

who are unselfish, who work with others and put others first seem to come out ahead in several areas including health, longevity, reducing crime, raising children, and avoiding homelessness and poverty. One has to seriously ask whether this is what Jesus Christ was trying to teach us.

Cafeteria Morals

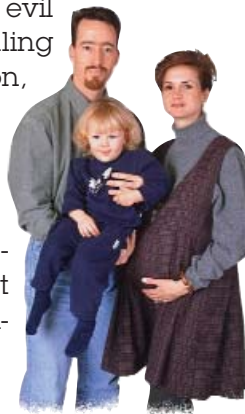
How do people avoid dealing with good and evil? The answer is Cafeteria Morals.

Cafeteria Morals is named after the individuals who take different items from different shelves in a cafeteria to meet their immediate tastes. However, the morals cafeteria has only two shelves. When faced with a decision that could impact other people and society, you have only two choices. You can be unselfish and pro-society and base your evaluation of good and evil on the impact of your decision or action on other people and society. Or, you can be selfish, permissive and pro-choice and base your evaluation of good and evil on what you want to do regardless of who gets hurt. Hence, you pick your criterion for good and evil and then use it as a guide to tell you whether a particular action or decision is good or evil.

People who believe in Cafeteria Morals, whether they consciously understand what they are doing or not, do things the opposite way. They first decide the answer they want as to whether an action or decision is good or evil, and then they pick the appropriate criterion to justify that answer.

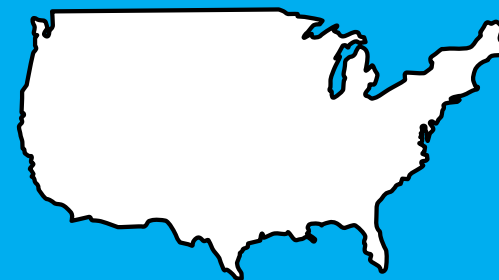
Typically, if they want a “no, you cannot do that” answer, they pick the unselfish and pro-society criterion and base their evaluation of good and evil on the impact of the decision or action on other people and society. However, if they want a “yes, you can do that” answer, they pick the self-ish, permissive and pro-choice criterion and base their evaluation on what they want while ignoring any negative impact on other people and society. Hence, people who believe in Cafeteria Morals really have no morals. Like a chameleon, they simply change their colors to blend in with their current situation.

Unfortunately, too many people use Cafeteria Morals to avoid judging decisions and actions as good or evil such as murder, selling drugs to kids, abortion, euthanasia, marriage, stay-at-home mothers, the family wage, shooting guns in schools, terrorism, dishonesty in government and dishonesty in business.



This is what has happened to our society and why it has become dysfunctional. It also gives us the answer on how to solve our problems.

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Is

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**Here are Four Words
Starting with the
Letter “C”
That Give You the
Answer**

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More than five decades of statistics and research into social problems and more than two decades of statistics and research into how social problems are interconnected and spread have shown us why our society has increased social problems and has become dysfunctional.

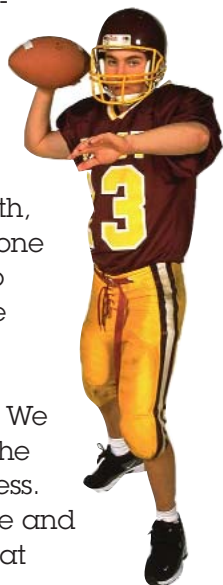
For those of us with a Christian background, this has also been an awakening because today's modern computer-generated statistics and reports echo and prove the love of God and love of neighbor teachings of Jesus Christ from 2,000 years ago.

Following are four topics starting with the letter "C" that help explain this.

Cooperation

Teams win because their members cooperate and work together for mutual benefit. Teams lose because their members have different goals and do not work together. An excellent example is a wagon pulled by four horses. If all of the horses pull in the same direction, the wagon makes progress. But if one horse goes north, the second south, the third east and the last one west, the wagon makes no progress and may even be damaged.

Society is like a team. We need to work together for the same goals to make progress. Being selfish and pro-choice and not working together is what



causes social problems and makes our society dysfunctional.

Criterion

Years of research into social problems shows that when you are faced with a decision or action that can impact others, you have only two options. You can be Unselfish and base your evaluation of good or evil on the impact your decision or action will have on society or other people. Or, you can be selfish, permissive and pro-choice and base your evaluation of good and evil on what you want to do regardless of whether you harm society, other people or even yourself.

This same thing goes under other names. Some people call it a reluctance to judge your actions as good or evil. Others, call this moral relativism. What it amounts to is a failure to take good and evil into consideration. Some people simply use the word "choice" instead of using the word "evil."

Consequences

There are three separate and distinct evils associated with selfish, permissive and pro-choice actions or ignoring good and evil when making decisions or judging actions.

1. The decision itself is evil because it selfishly puts what we want ahead of what is best for other people and society. One well-accepted definition for society is a group of people working together for common goals. When we are selfish and pro-choice we are not working together and not working for common goals. This lack of

cooperation and teamwork is what causes social problems and makes a dysfunctional society.

2. It makes the individual more selfish and more likely to ignore good and evil in other decisions. People who are pro-choice in one area are statistically more likely to be pro-choice in other areas. For example, people who are pro-choice on marriage and stay-at-home mothers are statistically more likely to be pro-choice on abortion. However, this attitude continues beyond social problems and impacts other parts of your life including your ideal family size and even how you vote. This is so obvious that it is possible to plot the "degree of selfishness" or acceptance of moral relativism on a line from right to left for individuals, cities and states and show how they differ and how things are connected.

3. When you say that it is OK to be pro-choice or ignore good and evil, or when people see you being pro-choice and ignoring good and evil, particularly in public, then they become more pro-choice and more likely to ignore good and evil themselves. This process is called desensitization. Hence, selfishness, permissiveness, the pro-choice attitude, moral relativism and ignoring good and evil spreads through our society like pollution spreads through waterways or the atmosphere.



A very interesting side note to all of this is that the statistics show that people