

REPENI AUSTRAL

"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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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

These days everyone is concerned, even obsessed, with pollution. Environmentalists are held in awe and wonder as they proclaim their gospel of "saving the planet". Schoolchildren are forever exhorted to play their part in preserving the environment. Everyone is worried that our world is being contaminated by CFCs pouring into the atmosphere. Yes, pollution is everyone's concern. And rightly so. We should protect the environment at all costs. Let's clean up the garbage that is polluting our air, our water supplies and our We really do want a clean world, don't we? For "cleanliness is next to godliness". Conversely, impurity of every kind is devilish. God made this world and He made it beautiful, pristine clean Now much of it is defiled by human carelessness, even willfulness.

Moral Pollution

Yes, let us definitely clean up the garbage. But let us not overlook the garbage on our radio airways - in coarse lyrics and cacophonous sounds in theatre and on television screens, on our videos and DVDs and the Internet with its computer generated virtual child pornography, in our books and magazines For surely as the physical world is suffering from chemical pollution so the world of the mind, soul and spirit is being engulfed in a vast mountain of abominable garbage and no one seems to care. How many TV programs are devoted to environmental pollution? Plenty How many even mention moral pollution? None Worse, how often do the churches raise their voices in protest against the immoral filth that constantly spew from our screens, small and large, polluting our minds, destroying our sensibilities and shattering our standards of moral behaviour? Very seldom indeed! If the churches will not speak out who will? A good question. It must then devolve on every one of us who is concerned to say, "enough is enough" to the utter rubbish that is thrust upon our children and us day after day.

Anti-Christian Media

Undoubtedly the media presents many good informative programs. Never before has such high quality technology been applied to the production of entertainment. Never before have viewers been able to enjoy the beauties of nature or appreciate news of the world as it happens. Nevertheless the media is guilty of undermining standards and values to a degree unimaginable 30 years ago. Modern films now plumb the depths of indecency and degradation as they graphically depict the most debased behaviour in the forms of sexual perversion and violence. No longer do filmmakers seek to elevate or inspire but instead inflict ugliness and debauchery on their audiences in an obvious desire to degrade and debase the human race (And our Office of Film and Literature Classification says it is OK) Well, what else should we expect? The media is in the hands of anti-Christian forces constantly projecting a flow of ideas hostile to the views of decent Australians. Rejecting biblical standards of behaviour they are blatantly waging a war on traditional values, attacking on three fronts – the family, Christian morality and what is good, pure and lovely. Films of the past contained some violence but nevertheless were designed to uphold right against wrong depicted love scenes but not the sordid or obscene nor did they succumb to the gutter language of today's movies Furthermore, every evening TV plays its part in lowering standards. Foul language is commonplace. Scenes of adultery, fornication and perversion are regular fare for a night's "entertainment"

The distasteful has become the obscene; the obscene, the obnoxious; the obnoxious, the vile and depraved. As our minds imbibe more and more of the callous emotionalism that passes as human interest; the violence that poses in the guise of "realism"; and the crudity that is labelled "humour" we are being manipulated into becoming zombies that have neither the desire nor the will to say NO to our own moral ruin. Not to mention the ever-increasing rate of violent crime especially against women.

Cause of Downfall

Incredibly a representative of the Government has said that there is no proof that pornography is linked to crime. However, a homosexual paedophile that murdered five boys has admitted, "Pornography was a determining factor in my downfall". So too has a mass murderer whose infamous "career" began with an obsession with pornography. Moreover, a US psychiatrist who treated 350 pornographic addicts found that after being exposed to hard-core non-violent adult pornography for six weeks they became increasingly callous towards women; trivialized rape as a crime; developed distorted perceptions of sexual conduct; and desired more deviant, bizarre or violent forms of pornography. So much for the Government representative's deluded opinion!

A Devilish Mire

Spawned by the sexual revolution of the 1960s the modern pornography industry has, from tentative almost timid beginnings, grown bolder and bolder until it now threatens to engulf us in a devilish mire of licentiousness and moral corruption. Libertines might argue that it is harmless; that no one is hurt by it; and that people should be able to watch whatever they like But seldom has a greater lie been promulgated Why do we let them con us? Moral impurity is SIN. Sin is Sin, highly objectionable and it is not social comment. Even as toxic pollutants kill fish and birds in the natural environment so this immoral trash will destroy our souls. It is high time we threw out this garbage! It is high time we let the media barons know that enough is enough! We are God's creation, created in the image of our Maker, "crowned with glory and honour". We have been created to glorify God with thoughts of purity, words of honour and acts of valour. We are meant to focus our minds on what is true, honest, noble, pure and lovely — those things that uplift, strengthen, comfort and hearten. Throw out the profligate garbage, we have had far too much of it already. We want a better world.

OUR PRAYER

Eternal Father, God of All Grace and Mercy, we offer our heartfelt thanks for Your daily provisions - spiritual, material, financial, social and environmental upon this fair land of Australia. We thank You for shielding us from the troubles and turmoil that beset many other lands across the globe. Sovereign Lord, forgive us that we displease You by our placid acceptance of the daily diet of pornography and violence that we allow into our homes via television, radio, the internet, books and magazines. Help us, in the name of Jesus to make a strong stand against the evil forces behind this malignant pollution of the soul. Blessed Spirit, we yield to You to cleanse us in the precious blood of Jesus, which washes whiter than snow.

Give us as a nation, Spirit of All Excellence, a desire in our hearts to reject the immoral garbage that is debasing Your people. Lord Jesus, we also ask You to forgive us for all our sins as we individually confess them before You today. We denounce Satan and all his deceptive evil works. In faith we confess JESUS as the Lord and Saviour of our lives. From today forward, Lord Jesus, we will be sensitive to how You feel and not hurt You anymore! We will obey You Lord Jesus, present us to the Father in Your holy name. We accept Your Word that if we believe with our hearts and confess with our mouths that You rose from the dead we are saved. We receive You today wholeheartedly 100%. Make us a light in a dark place from this day forward. We will fulfill Your Great Commission to share the Gospel at every opportunity. This is our commitment, LORD JESUS. And finally we pray that Your Spirit through us will win this world for You. We offer this prayer to the Father in the mighty name of JESUS, the coming King of Glory and Judge of all men. Amen.

R.A: 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

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