



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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SAVE OUR HERITAGE

Our children are about to be robbed! The proposed national history curriculum will eliminate all knowledge of our Anglo-Celtic Christian heritage and the next generations will be ignorant of the true history of our nation. The new kindergarten-to-year-10 history curriculum, released last December and to be finalised by this October, will completely deny the young people of Australia the wonderful privilege of knowing the godly truths that made us the great nation we are. However, instead of celebrating the very foundation of our nation---the Christian faith we followed through our British ancestry---priority will be given to Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia, together with "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures...and the principles and virtues that are deeply embedded within these communities". Our pioneering fathers would be aghast!

Most Unbalanced View

This is about the most unbalanced view of our history that could ever be imagined. While devoting 118 references to the indigenous people and none to our Westminster system, the Bill of Rights or the Magna Carta, all central to our way of government, it is a complete travesty, with political correctness dominating over these essential truths. Ignored is the historical role and significance of the British Empire in spreading trade, technology, education, medicine and literature throughout the world. Make no mistake: our history is firmly embedded in our British heritage that has long been underpinned by the Christian faith. To completely distort this basic truth with a plethora of Aboriginal history and folklore is tantamount to an utter disregard of the truth and a blatant distortion of the real facts. In reality, however, some 67% of Australians are Anglo-Celtic and only 1.5% indigenous. Also ignored is that even now in this secular age some 64% of Australians describe themselves as Christians.

The Great Southland, God's Instrument

Another example of this blatant endeavour to paint our Christian heritage out of the picture, the curriculum replaces BC (before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini, or Year of our Lord) in favour of the more politically correct secular alternatives, BCE (Before the Common Era) and CE (Common Era). When Christianity is mentioned it is usually in the context of other religions, such as Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Confucianism and little mention is made of the central role played by the Church in Western history and culture. Yet, however much our political masters deliberately misinterpret our past history, the evidence is clear that God intended this Great Southland to be an instrument for His Holy Spirit. Consider the godly elements in our foundations. Our common law has been based on the Bible. The arrival of the First Fleet in 1788 saw the first Christian service on Australian soil. Most of the early colony's leadership---governors (Hunter, Macquarie and Brisbane), officials, judge advocates and schoolteachers---were evangelical Christians. Many of the early pioneers, including Matthew Flinders, Charles Sturt, Edward John Eyre, Caroline Chisholm and John Flynn, founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and Prime Minister Edmund Barton were devout Christians. Moreover, the preamble to the Australian Constitution contains the phrase, "Humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God" and the Federal Parliament opens each day's session with the Lord's Prayer.

God, King and Country

During the two world wars, the young men who fought overseas felt no embarrassment at all about their British heritage. They were taught to honour and respect it, so it was natural to serve "God, king and country", taking great pride in flying the flags of both nation and empire. Our children *must* learn these truths. They, too, *must* come to understand that our very style of life is based on the Christian faith which had its roots in England long before the days of King Alfred the Great who instituted the Ten Commandments as the law of the land. They must learn that our democracy had its birth in 1215 when King John was forced to sign the Magna Carta, limiting the power of the monarch and in 1265 transferring it to what became the world's first parliament. As the centuries passed there was a further strengthening of people power; kings and queens were controlled by parliaments and by the freedom of the individual's right to vote, all underpinned by the moral authority of the Church headed by the monarch. Though the Queen now has no real governing power, she is the final protector of the Constitution in the event of a prime minister attempting to govern through unconstitutional means.

Disturbing Gaps

Even before this iniquitous curriculum is thrust on our children, there are disturbing gaps in their knowledge of history. They inhabit a frenetic culture with a myriad of mind-numbing distractions from rap music to X-Box video games and a glut of TV sports that completely overshadow any knowledge of history. Our students have become historically ignorant and are increasingly destined to lose control of their own cultural institutions. Our ungodly leaders are tools of political correctness and multiculturalism as they strip our history of its providential meaning that will eventually result in the creation of a class of adults who, like a tree with its roots cut, will be easy victims of the empty doctrine of nihilism, devoid of all understanding of their true destiny and subject to any wind of godless radicalism that blows along. It *must not* be allowed to happen! They are too precious for that.

A Matter of Life and Death

This is no trivial matter. In fact, it is an issue of life or death. It is imperative that our students be taught the *truth*. Today the consequences of denying the Christian faith as being at the spiritual core of our nation are clearly evident. Since secularism has taken over, we see the detrimental result in various unpleasant ways in everyday life. The drug and alcohol problems are ever growing worse, bashings and rowdy, drunken behaviour are escalating; there is also an increase in uncouthness in daily interaction (including road rage), a soaring divorce rate undermining the upbringing of children, and a big proliferation of lostness in both young and old. The only antidote to the spiritual nihilism now pervading our society is a return to faith in Christ. As it has for centuries, this faith will inspire hope and vision and the determination to see justice, harmony and security prevail in our society. Although following Christ demands time, resource and commitment as well as parental, school and spiritual direction in the childhood years, the rewards are great. Moreover, the consequences of failing to do so are dire. Ponder these wise words of Leo Tolstoy: "If you feel you no longer have faith, you should know that you are in the most dangerous situation in which a man can find himself on earth".

PRAYER

Almighty God, dear Heavenly Father, hallowed be Your name. As spiritual warriors fired by the Holy Spirit, we sincerely thank You for the Living Word JESUS CHRIST whose finished work on the Cross provided the way to release all mankind from darkness into Your Kingdom of light, life and peace. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for being the Centrepiece of Civilisation, the Key to Knowledge, the Wellspring of Wisdom, the Doorway of Deliverance, the Roadway of Righteousness and the Highway of Holiness. Omniscient Father, strengthen us as we stand against the evil plans of our blind, godless leaders and their malevolent schemes to destroy our children's faith in Christ. Omnipotent Spirit, we appeal to You to demolish the spiritual powers of this dark world that have beguiled many of our leaders, fathers, mothers and children. Merciful Father, may the fountain of Christ's blood renew their minds so they may deeply repent and receive JESUS CHRIST as Lord and Saviour. Thank You, dear Lord, for *Saving Our Heritage* and fulfilling Your divine plan of making JESUS CHRIST King of this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God, the great Creator of all. Amen.

RA: 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.