

The Catastrophic Generational Effects of Postmodernism

With the advent of the primacy of postmodernism in the university curricula, there has been a growing loss of meaning and purpose among generations of students. By postmodernism, I am referring to the assertion that there is no meta-narrative or absolute truth on which we can hang our hats.

Of course, this is nothing new. We observe this in the Gospel of John when Jesus told Pontius Pilate that He came to bear witness of the truth. Pilate responded by saying, "What is truth"? (John 18:38).

The preponderance of postmodernism has resulted in a devaluation of religious narrative, truth, morals and boundaries along with a deconstruction of language, structure and categories (such as male and female)—leaving in its wake a rise of suicide, depression and hopelessness (all the fruit of its nihilistic philosophy).

By nihilism, I am referring to the rejection of all religious and moral principles, often believing that life is meaningless. (Thus, nihilism involves stripping humanity of the grand narrative of Christianity and all the other major religions.) Nihilism also maintains that nothing in the world order is real, leading to a post-structural order of extreme anti-establishment, anarchy and rebellion against all institutional authority. (This is why Buddhism and the Eastern New Age philosophies are popularized in college campuses, since one of their primary mantras is "maya," which asserts that all distinctions, in reality, are a delusion).

Consequently, students who are fed and embrace any form of nihilism are often filled with negativity, cynicism, pessimism and can become antisocial and suicidal. (Friedrich Nietzsche,

the major proponent of nihilism, eventually died in an insane asylum.)

Of course, doubting the essence and reality of the concept of absolute truth have been going on for millennia, which is a result of the fall of humanity away from God into original sin (Gen. 3). The fall not only separated humankind from God, resulting in spiritual and physical death (Rom. 5:12-19) but also darkened (and limited) our rational understanding (Eph. 4:17-19, 2 Cor. 4:4).

Hence, when Jesus claimed to be the truth, He was revolutionary and countered the negative (rational) effects of the fall in more ways than one. His resurrection power enables the eyes of the believing heart to be opened so that they can know and minds can be transformed to once again love and serve God and humanity with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength (Eph. 1:18, Rom. 12:1-2, Matt. 22:37-40).

Unfortunately, the embrace of postmodernism has been catastrophic in the following ways:

– **It robs people of faith and hope.** The grand narrative of Christianity simplifies life, gives believers a handle on reality and enables them to rest in the fact that their Creator designed them for an eternal purpose. Conversely, as was already stated above, the contemporary popularization of postmodernism and its concomitant expressions of nihilism have resulted in a dire increase in youth suicides and depression.

(Compare the social pathologies in the public school system from the time before they removed prayer and the teaching of the biblical account of creation in the early 1960s to the pathologies today. Any honest social scientist will have to admit that the increase in dehumanizing behavior amongst grade and high school students corresponds to our nation going from the sacred to the secular worldview.)

– **It dehumanizes humanity.** If there is no grand narrative,

there is no Creator; if there is no Creator, there is no distinction between human and animal, living and nonliving, male and female or good and evil. All of the above takes away from the sanctity of human life. Its devaluation leads to murder, abortion, maltreatment of people, including slavery, abuse, violence and objectification.

– **It removes all boundaries and distinctions.** If there is no God and no transcendent purpose, there is no concept of good versus evil. This leads to a world of subjective morality based on the opinions and constructs of those in power. This can eventually lead to totalitarian governments that usurp the rights of individual human freedom (examples of which are encased in the United States' constitutional amendments).

Hence, the power and success of American exceptionalism are based on our unique philosophy of governance in which the foundation of our Constitution is the Declaration of Independence. It declares that we have inalienable rights given to us by God, not men or earthly elites.

(This is one reason why progressive liberals, programmed with secular humanistic mindsets like intersectionality. They are attempting to discard our nation's founding documents to deconstruct the USA and reconstruct it as a nation without borders, religious boundaries and morals).

In conclusion, the folly of postmodernism and its nihilistic outcomes will eventually collapse upon itself to the dismay of the far-left university elites and the progressive culture at large!

The general population of God-fearing people are getting fed up with the irrational conclusions of the post-structural secularist who, in the name of human enlightenment, embrace and pronounce things today that would be unheard of only a decade ago.

The only hope for the next generation is for the church to

equip, prepare and send young people to school. They must be given a robust biblical worldview so that they can effectively release their potential and be the bright lights the world has been waiting for (Romans 8:19-21). {eo}

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