

At the time of Noah almost the entire human race rejected God and God's standards of reality, truth, and value. They lived by their own self-made standards and did as they pleased, filling the earth with corruption and violence as recorded in Genesis 5:5-13. The Lord found it necessary to destroy all but a handful of people.

After the Flood, many of Noah's descendants returned to the ways of pre-Flood mankind. They desired to establish some sort of firm memorial to their efforts that could not be destroyed or wiped from the earth, whether by a flood or some other natural calamity. They built a city and a great tower, which was to be a center of worship -- worship not of God but of *man* -- man's abilities, man's power, man's glory! But God scattered these proud men over the entire earth, as recorded in Genesis 11.

In Genesis 19 we find that the men of Sodom rejected the law of God written into their nature, and claimed the right to determine on their own what was moral and what was immoral. They decided to exercise their sexual preference, which was homosexuality. God destroyed them all with a rain of fire and brimstone!

This attitude of rejection of God and revelation, and espousal of man-centered affirmation and value judgment is illustrated very clearly in Romans 1:18-32. There we are told that although unrighteous human beings are aware of God's existence and something of His nature, although they know that those who practice such evil things deserve God's wrath, nevertheless they suppress these truths and worship what they want to, and do what they wish, preferring to fulfill *their* desires and gratify *their* lusts. This is the very *spirit* of Secular Humanism, the attempt to dethrone the one true and living God, and to enthrone sinful, finite man!

What Can Christians Do About Secular Humanism?

What can Christians do about Secular Humanism? Do they have a responsibility to attempt to halt or at least slow down the erosion of moral values and standards in a pluralistic and highly secularized society?

First, the Bible clearly teaches that Christians have a responsibility to attempt to change the moral and spiritual character and conduct of the non-Christian members of their society. They can do this by witnessing to the *gospel* of Christ's salvation as the means that the Holy Spirit uses to