

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:

1. **Rearing our children.**
2. **Educating our children.**
3. **Crimes and punishment.**
4. **The legality and morality of abortions.**
5. **The legality and morality of homosexual behavior.**
6. **The government having more control over our institutions and 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 -- I say, that philosophy has caused all sorts of problems, 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" (Prov. 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" (Prov. 14:34). And guess who defines righteousness? Certainly not man (Jer. 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" (Ps. 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 and see what God thinks of the philosophies and traditions of men. Read 1 Corinthians 1:20 and 3:19 and see what God thinks of the wisdom of men. When will we ever learn?

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