

# ACTION

## SUPPLEMENT

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Last week I sent out 75 newsletters to Christians on my email address list. I received seven positive replies. Am I to interpret this that those of us who want to push back against the forces that are arraigned against us are 'a rear guard, with the main body of Christians already in retreat'? Or are the bulk of you saying: "who does John Potter think he is; we are fighting the battle in our own way, and do not need John Potter to tell us what to do"?

I am not put off by slow starts – all good moves start that way; Wilberforce's push to abolish the slave trade is a good example. I will give it one more attempt before I leave you alone, because I want to state the problem clearly and say a little about the answer.

### THE BATTLE

Some forty years ago, Francis Schaeffer wrote a book entitled: "A Christian Manifesto". You can read a brief account of what he said in his book if you go to the internet and type in 'Francis Schaeffer, A Christian Manifesto' and read his speech to the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Schaeffer saw **an apocalyptic struggle** between the Christian world view and the "humanist" world view:

"What we must understand is that the two world views really do bring forth with inevitable certainty... **total differences with regard to society, government, and law. There is no way to mix these two total world views.** They cannot be synthesized.

"It is one total entity opposed to the other total entity. It concerns truth in regard to final and total reality - not just religious reality, but **total reality**. And our view of final reality... will determine our position on every crucial issue we face today. It will determine our views on **the value and dignity of people, the base for the kind of life the individual and society lives, the direction law will take, and whether there will be freedom or some form of authoritarian dominance.**"

"It is not too strong to say that **we are at war, and there are no neutral parties in the struggle**. One either confesses that God is the final authority, or one confesses that man is his own master. If Christians... lose this war, **the consequences will be catastrophic.**

Since Schaeffer's time we have seen Christianity in decline and the secular humanist forces rapidly taking ground across the world. Canada is gone, and the battle is fierce in the USA and Europe. **In Australia, we are asleep while the enemy is rampant.** According to the 2016 Census the church is declining 2.5% per annum and the secular humanists are growing at 10% per annum. In the 1960s 85% of Australians were Christians, in 2017 our numbers fell below 50%.

### STRATEGIES

It is unthinkable to me that Christians should abandon the field to God's enemies. God's will is that His Kingdom should come on Earth as it is in Heaven. And he has prescribed that that should happen by His people working with the Holy Spirit to cast out the demonic hordes that currently inhabit the planet and set up Godly communities to manage God's property in the way He originally intended. If we do not believe that then we have no understanding of what the Bible is teaching with regard the Kingdom (see YouTube: "Breakfast with John Potter, The Gospel of the Kingdom").

To fulfil God's command we need God's strategies, for we are an ignorant people who do not understand the battle and have no clear idea what we are about. Someone asked: "I support the Australian Christian



Lobby Group, is that not enough?". Friends, **the battle is not being fought in the Parliament with rational arguments** – the enemy is focused on the schools, the universities and in the media. To combat this, we need a Judaeo-Christian Alliance that:

- Brings together **all believers** into a **united fighting force** – we cannot hope to win the battle if we continue to be stricken with disunity. Let's come together in humility, learn from one another and determine that we will not be 'divided and conquered'.
- Works together until we are **all thinking and speaking the same thing** (Phil. 2:1-4). This is crucial (Paul thought the same - Phil.2:1-4). I have written a Cultural Manifesto and asked you to sign it so that **we can say all together**: "Yes, this is the God-centred culture we are defending".
- Encourages believers to **meet regularly** to seek the mind of God for their situation, to keep a record of what the Lord says and report it to the brethren across Australia so that we may all discern what God is asking us to do on a day to day basis.
- **Teaches us** how to engage with the enemy. In one week, people have brought to my attention the following effective ministries which are 'not carnal but mighty in the Holy Ghost to the pulling down of strongholds':
  - The ministry of High Praise (Psalm 149:6-90)
  - The ministry of releasing our peace (Matt. 10:13, Luke 10:5)
  - The ministry of commanding blessing
- Develops a **battle plan** to meet the crisis Australia wide. Local skirmishes are important but so is the ideological battle at State and National level. And for that we need to demonstrate that we have the numbers.

## GET INVOLVED

I know you are all busy and have your own programs running but joining the Alliance will not add little to your current work load. Please **sign the Manifesto** (another copy attached) and get it back to Judy and me. Thanks. Then we can walk with you to get your local group started. NB It was not my idea to ask for a \$10 once-off payment; if you think that is cheeky you can sort it out with the One who suggested it!

## MY ROLE

I am not raising myself up as 'a leader'. **The word 'leadership' is not found in the Bible**. Jesus is ALWAYS Head of the church, and the Holy Spirit is the Sole Leader. I am just acting as a facilitator under instruction; a ship-steerer, strapped to the wheel with Jesus on the Bridge. I am not interested in hierarchies; that was a sad element of the Times of the Gentile Church (concluded 1985) which I am glad has been left behind us.

We are now in the time of the **Restoration of all Things** (Acts 3:21) and are being called to come together as **ONE NEW MAN** – the sons of God in unity (Gal.3:26). Let's get behind Jesus the Captain of the Host as one united team and march across our land to the Glory of His Name.

Your brother

