

The Future of Pro-Abortion Humanists Jude 12-15

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Introduction

The passage we read may seem like a dark and discouraging description of the church. It certainly is sobering – especially since so much of Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestantism could be described by these words. But I *personally* find them very encouraging words. These words show that humanists have no future, whether they are in the church or outside the church. Their whole worldview is self-destructive. Though we need to take them seriously, we need not fear them.

And since I want to apply this passage to the pro-life issues facing America, let me back up and give a few sobering statistics of the nation and of the church. You are probably aware that there have been a number of conflicting polls related to what our nation believes about abortion. And depending on how the questions are asked, our nation can either look pro-life or very pro-abortion. The Pew Forum was encouraged at how pro-life our nation was. It said, “most Americans (73%) believe that abortion is morally wrong in nearly all (24%) or some (49%) circumstances.” That sounds good until you realize that the same study shows that only 20% of Americans think abortion should be illegal in nearly all cases. And even *that* figure is not clear because 90% of all those diagnosed as having a Downs Syndrome baby end up aborting the baby. That means that when push comes to shove, even the 20% aren’t consistent with their own views on abortion. Perhaps they think that Downs Syndrome babies are the exception that necessitates the word “nearly” in “nearly all abortions.” Statistics can sometimes be such a scam, depending on how they are worded.

But there was one poll that I thought was very, very clear in its choices. Interestingly it was done jointly by ABC News and BeliefNet. The poll asked if the participant would agree that abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, legal in some cases, and illegal in all cases. That pretty much covers the ground. When asked this way, only 11% of mainline Protestants said that it should be illegal in all cases, with 19% of Roman Catholics, 35% of white evangelicals responding the same. And think of that last statistic! I was surprised by that one. Only 35% of white evangelicals (the most conservative group) believed that abortion should be illegal in all

cases. What these figures show to me is that many Christians have gone soft as soon as the words rape, incest, or health of the mother are mentioned.¹

And it is not much better with the leadership in those churches. All the way back in 1973, the National Association of Evangelicals said that they were opposed to abortion, but they gave exceptions. They said that they were opposed to abortion except in the case of rape, incest, and where the life or health of the mother might be compromised. That shows the church following the culture, and following it rather quickly. That was 1973, the same year as Roe v. Wade. We aren't talking about liberal denominations. That's the National Association of Evangelicals – made up of evangelical denominations. Their 2010 stance on abortion had so many weasel words in it that it sounded like some pro-aborts who say that they want to make abortions rare. Planned Parenthood says that. In fact, the 2010 National Association of Evangelicals statement said that they are collaborating with pro-aborts in trying to make abortions more rare through education and contraception. What's with that? It's no wonder that the church has made no progress against abortion in our nation. The *church* has failed to be salt and light. This is not a culture problem – this is a “no salt or light present” kind of a problem.

But the picture is actually blacker than what I have just painted. When you start looking at the church's perspectives on family, divorce, sexuality, money, education, evolution, sociology, psychology, anthropology, feminism, history, cosmology, and numerous other issues you get the sick feeling that something is not right with the church. I don't even need to give you the statistics of how many evangelical pastors are involved in pornography (which just blew my mind), or who think sodomites should be able to have civil ceremonies.

Why am I giving you these horrible statistics? It is not to depress you. It is to convince you that *we will never win this war against abortion if we don't also oppose the faulty Christian worldviews that have made winning the war impossible right from the start.* And that is not an overstatement. The weak worldviews of the church of today will never win the war. They are inadequate to give faith. They are inadequate to give solutions. They are

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Abortions should be:

	Legal, all cases	Legal, most cases	Illegal, most cases	Illegal, all cases
All adults	22%	31	23	20
Evangelical white Protestants	13	21	28	35
Catholics	25	30	25	19
Non-evangelical white Protestants	25	42	22	11

inadequate to give the needed passion. Until the church sees Reformation, we will not win this war. We cannot be single-issue people.

The book of Jude is a fabulous book for uncovering the faulty views that exist in the twenty-first-century church of Jesus Christ. The church doesn't have the single-eyed slavery to Christ's will that Jude had in verse 1, and that he expected the church to have. The church doesn't have a proper view of mercy, peace, or love that is mentioned in verse 2. And maybe we can discuss some of these things this afternoon. Today's church doesn't have the earnest contending (which means fighting) for the historic faith in verse 3. It doesn't have the antithesis of verse 4, the belief in historical judgments, the use of imprecatory prayers, the commitment to church discipline, the hatred for sin, or the faith to believe that the church will win. You look at the last two verses and they are a declaration that the church will win. If you don't have faith that the church will win, you won't attempt to win. You will keep voting for the lesser of two evils, which means that you are constantly choosing evil. And this is why I say that if we are to win the war against abortion, we must help other Christians get back to a consistently Christian worldview and a consistently Christian approach to culture. This is one of the reasons why I am so thankful that you have authorized me to be involved with Biblical Blueprints, which is seeking to bring Reformation to the church and culture; it's seeking to bring a consistent worldview to Christian leaders.

Back in October I talked briefly on seven approaches that Christians have taken to culture. Six of those approaches guarantee the triumph of evil in the world whenever the church holds to them. I hope by now if you were asked what those seven approaches to culture were, you could rattle them off very quickly. The true approach has always been there, but there have always been counterfeit approaches that have destroyed both church and culture whenever they have dominated. And any time that the Reformed view of Jesus as the conqueror of culture and the transformer of culture has dominated, incredible righteousness, social change, prosperity, and other benefits have resulted. You can see it in American history, European history, Indian history, and African history. So before we look at this passage, let me quickly remind you of the six faulty views of culture. The sermon itself is actually going to be very quick. But I think this introductory material is really important. Let's look at these six counterfeit views.

1. Escape culture

What did monks in monasteries do? They escaped from culture, didn't they? So that's the first faulty view – escape from culture. If you don't like

abortion, then go to a monastery where you don't have to think about abortion. Or hole up in your family where you don't have to think about abortion. Some homeschoolers are homeschooling for the wrong reason. They are homeschooling because they are escapists. They don't care about the world. All they care about is their own family. They are no different than the monasteries. They have a faulty view of culture. Others hole up in their churches. Escaping from culture guarantees that the bad guys will win, and we will continue to have abortion in America. So cross that view off of your list of options and try to get other Christians to cross that view of their list as well.

2. Mix culture and Christianity

The second view that was imported into the church was initially done by Greek and Roman philosophers who got converted to Christianity. And I think what was going on was that they had spent a lifetime learning their philosophy and weren't about to dump all that education. So they tried to salvage it by mixing pagan philosophy with Scripture. The most famous mixer was Thomas Aquinas in the mid-twelve-hundreds. He mixed Aristotle's views on science, cosmology, economics, and many other things with the Bible and came up with the monstrosity that we now think of as the Roman Catholic Church. It was a new religion that started in the thirteenth century and gradually took over more and more of the church until the true church had to leave in the Reformation. The Greek Orthodox Church did the same thing with Plato and Plotinus.

But we Protestants are not exempt from this temptation. Twentieth century Christians went to government schools and mixed modernism with Christianity. They started believing weird things like evolution, socialism, and psychology. But in the late 1900's to the present, many Christians began mixing post-modernism with the Bible. That's essentially what the emergent church is, but it is fast becoming the evangelical church. And it has made the church so tolerant of anything (except for intolerance). People are nice and open to everything.

Let me just give you one example related to abortion. Back in 1984 IntVarsity Press published a book that tried to defend abortion from the Bible. Can you believe that? It was *Brave New People* by D. Gareth Jones. But he was just representing what was going on in evangelicalism. If you talk to Denny Hartford you will find that there are a lot of so-called evangelicals who get abortions. Remember that I started this sermon by pointing out that only 35% of white evangelicals believe abortion is morally

wrong in all cases. The figure for black evangelicals is much lower. Why do I harp on this? Because even an obvious issue like abortion can become confusing to Christians when they adopt the presuppositions of the world. And of course, that's what government education does – it fills your head with pagan presuppositions. Worldview is critical. And our kids will never get a comprehensive worldview if they do not start young. Classical education will not give your children a consistently Christian worldview. It doesn't mean they can't read the classics, but make sure you have first taught them how to see through the worldview of the classics. And I've got a reading list that can help you to do that. Take the PEERS test from the Nehemiah Institute and see if you adults need remedial training. You can do it right on the web. It's an eye opener.

3. Two kingdom theory (sacred/secular)

So there is escape from culture. Second, there is a mixing of paganism and Christianity. The third approach to culture that you find in Christianity is the Lutheran two-kingdom theory. And Christians on this theory occupy both the secular kingdom and the sacred kingdom. Melancthon said that Bible applies to the sacred kingdom of the church and natural law applies to the secular kingdom. Now, if your natural law is informed by Scripture, you won't go too bad. But when you unhinge natural law from Scripture, which virtually all natural law does, it won't work. Nowadays, many natural law advocates say that abortion is OK. In fact, go to the Natural Law Party's website. They are opposed to making abortion illegal. Natural law is a rubber nose that means whatever people want it to mean. And the reason is that there is no objective revelation they can appeal to. That's why even the Lutherans spoke of politics and culture as the secular arena. It's secular because God does not apply to it. And we say, "No. The Bible applies to all of life. And all of life must be under Christ. There is no secular." Cross that option off your list. And cross Westminster Theological Seminary in California off your list because they have become big promoters of an even more radical two-kingdom theory.

4. A ghetto counter-culture (tradition)

Moving quickly on, there is a fourth approach to culture that I like to term the ghetto counter-culture. A radical version of this would be the Amish. In Christ's day it was Pharisaism. This approach mixes tradition plus Scripture. They might still drive their buggies on the world's streets, but they have no impact, other than providing furniture. And that guarantees that abortion will triumph. I don't think any of you are tempted to become

Amish, but I have run across some Reformed people who have taken this approach.

5. Ignoring culture (fundamentalists)

The fifth approach is similar. It is to ignore culture. This is what fundamentalists have done. And fundamentalists have said, “why polish brass on a sinking ship. Just save souls.” Their attitude is “You can’t change the world, so why try?” And by the way, it’s not just dispensationalists who take this approach. There are a growing number of amil’s who take this approach too. They don’t think it is possible to make lasting change in culture, so they don’t try. So they have had no interest in opposing abortion, which once again guarantees that abortion will triumph.

6. Adopting culture (liberals)

The sixth approach is to adopt the culture wholesale. This is what liberals have done. And this is why every liberal church becomes a mirror of culture. The PCUSA, the Methodist Church, Episcopal Church, Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, and other mainline liberal denominations have taken this approach and are consequently pro-abortion and pro-homosexuality.

And those six compromising approaches to culture have kept the church from seeing the kind of societal blessings today that Christian nation after Christian nation has experienced over the past 2000 years. We have forgotten what it means to be a Christian nation. We have even doubted that the Great Commission’s command to make Christian nations is a fulfillable command. So they don’t take the road that leads to blessings. Whenever there is a fork in the road that gives an option, they take a different road than the transformational one. The rare exceptions, like when the Moral Majority roared forth in the Reagan years, peter out very quickly because there is no long-term vision to sustain it.

7. Transforming culture – cultural engagement (Reformed)

The approach of John Calvin was to return to the majority view of the church in the first 10 centuries that had Biblical blueprints as an answer to every problem in society and had a Biblical faith for the future to give them vision and energy to do so. This was the view of Athanasius. This was the view that took over Rome despite severe persecution. This is the view that saw abortion outlawed in numerous countries, even before those countries became Christian. It’s amazing the success that the early church had, and it’s amazing the success that missionaries with this view had in the 1800s. That

view was that Christ intends to be the conqueror of culture; the transformer of culture; the Lord of culture; the King of kings. The Dutch theologian and politician, Abraham Kuyper, summarized this view when he said, “*There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: ‘Mine!’*” When Reformed writers like Engelsma decry postmillennialism as heresy they know full well that they are robbing the church of faith and hope for the future. When they oppose theonomy, they know full well that they are opposing the only realistic alternative to humanism. But they don’t care, because they are convinced that the Bible does not allow for cultural victory over abortion or any other problem. It’s sad, and it flies in the face of 2000 years of history. It is certainly not Reformed.

Why was the church of the past so triumphant, and the modern church is not? It was because the church of the past for the most part had Calvin’s transformational view. And even before nations got converted, in country after country Christians worked hard and they saw abortion outlawed. If you want to read an encouraging book of the exciting strategies used to outlaw abortion in the past and how we can do it again, read George Grant’s fabulous book, *Third Time Around*. It is such an encouraging book. And if you like stories, it is filled with wonderful stories of the triumph of Christianity through men, women, and children – many of them little guys like David. They lived in far blacker times than we do, yet their version of Christianity triumphed. It was this kind of Christianity that characterized most of the Reformation. This is what drove the culture-transforming missions of the 1800s. And if the church would get back to it once again, it would turn America upside down.

Let’s take a quick peak at verses 12-13 so that I can share with you why modern humanists are no match for a vibrant Reformed Christianity:

I. Their Only Cultural Power is to Defile or Destroy (“Spots” or “Shoals” - v. 12)

First is the phrase, “**These are spots in your love feasts.**” If you want to be pessimistic, the church of Jesus Christ is polluted by such men today. If you want to be optimistic you can remember that Jude’s warnings helped the early church to overcome this problem. This is not a call to throw up your hands in despair. This is a call to identify the problem and deal with it.

In terms of power and influence, think of point #1 this way - the only cultural power these humanists have in either church or in society is the power to defile or destroy. They can’t construct *anything* positive. They

have nothing to contribute. And if the church would have the kind of vibrant Christianity that this book describes, no one would be attracted to those spots or stains.

Actually, the Greek word for “spots” can be translated two different ways. If you translate it like the NKJV does as “spots,” it emphasizes how a *garment* is ruined or defiled. But the word can also refer to underwater rocks that can destroy ships. And so some translations refer to these humanistic Christians as reefs or shoals that destroy the faith of others. I’m not enough of a Greek scholar to decide between those two translations, but it doesn’t matter. The same point is made.

Humanism is crafted by Satan to tear down everything that God stands for. But once there is nothing more to tear down, humanism becomes less and less attractive to those who are subject to it. I mean, who values a spot? Who values a reef? Nobody. Though humanism has some fun things in it, it destroys.

The second thing that we can say about point I is that reefs can be avoided by ships if the ships are warned about them. I believe that part of our ministry at Dominion is to warn other churches and other Christians about the reefs of humanism that have been tearing down the evangelical church. Omaha needs a lighthouse. Of if you buy into the translation of “spots,” Omaha needs laundry soap. And I hope that God will use our church to bless the broader church in Omaha with the warnings necessary to avoid the reefs and to hate even the garment defiled by the flesh. One friend said,

It was after World War I, that a philosopher of that day asked, “After so much death and suffering, how can we trust God any longer?” The sad thing is that the worldly philosopher was asking the wrong question. Rather the wise man should ask, “After so much death and suffering, how can we continue trusting in man?”

That’s why I say that we are living in exciting times. When you look at economics, every human system has failed. So why keep trusting humanistic ethics? These economic failures leave men much more ready to consider the Biblical system. When you look at politics, everything politicians have tried has failed. That leaves people ready to try Biblical politics. Education has failed; psychology has failed. I talked to a Psychologist who abandoned psychology and started using Biblical counseling after reading Kilpatrick’s book. And overnight his success rate skyrocketed. People are more and more realizing that far from providing solutions, humanistic religionists have been spots and reefs. They are the problem. They have been destroying our

country. More and more people on the web are willing to give the Bible a try. Be encouraged.

II. Because their dominion is self-serving, it is self-defeating. Tower of Babel (v. 12)

The second reason religious abortionists need not be feared is that they are self-serving. Verse 12 says, “**serving only themselves.**” They might claim that they are standing up for the rights of others, but they are self-serving. Humanism is at its root a selfish religion. You’ve probably heard the story that hit the news last week of the Australian couple in Victoria who has gone to court to obtain the right to keep aborting babies until they can conceive a girl. The only reason she is aborting the babies is because they are boys. This is blatant use of abortion for sex selection. But what I found fascinating was that the secular media picked up on how selfish this was. Here is Stephen Lunn’s satire on that whole event:

ME: Hello, doctor. As you know I have three sons. We've decided to go for a fourth child, but only on certain conditions.

Obstetrician (warily): Mmm.

Me: Yeah, you know, like that Victorian couple who had three boys and wanted a girl, so when their IVF treatment saw her become pregnant with twin boys, they aborted and started again. Now they've gone to the administration tribunal to win the right to select their child's sex via IVF.

Obstetrician (eyes widening): Well, those were pretty unusual circumstances. The couple was extremely focused on adding a daughter to their family. And they had previously lost a newborn daughter, you know.

Me: But if they win it will open the floodgates. And the fact is, by making their application it shows you have the capacity to do it. My Honda dealer can customize my SUV, I can get my kitchen remodeled to incorporate a cappuccino maker and I want you to make our No 4 to be just right.

Obstetrician: You do realize thousands of women undergo the often painful and emotionally draining IVF procedure and never manage to conceive. Just to get a pregnancy is considered a miracle for many couples.

Me: Blah, blah, emotional blackmail. Bang on all you like about heading down a dangerous road when one gender starts to be more highly valued than the other, but ask Gerry Harvey, the customer is always right. It's just a matter of whether you have the expertise to provide what I'm willing to pay for.

Obstetrician (extremely warily): Such as?

Me: OK. For starters, how early can you test for IQ? Unless she's smart, I'm not interested.

Obstetrician (loudly): Nurse!

Me: Also, I want my daughter to be pretty, but not too pretty. I don't want her life defined by her looks. And I want her to be confident but not boorish, bookish but not boring. And musical, let's not forget musical.

Obstetrician: Surely that's not all.

Me: Of course not. I'm also hoping you can ginger up the sporty gene a bit. Maybe golf. I can see her making a living on the Asian Tour in a couple of decades.

Obstetrician: You don't see any merit at all in the notion of life being a gift in itself and children being glorious uncertainties?

Me: Well, it's not really about them, is it? It's all about me. By the way, is there any way to make sure she's a Saints supporter?

It's all about me. It sometimes takes a while for people to realize how self-serving humanism is, but I think Americans are beginning to see it more and more. Because humanists are self-serving, they end up fighting against other self-serving humanists. From the tower of Babel to the present there is a long line of examples of humanistic conspiracies falling apart. Why? They serve only themselves.

In contrast, God's grace enables true believers to lay down their lives for their friends, to love their enemies and to have Spirit-given graces which can conquer the world. Now here is a scary thought. If you are doing nothing sacrificial to promote the cause of Christ; if you are only serving yourselves, you lack the qualifications to Reform the church or to transform culture. You are part of the problem. Each of these points serves as a point of antithesis between humanism and vibrant Christianity. So don't just be encouraged over the weakness that we see in them. Repent if any of these weaknesses also appear in us. We must have the servant's heart of Jude in verse 1.

III. Their empty promises will leave disillusionment (“clouds without water” - v. 12)

The third description in verse 12 shows us that the empty promises of the humanists will eventually leave disillusionment in its wake. They are called “**clouds without water.**” The promise of a cloud is to bring rain for the crops, right? And humanism loves to make grandiose promises that it is impossible for them to deliver on. For example, Planned Parenthood has constantly given the slogan, “Every child a wanted child.” They've never been able to deliver. Those who have promoted abortion have either not wanted *any* children, or have often been *frustrated* with the children they have. Ever since the beginning, Planned Parenthood has been making promises that they would make abortion rarer. They have not succeeded. They have tried to make STDs more rare. They have not succeeded. In fact, their philosophy has expanded STDs exponentially. They have promised that providing abortions will enable families to pursue their American dream. But what has really happened? There has been a skyrocketing increase of abuse, abandonment, divorce, and bondage. The world's way does not work on any level. Eventually these promises will bring disillusionment.

Part of our job in the next few years is to create a market for the Biblical answers by pointing out that every solution for the past 50 years that has been offered by government is a cloud of promise without the water of delivery. It is empty. When schools can't deliver on their promises, they

keep asking for more money. We ought to encourage our nation to begin questioning whether the NEA is a cloud without water. It can't produce. But we also need to point the finger back at the church - when the church buys into humanistic solutions, it becomes a cloud without water.

IV. Their constant change and vacillation will leave a yearning for absolutes (“carried about by the winds.” - v. 12)

The fourth feature of humanism is that its constant change and vacillation will leave a yearning for absolutes. Verse 12 says that they are “**carried about by the winds.**” Without absolutes, change is constant. Obama promised change, and he delivered. But change also gives a sense of rootlessness and dissatisfaction to the human heart. Post-modernism is going to produce this rootlessness. We need absolutes. God has built man to need absolutes. Unfortunately the post-modern church is not preaching absolutes. They want a new, kinder, friendlier Christianity without law, judgment, hell, or even disapproval. But that leaves them with nothing concrete to offer.

V. They can only live on the reputation of Christianity so long (“late autumn trees without fruit” - v. 12)

The fifth weakness of humanism is that it can only live on the reputation of Christianity for so long. Verse 12 goes on to describe them as “**late autumn trees without fruit.**” Why do the mainline Presbyterian churches, the Methodist Churches, the American Baptist churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Churches, etc. continue to have such influence? In part it is because those churches at one time produced fruit. They have a reputation for being fruit trees. In part it is because they still have money laid up from previous faithful generations. But once the fruitlessness of these denominations has become apparent, they start losing members like crazy. Just as one example, the PCUSA has lost 46% of its membership from 1965 to 2005. The losses keep accelerating. They are dying denominations. True Christianity will triumph. These liberal denominations will eventually die and rot.

VI. They have no life - Twice dead (v. 12)

I think that's in part why Jude calls them “**twice dead,**” which is the sixth description. They are dead in the previous sense of being past fruit bearing years. But they are dead in the root as well. Now that the evangelical and emerging church has rejected both the inerrancy and

sufficiency of Scripture, they have lost their root. And without a root the plant dies. Don't expect cultural-changing life from any church that rejects the five solas of the Reformation. It was those five solas that made the church once again turn the world upside down at the Reformation. Sola Scriptura, sola gratia, sola fide, Solus Christus, sole deo Gloria.

VII. They have no anchor or axiomatic starting point - Pulled up by the roots (v. 12)

The seventh description shows that God will eventually uproot these useless plants. He has done so many times in the past and He will do so again. He promised the church in Ephesus that if they didn't repent, He would pluck them up. Verse 12 says the same thing - "**pulled up by the roots.**" Praise Jesus! I am praying that these ungodly liberal denominations will be pulled up by their roots. That is an appropriate prayer. I am praying that Planned Parenthood will be pulled up by the roots. I am praying that anything (whether liberal or conservative) that is not rooted in God would be pulled up by the roots.

VIII. Raging waves which can't go past the bounds God has set (v. 13)

Verse 13 says, "**raging waves of the sea.**" Humanism can rage. And we are probably going to be seeing more raging of humanism against the church in America in the next few years. But that's OK. It will expose the reality of their system to deluded Christians who have been thinking they are friends. It will wake up and purify the church. But the waves of humanism cannot go one inch past the bounds that God has set for them.

The waves of humanism have been raging against John Piper, Kevin Swanson, Peter Hammond, Al Mohler, and any other leader who tries to push back. The waves of humanism have raged against Calvinism, postmillennialism, theonomy, or any other doctrine that gives people hope and a reason to have a victorious faith. Even genuine believers who embrace humanism will tend to rage against the truth. Part of it can be explained by the demonic. But part of it can be explained because they don't have a credible answer to our positions. I guess the feeling is that if you can't win the debate, attack the person. And that is what verse 13 goes on to describe.

IX. Foaming shame reveals their true character (v. 13)

"**...foaming up their own shame.**" Humanism is shameful when it is given full reign. It is not something to be proud about. Humanism produces

the atrocities of Stalin and Hitler and the Hutus in Rwanda. At the end of those wars even pagans were astonished at the shameful things that could come from their heroes. Humanism produces the economic stagnation of Roman Catholic countries. It produces the totalitarianism of Islam. It produces the shameful deeds that flow out of our government education. It is precisely when humanism is strongest and can rage the most against true Christianity that its shame is exposed the most. That's the time when everyone sees its dirty underwear. Even pagans were appalled when they found out the grisly details of late term abortionist, Dr. Kermit Gosnell this past week. He ought to get the death penalty. He is a Philadelphia doctor who has made millions doing late term abortions. But what has upset pagans is not the grisly procedure of abortion itself, but that he cut up live born babies. They are astonished at his preoccupation with death. His place is filled with body parts in jars.

When pagans see the logical end consequences of their philosophy, they begin to realize that the waves foaming against Christianity are shameful – nothing to be proud of. It's hard for even Democrats to be proud of our mayor. It's hard for even Democrats to be proud of what has been coming out of DC. We are starting to live in times when the skeletons are no longer hidden in the closet and people begin to realize that they need an option. When the PCUSA and Methodist church has been foaming up their own shame by promoting abortion, homosexuality, GLBT issues, goddess worship, and other shameful things, people have started voting with their feet. This is not the time to despair, but set up a banner to which the elect can repair. Amen?

X. Wandering stars (comets) which attract attention (shine) for a season, but which pass away. Comets are not the norm, and humanism is not the norm for human history.

There are two more descriptions which can give us hope to not grow weary in doing good. The tenth description is that they are “**wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.**” I take the wandering stars as a reference to comets. I don't think it is a reference to planets. They knew the planets did not wander. Jude is referring to comets that every once in a while wander by but then soon pass off the scene and are swallowed up by darkness. That is such a fitting picture of humanism! This speaks of the fact that though humanism can attract a great deal of attention through the light they supposedly bring, and can even produce a lot of fear and amazement, after a season their effect will be swallowed up and

men will return to the orderly arrangement that God ordained at creation. Humanism is not the norm for human history. It is an aberration. It is a comet. It is a wandering star. Comets are not the norm for human history. There are times and seasons when God allows them. But this speaks to me of the permanence of true Christianity and the temporary nature of apostasy. And that can encourage us to continue advancing Christ's kingdom.

XI. Think of 1) historical judgments, 2) final judgment, and 3) the church's calling down of judgments (vv. 13-15)

The final thing that Jude points out is that all humanism comes under the judgment of Christ. And there are three aspects to this judgment: 1) historical judgments, 2) the final judgment day, and 3) the judgments we call down from heaven. We have already seen that Jude declares “woe” to them in history. Part of that woe is that they would perish in the rebellion of Korah. In other words, Jude is calling the curse of God upon these apostates so that they would be taken out in history. Jude calls us to use imprecations upon apostates who are seeking to destroy and subvert Christianity. He calls upon us to pray for judgments to fall upon abortionists. When the church wakes up and begins to take Jude's admonitions seriously, and begins to take the imprecatory psalms seriously, we will see remarkable things happen. May God curse them quickly.

But secondly, Jude speaks not just of historical judgments, but also of a final day of judgment at the end of history. Verse 14 says, “**Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, ‘Behold the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints to execute judgment on all...’**” Humanism is destined to lose in history, but it is also destined to lose at the end of history. All of history is moving to the final goal of Christ's triumph over all His enemies. 1Corinthians 15 says that the last enemy to be destroyed will be death. That will be destroyed as he is coming back. But that implies that every other enemy will be put under Christ's feet before the Second Coming.

Conclusion

So here are my concluding thoughts. We should oppose abortion in every way that we can, yes. As we are able we can protest and pray imprecatory prayers at the abortion mills. We can get involved in politics. We can write. We can help lawyers sue abortion clinics for damages done to their clients, not because we are siding with those who paid for an abortion, but because such lawsuits can pit Hittite against Midianite. We can support

Christian candidates with a consistent (and I mean a consistent) worldview. Some of you might run for office. So there are many things we can do to try to stop abortion.

But let's not forget that the reason we still have abortion in this city is because of a far worse problem within the church. It is the *church* that desperately needs Reformation. The *church* once again needs to be convinced of the old fashioned transformational approach to culture where the whole Bible is applied to all of life. And they need to talk about it, blog about it, write letters to the editor about it, and in other ways spread the word. Steve tries regularly to write letters to his newspaper. We can do the same.

But when I saw the impact that Bojidar Marinov has had in Bulgaria simply through blogging, I realized afresh what a mighty sword the pen is. Think of what could happen if one fifth of this congregation started their own blogs dealing with hardcore issues that need to be changed. There is already a growing movement of hard core Christians across this nation who are making forward progress. We see far more movement in the right direction today than existed 20 years ago.

And by God's grace we can triumph even as the early church triumphed against all odds and took over Rome. There is no reason for us to be discouraged by what we see around us if we realize that it is simply the expression of the self-defeating nature of all humanism. Incremental compromise won't work. Bold promotion of truth done in faith by the church will. Let's do what we can and trust God with the results. Amen.

The Future of Pro-Abortion Humanists Jude 12-15

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Introduction - What is your attitude toward culture?

1. E_____ culture
2. M_____ culture and Christianity
3. Two k_____ theory (sacred/secular)
4. A ghetto counter-culture made up of t_____ and Christianity
5. I_____ culture (fundamentalists)
6. A_____ culture (liberals)
7. Transforming culture; cultural engagement; Christ the Lord of culture (Reformed)

Some reasons why these humanists have no future:

- I. Their Only Cultural Power is to Defile or Destroy (“Spots” or “Shoals” - v. 12)
- II. Because their dominion is self serving, it is self-defeating. Tower of Babel (v. 12)
- III. Their empty promises will leave disillusionment (“clouds without water” - v. 12)
- IV. Their constant change and vascillation will leave a yearning for absolutes (“carried about by the winds.” - v. 12)
- V. They can only live on the reputation of Christianity so long (“late autumn trees without fruit” - v. 12)
- VI. They have no life - Twice dead (v. 12)
- VII. They have no anchor or axiomatic starting point - Pulled up by the roots (v. 12)
- VIII. Raging waves which can’t go past the bounds God has set (v. 13)
- IX. Foaming shame reveals their true character (v. 13)
- X. Wandering stars (comets) which attract attention (shine) for a season, but which pass away. Comets are not the norm, and humanism is not the norm for human history.
- XI. Think of 1) historical judgments, 2) final judgment, and 3) the church's calling down of judgments (vv. 13-15)

Conclusion

