



The Sociological Apocalypse
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I. The Bible must be the ultimate guide for our life.

A. Nathaniel Braden "Father of the Self Esteem Movement"

B. Self-esteem: "The idea that a focus on self will lead to personal fulfillment and satisfaction."

C. Biblical Worldview: "A pursuit of God as the Creator and Savior will produce satisfaction and true joy."

1. Proverbs 3;6: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path." 2. John He must increase; and I must decrease.

II. Man-centered philosophies have problematic consequences

A. The History of the Self Esteem movement

Nathaniel Braden --> Peer-reviewed journal articles in higher education (later 1970's) --> Secondary and elementary educators -(1980's through 90's) --> The millennial generation influenced by the concept of self-esteem (1984-2002)

B. Problems resulting from the movement

1. 6 out of 10 white male college graduates will return home by the age of 25
2. 1-4 females college graduates return home by the age of 25.
3. average job retention for a millennial age 21-30 is 9 months
4. Psychologists have recognized a quarter-life crisis (Dr. Oliver Robinson University of Greenwich in London)
5. Millennials lack the capability of success in the workforce
6. National Academy of Science in 2002 raised the time period of Adolescence to age 30
7. Personal Anecdotes
 - a. Metal Fabricator
 - b. Kim Kardashian, Britany Spears

Michael Kimmel: "Somewhere between 16-29 they enter 'guyland' and seem unable to commit to marriages families or long-term jobs."

Dr. Jean Twenge: Generation Me "most narcissistic generation in the history of the world"

"In the early 1950's only 12% of teens aged 14-16 agreed with the statement 'I am an important person.' by the late 1980's an incredible 80 percent-almost seven times as many-claimed they were important."

The Self-esteem movement and its negative consequences present a problematic pattern of denying both the Creator and His creative and redemptive plan.

C. New Solutions: The Gender Identity Crisis "in the way that the self-esteem movement shaped the minds and ultimately the behavior of a generation a new movement of gender identity will influence the coming "z" generation.

1. Michael Kimmel *The Gendered Society*
2. *Sex Gender and Sexuality: The New Basics*

Goodbye to Gender Distinction: James Messerschmidt "gender is an achieved through the application and social acceptance of identificatory characteristics that proclaim one as "male" or as "female"

Heterosexuality: It's Just Not Natural. Chris Ingraham "rendering one form of socio-sexual relations as dominant by constructing it as "natural" is both contradictory and violent. In other words, the heterosexuality we learn to think of as "natural" is anything but."

A World without Gender: Making the Revolution. "With all the diversity and divisions of gender identities and gender practices the ultimate paradox is that gender systems are still binary."

D. New Problems: Why is this so Bad?

- An earlier loss of innocence and sexual awareness
- No value in monogamy
- Rise in sexual abuses including pedophilia and rape
- A disproportioned value of sexual encounters
- A misunderstanding of our human functions resulting in a debilitating work force.
- Rejection of the Biblical view of marriage, sexuality and the place for intercourse.

- New classes of humans People to identify others based upon who they have intercourse with. ex. LGBTQA
- A heighten obligation to participate in sex.
- Disillusionment: In the way that the millennial generation was not able to function in the workplace the "z" generation will not be able to function as humans.

E. Conclusions: Our culture has demolished the truth and is now attacking the very foundation of what makes us human. It will be impossible to proceed as a society without a Biblical understanding.

Practical Conclusions for protecting molding, and launching a generation with a Biblical Worldview.

I. Go to the extreme. Develop a serious commitment to...

- A. Protecting your child from lies and sin (il. Chicago in the winter)
- B. Preparing your child for the future (il. swimming in the pool)

II. Understand the difference between abstinence and purity (notes)

III. Teach them a Biblical worldview

- A. You cannot teach the truth unless you know the truth yourself (il. Dairy Queen)
- B. Many times, God explains why

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