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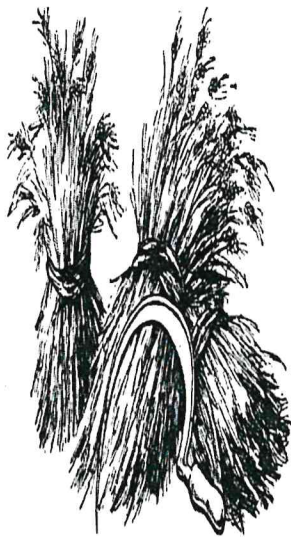
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Pastor's Perspective: "Which Way Will You Choose?"



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In II Chronicles 30:10, good king Hezekiah of Judah, sent messengers to the nation of Israel to return unto God. Their response was, "they laughed them to scorn and mocked them." It is much the same in today's world. Secularists scorn and mock Christians who try to live out their faith by following the Bible. The question is why?

Generally, people can be divided into two worldviews: Mankind is good and getting better, or mankind is evil and getting worse. Only one worldview can possibly

be right.

The biblical view is that man is created in "the image of God," Genesis 1:27, and has a spiritual component described in Hebrews 4:12 as "soul and spirit." The secular view is that we are nothing more than random elements brought together by chance, environment and time. There is, however, no logical reason why life should spring from randomness, let alone develop emotions such as love or empathy which we exhibit.

What you believe con-

cerning your origin, whether divinely appointed by God, or random evolutionary chance, determines your philosophy of life and how you live it.

For example, the Bible is quite clear as to two genders. Genesis 5:2 declares, "Male and female created he them; ..." This, of course, refers to Adam and Eve, the first recorded family in Scripture. The idea that there are several genders or that homosexuality, transgenderism, bi-genderism or

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From The Pastor's Desk...

Just think how wonderful this world would be if bad things never happened. Many think that because they are Christians, bad things should never happen to them.

God could certainly protect us from the unpleasant suffering in life. Trials and tribulations, however, are often used by God to draw us close to Him. It is during

these times that our faith is strengthened as we see God bring us through these trying events.

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any other deviation is part of God's plan has no place in the Bible.

Also, the biblical view of the nuclear family, a married father and mother with children, has been stigmatized as flawed and even bigoted. Other structures such as two men or two women are being promoted as just as good or even better.

While it is true that some nuclear families have failed to live up to biblical standards, it does not change the fact that the nuclear family historically is the one best suited for producing a thriving society and content, well adjusted individuals.

Why then do secularists scorn and mock today? The reason seems apparent. Whatever belief system you hold, there is a religious assumption that underlies your philosophy of life. Christianity, with its teachings of the fall of mankind into sin, and its redemp-

tion through repentance and faith in Christ's death on the cross, runs contrary to the self-sufficiency and proud spirit that is common among unbelievers.

I Corinthians 3:19 declares, “For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.” I Corinthians 1:18 says, “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”

Everyone of us makes a choice in life. The Bible declares, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding,” Proverbs 9:10. The secularist says doing your own thing and making up the rules as you go, brings happiness, purpose and contentment.

One way is right. One way is wrong.

Which way will you choose?

August Finances

General Fund	\$3,864.81
Designated	<u>\$ 103.88</u>
Total	\$3,968.69

Designated Accounts

Youth	\$1,337.66
Miscellaneous	\$ 46.40
D.C. Trip	\$ 254.16

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 21:22, “And all these things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”



The Pastor's Desk Continued...

Consider the life of Joseph. Having been sold unjustly as a seventeen year old child, he kept his faith in spite of the trials of slavery and prison. Thirteen years passed until he was released by Pharaoh and

promoted to second in command of Egypt.

Later when famine ravaged the land occupied by his father Jacob and his brethren, Joseph was in a position of power and wealth to help his family.

Rather than dwell on his past suffering, Joseph looked at a greater purpose. In Genesis 50:19-20 he replied to his fearful brothers, “Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil

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Poetry Corner

If I Don't, Who Will?

I am a Christian. If I don't tell the unsaved how to keep from spending an eternity in Hell, who will?

If I don't tell them that sin is wicked and destroys our lives and the lives of those around us, who will?

If I don't tell them what God says is sin, who will?

If I don't tell them that abortion is against God's commandments, who will?

If I don't tell them that homosexuality is a chosen sin-style that angers God, who will?

If I don't tell them that God's way is right and all other ways are wrong, who will?

If I don't tell them that God planned for man to have one wife and that both should be faithful to each other until death, who will?

If I don't tell them that God has

preserved His will and way in the King James Bible so we will know exactly what He wants us to know, who will?

If I don't tell them that not everything that names itself "Christian" is of God, who will?

If I don't tell them that there is a real Devil who doesn't want them to do what God wants them to do, who will?

If I don't tell them that it is the same Devil who tempts, confuses and deceives them so they won't know God's way or want to obey it, who will?

If I can't show the world that there is a proper, rewarding, God-desired lifestyle, who will?

If the unsaved world can't see that I am different from them, who will show them that there is a difference between those bound for Heaven and those bound for Hell?

If my life is not an example of how good God is and a testimony that He is alive and still working in His children's lives, whose will be?

If I don't have the "guts" to stand up for what I believe and what God's Word says, who does?

—Bill Brinkworth



Think On These Things

We choose the kind of clothes we wear—

The food we eat and drink.

But even more important are The thoughts we choose to think.

—M.H. Goodman

Welcome Fall

against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." Joseph believed all he suffered was for a purpose greater than himself.

Don't lose faith in suffering. Trust God will use it for your good.

SPREAD THE WORD

Be in prayer for October 26th and the opportunity we will have to be on Travis Air Force Base to present our ministry to the new men & women that will be arriving to make this their current home.



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*Searching the Scriptures for
Life's Answers - Acts 17:11*

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Welcome To Our Church

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Children's Church.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services

Bible Study & Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
King's Kids.....7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Daytime Visitation Program10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 6th, Lord's Supper, 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 13th, Advisory Council, 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 26th, Harvest Outreach, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 26th, Travis Air Force Base, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 27th, Birthday Sunday, 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 27th, Finance Committee, 5:15 p.m.
Sunday, October 27th, Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Don't forget the weekly Bible reading that takes place
Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.