

Moral crisis imminent

by Eric Hominick

Due to the encroachment of humanistic evolutionary philosophy over the centuries, and the rise of Relativism in society today, modern man is facing a morality crisis. Established principles and standards of conduct have been challenged and perfunctorily discarded, leaving mankind free to indulge himself according to the arbitrary dictates of his mind and instincts. But men still struggle toward an elusive happiness. Why?

The problem lies in the area of morals. Morality presupposes the existence of absolutes (and thus the author of those absolutes to be the absolute authority)—however, according to 20th century man, there are no longer absolutes, or any ultimate authority other than himself, by which to govern his lifestyle. "Right" and "wrong" are meaningless in the absence of nonrelativistic authority. Ethics are equated with social norms, the cultural expression of a particular time and place, but only relevant to that point on the space-time continuum. "Everything is relative", one hears from both layman and professional alike.

God is dead, or shut up in some neo-orthodox or existential prison and reduced to "man writ large" or some such creation of the evolving human mind. Evolutionary theory,

accessing to humanism, has thus attempted to remove from the minds of men the possibility of the existence of a God, who, as both creator and law-giver, has rightful claims on His creation. However, this attempt also serves to rob man of his dignity as a being to whom morals and the ideas of "right" and "wrong" have meaning, and with whom they may find expression. Man becomes but a fluke of the universe, an accident in the course of a purposeless evolution—a mere animal devoid of purpose and worth; a speck of dust, tiny, insignificant, and futile.

The contemporary trend toward freedom of self-expression is derived from the fatalistic evolutionary view, and amounts to little more than being led by "natural instincts", a characteristic of unintelligent animal lifestyles. The end of such uncontrolled and unrestrained leadings is demonstrated in the lives of the drunkard, the glutton, the sluggard, and so on. Aware that giving total rein to the instincts results in utter chaos, man then attempts to establish as final authority himself. Entertaining an estimation of some self-dignity (a true opinion, however illogically obtained), the mind of man legislates its own standards and moral code. The problem here, of course, is that man is a finite creature, and

thus is incapable of legislating, much less living up to, any kind of absolute moral code. Man is left with no basics for moral standards, and this does not agree with his natural moral inclinations, or with the existence and reality of the conscience and guilt feelings.

So man is in a predicament. Humanity is finite, and no possible source of absolutes; and without absolutes, there can be no existence of, or meaning to, authority and morality. Are then the ideas of morality and authority mere machinations of the human mentality? Have they any real, meaningful significance, either objectively or subjectively?

The Bible says "Be still, and know that I am God". God **does** exist, the Bible contends, and this gives meaning and reality to absolutes, authority, and morality. God, as creator and law-giver, is the

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absolute authority, and has given absolute propositional revelation in the Bible. Thus, there is an absolute standard for morals—that same set of godly principles laid out in the Bible that mankind so carelessly tries to discard and ignore, and to his peril, for that same God who revealed His will and mankind's morality says that He "will by no means clear the guilty" (those who have broken His moral law), except on the basis of a right relationship with Him. This is obtainable through confession of sin and trust in God through Jesus to make one a new person willing to love and obey the God who is, the God who has spoken.

It is only because God exists, and has spoken, that life has meaning, and that mankind can consider and enjoy morals, absolutes, and a right relationship to God "whom to know is life eternal". Yes, man has a reason for being. Do you?

1) I firmly believe that unwanted pregnancy and disease, although serious (and as such have to be dealt with), are merely symptoms of the far more serious problem of pre-marital sex. Never has a problem been successfully treated by encouragement, or by dealing with symptoms alone. People engage in pre-marital sex because they enjoy it. Any irrationality occurs in the acceptance of pleasure or appeal as the criterion of legality or morality. I contend that popular practice and opinion do not dictate morality, and although I may be unrealistic to expect people to abstain from pre-marital sex, there is no changing its immorality.

2) Contrary to the opinion expressed by the "S.S.S." the accessibility of a product is decidedly increased with the offer of free samples by cut-out coupon complete with mailing address and all pertinent details. The purpose of any advertisement is to promote a product, making it both available



and desirable to the buying public. The Pill may be 100% effective in preventing pregnancy, if properly used, but recent observations show alarming side effects on the human metabolism. So the Pill, whether effective or not, is certainly not 100% safe!

3) The dictionary defines "promiscuous" as "having sexual relations indiscriminately or casually with various persons". My concern

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scenes as they were sub-titled, and thus understandable, but I did feel, in the interest of national unity, the English segments deserved the same courtesy. Of course running the sound track thru in forward instead of reverse would eliminate the need for all these measures.

All in all the films were well worth the \$2.00 I was refunded. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
John Sparling

Victory

To the Gazette:

The resounding defeat (733 votes to 731) of the sham "independence" referendum of the Dalhousie Gazette heralds another victory for revolutionary masses in Canada. (Hail!)

The Dalhousie Stupid Movement (DSM), a wing of the Canadian Stupid Movement, student organization of the Clown Party of Canada (Maniac-leftist), boldly waged a successful revolutionary campaign to clean the **snakes** out, to defeat the bourgeois **Gazette** staff in their revisionist "battle" with the **Samsonite clique** of capitalists and their ugly baggage! (Hail!)

Were the masses fooled by the "freedom of the press" **lies** trotted out by that tool of bourgeois ideology, the Dal **Gazette**? No! Clearly the Gazette is in bed with the student council hacks. CPC(ML) knows it and exposes it in order to serve the interests of the international proletariat. The bold revolutionary line, viciously described



as "apathy" by the Gazette, has triumphed and ensured that inevitable struggle will continue unabated.

Remember the correctness of our slogan, "make the rich pay" has defeated international monopoly capital since the inception of our party under the benevolent yet firm leadership of **Hardly Anybrains**. You can do the same. Use it as your mantra if it helps. It will help to keep your teeth white and your heart red. (Hail again!)
Yours in struggle but NOT "In Struggle"
Tony Weed, DSM, CSM, CPC-ML, RC-MP.

Condom view explained

To the Gazette:

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote the **Gazette** concerning the Schmid condom advertisement. Reacting to "Stork Stopper Supporters" (**Gazette**, March 9), plus much personal feedback, I would like to make the following observations and comments:

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