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Thought For The Week: You have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you not to resist evil: but if one strike thee on thy right cheek, turn to him also the other: And if a man will contend with thee in judgment, and take away thy coat, let go thy cloak also unto him. And whosoever will force thee one mile, go with him other two, Give to him that asketh of thee and from him that would borrow of thee turn not away.

You have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thy enemy. But I say to you, Love your enemies: do good to them that hate you: and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you: That you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven, who maketh his sun to rise upon the good, and bad, and raineth upon the just and the unjust. For if you love them that love you, what reward shall you have? do not even the publicans this? And if you salute your brethren only, what do you more? do not also the heathens this? Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect. **Matt 5:38-48**

MIMETIC RIVALRIES part 2 By Arnis Luks

Nearly three years ago Covid restrictions were placed across almost the entire world, however Sweden did not lock down as others did. Perhaps they were the control group.

<https://www.aier.org/article/sweden-despite-variants-no-lockdowns-no-daily-covid-deaths/>

The Lockstep/Lockdown's purpose or policy was to accustom people to world dictatorial control. Our National Webinar of September that year, called for *One Voice against Evil, One Voice for Freedom*. This question of freedom did not carry sufficient emphasis necessary of 'Freedom with Responsibility in a Moral Environment'. In René Girard's book *Battling to The End*, the second half of the book especially concentrates on an analysis of another book *On War* by 19th Century strategist Carl von Clausewitz, and a host of other thinkers and writers that corroborate Girard's thesis. Interestingly, all communists are trained from 'Sun Tzu's *Art of War*' while Nazi Officers were also trained, but for them it was Clausewitz's *On War*.

Girard and Benoît Chantre entered into an analysis of 'Clausewitz's work' to confirm Girard's thesis of 'Mimetic Rivalry, Reciprocity and Sacrifice' called 'Mimetic Theory'. Ancient myth believed that sacrifice - generally of a perceived 'guilty party' - will take away the disturbance amongst themselves. Those disturbances could be natural disasters or man inflicted war, famine or such like. The guilt of the disturbance was transposed onto the victim in the hope of settling the gods. This rivalry, reciprocity and sacrifice combination can escalate to the point of annihilation of the 'other'. The Old Testament has many examples of this 'eye for an eye' retribution and sacrifice, sometimes of whole people - a genocide.

The Christ alone stood innocent in place of all sacrifices and that the killing of an innocent, while it historically settled disturbances (those things hidden from the beginning of time), demonstrated the futility of murder. The Father had never called for this to occur. It was a custom deeply ingrained within the psyche of human behaviour that had settled differences across millennia. People are not aware of this pattern calling for this artificial action. Christ's unction, if wrong is done and repented, was to turn the other cheek and give the jacket also when asked for the shirt, to settle differences before going in front of the magistrate, or make peace with your neighbour before presenting your offering at the altar. Mankind has called for this sacrificial method based on ancient religious myth believing this settled differences during crisis. We thought sacrifice was necessary, when it was not. Christianity, as a religion of comfort is insufficient to avoid self-destruction through rivalry, reciprocity and sacrifice. That thing that was hidden from the beginning of time is the futility of sacrifice. God did not require it. **Matt 12:7** If only you had known the meaning of 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent.

Mark 12:33...and to love Him with all your heart and with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, which is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.

1 Samuel 15:22...But Samuel declared: 'Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obedience to His voice? Behold, obedience is better than sacrifice, and attentiveness is better than the fat of rams.

Hosea 6:6...For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings...

The apocalyptic texts foretold of this failure of Christianity (should it not emphasise the words of The Christ seriously enough and fail to implement God's Kingdom on earth as in heaven), with the coming of an Armageddon. This is a consequence of our own doing.

If there is one calling, one source, one deliberate choice that can change the direction of this civilisational collapse heading towards the cliff of Armageddon, it is to take the words of The Christ seriously, as if our (eternal) life, and life now equally depended on adhering to them. Christianity is not an insurance policy. It is the True and proper life more abundant, that begins now. Failure to adhere to this True calling by sufficient numbers of people is bringing about this Armageddon. Attending church every other Sunday won't cut the mustard. This is huge, and Rene Girard has called it for what it is - error.

Hegel's Dialectic

The Hegelian dialectic is misunderstood by most and misquoted for Marxist purposes to bring conflict into the world in place of resolution.

'Things Hidden Since the Foundation of the World'

contains a comprehensive overview of Girard's work up to that point, and a reflection on the Judaeo-Christian texts. This book presents a dialogue between Girard and the psychiatrists Jean-Michel Oughourlian and Guy Lefort developing Girard's central thesis.

<https://www.amazon.com.au/Things-Hidden-Since-Foundation-World/dp/0804722153>

Girard's explicates three core mechanisms that govern widespread social interactions:

- mimesis, the process by which individuals copy one another in escalation, leading to conflict
- scapegoating, a process by which collective guilt is transferred onto victims, then purged
- violence

Mimetic theory posits that human behavior is based upon mimesis, and that imitation can engender pointless conflict. Girard notes the productive potential of competition: 'It is because of this unprecedented capacity to promote competition within limits that always remain socially, if not individually, acceptable that we have all the amazing achievements of the modern world,' but states that competition stifles progress once it becomes an end in itself: 'rivals are more apt to forget about whatever objects are the cause of the rivalry and instead become more fascinated with one another.'...end

Leo Tolstoy in his *'The Law of Love and The Law of Violence'* deals with this same subject but from a differing approach than Girard, but still achieving the same conclusions. Mankind must renounce violence in favour of resolution.

So does Solzhenitsyn – 'If only it were all so simple! If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?' *'The Gulag Archipelago'* 1973.

We cannot avoid answering this question without destroying ourselves in our failure to seriously observe Christ's unctio. It must be answered correctly by Christian men of good faith pursuing Truth. Brave enough to face down their own failings and infirmities, to seek resolution and righteousness in what is done.

Russia Demonstrates A Key

Australia, since the end of the WWII hostilities, has invaded countries to participate in wars that were subsequently lost, at least from the perspective of their own national benefit. Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq to name just a few. I do not see a winning formula for 'those people' from the outcome of these wars. They, those nations, did not invade our borders, so protecting our nation was not the issue for us. Looking in hindsight, it was for other 'difficult to explain' purposes of which I am not aware. This writer served in the military from age 15-18 and could easily have been caught up into hostilities of this type, so I have nothing to personally brag about. I was one of those servicemen for Australia.

Post-Soviet-Union Russia has not pursued vengeance against those responsible for their own internal slaughter (purges) – an eye for an eye - but rather have set about to rebuild Russia into an independent, prosperous, and co-dependent nation amongst equals. Seeking a 'Truth Commission' or 'Truth Telling' was not part of Russia's reconciliation agenda, of which South Africa (post-apartheid) and Australian Aboriginals, are calling for. This will resolve nothing, but only cause dissent and quarrels, which is exactly what it is meant to do.

[The Lying Art of Truth-Telling By Keith Windshuttle](https://quadrant.org.au/opinion/the-voice/2022/12/the-lying-art-of-truth-telling/)

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Vengeance against perceived-wrongs goes on forever and ends only in another genocide and/or annihilation. Forgiveness of perceived-wrongs is not even within the writings of ancient religions or myths. Only a True Christian approach provides a viable resolution, that accepts differences, providing a narrow path forward of reconciliation, to genuine peace and prosperity for all. The war is over for good and for all future generations, providing those things which were lost are never again forgotten.

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The debate concerning gun control has opened up discussions concerning a wide range of subjects, which superficially have little relevance to the gun control question. If, as being claimed by gun control advocates, including some well-meaning Christians, the individual does not have the right to use a firearm to defend himself - and his family - then the logic of this argument is that an association of people called a nation has no right to use force to defend itself.

At the height of its influence, the British Empire was the major stabilising international force for peace. A strong navy was essential for the British influence to be sustained. A combination of international financial pressure and a carefully promoted 'peace' movement effectively disarmed the British Empire and encouraged those international forces, which actively sought a Second World War. So far from a militarily weak Great Britain being a factor for peace it was seen by both Hitler and his advisers, and the Soviet strategists, as a sign of decadence.

Maintenance of British military strength in the thirties would almost certainly have aborted the programme for a Second World War and the continuous worldwide revolutionary ferment, which flowed from it.

In his prophetic B.B.C. broadcast, *The Causes of War*, C.H. Douglas, the author of *Social Credit*, stressed that military war was the logical extension of economic war. The famous German military philosopher Clausewitz said that military war was the extension of a policy by other means.

As Douglas said, there was no prospect of genuine international peace under a finance-economic orthodoxy, which insisted that nations could only be prosperous if they insisted upon exporting more than they imported; of 'capturing' foreign markets. Douglas points out that 'The use of the word 'capture' indicates the desire to take away from some other country, something with which it, being also without general employment, does not desire to part. This is endeavouring to impose your will upon an adversary'.

The story is told of a Japanese businessman, who had as a young soldier been engaged in the bloody military battles to Australia's north, but was now engaged in one of the numerous Japanese takeovers of Australian industries, observing that 'This is a much more pleasant way of taking over a nation than risking death in tropical jungles'.

Under the philosophy known as 'economic rationalism' Australia has been openly disarming itself economically for the past quarter of a century. Both Labor and non-Labor Governments have been responsible for what, in more robust days, would have been described as treachery.

If the process is allowed to continue, Australians will finish up with not even enough economic capacity to manufacture bows and arrows with which to defend themselves. And even then the John Howards would probably want all bows and arrows to be registered with the stronger ones banned!

In his B.B.C. address Douglas indicated the way Australia should be heading: '*A radical modification of the existing financial system would make it possible to build up a strong and united nation free from economic dissension, which would, by its strength, offer a powerful deterrent to aggressive war. And, secondly, the spectacle of a contented and prosperous Britain (Australia) willing to trade but not forced by unemployment to fight for trade, would provide an irresistible object lesson in genuine progress and would be initiated everywhere.*'

Disarming the Australian people, particularly members of the rural community, by forcing them to surrender their legally acquired firearms while at the same time stripping them of the means of defending themselves economically, strikes a deadly blow at the very soul of Australia.

In his *Programme For The Third World War*, Douglas writes, 'I have spent some of my life on, or beyond, the fringes of 'civilisation' where men carried guns and used them without hesitation. The social atmosphere of those districts was much better than of policed areas. It is not in the wilds that the scum of the earth arises; it is in the towns. The denial of the right of an individual to carry arms is a fundamental infringement of liberty. Just as the bootlegger was the most enthusiastic supporter of prohibition, the gangster, both national and international, is a convinced adherent of disarmament by law.'

John Howard and his advisers are strong on the question of trying to ban firearms by law. But what type of a 'law' is one, which ignores realities, which depends upon blackmailing enough politicians to pass legislation, which they and large numbers of their electors either disagree with or do not believe, can be enforced.

But are Australians expected to accept the relatively modern totalitarian concept concerning the alleged 'omnipotence' of governments. As a number of eminent constitutional authorities have pointed out, this concept destroys the Christian Common Law view that there are higher laws than those passed by governments. If not, a government could pass legislation stating that all blue-eyed babies should be put to death at birth.

The traditional Christian view is that every individual is entitled to inviolated rights, which no government, irrespective of the size of its majority, can take away. Based on Christ's words, and a Natural Law philosophy reaching back to the days of the famous Greek philosopher, the traditional Christian view has been that

every individual has the right to defend himself against all threats to his life, and that of his family.

St. Luke records Christ as saying, ‘... and he that hath none, let him sell his cloke, and buy a sword’. A cloke was a most important piece of clothing, sometimes used as a blanket. The suggestion that a sword was more important than a cloke was a most serious one.

MIMETIC RIVALRIES summary By Arnis Luks

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Gaslighting

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/basics/gaslighting>

Gaslighting is an insidious form of mind manipulation and psychological control. Victims of gaslighting are deliberately and systematically fed false information that leads them to question what they know to be true, often about themselves. They may end up doubting their memory, their perception, and even their sanity. Over time, a gaslighter’s manipulations can grow more complex and potent, making it increasingly difficult for the victim to see the truth.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-media-psychology-effect/202212/the-media-psychology-gaslighting-and-social-change>

Selective Liberal Policy Quickly Placed Down The Memory Hole

I recently viewed Sen Gerard Rennick’s parliamentary speech in regard to mRNA jabs and the physical damage inflicted on to many individuals, reinforced by gross statistical increases. <https://gerardrennick.com.au/>

I failed to notice his confession that Liberal Party Policy always was pro-jab - ‘No Jab No Play, No Jab No Pay’ introduced under Abbot and Morrison, and under Morrison the Lockstep/Lockdown was immediately initiated back in March 2020 before the Pandemic was officially declared by the WHO, and further that the experimental jab was mandated against everyone which compounded the Lockstep/Lockdowns, causing businesses to shutter, individuals to lose their employment, and mass physical and emotional harm be inflicted upon our most vulnerable, firstly with the Lockstep/Lockdowns, and then the entire population with the mRNA jabs. If he is so opposed to this mandated mRNA jab policy, why is he still a Liberal? All jabs are dangerous for some and should be voluntarily considered by each person based on pre-conditions and sound medical advice from possibly more than one practitioner. His current perspective is selectively opportunistic and not previous Liberal policy from past administrations. What caused him to change his position from then till now? Humbug, or Gaslighting, or something different? You make up your own mind.

This question of the individual and the group offers an opportunity for understanding of the correct principals of association that will place our circumstance into the correct perspective. The ‘kingdom of God is within’ means that each person carries a spark of divinity within

But the philosophy underlying the Howard firearm legislation directly challenges that of the right to possess the means of self-defence. It is virtually a declaration of war on the individual, one which unless challenged will further a philosophy which seeks to make the individual completely subservient to the State.

themselves. That they are to work through this earthly life to come to know their heavenly Father in their own way - freely. It is not the job of others who manipulate the group to ensure compliance, but rather in love to present to other’s rational mind a better way of which they can freely choose their own destiny. Bringing about God's Kingdom on earth as in heaven requires personal effort on our part to pursue policy that is aligned with God's loving nature. Compulsion does not come into it. Resisting evil does. Being strong, independent and self reliant minimises compulsion from others.

Our instinctive self may wish to seek out revenge, but fostering the spirit within will not pursue this remedy, but rather, resist evil and pursue the good. Don’t seek revenge. Pray for those who despitely use you. This is not an easy road to travel, but the narrow path is situated there of which we are summoned to enter through.

Travel Plans to Meet and Greet

I plan to travel early in the New Year and wish to make contact with all those who are willing to meet. The infrastructure and resources are being put in place. February looks like I will be in Victoria, and move out to other states as time allows. If you are drawn to hold a kitchen table meeting, I will do my best to be there. In the first instance send emails to heritagebooks@alor.org of phone the head office with your enquiries. The unique role of ALOR is to be the leaven that causes the whole lump (*the whole congregation*) to rise. You are the salt of the earth. Developing that leaven, that salt is the policy of ALOR. Consider a Social Dynamics Training Course at each venue to cause the whole lump to rise.

Luke 10:2 And He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest.’

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