**Topic: Secular Humanism**

**Worldview Brief: #280**

**Objective**: Understand the dominant cultural view in the West of Secular Humanism.

# Primary Scripture(s):

* **2 Peter 3:5-6**: “For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.”
* **Ephesians 4:18**: “They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.”
* **Romans 1:18-23**: “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1%3A18-23&version=ESV#fen-ESV-27935a)] in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.”

# Additional References to Consider:

# Jeremiah 17:9 (Mankind is by nature sinful, fallen, and evil without God)

# Genesis 1:1 (God is the creator of all things, He existed before all things)

# Daniel 2:48 (Daniel is appointed to government and uses his faith while in office)

# 1 Corinthians 10:31 (The purpose of humans is to glorify God in all we do)

**Summary Statement**: God exists and is the judge and king of the universe. Mankind does not determine what is right or wrong, or what the purpose and destiny is of mankind, God does. Mankind is inherently sinful and needs to be saved, and Christians must stand for truth.

**Primary Points to Keep in Mind:**

1. God does not exist, there is no creator or moral lawmaker in the universe.
2. Only natural, material processes are allowed as explanations for anything.
3. Morality is determined by an individual or society, no absolute law exists.
4. Mankind either begins morally neutral or inherently good by nature.
5. Separation of Church and State is important to a healthy society.
6. Elevating humans is the highest goal of secular humanism.

The Six Key Points Regarding: Secular Humanism (Rebuttals)

1. God does not exist, there is no creator or moral lawmaker in the universe.

**Brief Explanation**: The existence of God can be established in many ways, philosophically, scientifically, historically, and Biblically. Philosophy and science tell us two key things: Everything that has a starting point has a cause, and the universe had a starting point which would require a cause (God). History shows us Jesus rose from the dead authenticating His message, and the Bible shows us prophecy proving God exists and is outside time. Just as Genesis 1:1 says, God is the creator of all things, no way around it.

1. Only natural, material processes are allowed as explanations for anything.

**Brief Explanation:** The argument basically says “naturalism is right because it’s the only standard we can use” they essentially remove the possibility of a super-natural explanation to prove there is no supernatural explanation, which is circular. Romans 1 actually tells us all people who there is a God, some just suppress the truth because they don’t want to accept God is the creator and judge of the universe (2 Peter 3:5-6 says the same thing).

1. Morality is determined by an individual or society, no absolute law exists.

**Brief Explanation:** If morality is determined by an individual there would be no morality. Only with an eternal, unchanging standard can you say “Hitler was wrong” and it be absolutely true. If truth is decided by an individual, you might disagree with Hitler but could never say he was wrong for killing millions, which is absurd. Morality is written on our hearts by God (Romans 1)

1. Mankind either begins morally neutral or inherently good by nature.

**Brief Explanation:** Perhaps the greatest lie bought by our culture is the belief humans are by nature good and deserve good. Quite the opposite is true (Jeremiah 17:9) mankind is sinful by nature and needs to be saved, but people reject it because they love their sin.

1. Separation of Church and State is important to a healthy society.

**Brief Explanation:** A healthy society is one built on truth, and truth comes from God and is expressed primarily in His Word. The Church is not meant to separate from the state, but to influence all areas with truth and Godly principles and morality. Daniel is one example of a follower of Christ in government (Daniel 2:48) as is Joseph and others in scripture.

1. Elevating humans is the highest goal of secular humanism.

**Brief Explanation:** Secular humanism says elevate humans; the Bible says elevate (glorify) God above all else (1 Corinthians 10:31). Only when God is exalted and elevated will anyone have lasting joy, peace, and fulfillment. Mankind will let you down every time.