

Salt Shakers

Helping Christians make a difference

Tolerance?

“Our fight has not now, nor has it ever been, about the need for others to tolerate us...

It is about full acceptance into society as a whole, with full equality and rights under the law

The battle for equality is not about simply being tolerated. It is about full acceptance...

I want full recognition and acceptance of who I am and who I love.

I will not tolerate or accept anything less.”

Waymon Hudson, the Homo Politico,
Founder and President of US pro-homosexual organisation ‘Fight OUT Loud’

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Editorial

We know that evil knows no bounds but put evil and money together and the cocktail becomes even more explosive.

As we see in the pages of this journal people will stop at nothing to make a dollar - or a million or two.

Selling adultery has become the latest way to make money. No, we're not talking about legal prostitution but encouraging married people to have affairs through an online dating agency that has been established specifically for married people.

Of course, hand in hand with the site goes the advertising that tells us we get bored with just one 'partner' and even that having an affair can make our marriages 'better'. Of course, we always know they are lying when they encourage us to do what God has clearly stated is wrong.

When sex takes hold of a community and the church's voice is muted by post-modernism, seeker-friendly political correctness, New Age self actualization and the happy clappy message of self esteem, the world really does have a problem. Who is going to be the voice of reason and caution?

Should it surprise us that people are looking elsewhere for 'values' and 'ethics'?

God solved the sexualised society problem once by reigning fire and brimstone down on Sodom and Gomorrah. It is thought the Canaanites and the Greek and Roman empires were destroyed from within because of rampant sexual immorality.

When we look at Australia today are we the fortunate country we once were?

Violence, almost anarchy, reigns on our streets, especially in the major cities. Our jails are full, as are the refugee centres as more and more people try to illegally enter our nation bringing with them their foreign

culture and values and their gods. Is this part of the inevitable collapse of this once Christian nation?



Sadly, when people come from other places they inevitably find this is no longer the great place of peace and freedom it used to be.

The Indian migrant population have been shocked and rocked by the violence and in India, the newspapers are telling their people that Australia is now a bad place. Sadly, we think they are right.

Some Muslims are saying Australian companies need to be inspected to make sure they are clean enough to be sharia compliant, is that a reflection of what they think of our nation's moral cleanliness?

Even the atheists are introducing 'secular ethics' education into our schools, believing that because Australia is "a secular multicultural democracy, [it] must respect the separation of church and state."

Of course, there is no such implication in our Constitution. Yes, governments are forbidden from forcing a particular 'religion' or religious creed on the people, but the constitution was never intended to be used to take religion out of our schools or our society in general.

Many of the people who prepared our Constitution knew the value of Christian ethics and values as part of their own lives and worked hard to ensure we and our political leaders remembered our Christian heritage by inserting the words "humbly relying upon the blessings of Almighty God".

Sadly, even many Christians are suggesting we are a 'secular nation' - however we aren't a 'secular nation' and we should never forget it. We need to read the Constitution!

Yours in the service of Jesus Christ
Peter and Jenny Stokes

What You See Is What You Get – Or Is It?

To most Western people today, ‘reality’ is what we can see and touch. Naturalism is the ruling belief system and science, which is effectively defined as excluding the supernatural, has almost been deified. As the computing term puts it, WYSIWYG, “What You See Is What You Get.”

However, is there just one ‘reality’ or is there another: one that cannot be seen in the natural and one which science cannot examine?

A perfect example of what the world sees as ‘reality’ is found in Daniel 1:1: “In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.”

What we have here is the 6 o’clock news or ABC type of reality. This is where the TV cameras are present (allowing some journalistic license of having TV cameras back in 600BC!) beaming the pictures of the siege into our homes together with some ‘expert’ commentary on the strength of the relative parties, an analysis of why the conflict started and who is likely to prevail.

But, there is another ‘reality channel’ that most of our TVs are not tuned into - that is, God’s reality! This is found in the following verse, Daniel 1:2, which reads: “And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his [Nebuchadnezzar’s] hand.”

Notice here how the Bible describes ‘reality’, or, more to the point, who is in control. There is no mention of the relative strength of the armies, the weakness of Jerusalem’s fortifications or Nebuchadnezzar’s military prowess causing the victory. Rather, it was

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“the Lord” who delivered Jehoiakim into Nebuchadnezzar’s hands.

It is God, not man, who is controlling events in history and He can even use a pagan like Nebuchadnezzar whom He describes as “My servant” (Jer 25:9).

One of the key distinguishing elements of the Bible is the prophecy. In the case of Daniel, for example, the course of history for the next 500 years is predicted. The odds of correctly predicting what would happen over that time are enormous.

This is why liberal scholars and others opposed to the Bible’s teachings try to adjust the dates when books were written to eliminate the element of prophecy. Most liberal scholars,

for example, take the position that the events in Daniel were written *ex eventu*, or ‘after the event’ – in other words, it was recording history rather than predicting it.

For over 150 years, there has been a concerted attack by liberal scholars and atheists on the accuracy of Genesis and origins in general. In effect, this alters the very attributes of God suggesting He is incapable of doing what He said, accurately recording what He did, or incapable of preserving what He caused to be written.

By attacking prophecy, the liberals are attacking yet another attribute of God, this time that He is not in control of history. However, if He doesn’t know the beginning from the end, or can’t control it, how can we know what our future will bring? How can we even know there is such a thing



as salvation, let alone whether we have it? Such doubts ultimately highlight the completely vacuous nature of liberalism.

What you see is not always what you get – as anyone who has ever seen an illusionist will know! So, we must be careful that we don't absorb worldly 'reality' when in fact we're tuned into the wrong channel!

In this regard, Christians must truly understand who God is and what His attributes, using a theological term, really are. If we determine, for example, that God is not omnipotent, we have just turned our capital "G" God into a small "g" god. We

have redefined the word, and with it, who He is!

Next month, Roger will present a longer article on the attributes of God.

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Overseas Aid - payback?

Prior to the last election a number of overseas aid organisations lobbied the major political parties - asking them to promise to increase Australia's contribution to overseas aid. This made 'overseas aid' an election issue for the first time.

At that time, both Labor and the Liberal/National Coalition had already said they would raise the overseas aid level to 0.3 per cent of gross national income by 2010.

In response, Mr Rudd raised the political stakes by saying that he would increase the amount of overseas aid funding to a level of 0.5% of GNI by 2015! The Liberal/National Coalition said they would not commit to making promises that far ahead. Recent reports show that Australia still only contributes 0.29% GNI.

Following Mr Rudd's announcement some leaders, including Tim Costello of *World Vision* and a strong '*Make Poverty History*' advocate, and Hugh Evans of *Oaktree Foundation*, then publicly supported Mr Rudd and Labor in the 2007 election.

PAYBACK? Since the election, the rules for the distribution of overseas aid have been changed - a new AusAID

pilot program, funded by the Australian government, has allocated \$1.5 million to be spent in IN AUSTRALIA on projects to increase funding levels such as 'the Community Call to Action, who work with community groups, small business and others to raise awareness of global poverty and the Millennium Development Goals awareness programs'.

AusAID has just announced the first round of grants.* Some of the organisations that lobbied for the bigger overseas aid contribution, as part of the *Make Poverty History* campaign, have now been given grants to spend here in Australia.

The *Australian Council for International Development [ACFID]*, representing NGOs in this area and the co-ordinator of the *Make Poverty History* campaign, was given \$150,000. So was the *Oaktree Foundation*. The unions' group "*ACTU Organising, Education and Campaign Centre*", which also supported Labor, was given \$146, 618! Shouldn't 'overseas aid' be spent overseas rather than on subsidising local fund raising?

* Grants list: <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/partner/pdf/cc2asuccessfulapplicants.pdf>

Yoga for children - now on ABC TV!

If you have pre-school children, you may have already seen or heard about a new children's program on the *ABC* called '*Waybuloo*' - it screens on week-day mornings, straight after *Sesame Street*. If you have children or grandchildren you need to know about this program - and tell others about it! *Waybuloo* includes yoga, levitation and meditation.

Waybuloo features four animated characters called 'Piplings' who live in the land of Nara. The program focuses on emotions such as love, imagination, wisdom and happiness, with each Pipling representing a different emotion. In each episode six children, known as 'Cheebies', visit Nara and interact with the Piplings.

The program is promoted as a way of teaching young children to deal with their emotions.

The *BBC CBeebies* division, which runs BBC children's programs, has commissioned 100 20-minute episodes, at a cost of \$16.8 million for the first series. The BBC children's site has a *Waybuloo* website, with games and the theme song: www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/waybuloo - and there is now an official *Waybuloo* website: <http://uk.waybuloo.com/> This program is promoted as a way of helping children deal with emotions. However the program also includes yoga, levitation and meditation; eastern religious practices that Christians are warned not to participate in. Children are de-sensitised to these undesirable religious practices by being exposed to them in the 'friendly atmosphere' of this program. '

Yoga

The Piplings practice *yogo* - which the BBC describes as "a simple, gentle form of yoga which everyone (including viewers at

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home) can enjoy together".

The BBC program website says "The '*Call to Yogo*' happens when the sunlight shines on the coloured crystals of the ancient Yogo machine; it starts to turn and makes a beautiful sound. When Piplings hear this sound they stop what they're doing and meet in front of the Yogo machine."

Children watching at home are encouraged to join in and do yoga! The 'poses' are on the *Waybuloo* website, and were "developed with an accredited yoga teacher".

Levitation and meditation

The BBC's website says "When a Pipling is truly happy, does something good or makes another feel better, they achieve *Buloo* - a warm feeling of emotional harmony that is experienced as *floating*. A hug or a helping hand results in a small moment of *Buloo*." [emphasis added]

That sounds like levitation, raising the body above the ground, as done in transcendental meditation. The children also meditate by sitting in the classic meditation position.

In the UK, a *Waybuloo* magazine for pre-schoolers, based on the program, is now being published fortnightly by BBC magazines. *Waybuloo* plush toys, puzzles and playsets are also being marketed.

How many parents will let their children watch this program without realising the occult practices it promotes?

ACTION: Please share this with parents and grandparents. Write to the ABC. Ask them not to screen *Waybuloo* as it includes yoga, levitation and meditation. Write to Mark Scott, Managing Director, ABC, GPO Box 9994, Sydney NSW 2001.



News Update

Michael Kirby criticises churches

Former High Court judge Michael Kirby is continuing to criticise churches for not accepting homosexuality.

Last December, he spoke at the Parliament of the World's Religions and criticised the "Abrahamic faiths" for not accepting homosexuality. In March 2010, he spoke at a symposium in The Netherlands on 'AIDS and Religion' that was organised by UNAIDS, the United Nations body that monitors AIDS around the world. He praised the work of Albert Kinsey and criticised the Catholic and Orthodox churches for their non-acceptance of homosexuality.

Full details, including a summary of his speeches, are available on the 'Michael Kirby page' on our website: www.saltshakers.org.au/issues/homosexuality/207-michael-kirby-and-homosexual-rights

Jesus banished from Easter Show

Sydney's Royal Easter Show organisers banned a New South Wales Bible Society stall called '**Jesus: All About Life**'.

In February, the Society was told they could have a stall and were negotiating about its size and location. Just prior to the event they were told they could not have a stall as there was "no space available" and because the stall was of "a religious nature". [Bible Society NSW Press Release, www.biblesocietynsw.com.au]

'Pride in Diversity'

Pride in Diversity has been recently established in Australia by ACON (a homosexual health group) in partnership with *Diversity Council Australia* and *Stonewall*, the UK homosexual rights group. They are encouraging employers to commit to providing workplaces that are more

"responsive" to the needs of homosexuals. *Pride in Diversity* was launched on 10 February 2010 by Michael Kirby and a number of large employers have already signed up as 'foundation members': including IBM, KPMG, ING Australia, Goldman Sachs JBWere, Lend Lease, Department of Defence, Australian Federal Police and Telstra.

The *Pride in Diversity* website [www.prideindiversity.com.au] says one of the 'benefits' of belonging to the program is that they'll provide "LGBT awareness training sessions at your premises to help you make your workplace fully inclusive"!

In reality it will create more divisions.

On the *Freedom 2 b[e]* blog, homosexual activist Anthony Venn-Brown is promoting the initiative and says he has met with the people running the UK program.

ACTION: Do you deal with these companies? If so, please contact them about the adverse consequences of this program.

Casino for Mildura

A proposal has been made to build a casino in Mildura. Casino developer John Haddad has released concept plans for the riverfront **Jewel Casino** at Mildura. The casino will cost an estimated \$400 million and will include a 220 room hotel and convention centre. According to Mr Haddad, it will include "a couple of hundred poker machines and 40 to 50 tables".

A group has been set up to oppose the casino development. Ross Douglass, of the community group *Sunraysia Against Casinos*, said they opposed the development for a range of reasons - including the social damage and the impact on businesses.

The truth is that people LOSE money at casinos. Gamblers lost more than \$1.2 billion at Melbourne's Crown Casino in the past financial year. [*The Age*, 27/3/2010]

Victorian 'Hate Crime' law review

Last year, Attorney-General Rob Hulls initiated changes to the *Sentencing Act* to require a sentencing court to have regard to whether an offence was 'motivated (wholly or partially) by hatred of, or prejudice against, a group of people with common characteristics with which the victim was associated or with which the offender believed the victim was associated'.

But that isn't enough for Mr Hulls.

Now he has asked **Hon Geoffrey Eames**, a retired Supreme Court judge, to conduct a review of 'Identity Motivated Hate Crime' in Victoria to "determine whether current hate crime laws are adequate".

The review, which will consider criminal and civil law, is being organised by the Justice Department and is "addressing offences motivated by hatred or prejudice".

Prejudice - now that's an interesting word. What it means is that this review is actually considering '**vilification laws**', not just crimes covered by the Criminal Code such as murder and assault.

Attorney-General Rob Hulls has asked Mr Eames to "consult with key representatives of community groups who might have particular experience as potential or actual victims of such hate crimes". Mr Eames has to report to Mr Hulls in September 2010.

The review has been asked to "have particular regard to":

1. The principles in the Victorian *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities* and
2. The discussion paper, *With Respect: A Strategy For Reducing Homophobic Harassment In Victoria* by the *Joint Working Group of the Attorney-General's and Health Minister's Advisory Committees on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and*

Intersex (GLBTI) Issues [published in 2007].

Regarding the Charter, the review site says that "Amendments to combat hate crime must be carefully targeted to behaviour that is criminal and not unreasonably limit the general rights of members of the community such as the rights to freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief."

The question is, whose rights will be pre-eminent? Those of homosexuals or those of Christians who oppose the normalisation of homosexuality or quote the Bible?

This question is even more relevant when you consider the second document, which sets out what the homosexual lobby wants:

the report calls for legislation to deal with '**homophobic harassment**'.

Essentially, they want vilification laws based on sexuality. However, the report claims that the sexuality vilification laws that already

exist in NSW, ACT, Queensland and Tasmania (similar to Victoria's *Racial and Religious Tolerance Act*), which are based on 'inciting hatred ...', are much too difficult to prove and get convictions.

So the report recommends that "harassment be defined as '**conduct that offends, humiliates, intimidates, insults or ridicules another person**'."

Since anyone can easily feel offended or insulted, this proposal, if enacted, would see a flood of complaints to the EOHR and give the EOHR even more scope to 'launch investigations'!

ACTION: Churches and organisations need to make a carefully considered submission. See our campaign page for details and links to the review website: <http://www.saltshakers.org.au/take-action/campaigns>



Call to remove 'soft porn'

Sometimes things have to become really bad before people wake up to just how really bad things have become.

One of our first campaigns, 15 years ago, was in relation to the availability of porn magazines in milk bars, newsagents, convenience stores and service stations. We stated then that these were a gateway to much stronger and more explicit pornography and that they 'normalised' all the wrong attitudes towards women and promoted sexual promiscuity.

We are not 'experts', but you do not need to be an expert to know the result of these magazines being readily available – especially at a time when brothels had been legalised and the number of 'adult' businesses was growing.

We were called WOWSERS and we received little or no support from churches or high profile people.

HOW THINGS CHANGE

when the damage has become so obvious and the effects are there for all to see – assuming people are looking. Suddenly the 'experts' call for action!

The Age newspaper recently carried an amazing front page story calling for a ban on 'soft porn' in all but R18+ premises.

AAP reported: "A group of child experts has asked for a review of the rules under which magazines such as *Playboy*, *Zoo* and *Ralph* are classified, saying they are increasingly explicit and contributing to the sexualisation of children..."

Julie Gale, director of the lobby group *Kids Free 2B Kids*, stated in the article, "... easy access to the internet meant young people are experiencing unprecedented exposure

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to pornographic images, voluntarily or involuntarily. But allowing pornography and overtly sexualised images to be sold in the public arena with easy access for children and teens tells them that this is acceptable. It gives it public validation."

She is right, but why only pick on magazines in newsagents and convenience stores? They are not the only 'sex' in the face of our children and young people!

Why don't we get really serious and also call for banning the advertising that uses sex to sell almost everything.

HOW THINGS CHANGE when the damage has become so obvious

Then there are the ads for 'sexual services' like brothels and nude table top dancing that are all over town on billboards, in local newspapers and the *Yellow Pages* (another campaign we ran many years ago), all of which are confronting our children.

Doesn't common sense tell us that legalising brothels, and letting children see advertising billboards for them, also sends the wrong message and robs them of their innocence?

What about the promotion of homosexuality and promiscuous sex in TV programs like *Home and Away* and *Neighbours* which tell our teens it is OK to hop in and out of bed with the opposite sex or even the same sex if that is your thing. *Desperate Housewives* is all about sex and *Californication* is one of the worst sexually explicit TV programs we have ever seen, and it masquerades as a 'comedy'!

Allowing pornography and overtly sexualised images to be seen, often inadvertently, on TV has the same effect

on our children as do the magazines in the Milk Bars and supermarkets.

Now, I am not speaking against what these people are saying about removing magazines, but is it not inconsistent to oppose them when society supports so much 'other' immorality?

WHAT CAN WE DO?

It is time ordinary people – Mums and Dads, Grandmas and Grandads – rose up and took action, as well as demanding more action from our governments.

What these so-called 'experts' are at last calling for is too little and almost too late.

It certainly will be too late if we, the 'non-experts', you and me, don't make our voices heard over and over again by saying ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

The time for doing nothing is well and truly over – we either actively fight to reclaim our society or we lose it altogether to sexual immorality.

We have seen a lot of apologising for past deeds going on lately – we adults need to apologise to our young people for doing too little to protect them. If we don't act to protect them, God may have to judge us as he judged Sodom and Gomorrah.

Our society today is little different to that of Sodom, where the people stood by and let sexually immoral people rule their streets and their society.

Parents and Grandparents – it is your duty to protect your children and grandchildren!

Take **ACTION!**

Start by WRITING LETTERS to YOUR Federal and State MPs and Senators, and to the newspapers.

Links for all of the names and addresses are on our website under 'Take Action'.

We need our governments – State & Federal – to show some serious moral leadership.

Mind you, when the church shows so little leadership on these issues that might be a hard ask, so how about asking your pastor when he is going to preach against sexual immorality!

Call on MPs to ban the use of sex to sell, to ban the advertising of sexual services and sexual entertainment from the public arena and from magazines and newspapers, just as they have banned cigarette advertising.

We hear all the talk about internet censorship but what about censorship of our streets?

Complain about the porn and sexualisation through advertising billboards and on TV.

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action**

We need to call on the ACT government and the Federal government to stop Canberra being used as a haven for the legal distribution of pornography across Australia.

We need to call on *Australia Post* to uphold the law regarding the sending of such material through the mail.

Regarding billboards, Queensland *Family First* candidate Wendy Francis has started a campaign to make all billboards and bus shelter ads '**G-rated**'. Join the campaign by visiting her Facebook page [link on her website: <http://wendy4senate.com>]

YOU can also take DIRECT ACTION.

We must take back the milk bars, the newsagents, the service stations, the TV and the street from those people who sell sex and allow pornography to eat away at our children.

DEAL directly with the owners of the milk bar, service station, supermarkets and request that they remove the material – tell him you will not shop there again until it is gone (and mean it!).

Bad for Mildura

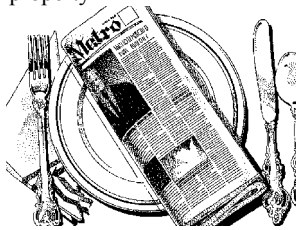
JOHN Haddad, casino-promoter, says a casino would be good, good, good for Mildura (‘Mildura casino on the cards’, *The Age*, 27/3). But people living in Mildura believe a casino would be bad, bad, bad.

Bad because Mildura has been identified as an above-average area for gambling losses on poker machines; because 57 per cent of electronic gambling-machine profits come from people with gambling problems (those losing more than \$100 per session) and 60 per cent of problem gamblers break the law to feed their habit; and because, as a community with an above-average crime rate, Mildura cannot afford a further increase.

Police statistics for a recent three-year period reveal a 25 per cent increase in assaults, a 200 per cent increase in homicide, a 10 per cent increase in rape and weapons offences, and an 8 per cent increase in property damage.

Mildura is among the worst possible sites for a festering sore of the kind Haddad proposes.

Arnold Jago, Mildura
The Age 29/3/2010



Breast Cancer

The poignant query by tennis star, Martina Navratilova on learning she had breast cancer that ‘‘I am 53 years old, a lifelong athlete, strong, healthy and have eaten nutritiously my entire life - why me?’’ (*Herald Sun*, 9/4/10) represents a failure by *Cancer Councils* to vigorously inform women that being childless is a risk factor for breast cancer.

As the *Breast Cancer Prevention Institute*, USA, points out, the single most important person protecting a woman from breast cancer is her baby. The more babies a woman has, the younger she is when she has them, and the longer she breastfeeds them, the lower her risk of breast cancer.

All the running, jumping, selling pink ribbons and wearing pink shirts does nothing to prevent breast cancer, however having babies and breastfeeding do substantially reduce risk.

Babette Francis, Toorak
Herald Sun 13/4/2010

No priority on life issue

I refer to the advertisement taken out in the *Leader* (February 23) by Monash IVF.

In supplying information on a free fertility seminar, it tells readers that ‘‘life starts here’’. Life, of course, doesn’t start at Monash ICF only, and the organisation is not making such a claim, but it does direct attention to the exact moment in time when human life comes into existence: the fusion of a sperm and an egg – surely an acknowledged scientific fact.

Sadly, too many of our Victorian members of parliament failed to give this top priority when casting their votes in the Lower and Upper Houses, culminating in the passing of the so-called Reform Bill on Friday October 10, 2008.

John A Gill, Mt Waverley
Waverley Leader 16/3/2010

‘A terrible insult for Christians’

I visited the Stocklands shopping complex briefly this morning (Tuesday 22/3) and was appalled to see a garish advertising sign which proclaimed ‘Easter!. Four days of fun.’ A sign more

insensitive, or more insulting to Ballarat’s Christians, would be hard to imagine. Easter includes Good Friday, a day for solemn remembrance of the death of the Saviour to atone for the sins of mankind, and Easter Day (Sunday) a day of rejoicing over His resurrection.

I spoke with Ms Stevie Wright, from Stockland Centre Management, who informed me the signs are paid advertisements for Coca Cola, placed by a company called Ooh Media, to whom anyone else who found the ads grossly offensive is welcome to complain. Attacks on Christianity, from a variety of sources, seem to be becoming more common nowadays, but there is no excuse for commercial operators being involved in horrific ads such as this one.

I doubt if the advertising company concerned would have been game to similarly make fun of a holy day or days of any other religion in Australia.

Arthur Comer, Sebastopol Vic
The Courier 29/3/2010

Same-sex marriage

Same-sex marriage: Do we want it? No. Do we need it? No. Is it right? No. Is it equal? No.

Solid research resources show that same-sex marriage does not serve children well because study after study shows that children do best when raised with a mum and dad.

That is why retaining traditional marriage, one man with one wife for life is so important for our whole society.

Judith Bond, Glen Alpine, NSW

Macarthur Advertiser 10/4/2010

50/50 - Time to grow up!

Yet another demand for a public “sorry” declaration, this time by ex-judge Michael Kirby. Stop playing the victim card for you and your mates Michael, and get on with your life.

David G Westaway Navigators Vic

Herald Sun 50/50 20/3/2010

Christianity fights the evil-doers

Atheist Foundation of Australia’s president, David Nicholls, condemned Christianity for a spate of child abuse scandals. (*The Courier*, 3/4) The truth is that Christianity totally condemns evil behaviour against children.

“It would be better for him to have a millstone hung around his neck, and to be thrown into the sea, than to offend one of these little ones.” (Luke 17:2)

It’s not a faith nor a moral code that leads to this abhorrent crime against innocent children. Paedophiles are depraved individuals who break both civil law and spiritual precepts, whether priests or non-believers.

These perpetrators need to be removed from society for a very long time, and they must not be protected by any institution, religious or otherwise, nor by an insipid justice system.

David G Westaway Navigators Vic

The Courier 13/4/2010

A sad day - Victoria restricts religious freedom

It was a very sad day for freedom of speech and freedom of religion in Victoria when the Victorian parliament’s Legislative Council passed the controversial Equal Opportunity Bill on Thursday 15 April, 2010.

The Bill had previously been passed by the Legislative Assembly and will now become law.

This draconian new bill gives wide ranging powers to the Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission to launch their own investigations even when a complaint hasn’t been made.

The Bill also severely restricts religious freedom by requiring religious bodies and schools to PROVE that it is an inherent requirement for a position for them to discriminate in areas such as gender, sexual orientation, marital status and EVEN religion! It also requires these bodies to show it is ‘reasonably necessary’ to discriminate regarding their ‘doctrine’ in all other matters (the training and employment of ministers is about the only exception!)



All Members of the Liberal and National Parties voted against the Bill, along with Peter Kavanagh of the Democratic Labor Party.

We congratulate them for their stand for freedom and voting against this Bill.

There were some fine, passionate speeches - including those from Peter Kavanagh and Liberals Inga Peulich and Bernie Finn. In his speech Damian Drum (Nationals) said he had received more than 1000 emails - so thank you to everyone who wrote to their Members!

Inga’s speech is in the attached document - for other speeches, see Hansard links below.

All three Greens and all Labor Members voted for the Bill. The vote was 22 to 18.

The Liberals have now committed, in a meeting with the Australian Christian Lobby, to repeal these draconian provisions if they are elected in November.

See our Campaign page on our website for full details and links.

Political Parties: What do they stand for?

Part Five: The National Party of Australia

by Peter Stokes

We continue our brief look at political parties with an analysis of the *National Party of Australia* (*The Nationals*).

The Nationals emerged from a series of diverse ‘country’ based political groups including the *Country Party* in Western Australia and the *Victorian Farmers Union*, in the early 1920s and is the second oldest political party in Australia.

Originally called the *Country Party*, they adopted the name *National Country Party* in 1975 and changed to their present name in 1982. In 2003, they formally adopted the simplified name ‘*The Nationals*’ for election campaigning.

Federally, and in most States, the Nationals have been the minor Party in a coalition with the Liberal Party of Australia when in government, and have acted more independently when in opposition.

However, in Queensland they were the dominant Party and the Liberal Party was the minor Party between 1957 and 2008. They then formally merged with their smaller partner to form the *Liberal National Party*.

The relationship between the *Liberal Party* and *The Nationals*, at both federal and state levels, has not always been an harmonious one. There have even been times when *The Nationals* have actually formed a coalition with the Labor Party to form government or given support to Labor at election time. This has happened in both WA and in SA in recent times.

The Nationals see their major role as representing Australia’s vast, and often scattered, rural communities. Most Nationals MPs have themselves come from farming communities.

It should be no surprise that their moral values position is much more conservative than the Labor Party.

One might imagine they would have a closer tie with *The Greens*, who say they represent the ‘environment’, something very close and personal to country people. Yet to imagine that would be very wrong.

As we saw some months ago, *The Greens* are radical environmentalists and social engineers, mostly living in larger towns. On the other hand, country folk have to put their policies into action, so while they care deeply about rural Australia they are rarely radical. The majority are social conservatives.

Hence, the position of *The Nationals* is often sharply at odds with *The Greens*, and has a lot in common with the *Liberals* who we will look at next month. Yet they are able to work with the Labor Party on occasion.

The relative autonomy of *The Nationals* in most States, and federally, and the need for the *Liberals* to keep them ‘onside’, means they have more ‘clout’ than the average ‘minor’ Party. In fact, the *Liberals* would rarely win government without a power-sharing coalition with *The Nationals* at a federal level. That said, because their policies are generally to the political ‘right’, the *Liberals* would probably pick up *Nationals* seats should the *Nationals* not exist.

But exist they do, and there is little doubt that they give country folk a stronger sense of ‘having a say’, especially in Canberra, than if they did not exist.

The Nationals currently have 15 MPs and Senators in the federal parliament.



State Election results

The state elections held in Tasmania and South Australia on Saturday 20 March have both resulted in a swing away from the Labor Party.

In Tasmania, the Greens picked up around 20% of the vote. Neither Labor nor the Liberals have a majority of seats so there is a 'hung parliament', with both Liberal and Labor having ten seats each and the Greens having five seats.

Prior to the election, Labor leader David Bartlett and Liberal leader Will Hodgman both said they would not form a minority government with the Greens. Both of them agreed that the party that had more seats would form government and if they had the same number of seats then the party with the larger vote would form government. Since the Liberal Party ended up with more votes, it was initially thought that the Liberals would form government as both parties reiterated their position of not negotiating with the Greens.

When the matter went to the Governor of Tasmania, Peter Underwood, David Bartlett proposed that the Liberals be appointed as the government. However, the Governor finally chose, on 8 April, to ask David Bartlett, former Labor Premier and then 'caretaker Premier', to "test his support on the floor of the House of Assembly".

Almost immediately, there was talk of Liberal Leader Will Hodgman putting a "no-confidence motion", claiming that Mr Bartlett didn't provide full information to the Governor.

The final outcome is that Labor has been

returned as the government. Labor started to talk to the Greens about a 'power-sharing' deal - with discussion of a position in the Cabinet. When Greens leader Nick McKim was offered a Cabinet position he rejected the offer, saying he wanted TWO cabinet positions! Mr Bartlett refused.

On April 18, almost a month after the election, David Bartlett said he would proceed to appointing a Cabinet and they were finally sworn in on Wednesday April 21, 2010.

See news reports at <http://www.abc.net.au/elections/tas/2010/news/>

South Australia

In South Australia the result was quite close and wasn't clear until days after the election. There was an 8.4% two-party preferred swing to the Liberals.

Labor has retained government with 26 seats out of 47 in the House of Assembly. Labor won despite winning less than 50% of the two party-preferred vote.

The Legislative Council result was announced on April 8 - 11 members were elected: 4 Liberals, 4 Labor, 1 Greens, 1 Family First, 1 Dignity for Disability.

Further elections

With the federal election expected to be held later this year and the Victorian election to be held on November 27, this will be a busy year. We need to be analysing policies and finding out what the parties really stand for **before** we cast our vote! We cannot afford to allow the Greens to gain seats or hold the balance of power in Canberra or Victoria.

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Pray for our nation, its leaders and Salt Shakers
7.30 am every Thursday morning at SALT SHAKERS

What's in a cigarette?

by Jenny Stokes

Several years ago we obtained a poster which showed a photo of a cigarette, along with graphic descriptions of its toxic ingredients.

I thought about that poster recently when we read that an Australian academic, *University of Sydney Professor in Public Health* Simon Chapman, revealed that cigarettes contain pig's blood!¹ He revealed Dutch scientists' research about pig's blood being in cigarette filters because he thought that Muslims and Jews could find its undisclosed presence "very offensive" since their religious beliefs don't allow them to eat pork.

The Dutch research identified 185 different industrial uses of a pig - including the use of its haemoglobin in cigarette filters.

Perhaps he also thought it was another way of getting people to stop smoking!

What else is in cigarettes?

Some tobacco manufacturers have now listed the ingredients in their cigarettes on their websites - and many nations have legislated to regulate and restrict the ingredients. For instance, *Phillip Morris International*, manufacturer of **Marlboro** cigarettes, lists the "ingredients added to tobacco" for cigarettes "manufactured for sale in Australia".²

Interestingly, *Phillip Morris* lists the ingredients in the rest of the cigarette² - and also lists the chemicals found in cigarette smoke (including carbon monoxide, arsenic, benzene, heavy metals and hydrogen cyanide!)³ They even say "Smoking causes many serious diseases including cardiovascular disease (heart disease), lung cancer, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (emphysema, chronic bronchitis). Smoking is also addictive and can be

extremely difficult to stop."⁴

And people STILL smoke their products!

Prof Chapman says that cigarette manufacturers also note undisclosed "processing aids". Prof Chapman says this "catch-all term" hides from public view an array of additional chemicals and substances used in the making of cigarettes.

The **Australian Cancer Council** website says "Tobacco smoke contains more than 4000 chemicals, over 60 of which are known to cause cancer." The Cancer Council is currently running the **4000 Chemicals**

Campaign from February to June

2010. The ads highlight the fact

that cigarettes contain "**Benzene**

- an ingredient in paint stripper;

Ammonia - the bleach found in

toilet cleaner; **Hydrogen Cyanide**

- used in rat poison; and **Acetone** -

the chemical in nail polish remover!"

View their ad and posters at <http://www.quitnow.info.au/internet/quitnow/publishing.nsf/Content/4000-chemicals>

As Christians, we're told that our "body is the temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 6:19) and to be careful of what we put into it, so naturally we hope that none of you smoke!

It's important to know about these matters so we can avoid cigarette smoke and we can share this information with our family and friends who do smoke.

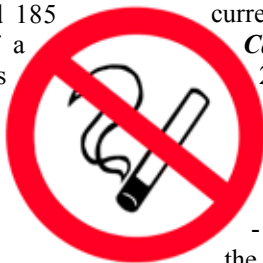
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Book Review: The Third Choice

Mark Durie's latest book about Islam is the result of extensive research. In this book, Mark explores the concept of *dhimmitude*, describing how it has operated over the centuries and revealing its effect on the people who live under it.

If you only read one book this year, this is the book you should read.

So why is it called '*The Third Choice: Islam, Dhimmitude and Freedom*'?

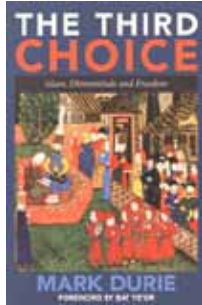
Those who were conquered by the Muslims as Islam expanded from the Arabian Peninsula across Europe and northern Africa, had three 'choices'. One of those was to convert to Islam; another was to be killed for refusing to convert.

The 'third choice' was to live as subservient and tax-paying *dhimmis* in a state of *dhimmitude* under the authority of the conquerors. The word "*dhimmitude*" comes from "*dhimmi*", an Arabic word for non-Muslims living under Muslim rule. Mark took the title from a recent statement by a Muslim scholar who said that people conquered by Islam had a "third choice".

Mark has often gone directly to primary source materials, including documented statements by Islamic scholars down the centuries. They are archived on a website; a colleague translated them from the Arabic.

That might sound like dry reading! On the contrary, the book is riveting and easy to read. The use of direct quotes from these scholars confirms and expands on the relevant texts taken from the Qur'an and the hadith and give a gripping insight into the way that Christians, Jews and pagans were treated by the conquering Muslim armies.

Mark notes that his aim in writing this book about *dhimmitude* is:



Reviewed by Jenny Stokes

1. To explain the nature of the *dhimma* pact of surrender to Islam;
2. To enable non-Muslims to withstand the *dhimma* and find freedom from it;
3. To help people understand the nature and impact of Islamic politics in the world, both today and in the past, and especially its impact upon

the human rights of non-Muslims.

The book covers the basics of Islam, the treatment of non-Muslims by Islam, Mohammed's life and his actions against unbelievers and the doctrine of the *dhimma*.

Mark then explores the 'lived reality' - what it is like to actually live as a *dhimmi* under Islamic rule. Whilst the *dhimma* pact is often seen as something which happened in 'history', Mark shows how the *dhimma* system is returning in our day, resulting in increased persecution of non-Muslims in Islamic states. This return is also seen in 'The Dhimmitude of the West', which is the surrender of western societies to Islamic principles, including the introduction of aspects of sharia law, including sharia finance, halal food laws and family law. Mark warns about the manipulation of interfaith dialogue to help speed up the process of Islamisation. He concludes with a proposal for 'A Way Forward'.

In his preface, Mark says "People of many faiths and none need to find freedom from the age-old legacy of the *dhimma*, and Muslims too, for *dhimmitude* degrades oppressors and oppressed alike."

Reading this book is the first step in understanding the truth about *dhimmitude* and finding that freedom.

The Third Choice is available from Salt Shakers. Price: \$25 including postage.

Issues Update

SA: Internet law

In our March journal we reported that a law had been passed by the South Australian Parliament that required people who were making an internet comment about the election to provide a real name and postcode. This was to make it consistent with the law regarding letters and comments published in newspapers.

There was such an outcry from people posting comments on the Adelaide newspaper's website that the Premier, Mike Rann, said he would legislate to abolish the law if he was re-elected - he also promised to make it retrospective.

Gender in NSW

Last month we reported that Norrie May-Welby had been issued with a certificate saying she was neither male nor female - the certificate said 'Sex not specified'.

Just weeks after May-Welby told the media about this development, May-Welby received a phone call from a representative of *NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages*, saying that the certificate would be cancelled.

SSO reports that "Norrie claims this person revealed the backflip had come as a result of NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages being pressured by the NSW Attorney General's Office." [SSO, 18/3/2010]

May-Welby's blog notes that the NSW Registry instead issued a certificate which said "sex not stated" which is apparently given to a transsexual undergoing a sex change. May-Welby has now lodged a complaint about the 'backflip' with the *Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)* - arguing that May-Welby's rights were breached under the Australian Sex

Discrimination Act 1984 and international human rights law, which they argue "protects a person's right to self-determine their own social identity." [C-Fam, 1/4/2010]

It's not surprising that May-Welby went to the AHRC, since the AHRC has already recommended, in their 2009 report, *The sex and gender diversity project* (p 33), that "A person over the age of 18 years should be able to choose to have an unspecified sex noted on documents and records."

Alternatively, the AHRC recommends "the removal of sex notations on ALL documents and records"!

R18+ rated games

Stores that sell games, and game-players, have generated a huge response to the government's inquiry into whether R18+ rated computer games should be allowed to be sold in Australia.

More than 55,000 submissions were made to the government's inquiry - and a petition organised by *EB Games* had 67,000 signatures by mid-April.

ACTION: It's time to write to your federal and state MPs - ask them not to allow R18+ rated computer games to be sold in Australia, since this will allow even more sexually explicit and violent games to be sold. Visit our Campaign Page for details.

NSW: Relationship Registers

ACTION: If you live in NSW, keep writing to your MP in the Legislative Assembly and to ALL members of the Legislative Council. Please also write to the leaders of both major parties - Premier Kristina Keneally and Liberal leader Barry O'Farrell. Ask them NOT to support relationship registers or any formal registration of homosexual relationships.

Send letters to Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000. See our website if you need names and details for your MPs.

Prayer Update

Elections

Pray that people will be aware of the political issues being debated during this federal election year - refugees and boat arrivals, health policy and inquiries into stimulus spending.

Pray for an ethical election campaign where the real issues are debated and politicians don't descend into name-calling.

Pray that Christians and church leaders will be discerning about how Christian values are being expressed - or not - by the various political parties.

State governments

Please pray for state governments as they debate controversial legislation. Pray that politicians will be discerning about proposed laws and not just follow their 'party'.



'Human Rights' legislation

Many human rights' laws are being proposed, discussed or actually debated; these include Victoria's Equal Opportunity Bill, a federal Charter of Rights and 'hate crimes' laws in Victoria.

Please pray that these laws are not introduced as they will limit religious freedom.

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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chr. 7:14

29 May 2010

National Day of Thanksgiving



We all have a lot to be thankful for and the *National Day of Thanksgiving (NDOT)*, on Saturday 29 May 2010, is a great opportunity to express our thanks to God and to others.

The committee has prepared a variety of resources, including cards that you can purchase to give to someone to express your thanks - that might include your MPs, or those who work in the community, your children's teachers or the mailman. In fact, anyone you want to thank!

The NDOT website is at <http://www.thanksgiving.org.au>

Last year over 500 schools participated in the NDOT and the organisers hope that

many more will participate this year.

A 4 page colour document in PDF format has been prepared to assist chaplains and those teaching Religious Instruction as well as Children's Church and Youth leaders.

Resources:

Free DVD

A new DVD, titled "A vision for Our Nation" is available FREE from NDOT.

On this DVD you will find stories of how churches and councils have worked together to make a difference in their communities.

To order this FREE DVD email NDOT with your name and postal address: email info@thanksgiving.org.au and use the words "FREE DVD Offer" in the subject line of your email.

'Thank You' Ribbons and four designs of cards are available. Purchase cards from Koorong and ribbons from NDOT.

Why not join in the National Day of Thanksgiving this year?

Married couples more likely to stay together!

Last month we reported on a British study, by the *Bristol Family and Community Trust*, which showed that marriage is a vital factor in providing stability for families.

Now the **Jubilee Centre**, a Christian social reform organisation which “seeks to equip the Church by providing a biblical perspective on issues and trends in the world around us”, has analysed data from the **British Household Panel Survey** data.

Their study, entitled *Cohabitation in the 21st Century*, was based on almost 30,000 family cases. It reveals that there is a huge difference in family stability between marriage and cohabitation.

The study which has found that “married couples are now more than ten times as likely to stay together until their child is 16. The probability is 75 per cent, compared with just 7 per cent of cohabiting couples. Of cohabiting couples that later get married, just 17 per cent are still together by the time the child is 16.”

The situation for cohabiting couples is much worse than in 1992, when 36% of couples were still together when their child turned 16. The study found that “cohabitation is a less stable form of relationship today than it was 15 years ago and is generally short-lived. This is particularly pronounced for those couples with children. Contrary to popular opinion, cohabitation does not serve as a ‘trial marriage’ but instead significantly increases the odds of divorce.”

If a couple is married when their child is born, 94% of them are still together after five years, whilst for cohabiting couples who have a child 50% of them will have separated by the time the child turns five. If the couple is co-habiting when the child is born and **then marries**, the situation improves but is not as good as being married first: 75% are still together after 5 years.

Report: *Cohabitation in the 21st Century*
http://www.jubilee-centre.org/resources/cohabitation_in_the_21st_century

Ireland: Blasphemy law

How do you change a law you don't like?

Organise a public outcry! Directly challenge the law! That's what happened in South Australia regarding the law on internet comments about elections.

It's also happened in Ireland, with the government announcing that a referendum will be held concerning a blasphemy law that began operation earlier this year.

At the start of the year, Ireland introduced a ‘blasphemy law’, with offences punishable by fines of up to \$37,000. Blasphemy was defined as “publishing or uttering matter that is grossly abusive or insulting in relation to matters sacred by any religion, thereby

intentionally causing outrage among a substantial number of adherents of that religion, with some defences permitted”.

When the law came into force, lobby group **Atheist Ireland** challenged the law. They posted 25 blasphemous statements on their website. They claimed the law was silly because it relied on medieval law and dangerous because it “incites religious outrage and because its wording has already been adopted by the Islamic states as part of their campaign to make blasphemy a crime internationally”.

They also successfully campaigned for a referendum to gauge public opinion.

World News

Canada & Religious Freedom

In Canada, churches are given “charitable status”. One Canadian pastor recently found that this comes at a cost.

The *Canada Revenue Agency* has revoked the charitable status of Kings Glory Fellowship (KGF), in Calgary. **Why?** The Agency cited the fact that the church speaks out against abortion and other moral matters.

The Agency claimed these were “political issues”. However, Pastor Artur Pawlowski, said “Those are not political issues. Those are moral and social issues.”

He warns “If they can shut us down, they can shut anybody down for those issues. And of course, they are testing the ground to see what the response is going to be - and I’m telling you, if they will be successful with us, they will come for you, too.”

The church is appealing against the Revenue Agency’s decision. [OneNewsNow, 12/3/2010] Please pray that the appeal is successful.

UK: C of E & homosexuality

The Church of England’s General Synod, meeting in London (Feb 2010) voted to allow the survivors of same-sex partnerships the same pension rights as other spouses.

The Guardian [11/2/2010] reports that the Church of England has previously accepted clergy living in same-sex civil partnerships, but does not allow them to have their civil partnerships blessed in churches and requires them to give assurances to their bishops that their relationships are chaste!

USA: Health care bill passed

The controversial health care proposed by Barack Obama has been passed. Pro-life

advocates were concerned that it would pay for abortions. Pro-life Democrats, led by Bart Stupak, eventually supported the Bill after President Obama agreed to sign an ‘executive order’ to stop payments for abortions. BUT it isn’t part of the actual bill - and these orders can easily be rescinded. Pro-life groups were not impressed.

USA: Good Friday “re-named”

When the City of Davenport in Iowa removed ‘Good Friday’ from its municipal calendar, many Christians protested - as well as union members who had an ‘official holiday’ on Good Friday!

The Davenport Civil Rights Commission suggested changing the holiday’s name and the city decided to call it ‘Spring Holiday’.

There was such an outcry about ‘political correctness run amok’ that the city eventually decided to revert to the original name: ‘Good Friday’. [CM, 31/3/2010]

USA: Lesbian appointed to EEOC

President Obama has now appointed radical lesbian lawyer Chai Feldblum as a member of the powerful Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

A radical new employment discrimination Bill is being proposed, called the *Employment Non-Discrimination Act*. This legislation will remove the right for businesses with 15 or more employees to choose not to hire and affirm men who wear dresses and individuals who have undergone a complete or half “sex change.”

UK: Equality Act passed

The UK parliament has passed the *Equality Act* which gives more rights to homosexuals.

Christian groups campaigned hard against the Bill, warning that religious freedom to oppose the acceptance and normalisation of homosexuality would be severely restricted. But the Parliament didn’t listen!



Ministry News

Peter and Jenny are preparing to move early in May and will be taking two weeks leave to facilitate that process. Please note that following their move, as a general rule they will only be in the Wantirna office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will be working from home on most Mondays and Fridays and of course they will still be available for speaking engagements at weekends and evenings. If you would like to book a date for them to visit your church or group to speak about the work of Salt Shakers, the issues affecting society, or to run a worldview school, please contact the office.

Our decision to shift focus towards a multi-media approach for both *Salt Shakers*

and *Resistance Thinking* web sites is progressing. We have launched an appeal - the details are in the letter enclosed with this Journal. Please pray for our media project as it develops. We will continue to produce the Journal, various email streams and website.

Please pray for our staff: Kerrie, Gabi (part time research assistant), Cameron, David (admin assistant), Jenny & Peter, for our Board, our Reference Panel and volunteers. Murray Adamthwaite, a regular contributor to the journal and a Member of our Reference Panel, is recovering from an operation on his right hand and has been unable to write articles lately. Next month we'll have a short article from him. Please pray for a full recovery for Murray.

As always, we thank you for your continued financial support without which we could not keep you informed.

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SALT SHAKERS and RESISTANCE THINKING TO BEGIN VIDEO PRODUCTION

We need your help

Dear Friend,

The mission of Resistance Thinking is “to reach the unreached and encourage young adults to engage”. To further this mission the Salt Shakers Board has decided that video production is the next step of growth for Salt Shakers and Resistance Thinking.

This would allow both ministries to produce and upload to the web video threads such as news and special reports. It would also allow special project production both internally (by our staff) and externally (by creative thinking Christians). Long term this would allow us to produce high quality world-view DVDs as well as projects that would motivate and challenge more Christians.

To enter the arena of video production a small video studio is required to be set up within our existing office and we need your help in four ways:

1. By praying. We received a strong confirmation that this is God’s will when a cheque was received before we had even asked for funding. It is essential, however, that this project and the direction we take remains faithful to God’s purpose for Salt Shakers and Resistance Thinking. So, please pray for us as we expand into the video medium.
2. By providing us with your expertise. For a video studio to come to fruition a physical studio needs to be built. Our staff also need to gain knowledge in using both recording equipment and software so we welcome anyone with video production experience who can help us with this training.
3. By contributing financially to this project. We have estimated an initial budget of \$17,000 without allowing for ongoing costs in order to produce high definition digital video quality recordings.
4. By providing us with alternatives to purchasing all new equipment. Whilst we are aiming to build a video studio capable of serving us into the future we would appreciate hearing from anyone with professional digital equipment they are willing to give us.

It is really encouraging to see this project being realised. God certainly has exciting things ahead of us and a video studio will allow both Salt Shakers and Resistance Thinking to have a wider impact on our society.

This project opens the door to unlimited possibilities to reveal the glory of God in our nation.

Thank you for being part of this vision,

Cameron Spink Co-ordinator,
Resistance Thinking Project

Peter P Stokes CEO,
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Response form - VIDEO PRODUCTION Project Salt Shakers and Resistance Thinking

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2. By offering my expertise in

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- editing recordings - computer based

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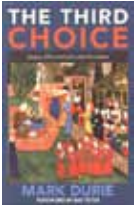
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See Jenny's review of this book in our May 2010 Journal p15

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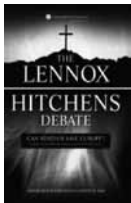
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