

## THE CULTURAL MANDATE, THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE AND THE CURSES OF DISOBEDIENCE

### The Cultural Mandate – **Genesis 1: 20-31**

We are responsible to take care of God's Creation.

Procreation and Protection. Innovate and Improve the Environment

**Deuteronomy 28:** The blessings of Obedience and Curses of Disobedience

God's Word to a nation: **Jeremiah 18:7-10**

We are involved in a world war of worldviews.

This is nothing less than a Battle for Western Civilisation.

Ultimately this is a world war between the forces of Satan and the Kingdom of God.

Remember and reflect how far the churches and western civilisation have fallen.

Pre-1914 - abortion and blasphemy was illegal worldwide.

Christians ruled the world and missionaries were succeeding in winning the world to Christ. Then came that cataclysmic First World War when Christian Europe (after 99 years of peace) turned all their weaponry and energy and ingenuity towards killing fellow Christians. Europe's auto genocide began.

Paganism, Communism and Islam have exploited the vacuum.

In South Africa prior to 1976 – no porn, no abortion, homosexuality/perversion illegal. The Bible and prayer in school assemblies. The Rand stronger than the £.

**What Happened?** How did Humanism hijack culture? And communists gain control of our government? How did it come to the point where even the NGK is debating what constitutes marriage and whether Satan or Hell exists?

Marxists have identified **5 culture shaping institutions** for infiltration:

<b>Education</b>	(evolution, situation ethics, sex education, values clarification, etc.)
<b>Entertainment</b>	(celebrate ugliness and evil; glamourise evil, popularise profanity, etc.)
<b>News Media</b>	(views not news, zoom lens, selective focus, rearrange reality.)
<b>Religious Institutions</b>	(liberalise, ecumenicise, syncretise and harmonise with new age)
<b>Political Institutions</b>	(socialism, disarmament, legalise vice, criminalise virtue, new world order)

And on the church's side: Prayerlessness, Neglect of the Bible, Gullibility, Naivety, and Ignorance of History have combined to enable pagans to entice an entire civilization into chaos.

They have subverted society and seduced society into sin.

“CORRUPT AND CONQUER”

“CONFUSE, DIVIDE AND CONQUER”

We have been distracted from fulfilling The Great Commission and diverted from obeying The Cultural Mandate. Through guilt manipulation, the rewriting of history, the distortion of reality, Christians have been overwhelmed, undermined and neutralized.

### **What hope for the future?**

God is sovereign and all powerful. He is working all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. There is power in prayer and the Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. God is chastening His people. He is purging us and preparing us to make us more prayerful and powerful in His service. We need to understand the times and rightly divide the Word of truth. Humanist society will inevitably collapse – it is self-destructive. What a man sows, that shall he reap. The AIDS plague and sexually transmitted diseases will reap a bitter harvest of death for millions who have sown in the flesh. Zimbabwe is a classic example of the self-destruction that Humanist societies bring upon themselves.

## **Our priorities:**

We need to:

- > Expose the tactics and strategies of the enemy, and the atrocities of Islam and communism.
- > Get back to the Bible!
- > Rediscover our history and heritage.
- > Return to the doctrines of the Reformation.
- > Revitalise the Protestant work ethic.
- > Restore the Prayer Meeting.
- > Revive our Devotional lives.
- > Reform our families.
- > Work for Reformation in society.
- > Pray for Spiritual Revival in our churches.

In this battle to fulfill The Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ and obey The Cultural Mandate of our Creator, God has blessed the church with many great weapons and resources.

## EDUCATION

Praise God for the tremendous ministries through which God has enriched and equipped His church: Francis Schaefer's books and particularly his *How Shall We Then Live?* series; Dr R.J. Rushdoony's *Institutes of Biblical Law* and other books; Dr James Kennedy's books, films and messages, and particularly his *Evangelism Explosion* programme; Dr James Dobson's *Focus on the Family*; and the books of Dr George Grant, Dr Gary DeMar, Dr Joel Beecke, Rev. Erlo Stegen, Dr Robert Morey, and Dr David Noble's *Understanding The Times* and Summit Ministry. These provide an invaluable resource for those dedicated to making The Great Commission our supreme ambition.

*The Way of the Master, Evangelism Explosion, The Summit*, home schooling ministries such as *Theocentric Christian Education*, Ken Ham's *Answers in Genesis*, and the other great creation ministries that have sprung up – all of these ministries have provided books, tapes, CDs, DVDs, web sites and other invaluable resources to enable us to Evangelise and Disciple the nations.

We praise God for KwaSizabantu Mission, Christians For Truth, Doctors For Life, True Love Waits, Jivannadi Mission, community Christian radio stations, JOY! magazine and so much more.

The best form of defence is attack. And we in the church must counter-attack against the cultural subversion of Humanism, this tsunami of evil which has swept through the Western world. We must recognise our enemy: false religion, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Humanism and its tactics, antinomianism, Evolutionism, situation ethics, values clarification, New Age religion and the New World Order.

We need to be Bible-based, Christ-centered and Holy Spirit led.

Some of the weapons that our mission has been led to contribute to this fight includes: *Putting Feet to Your Faith* and the *Discipleship Handbook, Biblical Principles for Africa* and *The Power of Prayer Handbook* for Evangelism and Discipleship; *In The Killing Fields of Mozambique* and *Holocaust in Rwanda* to expose the

atrocities of communism; *Faith Under Fire in Sudan* and *Slavery, Terrorism and Islam* to expose the atrocities of Islam. And to inspire Christians to make the Great Commission their supreme ambition, *The Greatest Century of Missions*. To inspire Christians to work for Reformation and pray for Revival – *The Greatest Century of Reformation*.

In addition to the literature, we are giving high priority to leadership training through the Great Commission Course, the Biblical Worldview Summit, the Frontline Fellowship Library Programme and the William Carey Bible Institute.

Through tracts, leaflets, newsletters and magazines, through books, tapes, CDs, MP3s and DVDs, through seminars and conferences, courses and correspondence programmes, we are seeking to inform, inspire and involve, educate and enlist, motivate and mobilize.

The first battlefield is the rewriting of history. And we have a number of other history books in the pipeline. The truth will set us free.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Dr Ted Baehr of Movieguide is helping to clean the screen and redeem the entertainment media.

#### NEWS MEDIA

Christian community radio stations, independent newsletters, magazines such as JOY!, e-mails and web sites are challenging the Secular Humanist domination of the news media.

#### RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Our Reformation Society, Biblical Worldview Seminars, radio programmes, webs and speaking itineraries are seeking to work for Biblical Reformation in the religious institutions.

#### POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Biblical Principles for Africa, *The SA Voters Guide.com* website and printed *Voters Guides*, God and Government Seminars, National Days of Repentance, Sanctity Life Sundays, Life-Chains, and through Christian Action Network submissions to Parliament, we are seeking to be Salt and Light in the political institutions.

The choice before us is clear: **It is God's Law or chaos.**

***“If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, I will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land.”***  
2 Chronicles 7:14

Our goal is nothing less than Biblical Reformation and Spiritual Transformation.

And we are neither working at uncertainty nor afraid for the result. God's cause will triumph!

**The day will most certainly come when the earth will be as full of the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord as the seas are full of water. Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father.**

The kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

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