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**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS
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It is increasingly important that children be given the positive option of attending Scripture Classes (SRE). Without this most will never understand and be helped by this vital aspect of our Australian culture. There is no intention to force children to attend SRE; but sadly without it, like many of their parents they will be encouraged into lawlessness.

2. My family and I support activities for children, whose parents may withdraw them from SRE. Reading of their text books and using educational DVDs that promote decency and Australian family values is strongly suggested. NOT video games, please.

3. Use of the Ethics course will only produce more generations of angry and aggressive atheists who will oppose not only members of Parliament, their family, teachers, the police; but also Christianity, the 10 Commandments and the JUDEO-CHRISTIAN ETHIC.

4. With ever increasing violence and abuse the Ethics course will only further divide Australian children. Everyone doing what they "feel best or think may be OK" cannot build a stronger and united NSW.

5. At their ages, when their sensitivities and character and disposition are challenged intensely, children will be completely confused. This is when and why most take the "easy and unhelpful" way out.

6. The Ethics course is committed Atheism. It does not even hint of the most published book the Bible; nor the Historical JESUS CHRIST; and GOD, the monotheistic source of all moral authority get a look in.

7. Thus this course teaches nothing is really true, correct or just. And that definitely there is nothing unjust, immoral or dishonest. What then happens tomorrow; when these children violently demand "their rights"?

8. Do the people and the Parliament of NSW really want to assist violence, robbery, lying through one's teeth - not to tell of "white and blue collar crime"? This secular humanistic course promotes these and worse.

These are a FEW of our reasons for cancelling the Ethics course in NSW schools. PLEASE DO SO, WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

Acknowledgment of this letter is requested.

Pastor Robert Shanney

Yours Deeply Concerned:

(2) IT IS NOT RIGHT to neglect salvation, for no human being has the right to neglect the offer of God – to turn from His blessing and His love. It is not right to yourself. You have no right to throw away or trifle with the opportunity of Eternal Salvation. It is not right to those who love you or whom you could influence towards God.

(3) IT IS NOT SAFE. No, indeed, IT IS NOT SAFE. One day you must meet God, either as Saviour now, or later as Judge upon His Throne. The tragedy of neglect is spiritual suicide. It means eternal loss, eternal darkness, eternal judgement.

You cannot afford to trifle with sin. In the end it will be the cause of your defeat and if you neglect your soul you will perish. You will die in your sins and be forever lost. NO! IT IS NOT SAFE.

Your soul is in danger. Turn now in repentance to God. Cast yourself upon His mercy and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour by faith and simply tell Him you are doing so.

Commit your soul to Him. Put your faith in Him and trust your all to Him! Then this great salvation will be yours.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31.)

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to this . . .

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"HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT A SALVATION?"

My friend, there is no answer to this question, because there is no possible escape from the divine judgement of God, unless you accept this great salvation which God so freely offers through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Your eternal destiny depends upon whether you accept or reject God's gift of salvation.

There is an ETERNITY.

It is the life beyond the grave, the great beyond, that realm of endless existence we call Forever. It means just that, Forever. The Bible teaches there are two place in eternity, Heaven and Hell. One is a place of light and joy and eternal blessedness. The other is a place of darkness, woe and eternal misery.

God is the supreme Sovereign of this universe. Sin is the breaking of His law. To break God's law can only result in divine judgement.

We are all sinners. By nature, by practice and by our deliberate choice we are sinners. Thus we have already incurred the displeasure of our Holy God. As Human beings, living in God's realm, we are responsible to Him. Anything less than this makes mockery of our very existence. Each of us, therefore, has a history to account for to God.

This short message is written so that you might know the reality and assurance of

salvation from judgement and receive Eternal Life as the free gift of God.

God sent His Son to provide salvation, and the Lord Jesus Christ came to save you – to save your soul, to save your life, to save you completely and victoriously. What a salvation it is!

GOD CALLS IT A GREAT SALVATION.

He will save you from your PAST, blotting out every sinful and shameful thing, your sin against yourself and your sin against others.

He will save you in this great eventful PRESENT. He will save you in the daily battle against sin and evil, fill your life with victory and peace, give guidance and support in every trial that comes your way, comfort in sorrow and strength for each day.

He will save you for the FUTURE. When the great day of judgement comes and all men are called to give an account to God, His salvation will have assured your pardon and you shall not fear. You will be safe in Christ.

Here are three reasons why you cannot afford to neglect God's offer of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

(1) IT IS NOT REASONABLE to neglect salvation. You dare not neglect your health, dare you then neglect your soul? Dare you face the future eternity without any provision at all? Is it reasonable to neglect God and His Word or His offer of salvation? NO. It is utterly unreasonable.