

God Or Humanism?

Al Brown (deceased)

Society is fragmented, and it is growing worse all the time. Few people know why, and those who do are ignored for the most part. A few years ago, many thought the implementation of humanistic theories would usher in a veritable utopia. This has not only not occurred, the very opposite is true.

There is more polarity between different classes today than at any time in the last thirty or forty years. Many have a relatively high standard of morality, but the mores of a very large segment of our population have sunk to an all-time low. Few respect any form of authority. Our people are hedonistic (worshippers of pleasure), worldly oriented, and think only of the here and now.

Most people know nothing about humanism. Humanists have been very successful in indoctrinating the leaders of the nation with its principles—from political and judicial authorities to the boards of education and teachers in our schools. The denominational world is saturated with it. And they have done this without revealing to most people the nature and goal of humanism.

Humanism is atheism under a new name. Its goal is to destroy faith in God and His Word. A key principle of humanism is the doctrine that science and education can furnish all man's needs, so God is superfluous. It may sound good, but it has not worked. If there is no God, man is not accountable for his actions. He has no moral code by which to live. Life is survival of the fittest. Hitler was not immoral; abortion is not immoral. Murder is not wrong if it is done for a good reason, but who can say what a good reason is if there is no standard by which to judge?

This world will not improve until men abandon humanism and return to God in the obedience of faith. Living by His standard is the only way men will ever live in peace (Isa. 2:4).

- Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

If God Should Go On Strike

How good is it that God above has never gone on strike, because He was not treated fair or saw things He didn't like.

If only once He'd given up and said, "That's it, I'm through!" "I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do. I'll give my orders to the sun — Cut off the heat supply!" "And to the moon — give no more light, and run the oceans dry."

"Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on, turn off the vital oxygen, till every breath is gone!"

You know He would be justified, if fairness was the game. For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain than God; and yet He carries on, supplying you and me with all the favors of His grace, and everything for free.

Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go, but what a deal we've given God, to whom all things we owe.

We don't care whom we hurt, to gain the things we like, but what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

- Author Unknown

"He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things" - Acts 17:25

News & Notes

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COVERED DISH DINNER: TODAY, about noon at the Fellowship Bldg., followed by our early afternoon worship service at **2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

BEAUTIFYING CHURCH PROPERTY: Thanks to Chris Wiersbicki for his hard work in placing and maintaining attractive flower planters and flowers at the front of our church building. He is doing this voluntarily. It does and will continue to make a beautiful and bright impression at our corner of Virginia Ave. and Second Street.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Open to all.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, June 8th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana Church of Christ.



GRADUATION PARTY: For Jordan Morris, Saturday, June 15th, 5:00 p.m. at St. Clair Ave. Church of Christ. Jordan is a 2024 graduate of the WV School of Preaching.

BIBLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: Beginning the last Sunday evening in June (30th), and continuing each last Sunday evening of each quarter (depending on interest), Bible questions will be considered for Bible answers. Please submit your questions by **Sunday, June 16th.**

PANTRY: Beef stew.

REMEMBER THESE SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Linda Parkes, Becky McKitrick, Zachary Giddy (Tim Martin's grandson), Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, David Michaels (Ed's brother), Todd Grimes (Cindy Miskimen's nephew), Lori Stocks (Karen Strum's niece), Eric Martin (friend of Joe Brubaker), Rich Shilling (relative of Iris Durbin). **Fox - Chester:** Audrey Geer (Linda Hall's mother), Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carol Williams (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220. **Herman McHan**, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

