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### SECULAR PSYCHOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

Jesus encountered the Pharisees and the Sadducees, the religious leaders of his time who formed the Sanhedrin in Israel. The Sanhedrin was both the religious and the governmental institution back then. The Pharisees and the Sadducees both had power but different beliefs. The Pharisees were the orthodox religious leaders, representing extreme legalism. The Sadducees were the “humanistic” permissive religious leaders who were sceptical of the supernatural.

Throughout the ages, the church has continued to adopt both sides. **Actually, it was both sides of religion in Israel that demanded Jesus to be crucified.** It was the spirit of Antichrist. These two religious spirits are still present today; they are counterfeits of God’s Word.

Mark 15:1

**“And immediately at daybreak, the chief priests convoked a council with the elders and men learned in the sacred scriptures and the entire Sanhedrin; having bound Jesus they took Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate.”**

**When Jesus died at the cross, He defeated the religious establishment.** He brought grace and love instead of legalism and humanism.

These religious spirits masqueraded as “representatives of God”. This study will focus mainly on the Sadducees, the humanists.

### **Humanism against God’s Righteousness**

Humanism is welcomed today as the “rescuer” of humanity. Subtly, humanistic literature, movies, materialism and modern philosophies, have affected our society. Most areas of our society have adjusted to the human mind, and with it, to “man’s selfish needs”.

This phenomenon can be found in the UN, in every country and Government. And sadly also in the Church. In the last few decades, the modern world has increasingly and progressively adopted and applied the fake **“fairness” of humanism instead of God’s righteousness.**

In our work within the community and also as we assist Christians, we have seen that in many cases there is little difference between Christians and unbelievers when it comes to family principles, sexual conduct and tendencies, addictions, integrity, etc.

The statistics tell us there are almost as many divorces and remarriages in the Church as in the world. For example, a couple living together without being married is considered “normal” in the world, and sadly, also in many churches. Oftentimes, churches accommodate sexual immorality, not wanting to “offend” people. Being “nice” and “fair” to people is not what the Bible requires. Godly wisdom will never compromise God’s Word. Human “fairness” is a bad substitute for righteousness.

Too many leaders in the church have adopted the lie that the Bible needs to be “up-dated”; they say it is old fashion. The Bible is timeless, unbreakable, unchangeable. God warns against changing, adding, or taking away any portion of Scripture. The ultimate act of arrogance is for man to think he knows better than God and to then “correct” God’s Word; this is most dangerous:

Matthew 24:35

**“The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will positively not pass away”.**

Revelation 22:18-19

**"It is I who am testifying to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll; if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which stand written in this scroll. And if anyone shall take away from the words of the scroll of [containing] this prophecy, God shall take away his portion from the tree of the life and from the holy city, from the things which stand written in this scroll."**

Humanism says: It is not "fair" for a pregnant woman to have a baby if she doesn't want it. **This human "fairness" will lead to murder through abortion.**

Humanism says: It is not fair to have to live with a husband/wife I don't love any more. **This will lead to divorce; it is self on the throne.**

Humanism says: It is not fair for people to have to wait until they are married to have sexual relationships. **This will lead into fornication, sexual immorality and defilement.**

Humanism says: It's not fair to dictate to me what is right and what is wrong. I make my own rules. **This leads to rebellion and destruction.**

Humanism says: It is not fair to be against homosexuality. Some people are different and there must be fairness and tolerance. **This is heresy, leading to sexual immorality, pollution in the church and destruction. God says it is an abomination.**

Humanism says: Parents are not to discipline their children. **This leads to confusion, rebellion and division in the family.**

Humanism says A couple does not need to get married, this is just old fashion. They can live together as "partners" without being married, this is legal in our society. **This is disobedience to God, leads to fornication, illegitimate children. If the "partners" are Christians, it brings discredit to the church.**

These religious spirits also say, "Be fair to other religions, we all mean the same", **this leads to apostasy.** This is already happening for ages in the church.

John 14:6

**"Jesus says to him, I alone, in contradistinction to all others, am the road and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

Secular psychology has infiltrated the Church. This is how the enemy weakens the Church, by lowering the standards and supplanting God's truth with counterfeits that "look good". **God's compassion and love are always linked with truth and integrity.** Humanism is human love without accepting the absolute truth of God. **Here are the two extremes:**

**Truth without love is destructive**

*(Pharisee spirit/religiosity)*

**Love without truth is also destructive**

*(Sadducee spirit/humanism)*

***What is the core of humanism? Absolute truth is replaced by relative truth. In essence, man makes his own choice, the thinking is "I believe what I want to believe, whatever suits me."***

**In these last days God's Righteousness needs to be the banner of the Church of Jesus Christ, no matter what the world's tendencies are. We are the righteousness of Jesus Christ and we are to defend God's Word and not to allow secular world influence and humanism in our lives.**