



# 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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## **GOD'S GREATEST CREATION**

Today's in-word is GREEN. Manufacturers are desperate to portray their products as "environmentally friendly" and green is their favourite label colour. Politicians are acutely aware of the need to appear on the side of the environment, even to the overall economic loss to the community. Never before has such emphasis been placed on "protecting the planet" by denying resource development in favour of plants and animals. People everywhere, and no less children, are being brainwashed with green ideology, and to the forefront of this indoctrination is the media. Television stations vie with each other to show their concern about environmental issues – and maintain their ratings – while schoolchildren are indoctrinated by "green" teachers promoting their own beliefs. On the surface it all seems so commendable - humanity sacrificing its livelihood for the preservation of nature. How altruistic, how noble! Undoubtedly our world must be treated with care and concern, for at the beginning the Creator commanded man to "be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:28). The greenies of today, however, reject God, His holy Word, His Son and His ways. That is where they go wrong and why they fail to understand the importance of human life and our part in the divine plan of the ages as God's greatest creation.

### **A Political Football**

Nevertheless the environment should be of concern. The destruction of vast areas of tropical forest, soil erosion and air and water pollution are serious matters that must be addressed. And the citizens of this world have a duty to protect and improve the natural conditions in which they live. However, the "greening" of the planet does not merely entail the obvious environmental issues. It is also very much a political football. Fanatical greenies fight tooth and claw to stop logging and mining in areas they wish kept in a pristine state. Unfortunately their zeal is not matched with common sense. They would bring these industries to their knees, with little or no consideration for the welfare of workers or the economic consequences to the nation. As with zealots they lose all sense of perspective and balance.

### **Ulterior Motives**

But the green zealots are not the only ones to jump on the environmental bandwagon. The fight to proclaim vast wilderness areas involves others with ulterior motives – those who use environmentalism to create a socialist, communal world society. To encourage world collectivism they use the United Nations Convention on the Environment to gain control of vast expanses of land and sea by proclaiming them "wilderness regions". Ultimately these pseudo-greens will press for world control of the environment, arguing that this is the only hope of saving the planet. The environment is also a religious issue. At the heart of greeny thinking is the belief that we must see every kind of creature as a fellow companion on Ark Earth commanding equal respect, that every plant and animal is inherently as valuable as a human being. This belief, of course, stems from the theory of evolution, that each species has evolved from other forms of life. The fact is, however, we humans are far more superior than any other creature, having self-consciousness, imagination and memory as well as mental, emotional and spiritual qualities that no animal possesses. We were made in the image of God whose greatest work is not a plant, a sun or even a galaxy of stars. At the peak of creation God stamped on man the divine image and gave him dominion over all the creatures of the earth. To be a member of the human race is to have a heritage more valuable than the earth itself. We are spiritual beings with a spirit, soul and body and Jesus was speaking without exaggeration when He said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

### **Divine Likeness**

But it is only because of our divine likeness, and not anything of ourselves, that man is so great a creation. When we think of the immensity of the universe, that this earth of ours is one of the least of all the myriads of units in a boundless infinity and that man is a very late comer on the scene we so often see his utter insignificance. Yet as we dwell on this insignificance we begin to ponder the powers and faculties that he possesses and how all things are subject to him. Our power to think, when compared with God's is infinitesimal, but it is real. Moreover it is the medium that leads us to see ourselves as a young prince would see his father who is the king supreme in the land. If only we would allow ourselves to see this truth: we are meant to be the sons and daughters of the King of kings.

### **Evolutionary Theory**

But let us not overlook his spiritual dilemma. God made Man to reflect His glory but His greatest creation disobeyed his Maker and so began the historic degradation of the human race. Now today we have many unbelievers who hide behind the evolutionary theory to escape from the reality of God. For because since the creation of the world God's eternal power and deity have been clearly seen in the things He has made they are without excuse, neither honouring Him as God or giving Him thanks. Claiming to be wise they have become fools and have exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator. The fact of the matter is that the natural world is transient but the human soul is eternal. Moreover the created universe waits with eager expectation for God's sons to be revealed, for until now the whole created universe groans and labours as if in the pangs of childbirth. (See Romans 8: 19-22.) Eventually this earth and everything in it will be destroyed to make way for a new earth over which righteousness will reign.

### **High Origin of Man**

Jesus is the triumphant vindication of the high station of man. He came to reveal God, to remove the mask human sin had woven across the face of the Father. He succeeded and said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." But He also came to reveal man, to tear away the veil sin has spun around the human race and show the higher possibilities that can emerge when someone lets Him into his heart, for "whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God". The vital question is: How much do you value your soul? Have you been born again? Remember you are God's greatest creation, worth far more than all the whales, rain forests, seal pups and anything else in all the world. God loves you so much that Jesus died to save your soul for all eternity. Why not acknowledge Him as your Saviour and Lord before men so that He will acknowledge you before His Father in heaven?

### **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, Lord God Almighty, Lord of Life and Light and source of all provisions, hallowed be Your name. As children of promise of the household of faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we humbly come in reverential fear to join the Host of Heaven to thank, praise and worship You in spirit and in truth as our coming King of Righteousness, Justice, Truth and Glory. Omniscient Father, we thank You as to who we are in Christ to live a new and victorious life through the death and resurrection of our Saviour and Lord, JESUS CHRIST. Sovereign Lord, we thank You for reigning in us by Your omnipotent Spirit of Truth, Wisdom and Counsel that Your Will be done on earth through obedience to Your Holy Word which rebukes, corrects and trains us in righteousness and truth, making us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Merciful Father, in Jesus' victorious name, we rejoice to thank You for Your amazing grace that equips and prepares us by Your Spirit through the gift of forgiveness to act in spiritual responsibility under the authority and lordship of Jesus Christ to pull down all strongholds of pride, unbelief, rejection, deception, disobedience, disrespect, compromise, complacency, traditions, cults, witchcraft, greed, corruption, envy and self-ambition, lusts of the flesh and the eyes, lawlessness and crime, and put them under our feet. Blessed Spirit of Life and Fire we pray for the release of the fountain of Jesus' blood to flood and cleanse this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit of all SIN in a sweeping revival, bringing multitudes of repentant sinners marching forward in full faith and power in the glory of the omnipresent Father to preach the Gospel to lost souls, to drive out demons, to heal the sick and to cure all kinds of diseases. Holy Father, we pray for all our leaders to be vitally aware of the eternal, unchanging nature of God's Holy Word to mankind. We ask that Your wisdom will be their portion as they embrace it and commit themselves to do the Father's Will on earth in great expectation of the coming King of kings and Lord of lords, JESUS CHRIST. We pray this in the triumphant name of Jesus to the glory of 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.**