

# THUNDERSTORMS OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS IN MELBOURNE

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Those of the Orthodox faith are currently celebrating the traditional Easter in accordance with the calendar of a bygone era and that it differs slightly with the Catholic and protestant dates of Easter. If one live during the period of Christ's crucifixion and experienced lasts nights thunderstorms; they can be forgiven for believing that it was supernatural and awe inspiring event, brought about heavenly actions. According to news media reports, Melbourne was lashed with an unprecedented strikes of lighting, much rain and unusual thunderstorms for this time of year.

There was damage at "Narre Warren, Monash, Clayton, Mount Waverley, Chadstone and Lilydale and the SES received more than 500 calls, mainly for downed trees and building damage in Warragul and Melbourne's east and south-east. Victoria received between five and 15 millimetres of rain, but up to 40 millimetres fell in the state's north-east ranges with winds of about 100 kilometres per hour were recorded on the bay and in the state's south-west." (<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-05-01/melbourne-storms-leave-trees-uprooted-homes-damaged/7373614>)

In Watsonia, prior to going to bed at 1:54 am, I paid my respects to the almighty being responsible for the creation of our Christian beliefs and western culture in my own fashion, call it prayer and/or call it what you like, but I did it my way. I also took time out to sit and eat the traditional "mayiritsa soup". Interesting that the "mayiritsa soup" was prepare and cooked by my youngest son Mark who stayed up to cook it for the family. I felt elated in one way that some traditional legacies are being adhered to my four sons and they in their own way carry on what paradigms of traditional culture they want for their lives.

No sooner than I had gone to sleep when I was woken by the shaking of the house, torrential rain on the flat rooftop, overflowing of water could be heard dripping over the guttering due to the heavy fall of rain. This was followed by lightning strikes every few moments and then the rolling sounds of deep bellowing thunder came upon us. My mind went automatically to an ancient past and wondered whether such natural earth activities were also active at the time of the crucifixion of Christ and attributed by those ancient scribes that it was heaven sent.

We can only go by faith and faith alone to sustain us when we lack or do not understand the forces of nature. Nothing like the thunderclap of a good storm to bring us back to reality, that we too are not immortal. I for one have not been ashamed of my faith and it was always my faith in the creator that has sustained me throughout the years of growing and developing into who I am today.

But like many others of my peers, I seek the truth and do not get overly carried away by natural disasters or phenomena that otherwise would strike terror in the minds of ignorance steeped in the supernatural such as those who still believe in the ancient Norse Gods and/or of the twelve Gods of Olympus in ancient Greece. We are, after all merely passing through this life as carbon based beings who will whether we are aware of it or not will one day come face to face with the creator of humanity.

In the meantime, let us enjoy the wonders of this world and not be overly concerned with the savage beauty of nature. Life as we know it is meant to be enjoyed and as such the choices we make in life are not governed by our environment but also by the challenges we face in life. Today, for those who follow the Christian faith, remember that while there are some things we can change to make our lives better, we need faith to assist us in coming to terms with matters that are beyond our understanding. Nature is one of them.

I have written this article on the spur of the moment with no particular message in mind other than to record the significance of today's natural events and its effect on those around us. As always, my apologies for the poor grammar, punctuation and savagery of the English language. I can only but try.



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