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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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*'The League of Rights is a non-Party organisation with no Parliamentary ambitions and no brief for the trading banks. It is primarily concerned with obtaining an informed public opinion in support of those fundamental British Constitution principles which, over a period of hundreds of years, were painfully evolved for the purpose of ensuring that there was a proper and clearly defined limit to the powers which any individual, or group of individuals, should exercise over the lives of other individuals.'*

-E.D.Butler- Steps Towards the Monopoly State, 1949

*'A 'planned economy' necessitates the centralisation of all political, economic, and financial power into one set of hands. Stripped of all camouflage, a "planned economy" means a Monopoly State in which all resources and all individuals are controlled by the central planners.'*

*'The Federal Constitution, which limits the powers of the Federal Government, is a barrier to the imposition of a "planned economy" in Australia; therefore, IT MUST THEREFORE BE DESTROYED.'*

*'The preservation of the States as self-governing units depends upon the maintenance of the Federal Constitution. Local self-government is also a barrier to the totalitarian "planned economy" and must be destroyed. It can be seen, therefore, that the destruction of both individual rights-such as private ownership-and local government can be achieved by destroying the Federal Constitution.'*

These words, written by Eric Butler in the late 1940s were obvious to him then. The 1944 referendum to centralise powers, pushed by H.V. Evatt had just failed. Australia was awake enough to say no. The steady push since then, the constant drip, drip, drip of Fabian socialism has removed many of our previous freedoms without many of us even stirring. What we now face is an eroded set of rights for the individual, which originally came from God, now becoming what the State allows (the state in this case being all levels of government in Australia).

Those powers over us, most noticeable during COVID, put in place by fear, have now been retained by UN and WHO treaty or agreements. What in no other time would be acceptable, was forced onto us under cover of fear of disease. Many other fears are also being used to alter our freedoms at this moment, many we do not even seem to comprehend.

The **fear of violence** on the street, as machete wielding criminals run amok and those with a loose concept of what ownership means, are stealing both cars and the contents of homes (often while the occupants are at home).

A police force who should be capable of reducing this has been hobbled, as much by bureaucracy as the revolving door of the courts. Police are now pursuing people for 'hurty' words and social media posts. The workforce, decimated by disappointment during COVID and the heavy handedness that was required of them, has left many no longer fulfilled by the job (the catch and release aspect isn't helping either). Police numbers are down and the type of candidate, I believe, has changed. Service to the community has been replaced by revenue collecting and enforcement, rather than being a presence to induce peace. The replacement emotion on our sighting of our once helpful force, is mistrust and fear, not necessarily because people think they are doing wrong; but because many of us now have the idea that if they wish to 'catch us' there will be a law somewhere that allows them to do so! This is a very sad state of affairs and disappoints me greatly. Like many other 'public services', the service element seems to be long forgotten or ignored. I do not believe this is a coincidence or omission, I believe it is deliberate policy!

The other side of this inability to rein in crime, leads to a greater reliance on 'catching' offenders on camera. Not just the surveillance by cameras in the street, but increasingly, people are taking it into their own hands with the availability of technology. Home security cameras and 'dash cams' becoming not only wide spread, but heavily relied on. The ability to use these to convict or absolve people of wrong-doing, plays directly into the hands of the surveillance state. We expect someone to be there to see the crime and use it to help convict criminals, if no longer the police, then in this case recorded images. Yet the privacy angle of potential 24 hour watch by machine, for everything you do, is over-ridden by

the fear of violence and the ability to catch the perpetrators in the act. Never mind that most get a slap on the wrist and are released to try again, the worth of technology to 'catch' them is touted as purely a positive result. The 24 hour monitoring of all the 'innocent' is a minor by product – until it isn't!

Remember, to be a successful control mechanism it needs to be, widespread, acceptable and seen as the only alternative. We must give up yet another of our freedoms, because the other methods are no longer effective, whether by design or omission. Another 1984 tool that we seem to be clamouring for!

The concept of local government has like-wise seen the same developments occur. Once concerned with rates, roads and rubbish, they now have a finger in every pie the ratepayers wish to consume. Events, once spontaneous or easily organised, are subject to more and more limitations. Development proposals, even for a basic building permit, require outside consultants to do what councils themselves used to oversee. A question of process of an engineering nature, now meets a firm yes or no with rarely a suggestion on how to solve or conform to requirements. Where once the building departments oversaw and offered advice, it is now basically just there to police and monitor wrongdoings, for the enforcement of stricter and stricter limitations on what you can and can't do on your own land. I wish this weren't the case, but I rarely meet anyone these days with positive opinions of these departments. This too, is a substantial change to the freedoms we once held and have now progressively lost. With the amalgamation of councils, the representative side of council has become mere window dressing, with some councillors complaining they are little more than public relations people for state government desires.

The next big push may one of several items, removal of the use of cash, would seem to be on the cards. The push for this has been mentioned many times as a passing possibility. This will no doubt be accompanied by a digital identity of some sort. With this tap and go technology fast replacing normal cash and it's use becoming normal, the 'convenience' will be the selling factor. We are not encouraged to look at the issues with this system: loss of power (electricity) to process, stops it working – stranding you from your purchase, software glitches or even hacking, which cannot happen with cash creating the possibility of theft like never before. Likewise the use of a monitored card, connected to a monitored I.D. will mean you are constantly profiled and all your spending habits, travel and even down to what you eat will be available. Not just to the banks who process it, but any organisation with the money or skill to access it, they will have you over a barrel if they wish.

If you ever wondered why your social media keeps throwing up certain types of video or post, the algorithms driving it process your history and offer more

of the same! Great, you say, I like that stuff! Now raise the question of the algorithms ability to keep from you, actual truths in news, to selectively target your viewing to push a certain narrative! I bet you've never seen that in real media? (heavy sarcasm). If the political will is to remove 'mis-information', then it will be able to do so! If a desired party needs a boost, or an undesired one needs restricting, then the capability of doing so is right there! Monitoring posts that are deemed unfit for the needed political climate will be programmable and all those new 'hate speech' police will have plenty to do, even if it is just intimidating. The CBDCs ( Central Bank Digital Currency) are already virtually in place, albeit in a proxy form by each card issuer. Minor changes are just needed at a connectivity level – the rest is almost completely in place. AI will enable this!

The whole system only works, of course, if there is the power to use this information, collected every-time you set foot outside (and even in your homes with all those smart features on your smart technology). The rapid approval of Data Centres, discussed last week, fits this picture to a tee. The means of successfully controlling us is placed on our heads, our desires for the fastest, the clearest and the most convenient – we want it all – we are the ones pushing it! That is the story they will have you believe, not for a moment will it be to ensure you are good little girls and boys, doing exactly as the future requires.

If all this was simply coincidental, it is strange that the countries recognised as making up the free world, are all moving in that same direction. Each set of 'leaders' is leading us down that same garden path. There are some sort of fairies at the bottom of that path, but I don't believe they are Tinkerbell - light and free, more like stinking hells - dark for thee.

As Eric said at the beginning, the monopoly state is coming, it is already mostly here in fact. All those steps towards Sovietisation by stealth, have been pursued, some knocked back only to rise again in a new disguise later. It is time you started looking at the losses in total, contacted your representatives and made sure their future view of Australia is the same as your own. In the absence of pressure to change direction, we will keep on down this path. Enough!

Of course **other factors** will decide just how willing we are to accept these limitations. Pressure from the current war in Iran, the fuel crisis arising from it (not entirely a crisis, but certainly promoted as one) and UN-payable debt also, will be added to reasons why we must accept the coming restrictions.

The debt issue will appear in the next budget, with our treasurer already dripping comments slowly into the waters of public awareness. The reduction in 'capital gains discounts' (as we discussed in a previous article), increased death duties and inheritance taxes – because all us 'old' people have squirrelled away

money and capital (retirement savings and house to live in - this is to blame for a lack of money in the system, naughty us!) So we will not be able to pass much of this on to the next generation, unless you are really rich of course! Spending by individuals can be controlled and promoted as a budget necessity, any form of wealth tax or profit sharing tax ( sharing your capital gains with the government) will be a burden for the individual to carry. Big business will still win out.

The solutions for some of our debt problems, being proposed by some of the more sensible commentators, like taxing our energy exports (coal gas and oil) or our mineral exploitation, and actually earning some royalties seems to be a reluctant discussion. A Senate hearing in recent days looked at this exact issue.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDebVmoB2V4&t=1215s>

(I would have included Hansard transcripts, but these are yet to be made available. They can be found here: [https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Taxation\\_of\\_Gas\\_Resources](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Taxation_of_Gas_Resources) follow the links.)

The concept of raising money through the selling of our resources was examined. While the issue surrounded just how much we are missing out on and the pros and cons of methods used to get it, by far the bigger picture for me, was how is it that we have allowed it to be an almost zero sum for so long?

Who in power decided that the material we own as a country, could be given away virtually free of charge? Just who have our successive ruling parties been working for?

This podcast is well worth the time to watch. Debating over the type of tax used to raise this money, is akin to watching the water run out of a bucket while dithering over what to use to patch the hole. Both the Australia Institute represented by Dr Richard Denniss, and 'Punters politics' representative Konrad Benjamin, provide a series of unquestionably sensible realities, that show me that our previous governments may well have been working for someone other than us.

What I see as the key takeaways in this whole debate were:

1/ It now seems that the public need to LOBBY to be heard. Electing the government to represent us is not enough apparently (are we not the owners of the wealth - and the electors who are supposed to be represented - not some international profit making company?)

2/ There is an obvious flaw in the system that has allowed this to happen, and has continued on through both labour and liberal/national governments with no correction!

3/ The two people presenting evidence to this hearing are doing so from positions outside of government. We have departments with all that information

available to them, who are either, not raising these points or not being heard when they do. If the accountants managing my business were allowing me to miss out on huge potential savings or profits – how long would I let them continue, especially when others have pointed out those issues many times before? If they were then found to be leaving that firm and getting jobs with the very firms that benefited from their ineptitude, would I not want questions answered and even prosecutions? What is the definition of fraud? When is taking advantage, a criminal act?

4/ Where has this podcast discussion been featured in the main stream media? Why is it not front and centre of every news item about debt or taxation? Every ‘public is doing it tough’ story, deserves to include it!

One of our major problems we face here, comes in a question from Senator Smith (Liberal WA at 50.58). He asks if Mr Denniss (Australia Institute) objects to the theory of the PRRT (petroleum resource rent tax – the current system). In trying to answer this, Mr Denniss says he has watched this system not work for nearly 40 years. In fact he mentions the inquiry into it by the Turnbull government (Lib) in 2016 and the subsequent Callahan inquiry which also did not change anything. He then tries to mention the Labor government’s tinkering as well, but is cut off for ‘brevity’. The main arguments being debated, it seems to me, are over the methods used to raise the tax, not the fact that we get so little of it no matter who is in power!

A long history of attempts that don’t succeed, by both sides of party politics, suggests to me that the direction both parties are pursuing are the very same as the direction of every other major policy. That of parliaments siding with global dictates rather than their employers, the people of Australia.

Are there roadblocks being put in place to keep our Nation from it’s wealth? Will we continue to see debate about the nature of taxation and who pays rather than solutions? We all need to pay attention to outcome rather than the intent, if this inquiry is any example.

A brief summary about the enquiry here:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DXdjchfAbMf/>

or the full version here:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=japanese+government+collects+more+tax+from+australian+gas+than+australian+government](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=japanese+government+collects+more+tax+from+australian+gas+than+australian+government)

While all this debate is going on, we are being asked to tighten our belts. To expect less from government spending. A reduction in what we get for our taxes, despite government taking more from us.

The communist manifesto lists 10 things to change a country in their favour. Numbers two and three are:

2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.

3. Abolition of all rights of inheritance.

Both of which we are looking at right now. It must be noted that it is primarily the individual who must be taxed, as in this globalised setting, the controlling masters will be not so much a soviet style government as we once knew it, but a global industrial complex (controlled by limited members of the wealthy elite who own them). Pulling our wealth away from us is the primary motive. If we are forced to struggle to survive, we cannot resist.

**The use of debt and work to enslave, or Why we should be free!**

When Adam was thrown from the garden of Eden, the curse of work was upon man!

No more lounging about, eating what was plentifully provided by nature – he had to struggle to endure.

When man harnessed the power of invention and resources, he alleviated some of that curse. No longer to toil with pick and shovel, or walk behind the horse to plough the soil – machinery became the tool of freedom - creating leisure.

Unsure of how to adapt to this newfound 'time on our hands' the economic system began to falter and debt finance became the solution. The connection of 'work to money' (income) belied the reality that less work produced just as much if not more! Prices did not fall, but hours and make do work rose to cover the lack of wages earned.

Consumer earnings (via wages) fell in relation to productive ability and the real issue of economic failure began.

This means of liberation from the yolk of work, was changed into an excuse to force the seeking of 'other' work to survive. It fitted the mindset of Marx whose 'equal obligation of all to labour', ensured no one had free time to examine this dichotomy or complain about it! The protestant work ethic also contrived to make us feel guilty for this 'unearned' freedom.

The insidious apple of the new machine-age-Eden, is debt – hire purchase, time payment, overdraft, or just plain usurious debt! Without it there can be no purchase of the full production of society, unless export markets take some of the load or the unlimited export of war occurs (as we have seen).

*'If the only way in which income is distributed to consumers is through an employment system, any automation which displaces workers relegates them into poverty, even though national production might have been immeasurably increased. This has produced the symptoms of industrial disruption.'*

*'All this could have been avoided by recognition of the fact that the machine itself, as soon as it produced anything, now earned a wage which had to be distributed.'*

But to whom?

*'The machine should have been the starting point of a change away from the wage to the increment, or dividend system.'*

*'That which it was necessary to share was not the means of production so much as the production itself.'*

*'The communist argument depended solely on preserving the illusion that ownership of the means of production was synonymous with the distribution of income – thus the impractical preoccupation with industrial democracy.'*

*'As technology produced a growing stream of goods with less and less human effort, so the money system should have created and distributed incomes sufficient to enable supply and demand to function.*

*BUT the money system was in hands whose power depended entirely on the maintenance of debt. Did they once concede that money could be created debt free, their power was gone forever.'*

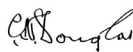
These extracts from Jeremy Lee's, December 1977 issue of 'Enterprise' (the organ of the 'Institute of Economic Democracy) titled: 'Economics and the Church', paint the main picture of the landscape we are living in today. We could have the wealth and leisure abundant that our associations would provide, if not for a collusion to keep it from us. All other arguments about the mechanics of seeking a 'fair deal' within that faulty system, fall far short of what could actually be - in reality!

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Money and the money system now occupy the place of religion.”

**C.H. Douglas**  
Warning Democracy (1931)



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