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~ **Colossians 2:8**

AUGUST NEWS

What is true?

Back in the day, Americans realized that universal truth was a vital part of our existence. They knew that society can only flourish in an environment where everyone abides by the same key truths, an understanding of what is right and what is wrong, what is real and proven, which strengthens our humanity. A culture that understands these things is safer and more productive. For instance, some countries drive on the right side of the road while others drive on the left. These types of adjustments are fine as they do not cause harm to others as long as everyone in the country knows the universal truth of what side to drive on. But if someone decides to drive on the opposite side of the road because they feel like it, people will get hurt and possibly die.

Unfortunately, some people don't want to follow along with universal truths. Some people like to do what they want, when they want and how they want. They can argue that what is right is relative to the person or the situation and not a hard and fast line. This is called relativism and with some things I would agree. For instance, I am irritated by birds chirping while I am trying to sleep, but it doesn't seem to bother other members of my family. So, in this sense, what is true for me is not true for others. It is not a universal truth that birds chirping cause everyone to miss out on sleep. This is a situation relative to me. The question is, can we take that principle of relativism and apply it to everything? I say no. One good example is the Nazis. They were following their culture's truth, so why did so many other people see what they were doing as wrong? Because there is a universal truth that murder is wrong, no matter what the reason is. Even abortionists and anti-abortionists agree that murder is wrong. Where they disagree is whether abortion is murder, because abortionists don't recognize the embryo as a person. So, even though the universal truth stands that murder is wrong, relativism has come into play in this abortion issue because some decide to throw out science and insert their own personal beliefs (relativism). What are they basing their beliefs on? I am not sure. Perhaps it is what they want to believe or maybe they have adopted their friend's belief. Maybe it's simply because the law allows abortion so they struggle to believe that it could be murder. One thing is certain, they are not basing it on scientific facts or universal truth.

This concept of throwing out the evidence of biology and replacing it with one's personal feelings also shows up in today's discussions of gender. Science tells us that if you are born with a penis you are a male and if you are born with a vagina you are a female. Parents used to name and dress their babies depending on their biology when they were born. That truth has been blurred by relativism over the years. Some with male anatomy feel like a female inside and vice versa so they have taken measures to change their anatomy to match how they feel inside. Recently, using this similar mentality, a group of parents are refusing to recognize their child's gender when born until the child, at age 4, decides what gender he or she is. These babies even have a label of their own called "theybies".

Relativism has blurred the lines of universal truth in some areas that we no longer recognize where the line is; so, it continues to get pushed further and further. Without the hard lines of universal truth, a society will collapse upon itself. If we base right and wrong on social norms, or feelings, which are always changing, then what is right and wrong will continue to change. If that happens, how can anyone be rightly judged for something he/she did wrong if that wrong might become right in the future? What will stop people from killing one another, stealing from one another and so on?

One last thought. As Matt Slick, from *Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry* puts it, "If relativism is true and all points of view are true, then is my view that relativism is false also true?" If so, how can that be? Something to think about.

As for me, I will not let anyone capture me with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. (Colossians 2:8)

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