



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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AGE OF DECEIT

Education experts have warned that literacy standards in our schools are plunging because children are far too reliant on computer technology. The over-use of computers has seen students abandon grammar and sentence structure for abbreviations used constantly with text messages, leaving them struggling to spell, use punctuation or write a coherent sentence. As the world of books becomes increasingly alien to the younger generation they steadily lose these basic literacy skills, so much so that many youngsters today cannot even form a sentence in their heads and write it in answer to exam questions. Alarming, even many bright children are now not reading and writing the language they speak. Through learning bad habits they become frustrated when forced to write longhand without instant spelling and grammar checks from the computer. Sadly, we are more and more raising an illiterate generation at a time when education is forever seen as the means to successful living. But why should we be surprised? This is just the tip of a huge iceberg that threatens to scuttle the noble vessel we call "education", insomuch that our youth are floundering in a sea of lies and deceit. Worse, however, is that many young people are growing up in a world of fantasy. They are taught little of life's virtues---faith, hope, love, kindness, respect, self-discipline, obedience and purity. Regrettably more often than not these qualities are derided and ridiculed in our materialistic world with its emphasis on personal gratification. Moreover, this problem is not exclusive to our young people!

Moral Free Fall

Our entire Western society is caught up in a cultural war. And in such a conflict the first casualty is truth. In our desperate strivings to be "open" to political correctness, we have abandoned the quest for truth, even denying its existence, in exchange for "values relativism". As a so-called sophisticated society we have disconnected ourselves from the benefits of the past 2000 years of painful lessons we call Western Civilisation which should have taught us that relativism is intellectually and morally bankrupt and that it has disenfranchised our youth from their Hebrew-Christian heritage which has sadly been eliminated from our educational and historical records. Generations of Australians have been cheated of the truth of their past and the nation's godly foundations that stretch back to Jacob's pillar stone, the Stone of Destiny (symbol of Christ, the cornerstone of the faith), upon which Britain's monarchs have long been crowned; to the lost 10 Tribes of Israel; and to the introduction of Christianity into England by Joseph of Arimathea in the first century AD. Anglo-Saxon laws based on the Bible were established later by Alfred the Great and became the source of Common Law, the most perfect ever devised to that time. In 1215 the signing of the Magna Carta enshrined the biblical principle that all men are created equal and therefore the rights of the individual were protected by written law. Consequently, from the very beginning of European settlement in 1788 Christianity has been the religious base of this country, having inherited it from our British forebears, and is the source of our freedom and the basis of our democracy today. Unfortunately, the denial of their Hebrew-Christian heritage upon our youth has proven tragic, depriving them of a sense of direction, so they now are primed to fulfil the Marxian dictum, "A people without a heritage are easily persuaded". Scholars since the mid-sixties have been the end victims of this godless philosophy that has been perpetuated through our schools. Subsequently they have become the parents, teachers, political leaders, news media presenters, playwrights, entertainers, business men and women and clergymen of today. Ignorant of the moral and religious strengths of our heritage, they are incapable of passing these invaluable assets on to the latest generation. To what end? Moral free fall!

Immorality Brazenly Flouted

Australia (like other Western nations) is caught up in a life and death spiritual war for the very soul of the people. While we sit mesmerised by a constant stream of sport and inane soap operas, our traditional inheritance is swept away in a flood of multiculturalism, revisionism and value relativism. The media continually twists the truth; the courts make a mockery of justice; the schools deliberately "dumb down" our youth. In fact, our education systems are now riddled with manipulation of students; indoctrination in political correctness ensures that the younger generation sees life through socialist left-wing eyes. Furthermore, as the Theory of Evolution has eroded faith in God, people believe they can do as they like without any accountability to a higher authority for their words and actions. Right and wrong are no longer absolutes. In fact, the world has been painted a pale shade of grey to deal with any sense of guilt that may trouble our consciences through our wrongdoing. In this Age of Deceit we now live in the deluded belief that there is a so-called new morality. But it is God who makes morals and He has not changed His mind. Immorality is wrong and can never be right. But what do we find today? Immorality brazenly flouted. Instead of marrying, many couples have "partners" and are proud of it. Moreover, celebrities publicly exult in the birth of yet another illegitimate child into a world that has legitimised out-of-wedlock unions, as well as those of the same sex, in effect thumbing their noses at the One to whom they must give account one day.

A Time of Deception

Yet it has been prophesied that, in the last days, perilous times will come when people will be despisers of good, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; when evil men and imposters grow worse and worse, deceived and being deceived. It will be a time of "all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved". Many are completely unaware of the reality that "the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one" and that the great conflict for the souls of men has always been between God and Satan. But it has been so ever since Adam and Eve were beguiled by the serpent, the master of deceit, and disobeyed God. Consequently, the outcome has been the deception of the human race. The sinful nature inherited from the Fall in the Garden of Eden has had its catastrophic effect down through the ages. Man, until enlightened by the Truth--found nowhere but in Christ--remains deceived. He is in darkness until the Light of the World illuminates his soul. Subsequently the majority of mankind has chosen to follow Satan, the prince of this world, and rejected the One who is the Answer to Life, the Lord Jesus Christ. In these end times, materialism has gained such an iron grip on the hearts and minds of countless millions that they are blind to the realities of the spiritual realm, providing a fertile field for the diabolical forces vehemently opposed to God, His Son and His Kingdom, and by the power of deception has enslaved this present generation and many of their parents as well. The old lies are constantly trotted out, dressed in their appealing glitter. Have it *now*; do it *now*; if it feels good it must be right. Beguiled and bewildered they have fallen into the devil's trap. The old traditional values of virtue, integrity, courtesy, courage, endurance, diligence and goodness have been thrown out with the bathwater of religiosity. The Age of Deceit rolls on. So, too, does the great conflict in which we are all engaged. *You* are on one side or the other. Which is it? Remember, the Lord God, the Creator of the universe, WILL ultimately triumph over Satan and evil. But it's vitally important whose side *YOU* are on now in this titanic struggle of the ages between good and evil.

PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, how great Thou art; there is none like You, Creator of the universe and loving Father. As kingdom warriors, cleansed in the precious blood of Jesus and fired by Your indwelling Holy Spirit, we rejoice to worship You in Spirit and in truth. Thank You, Abba Father, for revealing to us the End from the Beginning and that in this age of deceit, spiritual ignorance and flouting of Your laws, You make known Your wonderful plan of redemption through Your beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who defeated Satan's deceptive schemes on Calvary's cross. Blessed Spirit of Truth and Light, enlighten the hearts and minds of our leaders and ordinary citizens so they will repent of their unbelief, pride and rebellion. May they surrender their lives to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, confessing Him as Saviour and Lord of their lives and the One who alone can give them eternal life. Holy Father, empower us, we pray, to boldly preach the Gospel of Your free gift of salvation to all those lost in materialism, pride and apathy and lead them out of the darkness of sin into Your glorious light. Dear Lord, come quickly and set up Your Kingdom of peace, righteousness and joy upon this earth; for we pray this in Your majestic name, the King of kings and Lord of lords, to the glory of God. Amen.

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

REJOICE IN COVENANT PRAYERS FULLY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT DAILY FOR AUSTRALIA'S REVIVAL.