

SOUL LIGHT - Twenty Five

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As regular Readers know my emphasis is on the Power of Love. Sometimes, I feel we need to remember that Love is more than just a feeling – it's breathing grace and joy into every facet of our life and society.

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Anne Graham was interviewed on US TV and asked "How could God let something like this happen?" (Regarding the attacks on September 11). This article is based on her reply.

She gave an extremely profound and insightful – if somewhat Christian-based and sexist - response.

She said, "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

In Australia we're pretty similar.

Public servants have cautioned against prayer in our schools, and we have said OK. Reference to any Divine Presence is banned in the state Education system and again we've said OK.

In most Australian state and federal government departments, the word "god" has been banned completely, even with-holding emails that include the word. And we have simply said OK. Hence, some subscribers won't receive this email.

Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't touch our children when they misbehave because it can be damaging – we need to rationalize with them, young as they are, as if they were experienced, competent and wise adults and we have simply said OK.

The teaching authorities said teachers and principals better not physically discipline any child, no matter how rowdy or disrespectful they are. The school administrators said we don't want to be sued, it's better to put up with anarchy in the schools. And we have said OK.

The government said we know tobacco kills and maims people (we make sure of that by printing it boldly on every pack so they can be brainwashed with it over and over and over again every time they reach for another 'ciggie') - but we make too much money from it so as long as we warn people against it let's let them smoke as much as they want anyway. And we've said OK.

The police said we don't want to interfere with the rights of the child, even when they're grossly misbehaving. It's best just to handle crowd control. And we've said OK.

Then the politicians said hard drugs are here to stay, regardless of how many people they destroy directly or indirectly. Let's go soft on the users and just crack down on the big dealers (who avoid paying taxes). We've even introduced safe places in some states for injecting, smoking, sniffing..... And we've said OK.

Then someone said, let's teach our sons and daughters the quick and easy path to sexuality and have (in Australia) the third highest child abortion rate in the world - and we said OK.

Then some wise overseas church leader said let's deny the benefits of condoms when it comes to people doing what comes naturally and his followers said you know best, OK.

Then some of our top business leaders said it doesn't matter what we pay ourselves as long as we do our jobs. Agreeing with them, we said as long as we have a job and the economy is good go ahead and pay yourself what you want. And they paid themselves vast amounts of money (one Australian banker publicly values himself at more than the combined parliamentary income of every Federal government member and senator put together – all 226 of them!). We've said OK.

Then someone said let's print magazines and internet films with gynecologically explicit pictures of men and women having casual erotic sex (free of any real intimacy) purely for the voyeuristic value of it and call it wholesome. And we said OK.

Then the entertainment industry said, let's take 'freedom of speech' and make TV shows and movies that promote violence, warfare, anarchy, sexual depravity and greed. Let's play and promote music on our commercial radio stations that encourage rape, drugs, murder, suicide, and gangland themes. And we said it's just entertainment, it has no adverse effect, nobody takes it seriously anyway, so go right ahead. OK.

Then business directors told us that big profits were the true benchmark of success so we put aside the worth of our people, their job security, our own manufacturing factories, integrity, safety and independence in order to sell off to the highest bidder our trees, water, air, earth and loyalty in order to achieve success via the quick, big buck. And we hope it will all turn out OK.

Now we're asking ourselves why many of us – and many of our children, too - have no faith in a fair or happy future. And why it doesn't bother them to take drugs or kill themselves. Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out.

WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.

How simple it is for people to trash their own Divine Presence and disown honourable living - and then wonder why the world's dysfunctional.

A return to Love and all it stands for – personal, communal, social, commercial, global and Divine – is the only sane answer.

Surely it's time.

Time to say OK to love in action.

Love and Blessings,

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