

Is there an answer? Yes! An understanding of God's laws for man. We must know the results of immorality. We will be rewarded according to what we have done in our life. In other words, "The wages of sin is death." Our nation is at a critical period in history. We must wake up or else! We can not go very far in the direction we are headed. We must begin to put the emphasis on the proper things. We must reevaluate our objectives as a nation. Down through the history of civilization few nations have reached the point of degradation of America and recovered from it.

An afterthought: That same day I met this same person in the library and found out that he was a teacher in the public schools of Indiana. May God have mercy on your child and mine when these irreligious people take over the role of the classroom teacher. This brings to mind the story of the teacher who went into the classroom and found the boys on their knees back in the corner. She asked them what they were doing and they told her they were "shooting dice." "Thank goodness," she said, "for a minute there I thought you were praying."

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CORRECT ATTITUDE OF WORSHIP

Enter quietly - Speak softly - Behave reverently.
Sing joyously - Pray humbly - Listen attentively.
Partake worthily - Give liberally - Leave edified.
Return regularly.

via Kissimmee Kindler

A CRYING NEED

(The following is an article written by the writer for the department of English as part of the requirements for a master's degree at Purdue University.)

One of the most urgent needs of America is a religious awakening. Our country, morally speaking, has "gone to the dogs." There are any number of people that have proposed solutions to this dilemma. I believe that the real answer is the emphasis of religious teaching.

Today is the day of religious confusion. People are seeking solace blindly. They are willing to listen to any "prophet" who picks up a Bible or creedbook. If one religious teacher taught all the different "doctrines" that people hear and accept today, he would be labeled as a fanatic. Yet these same people are willing for ten or twenty men (or women) to teach these "doctrines" individually.

Religious teaching is the only way to improve the situation. It will help stop the immorality in our older people. This will in turn improve our young people. The reason our youth cheat, steal, and lie is because they see and hear the adults doing this.

The only place that we can get these standards is from the Bible. People usually never get around to the Bible as a source, but rather follow the teachings of some religious teacher who may or may not be teaching the Bible. As long as we are willing to have our spiritual "food" chewed and regurgitated by some one who may wear a robe or other special clothing and take to himself an unscriptural title, I do not see too much chance of improvement. (Read Job

32:21-22; Mark 12:38 or Luke 20:46; Matthew 23:9; and Psalms 111:9)

Cheating is a common "sickness" on the highschool and college level. Even as I write this paper, one of the persons in this room is cheating. Why? What causes our young people to cheat? Is it because our morally rotten society has placed more emphasis on passing than on being honest? Why should a person be able to come here with a precomposed paper and satisfy the requirements, while others who work on their own may struggle through a series of papers before passing it? If we have strong moral convictions we would not cheat regardless of the reason.

Where did this young man learn to cheat? Was it from his parents? Was it from his teacher? Was it from his peers? Or was it from his preacher or priest? He had to learn from one or more of these sources. Does he really feel guilty about this violation of Purdue's rules? More important, does he feel guilty about violating God's rules? Surely he has been taught that cheating is wrong. What is this doing to our society? When this young man goes out and brags to his friends about this, will it not encourage them to do the same thing? Are we going to have a world full of professional people who have cheated their way through school? Will you be forced to have an operation by a doctor who cheated on his medical examinations?

There are many other things that are happening that indicate that our society is "sick." We must wake up! Sexual immorality is all too common. Unwed motherhood is so common that it is expected. Illegal abortions are increasing, not to mention venereal diseases at all age levels.