Fundamentalist Humanism

Are Humanists Really “Pro-Choice”?

By Tom Willis

Many people erroneously believe that Humanism = Atheism. Historically, as near as I can tell, the term was first applied to “Christians” who felt that human opinion, Greek and Roman philosophers and “science” were on a par with Scripture in determining truth. Thomas Aquinas may have been the spiritual father of this notion. He promoted the doubly false doctrine that Man’s mind was not fallen, only his soul. Therefore, man could profitably study Greek and Roman philosophers, who had been previously ignored as largely worthless (a position I tend to share). An even more profound fallout from Thomas was the notion that “There are two books laid before us to study, to prevent our falling into error; first, the volume of the Scriptures, which reveal the will of God; then the volume of the creatures, which express his power.” Sir Francis Bacon. While sounding religious, this notion, coupled with the rest of Bacon’s theories had the effect of placing the study of nature (“science”) on a par with Scripture, and relegating Scripture to telling us only about “God’s will.” But God’s position is “If I speak to you of earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe when I speak to you of heavenly things?” Not surprisingly, “science” quickly became superior to Scripture, and Bacon’s “scientific method” was deemed to yield truth, even though virtually all philosophers admit in some way what Popper stated flatly, “Science aims at true theories, even though we can never be sure any particular theory is true.” Popper, Karl R., Conjectures and Refutations - The Growth of Scientific Knowledge.

Soon being Humanist was popular, you could use “science” to attack Christianity, while pretending to be Christian. Eventually atheists felt left out of this wonderful program (a bit of humor). Desiring not to be outdone by Karl Marx in attacking Christianity, they wrote themselves a “Humanist Manifesto,” in which they refer to themselves as “Secular Humanists.” Thus “Humanist” is a term, popular for 1000 years, which refers to a spectrum of folks from “Christian” to Atheist who have a key common conviction: that “science” and human reason can outperform Scripture, at least in determining truth about Nature and History.

Humanists Claim to be Pro-Choice

Nearly all Humanists profess to be “Pro-Choice.” But, to them, the phrase means exclusively “the choice of a woman to kill her baby, unborn or partially born.” They are quite adept, even crafty, in phrasing their support for “Choice.” Let’s begin with some examples. Since Dan Rather has made a lot of news lately with his version of objective investigative reporting exploding in his face, it might be instructive to observe a fairly competent propagandist pushing his agenda:

“U.S. Supreme Court secrets revealed: The inside story of how close the court came to taking away abortion rights and a woman's right to choose.” --Dan Rather on the CBS Evening News, March 4, 2004. Note that, to Rather, killing her baby is a woman’s right. “While trying this week to defuse the issue of abortion and woman’s right to choose, the Bush-Quayle campaign has opened up a new attack on an old target, the American news media. For many of their problems, they blame the press.” --Dan Rather on the CBS Evening News, August 14, 1992.

“However, the Religious Right is insisting that the Republican Party be opposed to a woman's right to choose an abortion. What's the party to do about that?” --Dan Rather to Republican analyst Kevin Phillips during live 1996 Election Night coverage. Rather: "On the Republican side, George W. Bush plunged to the Right with more anti abortion talk, trying to position himself as the anti abortion candidate." “Now Bill Whitaker covering Bush's sudden rush to the Right.” Whitaker: “George W. Bush today ratcheted up the rhetoric on a tried-and-true Right-wing issue: abortion.” -- Dan Rather and Bill Whitaker on the CBS Evening News, January 21, 2000 [All emphasis mine].

If you read those quotes carefully, you learn that Dan believes it is a “woman’s right to choose” whether to kill her baby, and that only the “Right-wing” and/or the “Religious Right would advocate any other idea. You see, Dan is Pro-Choice, though it is unlikely he would say “choice to kill a baby.”

Humanists go Beyond Pro-Choice, to “Affirmative Action.” I am not referring here to racial issues, but to ones sexual. Humanists strongly affirm the need to train all children how to perform every conceivable sex act, encourage them to engage in them, exhort them that all such acts have equal merit (and certainly equal moral or ethical merit, since there is no such thing), and then, of course, kill any “unwanted” results.

But, Are Humanists Really Pro-Choice?

Do they favor a parents right to choose how their child should be educated? No, almost to a man. Humanists rabidly prefer state owned and operated schools teaching only Humanist “science”
Humanists are Anti-Choice in education!

Anyone familiar with science knows that it cannot repeat the past, and all efforts to see evolution in the present have failed. Therefore, most Humanists, being Pro-Choice, favor presenting all the evidence on origins. Hoo Haw! If you want to watch a person sputter and writhe in agony, just suggest “Choice” among origins theories. “Evolution is believed by all competent scientists. Only a few religious fanatics believe anything else.” Humanists are Anti-Choice in origins theories!

Humanists advocate government funding of “Planned Parenthood,” a group whose primary financing strategy is encouraging promiscuity in youth, then charging the kids a fortune to kill the baby that results. Surely, being “Pro-Choice,” Humanists are for funding the Family Research Council, a group that promotes abstinence. Surely they would want the kids to have a choice. Get a reality check, man. Humanists quiver with rage over even the idea of showing pregnant girls a picture of their own baby, telling them something about how the Planned Parenthood will dispose of the baby is unthinkable to them. Why? Planned Parenthood is one of the most profitable Murder-for-hire gangs in history. How many hired killers like to have a friend of their intended victim warned in advance. Furthermore, to a Humanist, admitting that abstinence is a valid alternative to “sexual choice” is tantamount to admitting that Christianity is a valid alternative to Humanism. Humanists are Anti-Choice in sexual counseling. To a fundamentalist Humanist, there is no alternative religion. They are Anti-Choice in religion.

How about “Choice in Health Insurance?” “What are you, some sort of Right-wing extremist or something? Health Insurance must be government owned and operated. Any other suggestion could only come from the fanatical Right!” Humanists are Anti-Choice in Health Insurance!

Ah, but surely Humanists are Pro-Choice in Retirement Plans? OOPS, not quite. Nothing gets Humanists more agitated (except perhaps the right to kill babies) than the notion that a human being ought to have some choice in retirement plans. “You fool, that would destroy the Social Security system.” Humanists are Anti-Choice in retirement plans!

Next consider “Choice in Gun Ownership.” Ever met a Humanist who favored Choice in this area? Well, maybe a handful, but most feel strongly that “Guns kill people,” and Humanists are against killing people, except, of course, very young people by their own mothers. The Constitution unmistakably guarantees the right to keep and bear arms, with no hint it intended any “sporting” arms. In fact, the constitution clearly means weapons used in war. Now some might argue that weapons are more dangerous now. If that is the issue, then, the Constitution provides for its own amendment, but Humanists prefer to ignore covenants. Humanists are Anti-Choice on citizens right to bear arms, and Anti-Constitution, but only where they disagree with the constitution.

Does the foregoing have anything to do with Creation Science? It certainly does. Evolutionism is the central doctrine of Humanism. Evolutionism is either totally Anti-God, or may pretend to be neutral about God while requiring that you ignore or discard His Word. But the truth of Jesus is directly tied to the truth of His word. Humanism is Antichrist in every sense of the word. The Bible predicts delusion for those who reject truth. This article illustrates that delusion and/or lies permeate Humanist thought.

Some will argue that the foregoing discussion is not complete, or that it is inaccurate because the positions discussed above are not crisply divided Humanist/Christian. For example, some Humanists, e.g., some Humanist Libertarians are Pro-Choice on some of the issues above. And some Christians are “Pro-Choice” on abortion, and anti-choice on some of the other issues above. Yes, I concede it is true that, when you try to fit all people in a few boxes, some error is inevitable. But, consider that, for example, those who say the Yankees are the best team in the league do not expect them to win every game, yet they still make the generalization that the “Yankees are best.” Surely, those who take drugs to help with various diseases are aware that drug effect varies from case to case and no drug is even partially effective on all cases. Yet most would reject the notion that drugs should be kept off the market until they are 100% effective and 100% safe.

Also, there is not one widely accepted theory of modern science that fits all observed data. In the more complex fields such as those involving matter, “scientists” routinely change definitions to help obfuscate conflicting experimental data.

I would also point out that Libertarian Humanists are a tiny minority of Humanists. The vast majority are Marxist, especially when you count the ones who are Marxists, but ignorant of Marxism.

Regarding “Christians” who take other positions, I would challenge any who disagree with my generalizations above to conduct their own poll of “Christians.” Write proposed laws on all the above issues, then ask “Christians” to vote on them. But, surveys that claim X% of “Christians” believe this or that are meaningless. Only Jesus can define who is his disciple. Therefore, you need to include questions like these: Do you believe: 1. Jesus is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life”? 2. That “no one comes to the Father but by” Jesus? (John 14:6) 3. In John 17:17, Jesus said, “Sanctify them through Your truth. Your Word is truth.” Can you defend your answers to this poll from the Word of God?

Use these three questions to group your survey. They may not provide absolute proof of a person’s status as a Christian, but they do provide far more insight than merely asking, “Are you Christian, Jew, Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, None of the above?” Further, many “Christians” have not really studied all the issues above from a Christian perspective. While they may have positions they currently hold, they may not be “Christian positions,” they may be simply some baggage they brought with them which they have not yet discarded.

But, even with all these disclaimers, I challenge my readers to falsify the, admittedly, generalizations made herein. My challenge is that my claim can be falsified by running the tests suggested. I suggest that more than 75% of acknowledged Humanists will come down as suggested herein, and, as Dan Rather and most of his fellow Humanists know full well, the same is true of the Christians. If not, he would not need to continually use phrases like “Right-wing” and “Religious right” to label those who disagree with his religious/political views. Therefore, I think the sampling above is adequate to demonstrate that “Pro-Choice” is not something which Humanists are. “Pro Choice” is something they claim to be when it suits their political goals. In fact, Fundamentalist Humanists are rabidly “Anti-Choice” except where the priesthood of their religion demands “freedom.”
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