

(Rom. 28 vs 28 - Rom. 29 vs 18)

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Only a fool will deny the fact or the seriousness of the crisis pertaining in our country. Unfortunately there are still many such fools in our society. But even where the fact of a situation of crisis is admitted there is a vast difference of opinion on how serious and undesired the crisis is, what the root causes are and where the solution is to be found. Basically however the situation boils down to the following:

On the one hand: Millions of people are standing up for basic human rights which they have been denied or deprived of for almost a century. Time & again their legitimate, reasonable demands have been rejected, their efforts at obtaining them have been crushed or suppressed until a moment came when they said: Enough is enough - we demand our rights!

Reaction? A nation under God's guidance, a nation proudly claiming to seek & obey God's guidance would have said: Do these demands conform to the concepts of justice? And of love? (Do unto others -) And of human dignity? (Every creature born in image of God - therefore equal in sight of God). Is this what the nation of SA. & its leaders did? Do you know what happened? The rules of this nation declared a state of emergency, detainees sent in police & gangs into the unrest areas, shot, killed hundreds of people, detained, arrested thousands, chained thousands.

flagged, spanked & tortured thousands in the name of maintaining law & order. Is this a nation under God's guidance, acting in such a way: spanking, flagging, torturing, shooting, killing, imprisoning people?

Response of the people: In the beginning of the protest the rising tide of resistance mainly fed & nurtured by youth but of late whole communities have stood up & said: how we begin to understand what our children have been trying to tell us all these years?

"Your respect for law & order is misplaced because this system, this political rule is not one of law & order - it is one of unlawfulness & disorder! It uses the formal trappings of laws & rules & regulations which are inherently unjust, inhuman & evil to justify their domination & their oppression of the people! - has every time in means by oppressing laws etc -

Result? Resistance has against this ever increasing oppression has grown into massive proportions - including acts of increasing disorder, may & murder of building of buses & of human beings. Many people shocked, abhorred, devastated by these acts - denouncing them as barbaric, atrocious, inhuman, signs of a nation in disorder! Yes - true: but should these people who are so concerned not ask the primary question first: Who & what created / caused this disorder?

Should all of them - and us - who acknowledge + wish to be a nation under God's guidance not first of all ask + answer this question: what are the signs the attributes, the unmistakable indications of a nation under God's guidance? A nation:

1. Ruling + wishing to be ruled in justice i.e. a nation articulating + clarifying its concept of justice (esp. legal justice) - voice of majority heard + heeded, where the majority seek the common good of all ^{humanity}
2. Respecting the rights of the poor + the oppressed
3. Denouncing lies + falsehood + rejecting bribery, theft, material gain at the expense of others
4. Respecting the basic rights + dignity of every other human being regardless of race, religion, class or sex

We are not such a nation - we have for a generation not been such a nation - that is why we are to-day without God's guidance - therefore without order!

What ^{do} we experience to-day? Lack of vision of a just future, lack of clarity of goals + objectives, lack of direction + purpose! And those who had such vision + the power of direction this system has either changed + convicted, detained + arrested, driven into exile, wounded + killed whilst putting the lackeys, the stooges, the collaborators in their place. And at the same time the system has presented a series of changes called reforms hoping thereby to win the loyalty + allegiance of the people! That is why there cannot be order!

If e.g. a leader like Allan Bawaak or many others charged under the S.S. infamous security laws are charged what hope is there of restoring order?

"A nation without God's guidance is a nation without order"

Overmas feelings:

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Calls for leadership to resolve the crisis

Signs of hope:

1. Growing concern

2. Growing confusion

3. Fearless challenge (Kairo Document)