



Church of Perth Intercessory Team

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE GOD

In 1993 the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief (DEIDRB) became part of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC). In February 1997 the HREOC issued a Discussion Paper examining the extent to which religious freedom is protected by our laws, analysed the UN dictum that all beliefs including Satanism, paganism, witchcraft and atheism are all valid religions, and recommended that the Commonwealth should enact a Religious Freedom Act. Though the Howard Government chose not to implement these recommendations the Bracks' Government has now introduced its own twin Racial and Religious Tolerance and Model Bills to the Victorian Parliament. Ostensibly this Bill is a desirable one. It purports to defend the rights of all kinds of minorities and to reduce discrimination against ethnic and religious groups and, subtly, those with a homosexual bias. In reality, however, it will pose a grave threat to Christianity. If passed it has the potential to make it illegal for Christians to evangelise – the very lifeblood of the faith. Should they even claim that "Jesus is the only way to God," they could be tried, prosecuted and either fined \$6000 or jailed for six months. Furthermore, the Bill even makes provision for a third party listening in to a conversation between two people to lodge a complaint if he construes it discriminatory or vilifying. Worse, and in contravention of traditional justice, the person charged is guilty until proven innocent; neither would they be allowed any justification for their action. The intent of a Christian saying to a gay, "God could help you get free of your homosexuality," would not even be considered as a defence. How insidious! How sinister! *And a similar Bill is about to be tabled in Western Australia!* This diabolical legislation with its grave implications is clearly a move by a humanistic government to deny Christians the right to freely proclaim the faith that has been our national religion since the foundation of the colony over 200 years ago.

Yet it is not altogether unexpected. The anti-Christian signs have been evident for some time. During the 1988 Australian Bicentenary celebrations, in its desire to discredit our Christian traditions, the Hawke Government either ignored them or substituted the rainbow serpent (the Wagyl) as the only spiritual entity worth remembering. Unheard of by most people until a couple of decades ago this mythical creature emerged from the mists of antiquity when development work was proposed in WA's Swan Valley. Since then the Wagyl has appeared regularly, especially wherever a development project is located near creeks, swamps or other waterways. In fact the rainbow serpent has been emblazoned across the entrances of the Graham Farmer freeway in Perth – a blight on our community. The Wagyl and other Dreamtime myths are just that – a myth, a traditional story. Then there was the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games. Instead of honouring our Christian culture, which has helped to make ours a free, tolerant, open and friendly society, it focused on the aboriginal culture with its witchdoctors and paid homage to the Wandjina god of their mythology. Not to mention the closing ceremony with its strong emphasis on the worship of a pagan Greek goddess. It seems we are being steadily brainwashed into accepting and defending pagan beliefs and practices and are being threatened by a re-flowering of paganism characterized by the rise of witchcraft, homosexuality and abortion. Furthermore, a steady flow of migrants and refugees from Asia and the Middle East has seen a big increase in the followers of Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism. The Australian landscape is being dotted with mosques, Buddhist and Sikh temples and other places of worship to foreign gods and these religions continue to take hold in this "Great Southland of the Holy Spirit". But there is only one true Almighty God. Christianity teaches that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The Scriptures speak loud and clear: "Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also" (1 John 2:23).

Moreover, "The times of ignorance God has overlooked, but now He commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the One He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31). In response to those who defy and scheme against THE LORD JESUS CHRIST and His followers the Word of God has this to say: "Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and His Anointed, saying, 'Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.' He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision." Then to His Son He says, "Ask of Me and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession." (Psalm 2: 1-4,8). Unless they repent and turn from their wicked ways, the infidels who oppose the omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient Lord God Almighty, the Supreme Being, eternal, spiritual and transcendent, will ultimately experience His wrath. His Word declares it: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. For since the creation of the world His invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, are clearly seen to the eye of reason in the things He has made, so that they are without excuse." (Romans 1: 18, 20)

They have been warned!

OUR PRAYER

Hear this our prayer, O loving Father, God of the universe, the Great I AM, Almighty God of Israel, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, the Alpha and the Omega who is, who was and who is to come, the Author and Finisher of our faith. We bless You for "Our God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes." (Deut 10: 17). Abba Father, we humbly and joyfully come in Jesus' righteousness to join the hosts of heaven to love and thank You for Your amazing grace in sending Your Son Jesus to die for all mankind's sin and was buried, resurrected and now is seated on Your right as our Great High Priest interceding for those who have received Your unconditional gift of salvation and are now energized by His Holy Spirit and His Word. LORD JESUS, we thank You that You are our high Tower, our mighty Fortress and a firm foundation to anchor our souls. We stand secure, washed in Your blood, for You have conquered death, sin, satan and the evil world. Sovereign Lord, we rejoice that You save us, heal us, deliver us, meet our needs and that we enjoy an intimate relationship with You through the comfort and counsel of the Holy Spirit. Blessed Lord, we sing praises to lift Your name on high. You came from heaven to earth to show the Way, Truth and eternal Life. From the earth to the Cross, our debt You paid – from the Cross to the grave to the sky, we lift Your name on high. Omniscient Lord, help us use Your unlimited power to reflect Your divine glory and accomplish Your sovereign will.

Blessed Holy Spirit, give us new strength to mount up on wings like eagles, the stamina to run and not grow weary – to preach the Good News to the lost, to set the captives free, to help the blind to see, the deaf to hear and bring release to the oppressed. We pray for our nations' leaders and citizens to sincerely REPENT and have their minds renewed by Your Living Word through the omnipotent power of Your Spirit "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34). For Your judgment, Lord, falls on the uncovered souls who are exposed by their rejection of Your protection, but Your Commandments are benevolent. Hallelujah! The LORD GOD omnipotent reigns in our hearts. Sovereign Lord, help us not to forsake our Christian heritage. We beseech You to obstruct the leaders who would sell us out to Your foes. Lord, You chose to make 'this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit' our trust. It is ours to revere and protect in Spirit and in truth – not to yield to the infiltration and habitation of other gods, deceptions, idols, evil spirits and demons. Holy Spirit, help us not to trade Your Truth for tolerance for other beliefs which reject the only one true God, JESUS CHRIST, the coming JUDGE of all mankind. LORD GOD, we join our Captain, JESUS CHRIST, through the authority of His name and in the wonder-working power of His blood together with the omnipotent power of His Holy Spirit to pull down every stronghold of deception, demonic influence, false gods and prophets, idols and witchcraft, over all citizens of this 'Great Southland of the Holy Spirit'. We break the curse of these evil spirits and demons off Your land by the blood of JESUS and in JESUS' name send them to the pit of hell. We release all leaders, families, youth, migrants and refugees to repent and obey Your Living Word by the omnipotent power of Your Spirit. We fervently ask this in the glorious name of JESUS CHRIST, our coming King of Glory. Amen.

C.O.P.I.T. Led by our Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our eternal Father in Jesus' Name. Amen and Glory.

[REJOICE, UNITE, SHARE & LOVE ONE ANOTHER IN WORD & DEED TO GLORIFY OUR COMING KING JESUS]