



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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THE DEATH OF COMMON SENSE

Recently a Los Angeles jury ordered Philip Morris to pay the incredible amount of \$7.5 billion to a long-term smoker who accused the tobacco giant of being responsible for his lung cancer. Despite being warned of the health dangers of smoking the man smoked at least two packets every day for 40 years. And for his stupidity he is awarded a king's ransom! But this is just one of a multitude of examples of an insane society that we hear about constantly. For the death of an old friend called Common Sense has come to pass. No one knows how old he was as his birth records have been lost in a plethora of bureaucratic red tape and politically correct obfuscation. For centuries he wisely devoted his service to education, governments, hospitals, homes, offices and factories and in normal everyday life to help us get along without fanfare or foolishness. For a long time petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense. Thanks to him we learnt such valuable lessons as – spare the rod and spoil the child; pride goes before a fall; the early bird gets the worm; men and women are different; life wasn't meant to be easy; the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom etc.

Common Sense gave us simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn); reliable parenting strategies (adults are in charge, not children), and wise adages such as "winning isn't everything", and "learn to be a good loser". A veteran of history from the Early Ages down to the recent past Common Sense survived the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, two horrific World Wars and the Technological Revolution. But his health declined markedly when his parents Truth and Faith were struck down along with his wife Wisdom, his son Responsibility and his daughter Discretion. In recent years his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of overbearing government legislation designed to satisfy its international controllers. He watched in anguish, as ordinary people became victims of greedy lawyers and shrewd auditors. He gaped nonplussed as he saw the penalty for destroying an eagle's egg was set at \$5000 plus a year's jail while Medicare paid for women to have their unborn babies destroyed in the womb. His health deteriorated rapidly when schools disenfranchised our youth from their Christian heritage by substituting it with the intellectually and morally bankrupt philosophy of secular humanism. He stood by helplessly as education was deliberately "dumbed down" and as schools replaced effective corporal punishment with an army of guidance and welfare officers. He grew weaker when the powers-that-be ordained that schools needed parental consent to administer aspirin to a student but could not inform the parents when a female pupil was pregnant or wanted an abortion. His condition worsened with the inclusion of school children into the myth of evolution, that their existence was the result of a cosmic accident and has no eternal purpose or meaning. Then to add to his woes our national heritage was put under siege with the doctrine of multiculturalism, that we could worship as many gods as we please and still be a united, happy family. Finally Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments were outlawed, some churches forsook the integrity of God's Word while others became businesses, criminals received better treatment than their victims and governments stuck their noses into everything from compulsory bicycle helmets and ridiculous speed limits, women soldiers in the front line, and free needles and "shooting galleries" for drug addicts. But the final nail in his coffin was the advent of political correctness (PC), the trump card of the feminist movement. Herein lay the master counterstroke against Common Sense. It was here that the separateness of the two sexes became obscured and confused, where the roles of men and women were made interchangeable, so much so that children are no longer sure if they are Arthur or Martha. Common Sense groaned in agony as so-called "sexist" terms such as policeman, chairman, fireman, mankind and other male-gender words were deleted from the English language. Worse, he went into fatal paroxysms at the cartharising of classical literature that removed anything that smacked of being pro-male,

“elitist” or pro-white and the re-writing of history, which imposed a guilt complex on students for their Anglo-Saxon heritage for supposedly destroying the “idyllic” way of life of indigenous peoples. Broken-hearted, Common Sense passed away without a murmur! Not many attended the funeral because so few realised he was gone. He is survived by three ugly stepsisters: Rights, Do-Gooder and Victim. His demise and replacement by subtle, unholy deception has set the stage for the final act in this age of grace. The Scriptures tell us that in the last days the man of sin will come “according to the working of Satan... with all unrighteous deception among those who perish because they did not receive the love of the **truth**, that they might be saved” (2 Thess. 2: 9,10). Moreover, “Know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God”(2 Timothy 3:1-4) ... all progeny of Common Sense’s worthless stepsisters! **The hour is late.** The time has come to heed the scriptural injunction: “Be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove that which is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2). Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for **whatever you sow that will you also reap!**

OUR PRAYER:

Omniscient Father of all grace and mercy; Sovereign and Supreme Ruler of the Universe; Author of Life and Creation; Head over every power and authority; Judge of all mankind; Almighty God of Israel; Triumphant Redeemer; Shepherd of our souls; Executor of the Father’s Will and the only Mediator of the New Covenant and Dispenser of God’s blessings to all who are called according to His purpose. Abba Father, we humbly come washed in Jesus’ blood and yielded to the Holy Spirit to join the hosts of heaven to love, praise and thank You for loving us because of WHO YOU ARE. Loving Father, with contrite hearts and broken spirits, we thank You for giving us Your only begotten Son, Jesus, who died on the cross, was resurrected and is now seated on Your right hand interceding for us. Lord God Almighty, we thank You for sending the Holy Spirit of Truth to search our hearts, renew our minds, convict, counsel, comfort and teach us to trust and commit our ways to the Lord of Righteousness, so we can like Jesus, daily delight in Your sovereign Will. We thank You LORD, that where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty – irrespective of race, colour or creed. We thank You too for saving sinners not according to our works, but according to Your purpose, plan and grace given to us in CHRIST JESUS before the world began. We thank You Lord God that You have not given us a spirit of fear but one of power and love and a sound mind (common sense).

Sovereign Lord, thank You for Your amazing grace to leaders and citizens of this nation to earnestly REPENT and renew their minds in the power of Your Word. We acknowledge that everything we all need for life and godliness is found in the knowledge of JESUS CHRIST. Thank You, Lord, for maturing our faith in You through Your great and precious promises so we may escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires and deceptions that are bent on destroying common sense! Blessed Holy Spirit, we yield to You as we study the Living Word to renew our minds by constant communion and fellowship with You, for Your anointing breaks the yoke of sin and leads, guides and empowers us to do the Father’s Will - to enrol lost souls into His Kingdom; to set the captives free; to heal the sick and wounded; to help the spiritually blind see and the deaf hear Your Word of Truth. Lord Jesus, thank You for giving us ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ to show us the principle of forgiveness that sets us free. Lord God of the universe, we thank You for holding ‘global warming’ in Your hands for evil men are deceiving us to make money through it. We totally rest in You, LORD JESUS, for Your loving kindness is better than life; and thank You for taking our burdens, for Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light. Blessed Holy Spirit, train us to be faithful warriors serving our Captain of Battle in pulling down principalities and high places that exalt themselves against You in Your land. In Jesus’ name and by His authority, we bring every thought into captivity, to Your obedience. Lord, station Your warring angels to guard the gates to the cities of this ‘Great Southland of the Holy Spirit’ against the spirits of division, witchcraft, cults, sorcery, idols, false gods, pride, greed and materialism. Thank You, Lord Jesus, that Your blood and omnipotent power are breaking through across this nation. In Your name we release Your love, peace and righteousness to flood like rivers of living water across Your land to magnify and lift high the name of JESUS CHRIST, our mighty Rock and Fortress. Blessed Holy Spirit, we rely on You to help us rebuild our nation spiritually and morally by means of Reflection, Repentance, Redemption, Restoration, Reconciliation, Renewal and Reunion under the Lordship of JESUS CHRIST. We pray and 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 KIND JESUS]