

Multiculturalism

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What is multiculturalism?

It is the idea of cultural diversity within a certain political or geographic area.

- It is also a social or political effort to enforce a certain level of cultural diversity.

Is multiculturalism a good thing or bad?

Generally, the Bible is in favor of multiculturalism in the sense that various languages, foods, styles of music, and customs are part of our human heritage.

- All people, of all cultures, are equally valued by God.
- diversity, is exactly what we will see in heaven...
Revelation 5:9 – You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation

When is multiculturalism a bad thing?

When multiculturalism is applied to theology so that all cultural religious ideas are seen as being equally true or should be treated as such.

- Also, an insistence on retaining a totally separate culture from one's host nation or people is likewise not supported by Scripture.

Why should immigrants assimilate?

The proverb "when in Rome, do as the Romans do" means to adapt to the customs and traditions of a place you are visiting. And it is a biblical concept...

1 Corinthians 9:19-22 – I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews... I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

So, a biblical view of multiculturalism involves a certain level of political submission and tolerance.

Jeremiah 29:7 – seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper

When Israel was exiled to Babylon because of their disobedience, the Lord told them to assimilate.

- Of course they were not to embrace the pagan religious practices of their host nation.

What is the problem with immigrants not assimilating?

Hosea 7:8-9 – Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned. Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it

Foreign influence changes the culture of the host nation. And when honoring God is a core value of a culture, diluting that value to turn people away from God is clearly a bad thing.

Are Christian values part of the American culture?

This nation was founded on Christian values; Freedom, equality, separation of powers, rule of law, etc.

- All of these are under attack and multiculturalism is one of the tactics being used to dilute these values.

What becomes of a nation that can no longer have shared values?

It ceases to be a nation; it becomes weakened and subject to other nations that do have solid shared values.

- You can't overstate the importance of shared ideas and values in that enterprise of being a nation
- You can't have a common good without a common culture, which means a general agreement on values

What caused multiculturalism to become a problem in America?

Kunstler: "The juvenile idealism of Boomer hippiedom wrecked the crucial idea of a common culture..."

- Two crusades: first, the civil rights campaign, and second, stopping the War in Vietnam, defined the era. And both failed!

What was the problem with the civil rights campaign?

It did some good things...

climaxed in twin landmark legislative acts designed to abolish *Jim Crow* racism: the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination in public places, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibited unfair obstacles to voting.

But it set unrealistic expectations... We were supposedly entering a utopia of racial harmony that did not happen.

How did the civil rights legislation set up failure?

Black and white America could not agree on certain values, especially language and behavior.

- a big segment of black America after 1965 became much more overtly separatist and oppositional
- while white America became more frantically confounded and depressed by the differences.
- The result was the elite's solution to that quandary: *multiculturalism!*

What was the problem with the elite's vision of multiculturalism?

The elite view of *multiculturalism* basically meant: we don't need a common culture in the USA.

- We don't need an agreement about values, language, and behavior.
- it allowed criminal behavior to explode... people of the ghettos were free to *do their thing*
- Criminals were seen as victims of systematic racism and not held accountable.
- Real justice was replaced with social justice which only made matters worse

How did multiculturalism make racism worse?

Since different values were to be tolerated and assimilation was no longer encouraged, the difference between various ethnic groups became more apparent.

- Such differences only added fuel to the fire of racial divides.

How did preaching Critical Race Theory make racism worse?

The idea that racism is systematic and one-sided (whites are all racist and blacks can not be) only divided the races further. Solving racism with more racism (reverse-racism) adds to the problem without resolving the differences.

What is the solution for racism?

Ultimately, the problem of racism is a spiritual problem. The more people who get to know Jesus and embrace His biblical worldview, the less racism there will be...

Galatians 3:28 – There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

How have the American people responded to multiculturalism?

President Trump was elected because he represented the drive to restore a viable American common culture, to re-set our agreement on values, to repair the broken republic.

How can we explain all the opposition to Trump?

His political opposition cannot accept the fact that their multicultural idealism is an utter failure and are furious that they are no longer in command.

What will happen if we cannot restore the erosion of Christian values in America?

Kunstler: "An American common culture matters, and if we can't put it together, we're sunk."

What is the prophetic significance of multiculturalism in America?

Jesus indicated that increasing racism would be a sign of the times... the multiculturalism that contributes to racism then reveals the closeness of the end of the Age:

Matthew 24:7 – For nation will rise against nation (Greek: ethnos), and kingdom against kingdom.

The lack of assimilation between the Western (Christian) and Muslim cultures will characterize the final Gentile society...

Daniel 2:43 – As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

The dilution of Christian values in America impacts the spiritual condition of the nation...

Luke 18:8 – when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?

The nation turning away from God reflects the failure of the church and the apostasy that characterizes the end of the Age...

1 Timothy 4:1 – Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

Nationalism must give way to globalism...

Revelation 13:7 – It was granted to him [the Antichrist] to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- Multiculturalism is a tactic being used to dilute Christian values in the USA.
- Multiculturalism is contributing to cultural changes that are a sign of the times.
- Cultural differences are to be respected as long as they don't contribute to compromising Christian values.