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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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The Song of the Sirens By Neville Archibald

There is a reason why they no longer teach the classics of literature, I am sure of it. The lessons of old are still every bit as relevant today as they were when Homer was a pup. From our early childhood fairy tales to the more serious pursuit of “*The Odyssey*” and “*Oedipus the King*” in Greek; they all held lessons about the serious consequences we might face if we ignore our duty in this world.

“*Oedipus the King*” by Sophocles, is a story of fate, free will and the consequences of failing to take note of the effects of hubris and ignorance.

Homer’s, “*The Odyssey*”, speaks of a ten year journey home through temptation and peril.

Each of these deal with how to achieve a strong and moral character, how to better yourself and especially what to watch out for. Like the more simplistic, “*Berenstein Bears*” by Stan and Jan Berenstain, which many readers my age may remember; they give examples of what not to do, but in a far more serious and in-depth way. Not something to gloss over, or speed read for the basic essentials. They are supposed to make you think, thus the idea behind Latin and Greek studies in the universities of old, teaching how to think, not what to think.

Having understood these life lessons, you are increased in your ability to counter the influences you may face from similar obstacles. Obstacles that are representative of man’s many different natures and what happens when you ignore these destructive traits when attempting to create a better life.

In the *Odyssey* the quality of the crew of the ship and it’s captain, determine whether or not the ship successfully reaches its destination. I see our civilisation as similar to that ship and all of us are its potential captains and crew. All the best intent in the world is to no avail if we don’t recognise or take action, when we are attacked by pirates or lured to our death by sirens.

The first is easy to see, a frontal attack, probably best described as war, or outright conflict, easy to see and obvious.

The second is the *Song of the Sirens*. In Greek mythology, the sirens were human-like beings with alluring voices. Often depicted sitting on rocks in the sea to lure ships to their destruction. In similar parables or myths they are the symbol of the dangers of temptation. In the male dominated culture of the past they were depicted as female temptresses, thus the use of the word today, as slang, for a woman considered both attractive and dangerous. Interestingly, going further back, there were both male and female sirens. Equality goes around, comes around.

Circe's Warning about the Sirens is Graphic

“The Sirens bewitch everybody who approaches them. There is no homecoming for the man who draws near them unawares. . . For with their high clear song the Sirens bewitch him, as they sit there in a meadow piled high with the mouldering skeletons of men, whose withered skin still hangs upon their bones.”^[1] Homer, *The Odyssey*.

Homer mentions two, but says little of their origins or names, later writers use names with meanings like: Pisinoe, who affected the mind, and Aglaope: of lambent voice. Lambent being, playing about the surface. I assume it generally represents a lack of depth or superficiality. I am happy to be corrected. Is anyone reading this drawing similarities to today?

How did Homer's heroes react? They stopped their ears with wax! Odysseus himself who wanted to hear the song, tied himself to the mast so as not to interfere with the direction of the ship.

We are now that crew, being sung to by Sirens galore. They have multiplied in our educational absence, there are more than Homer would have dared to write.

In modern terms we also use the word Siren, as a warning. Police, forklifts, and machinery, have various sounds. The yelp or chirp of an activated car alarm, the wail of emergency services and the piercer or phaser of the smoke detector. Always a cause for action or attention. We are so used to many of these that we often pay less attention than we should.

In both cases a siren is something that tempts a person towards it. Our decision to avoid or fix it will rely on our knowledge of what it represents. Those we need not fix or take part in (like police or ambulance sirens) we should avoid, not ignore, but there will be no active role we can play. Others that we can do something about, we should do something about, either warn others of the danger or correct the lies of the lure that would lead to our eventual destruction.

This is where I hope to point out what would be obvious to the fictitious Inspector Morse, a student of those very classics.

The Sirens we face today are not just on isolated rocks awaiting the intrepid explorers, they are everyday occurrences that lure us away from our desired goal.

The “Pisinoe” who play mind games with us, reinventing words to mean their opposite, so that we must think carefully about distinctions and use caution discussing everyday

things like gender, race or even historical occurrences. Dare we say someone is a woman, or that he cannot compete in her sport. Might we allow police to describe a criminal using racial terms when issuing a warning to the public, will they be made fearful of arresting someone for a crime, simply because of the colour of their skin and the backlash that might be created.

Then there is the word games of politics, truly reminiscent of Sirens, promising what is best for us but delivering what is best for somebody else. Am I being too vague for you? Stopping us from using gas or coal, yet continuing to sell it cheaply to overseas interests in larger quantities than we could ever hope to use. Luring us to vote for them for trite, popular reasons but continuing to do unpopular and serious damage to our societies very fabric, while dividing us.

We must also stop our ears to the lure of the next best thing that we don't truly need, the next best convenience that will enslave us to their dictates. Digital cash, paid by phone, all expenses and all movement tracked and taxed as they see fit.

Think of the solar push; push us to buy, install and back-feed to the grid, earning cents in the dollar for exported power. Slowly going from 60 cents a kilowatt, to 30, to 5 and now a move to tax those very sunlight cents as an income. Calling it a feed in tariff changes nothing, they have lured us in and are now cashing in their chips. In the same way they have lured us into superannuation and are finding new ways to spend this money for us, or encouraging us to invest in property and taxing any capital gain we may make from it. Having spent our pension tax and encouraged us into super they are now borrowing against this wealth too, as if it were theirs.

The use of Guilt, another Siren song, to lead you in a direction you would otherwise not go. Fancy apologising for something you didn't do, or for something you would never consider doing. This is what is sung to us, from the mouths of people who would fragment our society, split it apart, divide and sink rather than conquer. Songs of past abuses to specific groups, singled out for exploitation yet again by those still pushing for control. Songs of a planet, where we know past actions have sullied it's surface, visible by actual pollution, now the inferred invisible pollution of the future, largely again, assumed as our fault alone. Guilt tripping us into complete control over every aspect of our lives for a pollution, if it is that, that has been the result of greed for profit at any price by those very recipients of the wealth derived. We, the little people, are to take up that burden of guilt and suffer its yoke, while the masters live luxuriously by the sea, obviously immune from its "rising level" predictions. Guilt is probably one of the loudest songs being sung at the moment.

Then Aglaope, The Superficial

"Everybody has a superficial side and a deep side, but this culture doesn't place much value on depth ... and depth isn't encouraged or understood. Surrounded by this shallow, glossy society we develop a shallow side, too, and we become attracted to fluff." Joni Mitchell.

The young are lured to do “Look at me” things by an obsession for an ever-greater number of “likes”, the encouragement of narcissistic behaviour, that compounds, as competition drives them. Striving for the wealth and prestige that clever advertising convinces them is their key to happiness and some distorted form of adulation that will come their way. All the while not seeing they are being used to perpetuate the whole silly idea.

They would do well to re-establish their views and definitions of value, wealth and personal satisfaction, what does that really look like? Are ripped or distressed jeans truly comfortable? Is the newest convenience food, really food? Does the convenience of a digital ID come at the price of true freedom? The Sirens have lured us close, will we drown in this net, or get stuck in this web of posts?

We have embraced the superficial, the one minute explanation (in reality probably 20 seconds for many – to fit a meme. The very word being Me, Me.) This instant culture, like our instant food is neither nutritious (feeding the soul) nor satisfying (driving us forwards) yet it suits some ends, in that it creates consumerism and ignorance.

Attachment to a Slogan Rather than a Truth

“The Speed of science”, a comment to explain the hurried development and limited testing of a “vaccine”. Whereas science, in truth, to be accurate, is ongoing probing, testing and evaluation. To be done scientifically requires not speed, but exacting repetition for clarification. To use those words as an explanation of why there was limited testing (Covid vaccines) is absurd. To be accepted in an enquiry and not laughed at, or to then continue to question the author as if she understood science, makes you wonder at what we are prepared to accept.

“Safe and Effective”, again, a slogan still being pushed, even though statistics and true science has demonstrated how wrong those words are. Every website talking about this debacle contains a pop up from our government insisting on getting accurate information. A scroll through this very information still finds this under “Rationale”, ... “Vaccine effectiveness and safety of XBB. 1.5 - containing vaccines have been largely inferred from earlier COVID-19 vaccine formulations. Limited direct data are available.” <https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-recommendations-on-use-of-the-moderna-and-pfizer-monovalent-omicron-xbb15-covid-19-vaccines?language=en>

No longer the clear-cut words originally spouted from every pusher, but still, to use their own word, “inferred” nevertheless.

The damage of accepting slogans at face value cannot be stressed enough, no matter who they are from. This acquired superficiality syndrome (ASS) is exactly Aglaope’s intention to deceive. The old saying, “When you assume it makes an ass out of you and me”. Assume, a dangerous word, an even more dangerous action.

In summary, the siren songs are guilt, convenience, the superficial and outright lies masquerading as truth. There are probably many more I haven’t touched upon.

A grounding in The Classics, also once called “The Arts”, I used to see as suitable for the idle well-to-do, not a real form of study, unlike the sciences. As you can see my youthful opinion from then, has been replaced by a respect for the true study of the classics, where warnings and parallels for how to better a society were the intention of those Greeks bearing gifts.

The noises of the sirens, once we recognise their warning sounds, should be a call to action, to plug our ears so we don’t dance to their tune, and to then take steps to ensure correct action going forward on our journey.

Like Odysseus and his sailors, we must tie ourselves to the mast of Constitutionally Limited Government, the very thing that has allowed us to evolve to this point. We must wax our ears to the lies of those whose destructive traits would tear down that mast and have us enslaved or worse. We must ensure that we actually take action to remove them from their positions of power. There will always be destructive personas, but they should never be in a position to rule over us or direct our journey to freedom, for it will only ever be their freedom they care for.

These are the lessons of the Classics. ***

Policy – Administration – Sanctions By Arnis Luks

Geoffrey Dobbs 1985 paper ‘*Social Credit in the New Era*’ is a treasure trove of knowledge of the human potential. Reading the essay several times over continues to bring more inspiration into the fore. Thinking about the potential of people ruling themselves (genuine democracy), can also carry the seeds of our own destruction if we do not look to the natural world, and the way things work best. Making decisions, without due consideration, can just as readily bring catastrophe by our very own hands.

Rewards As Sanctions

In my younger days, overseas assignments were sometimes offered to operate refineries in the Middle East. This was a much sought after position due to many factors, not just the increased wages offered. There was the potential to have your children schooled in Europe, or the United States if you so choose. Travelling the world every year was also easily on the cards. Renting out your home while nearly all your accommodation was included into the package was another of the benefits. The horizon was stretched further than before the potential assignment. I never achieved the assignment, but I certainly did look hard at the potential – providing the rewards, or if you like Sanctions were sufficient.

The Plan To Rule Them All

Let's be serious about what is going on politically. Firstly, climate is a complete and absolute fraud, a fabrication of pseudo-science, not from the Baconian scientific methodology at all. There is no deductive thesis before the world to be analysed and pulled apart, just a constant stream of propaganda. The hockey-stick hypothesis has never been examined by the public in any great detail. In fact, the courts have protected the raw-original data from close public examination.

Everything that is being done under the name of climate is for the benefit of the producer, whether it be turbines, solar panels, batteries, or rare earth exploiters. If we follow the industrial and financial pyramid to the top, we see the central banker over it all. Climate is all about exercising political, industrial, and cultural power over the whole world. Nothing more. A monopoly of centralised power to rule them all.

Observing The Real World

This past week we had more than an inch of rain. The tanks are nearly 1/3 full. The garden is watered. In the southern hemisphere the autumn leaves have withered and fallen to the ground to feed the soil. The seasons and climate are in order. Maybe a little late, but in order none the less.

Covid is/was no different than climate. Another propaganda campaign of mis- and dis-information, of which all our governments were complicit, a ceaseless stream of propaganda to herd us into mental corrals of compliance and subjugation. Our Constitutionally enshrined rights and freedoms were thrown to the wind by conservative and labor politicians alike. None of the politicians, nor cultural, nor industrial leaders intervened on our behalf. The Barons of Runnymede were nowhere to be found, just as was during the 1688 England's Glorious Revolution.

Planned Destruction of the Middle Class

One headline this week pointed to the targeting of new taxes to the middle-class. The Victorian government extended the unnecessary Covid-lockdown to unprecedented levels compared to everywhere else in the world. This could only have occurred in this Ned Kelly country due to financial bribery of the population. Providing they were paid sufficiently, overall, the Victorian people were compliant enough to stay at home.

Some recalcitrants refused however, finding they needed to run the legal gauntlet through the courts. At least one brave soul held their ground by insisting our Commonwealth Constitution must be upheld. That was not the norm, but rather the exception. The 'average' person in Victoria accepted the imposition of the lockdown with hardly a murmur, as did those remaining Australians and the free world.

Does government exist just to manage you - with borrowed credit? Or, does it exist to optimise your life in a free society? AD-1215 Barons would insist that government has its own metes and bounds. How the public is to regain the political initiative is the question for this age. Driving the taxation-wedge into the middle class home owner comes straight out of the *Communist Manifesto* – ten steps to communise a country.

Political Education

Geoffrey Dobb's essay reinforces that political education is the first necessary intellectual step towards civilisational-redemption. It is not the function of the population to design a bridge, or fix Covid. It is the function of the population to determine Policy - we want and need a new bridge. We want and need freedom of choice with the jab, or any other medical intervention, including fluoride I might add.

There is/was no physical, nor intellectual reason that we could not have had both. It was the politician's job as Representative to ensure that we get a new bridge, or are free to accept or reject the jab and freely move about as we so choose.

They, our politicians, are not a delegate for a political party. They are our representative to re-present our will to the Parliament.

The politician's purpose, their reason for existence - *raison d'etre*, is to insist that policy coming from the people is given a voice within and through our Parliament. The people require a bridge or choose to jab or not, moving about freely as they wish.

The (Administrative) experts must be brought together to determine what resources are available and produce a concept that is physically achievable for that society. The most suitable type, design, strength and fit for purpose to accurately reflect the policy objectives. For the jab, those most susceptible to the flu may need to be supported, perhaps with better food, clean water, or if necessary, isolation from exposure to the elements. Locking down the world is unprecedented, unscientific and totalitarian.

Continuing on, the Parliament must then provide the Sanctions to bring the bridge into being, through the allocation of financial rewards that will mobilise the right people, the materials, and industrial energy necessary to produce the bridge.

Following The Process Through

The most suitable, affordable and reliable type of bridge is to be determined by the civil and mechanical engineer, in conjunction with the hydrologist, the environmentalist, the agricultural scientist, the project manager and the accountant, all consulting collaboratively, who can readily determine the real cost of production in raw materials and manpower, in regard to the needs of the community, now, and into the future. Had this occurred, perhaps the current Snowy-lemon being produced for power generation may not have eventuated. I remember Labor ministers and their whiteboard fiasco determining in a similar fashion to this Liberal white-elephant.

It is not the purpose nor function of politicians to determine the most suitable type of bridge or no-bridge at all. Nor is it the purpose nor function of a group of politicians, even under advice, to determine what is medically appropriate for every person in Australia. It is to those doctors and patients collaborating, whereby the patient may seek a second opinion prior to making any decision, even if that decision is not at all.

From The Record

Taking into account the repeated call coming from the Sunraysia District around Griffith, NSW, regarding water flowing from the Murray Darling Basin into the Coorong, South Australia, is another demonstration of the public being involved in the realm of Administration rather than their legitimate area regarding Policy.

The Sunraysia District, is manipulatively being urged/directed towards claiming the allocated Coorong water for themselves in preference to the farmers of the Fleurieu Peninsula in SA. The antagonism created between the two agricultural areas keeps the public gaze away from the manipulative banker exploiting the antagonism between both for their financial benefit – being greater profit from a restrictive water policy.

The correct public approach for every growing-agricultural area requiring supplementary water is to insist on Policy - we need more water. It is not the function of the public to determine how that water is to be sourced, nor engineered into a reality. It is the function of the public to determine Policy - we need more water.

It is the proper function of the hydrologist, the civil engineer, the meteorologist, the agricultural scientist, the project manager and the accountant, all collaborating to determine the most suitable response to this Policy of providing more water, of a suitable volume, a suitable quality, and from reliable and efficient sources to achieve the Policy objective. This places an entirely different emphasis on the political process.

The function of the politician is to ensure that the provision of water is suitably resourced or sanctioned to bring into a reality. Not to design it on the whiteboard. Nor to make a captain's call based on a limited or selfish perspective. Nor to favour the banker or merchant in preference to the public. The function of the politician is to find expression for the will of the people, with the necessary Sanctions. That expression in Sanctions, in this modern age is via the work orders we call finance, to ensure the necessary resources and materials are directed to achieving the public will, the Policy.

The ultimate sanction at the national level is military force. This does not mean that the military must produce the goods. But does ensure the security of the project and the necessary Sanctions - generally of inducement with finance, to achieve the necessary result. With what is going on in Victoria and the unions as to who is running the country, those who control the military still hold the final say. Apart from that reality, the rest of the noise coming through the media is simply theatre for public consumption.

Affordability of Food

The price of food products is certainly in the public gaze. The MSM media is presenting Coles and Woolworths as exploiters of the farmers. The truth is Coles and Woolworths are marked for financial destruction. The transnational supermarket chains have their hirelings on the ground, whether it be through the media, certainly the political realm, and industrially by buying up as many farms and land-rights-contracts as they can. They are in the driver's seat of this policy to destroy legitimate competition.

Rather than the public boycotting Coles and Woolworths, these supermarket chains should be supported and protected, as should IGA, Foodland and the other smaller supermarket players.

The transnational monopolists would shut down all competition given the opportunity.

The quality, freshness and affordability of food products should be the only legitimate 'Policy' of the public. Defined correctly, this problem of food quality, affordability and sufficiency is already half solved.

Monopoly does equate to exploitative price gouging, the very thing labelled, through the media I might add, against Coles and Woolworths, as those targets marked for destruction by the monopolists.

Administration may find expression in 'locally grown and sourced food products' as being fresher, healthier, more affordable, readily sourced with a lower infrastructural footprint creating a smaller environmental impact. These are only my initial thoughts, let alone something achieved from consultation with a team of experts (with no vested interest to barrow along) like Fauci or Gates, or Turnbull.

Not something shipped in from overseas produced by third world labour either.

Legitimate competition will find an optimum price-point. Should any outlet attempt

to sell Tim Tams for instance at \$17 a packet, which did occur in a remote Aboriginal community this past week, this heralds in significant opportunity for enterprising retailers wishing to gain some market share in that area. Woolworths are advertising Tim Tams for \$4.00. Monopoly, would if they could, continue to price gouge.

Legitimate competition, more appropriately described as free enterprise, is not monopoly. This explains, certainly to my mind, why I do not advocate a libertarian nor a neo-liberal perspective, both being supportive to centralising monopolies. Free enterprise promotes legitimate competition in a market economy.

Monopoly also requires subsidy. Adani mine exists because the public is subsidising the main infrastructure, railways, other transport mechanisms, port facilities, power and other forms of energy. The taxpayer achieves little realistic return from this subsidy, except for a handful of jobs to exploit this massive mineral reserve. As a monopoly Qantas is no better, being at ease to readily send jobs overseas. All major political parties are promoting monopoly at the expense of the little people, the middle class being those who readily produce most things at an affordable price.

Security

National security must be a legitimate consideration when taking into account food production, bridge building, water resourcing and any other significant industrial project like supplying electrical energy or gas power to our industry or homes.

Former Labor MHR Graham Campbell made the telling comment when considering the purchase of multi-axle trucks for our military. The lowest contract-price can mask a multitude of sins. Poor quality, unavailability or significant expense of replacement parts, the necessary infrastructure to service and maintain multi-axle trucks. Each consideration holds significant ramifications over every sourcing-contract. Whole-of-life price may be a more realistic approach to contract sourcing. Little wonder the **TTP Trans-Pacific-Partnership** was negotiated in secret by governments controlled by vested interests, being binding in perpetuity. This treaty or agreement under external-affairs-power, was handed over with the 1983 High Court decision, which should never have occurred. There is a limit to what government can do by negotiating away our assets, and being binding over ourselves. Who and where are our Barons when we need them?

Controlling or binding a national government, the people, and the natural resources of a nation like Australia, is worth trillions in exploitive profit. Land Rights fast tracks some of this mineral exploitation for the benefit of those same merchants, with little return for Aboriginals, and none at all for the rest of Australia. Little wonder the USA presidential election attracts such mega-donors, in pursuit of a seat at this table of massive exploitation. This is the neo-liberalism and libertarianism in action. Massive exploitation with little compensation, while being subsidised by the taxpayer.

Maturing A Civilisation

Growing up, while at times may have some degree of difficulty attached to the process, even with some attempting to avoid the process altogether, is necessary if young people are to achieve a reasonable state of maturity.

Civilisations are not so different, just maturing on a more gradual scale. ***

National Director's West Australian Tour

It is encouraging at this time of uncertainty around many facets of our political environment in both our State and Federal Governments, that there is renewed interest in finding solutions to the many issues confronting us day to day.

We are pleased to let you know that Arnis Luks will be visiting Western Australia towards the end of July, and during his time there, a public meeting has been arranged at Topolinis Caffè, 639 Beach Road, Warwick, WA on the 27th July. M 0414 804 431

The format planned is for those interested in attending, to arrive from 1.30pm on for welcome, with speakers and workshop including questions from 2pm until 5pm. Tea or coffee, and light meals will be available for purchase across the afternoon.

Anyone wishing to stay on for the *New Times Dinner* and further collaboration will be welcome to do so, and meals can then be ordered from the Menu from 5.30pm.

Afternoon and *New Times Dinner* speakers will include Arnis Luks, National Director of the ALoR and Daniel Criddle who has recently taken on the challenge of researching the history of Douglas Social Credit in Western Australia. There will also be ample books and subscriptions to the *On Target* journal available for immediate purchase.

RSVP before the 24th July : by contacting

Daniel Criddle Mob: 0422 641 686 Email: dlc86@fastmail.com

Arnis Luks Mob: 0415 527 121 Email: heritagebooks@alor.org

This is an opportunity to regenerate interest in Douglas Social Credit or perhaps to be introduced to this vital subject for the first time. If you know someone who may also be interested, please extend this invitation to them also.

Consider holding a Kitchen Table Meeting, a one-day Workshop, or even a two-day Social Dynamics - Freedom Potential Seminar. Each are able to be accommodated.

Contact Daniel of Arnis as the guide to follow the WA touring schedule. ***

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