

For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

1Timothy 2:5

## Store In My Heart

1Peter 5:8

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

As part of his final instructions, the Apostle Peter reminds us that we need to have clear minds that can focus on what needs to be done. We must be ready to act in a right and proper way no matter what we might face.

Certainly, the warning here of the destructive nature of the devil is something we must heed. But the initial idea of sober-minded and watchful will give us what is necessary to react properly when he confronts us. Our minds must be steady and prepared. We are not to lose focus on what we must do or what is happening around us. As we navigate through life we must always be on guard, thus our mind needs to be clear of those things that might distract us or hinder our actions.



# Replacing Christianity

George Hutto

As many in society give up their faith in God, Christ, and the Bible, they are missing the good leavening brought by the Word. *"The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."* (Matthew 13:33) One man explained that he accepted the 2nd great commandment — love neighbor as self — but rejected the 1st commandment — love God — because he did not believe in "the magic." He rejected the existence of the Supernatural, yet liked the rule about loving our neighbors.

Rejecting the divine person of God is calling for a whole new kind of religion, philosophy. There will be no *"fear of God"* for its adherents. (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**) There will be no ultimate accountability — what does it matter if we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves? They think the Bible is not absolute truth, and we can pick and choose what parts of it we like, if we don't abandon it altogether.

The byproducts of God's religion are good: things like discipline, honesty, work ethic, strong family, mental health, sobriety. Secularists want the byproducts without the real thing — faith and godliness.

Therefore, the humanistic approach calls for replacement morality, quotes and ideas from smart people rather than "book, chapter, and verse." There is no apology or quibble about teaching the outright doctrines of men.

So, I've been noting headlines in recent weeks to 1) document my case; 2) show how prevalent the new rules have become. There is a place for *"your own poets have said"* (**Acts 17:28**), but please understand that there is a great gulf between what men say and what God says. Jesus quoted Moses, saying *"have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God?"* (**Matthew 22:31**) To read from Moses is to read what God has said. All Scripture *"has its source in the creative breath of God."* (**2Timothy 3:16**, ISBE)

So here we go (headlines in color, then my comments):

The Art Of Being A Nice Person: 6 Simple Habits Of Naturally Nice People. Compare to the fruit of the Spirit, **Galatians 5:22-26**.

The art of being a genuinely good person: 10 simple habits of naturally kind people. Compare to the Ten Commandments, **Exodus 20**.

Quote of the day ... Aristotle, Einstein, Mohamid Ali, Charles Darwin, John Lennon, Leo Tolstoy, Niccolò Machiavelli, Bruce Lee, Epictetus, other... These

people have taken the place of Moses, Abraham, David, Isaiah, Daniel, the apostles, and Jesus Christ.

7 things grateful people never take for granted. God is not mentioned here once.

Of James Watson, discoverer of the DNA molecule: That was not to say he did not have faith. In his resignation statement in 2007, he referred to the “faith” in reason and social justice that he shared with his Scottish and Irish forebears, especially, he said, “the need for those on top to help care for the less fortunate.” The secular-humanist approach made plain.

The art of living without regret: 8 truths people realize too late in life.

"The seepage of AI Into Christian practice is disturbing" Washington Post. AI Jesus Sparks Concerns. Now we not only have to guard against the doctrines of men, but also that of computers.

YouTube videos of speeches by the late agnostic and astronomer Carl Sagan and atheist and biologist Richard Dawkins attacking religion have drawn millions of views. (The unchurched of America). Consistently attending Bible studies, hearing sermons, daily Bible reading, require more effort than watching videos. Beware!

1 Easy Mindset Shift To Increase Happiness Daily, By A Psychologist. Modern Psychology is not about God or going to Heaven.

If we are honest — and scientists have to be — we must admit that religion is a jumble of false assertions, with no basis in reality. The very idea of God is a product of the human imagination. Paul Dirac. No basis? The heavens (**Psalm 19**); life (**Psalm 139:14**); intelligent design (**Genesis 1, Romans 1**). And, no, not all scientists are honest. They are as subject to prejudice and deceit as others might be. Further, there are brilliant scientists who believe.

We are at the very beginning of time for the human race. It is not unreasonable that we grapple with problems. But there are tens of thousands of years in the future. Our responsibility is to do what we can, learn what we can, improve the solutions, and pass them on. Here is a prophet for sure, in contradiction of Bible teaching. Note also that this author is speaking of the human race, not individuals. Jesus and God the Father ask us to have a singular relationship with them, not to sit in the place of God telling the world our vision of the future.

We and our children and grandchildren are bombarded with this kind of worldly message day in and day out. Let's get out our Bibles, pray to God, exhort our brothers and sisters daily (**Hebrews 3:12-13**), and do His will. Let's be germinated for good (**James 1:15-18**) and hope for an eternal home with God.

(Listen To God! Read, Study and Practice what Scripture teaches. This leads to life with the Father! DLH)

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We like opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.

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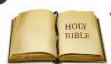
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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service  
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study  
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

## For Our Information

**JoBeth Henderson** chemo treatments on Tuesdays.

**Paula Laubach** is still dealing with difficult back and leg pain.

**Sue Soliday** will have test and doctor visits dealing with stomach issues.

**Vickie McNees** is sick and taking antibiotics and steroids.

**Leta Rivera** still has regular help from a caregiver.

**Tommy Robinson** will have radiation treatment for his cancer.

Sunday Evening - **Isaiah 42** Wednesday - **Revelation 8**

**Are you reading your Bible regularly?**