

LAWLESSNESS AND GOD'S LAW IN AUSTRALIA

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Australia as a nation is not based on the heritage of the convicts. If people believe that Australia is a convict nation, there will be an increase in bad fruits.

One of the greatest lies believed by millions of Australians today is that present Australia carries forward the heritage of transported criminals.

“The first fleet, which started with 756 convicts for Australia, had, as we have seen, only one chaplain, one Bible, and not even *one* schoolmaster. Of course, those first batches of convicts were in no sense the ‘founders’ of Australia. They endured much; but they founded nothing, discovered nothing, built nothing, contributed nothing to the coming State. ... The true founders of Australia were the free settlers that came later ... But no free settlers landed in Australia for five years after the first fleet dropped anchor in Botany Bay [1788].” (W. H. Fitchett, 1913, *The New World of the South*, John Murray, London, page 108.)

Those who lay claim to a criminal heritage of lawlessness, rebellion and anti-authoritarianism are inviting reproach: “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.” (Proverbs 14:34). Many of the convicts were Roman Catholic Irish rebels. If these people are the spiritual and social patriarchs of Australia, then various curses and troubles can be expected. In fact, because this type of thinking has been accepted, and these criminals exalted in recent years, it is no wonder that various social and physical ills have manifested themselves in Australia.

God, by His mercy, had the King James Bible and an Evangelical chaplain established in Australia before the free settlers came to create a great nation. That chaplain personally brought with him a great supply of King James Bibles, books and tracts which were available to the entire early population.

“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.” (Proverbs 14:34). The true heritage which every person should be identifying with is that God's Word has been present in Australia since the beginning, and that the nation has been built on the spiritual principles of the Bible, which came from Protestant Britain.

There is a direct link between the loss of the knowledge of the Bible and the believing of lies. This has been especially evident in the compromise of Christianity since the 1960s, the social decay and other political and natural manifestations. The terrorists and other enemies are the ones who accuse Australia of having a convict heritage, but Psalm 33:12a states, “Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD”.