

A change of heart

**SOUTHERN AFRICA,
WHAT KIND OF
CHANGE? by Peter
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THAT change is imperative most South Africans will agree. The problem is what kind of change and how can it be brought about?

To even the most optimistic supporter of the parliamentary Opposition, any political change through the polls seems too remote for serious consideration and any unconstitutional attempts to seize power "too ghastly to contemplate".

In this deeply sincere and readable work, the author, a sympathetic observer from embattled Northern Ireland, points to a third way (to all committed believers, the only way) which begins with fundamental change (repentance) in each individual heart.

He has assembled a series of studies of lives of South Africans and Rhodesians, of all language and racial groups, who have done just that and examines the influence of their commitment on those within their sphere of influence and on society at large.

Before dismissing the author's theses as pious wishful thinking with

little relevance to the cut and thrust of practical politics, the reader will do well to consider the impact of this handful of people in bringing a fresh light of love and understanding to bear on areas of inflamed hate and tension.

He will also do well to visualise the effect on the future of southern Africa of a few hundred people, maybe a few thousand — starting with himself — with the courage and self-sacrifice to make a similar commitment.

Among the "case histories" of changed lives are those of David Smith, son of Prime Minister Ian Smith, and his newly-found soul-mate Arthur Kanodereka, treasurer-general of the ANC (Muzorewa wing); Piet Naude, a north-eastern Transvaal farmer; Rolly Kingwill, a Karoo farmer; Peter Gordon, a Coloured land owner; the Rev George Daneel, a former rugby Springbok; Prof W. D. Jonker, a theologian; and Pat Sohn, Coloured Representative Council whip.

The author's emphasis is on Moral Re-armament but the essential ingredients of these renewed lives are repentance and submission to Divine authority. —
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