

THE Enemies of the CROSS – The cross is a sign of death (not popular)

Doesn't make you feel good...it makes you FREE!

A Vulcan HAS to tell the truth! But do they tell it from their vantage point?

... they can omit facts or exaggerate details...

We all want to and commit to being honest but our perspective is skewed.

What benefits us? What serves our purpose? What validates our narrative?

Pilate asked Jesus "what is TRUTH?" **John 18:37,38**

If you know Jesus you will know the truth. When you have a relationship with The TRUTH, revelation comes.

secular worldview vs the mind of Christ (Biblical worldview) renew your mind

the foolishness of the cross? **1 Cor 1:18**

- Are we the center of the universe? OR Is God?

This all sounds so good...

Secular humanism recently said, we must prioritize...

1. truth over lies
2. empathy over indifference
3. experts over ignoramuses

SO...

1. What is truth? - - Communists are convinced in their TRUTH.
2. Inclusive? Should we ever separate anything? Ever? Sympathy for the devil?
3. Who is wise?

Ps 11:3 - If the foundations (narrative) be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Gods foundations:

- a. there is a creator and sustainer of the universe
- b. there are moral absolutes defined by God (sanctity of life vs personal freedoms)
- c. there is a problem (sin) and a remedy (The Cross)
- d. there is a destiny, eternity, final justice for us all.

What are THE enemies of the cross?

Phil 3:18 – I tell you with tears, many are the enemies of the cross of Christ!

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| 1. a corrupt mind / | Gnosticism |
| 2. self-indulgence / gratification | Hedonism |
| 3. God complex / heart full of pride | Atheism |

1. dismiss the Biblical narrative

- a. evolution
- b. abortion
- c. politics / self governing without God

2. justify my way of life

a. LGBTQ – born that way? (where does this logic stop? Pedophiles, bestiality?)

b. transgender – not born right?

c. safe sex, outside of marriage. Living together

d. you cant judge me, you have sin (as though we are the standard)

movie – wild horses, Robert Duvall gay son compared law in Leviticus with David and Bathsheba... see, everyone sins?!

3. Humanism is the answer (we are all born good)

- a. we have the answers – poverty, cure disease, etc
- b. all religions are bad or at least co-equal
- c. we are the final authority (self-sufficient)

John 14:6

1 John 4:1-3

Eph 2:8,9

I am NOT all powerful

I am weak

I am NOT all knowing

I am Dull, and foolish

I can NOT save myself

I am dependent

I humbly repent, confess, and rely on Christ