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Thought for the Week: 2020 COVID-19

For centuries, it has been accepted... that governments do not have executive powers to suspend or dispense with the application of the law set out in statutes. In this case, however, it is a statute that is giving the minister, during a State of Disaster, the power to declare that the operation of the whole or any part of an Act or legislative instrument is suspended. <https://theconversation.com/explainer-what-is-a-state-of-disaster-and-what-powers-does-it-confer-143807>

IF THIS IS COMMUNISM, WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE? By Arnis Luks

In my research for this week, I find the role of government continues to encroach further into the lives of every individual. The NEWS cycle is highlighting the end of financial support for the lock(ed)down. The reality of the economic carnage by the lockdown is becoming more apparent by the day. Thousands of businesses are virtually insolvent and have little chance of ever reopening. The job keeper, job seeker payments simply delayed the implosion of Australia's economy. The housing market is in free-fall.

The community has been conditioned to accept the "new norm", with social distancing and media-depicted questionable police behaviour towards any offenders. The Federal government's budget indicates a debt greater than \$1 trillion and a huge government (taxpayer) spending to try to recover the economy. There is no point going faster if you are heading in the wrong direction of irredeemable debt. Where the money came from is now obvious - World Bank Offers COVID Loan in Exchange for Country Lockdown and Intentional Economic Recession; according to the President of Belarus.

<https://www.weblyf.com/2020/08/world-bank-offers-covid-loan-in-exchange-for-country-lockdown-and-intentional-economic-recession-according-to-the-president-of-belarus/>

In an article appearing four years ago in regard to Turkey, the false narrative of a political coup showed how quickly democracy can fall into dictatorship, here: <https://blog.alor.org/index.php/8-weeks-to-a-dictatorship-and-our-constitution-1>

With the proposed COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020 in Victoria, little if any resistance has come from the official opposition or the cross-benches in the Victorian Parliament. Platitudes in regard to random arrests and appointment of anyone to act as medical Stasi officers, are the only points of discussion. It appears the Omnibus Act will pass the upper house with little amendment.

Also Note: the dramatic intervention recommended by Premier Daniel Andrews (June 16th 2020), by the ALP National Executive to directly administer the Victorian ALP branches - local member voting has been suspended until 2023. The ALP's National Executive seized control of operations in Victoria, including the preselection of candidates. The Australian Labour Party, particularly in Victoria is operating as a dictatorship. Members are given no say whatsoever for at least 3 years. The strategy of Branch stacking is prevalent through nearly all political parties. The incidents in Victoria are not unprecedented, nor unique, but the unfolding events are a manifestation of the centralising of power. Premier Daniel Andrews is doing the bidding of higher powers, as is our PM.

3 APRIL VICTORIA'S GANG OF EIGHT <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-04/200403-Crisis-Council-Of-Cabinet-Set-Up-To-Combat-Coronavirus-1.pdf>

Seven Ministers, plus the Premier, have been sworn-in with new portfolios with responsibility for leading all COVID-19 response activities in their respective departments, while keeping their current portfolio responsibilities...The most senior levels of the Victorian Public Service will also be structured to align with these new coordinating responsibilities, with a focus on eight core missions that will help us respond appropriately and effectively to the coronavirus emergency...These arrangements are temporary, but they're absolutely necessary so we can save Victorian lives and support Victorian workers and businesses to the other side of this crisis...it also demands from government a new way of operating. In short: we need the Government and the public service to be as fast and agile as possible. And that's exactly what these new

arrangements provide.

The implementation of the recommendations by the World Health Organisation Pandemic Framework re-COVID-19 went through our governments like clockwork, including the establishment federally of the National Cabinet. The declared state of pandemic emergency being the justification of abandoning hundreds of years of process and tradition. We need to take a step back from all the incidentals and look at the overall outworking pattern.

POLICY OUTWORKING PATTERN

Local government council amalgamations (1994 Victorian Local Government Board - Jeff Kennett Liberal Government) were implemented across all the states by a variety of Conservative (Liberal/National) and Labor (Labor/Green) state governments. The new regional council structure changed the local representational environment completely, with the CEO and Mayor acting in unison as initiators and explainers of policy. Local Councillors and Aldermen found that open and honest representation of their electorate was severely curtailed under this new restructured legal arrangement, causing significant confusion within communities as councils no longer operated representatively as had historically been. They had become corporations, managing state government policy (regionally) - the front counter of a private and public partnership.

State governments also, particularly in Victoria, are now operating in a similar restructured fashion. The Premier in council, has twice shut down Parliament, only allowing Parliament to open long enough to extend the medical lock down and then immediately closing it again. Daniel Andrews' "gang of eight", is not being called to account by Parliament nor the electorate, nor is the full state government Ministry actively involved in the decision-making process. Unaccountable decisions are being made behind closed doors between public and private corporations.

Former Victorian Health Minister Jenny Mikakos blames Premier Daniel Andrews' subversion of the historical Cabinet processes and urges the quarantine inquiry to treat the Premier's evidence with caution.

The Victorian courts, since the original March 16th declaration of a State of Emergency, and continued with the declaration of a State of Disaster August 2nd, have significantly restricted access, so this path of resistance against tyranny has been severely curtailed. This game of political chess is for real and we are witnessing the final moves toward the monopoly state.

Federally, Scott Morrison responded to the 11th March World Health Organisation announcement of a pandemic, with the 13th March establishment of the National Cabinet. This setting aside of the Federal Ministry, Executive and Cabinet, fast tracked the decision-making process to implement policy consistently across all states

in response to COVID-19. At this stage no fatalities had occurred, the first two occurring on 15th March.

The implementation of the WHO Framework (2005 & 2011) was based on Federal 'external affairs' Agreements, in this case Australian Health Management Plan for Pandemic Influenza, first produced for April 2014, and further updated and confirmed August 2019, seven months before COVID-19 outbreak.

The building blocks towards the Monopoly State have been ongoing in Australia for at least 70 years. I recall significant changes to the school curricula around 1970, dropkick subjects coming out of nowhere, and openly-socialist teachers proclaiming their revolutionary message. Education has ceased and indoctrination had begun in the schools of Victoria - the education state.

1944 - 14 POWERS REFERENDA

Archived government documents highlight the 1944 referenda campaign for 14 additional powers sought by former High Court judge and then Attorney-General DR H. V. Evatt under a Federal Labor Government. The resistance against this centralisation of power by concerned Australians was the fertile ground from which the Australian League of Rights was formed in 1946.

Eric Butler and Frank Bawden being foundational members who both personally continued to develop and support the various campaigns and sub-divisions of the Australian League of Rights for a further 45+ years.

Whitaker Chambers bared witness to the Communist Alger Hiss, the American representative for the establishment of the United Nations as another tool for total world domination - world government. History is not episodic, but rather a demonstration of the pursuit of policy, in this case of centralised power.

Last Wednesday's Freedom Potential Podcast discussed the similar methods utilised in 1775 France.

1790 ***Arrondissements*** is the same policy as regional councils of 1994 Victoria. France was organized into provinces until March 4, 1790, when the establishment of the department system superseded provinces (states). The provinces of France were roughly equivalent to the historic counties of England. During the early years of the French Revolution, in an attempt to centralize the administration of the whole country, and to remove the influence of the French nobility over the country, the entirety of the province system was abolished and replaced by the system of departments in use today. Both instances replacing tried and tested methods of effective representation and organic community development being replaced by detached business administrators. In some post-Soviet states, there are cities that are divided into municipal *raioni* similarly to how some French cities are divided into municipal *arrondissements*.

It is appropriate in these critical times to recall the statement made by that famous English historian and philosopher, Lord Acton, in his:

Lectures on The French Revolution

"The appalling thing in the French Revolution is not the tumult but the design. Through all the fire and smoke we perceive the evidence of calculating organisation. The managers remain studiously concealed and masked; but there is no doubt about their intention from the first."

These same or similar methods demonstrate a consistent revolutionary policy towards central government, recognisable for at least 230 years. The manipulation of the various forms of currency being the principal tool of most effect for this long-term strategy. We were warned that *"the love of money, (the preference above all things), is the root of all kinds of evil"*.

The dictatorship of 1933 Germany was brought into being using the constitution to destroy the constitution. Each step of the centralising progression was deliberately placed into existence using legal instruments, similar to Victoria and now Australia. Politicians, MS media, natural leaders and bureaucrats working in concert and supporting the Money Power's policy objectives were/are instrumental to achieving the Monopoly State.

WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE?

When I refer to natural law, I am suggesting that through observation and intelligence, over time a more suitable way can be uncovered for any relationship - that which works best.

As if Bees Mattered, Rev. Lorenzo Lorraine Langstroth (December 25, 1810 – October 6, 1895) was an American apiarist, clergyman and teacher, and considered to be the father of American beekeeping. He uncovered the Bee "Space". He developed the Langstroth frame and hive. Once understood as the natural law of bees, modern Bee Husbandry became a viable enterprise, to harvest the honey and propolis without needing to destroy the hive.

As if People Mattered; Leon Krier, architectural theorist and reformer of modernism's own conceptual poverty, is responsible for Poundbury, Prince Charles' model village, an experimental urban extension on the outskirts of Dorchester in the county of Dorset, England.

The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath & Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

extracts from ED Butler's

STEPS TOWARDS THE MONOPOLY STATE

This booklet is a selection of featured articles which appeared in the Melbourne "Argus" between November, 1947, and June, 1949. The subject matter of these articles is of the greatest importance to all those Australians concerned with effectively defending the British and Christian way of life.

We cannot walk the same road that the Germans walked and reach a different destination. The Fabian International Bureau's conference in 1942 stated: *"There is not much difference between the basic economic techniques of Socialism and Nazism."*

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An individual who no longer has the right to make decisions soon loses his initiative. There can be no compromise. If the non-Socialist (political) parties are to prove themselves worthy champions of a philosophy of freedom, they must put aside the temptation to compete with the Socialists in offering social service bribes to the electors - bribes which the electors must more than pay for themselves.

SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE

The non-Socialist parties must forthrightly challenge the anti-Christian collectivist philosophy underlying the Social Service State idea. They must courageously proclaim that the function of Government **is not** to provide the individual with security from the cradle to the grave, but to further such political, economic, and financial policies that will permit the individual, in free association with his fellows, to provide himself with his own security.

THE RESTORATION OF STATE RIGHTS

Genuine local government is the basis of individual liberty. The smaller the political unit the greater the degree of self-government. The Federal Constitution was evolved for the specific purpose of protecting State Rights by limiting the powers of the Federal Government. But by devious methods all Federal Governments have steadily encroached on State Rights to such an extent that unless firm steps are taken to strip Canberra of much of its present power, the arrival of the Monopoly State is only a matter of time.

THE ATTACK ON THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

If Governments are not to be limited by any constitutional restrictions and by what our British forefathers termed National Law, then men will no longer hold their lives on lease from God but from the State. Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney-General of the British Socialist Government, epitomised the totalitarian conception of government when he said in 1947 that the power granted to the Government by the Constitution

"depended entirely on convenience and expediency."

Dr. Evatt, speaking at Canberra on October 1, 1948, put the matter even more bluntly:

"I desire to make it perfectly clear that the amendment (to the Constitution) I propose will give the decision to Parliament itself, and no person will be able to challenge the validity of Parliament's decision."

NATIONAL CHARACTER

The essential soul of a nation is in its character, its culture and tradition. It should be more widely understood that the King is the natural embodiment of honours and sanctions of culture and tradition, and as such, is naturally the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces in all British countries. Thus the vital necessity of the Oath of Loyalty to the Crown. Those who would play an effective role in defending the British way of life must reach back into the past and strengthen themselves with a close understanding of the great heritage their

forefathers built up. What is termed Western Civilisation was rooted in Christianity.

The growth of Christianity in England was synonymous with the growth of the nation. The political structure was directly influenced by the Christian idea of **individual freedom, personal responsibility, and the subordination of institutions to the requirements of individuals**. Because of this fact, and of course, racial characteristics, climate and geography, the Anglo-Saxon developed a feeling for independent and voluntary co-operation. One of his main characteristics has been resourcefulness without trickery. This characteristic can be seen to the best advantage in the love of games - the idea of a "sportsman." Probably no other people in the world could have evolved the game of cricket, with its predominating conception of character. British institutions were evolved for the purpose of ensuring that fundamental individual rights were adequately protected.

DECENTRALISATION

Stemming from the climate of opinion created by the medieval Christian Church, English Common Law ensured the protection of the individual against the arbitrary acts of governments. But the protection of Common Law is today being destroyed by the fostering of the idea of omnipotent governments, not bound by any constitutional limits.

In his long struggle for individual freedom and independence, the Anglo-Saxon discovered that local, decentralised government was essential for the individual to control his own affairs. The British Empire was successfully established upon the principle of decentralisation. In spite of the success of the British idea, that the way to achieve genuine co-operation among the peoples of the world is to further the conception of genuine decentralisation, with all peoples preserving and developing their own customs and traditions, the prophets of the "New Order" everywhere advocate more and more centralisation.

ARBITRARY OR TOTALITARIAN LAW

The difference between the Rule of Law and Arbitrary Law can be simply explained by a brief reference to road laws. It is right and necessary that a Government representing the electors of any area should lay down the road laws to be observed in that area.

Although the Socialists are for ever advancing the superficial argument that all laws are a restriction of the individual's freedom and that a modern community automatically necessitates more laws, a little thought should convince all reasonable people that road laws, for example, do not restrict the individual's freedom of movement. These laws actually make for greater freedom of movement and security. Within the framework of these laws the individual is free to travel when and where he likes. He knows in advance that he will be penalised if he breaks the laws. All individuals travelling on roads, including those in the pay of

Governments, are equal before the law. The Rule of Law operates successfully. **But if Governments took it upon themselves to say who should travel on the roads, directed people to travel where and when they thought fit, and passed a stream of regulations to make their policies prevail, the Rule of Law would be destroyed by Arbitrary Law.**

The individual always rightly regards Arbitrary Law as a restriction on his freedom, and therefore not worthy of his respect. When the Rule of Law operates successfully in all spheres of human activities - political, economical, financial etc. - little compulsion and policing is necessary because individuals realise that this type of over-riding law makes for greater individual liberty and independence. The increasing imposition of Arbitrary Law necessitates increasing compulsion and policing to try to compel individuals to do what they don't want to do. **The time has arrived when electors must protect themselves against the threat of complete despotism by insisting that governments, along with individuals, must be subject to the principle of the Rule of Law.**

COMMON LAW

An increasing number of students of history and organisation are beginning to assert that the salvation of the British way of life is only possible by the retracing of our steps, in the face of bitter opposition from those who assert that all change means progress, to that fork in the road of history where the wrong turning was taken.

It is now obvious that we are on the wrong road, the road which can only lead to the creation of the Monstrous State and the destruction of all individual rights. There is one major aspect of the subject of constitutionalism which must be courageously faced if there is to be a restoration of the supremacy of the common law and the consequent pruning down of Government powers which this will require, and that is the fact that the common law is in its origin a Christian system of law. The common law was evolved to protect what our forefathers termed the individual's "natural" rights. These rights were accepted as axiomatic by those who unreservedly accepted the Christian philosophy. ***

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