

discipline. Nor was it too long ago that parents spanked their children. Those were the days when children showed respect for authority, when cars and house doors were left unlocked, a murder was national news, when there was no such thing as school shootings, kids killing kids, randomly knocking out strangers, etc.

Humanism even influences the running of our criminal system. It says that the law breaker is basically a good person and the rape or the murder he committed wasn't his fault, but rather the influence of unfortunate circumstances. So he isn't sent to prison for punishment, but for rehabilitation...to set him back on the rails. This has had the effect of removing the fear of the law from society, and when people don't fear the law there is no restraint when it comes to crime.

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Good?

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How Good Are We?

Humanism says that man is basically good, and that when he does something morally wrong, some outside influence has caused him to go off the rails--such as not having a father figure, poverty, bad friends, etc. This is in direct opposition to the Bible, which says that man is off the rails from the moment he is born. One argument for that is that we don't have to teach our children to do wrong. They intuitively know how to lie, be selfish and disobedient. We have to teach them to speak the truth, to share and to obey.

It wasn't too long ago that schools had corporal punishment as a means of





I Peter: Overcoming Suffering Made Good

From 1 Peter 3:10-12, 3 questions demand answers:

1. What is good and what is evil? verses 10-12

(2 Timothy 3:16) "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, ..."

(Isaiah 53:3-9) "He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

{4} Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. {5} But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. {6} All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. {7} He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. {8} He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. {9} And they made His grave with the wicked; But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth."

(Deuteronomy 30:4-5) ""If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. {5} "Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers."

(Exodus 20:2-3) ""I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. {3} "You shall have no other gods before Me."

(Deuteronomy 6:5) ""You shall love the LORD your God with all your soul, with all your heart, and with all your strength."

(Exodus 20:12) ""Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

(Exodus 20:13) "You shall not murder.

(Exodus 20:14) "You shall not commit adultery."

(Exodus 20:16) ""You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

(Matthew 5:21-22) ""You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' {22} "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. ..."

(Matthew 5:27-28) ""You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' {28} "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."



Osama Bin Laden, good?



(Romans 3:23) "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

2. What are the _____ of good and evil? verses 10-12

(Revelation 20:14) "Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."

(John 3:3) "Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.""

(John 10:10) "".. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

(Proverbs 22:5) "Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; ..."



3. How can I _____? verses 10-12, 18

(2 Corinthians 5:21) "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

(John 19:30) ".. "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."

(Hebrews 1:3) ".. when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

(Hebrews 9:12) ".. but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."

(Philippians 1:6) ".. He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;"

(Romans 4:5) "But to him who.. believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,"

