

The Age of Authenticity

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Modern authenticity does not seek the authentic Gospel. No, we live in the Secular Age and must turn inward to find our own authentic selves. The educators say "follow your bliss" but the rabble just says "do your own thing." Armed with this doctrine, the young who follow their own bliss don't add much bliss to others so they don't make much money at it. Soon or later they learn that to remain authentic they must force others to accept their bliss and pay for it.

Take abortion, for example. How does a normally rational human being accept the killing of an unborn baby? Most men quickly condemn premeditated murder as a capital crime and demand a severe punishment. However, expressing your authentic self really must not be diverted by an unexpected pregnancy. Babies demand enormous amounts of time and emotional investment let alone financial investment. Taking on the raising of a baby can easily lower your social class status since you will not be able to afford the new car payment nor the house payment in a better neighborhood. It might compromise your health or even limit your social life. Who needs a crying baby in the middle of the night? You can just see your authentic self-expression flying out the window. Imagine submitting to the pressures of being a good parent and everyone judging you for what you do or don't do for the child!

Take faithfulness to one's marriage vows, as another example. Does anyone accept the virtue of adultery and betrayal? Who doesn't condemn a cheater or a home-wrecker? However, you can't expect someone "to soldier on in an uninspiring marriage when they could be following their bliss with someone more compatible." E-Harmony.com has the answer for you! No wonder the Authentic Gospel is so despised by this generation! Although we hate the consequences of adultery, every man, woman, and child should have the "right" to express his authentic self and "be happy" and "do his own thing." Does not God want you to be happy? Does He not love you? Men and women shun marriage and family chasing their own bliss and what bliss do they find? They kill their marriages and their babies in a blind quest that leads only to their own deaths in sin, shame, disgust, and loneliness. Are we having fun yet?

Jesus said, If man would be my disciple, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Take my yoke upon you and find rest for your souls. tp