

Ideas Have Consequences

In all God's creation, human beings are unique because humans have ideas. We were designed to create, oppose, critique, analyze, improve, learn from mistakes, and more. We question things as they are, understanding that it is not nature that changes things, but humans. We change things through ideas, what we believe to be valuable, right, true, helpful. What needs to be done to improve things as we face the various realities of birth & death, of truth & fantasy, distinction of me as an individual and within the group I of which I am a part. What is present & what happens in the future are all determined by ideas.

The ideas of the great philosophers continue to have powerful consequences. In an effort to create order, they have shaped the world we live in today. Different ideas produce radically different consequences. Some worldviews accept that whatever happens, happens, while other ideas inspire, instigate, annoy, and cheer. From alternative ideas comes the encouragement of a creative human being to think through alternatives, to question traditions, to be loyal to a person.

What is remarkable in the Biblical view, vs. a purely naturalistic view:

1. We live in a universe created by a Someone – a God who has personality and character, who thinks, acts, and has emotions.
2. Human beings are different from anything else, because humans have a mind, and “the brain has a mind of its own.” Language, art, education, business, law – all are evidence that human beings have a mind and they make choices. Humans are more than a set of conditioned responses to the environment.
3. God created a world to be changed, not to remain the same.
4. Unfortunately, the world God created is not the one we know today. Something went terribly wrong. Death came in, and the world is broken, which is not a reflection of the character of God. In fact, God is angry at death and destruction.

We are called to interfere with the status quo, with a mindset of improvement. Ideas are powerful. Right ideas can really help us to address the human condition. Ideas have consequences. We are not imprisoned in a world that just runs itself. It is important to think through a worldview that furthers our ideas, passions, to improve the human situation, rather than just letting things be “as they always have been.”

Your worldview matters and your ideas have consequences.

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