For the Love of God

CHRISTIANITY & COLONIALISM

& The Impact on Indigenous Australians



POLITICS

DISABILITY

AGE

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

RACE

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?



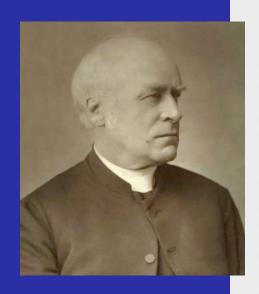






Intentions of the colonisers	What really happened	





"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





"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 guilty of the murder, see a for one would never see a white man suffer for white man suffer for shooting a black."



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[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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