

Christians are to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves (Mt. 10:16), free from any injustice. Christians should not promote social decline, injustice or godless conduct by passive non-involvement (2 Jn. 1:11; 1 Ti. 5:22). Christians, like all others, have the right and moral duty to take a stand on important issues. We are to love others, while not compromising truth.

Likely, you have heard such objections as “Just who do Christians think they are? Christians have no right to be telling anyone else what is right or wrong.” – Yet, this very assertion is self-incriminating to those who assert it. – They are asserting and exercising their prerogative of telling others [Christians] what they believe is right and wrong, while condemning Christians for exercising the same prerogative. If such absurd and narrowly applied restrictions on Christianity were universally applied, no one would have the right to promote moral opinions. – Yet, why does this hypocritical double standard often escape notice, as if it were vogue to make unilateral accusations against Christians, which just as well describe their own behaviors?

In part, it is because Christianity claims moral authority from a supreme supernatural authority, which consequently if accepted, dethrones humanity from being the sole authority for determining right and wrong. This does nothing short of overthrowing moral relativism and its humanistic ‘solutions’, alternative morals, and lifestyles. I coin this narrow and fierce bigotry and bitter antagonism towards religion in general or Christianity in particular, as “**humanist fundamentalism.**” Yet, such is nothing new (Ge. 3:5-7). This **politically-correct bigotry** is again in its ascendancy, yet it is very ancient (1 Jn. 3:12), ongoing (Jn. 3:19) and modern (Jn. 15:18).

Christians must not imitate the ancient Corinthian church, which sheepishly accommodated the enemies of light by not standing up for Christian values (cf. 1 Co. 5:2 with Eph. 5:11-13). That is not what virtue and love of God and of humanity look like. Yet, even this is stated in love and not a spirit of hatred towards those who so enthusiastically and hypocritically accuse Christians of hypocrisy. – This principle applies both ways; to them and us; you and me - no one is excluded. We ought not fear looking into the mirror honestly.

Are having lower and easier to achieve moral values *superior* to having higher and more difficult to achieve values? One might think the answer is obvious. However, our modern society frequently deals with this in a less than straightforward manner. Let me restate this, - society often deals with this in a most crooked and dishonest manner. Thus, it is worthy of discussion in next week’s installment.