

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship 9:00 AM

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### THE BIBLE AND TODAY'S WORLD

The Bible is alive and speaks today but few are listening and far more than we realize, are laughing at it and us. The result - Our day is one of profound disillusionment and despair. We have adopted the gospel of humanism (We can take care of ourselves. Christianity and other religions are a crutch weak people use.) and have put ourselves at the center of everything. We decide what is right and wrong and what is true and false. We live by our standards, our views and our rules. The result is terrible danger all around and terrible despair within. Dr. Carl Jung said, "The central neurosis of our time is emptiness." At the end of his life Buddha said, "I am still searching for truth." That is the philosophy of modern man as he refuses to look and listen to the One who said, "**I am the Truth.**" (Jn. 14:6)

In art, literature and music, the mood is pessimism and despair. Eugene O'Neill, in his "Long Day's Journey into Night" said, "Life's only meaning is death ... Death becomes like a blanket on a cold night." A group of college students were asked to define "life" and two of the answers that were published in the campus newspaper

were, "Life is the sentence we serve for the crime of being born." "Life is a joke that isn't funny."

There is no meaning, no joy, and no real life in the world today. Why? Camus said it right, "Man cannot live without meaning." Add to that what Jesus said, "**Man cannot live by bread (material, physical things) alone.**"

Why have we reached this point of despair? Simple. In the Eighteenth Century the Bible died in the hands of the rationalists. In the Nineteenth Century God died in the systems of the philosophers and the materialism of the masses. The result is, in the Twentieth Century man as a spiritual being has died bowing before the altar of greed and selfishness, singing, "Eat, drink and be merry / For tomorrow we die."

An amazing thing has happened in the past few months. The sale of Bibles has grown tremendously. And the ones buying them are young adults. Strangely, they are turning away from the church in droves. If they search those Bibles praying for answers, they will learn with John Greenleaf Whittier:

We search the world for truth, we call,  
the good, the true, the beautiful.

From graven stone and written scroll,  
and all old flower fields of the soul.

And weary seekers of the best,  
we come back, laden from our quest,  
to find that all the sages said,  
is in the Book our mothers read.

Someone asked Billy Graham why he preached out of a Book that is 2000 years out of date and he said, "You are right when you say the Bible is 2000 years out of date. It is 2000 years AHEAD OF OUR TIME."