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## **Corporations More Powerful Than Nations By Arnis Luks**

Today, being the first day of 2025, previously secret Australian cabinet papers from 2004 have been publicly released.

https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-01-01/2004-cabinet-files-unsealed/104723072

The topic that specifically caught my eye was the exploitation of the Bayu-Undan oil and gas fields located some 500 km offshore and north-west from Darwin, in the East Timor Sea, which also happens to be 250 km south-east of East Timor.

The establishment of that tiny nation of East Timor with a population of 1.34 million people, just happened to occur five years before the commercial exploitation of these vast hydrocarbon reserves began.

## https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timor-Leste

I have previously written about the Dutch/English East India Company, being the original corporate raiders in the relatively modern era - https://amp. theguardian.com/world/2015/mar/04/east-india-company-original-corporate-raiders

In assessing the plight of the world, in particular the Middle East, Northern Africa and the Ukraine, I see the same transnational corporate raiding taking place. The narrative is explained away by the MSM using different descriptors like the USA did this, or Russia did that, or Israel has done this, or Turkey has done that. But the transnational corporate raider MO - modus operandi is unmistakable. Governments the world over are doing the bidding of these corporations. Trump administration are the telltale – nearly all billionaires.

For many countries massive exploitation has occurred, looting by another name, but three in particular that Australian military have relatively recently been involved – Indonesia (East Timor), Iraq and Libya. Vast tracts of land (or minerals located offshore), have been separated from the host nation and exploited by these transnational corporations. We get confused when we think that Australia has done this, or Russia has done that, or USA has done that. Our governments' war escapades are on behalf of very powerful corporate interests.

The establishment of the new nation of East Timor occurred so that oil and gas reserves could be separated from Indonesia by multinationals with little, if any compensation being directed towards the new host nation. Trump, only recently, said he would invade Panama 'again' if the cost of using the canal did not come down.

East Timor today is still an impoverished nation with the general population living very poorly, although the massive Bayu-Undan oil and gas fields are a well established commercial exploitation. The East Timor administration is in massive debt. To understand this further the book title: 'Confessions of an Economic Hitman' is necessary to read and digest. The Liberal government under PM John Howard assisted in this commercial exploitation, with our armed forces doing the bidding of vastly powerful Oil and Gas interests, just as they were also involved in Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan, to achieve the same purposes. Afghanistan was all about Caspian Sea Oil as Justin Raimondo from AntiWar.com never tired in reporting.

PM John Howard made a big deal of deciding himself (for our nation) to go to war or not. He chose war to the benefit of these transnational corporate raiders at the expense of that host nation and our own Australian troop casualties.

The MO today utilised by USA, the City of London, Israel, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates to exploit Syria of its vast mineral reserves and landed areas is unmistakable. Mainstream Media presents the case that the previous Syrian administration was dictatorial and corrupt, this is while American military had already been siphoning off US\$20+ million per day of oil reserves since around the beginning of the war on terror. Now the MSM is silent while the looting continues.

https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/12/16/israel-strikes-missile-depots-air-defences-in-syrias-tartus-region

With the recent blitzkrieg (800+ bombing strikes in the early days since the fall of al-Assad) against the Syrian strategic forces, Syria has become incapable of defending itself. The corporate raiders no longer contend with that Syrian administration, having put their own puppet administration in place to keep the population subdued, they now have unfettered access to the mineral reserves and landed areas. Borders are now flexible, foreign military expansion coming against Syria from the north, east, and south-west. <a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/12/15/israel-intensifies-syria-attacks-but-hts-leader-says-doesnt-want-conflict">https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/12/15/israel-intensifies-syria-attacks-but-hts-leader-says-doesnt-want-conflict</a>

In the New Testament book of *Acts 11:19-30*, it makes mention of that ancient Syrian city Antioch, being the place that those whose followed Christ were first referred to as Christians. These people who speak the same dialect as Christ, are again under siege. Will they reject the Zionist-CIA-MI6 imposed dark age? Vanessa Beeley along with others, discusses this, here:

https://beeley.substack.com/p/is-syria-a-failed-state-or-will-the?publication\_id=716517&post\_id=154065447&r=1h49yq&triedRedirect=true

There is a select branch amongst some denominations who are indifferent to the suffering of these Syrian and Palestinian Christians and others as being of no import in comparison to the chosen people. I find it inconsistent to think of one human being of less value before God than another. All are created in the image of God. Matt 25:40 *As long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me* Matt 12:50 *For whosoever shall do the will of my Father, that is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother.* 

Barbaric Paganism to me, by another name.

Ukraine is another country under significant exploitation. You may, if you listen to the MSM, believe that USA and Russia are antagonistic towards each other. Nothing could be further from the truth. Firstly, the Russian military bases located in Syria (prior to its recent invasion and takeover) have recently been relocated to Algeria, another failed nation that is carved up between USA and Russia proxy-military interests. Russia, having walked away from their own strategic partner Syria, is now finding relief from an un-supported Ukraine administration - the military aid diminishing from the USA, while Russian military forces are shifting the occupied border of Ukraine further westward. Almost as if the Ukraine and Syrian conflict is being conducted within a single orchestrated event, both theaters of war rapidly changing front-lines while providing lucrative opportunities for further looting of the mineral assets of the two nations by the transnational corporate raiders.

The mainstream media narrative may use labels such as USA or Russia, but make no mistake, behind these two administrations are central banksters working collaboratively to open the floodgates of massive profits.

I have recently opened the covers of some relevant books - *Descent into Slavery*, and *The Fourth Reich of the Rich* by Des Griffin. A third title: *The Empire of 'The City'* by EC Knuth builds on these other two important works by Griffin. All three are available from our PDF library for download and further research.

Reading the news article further, I see PM John Howard pictured in the White House with the then US President George W Bush along with his strategic advisors including VP Dick Cheney, who was the former CEO of Halliburton. Remembering the 'war on terror', and the collapse of the three towers, not two, triggered that 'war on terror', this perspective sheds new light onto those events and policy objectives.

Muammar Muhammad Abu Minyar al-Gaddafi's Libya is a failed state being exploited by transnational corporate raiders, as is Saddam Hussein's Iraq, which finds itself in similar circumstances. Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Philippines, Indonesia, Pakistan, Somalia, Syria and Yemen all have felt the same military might led by the United States and Britain. Security analysts assert that there is no military solution to these conflicts, pointing out that terrorism is not an identifiable enemy, and have emphasized the importance of negotiations and political solutions to resolve the underlying roots of the crises. Truth be known, there is no desire to find a political solution while the unfettered looting of these nations continues.

Iran is now openly described by our own media as the next likely belligerent, even

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though we in Australia and the USA experience no existential threat from them, only the consequence of blow-back from current military escapades. If anything, it is the other way round with our own military presence in the Middle East exploitation.

# **Private Military Contractors**

https://special-ops.org/top-9-private-military-companies-in-the-world/

While this link above only provides nine private military corporations - with G4S coming from Australia, no doubt there are many more that provide services to protect transnational corporate raiders' interests as they freely loot whole nations.

Most of today's front-page headlines are referring to acts around the world labeled terrorists. But the media generally won't join the dots of the massive dislocation occurring in the Middle East, Ukraine and Africa while the corporate looting occurs. Millions of people are being dispossessed from their traditional homelands to exploit the vast mineral reserves for private profit. Palestine is not alone. None of this is discussed because the mainstream media is sponsored by these same transnational corporate raiders. They also control our learning institutions with grants, most of our political parties with donations, and have an influence over anyone who offers some form of leadership. He who pays the piper calls the tune. The world is not governed by those the public think governs them, but by discrete but powerful people operating behind-the-scenes. At the core of these powerful people is central banking.

#### **One Two Sucker Punch**

https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/politics/anthony-albaneses-public-sector-splurge-costs-taxpayers-extra-5bn/news-story/7dd1066ca7f33456ad9385e3d65fbc46

Inflate this: PM's public service splurge costs taxpayers extra \$5bn

The Albanese government has added more than 26,000 new permanent public -servants to the payroll since (Labor) was elected...

Prime Minister Albanese has significantly expanded the bureaucracy while also massively increasing immigration, both to shore up his own voter base. Universities and Builders bleat of ailing profits at the expense of future students and homeowners by transferring profits onto both, student and home-byers with loan debts. Sen Malcolm Roberts, Libertarians and the Liberal party add fuel to the fire by endorsing the massive exploitation of our own mineral reserves with little compensation felt by never-reduced-taxes, and barely a breath of resistance from either against the tripling of immigration rates. This forces the price of housing through the roof to the point where debt is now multi-generational with little hope for the new homeowner ever able to achieve freehold. They all declare 'we are also open for transnational corporate looting – no expense spared' - including diminishing real jobs. There is no long-term re-industrialise plan, or debt-resolution offered from any political party.

Film maker Gary Newman in the *Sydney Morning Herald* declares socialism is now the Australian way – is it?

https://www.smh.com.au/national/don-t-say-the-s-word-out-loud-but-australia-secretly-loves-socialism-20240909-p5k8yw.html

### **Property as the Principal Asset of Most Families**

2025 also brings incremental taxes on properties in Victoria. While I appreciate that the principal place of residence avoids some of these tax increases, the effect on renters is startling. The chance of the property owner absorbing some of these increased taxes and costs is remote, as they are still required to recoup all their costs and maintain some margin of profit, even if it is only in capital gains. Capital gains have all but disappeared across Victoria and New South Wales this past year.

The reality is that there is only a certain and limited amount of spare spending power within the community, and further increases in taxation (to repay state debts) provide no relief in this area. Both Victoria and South Australia state banks were deliberately driven into insolvency so as to avoid the ability of each state government to issue debt free credits, or obtain loans under favourable conditions, for projects within their respective borders.

The Bank of International Settlements has plans afoot to provide CBDC Central Bank Digital Currency services directly to retailers, thus driving the viability down, in Australia for instance, of our major banks and credit unions. The Bank of International Settlements, which is a conglomeration of major American banking institutions, is monopolising their control over all national currencies. As they are in a position of significant leverage, by controlling the provision of all new credits for all national governments, they are in an ideal position to influence particular policies favourable to themselves, over these governments. The book "The Confessions of an Economic Hitman" by John Perkins, available in our PDF library for download, is a must read to see how this inordinate leverage is placed over governments and political parties by financial institutions and their agents. This is not an obscure occurrence, but rather a readily repeated occurrence to compel policy over all national administrations. https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Perkins%20J%20The\_Confessions.pdf

#### Centralised Media

Rather than government driving policy, if you monitor the articles within mainstream media as they surface, you will soon realise that it is the monopolised media that actually drives policy. This ability to compel policy over the governments by the media, was developed to its extreme monopolistic form under Liberal Prime Minister John Howard. We delude ourselves if we think, or hope for a change under a new Liberal federal government. They have repeatedly been just as treacherous against the Australian public as Labor ever has been.

The medical monopoly was consolidated under Abbott and Morrison with the no jab no pay/play policy, and brought to a head under the Covid regime. Informed consent is no longer tolerated in the medical sphere. Monopoly holds sway over the mainstream media and the bureaucracy and government. Our ancient rights and freedoms, including personal bodily autonomy, are a compelled 'thing of the past'. Exercising of these ancient rights and freedoms becomes a significant strategic event that may cost you your job, your friends, your family, and even your health. So be it; that is the price of freedom. You only need to look at the windfarms, and solar panels

and large battery storage facilities, to recognise that we have been sold another lemon that does less than nothing to alleviate industrialisation and CO2 emissions. It is an entirely spurious and fraudulent policy to increase indebtedness of national governments, with the debt transferred onto the public through increased taxation.

### **PM Scott Morrison Was Not The First**

Former Australian PM Scott Morrison was not the only one who had been in the multiple-ministries-woodpile. Through this journal I have several times made mention of the fact that the 1972 first Whitlam ministry, of Gough Whitlam and Lance Barnard were sworn into 27 ministries between them by the then Gov General Sir Paul Hasluck. What I was not aware was, that in 1987 the Qld Nationals leader Mike Ahern, who replaced Premier Joe Bjelke-Petersen, was also sworn into a two-man ministry, pending the full distribution of portfolios to a complete ministry: "Letter by Sir Walter Campbell to Sir William Heseltine, Buckingham Palace, 25th of Jan. 1988: Campbell Papers". - P.149 Footnote: The Veiled Sceptre: Prof Anne Twomey 2018

### Attendance as a Moral Act

Centralised power is exercised across the world by the fraudulent financial system - a gradual but definite descent into financial slavery-by-irredeemable-debt. There are political mechanisms developed that can curtail this centralising of all power. It is a limiting constitution, representative democracy and responsible government – specifically the Westminster system. However, these mechanisms have also been subverted by the political-party-system and are in much need of reinvigorating.

Individuals in the electorate must band together to gain effective control/influence over their representative. This is the only way forward, to re-establish the political initiative from transnational corporate raiders, back to the Parliament as the peoples' house, being the legitimate forum for the people to discuss these issues and curtail centralised power. It is a war over our very freedoms, our own and national assets, and our nation itself. There is no relief within the political parties, any of them.

At times and places, it may become a hot war, however, there is the scriptural promise that 'The meek shall inherit the earth', and, 'Not by might, nor by strength, but by my Spirit'. A certain level of bravery and incarnated faith-by-works must come together with a clear vision of a world sought after. Not for some remote land across the horizon, but in our own backyard and our very-own community - first.

## **Australian League of Rights Resources**

The Douglas Social Credit legacy/inheritance provides legitimate resolution to this age old dilemma of the manipulation of the financial system to centralise power, and is found within the recorded works of CH Douglas and others within the ALOR libraries. The incarnation of this vision of greater freedoms, and decentralised financial and political policy, is also found within the recorded works of ED Butler and others also within the ALOR libraries. It is our job, our Christian calling, our duty, to protect, advance, and then ensure this cultural inheritance is used now, and remains available for future generations. Attendance is a Moral Act.

## **Australian League of Rights Expansion Fund**

This year, 2025, is unique in the history of the League, in that there are plans afoot to considerably expand the number of League speakers going into the field. These unique individuals are deferring their own personal pursuits to set time aside – (in a position of service) to enter the battle to uphold and restore our ancient Rights and Freedoms. To spread this vital ALOR/Douglas Social Credit message, these individuals will require logistical and financial support. *An army marches on its stomach* - the logistical and financial support must be there in advance, ready to be used as each successive campaign occurs.

For over sixty years this journal, and this organisation (some 80 years since the end of WWII hostilities), has been recording the battle between the forces of freedom and totalitarianism. It has predicted what would happen if effective political action was not taken – (failure to deprive the forces of totalitarianism of their major weapon, a finance-economic policy which is used to drive mankind into bigger and more centralised groups and ultimately into the World State), - making individual resistance impossible. Fighting a series of rearguard battles, the forces of freedom have been increasingly mobilised in Australia under the clear and decisive leadership that the League of Rights offers. The League has more than weathered the storm, and it has planned this national programme of traveling speakers to take advantage of the increasing crisis. But that programme will fail unless adequate financial resources are made available to support these additional resources.

# **Calling for Donations and Bequests**

The jaws of the totalitarian world state are progressively closing in on the free world. The logic of the situation would appear that the causes of freedom, of Christian Civilisation, has been defeated. But as has so often happened in history, the faith and dedicated effort of a few people has defied logic. The logic favoured Napoleon at the decisive Battle of Waterloo. It still favoured him late in the day when he threw his famous elite of veterans in for the decisive blow. But the British lines held, and the tide of the battle turned dramatically.

One of the League's great strengths has been its decentralised financial support. It has never placed itself in the position where it must rely exclusively upon only a few sources of finance. Advertising has never been accepted for its journals. It has been vitally assisted by Donations and Bequests from individuals who wished that all, or part of their material substance be devoted to the continuing battle for freedom, decency, and Christian Civilisation.

A handful of supporters have now contributed significantly to the Basic Fund. The balance is still to be made up to support the League's thin red line of defence. We seriously believe that it is now or never and ask all those who have not yet contributed to the League's Basic Fund and now the Expansion Fund, to prayerfully assess the maximum they can give. Details in the advert at the end of this journal.

### League Objectives

- (a) To promote loyalty to the Christian concept of God, to the Crown, and to the Country.
- (b) To advocate genuine competitive individual enterprise and personal initiative.
- (c) To defend private ownership and advocate its extension in order that individual freedom with security shall be available to all.
- (d) To attack and expose government-by regulation and bureaucratic interference with economic and social activities.
- (e) To take steps designed to secure to the individual very definite rights which no government can take away, and especially steps which defend the written constitution.
- (f) To defend the Rule of law which makes all equal before the Law.
- (g) To stress the value of our system of Common Law, originally built up in Great Britain, to protect the rights of the individual; and to that end, to expose corruption and partiality in all their forms.
- (h) To expose the manner in which the safe guards of individual rights and liberties are being destroyed.
- (I) To emphasise the value of the Senate and of Legislative Councils.
- (j) To expose and oppose all anti-British propaganda and actions, irrespective of their origin.
- (h) To take such other actions as may be deemed desirable to promote the policy of the League.

God is a trinity, a relational structure. Every work of the devil is to divide us into warring camps - Trump vs Harris, Ukraine vs Russia, Israel vs Palestine, Sport team A vs Sport team B, Liberal vs Labor, Democrat vs Republican, Husband vs Wife, Young vs Old. Resolution is to be found in upholding this relational structure, of community, of discussion, love if you like.

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## Essential Reading:

Descent into Slavery https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/ Griffin\_D-Descent\_into\_Slavery.pdf

Fourth Reich of The Rich

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Confessions of an Economic Hitman https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/ Perkins%20J%20The Confessions.pdf