

Cartoonist finds God

A recent Festival of Light Item in Light magazine reports that Sydney Morning Herald and Age cartoonist Michael Leunig has "found God." When Kerry O'Brian of ABC TV's 7.30 Report announced the news nationally on November 4, 1996, the camera scanned first some of the curly haired artist's humourous drawings and captions, and then his bookshelf - and the The holy Bible stood out.

But standing up and being counted is Leunig himself.

He has become more vocal about social and moral issues since his conversion experience.

For example he drew flak for his cartoon showing a baby's feeling of abandonment after his mother left him in a child care centre.

Another of his cartons contrast the NSW government's ban on all forms of physical punishment in schools - including independent Christian schools - while at the same time allowing violent explicit videos to be freely available for home viewing!

Michael Leunig is disturbed about the way society is heading. He told the TV journalist, "There is a lack of restraint these days. We have lost our sense of decency."

How wonderful to hear someone in the print medium talking like that. Lets pray for more such Christian influence in all sections of mass media.

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" And the Lord said to me, "Write my answer on the billboard, large and clear, so that anyone can read it at a glance and rush to tell the others."
- Habakkuk 2:2 (Living Bible).

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