



# REPENT AUSTRALIA

*"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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## CHAOS IN THE CLASSROOM

The constant cry of educationists is for more money and smaller classes. These, they maintain, will solve all the problems that beset schools and drive teachers to distraction. In response, the WA Government has promised to fund almost 400 extra teachers for early childhood and literacy and numeracy specialists for 2003. Yet will this make much difference to a system that is fundamentally flawed; a system that engenders despair and defeatism, sloppiness and aimlessness, contempt for teachers, vandalism and violence? Without doubt we have slipped a long way over the past few decades.

### Seed-plots of Immorality

Well, what has happened? In a nutshell, the death of Christian values. In 1878-79 controversy raged in Australia over the introduction of secular education. Churchmen of various persuasions raised their voices either in favour or against it. The Catholic Archbishops of NSW and Anglican Bishop Moorhouse of Victoria made notable contributions. The Catholic churchmen asserted, "It is self-evident that education without Christianity is impossible; you may call it instruction, filling the mind with a certain amount of secular knowledge, but you cannot dignify it with the name Education. To divorce religion or Christianity from Education is to return to paganism, and to reject the gospel of Jesus Christ. We condemn secular schools because ... they are seed-plots of future immorality, infidelity and lawlessness, being calculated to debase the standard of human excellence, and to corrupt the political, social and individual life of future citizens." Strong words! Fortunately, thanks to the strong thread of Christianity running through society and the influence of dedicated teachers, they took 100 years to prove true. Today, however, many schools are indeed seed-plots of immorality, infidelity and lawlessness. In Hosea 4:6 God declared, "My people are destroyed for lack of spiritual knowledge." Consequently there is much chaos in the classroom.

### The Need for Higher Motives

Bishop Moorhouse gave his approval to secular education. However, he recommended the use of the Bible as a textbook of moral and religious instruction, saying, "How can children be moral without determinedly fixing their attention on the higher motives; and how can they do this if we keep such motives out of sight? By withdrawing all the higher motives from the minds of our children, you are most surely, however unintentionally, preparing for us a future of vice, confusion and disaster". **Jesus Christ's death and resurrection** has won every spiritual battle and so it is important for children to know how **faith in the power of Christ** overcomes the influence of drugs, lust, pornography, crime and mental illness.

### Mickey Mouse Topics

Education today is a sad reflection of those fears expressed over a century ago. One may well ask what are our educators seeking to achieve as they throw out the wisdom of the ages for a mess of secular garbage? Environmental studies, values clarification, social injustices and other Mickey Mouse topics have replaced the basic core subjects of maths, English language and literature, history and geography. Childhood innocence is lost as preoccupation with sex is thrust upon pupils of elementary grades and even death studies are included in the curriculum. In fact, parts of the school curricula have purposely encouraged children to experiment with illegal drugs, to study anti-religious and occult practices, and to reject their parents' authority and value system. No wonder many children are emotionally confused, alienated from their

parents, ignorant of moral standards and functionally illiterate. The decline began when **discipline** became a dirty word; when schools stopped teaching basic skills and fundamental facts and instead concentrated on playing psychological games with their pupils' feelings and attitudes.

### **"Brave New World" Religion**

Why have we followed this path that leads to ultimate disaster? Because it has been a planned strategy. Underlying all the moves towards human rights, non-sexist and multicultural education is a profound push to subvert the ideological foundations of the nation. And why? Because through the efforts of such influential atheists as Marx, Engels, Dewey, Russell, Shaw, Wells, Freud and others the human race has rediscovered a "brave new world" religion called humanism that has won the hearts and minds of people in power. By the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the traditional God-centred teaching of the Bible was being displaced by humanism whose perfidious fruits were rapidly infecting the whole world. This "religion" however, is nothing more than a hodgepodge of ancient pagan religions dressed up as 'self-development' and which promotes worship of self, sex, nature, Satan ... anything just so long as it is anti-Christian. Adopted by the United Nations as its main thrust toward atheistic world government humanism is at the very core of UNESCO dogma, which is constantly promoted by our educators at every level of our school system. They fail to recognise that we are spiritual beings created by a loving and Holy God who placed His Spirit within born-again children giving them the power to walk in obedience to His Word for His protection and provision.

### **The Supreme End of Education**

It just will not do. This false ideology must be refuted and abandoned. Every school in this land should have emblazoned across its portals this astute statement of Samuel Johnson: "**The supreme end of education is expert discernment in all things ... the power to tell the good from the bad, the genuine from the counterfeit, and to prefer the good and the genuine to the bad and the counterfeit.**" These wise words must be heeded. We must realise that we have gone sadly astray; admit our folly and redress our mistakes. For only as we inculcate enduring Christian values into our children will they be **truly** educated. Only then shall they be God-fearing, moral, law-abiding, loyal citizens of this our beloved country.

### **OUR PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, Holy is Your Name. Almighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Creator of the universe, the world and **all** who live in it. Omniscient Lord of **All** Life, we acknowledge Your divine love and omnipotent power as we boldly come before Your throne of grace and mercy to invoke Your grace as we pray for our youth. O Lord God, be merciful to them as they grow up in a confused world that offers neither hope nor eternal security. Abba Father, we gratefully thank You for the opportunity to be born-again into Your eternal family as children of the Most High God to have a personal relationship with You through the death of **Your SON, JESUS CHRIST** on the cross of Calvary. **LORD JESUS**, thank You for being our Great High Priest interceding for us through faith to grow into spiritual maturity and take responsibility to serve You all the days of our lives.

Dear Lord, we know You are deeply saddened by the **chaos in the classroom** just as we are, but for years our educators and leaders have been sowing the wind and reaping the whirlwind of lawlessness and disobedience as they exclude **You** from our schools, tertiary institutions and universities. Help us to realise that **we reap what we sow** in our classrooms when we reject the **Truth** as found only in **JESUS CHRIST**. We acknowledge that He alone is above **all** earthly wisdom and that **all** the fullness of the Godhead is found in **His Name**. Merciful Father, in this blessed **Name of Jesus** and through Your omnipotent Spirit, help us break the curse of all Satan's powers undermining our young people through a godless, anti-Christian education system subservient to the humanistic dogma of UNESCO. Be pleased too, omniscient Father, to release a mighty visitation of **Your Holy Spirit of Fire** to sweep across this land bringing a deep repentance and transformed lives in **CHRIST JESUS**, Your precious Son who died and was resurrected for everyone of us. We prayfully ask this in the Majestic and Triumphant Name of our coming King of Glory, **JESUS CHRIST. 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

**[REJOICE & SHARE IN FAITH THIS MESSAGE IN PRAYER WITH OTHERS & BE BLESSED TO BE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS]**