



“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...” Matthew 28:20

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## Man's View of God Is Extremely Important

Richard Massey

Do you realize that your view of God will affect how you treat others?

**The Nazis:** Adolf Hitler viewed God as non-existent. He accepted the theory of evolution which holds the idea of survival of the fittest. His armies killed millions of innocent men, women, and children whom they deemed weak and inferior. He believed that not only could they do this, but in view of the evolutionary theory, they should do this. If his parents had taught him the Bible, perhaps this dark period of history (1935-1945) could have been avoided.

**The cannibals:** In third world countries, tribes who live in remote areas can sometimes be cannibalistic or be dangerously hostile to outsiders. Even in our country a serial killer named Jeffery Dahmer cooked and ate some of his victims. Why would people act this way — kill and eat their victims? Simple — they have no understanding of God nor that man is made in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27). Like Adolf Hitler, they do not understand that life is sacred. People who know the God of the Bible do not kill and eat strangers.

**The abortionist:** The further America moves away from the concept of God, and minds are conditioned by the theory of evolution, the more insensitive our citizens become to human life. Take note of the staggering numbers of abortions in America. Over fifty million babies have been killed in abortion clinics across our land since 1973, and the end is not yet in sight. It is a fact that the most dangerous place for Americans to live is not in Iraq or Afghanistan,

but it is the unborn living in the mother's womb. People who know their Bibles will respect and safe-guard human lives in the womb.

**The Ku Klux Klan:** If man does not have a correct view of God, the lives of others are in constant danger. Take the Ku Klux Klan for an example. They claim to believe in God, and some claim to be Christians. However, their ruthless shootings, bombings, hangings, burnings, and drowning of people of color are well documented. At one time, they would tar and feather anyone who spoke out against them. They view God as white and could not be any other nationality than a red-neck American from the south. The right understanding of the word of God would put hate groups out of existence because it says all men are the offspring of God (Acts 17:28).

People who believe their ancient ancestors were monkeys will usually act accordingly. Students of the New Testament will behave in a completely different way. Love, compassion, concern, help for the helpless, food for the hungry, assistance for the widow and fatherless, good to all will be seen of them.

*How do you view God?*

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## Saturation?

Tom Moore

In presenting his case for Jesus the Messiah, Matthew draws his proof from the Old Testament. There are about 130 direct quotations from or allusions to the Old Testament found in that book of inspiration. The significant thing about this is they are taken from twenty-five of the thirty-nine Old Testament books representing every part of the divisions of the Old Testament (Law, History, Poetry, and Prophecy). Matthew knew his Bible! He was a man of God's Word! The reason that this inspired Gospel account was so saturated with the Word is because Matthew was saturated with the Word of God.

What about us today? Are we saturated with the Word of God? The Psalmist declared, “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers: But his delight is in the law of Jehovah; And on his law doth he meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:1-2). To “meditate day and night” is to read God's word by day, and think upon it by night — that is saturation!

*“The Treasury of David”* says, “He takes a text and carries it with him all day long; and in the night watches, when sleep forsakes his eyelids, he muses upon the Word of God. In the day of his prosperity he sings psalms out of the Word of God, and in the night of his affliction he comforts himself with promises out of the same book.”

How is your saturation?

# “HUMANISM”

Robert S. Camp

There is a group of people in our nation who call themselves Humanists. If they are asked the meaning of the word *humanism*, they reply that it is a polite term for *atheism*. These people are not content simply to hold the belief of atheism, but they apparently would like to convert everyone else to that belief. Recently, Humanists have made an effort to force public school officials to remove the expression “one nation under God” from the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They argue this phrase violated the first amendment of the Constitution, which states, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

Humanists claim it is unconstitutional to mention the name of God in public schools. If this is true, then teachers cannot read a copy of the Declaration of Independence to their students because this document refers to God five times. According to the Humanists’ way of thinking, teachers also cannot read the Gettysburg Address to their students because in that great speech, Lincoln stated, “all men are created equal” and closed with the phrase that “this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom.” If Humanists are correct, teachers cannot lead their students in singing “God Bless America” because that wonderful song mentions the name of God three times and is, in fact, a prayer. Finally, teachers would have a difficult problem at Thanksgiving. In 1941 Congress designated the fourth Thursday in November to be a day when our nation should pause and give thanks to God for our great blessings. One wonders how a teacher could explain the meaning of this day without God.

Lest anyone should think that the Case in California is an isolated one and that this is not typical of humanist in general, let us note that three years ago people with the same humanist belief filed a law suit against the state of Ohio, to force them to change their state motto which is: “With God all things are possible.” One of the most significant things about this case is that humanist spent a great deal of time and a considerable amount of money to promote, their dead end philosophy which offers no hope for the future in any way. The lesson we should learn from this is — if these people can go to such great lengths to promote their hopeless beliefs, can Christians with the greatest faith of all and most wonderful hope do any less?

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Editor’s Note: The above article was written over twenty years ago. Humanists continue to make advancements with their agendas. It is amazing what they have accomplished. Perhaps, Paul thought the same thing when he went into Athens and “saw the city wholly given to idolatry” and addressed them, “Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious” (Acts 17:16,22).

## *Observations and Concerns*

February 21, 2024

**Welcome Visitors!** If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Praise in Psalm:** “For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods” (Psalm 96:4).

**Declaration of Appreciation:** Because physical life is difficult and short, be sure to thank God for the promise of eternal life.

Our monthly **youth devo** will be on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at the church building in Ramona. Please bring a side or dessert to go with sandwiches and chips.

We rejoice with **Pat Taylor** that her daughter, **Gina**, was recently baptized into Christ.

The theme of this year’s lectureship is “**Conversions in Acts.**” The date is March 22–24 which is one month away. Please plan to attend and invite others. Flyers are available in the foyer.

**Remember in Prayer:**

- ▶ **Marcella Dennis** fell last week and is having many struggles.
- ▶ **Bill Dilks** has been feeling poorly recently.
- ▶ **Pat Taylor** is scheduled to have surgery on her carotid artery on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hillcrest in Tulsa.
- ▶ **Margie Casebolt**, mother of Jody Northrop, fell recently and is struggling to recover.
- ▶ **Rosemary**, friend of Pat Taylor, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

Schedule of Services	Assignments		
	Wednesday, Feb. 21	Sunday, Feb. 25 AM	Sunday, Feb. 25 PM
Sundays			
Announcements	Ross Swearingen	Chuck Northrop	Doyle Jackson
Prayer	Ross Swearingen	Chuck Northrop	Doyle Jackson
Worship . . . . . 9:30 AM			
Worship . . . . . 10:30 AM	Song Leader	Bill Dilks	Ross Swearingen
Worship . . . . . 5:00 PM	Lord’s Supper (speaker)	Chris Nelson	Chris Nelson
Wednesdays			
Lord’s Supper		Doyle Jackson	
Bible Classes . . . 7:00 PM	Lesson	Doyle Jackson	Chris Nelson
Website: oologahcofc.org	Prayer	Chris Nelson	Bill Dilks
	Door Attendant	Chris Nelson	Doyle Jackson
			Ross Swearingen