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What Does God's Word Say About... Secular Humanism

Secular humanism is a religion that claims mankind is the standard by which all of life is measured and judged, and that right and wrong is to be judged by mankind with no credence to either God or the Bible. The first secular humanist was Eve in the garden when she listened to the serpent who said, "You surely shall not die! ...and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:2-6). Eve thought she could be like God, having knowledge and power. She could be wise "apart" from God. The physical attraction of the forbidden fruit clearly was to be ancillary. What was fed was her pride, and what would grow was her appetite for self-worship.

Theologically, secular humanists are atheists. Humanism can not, in any fair sense of the word, apply to one who still believes in God as the source and creator of the universe. Philosophically, secular humanists believe that nature and the material world is all that exists. There is no God, no spiritual dimension, no after- life. In the area of biology a humanist believes that there is no difference between the animals and mankind, and that they all evolved from a single cell over billions of years. God's word refutes the idea of evolution in Genesis 1:26-27. The Psalmist also said, "For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psm. 139:13-14).

The humanist believes in evolution and places no value on human life because they accept abortion and euthanasia. A humanist believes in a world where everything is permitted and leaves ethics up to each person. This allows them to adopt ethical relativism - the belief that no absolute moral code exists.

The Humanist Manifesto I of 1933 and the Humanist Manifesto II of 1973 are the humanists' bible. The world envisioned by a humanist is one where we live without God, Christ, the Lord's church, the gospel, and without a hope of heaven. They have outlawed God and will not be satisfied until He is erased from every human mind. They have been successful in eliminating God, the Bible, and prayer from the public schools, while they are okay with studying Allah or other religions that do not have the demands of the God of the Bible.

This is the attitude Paul spoke of when he wrote, "For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature [Satan] rather than the Creator [God]..." And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil...without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful" (Romans 1:25, 28-32). A true humanist has faith in the knowledge of men.

Next week we'll discuss what God thinks of man's wisdom.

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