

HUMANISM

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If it wouldn't be for the power of the blood I don't think I would want to undertake a message like this afternoon. I would like to greet you in the name of the Divine Son of God the one who all designed to bring deity down to this earth and the one who while retaining His deity, in His deity became human, all of humanity, so that He could deliver us from our humanity.

I will be reading some this afternoon for the purpose of documentation. What I read of course will be things that have been written in reference to the humanism primarily as it is developing in the States. I don't suppose there is very much difference however between the States and Canada as it relates to the political, moral and social implications as it involves humanism.

Humanism is not a new term in fact it is a term that Karl Marx used many decades ago and I want to quote him a little later. Our presentation this afternoon will be in the form of questions and answers, I'll ask the question and then endeavour to give the answer.

First question. What is humanism?

The term the human of course relates to mankind, we speak of ourselves as the human family as distinguished from the family of deity, the family of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the angelic host on the one hand and also distinguished from the animal kingdom on the other hand. The human kind is a seriously lacking family in comparison to the divine family of God but on the other hand they are superior creatures to the animal kingdom. In **Psalm 8** we read that God has put all things under man's feet, all sheep and oxen and yea the beasts of the field, the fowl of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever passes through the paths of the sea. Mankind is superior to the animal kingdom but very inferior to God.

When you put "ism" on the end of the word on the end of human it carries with it a little different connotation, the word usually relates to different kinds of beliefs or a system of beliefs that are adhered to or practiced by groups of human beings. Some examples of this would be, we some-

times talk about Calvinism, it is a system of beliefs adhered to by certain religious people. We have Mennonitism, a system of beliefs, or it used to be at least I think for many Mennonite and still is for a number of Mennonite groups, and then there is Russellism, Seventh Day Adventism and Atheism. “Ism” often relates to a religious system when the term “ism” follows a word. Now words often end with “ist” too, the humanist is the individual who adheres to the system of humanism. Like a Calvinist is someone who adheres to Calvinism, a Russellite is someone, I don't use the ending “ist” there but “ite” is the same thing, but a Russellite is someone who adheres to Russellism. (Jehovah's Witness)

Humanism is generally considered a religion by humanists. Now of course we are all human but we do not believe this afternoon that humanism supplies a religion for us. We believe that it takes a super human power to deliver us from our humanness. In **Psalm 51:5** the psalmist said: “Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.” The psalmist was stating a principle there that every last one of us find ourselves under, the transmission of a sinful nature. Adam begat sons in his own likeness after he fell and every son of Adam that has been born since then finds himself in a state in which he has a sinful nature that gets worse and worse and worse. Man by nature goes down and not up, **Romans 1** would indicate that. Those who did not like to retain God in their knowledge and were not thankful went down, down, down, down, until God gave them up gave them over to uncleanness and over to vileanness. In Romans one we have evolution in reverse, what we actually have as someone has said is “devilution”

Humanism is a religion in defiance of and in total opposition to God, to Christ, to the Bible and to true and pure religion. Humanism is self exaltation, self-deification, a system in competition with God. Now if the system is in competition with God, its leaders are men in competition with God, no system is without personalities to lead to that system. So when we talk about a system, it doesn't matter what system it is, we have to relate individuals to that system. What humanism is will be clarified in the next question.

The second question is: What are the tenets and beliefs of humanism?

I'm going to share with you some excerpts from it, from the Humanist Manifesto #1. The first humanist manifesto was a public declaration, the

first humanist manifesto, at least in the United States, was drawn up in 1933 and signed by 34 men, incidentally brother John referred to John Dewey yesterday and John Dewey is one of the signatories of the Humanist Manifesto#1, the first public declaration that was written and signed by 34 signers in 1933. Let me read a number of excerpts from this to help our understanding of exactly what the beliefs of the humanists are.

From the Introduction:

“The time has come for widespread recognition of the radical changes in religious beliefs throughout the modern world.”

“Religions the world over are under the necessity of coming to terms with new conditions created by a vastly increased knowledge and experience.”

“Today man’s larger understanding of the universe, his scientific achievements, and deeper appreciation of brotherhood, have created a situation which requires a new statement of the means and purposes of religion.”

You see they refer to religion again and again so humanism is a religion, reading on:

“To establish such a religion is a major necessity of the present. It is a responsibility which rests upon this generation.”

And then they follow with 15 statements of belief, I will quote some of them:

“FIRST: Religious humanists regard the universe as self-existing and not created.”

Self existing, the universe self existed, not created. It would be just as silly for us this afternoon to say that that clock thing back there in the wall started out as a few particles of dust collecting, dust was drawn to that dust and more dust got on to it and more dust got on to it and finally it began to form cogs and wheels and the spring and finally it got hands on it and then the key turned around and the clock’s running, and that is how that clock came to be. It is just as reasonable to say that as it is that the creation is self existing and not created.

“SECOND: Humanism believes that man is a part of nature and that he has emerged as a result of a continuous process.”

Now that is evolution you see. Not much wrong with that John Dewey signed it, because John Dewey was a lover of Darwin and studied Darwin's philosophies and promoted them and placed them in the public textbooks to be used in public schools. I don't know why some people, you know most of us feel honoured at least by our respectable ancestors and it is hard for me to understand why anybody would feel honoured to have their grandpa an a ape or a tadpole or something like that back there.

You know if we believe that we came from nothing then we will live like we are going to nothing, if we believe like we came from a monkey we are going to start living like a monkey, if we believe we came from animals we are going to die like animals and we are going to live like animals. That is recognised in the Bible, Peter and Jude both talk about brute beasts, referring to people, they are beastly, just like beasts. [2 Peter 2:12, Jude 1:10] I'm not going to refer to all their statements of belief but the fifth one is:

“FIFTH: Humanism asserts that the nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values.”

This makes unacceptable any thing supernatural in relation to the cosmos, anything supernatural. Man hasn't begun, he has not begun to tap the universe. They tell us that they thought that when they got telescopes that it would bring into focus objects 18 billion of light years from here and that would bring them on the verge of eternity, then they would know the secrets of the ark and the universe and now since they have those telescopes built and they can see out into space and billions of light years they found objects, one object out there that they claimed is a million times as big as the sun. Well what is beyond that then? Where is the human being that shouldn't just melt before the thought of the magnitude of the creation of the universe, where is the scientist that ought not to melt?

Moving on to number eight:

“EIGHTH: Religious Humanism considers the complete realization of human personality to be the end of man's life and seeks its development and fulfilment in the here and now.”

Not the hereafter (as we do) Number 10:

“TENTH: It follows that there will be no uniquely religious emotions and attitudes of the kind hitherto associated with belief in the supernatural.”

Man believes in himself not the supernatural.

From the conclusion of the Humanist Manifesto #1:
“Man is at last becoming aware that he alone is responsible for the realization of the world of his dreams, that he has within himself the power for its achievement. He must set intelligence and will to the task.”

That manifesto was signed by 34 signatories. Now 40 years later in 1973 the humanists got together and drew up Humanist Manifesto #2 and in the preface to that they say this:

“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”. “.....but for today it is our conviction that humanism offers an alternative that can serve present-day needs and guide humankind toward the future.”

First paragraph in the Humanist Manifesto #2: “The 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,”

Imagine that! Virtually conquered the planet, then to the moon. Do you know how far 18 billion light years is? By way of comparison the sun is 93,000,000 miles from the earth (93 million), light travels at 186,000 miles per second that is 6,000,000,000,000 miles (6 trillion) in a year, at that rate it would take 184,000 trips to the sun and back every minute for the next one hundred years to go that 18 billion light years. He says here that: “We have virtually conquered the planet (*meaning earth*) explored the moon, overcome the natural limits of travel and communication;” Overcome them? When the shuttle blew up overcome them?

And then it goes on to say in that same paragraph:

“We stand at the dawn of a new age, ready to move farther into space and perhaps 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 humankind with unparalleled opportunity for achieving an abundant and meaningful life.”

Utopia lies ahead according to them. Right that was the introduction. This second Humanist Manifesto has 17 articles of belief and quoting briefly from it:

“FIRST: We believe, however, that traditional dogmatic or authoritarian religions that place revelation, God, ritual, or creed above human needs and experience do a disservice to the human species..... We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural; As nontheists, we begin with humans not God, nature not deity.”

We begin with God, we begin with God.

It further says: “But we can discover no divine purpose or providence for the human species..... humans are responsible for what we are or will become. No deity will save us; we must save ourselves.”

Now quoting from the third belief;

“THIRD: We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational (*this is where situational ethics come from*) needing no theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stems from human need and interest.”

“SIXTH: In the area of sexuality, we believe that intolerant attitudes, often cultivated by orthodox religions and puritanical cultures, unduly repress sexual conduct.”

No wonder there is a slide down the cesspool of immorality today that perhaps has never been worse in the history of the world. Sometimes folks say if God doesn't soon bring judgment on the nations for their immorality we are going to have to make an apology to Sodom and Gomorrah. Well God won't apologise to anybody, He does not apologise to anybody. but certainly we can easily see why there is such widespread and such a wholesale degenerate moral activity in our days.

Continuing; “The many varieties of sexual exploration should not in themselves be considered "evil.””

One would almost weep rather than go on.

From the Seventh part:

“It also includes a recognition of an individual's right to die with dignity, euthanasia, and the right to suicide.”

Suicide among the youth today has become epidemic. Now why? Well humanists are teaching that it is the right thing to do, the right thing to do, I will tell you why a little bit later some of the reasons why.

Well these 17 articles conclude like this:

“We believe that humankind has the potential, intelligence, goodwill, and cooperative skill to implement this commitment in the decades ahead.

We, the undersigned, while not necessarily endorsing every detail of the above, pledge our general support to Humanist Manifesto II for the future of humankind. And: “We invite others in all lands to join us in further developing and working for these goals.”

So humanism has global motivations not just a sovereignty of the State they don't just take your children away from you, the state it has a program to take your children away for a global, global interest. Now this one the other one was signed by 32 scientists and this one is probably signed by several hundred (*over 200 names on the copy to hand JvL*) and these are from all over the world. Signatories from all over the world educators, college and university professors, politicians, so-called Reverends, editors of national and international magazines have signed the Humanist Manifesto#2. Now that manifesto#2 answers a lot of things for us on the character of humanism.

Humanism is Satanism. It is Satanism. It embodies all the godless, every godless movement that is afloat today, every godless organisation is embodied in humanism. Godless communism. Karl Marx, getting back to Karl Marx said: “Humanism is the denial of God and the total affirmation of man.” It embodies godless communism, it embodies evolution.

John Dewey signed the Manifesto#1. John Dewey was a student of Darwin and a promoter of a very serious and very dangerous concept of an anti-Christ and anti-God concept. He was a promoter of Darwinism, evolution was promoted by Darwin. It embodies the liberation movement, liberationism and feminism. Liberation, of course we believe in Christian liberty, but there is no such a thing to them, their liberation, their type of

liberation is liberation without any law, not any restraints, that is the kind of liberation that they are promoting. Everybody has a right and anybody has the right to do anything they want to do and we will develop and bring the genius out of everybody, out of everybody and that is what they call liberationism. Now as they employ liberationism as it relates to sexual liberties and freedoms, they call them new lifestyles, they dress them up in nice terms all the new lifestyles and it also relates to feminism.

Let me give it a little information from one of my sources of information here;

“Humanism: The Feminist/Gay Rights Connection.” This is written by Diane Eisler and appeared in the Humanist magazine in December 1980. She wrote: “It is absurd to say that one is a humanist and not a feminist. Feminism is the last evolutionary development of humanism, feminism is humanism on its most advanced level.”

Women’s Lib you know is another way that they talk about this feminism, Women’s Lib. It isn’t liberation that the women of the world are after it is domination that they are after, not liberation but domination.

Let me read to you this time from the Gospel Herald. A few years ago there was a conference, it was the 7th. Women in Ministry Conference, that was held at Harrisonburg, Virginia in the Mennonite church in Harrisonburg Virginia. Virginia Mollenkott was the chief speaker, a Presbyterian theologian who was calling to speak and she had three messages. The Gospel Herald reported that meeting in a very favourable light and then a brother from the area of wrote in to “Readers Say” and this is what he wrote: “Recently at the 7th. Women in Ministry Conference at Harrisonburg Mennonite church Virginia Mollenkott planted several seeds which will surely spoil the crop if we let them go undetected. Ms Mollenkott has a new revelation of God as a female she said: God is our mother eagle and we can put our trust in her. She believes also that the Bible authors added many of their own ideas and cultural hang-ups. Ms Mollenkott taught that the church leaders are exploiting and oppressing the women, that the time is ripe for women to grab power.” *(I understand that these Women in Ministry Conferences are a Seventh Day Adventist initiative. JvL)*

Women’s liberation is not what they want, it is woman's domination what they want. Grab the power.

She said that these references to God as female as well as male, also reminded women to take on whatever the scriptural role we may be gifted

for. Now her view on marriage is that the church should accept and bless trial marriages, re-marriages, people living together and unions between people of the same sex none of these in her opinion need to be legally married or sanctioned by the church as long as they covenant together. She said, and this is quoting: “Beautiful and supportive mutual relationships have been sustained both in marriage and without the benefit of the clergy between two men, two women or people who are not married to each other.”

In her book (*Virginia Mollenkott's*) “Is the Homosexual my Neighbour?” (*See FootNote 1*) She says that homosexuality is not a sin and that the church should now ordain homosexuals. All that teaching was given in a Mennonite pulpit, that is the larger body of Mennonitism, (*referring to the Liberal not the Conservative Mennonites.*) Now one of the values of sharing something like this is just to bring a new appreciation to God for delivering us from that kind of environment in church life. Someone said yesterday, talking about this large group audience of young people here that they don't know anything about the birth pangs, testings and the trials and all the patience and the work that went into being delivered from the drifting churches of our day, large numbers of young people don't know about that and I feel that some information like this will help you young people to realise what your particular church group and body has been delivered from and will you thank God for it and praise His name? And I think, I don't like division, I hate division except for one purpose and that one purpose is if it saves the cause, saves the cause. There have been church divisions that have been based on personality clashes and what have you, non-essentials, and judgments, one judging against the other, judgment that wasn't based on biblical principles and we decry that kind. The Bible has a different answer, another answer for those kind of tensions that develop but when it comes to saving the cause there is a right place for separation and division. God effected it in heaven, if God would not have effected a separation in heaven and let the devil have his way, heaven would be a devilish place today but heaven is a pure place today because God saved the cause.

In the days of Anabaptism there was a pure church to save the cause, there were separations to save the cause and in the last several decades there have been separations and those separations have been to save the cause, and if separation will save the cause I believe God is pleased with it and would have it no other way, no other way.

Well I didn't mean to give that speech here at all, that just came out automatically, you can have that for nothing.

Relative bodies, liberation, feminism I can't say that there is no such a thing but I will say that I don't believe there's any such a thing, talking about liberationism, I don't believe there is any such a thing as liberty without law. I have a lot of liberty, I drove up here the other day, I had all the liberty I needed on the highway but I wasn't on the highway without some laws. I could soon lose my liberty on the highway if I didn't abide by the law, my licence could be taken away in a hurry.

Now I'm going to say something else that might surprise you and that is that at least some aspects of the Calvinistic doctrine is embodied in humanism. Why do I say that? I say that because I believe that Calvinism had its roots way back beyond John Calvin, even Augustine. I believe that Calvinism, the kind of Calvinism that says that you can live in sin and you won't die and you could disobey God and you won't die, that begins back there in the Garden of Eden right where humanism started, where it began, which is the more serious? That there is no God you could disobey Him, disobey Him and go to heaven, that is what the devil said back there and that is what all the Calvinists say today, sin won't affect you. I've had several of them tell me that. I've had several of them tell me that adultery wouldn't affect my relationship with the Lord one bit, it would affect my reward but not my relationship with the Lord. I could commit adultery and I wouldn't die they said and that is exactly what the devil told Eve, what the devil told Eve.

Now I must move on to my third question. What is the source and origin of humanism? When and how did humanism begin?

I got a little ahead of my outline just a moment ago but actually the spirit of humanism began and the system of humanism began before there were any human beings. It goes to **Isaiah 14** in the case of Lucifer. If this Lucifer typifies or personifies the devil we have here the devil beginning a system of self exultation and competition with God. And in **Genesis 3** Lucifer introduced the system of rebellion and self deification into man and humanism was born.

The process makes the commandment of God look ridiculous: Yea, Has God said? Yea, has God said? The snake, Satan, made God's words look

ridiculous that's what the devil did, that's what the serpent did, make God look ridiculous. Has God said you shall not eat? And Eve said: God said. And he said: You won't die, of course you won't, God knows you won't. You will be a god if you partake. You will be your own deification, you will embody your own deification, you shall be as God! And that is humanism, that is humanism. The seeds of humanism started in the garden and those seeds have been growing ever since. John White, a humanist and a prolific writer, he has written over 200 articles for leading magazines such as Reader's Digest and other national and international magazines he wrote, and these are his words: "There is a mighty leap forward occurring on today and as a result we can become co-creators of the universe."

As if the universe isn't already created. We can become co-creators of the universe that is what meditation, transcendental meditation and other spiritual disciplines are all about. We are gods and we may as well get good at it he said, you are gods and you may as well get good at it

That is the source of humanism.

Now the next question:

What are the tactics used by humanists?

I do not know what to leave out here. Their tactics are to create or grab a hold of a problem that exists, whether it is real or imaginary and advertise and exaggerate the problem and after the problem has been advertised and exaggerated then to offer a solution to the problem that looks hopeful to people, just like the devil did in the garden. One problem that they have taken up relates to health care, hospitalization, old age care, and then they say: Well in relation to the need here, world resources are running out and we have limited resources and we soon are going to have limited health care and we soon are going to have limited hospital care and so on, old age care, so then they talk about the world's overpopulation. We will have to depopulate it, the world population act will have to depopulate the world and so the epidemic proportions of abortions today grow out of the humanist advocating or what they advocate, it is the humanists that are advocating the legalized abortion of today. Since 1973 when abortions were legalized in the United States there have been more lives snuffed out, over 1 1/2 million annually lives snuffed out, more lives snuffed out than what have been lost in all wars that the United States has been involved, lost through abortion since 1973. Legalized abortion and then along with that is recommended mercy killing: You people are getting pretty old now, feeble and

helpless, make no contribution and it takes the Social State, Social Security and Medicare, money is running out, there is not enough people to put it in and you old people become a burden to the young people, they got to throw their taxes in there to sustain you, it is too big a burden for them so well we will just give you a pill, we'll move you off the scene and get you out of the way and lessen the population . Now again that is in direct defiance to the teaching of the Word of God, it is in defiance to the will of God which teaches that, if you would like to look at the scriptures that speak to that point.

Now another thing that they recommend, they are recommending not only sex education which has demoralised the nations of the world where they have employed sex education, they talked about the problem of girls with motherhood, unwed girls, and this has gotten into the epidemic proportions too. It has gone down below the high school level on down into the grade school level there are unwed girls becoming mothers, and so the humanist looked at this problem and said: Well we got to have sex education in the schools. Sex education must be brought in and they begin it by making it look like it is a very good thing, it will beat the problem, it will take care of it, it'll be a solution to the problem and it will only be in the 12th grade it will only be offered to the 12th graders and we will only offer it voluntarily it will not be compulsory, that is the way we will do it. And if it started that way it didn't stay that way long.

Many schools today, many educational institutions today have sex education mandated from Grade one to 12. And you know what it has done? It has simply put the seeds of moral degeneracy into the nation, that is what it is done. Sex education a privilege? Humanists!

Now what are they doing it for? Why because the humanist leaders today, the top humanist leaders today are some of the most morally degenerate and vile, morally vile, people in the world and they want to see sexual freedom and sexual liberties, they don't want any restraints, they say that a person will not develop if he is restrained too much, if he has to be restrained he cannot develop his full being, we have to have liberties in order to fully develop within his possibilities, he must have freedom, a deliverance.

Now the suicide, they call it death education you know, they are recommending death education. Listen to this if I can find it, I thought I had it marked here, I'll give you a little rest. Anyhow the sample questions from

the textbook that is being promoted by the humanists that has been written and the children are asked several questions about the death and among them are: What do you think about suicide? And if you had the privilege of ending your life when would you end it? And how would you end it? And under what circumstances do you feel suicide would be right, would be legitimate and right?

Those are the questions that are asked. So that is to help to depopulate the world because it's overpopulated and so on. Now we could keep on talking about problems but I must move on to the next question.

What is the end result of humanism?

I will just give a few that I have here. The end result this is that it will bring the very, very worst, the very worst out of mankind, that will be the end result of it. Apart from God the only way man goes is down, the only way he goes. We become like the god that we worship or serve, we become like him. We all beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory. [2Cor.3:18]

The more we depend on God and the more that we adore and praise God the more we are attracted to heaven and to Christ them all alike Jesus Christ we are going to be. We become like the God, capital "G" God or the god, lower "g", that we serve and worship. Back in **Psalm 115** and again in **Psalm 135** the psalmist talks about idols and he says: They have eyes but they see not and they have ears but they hear not and they have a mouth but they speak not and then he says: They that worship them are like unto them, are like them. You see we get like the gods or the god that we serve and so man will get worse and worse because he is worshipping himself as god, he cannot get a hold of anything and will not get a hold of anything above himself, and the Bible says that there is not one that goes right, no not one. It says their mouth is an open sepulcher, their throat is an open sepulcher, with their mouth they use deceit, and the Bible depicts an awful picture of these degenerate men, and Romans 1 gives us the story of man without God and so the end result will be that men will degenerate and instead of ushering in a utopia, men will bring this world to the place where it will be hardly livable. Read Revelation 18 and see what the final end will be of man's efforts to bring about a utopia.

The world will get more and more morally corrupt, more politically corrupt, more religiously corrupt and more physically disabled, diseased. Familiar diseases are getting worse all the time because man is his own god

and we are told that within the next 20 years millions of people will die from AIDS disease, millions of them will die from AIDS disease and AIDS disease is primarily found among homosexuals. A few years ago there was an article in the Reader's Digest the title of that was "Stamp Out Venereal Disease" and recently I read an article in a newspaper by almost the same title on the disease of AIDS and in both of these articles every conceivable method was mentioned but the one that would work, the one that will work, there is one, God's way will work. Blessed are the pure in heart. That will work, that will take care of the venereal disease, that will take care of the AIDS disease, but when a man who worships himself and says: I will be my own god and he is going to advocate a liberationism, feminism and on and on you go, the kind of sexual liberation and reasons that will bring the very worst out of man. they will actually be destroying themselves because we become like the gods that we serve and worship.

Another end result of course will be the judgment of God. What was wrong in Noah's day? **[Genesis 6:5]** "...that every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart *was* only evil continually". And God had to destroy the world. What was wrong with Sodom and Gomorrah when God had to rain fire and brimstone upon them? Read the record back there in **Genesis 18 and 19**, what was wrong with Sodom and Gomorrah. Why? They were a filthy pool of sexual degeneracy that's why, that's what they were and God had to rain some fire and brimstone down upon them. Man is a little bit like the shuttle, everything was geared to move, blastoff had taken place and then after a few minutes into space they received word from ground control to open up the throttle, to give her full throttle ahead and a moment after full throttle ahead the thing all blew up, it disintegrated. So the world is pretty close to the place the humanists are recommending full throttle ahead, full throttle ahead, and I think the same thing is going to happen to the world that happened to the shuttle when man said: full throttle ahead.

Heaven shall pass away with a great noise, the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the heavens which are now which are kept in store preserved under fire against the Day of Judgment and the perdition of ungodly men. Finally the world is going to be on fire someday, Why? because it is going to be the perdition of ungodly men, that's why because of ungodly men on it. God is not going to give His glory to another. I am God and there is none else.

If you will allow me I would like to say a few things yet of what some of the lessons that are to be learnt from a revelation of humanism and I would like to say first of all if we think that we can't, or if we think that we aren't or we can't be affected you may already be affected. If we think we can't be or we aren't, Peter says: Seeing that you know these things before beware lest ye also, ye also like some others have, ye also like others have, being led away by the error of the wicked and fallen from your own walk your own steadfastness. Brethren the most steadfast need is to be on guard, the most steadfast.

We need to be careful not to make the word of God look ridiculous in any way shape or form. The devil said: That is ridiculous, God doesn't mean what He says, you won't die! Now people make the Bible look ridiculous by calling attention to things and saying: You don't think that God would keep a person out of heaven for such a little thing as women cutting their hair and just look at all these churches that do it, and all these professed Christians that do it, they can't all be wrong! And so they make the Bible command that says women are to have uncut hair and be veiled, they make it look ridiculous by the question; "You don't think that it is that serious that God would keep them out of heaven?"

After a preacher had preached the sermon on the ordinance of feet washing and then when he had emphasised the importance of obedience as being essential to salvation, then a young brother who had been under Calvinistic influence I heard him say: "That is ridiculous, the idea he gave out, the idea that in order to be saved we have to wash somebody's feet!" In other words he was trying to make it look ridiculous but Jesus said: Wash one another's feet! He (the brother) tried to do that, to make it look ridiculous. We want to be careful we don't make the word of God ridiculous, look ridiculous.

Now what Eve should have done when the devil said: That is ridiculous, she should have said: Wait a minute serpent I want to go back and talk to God, I would like to see what God says, God made the garden you didn't and God gave us a command, you didn't give it to us, I'll go back and talk to God. And Eve would have spared herself.

What we need to do when people make out that a certain command of the Bible is ridiculous, they'll pick up a little item on ornamentation you know, a ring or a neck tie, they say well they make fun of the doctrine of noncon-

formity they make it look ridiculous by saying: Well a little thing like that surely wouldn't matter. God won't keep people out of heaven over things like that! They make it look ridiculous, make the doctrine of nonconformity look ridiculous that is what they try to do. Well you don't want to make the Bible look ridiculous, you want to believe it and practice it and then go back to the Bible when folks talk to us like that, go back to the Bible and see what the Bible says. If a church group, a whole group says it is all right for women to cut their hair what we need to do is to go back to the Bible and see what God says about it and then we will have our feet on a solid foundation and will be spared from humanism in any form.

We must be discriminating and the lesson that we must learn is that we should be ready for the coming of Jesus Christ. I don't see how God can wait much longer to send His Son. I believe a little bit like the man who said that he believes the Jesus Christ is standing on His tiptoes now due to the conditions of the world, due to the fact that so many people are being lost, he believes that there is so much rebellion and so much corruption, moral corruption and every other kind of corruption, he says that he believes that Jesus Christ must standing on His tiptoes just waiting for God to say Go!

And we believe that that must be very, very near and that He will be coming soon and so in light of world conditions let's be ready!

Note1] *Virginia Mollenkott was one of a number of homosexual consultants (documented in various places) that translated the NIV Bible and another reason real Christians should not use it as their influence is evident by the watered down language regarding unnatural relationships.*

Scripture References in order of mention.

**Psalm 8 Psalm 51:5 [Romans 1] [2 Peter 2:12, Jude 1:10] Isaiah 14
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