

THE VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. ABUSE OF GOD GIVEN WISDOM: (Genesis 1 : 26 ff)

Human beings are given brains to be co-creators with God.
Man (human beings) was endowed with wisdom to:

The results are:

The Technological creations / inventions of / by man

- Production of arms of destruction:

War-planes

Nuclear weapons / bombs etc

Submarines; AK47

2. PERSONAL IMPOSING OF SELF ON OTHERS:

- Economy: God given commodities not shared

- Money - unfair and devastating competition

- Leads to loss of sense of belonging

- Promotes survival of the fittest spirit.

3. GOD'S DISAPPEARANCE ON PEOPLE'S LIFESTYLES:

MONOPOLY OF RESOURCES (Psalm 24)

1. LAND - in the hands of the few

MINERALS - therefrom do not benefit all God's people.

CROPS - from the land are a product for the LAND-OWNERS
who in turn exploit those deprived of land
ownership.

4. COLONIZATION OF THE AFRICAN RELIGIOUS ETHOS

- Values and Sacredness of human blood has been eroded.

- Sense of belonging is under severe attack.

Christ belongs to the people (oppressed) sinners and
good doers.

- He eats with the prostitutes and is a friend of tax-
collectors indeed.

- He is a suffering servant.

TO DEFUSE THE CURRENT WAVE OF VIOLENCE WE'VE

- To be aware of our identity before God and national culture (Jona 1: 7 - 12).
- To respect everything that God created i.e.
All humankind
- Respect lives as God Given
- Have a man of god's presence in our deliberations for a real South Africa.
- Honesty is the key to successful negotiations towards any peaceful settlement in South Africa.
- Listening God's commands and directions are the key absentees in our country to day.
- Political leaders MUST stop posturing and keep accusing each other's party instead of facing realities and begin reasoning in a constructive approach; i.e. Hostel-Dwellers and squatter camps attacks. (Matt: 13: 22-28)

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