

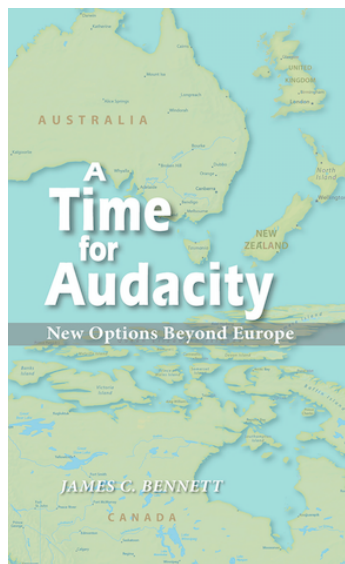
James C. Bennett has a new book out, on Amazon, only as an ebook for now. The book, *A Time for Audacity*, contains a FAQ on a new form of Commonwealth Union, and a collection of stories from the lives of citizens of that Union in the year 2036. There is a story of a great city, a lifeboat for Hong Kong residents, New Victoria, built on the NW coast of Australia. Jim intends to follow up with a series of novels about intrigue and adventure in the expanding Anglosphere. The first in the series, now under contract, with ms in final editing, is planned for publication this fall. -Leif Smith, Explorers Foundation, Inc.

The link to the Amazon page:

https://www.amazon.com/Time-Audacity-Options-Beyond-Europe-ebook/dp/B01H4U7FAQ/ref=sr_1_1

A review of Bennett's *A Time for Audacity*, by [Andrew Roberts](#), posted on Amazon, June 18, 2016

“Highly impressive, well-researched and well-written
Bennett is virtually the creator of the modern Anglosphere concept,
and this book superbly sums up its attractions for the United Kingdom.
As important as it is timely.”
5.0 out of 5 stars



A Time for Audacity, A new book by James C. Bennett

A New Commonwealth Union for Britain after Brexit

[Available on Amazon](#)

For Britons, Canadians, Australians, and New Zealanders, and their friends and allies, the time has come to consider an audacious option. It is time for many reasons. One is that each of you today faces a series of critical decisions about what and who you are and will be. Britain less than two years ago passed one such decision point, which is whether the historical British Union of the four nations would continue together. Although the option of full independence for Scotland was rejected, the question of how the four nations will work together, and in what sort of framework, has now been opened, and it is time for the options that this book will discuss to be part of that discussion.

Now, Britain is on the verge of making another decision threshold about another Union. Again, this is an issue where the answer appears obvious to an outsider, but seems to be a matter of great controversy within the UK. There may be valid reasons why Britain might not want to exit the European Union, but the lack of adequate alternatives for closer trade relations and partnership should not be one of them. Ironically, many of the arguments of advocates of British membership in the EU work better as an argument for the option presented in this work, a Union of the Commonwealth Realms.

Many of the British people who had sincerely supported EU membership did so from the desire to see the UK magnify its impact in the world by joining together with other like-minded people. As the EU continues to shrink as a fraction of the world's population and Gross World Product, it would be wise for such people to consider the idea of magnifying their impact in the world by joining together with people who already have more of a common outlook than the very disparate set known as Europeans.

Some British commentators have, in the course of the debate over its European ties, pointed to Canada, Australia, and New Zealand as alternative directions for trade and cooperation. Others deride this suggestion, asking whether Britain still has anything to offer them, and point to the widespread feelings of betrayal when Britain joined the then-EEC, raising high tariff walls against the Dominions that had so recently sacrificed so much in her aid.

Yet Canada, Australia, and New Zealand each face challenges of their own, as this book will describe in detail. At the same time, the USA, the primary security partner for Canada and Australia in particular, has begun to show more and more uncertainty as to the degree of international involvement and investment of security resources it devotes to its allies. All four nations have armed forces which rank high in quality, but increasingly have been under fiscal pressure, scaling back capabilities and facing problems managing the procurement of new systems capable of interoperating with US forces. Britain's attempts at enhancing its capabilities by defence cooperation with Europe have if anything made matters worse. In short, all four nations would gain from deepening the cooperation among themselves to deal with their growing problems. This book proposes a quite radical form of cooperation — even, as its title warns, an audacious one. —jcb

Questions answered by the FAQ portion of *A Time for Audacity*

1. What is the Commonwealth Union?
2. How does this relate to the Commonwealth of Nations?
3. Why bother doing this?
4. I like being a Brit (or English, or Canadian, or Australian, or Kiwi) perfectly well, thank you. Do I stop being one if this happens? What will I be, then?
5. How will my life be different as a result of this?
6. Will the Commonwealth Union be compatible with British membership in the European Union?
7. Why will Britain want to join such a Commonwealth Union, after just having left the constraints of the European Union?

8. Why will Canada join a Commonwealth Union?
9. Why will Australia join such a Union?
10. Why will New Zealand join such a Union?
11. Who else might join the Commonwealth Union?
12. Will the large, non-CANZUK Crown Realms be part of the Commonwealth Union?
13. Will the Commonwealth Union make use of "Charter Cities"?
14. Will countries that are not currently Crown Realms be able to join the Commonwealth Union?
15. Isn't this just re-assembling the British Empire?
16. Is the Commonwealth Union a completely new idea?
17. Wouldn't the Commonwealth Union just be a "White Man's Club"
18. Is Commonwealth Union compatible with Canadian membership in the North American Free Trade Agreement and British membership in the European Economic Area?
18. Will the Commonwealth Union accede to the rights and benefits of defence treaties, like NATO and NORAD?
19. Will there be a Union Constitution?
20. Will there be a Commonwealth Union parliament and prime minister?
21. Is a Commonwealth Union government necessary to create full free trade among its members?
22. Will there be a Commonwealth Union court system?
23. Will there be a Commonwealth Union police service?
24. Where will the Commonwealth Union's capital be?
25. Will the Commonwealth Union use a common currency?
26. How will the Commonwealth Union be financed?
27. Will there be Commonwealth Union armed forces?
28. Who will be the Commonwealth Union's Head of State?
29. Will the Commonwealth Union be a nuclear power?
30. Will the Commonwealth Union assume the foreign relations responsibilities of the member nations?
31. How will free movement of people be facilitated within the Union?
32. How will trade and commerce be facilitated within the Union?
33. Could Scotland or other political units join the Commonwealth Union directly?
34. What about other kinds of political units, such as Canadian or Australian

aboriginal populations?

35. What about the USA?

36. Why should the Union be introduced as a full state entity at an early moment, rather than gradually take on more characteristics of a state, in the manner of the European Union?

37. How can such a Union be forged, and what role does a Grand Bargain play in its formation?

The FAQ occupies over 32 pages of the book.

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