

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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ANYTHING GOES

"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'." According to the Holy Scriptures, anyone who denies the existence of God is a fool. Yet today it seems quite fashionable to deny His existence. People have no compunction stating---even boasting---that they are either agnostics or atheists. "Anyway, what difference does it make?" people ask. "Faith is a personal business, and what a person believes is a personal affair." Nevertheless, it really does make a lot of difference whether a person believes in God or not. For it forms the very basis of their way of life. If there be no God we are not accountable to a Higher Authority for our behaviour. Provided we don't break the law we are free to do as we please. We can satisfy our lusts and desires without answering to a Supreme Being for what we do. The standards of the Bible mean nothing to us. We can lie and cheat, covet other men's wives, commit adultery with them, curse our parents and so on---with no regard to the Ten Commandments. Without God we have no expectation of a future beyond the grave, be it in heaven or in hell. So we live for today---'eating, drinking and being merry'. Thus the atheist and the agnostic deny the spiritual dimension of life. They have no deep commitment to truth, integrity, righteousness and faith. In fact, our society today here in Australia is fast heading down this very road of hedonistic, unbelieving materialism that is bereft of these sacred values that are the hallmark of a truly civilised society.

No Tomorrow

Never before have Australians lived just for today as they are doing now. Never before have people been so less mindful of the consequences of their actions on their future. Never before have our leaders shown such a scant disregard for the future well-being of this country. We are living today as if there were no tomorrow. We have thrown out the very faith which was the foundation of our whole way of life. The old biblical values have been discarded and replaced with a mess of humanist pottage. The proof of this can be seen everywhere. In schools we have students blatantly challenging authority because of a 'softly-softly' approach to bad behaviour that has emboldened them to throw restraint to the winds. Consequently, an 'anything goes' culture is fast growing in schools and teachers are forced to adopt a 'grin and bear it' mindset to deal with these students. How desperately we need to restore corporal punishment in schools! 'Anything goes' also applies to our appearance. We just don't seem to care how shabbily we dress. No matter where we go, it seems, to a show, a concert, a sporting contest, to church or even when travelling abroad. An Australian flying to Bali has said: "Many passengers in the plane were dressed like they were already on the beach. It was as if it was a competition for who could dress the least--slobs. Coming back to Australia was even worse---besides some being dressed like they were still on the beach, others were dressed as if they were still in the water. They were walking through Denpasar Airport in bare feet, getting on the aircraft in bare feetslobs. As we walked off the aircraft, it was filthy with rubbish strewn everywhere." Ugly Australians!

Playing God

Today, as never before, man has ousted the Creator and is himself playing God. Humanism is the worship of man instead of God; evolution is the replacement of God by chance; and in vitro-fertilisation (IVF) is man interfering in the reproductive process, the prerogative of God alone. Ostensibly designed to satisfy the needs of childless couples, IVF is steadily moving towards the cataclysmic outcome of man-produced babies. Even now we have entered a hotbed of controversy with frozen embryos, sperm banks, surrogacy (hire a womb) and ultimately we shall end up in a minefield of experimentation on human embryos to replicate cells without the need of the fertilisation process. So much for fathers and mothers! God forgive us!

Marriage under Threat

Apparently anything goes these days when it comes to marriage. This age-old institution that has been the cornerstone of society for millennia is now under threat as never before. Since time immemorial the unit of father, mother and children has been accepted as a family. However, we now have all kinds of unions, including de facto relationships, unmarried mothers, even homosexual and lesbian couples being officially recognised as 'families'. More and more couples are flouting the traditional, Godordained ceremony of holy matrimony by just living together --- 'shacking up'---because society at large is willing to let 'anything go'. But that doesn't make it right. More and more children are growing up in illegitimacy and no one cares. *But God does!* God is sorely aggrieved by our cavalier approach to what is SIN, and assuredly will judge those who flagrantly show contempt for His Divine laws and decrees. Furthermore, in this so-called age of enlightenment (it is the 21st century, you know) when 'anything goes', we turn a blind eye to the cries of pain as unborn babies have their brief lives cut short through murder in the womb because of 'woman's choice'. The shame of it all! Even so, that is not all. Anything goes as legalism masquerades as justice so that often the perpetrators of crime are seen as the victims and escape their due penalty, resulting in rampant crime, violence and lawlessness.

God Is Not Mocked

Unless we come to our senses pretty quickly and realise what is happening to our once great land as the moral and ethical heart of our nation is steadily being corrupted and destroyed, we shall pay the awful price of our unbridled folly. God is not mocked; whatever we sow that shall we reap. Whereas we once sowed honesty, integrity, courtesy, decency, self-respect and pride in our country that produced a fruitful harvest through His favour, we are now sowing the tares that are steadily choking those hardwon blessings. His Word is true and cannot be denied; it bluntly warns us that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people". It is sheer folly to ignore God's Word. We *must* heed this warning from our holy, loving Creator who is always concerned about His people. Common sense dictates that we respond to His plea, "'Come now, and let us reason together,' says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword.' The mouth of the Lord has spoken." The longer we spurn God and His Word, the worse the awesome plight that awaits us. Repent therefore, O Australia, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

PRAYER

Loving eternal Father, as Your humble servants we thank You that Your ultimate will cannot be thwarted. We praise You, Father, that through Christ's finished work on the Cross we can lay the axe of Your Spirit to our rejection of Your Divine laws. Taking the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit we stand against the ungodly course being followed in our society and revealed in *Anything Goes*. Almighty God, we bind the strongholds of darkness that are deceiving many into living in a fool's paradise of disobedience, deception and debt. Merciful Father, forgive them and release a spirit of **humility** upon all who are spiritually lost; may they sincerely **repent** and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Dear Lord, pour out the Holy Spirit on Australia and sweep countless lost souls into Your glorious Kingdom. In Christ's victorious name we pray, for the glory of Almighty 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.