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## BIBLE TALK

Question: I hear so much about "humanism" today. What is it? How does it affect me?

Answer: The term "humanism" does not appear in God's word but the behavior is addressed.

Humanism is a man-centered philosophy that attempts to solve problems of man and the world independent of God. Paul contrasted the "wisdom of the world" with the "wisdom of God." The foolishness of God is "wiser than men" (I Cor. 1:20-25). It is often referred to as "secular humanism."

The arrogance of man is not new. About the year of 740 B.C., Isaiah said, "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways; declared the Lord*" (Isa. 55:8). The Greek thinkers believed, "Man is the measure of all things." The mind of man remains in conflict with the mind of God as long as man regards himself as the standard of right.

Jesus spoke of His disciples' mission by saying, "*I have sent them into the world*" hoping that they would not be "*of the world*" (Jn. 17:16-18). Earthly successes have replaced the gospel of Christ (2 Cor. 4:4) and "*...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*" Authentic Christianity stems from faith in God, not self! Inflated self-esteem, self-gratification and self-fulfillment must be replaced with self-discipline, self-restraint and selflessness. Humanism is nothing more than "intelligent ignorance," giving rise to the disrespect and denial of authority found in schools, home, country, etc., today.



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