

# REPENT 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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## NO VISION – NO VICTORY

Recently retired Western Australian Police Commissioner Barry Mathews made a statement a few weeks ago that Perth has to put up with violent crime because it is a big city. But wait a minute. New York is a big city Its mayor, however, decided he'd had enough of violent crime in his city and instituted a policy of zero tolerance, and everyone who committed a crime went to jail. With fewer criminals roaming the streets the incidence of violent crime nose-dived and the streets of New York became much safer for the ordinary, lawabiding citizens. Then consider Singapore. It is also a big city. But it's safe to walk the streets or ride the underground there at night without being mugged or killed. Why can they do it and not us? Because the leaders have a vision of a crime-free society and they act accordingly. Strict jail terms as well as corporal and capital punishment ensure that their safety record is upheld Unfortunately, however, here in Australia defeatist attitudes like that of the ex-police commissioner are all too common among our leaders. Here we have governments that are controlled by left-wing academics who have eliminated jail sentences for most crimes and a judiciary mainly comprised of social activists concerned only with the rehabilitation of offenders. And, sadly, this is only a small sample of the mess we now find ourselves in

## "She'll Be Right, Mate"

Three thousand years ago King Solomon penned these wise words: "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18) Without the expectation of something better we soon succumb to apathy and an attitude of "what's the use, what can be done?" Australia today has an alarming rate of family breakdown, of people falling victim to drugs, rebellion and suicide, escalating violent crime and soaring overseas debt. Our courts are travesties of justice; our schools are failing our children with their humanistic doctrines being forcefed down youngsters' throats and our media continually leading us all down a trail of promiscuity and violence. So what? She'll be right, mate. No worries. What does it matter while we can have our fill of sport and booze, lay on the beach or go chasing waves (and women) to our heart's content?

#### Secular Humanism

But it is not all right. Australia, like other Western nations, has been ensnared in the web of secular humanism (aka Marxism) and all that implies And with such an important issue at stake it behoves us to understand just what this secular humanism is Believing in the divinity of humans it denies a belief in God, the divinity of Jesus Christ and the inspiration of the Bible. It also denies any belief in life after death, heaven and hell, salvation and damnation It has no set of absolute values - no right or wrong - and moral values are It believes in sexual freedom (including homosexuality and only comparative to a given situation lesbianism), abortion, suicide and euthanasia. Secular humanists believe that males and females have no distinctive roles peculiar to their particular sex. They believe that patriotism is wrong and that all nations should come together under a one-world socialist government. In other words it is the ideological force of Satan and as such is diametrically opposed to all that is good and of God.

#### Post-Christian Ideas

Over the last thirty years we have seen the results of this diabolical belief system in modern post-Christian ideas, debate, entertainment, schooling and legislation as it has become deeply entrenched in the fabric of our society through its agents - the education system, socialist governments, the media and the courts wonder we are in deep trouble as our Christian tradition has steadily retreated before its unrelenting onslaughts Fellow Australians, she won't be all right, mate. Not while these forces of darkness continue to steal our God-given heritage from us. This is no time for sitting on the fence. Either we docilely accept the humanistic world created around us or we reject it. There can be no neutrality. Let France be a lesson to us. In 1940 the German Army conquered this great country in a matter of weeks, yet in World War 1 they could not achieve this feat in four long years of desperate conflict. Why? What was the difference? It was because France had been undermined from within. A Fifth Column had eaten the heart out of her resistance. Now we face the same danger. A Fifth Column has eaten deeply into the moral fabric of our society via secular humanism. And until we remove this canker from within our midst we shall continue to be destroyed from within.

### Violence and Vice

However our typical Aussie response is no answer to our problems. Without a vision of something better we shall indeed perish — engulfed in a flood of violence and vice, permissiveness and penury, deceit and deception, corruption and crudities, humbug and hopelessness. It just won't do. We owe it to ourselves and our children to make a better world. We must catch a vision of what is best if we are to gain the victory over the hideous malaise that is spreading across our fair land and threatening to destroy us both physically and spiritually. The vision must come first. After that, the actions to bring it to reality. So let us catch the dream. But it will not happen automatically. It will not be right, mate — unless! Unless we catch the vision of a better society — a Christian society — and resolutely make a stand against this insidious attack on our nation from within and uphold the values that helped make it great — faith, integrity, compassion, duty and service. God give us the determination to defeat this enemy that has been allowed to gain such a powerful foothold in our land until we see decency and justice prevail and good triumph over evil.

## A Rendezvous with Destiny

As individuals and as a nation at large we have a rendezvous with destiny. Consider deeply these profound words of Jesus: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on His left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Then He will say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels' " (Matthew 25:31-34, 41). What will it be? Our eternal destiny is in our hands!

#### **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, God Most High, the Great I AM, Ruler of the universe, Lord of Light and Spirit of Life and Truth, hallowed be Your name. As ambassadors of Christ, we humbly come in one accord, to thank You for the victory over evil You wrought on the cross of Calvary on our behalf, conquering all forms of sin, pride, flesh, the devil and death. Lord Jesus, thank You for revealing the Father's will to us in these evil days so we may live to the praise of Your glory. Lord of infinite grace, thank You too that You triumphed over the rulers of darkness and evil principalities and broke their power 2000 years ago setting us free to sin no more so we can now obey Your Word of Truth and live by it. Omniscient Father, as children of Light, blood-bought in the household of faith, we reverently come before Your throne of grace and mercy to seek forgiveness for failing to set our minds on things above and for the sinful state of our nation. Holy Father, we seek Your power to help us deal with this darkness over our land, the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit

Sovereign Lord, send the Refiner's Fire to burn out the dross and pull down <u>all</u> strongholds of humanism, pride, idolatry, greed, deception and immorality. Furthermore, we pray for the release of the fountain of Your blood to cleanse the sin-nature of our nation for Your coming Glory. God of all goodness, reign in us in the Spirit of love, joy and peace to dispense Your amazing grace to enrol the lost into Your kingdom of righteousness. We thank You Lord too for giving us the vision of a better Way and helping us to place our faith exclusively in the cross of Christ thus giving Your Holy Spirit the latitude to work in our lives through the washing of Your Living Word. Lord Jesus, thank You for being our Great High Priest and for sending the Holy Spirit to breathe Your victorious life into us daily to reflect Your grace, love and mercy so we may reap a rich harvest of souls in this land of material wealth and spiritual poverty. Thank You, omnipresent Father, for giving us the privilege to pour our hearts out to You and receive Your Word of wisdom to accomplish our God-given responsibility. Lord God, as we abide in Your Spirit in the power of Jesus' name we cry out to all Australians in this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit to return to Your way of righteousness, truth and justice revealed in Your Holy Word that we as a nation once believed and prepare ourselves for our coming, triumphant King of Glory, JESUS CHRIST. Amen

R.A: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with the Brotherhood of Man and in love and faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His Holy Name. Amen.

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