

## From Personal Freedom to Collectivism and Control

	Christian paradigm Biblical	Humanist Paradigm Modern	Global Paradigm Postmodern
<b>Source of values:</b>	God and His Word, parental training	Fact, logic & wants	Imagination & feelings (through facilitated dialogue and peer pressure)
<b>Locus of Control</b>	1. External (Biblical authorities: God, Bible, parents, pastor, etc.) 2. Internal (Holy Spirit, conscience)	1. External: information, relationships 2. Internal: reason & feelings	1. External: Peers, facilitators & suggestions (curricula, storytelling, entertainment...) 2. Internal: Imagination and feelings
<b>Thoughts &amp; opinions</b>	Objective - based on Biblical truth, fact, faith and reason	Objective & subjective - based on facts, presumed truths, reason and relativism	Subjective - based on wants, cravings, the rejection of any absolute truths or unchanging values. ( <a href="#">1 John 2:15-17</a> )
<b>Education goals</b>	Learn truth, wisdom, work skills and citizenship	Learn facts, skills, citizenship	Become a collective thinker, team-player, community server, ready to flow with "continual change." ( <a href="#">Proverb 12-13</a> )
<b>Methods</b>	Teach truth and facts, encourage self-discipline, train in skills and Christian virtues	Teach facts and logic, encourage self-discipline, train in skills and humanist character qualities.	Use psycho-social manipulation and continual assessments to measure change, resistance, "progress," etc. ( <a href="#">Legalizing Mind Control</a> )
<b>Right &amp; wrong</b>	Don't tolerate sin (but love sinners)	Tolerate all lifestyles ( <a href="#">Rom 12:2, 9</a> )	Don't tolerate dissenters ( <a href="#">Zero Tolerance</a> )
<b>Accountable &amp; belonging</b>	To God	To Self	The group and its ever-changing, hierarchical system ( <a href="#">Unity &amp; Community</a> )
<b>Trust -</b>	God and His Word, not self	Human reason ( <a href="#">Col 2:8</a> )	Your feelings (unaware of manipulation by facilitators and psychosocial tactics)

In the last two thousand years, millions of faithful Christians have relied on amazing grace. They faced beatings, humiliations, torture and death for choosing to follow God rather than man. Through it all, they were **conformed**, not to human crowds, but to the life and death of Jesus Christ. They knew that their beloved Lord, Himself, was put to death through the consensus of a crowd driven to murderous hatred by the religious establishment:

"Now at the feast [Pontius Pilate] was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them. But Pilate answered them, saying, 'Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?' For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

"But **the chief priests stirred up the crowd**, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. Pilate answered and said to them again, 'What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?'"

"So **they cried out again, 'Crucify Him!'** Then Pilate said to them, 'Why, 'what evil has He done?' But they cried out all the more, 'Crucify Him!'" Mark 15:6-14

Did you notice the **irrational responses from a crowd that spoke as one, stirred to anger by clever leaders**? That's the collective mind, driven by negative synergy (syn = together + energy), which makes ordinary humans set aside moral standards and home-taught values. It's the dark side of solidarity, and it makes "nice" civilized people all too vulnerable to evil behavior.