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All my life I have seen myself as a Christian. I grew up in a Christian house and my family are all Christians. I attend Church and see what a Christian believes from there but outside of the church not so much. I fail to see Christianity in everyday things in this society. This book showed me how to enhance my learning and understand how to use my Christianity in the crazy world we live in.

When you go to your history class you learn a lot about the past, the events that shaped our nation and the actions that were taken to get where the US is today. Today’s school system seems to shun the talk of religion and the worlds creation in any classroom. Science classes say that it is not possible for there to be a God that created everything. Teenagers and kids in school are not taught how important it is to think in biblical categories in the real world. With the number of people thinking like this in turn it leaves the Christian community having very little influence in today’s society. More and more people today are listening to the evolution theory and disproving God’s existence without even reading the Bible or trying to see Him. Although God is very much real and he is more intelligent and powerful than people care to realize. They are so quick to turn their shoulder to the God who created everything on earth and heaven, also the same God who sent His only begotten son in Jesus Christ to die for our sins. Christians need to try and share the Gospel with more people who are walking in the dark. Helping these people see that God is real and He will save us will help them find the utmost meaning in life.

One of the biggest arguments against God today is that His existence is unscientific. This argument can be quickly shot down with the word of Christ. Christ is the Logos or the word of God, all the things portraited in the Bible are actual true events. There are many findings in science, history, and personal experience that show that the events in the Bible happened. So, if the events in the Bible are true then what about how God says we should live. The Bible is a true testament to what Jesus did and what He wants us to do. So as Christians we should read through it and listen to what He is ordering us to do. The Biggest thing God wants Christians to do is to go out and make disciples or be the light that people can follow. If the events are real shouldn’t everyone be trying to live like the Bible tells us to. Sometimes it is hard for someone to go put themselves out there in fear of being ridiculed. It does not matter if people laugh or call you anything because in a world with God a person’s self-esteem does not matter. All people are born into a world of sinners against God, and they are a sinner along with them. God created us to not be perfect but to live in His image. The only time anyone will understand their true value in life is when they are saved, then will they see that they are created in God’s image. As they will work to do duties that please God and repent of their past and future sins.

Human ethics are always changing with society, one minute one thing might be right then another something totally different is. Christian ethics are always around because they never change. God gave things that are right and wrong in Christianity and they have been the same for all of eternity. No person from government or highly ranked religious person has tried to change them. In time people change their ethics for the type of people they are with or the type of household they move from and to. A Christian will never change how they view the world and what is right and wrong. The layout God has put is clear and precise for Christians to know what they need to do. The laws he has put for us too are set in stone. They are clear cut for people that want to follow Him and do what is right in the world. If everyone would follow God’s rules then the society would thrive, but that is far from close. Today’s world is filled with people who think that they do not need to follow any rules at all much less God’s. They feel as though they can do what they think is needed on their own. That is why God established human government. The rules the government put into place help keep all of humanity’s sinful nature. As what the Bible has told us is a sinful the government puts laws out for people to stay in check. This does not always work because there are people in the world that are so stranded away from Christ that they wouldn’t care if they break every law. These are the types of people us Christians need to work harder to reach out to and extend God’s word.

In today’s times there has been a Christian retreat. Society has grown darker and stepped away from churches and furthered themselves from God. The Christian lifestyle has been rejected and shunned by a lot of people in today’s society. They may feel like He does not exist from the theory of evolution or from something bad happening to them. Christians all believe that things happen for a reason good or bad. God has a plan for each person’s life. There is always a lesson for a person to learn from a situation. People that instantly feel bad for themselves and say “why did this happen to me” instead need to ask themselves “what is the lesson I can learn from this”. God wants us to go into the world and find those people who are lost and bring them back to God. Once they have found Him, they will see that there is a much bigger purpose with their life.