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With all the distraction that is taking our attention at the moment it is easy to forget the real issues we face. “Bird Flu”, the Parties squabbling, leadership contests and more, continually take front and centre as well as both sides. We argue among ourselves along “anti-vax” and vax believer lines, or worse we divide ourselves up into anti and for in every aspect of debate. We concentrate on making our view the only view, and do not stop to consider the arguments being made by either side! Our political leaders and our forelock tugging media do not debate the questions so much as promulgate a view with no variation and no stopping to ask even relevant questions.

Quietly and without any fanfare, the media is allowing the passage of bills and legislation through parliament without question, without reporting on those who are standing up and asking. The ASIO bill, just recently went through as the last bill on the table for this sitting. Debate was minimal and the chamber was virtually empty. Greens Senator, David Shoebridge led a fierce opposition to it on grounds of “coercive questioning and detention powers without requiring people to be charged with a crime!” Politically motivated “violence” (which now includes some vague definition of ‘hate’ speech, which in the past would have been considered just plain speaking your mind), now appears to be grounds for 24 hour detention, questioning and a basic violation of our rights. Some of those that have been subject to laws very similar to these (and remember, the western world is travelling in lockstep here!) find themselves threatened with prison sentences if they even talk about their incarceration afterwards. This is straight out of Soviet era secret policing, we are right to be afraid, we are right to be asking questions; yet Senator

Shoebridge spoke at length to a virtually empty chamber! Where was your representative?

Ask your local federal politician if they listened to what Senator Shoebridge was saying! Ask if they were even in the chamber for the debate. One that should have sent shivers up their spine!

They are taking guns off law abiding, registered, gun owners, and are now stopping law abiding citizens from posing the difficult questions this country must face: all in the pretence of “terrorist threat.” If the “talk” on the street is anti government agenda (and this is becoming more and more apparent as people wake up to what they are losing), then ASIO powers can be used to ‘put a scare in people’. It is being done elsewhere under similar circumstances – watch the way government is riding rough over farmers concerns, watch as they crow about saving the environment by CO₂ reduction, but allow the bulldozing of large tracts of pristine forest to put up “alternative energy giants.” Watch again as they fast track Data (surveillance) Centres, with their incessant demand for both water and power! As they allow the installation of diesel backup generators for same, a huge number for each installation, that will spew out even more CO₂, let alone the diesel particulate equivalent of having a convoy of trucks doing circles in your quiet neighbourhood.

You struggle to be allowed a second home or granny flat on your block of land, and wait, comply, pay, and pay again only to find it knocked back; but these surveillance centres – no problem!

Our cage is being built right under our noses!

So while all and sundry are stressing over the divide of bird flu, while the media makes the most of each new number presented as fact, and asking no really relevant questions, we are being caged. Our limits are being determined, cameras rolled out and facial recognition ability is beginning to be installed in every major store, the Blackrock compendium and all of their coterie are installing it, “for your safety”.

<https://www.biometricupdate.com/202504/blackrock-boss-believes-digital-verification-is-key-in-vision-for-capital-investment>

With the headline: “*Blackrock boss believes digital verification is key in vision for capital investment.*”

An article, released in April ‘25, goes to to propound the direction to be taken by Larry Fink’s range of companies.

“In 2025’s annual letter to investors, Blackrock chairman and CEO Larry Fink set out a vision for his company but also for the world in a prophetic view of capital and investment.”

“The takeaway is clear,” Fink writes. “If we’re serious about building an efficient and accessible financial system, championing tokenization alone won’t suffice. We must solve digital verification, too.”

“This is where digital identity, security, and biometrics companies come in with new solutions announced every month, every year.”

Then this from an ABC article just a week ago.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-08-17/coles-and-woolworths-to-test-facial-recognition-technology/107045036>

“In February, Australian hardware giant Bunnings won a legal battle to monitor its customers with AI.”

“In July, the privacy commissioner published updated guidance allowing facial recognition to be used in public spaces, including retail stores.”

“Coles and Woolworths have tested facial recognition technology in a bid to combat retail crime.”

So the battle to track Joe public, regardless of guilt or innocence is being won, and won by companies and governments alike. Identification, movement and purchasing transactions are now being monitored in real-time in many places. It is not just being rolled out, it is being won without any real battle, we are too busy being distracted!

What comes next?

Meanwhile the Government, who are fast running out of easily accessible money, is now eyeing off your superannuation! They have, and are, continuing to raise all other taxes, despite the card shuffling of the tax laws and rates, the total tax take will always be greater (and it all comes from US).

If they can break us, if they can push us far enough, we will welcome some kind of financial reform, a guaranteed income via CBDCs (Central Bank Digital Currencies). A universal income!

This is the real danger we face!

Government control of data, corporation control of data, data used to justify your “income”, your ability to buy and sell, your ability to travel! All of your participation in society will be capable of being monitored in real time! These all-encompassing Data Centres will be the processing power to make it usable. If you think of everywhere you use your money, being monitored and tracked, and then ask yourself, do I trust my government? Do I trust the large corporations? Do I trust Larry Fink? This is what we are facing – NOW.

In WA there was a data breach where licensed firearms owners had information shared, with whom? How? ‘Email leaks scandal’, 450 emails that the department “has lost control of” according to Hon Phil Twiss MLC.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=922713676961583>

This gun registration and buyback (read compulsory acquisition) is a crucial component of “combating the ‘threat’”, used in conjunction with the anti terror laws and it is already failing. I am beginning to lose count of the ‘data breaches’ we are seeing everywhere. The Banks, the supermarkets and of course, the government departments, and we are supposed to fall over ourselves to ensure we are digitally safe. We must roll all our data into one spot, trust the government to ‘look after it’, when we can see for ourselves it is not working.

If you want to know more, the following summary includes some, but certainly not all, information on some of these data leaks, from:

<https://www.webberinsurance.com.au/data-breaches-list>

- “Court Services Victoria confirms data breach following hacker claims ” July ‘26.
- “Origin Energy boss confirms almost a million Australians compromised by data breach ” July ‘26
- “Australian educational facilities impacted as ‘criminal’ hacks Canvas learning platform” May ‘26
- “Treasury staffer charged for NSW government data breach” April ‘26
- “Data Breach Exposes Supply Chain Vulnerabilities as Customers Face Targeted Phishing” April ‘26 (this under [*Booking.com*](#))
- “Aussie FinTech platform youX confirms data breach as hacker shares massive dataset online - Hacker claims compromise of 141 gigabytes of data from a MongoDB Atlas cluster, more than 600k loan applications to almost 100 lenders potentially compromised.” Feb ‘26.

This is not a complete list, I counted some 38 since late January on this site alone! Each item on this website leads to an in-depth article. Just how secure anything digital is, depends on the Hackers ability (or the desire by an interested body) to obtain said information. The uses it could be put to, depends entirely on the moral stance of that body, and for many (government included) “it’s just business”.

This brings me to the subject of our last podcast (The Cross Roads. TCR 2026 – Episode 32). <https://rumble.com/v7ed1r0-tcr-2026-episode-32.html>

A solution to our financial issues will be ‘given’ to us, as I said before. We must be the driving force behind this, in other words, when it is brought up, it will need to be countered by a public that knows what a real solution looks like.

At present, every solution thus far offered has lead to further degradation of financial independence. We have ‘lost’ every time a solution has been enacted! This coming time will be no different if the over-riding concept, thus far used, is the same (centralisation of control).

To Address this, we must ask some important background questions. C.H. Douglas asked these over 100 years ago.

“There are really only three alternative policies in respect of a world economic organisation:

- The first is that it is an end in itself for which man exists.*
- The second is that, while not an end in itself, it is the most powerful means of constraining the individual to do things he does not want to do; e.g. it is a system of government. This implies a fixed ideal of what the world ought to be.*
- The third is that economic activity is simply a functional activity of men and women in the world; that the end of man, while unknown, is something toward which most rapid progress is made by the free expansion of individuality, and that, therefore, economic organisation is most efficient when it most easily and rapidly supplies economic wants without encroaching on other functional activities. You cannot spend too much time in making these issues clear in your minds, because until they are clear you are not in a position to offer an opinion on any economic proposal whatever.”*

To break this down, we must consider each part fully!

The first: the end of man! Far from being “the end” of civilization, as many would have us worry about – collapse, extinction or regression. The end of man Douglas talks of, is the purpose we are here for. If man exists for simply economic reasons alone, if his sole purpose is to chase enough money to survive, then he is no better than barbarian seeking riches or material wealth. The end of man should include much more than scrabbling for the almighty dollar!

Man has a spiritual side which encompasses far more than simply a “God” interpretation. Our whole society is built on values of some kind that allow us to operate in conjunction with one-another and move forward towards a better place, an easier, more abundant place. This association we have is the very thing that determines if we do it peacefully and advantageously, and whether it is done to suit mankind as a whole, or just select groups alone – the rest being serfs or slaves. Money or it’s representative is simply a tool we use to get there, it is not the end itself.

The ‘End of Man’; therefore must be a philosophical consideration that takes all this into account, and allows us to become the best we can on an individual and

social basis! The flowering of this present rise, is mostly due to the precepts of Christian love for one another and the truths found therein about social acceptances that keep us at peace with one-another. That we should have life, and life more abundant. (John 10:10)

It is hard to deny the importance of this concept. We would all agree that having a rich and full life, with joy, peace and purpose, is a far better concept than just getting by day-to-day and fighting with others to do so.

The second, involves how we can do this effectively. This is the point of economics! It is the science of how we achieve the 'end of man'. Our current system focuses on scarcity and limited resources, rather than man's ingenuity and ability! It creates all interaction exchanges as Debt, to be repaid, instead of looking at the overall picture of what man can produce (given the physical and intellectual resources he has) and how he can share it to bring this 'end of man' into being!

This 'bringing into being' is 1000 fold easier today than it was 200 years ago. We have created abilities to provide for ourselves with very little labour, something that would have been unthinkable/unknowable then. The result has been, unfortunately, not to free us from excessive work so that we can devote ourselves to individual betterment, but has instead resulted in an unequal, or failure of, distribution of what should have been capable of bringing about the rise of all mankind.

This is the economic outlook we have been living under, it has not reflected our intentions, it has, as Douglas points out, lead to, "*constraining the individual to do things he does not want to do*".

Consider for a moment, the things you would be capable of, if you only worked for that short portion of time you truly needed to, if the ratio of 'labour saving' by our intelligent use of machinery and process, was factored in! We once looked at a far shorter working week, even Keynes made that speculation, this from our comrades at the 'Rail Tram and Bus Union':

"In the 1930s, the famous economist John Maynard Keynes speculated that people would move to a 15 hour working week as technology improved. His logic was that once people had worked enough hours to fulfil material needs, they'd choose to spend the extra available hours on leisure time."

https://www.rtbu.org.au/an_economy_that_works_for_people

When you look for information on a shorter working week, or try to find out about time required to work to meet our needs, the only ones who really discuss this seems to be our socialist friends. The lack of discussion in any other circle shows you just how entrenched we are in finding economic solutions that don't involve attaching work to income. That we can produce all we need with a fraction of the labour, is not reflected in the 'economic reality' that currently exists! The

premise that 'productivity' must keep rising or we will slide into a depression, forgets to factor in the limited markets we keep on finding for the things we produce!

The socialist call is legitimate; but the solution, I contend, will be closely linked to the CBDCs and 'party' control of all economic factors for the individual (according to the word of the party).

So here, it is crucial that we realise that the economic solution that will be presented to us at that tipping point, will be corrupt, with a continued bias to constrain us into 15 minute cities or the nearest approximation that can be got away with.

The third point is that we cannot know the ultimate end of man! Our use of resources has altered as we have discovered the wealth of knowledge life has to offer. Worries about our future and the dwindling or rising problems we are told we are facing, will, given individual freedom, be discovered to be solvable. This feature of man itself is our greatest ability, but it must come from a good place, it must come from the realisation of the 'true end of man'; not from the 'it's only business' end!

Our potential for creating this vision in the future relies heavily on our movements and acceptance of a change in economic reality, an economic reality that reflects the truth of this world, not some fabricated debt and scarcity con job, where we cannot do what we know is physically possible, simply because a fictional system of finance tells us otherwise.

More from Douglas:

"We have already seen that a feature of the industrial economic organisation at present is the illusion of international competition, arising out of the failure of internal effective demand as an instrument by means of which production is distributed. This failure involves the necessity of an increasing export of manufactured goods to undeveloped countries, and this forced export, which is common to all highly developed capitalistic States, has to be paid for almost entirely by centralised control of finance such as that we are now considering, this forced competitive export becomes impossible; while at the same time the share of product consumed inside the League becomes increasingly dependent on a frenzied acceleration of the process." page 136-7 Economic Democracy.

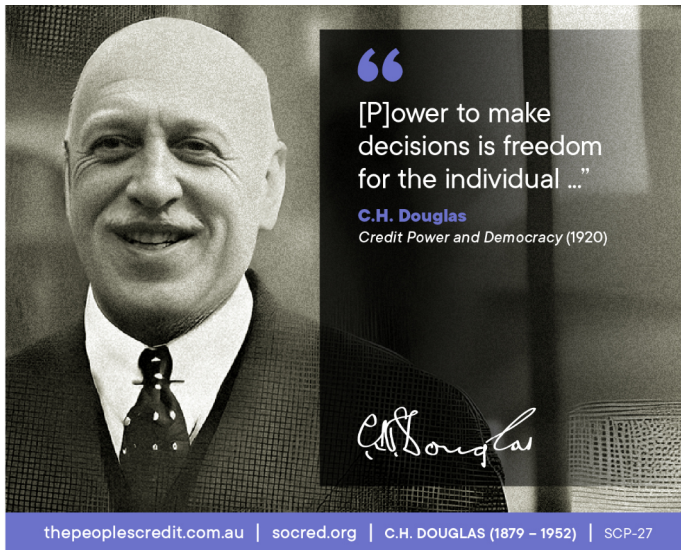
This comment summarises our situation today, we are at the tail end of that process thus described and the frenzied production is the growth we must have to keep on top of it. It seems to know no end; yet the debt climbs ever higher as we do it. That centralised control of finance is the loaning body and it expects repayment that can never be realised, no matter how fast we produce.

You simply cannot borrow your way out of debt! And as all money/finance is

borrowed into existence – it is a fantasy to think otherwise.

“The simplest way of realising this is by realising that if you grow a ton of potatoes, you do not in any way grow or produce the money wherewith to buy that ton of potatoes. If you sell your ton of potatoes, you merely get for them the money that someone else had previously. The manufacture and production of goods and services in the modern world is a process fundamentally separate from the manufacture or production of the money wherewith alone they can be bought.” page 63 Douglas Speaks.

Any system that offers to replace our current one, must be capable of addressing these faults. The ownership of the wealth and it's fictional financial equivalent must remain in the hands of the people it is there to serve. It must be to facilitate what we can be, rather than a limit that stops us. ***



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