

MORAL ABSOLUTES?

How many times have you heard such statements as, “What you consider to be right or wrong may not be right or wrong to me”, or if you express a judgment on a moral issue, you hear the reply, “That is your opinion, but I have a right to my opinion”? This is moral relativism—the belief that there are no absolutes. It is more and more commonly held that morals are to be determined by evolving societal standards, with no absolute standard of right and wrong, moral and immoral. Such is the growing sentiment that is displacing the Bible as having validity in public life. As a consequence, human life is viewed as less sacred, and sexual purity by biblical standards is outdated.

What it comes down to is that many now believe we have no clear word from God, such as in the Bible, What was once regarded as a God-fearing nation, a “city set on a hill”, is now being submerged in a cesspool of godless philosophies. Polls indicate that well over 60% of Americans do not believe in moral absolutes.

As we, as a nation, have abandoned God, is it any wonder that we are confronted with a growing threat of terrorism and lawlessness? A new generation is indoctrinated with secular humanism in our government-schools, where the Ten Commandments are anathema. Can divine judgment be far behind? We need to heed the words of the prophet Jeremiah, as he prayed, “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23). We need to hear again the prayer of Jesus for His followers: “Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth” (John 17:17). —Ron