

For the Love of God

CHRISTIANITY & COLONIALISM

& The Impact on Indigenous Australians

AGE

POLITICS

DISABILITY

GENDER

**How good is the 'Church'
at accepting and
embracing diversity?**

RACE

WEALTH

HEALTH

CULTURE

“One in five young Australians would move if a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent sat next to them, a survey has found. And the same percentage would keep an eye on an indigenous person if they were shopping.

More than one in three young Australians also believe that indigenous people are lazy and have been given an unfair advantage by the government.”



**Have you ever witnessed
or experienced racial
discrimination?**

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The Plumb-pudding in danger;— or — State Epicures taking un Petit Souper.

"the great Globe itself, and all which it inherit," is too small to satisfy such insatiable appetites.

— VIZ. M^{rs} L... .., reconstructed, in Political Register.






Intentions of the colonisers	What really happened



“God did not make the earth simply for the savage tribes to wander over. He made it to be the scene of happy homes which are supported by industry, and if a set of men stood in the way of another set of men doing that work, it was the order of the divine Providence that the hinderers should be swept away.”

BISHOP JAMES MOORHOUSE

Bishop of Melbourne 1877-1886



IN MEMORY OF THE WIRRAYARAAY PEOPLE WHO
WERE MURDERED ON THE SLOPES OF THIS RIDGE
IN AN UNPROVOKED BUT PREMEDITATED ACT IN
THE LATE AFTERNOON OF 10 JUNE, 1838

ERECTED ON 10 JUNE 2000 BY A GROUP OF
ABORIGINAL AND NON-ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS
IN AN ACT OF RECONCILIATION, AND IN
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRUTH OF OUR
SHARED HISTORY.

WE REMEMBER THEM
NGIYANI WINANGAY GANUNGA.

“I would never consent to hang a white man for a black one.”

“I see the blacks as a set of monkeys. The sooner they are exterminated from the face of the earth, the better.”

“I knew well they were guilty of the murder, but I for one would never see a white man suffer for shooting a black.”

“DOES IT SEEM STRANGE TO SPEAK OF THE MAJESTY OF THE NEW HOLLANDERS? THE SAVIOUR DIED AS MUCH FOR HIM AS HE DID FOR YOU. NOW BY EVERY SENTIMENT OF HUMANITY AND LOVE YOU ARE BOUND TO LOVE HIM, TO ADMIT HIM TO YOUR FRATERNITY AND TO TREAT HIM AS A FELLOW MAN.” **JOHN SAUNDERS**



[God] hath made of one blood
all nations of men for to dwell
on all the face of the earth.

²⁴ ‘The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ “For in him we live and move and have our being.” As some of your own poets have said, “We are his offspring.”



“After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.”

WRITTEN REFLECTION:

How is it possible that Christians (who should think of all people as made in God's image) could be involved in the mistreatment of Indigenous Australians?

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