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#### **Thought For The Week:**

If only souls could see the real fight! Then they would turn to God, and not take fright: "Eleison Comments" by Mgr. Williams

# IT ALWAYS WAS ABOUT THE MONEY - SILLY! By Arnis Luks

This week's news reports reinforce the discrete collaboration across national administrations while publicly appearing antagonistic across the Ukraine theatre of war. Within the elite military discipline of 'hypersonic missile technology', and the elite industrial technology of 'small package nuclear reactors', there is no antagonism. Only in the theatre of the Ukraine war is there any appearance of such. United States, China, Russia and United Kingdom are working together to develop and harness these game changing technologies - hypersonic missiles, and small package nuclear reactors.

After 20 years in UK, British chair professor joins China's hypersonic programme:

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3220360/after-20-years-uk-british-chair-professor-joins-chinas-hypersonic-programme

### Four Additional Westinghouse AP1000® Reactors to be Built in China

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"The AP1000 plant is the only operating Generation III+ reactor with fully passive safety systems and has the smallest footprint per MWe on the market, including some of the small modular reactor concepts that are being proposed. In addition to the four AP1000 units currently operating in China by Sanmen Nuclear Power Company and Shandong Nuclear Power Company, two AP1000 units are nearing completion at the Vogtle site in the United States. Westinghouse AP1000 technology also has been selected for a six-unit project in India, and multiple sites in Central and Eastern Europe including Ukraine, Asia, the United Kingdom and utilities in the United States." *https://info.westinghousenuclear.com/news/four-westinghouse-ap1000-reactors-in-china* 

The arms-race produces massive profits for the military industrial complex. Wars with its subsequent destruction of material assets and loss of human life become a never-ending source of revenue, by firstly destroying infrastructure, and then rebuilding again after the carnage. Ukraine has become 'the testing ground' for some of the most advanced military technologies available. With any advancement in weapons-technology this simultaneously requires an advancement in defence-technology. So, it becomes another never-ending gravy train for profit. **From The Internet Archives** 

Kakadu uranium-protest-documentary 'Dirt Cheap' unearthed by Northern Territory Library

The 'Dirt Cheap' video is available here: https://vimeo.com/73373709

While the original 'Dirt Cheap' documentary was produced 40 years ago, the origins of the political and financial momentum behind that documentary was clearly identified within the credits. Unions from all around Australia appeared to be principal sponsors of this slanted documentary actively campaigning against the Jabiluka Uranium Project. How things have changed across the years.

Kimba in South Australia to be formally chosen for national nuclear waste storage site https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-08-11/kimba-in-south-australia-nuclear-waste-site/100368576

The AUKUS submarine deal requires Australia to dispose of the nuclear waste.

Where will it be dumped and will it break any treaties?

### The Canon is to be Found In All Things

Last week I emphasised equity; being a moral outcome from a true and just law. If approached correctly, law can align with nature and encompass a moral discipline to achieve the 'Canon'. Similarly, industrial technology can also achieve a moral outcome. It appears differing federal administrations, Liberal, then Labor, and then back again, we find that authorisation of an unpopular nuclear waste dump is realised under a Labor government. Not for want of trying mind you. Under the haze of defence, the promise of nuclear powered submarines has been the trigger to finally authorise the nuclear waste dumping ground to the people of South Australia in the Kimba region.

A complete about-face-of-silence from the sponsors of the documentary '*Dirt Cheap*', almost as if environmental policy can be whatever you want to be in a different time and place. The Jabiluka-Uranium-Project

protesters found covering themselves in excrement a sufficient deterrent against arrest to save the planet.

Some time not long after I was travelling through the tall timber country of south-western Western Australia. I picked up a young Dutch hitchhiker who was on his way to join the protesters against 'old-growth' logging. During our conversation around environmental stewardship, he mentioned that in Holland they were so environmentally conscious that even toilet paper was recycled. When I dropped him off at the protesters' camp, I noted a recently-abandoned-vehicle finding its own landing-position in a trench with its rear-end perched in the air. What was most vivid in my memory was the drug fuelled state of some of the inhabitants. One young bloke formerly from the United States, could hardly speak. His state of mind was so severely affected by his past indulgences that this condition appeared permanent. Another vivid memory was of the obvious 'handler'. He was in charge and directed 'his reports' in their actions across the UHF radio to terrorise the loggers. Nowadays those same 'old growth' forests have been incinerated by wildfires because of failed management plans that do not include stock or cold-burns to reduce the fuel-load.

From anti-nuclear to save the world, to nuclear to save the world. From anti-logging to save the world, to wildfires and timber chipping to save the world. Wildfires open up any forrest for logging - how opportune. **Further Reading:** *The Waste Makers* By V Packard.

Just as the Canon, the moral answer, can be found and observed within the realm of law and constitutionalism, the Canon can also be found within industrial and political policy. For those who listen to our weekly Podcast (thecross-roads.org) the repeated declaration against Libertarianism is based on this lack of any moral grounding in the financial/economic realm. Exploitation for profit is fair game, whether it be bare footed children mining toxic rare metals, flood-damming waterways, prostitution, slavery, or continuous wars for profit.

Uranium as an element, cannot of itself achieve a moral purpose. It is man and his pursuit of policy that can achieve a moral or an amoral purpose. Performing x-rays in a medical or industrial environment is for the good. The observation of what is discreetly going-on provides a greater understanding of the true situation. It serves the moral purpose. Obliterating entire cities does not.

Depleted uranium warheads achieve armour-piercing potential. These 'hot' warheads are readily scattered across the Middle East, Afghanistan, and now the Ukraine thanks to the UK and USA military industrial complex. No doubt, the Eastern and Asian powers have their own sordid story. Chernobyl and Fukushima are just the tip of a much larger iceberg of radioactive release incidents.

Dumping of nuclear waste passes the responsibility of final-disposal on to future generations or other people if it is a war. It is the ultimate environmental *ON TARGET*  scandal passed over to others e.g. Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Maralinga, Moruroa and Fangataufa atolls. This being the exact opposite of leaving a legacy for your progeny. Had we pursued the remediation of nuclear waste as vigorously as the harnessing of nuclear energy, the moral environmental answer – the Canon could have been implemented simultaneously.

#### False World Solutions When All The Real Solutions Are Found Locally

Energy, while theoretically limited, is found in almost abundance within our world. While a geothermal power source is demonstrable and commissioned in quite a few instances around the planet, the pursuit of profit as the primary area of concern outweighs good husbandry, or a legitimate pursuit of environmental considerations.

#### <u>Geothermal Power Project in South Australia</u> https://web.archive.org/web/20091024020345/http://www.geodynamics. com.au/IRM/Company/ShowPage.aspx?CPID=1947&EID=33944995&Pa geName=Proof%200f%20Concept%20Complete

Not everyone lives next to the Niagara Falls or in proximity to Hot Rocks for geothermal power to tap into an abundant energy source. But there are quite a few other options, obvious if you take the time to look.

# SANTOS To Acquire Premier Coal Seam Methane <u>Position 2005</u> https://www.santos.com/news/santos-toacquire-premier-coal-seam-methane-position/

Santos Limited today announced the execution of a definitive merger agreement to acquire Tipperary Corporation, as well as Slough Estates USA, Inc.'s 10% interest in Tipperary Oil and Gas Australia Pty Ltd. (a 90% subsidiary of Tipperary Corporation). The acquisition will provide Santos with an approximate 75% operated working interest in the producing Fairview Coal Seam Methane ("CSM") field, located north of Roma in Queensland...

I was working for Santos Ltd. when they acquired Tipperary Oil and Gas. Across the next few years Santos developed a novel approach to harvesting new and abundant sources of methane gas called 'Coal Seam Methane', once conditioned and compressed or refrigerated into a liquid becomes Liquified Natural Gas LNG for export. From essentially a single drilling platform down the well, drilling is directed horizontally in many directions to optimise to the extremities of the coal seam. The wells are then 'fracked' to produce microscopic hairline cracks within the coal seam. These hairline cracks are held apart with injected grains of sand as part of the fracking process. Fracking increases the available surface area providing a significant greater gas flow from the field. While I was working for Santos, every chemical by every contract company was listed in their public report available for extended scrutiny. I could publicly access their website from anywhere around the world to ascertain what had gone on for each well.

The novel exploitation of coal seam methane is that it is almost everywhere. It's not in some remote location controlled by monopoly interests. But rather, under

almost everyone's feet as a source of abundant, reliable and clean energy. The methane, once harvested and conditioned is good enough to burn on your own kitchen hotplates, oven or water heater, or compressed to power community buses, or generate electricity.

#### **CO2** As Fuel For Plants

The by-product of combustion is CO2. Some of the poorer performing wells in the Cooper Basin Gas Fields produce as much as 40% CO2 emission from the Removal Units in the Cooper Basin, and would, if it were a real issue, demonstrate a problem within the local environment, as it would similarly for every other CO2 Removal Unit that conditions natural gas anywhere around the world. In my 11 years working in that remote location and aware that that refining plant had been operating for 40 years, I did not observe an issue with the localised environment. The outstanding consideration with coal seam methane is that it cannot readily be monopolised. It is so prolific, clean and sustainable.

Sustainable is an interesting word in this instance. Where does all the hydrocarbon come from that is found below the surface of the earth? If you believe the monopolists, they will tell you it is limited, and may run out any day. This is a false narrative that has been bandied about for at least the past hundred years. Methane gas is produced by the 'refining processes' going on within and around the molten-core of our earth. Depleted gas wells have been revisited after retirement and found to have recharged sufficiently to again be economically viable. The earth continues to produce hydrocarbons every day – methane included.

Many places around the world naturally emit hydrocarbons continuously from the surface of the earth. The ruse that, somehow or other, rotting vegetable and animal matter having been captured by some event, are now the limited resource that we are currently tapping into, is entirely false. This is the monopolists' ruse.

#### Faith as a Mustard Seed

Previous On Targets have illustrated the bounty of mineral rich Volcanic Rock Dust found across most of Victoria and other areas of historic volcanic activity. As a soil conditioner, mineral-rich Volcanic Rock Dust is a sustainable approach that acts as a slow release fertiliser. The relatively modern phenomena of NPK applications to the soil promote rapid plant growth while reducing biological activity, humus and water holding capacity. An unsustainable work practice that denudes the essential life forces within the soil structure and food produced.

Reading The Law of Civilisation and Decay: An Essay On History by Brooks Adams; the two dominant elements for civilisational collapse are financial-erosion (inflation) and soil erosion, both being present for this generation. Turning back the imminent civilisational tsunami must be tackled from both approaches simultaneously. Sound husbandry practices, environmental stewardship, and adhering to ON TARGET

the natural world are just differing ways of saying the same thing. The moral answer, or Canon is found in your own backyard, or your own back paddock. Adhering to the natural law of returning to the soil those things that are consumed in the process of food production is ignored to the detriment of human, animal and biological health, being one harmonious ecosystem. I was recently introduced to the Australian Mineral Fertiliser company located near Tenterden, Western Australia, and am trialling their product, including the many microbes, alongside Monash Volcanic Rock Dust around my 1 acre. I also collect horse manure and timber chips to return to the soil those things that are consumed. I am aware of a modest broad-acre farmer who is trialling pig manure across his extensive paddocks. Our garden has never looked lusher. Most Asian cultures return bioremediated human waste onto their soils. Nothing is put to waste.

#### It Always Was About the Money - Silly!

6-700 years ago, Merry England celebrated 150 Holy Days every year. This was a time of material security and abundance, a land flowing with milk and honey. Modern industrial and technological advancements have removed the physical burden from the back of man onto the back of the machines. Harnessing this obvious productive capacity to produce the needs of life is being sabotaged, firstly by a fraudulent financial system that does not provide any solution for debt-redemption, and again green ideology shutting down the productive capacity of the free world to pay homage to Baal, the god of scarcity. We are mesmerised by financial debt as the instrument of oppression, and the philosophy of climate - Baal. World government is sustained by both these mindmanipulating instruments of oppression.

Even though across the past 235 years since the First Fleet arrived in Sydney Cove, those new arrivals have built roads, bridges, railways, utilities and other marvellous feats of manufacturing infrastructure, along with literally millions of offices and homes to house Australian families, we find financial debt is irredeemable. This fraudulent financial system insists that somehow across a competing world of mass production we must find incremental markets to balance our financial accounts. This illustrates the marvel of modern technology that is before our eyes - a demonstrable example of financial poverty amidst material prosperity. This disparity of the economic and financial systems cannot be reconciled under the current dispensation. The financial system must be re-aligned to the natural order the Canon that transcends human thinking. The material reality of this age of abundance. Not debt-slavery.

#### **Canon Within Culture**

Our forebears went to great lengths prior to Federation 1901, to limit the power of the central government by distributing political powers between the Commonwealth and the States - federalism, and specifically identifying only those limited powers to be handed over to the

Commonwealth government – Section 51 & 52 of the Constitution. With further divisions of Political Power exercised across the three branches – the Parliament, the Executive and the Judicature. The Parliament consisting of the Crown and Bi-Cameral Houses of equal powers to establish Laws. The Executive to administer those enacted Laws and the day to day running of government. The Judicature is to ensure the 'limiting Constitution' is adhered to by all govewrnments and all parliaments. Each division of power is limited to only those areas specifically granted within the Constitution.

Is your (\$2 posted https://peo.gov.au) Pocket Constitution handy, and are you reading it at every opportunity? It is the rule book of our national life and needs to be at the fingertips and tongues of us all.

Our Constitution, similar to Magna Carta, is the supreme law under which the central government and all states and territory governments and parliaments must abide. By limiting the political power allocated to government, the Constitution provides security of our ancient rights and freedoms. Rather than attempt to define personal rights and freedoms under a Bill of Rights, our Constitution 'limits the power' of all governments, the opposite approach. Our freedoms come from God alone.

With every passing Parliament, successive governments have been chipping away against our ancient rights and freedoms by encroaching further and further into realms of political power not authorised by our limiting Constitution. It is by upholding our limiting Constitution that we all must now turn.

Adventurous High Court decisions to expand the limited and authorised power of all our governments must be pushed back and overturned. Bureaucratic encroachments into our ancient rights and freedoms must also be pushed back. It is not to any saviour figure that we must look, but rather seek inside ourselves to find the resolution and strength of character to resist tyranny as has been resisted by generations since time immemorial.

Political power is like an addictive drug that the holder cannot willingly relinquish. It is the people who must insist that political power, especially centralised political power, must be clearly defined and limited by upholding a just law, in this case our Constitution as the supreme law of our land. Civic institutions must also be aligned with the Canon, as to how things work best.

(1901) The Annotated Constitution of the Australian Commonwealth By J Quick LL.D & RR Garran M.A. https://archive.org/details/annotatedconstit00quicuoft **Preface:** The preliminary part of this work is a historical

introduction and guide to the study of the Constitution of the Australian Commonwealth. This is followed by analytical, legal, and political commentaries on the Constitution, for the use of those who seek a special and comprehensive acquaintance with its provisions. ON TARGET Our chief aim has been a practical one. Clear as is the language of the Constitution, it cannot be fully understood without the study of a large, correlated literature.

The Federation of the Australian colonies has occupied the best energies of the statesmen and the people of Australia for many years; and this Constitution is the outcome of exhaustive debates, heated controversies, and careful compromises. It is an adaptation of the principles of British and colonial government to the federal system. Its language and ideas are drawn, partly from the model of all modern governments, the British Constitution itself; partly from the colonial Constitutions based on the British model; partly from the Federal Constitution of the United States of America; and partly from the semifederal Constitution of the Dominion of Canada; with such modifications as were suggested by the circumstances and needs of the Australian people. The Constitution of the Commonwealth, therefore, is not an isolated document. It has been built on traditional foundations. Its roots penetrate deep into the past. It embodies the best achievements of political progress, and realizes the latest attainable ideals of liberty. It represents the aspirations of the Australian people in the direction of nationhood, so far as is consistent and in harmony with the solidarity of the Empire.

Such an instrument of government must needs be rich in historical associations, and many of its derivative enactments are necessarily intertwined with the course of constitutional development and interpretation in kindred systems and communities. There is hardly a phrase in it without a history, or without analogy with a phrase which in some other Constitution has been the subject of exhaustive arguments and judicial decisions. The Commentaries of the great American jurists, and the numerous judgments on constitutional questions given by the Supreme Court of the United States during the last century, are full of profound reasoning which is applicable to the words of this Constitution. Many decisions of the Supreme Courts of Canada and the Australian colonies upon constitutional questions, and reviews of them by the Privy Council, are of great value in the elucidation of the Constitution of the Commonwealth. There is thus an immense store of \*\*\* material for comparative study.

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