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Thought For The Week: *Pilpul*, as described, is not about understanding of the law and its meaning but about the deliberate miss-interpretation of the law so it fits with one's core interests. <https://gilad.online/writings/2020/5/18/pilpul-for-beginners>

THE BENEFITS OF HINDSIGHT By Arnis Luks

This coming week it is expected that Donald Trump will announce his candidacy for the USA 2024 presidential elections. No doubt there will be joyous acclaim in the hope that everything will be sorted once MAGA is voted in. This is a false hope. In Australia the opposition leader Peter Dutton is coming under fire while sitting on his hands carefully scrutinising the latest opinion polls. This man appears to be, similar to the Victorian opposition leader, devoid of any original thought or policy. He will follow the polling trends even if it is across the cliff into despotism. Marionettes (an insufficient descriptor) are those who hold no philosophy other than power-at-all-costs, with no fidelity to our national interests nor the people of Australia.

Former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan was recently shot twice in the legs in an assassination attempt. One person was killed and 13 others injured in this hail of gunfire. Placing hope in an individual can be lost in (figuratively and realistically) a heartbeat. To his credit, Imran Khan at least held the policy of deconstructing the world tyranny of international and transnational treaties and agreements, that impoverished the nation of Pakistan. Obviously, his policy of fidelity of protecting the interests of the people of Pakistan, was unacceptable to worldly powers, who leveraged across the elite of Pakistan to see Imran Khan removed from the prime ministership. Such is the power of the hidden hand above national governments.

Consider Donald Trump the man. He is only one man against a juggernaut of secret societies and networks across the entire American and transnational Deep State. Nothing of significance will change under his presidency.

Realistically, there is only one hope for the peoples of this world, and that is sorting it out themselves using all the creative initiatives and means they can muster. The media is captured, industry is captured, the organised church is captured, politics is captured, all by a centralising money power. Money is the lifeblood of every economy of every nation. With credit creation being centralised into private hands, anyone in a position of responsibility only holds tenure by their grovelling compliance to central bank policy.

Planning

In my final years of employment, firstly the oil industry, and then the gas industry, I moved into the planning department. I held different titles but essentially that was the final task for both - planning. I had made it my business to understand the day-to-day operation of each plant and especially how to shut them down safely, prepare for maintenance, pre-commissioning, commissioning and starting back up again. The day-to-day running of the plant was generally steady with occasional hiccups caused by power outages and equipment failures. Planning is a specialist task based on years of accumulated hands-on experience by many individuals, and also multiple refineries; an accumulation of collective knowledge readily shared, even across many competing companies. This approach to critical industries like oil and gas (and especially the aircraft industry) is fundamental if the end objective is to minimise incidents and bring the equipment down, back up and online in a safe manner.

The accumulation of this knowledge through procedures, work practices and engineering methodologies builds on the cultural heritage of past refineries already de-commissioned. We stand on their collective shoulders. Similarly, legislative requirements, engineering specification tables, lessons learned through acceptable work-practices, accumulated knowledge, all build upon past generations and the vast inheritance they have left us. If I was to build and operate a refinery from scratch with no prior experience and not having consulted with people who would know from the various skill sets, I doubt the structure would hold for very long at all.

The Principle

Yesterday and again today, I had a few problems with our washing machine. I took into account some of the symptoms and then started to consult information readily available on the Internet. Slowly but surely, I built a picture in my mind of the probable outstanding issues. From this I set about my strategy (planning) to ensure I had the necessary parts, tools and procedures in place to execute the task of repair. As I was working this exercise through, several vagaries surfaced, of which I needed to re-consult the source material. The long story short, I repaired the machine, I ordered some replacement parts which showed signs of wear and tear, and I was able to complete a load of washing to prove the repair was effective.

This particular type of washing machine aligns itself with my methods of thinking so I was able to readily service the machine by being that average home handy man. I hold a basic understanding of electrical power, mechanical power and fluid hydraulics. In simple fashion each one of these disciplines is required to repair the washing machine. What is important with this word illustration is that on the second day while I was doing the washing, a water leak occurred from the machine which covered a good part of the laundry floor before I shut the machine down. The cause was minor, and the effect was managed locally. Had my approach been of a magnitude equal to the Murray Darling Basin Authority and a leak or incident occurred, there could have been a major flooding or catastrophic event that could possibly cause untold hardship to many more people. Hindsight is a wonderful thing.

Recently a mathematician gathered 38 computer-generated climate models and put them through their paces, but rather than going forwards and projecting the temperature gradient that each prophesized, the mathematician ran the same algorithms backwards to see how accurate they were with the actual weather that had already occurred. Every one of the 38 climate models failed to achieve any semblance of accuracy.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing.

Geoffrey Dobbs wrote an excellent booklet titled *On Planning The Earth*". While concentrating on the Tennessee Valley Authority TVA as the institutional mechanism that harnessed the vast water resources across seven USA states, Geoffrey shows that this level of central planning on such a vast scale cannot help but lead to greater and greater disasters. Giving an individual or team the authority to manage the resources of 7 states in USA is as grave a debacle as the Murray Darling Basin Authority MDBA is in Australia. The water and power generation resources in Australia are deliberately shorted to keep the prices as high as the farmers and consumers can just afford to the advantage of the hedge-fund speculators who skim all the cream off the top – all to the advantage of (Malcolm's mates at) the bank.

Planning is the methodology utilised to manage projects or tasks based on years of accumulated experiences from many, many people. Project Managers, as a relatively new discipline available through universities, utilises this approach. In my past life I have worked with a few project managers and appreciate the working environment, methods of approach and the significant databases utilised to manage large tasks. I carry similar software necessary to produce a full-length feature movie, identifying down to the smallest tasks and their requirements for materials, resources, labour and costs, consolidating all this information together to achieve project completion. Provided the tasks can be broken down into small enough units, it can be planned. Like any craftsman's trade, it is an accumulation of skills, wisdom and knowledge from the past.

The larger the scale of the project, the greater probability significant criteria will not be accounted for or overlooked. While the TVA went on to harness vast water and power generation resources, the physical carnage from an environmental perspective of the Tennessee Valley is seldom taken into account. Geoffrey Dobbs takes a post project perspective to look back at what was not taken into account and the actual damage incurred culminating in the massive carnage of the WW II and destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

On this earth, in this life, size does matter. The development of the Snowy Mountains Hydroelectric Scheme SMHS as our own example, evolved across many years. The original design and concept was not how the project ended up. More recently, Snowy II as a power generation project, utilised the potential hydroelectric energy for peak load periods to smooth out the demand surges. It, as a project, did little to bring about an increase in water distribution capacity, nor additional power generation into the mix. As a project, it was tailored to suit financial exploitation rather than provide security of water and power in concert for the long-suffering public. The price, availability and reliability-of-supply of water and electricity has not been improved nor optimised. The market was shorted for incremental exploitation, which is exactly what you would expect coming from a merchant banker.

As an engineering phenomenon, the SMHS to my mind was a thing of beauty. However, I did not take into account the ecological and environmental consequences of harnessing these significant watercourses. A potential '*Bradfield Scheme*' or redirecting the upper headwaters of the Clarence River inland to complement the distribution network of the MDBA would have achieved incremental power generation and increased water reticulation to keep the prices of both down. Policy objective is a vital consideration when we look retrospectively at these mega-projects.

Planning Covid

As the most current example of mega-central-planning,

Covid was a demonstrable failure. The World Health Organisation had (immediately prior) redefined the word pandemic based on a test-result-statistic of the entire population rather than actual and recorded symptomatic cases. This new definition and approach had never previously been applied, so, to ascertain a starting figure was entirely speculative. It was rewriting the scientific medical approach from a backdrop of no historical data from which to start. Prior to this redefinition, historical statistics were based on observable medical criteria - symptoms, severity, hospitalisations, case numbers, fatalities and so on.

The PCR test developed by Nobel laureate Kary B. Mullis was not designed to identify the severity of any virus, let alone specifically recognise Covid 19. A positive result from the test was another incomplete unknown of no scientific value. The number of PCR-cycles over a certain threshold was also critical to achieving a false-positive-result. By a government issued edict of setting the number-of-cycles during testing, a statistic could be produced out of thin air to substantiate anything.

Australia was locked down based on a fabricated ruse enforced under a Liberal federal government and a mixed bag of State Liberal and Labor governments, but also under the guidance of medical officers who held no formal qualifications nor historical experience or data for managing such a mammoth task. They should never have been placed into such a ridiculous position for which they were never capable nor qualified to manage.

Each person showing symptoms should have been managed by their local GP as an individual with a unique set of circumstances, pre-dispositions, and functional immune system responses. One size did not fit all. The central planning policy was an entirely wrong approach for a minor health problem.

Economic Carnage

The planned Covid shutdown of each nation's economy produced significant collateral damage. Many businesses incurred massive losses and bankruptcies, families broke down or apart, suicides and depression increased causing unimaginable pain.

Aged care, the vulnerable, the isolated were left to fend for themselves. At times family and friends were refused access. This brutalising policy caused again immeasurable harm to this group of vulnerable people.

Young were compelled to wear face masks with no demonstrable justification as to any protective benefits. Facial expressions are integral to communication between humans. Masking the face limits correspondence of the many subtleties not spoken. Another age group had immeasurable cognitive harm caused to them.

A trip to the local shopping centre illustrates a sea of closed businesses. City-centre restaurants are another telling example of economic carnage. Another group has had immeasurable harm inflicted upon it.

The question of vaccine efficacy is a subject that only a Royal Commission could, if it was willing, decipher as to the magnitude of physical harm done across years of data vs the indemnity previously given to the perpetrators.

Due to company-covid-policies my eldest son has recently undertaken an adult apprenticeship. Having come from a managerial position he appreciates both perspectives of the worker and the manager. In a candid conversation, we were discussing the business owners' approach of micromanaging, which can introduce other phenomena not considered by either.

My son is at the cusp of being left alone to manage himself. With the phenomena of micromanaging by the owner, the transition across to self-management is constantly being baulked, he, being hesitant to take the next step as he is repeatedly being baulked by the owner. With the comment that 'he wishes to be free so as to get on with his work', I corrected him and suggested 'responsibility' was a more appropriate descriptor. He said freedom is the same as being responsible.

They, freedom and responsibility, are of the same nature in a moral environment: free enough to be responsible. The question of personal responsibility is the elephant in the room of Covid and all other government authority.

There is a size beyond which planning is absurd. Illness such as Covid needs to be managed at the local and individual level. Those medical experts who planned for the whole world have demonstrated (in retrospect) gross incompetence causing unimaginable harm to many. The politicians and laws instrumental in allowing this to occur have also (in retrospect) failed to protect their constituents from serious harm by these policies. They all deserve to be held to account for this carnage.

Let's Declare a Pandemic Amnesty: Let's focus on the future, and fix the problems we still need to solve

By Emily Oster. October 31, 2022

It's a telling article by Emily Oster, who wishes to redirect public anger against Covid policy towards some future focus. The unmitigated disaster that Covid policy was, is due to the fact that looking back towards historical lessons was never part of this world planning exercise. It was always about compliance, economic devastation and implanting a single solution towards a multifaceted complex issue that required unique and individual considerations. Let's not look at the devastation, but rather look to the future she iterates. Covid was a demonstration of world centralised planning, a complete and utter failure. The TVA project provided weapons and machinery, on a massive scale, to execute the world war with the culmination of two cities devastated by atomic weapons. No person, nation or power should ever be given this much authority to inflict this much damage. Any model at this level does not work. It is not fit for any other purpose than aggression and power. Chaos ensues.

MAGA – Another Disaster Waiting To Happen

The purpose of the phenomena of Donald Trump is to assist in the polarising of USA society into two opposing camps. Providing the camps are kept at each other's throat, no meaningful dialogue nor resolution to world tyranny can materialise. The warring camps are of such magnitude that the upper echelons of the political parties which control them never meaningfully discuss the needs of the individuals in society.

The purpose or justification of government is to provide an optimum environment for all to live their own life to their fullest. A little closer to home, the opposition leader Peter Dutton has come in for a blistering assessment by Sen Pauline Hanson. I think Sen Hanson is on the money. He holds little or no fidelity to the Australian people or nation, only holding onto political power. Just as the Labor Party had nothing to say against Scott Morrison's prime ministership due to Morrison implementing collectivist policy, so Peter Dutton has nothing to say against Albanese's government implementing libertarian (neoliberal) collectivist policy. The public having no say in policy at the federal nor the state level.

Power generation, water supply, interest rates, and inflationary pressures exerted by ever increasing energy prices, won't get a realistic airing from any Federal or State government, nor opposition. All governments are playing into the hands of the trans-national corporations which are controlled by central banks. Through trade agreements and other external-affairs-instruments, and a massive lobbying contingency, policy has been stitched up. Without our own version of Imran Khan we hold little chance of regaining control of policy.

Peter Dutton, nor Matthew Guy, are no Imran Khan.

Victorian Election

Victoria is holding a state election in a little over a fortnight. Some ferment coming out of the alternative media is to focus on getting rid of Dan. While Dan is a representative of only one electorate there are in total 88 electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly. What about each of those other 87 representatives - how did they fare as a representative?

Controlling the allocated political-points-of-view into only two or three major-expressions has been the principal tactic of those who control political power. These two or three expressions are a consequence of centralised planning. Dialectics, utilising the *pillpul* method of debate, can achieve predetermined outcomes over the bamboozled public. So, Dan or not-Dan, (with a Teal aside) becomes the allocated dialectical narrative for this election. But what of the upper house, the Legislative Council with eight designated voting regions, each region allocated five representative positions? I was able to download all regional, district and local council maps here: <https://www.vec.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/download-boundary-maps>

'What are the most pressing issues that are in the forefront of the public mind of each electorate'?

Energy price inflation (which affects all necessary

commodities), interest rates (which also affect all necessary commodities), job security (which equates to the ability to purchase all those necessary commodities), freedom of choice, freedom of movement and freedom of speech. Three are specifically related to economic security, and the next are regarding personal security and sovereignty. On a scorecard of 1 to 10 the Victorian Labor government hardly achieves any score at all. What of the Legislative Council - the Upper House representatives voted in by Regions? The major parties all yielded to the Executive's will. Representatives did not give a voice to the long-suffering regional electorates either. There were 10 micro-party representatives across the available 40 seats of the upper house. Did they hold the Executive to account across the life of the Parliament? Can I hear a rousing yes, or just a minor-rumblings no?

I received a phone call this week which mentioned a public meeting attended by two career politicians. Their names or party are unimportant but what they did is quite significant. They came to market the Party-Membership as the only effective means whereby that community could achieve a political voice. The agenda is already set, but if you come to our gang you will then have a voice. What humbug.

Belonging to a political party inverts this responsibility to represent, but, does endorse a controlled dialectical narrative in defiance of the electorate's will. Even those who hold membership in a political party still fail to achieve representation. The policy is centrally controlled and not representative of any level except the upper echelons. It is never meant to achieve representation of the electorate, nor the members, only vested interests. Having recently read the Constitution of a newly formed political party I quickly recognised the power base was vested in only the handful who control the upper echelons of that political party. Membership entitlement holds very little sway of opinion, unless there is a mutiny.

My only suggestion is to ensure that no major political party receives any preferences whatsoever. They are each as bad as the other. What was that saying - 'a pox on both the houses'.

The real work of rebuilding begins after the election.***

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