

Solutions That Will Not Work

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We have some people in positions of power and influence whose idealistic philosophies (with atheism, humanism, and evolution as their foundation) have not worked and will not work, but who, even while those philosophies are failing, continue to press them. As my wife put it: “The ones who seem to be in charge of solving some of our serious problems are the very ones whose theories caused the problems in the first place.” We see these philosophies working in such matters as:

- ❖ Rearing our children.
- ❖ Educating our children.
- ❖ Crimes and punishment.
- ❖ The legality and morality of abortions.
- ❖ The legality and morality of homosexual behavior.
- ❖ The government having more control over our institutions and our lives.

As an example of what I speak of, in both the matters of rearing our children and educating our children, the philosophy that speculates that of utmost importance is the matter of the child being the center of the family, having great self-esteem, and feeling good about himself/herself has caused all sorts of problems that the same people who still hold to that failed philosophy are now trying to solve. Their solutions will not work, any more than their theories did in the first place.

The people who know that God exists and who know that the Bible is His word, have utmost confidence in God’s answers to questions and in God’s solutions to problems. Some passages that come to mind are these:

“There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against Jehovah” (Proverbs 21:30). Anything that contradicts a command, statement, or principle given by God is false and unworkable; it is not wisdom, or counsel, or understanding.

“Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). And guess who defines righteousness? Certainly not man — **“O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jeremiah 10:23).** Yet, we have gone about in this nation defining it for ourselves.

“The wicked shall be turned back unto Sheol, even all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17). And history is replete with examples. No ruler and no nation that defies God and His principles of righteousness has long endured.

Read **Colossians 2:8** — **“Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ”**— and see what God thinks of the philosophies and traditions of men. Read **1 Corinthians 1:20** — **“Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”**— and **1 Corinthians 3:19** — **“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He that taketh the wise in their craftiness:”** — and see what God thinks of the wisdom of men. When will we ever learn?

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