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**Thought for the Week: BACK TO BASICS By Betty Luks - 21 June 2002 *On Target* Vol 38 No 23**

More often than not, *On Target* readers are served up a diet of grim news as it relates to the deteriorating world situation. Thirty years ago, maybe 20 years ago, OT readers could measure, or compare, what was happening against the remnant of a culture, a history and moral standards of a people; a society traced back thousands of years.

**It has been the goal of the League of Rights to keep the light of that knowledge alive; and that is still the goal!**

The League has continually stated that the basic truths concerning man living in society have been discovered over man's long history and that those who refuse to heed and obey those truths are doomed to go on repeating the same mistakes. Readers and actionists have been encouraged to challenge those who ignored or consciously worked against those truths.

**What do we do about it?**

When constantly confronted with these social evils, it is easy to become so obsessed with fighting the evil, the darkness, that we lose sight of the real thing that was perverted. After all, evil is the twisting, the perversion, of good; it is not the absence of good. Our task is still to clarify the situation, to identify the good being perverted; and to promote the good. That is why the body of knowledge known as Social Credit is of such importance. "Oh!" you exclaim, "I don't understand 'social credit' - it's all too hard." Gentle reader, if you will not discipline yourself to understand the truths presented in this body of teaching, neither will you have any long-term answers to the problems which confront us.

The further one studies Social Credit the more certain one becomes, there really isn't anything new under the sun! But please don't remain frozen in your attitudes when changed circumstances demand we all look anew at the world around us.

You are not asked to be an expert outside your own realm of understanding. You are already an expert - you live with the effects of the policies imposed upon you and your family and your community.

In a recent *On Target* Jeremy Lee wrote: *"The result is an impassable chasm between the providence of God, which has provided abundance for all, and the whims of 'The Lords of Poverty', who seek universal serfdom for all in their new global order. Their ambitions may be greater than their ability and resources, great as they are, anarchy, war and famine are more likely than slavery and obedience. It doesn't seem long before we will find out."*

British *On Target* wrote along similar lines: *"The global economy is now effectively harnessed to the United States dollar. In the spiralling, spinning and precarious inverted 'cone' of this debt-driven economic model the 'International Community' (euphemism for World Government...ed) cannot afford to - dare not - allow economic 'growth' to be impeded for fear of collapse. Nor can it lose control over those natural resources vital to this precarious economy - its very way of Godless, materialistic life. No one knows how or when the inevitable, ultimate global economic implosion will occur..."*

**We put it to you**

How can a Society which is sinking through irredeemable debt to destruction, make a fresh start if it denies redemption and the difference between right and wrong? What is not seen as wrong cannot be put right. Of course the task is not going to be easy! We know that the larger the Society, the greater the inertia and the harder it is to get change, especially when the corruption is so great at the top! But does that mean we simply wallow in our own self-pity; lamenting "Woe is us!"

We at the League of Rights do not think so. It appears that such changes must come 'from the bottom up'.

**It begins with the individual, that is, you, me - and whomsoever will join with us. \*\*\***

**2005:** One of our readers sent the following letter in response to James Reed's article on the Liberals' proposal to issue food vouchers in place of welfare payments in money.

"The suggestion by some elements within the Liberal party that welfare recipients be given vouchers or stamps to access basic living requirements, has received a mixed reaction. Some publicity suggests the level of welfare will be reduced and the stay-at-home-mums will be thrust back into the workforce. But need that occur if the level of welfare is maintained? In any case, society is prepared to acknowledge the contribution of mothers who stay at home and is willing to support them. Similarly with the aged and disabled whose welfare is not questioned.

Australia has a vast pool of unemployed people, many of whom are young and fit. Australia also has many manual labour jobs, for which few people apply.

Many of these are in the primary industry scene with fruit picking being the most noteworthy. Is it more desirable to get "fly-in fly-out" workers from overseas to pick the fruit or to get Aussies to do the work? The question does not deserve an answer.

But how will we motivate our own people to work? Is the dole too generous? Would vouchers or stamps rather than cash assist?

For those of us who cherish freedom, the vouchers would deny the recipient some freedom of choice. The welfare could only be spent as directed (e.g. food) rather than other necessities. Does this clash with our philosophy?

Does anyone have total freedom of choice?

The employed have to abide by the firm's rules; the soldier has to accept orders; the prisoner has even fewer choices. Is it too much to ask the unemployed to accept welfare with restrictions? Welfare is different from a social dividend which would be applicable to every citizen. The dividend is a reward which the dole should never be.

Imagine how welfare would be distributed if we did not have a money system. It would be similar to circumstances after a bushfire - the needy would be given clothes, food and shelter, not cash. In our modern society we have found it more convenient to pay cash. The system has been abused by some and many would claim it has destroyed for many, the incentive to work. How will we get the fruit picked?"

#### **IN THE SHORT TERM - AS A BROAD POLICY**

We know there are graziers at their wits end looking for shearers during the shearing season and fruit and grape growers desperate for workers during the harvest. What is at least one answer to this problem if we are to avoid that 'cargo-cult' mentality? The young unemployed have yet to make their contribution to the overall wealth

of the community and the nation, and these occupations need the fit and healthy for the work. Maybe the short-term answer is, the dole should be taken away from the younger long-term unemployed?

We must be careful in tarring all the young with the same brush, and there are other factors which must be taken into account, but as a broad policy, it is important the younger generation learn to take up their responsibilities and make their contributions where needed.

#### **IN THIS THE MACHINE AGE**

'Welfare' has been practised in one form or another, for thousands of years. In ancient communities a 'tithe' of production was paid IN KIND for the upkeep of the church/state and from this 'tithe' a portion was 'doled out' to the poor and needy. St. James reminds us this was so in his letter to the twelve tribes: "*... to go to the help of orphans and widows in their distress...*"

The principle underlying it is that the 'goods', the 'fruits of the earth' are for all the community. (God sends the rain on the just and the unjust). But we now live in an industrialised, technological automated economy and - generally - not all the available human labour is needed in the production system.

In many cases, machines, mechanical helps, have taken the place of the primary producers' workers - and the workers are only required when the shearing is to be done or the harvest gathered. That is, when the workload is too great for the small amount of human labour now regularly used on most farms. Another problem could be that with the diminished population, there are not enough neighbours to 'help one another' - to call on for assistance!

It was C.H. Douglas who recognised what was happening eighty years ago and he said we must study "the new economics", the changed circumstances, and adjust our social policies accordingly.

- How was this going to be done?
- Who was going to do it?
- Who had the (legitimate) power to make the changes?
- Whose social responsibility was it to insist the changes were made?

His analyses and proposals are now known as that body of knowledge called Social Credit. It was, he insisted, the responsibility of the political representatives to make the changes for the common good. It was a matter of social policy. But, he wrote: "**The first strategy has many times been emphasized - it is to insist that Members of Parliament are representatives not delegates... the same principle can be carried into every official quarter... get the mental attitude well established in oneself that institutions exist only legitimately to serve individuals...**

**"Every prohibition of individual initiative is a**

victory for the enemy to exactly the extent that it is effective... Not only does it, in itself, represent one more step towards the Slave World, but, except under certain conditions, it sets up a habit of apathetic acquiescence which is exactly what is desired...

Against this hypnotic obsession, argument is useless - dehypnotisation is essential." (*"The Big Idea" 1942*)

#### DOCTORS & SERVICE & RATIONALISATION

As for the problem of doctors not wanting to work in country practices, their situation could provide, in miniature, a picture of some of the problems facing us all.

To name some: Too many country towns have died or are dying. Farmers, for financial reasons, forced to 'get big or get out' have gobbled up surrounding properties. The support services and industries couldn't survive on such a small clientele and they in turn went out of business or moved on to a regional base. The young offspring fled to the cities for work and the average age of the still-struggling farmer is in the middle sixties. In many, many cases there is not a bank within 2 hours travelling time to conduct everyday financial matters. With the dwindling (*rural-ed*) population it is nigh on impossible for the remnant to carry on the social activities such as the football teams and clubs, the social infrastructures. Surely the doctor will ask some of the following questions before making any moves?

- Will the children have a local school to attend and what about local friends?
- What about secondary education for the older ones?
- Will the children have to join the daily drudge of the remaining country children as they 'commute' early mornings and late afternoons to and from a regional education centre?
- What about my wife? With whom will she strike up friendships - the patients in the local nursing homes? Most country centres have lost their hospitals, the local 'hospital' being downgraded to a nursing home for the elderly.
- Even a dedicated doctor needs to have some social life, let alone home life - if he is to survive a grindingly long-houred country medical practice.
- Who in the community would he share his interests with? And so on, and so on.

We know of one South Australian country town which has had a steady stream of imported foreign doctors coming and going - but none staying, not in their town anyhow. The 'rot set in' some time back. Over a lifetime Eric Butler warned his fellow Australians:

*"The whole world is on a disastrous treadmill, and all attempts to run harder to keep pace, can only intensify the growing convulsions right around the world. What is left of Civilisation is going to be saved only by one nation, for a start, deciding to get off the... treadmill."*

-- end 2005 article

#### 2020:

**Note:** The League has an *"Introductory Course on Social Dynamics"* for those willing to become part of the answer rather than being part of the problem. It is conducted by correspondence or online, and is done at the individual's own pace. The Introductory Course was originally compiled by Eric D. Butler and Jeremy Lee. The charge is \$20.00 to cover the cost of postage and handling of notes and materials.

#### TRAINING

Social Dynamics Training is available Online.

**Book your training now—heritagebooks@alor.org**

Utilize the online '**Actionist Corner**' with many links to *pro forma* letter templates, brochures and other important training and research resources available.

Send for more details to P.O. Box 27, Happy Valley 5159

#### NATIONAL WEBINAR SPEAKERS

The National Weekend for the League usually includes the Annual Meeting for Members of the League as well as the Seminar and Dinner. As you are aware we had the Webinar in September as a replacement during the Covid restrictions. Subsequently the meetings were held by way of Zoom. All 3 Speakers videos are available online in all of our Video Channels. They can also be placed onto a USB stick or DVD - \$50 posted from Head Office.

#### FRANK BAWDEN MEMORIAL DINNER

In spite of the current lockdown situation a memorial dinner was held in South Australia to compliment the National Webinar. The evening of fellowship went particularly well and old acquaintances and new contacts were established.

Frank Bawden has done a great service for Australia then, and again now in his memory. As a result the Conservative Speakers Club has been regenerated in Adelaide, South Australia. Look for notices in future League publications.

#### BASIC FUND

I have been instructed to launch the Basic Fund for the years 2020-2021 and the target will again be \$60,000. Last year we fell a bit short of the target but hope this year it will fill. We receive large and small donations and I stress how much appreciated they are, irrespective of the amount. The running costs continually rise and the money is used sparingly. This year another printer replaced the one that served us well for many years.

We managed to find a very good second hand machine. Donations are welcome at any time but you might consider adding it to your Book Order or Journal Subscription or Training Payment.

Keep the League work going!

*Ken Grundy, National Director*

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## GIVING AID TO THE ENEMY: LIBERALS MAY HAND NEW MELBOURNE SEAT TO GREENS

There is such a need for a genuine conservative political voice - traditional Tory, traditional Labour - a void within our political community. When laying down all your available weapons and refusing to fight or guard against the totalitarian onslaught towards our ancient freedoms, this speaks volumes, no further comment is necessary.

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/politics/victorian-liberals-propose-creation-of-a-new-greens-leaning-seat-in-federal-parliament/news-story/8865cd72d323282fb9038a600f502823>

Victoria's Liberal Party is recommending the Australian Electoral Commission create a new federal electorate in inner-city Melbourne, potentially handing a second seat to the Greens.

The state is assured an extra seat at the next election due to population growth and most expect the AEC to create a new seat in the Labor heartland of Melbourne's outer northwest suburbs, with both parties wanting the seat named after late prime minister Bob Hawke. The proposed new seat would carve out Greens-trending areas in two Labor inner-city strongholds.

In its submission to the redistribution process, the Victorian Liberal Party say a new northwest seat would unsuitably combine regional and metropolitan areas, and the better course is to carve out the Green-friendly inner-city suburbs of Brunswick, Northcote, Coburg and Alphington.

"The proposed Division of Hawke is located in Melbourne's inner northern suburbs, reflecting the communities that Bob Hawke represented as a member of parliament," the Liberal submission said.

"While also addressing the substantial growth in Melbourne's inner, northern, and western suburbs.

"The Liberal Party did consider the possibility of creating the new electoral division in the western and northwestern growth corridors on the outer northwestern fringes of Melbourne.

## CLASSIC LEFT-RIGHT CONFLICT "REAGAN VS OBAMA - SOCIAL ECONOMICS"

While the Left would not hesitate to confiscate, the Right would recognize no right to consumption other than through work.

Do watch the video on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/3h807V-WxWQ>

The presentation is a clever rehash and a good example of the classic and impossible historic Left-Right conflict-duality which is socially divisive and economically destructive. The Left would attempt to solve economic inequity through redistribution of wealth and the Right would ignore the problem while wealth gravitated into fewer and fewer hands. Both approaches attempt the

impossible task of making a sufficiency of an inherent and intrinsic insufficiency (of finance) and consequently, both stop-up the Abundance of the Kingdom.

That is why I am an advocate of Social Credit because it provides economic security and encourages initiative and creativity through retention of freedom while diminishing the wealth of no one. Social credit is integrative and resolves the futile Left-Right dialectic rather than exacerbating it. Unfortunately, as always, the conflict-duality leaves out the Cultural Heritage, identified by C. H. Douglas, as an added factor of production and consequently the Left-Right conflict fails the test of reality.

Presumably if technology largely replaced the need for human labour, resulting in a surfeit of consumer goods, the Right would build a wall around this mountain of consumer wealth and deny general access to it. The Left would shrink the overall economic "pie" due to demoralization and inefficiency, while the Right would insist on work as the only justification for consumption - even though technology displaces human labour and, increasingly, displaces the need for it.

C. H. Douglas resolved this impasse by analyzing the financial price-system and discovering it to be unbalanced and non-self-liquidating - putting forward realistic recommendations for solving the problem of imbalance through methods of distribution which provided an additional income for all citizens without diminishing the assets of anyone.

**comment:** Wallace Klinck, Canada April 2012

Both main political parties have compromised. Compromise is of the very devil! The solution lies in the replacement of compromise with the reconciling of ideas. And this is what Social Credit does. Training starts now.

### PODCAST & BROADCAST NOTICE

As a result of two situations outside of our control, several staff are unavailable for the next two months.

This takes us towards the end of the working year. We will therefore be off-line and look forward to taking up the Podcasts and Broadcasts again in the New Year.

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