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(#131) The Proverbs of Solomon 18:1-2- For Generation Drop-outs

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 18:1-2:

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; he rages against all wise judgment. A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart.

Every generation seems to have a percentage who rebel against previous traditions, customs, and conventions. This proverb points out the weakness of those who think they don't need to listen to the preceding generation who has learned life's lessons. The irony of it all is that these who struggle for individualism lose it just as fast as they obtain it by becoming just another of their "movement!" Beginning in the 20th Century, this attitude has been exploited with gurus, college professors, priests, church leaders, and, especially, the media and entertainment professionals. With each generation, from public schools to personal friendships, children are being taught to reject: parents' morals, society's restrictions, religious faith, and personal integrity. There has been created a "generation gap" vacuum which the godless, indecent, immoral, perverse, and dictatorial have gladly filled with their damning ideas! Karl Marx wrote:

There are, besides, eternal truths, such as Freedom, Justice, etc., that are common to all states of society. But communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience.

What does this accusation reduce itself to? The history of all past society has consisted in the development of class antagonisms, antagonisms that assumed different forms at different epochs.

But whatever form they may have taken, one fact is common to all past ages, viz., the exploitation of one part of society by the other. No wonder, then, that the social consciousness of past ages, despite all the multiplicity and variety it displays, moves within certain common forms, or general ideas, which cannot



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completely vanish except with the total disappearance of class antagonisms.

The communist revolution is the most radical rupture with traditional relations; no wonder that its development involved the most radical rupture with traditional ideas. -- *The Communist Manifesto, 1848*

Long before Karl Marx, the Devil has filled young souls with promises of liberation from their parent's generation. The Kingdom of Israel was torn in two when Rehoboam refused the advice of his father, Solomon's, advisors ([1 Kings 12:1-15](#)). [Proverbs 18:1](#) speaks to these misguided souls, whether Hipsters, Beatniks, Hippies, or New Agers.

He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good. ([Proverbs 19:8](#))

[Proverbs 18:2](#) calls the person "a fool" who speaks only what he/ she thinks he/ she knows without any counsel or advice from those who came before. In other words, much study of accurate history, not a re-interpreted "shortened form," is essential for any generation to make proper progress!

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