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SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

**IS. 6:9-10 "AND HE SAID, GO, AND TELL THIS PEOPLE, HEAR YE
INDEED , BUT UNDERSTAND NOT; AND SEE YE INDEED, BUT
PERCEIVE NOT. MAKE THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE FAT, AND
MAKE THEIR EARS HEAVY, AND SHUT THEIR EYES; LEST THEY**

**SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDER-
STAND WITH THEIR HEART AND CONVERT AND BE HEALED,"**

ALL SCRIPTURES ARE QUOTED FROM THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE ONLY.

REASON HAS BECOME OUR GOD

WE MUST ACCEPT THE BIBLE BY FAITH

This book was written 10 years ago. It was felt that it was too early and it was not time. We feel it is time. Hopefully some will heed in the short time we have left.

FOREWARD ONE ACCORD

Matt. 7:12 "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matt. 6:24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Matt. 5:13 "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Job 6:6 "Can that which is unsavory be eaten without salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

Do we have strange fire on the altar of God?

Nothing would give Satan greater satisfaction than to have 50 denominations with 50 different versions of the Bible and having us confused and arguing as to what was right and wrong. It appears he would be fairly well pleased with our generation.

What would please him even more is to have half the congregation with broken vows to God through divorce and broken families everywhere.

He would have a glimmer in his eye if he thought that our people had so little love of God in our hearts that we would not bring our tithes and offerings to the house of the Lord but that we must be enticed by car washes, fish fries, rummage sales, auctions, smoked turkey sales, etc. etc. in order to give our money unto the Lord.

Fund raising has become a regular ritual in many of our churches. If I understand the Bible correctly we are (1) To give from our hearts (2) Not of necessity (3) Do not let the left hand know what the right hand is doing concerning giving (4) Bring unto the storehouse on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered us. If the above is done we will not have a need for enticement to make a person give to the Lord. The coffers of the Lord will overflow.

Satan knows that there is enough room in church family centers to divide into classrooms and enough Christian teachers to teach our young. We do not have to turn our children over to the secular system to be filled with atheist doctrine.

I am sure Satan is pleased with the way we are going but I doubt that God is pleased.

Are we saying our people will not give of a free and open heart? Our people do not love the Lord enough to help His cause? We must bribe them to part with their money . God will get part of it, maybe. (Can it be trusted by many churches to be used solely for the advancement of the kingdom of God and not for the bellies sake or for, entertainment?)

Do not take my word for it. Just drive around and read the signs in front of many churches. I have even seen tickets sold for prayer breakfasts.

In the Old Testament when a lamb was offered unto the Lord it was a young male without blemish, in other words the prime, the best that you owned went to the Lord.

I wonder if the Lord feels that many of His houses are made into houses of merchandise. I have even heard of the house of the Lord being used to have auctions to sell rummage.

Isaiah chapter 1 clearly indicates God does not want our oblations, incense, new moons, Sabbaths, call of assemblies appointed feasts, spread forth your hands, many prayers, and sacrifices, except ye be willing and obedient. Looks like FUND RAISING has been ruled out. If

we were willing and obedient we would willingly have brought our funds on the first day of the week to the storehouse of the Lord without enticement.

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Secular Education

We certainly have much to cause uncertainty, lack of trust and confusion in the current Education System.

I would like to discuss some of the problems that causes our current Education System today to differ from years ago.

For the benefit of any reading we recognize that the following philosophies have had their part in reshaping our society.

1. **Idealism**
2. **Realism**

3. **Pragmatism**
4. **Reconstructionism**
5. **Behaviorism**
6. **Existentialism**
7. **Materialism**
8. **Secularism**
9. **Marxism**
10. **Humanism**
11. **Socialism**
12. **Atheistic**

All of the above are involved; however, our efforts will be directed essentially to Secular Humanism and Pragmatism of John Dewey.

We believe most of the above mentioned are in fact humanistic in nature and atheistic.

Please do not confuse humanism with humanities, or humanitarianism. Humanism is basically looking to the hand of man and not to the hand of God. Humanism in the modern sense is primarily based on pragmatism as projected by John Dewey, the father of the Modern Progressive Education System. He felt man is evolving with no beginning or end. Pragmatism rejects the idea of a spiritual being. Experience of man determines truth. Future experience may alter truth as we know it now, therefore there are no absolutes.

John Dewey retired in 1933 and died at the age of 93 in 1952. He was one of the 34 signers of the Humanist Manifesto I published in 1933. The Humanist Manifesto II was written in 1973. The Humanist publication was started in 1933 and is currently operating.

EDUCATION 1

I was shocked to find out only an estimated 6% of public school money is federal. Also our biggest problem in education is illiteracy,

as reported by "The Phyllis Schafley Report" January 1999. It was also reported other problems are the Clinton Administration in their efforts to control the classroom through Goals 2000, School to Work, National Testing, National Standards, Sustainable Development, and Educational Laboratories.

Illiteracy is not a federal problem. Why do we look to the federal government for help to solve it?

To me, teaching our children the doctrine of the atheist is a far greater problem than illiteracy. This may be one of the things that caused it in the first place. Isn't it strange the illiteracy problem came after the implementation of numerous changes by the progressive educational system. What happened to the three R's?

I have saved a picture from a local newspaper of a teacher on the steps of a hall of learning making the statement, "The days of the McGuffey reader are over". I fear the statement is true, and we must reap the harvest of what we have sown. When the harvest comes in we are astounded as to the results. Always look at the seed that were planted.

The worst state that Israel was in was a mixed culture called the Samaritans. When you mix beliefs you have confusion. Those not taken into Babylonian captivity married in among the people around them. God does not approve of this at all. We are in such a state today. Many people will go along with Christianity as long as they can mix it with the atheistic doctrine of the Humanist. We look to the hand of man more than we look to the hand of God.

Secular Humanism has been ruled by the courts as a religion. In effect Humanism has taught us well to rule all other religions out of our schools and leave only the atheistic doctrine of Humanism in them. One whole section in Manifesto II is denoted to Religion. It clearly rules out God or any deity.

John Dewey felt everything is always in constant change. There were no absolutes, or set values. However, in Dewey's philosophy there was a hidden set of values, a hidden agenda, if you please. There were changes always in a certain direction. The changes rebelled against religion, capitalism, and in the direction of the collectivist socialist state. Note there is always an anti-Christian nature to John Dewey's Pragmatism.

There will be no changes of this set agenda until the Christian people stand up and take a stand against the atheistic teachings of John Dewey's Pragmatism, Darwin's evolution and Freud's psychology and they are stripped from our schools. To teach our children atheistic doctrine and expect them to follow the Bible is beyond comprehension. It is time parents everywhere claim their children back from the state and teach them Godly principles. We need to contact our elected officials and bring pressure on Congress and say

“Enough is Enough”. We need to stop this foolishness and return to God.

In our Modern Progressive Educational System the focus is placed on the child. The modern philosophy is that if the child will place his/her mind behind their soul that they can drive themselves to the highest plateau possible in this life. In other words the student can accomplish any thing if they set their mind to it.

The Bible is the exact opposite. Man is capable of anything without God. All things were created by God and through him all things can be accomplished. Without him nothing can be done. As Isaiah the prophet said our breath is in our nostrils. We can not even draw the next breath without God.

Our schools and our society were originally based on the Bible and the commandments therein. Now the Bible does not even enter the equation. It is felt that we live in a democratic society and no particular persuasion is to be placed on any individual. The student is to seek the world over and to see what is right for him. They can even take a little from one faith and a little from another. Perhaps they will take no faith at all. The Humanist Manifesto I & II denies there is a prayer hearing god and since the educational system is modeled after these documents surely many would prefer that the individual would have no faith at all. Certainly they do not take a religion because their parents are in it or because they were brought up that way. In other words wipe the slate clean and the individual will decide what is right from them separate and apart from even the Bible. The Bible would only be considered as one of many sources from which to pick.

Check the textbooks. - Look for the Bible in them- look for the philosophy of the Humanist Manifesto in them. Some social studies books in our schools of higher learning appear to have been written by someone capable of writing the Manifesto. God has been ruled out of our schools. For those who are still searching, look for the religion of humanism being taught in our schools but God ruled out. This is not to say that the individual teacher, under fear of dismissal, may try to project Christianity to an individual class. We appreciate the efforts, and I am sure God does, but on the overall view of national education system it is like trying to row a battleship. In our media, our government, and our peers we find the liberal or changing attitudes. We are ushering in the New Social Order. Our schools teach attitudes rather than knowledge. Social engineering is our way of life.

Values are taught regularly. Whose values? Where do they come from? Why has everything that we have ever been taught suddenly become

outmoded? Under the humanist way of thinking, values are determined by human experience. If it is determined that to reduce the number of people on planet earth and to gratify our sexual desires, we need to become homosexuals then we can do this according to what is taught in Manifesto II. All that is required is consenting adults. Of course if you take this route you will be held in judgment before God. God condemns it.

The individual thinks he/she can do anything thing they want to and no one has the right to tell them differently. No absolutes! God cannot tell them, parents, peers or anyone. Marriage is not mentioned in the Manifesto but divorce is sanctioned. Break down of the family unit makes it easier to control and to conquer, if you please. Always they are in conflict. Humanists continually tell man that they are seeking his best interest. A good life is sought. Man will take care of all the problems of man. Religion is not capable of solving man's problems.

In short, VALUES - looking to the hand of man and not to God. Man's Values not God's. The laws and commandments of God still stand. These are what we will be judged by and not man's values.

Philosophy of Education

Any person interested in the direction our education system is headed is encouraged to go to a library and pull out a book on the philosophy of education. When you start to read, I am sure it will not be long until your run into John Dewey's name.

John Dewey is not the only one, but he is a central figure. Check him out and find out what kind of a mind set up our failing system. Surely you will find he was an atheist. He was a signer of Manifesto I, which is the Humanist declaration as to what they believe. He not only did not believe in God, he did not believe in any supernatural power. He did not believe in heaven or hell.

He believed that the greatest obstacle in the American Educational System was God and he believed He should be removed from the system.

If we challenge the system today as to why God is not taught, they will probably ask "What god?" and indicate if one god is taught then all will have to be taught.

Our nation was founded on God and the Bible. Christianity excludes all other faiths. Either we are a Christian nation or we are not. Let us not be hypocrites. Let us claim what we are and hold our

banner high. If we are godly, then teach Him and Him alone.

If we are atheist, then proclaim it and let all know what we are. It seemed when Christ walked the earth, He was hardest on the hypocrites.

The humanist believe the only religion that can be taught is Humanism. The courts have held that Humanism is a religion. Today the only accepted religion that is taught in our educational system is Humanism. It is accepted with open arms. Pull up on your computer the Humanist Manifesto I & II and find a part of it that is not taught in our schools, if you can.

Parent or Educator?

The feeling of the day is that everyone is equal. God has set the man as the head of the household. Parents are over their children. If we are all equal, no one will have authority over the other.

Where in the Bible does it indicate that the responsibility has switched from the parents to the educators?

In the day we live in, it appears that the parents have no say in the up bringing of the children.

A friend of mine who is an ex-educator was formerly an assistant principal. He indicated that in his later training that he had to have more psychology courses than he had to have in the courses he was teaching. He indicated that he had been taught that he was knowledgeable, a professional, and knew more about raising a child than the parents.

Psychology, the experience and experimentation of man, is one of the main driving forces in our educational system.

Children are told it makes no difference what your parents tell you. You will do what we say.

I always thought the Education System was controlled by the people not the Education System controlling the people.

Parents and Students Rights

Are you aware of the Hatch Amendment or the General Education Provision Act? 20 U.S. Code S1232h. Section 439(a) was enacted in 1974 and Section 439(b) was enacted in 1978. The final regulations were published in the Federal Register on September 6, 1984, and went into effect November 12, 1984.

“All instructional material, including teacher’s manuals, films, tapes or other supplementary instructional material which will be used in connection with any research or experimentation program or project shall be available for inspection by the parents or guardians of the children engaged in such program or project.” Protection of Pupil Rights 20 U. S. Code S1232h Inspection by parents and guardian instruction material. (This is only the opening paragraph).

A parent or guardian has and is given many legal rights under this law, but space will not permit to list them. Likewise Student Rights in Research Experimental Programs and Testing 34CFR Part 98 has many listed for students.

If you are concerned about your child receiving psychological and psychiatric examinations, tests or surveys, death education, education in human sexuality, organic evolution and many other similar topics, I suggest you look up the above law.

A great many parents today have no idea what their child/children are being taught. Parents should get involved and find out. I have been in a home and school books were laying around and I have picked them up and thumbed through them and in a few minutes found teaching contrary to the Bible, especially in social study books.

HUMANISM I

Many people have never heard of Humanism, or they think of it as humanitarian or the humanities, but it is different.

Humanism is as old as the garden of Eden. Its root may be traced to ancient China, classical Greece and Rome, through the Renaissance and through our modern world. Basically, Humanism is looking to the

hand of man to solve all of our problems and not to the hand of God.

The basic concept is to rule out any form of super natural power, especially a prayer hearing god. The ultimate test to any question is reason.

Why should such a philosophy concern us? In fact, it is atheistic in nature. Not only God is ruled out, but any form of belief in any supernatural power. The only religion that is accepted is the religion of Humanism. The Supreme Court has ruled that Secular Humanism is a religion in *Torcaso vs Watkins* June 19, 1961. Secular is of the world or worldly.

Materialism, Secularism, Pragmatism, Existentialism, and Atheism are where man and not god is the center of all things. Hence, the experience and experimentation of John Dewey's Pragmatism fits right in the Modern Progressive Education System.

In 1933 Manifesto I was written and signed by John Dewey as one of the 34 signers.

The Tangled Web written by Louise Idomir states, "it is not surprising that over a hundred years ago in 1872, Oliver Wendell Holmes, recognizing man's universal tendency towards idolatry, described today's humanism almost perfectly 'Men are idolaters, and want something to look at and kiss and hug, or throw themselves down before: they always did, they always will, and if you don't make it out of wood, you must make it out of words.' Yes, the literary genius stated it well. That is exactly what the religion of humanism is: words. Words that formulate the atheistic theories on which our educational system feeds."

Louise S. Idomir has a doctorate degree in Psychology and was not converted, saved, or born again until the age of 60 years old. She spent most of her life teaching in schools of higher learning. Once she started to dig into the Bible she has declared Psychology is Satanic and she is now one of the hardest fighters of Secular Humanism in our state. She also wrote a book on Psychology call the "Pied Piper of New Age". She covered such areas as Freudianism, Biofeedback, Centering, Silva Mind Control, Behaviorism, Imagery, Affirmation, Existentialism, Self Hypnosis, and Positive Thinking.

I had a chance to talk with her at length when she was about 80 years old. We discussed Humanism and she talked about psychology. She referred to us as kindred spirits. She knows what is in the educational system and was spending her remaining years trying to root it out. She was legally blind at the time I talked to her. This did not slow her down but very little. I wish our ministry had the will and determination of that lady. She told me she had had ministers to walk on the other side of the church so as not to pass by her. She said she knew why, because they loved their psychology so much and she was trying to expose it.

MANIFESTO I AND II

In 1933 a group known as the Humanist put together a document to declare to the world or made a manifestation of what they believe. John Dewey, one of the 34 signers, was the father of the Modern Educational System. The first paragraph is as follows:

“The time has come for widespread recognition of the radical changes in religious beliefs throughout the modern world. The time is past for mere revision of traditional attitudes. Science and economic change have disrupted the old beliefs. Religions the world over are under the necessity of coming to terms with new conditions created by a vastly increased knowledge and experience. In every field of human activity, the vital movement is now in the direction of a candid and explicit humanism. In order that religious humanism may be better understood we, the undersigned, desire to make certain affirmations which we believe the facts of our contemporary life demonstrate.”

Who among us can deny the radical widespread changes that have occurred in religious beliefs. Most all the changes have been in the wrong direction, away from God. The old beliefs have been disrupted.

Manifesto I is only one typed page long but has made such a change in our society. It projects such ideas as (1) self - existing universe, (2) evolution, (3) no supernatural power, (4) no distinction between sacred and secular, (5) no worship and prayer, (6) reasonable and manly attitudes will be fostered by education (socialized and cooperative economic order).

Manifesto II was written a few years after the Supreme Court held Humanism to be a religion in 1961. Manifesto II was written in 1973. It was after World War II. They even mentioned Nazism and its brutality in the opening paragraph.

Manifesto II declares Humanism to be a religion. It affirms everything in Manifesto I and adds much to it. It is four normal typed pages long. Almost one fourth of it is attributed to the world community or Humanity as a whole, setting the stage for the one world order. Manifesto II had 283 signers of which 114 were prominent and distinguished. One was Lester Mondale, brother of 1984

Democratic Presidential candidate. Another was Isaac Asimov, author of children's futuristic fictional stories. There were 74 from the field of education including one dean. There were 11 from the field of psychology. Many were connected with the Universal or Unitarian Movement.

Check the textbooks. Look for the Bible in them. Look for the Manifesto or the philosophy of the Manifesto in them. God is ruled out of the textbooks. Could it be the only religion taught in our secular schools is the religion of Humanism?

Reason has replaced God and His laws.

Look up Humanist Manifesto I & II and read it for yourself. Admittedly it may be to late to help but we can see what has changed our schools, our children, yes even you and I. I believe that we are so drowned in the philosophy of Humanism that we even translate the word of God into Secular Humanism so we can think that we understand.

Is Psychology Satanic?

Louise S. Idomir was an educator for thirty-three years. She admits she unwillingly contributed to the deterioration and present dysfunction of the nation's public school system. She witnessed and was a part of the implementation of behaviorism and existentialism in classroom practice and teaching.

She considered herself to be a good person, loving her family, neighbor and country. She attended church regularly and felt she would spend eternity in God's presence.

In her later years Louise S. Idomir found a personal relationship with the Lord. I quote from her book The Tangled Web. "Not until I experienced His gracious touch and gift of salvation through His grace, did I come to really know God in His greatness." Since that time she has turned completely around.

She holds a doctor's degree in psychology, and as I understand it,

two master's degrees. After coming to the saving knowledge of Christ, she is now trying to undo damage she has helped cause. She taught thirty-three years mostly, in Arkansas.

Louise is one of the hardest fighters in the state of Arkansas of the philosophy of Secular Humanism. She resides in Conway, Arkansas, and is legally blind. She retired in the spring of 1985. She has written two books to help stop what she helped start.

I quote from the Special Note From the Author in The Tangled Web "For the first time in my life, I was given spiritual light and truth. I was shown that many psychologists are God-haters and their theories, although appealing and plausible to those lacking spiritual truth, are, nevertheless, anti-Biblical and Satan inspired."

In her 70's she became a Trojan. Yes, once she realized she was depraved and helpless without God . He has used her in a mighty way. She told me that she had had ministers to walk across the church from her. She felt it was the love of their psychology. She became a great witness for the Lord. Some listened and some did not.

The basic ideas of experimentation and experience of man used in science is now used on the mind.

Sex Education

Dr. Louise S. Idomir suggests in her book The Tangled Web that to someone who is surprised that there is opposition to Sex Education in the Public Schools to consider the following example: (in summary):

Suppose that your young son was being taught in public school on shop-lifting. All aspects and mechanics are taught and the penalties but any moral judgment about right or wrong is never offered. Next let us teach techniques for the avoidance of penalties of shop-lifting. It is up to the individual to decide if it is right for you. If you should decide to do so, there are ways to avoid detection which are 94 percent effective, another is 89 percent safe.

Dr. Idomir suggest this is a close comparison to sex education in the school.

1. No moral judgment as to adolescent sexual activity is right or wrong.

2. Only instructions in sexual techniques, including techniques for avoiding the consequences of sex.

Abortions continue to climb in numbers that are staggering. I understand we have reached in the neighborhood of 40-50 million killed. When I was young there were no such figures as these. Each year it continues to get worse. We reap what we sow.

Homosexuality and divorce are both condoned in the Humanist Manifesto II. Marriage is not even mentioned.

Have we become desensitized to the point we can even condone contraceptives being handed out to adolescents and paid by tax dollars?

Once we turn from God and turn to the hand of man to solve our problems, we see divorce going higher, abortions increasing, unwed mothers increasing and venereal diseases becoming rampant.

We stand in amazement, grant money, and seek experimental paths to solve our increasing problems, but fail to turn to the laws of God and His commandments, which do not fail if followed.

I have within my possession an out-dated Louisiana College social studies book that states if the current trends continue in the future. We will need more male prostitutes. Where does it all end? What will it take for us to become nauseated?

The old Greeks even copulated in the streets. The old Grecian culture was Humanistic. Will we try to imitate them on this also? It seems we have a good start..

National Education Association (NEA)

In the summer convention of 1998 the National Education Association passed resolutions as follows: (in brief)

B-1 Early Childhood Education.

They support early childhood educational programs from birth through age 8.

B-29 Global Education.

B-36 Sex Education.

The public schools should assume an increasingly important role in providing instruction.

B-67 Home Schooling.

Instruction should be by a person who is licensed by a State Education license agency.

I-13 Family Planning.

How can the NEA get involved in many non-educational areas? Example I-3 International Court of Justice, I-10 Human Rights, I-18 Immigration, H-6 National Health Care Policy, and many others.

The NEA lobbying agenda reaches out to selecting a national holiday, reproductive freedom, data base on early childhood, etc.

I find it difficult to understand how a Christian would want to be a member of this national group.

No wonder that we are headed in a liberal direction farther from God.

I personally know a former Christian teacher from public school who went into a Christian school as a teacher greatly because of the pressure put on her to become a member of the NEA.

Please note this was in 1998. Surely we have proceeded to a far greater depth in Humanism now than then. This was briefly stated as part of one document in one year. The effects are far greater.

New Social Order

In the spring of 1938, Augustin G. Rudd saw and recognized the infiltration into our education system. He termed it as alarming. After

almost two decades of research he wrote Bending The Twig, and it was written to an unsuspecting nation. The rights of the book were turned over to "Sons of the American Revolution" and copyrighted in 1957 by the New York Chapter. In June 1957, 5,000 copies were printed, December 1957, 10,000, January 1958, 15,000 and May 1958, 10,000. In all, a total of 40,000 copies were printed. This was quite a sufficient number to alert the nation. For twenty-five cents, a copy of this book (discarded, for lack of use, from a local library) was purchased. The following quotation was taken from Rudd's opening page: "The Revolution in Education and its effect on our children." He named people, schools, and books to document the trail that was being taken to change the minds and way of thinking of our children. Yes, the revolution is on and has been on for sometime in our education system. It has not just started. Rudd saw it developing in 1938. This is more than 70 years later. The trend has continued to travel at an ever increasing rate. To see this, all one has to do is pick up McGuffey Readers (printed about the time of the Civil War). God, scriptures, morals, etc., were frequently mentioned. Each lesson taught a moral lesson. Children grew up to be mature adults. After reading McGuffey, pick up a "new" sociology book from one of our schools of higher learning on "social problems". When you read the two, one after the other, there is as much difference as daylight and dark. If this is not proof enough, simply search from a Conservative Christian standpoint and you will not believe the piles of evidence to show that our textbooks are filled with socialism, humanism, one-world community and separating our children from anything related to a belief in God.

Goals 2000

Our elected officials in Washington have passed Public Law - 103-227 (H.R.1804). It is known as Goals 2000. The Goals 2000 Educate America Act signing ceremony was signed into law March 31, 1994 by President Clinton before the children of the Zamoraro Fine Arts Academy Elementary School, San Diego, California.

There are 3 pages of index to the law and 156 pages of law in fine print.

This appears to me to be a case of a movement to standardize the American Education System both in curriculum and test. As I see it, this is one step closer to Federal or Washington control of our local schools, with standardized tests and curriculum as we approach the one-world that is so strongly advocated in the Humanist Manifesto II written in 1973.

The Humanist publication has proclaimed victory almost 10 years ago and indicated that the year 2000 will bring in the Humanist Century.

A simple call to 1-800-USA-LEAR got me a copy of Goals 2000 monthly update mailed directly to my home. I received my copy of the law some years ago. They were not trying to hide it even then.

If we evolve to the point that all schools teach the same curriculum and have the same tests, same standards etc., what difference would it make if we had a voucher system and parents could send their children anywhere? Eventually even home schools, in my opinion, will have to meet the same criteria.

Yes, it appears we are gearing up for the One-World Government and the Federal Government is here to help us speed the process up.

Don't take my word for anything. Get your own free copy from the government yourself and get on the community update mailing list so you can stay abreast of the New Accelerated Order coming in. All paid for by your tax dollars.

It is easy to see why additional monies are always needed.

(As you can see the above was written 10-15 years ago. Our progress has far exceeded this point.)

The Blind Preacher

I had occasion to read an interesting story that I would like to share with you.

A gentleman traveled through the county of Orange and saw a cluster of horses tied near an old run down wooden house in the woods. He could tell it was a place of worship, so he pulled in.

As he entered the building, a tall and very spare old man, with shriveled hands shaking from palsy, was standing before the group. He was perfectly blind. At first there was a felling of pity and veneration. It was the day of the sacrament, and his subject was the passion of our Savior. He had heard it a thousand times, but it was about to take on a new light. As he came from the pulpit, a more than solemn air and manner was with him, making the listeners' blood run cold and, their whole frames shiver. The preacher drew a picture of our Savior, His trial, Calvary and the crucifixion. It was as though you were hearing it for the first time. Every heart trembled in unison.

As his sightless balls gazed upward into heaven, he drew a picture as though you could see it happening before your eyes. After the great compassion of Christ, the old preacher with trembling hands took out his handkerchief and burst into tears. There was a great silence. Finally he quoted Rousseau: "Socrates died like a philosopher, but Jesus Christ, like a God!"

Just a few minutes before, pity had been felt in the heart. After hearing the man in his frail tabernacle of flesh so eloquently speak with such moving words and enthusiasm. The listener was left thinking surely this is the link between men and angels.

A thousand times after leaving, an attempt was made to imitate the blind preacher's quotations and his mannerisms, but it always ended in despair. It was quickly learned no human being could justly copy.

You may ask what has this got to do with education. This story came from the original McGuffey's Reader, the Electric Fourth Reader. This was one of the most spiritual stories I have read outside the Bible in years. Most of the effect has been lost by my brief account.

Just think, the McGuffey Reader and Ray's Electric Arithmetic were being taught in this area just over 100 years ago.

Yes, the educated ones have taken us down the road to where God can seldom be mentioned unless from the historical standpoint.

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UNCERTAIN SOUND

I Cor. 14:8, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

Since the early time of man, a sound has been used to alert the people from the ancient cities with the watchman on the wall to the modern day tornado siren. During World War II, a certain sound was given for air raids, and ships were put on alert. A certain sound was always given, and the intent was always known to alert the people.

If an uncertain sound is sent out from our churches, would this help

to quince the spirit of God? What about us as individuals? Are we sending out uncertain sounds? Are we divorced? Do we cheat on our taxes? Do we have beer in our refrigerators? Do we tell little white lies? Do we compromise the word of God not to make waves?

Do we see only good in hope that evil will flee from us? Do we talk only about good when evil abounds?

When Christ walked here on this earth he was more harsh towards the hypocrites than any other group.

Matt. 23:2-3, "Saying the scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not."

We must do what we say, or our words are of none effect, whether it be from the positive or the negative, or if it is bitter or sweet.

A minister cannot lie and then preach the word of God from the stand and expect to be heard.

I know of a preacher who years ago quit smoking because he overheard two boys talking. One boy told the other he knew it was all right to smoke because his pastor smoked. He quit smoking.

We send out a message at all times. What is our message? Is this one of the reasons we have so much turmoil, strife, and confusion. Are we reaping what we sow?

Gal. 6:7, ".....for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Are we currently in modern American progressive churches giving out an uncertain sound? The Bible says one thing and we do another. If we are fortunate, we are hearing the word of God preached from the stand. Does each interpret it according to his own belief (reason)?

The Bible is often reasoned away rather than accepting it as it is written. Although in most instances a child could understand what is being said, until we start to distort or reshape it according to our own needs.

How can the world know what God really expects of us or is alerting us to if we send out an uncertain sound? We would have confusion and turmoil rather than unity of purpose.

I Cor. 14:8, " For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

Is this the reason we are not preparing ourselves to the battle? Do we really know what the certain sound is and what to listen for?

MINISTERS

In Amos 1:1 we find that Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, was sent by the Lord.

Amos 1:2 “And he said, The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem;--.”

This day and age Amos would probably be asked what kind of degree he had and from what seminary he graduated. Amos was a herdsmen and a dresser of sycamore trees. He was not trained in any of the schools of the prophets. He was not a prophet by profession.

My wife and I were members of a small rural church in Kentucky years ago. As I understood it even back 50 yrs. ago, they wanted their pastors to have graduated from the seminary.

Which is better to have a minister of the living God called by God to minister to us with the message from God or to make sure he was educated in the proper fashion?

When I was a child, I did not know that there could be such a thing as a female pastor, and it was unthinkable for there to be Homosexual Ministers. I did not even know a minister could be divorced and pastor a church.

I Tim. 3:2 “A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;”

My, my, what changes man has made in the span of one life time. Man has been able to reason all sorts of escape mechanisms from the above mentioned scripture.

If our ministers are to be examples unto the flock (role models) so that others can follow, it appears to me that they should be the first to take a stand against the secular ways coming into our flocks. Perhaps many ministers do not come from Tekoa but from a hall of learning.

Why do ministers in most cases today refuse to point a finger at

fellow preachers or brethren if they know they are doing or saying something contrary to God's word? Is it better to please man than God?

A minister should be called by God, sent by God, and carry the message of God. If this is true and you go against him, it would be as though you are going against God Himself.

If, however, any of the above are not true and we continue to follow in the wrong paths, we will be held accountable.

Luke 12:48, "----For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: -----"

It is a weighty matter for a person to say he is called of God, sent by God, and carrying the message of God. Jokes from the sacred stand? Human Interest? Psychology? Divorced? Kitchens in the house of the most high God? Flattery?

How can a people go astray except they are led? Sheep follow. What are we following? It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of an angry god. Much weight is placed on a Christian leader's shoulders.

Rom. 10:15 "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Paul was bold in his preaching. He acknowledged he was chief among sinners. He also had his life threatened many times and finally was killed for his belief and stand.

GOD

Exodus 20:3 , "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Psalm 14:1, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God..."

Much of the earth worships other gods rather than Jehovah, God of Isarel through His Son Jesus Christ who died on Calvary's Cross. The three philosophies of Humanism, Socialism and Communism are all atheistic.

Our nation was founded on God. The founding fathers intended for our nation to be founded on Godly principles. Without Him we cannot survive.

In the "Rebirth of America" the following article written by Peter Marshall "The choice before us is plain, Christ or Choas, conviction or compromise, Discipline or Disintegration. I am rather tired of hearing about our rights and privileges as American Citizens. The time is come, it now is, when we ought to hear about duties and responsibilities of our citizenship. America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's Government."

Christianity excludes all other religions. God is a jealous God, and there are to be no other gods before Him. We are to worship Him with all of our mind, heart, and soul.

If we say we are His and refuse to follow Him and His Commandments, then we are hypocritical. We should stand up and be counted regardless of the side that we are on. God is a spirit and can be worshipped only spiritually. We must have the spirit of the Lord in us.

The love of God is stressed much by those who say they believe. Much less is said about our duty to Him and the fact He is a God of judgment. It is true God is a God of Love. We must never leave out judgment and discipline.

I Peter 4:17, "For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

We are told not to worship any other gods. We are told not to worship any graven images or idols. Satan seeks to exalt himself above the most high. I fear many of us have no other gods, do not worship idols or graven images, and don't believe in Satan himself. As a matter of fact, our actions show we really don't believe in any supernatural power. We place our trust in the hand of man.

Let us return to God.

BIBLES

Seventy- three percent of the world's population do not have a Bible. Eighty-five percent of all Bibles have been printed in English. There have been printed on average of five copies of the Bible or New Testaments for every man , woman, or child in the United States.

The remainder of the earth is a different story. Three out of four people do not have a Bible. Less than 5 percent of the earth has a complete Bible, less than 10% have a New Testament.

Certainly we will be held more accountable for the spreading of the word than most of the world.

What have we done with what we have?

Many question that there are any absolutes.

Many question that the word of God is infallible.

There are so many different versions of the Bible today. Ministers read one version from the stand and the congregation's Bible may be different. Children or adults may memorize a verse and quote it but it may not sound like the version that that others learned. Confusion! Confusion! Confusion!

It is felt certain Satan would be happy if every member of a congregation had a different version with each questioning as to what was right and what was wrong. Any time a crack is created it is subject to starting a break.

Isn't it strange we had few problems with versions of the Bible until the educated ones came along and started to dissect the word of truth. Now many question if it is the word of God.

We have so many Bibles in America, but how much is it read?

The Bible brings out so much so simply about the way we should go. We apparently believe we can do whatever we want to.

I recently suggested to a local pastor that there are people overseas who would walk five miles to get a copy of the word of God. He suggested I try fifty miles. He has been there.

We have such a golden opportunity . The fields are white unto harvest. All we have to do is use wisely what has been given to us.

What do you see tithes and offerings spent for that could be easily turned into Bibles or New Testaments?

God is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is to be exalted above all. The more he is held up, the greater reverence we show to

Him and fear Him. Then the more we reverence His word and His commandments.

If we reverence His house, His word, and His commandments, the closer we are to Him, the more spiritual we are. By the same token, if we question His word, do not reverence His house or His day and in effect show less respect for God, we start to slowly separate ourselves from Him no matter how small the thing we are doing to separate us from Him.

When the Bible and the Humanist Manifesto I and II come into conflict , which do we follow? Some examples of these are divorce, homosexuality, evolution, alternative life styles, situation ethics, human values, and one world government. Even many of our churches accommodate compromise between the two to satisfy people and not God.

SPIRITUAL

Websters' New 20th Century Dictionary second edition:

Spiritual : 1. Of the spirit or soul, often in a religious or moral aspect, as distinguished from the body. 2. Of, from, or concerned with the intellect, or what is often thought of as the better or higher part of the mind.

Please note the first definition is the soul and the second is the body.

Many people today do not seem to know what you are talking about when you refer to being spiritual. Often Christians think in terms of the body rather than the soul when speaking of spiritual. We are talking solely in terms of the soul and not the body or the mind.

God is a spirit and His word is spiritual. It can only be truly understood by the spiritual from the soul and not the mind or the intellect. He must be worshipped in spirit and in truth. Example: Believe and thy shall be saved. The carnal mind thinks with the mind one must believe. The spiritual knows it is from the heart (all of your heart). The spiritual desire the ways of God and seek His ways. The carnal seek the ways of the world.

We are to fear God as a child fears a parent. We are to come as a

little child, not questioning God, but accepting Him. We must recognize we are capable of nothing except through Him all things are possible. We must be willing to sacrifice the good life in favor of Him.

Rom. 8:9, “----if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you.---”

Rom. 8:14, “For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

Amos 8:11, “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:”

Isn't it strange that the departure in our nation from God has come through our churches, our schools, government, judicial system, business, and the streets all at the same time with about the same progression? If we check, there is a common thread or common denominator, if you please. The education system feeds all the above with our children going into all walks of life. The longer you are exposed to it normally the deeper one is entrenched in the philosophy.

FAITH

Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary Second Edition: “Faith-- belief, trust, to trust, confide in (1.) unquestioning belief (2.) unquestioning belief in God, religion, etc. (4.) anything believed. (5.) complete trust, confidence or reliance as children usually have faith in their parents. (6.) faithfulness, fidelity, loyalty, allegiance to some person or thing (7.) credibility or truth.”

Rom. 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

As long as we place reason as the highest intellectual contemplation or authority, then we use reason on the Bible to decide

what is right and wrong. We must accept the word of God as an absolute by faith, unquestioning belief in God and His word. We must have complete trust in Him. How can others have faith in us if we do not have faith ourselves? Faithful people are trusted.

The first definition of reason is an explanation or justification of an act, idea, etc. When a person does something in our modern society that might be questionable, you immediately begin with an explanation or justification of the act. Reason and logic are used instead of faith.

Faith is the only thing that should be used to read or study the Bible except righteous reasoning. When man's reason or logic is used, then you immediately start to destroy.

How often we hear the following terms: "I believe" "I feel" "Shouldn't it be this way" "I don't go along with that" instead of Thus saith the Lord. Accept the word of God without question as a child would its parents. If God tells us something that is completely impossible in the human mind, do not question it, but just look for a miracle.

Modern man cannot believe in miracles, for he must reason everything out. If it is not reasonable it is not true.

Heb. 11:1, " Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Science proves by experience and experimentation of man. Hands on approach is needed. If you cannot see it, you do not believe it. If we have to see to believe, we have no faith. If we have no faith, we are not one of His.

When we question or doubt, wherein is our faith? We must first accept the Bible as God's word not to be questioned. If we do this, then it becomes an absolute and cannot and will not be changed. We then must of necessity believe the commandments of God.

The Bible tells us if we love Him we will keep His commandments. How can we say we have faith if we do not believe the Bible is the word of God? Does our lack of faith quench the spirit of God?

God is a spirit and we must worship Him in spirit and truth (the Bible) if we are to please Him. Are we more concerned about pleasing God or ourselves?

Do we understand what faith is?

SALVATION

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Rom. 3:10, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"

Rom. 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

Rom. 5:8, "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Rom.10:10-13, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Rom.14:12, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Salvation: The acceptance of Jesus Christ as your personal saviour in the free pardon of your sins. This is a personal relationship between the individual and Christ. He died for our sins on Calvary's cross. We must accept and repent (turn away from our former life).

We live in a day when children are taught that they and they alone decide what is right for them. There are no absolutes. Their self-esteem is to be held high. Individualism has become a central part of our society. Each person can achieve anything if they will set their mind and their heart (soul) to the task.

Let us back up and take a close look at salvation once again. In

order to be a saved born-again believer, we need a pardon of our sins. First, we must recognize that we have sinned or that we are a sinner. Without this, what hope have we? Next, to ask for forgiveness we must humble ourselves. To humble oneself in the face of high esteem and self-worth (pride) is difficult. I would not say it is impossible, but difficult.

Next if there are no absolutes or you can choose what you feel is best for you, how can you submit yourself by faith without question. Most of our youth have been taught to criticize and question everything.

I could go on and on, but I have seen youth walk the aisle coming for salvation more than once thinking each time they were saved. Confused!

The philosophy that is taught today does not make salvation impossible, but it makes it difficult for many to even understand what the Bible is saying, much less to humble and submit themselves without question to the hand of the living God.

Are we quenching the spirit of God with our vain philosophies?

REASON-----QUESTION-----CRITICIZE-----

How can you be convicted by the SPIRIT OF GOD when there is NO FEAR OF GOD?

Our young people must see the adults showing a fear of God.

THE LORD'S DAY

Man's thinking is that intellectual contemplation gives us the right to decide what we want to do on the Lord's Day and if it is right.

Many people dispute about the Sabbath and The Lord's Day with most keeping neither.

In Jeremiah 17: 19-27 we are told to bear no burden, neither do ye any work and to hallow the day.

Israel was told that kings and princes of David would sit upon the throne and the city would stand forever if they would hearken unto him. They were to keep the Sabbath and to keep it Holy.

They were also told what would happen if they did not hearken

unto Him.

I can remember as a child that one service station would open on Sunday so a traveler could get gas and one drug store for emergency medical needs. Now anything goes. Our industries run wide open, trucks travel the roads transporting goods and generally speaking business is as usual in most circles.

Many pastors go out to a restaurant for a relaxing meal after services on Sunday. I have known of deacons taking ministers out to buy them lunch on The Lord's Day. This teaches our young to buy and sell on the Lord's Day. Church groups sometimes even take the youth out and buy ice cream after services on Sunday evening.

Our examples to our youth and others should be what we are willing to give up for the Lord.

Most often the debate about the Lord's Day comes from a person desiring to break it.

Few there be that will hallow The Lord, His Day, His Name and stand and resist the evil that has taken our land.

God took His people out of their land to let the land rest for the length of time that His Day had been broken by the people.

How long would we have to be taken out for the land to rest for our broken Lord's Days.

An older preacher once said that when he was young a man plowed his fields on Sunday. He was not a member of the church. The local congregation had no control over the man. One man at a time went by to visit him and told him they hated having such things as working on Sunday put before their children. After the man had been visited by most of the men of the community, he quit plowing on Sunday.

The above was here in Arkansas, within the life span of a local minister who is still preaching.

My, how we have changed.

The line of excuses that we offer for desecration of the Lord's Day are as long as my arm.

Rom. 8:14 " For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

I find no place in the New Testament where the Christians are instructed to build a building to worship God. I find where many met in homes, etc. Paul often met with the Jews in the synagogues. If a building is built and set aside and dedicated to the worship of God, then let it be for that purpose and not for recreation and festivity. Some buildings are built for a million dollars or more. How many New Testaments or Bibles would that send to foreign fields that are desperately in need of them.

Let His house be set aside for a house of prayer. Matt. 21:13, "And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Is.: 56:7, "Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

Let His house be a spiritual place dedicated solely for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

Let there be no garage sales, ball games, auctions, car washes, selling turkeys, or become a restaurant. For the church to go into business for a profit is certainly out of the question.. Why would the house of the Lord, a house of prayer, a spiritual house, worshipping God who is a spirit and concerned with spiritual matters- tell me why He would have need of a kitchen? If you are hungry go home to eat. I Cor. 11:34" And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come."

It is recognized that the Lord's supper is mentioned in the previous verse. See also verse 22 of chapter 11 of I Corinthians. It is mentioned twice in one chapter. How can anyone dispute trying to lift up or show more reverence to God, His house, or His name? There is certainly nothing wrong with eating or fellowship together, but why does it have to be in a place dedicated to Almighty God?

What is wrong with a group within a church doing things to make money and then bring the money to the house of the Lord on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered them. But on the other hand, if we do all these things at or in the church (car washes-garage sales-etc.etc.) then we belittle the Lord, His name, and His house, and His cause. How can we give our junk to the Lord and give the very best that we own to Him?

A lady, now deceased, once said it appeared in her church some thought they could eat their way to heaven.

Remember John Dewey's Human Interest philosophy. Once a man who moved to town from out of area was seeking a church home. He and his family went around town seeking a church. He said he was seeing what they had to offer for him and his family.

I always thought we went to worship God in spirit and truth and to learn about God and His word. Let His house be respected and show reverence when there. Teach our young not to act up. Let them know it is a house of prayer.

Many quickly say the building is not to be worshipped. True enough, but it appears to me it is an awesome thing to build and dedicate anything unto the living God and then turn around and misuse what now is owned by God or downright desecrate it.

I remember as a child being instructed by my mother and told to keep quiet in church and listen, but I didn't. I was whispered to and told she would see me when I got home. Nothing was said to me until my mother's hand reached for the screen door when we got home. I thought it was all over and she had forgotten. I still remember that spanking I got, even though I was a child and am now up in years. I thank God for a godly mother that loved me and properly instructed me concerning the house of the Lord. My mother under today's psychological philosophy of humanism would probably be considered a child abuser for giving me proper biblical and godly instruction. Our educated ones have intellectually contemplated or reasoned differently than God and try to force us to go in the ungodly direction. Under today's standards I was the victim, and I thank God for being one.

Now it hurts me to the bone when I see people in the sanctuary of God during special events eating and drinking coffee even in the very sanctuary of God. Years ago I came up late for services and saw people during a prayer looking around with eyes wide open. Perhaps they were not taught and didn't know to respect the Lord. I have even seen children getting their regular school homework during regular services. Where is the respect and reverence to the living God? What have we ourselves done to diminish the respect, reverence and fear of God? Have we taught our children accordingly?

Ivan Petrovich Pavlov (1849-1936), a Russian physiologist researched the flow of digestive juices as a conditioned reflex. He rang a bell and then fed dogs. Eventually he could ring the bell and regardless of whether he fed the dogs or not the digestive juices would start to flow.

Hopefully we have not reached the point where we have been conditioned to the extent that when we hear the church bell ring our digestive juices start to flow because we have eaten there so much we feel that is what it is all about.

Help us to return to our first love, remembering our salvation through faith in the Lord, thinking of the Lord's house as a house of prayer. May we think of nothing in connection with His worship other than Him, His Son, His Spirit and His Word.

Rom. 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Matt. 6: 1-4, "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

Therefore when thou doesn't thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

But when thou doesn't alms, let not thou left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

That thine alms may be in secret: and thou Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly."

Matt. 5: 23-24, "Therefore if thou bring thou gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

II Corn: 9:7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Psalm 37:25, " I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

"Mal.3:8-9, "Will a man rob God? But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In Tithes and offerings.

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

Mal. 3:10, “ Bring ye me all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

In Malachi 1:10 we are told that the Lord would not accept an offering at their hands. Further in Mal. 1:14” But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the Lord of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.”

I fear in many cases today even if we give our tithes and offerings unto the Lord at His storehouse we may wonder what purpose it will be used. If it was spiritually given for the advancement of His kingdom will it be spent for hot dogs? Three fifths of the earth do not even have a copy of the Bible or New Testament yet we as stewards of the Lord put greater precedence on trips, recreational centers, eats, and activities, activities, activities, etc. than we do on distribution of God’s word.

Human interest has greater priority in many cases than the commandments of God.

If the people with their names on a church roll gave a tithe and not an offering unto the Lord the coffers of the Lord would over flow and the needy could be taken care of out of it rather than by the government.

An out of town doctor asked if it was as well helping the needy as giving to his church. He said all they will use it for is to build another building.

Mark 9:41 “For whosoever shall give you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.”

Many do not give their tithes to any church. I personally would hate to be in a big bass boat that I had purchased with my tithes and offerings on a lake on Sunday morning and a storm come up. What about a sports car which was purchased with the Master's tithes and offerings on the way to a ball game?

Isn't it a shame to even be in a position to feel the need to ask what a local body of baptized believers would do with God's tithes and offerings if they got their hands on them? It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God when we transgress openly and frequently against God.

As I understand the word, we are to be cheerful givers, not of necessity, but for the love of God. We are to do this in secret and to give of the best that we have, and he will reward us openly.

CHARITY

Sit down with a pencil and paper at six o'clock P. M. in front of a television and write down the name of each organization mentioned until midnight that is taking care of the affairs of man separate and apart from God. Write in a separate location any organization that gives God the credit for what is being accomplished.

Many Christians may question any one of these organization being mentioned and tell what great good they are doing.

How can God be the center of our lives when we work so hard and do so much and give him credit for little or nothing?

The number of charitable organizations requesting money through the mail is almost endless. Few there be that give God and not man the credit for the accomplishments. Perhaps many are serving a purpose and may ease the suffering of mankind, but how much greater it would be if done in the name of the Lord with Him getting the credit rather than a person or organization.

We must always remember that the vain philosophy that is taking our land is coming in the name of good. Also remember that many people that do good it is obtained through intellectual contemplation (man's reasoning) and not the love of God. We feel we must establish our own values.

An Englishman wrote a book which I learned from it years ago that indicated that much of our evil is coming from good. If we want something to be accepted by our people then call it good and give a rational reason showing the good it will do for mankind.

Man taking care of the affairs of man separate and apart from God.

Many Christians have given many dollars to causes that sound good but have never aided the cause of Christ. We are to be as wise

as serpents and harmless as doves. We are to be good stewards.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of our churches could be entrusted with tithes and offerings to spend on the advancement of the kingdom of the Lord and for spiritual things only? The answer would be simple for the average Christian to take his/her tithes and offerings to the store house and there would be plenty for all in need, but not for all those with the wrong reason.

Matt. 6:33, " But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

SIN

Have we reached the point that we really don't know what sin is? Can sin be defined?

We live in a day and age where it is felt each person is able to choose his own values. Reason is the greatest human contemplation. If one is able to reason out what is right and what is wrong, then transgression of necessity must be against one of the selected values that the particular individual has chosen. What may be considered sinful to you may not be sinful to me is the idea.

What is considered sin to one is not a sin at all to another. If there is no sin, then there is no transgression or guilt.

The Bible is very clear concerning sin. God's law will stand and cannot be changed. If we do not comply with God's law, we have transgressed and transgression is sin. Omission as well as commission is sin.

The Bible tells us that that which is not of faith is sin.

The knowledge of the law teaches us what is sin.

There is a famine in the land for the word of God.

Without absolutes there is confusion and chaos.

So many people today sin daily and do not have a clue that they have transgressed against anything. They often look at it as an alternative or choice that they have a right to make.

Jer. 6:15-17, "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they

blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.”

Doesn't this sound familiar? How long has it been since you have seen someone blush? How often do you see someone ashamed? On the other hand, how often do you see a prideful or haughty look?

Pro. 16:18, “ Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”

We must know the word of God in order to know His laws and His commandments. If we know the laws and commandments, we realize or know when we transgress. Only when we know we have transgressed can we repent and turn away. If we do not know we have transgressed or do not think we have transgressed then we cannot turn away from our sins.

Does it bother you to buy or sell on the Lord's Day? Does it bother you not to return thanks at meals? When you don't go to worship God each week, do you feel guilty? Do you decide what is right and wrong for you, or does God decide?

We are born in sin. We are all sinners. Our only hope is through Christ Jesus. Then we must seek and desire His teachings.

Rom:3:10, “ As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one:”

Rom. 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

JUDGEMENT

The front row Christian often is the first to say I will not judge. The Bible is clear on judgment.

II Cor. 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Remember the commandments of God. If God commands us not to steal and we see a person clearly steal, then we say the man is a thief. Have we judged, or is it God's judgment that has condemned the person?

Ken Stegall in his articles recently written and published in the El Dorado News-Times stated, "Those who accuse others of being judgmental are themselves the first judge - and the harshest." This is well said.

When we departed from the laws of God, we had to set up our own laws. Often when there is conflict between man's law and the laws of God, we duck the issue by saying

I will not judge. When discipline in the local church comes up, we often say I will not judge.

I Cor. 6:1-4, "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?"

Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church?"

It is quite simply either we will comply with the laws of God or the laws of man. When we take it upon ourselves to decide and it is not by God's commandments, we have truly become a judge and we are judging.

It is a dreadful thing to judge another individual. All judgment is placed in the hands of Christ, and each of us will come before Him. We are not to judge of ourselves. If however God has commanded it, then it will stand throughout eternity.

Please do not use the term judge as a scapegoat to keep from standing on our own responsibilities of keeping the Word of God. If God has said it, then it is an absolute and cannot or will not be

changed.

So often the term “judging” is used when a person does not want to get involved or take a stand for what the Bible says is true. Christ and most of His disciples were killed for the stand they took. How much opposition do we receive for the stand we take?

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INTELLECTUAL CONTEMPLATION

(Reason)

We might say intellectual contemplation is man's ability to intelligently reason a matter or situation out.

Let us separate righteous reasoning from man's reasoning. Righteous reasoning would be spiritual and based solely on the word of God and laws of God. The Bible gives us a small glimpse into the mind of God.

Man's intellectual contemplation or reasoning is carnal and from the mind. It often seems right to man or even good but will be far from God or His word.

When we hold intellectual contemplation as the highest test or appeal that man is capable of, then we destroy faith. The power is put in the hands of man and not God.

Heb. 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

We put our belief and trust in God. If we have to experiment or learn by experience of man, then it is not faith. We do not have to scientifically prove faith. We have to accept.

It has been said that if a foreign power took over, a group of third graders could be completely changed in a matter of a few minutes. All that would have to be done is introduce the new teacher and inform the children to listen and do everything the new teacher told them. The old teacher was gone and we go strictly by the teaching of the new. It is a simple matter of instruction from that point on.

We have removed God out of our schools and been taught that the old way is out and the new progressive way is in. We reach for the new academic excellence and the higher standards set by the new methods seeking the goals that have been set for us or you fail. We must reach the scores set by those with power over us or we are out.

Everything now seems to be based on psychology, science, evolution, and the pragmatism of John Dewey. What if just maybe an old foggy wants his/her children to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? What if the parents want the child to be Bible based? Do they have the right?

Remember intellectual contemplation is the highest appeal in the land. We must go by reason. Unless we find the word of God to be reasonable, it will not be accepted. It has been rejected by the world and Satan for centuries.

Our laws are drawn up by intellectual contemplation, our courts by intellectual contemplation, our schools by intellectual contemplation, and now a high percentage of our churches are reasoning out what is found to be reasonable to man is good.

Since we choose our own values now, we can have a group of 50 people with 50 different ways of thinking as to what is right and wrong. Dissecting the Bible becomes an easy matter. You and you alone have the right to decide what you want it to mean.

The old Greeks had the idea of intellectual contemplation centuries ago as the highest appeal for man.

II Cor., 4:18 "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

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HUMANISM II

Many people have never heard of Humanism, or they think of it as humanitarian or the humanities, but it is different.

Humanism is as old as the garden of Eden. Its root may be traced to ancient China, classical Greece and Rome, through the Renaissance and through our modern world. Basically, Humanism is looking to the hand of man to solve all of our problems and not to the hand of God.

The basic concept is to rule out any form of super natural power, especially a prayer hearing god. The ultimate test to any question is reason.

Why should such a philosophy concern us? In fact, it is atheistic in nature. Not only God is ruled out, but any form of belief in any supernatural power. The only religion that is accepted is the religion of Humanism. The Supreme Court has ruled that Secular Humanism is

a religion in Torcaso vs Watkins June 19, 1961. Secular is of the world or worldly.

Materialism, Secularism, Pragmatism, Existentialism, and Atheism are where man and not god is the center of all things. Hence, the experience and experimentation of John Dewey's Pragmatism fits right in the Modern Progressive Education System.

In 1933 Manifesto I was written and signed by John Dewey as one of the 34 signers.

The Tangled Web written by Louise Idomir states, "it is not surprising that over a hundred years ago in 1872, Oliver Wendell Holmes, recognizing man's universal tendency towards idolatry, described today's humanism almost perfectly 'Men are idolaters, and want something to look at and kiss and hug, or throw themselves down before: they always did, they always will, and if you don't make it out of wood, you must make it out of words.' Yes, the literary genius stated it well. That is exactly what the religion of humanism is: words. Words that formulate the atheistic theories on which our educational system feeds."

Louise S. Idomir has a doctorate degree in Psychology and was not converted, saved, or born again until the age of 60 years old. She spent most of her life teaching in schools of higher learning. Once she started to dig into the Bible she has declared Psychology is Satanic and she is now one of the hardest fighters of Secular Humanism in our state. She also wrote a book on Psychology call the "Pied Piper of New Age". She covered such areas as Freudianism, Biofeedback, Centering, Silva Mind Control, Behaviorism, Imagery, Affirmation, Existentialism, Self Hypnosis, and Positive Thinking.

I had a chance to talk with her at length when she was about 80 years old. We discussed Humanism and she talked about psychology. She referred to us as kindred spirits. She knows what is in the educational system and was spending her remaining years trying to root it out. She was legally blind at the time I talked to her. This did not slow her down but very little. I wish our ministry had the will and determination of that lady. She told me she had had ministers to walk on the other side of the church so as not to pass by her. She said she knew why, because they loved their psychology so much and she was trying to expose it.

VALUES

Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary 2nd Edition

" Value: To be strong, To be worth" "that quality of a thing according to which it is thought of as being more or less desirable, useful, estimable, important etc; worth or the degree of worth."

I Cor. 5:6 "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"

John 14:23 ".....If a man love me, he will keep my words:...."

Years ago it was seldom heard the term values in connection with standards as to what was right and wrong. Then suddenly there it appeared as a normal part of our conversation.

Humanist Manifesto II : Ethics paragraph, Third: " We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational, needing no theological or ideological sanction"

Isn't it strange that at first we seldom hear a word and after it has been made clear in 1973 in the Humanist Manifesto II that we then use it in our normal conversation less than 30 years later.

Notice now our values are autonomous and situational. Now we have changed gears in our method of thinking right and wrong. Also, we need no theological sanction. In other words, since our way of thinking now has progressed to the point we don't need God to tell us, we will decide ourselves.

The old Greeks used ethics and morals deciding what was best for them, what was right and wrong.

The next paragraph in the Humanist Manifesto II the Fourth in this section: "Reason and intelligence are the most effective instruments that humankind possesses. There is no substitute: neither faith nor passion suffices in itself."

In two paragraphs The Humanist have taught us by reason and intelligence we will make our own rules and we will decide the affairs of man separate and apart from God. It really isn't that hard to go from Memphis, Tenn., to New York City if you have a map. The Humanist Manifesto I and II are like a map telling us where we are and where we are going. Isn't it strange all of this is located in two small documents with one of the thirty-four signers of the first being John

Dewey the father of the modern progressive educational system? If our society was to be restructured, we need new words or uses in our vocabulary to alter our way of thinking for our values.

Values: Derived from man's reason

Choices: WE decide, not God

Alternatives: WE choose not God

Higher Standards: Man's intellectual contemplation or reason sets our standards

Goals: Man's ability to accomplish

Social Skills: Rather than love your neighbor as yourself

Eccl. 1:9"and there is no new thing under the sun."

The Samaritans were a mixed group back in Biblical times. The people that were left in Israel during the time of the captivity married in with people from the surrounding area and became as one. Their blood was mixed and their beliefs were mixed. Sure they could say they believed in Jehovah God of Israel, but they probably could name several other gods they believed in as well.

Isn't that where we are today? Don't we say sure we believe in God and Jesus Christ, the son of God? Can't we too say that He is one of the gods we believe in? Although we don't set up altars, don't we bow our knee to REASON AND INTELLECTUAL CONTEMPLATION OF MAN, HUMAN INTEREST, OURSELVES (we can do anything), AND SEX (consenting adults).

God has made it clear the direction we should go. If the spirit of God is in us, we have been given the road map, "The Bible".

Isaiah 1:16-21, "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers."

There were eight on Noah's Ark, the rest perished.

When each person can establish his own values, we have a multitude of different values leading to confusion and turmoil. When our Focus is centered on materialism with a multitude of varying values, with no absolutes, we degenerate into a valueless society.

When we recognize God as an absolute and His laws and commandments are immovable then we have a unified and stable society. We accept His will by faith and not the unrighteous reasoning of man.

Mat. 5:18-19, “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

GOOD LIFE
(Eudaimonia) : (State of well being)

II Tim. 4:3, “ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;”

We are living in a day and age when man is looking to the hand of man to save us. Yes, we look for self perfection. Success is more important than anything else. We seek human happiness. It is felt that intellectual contemplation is the highest activity man can achieve.

Reason is the center of the universe. We can reason out by logic our very ethics, values or standards we should go by. When it is said we should raise our standards or have high standards, we are talking about man’s standards and not God’s.

The old Greeks thought there was a divine element in man and it should be cultivated to make men immortal. The gods were themselves subject to fate. There was no fear of the gods as man could become immortal.

Modern man has been to the moon and is looking to Mars. What great intellectual contemplation can be achieved by the hand of man?

II Tim.:3: 7, “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

The Bible makes it very clear we are a created being, made by God and capable of nothing except through Him.

What direction is our nation headed? Where are our leaders taking us? Are we headed into a one world government eventually to be headed by one person? Is this the prophesy?

We seek for the “Eudaimonia” (state of well being). Our leaders are judged by how well they are keeping us in the direction of the good

life and not if they are following God and His Commandments.

Our elected officials give the definite impression they have some insight from somewhere to know what is good for us. They make laws that we have never heard of and shackle us with appointed officials that continually make regulation that are added to our innumerable laws. Seldom do we have new laws that are not in harmony with the Humanist Manifesto I and II unless it is to undo some previous law that was in harmony with them and didn't work.

I know of no government sanctioned by the Lord and His Word (The Bible) other than a Theocracy (God ruling). Man cried for a King and God allowed it. We have cried for a democracy where the majority rule. If the majority are not supportive of God and His Commandants, you know clearly where that put us with God.

When man's way is sought, mental illness is on the increase, alcohol consumption is up, and drug use is increasing. Crimes are on the increase. A century or so ago when a revival swept through England and thousands were led to the Lord, many policeman were let go because they had little need for the number they had.

The True Eudaimonia (well being) comes only through Salvation in Christ with eternity secure. He is the Rock and only through Him will the good life be achieved in eternity.

I Tim. 2:3-4, "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

FAMILY

God instituted marriage in the beginning, and marriage brought about the family unit. Male and female started the family. Harmony occurred with the man being the spiritual leader, provider, and protector of the family. The wife normally took care of the household, had the children, nurtured the children, and was instrumental in the development of the family.

It has been said that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Where does this put day-care centers in our modern society? Perhaps this is why we have more and more governmental control. It

has been said they are trying to control from the cradle to the grave. I guess that abortion blows that theory out of the water since that is before the cradle.

Divorce has plowed right through the fertile ground of marriage life in our modern progressive society. Some estimate that 50% of all marriages will end in divorce. Think how many marriages are No. 2 or No. 3, etc.

Many today don't even bother to marry. Alternative life styles have entered the picture. Single parent households abound on all sides. Children are raised not knowing the harmony of a real family.

Homosexuals are living together, with some even seeking marriage. Some are wanting to adopt children since they are unable to have natural children themselves.

The Humanist Manifesto sanctions divorce and does not even mention marriage. As usual, we go in the direction of the Humanist Manifesto. The Bible is very clear that male and female are to be united only. Vows are made to God until death do you part, not I will try it for a while and see what it is like.

We really do not need a reason to get a divorce if we just decide we do not want to be married anymore. We really do not need to have a reason as to why we want to break vows to God in an institution that He started. The idea is I make the choice and not God.

Commitment, trust, love and dedication are elements of a marriage. Our commitment, trust, love and dedication have dropped, and is dropping with God at the same time.

The feminist movement has caused a restructure of the family unit. The Good Life has caused both parents to work to keep up the desired standard of living. Both parents have to work to put the children through college that they may have the Good Life.

Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Now we train them up to divorce, live in mixed families, my children, your children, and our children and the children thinking they are related to the whole world. Many start out thinking a day care is their second home, which it may very well be.

Families today often could be compared to a scrambled egg as compared to a solid boiled egg when I was growing up. Children from divorced families often feel they have no place. One side of the family is pitted against the other.

With the Good Life well planted, we have Abortion on one end of the spectrum and the Nursing Home on the other. Soon to come will

be the sanctioning of suicide and euthanasia, which are set out so boldly in the Humanist Manifesto II. Get rid of that which hinders the Good Life is the idea. We must seek the Good Life, state of well being or the Eudaimonia, with which I am sure that God is not pleased.

DIVORCE

As reason became the ultimate intellectual contemplation within our society, divorce has rapidly increased. Man has become wiser and wiser in the ways of man and gone further and further from God's word.

Since there are no absolutes and each person is able to reason within themselves as to the values they choose, then it is a simple matter of reasoning your particular situation under the circumstances and arriving at the desired conclusion (situation ethics).

God's commandments still stand.

Let us look at history for a second. In 1900 in the United States there were .07 % divorces per 1000 population. By 1910 it had reached .09% and by 1920 it had increased to 1.6. It held to 1.6 until in the 1930's. In 1940 it was up to 2.0%. By 1950 it has reached 2.6%. Remember this was per 1000 population. This would translate into married couples about 10.3% in 1950 or 5.2% of married individuals. Regardless, many sociologists believed that divorce laws should be made stricter in order to reduce the high divorce rate. Others believed the marriage laws should be made stricter and divorce laws more liberal.

The above was in the past. We have some that estimate in our current modern progressive society that we have created in what we might term as the good life, divorce would be close to 50% or one out of two that currently marry will divorce..

It appears to me that divorce is one of the most destructive forces on the American soil.

God instituted marriage. Marriage was to create stability for the starting of a family. A man and a woman were separated out from all others until death of one or the other occurred.

Children are hit the hardest. Single parent homes are created. Remarriage often occurs, causing children to be placed in a home and told they have a new father or mother that they may or may not even

know. Frequently the children are placed in a home with siblings they know little or nothing about. Chaos often occurs with your children, my children and our children living under the same roof. Children often feel they are not wanted by one parent or the other and sometimes both.

Financial destruction usually accompanies divorce. Often property is sold that never would have been sold. If both parents weren't working before, they probably are after the divorce.

Even though the divorce rates are extremely high in our society, we must also consider, that many chosen alternative life styles- either not marrying at all, just living together, or practicing homosexuality. Even though possibly as high as one out of two marriages fail, many of the partners are already in their second or third marriage and sometimes even more.

Abuse of children has increased. Often they live in a single parent home, step parent home, or with one parent living with a boy friend or girl friend. The child is expected to mind someone they may or may not know without morals enough to even marry (if a live- in situation).

Reason has taken us a long way. Where is God? I fear He is right where He has always been, and we will appear at the same judgment seat that our ancestors will appear before, regardless of our reasoning ability or our intellectual contemplation.

Genesis 2:24, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

In the year 1994 there were nearly 1.2 million divorces. From 1960 to 1994 the number has tripled. The predictions are that nearly half of all marriages will end in divorce. No-fault divorce laws have raised divorce rates in 44 states. Unmarried couple households continue to climb. Two- parent households decline.

Children with divorced parents are more likely to have a poor relationship with their parents, receive psychological help, or drop out of school. Illegitimate children increase with climbing divorce rates.

Adults divorced have a greater degree of earlier death from cancer, cardiovascular disease, strokes, pneumonia, hypertension, and suicide.

Matt. 24:38, " For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark."

The National Institute of Mental Health states, “The single most powerful prediction of stress related physical, as well as emotional, illness is marital disruption.”

When a couple decide to divorce, it is felt to be their business and no one else’s. The following are affected: children, family on both sides, neighbors, peers, employers, children, teachers, etc. The number is endless. Even the financial stability of the community at large is effected. Other taxpayers are affected.

When we make vows to God and break them, we can expect turmoil. God made it male and female until death do us part and not to try it for a little while or until we decide otherwise.

No- fault laws continue to increase the percentage of divorces.

To the intellectual contemplators that seek a way to find how to divorce, where does the Bible even suggest the possibility of remarriage?

HOMOSEXUALITY

Romans 1:25-28, “Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one towards another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”

How can the question ever come up about homosexuality, except you do not believe the Bible or you do not know what is in it? The Bible could not be more clear. Either we believe it or we do not.

We find in our modern progressive society that some homosexuals are accepted even into the ministry of God. Some groups profess to be predominately or all homosexual.

There is no point in arguing. This life style is forbidden by the Bible and we will answer unto God for it.

Remember homosexuality is sanctioned in the Humanist Manifesto

II The Individual Section Paragraph Sixth.....“neither do we wish to prohibit, by law or social sanction, sexual behavior between consenting adults.”

It seems if the Manifesto sanctions it, our society accepts it regardless of what the Bible says. We cannot accept homosexuality as an alternative life style. Christianity and homosexuality are not compatible. We cannot lead a homosexual life and be pleasing unto God. It is forbidden. It is biblically unacceptable.

As a matter of fact, note how homosexuality usually precedes destruction by God. A modern progressive Sodom will not save us from the wrath of God.

Do not reject the homosexual, reject the sin of homosexuality.

In some cities laws have been enacted to keep the citizens from discriminating against homosexuals in jobs and housing. Hiring practices have been enacted by many companies not to discriminate in hiring and promotion because of homosexuality.

Calling homosexuals gay does not whitewash the issues. If we condone homosexuality within our churches, we might as well condone robbery, adultery, and any other sins or crimes. This in no way indicates we would not forgive one who repents and turns away from the practice. Reference is made to currently practicing homosexuals who have not repented or turned away from homosexuality.

Homosexuality destroys the family unit. It is against nature and therefore cannot produce children in the sexual sense. The father and mother relationship for an adoptive child is destroyed.

When we stray from God’s way and plan, it just does not work.

ADULTERY

Adultery and fornication have spread through our land, taking their toll of destruction on the family. The Bible condemns both but the Humanist Manifesto II condones them. All that is necessary is consenting adults.

Let us take a look at one chapter in one book in the New Testament. It is chapter 5 of Matthew. This is from the Sermon on the Mount. The master Himself is speaking to us. All judgment is given into His hands.

Matt. 5:27-28, “ Ye have heard it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

Matt. 5:31-32, “It has been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever that shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.”

Follow through the entire chapter from beginning to end (Matt. Chapter 5) and see what you find.

In verse 18 it is found, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

In verse 19, if we break one of these commandments and teach men so, you will be called least in the kingdom of heaven.

Verse 21-22, anyone that shall kill is in danger of the judgment and also whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.

Verse 23-24, If a brother has ought against you leave your gift at the altar and go to be reconciled with your brother and then come and offer your gift to God.

Verse 34,- We are not to swear at all.

Verse 39,- If someone smites us on one cheek, turn the other.

Verse 40,- If someone sues you and takes your coat, give him your cloke also.

Verse 41,- If we are compelled to go a mile go with him twain .

Verse 42,- To him that would borrow turn not away.

Verse 44,- Love your enemies.

Bless them that curse you .

Pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you.

Please notice this was all coming from one chapter on the Sermon on the Mount. The master Himself was setting out the rules. He is the judge. Many question us going by the law. Note on each of the above Christ Himself was telling us not only our actions will be judged but the very intent of our heart. To me this was much stricter than the old law.

Modern man sets his intellectual contemplation (reason) to the task and excuses even preachers of divorce and puts them in the stand as under-shepherds of the flock. We can reason away anything

that we would like, but the master's words still stand.

We have killed more by abortion than Hitler killed Jews. Our unwed mothers' birth rates continue to rise. Homosexuality rises. Live-in situations are brought right into our churches. All these are brought about by unrighteous living.

What kind of example are we setting before our youth. Are we not telling them it is all right, they have the right to make their own choices? Are we telling them there are no absolutes? Do we suggest they set their own values to replace the commandments of God?

For further clarification on the subject of adultery, turn to Matthew chapter 19: 3-12 and see what the master tells us once again.

We cut our own slack, but the Bible doesn't do it for us. We reason out our own escape mechanisms from the truth. We deceive ourselves. If we come as a little child, we would have no trouble understanding the word of God.

ABORTION

Jer. 1:5, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee: and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

Ps. 139:13, "For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mothers womb."

Is. 49:1, "Listen, O Isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name."

Is. 49:5, "And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant,---."

Is. 44:2, "Thus saith the Lord that that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee;---."

To those who would question when life began, the scripture has reference of several cases where the individual is referred to or even chosen before their birth. To me, there is nothing to debate, if you believe the Bible.

Malthus' thesis states that the population is increasing and the substance produced on the earth are not in proportion with the increase in population. In other words, as the population increases, the amount of substance to sustain life per person will decrease. Eventually, unchecked, we will starve ourselves to death from increased population.

The humanist feel so strongly about the over-population of the earth that they did have a special section in their publication dedicated to population to keep you updated every other month. Now they have a smaller section giving the names and addresses of seven organizations you can contact on the population crisis, including Zero Population Growth.

Once again man is taking care of the affairs of man separate and apart from God. Birth control is the first step, with the ultimate contraceptive being abortion. It may be called the right of the women to have power over their own bodies, but the agenda is to control the population of earth.

If we call ourselves Christians how could the question of abortion come up in the first place? If we do not believe the Bible then admit we are not Christian and we make up our own rules by reason and intelligence and let the world know it.

World wide 22% of the 210 million pregnancies end in abortion each year or 46 million. Hitler was estimated to have killed 6 million Jews. We kill 6 million by abortion every six weeks. In America our figures are 1.43 million per year abortions. It would take us 4 to 5 years to equal the 6 million mentioned above. In America it seems we are killing at a speed close to Hitler's elimination of the Jews. Arkansas kills 8.3 thousand per year. It would take our little state 75 years to kill the 6 million. Thirty-three percent of our births are from unwed mothers.

Free or low cost contraceptives services for poor woman and teenagers through publicly supported clinics are available in fifty states. Thirty-seven percent of the teenagers (sexually active) as Planned Parenthood would refer to them are in Need in Arkansas, ranks fifty-one percent.

The figures are staggering or mind boggling. It is my understanding we have already killed approximately forty - fifty million here in America. How can this be tolerated by Christians? Atheistic doctrine flows freely through our veins. Those killed are silent, have no voice and in most cases we fail to speak for them.

Yes, the educated ones have reasoned and put intellectual contemplation to work feeling it is simple, like a farmer thinning corn. We decide who will live and who will die. Mans reasoning is the highest appeal these babies will get.

When the time comes to stand before the master would you prefer to be a Nazi storm trooper or an unregistered voter that did not want to go to the polls and vote, much less voting a Biblical based vote?

We kill babies but if one slipped through and lives we would fine the mother for not protecting its life in a restraint in a car.

The rights of the individual have become greater than the commandments of God. Do we really have any rights other than those given us by God? After all unless God gives us the next breath we will not live to enjoy the so-called rights that we have.

The Humanist Manifesto sanctions abortion. When the Bible and the Manifesto come in conflict we go with the Manifesto in most instances and certainly this one.

Luke 1:41 "And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:"

Matt. 1:20 "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

Why are pictures taken and the baby monitored before birth if they do not feel it is alive?

ALCOHOL

In our modern society we have changed to the point that alcohol is considered to be a normal part of our society. As a matter of fact, we have it in convenience stores, grocery stores and even in some discount stores. The object is to make it as convenient as possible for our people to participate in it. Also it is weaved into our society so carefully that we have mothers, fathers, grandmothers, and grandfathers, church goers, and in some cases church officers, working in the establishments that sell alcohol. In no way would these people consider working in a whiskey store or a beer joint. You find young mothers and older women checking alcohol out at the front register.

I had an occasion to talk to a manager of a local grocery which is a chain and ask if it didn't bother him to sell alcohol in his store. His response was that competition caused him to have to sell it. He stated he could remember when he started to work that it wasn't sold in the stores, nor were they open on Sunday.

All that has changed now in the span of one employee's career. Yes , we have changed, and it certainly is not all for the better.

In the state of Arkansas, there are seventy-five counties. Forty three are dry {do not sell alcohol}.

This would figure out close to fifty-eight percent dry counties. There are two or three pages of exceptions where local option election has voted part of the county dry. At least two-thirds of Arkansas is already dry, area wide. A few wet counties are high population, but a great number of them are concentrated in the Delta area of low population.

To me it is clearly evident that a majority of the population do not want alcohol to be sold locally in Arkansas in their precinct near their homes and to their children. Advertisements paint a beautiful picture. The tax dollars are dwarfed by the dollars spent to correct the damage done by it.

If all the Christian people voted against it, there would be few places that alcohol could be legally sold. Many people try to justify the selling of alcohol by saying they will buy it illegally anyway. We live in a democracy, therefore, if we have ungodly laws set before our people and before our children, in particular, then I am sure we will answer for it. Most people must either want it that way or do not really care.

HUMAN INTEREST

I Cor. 1:31-----“He that glorieth, let him glory in the lord.”

John Dewey felt that the removal of God from the educational system was the most important problem that America had. Human Interest was one of the main tools he used.

I do not suggest that Dewey was making a playhouse or recreational center out of our schools. Think in terms of a school day being seven hours of classes. It would take seven one hour periods where God was not mentioned. It is probable He would not be mentioned in gym, football, study hall, home economics, science, shop, etc. etc. It quickly becomes a process of elimination.

Remember, over decades of time it all happened. Remember never argue or attack anyone- Human Interest. Put the attention on something besides God that will interest the child and focus on it. If questioned all you have to do is show the many things good about the single class questioned and the subject of God never comes up. Always show how much good is being done and how it will help mankind, but never mention God or the Bible. By doing this Christians will often help perpetuate the hidden agenda unaware and may even think they have done God a favor.

It appears little by little and bit by bit the mission has been accomplished with little resistance and often even the conservative front row Christian being convinced and in full support of the system and method to accomplish it thinking the child was kept in mind the entire time.

Let us take the philosophy even further and suggest a grandmother or a mother dealing with a child that is for example meddling in items that the child should not be in. The object is to get the mind of the child off the particular item (example a wedding ring). If the child is taken to the window and shown a bird in a tree, an airplane flying over, snow falling, or a new toy. Often times the mind is flipped to an area of child interest and the mission has been accomplished. Little effort was used, no force or argument was needed. There was nothing wrong with the bird, toy tree, or airplane.

If you will grant me the premise that this could indeed happen, then let us apply it to a local church and see what can be accomplished. If a basket ball goal is set up, a fish fry every so often, a wiener roast, and for the ambitious perhaps even a family center set up how much time could be spent on all of these combined together to keep the focus off of God. At first you can even say grace before eating and maybe even mention God if you will be brief in the

fellowship. We could even bring in movies of a moral nature and I am sure the list is endless. I even knew of a young man that wanted to go to a particular church so he could learn to play pool. We finally made it didn't we.

Just think of the bureaucracy that could be developed in order to control and operate such a system. Think of all the side effects that could be accomplished such as taking tithes and offerings dedicated unto the Lord and used for all these purposes and much, much more.

Rom. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."

Rom. 1:22 "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,"

Rom. 8:16 "The Spirit itself beareth, witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

Going to church one Sunday morning, I passed another church where a pickup truck was parked outside the normal parking area near the road with a bass boat behind it. It appeared someone was ready to go when the amen was said.

A preacher told a friend of mine that one of the biggest problems in many modern churches today is the coffee pot in the churches.

Many of our churches have gyms, kitchens, and family centers. You can see Human Interest on every hand.

When the focus is taken off God and placed on man, human interest naturally follows. Our focus must be on God and not the things of this world.

When we fear God and reverence His house (not worship His house), we naturally will want to reverence His Day and reverence His Name. We may even want to grow in grace and become mature, wanting to even act like Christians.

Often Human Interest takes our focus off God. A spiritual person doesn't need to be enticed to go to the house of the living God. He will want to attend and financially support the work of the master.

Some may wonder if the financial support is going to the master's work. A friend once mentioned a church that he previously attended which in a week day cooked 200 hot dogs. The question I raise is were they moved by the spirit of the Living God to use His house and tithes and offerings given for the advancement of God's kingdom to buy hot dogs?

Reason! Reason! Reason! Reason!

Look at the whole picture. Where did we come from? Where are we going? Are we more spiritual now than we were before Human Interest Days entered God's house?

Spiritual has two definitions (1) Soul (2) Body. Which one are we relating to, the first or the second.

Luke 16:15, "... for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."

I fear that we have turned the volume up on Human Interest and turned the volume down on God. Are we quenching the spirit of God? What do we hold sacred? What do we reverence? Are we willing to give up for the Lord, or do we look for what is in it for me?

When people return from the house of the Lord talking about popcorn, cotton candy, and clowns, then it makes me wonder if there isn't strange fire on the altar of God.

Think of the mental image this projects to our young people. I am not young, and it projects a loud and clear image to me without being there. Read the signs around the area in front of the churches. You may be surprised what is advertised.

Paul says in:

I Cor. 2:2, " For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

How different our churches would be if we carried out this one verse.

The old Greeks spent more time in sports and physical training than they did on teaching. I fear we are heading in the same direction. Sports and physical training are consuming us. It appears they consume even more time and effort than God.

EDUCATION II

I went to school my first eight years in Texas. When I returned to Arkansas and started to school here, there was much said about

taking prayer out of schools. I really didn't know what they were talking about. Unless it was at a graduation, I had never heard prayer in school.

I do not remember being taught about God or Christianity in school, in Texas during 1939.

During college, I recall a professor laughing and saying that there was nothing virgin born but ants and bees. He tried to embarrass Christians who might try to hold to the old way. This was during the fifty's here in Arkansas.

My daughter, much later, here in Arkansas was in college and taking a social studies course. She would bring home tests that would reveal, if answered by the traditional Judeo-Christian line of thinking or the Bible, about one question to the page would be wrong. The Lord Himself had to open my eyes before I could see. Once we see, if we do not tell others, the blood is on our hands.

If the Ten Commandments can't be placed on the walls in our halls of learning, then what are they worth? I am just a dumb old country boy, and it took quite a while to even penetrate my brain just where we were headed.

The only way we will even be able to return to God is by training up our young in the ways of the Lord.

Let me say on the front end that it is understood that we have some Christian teachers that try their best to go against the flow. Some may be criticized or even persecuted. May God bless those taking a stand, possibly at the risk of their jobs.

John Dewey said not to teach the teachers but to teach the educators, those who taught at teachers colleges, authors, and those writing the textbooks.

A friend of mine who was is a retired banker told me one day he knew what the problem was with our education system. He said it all started when the schools accepted the first dime from the government. You have to admit he has a valid point.

SPORTS

Sports were very much a part of the Old Grecian Empire. As a matter of fact, that is where the Olympic games come from.

Sports have almost taken over in our nation. (Sports are an integral part of our educational system.)

It has been only a short time back that ball games were not played on the Lord's day. Now not only or they played on the Lord's day, but sometime the Lord's work has to work around sports. I was shocked when a large church on T. V. altered their schedule for regular services to accommodate a ball game on the Lord's day. Some may sin and miss church to watch a ball game, but to alter the services to accommodate the world is even worse.

It is feared that more money, time, and effort is spent by many people on sports today than on the Lord and His work.

John Dewey, the father of the modern educational system, used gyms as one of the nine ways to take God out of our schools. I am sure sports have accelerated far beyond his greatest imagination. We must have been trained well, for the gyms have entered the house of the Lord the same as the kitchens that were used by Dewey for the same purpose. Give them time and each will do its part on the removal of God from our churches. Remember, to be truly effective, we need all nine ways, but it seems we are working on it.

A few years back I was told that one church had to build a family center in order to compete with another church up the road from them.

Do we use sports, activities, and eating to entice people into the house of the living God? I always thought that the spirit of the Lord was to convict people through the word of God and not a wiener roast or a ball game.

My wife and I visited a church one Sunday morning and I sat looking at a basketball goal through most of the services. It was a temporary accommodation until the main auditorium could be built I am sure. The part that troubles me is the Lord having need of a basketball court at His house dedicated for the purpose of honoring His holy name and being a house of prayer, and probably bought with tithes and offerings.

If we take sports (Human Interest) out of our schools and our churches, how much of the sum total is gone?

I Corn. 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

I Corn. 5:6, " Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"

I Corn. 16:13, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”

The Old Grecians (one of the main places our humanistic tendencies come from) spent more time in physical training than they did academic teaching. Are we not headed in the same direction? How much of our time each week is spent on sports and physical training? Are we looking more to the here and now, or we looking to the hereafter?

Things that seem to work temporarily for the here and now may not stand the test for eternity.

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GOVERNMENT

We should look to the government essentially to protect us within and without.

We have changed and look to the government as the great provider as well as the great protector.

The idea seems to be share the wealth and correct the evils. We are using the government to destroy that which it was originally designed to protect.

Can we take from one to give to another? If I took my neighbors horse by force only because he had two, then I gave it to another who had none, would I then be considered a thief and a robber? Under these circumstances I would probably receive a prison sentence. Can the government who is to protect our property willfully take our property and give to another when it is designed to protect us from what it is doing?

If our people gave the Lord one-tenth of their income, the coffers of the Lord would overflow and the needy could be taken care of. Have we reached the point that we cannot trust our so-called churches to take care of those who cannot take care of themselves. Those who can provide for themselves should do so.

The Bible tells us if you do not work you do not eat.

The following is a quotation from Woodrow Wilson:

"The history of liberty is a history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it. When we resist, therefore, the

concentration of power, we are resisting the powers of death, because concentration of power is what always precedes the destruction of human liberties.”

We surely haven’t listened, have we?

We are bombarded each time our lawmakers (that is what they are) meet and make laws, laws, and more laws. Seldom are they godly laws to ensure our rights. We have a multitude of elected government officials but greater than these is the appointed bureaucracy that then make rules and regulations that far out number the laws. We have reached the point if we really wanted to comply with them all, we would spend most of our life learning the laws, rules and regulations, giving us little time to abide by them. Officials would likewise spend most of their life learning them with little time left to enforce them.

Do the people control the government or does the government control us?

THE GREEKS

I do not look at myself as a historian. I am trying to carry a thought.

Our society today is to a great extent based on the Old Grecian or Roman Philosophy. The Roman, however, was based on the Greek, a type of borrowed culture.

Much of our architecture came from these cultures. It is often even on our paper money. When we start to look, the evidence is everywhere.

McGuffey Readers around the civil war, referred to the Old Grecian Philosophers as “The heathens”. The reader was given the distinct impression to stay away from or have nothing to do with them.

Socrates was the teacher of Plato and Plato was the Teacher of Aristotle.

Socrates felt you could arrive at the truth by asking questions, profession of ignorance and search for definitions. If one knows right and good, he will probably do it. Well being (Eudaimonia) consists or the actual doing of what is good. To do well is to fare well. His thinking was “Know Thyself, Avoid Excess”.

Most discussions were on Justice and every other virtue is wisdom--

-self examination, observation of other worthy men, reflection or the meaning of our moral convictions.

Plato: Each of us should seek someone that can give us knowledge. We should lay all other learning aside to obtain knowledge to distinguish between the good life and evil. The soul has two sides--- one side ill bred, brutish, pleasure. The other side, was well bred, noble, soars upward, honor, glory.

The appetites of man are: 1. Sexual satisfaction, 2. Success and fame.

Reason is the highest part of man's soul.

This philosophy is designed to train men's soul. Aristotle looked at all things in terms of form and matter. He was the first philosopher to do extensive and organized research in natural science. He laid the foundation for science of psychology. He showed the conditions for a happy life for the individual and society. He has been called the founder of literacy criticism. Aristotle tutored and inspired Alexander the Great.

Review: Do we not today use man's reason sometimes even into the Sunday School class or the pulpit? Do we not ask questions, continually hoping to come to the truth? Doesn't our society think man will do right if he is taught to fare well? Know thyself and Avoid Excess? Don't we seek success and fame?

If we do, we have just destroyed faith. If we have no faith, we don't believe in God .

The ancient Greeks devoted more time to physically training than to schooling.

The Sophists, an extremely clever group of teachers in Athens argued that truth is a matter of individual opinion.

Olympic Games began around 776 B.C. In Gymnasiums, the Greeks practiced their favorite sports and games. They boxed, jumped, raced, wrestled, and threw the discus or javelin. Men gathered at the gymnasiums to watch the athletes and discuss philosophy, politics, and the day's events.

Each city-state had its own minor gods and worshipped them in its own way.

The Grecian influence is heavy here in America today in government, physical training, philosophy and now we are entering the age to worship whatever god or gods we choose.

It would not surprise me if we started looking for our Alexander The Great.

THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

The educational system in America has been created into a monster. The bureaucracy is unbelievable. The amount of money that flows into its coffers is unreal. The power that it holds over our people is awesome.

Few there be that escape its philosophical doctrine. It is mandatory that you support the system you do not believe in. Then if your children or grandchildren want to go to a Christian, private or home school, you must pay them first, then spend your money additionally for your own children.

Like a carrot the government holds up money for the schools saying if you receive funds you will follow our instructions.

The worst mistake the American people ever made was to take a nickel from the federal government for the educational system.

To turn our system over to a secular government must of necessity bring secular teaching.

If a child is trained up in the ways of God, the child will come up thinking and conditioned for the ways of God. I in no way suggest a state run religion, which probably would be worse than what we have if it were possible.

In 1997 the schools received 75.9% of the property taxes in Arkansas. This translated into 672.3 million dollars. Arkansas local government expenditures in education in 1995 was 48.42% of monies received. Arkansas State expenditures in education in 1995 were 44.94%.

The educated ones have led us for decades (in our schools, our government and in the industrial world as well as the secular sector). Apparently we have been trained well, as we keep going further and further from the Bible. This was according to John Dewey's agenda. He felt the removal of God was the most important need of our educational system.

Our ministers often are well trained in the field of psychology (the experience and experimentation of the mind).

Politicians often are trained in the law. Teachers often need as much psychology as they need in the subject they are teaching. This doctrine is essential to train a child up in the ways of the atheist. Most are not familiar with the Humanist Manifestos but the agenda is certainly comparable.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. This was in reference to God's people, but it will

prove true when teaching the doctrine of the atheist (except for divine intervention), the ways of John Dewey's Pragmatism, Sigmund Freud's psychology, and Darwin's evolution. There are many others, but certainly this is enough leaven to leaven the whole lump.

If you were Jewish and sent a child to a Jewish school, you would expect the child to come out Jewish. If you are Catholic and send a child to a Catholic school, you would expect the child to be Catholic.

We are astounded and amazed when we send a child to a secular school and he/she is taught individualism, no absolutes, to respect homosexuality, self-esteem, and the pragmatism of John Dewey and they turn out to be secular. If we base everything on psychology, that is of itself an end, then why are we amazed at anything they do?

EUDAIMONIA

(well -being)

(the good life)

A person may be looked at from the world's stand-point as successful and achieving the Good Life if he or she has the following.

Eudaimonia

- 1. Be financially independent**
- 2. Have high self esteem**
- 3. High moral and ethical values**
- 4. Well educated.**
- 5. Use reason and intellectual contemplation as the highest appeal**
- 6. Do in moderation**
- 7. Financially support human causes**
- 8. Be Successful**

The spiritual good life is as follows:

Spiritual

1. Faith in God
2. **Salvation**
3. **Worship only The True and Living God through His Son**
4. **Let others see Christ in us**
5. **Love your neighbor as yourself**
6. **Give tithes and offerings unto The Lord**
7. **Study The Bible to show thyself approved a workman unto God**
8. **Love God with all your heart , soul and mind**

We live in a day and age when we look for success, take charge of our lives, seek materialism, pursue happiness (worldly) , draw attention to ourselves, desire to be beautiful, recreation, etc. etc. With tarnished spiritual lives we go to the grocery store to pick out fruit and vegetables with a perfect size without blemish, spot or wrinkle.

We feel we should always be positive. As a matter of fact, some ministers preach only the love of God, often leaving out the judgment of God. I guess they feel it would be negative. Flattery is used to build the self esteem of others and ourselves.

We are told in the last days it would be as Sodom and Gommorah. Can you picture a person standing in Sodom just before the destruction looking only for the good in Sodom and thinking if they spoke out against the evil, they would be negative and that would be wrong, or to pat their friends on the back and flatter them, telling them about the great job they were doing.

The Bible states that man is capable of nothing without God. As a matter of fact, man would not even be here if it was not for God. Isaiah tells us man's breath is in his nostrils. If God does not give us the next breath, then we are gone.

The good life is now often being sought even in the churches. Seek success, position, authority and even recreation in the church is taught. Self esteem and self perfection are sought through the activities and human interest of many churches.

The greatest self- esteem possible on this earth is to realize you are a child of the King. Although you are capable of nothing,

through God all things are possible. You are His and where He is we will be also. We will reign and rule with Him and be in the Holy City, New Jerusalem, in a state of bliss with Him forever.

When did you ever see a dedicated Christian following God that needed counseling about his or her self-esteem?

DEMOCRACY

Democracy is used in many of our churches. Unrestricted democracy will let 50% plus 1 rule over the other 49%. If all within the group are saved, born-again children of God with the spiritual seed planted within them following God's Word and His commandments, then this may very well work. If, however, 51% are not of this fashion, then the local body is in big trouble.

Plato warned that unrestricted democracy must result in a dictatorship. I fear this has happened many times in the local churches.

Our government has the constitution, bill of rights, and check and balance of power, to keep us in order, the local church has the Bible, if we believe it, if we read it, and if we abide by it. Reason often enters in as we have been accustomed to and conditioned to do. When we start to reason, we consider what the Bible might have meant or what situation this might be considered to be in.

As mentioned, our founding fathers did give us the check and balance system as well as the constitution, and the bill of rights to help eliminate the concentration of power falling into the wrong hands and particularly in the hands of a select few and quite possibly the wrong few.

We are not a true Democratic Society, we are a republic. The citizens elect representatives to manage the government. These elected representatives have been given authority to maintain power for specific terms.

The idea I always had of a representative was to represent the people. However, it seems that many elected officials feel they have a power that tells them what is right and what is wrong for us. Obviously we do not have the sense to know what is best for us. In other words, we must elect, or hire them, to tell us what we need to

do.

If I had to designate what type government we are controlled by I would term it as a Democratic, Humanistic, Socialistic, Republic. This is the best I can do with my limited mentality.

The Humanist Manifesto II dedicates approximately 1/6 of its space to defining what it believes to be a Democratic Society. Slightly less than 1/3 of the same document is dedicated to one world.

Socialism, Communism and Humanism are all atheistic in nature. They all look to the hand of man and not to the hand of God.

The Humanist say all people should have a voice in developing the values and goals that determine their lives. It appears that in a great part this is what Washington is doing. The Bible is supposed to instruct us and not Washington. Do you agree or do you reason otherwise? Reason is the greatest intellectual contemplation known to man, according to the Grecian Philosophers and John Dewey, the father of the modern educational system.

Ma: 20: 25-27, "But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:"

ETHICS

Ethics - Moral, custom, a man's normal state

Moral - Relating to, dealing with, or capable of making the distinction between, right and wrong in conduct.

Value- to be strong, to be worth

As long as we have God and the Bible, why would we need a source other than it to tell us right and wrong. The Bible is very clear

on what is sin and what is not.

When a group of people do not want to follow the Lord and His commandments, they must of necessity seek other rules to live by. We may do as the Humanist do in the Humanist Manifesto II written in 1973, refer to it as ethics. The old Greeks also looked to ethics. Years ago you seldom heard the word ethics used. Today it is used regularly. Value is used frequently.

To me the word value is to distinguish between what is acceptable, and what is not acceptable is offensive. Think for a minute when Christians say what is of value. Is man deciding what to accept or not to accept? God gave commandments for us to go by. We either do as He commanded or we sin. That is pretty simple. Different people will decide different things as to what is right and wrong.

Our laws now are guided by morals, ethics, and values and not the commandments of God.

II Th. 2:3-4, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Col.2:8, "Beware lest any man spoil you though philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Ep. 5:6-7, "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Be not ye therefore partakers with them."

One day, a number of years ago I had a private discussion with a man rather high in the social scale. He ran for office at one time. I really think it was for governor, but, he did not make it. When discussing the Lord and the Bible, he snapped back at me that he knew what I was trying to do, which was to advocate my particular persuasion. This has stuck with me for years. What it amounts to is (particularly in the political field) that we have all sorts of religions in our nation. To each his own and each has his own persuasion. Yes, I want to promote my own persuasion, the Bible.

Is. 5:20-21, “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!”

Man is not capable of making his own rules, and he is continually changing them to fit the situation. However, our legislatures appear to feel that they are capable of doing so.

Is 9:16, “ For the leaders of this people cause them to err: and they that are led of them are destroyed.”

The Bible clearly states that we are to follow God and Him alone keeping His commandments not our own.

Mat.15:8-9, “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

Please note from The Humanist Manifesto II written in 1973, Ethics paragraph Third, reads as follows:

“We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational, needing no theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stem from human need and interest. To deny this distorts the whole basis of life.”

To simplify it: if there are no absolutes, we must make our own rules. In effect they are saying if there is no God there are no commandments. We therefore must set to the task of making our own. Our rules will be situational and subject to change. Human experience will determine our values by our needs and interest.

Isn't it amazing how mixed up things can get in such a short time? I recognize my ignorance and short comings. I wish someone out there would show me what part of The Humanist Manifesto I and Manifesto II that our schools and government do not go by. It would be no problem to find what part of the Bible is not abided by.

One additional sentence not mentioned in the above quotation in the same paragraph is...“We strive for the good life here and now.”

Our values are to promote good. Values are man made and we place value on them, not God.

Commandments of God are for Christians to obey, without question and for the love of God.

KNOWLEDGE

Romans 1: 22, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,"

**Romans 1:28, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge
God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient:"**

Romans 3:20, " ---- for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

Romans 10:2-3, "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

Man's quest for intellectual contemplation has caused him to think Reason is the greatest source of power. Man's unrighteous reasoning ability has caused him to compromise the word of God in a multitude of areas.

A few years ago a teenager would have seen as much knowledge acquired in his lifetime as had been acquired by man up from the beginning up until his birth. This was unreal then. Now in our computer age we have what has been termed as an information explosion, and this amount of knowledge can be secured in only days..

What took man days or months or even years to accomplished can be accomplished in a very short time. Information is being amassed quickly.

II Tim 3: 7, “ Ever learning ,and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

II Tim 2:15, “ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

In man’s quest for knowledge, he has taken his focus off God and put it on the knowledge of man.

Our educational system, greatly influenced by the pragmatism of John Dewey’s placing Reason as the ultimate contemplation of man, places our thinking along atheistic lines. Many front-row Christians will work hard and even both parents work, giving up so that their child can get a higher education learning more of the pragmatist thinking. The more we are exposed to it, the deeper we normally are entrenched in the philosophy.

Do we subject our children to the ways of the atheist, or do we separate them out and teach them according to God’s ways?

I have been told more than once that you can’t get a job without an education. We are dependent upon atheistic education to support us in the good life that we are accustomed to. Is this what we are saying?

Psychology is at the seat of Humanism; yet we often train our ministers in it. Give us a break. Knowledge for the sake of knowledge. Where is God in all this?

Money is usually said to be what will make our schools better. Isn’t it strange that the cost of schools is far greater since we took God out than before?

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Our nation was founded upon the Bible and belief in God. Benjamin Franklin referred to God often and even moved that prayers be made

every morning in the assembly when the constitution was written. He acknowledged the hand of God and His Divine protection in the contest with Britain. Our money states on it, "In God We Trust." This always refers to the God of the Bible and not just any god. History clearly holds up this idea. Many public buildings have writing referring to God or the Bible.

Constantine, around the year 300 A.D., proclaimed Christianity to be the state religion in Rome . The church of England was later the state church in England . There was much discussion as to which of the four {Presbyterian, Congregational, Methodist, or Baptist} would be the state religion here . In order to separate from this idea it was decided there would be none. Hence we have a Separation of Church and State. No faith other than these four was mentioned even in the Christian faith.

Modern Man now says and I quote:

" The separation of church and state and the separation of ideology and state are imperatives. The state should encourage maximum freedom for different moral, political, religious, and social values in society. It should not favor any particular religious bodies through the use of public monies, nor espouse a single ideology and function thereby as an instrument of propaganda or oppression, particularly against dissenters."

The above came from the Humanist Manifesto II written in 1973.

Please note the skillful use of the word ideology rather than Bible or God. Also freedom for different moral, political, religious and social values in society. Now they have placed Christianity among all other faiths, so it is but one of many. The road now will be easy for them. If we accept Christianity, we must accept all others in the government, etc. The Bible teaches us that all other faiths are excluded. Is democracy greater than God?

Note in the beginning there were no government run and controlled schools. This came much later.

We now have deviated from the philosophy of the founding fathers. The Humanists now have seized upon the opportunity to proclaim the Separation of the Church and State to mean that all Christian teaching should be stripped from our government, and since the government owns the schools, from them too. This is a full 180 degree turn from the founding fathers.

Now if we are ever asked if we believe in Separation of Church and State, the intent in most cases is to exclude Christianity and the Bible.

This was the dominant faith from the beginning. Unless it could be knocked out, the new atheistic, socialist philosophy could not be planted. By knocking out Christianity and all other faiths, the only one left standing would be Humanism.

John Dewey, the father of the modern education system, was an atheist and one of the 34 signers of the Humanist Manifesto I written in 1933. Some believe he wrote it. In John Dewey's book "Education Today" he declares the most needed thing in American education today is to get God out of the schools. Look at all the time teaching God and the Bible as well as prayer you could spend it on teaching the child other things. Yes, the old school master surgically removed God from the schools, and now we have blank minded children (On God and the Bible) coming out of our state run Humanist schools.

Benjamin Franklin referred to the Bible, saying a sparrow could not fall to the ground without His (God's) notice. It is not probable that an empire can rise without His aid.

McGuffey Readers were written by a minister and brought forth a moral lesson in each story. One of the most spiritual stories I have read outside the Bible came right out of the McGuffey Readers about the blind preacher. Yes, since Dewey brought forth the Modern Progressive Education System, we have made many changes. As a matter of fact, I understand Russia used the same type system years ago until they abandoned it because they said they were producing uncivilized immature barbarians unfit for society. Dewey went to Russia and England before he set up the new system.

Isn't it strange that most of the Bible conflicts with the philosophy of the system today, but the system is compatible with almost every paragraph of the atheistic philosophy of Manifesto I and II.

Our founding fathers had no intention of laying the groundwork to destroy the belief in God. Their idea was to nurture it. However, many front row Christians defend the right of the state over God's law. We have become as the Samaritans. The Bible clearly tells us that if we mix with other people, they will change us rather than our changing them. It has happened. Misusing the Church and State issues has helped produce it.

LAW

Fredric Bastiat (1801-1850) was a French economist-statesman and author just before and immediately following the Revolution of February 1848. France was turning to complete socialism. Mr. Bastiat studied and explained each socialist fallacy as it appeared. Socialism focuses on the power of man and not of God. Socialism leads to an atheistic way of life.

Do our Educators and Politicians view society as an artificial creation of the legislators' genius?. Certainly, laws are made without our consent.

The following is from "The Law" written by Fredrick Bastiat, page 8, under the title "The Prevision of The Law"

"But, unfortunately, law by no means confines itself to its proper functions. And when it has exceeded its proper functions, it has not done so merely in some inconsequential matters. The law has gone further than this; it has acted in direct opposition to its own purpose. The law has been used to destroy its own objectives: It has been applied to annihilating the justice that it was supposed to maintain; to limiting and destroying rights which its real purpose was to respect."

I always thought laws were combined for society to defend the person, liberty, and property, both within our nation and from outside forces. Are laws not for our self- preservation and self- development? What have our laws become?

The law is trying to protect us from ourselves. Our great legislators must feel they are empowered with a vision to know what is good for us even more than the Bible itself.

If our government has such unrestrained powers to force us to protect us from ourselves, does this mean that (1.) Sidewalks could become illegal because people fall on them? (2) Showers? (3) Steps into a home? Where will it end?

Do we not allow smoking, killing millions? Alcohol does the same thing.

God changes the heart of man and the mind. Isn't it strange that the further we get from His laws, the more problems we have? We have made so many laws now that it would take a manual for a person to know what they can or cannot do. Officers would likewise need one to see if we were lawbreakers.

The ACLU works feverously for the rights of the single individual to be imposed on society as a whole. They take one polished isolated case and change our laws and philosophy, changing thousands of

people. Strangely enough we nearly always find ourselves further from the Word of God and His ways.

If Fredrick Bastiat's book "The Law" were to be published item by item in the local newspaper , except for terms and places, you would think it was a truthful current event, although it was written about 150 years ago in France. This was just before the Revolution as socialism was coming into the society.

TAXES

We can find all sorts of statistical data as to the amount of taxes we pay but the average citizen is concerned with what is left after the following are through:

1. **Federal government taxes**
2. **State government taxes**
3. **County government taxes**
4. **City taxes**
5. **Goods and services that have the tax passed on to the consumer that are hidden.**

No matter where or how the taxes are originated, it seems to find its way to the consumer through goods and services.

It is felt that each person should carry his load in the operation of this great nation's government. We, however, do not feel they should be taxed unduly and for purposes that are against the Bible.

Many objectionable things tax dollars are spent for are, for example, condoms, school- based clinics, counseling (particularly where abortion is involved), spreading atheistic doctrine to our young etc.

When an agenda is set that is contrary to our beliefs, we never voted on, we disagree, yet we are required by law to finance it. This kills initiative. It has been said many times that if people are taxed past 50% there is no initiative to work, for it will be taken from you.

There is no way to tell if we have reached this point or not.

We have a movement of share the wealth within our nation. God has been taken out or in a few cases is being taken out of our political system, schools, and judicial system. Must we be required to pay for the removal of God Himself from our system? The Humanist plans to make Him history. If you question this statement, subscribe to the publication "the Humanist" and read it directly from the horse's mouth.

TRUST

When I was a child, a man's word was his bond. Now what we hear must be filtered. On the current trend the next generation will be lucky to hear any truth. The word of God (the Bible) is the only truth, and we attempt to alter it.

Do you trust the government? Why? When you are deceived time and time again, trust is lost whether it is a group or an individual. Trust is something that must be earned.

Let me tell you a little story. My wife and I were in a super market when a white haired elderly lady came up to my wife in the dairy department. She asked which gallon of milk was on special? The woman appeared to be on fixed income and needed to watch her money. If I were to guess, I would say she probably was a widow. My wife immediately stopped her shopping and got down looking closely at the tags and checking all the milk. With an uncertain voice she told the woman, "I believe you will find it is this one."

The elderly lady said I just don't want to get up to the check out stand and find out I have got the wrong one.

The point of the whole matter is this elderly lady, probably a widow, lives in a society where she felt she was going to be deceived.

My father brought me up teaching me, "Anyone that would lie would steal" "A man's word was his bond". Where did this type of thinking go? Do we live our lives today expecting to be lied to, expecting to be deceived, and expecting our politicians to tell us one thing and do another?

The idea today seems to be that politicians are given some great insight from somewhere, that they can decide for us as to what is best

for society. The will of the people has little if anything to do with the amount and type of legislation enacted, unless, of course, it would affect their chances of re-election.

Could the fact that many of our people have been taught to believe there are no absolutes have anything to do with our instability of the truth? It seems each of us thinks that we are able to reason for ourselves as to what is the truth or a lie. Often people will reason why they can break a law, cheat the government, lie or sometimes break God's law and laugh or wink at it.. I guess they know how ridiculous it sounds.

How many times have you heard people say, "The ox is in the ditch", and smile when they want to do something on the Lords Day(?). Sometimes, in my opinion, probably 90% of the time, the ox is pushed in the ditch or not in the ditch at all.

Matt. 7:12 ,- "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

I Cor. 14:8 ,- "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

POPULATION

(written around 1999)

The current world population should be 6 billion people by the year 2000 A. D. The current population in the U. S. is 271,875,442 as projected by the U. S. Census Bureau as of 2-14-99 at 00:34 EST. It is updated every 5 minutes.

The Washington Post in 12-2-96 indicated that 22.6 million have HIV or Aids in the world today. There are 6.4 million Aids related deaths. Twenty-five percent of the deaths occurred within one year of the date reporting. The number of deaths seems to be accelerating.

There are 3% of the entire earth's population currently have been infected with Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) which means that 170 million

chronic carriers at risk for liver cirrhosis and/or liver cancer. This is as was reported by World Health Organization, from Geneva. Some nations have as high as 18% of their entire population infected with Hepatitis C.

Recently a dental hygienist told me the problem as for as disease transmission was Hepatitis C rather than Aids. After running statistics on it, I would have to agree with her.

Much to my surprise famine, caused 20-25 million deaths in the last quarter of the 19th century. The last quarter of the 20th century is estimated at 50 million. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer at 7.2 million deaths per year. Tuberculosis is No. 5 at 3.0 million. HIV/AIDS caused 1.5 million deaths, and hepatitis B resulted in the loss of 1.2 million lives as reported by the Washington Post-Health 5-20-97 P.5.

The new report by Alan Guttmacher Institute indicates of the estimated 210 million pregnancies that occur throughout the world each year 38% are unplanned and 22% are aborted. This would figure out to be approximately 46 million abortions per year world-wide. At this rate it would take approximately 6 years to kill a number equal to the current population of the U.S.A.

In 1994 there were approximately 1.43 million abortions in the U.S. Currently 23% of the pregnancies in the United States end in abortion. Currently 17% of the pregnancies in Arkansas end in abortion. Teenagers in the U. S. raise the percentage among them to 31% and in Arkansas. Teenagers are 20%. ((Arkansas. Information 2-7-99 page 1.)

All the death figures together that have been mentioned do not equal our voluntary killing by abortion. We here in the U. S. alone have killed more than the population of Canada. In the complete world it would take approximately 6 weeks to kill a number equal to Hitler's 6 million Jews, We not only reason with our intellectual contemplation that it is justifiable, but we use tax dollars to pay people to promote the philosophy to kill more.

With all the above in mind, the population of the world is steadily increasing. According to Thomas Robert Malthus thesis the increase in the population and the substance to sustain life are not increasing proportionately. The population is increasing faster. Eventually we will starve ourselves to death.

Everything in this report is based on information furnished by man. God looks at all things differently from man. He tells us that if we follow him and keep His commandments, we will be blessed.

ONE WORLD ORDER

The United Nations paves the way for the one world order with its political, social, and economic goals. It was organized in 1945 at the end of World War II. It resembles the League of Nations after World War I.

In the United states the president nominates men and women to represent the country in the U. N. The Senate must confirm the nominations.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave \$8,500,000 to buy the site for the UN headquarters on the east side of Manhattan Island here in the United States. New York City donated small adjacent lots to complete the headquarters site.

The buildings cost \$67-65 million, an interest-free loan from the United States. The United States pays a little less than 1/3 of the U.N. expenses. The headquarters is on our shores, building financed by us and a little less than 1/3 expenses paid by us, not to mention our citizens paying for the site.

Seemingly we decide to a great extent who is doing right and wrong, but we cannot take care of our own affairs.

Man taking care of the affairs of man separate and apart from God.

It is almost as if (1.) We do not believe in God (2.) We do not know what the Bible says, or (3.) We do not care what the Bible says.

The U.N. is a non-governmental organization. The NGO of the U. N. is acknowledged by the Humanists in their publication the Humanist to be affiliated with them.

A little less than 1/3 of The Humanist Manifesto II is devoted to World Community and Humanity as a whole. One World is a very important part of the Manifesto. As the quest for man's perfection increases, the one-world idea must engulf the whole globe. Under this theory, capitalism as we know it must go. National boundaries are deplored. We therefore are encouraged for World Law and to think in terms of the human family. We must have an international authority. All travel restrictions must cease.

The world of nations would be like the states in our nation. We must travel freely with no restrictions. We are seeking a world of shared values.

Re: 13:7-8, "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world".

Computers, types of money, financial institutions, measurements, road signs, and almost everything you can think of lends itself to the global philosophy of one-world order. Our leaders and our government seem to be at the head of the pack.

Although we cannot direct our own people in the ways of God, we apparently feel our standards are so high and our moral values are so good that we can use our military might and force or compel others to gather into the NEW WORLD ORDER.

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