

Gods Answer to different cultures –

The worlds -

Heavens Culture –

our shared core values should *guide* our groups culture, but are by no means an exhaustive, complete description. our groups culture must accurately reflect our values and align with our overall mission.

What does God “value” highly? What does He like? (prefer)

What is His mission? What is my mission in life? What is our corporate mission?

Is He rigid? Absolute? Protective, defensive? Exclusive? Structured, hierarchy, chain of command? (holiness)

Or flexible, adaptable, risk taking, and informal? Creative, Inclusive? (unconditional love)

King James Only church vs Universalist Unitarians (*extremes*)



If OUR culture overrides God’s culture in our lives,

we embellish small (good) values and justify large holes and vacancies.

Heavens culture (atmosphere, values) must over shadow all other cultures.

le – my group is ambitious, or loving... so its overall good.

In reality this group has no moral compass and is governed by popular feeling

The culture is unhealthy, with elusive values, and no shared mission.

Heaven is inclusive, right up to when it’s exclusive! Wheat / tares, sheep / goats

Heavens culture is defined by values in repentance, the golden rule, Gods word governing our behavior, beatitudes, fruit of the spirit.

Heavens culture is an atmosphere of love, forgiveness, serving, giving, sharing, caring, faithfulness, passion, etc.

The mission is a co-mission – “go into all the world”

Religion says – learn our rules and join our club!

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“I” identify with... (the atmosphere of)

Things that may be good but not complete (alone)

1. Mental health / Psychiatric culture –

Become emotionally stable with therapy

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind.”

2. Medical practice culture –

Desire to heal

Col 4:14 - Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas send you greetings. 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick' (**Matthew 9:12**)

3. Scientific culture –

Seeking facts, wisdom

Psalms 111:2 - Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Dan 1:17 -God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom.

4. Drug Culture –

Prescribed and illegal

1 Tim 5:23 - use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses. Eph 5:18 - Do not get drunk on wine. -Isa 38:21 - Make an ointment and he will get well

5. Prison culture –

Control, fear

Rom 16:17 - I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles
1 cor 15:33 - “Bad company ruins good morals.”

6. Educational / intellectual culture –

Knowledge, wisdom, or superiority?

2 tim 2:15 - Study to show yourself approved.
1 cor 1:13 "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.

7. Sports and competitive culture –

Identity? Worth? Idolize heroes?

1 cor 9:26 - Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. we do it for a crown that is imperishable.

8. Fashion culture –

Identity, attention, healthy? Unhealthy?

1 Tim 2:9 -adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, 1 Peter 3:3 - Do not let your adorning be external

9. High Finance culture –

Responsible or wealthy superiority?

Luke 12:14 - “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

10. Beauty pageant culture –

1 Sam 16:7 - man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

11. Pop culture –

Popularity rules policy

12. Gender fluid culture –

I choose, I change

13. Woke culture –

Guilt, prejudice, inclusion

14. Music culture –

Gift turned to idols, wrong focus

15. Animal lovers culture –

Priorities, exalting out of balance

16. Socially acceptable / politically correct culture –

17. Religious culture – church culture

Exclusive, self-righteous rules

18. Military culture –

Structure, authority, order

19. Hippie culture –

Free, expressive, accepting, anarchy

20. Political culture –

National governing, policies

21. Corporate culture –

Employees, management, hierarchy

Title, position, “climb corp. ladder”

Gal 1:10 -If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Isa 2:22 - Stop regarding man... for of what account is he?

Gen 1:27 - God created mankind in his own image, male and female he created them.

Rom 5:1 - since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God. James 2:1 - show no partiality Rev 7:9 from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne

Psalms 150 praise Him with trumpets, harps, strings, cymbals. Every breath “PRAISING GOD”

Prov 12:10 -A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal. Matt 7:6 - Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs.

Isa 8:14 -And he will become a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling . 2 Tim 3:12 - all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

Matt 23:4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders Matt 15:3 - break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?

Matt 8:9 I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me...I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.

1 cor 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order, God is not a God of confusion but of peace Gen 1 Now the earth was formless and empty...

Rom 13 - The authorities that exist have been established by God. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, Acts 5:29 We ought to obey God rather than men.

Gal 6:4 Each one should test their own actions without comparing themselves to someone else Matt 20:25 You know that foreign rulers like to order their people around. And their great leaders have full power over everyone they rule.