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THE DECLINE OF THE AMERICAN CULTURE PART 1

Earrings and men
and what they
represent

According to the *New Twentieth Century Unabridged*, the definition of the word earring is “an ornament, sometimes provided with a pendant, and frequently set with diamonds, pearls, or other jewels, worn at the ear, by means of a ring passing through the lobe.”

Earrings worn by men, why all the fuss? Worse yet, why isn't there a lot of controversy over the subject? Have we as a society, as a church, as a people become so dulled by the acceptance of tolerance by the compromise of standards that we don't care, or are we just too ignorant of the history and implications of earrings worn by men? If either case is true, does it not judge the health of the church at large and also the spiritual health of the church leaders? Does it not in fact, indicate and illustrate how truly sick the church has become? Is there any doubt why the nations are sick? Is there any doubt why America us so depraved? Isn't it clear why teens are shooting their fellow students and judgment is falling?

There is a statement which says, “God bless America”, but a far truer statement would be “God help America for she is naked, blind and thirsty and has become a whore.”

In my article entitled *Cult Christianity*, I wrote, “We are living in a world today that has lost its direction.

There are no right and wrongs. Man is left to his own understanding, to formulate his own set of values, beliefs thus morality...Priests committing fornication and murder (abortion). Pastors committing adultery. Homosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals becoming ordained as pastors and priests. Men dressed as women; women dressed as men; boys looking like girls, etc., etc. Pastors having affairs with their secretaries; priests with nuns...No right choices, no wrong choices, no condemnation, no guilt, no accountability, just freedom...We are Americans, independent and free. Do not tell me what to do; how to live. That is your opinion. That's your interpretation of Scripture... We are living in a world today where truth in context is not usually being preached, taught or lived. The “church” is no longer the separate, pure and holy bride of Christ. In actuality, the church has taken on innate characteristics of society in rebellion against God which is part and parcel of most churches throughout the world today.”

Exodus 34:12-16 reads, “*Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: For thou shalt worship no other god:*

for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; and thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.”

Deuteronomy 31:16-17 reads, “*...and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?”*

America, like Israel was once enlightened and built on God's values, but now has deliberately broken the laws of God. America has been influenced by the religions and cultures of the people of the world. The United States has allowed them to migrate here with their gods, religions and philosophies. We have incorporated the immorality,

values and beliefs of other countries into our own society.

America, starting with her leaders, from presidents to different church leaders, has violated the Scriptures. President Clinton has been on of the worst presidents, presenting himself as a Christian, but backing lifestyles that God condemns and warns will bring judgment.

The United States of America is actively ushering in world government by prompting the United Nations and other agencies and countries agendas and schemes. This means our Constitution is in the process of being replaced to represent the values of all the people of the world, not just Americans. The United Nations is really a world government, and their conferences are orchestrated. Judeo-Christian values represent America and the old world order which must be replaced with the values of the new world order. Remember the tower of Babel? Same mentality; humanism against creationism; man's way versus God's way. Countries that oppose the Program of Action of the United Nations, (a document consisting of the new social, moral, political economic and ecological ideas to be ratified), are threatened with financial blackmail by both the U.S. State Department and the World Bank. The United Nation's philosophical differences go directly against our Christian values. They totally back the New World Order's agenda of abortion right for all, acceptance of diversity, homosexuality rights, and the empowerment of women, etc.

Everyone in America realizes something is very wrong, but most people cannot put their finger on it. People in the church know something has changed, but they cannot identify it. What has changed in America are our values, beliefs and culture. In Russia and other communist countries, the tyrants knew they must change the values of their country before they could take over. They also knew that the only way to

change the way people think, was by influencing them through their education system, thereby changing their behavior and gaining their acceptance. The reprogrammed the minds of the population through propaganda and reeducation. It is being done the same way in America today with our youth in the public school system, with the goal of controlling the future generation and getting America to accept different values, beliefs and behavior.

Many parents do not seem to realize that loyalty to our country is no longer being taught; instead the emphasis is on world citizenship. A quote from the booklet entitled, Weep For Your Children reads, "It's okay to steal, it's okay to have premarital sex, it's okay to cheat or to kill if these things are part of your value system, and you have clarified these values for yourself. The important thing is not what values you choose, but that you have chosen them yourself freely and without coercion of parents, spouse, priest, friends, ministers or social pressure of any kind."

Sidney Simon toured all over the United States speaking to teacher's groups. In the Florida People Quarterly, Dr. Simon bluntly tells the teachers, "We do not need any more preaching about right and wrong. The old 'thou shalt not's' simply are not relevant." He explains that values clarification is a method for teachers to change the values of children without getting caught.

Do you realize that John Dewey who is known in America as the father of progressive education was one of the signers of the Humanist Manifesto which is diabolically opposed to the values of Christianity. These type of values are now being taught in our schools throughout good old America!

Did you also know that in 1932, the Russians dismissed John Dewey and his progressive education experiment because the communists discovered that this type of education was a failure and

a fraud, and a breeder of juvenile delinquency.

Is there any question why children are shooting and killing other students in school?

The following scriptures describe the characteristics, attitudes, lifestyles and behaviors which America's educators have developed into the people in our society:

"Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful." (Romans 1:29-31)

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, adultery, fornication, uncleanness. Lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath strife seditions, heresies." (Galatians 5:19-20)

Christians according to Scripture are suppose to be a separate, holy, sanctified people. We are suppose to be different in actions, attitudes, lifestyles, beliefs and attire!

Galatians 5:22-23 tells us the characteristics and attitudes that a Christian is suppose to exhibit: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."*

In American culture, men never wore earrings. History tells us that men who wore earrings were mostly from pagan societies and religions, pirates, and slaves. We sent missionaries to them. The Hebrew word for earring in some

passages of Scripture means a jewel for the nose or forehead. In some countries and cultures, earrings are worn in the ear, nose and forehead – among other body places. Genesis 49:26 and Isaiah 3:20-21 states that earrings were worn from the ears and nose for idolatrous purposes.

What should our attitudes be when we are a visitor or guest at another person's home, celebration and/or country if we know something we are wearing, eating or drinking would offend them? Read Romans 14:14-21: *"I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved by men. Let us therefore follow after the things that make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."* Some other scriptures which tell us what our Christian responsibility and attitude should be regarding food, drink and dress are I Corinthians 8:9-13; 9:19-23; 10:23-33.

There are evil powers of men and demons that ate deliberately and cleverly changing our values. Beliefs and attitudes to cause people to accept lifestyles, that are totally against God's norms: homosexuality, cross dressing, all religions, population control through abortions, euthanasia, infanticide, war, etc. These are ushering in World

Government and Religion warned about in Revelation. The Spirit of the Beast and Whore are changing the roles of men and women in rebellion against God's authority. Earrings in boys and men are a sign of confusion, rebellion and anger bred by an evil spirit and society directly in conflict with Jesus Christ. Jesus taught that this would be a "sign of the times"; a generation of confusion and ignorance; a generation of pride, arrogance and rebellion; a generation Jesus warned, when the "very elect" would be deceived if they were not careful. Jesus said *"study to shew thyself approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed (fooled)."*

We are living in that very generation described in Matthew 24:37, *"as in the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."* The book of Jude warns that the last generation will also be likened unto Sodom and Gomorrah. In America, we are already beyond the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah in our wickedness. On December 15, 1973, the American Psychiatric Association, under extreme pressure by homosexuals, issued a position paper declaring that homosexuality was no longer to be classified as a mental disorder. Prior to the change, homosexuality was defined as a sexual deviation, along with fetishism, pedophilia, sadism, voyeurism, and others. On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court overturned all state laws that protected children in the womb, and then legalized the killing of children throughout the entire pregnancy. Prior to 1973 abortion was defined as killing a baby and classified as murder, and homosexuality was classified as a mental disorder, both punishable by criminal laws. Now we have passed laws to protect the homosexual and abortionist, rather than arrest and rehabilitate. The Bible is filled with warnings of judgment for nations that indulge in these sins. Yet today in America it is politically correct to accept them, as well as accepting other influences of pagan nations and cultures

such as cross dressing and men wearing earrings.

What is so pathetic and saddens my heart deeply is the ignorance of most Christians concerning these issues. Boys and men wearing earrings are not just innocent harmless personal choices. Earrings worn by boys and men in America result from a sick American Church. It has not taught the bride of Christ the warnings throughout Scripture against conforming to the ways, lifestyles, values and customs of the heathen and pagan nation and peoples which God has always judged.

The character and personalities of abortionists or homosexuals when challenged because of their lifestyles with truth, become proud, arrogant, and rude. You can find it described in Scripture under fruits of the flesh. The same attitudes and shameful actions and behaviors are found in boys or men wearing earrings.

Mark 12:24 reads, *"And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?"* 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 tells us, *"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."*

Christian, what is your attitude if you offend? What is your attitude now that you know the battle we are all in? The world's values or God's values. Whom will ye serve?

I will continue in the next Pastoral Article on the subject of *The Decline of the American Culture*.

Love,
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