



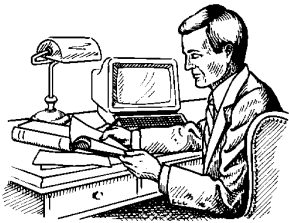
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“The Difference Between Right and Wrong”

Evolution maintains that man is a product of a purposeless system that did not have him in mind at the beginning. To an evolutionist, the Bible is seen as a humanly produced work of man in his attempt to create God. God is seen as a creation of man’s mind instead of man’s mind, body and spirit being creations of a divine act.

The Bible claims for God that He is an Eternal Spirit, the Moral Governor of the universe, who sets the boundaries and determines the rightness and wrongness of our behavior. Our battle to define right from wrong (viz. On subjects such as abortion, homosexuality, and others) must take into consideration whether there is, in fact, such a Moral Governor. Some have argued, I think rightly so, that the fact that man has such a built in sense of “oughtness” which is unique from the rest of the world speaks to the existence of God. This is called the Moral Argument for the existence of God. The very fact that man feels like he ought to behave in a certain and acceptable manner is said to cry out that there has to be a Moral Governor.

There are two kinds of wisdom-- two opposing schools of thought. In short they are “spiritual thoughts” versus “carnal thoughts,” and are illustrated in these passages:

James 3:13-18 “Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. **This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.** For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”

Isa. 55:8-9 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

The Apostle Paul contrasts these two kinds of wisdom in **1 Cor. 1: 18-25** -- God’s wisdom vs. Man’s wisdom. In the passage he points out that the Lord has a superior value system to man, which is not affected by our prejudices. He doesn’t see things through man’s prejudices but is above these.

1 Sam 16:7 “But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”

The Bible affirms that there is an absolute standard of morality and that all created beings are held accountable for our choices before God, the Moral Governor of the universe. We’re being pressured to abandon this school of thought on every hand. In the name of tolerance, and political correctness, Christians are being pressured to abandon God’s principles of morality. God’s call to purity in **Titus 2:11,12** teaches us to deny ungodliness, and worldly lusts. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus acted as the moral governor of humanity by repeatedly saying, “But I say unto you.....”

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