



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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WAR AGAINST GOD

Recently a Canadian printer was found guilty of fostering hatred and fined by the Ontario Human Rights Commission for refusing to print material promoting homosexuality. He cited his religious beliefs as a Bible-believing Christian as part of his defence. His court costs amounted to about \$170,000. Closer to home has been the long-running case of two Christian pastors of Catch the Fire Ministries found guilty under Victoria's Racial and Religious Act 2001 of inciting religious hatred against Muslims. Ironically, however, the two churchmen's aim had been to help Christians understand how they could reach out in love toward Muslim people by holding a seminar explaining the teachings of the Koran.

Tip of the Iceberg

Should we be surprised by these cases? Not really, because they are only the tip of the iceberg of a spiritual war against the God of the Bible and His followers that has been going on for a very long time. Now the bar has been lifted higher and the anti-God forces of deception and hatred are redoubling their efforts to eliminate every vestige of true Christianity in Australia and other Western nations. Over the last decade, these countries have been the battleground of a morality battle. Many laws have been passed directly opposed to Christian values, especially in the area of so-called discrimination against minority groups such as homosexuals and Muslims. In the name of multiculturalism, a huge influx of migrants from Asia, Africa and the Middle East has weakened our Christian heritage, coming from countries whose religious base is Buddhist, Moslem, Hindu or other alien beliefs. In the name of so-called freedom to see what we like, Christian morality has been overwhelmed by the sheer volume of obscenity in books, films, the internet and the media. Good culture is now noticeable by its absence. Most modern music is loud and cacophonous, performed by outrageous, drug-ridden "singers", many sold out to the devil. The transfer of powers from the police to social agencies has seen the creation of a plethora of anti-discrimination boards staffed by extreme feminists.

Communist Goals

All this, of course, has not happened by accident. In fact, these things reflect the goals of communism/Marxism as placed in the US Congressional Record a good many years ago. More relevant to us today, however, is that the following list shows that they are the very same aims of socialist/humanist politicians, judges, educators and media controllers. Judge for yourself.

*Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures and TV. *Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them a violation of free speech. *Gain control of key positions in radio, TV and films. *Emphasise the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. *Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce. *Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as normal, natural and healthy. *Continue to discredit culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. Eliminate all good culture from parks and public buildings and substitute shapeless, awkward and meaningless forms. *Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed (biblical) faith with social religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasise the need for intellectual maturity that has no need of a "religious crutch". *Eliminate prayer and any other form of religious expression from schools. *Transfer some powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioural problems as psychiatric disorders, which no one but psychologists can understand or treat. Enough said!

Why Do They Hate Christianity?

The question that arises is this: What motivates these people? Why do they hate Christian values and the Christian way of Life? There are several answers. The first is guilt; the same reason that criminals hate the

police. The second is fear. Despite their sneering and scoffing, they cannot be sure there is no God, no judgment, no hell and no final reckoning for their lives. The third is envy. Without a firm faith in Christ and His promise of eternal life, they have no assurance of where they are going after death; nor anything to satisfy the deep spiritual desires that often lie dormant in the depths of their being. Therefore, they envy those who have. Last but not least is the presence of Satan the devil who has always opposed God in the great spiritual battle of the ages for the souls of the entire human race.

Master of Deceit

Few realise it but Satan is a master of deceit, and this has resulted in the deception of countless people through the ages. The sinful nature inherited in the Fall of Adam has had its malignant effect. Men and women of all ages, until enlightened by the Spirit of Truth - found nowhere but in Christ - remain deceived. They are in spiritual darkness until they receive the Good News of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, to illuminate their souls. Consequently, the majority of mankind unwittingly chooses to follow Satan, the prince of this world, and rejects the One who is the Answer to Life. At times in history, His followers of Truth have risen up and dispelled some of the darkness. The early Church, the Age of Faith, the Reformation and the Wesleyan revival have been such times. Moreover, by the power of the Holy Spirit many are now turning to God in Christ in Africa, South America and parts of Asia. The Third World is the field of much revival. But what of the West?

Beguiled by Materialism

The Western world in particular has been beguiled by materialism, so that personal comfort and affluence has become its No. 1 priority. As materialism has gained an iron grip, it has hardened the hearts of countless millions against their need for prayer, study of God's Word and the spiritual things of God. Subsequently this has provided a fertile playground for the diabolical forces vehemently opposed to God. The old lies are trotted out, dressed in their appealing glitter. Have it NOW; do it NOW; if it feels good it must be right. Beguiled and bewildered the younger generation, along with many of their parents, has fallen into the enticing trap. The old, traditional values of chastity, virtue, courtesy, respect, hard work, endurance and goodness have been thrown out with the bathwater of religiosity. In fact, many today have "exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshipped and served the creation rather than the Creator" who is the source of all Love, Truth, Joy, Peace and Provision.

Ultimate Triumph

The great spiritual conflict goes on unabated. We are all engaged in it whether we like it or not. You are on one side or the other. Which is it? Remember the Lord *will* ultimately triumph over Satan and evil. But it is so vitally important whose side **you** are on in this great war of the universe. Be assured, by God's grace the gift of salvation is still available and is given to all who repent, believe and invite Jesus Christ to become their Saviour and Lord of their lives. By faith, trust in His redeeming blood shed at Calvary to wash and cleanse you and you too will share in His victory over sin and death. Well? The choice is yours.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, Author and Perfector of our faith; Spirit of Truth, Love and Peace, as ambassadors of Your Kingdom we humbly come before Your throne of grace and mercy in Jesus' righteousness. Omniscient Father, with hearts filled with love, praise and thanksgiving, we join the hosts of heaven to worship You in Spirit and in truth for the amazing grace of Your Son Jesus bringing us out of darkness into Your kingdom of light and righteousness. Grant us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit's power to boldly preach the Good News of Christ crucified to the lost souls who are warring against You in this land. Indeed Sovereign Lord, help us dispense Your grace so that every deceived person may believe what Jesus Christ did for each one of us on the Cross. For He was punished that we might be forgiven. He was wounded that we might be healed. He was made sin that we might be made righteous. He died our death that we might receive His life. He was made a curse that we might enter into blessing. He endured our poverty that we might share His abundance. He bore our shame that we might share His glory. He endured our rejection that we might gain acceptance by You, Father. He was cut off that we might be reconciled to God eternally. Our old sin-nature was put to death in Him that the new creation might come to life in us. Holy Father, in Jesus' Name we break every stronghold of deception, unbelief, pride and false gods and put them under our feet in obedience to Christ. Moreover, we release Your River of Life and fountain of blood to cleanse, redeem and release all lost souls to repent and receive Him as Saviour and Lord of their lives. Thank You blessed Holy Spirit for directing us all to the centre of God the Father's will as we lift up the Name of our Living Saviour, coming King and Judge, **Jesus Christ the Lord**, giving all glory, honour and praise to God. 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.