

- C. Who should respond to the challenge of Secular Humanism? All persons concerned with a moral and just society? All Christians? Some Christians?

On some issues related to basic Judaeo-Christian principles, can Christians work together with non-Christians who are concerned about external morality? To what extent can they work with them?

On some issues, should all Christians respond, in one form or another? Can some respond by direct action, others by financial and prayer support, and still others by encouragement and by lending their names or influence through petition, letters, surveys, etc.?

On some issues, should those Christians who have expertise or training, or special abilities and interests, or a special burden, respond directly? Does this mean that a particular issue may take up most of their time, energy, and concern? Is this appropriate?

- D. When should Christians respond to the challenge of Secular Humanism?

Are some issues so clear that Christians should be able to respond immediately, by participation, financial support, dissemination of literature, prayer support, etc.?

Do some issues that do not appear quite so clear (either in their nature or in the approach to them proposed by others) require more time for reflection and evaluation before Christians can respond?

If some Christians see an issue clearly, should others see it this way? If others do not, how should those who see it clearly proceed? Should they attempt to educate the others? Pressure them? Coerce them into agreement for the good of all? Or should those who see it clearly move ahead with less than full support, trusting God for the outcome?

- E. In which areas of concern are attempts to influence public opinion appropriate, and in which areas is political action appropriate?

Of course, we realize that failure to influence public opinion may result in the failure of efforts to employ political action!

Perhaps in a democratic framework a simple majority is sufficient to ensure the success of political action.

But which areas of concern are public issues, issues on which Christians ought to work to secure external righteousness and justice by means of public opinion and political action?