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Dedicated to eliminating social problems and bringing about World Peace by educating people about the benefits of putting others first, loving your neighbor, doing unto others as you would have them do unto you, and being unselfish rather than pro-choice in decisions which touch other people and society.

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The Secret to Bring About World Peace Was Never a Secret

In our world of terrorism and selfishness, the concept of World Peace seems impossible. Unselfish.org, a Web site that promotes World Peace through unselfishness, says that years of research tells us that the key to World Peace is having a universal criteria for right and wrong.

In order to achieve World Peace, in order to eliminate much of our social problems, and in order to bring about a heaven on earth, society needs to embrace a universal criteria for right and wrong. One of the major reasons we are currently faced with numerous social problems is because we do not even talk about a criteria for right and wrong.

Most Americans ignore or even encourage selfishness by avoiding any mention or thought of good and bad or right and wrong. In spite of the Christian heritage of the United States, you never hear politicians talking about the criteria for right and wrong or for good and evil. You can look to your religious leaders for direction in this area but you would be disappointed. When is the last time you heard a pastor, minister or priest talk about the criteria for right and wrong? But most Americans are equally guilty since we never discuss the criteria for right and wrong with our neighbors and certainly not with our children. It is any wonder why our society has become increasingly selfish and permissive?

Fortunately, numerous groups including federal and state agencies, media, research groups, universities and other organizations have kept statistics and reports on social problems since they began to increase more than four decades ago. Some

people who have studied the reports and statistics have found some logical and basic criteria. When faced with a decision or making a choice on an action, we humans have two different criteria we can use . . . we can either be selfish and pro-choice in our actions and decisions or we can be unselfish and pro-society in our actions and decisions. Or, in other words, we can base our decision of right and wrong on what the individual wants or we can base it on what is best for society. Which of these two should be the criteria for right and which should be the criteria for wrong?

Some people are fascinated with the thought that modern research and computer statistics have shown us that being unselfish will eliminate many of our social problems and move us towards World Peace. Actually, it takes very little research to discover that this idea has never been a secret and is just about as old as recorded history.

Confucius is credited with saying "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." When he founded Christianity, Jesus Christ admonished his followers to "Love your neighbor." More recently, President John F. Kennedy in his inaugural speech said: ". . . and so my fellow Americans; ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country."

This is saying the same thing in different words. Moreover, one of the definitions of society is a group of people working together for common goals. If we are pro-choice and selfish, then we are not working together and not working towards common goals. As a result, society suffers.

Logic dictates that it is impossible for society to follow the wishes of a large number of individuals. This would pull society in many different directions at the same time, which is exactly what causes problems. However, it is perfectly logical that individuals can work together for a single goal: what is best for others and society.

World peace, eliminating social problems, and working towards a heaven on earth all depend on people working together with the same criteria for right and wrong. It does not make any difference whether people have different religions, different nationalities, or different languages. What makes a difference is their criteria for right and wrong.

Some people complain that they have to look out for themselves because no one else will. Interestingly, the statistics are very clear in this area. People who work with others and put others first tend to be healthier, happier, live longer, are less likely to live in poverty or be homeless, and in most cases are less likely to commit crimes or be the victim of crimes. The obvious conclusion is that when we work together for common goals, we all come out ahead. However, when we become selfish, we suffer. Is this what Confucius, Jesus Christ and John F. Kennedy were trying to teach us?

Desensitization

Many people are willing to acknowledge the Golden Rule and the need for working together. However, they are unwilling to apply this criteria universally. Confucius, Jesus Christ and President John F. Kennedy did not provide exceptions to their admonishments, so people ask why this criteria should be so inflexible. The reason is desensitization.

The best way to explain this is to go back several years to the argument over whether kids should be allowed to watch violence on television. Most parents were opposed to allowing kids to watch violence on television but could not come up with a reason. Liberals said that kids should be allowed to be pro-choice in their viewing options and had a right to watch whatever they wanted. The experts sided with the parents. They noted that as kids watched more and more violence on television, they became desensitized to violence and began to accept it as normal behavior. In effect, desensitization is a technical term for what used to be called "giving bad example."

Desensitization is at work in our society making both kids and adults more selfish and pro-choice. When people are told that it is OK to be pro-choice or selfish, or when they see others being more pro-choice and selfish, then they become more pro-choice and selfish themselves. Different people are affected to a greater or lesser degree depending on several factors including how they were brought up and whether they have strong morals or religious beliefs. However, statistics show that people who are more selfish and pro-choice in one area are more likely to be selfish and pro-choice in other areas.

In effect, selfishness and the pro-choice attitude spreads through society like germs, pollution and cancer. What this means to us is that everything is tied together. We do not have several social problems, we only have one social problem which is selfishness and the pro-choice attitude. This is why Confucius, Jesus Christ and John F. Kennedy offered no exceptions to their rules and admonishments.

Numerous people have difficulty understanding that there are no exceptions to the rule. Although some people have been turning more pro-choice and permissive in recent years, modern research and developments are showing us more and more areas where there are no exceptions and where we need to work together for our own mutual good. In effect, we are discovering that there is a price or membership fee to be paid for being part of society. In many areas we have to give up being pro-choice and selfish and instead do what is best for others and society.

Oliver Wendell Holmes and Germs

Perhaps the best example of this is our relatively recent knowledge of germs. It was back in the 1840s, before the days of sanitation and modern medicine, when the

Boston area had an epidemic of puerperal fever among women giving birth to children. Oliver Wendell Holmes (the father of the famous Supreme Court Justice) set about trying to find a reason for this. He researched and studied all of the cases he could document, eventually creating what we today would call a pile of statistics. The statistics made it clear that puerperal fever was contagious and was being spread by doctors and midwives. The situation was not helped by the fact that many of the doctors insisted on wearing old frock coats which had never been washed and their disreputable condition and number of stains were a mark of tenure in the medical community. Today, since we accept the fact that germs spread through our society, we would know that the doctors were carrying germs from patient to patient on their frock coats and that the germs spread because of unsanitary conditions.

Change was slow in coming because many people refused to believe that germs existed and could move through society since they could not be seen. However, this eventually taught us to change our criteria on actions and decisions to prevent the spread of germs. Several things are noteworthy. One is that the doctors gave up their right to wear germ-infested coats. Another is that people were forced to adhere to sanitary conditions and prevent spreading germs for the good of society.

What is particularly interesting is that people learned that there were no exceptions to the rule. It was a bad thing to be pro-choice about spreading germs regardless of the day of the week, regardless of whether we need money, and regardless of the sex or occupation of the person spreading germs. There simply were no exceptions to the rule.

Pollution and Smoking

Another interesting example is in the area of pollution. Statistics and reports eventually educated us on how toxic chemicals pollute our atmosphere and waterways. Again, the same things are noteworthy. People gave up being pro-choice and their right to own big cars while factories cleaned up the smoke from their smokestacks. Once more it became obvious that there are no exceptions to the rule. It was a bad idea to spread pollution regardless of the day of the week, whether someone needed money, or their occupation. There simply are no exceptions.

One of the more recent developments is in the area of smoking. For generations, smoking was considered a personal and pro-choice decision. However, because of recent statistics, we have found that smoking is not only harmful to the smoker but harmful to non-smokers who are nearby. As a result, smoking has been prohibited in many public areas because of its impact on others. Again, we are faced with eliminating a pro-choice decision for the good of others.

All of these situations followed a similar pattern. At first, people were reluctant to accept the fact that germs, pollution and the harmful products of smoking could

spread from person to person and through our society. As time went on, people finally accepted the statistics and the logic behind each of these problems. Eventually, they gave up their right to be pro-choice in these areas for the good of society. And, eventually everyone realized that there were no exceptions to the basic rules.

We are at that same level with the spread of selfishness and the pro-choice attitude through our society. The statistics and logic are there and are impossible to ignore. The only question is when will people be smart enough to realize the need for a criteria for right and wrong and the need to work together for the good of others and our society?

Criteria for Right and Wrong

The key to improving our society, bringing about World Peace, and a heaven on earth is to have everyone accept the same criteria for right and wrong. The only way to make any progress in this area is to talk about your criteria for right and wrong. Discuss it with your friends, with members of your family, and with members of your church. You should also ask your political candidates and church leaders where they stand on a criteria for right and wrong. Someone who has a clear criteria for right and wrong would obviously make a better leader than someone who does not.

There are really only two alternatives. Either it is OK for people to be selfish and pro-choice in their actions and decisions, or people should be unselfish and pro-society in their actions and decisions. Just getting people to think about this decision that they make every day is a step towards moving our society to a higher and better level for us all.

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