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"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

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Pluralism

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The universal acceptance of all beliefs and philosophies; Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Taoism, Judaism, atheism, hedonism, Satanism, etc.

- Pluralism is all about sensitivity and tolerance.
- Pluralism is not concerned about right or wrong from the standpoint of God or the Bible.
- Pluralism is only concerned about tolerance and sensitivity to what you feel is right or wrong.
- Pluralism accepts the philosophy of situation ethics. No absolute moral truth. All truth is relative to the person and situation. Man is the measure of all things, not God.

Religious Characteristics of Secular Humanism

1. **They have a Bible-** Humanist Manifesto I and II
2. **A stated dogma -**
 - Atheism- Disbelief in God
 - Evolution- Belief in chance evolution
 - Amorality- Rejection of moral absolutes
 - Deification of Man
 - Socialist One World View- one world order
3. **An object of worship - MAN**
 - Chance evolve
 - Image of natural and social environment
 - Has no eternal soul
 - No eternal purpose
 - Purpose on earth is to GLORIFY SELF and establish utopian society
4. **Humanism has its temples and missionary agencies**

What Should be Our Response to Secular Pluralistic Humanism?

FIRST – the WRONG response –

1. The wrong response to secular humanism is to preach a watered down gospel. People want the gospel to be more palatable for this sensitive generation. The cry of some sounds like the unfaithful of II Timothy 4:3, 4 and Israel of old (Isaiah 30:10). Denominations have followed this approach for decades. Today, many of these same churches stand for nothing and approve nearly everything including homosexuality. Yet their memberships continue to dwindle. We cannot compromise with sin and hope for good results. A steady diet of spiritual twinkies week after week will only weaken God's people and allow sin to thrive. Consider (Galatians 1:10; 4:16; II Timothy 4:2-4) we must preach the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) but we must preach the truth, the whole truth (Acts 20:27) and nothing less. There must be balance in our preaching. Paul reveals the proper balance in II Timothy 4:2: "Reprove, rebuke and exhort." See also Jeremiah 1:10, Before there can be building up and planting, there must first be rooting up and tearing down.
2. Make the gospel more appealing with various special events and carnal attractions. Resorting to tricks and gimmicks to attract people is NEVER the answer. The social gospel cannot save anyone. Those who resort to it show a lack of faith in the power of the gospel to save (Romans 1:16; II Peter 1:3).

The RIGHT response to Secular Humanism –

1. First, remember no matter what happens in this life, Christ is still on the throne ruling in the affairs of men (Revelation 4, 5). We must "sanctify Jesus as Lord in our hearts, and fear God not man" (I Peter 3:13-15; Matthew 10:28).
2. The times are perilous, but not impossible. Christianity was born in adversity yet it prospered (Philippians 4:13). It was no easier for Paul to convert souls in Corinth or Ephesus – yet many souls were saved. Let us rise to meet the challenge of humanism with confidence in God and the power of His word (Deuteronomy 32:30 ff; I John 4:4; 5:4, 5).
3. Be well informed. "For we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Corinthians 2:11). Know the enemy and his strategies. Read, listen, ask questions. Be aware of what is going on all around you. Be like the sons of Issachar, "They had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do." Be aware of the aggressive systematic social engineering that has taken place in America especially since the rebellion of the 1960s. Humanism has now gained control of all the major sources of influence in our nation. (The government, judicial system, the media, television, music, public education, many churches, etc.) Secular humanism is anti-God, anti-Bible, anti-Christ, anti-heaven, hell, soul, angels, etc. It is the complete ANTI-GOD religion.

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News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." - James 5:16