markets. (For similar reasons he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.)

In February 2018 Lady Renouf attended a public commemoration in central Dresden, marking the anniversary of the 1945 terror bombing by the Royal Air Force and the USAAF. Responding to an anti-British comment by someone in the crowd, Lady Renouf was invited to give a brief spontaneous speech in which she acknowledged Britain's shame for its deliberate wartime policy of targeting civilians. ***

"There is at the moment, no party, group or individual at once possessing the power, the knowledge, and the will, which would transmute the growing social unrest and resentment... into a constructive effort for the regeneration of Society. This being the case, we are merely witnesses to a succession of rear-guard actions of the so-called Conservative elements in Society... a process which can only result, like all rear-guard actions, in a successive, if not successful, retreat on the part of the forces attacked."

The threats to civilisation need not be detailed here as we all know them well enough and growing evidence of a breakdown in civilised order is before our eyes every day. Reflecting on this perilous state of affairs Butler concluded:

"So long as the life-force is sustained in the seed which drops into the decaying vegetation on the forest floor, it can result in new growth. The very disintegration taking place today is producing the conditions in which new growth can, over a period, take place. The task of those who have grasped the Social Credit idea, is to ensure that it is protected. In one sense, those who have grasped the Social Credit idea are entrusted with a type of sacred trust. They are the true conservationists of this globally destructive period in man's history, showing how as internationalism results in still greater convulsions and destruction, there is a genuine alternative, that a policy of Death can be overcome with a policy of Life and more abundant." ***

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