23 April, 2017… Below is my response sent to Liam Dann’s NZ Herald article today….

<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/opinion/news/article.cfm?c_id=466&objectid=11841804>

The article addresses the clash of bronze statues on Wall Street by asking the question is Fearless Girl a load of Bull? Liam also posits she has a **more dangerous** market Bear threatening from behind her.

Fearless Girl faces down Charging Bull at New York's financial hub. Photo / AP

Liam, I believe you have missed the point if you try to make Fearless Girl into a sexist statement.

The reality is Charging Bull in the form of the free-market has advanced human progress & development ~hugely~ over the last two centuries or so. Over the duration of the recent era; the free market could best be described as PUBLIC FRIEND #1.

Yet we are now in the throes of a nexus or ~hinge of history~ event where everything changes.

Today we are at the environmental, population, fiscal & practical limits of mass lateral physical & material expansion. To such an extent continuance of the free-market could best be described as PUBLIC ENEMY #1.

The future requires disdaining continuing lateral growth as humacidal (extinguishing humanity as a whole) to vest our hope in stage by stage VERTICAL development of knowledge plus mastering the new sciences & technologies.

Fortunately the human knowledge base has reached critical mass so will continue to grow & develop ~out of itself~ regardless of good or bad management, kind or unkind circumstance.

This future requires population reduction of say, -2%pa; GDP reduction of say, -2%pa; which combines with new technological efficiency to reduce environmental impacts at say, -5%pa.

At the same time we need to be focusing on the VERTICAL GROWTH of human knowledge at say, +2% OR MORE pa. Looking at the world from my 70 years; I feel this is the only VIABLE FUTURE my grandchildren can have.

Thus Fearless Girl represents the new ethos; facing down Charging Bull while unconcerned about the Market Bear behind her; as the bear is emerging as PUBLIC FRIEND #1; given the changing terms & conditions of human existence in the incoming new era.

Thus Fearless Girl represents a TIDAL CHANGE in human affairs.

In closing I revert to the Christian doctrine of Original Sin; which is not man lusting after evil, but a product of humanity constantly hungering for more good than we can have.

See ~Pathology of sin~ 6 pages posted to my Webb-site.

If the Market Bull continues to reign in conditions which require lateral & material ~self-restraint~ we are going to find the consequences of SIN to be as calamitous as Biblically advertised.

So fearless girl faces down the charging bull while trusting the bear at her back; looking at the changed terms & conditions of human existence in the incoming era; SHE IS BANG ON THE MONEY!

My response to Liam, ends.

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**More generally;** the modern era began with the Renaissance which was a rediscovery of the philosophies & sciences society pursued up until the great axial age over-reached it-self & collapsed.

Next the Protestant Reformation bought forth a more ~this worldly~ variant of the Christian faith, for which the Catholics never forgave us.

It gathered momentum as Europe took control of the resources of the wider world.

By the 18th century an international trade network was becoming established; using materials, resources & skills drawn from all over the world, catering to a growing middle class & worker class market in Europe.

The nineteenth century saw the advent of the industrial age; steam train, steamship plus bigger cities, followed by 20th century electricity, telegraph, combustion engine, radio, TV, medical advances, much more complex administrations & trade plus development of computers & a massive increase in our knowledge of the sciences.

Yet the whole was driven forward by a desperate driving urgency; none of this was sustainable. The imperative progress, progress, progress; keep developing forward FAST AS. The devil of civilized sin is hot on our tail; if he overtakes us all will be lost. The ~great western material transmutation~ was impelled by the driven urgency of the biggest single gamble in human history thus far.

In the 70’s environmentalists made a strong case; progress must stop. Wiser heads looked around to determine stopping then was not tenable. If we had stopped there humanity would have fallen into a sinking pit of progressively diminishing options which we might never again have escaped from. At some future point, the human experiment would expire with a whimper at the bottom of a black hole.

The decision was made; full progress ahead & damn the torpedoes.

THIS COMMITMENT OF ~FAITH~ in our type off God PAID OFF; today the human knowledge base has reached critical mass, it is the new sustainable estate which will underwrite the human future.

Now is the time to sit back & do a COMPLETE REVIEW of human expectations & our whole social management ethos. The terms & conditions of human existence in modernity have changed HUGELY. This requires a massive adjustment in humanities understanding of it-self; also to revise human understanding of our place, role & prospects in the greater scheme of things. We don’t need just the routine adjustments to changing conditions which happen constantly; rather we need the BIGGEST SINGLE social redesign thus far in history.

We cannot continue with mass lateral material, population & physical expansion; we have to contain lateral growth to focus on stage by stage higher development. If humanity finds itself encased in some type of funnel which dissuades mass lateral squander while rewarding progressive higher development; I posit that as compelling our deliverance toward manifest destiny in the last days under intelligent design theory.

What seems called for is a smaller, leaner, meaner but smarter society. Progressively reduce populations, reduce GDP, restrict the free market from just printing money on demand, and reduce environmental impacts while continuing to grow knowledge, technology & science.

Yes it is a challenging adjustment, YET BE HAPPY. At least there is a future for humanity to look forward too; IT COULD EASILY HAVE TURNED OUT SO MUCH WORSE.

As Barack Obama recently said ~We confront a whole range of challenges ... all those problems are serious, they're daunting, but they're not insoluble~ I agree! Now is the time to set aside petty divisions; come together in the body of the Biblical God; to address those issues which can give us a future.

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