“Why Christianity Compared”

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VI. Warning Signs Of An Apostate Religion

Apostacy: A **Falling Away, Defection, Rebellion**

- To Be An Apostate Does Not Mean To **Leave God** Or **The Church**
- To Be An Apostate Means To Invent A **Faith**, A **God**, A **Jesus**, A **Doctrine** And **Experience** That Is Foreign To Scripture (2 Timothy 3:5)

- **Receive** The Truth
- **Reject** The Truth
- **Replace** The Truth

Biblical Warning Signs

1. The **Authority Of Scripture** Is Replaced - Mark 7:13
2. The **Gospel** Is Changed - Galatians 1:6-9

- How The Gospel Is defined
    1. **Do** - Human Achievement
    2. **Discover** - Enlightenment
    3. **Develop** - Human Progress
    4. **Done** - Divine Accomplishment

3. **Christ** Is Diminished - 1 John 2:22
4. **Repentance** Is Unnecessary - Luke 13:3
5. Sin Is **Redefined** Or **Excused** - Isaiah 5:20
6. Truth Is **Sacrificed** For Unity - Jude 1:3
7. **Worldliness** Is Embraced- Romans 12:2
8. **False Teachers** Are Tolerated - 1 Timothy 4:16
9. The **Fear Of God** Is Lost - Psalms 36:1
10. Reputation Without **Spiritual Life** - Revelation 3:1

VII. The Challenge

Keep The **Berean Standard** - Acts 17:11

Answer Three Important Questions

1. Do I Know **What I Believe**?
2. Do I Know **Why I Believe It**?
3. Can I **Recognize Error**?

“Secular Humanism: A World Without God”

Lesson #2

Key Verse

Colossians 2:8

What Is Religion?

- **Fact -** A Religion Does Not Require A **Belief In God** In Order To Be A Religion.
- **Religion: (General)** A System Of Beliefs And Practices Concerning Ultimate Reality That Provides Answers About **Meaning**, **Morality**, **Purpose**, And How Humans **Ought To Live**.
- **Religion: (Narrow)** Belief In And The Worship Of **Supernatural** Or **The Divine**.

Life’s Seven Ultimate Questions

1. Where Did **We Come From**? (Origin)
2. What Is **Man**? (Identity)
3. Why Are **We Here**? (Meaning)
4. What Determines **Right** And **Wrong**? (Morality)
5. What Is Wrong With **Humanity**? (Problem)
6. How Can Mankind’s **Condition Be Improved**? (Solution)
7. What Happens When **We Die**? (Destiny)

I. Secular Humanism Dominates American Culture

- **Secular Humanism:** Humanism Is A Religion/Philosophy/Ideology Which Denies The **Existence Of God**, The **Moral Code Of Scripture** And Exalts **Man**, **Reason**, And **Science** As The Answer To All Problems.

The Wisdom Of Humanism: **Man** Alone/**Man** Only

The Appeal Of Secular Humanism In The Bible

- Man Wanting **Independence** From God. (Genesis 3:5)
- Man Doing What Is **Right** In His Own Eyes (Judges 21:25)
- Man Naturally **Does Not Seek God** (Romans 3:10-12)
- Man's Mind Naturally **Resists God** (Romans 8:7)
- Man's Love **Darkness** (John 3:19-20)

Results: Man's Wisdom Is **Elevated**

God's Truth Is **Replaced**

The Phrase **Secular Humanism** Is Not Found In The Bible

The Wisdom Of Men

The Spirit Of This World

The Tradition Of Men

The Carnal Mind

The Course Of This World

- **Francis Schaeffer** "Secular Humanism Has Caused A Fundamental Change In The Overall Way People **Think** And **View** The World As A Whole

- **Alexsander Solzhenitsyn** "Secular Humanism Has Sent The Modern Western Civilization On The Dangerous Trend To **Worship Man** And His **Material Need**

- **C.S. Lewis** "At One Time History Was Divided Into Two Periods The **Pre-Christian** And The **Christian**. More Recent It Falls Into Three Periods. The **Pre-Christian**, The **Christian**, And The **Post-Christian**.

II. Secular Humanism Is The Worldview Of American Education

#1. The Problem Of Neutrality

Key Statement: When It Comes To **Religion** Being Taught In The Public Schools, The Educational System Claims To Be **Neutral**.

Two Types Of Neutrality

1. **Constitutional Neutrality:** Government Schools Should Neither Establish **Religion** Or **Discriminate** Against Religious Viewpoints.
2. **Worldview Neutrality:** Government Schools Teach **Origins**, **Humanity**, **Morality**, **Sexuality**, **Purpose**, **History** And **Knowledge** Through Natural Causes.

#2. Two Opposing Worldviews

1. **Biblical Christianity**: Reality Is Defined By What **God Has Revealed In Scripture**
2. **Secular Humanism:** Reality Is Defined By **Human Reason**, **Experience**, **Science** And **Ethics**. (Nothing Supernatural Required)

Definition Of Secular Humanism

Humanism Is A **Progressive Philosophy** Of Life That Without **Themism** Or Other **Supernatural Beliefs**, Affirms Our Ability And Responsibility To Lead Ethical Lives Of **Personal Fulfillment** That Aspire To The Greater Good

III. Founders Of A New Religion

Early Influencers

- **1830-1833 → Charles Lyell Uniformatarism**
  The Same Natural Processes We See Today, Have Operated Over Long Periods Of Time To Shape The Earth.
- **1831-1836 → Charles Darwin Theory Of Evolution**
  Living Things Have Changed Over Long Periods Of Time Through Natural Processes And Share Common Ancestry.
- **1831-1836 → Horace Mann America Common School**
  Publicly Funded Schools Designed To Provide A Basic Education To All Children Regardless Of Social Or Economic Background

Leaders

- **1885-1952 → John Dewey Progressive Education**
  Common Faith To Unite People Around Shared Idea's Without God.
- **1885-1962 → Charles Potter The First Humanist Society Of N.Y.**
  Replace God-Centered Religion With Man-Centered Religion
- **1960-1983 → Supreme Court Constitutional Secularization**
  Government Institutions Becoming Less Directly Involved In Promoting Or Practicing Religion

1960s - 1980s Supreme Court Decisions

1962 - School-Sponsored **Prayer** Restricted

1963 - School-Sponsored **Devotional Bible Reading** Restricted

1968 - **Evolution** Cannot Be Legally Excluded For Religious Reasons

1980 - Required **Ten Commandments** Displays Struck Down

1985 - State Promotions Of Prayer Through **Moment-Of-Silence Law** Struck Down

1987 - Required **Creation-Science Instruction** Struck Down

1990s - Present Supreme Court Decisions

1992 - School-Sponsored **Clergy Prayer** At A Public-School Graduation Was Unconstitutional

2000 - The School's Policy Permitting **Student-Led Prayer** Over The PA System At Football Games Was Held Unconstitutional

2022 - Personal Religious Expression By A **School Employee** Protected

2025 - Parents Challenging Elementary **LGBTQ-Themed Curriculum** On Religious Grounds Were Entitled To Preliminary Relief Providing Notice And An Opportunity To Opt Their Children Out.

2026 - Court Upheld States Ability To Restrict Participation On Girls' and Women's School Athletic Teams Based On **Biological Sex** Under the Challenged Laws.

IV. Secular Humanism Is A Religion

The Goal of Secular Humanists

- **The Classroom** Instead Of **The Pulpit**
- **The Teacher** Functioning Like **A Minister**
- **Humanist Values** Instead Of **Traditional Christianity**
- **Education Functioning** As The Means Of **Social Change**

Helps For Christians

- Parents **Deuteronomy 6:7**
- Friends **Proverbs 13:20**
- Culture **Romans 12:2**
- Education/Worldviews **Colossians 2:8**
- Entertainment **Psalm 101:3**
- Personal Desires **Jeremiah 17:9**
- God's Word