

CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION

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Between about 1945 to 1975 Papua New Guinea was transformed from a mass of warring clans of natives to a peaceful colony with economic stability.

Papua New Guinea, the eastern half of the large island just north of Australia, has advanced significantly within less than a hundred years, and yet, has so much untapped potential in manpower, natural resource and agriculture.

Australia laid claim to the whole of Papua New Guinea at the conclusion of the Second World War, in whose jungles lived thousands of people who had never had contact with the wider world. Australia's colonial policy was to impose and enforce the *Pax Australiana*, which included the imposing of a new set of laws, new economic system and new infrastructure on the existing population.

Papua New Guinea was the focus of various missionaries. Thus, the presence of Lutherans, Catholics, Pentecostals, Seventh Day Adventists and Anglicans. Since the Australian Government only committed limited resources, education was often administered and carried out by religious groups and churches.

In 1975 the nation gained full independence, and has since been called the best colonial experiment the world has ever seen. However, there is much to illustrate that taking away the *Pax Australiana* and the lack of implementation of the King James Bible into PNG has led to many problems manifesting in that society today.

The first major problem is that much of the missionary efforts in Papua New Guinea have been related to presenting the Bible or Gospel to them in Pidgin or some other dialect rather than English. Considering that there are many dialects and various languages being spoken, making English the standard language, especially under the Australian administration, should have been a top priority. Many of the various religious groups would also have had in common among them an attitude of departing from or rejecting the King James Bible. If the King James Bible had been established as the standard Bible, Papua New Guinea would be rich and powerful today, and would be sending missionaries to Australia!

The second major problem is that the missionary efforts have been divisive. This is not to promote ecumenism, but to say that true Christianity should have been established as one central religion, not the competition of the multitude of denominations and cult groups. Thus, there is a large Pentecostal movement which denies the Trinity, and other such errors. Moreover, syncretism, that is, claiming to be Christian while persisting with the old magic and sorcery, still persists, which should have been eradicated long ago.

The result of a lack of strong true Christianity, and the demise of the *Pax Australiana* is that their society is beset by various social and economic problems, especially manifesting in lawlessness and criminal gangs. Religious groups are now content in bribing villagers to follow their religion with new buildings and gifts. Moreover, there is even a revival of returning back to their old witchcraft culture.

Australia needs to be transformed with the King James Bible being reinstated as the foundation stone. Our Bible must also be laid at the basis of Papua New Guinea and other such places. It is the one thing that may create a common unity in places divided by so called “race” or the unpatriotic and suicidal doctrine of “multiculturalism”.

There is an important Scripture promise concerning this work: “He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.” (Isaiah 42:4). Australia, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and so on are actually waiting for the King James Bible. Peacekeeping forces, economic aid packages and other such works are never going to solve all the sin-based problems.

There is a lot of propaganda that might be heard about how the Bible should not be the basis of disciplining a culture, but realistically the only solution to national problems in Australasia is by enforcing such a thing. The King James Bible, as a foundation, can tie together the Melanesian, Aboriginal, Maori, Polynesian and so on.

It would therefore be good to have Papua New Guinea transformed religiously and culturally by a Biblical “Pax Australasiana”.