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Most of the beliefs contained in Moralistic Therapeutic Deism are not a real reflection of the society today. One of the ideas states that being a good person has the guarantee of going to heaven after physical death. However, this is not a principle that guides most populations in the world today. Scriptures describe hell as a place of suffering (Matthew 13:50, NIV), and nobody would wish to suffer over being happy, yet many live in sin. Death can pounce on anyone anytime, and this fact would motivate people to lead righteous lives in preparation for entry into heaven, yet a majority of them are evil and do not seem to believe in the existence of heaven.

The idea that God wishes human beings to treat each with fairness does not stand a place in the modern era. Considering the rise in crime against humanity, it is evident that most people are selfish and do not wish their fellow human beings well. Terrorism activities have increased which lead to deaths of innocent people, the wealthy oppress the poor and turn them into their servants, and disadvantaged populations are vulnerable to rape and other injustices. These acts would not exist if people believed that God intends everyone to treat their neighbors as their brothers and love them unconditionally.

The present society does not believe in God as the creator of earth and that He keeps watch over every creation. The number of atheists, populations who do not believe in the existence of God, is on the rise. Others have turned to idol worship and challenge the power of God in sustaining human life. It is also untrue that life's goal is to be happy and appreciative of oneself. Many youths make efforts to change their physique such as bleaching their skin and enlarging their hips because they are unhappy with their looks.

It is, however, true that people turn to God when they are needy and shun Him when their problems are over. It is, for this reason, that majority of the wealthy populations rarely develop a

relationship with God while the poor always crowd churches awaiting miracles. Nevertheless, this alone is not sufficient to argue that Moralistic Therapeutic Deism reflects the views of the world.

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