



# 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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## THEY NO LONGER EVEN BLUSH

The 2007 census revealed a very worrying trend in Australia---the rise and rise and rise of cohabitation. In other words, more and more couples are flouting age-old attitudes to living together out of wedlock. Where once it was regarded as shameful, living in sin is now commonplace and perfectly acceptable. In fact, what was once taboo is now brazenly promoted and recognised as equal to marriage. What is happening today is that most people spend their early 20s living together and over 40% have live-in relationships into their 30s. And without any sense of shame! In fact, they no longer even blush. Why? Because they do not fear the God-given lesson that FORNICATION IS WRONG! Moreover, the shame of "shacking up" and its consequences has been completely whitewashed. The time when chastity was regarded as a virtue more precious than life itself has long vanished. The kiss of the fifties has become the sexual intercourse of the last half century. There is now no encouragement for a girl to "go to your husband a virgin". It feels good so it must be right.

### **Sex Education**

For the last three decades schoolchildren have been the victims of a diabolical scheme to rob them of their virtue in the name of sex education. While teaching them "the facts of life" humanistic education authorities have opened up a Pandora's Box of promiscuity and permissiveness. They discuss sexual relations in mixed classes, handle condoms and are told to be careful not to fall pregnant or catch AIDS. The traditional values of self-restraint and chastity are either ignored or condemned. They have been fully exposed to the entire gamut of sexuality---contraception, reproduction, venereal diseases, abortion, AIDS etc. No area is proscribed, except the moral one. However, "teaching sex education without moral principles is like poring gasoline on a fire," according to family counsellor Dr Tim La Hay, and adds, "These 'sexperts' erroneously assume that education will naturally produce happiness." But the result is just the opposite. Over the last few decades schoolgirl promiscuity has soared, together with teenage pregnancies, abortions and sexually transmitted diseases. Although few will admit it, the main aim of sex education is to teach children/teenagers how to enjoy fornication (not the word they use) without becoming pregnant, feeling guilty or catching AIDS. Nevertheless, regardless of whatever else sex education does, arguably of all its detrimental effects, not the least is the destruction of a girl's natural modesty, an in-built defence against promiscuous behaviour.

### **A Sex-Mad Society**

Without doubt we are a sex-mad society. Along with our hedonistic materialism must be coupled our obsession with sex as our chief idols. Sex dominates our magazines, films, TV, the internet and commercials. It is like a cancer running amok through the media and the community at large. Our beaches are strewn with uncovered bodies as women (and men as well) flaunt their immodesty. They may get red from the sun but certainly never blush, as the laws of decency and decorum are openly and brazenly flouted. With such a free-and-easy attitude to sex and sexual relationships it is not surprising that more and more illegitimate children are being born to de facto couples---up from fewer than 3% in 1975 to 12% in 2000. Even so, the presence of children doesn't make these relationships any more stable. In fact, an increasing number of children are growing up in single-parent families---another worrying trend. All this, of course, is neither in the best interests of women nor the good of society as a whole. Our changing patterns of social interaction are working against the goals most people yearn for---companionship through the years and the comforts of family life, the products of a good marriage. Without doubt, we are reaping what we sow. Indeed, if and when will this godless humanistic madness end?

## **The Feminist Movement**

As with other cultures and societies which have removed restraint and adopted free sex as an expression of "true freedom" ours will also crumble from within. The more we worship the human body, the less room there is for spiritual values. Physical beauty may appear attractive but the true beauty of a person is on the inside, "the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight". The sexual revolution of the 60s reversed the traditional order instituted through the teaching of Holy Writ. And what is the result? Because we have rejected the tried-and-true values of the past---self-control, discipline and respect for others---we are fast becoming a depraved society. No wonder so many sex crimes are being committed; no wonder our streets are not safe at night; no wonder women and girls are seen as sex objects to be used and abused! We are now reaping the results of the feminisation of society and the blurring of gender roles. Despite its declared aim of the emancipation of women, the feminist movement has done their cause much harm. By muscling its way into the masculine domain it has sought to place women shoulder to shoulder with men. In the process, however, it has robbed women of their femininity and of their God-ordained place as the weaker sex, to be honoured and protected by men, and helping to destroy the beautiful relationship God intended between the two sexes. Until we get this relationship right we will never see a return to the innocence (shyness) and beauty of romantic love, with its qualities of care and respect that once were the hallmarks of Australian society---the time when it was based on the Christian ethic with its moral values grounded in the Bible. Those values strongly embraced the sanctity of marriage and condemned the very rampant state of affairs we see today of untold numbers of couples shamelessly living together outside of the laws of God.

## **A Fool's Paradise**

If we choose to ignore or to remain wilfully ignorant of the hard facts of the impending doom of our sinful, sex-mad, hedonistic way of life, what will it take to wake us up to the reality of our great moral decline into depravity and decadence? Will we continue, ostrich like, to bury our heads in the sand, believing that we and we alone will not face the same future as the once great empires of Rome and Greece? Wake up, fellow Australians, you are living in a fool's paradise! Any individual or nation which thinks they can laugh off God's laws with impunity and escape their dire consequences is in for a rude shock. There will come the time, sooner or later, when we will face the day of reckoning. "Be not deceived. God cannot be mocked. Whatever we sow, we reap. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." (Galatians 6: 7-8) Of course, fornication and adultery are not our only sins---far from it. We are also guilty of allowing a flood of pornography to flow across the land; abortions are commonplace; violence, lawlessness, corruption and youthful binge drinking abound; many do not honour God as Creator; many others reject the salvation His Son purchased with His blood on the Cross. Fortunately, however, He is a loving God. That doesn't mean He will overlook our follies and iniquities just like that. But if we will sincerely repent of them and turn from our wicked ways He *will* forgive us. His holy Word says so: *Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice. 'Come now, let us reason together,' says the Lord. 'Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be 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'* Australia, it is not too late. Repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out and He again sends us times of refreshing. May this year of 2009 see a remarkable turnaround in this land, so that as a nation we fulfil our long awaited destiny and truly become the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit.

## **PRAYER**

Eternal Father, holy and majestic, as Your blood-covenant servants we worship You in Spirit and in truth, gratefully offering our thanks for the finished work of Jesus Christ who, through the Cross, defeated the powers of darkness, sin and death when He emerged victorious from the grave. Grant, O God, that through Your indwelling Spirit we shall receive the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and power; and the Spirit of the knowledge of the fear of the Lord--- and the faith to stand firm in these perilous times of Your great shaking of all that can be shaken socially, politically and economically. Dear Lord, we pray for the Spirit of humility and repentance to sweep this nation as we present this Repent Australia message denouncing our sex-mad addiction and our rejection of Your holy Word. We offer our fervent prayers for all leaders, fathers, mothers, youth and children to genuinely repent, obey Your Word, have their minds transformed and receive Your gracious gift of salvation through **Jesus Christ the Lord**. May we all enthrone Him as Lord of this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit so that we shall be filled with CHRIST, the coming King of the World. 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.**