



Dear Neighbour,

From generation to generation there are enormous changes taking place before our eyes. I received an email recently that highlighted some of the changes we have seen this century.

The 21st century is the “LESS” Century:

*Our Phones ~ Wireless; *Cooking ~ Fireless; *Cars ~ Keyless; *Food ~ Fatless; *Tyres ~ Tubeless; *Youth ~ Jobless; *Leaders ~ Shameless; *Relationships ~ Meaningless; *Attitude ~ Careless; *Babies ~ Fatherless; *Feelings ~ Heartless; *Children ~ Mannerless; *Politicians ~ Gutless; Everything is becoming LESS, but still our hopes are ~ Endless. All this, quite frankly, leaves me ~ SPEECHLESS!!

I would like to add one more ‘less’ to the list: *Society ~ GODLESS...

Atheists believe that God does not exist. Atheism is not new. The Bible says, ***The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none***

who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one

(Psalm 14:1-3).

Determined Agnostics, believe that

no-one can know

if there is a God; Apathetic Agnostics,

don't care

if there is a God; and Undecided Agnostics,

don't know

if there is a God, but would

dearly like to know

if there is.

When I was young most people believed in God, even if they didn't know Him personally. The biggest hurdle to faith was convincing people that they could not work their own way into heaven by doing good works. Christians could give non-Christians tracts (The Four Spiritual Laws – do you remember them?) and by reading and understanding the illustrations, a person could grasp the gospel message and receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour. However, times have changed. Today, if you hand someone a tract they are likely to tell you that they don't believe there *is* a God!

In our human secular society man has been elevated and God has been abandoned. TRUTH is no longer defined as *absolute*, but *relative*. In other words, truth has become what the INDIVIDUAL decides it should be. Have you heard people say, "That may be true for you, but it's not true for me"? Truth has become the casualty and it has been sacrificed on the altar of tolerance. TOLERANCE no longer means respecting other people's rights and opinions. Tolerance now means that "everyone is right and all ways are valid and are determined by the individual or their culture". What happens when there is no longer any right or wrong? – people lose their moral compass, their God-given conscience, by which we know the difference between right and wrong, truth and error. This leads to a lowering of moral standards and an inability to resist wrong behaviour. Jesus said, "***I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.***" (John 14:6 emphasis mine).

All religions make exclusive claims, and Jesus clearly states that Truth is found in a PERSON, that is, Himself. If our society is to once again to become a godly society there needs to be a return to the Truth. ***Buy the truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding*** (Proverbs 23:23). You cannot 'buy' favour with God and you cannot 'buy' forgiveness for your sins, but you can make a decision to 'buy' into the truth. That

is the decision I am hoping that you will make today.

x Libby