

# QUESTIONS WITH NO ANSWERS

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In the previous article I discussed attending a seminar I attended while I preached in Las Vegas some years ago. Permit me to continue to share with you what type of information came from that study.

"In our society seventy percent of the people are "non-linear. " What is "linear" you ask? Good question! I had the same one. "**Linear**" people are those whose life is "extended or arranged in a line." Let me try to explain. Most people go through different stages of life: birth, the terrible two's, age five when they enter school, adolescence, ages twelve through eighteen. During these years the body is changing physically and emotionally. Then, comes ages twenty through twenty-five. Finish school, get married, have kids. Age forty is another stage. Then, age sixty-five, retirement age.

"**Non-linear**" people don't follow this progression in their lives. They have sex before marriage, kids before marriage, and never really get out of adolescence until age thirty. So what about these people? "**We really can't reach these people and convert them to Christ.**" So we just "write off" seventy percent of the people in the world? **WHO CAN BELIEVE IT?**

Please read the following passages carefully.

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." { Mark 16:15,16}

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," {Matthew 28:19}

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." {2 Peter 3:9}

Does it sound like God has written "non-linear" people off? My friend asked Mr. Napier, "Did they have non-linear people in the first century"? The question went unanswered! I'll answer it, yes! Read the book of Acts. Many of them were converted to Christ!

"**Most people we can reach are in the thirty percent group. Many times we must wait till they reach the bottom to reach them.**" What a revelation! We should be preaching mainly on skid row! Who needs the gospel of Christ? According to Paul in Romans 6:23, all men, because all men have sin!

The brother also made this disturbing statement. "We are not equipped today to discuss and answer certain situations in our day and time." For example he gave this illustration. A woman who

was unable to have children could take a certain drug which could make her fertile. During the pregnancy she would have to go in and abort five or six eggs, so she could carry one full-term. Can a Christian do so? He didn't know! He implied God's word doesn't have the answer!

I beg to differ! Read Proverbs 6:17; Genesis 9:5,6; Isaiah 49:5; Matthew 5:21; willful taking of life is murder, regardless of the circumstances!

When I read 2 Peter 1: 3, we are told He has given us "all things which pertain to life and godliness." Every answer to every question of life is in God's word. It makes man "complete". Solomon once said there was "**nothing new under the sun**". Faces may change, situations may change, but the only solution is still the same. God's way or no way! Proverbs 14:12

Mr. Napier may believe we "have no answers". Question is, do you? \*\*\*