

Christian Teens, Come Alive to Your Spiritual Inheritance!

"Come alive! You're in the Pepsi Generation!" Thus the advertisers taught us how life was full of fun and excitement if we would only use their product. The movie industry convinced us that the way to be happy was to spend time at the beach with beautiful girls and a bottle of Pepsi. Listen to your peers, not your parents. With little meaning or purpose, the



Baby Boomers, are now called, delved into drug usage and rebellion at a time when too many families were becoming increasingly weak. The sense of duty gave way to the "if it feels good, do it" ethic. As Christian morals were being replaced by secular humanism, the situation continued to get worse. Today, the teenagers whose parents were the Pepsi Generation are told to use condoms so that they don't get pregnant or get AIDS. Efforts to teach teenagers that sex involves commitment and responsibility rather than "just fun" are often met with the standard argument that teaching abstinence before marriage is a violation of separation of church and state. Have fun and stay out of trouble until you graduate from college and start earning an income.

Ironically, families in the Hindu, Muslim, and Chinese contexts usually know better than to delve into these self-destructive patterns. They mistakenly believe that the moral tail spin in the West is a result of Christian teaching. Muslims and Hindus do not know that secular humanism is guiding popular culture in the West. Unfortunately, many urban Hindus, Muslims, and Chinese youths are beginning to go the wrong direction as well. Western media is propagating hedonism and loose sex morals abroad. A May, 2002