

LIFE IS WHAT IT IS - ??

Time to check our morals!

The morals of a country are connected to the behaviour and well being of the people. Morals determine how citizens are treated, especially the elderly, children and women. Good morals are essential for righteous conduct that results in just treatment of all citizens. Without good morals we witness damaging treatment of our elderly citizens, children and women. It is with sadness and concern that I witness the decline in morals throughout the Western cultures. This decline is taking place because those in leadership are no longer adhering to the moral standards found within a biblical Judeo-Christian world view. The moral compass of our leadership has gone astray and what once pointed north is beginning to point south. It is our beliefs and world view that affects our morals. If we believe the bible to be true and correct, then our world view will be based on biblical principles. If we believe Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, or any other belief system to be true and correct, we will base our world view around those beliefs. If we believe there is “no God” then our world view will reflect that belief.

Should the ancestry of our parents, grandparents and great grandparents show they were raised in the West then they would have grown up in a Judeo-Christian world view environment. In some cases this would go back thousands of years. It was this Judeo-Christian world view that shaped the morals of the day. We have to admit that there were periods and moments of “darkness” but we also have to admit that it is from this world view that great freedoms and enlightenment came.

Why do we now find our leaderships and education facilities turning their back on such a successful system? This would be fine if they were introducing a better system, but the fact of the matter is that our morals are changing and our societies are becoming more rebellious and violent due to these changes. Defence of violent perpetrators over their victims has become the norm. Distorting facts and history is hardly questioned and when it is, those doing the questioning are quickly silenced. Our judicial systems more often than not hand out nothing more than a slap over the wrist for the most heinous crimes.

Behaviours once done under the cover of darkness are now done in the open without fear. Behaviour and conduct once shunned and frowned upon are now embraced and respected. Boundaries have become blurred and the leftists tell us that there are no absolutes. Yet this is an oxymoron, as on the one hand they tell us there are no absolutes, but on the other hand their ideas and policies are to be seen and embraced as absolutes, any other opinion is dismissed with contempt.

There are a number of indicators that tell us our morals have gone astray. When we have leaders in Europe justifying disgusting behaviour by perpetrators of evil, the West has lost the plot. When we have leadership in the West giving money to cruel oppressive governments there is moral decay. When lies and propaganda are respected and promoted without question then destruction is on the doorstep. When all kinds of debauchery are embraced and seen as normal and healthy behaviour, then that society is coming to an end.

The fact of the matter is we get what we deserve. Install leaders that have no morals then expect a society without moral structure. Install education systems that lack moral fibre expect children to grow up with no moral compass. Embrace belief systems that are built on violence and corruption expect a society of violence and corruption. The West has chosen to embark on a journey that rejects biblical instruction, preferring to replace it with other systems and beliefs. Why then are we surprised at the severe decline in our morals? The West has chosen systems of darkness over systems of light, so expect the lights to go out in the near future, as they are fading fast.

All I can ask is that HaShem have mercy on us.

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