

How do we get our values?

We all have values and we operate our lives based on them, but where do they come from? What is it that motivates us?

May I suggest that we get our values from one of three places:

1. **Self.** This is the current trend in today's society that we do what we want to do. I decide what is right for me and I live to please myself. So long as I don't hurt anyone else, I live to satisfy my desires. We see this 'I' lifestyle, where we are the centre of the universe, across all of society today. It is promoted in advertising, pushed in schools and demanded by children.

2. **Society.** Many take their values from society. It is society who decide what is right and wrong. This may be better than the 'I' values because it takes a consensus of what other people want rather than every individual deciding. In our democratic society the majority decide right and wrong. One of the core "British Values" of the present government is democracy. This may work

when we are governed well but over time standards are prone to drift if there is no anchor. What is right one year can be overturned the next, and what is right for one society is wrong for another. Who is right?

3. **Sovereign God.** The third option assumes that there is someone else in the universe to whom we must give an account. Someone outside of ourselves who knows best. If God is the creator God and he has made us and knows how we work, he is surely best placed to give us our values which are for our ultimate good.

Christians believe that God is indeed the creator and has spoken into our world by sending his Son Jesus. He gives us values and a framework for our lives. Departure from God's values leads ultimately to the downfall of both society and the individual.

Let us take note of what God says by reading the Bible for ourselves and basing our lives upon God's values.



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Is there hope beyond the grave?



Some say we cannot know what lies beyond the grave because no-one has ever come back to tell us. It's a common enough statement and seems to bind us all to the frustrating

conclusion that after death comes 'the great unknown'.

This hasn't stopped every human civilisation stubbornly developing some sort of belief in life after death. However, in contrast to these other beliefs, the message of Christianity is the claim that Jesus Christ did return from the dead (on the first Easter Day). And before you dismiss that as nonsense, you really have to reckon with the evidence:

(1) **the absence of a body** – the enemies of Jesus simply had to produce a

corpse and the show was over;

(2) **eye witness accounts** of those who had seen the risen Jesus – on different occasions from as many as 500 people over a period of 40 days;

(3) **the transformed band of disciples**, ready to die for proclaiming that Jesus was alive – why risk everything for something you know is untrue and that will not benefit you, humanly speaking?

But Jesus did not return from death to satisfy our curiosity. His resurrection was proof of the success of his sacrificial death on the cross for our sins and provided the certain promise of eternal life for all who believe in him. We can be forgiven for our past failures and have sure hope for our future happiness beyond death if we believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead and trust ourselves to this living Saviour for this life and into eternity.

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Morning Worship - Every Sunday, 10.30am
MO Village Hall - suitable for all.

Evening Worship - Every Sunday 6.30pm except the last Sunday: All Age Service 4.30pm
Edmondthorpe Social Club

Midweek meeting - Most Thursdays, 7.30pm
MO Village Hall (but check website)
Good Friday service, 7.30pm

Coffee Hour - Friday, 10.30am:
9 March, 13 April, 11 May
MO Village Hall

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Billy Graham 1918 - 2018

William Franklin Graham was born into a farming family in North Carolina, the eldest of four children. He was brought up in a Christian family and he himself came to personal faith and trust in Jesus at the age of 16.

Graduating from Wheaton with a degree in Anthropology, he married his classmate Ruth in 1943. Billy and Ruth had five children who are now in various areas of Christian service/ministry.

Billy, serving as a church pastor and Bible College President (the youngest person to hold such office in any US college), had intended becoming a chaplain in the armed forces. But he contracted mumps shortly after applying for a commission. After recuperation he was hired as the first full-time evangelist for the new Youth for Christ organisation and he scheduled a series of tent meetings. So by 1949 Billy became a national figure with much media coverage.

The first of his "Crusades" was held in Michigan in 1947. Since then he has



conducted more than 400 events in 185 countries across 6 continents.

In 1954 Billy first came to London and, hiring the Harringay Arena for a period of 3 months, 2,000,000 people attended those meetings and 40,000 responded to the message. A further 3 UK crusades

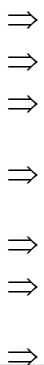
were held in 1959, 1966 and 1989.

Billy's method was to preach the gospel of Jesus and invite those interested to come forward (often termed the "altar call") for their questions to be answered in one-to-one conversations and prayer.

Rejecting a \$1 million TV contract he continued with his schedule of crusades across the world. He has been a writer, pastor to US Presidents, civil rights activist and became well known for his practice of not spending time alone with any woman except his wife - "The Billy Graham Rule".

A final quote from Billy Graham himself which encapsulates his life's ministry: *"Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."*


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Easter 3-day Holiday Club

for children 5-11 years

Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th April 2018
10.00am to 12.00 noon

Family lunch on Friday at Market Overton Village Hall

All helpers are DBS checked

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I is for ... ? and ... ?

Abraham had two sons whose names began with the letter I. One was the son promised to Abraham and Sarah by God. The other son was born to Sarah's Egyptian slave woman called Hagar.

Have you ever got tired of waiting for God to keep His promise and decided to do something for yourself instead? This only causes problems and that's just what happened to Sarah. God had promised that He would give Abraham and Sarah many descendants. But Sarah was getting old and there was no sign that she was going to have a baby. So she told Abraham to sleep with Hagar, her slave woman and have a baby with her instead. But this caused problems because when Sarah saw her slave woman was pregnant she was jealous and tried to send her away.

Fourteen years later,



In their old age, a son was born to Abraham and his wife,

when she was very old, the Lord blessed Sarah and she had a son of her own. The family problems, however, didn't disappear. Hagar and her son were finally sent away. You can read this story in full in the Old Testament part of the Bible (Genesis chapters 16 & 21).

Do you know the names of the two sons? Unjumble the letters to find the answers. Remember they both begin with I and the second letter is also the same in both names.

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