

# REMINDER



## *Calling All Men!*

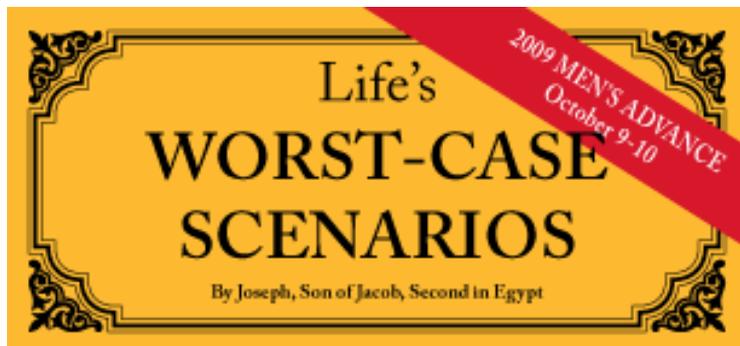
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## 2009 MEN'S ADVANCE

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH - STILLWATER

This Coming Friday Evening and Saturday

*This year's theme is -*



*The Men's Advance* has been hosted by Bible Baptist Church of Stillwater for over ten years and is attended by men from all across the Midwest. The goal of the Men's Advance is to impact the lives of men spiritually to make a difference in their homes, churches, relationships and community. The meeting runs on a two-day format, beginning this year at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, October 9, 2009, and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 10.

This year, we will again meet at the Payne County Expo Center, just east of Stillwater. Meals are provided on-site to allow the men more time to fellowship with one another, and include a full

smoked meat dinner Friday night, complete breakfast Saturday morning, and a great lunch Saturday afternoon.

The service times and break-out sessions are the focus of the event. Here, the men are challenged to examine their lives in the light of God's Word. Both humorous and contemplative skits are interspersed to reinforce the truths presented. Special music provided by the Bible Baptist Church Men's Group and others adds to the wonderful congregational hymns, including the traditional It Is Well with My Soul finale.

Registration for the event is \$40 this year, which includes all the meals along with a workbook, and is due when we register Friday evening. If you want to go and cannot afford it, talk to the Pastor and a confidential scholarship for you will be arranged.

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## Do You Really Understand What Is Happening To Our Country?

(Part 2)

Last week, I mentioned that Humanism - which is a religion that teaches that human wisdom is the answer to all of mankind's problems - has taken over our:

- **GOVERNMENT**
- **EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**
- **MEDIA** (entertainment venues as well as news sources)

This week, let's talk about -

### THE GOALS OF HUMANISM

Humanism is not coming. It's already here! It has already done much damage. It has already eaten far into the structures of our society. It kills unborn babies. It hurts youth with drugs. It dirties minds with profanity. It turns children against their parents. It robs families of their wealth. It severely damages and often destroys Christian families. If left alone, humanism will eat its way through the country until eventually it has destroyed all Christian homes and churches.

While Christians look with horror on these destructive trends, humanists actually believe their way of thinking will produce a better world. They say that *"[t]he next century can be and should be the humanistic century. Dramatic scientific, technological, and ever-accelerating social and political changes crowd our awareness. We have virtually conquered the planet, explored the moon, overcome the natural limits of travel and communication; we stand at the dawn of a new age, ready to move farther into space and inhabit other planets. Using technology wisely, we can control our environment, conquer poverty, markedly reduce disease; extend our life-span, significantly modify our behavior, alter the course of human evolution and cultural development, unlock vast new powers, and provide human-kind with unparalleled opportunity for achieving an abundant and meaningful life."*

That sounds good, doesn't it? However, humanists cannot succeed in their quests because they leave God out of their plans. Humanists believe that men are capable of guiding and directing themselves. They know not that *"it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps"* (Jeremiah 10:23). They know not that *"there is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"* (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). They know not God's declaration that *"all who hate me love death"* (Proverbs 8:36.). They know not that Jesus is *"the way, the truth, and the life"* (John 14:6) or that Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

A society built on humanistic principles is a society which will destroy itself. Our society is not rapidly deteriorating. Much of this deterioration is because people have turned away from Christian principles and seek guidance from humanistic values.

Most Christians do not understand humanism, and therefore do not realize its dangers. Barely two or three out of 100 Christians have read any of the basic documents of humanism - Humanist Manifestos I and II, and A Secular Humanist Declaration. Have you read these documents? If not, you should! **Humanism is the number one modern philosophical enemy of Christianity.** We cannot effectively oppose it unless we understand its values, its goals, and its methods.

In order to understand the basic goals of humanism, we need to look only at its basic documents. That's because these documents were written for the express purpose of declaring the values and goals of humanism. Humanist **Paul Kurtz** underscored that fact when he wrote in the **Preface to Humanist Manifestos I and II** that these documents are intended *"... not as dogmas or credos..., but as the expression of a quest for values and goals that we can work for and that can help us to take new directions. Humanists are committed to building a world that is significant, not only for the individual's quest for meaning, but for the whole of humankind."* Moreover, the endorsers of Humanist Manifesto II invite others in all lands to join them *"in further developing and working for these goals."*

#### PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS -

Our perception of humanist's objectives may be increased by making some preliminary observations about the subtleties of humanism. These observations may also help protect us against deception from humanist **language**. First, the language used by humanist to express their goals seems intentionally low-key, and may sometimes also be appropriate for declaring Christian goals. This arouses minimal opposition. This technique may be illustrated by looking at two sentences in the thirteenth article of Humanist Manifesto I:

*"Religious humanism maintains that all associations and institutions exist for the fulfillment of human life. The intelligent evaluation, transformation, control, and direction of such associations and institutions with a view to the enhancement of human life is the purpose and program of humanism."*

Notice particularly the last sentence. However, let's reword it-without changing its meaning-so that the goal is more obvious. The sentence then might read, **"The purpose and program of humanism is the intelligent evaluation, transformation, control, and direction of [all] associations and institutions with a view of the enhancement of human life."** Notice: **"All associations and institutions"** includes homes, churches, schools, businesses, professions, governments, organizations, etc. Humanists want to transform, control, and direct them according to humanistic values and goals. Humanists want to convert the world to their way of thinking and acting. Does not the original

wording minimize opposition?

Moreover, the language expressing goals of humanism may sometimes be appropriate also for declaring goals of Christianity. Should not the “purpose and program” of Christianity be to transform, control, and direct, “all associations and institutions?” Should not all associations and institutions operate by Christian values and goals? Is not Christianity applicable to all aspects of life – including all associations and institutions? *Of course!*

The point is – humanists have found themselves in a world dominated by Christian values and goals. They do not like Christian teaching and behavioral standards. They want a totally different philosophical standard to govern human thinking and behavior. **They are committed to eliminating Christianity.** That commitment is stated in these documents in a manner calculated to forcefully declare their goals yet to intentionally minimize their resistance.

A second preliminary observation is that vocabulary terms used by humanists sometimes have *special meanings*. When we are unaware of these special meanings, we may be inclined to agree with what they say. However, when we understand what humanists mean by certain terms, we will probably disagree with them. For example, humanists believe that *“the conditions of work, education, devotion, and play should be humanized.”* What do humanists mean when they declare that these conditions should be “humanized?”

The answer comes from knowing what humanists believe about humanity. For them, human nature is very limited. **Humanists believe that man is only physical, not spiritual.** They believe that humans evolved rather than were created. They believe that man has no relationship to deity or to supernatural revelation, and that therefore man needs no guidance apart from his own reason and intelligence. Therefore, to “humanize” the conditions of work, education, devotion, and play mean to remove from them any divine proscriptions regarding human conduct. For humanists, all conditions related to man should be determined only by human intelligence and reason. When we understand vocabulary terms in the same sense as humanists do, we then understand their goals more clearly.

A third and final preliminary observation is that humanism, by its very nature, consists not only of ideas but also of a specific method by which it operates. [A Secular Humanist Declaration](#) observes that *“secular humanism is not so much a specific morality as it is a method for the explanation and discovery of rational moral principles.”* The method of humanism is the same as its message, namely, that God and Divine revelation must be eliminated from all ethical considerations. Humanism insists that man determine for himself what is right and what is wrong by his own critical thinking. Humanists want everyone to make decisions without considering God and to act as if there is no God. For humanists, God is not relevant. They want Christians also to think and act as though God is not relevant.

Next week, we’ll look in detail at the Goals of Humanism. ■



## ***NOT ON SUNDAY NIGHT***

*I love the church that Jesus bought,  
And know that it is right;  
I go there Sunday morning,  
But not on Sunday night.*

*I love to sing the songs of God,  
Such worship must be right;  
This I do on Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.*

*I love to hear the Gospel, too,  
It gives me pure delight;  
I hear it Sunday morning,  
But not on Sunday night.*

*God bless our forward-moving church,  
And give it power and might;  
And let it march on Sunday morning,  
But not on Sunday night!*

## **NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS**

**EGYPTIAN COINS WITH JOSEPH’S IMAGE DISCOVERED** - Archeologists have discovered ancient Egyptian coins bearing the name and image of the biblical Joseph, Cairo’s Al Ahram newspaper recently reported. Excerpts provided by MEMRI show that the coins were discovered among a multitude of unsorted artifacts stored at the Museum of Egypt....”A thorough examination revealed that the coins bore the year in which they were minted and their value, or effigies of the pharaohs [who ruled] at the time of their minting. Some of the coins are from the time when Joseph lived in Egypt, and bear his name and portrait,” said the report. - Jerusalem Post, 09/25/09

**CHRISTIAN COUPLE IN ENGLAND ARRESTED FOR DEFENDING THEIR FAITH TO MUSLIMS** - A Christian couple have been charged with a criminal offence after taking part in what they regarded as a reasonable discussion about religion with guests at their hotel. They were arrested after a Muslim woman complained to police that she had been offended by their comments. They have been charged under public order laws with using “threatening, abusive or insulting words” that were “religiously aggravated”. The couple, whose trial has been set for December, face a fine of up to £5,000 and a criminal record if they are convicted. Although the facts are disputed, it is thought that during the conversation the couple were challenged over their Christian beliefs. It is understood that they suggested that Mohammed, the founder of Islam, was a warlord and that traditional Muslim dress for women was a form of bondage. They deny, however, that their comments were threatening and argue that they had every right to defend and explain their beliefs.

- *The Daily Mail, 09/20/09*

### ***NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK***

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly  
 Cradle Roll 2: Derek Quinnelly  
 6:00 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Piper Martin  
 Cradle Roll 2: Ryan Quinnelly  
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White  
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White

### ***AND THE PEOPLE CAME...***

*Week of September 27, 2009*

Sunday School ----- 22  
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 37  
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 27  
 Wed. Eve. Service, 09/30/09 ----- 25

### ***AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...***

*Week of September 27, 2009*



Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 984.00  
 New Hymnals Fund ----- \$ 52.00  
**Total Received for Week of 09/27/09: \$ 1,036.00**

**Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed  
 to operate the church  
 EACH WEEK,  
 as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00** 

### ***FUND DRIVE REPORTS***

#### ***NEW HYMNAL FUND***

*Offerings Received To Date:* \$ 1,663.00

#### ***NEW PIANO FUND***

*Offerings Received To Date:* \$ 574.00

#### ***PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND***

*Total Received, To Date:* \$ 449.00



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### ***WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED***

1. ***Admit that you are a sinner.***
2. ***Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.***
3. ***Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.***
4. ***You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).***
5. ***By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.***



### ***Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!***

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

### ***Church Directory***

Todd W. White ----- Pastor  
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist  
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 Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,  
 Dwayne English ----- Outreach  
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