

Culture Clash

Understanding the Influence of Culture for More Effective Evangelism

Global Secularism

Handout 3

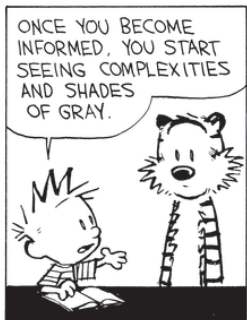
- Shifting Cultural Paradigms -

- Where do the pressures from cultural influences come from?

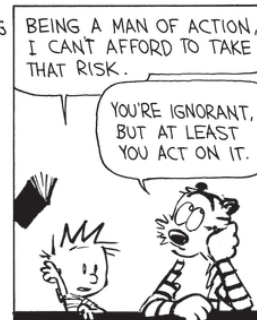
- Art
- Entertainment
- Education
- Politics

- What is our response?

- Ignore it
- Anger, frustration
- Isolationism
- Blame shifting
- Self-righteousness (false sense of superiority)



YOU REALIZE THAT NOTHING IS AS CLEAR AND SIMPLE AS IT FIRST APPEARS. ULTIMATELY, KNOWLEDGE IS PARALYZING.



- How should we respond?

- Prayer

Ephesians 6:16-20, Philippians 4:4-7

- Critical examination

Colossians 2:8, 2 Peter 1:3-11

- Confront it rationally, thoroughly, and intelligently (Lovingly, yet unwaveringly, confront sin)

Galatians 6:1-5, Proverbs 29:11, Proverbs 15:1, Philippians 2:3-4, Ephesians 4:32

- LIVE the gospel

Romans 12, Philippians 1:27-30, James 1:19-27

- Global Secularism -

- Globalized elite culture

- An international subculture of Western-type higher education
- Congregate in major metropolitan areas
- Secular mind-set shared globally - London, Tokyo, Sao Paulo

- Power dynamic

- Urban elites exert influence out of proportion with their numbers
- Determine the "official" definitions of reality and terms
- The cosmopolitan culture fills TV, advertising, music, etc.

- Tim Keller - *"It is the culture/values set of world-class cities that is now being transmitted around the globe to every tongue, tribe, people, and nation."*

- Recent Origins

- 1960s (Education)
- Worldview shifts
- Controlling force in politics - ideology

- Our Role

- Reclaim a Christian worldview
- Share the truth

"As a result, one of the most important steps in recovering a Christian worldview is simply to recognize it, reclaim it, and reconnect it to its biblical roots." - *Saving Leonardo*, Nancy Pearcey