

Truths to die for – Universal Original Sin

What needs to happen to make the world a better place?

Humanist manifesto (1973) “no deity will save us; we must save ourselves”

John Dunphy, "I am convinced that the battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers that correctly perceive their role as proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that recognizes and respects the spark of what theologians call divinity in every human being...The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and new -- the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism, resplendent with the promise of a world in which the never-realized Christian ideal of 'love thy neighbour' will finally be achieved."

“Humanity is universally sinful and guilty before God since the Fall, rendering men and women subject to God's wrath and condemnation.”

What is sin?

Sin = missing the mark, an active rebellion against God’s will, going astray, the twisting of God’s word, moral failure, unrighteousness, breaking God’s law, and Godlessness.

So how far has it spread?

Universal

Romans 3:10-12, “There is no one righteous not even one, no one who understands no one who seeks God, all have turned away”

Romans 3:23, “for all have sinned a fallen short of the glory of God”

Isaiah 53:6, “We all like sheep have gone astray, each of us has go to his own way and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all”

Things we are are not saying ...

Sin affects every part of life... our will ... our minds ... our affections .. our speech and our behaviour

What are the implications of our universal sin?

- 1) We must be rescued by an outside entity.**
- 2) We must tell others of the problem and the solution**
- 3) We are still responsible or accountable**
- 4) Personal and structural change will be tainted by our sinfulness**
- 5) Pursue holiness for the right reasons**