

A Nation without God's Guidance

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Proverbs 28 vs. 1-5

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Text: Proverbs 29 vs. 18

The book Proverbs is a collection of sayings & proverbs ~~dealing~~ presenting a number of moral & religious teachings gathered by Solomon. His own (10.1 - 29.27), Agur 30: 1-33, others a collection.

One of them, Prov. 29 vs 18 was originally translated as follows: "where there is no vision, the people perish"

⊗ In the later translation: "A nation without God's guidance is a nation without law". To understand this proverb properly we have to be very careful how we interpret it: How do we determine what God's guidance to a nation is? And how do we describe correctly a nation without law? Hitler's Nazi Germany was e.g. a nation with law - everything was strictly controlled. Something similar was the case in the last number of years when the Nat. Party ruled the country

And now we have a new country, a new government, in a sense a new nation. We sometimes describe it as a rainbow nation. There are many good and positive things which have been established - and we should constantly remind ourselves of this. But it is also true that there are things happening

⊗ Gen Afr vertaling: "As daar geen opebasing is nie word die well bandelvoos"

which deeply worry us - which leads us as Xtrians to ask:
Are we ^{not} slowly becoming a nation without God's guidance?

- Few examples:
- Taxi wars (esp. Barakwanath & Hamenashkone)
 - Hijacking of vehicles (Alexandra "the hi-jacking township")
 - Student actions at some universities & technicals
 - Mafia groups in drug dealing & vehicle theft
 - Gravy Train
 - Corruption in government, business & society (e.g. in soccer)

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Are these events not signs that we are becoming a nation without God's guidance? Every citizen who believes in God must ask this question but esp. those of us who are Christians must reflect very deeply about these events. ~~But~~ Many Christians, however, are saying that this is the duty of the Government, of business, of human rights organs, of churches -

"this is not my duty!" Quite correctly to state, it is also the duty of government, of business, of human right bodies, of churches, of religious - but is not it true that it does not start with govt or business or... - it ~~starts~~ always starts in a human being, ~~and so~~ an individual:

- an individual without God's guidance
 - a home " " "
 - a business or club " " "
 - a community " " "
 - a Township " " "
- (Kleppie N.A. Kleppie in in front days)

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2) In even " :

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3) In psych. " :