

EST [Werner Erhard] says you're responsible for everything that happens to you, and a lugubrious little book tells you HOW TO BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND --two current pop instances of this, the central Greek-Hellenistic, sanction, which identifies the "idiotic" [individual] self as the locus decisional reality loops out from and back too, thus the ethical-moral center [rather than the gods or God or society or "nature" or past or future].

While in Scripture this is a minor sanction, in American education it is the major sanction and consequently the one that seems "truest" and "most natural" and therefore easier to appeal to, as in the cartoon on this think-sheet, which escalates reflexive consequence to the global dimension [the curve being the earth's curvature].

EXERCISE:

Stare at the cartoon and respond on both sides of this sheet to these questions:

1. How much do you use this sanction in your Christian leadership: preaching? teaching? counseling?
2. What force does it have in your living: personal? with the most significant other? in child nurture?
3. To what public issues do you see it as particularly applicable, and how so?
4. Of all the "private" moral issues now fallen into public confusion, which do you feel this sanction speaks most directly to? why?

