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As the West recovers from the shock of yet another set of Islamic fundamentalist bombings, this time in London, its leaders are providing us with prescriptions to cure this plague that just don't measure up.

In fact, the cure being proposed by Western leaders, both liberal and conservative, is not only worse than the disease, it is one of the causes of Islamist terrorism itself.

Pope Benedict has stated (Newsweek 16/8/05) "Muslims do not feel threatened by (The West's) Christian moral foundations but by the cynicism of a secularised culture that denies its own foundations". Secularism is the justification for Islamic terrorism against the West, because its aim is to transform Islamic countries in a way that Christianity never could (and clearly today has no intention of doing). This is a correct view of the problem.

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Secularism is not the answer to terrorism

Yet when one hears Bin Laden and the self-proclaimed leaders of the West speak, one can only wonder who is echoing whom. Al Quaeda's figurehead has made it perfectly clear he believes the West is a materialist society with no objective morality and no concept of what is right and wrong beyond convenience for economic and individualist ends - as codified in the state's laws, i.e. a secularist society with no objective moral code based upon religion.

What is Australia's Treasurer Peter Costello's retort to this? Commenting on the acceptability of Muslim immigrants in the future he said: "According to our Constitution, we have a secular state. Our laws are made by the Australian Parliament. If those are not your values, if you want a country which has sharia law or a theocratic state, then Australia is not for you" (*The Australian* 31/8/05). Elsewhere Costello clarified that there is "only one law in this country", that legislated by Parliaments.

More than one law

Wrong! This is such a basic issue, one that led to war in Western Europe time and time again when civil authorities tried to usurp the functions of the Church and turn it into a section of the state: Church and State each have their own functions and ends and are governed by their own laws. Not only the clergy, but many aspects of Christian life are governed by Church law.

Clearly Costello's reaction is more than one of secularism. This is not only an example of the State denying the basis of the Western society. The secularism being trumpeted by ministers of the Howard Government has gone beyond being non-religious to become anti-religious. It amounts now to a denial of the autonomy of the Church in Western societies.

Under the pretext of combating Islamic religious extremism, the blow delivered to the freedom of the Christian religion in Australia will be far worse. Already, with the excuse of preventing Islamic fundamentalism in schools, the state has announced that it will demand a commitment to a secular Australia from all Christian schools as well. We will now apparently see the paradox of Bin Laden's caricature of the West become a reality by the hand of militant secularists like Costello.

Bush, Blair and Howard have demanded that Muslims accept the relativisation of their religion. The tradeoff seems to be that they will enforce this in the West as well, against Christianity. If they have the slightest hope that Islam will relativise itself away, then none of these men deserve to be where they are for that reason alone. This is the ideological wing of the "war against terror". All they will score is an own goal against the West itself. The question of whether it is deliberate or not is less puzzling by the day.

Globalisation destroys the farm

We don't call an agribusiness a farm. It's a venture, usually foreign-owned, that just happens to be taking place in the countryside. It has no connection or concern with the rural society and towns of its area (if there is anything much left). Its profits, instead of boosting the rural economy go straight overseas, or inner- Sydney. The Government can produce figures that show Australian agriculture is more profitable than ever, but this covers the continuing flight of Australian country people from the land and the death of townships.

As competition with imports becomes impossible for all labour intensive agricultural production, farmers have no choice but to get cheap foreign labour ("guest workers") in, or get out themselves. This is not the rural Australia we know. Nor should we have to get used to this new plantation slave system that is being foisted on us in the name of competition. Yet there is no alternative within the framework of globalism to this - only the importation of frozen vegetables produced in a brew of Chinese pesticides and other chemicals that would be illegal in Australia.

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The National Bank's agribusiness manager Michael Urban predicts the number of farms will decline from 130,000 to only 100,000 in fifteen years. He also predicts that commodity prices will decrease, on average. This means that farms have no choice but to lower their productions costs (The Age 13/6/05). It also means that farms that cannot function within this global market environment will have to disappear. But why do Australian farmers have to cater to a "global market" first and foremost? If agriculture was geared towards satisfying Australian needs and protected from the products of slave-plantations overseas, the value of our produce would be higher and more Australians would be employed. More importantly, it would allow the survival of rural Australia.

The social cost of the heartbreak of displacing our beloved rural Australia and that of importing a thousand more problems from elsewhere in the form of guest workers is not justified by the benefits of globalisation. From our point of view, it is not the balance sheet which is so important as the ability of the rural section of the Australian nation to go on living just where they happen to be, following the occupation they wish. The economy is there to make our way of life possible - not vice versa.

Aussie camaramen knocked back

It's happened again - and it goes to show that even in the case of an enterprise as rich as the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee, the idea of decency goes out the window when there is very

Comments on the news

cheap labour to be had. The culprit is the broadcaster TransWorld International (itself owned by a foreign company), which has just hired 120 foreign cameramen to cover table tennis and weightlifting.

This was despite having more than enough fully qualified locals to do the job. The reason for the choice of foreigners (including 68 members of Chinese TV broadcaster CCTC, 22 New Zealanders and 40 others) is crystal clear. The Chinese are paid as little as \$486 a month, and this money will not be paid to them directly, but to their Chinese TV employer (*The Australian* 30/9/05).

"There are lots of crews standing by waiting to work for the Commonwealth Games"

The Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation has officially defended TransWorld International (which has refused to comment on its cheap labour hiring practices) saying plenty of Australians were employed in other areas of the Games. However, Maria Karambelas, manager of a booking agency specialising in these types of

events, said "there are a lot of crews standing by waiting to work for the Commonwealth Games... They are Alevel and every single person on our books worked on the Olympics". She said she had approached TransWorld International to see if they needed any crew, but they said they were "OK". Some Australian freelance crews approached TransWorld directly seeking work at these events. The answer was clearly that they were not prepared to pay them the going Australian rates for their work, and the hours were unacceptable by Australian standards.

It doesn't end. In Mildura, about 100 farmers will be granted visas to import Chinese guest workers to harvest grapes. They are about to plant 10,000 hectares of grapes and are factoring in the use of 8,000 guest workers in order to make the project viable.

Here as with the camera crews, it's a lie to say that Australian workers aren't there or that they are not qualified. They simply have to work for terrible wages and conditions or they are not wanted. Global "competition" has spread the cheap and mediocre.

Who gains from Aboriginal land sell-off?

There has been a lot of speculation recently about breaking up the corporately owned aboriginal lands in northern Australia. It is said that this will allow the growth of incentives to wealth creation among the Aborigines who live on these lands and are obviously poor.

Unfortunately, what usually happens when such "reforms" are carried out (judging by experiences like the end of collectivisation in eastern-Europe) is that most end up with nothing because they are not "entrepreneurial" enough. The winners are the thrifty few and, above all, big multinationals.

The story of Aboriginal corporatism has been tainted by bad management and the guilt industry, but the system needs to be retried. The main problem Aborigines have is not that they are not thrifty enough, but that they have little to hold their societies together. European Australia is now experiencing something similar. Wealth does not fix it.

The London bombings have put a big dent in the ideological basis for the "Coalition of the Willing". According to our leaders, the war against Islamic terrorism may last decades but we will win in the end because the fundamentalists will lose support when the self-evident benefits of Western freedom and prosperity are experienced by the entire globe.

The problem is, as "prosperity" was the last hope of secularists for peace from Islamist fanatics, there is a small problem. Those London bombers were not "losers". They were not desperate. They were English born and bred and could have experienced all the joys of Western freedom and decadence had they not made the decision to make war on us. Of course none of this is newsbut the solution being proposed by Western governments may be an even bigger problem.

Those who say that the invasion of Iraq and the continued occupation of Palestine allow terrorists to justify their attacks on the West have a point. It certainly constitutes a proximate cause and a windfall for Bin Laden's recruitment campaign. Those who defend U.S. interventionism in the Middle East point to Islam's history of aggression and to the commitment of terrorist groups to extending Islam's rule to the whole world. These people (and Zionists are very loud here) say more or less there is nothing to lose by engaging in military actions that enrage Islamic fundamentalists because they always hated us anyway.

Terror Laws: Who Will They Persecute?

This is self-serving to say the least. Why stir up a hornet's nest? If it has to be done, let it be for a better end than grabbing oil, saving Israel's bacon or bogus stories about WMDs.

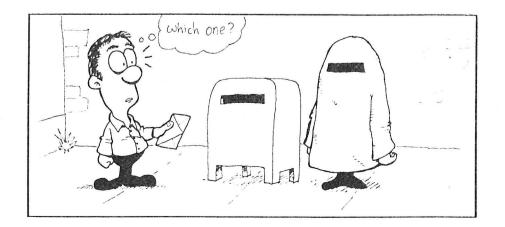
More importantly, we need to consider who gains by adventures like the failed American occupation of Iraq. So far the gains on every front have been for Islamic extremism. We have replaced a secularist strongman with an emerging Shia Islamic republic, the flight of Iraq's ancient Christian community, and, worst of all, given Bin Laden a territorial base from which to launch his war against the West. Do Americans realise how incomparably worse it is for entire countries to fall to radical Islamic regimes that will attack the West, than for the Twin Towers to collapse, or London's underground to be bombed?

Secularism has failed against this enemy

Yes, this crisis, which the United States has largely engineered through its provocations and incompetency but which it will not see through to the end, will end with Western intervention against Islamic extremism on its own soil in the Middle East. But this will never be done successfully under the banner of secularism. As that is beyond the ability of the West as it stands right now, we can only look at common sense defensive measures in each country.

Since the delivery system of Islamic terrorism happens to be people, the idea

Governments are just as confused when it comes to responding to the Islamist terrorism unleashed as a result of their policies.



that large Islamic populations in the West are a benign facet of cultural richness needs to be abandoned. The religion of the West is Christianity - religious pluralism is becoming deadly. We need to look at immigration policy. It's not "nice" but it is important to recognise than none of the kind of terrorism we are told will be with us more or less forever was even possible in the West fifty years ago. Human bombs love to be embraced by their target societies, and they love borderless global villages even more.

How we are being "protected"

But this common-sense is so far from what the Australian Government is doing to combat terrorism that the suspicion of a double agenda cannot go away.

Instead of drying up the support base for Islamist extremism, the Government continues to encourage a parallel Islamic education system that has largely been financed by Saudi Arabia's Wahabis. Islamic immigration is at an all time high - thanks John. The extremists themselves, who number in their thousands can only laugh at our anti-terror laws. All they will do is annoy them.

Power for the Government to persecute anybody who disagrees with it?

There simply is no guarantee this will not happen. The secrecy surrounding the application of arrest and detention means that abuses will be very hard to bring to light. Already with the justice system we have had until now, it has been extremely costly for individuals to rectify "mistakes". The proposed laws will never shield us from terrorism, but they will very easily become a double edged sword for the Australian people. We cannot presume any goodwill from governments which have implemented policies for decades that are destroying our way of life, and which we never wanted. Those who challenged this process legally with any success found out all about the good will and decency that exists in Canberra. The imprisonment of Pauline Hanson was a savage act of vindictiveness because she had damaged the government electorally.

Activities: doing something about the problem

Campaign for Australian Independence continues.

Our campaign in Adelaide continues with on-going postering against the proposed Carnegie-Mellon American University there. The feed-back has been all positive.

To this campaign has been joined a more general one against globalisation. The slogans defending Australian independence, jobs and freedom from globalisation features on some new posters that have appeared in various parts of the city.

Most of these posters can be used in any part of Australia as the issues apply there as well. If you want to start putting them up in your area, let us know and we will send you some.

Globalisation of Australia is advancing fast and there needs to be more visible material opposing it.

Stickers:

- "Stop Rann's Degrees for Dollars Scam" "Smoking Harms Your Baby - Abortion Kills It"
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- "Stop Maxitran's sell-out of Australian workers"
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Traditional Society; the Balance of Nature

Since the traditional order in Europe began to obviously decay a few hundred years ago, theories on how to construct "alternative" societies have become common. This is not one of them.

Traditionalism is not an attempt to return to a frozen notion of society that may have existed in the past. It is the restoration of unchanging values which did underpin life in Europe for over a thousand years. These values, we should not be afraid to say, are Christian. Yet they did not invent a new society out of what came before. Instead they allowed the natural institutions of any healthy and real society to enjoy the fullest and most complete expression ever.

"Natural" social institutions of human society are those without which it cannot exist and are therefore bodies like the family, and the professions which support families materially allowing people to develop and express their characters and abilities. Natural institutions are also centred around where people live, for geography encompasses the reality of human society in a way the internet never can. All these communities were given even more meaning by being transcended by the belief in a spiritual order during the time of Christian Europe. Such institutions by their nature should be self-governing.

Human history has led to the development of larger, more complex societies, the states, and the nations. These larger entities have ends which are not merely the sum of individual interests, but are proper to the political authority of the state, and for defined tasks.

In a traditional society, the person that holds political power in the state (as opposed to the representatives of the natural social bodies, assembled in a Parliament for example) once selected, whether by heredity or a vote, finds this authority alienated to him personally. He is responsible. This is not a recipe for despotism; it is a responsibility that most people would naturally avoid.

In the traditional order uniformity is out. Every profession is valued and protected. It is not a nation of "workers", the formless proletariat of the Marxists (but which was provided for them by Capitalism). Nor is it the utopian peasant society of 4WD-equipped Greens or Pol Pot. The truth is that the customs, music, culture and religion that we think of as being typically peasant like, grew out of, and were maintained alive by a symbiosis between Europe's cultural

centres which were small cities and their rural hinterland. The main reason why traditional peasant culture does not exist any more is that the intellectual, religious and cultural strength of towns was one of the first things to be distorted.

The materialist society of globalism is just as uniform as the Marxist one. Large corporations which have no relation with these natural societies, and political parties, which are in the same boat, have to be discounted as parasitical and unnatural entities which have no place in a traditional society. Why should Australian nationalists form political parties then? Because an Australian society on the verge of collapse makes the times require an extraordinary mobilisation of people who would otherwise not be involved. To accuse decent Australians of being apathetic is not quite fair. Politics as a "profession" is an extremely dubious idea. But patriots will understand their position better if they accept that what they are really doing is fighting - politically - but fighting, for their national survival.

The old tree - the symbol of traditional society. It has many different parts with different functions and yet is indisputably united.

