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Thought for the Week: “The financial system should be the greatest facilitator of the extension of human freedom in the world. Instead, the financial system is the greatest constrainer of freedom” - Robert Klinck

Governed by God, Or Ruled by Tyrants? By Arnis Luks

Last week's *On Target* recommended two titles, now placed into our online PDF library, of which Gustave Thibon was the principal author. Up till then, I was only sourcing limited paragraphs from our own Archives. Analysing and considering their content in the comfort of an armchair near a well-lit window, I recognised flashes of Christian theological brilliance, while in contrast a strong flavour of dialectical collectivism emerged. Discerning that difference became a gradual evolving task.

ED Butler's *The Moral Implications of Centralised Power* provided the necessary approach - how to readily identify distinct differences, being to 'the benefit of the individual' compared with 'the benefit of the group'. Collectivism, in its many forms, directs policy objectives to be for 'the benefit of the group', or 'for the greater good of the most'. This is the spurious argument promoted to obscure centralising of power.

Christianity's *modus operandi* or *locus standi*, is firstly one of service, individual free will, and, to the benefit of the individual. The title *Christianity and Freedom, a Symposium* opens with Gustave Thibon imparting what I consider to be sound Christian doctrine. The last three stanzas of this 'Symposium' are immersed in collectivism. Even the Cardinal's conclusion does little to identify and clarify the gradual infusion of collectivist thinking being promoted across the title's content.

I recommend reading this book, to help discern the subliminal maneuvering of the writers towards collectivism. This discrete inversion of legitimate Christian theology into collectivist thinking serves as a ready example, to illustrate the contrasting brilliance of men like Eric D Butler and Clifford Hugh Douglas in their pursuit

of Truth - legitimate Christian doctrine/theology, of which I consider Thibon to be amongst, in comparison to the other writers under this same title. There is some element of truth coming from every writer from this 'Symposium' of which the discerning reader must mull over and consider deeply. The Gospel parables assist with the principles or discipline to place over the title's various writers of this Symposium.

The Individual and Society

It took the brilliance of Clifford Hugh Douglas, to not only identify the competing perspectives of the individual and society, (or the collective) within finance/economics, but to hold them in their necessary tension or discipline, and then provide resolution.

Law is another good example of these competing perspectives, or interests, of the individual and society. For instance, the road rules are there to protect everyone. The freedom of the individual to travel is upheld by the necessity of those traveling to observe and abide by the road rules. The individual is served correctly. Society is also served correctly by being allowed to live in a safe environment, with vehicles traveling only on those areas designated, and in a manner appropriate. Competing interests held in balance – free (to travel), moral (obeying the road-rules) and responsible (held to account for any indiscretions). The appropriate expression of the essence of individual freedom is — 'freedom of choice: the right to choose or refuse one thing at a time.'

Society and The Individual

This balancing of competing interests within the financial-economic system in this age of automation, was the forte – alone, of Clifford Hugh Douglas. Immersed within the infancy of industrialised-automation, Douglas considered the ramifications of this social-inheritance - of the industrial arts we call technology. While individual innovation can and does hold a legitimate claim to patents and initial monopoly, ultimately across time, forever advancing modern technologies – the fruit or knowledge of all the industrial arts, becomes the (social or cultural) inheritance belonging to all.

Modern manufacturing techniques require less and less human physical intervention, with the industrial arts steadily progressing further every day. The financial reality is that the RATIO of new-spending-power from new-production (the only source of income apart from 'loans causing further in-debt-edness') is constantly reducing, in the form of less and less wages, salaries and dividends compared to the total cost of production, or prices at the marketplace. This disparity of RATIO within the financial and economic arrangement has never been compensated for within any of the traditional schools of economic thought. In fact, this particular point is never legitimately considered, nor its ramifications examined in depth. It took the brilliance of Clifford Hugh Douglas to identify this disparity, placing this observation into a theorem that all can testify as fact, the A + B theorem.

Wages, salaries and dividends (A) paid into the community as new spending power, will never be able to purchase what the community has produced (A + B) under our advanced technology regime. B being all other costs apart from A, associated within the processes of production that ultimately ends up in prices at the market place.

Every person who operates a business of any sort, even making scones for the local school fete, repeatedly demonstrates the truth of the A+ B theorem. Tools such as utensils, and the baking-oven's life-cycle (as depreciation), electricity, cup-cake holders, ingredients, clothes, and cleaning equipment usage, are all costs 'apart from wages' which need to be recouped within prices at the point of sale. All industry is no different.

Balancing of Competing Interests

This balancing of competing interests, of the individual and society, within the financial and economic sphere, was achieved within Douglas' thought processes and writings, by the injection of new credits to compensate for this chronic lack of spending power to purchase what has been produced, in the form of a dividend – the National Dividend issued equally to all from the National Credit Authority -debt-free.

The creation of financial credit (as a debt in the form of loans) originating from central banks, has been weaponised since time immemorial, but only became obvious in this age of advanced technology. The industrial arts have progressed to the point that perhaps only 5% of the population is necessary to participate in production to continue to produce all that is required for society. Most employment functions are simply BS jobs that can readily be dropped off. Covid demonstrated this, if nothing else of value.

Other Disciplines

Eric Butler's writing *'The Moral Implications of Centralised Power'*, holds enormous relevance across many other distinct disciplines apart from finance and economics.

In our local government ward, we are experiencing a by-election. My assessment of the candidates and what is required from them if elected, I noted a personal surrendering of at least three evenings every month just to attend those meetings. I was at a community meeting where the Mayor attended of her own volition, and she declared that on every evening she was committed to attend at least one community function.

Being part of the bureaucracy is not my cup of tea. However, there is a balance between self and society. William Penn is quoted to have said: "*if men will not be governed by God, they will be ruled by tyrants*". Isn't this just another way of saying free-moral-responsible. The question then becomes more so 'who' will govern us? Who? Klaus Schwab, Bill Gates, the Mayor, or God alone?

All Are Subject to Natural Law

Common law infers that natural law is superior to man's law. This natural law determines that even government is subject to constraints. The American Declaration of Independence denotes Rights as *unalienable - self-evident, endowed from their Creator*. The Australian Constitution in the preamble declares - *humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God*. Centralised power compels the individual to surrender those Rights and Blessings towards the bureaucracy, another person. How absurd, elevating man to god.

I did note from our local government website, that an agenda item has been set for the elected-members-only (council) to consider the next federal and state election and what their combined position will be. I immediately thought - who asked them for their opinion on this very personal and private matter? Who surrendered authority for them

to allocate council funds (their time and energy) towards this subject? I certainly didn't, and I am not interested in their individual nor collective thoughts as to areas that are none of their concern. Allowing any-and-every intrusion into what you think or do is another surrender of your unalienable rights and freedoms derived from God alone.

It certainly does take a particular mindset to desire to interfere with other people and how they 'may or ought' to think. The reasoned discussion placed within this article is to stimulate your thinking so as you may direct your own energies to produce your own slice of heaven as you see fit in your own backyard. It is not for me, nor bureaucrats within Council nor the Commonwealth bureaucracy to determine how you see things in the state or federal sphere. You must work this through to conclusion yourselves.

If man will not be governed by God, they will be ruled by tyrants!

The fact that that council (as bureaucrats) see fit to discuss and possibly direct funds towards the state and federal elections, to me, is of significant concern. When I say, 'authority comes from God', I am declaring that natural law (gravity for instance) is superior to man's law. Our planets hold their orbit by natural law. The sun shines, the rain comes, the crops grow all by natural law.

This thing called free-will does allow us to re-purpose or attempt to re-define the law should we so choose. People get on, or don't get on, adhering towards natural law, or not. Some would lord it over all others if they could, defying the natural law that man, who is born free, is created in the image of God, and is responsible for their own soul.

That Mayor surrendering every evening to attend public meetings, apart from mayoral duties performed during the day, demonstrates a commitment to public service that must be acknowledged as commendable. Several from within league circles have also been Shire President or council Mayor, apart from Alderman and Councilors. It's a different type of service, but service nonetheless.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn prophetically said '*the battle line between good and evil runs through the heart of every man*'. The bureaucrat wishing to seize, or control, power over other individuals has accepted the temptation that Christ Himself rejected. *If you bow down and worship me, I will give you all these kingdom. It is said...* was His response.

Finding the Narrow Path of Divided, or Decentralised, Power

The justification for any type or level of government is to provide an environment where the individual can flourish, seeking out their own bit of heaven on earth without imposing their individual will onto others doing the same. Allowing the strong to dominate is not conducive to this flowering of individual freedom. Whether it be the bureaucrat or the monopoliser, both must be limited by legitimate governmental intervention. At one stage USA had anti-monopoly laws. I believe their Constitution is so deeply flawed that it promotes monopoly. The USA Executive does not come from the Congress, but rather is appointed by the President with the endorsement from the Senate. Whoever controls that President controls the appointment of the Executive. Those very few who control the President, should they be strategically positioned within that constitutional structure, can monopolise to their hearts content. Cartels and vested interests are at the core of USA Executive policy.

In the Australian Constitution the Executive must come from within Parliament – responsible government. However, through the monopolising of power by political party discipline, even our Constitution has been circumvented in favour of the monopoliser.

In order to conform more closely with natural law allowing the individual to find expression within their own sphere of inherent freedoms, political power must be strictly limited, in conforming to His Will or Purpose - the natural law that God alone holds ultimate Authority. Accepting this fundamental principle of ultimate Authority vested in God alone, is more than just rejecting cancel-culture or rainbow policy or such like. It is acknowledging that government must be limited, allowing the individual to exercise their legitimate freedom and rights as they see fit.

Cancel-culture and rainbow policy are being indoctrinated to our young through the educational system - financed by the Commonwealth. In order to reject this policy families must choose, either to try to minimise this indoctrination of their children from public education, or set about alternative forms of instruction for the young.

A legitimate governmental policy for education conforming to the natural law that allows the individual sufficient freedom to find expression, would be something like :: each child is allocated a stipend which would be directed towards the schooling method of their parents' choosing. But of course, the federal bureaucracy will never willingly surrender their control (through grants to the state education systems). Parents are left with little alternative, except home schooling perhaps, as they can afford it. This trend of homeschooling is being challenged by the Queensland bureaucracy at this moment.

These are just illustrations of bureaucracy gone mad, which if followed back to their source finds the 1970 Whitlam-era being the most active. The fact that the Coalition has been in government on and off since then without a change of policy, demonstrates conclusively that they are of the same philosophical view of centralised control vested in man. In today's pre-Budget Report - LGA Local Government Authority is calling for a further \$500M be directed from the Commonwealth to Local Government LIBRARY Grants. There is no need to look any further to identify why pornography and bestiality is being provided for '4yo's and above' at the local library. The Marxist source is obvious. Will this change under a new government? Wishful thinking I say.

Victoria's financial insolvency from Covid Policy, demonstrates the political drive towards irredeemable-debt as Marxist strategy - you will own nothing and be happy. Centralised control of finance in the hands of the Commonwealth is a Marxist strategy.

The Principle of Centralisation is Wrong-headed

Even more recently, Senator Jacinta Price was making recommendations for Aboriginals living in Alice Springs being centrally controlled from Canberra. Those communities in Alice Springs need to manage themselves. A devolving-policy would require a change of the seat-of-power, from centralised to decentralised control, of self-government. Devolution is at the heart of 'freedom and responsibility in a moral environment'. Power must be di-vested to its lowest possible level. This policy is the necessary course to be charted by people who understand; who stand under the

Authority of God, who believe in Freedom to choose or refuse one thing at a time.

This question of ultimate Authority, even above government, is more than simply rejecting current policies, even more than reverting back to previous policies.

Conservatism is not enough. Sending your children to Christian schools is also not enough. The Commonwealth Grants imposed on Christian and other schools' curricula does not alleviate the psychologically-imposed poison from Marxist tyranny. Centralised bureaucratic Authority over our children must be rejected outright.

Bribed With Our Own Money In The Form Of Taxes

The truth is that: every parent, every school, every church is being bribed by their own money. Whether it comes through educational grants, child-support payments, teacher's wages, the confiscation of income by taxation, the threat of losing charitable status for the church, or the imposition of additional financial costs over and above existing taxes in the raising of children by home-schooling. Each financial consideration inflicts psychological and material pressure on every family trying to raise balanced, responsible, and sensible children. Marxism treats all children as wards of 'their state'.

Illegitimately Held Seat of Earthly Power

The Control and Issue of Money - Credit As Debt

The financial system, or rather those who control the financial system hold an illegitimate seat of earthly power. The Commonwealth has been maneuvering into a position of centralised financial control since Federation 1901, moreso since the 1970s. The running into insolvency of state banks by State Labor governments under a Federal (Keating as Treasurer) Labor Government, internationalising of our economy and banking (of our once independent financial policy and self reliant economic policy) under the Lima Agreement. More on this vital subject will be in next week's *On Target* budget section. But even they, the Commonwealth bureaucracy including government, are controlled by central banks, issuing all new credits in the form of loans issued against Commonwealth Bonds. There never has, nor never will be, a de-centralising policy-change from the Coalition until sufficient people compel them to do so.

It took the brilliance of CH Douglas to analyse the 'designed' flaw, and then propose the methodology/solution to deconstruct the financial monopoly, and subsequently to devolve the financial-power to the very feet of every single individual where it RIGHTFULLY belongs, with a National Dividend, and the Consumer Price Discount, each issued by the National Credit Authority - commissioned to balance production with consumption by this novel and scientific form of distribution. A natural Trinity.

A Constituted and Commissioned Authority Even Above Government

'Seek ye first...and all these things will be given unto you' and *'The kingdom of God is within'* could not have found a more suitable expression of the balancing of competing interests, the individual and society, as from the financial/economic analysis and proposals of Douglas at this most fortuitous time in our history. Right/Rite Headed Thinking in-deed and in-fact. If we would but step up to receive this cup of blessing from Almighty God! ***

The City Of London - Funder of the State <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdY4ixKHg2o>

Worth a look :--

Man – Remade For The System By Neville Archibald

To utilize – to make use of, turn to account.

Are we just a utility, something that can be reared and kept for its' usefulness? To make a profit from? Consider the direction of Government and the Bureaucracy. How do they treat us? How are we treated by Big Corporations? The Media?

We are treated like we don't matter, unless it is for taxing, selling something to us, or, as a statistic to prop up some theory.

It has got that way that, so jealous of their control over us, these groups have invented ways to keep us in the dark about what they are doing and to also manipulate us to achieve their ends – not ours. The system we created to serve us has now changed – we must serve them!

When we refer to “the black magic of finance” we are indicating, not that we are being ruled by witches and wizards with real magical powers; but more that we are being deliberately confused and tricked by snake oil salesmen. The methods and language they use is there to obscure the fact that they are unwilling to find or use the real answers. They are happy to benefit from our confusion.

When C.H. Douglas, who spent years studying and talking about correcting the flaws in our financial system, first approached those in charge, he was rebuffed. It suited them that the system remained flawed. It was purposeful.

The financial masters, pulling the strings worldwide, do everything in their power to maintain this status quo. The whole language of money manipulation is created around having us argue amongst ourselves, confusing and hiding the real cause.

What does this “black magic” look like today? With the advent of computers and the ability to manipulate large volumes of data, this black magic has been taken to a new level.

In a book by Cathy O Neil, titled “*Weapons of Math Destruction*” (WMD) some of these questions are raised, specific cases are examined, and what this means for our future going forward is discussed.

<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/weapons-of-math-destruction-9780141985411>

What is a Weapon of Math Destruction? A clever play on words, linking what she found, to the “Weapons of Mass Destruction” claim that was used to start a war with Iraq. Something that also produced large casualties.

The Author looks at this manipulation from the viewpoint of a data scientist and former hedge fund analyst. Some very serious examples of what really goes on behind the scenes are discussed. Having done a PhD on algebraic number theory and gone on to use this expertise, she had put abstract theory into practice. After becoming disillusioned by the results she was seeing, she looked into other areas where this type of number theory was also used.

“The operations we performed on numbers translated into trillions of dollars

sloshing from one account to another. At first I was excited and amazed by working in this new laboratory, the global economy. But in the autumn of 2008, after I'd been there for a bit more than a year, it came crashing down.

The crash made it all too clear that mathematics, once my refuge, was not only deeply entangled in the world's problems but also fueling many of them." pg2

Having done a tour of several "stock exchanges" and "futures markets" in my earlier days of travel, I can picture some of what she is writing about. If you have ever questioned the sense behind economic policy, believe me, you are not alone. Instead of reacting to fix this misuse and figuring out how to prevent it in the future, she says that they just went at it harder and expanded into new domains.

"They churned 24/7 through petabytes of information, much of it scraped from social media or e-commerce websites. And increasingly they focused not on the movements of global financial markets but on human beings, on us. Mathematicians and statisticians were studying our desires, movements, and spending power. They were predicting our trustworthiness and calculating our potential as students, workers, lovers, criminals.

This was the Big Data economy, and it promised spectacular gains."

The book then delves into these other areas, where the promise of gains arises. Since the book was published (2016), this advance into our daily lives has shown up more and more as we have embraced online technology. The coming of a digital I.D. will increase this ability beyond comprehension. Facial recognition, tracking and other surveillance methods are advancing at breakneck speeds.

How will this effect us? Increasingly we see ourselves broken into groups or tribes of like minded people. We are categorised by our purchasing habits and targeted by pop-up online ads. Our postcode, our credit score, our insurance rating. Have we attended a function that has taken our details to further contact us?

Quite often, far more often than you would actually believe, your details are on-sold to specialist data analysts. The numbers are crunched, choices made are evaluated, and out pops a conclusion. This is the group you most likely resemble; therefore, other traits may also apply to you. You are profiled!

Statistics is all about numbers. The more numbers you have the greater the likelihood that your profile will fit whatever it is that is being examined, whether it is what ads you are most likely to respond to or how likely you are to default on a payment. Even in the workforce, these numbers exist to predict your suitability or remove you from consideration based on what you do and where you've been.

This bamboozlement by numbers and applied mathematical studies is now used for far more than just financial manipulation and the stealing of profit from actual wealth creators. It has also created an expectation that other spheres of social interaction could be treated in the same way. Thus have we seen the rise of modelling, nearly every consultant these days will run a simulation or computer model to predict

outcomes. In the early days of these trials it was well recognised that garbage in equalled garbage out, but the smooth talk of the silicon valley specialists and financial gurus that took it over has again created a whole new set of “Black magic Incantations” which have blinded many to the real world implications these models are inflicting on us.

The Author, sufficiently demoralised about the role she was playing in hedge fund analysis, began to question the impact she was having in the real world. I am so glad she did, for I have always wondered how many of these people manage to sleep at night, she has proved to me that there is hope for redemption.

In her chapter on Policing, while not really a straight out function of WMD, it has an influence in many ways. This also becomes an indication of how these ideas are transferable to other areas. Best practice is copied to achieve better results, bad practice that works well to achieve a similar result, can also be copied, with a similar, yet flawed, result.

Many would say that when policing and crime reduction is studied, that they are not focusing on the important stuff, only mopping up the easy crimes (statistics) and using revenue from fines as a measure. Yet the reduction in causal crime can go unreported. The arrest of one drug king pin, is not as statistically apparent as the arresting of his twenty or thirty underlings (the junkies and pushers). Large scale arrests for misdemeanours are far more useful when claiming statistical improvement. White collar crime and the things that drive smaller poverty related crime, are not pursued to the same degree. An impact is easier to see when mopping up the little fish and statistics show a far greater improvement than a single white collar crime that threw hundreds into poverty and created much of the desperation that many of these other crimes rose out of.

I myself would go further than this and point out that the actual creation of money itself is a large contributor to crime. Not just the love of money, which is the root of all evil, but the actual process whereby debt is created. If a whole system is flawed from the beginning and creating a climate of desperation for many (and I contend it is), then all other things arise out of it.

Another algorithm that was developed led to the “just in time” business model. Micromanaging costs but adding in dangers. Not just in use for stock requirements, but also for food supplies worldwide. The Pharos of Egypt would not have subscribed to this, they realised they needed enough to carry them over through droughts and lean times. We used to do this too. I hate to think what that would look like now! Shortages of many things during the Suez canal blockage, effected many businesses’ output, as did panic buying during COVID. We are closer to trouble in this regard, than many realise.

On a personal level, the push towards intermittent working hours; casual jobs, posted at the end of each day. Working days available on a day by day basis. Also another

realisation that mathematical models can show big companies how a saving can be achieved. The cost is pushed off onto employees, not the employer, and the individual statistic suffers for the collective gain.

All around us these models are used to “tweak” the system for maximum benefit. But for whom? The end objective would, in most cases, seem to be for the system itself and those who benefit from this system. The further we go down this road, the more apparent it becomes that it is not us, the individuals, who benefit.

The Author’s use of the pun, “Weapons of Math Destruction” is a very apt one. Each situation she describes has casualties and fallout linked to it. Unlike those of the Iraq war, these are visited upon our neighbours and friends in our own countries. These are being done to our own children and their very futures. This should not just anger you, but make you rise to the occasion and demand that this war on our very future is stopped and made illegal, yet such is the power of those “Black magic words” that we simply except the excuses given as, “just how it is”.. Part of the conclusion on pg 200 reads:

“Our national motto, *E pluribus Unum*, means “Out of Many, One”. But WMDs reverse the equation. Working in darkness, they carve one into many, while hiding us from the harms they inflict on our neighbours near and far. And those harms are legion.”

Once again we see a program where individuals are submerged. What is important is the system. Classic Marxism.

Recognising a problem and considering a solution, she goes on to say, “With political messaging, as with most WMD s, the heart of the problem is almost always the objective. Change that objective from leeching off people to helping them, and a WMD is disarmed – and can even become a force for good.”

The driving force behind all statistical analysis should be the pursuit of truth. Any action arising from it should be for our moral benefit. If it is used to make us fit into someone-else’s idea of reality, it becomes like the bars of a prison, denying us the liberty of being an individual. So too, the use of finance, used for manipulation, it creates a world-wide prison, constraint by monetary denial. Just as effective as any other form, with the illusion of freedom – if only ...

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