

Teaching the Humanity, Eternity, Ascension, & Reign of the King!

FOR CHRIST & AGAINST ANTICHRIST

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OUR DOCTRINE:- Generally as per The Baptist Confession 1689, Echoing the faith of the Protestant Reformers, ("Salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, For the glory of God alone")

OUR AUTHORITY:- "Scripture alone!" Inspired by God, and preserved by God's grace, according to His promises (2 Timothy 3:16, Isaiah 59:21, Psalm 12:6-7), in English, the Authorised / King James Bible
Proverbs 22:28, "Remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers have set"

THE RESTING PLACE – T.H.E. A.R.K.

**"Daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ"
(Acts 5:42)**

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9) – Christ Alone!

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." (Hebrews 11:7)

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matthew 24:37-39)

"God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). "Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth" (Psalm 96:10)

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMNS:

HYMNS & OFFERTORY: *For unto Us a Child is Born (Isaiah 9:6);*

By The Word of The Lord (Chorus 158);

The Steps of a Good Man (Psalm 37:23-24)

PRAYER:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS: *Hebrews 7*

PRAYER

SERMON: *ABRAHAM, LOT & SODOM – PARABLE OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN
THIS WORLD PT. 3*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: *Nearer My God to Thee (Hymn 400)*

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SERMON NOTES: THE LORD'S DAY 31ST DECEMBER 2023

ABRAHAM, LOT, & SODOM: A PARABLE OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN THIS
WORLD – PT. 3 ABRAHAM IS A TYPE OF THE LORD

Scripture Readings: Genesis 14-19, Hebrews 6-7, Luke 17:26-30.

FIRSTLY, ABRAHAM DEFENDS SODOM FOR LOT'S SAKE – AS THE LORD DEFENDS
NATIONS FOR HIS CHURCH'S SAKE: *Genesis 14:1-3*

SECONDLY, ABRAHAM IS A TYPE OF GOD THE FATHER – AS MELCHIZEDEK IS A
TYPE OF CHRIST: *Genesis 14:18-20*

*MELCHIZEDEK IS NOT CHRIST HIMSELF, BUT A TYPE OF CHRIST: Hebrews 6-7
MELCHIZEDEK, AS A TYPE OF CHRIST, WHO WAS YET TO COME, WAS GIVEN
SIMILAR NAMES!*

*PAUL EXPLAINS CLEARLY, THAT THE GENEALOGY OF MELCHIZEDEK WAS NOT
AMONG THE LEVITES (that is what is meant by Hebrews 7:3)*

THIRDLY, THE LORD HIMSELF DEFENDS HIS CHURCH, (THOUGH HE DOES
PROVIDE CHAMPIONS AS HIS INSTRUMENTS):

Abraham defended Lot, but also the whole city of Sodom, where Lot dwelt!

*Oliver Cromwell was a similar champion of liberty in the 17th Century:
Cromwell led England in the Puritan Era.*

Modern leaders, not so much:

*Donald Trump is a great champion of liberty and of Christians today, but he
doesn't have the same degree of grounding on Scripture as Cromwell.*

Diplomacy has its limits & men are not perfect:

*Joh Bjelke-Petersen, despite his critics, was the only Christian statesman of the
latter 20th century in Australia.*

*Remember, all this story is part of the story of Abraham, whom the Lord chose
as His great example of faith.*

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ABRAHAM'S FAITHFULNESS SAW THE CONFIRMATION & FRUITION OF GOD'S PROMISES & A SPECIAL VISITATION OF THE LORD HIMSELF: Genesis 18

The Lord Appeared to Abraham:

The Lord Confirmed His Promise to Abraham of a Son – Isaac:

The Lord Revealed to Abraham His Concern Over Sodom:

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom:

The Angels Came to Sodom: Genesis 19

Remember, there were three at the beginning. Then it is recorded that the Lord spoke to Abraham (Genesis 18:1-2).

FOURTHLY, SODOM IS A PARABLE OF THIS WORLD: IT WILL CERTAINLY BE JUDGED, JUST AS SODOM WAS: Luke 17:26-30

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS GRACE IN PROVIDING A WEBSITE!

www.nanangochristianfaithcentre.org

You can 'google' it also by 'Reformed Church Nanango'.

Please make use of it and tell friends & family.



THIS IS THE RESULT OF CHRISTIANS' THINKING GOD ISN'T INVOLVED IN POLITICS

(Why? Because they don't believe God is Almighty, & rules all creation!).

THE DEVIL MAJORS ON POLITICS WHILE THE CHURCH SLEEPS, & THE NATION SLEEP-WALKS INTO OBLIVION. T.W.S.

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THE PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICAL INDUSTRIES ARE BUILT ON THE 'THEORY OF EVOLUTION', WHICH IS A LIE. AND INEVITABLY, THE RESULTS ARE CATASTROPHIC!

IF THEY ADMITTED THIS, A MIGHTY COLLAPSE WOULD OCCUR (ALL ECONOMICAL OF COURSE), BUT HEALTH WOULD IMPROVE.

ALL PROFESSIONALS PROTECT THEIR PROFESSION (including preachers & theologians)! Mutations are not evolution!

IT REALLY IS ALL ABOUT THE MONEY (BUT EQUALLY ABOUT PRIDE & DISHONESTY). TWS

New diseases didn't evolve, they are man-made (Exod 20:11 In six days the Lord made heaven & earth the sea & all that in them is)

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." False religion must be addressed if Australia is going to survive. No time for more idiotic, contradictory, political mantras from both Church & State.

PARLIAMENTARIANS & COUNCILLORS MUST TAKE AN OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CROWN, A PROTESTANT ENTITY, BASED ON THE AUTHORIZED KING JAMES BIBLE. Don't let them lie to you by pretending it doesn't exist. THEY KNOW. And IF they don't, they are, at least, not fit for office,

and very likely, far worse, deliberate infiltrators. *It is our duty to challenge them.* TWS

Our society is led by fools & deceivers who claim Christianity, witchcraft & everything between is compatible. This is deliberate Satanic subversion & treason in a Christian nation.

Don't let the liars go on unchallenged! Expose them! TWS.

I SENT THE ABOVE POST TO THE GROUP, BUT IT WASN'T PUBLISHED. I WONDER WHY? Well, at least the admins know where they stand now. They are hypocrites – **BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY**, Christians are as much part of 'Nanango Town' as anybody else, even more so, because Christ is our national Foundation. TWS.

Any group that claims to represent Nanango Town, while promoting Pagan Festivals & rejecting God's Word, provokes Almighty God.

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**A NOT-SO-TALKED-ABOUT
FACT OF THE BABY JESUS:
MATTHEW 2:19-20,**

19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

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WOULD-BE MURDERERS OF THE WORD OF GOD

DON'T LIVE LONG

Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: **for they are dead which sought the young child's life.**

(MATTHEW 2:20 Authorised King James Bible)

King Herod tried to murder Jesus; he died while Jesus was still a baby!

What makes men (& women) today think they can silence the voice of Christ, God's Word?

T.W.S.

Epoch Times news headlines:

	<p>COVID Vaccines Australian Researchers Call for Pause on Gene-Based COVID-19 Vaccines Amid Spike in Excess Deaths</p>
	<p>International Catholics Divided Over Pope's Call to Bless Same-Sex Couples</p> <p>SHARE* READ MORE</p>
	<p>Accused Child People Smugglers to Get \$27.5 Million Compensation</p> <p>SHARE* READ MORE</p>

A Puritan Christmas under Cromwell

It is a common myth that Cromwell personally abolished Christmas. During the Interregnum, a deeply religious Parliament voted to abolish the 'popish' celebration of Christmas...

Jessica Brain

The Interregnum, the word used to describe the period marking the republican government of England was an eventful and momentous time to be alive but what do we know about what life was really like during this time?

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The period began with the execution of Charles I in January 1649, ushering in a Commonwealth period in English politics with Oliver Cromwell at the helm.

The English Civil War had divided communities between those who supported traditional monarchy and those who supported the parliamentarians. In the end, Cromwell and his forces managed to suppress any last ditch efforts to overthrow the growing tide of republican support and Charles I's son was subsequently forced into exile on the continent.



English Civil War

The eleven years that followed would mark the beginning of not only a political experiment which embraced republicanism and shunned traditional English forms of governance, but **also, a social, cultural and religious experiment which recalibrated expectations and reinforced Puritan values.** The result of which would have enormous ramifications on some of

our best loved traditions, none more so than the celebration of Christmas!

With the advent of parliamentary victory in the English Civil War, the catharsis that was achieved following such a win was the enforcement of more Puritan dominated views which emphasised the value of living a simple life free from the indulgence associated with Charles I's reign. As part of this newly advocated lifestyle, dates on the social and cultural calendar of medieval England were suppressed as **Christmas and Easter were first on the list for a Puritanical purge.** **In medieval England Christmas had been an important part of the year, much like it is today!**

The combination of religious observance, the attendance of Church and traditions of decoration within the home were all part and parcel of the festivities. 25th December was a holy day in which the birth of Jesus was commemorated and as such, celebrations would last until the 5th January with the Twelfth Night marking the coming of the Epiphany.

Christmas was a time of the year where merriment and celebrations brought communities together in church services, tavern knees-ups and big family and friend celebrations. The home was adorned with traditional decorations consisting of holly, ivy and mistletoe and festive food for those who could afford it included favourites such as turkey, mince pies and yummy puddings.



A selection of Christmas food

Whilst the level of celebrations varied depending on your budget, Christmas Day was a public holiday whereby, whether you lived in an isolated village community or in the centre of the hustle and bustle of London, special food and

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drink, merriment and gatherings unrestricted by usual rules for the rest of the year were the order of the day.

Whilst businesses closed early, communal festive celebrations might include the precursor to the modern pantomime, staged to entertain the family. Moreover, in an ambiance of medieval jubilation, singing was high on the agenda. Unfortunately, in the Interregnum period, all this was about to come to an end.

The austerity propagated during this period was in direct contrast to the indulgences associated with the festive time of year. **Not only were Christmas and Easter in the firing line, but also a range of other cultural aspects of medieval society including theatre. A new era of social interaction was being hastily introduced with the celebration of Christmas on the 25th December banned.**

Such a direct attack on the religious holiday had been brewing for some time; even before the outbreak of the Civil War, the Long Parliament had begun to chip away at the festive celebrations. By the time Charles I was overthrown, the dominance of certain values made way for draconian religious legislation.

The new parliamentary platform created during this period gave a stronger voice to strict Puritans who wanted to enforce their ideals through the legal network. There had already been a growing discontent about the perceived frivolousness of celebrations and the way in which this religious festival was being celebrated long before the Interregnum.



A Puritan family at dinner, woodcut, 17th century

One such figure who had strong views on this matter included the pamphleteer Philip Stubbs who produced “The Anatomie of Abuses” which castigated many established cultural traditions such as theatre, fashion and the consumption of alcohol. For those like Stubbs, the introduction of a new Directory

for Public Worship in January 1645 was well-received as a framework for introducing strict religious observance based on Puritanical values.

Christmas Day was thus forbidden, alongside the prohibition of everything that came with it, including the yuletide joy of singing. **For the Commonwealth, the roots of celebrating Christmas were linked to “popish” origins with Roman Catholicism still viewed with a keen sense of resentment, bitterness and paranoia at the time.**

Catholicism and all aspects of idolatry associated with the faith were viewed with suspicion and the Puritans within parliament argued strongly in favour of the abolition of such festivities which had been fashioned by several centuries of Catholic tradition.

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In 1644, these strict ideas were put into practice by an Act of Parliament which banned the festivities and then three years later, the Long Parliament went further in confirming the abolition of the Christmas Feast. Meanwhile, the tradition of singing at Christmas was now viewed as more of a political act than as a form of celebration.

Whilst strict adherence to these laws was expected, it did not prove enough to suppress the festivities of men and women across the country. They would not be silenced by this religious diktat, rather they were forced to carry out their celebrations in a clandestine manner, marked by secret singing and services. Carol singing whilst legally silenced still echoed underground, such was the will and desire to observe centuries of happy tradition.

By 1656 even stricter measures were introduced to curb the flouting of rules, even going so far as to have soldiers patrolling the streets of London to ensure no-one was buying food traditionally associated with the Christmas feast. Whilst Sunday was seen as a holy day, Christmas by contrast was supposed to function much like any other, with shops and marketplaces being told to remain open.

Much legislation was passed during the Interregnum as a means to encourage the general public to fall in line with Puritan ideals and reject traditions which were steeped in Catholic forms of worship and religious observance. Through draconian

measures of enforced austerity, the abolition of singing, feasts and nativities continued until the Restoration of 1660.

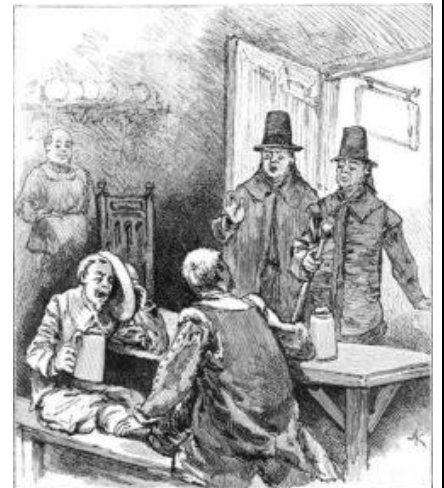
With all forms of celebration associated with Christmas banned, this Puritan inspired prohibition did not win the popular vote of the general public and incited pro-Christmas riots and blatant flouting of the rules leading to confrontations in a number of cities including Canterbury, London and Norwich.

Oliver Cromwell

Cromwell, the figure most synonymous with this period, was in power for much of the time these values were forced on the public. Whilst such strict cultural legislation is often directly associated with him personally, it was not in fact he who had initiated the ban, rather the Commonwealth parliament which had seen fit to invoke such widespread prohibition. If anything, Cromwell proved to be somewhat of a moderate force when it came to the abolition of Christmas; nevertheless, in his role as



Lord Protector from 1653 onwards, he presided over these measures which actively tried to alter the cultural and social interactions of the public.



The Sabbath Inspection of Taverns.

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Despite the best efforts of the Puritanical elements of the republic, the will of the English people to celebrate could not be suppressed and by 1660, with the future of the Commonwealth looking more fragile by the second, these austere values no longer found a place in English society.

The severity of the period was now void and Christmas once more triumphed in the face of suppression. Celebration could now be observed freely and Christmas carols, many of which we continue to sing today were sung with glee.

This was not only a triumph for Christmas and all the festive joy it brings, but also a triumph for celebration, culture, tradition and community.

Christmas was back for good!!!!

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This article was obviously written by an unbeliever, yet much truth is contained in it. The author's glossing over of "Catholic tradition" & "idolatry" as if it is nothing at all, and her scathing words directed at Puritans, and not so subtle manipulation of the facts (For the Commonwealth, the roots of celebrating Christmas were linked to "popish" origins with Roman Catholicism still viewed with a keen sense of resentment, bitterness and paranoia at the time.) give away the corrupt, anti-Christian state of her heart. In other parts of her article she literally ADMITS that these things WERE Popish in origin! T.W.S.

Australia was founded in 1788 on the Authorised King James Bible - historical fact!

THE BRITISH FOUNDED CHRISTIAN (PROTESTANT) COLONIES ON THIS CONTINENT, which was, at the time (1788) inhabited by

heathen tribes, who worshipped the Devil in various forms (the Rainbow Serpent, killings, sexual perversion, cannibalism etc.).

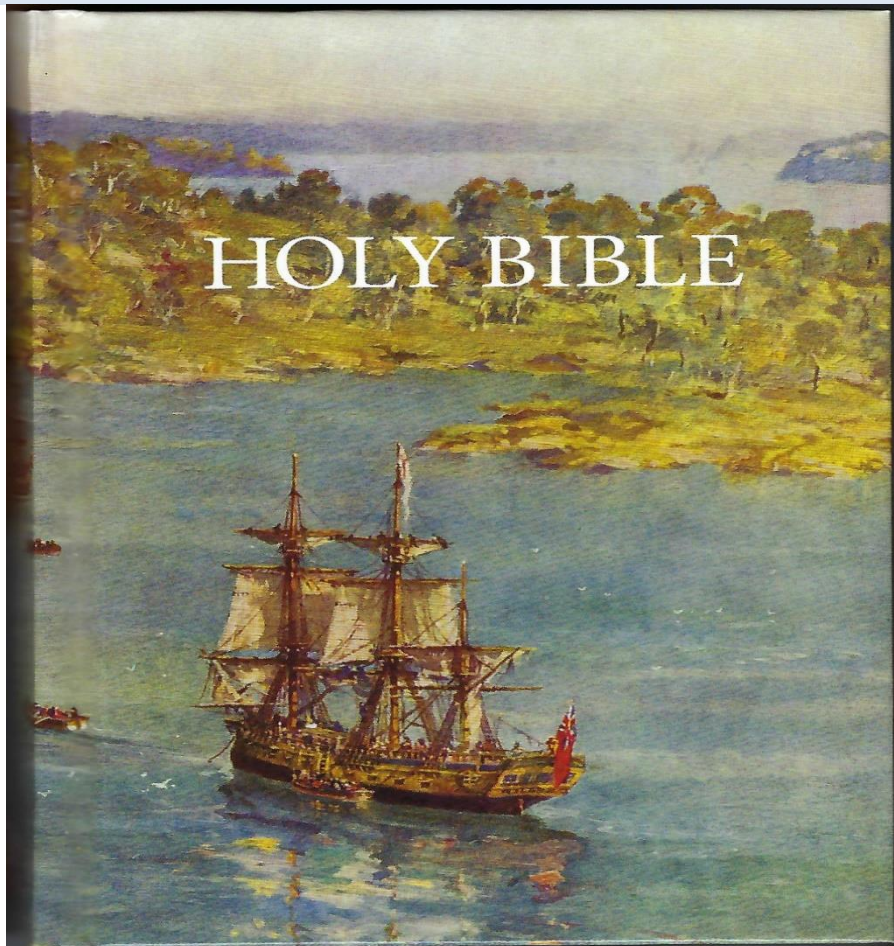
By God's grace, let us remember and defend Australia Day, 26th January, every year – it is a spiritual milestone for this nation and continent, which must not be forgotten, or sullied by lies and propaganda!

Let us pray for an open door to supply T.B.S.'s commemorative Bibles to the local high school – a precious memento for each student, of where he/she came from, and what the faith of our founding fathers consisted of!

Let us pray for the blessing of Almighty God on His Words! T.W.S.

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HOLY BIBLE

AUTHORISED
(KING JAMES) VERSION

This faithful translation of God's Word
was the version of the Bible preached
from in the first sermon
in Australia on 3 February 1788.

THE SERMON'S TEXT

What shall I render unto the LORD
for all his benefits toward me?
I will take the cup of salvation, and
call upon the name of the LORD.

Psalm 116.12-13

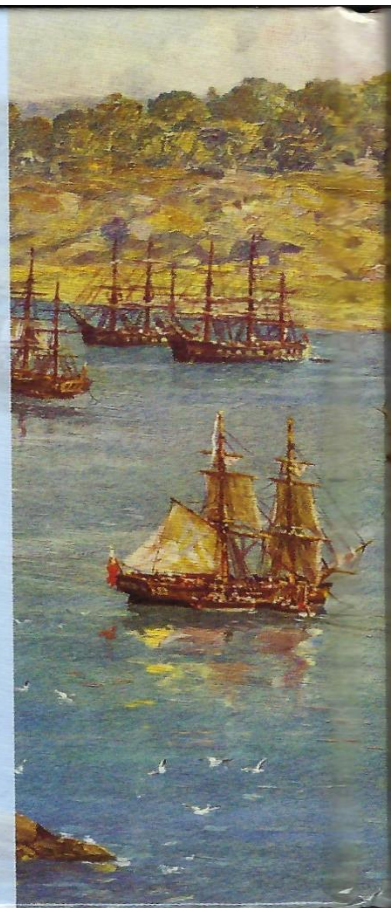
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AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SERMON

It was a summer's day on a ridge above Sydney Cove on the coast of New South Wales, Australia.

The gathering point for nearly 1,500 people was a large tree—around it were hardened sailors, soldiers, Irish Catholic political prisoners, convict ruffians of all sorts, a smattering of officials, and a clergyman with an Authorised (King James) Version of the Holy Bible.

The people had just sailed for eight deadly months across the world from England to establish a colony in the southern hemisphere. They were assembled on the first day of the week by strict order of the new colony's governor.

The preacher rose to speak and—wonder of wonders—he clearly cared for these people and their immortal souls! We know from a later address that he was not a man of his class-divided times:

'I do not address you as Churchmen or Dissenters, Roman Catholics or Protestants, as Jews or Gentiles ... But I speak to you as mortals and yet immortals ... The Gospel ... proposes a free and gracious pardon to the guilty, cleansing to the polluted, healing to the sick, happiness to the miserable and even life for the dead'.

That Sunday—3 February 1788—was a special day for our nation, because under that tree Australia's first sermon was preached. It was an exposition of Psalm 116.12–13: 'What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD'.

The preacher was the youthful Richard Johnson, who had been a farmer and teacher before graduating from the University of Cambridge and becoming a Gospel minister. He was sent to Australia through the influence of men like William Wilberforce and John Newton (author of *Amazing Grace*), who both also helped to abolish slavery in the British Empire.

Johnson was like-minded, and he and his wife Mary loved Australia's indigenous inhabitants, giving one of their children an Aboriginal name, and adopting two destitute native girls.

It was by God's providence that this Bible-based, God-honouring, nation-building and soul-saving Christianity was introduced into our land—through the faithful and time-honoured Authorised (King James) Version of the Bible—and these are things to remember and celebrate.

Most of all, this wonderful history reminds us that returning to the truths of God's inspired Word will heal our land, and that whoever believes in Jesus Christ and Him crucified will be saved.

'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John 3.16).

It is good to go back to Scripture, (and even the English Dictionary), in order to keep things in perspective, especially when the Pagan Festivals are thrust upon us ad nauseam, every year. You might find this little poster (below) helpful to hand out to friends & loved ones, as the opportunity arises. T.W.S.

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ALTERNATIVE 'GODS' ARE MYTHS – THEY ARE IMAGINARY – THEY DO NOT EXIST!

COLLINS DICTIONARY:

MYTH – a fable; a legend embodying primitive faith in the supernatural

MYTHICAL – fabulous; non-existent

PAGAN – a heathen; one who worships false gods; an idolater

THIS IS THE ENGLISH DICTIONARY PEOPLE! WAKE UP! You live in fantasy if you accept the current politically-correct 'Multicultural' madness, being forced upon the whole of society, by wicked men & women – especially in our parliaments, courts & schools!

ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA:

GREEK MYTHOLOGY – body of stories concerning the **gods, heroes, & rituals** of the ancient Greeks ... *(Let the critics mock on! They mock not only Almighty God, but all civilization!)*

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA CONSTITUTION:

“Humbly relying on the blessing of **Almighty God**.”

The “Almighty God” of the Bible – (NOT the false gods of the Heathen) – is the Foundation of our nation & society!



THE BIBLE (AUTHORISED KING JAMES VERSION): Paul, preaching Jesus to Heathen Athens:

Acts 17:30-31, 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because ... he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. (Did 'fabulous, non-existent' Zeus rise from the dead? Can 'fabulous, non-existent' Mars overthrow Almighty God, Who said, "I will be exalted among the heathen!" (Psalm 46:10)?