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### Are the kids really to blame?

#### For The Love Of God

There is a chasm between the old and the new generation today that is ten miles wide, and I doubt if it will ever be breached. We are indeed living in a different world to what we were living in when I was a kid. When we were kids life was so simple. We got excited catching tadpoles in the back creek, exploring new places on our push bikes, and having a swim in the raw down in Prospect creek. When we felt real mischievous we'd smash a few streets lights and take off for our lives as the blue smoke poured from the busted globes. We'd run away in fear thinking we'd set the whole world on fire. We were healthy kids enjoying every day of our lives in an era that had just seen the end of a terrible war. We would sneak down an air raid shelter left behind from the war [they were in every back yard] and smoke rabbit droppings rolled up in newspaper. We didn't like the old German couple who moved in across the road to escape their war-ravaged country, so we kept blowing their letter box off the fence with aerial bombs. [huge bungers] No, we weren't perfect, but life was happy and very simple.

The world has changed dramatically for the worse and childhood for most is more of a nightmare than a healthy growing experience.

When I look at kids binge drinking today and punching each other's lights out, it breaks my heart because what these kids are really screaming out by their actions is, **"I hate this world and everyone in it, and I hate the raw deal that life handed out to me, I hate the de facto pig that has moved in with my mother, I hate my home because it is a mad house, and I hate the world I am living in because it doesn't make sense. I'm hurting bad inside and I've had enough. I'd rather be dead!!"**

Binge drinking is a form of slow suicide, an attempt to get off the mad merry-go-round of a life that means nothing. It is an attempt to hide the hurt and emptiness inside, and no government and no police force will do a thing to curb this very disturbing trend in modern society because they themselves are in fact partly responsible for what is happening. And none of our youth can fool me for a minute that they enjoy spewing their guts up, spending all their money on booze, and waking up feeling three parts dead with a smashed face. This is the existence of desperate fools.

Binge drinking is a direct result of the middle-age generation turning their backs on God. The 40-50 year-olds are directly responsible for leading their kids into a godless future of hopelessness through demon-inspired music, satanic video games, and hell-inspired government-sponsored and financed partner swapping.

Governments of all persuasions have combined also to tear down our basic Christian ethic that in, and of itself, guarantees that our present generation of kids suffer terrible torment and the hopelessness that we are witnessing. I could get into drug addiction, suicide, violence, bashing old people, foul language, disrespect for others, total disregard for all authority, and totally obnoxious behavior, but what's the point? Many of our younger generation are out-of-control animals—**but it's not their fault!!** They are the direct product of that cursed middle-aged generation who let their kids do it their own way, who gave no spiritual guidance to them, and couldn't really care less what they turned into. Let that generation deny it if they have the gall to do so!

I am speaking now directly to any young person who wants a way out of the torment they are suffering. I don't expect you to understand what I am saying

but I ask that you read what I say carefully. There are many jackasses who will laugh at what I say, but you may not be one of them. I saw some of the country's most hardened and psychotic murderers under my care change dramatically and soften into beautiful human beings after hearing and responding to the simple gospel of Jesus Christ. What challenge can your life present that can outdo some of those maniacs I cared for?

You see, there **is** a loving God who created the terrible world we are living in. It was perfect when he created it, but now we see what man has done to it. He loves and cares for **you** and can deliver you from your circumstances. Would you like to be filled with his love instead of the hate and depression that now controls your life?

There is also a devil called Satan who simply wants you to suffer and to die, then suffer some more after you are dead. It is a cruel and unforgiving world and we are all victims one way or another because, whether we like it or not, we are caught up in a spiritual warfare that will only end when Jesus Christ returns to this earth.

It all boils down to whether or not you want your life to change for the better. Do you?

Can I tell you a little story? I once worked in a mental asylum and could tell you many stories of the damage demons did to people. Here is just one. They brought Mary over to my ward because she was as mad as a cut snake and nobody could help her. They were pouring enough chlorpromazine into her four times a day to kill a horse, but it made no difference to her mental condition. I took her outside one day down an old dirt road and told her she had demons and that only Jesus could save her. A male voice bellowed out of her mouth, "NO!" I realized quickly what I was dealing with. A little time later a young Christian female nurse and I took Mary over to a private home and we commanded the demons to come out of her. Mary straightway sunk onto the floor out of her chair, her face turned inside out like a flat rubber mask, and a loud hissing noise came rushing out of her. Then she returned completely to normal.

A very short time later she was discharged from the hospital. Her condition and behaviour remained normal, and a few weeks later I received a letter from her telling me that she was completely restored, praising God, and was employed as a counselor working for Lifeline. If you ever confront a demon, you will have no doubts they exist, and if you discover they exist, you will readily come to realize that God exists also. When you come to realize that Satan is hell-bent on destroying you and the entire world, you may realize that the love of God is the only way to escape.

I don't have to convince the youth of today that there is a devil. They can see him working through drug-crazed rock stars. They can see his face plastered all over computer game jackets. They can hear his words of death and suicide in the music they listen to. Many are involved in the occult and witchcraft which proves the existence of Satan. I was once in charge of a drug addict ward and these men all had an irresistible attraction to satanic rituals. Kids today can see the porn and filth on the net and on their mobile phones, and the spew that comes out of television and modern movies. Young people are not stupid, they can see it all before their eyes, but they have been deceived because they don't know of any other way to live. Only people of my generation can really see the havoc that Satan is bringing upon this world because we are living in the very last days, and you are privileged to be living in them. You are also disadvantaged to some extent living in them because every thing in this world is stacked against you. Satan has taken over the minds of the older generation and younger people have never seen a better world than the present mess they are living in and will probably never know what a decent world feels and looks like. Our present world has capitulated under the powerful hand of Satan and has become the most debased and depraved generation in the history of mankind. At least four million Australians are hooked on porn.

**Wake up kids, the forces of evil are out to get you. Godless politicians have wrecked the marriage institution thus throwing you to the wolves of loneliness, abuse, confusion, and rejection. The booze industry is determined to destroy your brain and send you stupid. The porn kings are tearing at your souls like ravening white ants destroying the last vestiges of a beautiful home. The "entertainment" industry is turning your brains into pea soup with imbeciles that make the most money by acting like the worst lunatics, and your atheistic and godless school teachers are telling you that we came from cabbages and jellyfish, and most of you are believing them. You are being conned!!!**

The highly esteemed ex Prime Minister Bob Hawke, a Rhodes scholar mind you and the son of a minister of religion [who failed miserably setting an example to his son,] confessed on a recent Denton program that he did not believe in the existence of God. When pressed by Denton as to the state of the world, Hawke stated that there were problems facing the world that were so horrific, he was of the opinion that there were no answers to the problems. Well even school kids know that!

Next time Hawke signs a cheque, I wonder if his education will stand him in stead to notice the date he is putting on his cheque? If he signed a cheque on this day, it would be the nineteenth day of November, 2008 AD.

What's AD all about? It's the opposite of BC, which means **Before Christ**.

The AD as Hawke would fully know stands for Anno Domini, **which means the year of our Lord**. All the pagans, atheists and agnostics who sign cheques or write the day's date on paper are thereby hypocrites, because in writing it, they admit to the birth and earthly existence of Jesus Christ whom they deny, and who is, in fact, the Son of God. Who then was this man Jesus Christ who became the centre pin that divided the old and modern times [BC and AD] and set our calendars in order?

Hawke got one thing right. There is absolutely no hope for the world in which we live. We will choke to death with pollution, disease, starvation, over population, and suffer a world-destroying major Middle East conflict before the present generation of kids have the time to lean back in their rocking chairs, smoke their pipes, and contemplate the disgusting disadvantages of old age.

**But—** because Jesus Christ **is** the Son of God and came into the world to die for sinners, there is hope for **all who will listen and respond to his claims**. The modern generation of children and young adults are living in the most dangerous but exciting period in the history of mankind. It is most likely that they will witness the ultimate horrifying climax of Biblical prophecy.

I was asked to write this little article in the hope of reaching modern kids with the love of God, so I will go back briefly to when I was a kid of 13 years. I went to a little Church in Merrylands, Sydney and listened one night to a nice old minister who was telling me that I was a sinner and needed Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life, that Jesus was coming back to the earth soon to take away those who loved and served him. The man's message was so clear that it frightened the living daylight out of me. It must have been God speaking to me, so I went forward and said the sinner's prayer as the old minister held my hand. A few months later I got baptized.

To say that my Christian life has been a bed of roses would be bare-faced lie and I would not expect any one to believe me, but let me tell you the Christian life was never meant to be easy. When we become a Christian, we are immediately aware of the spiritual battle that we have become involved in. Satan will never give up on us.

During my six decades as a Christian, God has saved me from certain death on many, many occasions. At one stage in my life in my early forties whilst working in a maximum security section, I struggled for several years against having a breakdown. Family pressures, work, and personal issues were seemingly a united front to destroy me and it was the darkest time in my life. It was only by feeding on the Word of God and praying to God continually that I made it through. I don't need kids to tell me how tough life is. I know how tough it is because of what I have struggled through all my life and if it wasn't for the grace and faithfulness of God, I would be long gone.

So I need to tell kids something very relevant. God will never let you down. He knows what you are going through and he is waiting for you to make a simple decision. You can decide to wallow in the filth and futility of a world on its way to hell or you can choose to extricate yourself from the dross that the older generation have dumped on you and make a life and a future for yourself for the glory of God and inherit heaven into the bargain.

Is it then a simple matter for a young person to become a Christian? Yes and no. Becoming a Christian in today's world takes a lot of guts and a lot of commitment and the hangers-on and pretenders will never last the distance. I keep talking about this Satan. Who is he? The Bible describes him as a thief, a liar, and a murderer. His main task is to get as many people as he can into hell. He is also the great deceiver and in these last days the Bible tells us that "Even the very elect of God will be deceived." Millions of mature and experienced Christians today have been deceived by false prophets, money making evangelists, and proponents of the prosperity gospel. I can tell you as certain fact that many popular "Christian" musicians are instruments of the devil who have a background in porn, witchcraft, and drug addiction, yet continue selling hit records to gullible and stupid Christians who lack the spiritual insight of cane toads.

What can I say then to the kids of this generation? I can say that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He doesn't change in accordance to the whims of modern times, fads, and cultures. He doesn't pander to the demands of select groups. He doesn't even change his style for the young generation who have been through hell, and he pays no heed to the "in" crowd. I asked the question earlier in my article "Who then **IS** Jesus? He is simply the Son of God sent into the world to die a torturous death at the hands of men because God demanded such a sacrifice for your sins and my sins. The debt of sinners has been paid in full and God can do no more to help us.

The rest is up to us and I will paraphrase here one of the most popular and important passages of the Bible. "For God so loved you and me that he sent his only begotten Son into the world that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Fair dinkum, can you imagine God sending his Son to die for the stinking world we are living in? Strangely, he did.

People who read Bibles are not sissies. The Bible saved my life many times and I should be walking down Flinders Street with a Bible held up in the air screaming out to a lost world, "This saved my life." Why don't you get a copy for yourself and start reading it at St John's Gospel and the Book of Acts and get serious with God? If you have a copy, try brushing the cobwebs off it.

I was reading through Paul's second letter to the Christians at Corinth last night and this is what he said. "What a wonderful God we have—he is the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the One who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass onto them this same help and comfort that God has given us."

He certainly comforted me in the hell I've been through, so.....

I certainly and prayerfully trust that my little message has served that purpose to some kids out there who can't see a way out of what they are going through. Just hang in there, and trust God!

Remember when I went out that night so long ago in that little Church wondering what I was letting myself in for with my knees shaking and my palms sweating? I'll tell you the questions that dear old minister asked me to which I answered all in the affirmative. "Do you confess the fact that you are a sinner? Do you believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to die for your sins? Are you prepared to ask Jesus to come into your life and be Lord and Master of your life and to live totally for him?

Well, my simple answers changed my life and the lives of many others. They can change your life also if you get serious with God. The principles are simple, but like Jesus himself, they will never change and they will never fail.

For the love of God, reach out to Him.

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