

↑thórr's Shield & Forge

Senate Charity Disclosure Inquiry Submission –
A Micro-Charity Perspective



Summadayze, Sidney Myer Music Bowl Melbourne – Photo Courtesy Future Entertainment

Thórr's Harm Avoidance Defence Shield

Free health cover or, *“how shall we dress on the inside?”*

↑thórr's Forge **SSCHAAPERR** (Stay Safe Choose Harm Avoidance Alternatives Practices & Earth Remembering Rituals) Programme is to drug abuse, what the condom is to safe sex.

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"We Change by Delight"

St Thomas Aquinas

"There is lightning in everything that lives,"

Chief Rolling Thunder

Founder Director & Sacramentalist

Richard. J. King.

Inspirator & Former Science Advisor

The late professor John Wren-Lewis, (Mathematical Physics)

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Dr. Stephen Hardy, (Astrophysics)

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A Small Charity's Perspective

Dear Committee,

29/8/08

Thank you for taking the time to review this submission.

Thórr's Shield & Forge is a religious micro-charity (a branch of Comhaltas Celtia Og established in 1986), which has since 2006 provided a drug-harm deflection shield. This is the form of a lawful and entirely free alternative to drugs at dance parties.

What we do: 'The first rule of holes is when you are in one stop digging!' The present interdiction/supply side approach to drug abuse fails because it ignores the demand side. When there is a demand and the supply is restricted, the net effect is an increase in price encouraging/suborning ever more people into the industry and in the case of illicit drugs, into crime. The Prohibitionist strategy has universally failed since it was introduced with the farcical 1736 Gin Act. After nearly three centuries of failure, a new approach is well overdue. By drawing from acoustic and cognitive archaeological research into the spiritual technology of Palaeolithic and Neolithic shamanism, we have developed a programme that has never occurred to the state sector in some 275(*) years!

(*) Nor will it do so in another 275 years as long as it insists on searching in Ma Hubbard's bare, Mechanistic-Materialist, cupboard! Drug abuse is demonstrably a spiritual malaise thus by definition not amenable to Mechanistic-Materialist solutions (as witnessed by its inability to negotiate the Aboriginal sacred) cannot deal with realities outside its limited horizons. If we want results, we must shift trajectory and paradigm.

This is 'Delightenment and 'Full Body Blossoming' which with the help of our congregants and other volunteers is the free service we proffer at major bush dance parties. 'Delightenment' is a non-ingested alternative to party-drugs.

We pro-actively shield young people from health damage from potentially contaminated black market substances thereby saving lives, and helping young persons avoid the risk of prosecution. Pro-active Harm Avoidance is a stage beyond harm minimisation; and it is unique to Australia and very probably the world. We are present at the public venue coalface where drug use is taking place. We metaphorically stand as a shield between the drug dealer and his intended client. (There is some further information the attached Appendices if you interested.)

'One size fits all: The recommendations in the Senate Background Paper from the *do not distinguish between large, medium, and small or micro-charities.*

Treating all charities as one homogenous group can be the 'thin edge of the wedge,' a 'stepping-stone' to the introduction of onerous financial and reporting requirements across all charities. This will cripple small charities such as ours. Of course, this is of major concern to my organisation and me.

I draw your attention to item 23 in the background document:

*23. Others have argued, however, that changes to disclosure regimes, requiring all not-for-profit organisations to be subject to standardised accounting and reporting requirements, would **seriously disadvantage small organisations**, who may not have the human resources and knowledge base to comply with such requirements.*

Precisely.

Seriously disadvantage small organisations, this point represents the primary issue for my organisation. *We already have full disclosure as we generate our own funding!*

Thórr's Shield & Forge currently relies on the \$15 to \$20K(*) per annum income for a small weekly fun food enterprise to fund the building of equipment and research into our harm avoidance programme research and execution. Compassion fatigue is already rife in the community. Self-funding by a religion's own business (which appears to be under attack) is infinitely preferable to ticking off Mrs Housewife by phoning her when she is cooking the family dinner even though as a charity it is lawful for us to do so.

A straw to break the camel's back: If we are then required to provide onerous reporting and financial reports, it will severely inhibit the results that we currently achieve. I don't know that we would bother to continue for we already suffer from over-employment. We do not have the time, the resources, or the skill set to conform to corporate reporting requirements. What possible societal benefit is there for us to have to waste precious time wrestling with red tape?

For micro-charities with few or no staff, service delivery is central, consumes almost all our income and to squander resources on irrelevances is a sin!

(*) In order to expand we will need to locate funding sources.

Next, I point you to items 8 & 13 of the background documentation:

8. *Despite the size of this sector, and its **centrality to the well being of society, its contribution often goes unrecognised** and it remains largely unregulated.*

13. *A number of concerns have been expressed about the way in which the not-for-profit sector operates in Australia. These include:*

- *a lack of transparency about the way in which public or donated funds are spent; and lack of accountability, despite the fact that **the not-for-profit sector is a major provider of services to the public.***

Well as observed above, we are self-funded therefore; there can be no lack of transparency! We do not need to report to Mrs Housewife for we are not asking her for any of her hard earned!

I implore you to consider these statements in your deliberations. We and many other small charities are "*unrecognized contributors central to the well being of society.*" I believe it is your role as leaders in the Senate, to ensure the work of all benevolent organisations can continue and will not be impacted by derailing changes. We will do our jobs just keep off our backs.

I understand and appreciate that some unscrupulous people may exploit the system for their own benefit. Again, I request you consider the impact of broad sweeping changes on the services provided to society free. Inhibiting small charitable organisations will impact on the fabric of our society. Even assuming some rorts are out there is there not in law a principle to the effect that: "*It is better that ten guilty men go free than one innocent man be jailed?*"

We are saying that for every organisation you seek to prevent exploiting the rules – do not prevent another score whose intentions are pure from reaching their goals and potential.

Re: points 18 & 22:

18. *It is not only disclosure of fundraising dollars that is at issue. It is also argued that it is in the public interest for not-for-profit organisations to be more transparent and accountable, as they attract significant public funds through tax concessions. While the extent of these tax concessions is unknown, the Treasury estimates that, in 2006-07, total concessions, benefits, and incentives provided through the tax system to taxpayers and beneficiaries amounted to approximately \$50.12 billion. It is unclear what proportion of this \$50.12 billion worth of concessions, benefits, and incentives relate to charities or other not-for profit organisations, as the Statement does not provide a breakdown into these categories.*

- 22. *The preliminary findings in February 2005 of Giving Australia also found that: businesses wanted non-profits to be more accountable and transparent for funds received: there had been an erosion of trust, that money given would be used for its stated purpose.*

Well our fun food enterprise was a tax registered Pty Ltd Company for about the first thirty years or so of its life (until I gave it to Thórr's Shied & Forge once I reached the aged pension stage of life.)

If it were still so registered, it would be paying little or no tax anyway because of its small income. The cost to the ATO and me would be more than the revenue received so on this level alone there is now no cost being imposed in the taxpayer.

I find it ironic that businesses want non-profits to be 'more accountable.' Is their motivation that if some of the \$50.12 billion were recovered, their 30% tax rate could be lowered?

If business believes that religious or other charities enjoy too many 'concessions' and that the playing field is no longer level because of it there is nothing at all preventing them converting to self funded charitable enterprises and receive the same 'benefits. I am sure they will find it all very rewarding though not monetarily!

Rather than Corporate Social Responsibility it all smacks to us of 'sour grapes.' Join us and they will certainly discover that life in the charitable sector is no bed of roses.

19. According to the Non-profit Roundtable: *There are a great variety of concessions given by different levels of government, each to a variety of non-profit organisations. It is impossible to find any set of principles underpinning the legislation that designates these concessions. There are no clear links between the concessions provided and public disclosure requirements. Not surprisingly, in such an environment regulation is confusing, contradictory, and often unfair.*

A right is not a concession! It is a misleading and mischief making abuse of language in the extreme to term a religion employing its own resources for charitable purposes as the recipient of a 'concession' from the state.

This is because church and state are legally separate domains, separate majesteria in several constitutions (not just that of the Commonwealth of Australia.) For example that of the United States upon which our's is based and from which we adopted this doctrine of the separation of powers. I am sorry but the state does not have the constitutional power or right to invade and colonise the religious domain much as the New Secularist (see Appendix 1) may wish it otherwise. How a religion may charitably dispose of its own resources is not within the power and province of the state to decree.

There is more than one way of killing the goose. Just how far can the secular state legally go with placing administrative burdens upon religious charities *particularly* when no state grants are involved? We are in treacherous waters indeed when the secular state starts to cross the moat separating the domains. To switch metaphors it risks toppling a key pillar of the constitutional tabernacle!

23. Others have argued, however, that changes to disclosure regimes, requiring all not-for-profit organisations to be subject to standardised accounting and reporting requirements, would seriously disadvantage small organisations, who may not have the human resources and knowledge base to comply with such requirements. In addition, a study by the Social Economy Executive Education Network, while supportive of improved transparency and accountability in the not-for-profit sector, notes that:

...transparency alone is not enough. The sector's stakeholders need to become more sophisticated in their understanding of the sector to ensure that any increased transparency doesn't result in negative backlash.

For example, there is no point encouraging organisations to disclose their overhead costs or to argue for the need for their greater investment in capacity if naïve funders will view this negatively and reduce their financial support.

Cui Bono – who benefits? Perhaps I am bitter and twisted in my old age, but I believe there are deeper questions that also need to be examined including: *"Why rich corporations many of them not even Australian, get taxed at lower rates than individuals."* And: *"Should enforced tithing be introduced in the corporate sector lacking moral fibre and consequently derelict in their moral Triple Bottom Line CSR obligations?"*

The beneficiaries of a successful attack upon religious and charitable operational liberty and funding would seem to include:

- 1) Corporations who hope to transfer some of their tax obligations to this sector. (We have news from them - it will cost the taxpayer considerably more if government has to take on our services!)
- 2) Politicians or Treasury officials of whom may believe they have found some low hanging fruit, ripe for the plucking, and are prepared to invade (much like Imperial Russia) territory they have no authority other than *'might'* to enter (much like Russia again!) In other words, officials who fail to recognise the enormous ramifications that follow crossing the legally established church/state boundary.
- 3) Those wishing to see an expanded state sector.
- 4) New Secularists with the avowed goal is to clip religion's wings.

And the losers? The communities we all serve and everyone's liberty, for the Constitution, (apparently without the required referendum) will have great holes torn in it by ending the legal separation of church and state.

Business Funded – No Taxpayer or Public Contributions

20. Concerns about current disclosure regimes by not-for-profits have resulted in calls for not-for-profit organisations, particularly charities, to be subject to standardised accounting and reporting requirements, thus ensuring that stakeholders can make some assessment of their effectiveness and efficiency in achieving their stated goals,

Of course, when state or public monies have been provided then an accounting to the providers is fair and reasonable and I am surprised if that is not occurring as a matter of course. If there is a fault here, it must lie with the funder for not requiring it. However, and I am sure this is the case with many other small and micro charities, and at the risk of redundant re-iteration, Thórrs Shield & Forge is NOT funded by taxpayers nor by public contributions, nor have we applied for Deductible Gift Status. As many other charities we took up the voluntary offer to register for GST so it is a furphy to assert there is no disclosure or ATO reporting.

As stated Thórr's Shield & Forge relies on the physical help of our congregants and volunteers and the small income generated from our fun foods weekend enterprise plus initial seed funding that I provided.

Consequently, to impose universal accounting standards upon private charities, religious charities and self-sustaining religious charities receiving no state or public monies would be extremely onerous. self-defeating, entirely redundant, not to mention innovation killing if not golden goose exterminating. Society I submit has a very good deal here.

26. They argue for a holistic approach to accountability that might include:

- *Statements of an organisation's mission, its purpose, its design (grant to earned income ratios) and governance, alliances and partnership, codes of conduct and policies.*
- *Statements of internal operations, employment, and discounted wage structures, remuneration of directors and managers, sustainability strategies, performance indicators, programme activities etc: and*

Thórr's Shield & Forge have NO employees! No one is 'remunerated!'

- *Statements about impact and the effectiveness of projects and programs, public policy, reporting, representation and advocacy, etc.*

Heaven preserve us! The above preposterous proposition might be appropriate for an entity the size of BHP.

Talks about overkill - such requirements are completely unrealistic, slightly mad, and not even understandable. What-the-hell are '*grant to earned income ratios and discounted wage structures?*' It seems we shall need officealese, and managerialese New Speak interpreters too! One would be forgiven for concluding the proposers have an anti-charity agenda, have been out in the sun too long, or are living on some other planet. Save us from this lunacy. **Raise the bar any higher and the game will not be worth the candle!**

Our job on the other hand does not require a translator or even an Einstein to understand. It is the hands-on shielding of young people from harm (and the development of a Drug War Exit Strategy for the longest (and now trillion dollar) war the state has ever fought this currently exists nowhere in the world. It is never wise to get into any war with no idea how to extricate one self let, alone a war on human nature!

I can assure you that if I had been faced with something as onerous and utterly off-purpose as this nonsense, I would never have set up Thórr's Shield & Forge in the first place and would not now hear young people saying:

"I was going to drop a pill but I am now so blissed out I won't bother."

In short, in situations such as our's the charity owns the source of its own funding, there are no third party contributors or state input thus Thórr's Shield & Forge is completely aware of its financial situation and consequently there is nor can there be a lack of transparency or accountability. We can hardly be alone, all charities using their own monies *or otherwise privately funded* must enjoy this level of financial self-awareness. The relationship with a charity and a group of major private funders do not require a third party sticking its oar in. However, if it engages in public appeals and to raise small amounts from many people then a public accounting is fair and reasonable.

I suggest that you consider the means by which a charity raises its funds, running a lottery or something like that of from major corporate donors quite able to look after themselves. And if the charity is a genuine religion, none of this is the business of the secular state.

The Statute of Elizabeth was created in recognition that we must protect benevolent works. The sector is an important contributor to many facets of our society. Please consider the implications of bundling small with the mid and the large.

Have we achieved Nirvana has government successfully solved all our social problems then? Do we wish to encourage or to strangle social entrepreneurship?

Do not kill the next "big thing" with bureaucracy before it gets legs of its own. Do not cripple these small initiatives addressing areas the state has failed to address. In other words, 'have a heart' for it comes down to this:

31. However, as was noted in the discussion about the need for increased transparency, not all in the not-for-profit sector are supportive of regulatory reform, with some arguing that small organisations would be hampered by any additional regulatory or administrative burden.

Not just hampered, utterly cruelled!

Our religious obligation and constitutionally protected religious freedom requires, allows, and empowers our congregants and myself to perform this service.

I ask again, what right would the secular state have to roadblock and derail the expression of our religious principles and duties, which for the public good, we undertake at our *own risk and expense*? I submit that such transgressive interference in religious matters of conscience and faith in action is *way* outside its remit.

Does society wish to encourage or stifle new social support programmes?

An America sports people generous hearted enough to establish effective charities would be applauded. The mean-spirited, envy-driven, suspicious, and shameful attitude towards them and others in the press recently makes one despair. It is no wonder that the state sector is so large and expensive here in Australia. We need active citizenship. We need more people involved in charitable concerns.

The move to make life difficult for charities or harm charitable funding is fundamentally undemocratic and pulling in precisely the wrong direction.

We need your protection.

Please do not lump small and micro-charities with the big boys nor, unwittingly, *block the expression of citizens' religious principles, conscience, and duties.*

I am willing and available for further discussion if required.

Our best wishes for your deliberations,

In Thórr and the Senate we trust,

Wassail,

Richard J. King,
Founder & Sacramentalist,
Thórr's Shield & Forge
(Branch of) Comhaltas Celtia Og.

“for every complex problem there is always a simple solution -
And, it is always wrong!” H.L. Menken.

Appendix 1

King Henry VI 11 Lives – Reincarnated as the New Secularist Looter

“Charities & churches stand to lose billions in tax review “

The Australian 28 July 2008

”Charities, churches set to fill tax coffers”

Adelaide Now July 28, 2008

“Tax review could remove charity perks worth billions”

“Focus on religious groups' business enterprises”

Viewing the Larger Canvass – Introduction

We need to be aware of the contrived, orchestrated, climate within which both the Senate and Treasury Inquiries are occurring. Though not apparent in the ‘Senate Charitable Inquiry Background Paper,’ judging by the press, the New Secularists the ‘philosophical arm’ (if it can be so dignified) of the defenders of the ruling toxic Mechanistic–Materialism paradigm or myth wish to institutionalise the repudiation of the transcendent and tear the wings off religions. They plan to do so by crippling our funding through Secular State regulation.

Their stated purpose is to: *Drive religion out of the public square.* One does not need to be Einstein to recognise that this is an attack upon free speech. Whatever one’s view of religion the New Secularist agenda negatively affects everyone.

The modern secular state was sired by the Roman Imperium thus it is inherently colonial and it has been for some time attempting to colonise the spiritual domain. Preposterous as this sounds ever since the Imperium it has a history of this very caper! The fact remains that religion is **not yet** a province of the Secular State. The untaxed nature of religion is not (as it has been misrepresented,) a ‘privilege.’ Rather it is a historic, basic, and fundamental right because the Secular State and Religion are independent domains. If religions were taxed by the State, its independence already weakened, (see below,) is at an end – the ramifications of this are devastating.

While Australia and Organised Religion snored, Humankind’s ancestral Earth Sacraments and Spirit Molecules (with thousands of years of safe beneficial usage and employed to this day by many First Nations,) were proscribed globally! The secular state had and has **no** authority to proscribe sacraments! This colonisation action affects everyone not merely religions because it violated, not just the Australian (and U.S,) Constitutions but the freedom of religion provisions of the U.N. Declaration of Human Right. The Australian Constitutionally protected Church/State boundary is there for essential reasons. Their independence ensures that these two institutions serve as a check upon each other. Cui bono? Only authoritarians and totalitarians will benefit from pulling down either rampart! It is incumbent upon all of us whether we are secular or religiously minded to cease retreating, stand in our sovereignty, and push these extremist New Secularist forces out of our lives and governance.

Humanity is looking down the barrel of biospheric catastrophe, principally because clerical religion has historically been a very ineffective deliverer of its primary service; religioning (reconnection.) Rather than keeping us experientially connected to the natural world, by abandoning the Earth Sacramental Bridge, it allowed us to psychologically separate which in turn led to the isolating Mechanistic–Materialist worldview. The consequence is that we do not feel the harm we are doing we are like paraplegics who cannot feel their limbs and thus suffer serious injuries.

Although it is a very poor at its primary purpose, religioning, Organised Religion is at least in the reconnection business.

This is more than we can say for the New Secularist warriors. These prisoners or willing servants of the Mechanistic–Materialist myth have no tools in their kit capable of rescuing themselves (even if they were not so deeply in denial to even recognise the danger) let alone redeem the rest of us from the shallow myth–pattern they serve, and to which they are enthralled. By definition, because of the inherent disjunction, there ARE no mechanistic solutions to a spiritual malaise! At best, it can supply a few Band Aids, it cannot fix that of which it is the source.

Fr Thomas Berry observed that: “Mechanistic–Materialism has made us autistic to the Earth[*1],” It produces what Ethnobotanist Terence McKenna called: “The itch we can’t quite scratch.” He refers to the backdrop of an existential/metaphysical ache of aloneness generated by our psychological separation from our evolutionary home in the natural world To expect much in the way of empathy and caring from a society operating within a mechanistic template is unrealistic – it may rearrange the deck chairs but are still aboard the Titanic.

More of the same will only ever produce more of the same. Albert Einstein observed: “The state of consciousness that produces a problem can never produce the solution.” Political change begins with a change in deep feeling and apprehension. Effective, measurable, religioning is needed more now than it has ever been in the entire course of human existence.

New Secularists accuse Organised Religion of being a camouflaged hole because it is faith, rather than results based. (This was of course never true of Originary (Founder) Tradition, shamanism the source of over 80% of modern pharmaceuticals for instance. They conveniently ignore this inconvenient truth!)

The lasting answer to our critics lies in evidence–based religioning. We enjoy evidence–based medicine, why should not just congregants but the entire population be denied evidence–based religioning? They need be no longer.

With the re–emergence of religioning tech from the Founder Tradition Peoples of the Brazilian Amazon and Johns Hopkins University[*2], Organised Religion is now in the position to change the entire way modern humans have been playing the game of life. At last, Organised Religion can maintain real religioning performance indicators and stats. This is revolutionary, for our critics DO have a powerful point even if they don’t make it with quite this clarity, namely that: ‘a religion that does not demonstrably religion is, in the very least, a contradiction in terms!’ If one is occupying the religioning space, if one is in the religioning business then one is morally required to religion across the entire spectrum, an unverifiable, post body death promise will not suffice, it does not help us in the here and now. Real time religioning is THE missing pastoral care element. Now, with the one stone as it were, we can consign the nattering New Secularist and the Hegemons of Empire (along with their entire predatory paradigm) to a position of irrelevancy and off–stage noises.

As Joni Mitchell said: “It is time to get back to The Garden.” Earth Repair is the moral issue of our era, Right now; the Hegemonic defenders and the New Secularist complicit enablers of this predatory Mechanistic–Materialist myth are global security risks. The Internationalised Laws they support inhibit the global take–up of the indispensable religioning tech we so urgently need if an environment conducive to higher life forms is to be maintained. Organised Religion must therefore take the Earth’s Biosphere survival battle right to their very doors!

The Senate Inquiry & the New Culture War

Nurturing the Spark of Sovereignty – The Deeper Issues

“Not even the High King may abrogate the Sovereignty [*3] of the Least Person.” Triads of Moelmud circa 500 B.C.E & Code of Hewll Dda, circa

500 C.E., source, Dr Jean Markale, Professor of Celtic Studies at the Sorbonne.

Even though historically this has been more often honoured in the breach, herein lies the Celtic religious principle underlying British Justice.

Sovereignty is sacred because it is the spark of the divine within each person. That spark of the divine is easily quenched. The role of religion is to nurture that precious flame.

There are very good historical reasons (dating all the way back to the appalling Middle Eastern Theocratic Slave States) why church and state are independent domains[*4].

However, although church and state are separate dominions, Spirit (in the overarching/immanent pre-theological/pre-doctrinal sense) and society are definitely not. How could they be when the sovereign spark of the divine (however defined) within each one of us is the source of parliamentary and all other forms of sovereignty? Parliamentary sovereignty for instance is derivative and delegated; it derives from and is therefore the expression of and secondary to the Sovereignty of the electors.

'God' which is to say Overarching and Immanent Spirit, (the Mater in matter) therefore stands indivisibly at the head of government (hence the non-denominational prayers at the Opening of Parliament.)

Therefore, 'God' (the Principle of Justice Ethics and Equity) stands at the head of the Courts, Armed Forces, Police, and all branches of government. To disrespect and dethrone the foundation of Australian national sovereignty is extremely radical and dangerously revolutionary. One need not be any kind of 'believer' to recognise the depth of this risk.

There is a culture-war underway in the West. Secularism merely means the separation of church and state. Our Founding Fathers wisely determined that we should have no established church here in Australia.

However, a new breed of cat, the militant 'New Secularists' the ideological storm troopers of the (irrational) 'Economic Rationalism' has emerged from under a rock with the intent is to change all this.

Whether these lads and lasses are prisoners of ruling Economic Rationalist Ascendancy's mythos, or are its willingly suborned servants, they are certainly fervent fundamentalists and they have re-defined, (as is the won't of fundamentalists,) the word 'secular.' New Secularism has qualities of a 'one size fits all' (Materialistic) messianic religion about it, much like the equally messianic and ideologically constipated Materialistic Marxist. However, for the New Secularists the Free Market[*5] rather than the State is Saviour. This is really the fundamentalist religious 'one true way' meme in secular clothes, which is rather amusing really. New Secularists, again similar to Marxists, are rabidly anti-religious and take what they consider the high moral ground on the subject.

These folk are the philosophical (if one can dignify the Movement with this term) cheer squad for the ruling Mechanistic-Materialism Paradigm or Mythos. They are pursuing their anti-religious (i.e. anti-reconnection) agenda through a number of mechanisms, not least being the exploitation of the public's fear of religious fundamentalism, particularly that of Islamo-Fascism.

Although some of these guys are almost as rabid as the Islamo-Fascist, generally they are rather cleverer.

They are not seeking a head-on clash with religion rather they are waging a manipulative guerrilla war. They have adopted a populist PR strategy highlighting the alleged 'special privileges' enjoyed by religions such as a tax-free status[*6] and they are arguing for a level playing field for business.

They argue that religious and charitable businesses distort their deified, holy, free market. This superficially sounds all very fair, just, and reasonable, and for anyone unfamiliar with larger picture it has great appeal.

The result however, if they are successful, will slash the income of religions and help to force them out of much of the public square thereby reducing the opportunity of an Independent Majesteria to critique market excesses, and failures (sack workers & the share price goes up!) and other societal ills.

In three words, the 'level playing field' they seek is one where they will hold all the cards! (Whether they thought this through this would certainly be the result!)

Non-religious charities are caught in the crossfire of all this. By tying, the hands of charities the size and cost of government will be increased for it will have to take over many of the now un-serviced charitable clients and service them at inherently far higher cost. Additionally the role of religion in keeping alive the spark of sovereignty will be inhibited - and that is hardly a cost free exercise!

Apart from an appalling ignorance of history, what is it that seems to be driving the Hegemon and the New Secularist? They have recognised and admitted forty years ago[*7], that religioneing[*8] (reconnection to Sovereignty) poses the only real threat to the continued hegemony of the Earth eating Mechanistic-Materialist paradigm or myth. We must live within our means but that need not necessitate living in sackcloth and ashes!

Mechanistic-Materialism has reached its use by date - if it ever had one! It has led us into the wilderness without a compass. If we emerge alive, this mind-numbingly superficial 'consumption is the sole path to happiness' myth, (which is utterly incompatible with the Genesis Two Stewardship and the ancient co-operative 'Contract with Nature' ethics,) will assuredly not be in the vanguard!

"It's not them or us it's all of us!"

Ethnobotanist Dr Mark Plotkin.

End Notes

[*1] So autistic and disconnected has this ruling paradigm made us that, despite the evidence, we somehow manage to believe that de-sacralising the Earth (which of course includes our bodies,) is consequence free! Myths patterns (i.e. commonly held beliefs) direct our attention and form our social 'reality' and the cultural bubble within we live. The evidence is that as long as we remain locked in the Mechanistic-Materialist mythos we will simply not get it!

Earth and Sacrament (drug) abuse are the two sides of the same coin. Take tobacco for instance. Lakota elder Grandmother Kitty, advisor to Kevin Costner's 'Dances with Wolves' observed in Melbourne: *"We use a far stronger tobacco" (Nicotina Rustica) "than your people use yet She does not give us cancer or heart disease because we treat Her with respect."*

The shaman of the Amazon say: *"Addiction is the revenge of the power plant."* Tobacco is the most widely used shamanic healing power plant in the world yet in Australia it accounts for about 20,000 deaths each year, something is very wrong. How much louder does Nicotina have to shout before we rip off the blinkers and shatter the Mechanistic Materialist carapace we have foolishly cemented over the deeper reality?

Initiations open us to the numinous. In Aboriginal cultures, an uninitiated man remains a boy no matter what his age. The world is ruled by boys! Modernism by carelessly trashing hard won ancient wisdoms such as the numinous initiation impoverished us spiritually (reduced our awareness) leading us into such problems. In our myth-restricted awareness lie the deep roots of our problems. Roll on an Archaic Values Revival!

[*2] There is much on the WWW about the Johns Hopkins Research this link is a mere sample: <http://www.alphaverse.com/psilocybin-study-hints-at-rebirth-of-hallucinogen-research/2008/07/07/3199>

From a paper entitled 'A Cognitive-Psychological study of Ayahuasca' by Benny Shanon, Ph.D. Department of Psychology Hebrew University:

"When I returned to my own world after my initial trip and experiences at Colônia Cinco Mil, I immersed myself in reading whatever I could about Ayahuasca. To my amazement, I discovered the images I had seen in my visions were of types similar to those reported by indigenous persons. As a cognitive psychologist, I was puzzled. How could I, a person with a totally different personal background, have seen what the Indians saw? I realized that what may be presenting itself here is a manifestation of the universals of the human mind."

Wattle, the Green & Gold is not only our National floral emblem. Wattlewaska (Somacacia) is the native Australian equivalent to Ayahuasca (Hoasca in Brazil.) It Likewise it is one of Humankind's wisdom plant allies and original teachers.

She is one of Nature's post-powerful Ambassadors. How long before the Commonwealth Government biocides our national emblem?

<http://www.santodaime.org/doctrine/science.htm>

<http://www.maps.org/news-letters/v05n4/05404aya.html>

<http://www.maps.org/research>

[*3] Because Sovereignty (God/Goddess/Him/Her/It/They) is Infinite & the finite human mind cannot rap its wits around Infinity we naturally find innumerable denominational expressions of same, Heathen, Judeo-Xtian & otherwise.

The Female Principle Celtic dispensation proclaims: *"Woman reflects The Layde (Sovereignty), man champions Her."* This is the basis of chivalry by serving my sister I serve Layde Wisdom. Sovereignty, is the Mater, the Matrix in matter, Sovereignty is the Land and more.

[*4] Our Constitutional Founding Fathers were therefore wise and politically astute to imbue the Overarching Sovereignty Principle in the Constitution while ensuring that the all too human sectarian reflections of same, were quarantined in a separate domain outside the province of secular governance. Taxing religion crosses the separation of church & state moat.

The bottom line is that to extract the foundational keystone 'God' (Sovereignty) from society as the New Secularist intends to do, is to collapse the entire structure - it is to topple the central pillar of the 'tabernacle' as it were. If we were fool enough delete the Sacred Principle of Justice, Ethics, & Equity everyone including the New Secularist would be severely hurt. It is lamentable that there are folk loose in the community so lacking in wisdom and historical knowledge that they would have us jettison the lessons of history.

[*5] We are all for freedom including economic freedom, but we do have a problem when an economic tool is 'religified' and transmuted into an 'ism.' We agree the free market IS superior in very many arenas but it is not 'God.' Such is the New Secularist's fervour is that he fails to recognize stupendous market failures the most major of which is the little matter of the ruination of the biosphere (chopping through the branch of the World Tree upon which we all stand!)

[*6] Of course, religion is tax-free; *it is a constitutionally separate island*. I am sorry if this conflicts with the New Secularist ideology.

[*7] As quoted above, Nixon's attorney general John N. Mitchell bleated: "*The Counter Culture had its foot on our Windpipe!*" Viewed shamanically one can say that once U.S. and allied troops began using the entheogens of Vietnam the war was lost for they were interfacing with and receiving downloads from the 'Voices of the Land,' the 'Damsels of the Wells.'

(At of course varying levels of awareness, psychonauting and bringing back insights is a skill that develops with experience.) Why do we believe that the dedicated use of the Earth Sacraments by organised religions and others to specifically restore communications with Gaia will trigger a paradigm shift? Because the last time this happened on a major scale in the 1960's the hegemonic Military Industrial Complex(*) was rocked to its core.

Regrettably, the Empire struck back successfully (predating the Communist Government's brutal repression of the 1989 Tiananmen Square Chinese protest) and like the Chinese were to do later, we all went back to sleep!

Given the strong probability of cascading or even runaway environmental problems and catastrophic climate change why would any sane leader emulate the criminal President Tricky Dicky Nixon and fight the restoration of Earth/Human communications? That however is precisely what has been happening for forty years and across the entire world to boot.

Upon being elected Richard Nixon's first order of business was to declare all out war on the Counter Culture. He instructed J. Edgar Hoover to escalate Cointelpro the FBI's illegal war upon dissent in America and to target: "**Advocates of New Lifestyles,**" and "**Apostles of Non-Violence and Racial Harmony.**"

(*) A term coined by Allied WW11 Commander, General & later President Dwight D. Eisenhower to alert the American electorate & the World of its dangers several years before the Counter Culture again re-alerted us. This has now morphed into the Military/Industrial/Security/ Complex.

They noted that their most active Counter Culture protestors were in cities with the highest use of entheogens. Hoover's advice to Nixon was to get around the awkward fact that protest was legal and protected by the Constitution, was to criminalise the entheogen.

Nixon's Attorney General John N. Mitchell spluttered: "*The Counterculture had its foot upon our windpipe.*" This was why entheogens were mischievously *purposefully conflated with narcotics* (opiates) and *psycho-stimulants*, (cocaine, amphetamines,) and criminalised by the Secular State.

The result of this myopic, sectional interest beggar thy neighbour bastardry, is that we have lost forty irreplaceable years. It is as if we collectively thought: "Why should I bother to plant a tree when someone else will enjoy the shade?"

Entheogens and empathogens are very powerful religioneering and change agents. Traditionally access to them is mediated by the shaman according to spiritual/medical need or purpose here, astoundingly, it is mediated by the criminal! There it is free, here access depends upon willingness to pay a black market price. By this wise the Divine Host is grossly debased.



Meetings with the Original Spirit Teachers of Mankind



(Encounters with the Psycho-integrator Plants – The Radiant Intelligences in Nature)

"You are an explorer and you represent our species & the greatest good you can do back a new is to bring back a new idea..."

"For the last 500 years, Western Culture has suppressed the idea of disembodied intelligences—of the presence and reality of spirit. Thirty seconds into the DMT flash, and that's a dead issue!"

Terence McKenna commenting on the psyfari.

"Entheogens have been characterised as a means of breaking-up and dissolving world views... Contemporary society lacks a *structure* that would enable it to incorporate the transformational processes that truly committed work with the plant entheogen can unleash." Elfstone (from a private communication.)

We witnessed precisely this in the 1960's. Rather than accommodate the refreshing new entheogen initiated insights concerning racial-justice, human, women, civil rights, the environment and more, the 'Hegemons' responded with repression. They succeeded in putting us all to sleep for forty years! The problems identified by the Counter Culture could then have been painlessly fixed all these lost decades ago - they are very much harder to address now!

Organised Religion has the opportunity to create that transformational structure. It has the resources and global reach to create the social change that the Counter Culture and later President Jimmy Carter re-identified as a survival imperative(*).

(* Regrettably, Carter was emasculated by the Iran Hostage Crisis. Astoundingly all later Presidents told us we could be as profligate as ever and thrift, conservation, and frugality became dirty words.

If we are to re-hallow the Earth, restore the Contract with Nature, dethrone Mechanistic-Materialism, and destroy the black market, Organised Religion is duty bound to reclaim the Earth Sacrament. The Earth Sacrament churches in Brazil grow their Hoasca tea in their own sanctified plantations. In Australia, we need to achieve deep reconciliation with the Spirit of the land, of Indigenous Australia and its traditions. Several species of wattle contain the spirit molecule DMT. I would like to see the growing and harvesting undertaken by Aboriginal communities (where the right species is native to their land) and that Aboriginal Songmen and other senior men and woman play a lead roll in public Wattlewaska Earthrite Religioning/Reconciliation ceremonies. Now this IS 'practical assimilation.' Wattlewaska is an integral part of humanity's global heritage of ancestral holy plants and if we wish to religion to this land we cannot begin honouring Her soon enough. Germaine Greer says that: *"Reconciliation in Australia is a bitter joke."* The reconciliation I am suggesting here is very far from a joke! Restoring the age old co-operative Contract with Nature ALSO requires that we fully restore our kinship with the First Peoples and the Planetary 'Other.' Organised religion has it within its power to swing wide the portals to a new world.

Historically religion has been in the forefront of key major social changes, the abolition of slavery, ending child labour for example. The unwitting mistake of the Counter Culture was not to work more deeply with its natural allies in the religious communities.

[*8] Religion/Religio/Religaré = to 're-tie' as in ligature, to 'bind-back,' to 'bind-tightly' hence religioning: 'the process & technology of re-connection.' In the 1960's, the re-emergence of the Holy Spirit Molecules nurtured a visionary cultural explosion. President Jimmy Carter recognised this and acknowledged that we needed a cultural revolution and the will to change above all else. He was pretty much derailed not least by the Iranian Hostage Crises.

Regrettably, President Reagan and every President since then have said that it was "business as usual" and America (and by extension the West) need not change and could go on consuming more than its/our fair share of the world's resources.

In Orinary Tradition cultures such as the Australian Aboriginal, and the paganisms/heathenisms that followed, religioning is integral. The whole of life is sacralised and religion has not been hived off to Sunday!

✠ **"Paper Law is easily torn up, our Law is written in the Land."** ✠

Auntie Betty aboriginal elder & informant to Central Desert (Walpuri) anthropologist Dianne Bell Radio National 16 July 2006 Dr Bell is the authoress of: 'Daughters of the Dreaming' in several editions.

"The cosmology of the Yolgnu people is an entirely 'other' cosmology than our's. The universe is a different place, their way of thinking is therefore different, and their language apart from being structurally different describes different things. Our's is a language of classification and categorisation, their's is a language of connection and unity. Everything is all one. There is no notion of fiction in their cosmology and telling a story out of order as we are having to do in making this film" (The Ten canoes) "makes no sense."

'The Ten Canoes' by Rolf de Heer, Co Director Peter Djigirr, & the indigenous people of Ramingining, Arnhem Land.

Aboriginals say: "We don't tell story we ARE story."

This is achieved by experientially re-establishing and deepening a myriad of relationships with each other and the rest of the Web of Life.

Australian Aboriginal Culture was the great standard bearer here. *“...Kinship still is the wheel that holds everything together. And I think the issue with kinship as well that the West finds problematic is that if we use the word 'the sacred,' it's embedded there too it's not separate.*

Family is of the sacred realm because of its mapping into country, its mapping into ancestral beings, its mappings into ways of being that the West haven't even contemplated or thought about yet.”

Anthropologist John Bradley, The Religion Report 20/8/08 ABC Radio National.

What religioning lessons can we learn from our seniors, the Originary Tradition? T.G.H. Strehlow reported that amongst the Arunta it was seen that each person was a projection of the Dreaming Ancestor Being. Upon body death, the soul returned to the Dreaming Ancestor within the Earth.

Depending on one's place of birth the land and all the creatures was all the land, plants birds, animals, trees, insects, etc of the land were therefore one's kin for they were also projections of the Sleeping Ancestor. Consequently, one was duty bound to protect them. In fact, not to act as a responsible guardian would result in severe sanction, even execution. They took their conservation ethic, the 'Contract with Nature,' seriously. We, too, will clearly need to reorder our priorities. Copyright infringement carries a heavier penalty than setting fire to an ancient forest burning alive, millions of creatures, just how disconnected can a person and a society become?

The Celts had a somewhat similar cosmology: Goddess Brighde sang the Earth into being, and it was 'terra-formed' with the help of 'Wandering Angus' Og (Angus the Ever Young, the spirit of poetry and other deities.) Layde Sovereignty is the Land. Land is the Righ (Sovereign) and the font of all Sovereignty.

A suitor of the Righ (the Land) was a Ridiri (crassly mistranslated as 'knight.')

A ridiri to become taoiseach (chief) had to demonstrate he had the support of Nature (was in harmony with the land) Land, 'that She accepted him as husband.' The Celts were all too aware that we damage Her at our cost.

The taoiseach would be replaced, very possibly sacrificed if his 'bride' showed ill health for obviously She was displeased with him, which is to say that his environmental stewardship was wanting.

The system obviously worked, it was not to well after the Industrial Revolution that agricultural production per acre reached Celtic levels. The Contract with Nature we have shredded remains central to all relatively intact Indigenous peoples, for them stewardship is not an optional extra!

Appendix 2 – What do we do?

Thórr's Shield & Forge social entrepreneurship in action

The *Thórr's* *Forge* *Drug-Shield Initiative* Restoring the Earth Sacrament



Inside a Thórr Bliss Bay/Delightenment XXone @ Maitreya Labour Day Weekend 2008

Drug abuse profanes the sacred. Restoring Planetary Lucience (cultivating Meta-Cognition & re-forging the lost, ancient, Earth/Human dialogue (+)) has never been more essential! Thórr's drug-harm diverting Delightenment Shield (inspired by Thundernautic Shamanism) restores the missing, traditional, entheogenic shamanic, 'Mindset, Setting, Intention & Supervision' necessary for optimal, experiential, religioneering (reconnection & harmonisation.)

The Delightenment Experience is free to the Delightee; drug dealers cannot compete with free!

(*) The shallow, governing, Mechanistic-Materialist Paradigm can no more restore dialogue with the Earth & the Contract with Nature than it can address sacrament abuse, in fact it has locked us into the present disastrous reality by blasphemously mis-defining & criminalising Nature's greatest & most holy graces, the Earth's Entheogens.

Taking our place alongside Vic Health's/Viv Aids 'Rave Safe'

 **Thórr's Shield**  **Pro-Active Harm Avoidance**

Buffing glue won't stick the family together!

Ice - it's a Dirty Drug!

Appendix 3

Proselytisation & 'Concessions'

We do not preach at our Delightees about the 'evils of drugs' per sé, any more than does RaveSafe for this is entirely counterproductive. We do not proselytise ads a religion to seek 'converts' so we cannot be accused of employing alleged 'concessions' to promote a belief system!

Taking our cue from the many First Nations who do not have a drug problem we are pursue a religioning [reconnection/relationship restoration] solution to drug abuse. This approach is both measurable and experiential and is not a matter of faith. In short, we undertake charitable activities for their own sake.

We provide a European form of the anciently (First Nation) established Sacramental 'Mind-Set, Setting, Intent, and Supervision' necessary to work with and properly honour and respect Nature's Holy Earth Sacraments. Drug abuse (the profaning of the sacred is typified by this absence. It is an individually and socially damaging side effect of the governing Mechanistic-Materialist paradigm. The very use of the word 'drug' to mis-define a sacrament is in and of itself a mischief making abuse that perpetuates the problem and helps maintain the trillion dollar 'War on (some) Drugs and fill the jails with non violent Drug War prisoners.

The restoration of the missing sacred context serves as an atavistic reminder of our common shamanic (Orinary Tradition/pre pagan) heritage, ultimately it matters not whether one is from a Northern European lineage or from anywhere else on Earth. Mind-Set, Setting, Intent & Supervision is the established ancient and contemporary shamanic Religioning Tech Standard.

It is worth noting that Orinary Tradition (shamanic animist) and Elder Tradition (pagan) religions not just the Celtic, Nordic, African, Slavic, etc are *not* Universalist. 'One size fits all' *Universalisms* are diversity unfriendly.

From their perspective, religious conversion is risible as there is an ancestral familial relationship to most of the deities. To appropriate the ancestors of another people not only makes no sense and it slights one's own ancestors. Interestingly, Judaism a relatively early clerical religion is likewise ancestral and ethnic and does not proselytise.

Monotheistic Islam broke with its non-proselytising Jewish heritage apparently for reasons of survival. Judeo/Xtianity did so when it broke with Jamesian Xtianity and became wedded to the expansionist Roman Imperium. One has to be born a Hindu and Zoroastrian (Parsee.) Buddhism and the radical Judeo/Xtian & Islamic branches of Middle Eastern clerical Monotheism, along with the Baha'i are historically pretty much the odd men out in this 'conversion' regard.

⚡ **Drugs Ain't Cool – Entheogens are Sacred!** ⚡

"Western industrial civilisation is the only group of people in human history that does not hold the higher consciousness visionary states in high esteem. Every other people has tremendous appreciation of these states and spend a tremendous amount of time and energy learning how to induce and work safely with them." Dr Stanislav Groff.

All Peoples have their own ancestral deities often culture heroes who made it through to God/ess hood thus it made no sense to them to appropriate those of other's. It would be like me claiming your grandmother!

From the Orinary Tradition (pre-Heroic Era archetype) perspective, we do not find much in the way of gods and goddesses in the later pagan and later still monotheistic sense, however a similar reasoning applies. Why would one tribe whose genius loci lived in a nearby tree, lake, or mountain possibly be interested in the guardian spirit of another tribe living in a cliff on the other side of the world? It does not work that way.

Ninety nine percent of our time on Earth has been spent within tribal Orinary/Founder Tradition societies. From this standpoint if one is of mixed ethnic background, this means that one is blessed with several windows/interfaces into the Palaeolithic. Why should this matter? This was the 2.7 million year era when we (and our cousins) were in harmony with the Earth. This was when the 'Contract with Nature'(*) held sway (and which made it through Germanic Heathen and early Celtic Xtian societies.) Clearly there is something to be learned.

(*) When the Saxons a 'Contract with Nature' culture, entered Britain following the retreating Romans, they refused to live in any Roman dwellings despite all their mod cons. They said the structures separated them from Nature. Likewise, they were horrified by Roman roads that cut 'street' through sacred grove and holy barrow without deviation. The Saxons were no doubt aware of Roman hydraulic gold mining that destroyed whole mountains in Spain (now we have mines that can be seen from outer space!) and the desertification caused by Roman farming methods in North Africa and the decimation of wildlife not least to satisfy the slaughter of the Roman Games held all over the Empire. The Saxons said that the Roman way of life could not last – time is demonstrating just how right they were.

Anthropologist Dr Richard Rudgley traces the beginning of the shredding of the age-old Contract with Nature as beginning at 772 c.e. This was when The Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne toppled Irminsul at Externesteine in the Teutoberg Wald (forest.) Irminsul was part of a rock formation sacred to Germans and Celts and represented Yggdrasil The World Tree. Additionally Charlemagne beheaded many Saxon warriors. This act, Dr Rudgley suggests, signalled the demise of the Contract in Northern Europe. We became romanised, (ever more materialistic and disconnected from our evolutionary home) from that point on.



The Entheogen is the Suture - Reweave the Sacred Interlace!



(The Archaic Revival We Have to Have)

"We must remember our duty to Nature before it is too late.

That duty is constant, that duty is never complete."

Baroness Margaret Thatcher at the World Climate Conference Geneva 1990.

It is not a question as to *whether* we must:

End social atomisation,

Deepen our empathy for each other and the natural world,

Up-shift our awareness and wisdom and,

Reweave Ourselves' back into the Great Tapestry - The Web of Life,

The only rational question is: *how we may most rapidly & safely do so?*



“Destiny is not fate it is choice!”



President Ronald Reagan

**From Drugs to Holy Entheogens –
Pro-active Harm Avoidance – The Stage Beyond Harm Minimisation**

**“The borders of the United States leak like a sieve.
We cannot take drugs from the customers,
but we can take the customers from the drugs!”**

_____ President Reagan during his first term.