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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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**Thought for the Week:** "Words are only themselves by being more than themselves. Perhaps the same thing is true of human beings" - Owen Barfield - *The Rediscovery of Meaning and Other Essays* (p193)

# THE COMMON, THE EXCEPTION, THE UNIQUE - It's All About the Ratio By Arnis Luks

The core problem of modern times is one of alienation: i.e. the deep sense of meaninglessness, purposelessness, and isolation from people and things. Owen Barfield's writings concerned the divine destiny of each individual person and of all people collectively. His principle thesis is that humans began as conscious-but-not-free; and we evolved — evolved in the sense of changing by unfolding according to a (divine) developmental plan — to become free but not conscious (which is where we are now — unaware of meaning, purpose, relation) — and we ought to be aiming at the condition where we are both self-aware and fully-conscious. Engaged with (and participating in) reality as free agents to become both — simultaneously. — (paraphrased from the Barfield website)

# **Literary Arts**

In my research for this week I have been drawn to the 'Inklings', an informal literary discussion group from the University of Oxford 1930s - 1949, comprising C.S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien and Owen Barfield. Anything but common, each writer contributed in no insignificant manner to the development of our literary culture. That their works are not immersed within our educational systems as standard curricula is a deliberate withholding of our proper cultural inheritance and my condemnation directed towards our educators.

In the "The Abolition of Man", which I needed to read twice just to begin to comprehend it's real worth, C.S. Lewis presents the argument that education of the common to achieve the common is a dereliction of teaching duty. The purpose of education is to 'lead, or draw out'. At the very least, education of the common is to strive for, or achieve the exception and if possible aspire to the unique. Yes, you need carpenters and plumbers and electricians and nurses, but surely they can become specialists in their chosen field, and need not be restricted to only their chosen field. I was fortunate to reorientate my vocation many times over my 50 year employment career taking on entirely different vocations at each orientation. By accepting this Social Credit scholarship, (another orientation), I have to stretch my thinking, become more than myself, on an almost daily basis.

What I think today is only ever a springboard towards the realm of what I could think tomorrow, not static, but dynamic and evolving. I would hope that you would see this development in my writing (style, structure, content and readability). I thank God that those unique individuals I have been privileged to learn from, having paved the way for me to draw closer to where they went. So it should be with all education, to "lead out". In this pursuit of knowledge and the natural world I find meaning and purpose in and for my life. This same or similar opportunity should be available for all. It is the justification for coming together in the first place - to increase the social (societal) credit - the opportunity for personal development. An opportunity to learn from 'people of thought'.

Owen Barfield: under the title "The Evolution of Consciousness" draws the reader into the study of the origin and meaning of words - etymology. Recognising the 'only just realised' thought that came into being with the use of that 'new' word. This showed again the distinction between the common, the exception and the unique. I have earmarked several of his and CS Lewis's other works for my holiday reading list. Such a tyranny of time to cover all the reading and research possibilities ahead. My mother will celebrate her 87th birthday this month and suffers the same dilemma, the tyranny of time with so much of life yet to be lived.

J. R. R. Tolkein, writing his trilogy "Lord of the Rings", in the tale brings the Hobbits and their companions through many adversities to achieve the exceptional, perhaps even the unique.

Those Inklings achieved the unique, by drawing us away from the common towards the exceptional, and on to the unique. It is this development of the individual, being more than themselves, that takes society forward. This builds community and culture. All forms of instruction are lacking if this is not its purpose.

Many a backyard 'tinkerer' developed something quite outstanding that went on to change the way we do things. These are areas that <u>could</u> be nurtured by any function - the garden exists for the flower, the tree exists for the fruit, the government and the church exists for the development of the individual or the individual family. **Industrial Arts** 

Steam as an energy source increased a hundredfold between 1800 and 1900. From first harnessing a basic vacuum-water-pump for mines, onto stationary reciprocating engines, to moving railway and marine engines, to turbines for electrical power generation, onto harnessing nuclear energy for electrical power generation as only one aspect of the rapid development of the many branches of industrial arts during the ongoing industrial revolutions (at least 3, steam, electrical, automation-advanced control) from 1750 till today.

https://www.britannica.com/technology/

history-of-technology/The-Industrial-Revolution-1750-1900

This internet reference takes you through a variety of disciplines, not only for steam (heat) energy, but other industrial arts including metal manufacturing, construction, engineering, chemical technology including all forms of energy and ancillary processes, machinery design etc..., the list of industrial arts goes on and on.

From 1900 - 2020 we see further advances of the industrial arts with the introduction of electrical energy, towards modern, advanced control and robotics, whereby man as an energy input is becoming almost redundant.

Man's contribution has moved from being a primary energy and production source, to harnessing other forms of power - from animal, wind and water, then on to heat, to controlling the processes that control the machines that produce almost everything we can conceive and desire.

I submit that the energy available today is now 100 fold of that previous 100 fold - 10,000 fold what it was in 1800. I don't think this guess-timate would be that far off. Logically, the living standard of the average person should have risen progressively from such an increase in real productive power. But the period 1750 through 2020 has been in fact a period of recurring war, revolution and widespread poverty. It has been a time of competing forces in an attempt to gain and hold ascendency for power over the whole world. Bearing the advancement of the industrial arts, the methods of issuing finance has remained relatively unchanged in this dramatic cultural developmental period. China has become the engine room for the whole world. 50% of USA's economy is centred around armaments. Australia is essentially an open pit available for exploitation as collateral for debt.

# The Counter-Current Flow of Debt Finance - in Pursuit of World Government

I find a consistent policy no matter where you are in the world of irredeemable debt, in spite of 270 years of massive expansion and development of the industrial arts. World debt is set to hit \$277 trillion by year-end – a record 365% of world gross domestic product.

World population is 7.8 Billion. \$35,512.82 debt per person in the world \$9,729 GDP per person in the world

Who are <u>they</u> who are owed 4 years of manufacturing toil from every individual on the entire planet? Is the ratio of accumulated wealth disproportionate?

https://www.iif.com/Research/Capital-Flows-and-Debt/ Global-Debt-Monitor https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/

#### The Ratio

CH Douglas in 1918 wrote "Economic Democracy" and two years later "Social Credit". These two works presented the case that industry has become a social function. With modern technology and the industrial arts, physical work has become a distant memory in real terms. Yet a method of distribution to compensate for all these industrial and cultural advancements has been deliberately withheld from the public consciousness. "Work or You Shall Not Eat" is a denial of reality, of the natural world for the sake of a relative few who centrally control the issuing of finance. The phenomena of debt does not occur in the natural world. It is a construct developed by devious minds to pursue other purposes.

When a new loan is issued, the funds are never balanced so the debt can <u>never</u> be fully redeemed. If the ratio were balanced, the original debt plus interest would be issued so it could be paid back <u>in full</u>. But it cannot due to this sleight of hand by the financial (now monopoly) power. This rudimentary function is inflationary by causing the subsequent loan to be larger to offset the interest component - to increase debt further.

So it is with industry. If wages and dividends are the only source of income, then there never will be sufficient purchasing power in the community to liquidate prices (costs). The industrial arts including automation, advanced control and robotics have moved the goal posts of financial equilibrium further and further away from price liquidation. The ratio is skewed - wages and dividends are insufficient to recover prices to liquidate manufacturing costs. The <u>issuers</u> of finance (merchants of debt) gain the advantage to the detriment of everyone else.

Douglas proposed a balancing of both these ratios, that would liquidate prices by the issuance of a calculated National Dividend from newly created funds (computer blips) - the missing component to balance the anomaly.

And should there be any inflationary pressure, the point of sale prices would be 'compensated' to ensure the value of the denomination against the item purchased

would be held in a state of constancy. A loaf of bread today would be the same price in 100 years provided the manufacturing and the growing of grain crops did not further optimise to cause an actual reduction in real prices.

Since these 'Douglas works' were written, 100 years of further technological development and advancement has occurred. The 'lever and fulcrum' of technology that has removed the burden of physical work from the back of mankind has become longer and longer.

Observing centres of global mass production, there is such a glaring need to finally come to the same conclusions Douglas presented 100 years ago; that a different method of distribution is required, so that individuals in community are capable of purchasing what is being produced by that very same community. That we no longer need to go to China to source manufactured products, but rather do it ourselves here, locally, provided we have the raw materials and the political will. Society exists for the benefit of the individual. The true and only purpose of production is consumption. It's Still The Ratio

My life experiences indicate that one in 10 will wilfully move from the common to the outstanding. Of those who may be observed as outstanding, again one in 10 will wilfully move from the outstanding to the exceptional. I don't think these numbers are fallacious.

It has taken an entire month of small and discrete internet News services trumpeting out the fraud of the US presidential election for this news item to finally surface in the main News services. The mainstream media has deliberately censored this important News item until such inordinate pressure caused them to reluctantly bring this issue in to general public consciousness and discussion.

Those small and discrete Internet news services are forcing that behemoth of misinformation, the MSM, to report some of the facts on the ground. It did not take 50% of the population to achieve this result. It took 1%, or it could have been 1% of 1%? The small and discrete Internet news services is much closer to a "mum and dad operation" than you realise - operating on a shoestring.

Now it is up to <u>another</u> 1% of the 1% to pursue through the courts the treachery of the fraudulent US election.

## The Plan for World Power

In a futuristic utopian article written by Ida Auken MP of Denmark, she writes on the World Economic Forum website the case that by 2030 we shall own nothing, be monitored by everything, and be happy.

https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/11/

# how-life-could-change-2030/

Also the European Union has been trialling a universal basic income (UBI) as part of numerous experiments for the 'issuers of finance' to control all of humanity.

https://www.dw.com/en/

universal-basic-income-an-option-for-europe/a-55711679

I am experiencing a social credit environment first hand. The scholarship I am currently under gives my family sufficient without the demand to seek employment in an increasingly unemployable environment, for us to re-purpose our lives for the betterment of others. We did not need the World Economic Forum - police state - to direct us to pursue things of a cultural nature for the betterment of others. This desire was inherent - of the essence from the individual human being.

The denial to the individual to pursue the exceptional is a denial of our very human existence. Consider the thought that one person (or a small group) is to rule over all. That one person's limited point of view would dominate the whole world into a totalitarian insanity.

#### A Ratio in Parliament

We are not a mass of cells in motion, but rather unique individuals. Each capable of some form of outstanding or exceptional personal expression not even yet realised.

In our houses of parliament we move from the common to the exception to the unique. Would you accept the same personal behaviour from a 'commons' politician, as to an upper house politician, to a monarch?

The ratio of behavioural norms changes with position and responsibility. With great power comes greater responsibility. The monarch's behaviour would not be tolerated in an area considered discretionary for someone else. Even a CEO may be permitted to travel through circles that are 'off limits' for a monarch.

In the upper houses of parliaments, across states and federally, the 'callings' are different from the 'commons'. The 'commons' MP would be expected to pursue matters that affected the local area with local interests. The upper house members would be expected to consider matters more deeply; the ramifications to the state 'in toto'. The differing houses of politicians are expected to look at things differently. The party system perverts this differing point of view for their control and their unity of purpose.

In Britain the (upper) House of Lords is attended by both Lords temporal and Lords spiritual. Australia has attempted to emulate the best parts of that political structure, but we don't actually consider within our psyche the natural tendency of some individuals to step outside the 'box of norms' and become exceptional within our parliaments. In the party system a senate ticket position of 1, 2, or 3 is almost an assured outcome and dearly sought after by power-seeking-politicians.

The idea of the upper house instead being filled with exceptional people to consider the state and the nation, changes, or should change perspective from one of possible opportunism to another of 'the state as a whole' or the 'direction' that the nation may be heading. I will use my literary licence to describe these conflicting points of view as coming from the 'left only' and the 'right only' hemispheres of the brain. Only one political house considers the outworking of policy 'in the real (embodied) world'. The other is abstract and focused on numbers - opportunity. William Blake depicted this left hemisphere point of view as the character 'Urizen' (you

reason), always depicted by Blake as holding a set of dividers to measure values - typically left hemisphere.

Our constitution gives the states equal representation in the Senate. Tasmania with 515,000 people has equal representation to New South Wales with 7.544 million because their state 'point of view' must be considered on equal standing, but not equal (by actual voter numbers) of representation. Tasmania upper house voters have a ratio advantage of 14.65 compared with those of NSW. One man one vote is in this instance is a fallacy. What is most suitable for Tasmania may not be for NSW.

The political parties have manipulated the voting mechanism to such a degree that with only 40% of the vote they can achieve government, which in itself is absurd. 4/10 get what they want and 6/10 don't. My numbers, but you see my point. The Hare-Clark voting method would achieve a more satisfactory ratio of representation for a 'region of 5' members being 5/6<sup>ths</sup>. Of the voting public, 5/6<sup>ths</sup> would find representation provided the voting was optional preferential to avoid voting for a party you did not wish in any way to support. **Responsible Vote** 

With the voting fraud carried out by state actors against the USA presidential election, it is appropriate to consider alternatives to minimise voting fraud firstly, amongst other benefits. An open and publicly displayed 'vote' would serve many purposes. The least of these would allow scrutiny not only of <a href="who">who</a> legitimately voted, but for <a href="who">what</a> they did vote. If you know of a person who has passed away and they are still on the roll, the dispute takes a clear path rather smartly. If there is an endorsement for a new tax, the people who voted for it can cover the lions share, to minimise the pain for those who did not support the new tax initiative.

I noted the NSW (conservative???) government is introducing a land tax in exchange for not paying stamp duty on the purchase of a property. If there is no income, which the COVID lockdown has gone a long way to create, then tax cannot be paid from out of thin air which is the purpose of this new tax policy. The very justification and existence of government is to protect the home and family, not impose a tax on the home that will eventually cause more families onto the streets. The home should be free of all taxes to secure the family where they are. Communism from a supposedly anticommunist government will rob you of your property.

I asked a lobby group to consider this very issue, of the nexus between capitalism and communism. The lobby group's necessary-energy to clarify this fundamental 'issue of this age' was sadly lacking. What use are they? You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out, and to be trodden on by men.

## **Trinitarian Reality**

To be the salt you need to step out of your comfort

zone into the calling that God alone will provide for you. *Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven* - surely this is the commission for each and every one of us who calls themselves Christian. How you do this and what you are involved in is up to you, but there is definitely a 'what' for each and every 'one' of us. All lives can have meaning and pursue the good - God.

Dorothy Sayers, a wonderful theologian, wrote that the Father is the 'idea', the Spirit is the 'purpose', and the Son is the 'doing' (on earth as it is in heaven). If the something (idea) fails to achieve it's purpose, it's because the necessary energy, or vitality put towards it is lacking (on earth as it is in heaven) - being the salt of the earth. The state of the world is the only hope for the world

G.K. Chesterton makes the valid point that as things progressively deteriorate, so a response becomes more compelling from those outstanding and exceptional individuals. The Russians have experienced 100 years of slavery under Marxism, and yet are beginning to regain true meaning from their deeply realised faith, even though against the grain, the structured church is a fully controlled entity under the communist system.

You are unique and have a calling on your life that is also unique. The 'exception to the rule' against tyranny and totalitarianism is the task for this age to be overcome. The ratio is the issue, of individuals that choose to stand against both communism and capitalism - both forms of collectivism that deny the unique personality of the individual. Christianity provides the answer to give meaning to every life - *The Kingdom of God is within*.

Humbly relying on the blessings of almighty God, we can overcome the juggernaut coming at us. In faith and in reality - on earth as it is in heaven - that mountain before us will be picked up and cast into the sea.

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