

INTRODUCTION: The world has about lost sight of right and wrong. In arithmetical problems we have what is known as "the common denominator." Discovery and correct use of "the common denominator" will solve any problem otherwise difficult, if not impossible to solve.

We have in mind certain aims and goals in life which are necessary and worthy, if such aims and goals are right within themselves. A "common denominator" is needed if we are to maintain right balance and come up with the right answer.

THE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF YOUR PURPOSE

*Helplessness of Power
Weakness of Power*

1. What is your purpose-goal in life?

1. Whatever your aim you must have a "common denominator." A level from which you seek the answer.

2. When God is ruled out.

1. If we have, and all evidence would indicate that we have moved into a materialistic, sensate culture where our preoccupation with ease, comfort and physical well-being rules out any concept of Heaven above and beyond the Great Society itself

1. We have made gold, comfort, ease and physical well-being our "common denominator." Luke 12: 16-21; 1 Cor. 15:32-Isaiah 22:13; "If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die."

3. When we have made gold and ease, Physical comfort and pleasure our god, certain things have come to pass. Some examples:

1. We have ruled out the old-fashioned "good-doers", doers of good, for the more popular "do-gooders."

(1) Spiritual and political demoralization is the price we have willingly paid for all of this.

(2) Because of this we can no longer recognize, or recognizing it we can not bring ourselves to accept our God-imposed personal responsibilities.

2. Two things result from this:

(1) All distinction between right and wrong has been destroyed. A bit of rationalizing does away with all wrong. Judges 17:6; 21:25; "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." They soon clamored for a king that they might be like the world about them: 1 Sam. 8:1, 19,20.

(2) Losing distinction between right and wrong, walking in peripheral distractions, we have thrown Almighty God into all but total eclipse; over-run all morality to find our selves walking in the broad road of skepticism and downright atheism.

(3) Why all of this: The people in general have had the wrong "common denominator! TOO MUCH: Gold, ease: easy come easy go; Pleasure-mad people rejecting personal responsibility-rejecting God's way.

HOW MAY ALL THIS BE CURED-OVERCOME?

1. We need, we must have, we will have to have a "common denominator," The right "common denominator," if we are to obtain the right answer. Otherwise, we will find ourselves with the wrong answer and in the wrong place at last.

2. First, we must determine what our purpose, aim, goal in this life is. When we determine what our goal in this life is; then we have determined our eternal destiny. If we would be saved then:

1. "The common denominator" of our purpose is: FAITH IN ALMIGHTY GOD. Armed with our faith in ALMIGHTY GOD as our "common denominator" it is then that every sin, every ism, becomes immediately our arch enemy.

2. With faith in God as our "common denominator" we will accept personal responsibility. Elders, deacons, preachers, members, will open their eyes and face up to the local duties and responsibilities daily about us.

*Make everything
Conform to
Principles
Satisfactory
to ourselves*

always

