

# A People Who Live In Light of Eternity

## *“Educating with an Eternal Perspective” – 4 (June 6)*

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**This Mornings Scripture: Colossians 3:1-3; Psalm 1:1-3; Jeremiah 10:2**

### **REVIEW**

One aspect of becoming and remaining—for generations to come—an eternally-minded people who are “living in light of eternity,” is to be certain the next generation is trained up in “*the way that they should go*” (Proverbs 22:6). In other words, we need to educate our children biblically, not culturally. Our Baptist children need to receive a biblical education that emphasizes not only biblical truth, but our great heritage as a Baptist people.

- A true Christian education actually begins at the time of our salvation and continues until we meet our Lord Jesus face-to-face, either at our going home to be with Him or at His coming (2 Peter 3:18).
- The ultimate goal of education should be Christ-likeness (Romans 8:28).
- The primary purpose for the educating of children for Christ belongs to the family and the church (Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Psalm 78:1-11; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 4:11-6).
- A true education starts and ends with the Holy Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Peter 2:2).
- The home, the church and the school (if children are not being home schooled) must be going in the same direction and teaching the same things to prevent confusion and callousness in the hearts and minds of the child (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).
- A Christian education provides the *instruction* and the *inspiration* that enables a committed disciple of Christ to live in light of eternity (2 Timothy 3:15-17; Colossians 3:1-3).

**There is so much in the Holy Scriptures that would caution us against allowing the humanistic and pagan educational system in our nation to educate our children.**

- In **Psalm 1**, we find the warning against “*the counsel of the ungodly,*” which of course is just about the only counsel that is found in a secular humanistic institution, which we call a public school.
- In **Psalm 11**, we are reminded that if “*the foundations be destroyed*” there isn’t much we can do.
- In the first few verses of both **Isaiah 30 & 31**, we are warned not to go to Egypt (the world) for aid.
- In **Jeremiah 10:2**, we are reminded to “*learn not the way of the heathen.*”

## **This Week's Lesson:**

In spite of the fact that we have so much biblical evidence *against* sending our children into government-run, secular schools, a great majority (80-85%) of “professing Christian” children in America are still attending the humanistic temples of darkness. This is a definite violation of biblical truth (refer back to Psalm 1).

*Isaiah 5:20-21, Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!*

*Isaiah 8:20-21, To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*

*Isaiah 30:1-3, 1Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: 2That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! 3Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.*

*Isaiah 31:1, Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!*

The results have been horrific: The *Nehemiah Institute* 90 percent in government-run public schools eventually accept a secular world-view. The *Barna Research Institute* tells us that 70 percent of Christian children enrolled in government-run public schools eventually turn from the faith of their parents. A few years ago, I read that a survey that claimed that this number has jumped from 70 percent to 90 percent!

Let's take a moment and hear what the God-hating, Bible-denying humanists have to say about so-called public education.

## **A Few Words from “Our Friends”:**

Listen to the words of John Dunphy as found in the *Humanist* magazine, which says unashamedly:

*The Bible is not merely another book, an outmoded and archaic book, or even an extremely influential book. It has been and remains an incredibly dangerous book. It and the various Christian churches, which are parasitic upon it, have been directly responsible for most wars, persecutions, and outrages which humankind has perpetrated upon itself over the past thousand years. ... The battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive themselves as proselytizers of a new faith ... These teachers must embody the same selfless dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers, for they will be the ministers of another sort, utilizing a classroom instead of a pulpit to convey humanist values in whatever subject they teach, regardless of the educational level – preschool, day care, or large state university. The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new – the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism.*

Dunphy also said:

*The concept of a Supreme Being who childishly demands to be constantly placated by prayers and sacrifice and dispenses justice like some corrupt petty judge whose decisions may be swayed by a bit of well-timed flattery should be relegated to the trash bin of history, along with the belief in a flat earth and the notion that diseases are caused by demonic possession. Ironically, the case for the involuntary retirement of God may have been best stated by one Saul or Paul of Tarsus, a first-century tentmaker and Pharisee of the tribe of Benjamin, who wrote, 'When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things' (I Corinthians 13:11). Those words are no less relevant today than they were two thousand years ago.*

As one author has noted, *"The premises of education are **always** religious, and, in our world, if they are not systematically Christian, they will be humanistic, as they are."* Humanist Paul Blanchard said:

*I think the most important factor moving us towards a secular society has been the educational factor. Our schools may not teach Johnny how to read properly but the fact that Johnny is in school until he is sixteen tends toward the elimination of religious superstition ... The average American child now acquires a high school education, and this militates against Adam and Eve and all other myths of alleged history.*

Listen to the words of humanist Charles Potter:

*Education is the most powerful ally of humanism and every American public school is a school of humanism. What can the theistic Sunday school, meeting for an hour a week, and teaching a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching?*

Dr. Sidney Simon wrote:

*We do not need any more preaching about right and wrong. The old "Thou shalt nots" simply are not relevant. Values clarification is a method for teachers to change the values of children without getting caught.*

There is simply no way that we can possibly justify sending "Christian" children to a secular humanistic school. Syndicated writer and author Dr. Thomas Sowell has exposed the "hidden agendas" of government-run education. Sowell writes:

*Breaking down inhibitions is the first order of business. That is why so-called "sex education" courses go on for years in some schools. It doesn't take that long to convey the facts of life. But it does take that long to relentlessly undermine what children have been taught at home.*

**Who wants Christian parents to put their children in a secular government school?**

- **Evolutionists**
- **Atheists**
- **Statists**
- **United Nations**
- **Socialists and Communists**
- **The Entertainment Industry**
- **The Sodomites**
- **Planned Parenthood (the Abortion Industry)**
- **Moral Degenerates**