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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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Thought for the Week: In the first place, the thesis has collected, summarized and examined a large number of cases of grant and refusal of dissolution, especially in the overseas Empire, which seem never to have been recorded before except in the original official documents. Second, it has done the same for a considerable number of discussions of hypothetical cases of dissolution in the United Kingdom. Third, it presents the first complete and accurate record, and the most thorough critical analysis which has yet appeared, of the highly important Canadian crisis of 1926 (including the very interesting, though by no means unprecedented, temporary Government of Ministers without portfolio). Fourth, it subjects the pronouncements of statesmen and text-writers on the subject of dissolution of Parliament to rigorous criticism, in the light of the basic principles of the British parliamentary system. Fifth, it argues that a proper and resolute exercise of the Crown's reserve power in regard to dissolution of Parliament is an essential safeguard of constitutional liberty. [...]

The Royal Power of Dissolution of Parliament in the British Commonwealth
PhD Thesis - Creator: Forsey, Eugene Alfred. Contributors: Hemmeon, J. & Kemp, H. (Supervisor)

LIFE, REAL OR IMAGINED? By Neville Archibald

It can be hard to decide what are the most pressing matters to address when confronted by such a wide front in our battle. From all sides, the onslaught is continuous. At each moment, a new, more seemingly important apparition looms before us or is announced, to be included on our list to be fought against.

Like a fire raging, we must control it, lest it consume both us and our lively-hoods. Like a fire it has a central point of ignition, somewhere from whence all the radiating spot fires are started. To pursue the leaping flames is not to extinguish the central white-hot coals and the wind that carries the sparks that issue forth from it, setting those same spot fires.

A good fireman will get to the seat of the flame first, then set about mopping up and containing the rest. If the central fire is left to rage you will be putting out little fires until you finally realise there is nought left to burn. Then you will have a fire that self-extinguishes because it has run out of fuel.

In our case though, it will be the heat of the embers at the centre that dictates the rebuilding. If they have defeated our attempts at remaining unburnt their "build back better" will be to their advantage alone.

This battle we are fighting has many disguises and many names; but, boils down into one fight and one fight alone.

Reality vs Imagination!

While I am a great fan of imagining, I must remain living in the real, for it alone provides for all my needs. An imagined meal, cooked to perfection will not sate my hunger. An imaginary friend will not help me to plant my garden and if I await his weeding skills, I will lose my efforts as nature takes over as she is apt to do. I can conceptualise solutions for every problem, but until put into physical form, it remains thought alone and will be of no practical use.

The use of money is probably the greatest weapon to overcome! Its use must reflect reality and thereby enable us, if not we see the imagined taking us further and further into debt and financial slavery. Making what is physically possible, financially impossible. A theory is just considered imagination in need of proving.

Current financial theory has proven itself to be faulty, it does not work successfully to meet real world demands and must be continually manipulated - usually to our detriment - to function, and the whole world is still in debt.

Jeremy Lee audio 'How Can The Whole World Be In Debt' - for download
https://alor.org/Storage/MP3/PodCasts/Archived/Lee_J/Lee_J-World_Be_In_Debt.mp3

CH Douglas reading 'The Whole World in Debt (Chains)' - for download
https://alor.org/Storage/Library/Douglas%20CH%20-%20The%20Whole%20World%20in%20Debt%20Chains.htm

This represents a failure of this current theory. To continue with it despite the obvious failure (of progressive debt), proves another theory – that it is intentional!

We live largely in a world of concepts. More detached than ever before from the harsh realities of life. It is only when confronted by these realities that we question how they came about. Who out there considers the milk they buy and its origin - the cow itself, the farmer, the factory, the transport? All the linking things that bring a single slurp of it into your morning coffee? This continues into every part of life.

A community must have all these things together to function. A deficit of one part sees the whole lot come under attack. A strike at the processing factory and the farmers are forced to tip their milk down the drains. The consumer is forced to

drink his coffee black. The truck driver to sit idle in his cab. All the while the debts to be paid mount, with no regard for circumstance.
The link between all this is finance.

Too Remote For You?

Consider the building you live in. More and more we have nothing to do with their construction or maintenance. We pay our money for thirty or forty years to own it, but don't truly consider its creation and what it takes to do so. The reality is the only part that matters in the long run. As a society we have banded together to form the parts that produce the whole. All of those parts must be grounded in the real or will fail eventually, to the detriment of the whole.

If not-enough reality is injected into the timber industry supplying the wood for the framing, then either we run out of trees and denude a landscape, or we let an industry get on with a plan to plant and harvest sustainably with a careful eye on the future.
The reality of the steel industry is similar. We must realise it is a necessary industry and allow it to develop and continue, but with the same eye on its reality.

It must not create a wasteland in its wake, nor should it operate and remove vast resources from our country without paying due compensation in taxes or by vastly inflating it's profits. This applies to all mining efforts; the overseeing of which is the legitimate concern of government and should be under their control. They must look after our "common-wealth" as though it is ours (of course it is ours). Again, financial diatribe is used in many cases to explain away policies that would otherwise make little sense. Things like, "We must have foreign investment!", "They must be allowed a good profit or they will leave!" and "There must be incentives!" It is our natural wealth they are processing. The contract to release it should be in our favour!

As our society has become more complex, less and less people have been able to see this bigger picture. Many have been seduced into letting others do their thinking for them. They have attached themselves to one label or another in the political sphere and gone to sleep, hoping that their proxies would manage it for them. As political arguments go, the childish nature of debate, the long-winded "obscurifications" of true facts and the gradual corruption of the system has taken its toll. People no longer listen to this diatribe. No longer are the proxies doing our bidding, seeking to govern for the best of our nation. They have come increasingly under the control of outside forces. Why else would they allow foreign or global concerns to reap extreme profits at our expense; to take the real wealth, the mineral and industrial wealth of this country offshore without protest. That was their job, to look after, to manage our common-wealth. I see no other explanation for this occurrence than that they have failed in their duty, either willfully - for profit, by neglect, or by idleness as it has happened around them. I will never really know which-was-which in most cases, but we must, all of us must, see this reality for what it is. Only once we have seen and recognised this, will we be able to fight this fire successfully. We must realise our proxies have seduced us.

Why Is The Imagined Our Enemy?

I have only alluded to it at this point. I have focused pretty much just on the real. The real is easy to see once it is pointed out. It is the imagined that seduces us every time. Experts in every field are often presented to us with their solutions (for largely created problems). Their explanations are often focused on the wrong part of the problem or are theorised - abstracted rather than concrete.
Let me give you an example.

The recent floods in 2022 in Northern Victoria (and also elsewhere by what I have found) have focused largely on the reaction and defence abilities, the improvements needed to cope better with-it next time. Although raised, the actual cause was written off in the abstract-theory of climate change, which is the bitter pill we are supposed to swallow for everything at the moment. Not looked at, was the river and containment systems and their management, and whether it could have been done better. The real, the actual on the ground reality was overfull storages, wet ground and expected rains. It should not take a genius to assess the capability of the system to cope. Farmers, canoeists and other river users in my small circle of friends were all saying the same thing, they could see it was going to happen. Their concerns were and still are being explained away in the whole Murray-Darling basin debate, (which despite its name also includes the Victorian rivers) the buy-backs and the environmental flows, the disassociation of land and water, the speculative buyers (Imagined finance) whose water must be carried over, even if there is no room in storage. The push for all this was being blamed on abstract-climate-change and our readiness for it.

All of this theorising of management strategies, was at the expense of the actual, the real observations. Full storages with no room for buffering, full rivers and saturated land the starting point. Normal rainfall patterns for that time of year meant flooding, let alone the not-anticipated heavier falls that came. You cannot operate a real system by imagination or conjecture. There are finite realities that exist and we operate outside of these to our detriment. I know many farmers, businessmen and politicians who will argue the plan in all its intricacies, till the cows come home, and yet never once step outside the imagined boundaries that have been set by these abstract theorists. I also know many who fully reject it too. But the political-proxies ears are deaf to them.
This shows me whose side they are on.

My ranting could go on, and if you know me, sometimes it does and I must pull myself up. Now that you have one example, look for others yourself and question these too! We all must develop this ability to see the real and the imagined solutions. We have lost the bigger picture, we have become immersed in the minutiae of daily life. This has been a purposeful occurrence, for it enables those wishing to rule us to emasculate us. It is one of today's versions of bread and circuses of the Roman times. We are not meant to see the bigger picture for they know we would not like it.

What Should We Be Looking Forward To?

We should be seeking to improve our society not just stumble through the obstacles. Seeking to have a life more abundant and looking at the realities that can supply this. We are currently being asked to worship at the feet of science, as though this is our new form of god, (the old god of finance and its black magic taking a back seat for the moment). Science can neither create nor destroy what already is. It can only change it.

We can use our own-imaginations to further these possibilities, by all means; but, it must operate within the

boundaries of the real world and is limited only by our understanding of how the real world works. Only by going back to basic realities we can understand how best to use what the real world has to offer.

There are two books to read before embarking on this journey. Both short and to the point and both deal with getting a better outcome in the real world and surmising what could be possible, if only we did.

Releasing Reality, by Eric D Butler
https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Butler%20ED%20-%20Releasing%20Reality.pdf and

The Approach to Reality, by C.H.Douglas
https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Douglas%20CH%20-%20Approach%20to%20Reality.pdf

Starting with these begin to ask yourselves how these realities were dealt with historically. Who has injected themselves between the real and the possible and what was the motive. The full movie-like-picture of what this could look like will only come out of understanding this first. We have seen many versions of Dystopian futures but far too few Utopian. It is up to us to create a better future. ***

OTHER PIECES TO THE PUZZLE By Arnis Luks

Eugene Alfred Forsey authored a PhD thesis I have sought after for several years. (Sir John Kerr referred to this paper in his autobiography *'Matters for Judgement'*)
'The Royal Power of Dissolution of Parliament in the British Commonwealth' was the title given to the 1941 PhD thesis completed at McGill University, Montréal, Canada available for download here:
https://escholarship.mcgill.ca/concern/theses/kh04ds663.

Tasmania Fallout

I would describe as frivolous the original justification by Tasmanian Premier Jeremy Rockliff in requesting a dissolution of Parliament to hold a state election, being more so an opportunistic attempt to exploit the public or circumvent the institution of parliamentary democracy for political purposes. That late government had not been defeated in the House, nor was important legislation before the Parliament. He was having some minor difficulties negotiating with independents, that is all.

He, Liberal Jeremy Rockliff, wanted a clear majority to govern - unhindered. This was not achieved with the election outcome, and he will now need to negotiate again, firstly, with the Jacqui Lambie Network representatives, and further, the other cross-bench members to hold a working majority in the Tasmanian House of Assembly.
The institution of Parliamentary Democracy does not exist to be the plaything of political parties, nor determined individuals, whatever they may think.
I see in my mind's eye the potential from the same Premier to again request from the Governor another dissolution in the not-too-distant months ahead.

The Forsey PhD thesis surfacing at this moment is certainly timely, and further justification for an informed public be kept abreast on vital Constitutional matters. Forsey's **1941** thesis, sets out, amongst other things, past precedents across the British Commonwealth, whereby Prime Ministers and Premiers alike have requested Governors and Governors General, the dissolution of Parliament to trigger an election. Each request is examined, recording the granting or refusal for dissolution by the King's/Queen's representative. The politicians don't always get their own way if the Governor or Governor General remains alert and astute to political and opportunistic manipulation.

HV Evatt

Eugene Forsey, in his first chapter makes a candid assessment of HV Evatt's qualifications, appointments and writings in *'The King and His Dominion Governors'*. Evatt's qualifications include : Australian High Court Judge, Chief Justice of New South Wales, Attorney General and Minister for External Affairs for the Commonwealth, and Leader of the Australian Labor Party and Leader of the Opposition in the Commonwealth Parliament. While Forsey acknowledges Evatt's vast experience, he sets about to examine and subsequently does dismantle claims contained within Evatt's work.

Forsey Extract: p 60-62 Tasmanian Parliamentary History

…The election resulted in the return of 16 Government supporters and 14 Labor members. On April 1, **1914**, however, a want of confidence motion carried, 15-14. The *(late)* Government asked for dissolution. The Governor refused, and sent for Labor Leader Mr. Earle, informing him that he wished him to take office on condition of advising an immediate dissolution. Mr. Earle demurred, but accepted office. Once installed, he (Earle) declined to advise dissolution. On April 7, four days after taking office, he set forth his reasons in a memorandum to the Governor. "Two of the cases" in which dissolution should be refused, Mr. Earle stated, were: when there is no alternative Government possible with the existing Parliament; and when there is no important political question directly at issue. In this case an alternative to the late Government had clearly been possible, and both parties were agreed that there ought to be a change in the electoral system before another election took place.
By refusing dissolution to the late Government, the Governor had committed himself to the view that dissolution was not warranted.
The Governor replied that he was not forcing Mr. Earle to do something he was unwilling to do; that Mr. Earle had accepted office on the clear understanding that he was to advise an immediate dissolution. He added that the position of the Governor was not parallel to that of the Sovereign in the United Kingdom: the Governor was not obliged to act on advice in the same sense as the Crown in the United Kingdom. Next day, the Assembly, without a division, noted that the Governor's imposing of conditions was "contrary to the well-established usage of Responsible Government".
The matter was referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who agreed that the Governor's action in imposing conditions was unconstitutional; that Mr. Earle had accepted responsibility for the pledge that he would advise dissolution, but had then changed his mind; that in these circumstances, the only means of securing dissolution which the Governor could adopt were to persuade Mr. Earle to change his mind again, or to dismiss him and find advisers who would agree to a dissolution.(!)

The Nationalist Government received a dissolution in the ordinary course, April 27, **1922**. The elections resulted in the return of 12 Nationalists, 12 Labor members, 5 Country party and l Independent. On October 25, the Lee (Nationalist) Government resigned, after the defection of some Nationalists had made its position untenable. It attempted to get a dissolution, but the Administrator refused. Mr. Lyons took office, and carried on till April 20, 1925, when he secured a dissolution. He won the election, and continued in office through-out the succeeding Parliament.

British Parliamentary History...P 116

…**Precedent** is an essential element in the conventions of the Constitution. But it is not and cannot be the only element. Every precedent begins by being unprecedented. Pitt's unprecedented dissolution of 1784 was denounced by Fox as unconstitutional. On the other hand, Fox and Grenville in 1806 brought forward a most imposing array of precedents to defend the inclusion of Lord Ellenborough, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, in the Cabinet and to deny the principle of collective responsibility of the Ministry. Fox stood in each case squarely on precedent; in each case, constitutional authorities now agree, he was wrong.

What is **unprecedented** is not necessarily **unconstitutional**. Precedents have to be applied and adapted to new situations. This involves the use of "reason", in the eighteenth-century sense of the term. We have to look beyond the mere letter of precedent to the spirit and intention of the Constitution.

Jennings, discussing **conventions**, says:

They grow out of practice. Their existence is determined by precedents. Such precedents are not authoritative, like the precedents of a law court. There are precedents which have created no conventions, and there are conventions based on precedents which have fallen into desuetude.... Every act is a precedent, but not every precedent creates a rule….***end***

Systems were made for men and not men for systems, and the interest of man which is self-development, is above all systems, whether theological, political or economic."

Wisdom, Delusion, Consciousness & the Divine

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gN09qnHhPKA

Flow Of Life

Watching a recent interview by Prof Jordan Peterson of Dr Iain McGilchrist, I found two statements quite profound. The first was that 'attending' is a moral act. I immediately thought of my closest family and how vital it is to pay the necessary attention to maintain a healthy relationship. Things and Understandings are not always agreed between us, but provided sufficient attention is paid, diversity is accepted as the norm. Unity of purpose, upholding traditional values, also keeps us as a closely knit family.

The second profound statement was regarding the procession, the ebb and flow of things, our participation in consciousness - 'in becoming'. Having changed vocations, more than a few times across my working career and retirement, I can vouchsafe that life has been a flow, rather than a static experience, making me who I am today.

The Flow Of Events

Navigating through the unknown, and watching intently the ebb and flow of events, It doesn't take a fortune-teller to recognise the events in the Middle East are a gradual escalation 'in prelude' to the next major military conflict in Europe and the Middle East.

The question being asked of humanity is whether we, *(those who have 'eyes to see' and 'ears to hear')*, contain the necessary wherewithal to navigate and steer our ship of state carefully away from this potential for annihilation, of millions if not billions. There is much to gain and everything to lose in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead.

The Australian political situation of **1944** found HV Evatt as Attorney General and Minister for External Affairs playing no insignificant role in the '14 Powers Referendum' under the Labor Curtin federal government. The 1944 referendum was Evatt's continuing bid to change the Commonwealth Constitution in order to centralise more power in Canberra. Evatt failed at that point, but others have ensured these powers are now vested in the Commonwealth, through High Court decisions allowing unfettered Transnational Trade Agreements that have circumvented our Limiting Constitutional arrangements. The League of Rights (LOR) was formed in Adelaide, SA 1946 by 3 patriotic Australians coming out of that 'Vote NO' campaign.

Federalism In Australia by Prof F. A. Bland (University of Sydney), is another rare piece of the puzzle of political insight, issued by that same 1944 'Vote NO' Committee.

https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Bland_FA-Why_Federalism_Means_Freedom.pdf

The granting of Land Rights, Treaty for Aboriginals, (between individuals and a nation, or state), the SA Voice to Parliament, Gender Ideology and Cancel Culture aimed at our young, disregarding of our Limiting Constitution via Trade Agreements, Pandemic Agreements and UN directives, appointment of activist judges must all be arrested. Our Limiting Constitutional must be upheld - **attending is a moral act**. ***

Laptop Lap Desk- Just a 'heads up' for those wishing to read the Forsey title on a laptop computer - all 450 pages. While seated in the car when I'm reading from a laptop, I use a 'nana' Laptop Lap Desk, so the keyboard, mouse-pad-area, and screen are all in the correct position for me to be comfortable. The Lap Desk also works well while seated on the couch to read from the laptop screen. Forsey's 450 page PDF title can be processed this way. An Internet search will readily list examples of the Laptop Lap Desk.

ESSENTIAL READING:

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