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A World Without God (Part 1 of 2) by Jack H. Williams

Believe it or not, that is what many people desire our world to be like - without God. They feel that without the “hinderance” of God, they can move forward and be free from what they feel are the shackles and shortcomings of “traditional” religion. For example, we find that humanism is making great inroads in our society as far as denying and working against religion as most people would view it. Humanism itself has been ruled a religion by the United States Supreme Court (Torcaso Case, 1961; Seegar Case, 1964), yet it denies the need or existence of God, thus a no God religion. Notice what is said of “traditional” religion in the Humanist Manifesto II:

As in 1933, humanists still believe that traditional theism, especially faith in the prayer-hearing God, assumed to love and care for persons, to hear and understand their prayers, and to be able to do something about them, is an unproved and outmoded faith . . .

Reasonable minds look to other means for survival. (13)

No deity will save us; we must save ourselves. (16)

As nontheists, we begin with humans not God, nature not deity. (16)

Obviously, such people feel that there is no place in man's needs nor should be in his desires for a God in heaven. In the same Manifesto the statement is made that, “The next century can be and should be the humanistic century” (14).

We need to ask, “Is their desire coming true? Is the next century destined to be the 'humanistic century'?” OPEN YOUR EYES! Have you noticed the continual degradation of morals in the media? Adultery, cursing . . . every kind of immoral act is now glorified in the name of human pleasure. The Bible (which has withstood attacks throughout the centuries and is able to withstand them for centuries to come) is under renewed attacks. Biblical events are ridiculed as being “myths.” Even in “traditional religions” there are divisions as to whether the Bible is inspired and they are even voting to decide! Various so called translations are written, not with the desire to set forth plainly the will of God, but to remold the Bible to fit man's needs.

Biblical beliefs, long held as dear have been rejected, not because they have been disproved, but because they do not meet the needs and wants of man. For instance, recent polls among “traditional religions” show that over half of those religious leaders questioned do not believe in heaven or hell. Many do not believe in God or the inspiration of the Bible.

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Wednesday

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Preacher:

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Satan's Plan to Wreck the World
Part 2 – Blame God

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Strange Things You Hear about the
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Testament.”

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Ecclesiastes – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

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It seems that such “ungodly religion” is making much headway - maybe more than we would like to admit. Many ask, “Why? Why is such making the advances that it is in our society?” I think there are two basic reasons.

First of all, we have failed to realize how and by whom this “religion without God” is promoted. If we notice the signers of the Humanist Manifesto, both I and II, we see some enlightening things. Notice the list below of those who signed and the position they filled at the time they signed the Manifesto denying and deriding the existence or need of God.

John Dewey. He was a professor at Columbia University from 1904 until 1929 when he retired. Most authorities believe him to be the single most influential individual on the public education system in the 20th century. Thousands are guided by his ideals and teachings in public education, yet have not even heard his name.

Alan F. Guttmacher. President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Corliss Lamont. Chairman, National Emergency Civil Liberties Commission.

Betty Friedan. Founder, N.O.W.

In addition to these there were numerous authors, including such men as Isaac Asimov and Francis Crick. Well over half of the 200 asked to sign were professors at well known universities. The point is, we should not be surprised at the “anti God” influences surrounding us. Many of those in “power” or positions of influence and public trust hold to such ideals and they use their influence to bring about the “humanist century.” Many times the very people we select to lead us in studies, government and such will use their position to propagate this “no God” philosophy.

Part 2 next week.