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THE VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

ABUSE OF GOD GIVEN WISDOM: (Genesis 1 : 26 ff)

Human beings are given brains to be co-creators with God.

Man (human beings) was endowed with wisdom to:

The results are:

The Technological creations / inventions of / by man

â\200\224 Production of arms of destruction:

War-planes

Nuclear weapons / bombs etc

Submarines; AK47

PERSONAL IMPOSING OF SELF ON OTHERS:

â\200\224 Economy: God given commodities not shared

â\200\224 Money - unfair and devastating competition

â\200\224 Leads to loss of sense of belonging

â\200\224 Promotes survival of the fittest spirit.

GOD'S DISAPPEARANCE ON PEOPLE'S LIFESTYLES:

MONOPOLY OF RESOURCES (Psalm 24)

ds LAND - in the hands of the few

MINERALS - therefrom do not benefit all God's people.

CROPS - from the land are a product for the LAND-OWNERS

who in turn exploit those deprived of land

ownership.

COLONIZATION OF THE AFRICAN RELIGIOUS ETHOS

â\200\224 Values and Sacredness of human blood has been eroded.

â\200\224 ÂSense of belonging is under severe attack.

Christ belongs to the people (oppressed) sinners and
good doers.

â\200\224 He eats with the prostitutes and is a friend of tax-
collectors indeed.

â\200\224 He is a suffering servant.

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TO DEFUSE THE CURRENT WAVE OF VIOLENCE WE'VE

â\200\224 To be aware of our identity before God and national culture
(Jona 1: 7 - 12).

â\200\224 To respect everything that God created i.e.

All humankind

â\200\224 Respect lives as God Given

â\200\224 Have a man of god's presence in our deliberations for a real
South Africa.

- Honesty is the key to successful negotiations towards any
peaceful settlement in South Africa.

- Listening God's commands and directions are the key absentees
in our country to day.

â\200\224 Political leaders MUST stop posturing and kKkeep accusing each
other's party instead of facing realities and begin reasoning
in a constructive approach; i.e. Hostel-Dwellers and squatter

camps attacks. (Matt: 13: 22-28)

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