

6. Belief in the principles of the Ten Commandments and the moral teachings of Jesus Christ as embodiments of absolute moral values which are prescriptive standards of human behavior
7. Belief in the reality and immortality of the human soul, and in the direct relationship between present moral behavior and eternal destiny

C. What should Western Christians do in regard to their culture?

What should Christians do in the face of the threat that Secular Humanism poses to Western culture? Should they stand by while this atheistic, materialistic, agnostic, and hedonistic world-view swallows up the basic principles of the Bible?

Should Christians stand by and simply witness the erosion of these basic principles? Should Christians be concerned with the society in which they live, to make it as moral and just and orderly and safe as it can be made in a sinful world? To ask the question is almost to answer it!

Should Christians be concerned to make their culture as moral and wholesome as possible? Or should they simply stand back and do nothing, and allow their culture to become more and more corrupt and immoral, and more and more of an evil influence on their children, their neighbors, and themselves? Once again, the question is rhetorical!

D. Why is it important for Christians to attempt to stop or slow down the erosion of biblical principles in Western culture?

Such attempts become especially important when Christians think of their children, who must live in the midst of the culture of their society, and who must inevitably be affected by it.

Some Christians have realized the effect that Secular Humanism is already having in the schools of their community, and have attempted to establish and develop schools that embody the basic principles of our Judaeo-Christian heritage and reject the principles of Secular Humanism. This is commendable. In order to be effective, such schools must strive to make all of the subjects taught in the classes consistent with these principles, must seek to employ well-educated, fully qualified personnel, must maintain high standards of academic excellence, and must make it possible for all Christian parents to afford such education for their children.

However, even in communities where this is done, it should be realized that the children of Christians will still be affected by their surrounding culture, particularly by the mass media of communication. For example, one does not need to be overly observant to notice that the content of more and more television programming is becoming more and more immoral, or that radio is communicating immoral values through certain forms of music. And many newspapers, magazines, and books are becoming more and more blatant in their portrayal of immorality, especially in tacit or open approval or tolerance of casual sex, living together without benefit of marriage, promiscuity, divorce, abortion, homosexuality and other "alternate sexual preferences," and in their portrayal of enticing modes of dress (or lack of it!).