

Integration With Society?

Society seems to possess a real genius for being wrong, even the educated world.

As Christians we cannot afford to be wrong.

A person who conducts their life according to the words of their Creator God, as recorded in the Christian Bible, is living by what is righteous.

This society constantly wants to “*educate*” such people, who are obedient to the Creator God, Christians.

Society being very fluid, moves like the wind, going all out in one direction until the novelty wears off or there is a war or depression.

Then the wind of society moves in another direction, expecting everyone to go along with this change.

At this time the wind of society is blowing in the direction of social integration, sometimes called social adjustment.

According to this new notion, society has a best-of-all model after which we must all pattern our lives if we want to escape sundry psychosomatic disorders and emotional upsets. We are being told by “*authorities*,” the only way to reduce nervous and mental friction to a minimum is to become well-adjusted to the other members of society, whatever their rituals, race or religion.

Education therefore teaches first of all we have to accept and adjust to whatever we experience in society.

Whatever people happen to be interested in at the moment must be accepted as normal and any nonconformity on our part is bad for us and everyone else.

Our highest ambition, we are told, should be to become integrated to the mass of people and lose our moral individuality.

Anyone who resists this trend in education is considered a killjoy, spoilsport, old-fashioned and dogmatic.

Yet we who are Christians are supposed to be a people apart. [**John 17:14-17; 1 John 2:15-17**]

Christians claim to have discarded worldly wisdom for wisdom that is eternal, as recorded in the Creator God’s Word, the Christian Bible.

This God-given wisdom is what guides our lives.

We have thrown our lot in with the One who, while He was on earth as a human being, was the most unadjusted of all human beings, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ would **not** be integrated into the society in which He lived.

Jesus Christ stood above society and condemned it by withdrawing from it even while dying for it.

Die for society He did, but surrender to it He would not.

The Wisdom of the cross is repudiation of the world’s “*norm*.”

Jesus Christ, not society that is ever changing its direction, is the pattern of the Christian life. **[Hebrews 13:8]**

The true Christian seeks adjustment, not to the world, but to the will of the Creator God, as it is expressed in His Eternal Word, the Christian Bible.

To the degree a Christian is integrated into the will of the Creator God, they are out of adjustment with the deceived human society. **[Revelation 12:9; 2 Corinthians 4:4]**

The Christian sees the world as a sinking ship from which they escape by abandonment.

The Christian Church's power over this society springs out of its unlikeness to the world society, never from integration into it. **[2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Revelation 18:1-5]**