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Culture Without Christianity - 1

"The Evangelical Church Has Accommodated itself To The World."

Francis Schaffer 1912 -1984

The Church No Longer Influences The Culture:

Today, our culture is corrupting the church! The Lord Jesus sent His Church into the world to be "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." However, the opposite is gaining momentum all over America – our popular culture is changing the Church! A recent Gallop Poll indicated that in 1937, 73% of Americans belong to a church. In 1975, it was 71%. In 1999, it was 70%. **Since Covid-19 church membership has fallen below 50% for the first time in our nation's history.**

The Church Has Become Market Driven:

- > "God wants me to be happy and rich" has replaced "God wants me to be obedient and faithful to His Word. Being Market driven instead of being Word driven!
- > Christian divorce rates are equal to the general public. Christians have fallen for the culture's mantra that personal enrichment is more important than marriage vows. The world's culture is squeezing the professing church into its grasp.
- > Much that passes for "worship" in contemporary churches would be difficult to distinguish from a rock concert! These people look to be entertained rather than edified. The music keeps them awake. The sermon puts them to asleep.
- > Preaching about sin, hell, divine judgment are avoided as being too judgmental and confrontational. Thereby, more and more couples are in good church standing even though they are in a "shacking relationship." Don't ask, don't tell?
- > Homosexuality is routinely accepted in a growing number of American churches. Disney Land reflects this trend and promises the LGBTQ community to reflect their constituency. Mr. Walt Disney where are you when we need you the most?
- > Women's ordination has become common in the majority of American churches. The oxymoron called the Christian Feminist movement is firmly entrenched in many denominations and thousands of churches. It's seen in the dress of the teens. **A dad said to his daughter, "If you're not for sale, don't dress as if you are!"**

Harvard University Reflects The Fallen Cultural of America

“Truth For Christ And The Church”

Harvard University was founded in 1636 with the intention of establishing a school to train Christian ministers. In accordance with that vision, Harvard’s “Rules and Precepts,” adopted in 1646, stated: “Let every student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ who is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Proverbs 2:3). Everyone shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day, that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein, both in theoretical observations of language and logic, and in practical and spiritual truths, as his tutor shall require, according to his ability; seeing the entrance of the **Word** gives light, it gives understanding to the simple (Psalm 119:130). “In order to graduate with the most basic degree in arts, the student had to be able “logically to explain the Holy Scriptures, both of the Old and New Testaments... and ... be blameless in life and character.”

Harvard’s New Chaplain Is An Atheist:

Harvard University, originally founded with a mission to educate clergymen in order to minister to New England’s early Puritan colonists, has a new chief chaplain. His name is Greg Epstein – and he is an atheist. Epstein, author of *Good Without God*: Epstein, a 44 year-old, who was raised in a Jewish household, has been describe as a “godfather to the humanist movement”, values-based philosophy that focuses on people’s relationship with each other instead of with God. Epstein, has been the university’s humanist chaplain since 2005 before being unanimously elected by his fellow campus chaplains as the university chaplains organization’s new president, the *New York Times* reported. It’s one thing if Harvard said, “Rabbi Epstein does a great job of bringing people of different religions together.” Terrific. Then hire him as an administrative coordinator for the chaplain’s department. But don’t hire him as your chief chaplain. To do so only heaps further scorn on Harvard’s more than 200 year apostasy.

“This Spiritual Leader Doesn’t Need A Higher Power”

As Harvard’s University’s new chief chaplain, Epstein will coordinate activities of over 40 chaplains from more than 20 different religions, spiritual and ethical traditions, Christian, Jewish, Humanist, Hindu, Buddhist, and assorted other religious practices. (As for Epstein being a rabbi that is just as absurd as being a chaplain. He received his ordination as a Humanist Rabbi from the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism.) Without God, there is no Judaism, since Judaism is the story of God choosing the Jewish people for Himself, rescuing them from bondage in Egypt and giving them His Torah. Thus, to have Judaism without God would be similar to having Christianity without Christ. “If there is no God, there would be no atheists” (Gilbert K. Chesterton).