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# BLOTTING OUT GOD IN AMERICA



UNDERSTANDING, COMBATING, AND OVERCOMING  
THE ANTI-CHRISTIAN AGENDA, APATHY IN THE CHURCH,  
AND THE DECLINE OF MORALITY IN CULTURE

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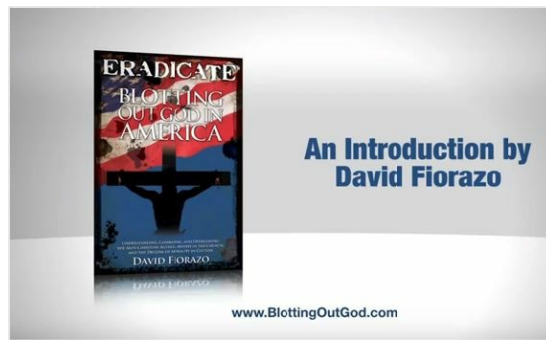
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# INTRODUCTION TO ERADICATE

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.... Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Romans 12:2, Ephesians 5:15-17)*

**Christianity is not the thriving, influential power it once was** in America. With a majority of people claiming the Christian tradition, why does our godless culture barely reflect the light of Jesus Christ? Someone recently said, “God may not be dead, but I think a bunch of his people might be.” There are two things going on at the same time that contribute to America’s decline: Christians are conforming to the world and the agenda to blot out God in America continues to advance at full speed. In this book, we will examine how this is happening and investigate the people and organizations that are the driving forces of immorality. We will scrutinize the major reasons America has fallen away from God.

We’re living in sad times when professing Christians know less about the Bible than ever before. Why is this? Many believers are receiving little more than their Gerber’s on Sunday mornings and pastors must shoulder some of the responsibility, but individual believers will be held accountable for how we use our time. It’s up to us to study God’s Word on our own. Decade after decade, the church has been less and less active and vocal in American society and today we’re suffering the consequences. We’ve backed out of culture and have made it easier for those who are hostile toward Jesus Christ to gain control of our country.

There are many whose ultimate goal is to destroy our Judeo-Christian way of life and wipe out evidence of the foundational principles that made us a great nation. The enemy has pawns in his control; some of them are knowingly being used for evil and others naively. In this book, we will examine Hollywood, media, government, public education, and the church. With a background in radio and television, one of my biggest disappointments is in the lies, omissions, and propaganda of media today. The enemy is working from within to ruin America and instead of contending for the faith and resisting, Christians have compromised. Charles Spurgeon once said, “I believe that one reason the church of God at this present moment has had so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church.”<sup>1</sup>

In spite of all its failures, America is still the greatest, most exceptional demonstration of faith, family, and freedom in the world. The war has intensified and there are Christians who don’t even know how bad it is. Some don’t *want* to know. For instance, according to *Relevant Magazine*, 64% of unmarried Christians in the 18-29 age range have had sex within the last year. A baby is aborted in America every 26 seconds and according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, seven out of ten women claimed to be Christian at the time they had an abortion! We’re going to look at a few conflicting definitions of Christianity.



Recently, pro-life organization Live Action reported on the practice of sex-selective abortions in the United States (Gendercide). Planned Parenthood was exposed again in an undercover video in May 2012.<sup>2</sup> We will thoroughly investigate some of the hidden history of the eugenics movement, Planned Parenthood, and the abortion industry. You will also learn about the biggest influences on the spread of sexual promiscuity in America. Forty percent of all babies born in America are born out of wedlock partly because marriage has been devalued.

Christianity no longer propels this country and by looking at our younger generation, we should be alarmed! Pew Research reports that among Americans between ages 18-29, one-in-four say they are not currently affiliated with any particular religion. Moreover, after just one year of college, 85% of youth turn away from God. Tragically, many young people today coming out of the public school system were not taught properly about America's Christian heritage and were fed a steady diet of liberal opinion. Parents, if you are not helping to educate your kids and build their faith, the world will gladly "program" them for you.

We have lost our moral compass and I'm not just talking about rampant profanity, marketing sex to children in public schools or garbage-infested primetime television programming. I'm not just referring to Hollywood, the lewd lyrics in much of today's music, or the fact our culture has practically accepted baby killing and homosexuality. I'm talking about hostility toward Jesus Christ and open rebellion against God. Americans today justify sins that never, ever would have been allowed fifty years ago. Apathy is killing us, but God's people are also destroyed because of a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). These are desperate times. We must have a sense of urgency, and we cannot remain neutral any longer!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, and anti-fascist. He was involved in a plan to assassinate Adolf Hitler which led to Bonhoeffer's arrest in 1943 and hanging in 1945. This was just 23 days before the Nazis' surrendered. Bonhoeffer's view of the role of Christianity in the secular world has been very influential. One of his famous quotes is:

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak; not to act is to act."<sup>3</sup>

The time is short and somehow the church in America must awaken from its slumber. Truth is being suppressed and people are dying without salvation. Some of the content in these pages will be appalling, eye-opening and infuriating. This is not a bad thing unless we do nothing with the information provided. Someone once said decisive moments are fleeting, and when presented must be acted upon or the window of opportunity could close. What is left at that point is regret or pondering what might have been. Too many believers are rolling over and hitting the snooze button.

God is calling us to redeem the time. Peter exhorts believers to prepare their minds for action (1 Peter 1:13), and the apostle Paul reminds us that regardless of what comes against us, God is for us

(Romans 8:31). These men died defending the gospel and glorified the Lord in the process. Are we ready to commit to truly living what we believe? Would you do it for your Savior?

Jesus Christ lived a radical, counter-cultural life. He obeyed God the Father and transformed the world. He overcame the power of the enemy. Jesus relentlessly resisted sin, opposed legalism, and confronted hypocrisy. He loved unconditionally, he forgave freely, and he sacrificed himself completely. He spoke the truth boldly, exhibited humility, and lived with integrity. He is the Light of the world. He is our standard and our goal; the only way to the Father. Following his example may cause people to ridicule and hate us. What an honor!

Though we share a common Constitution, country and culture, Americans are greatly divided over many issues, but none more important than the person of Jesus Christ. Either people accept and advance biblical truth, or they refuse and resist it. There is no neutral ground, but some Christians are trying to live with one foot in church and one in the world.

The choice is ours: we can face the reality of what is happening in America and take action, or we can look the other way. It's time to know your spiritual allies. This republic under God continues to be a threat to atheism, communism, socialism, and tyranny in the world. We get to decide what direction we want this country to take in the coming years.

I never thought I'd live to see the day America would be threatened from within. The Obama White House has proven to be the most biblically hostile administration in the history of the United States. In a recent speech to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender (LGBT) advocacy group and political lobbying organization in the United States, President Obama told the audience they will "see a time in which we as a nation finally recognize relationships between two men or two women as just as real and admirable as relationships between a man and a woman."<sup>4</sup>

We saw the vitriol of those who oppose Christian values when Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy took a stand for traditional marriage and was attacked for his beliefs. There's one thing we need to know: Though liberals and activists have the megaphone of the media, they are a malignant minority. According to the 2010 census, same-sex couples comprise less than one-half of 1 percent of the American population!<sup>5</sup> Faith, family, and marriage are bedrocks of our great nation, and we have taken these blessings for granted. Let's contrast the 44th president's values with the 16th president. One hundred and fifty years ago, President Abraham Lincoln recognized what he believed was God's hand of judgment on America. People were taking freedom for granted. Here is part of his 1863 proclamation:

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.

"We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; ...we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of

redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”<sup>6</sup>

We aren’t that different today and the church is running out of time to seek God’s face and turn from our wickedness. Christians are suffering from complacency and many have grown lukewarm. In this book, we will examine why approximately 50 million Americans claiming to be born again appear to have such a marginal impact on society. If it is often difficult to tell the difference between a Christian and an unbeliever outside of Sunday morning, the enemy is winning. He is waging an effective campaign, but the final battles have yet to be staged.

“There is no neutral ground in the universe; every square inch, every split second is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan.” – **C.S. Lewis**

The church must reengage in the culture war. America is in disarray, and people are losing hope. There are two paths America can take: one leads to further moral erosion and socialism, ultimately ending in destruction, while the other path leads back to God and a revival of Christianity. There will always be opposition, but you and I believe in an unshakable God and with Him, we can make a difference.

A remnant of faithful, Bible-believing soldiers have been pretty lonely for decades as they have prayed and worked. They have purposely gone outside the walls of their churches to impact society for Jesus Christ even though secular progressives have told them to keep their faith to themselves. This book may upset you, but it will also encourage you to join the cause, fight the good fight, and choose Christ over culture.

One person has potential to impact countless lives for Jesus Christ and eternity. Author and historian Edward Everett Hale once said:

“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I should do, and with the help of God, I will do.”

God is being blotted out of America. Christians are being silenced by accusations of hate and intolerance; and our very freedoms are being threatened. The government, media, Hollywood, the abortion industry, and academia are not going to defend Christian values—it’s up to you and me. If we love God with all our hearts, we will take a stand for truth. We can trust him to be our rock, refuge and strength (Psalm 46:1). I pray we will be faithful servants of Christ and stop the downward spiral of Christian silence. America and the church really need us to understand the times and heed God’s call right now...while there’s still time.

*Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of My God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you (Revelation 3:2-3).*

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# WHY TRUTH MATTERS

## YOUR WORLDVIEW AFFECTS EVERYTHING

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth – (John 1:1-3, 14).*

**What we believe about truth** affects everything we do in this life. How we view God, people, and how we understand the world – past, present, and future – depends on what we believe about absolute truth. If there are no absolutes, then anything goes! As Christians, what we believe about absolute truth depends on what we believe about Jesus Christ and the Bible. The Old Testament refers to God as the God of truth (Isaiah 65:16). The Word of God is perfect. From indisputable historical facts to archeological evidence, the Bible has yet to be proven inaccurate or wrong.

Enemies of truth can make up stuff about the Bible, write their books attempting to debunk Scripture, and create their own documentaries with lies and fabrications, but it won't change the fact that God's Word is eternal. Does truth depend on where we were raised, what church we attended, what a teacher taught us, or what the media says is true? Does truth change with the times, technology or circumstances? What is truth?

*Jesus prayed to the Father in the presence of His disciples and said: Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth (John 17:17).*

According to the Bible, truth is the self-expression of God. Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, and being of God. There is complete unity between the written Word of God and the perfect expression of God in Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us Jesus existed in the beginning. In the New Testament, Scripture is called the Word of Christ (Colossians 3:16). The person of Jesus Christ and the Holy Word of the living God then are in full agreement. This is the basis from which we must discern, perceive, and reason. There is no ambiguity whatsoever!

Try defining truth apart from God or without universal absolutes and see where that gets you. Apparently, there is plenty of confusion not only in the world, but also in the church regarding how truth is defined and understood. There are professing Christians who say they believe in “most” of the Bible. Really? We don't have the option to pick and choose only those Scriptures that suit us or the verses we agree with. The entire Bible is true or our faith is a lie.

*The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting (Psalm 119:160).*

Furthermore, in the book of Revelation, Jesus is called Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11) when He returns to conquer and reign. Here's where our worldview starts, and it takes faith: Either God *is* or God *is not*. This is something many grapple with. God created all things, but how did He come into existence?

*Before the mountains were born, Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God (Psalm 90:2).*

God existed in the beginning, before anything and everything. All we need to know is that when Moses asked, God said to him, *I AM WHO I AM* in Exodus 3:14. We get *Lord* from the original name of God, *YHWH*, which is derived from the verb *HAYAH*, meaning "to be." Our faith also holds that Jesus is God.

*For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11).*

Truth has been under attack from the very beginning of time, and in America, opposition to Jesus Christ has intensified. People are avoiding, denying, and suppressing the truth more than ever. They can ignore it, they can mock it, and they can pretend it does not exist, but that changes nothing. The sad thing is there is some debate about what is true even among Christians!

In 1995, approximately fifty percent of *Christians* said there are moral truths which are unchanging, and that truth is absolute, not relative to the circumstances. Not surprisingly, ten years later in 2005, The Barna Group conducted a poll revealing only 35% of Americans believe in absolute standards of morality, that right and wrong do *not* change with time or circumstances.<sup>[7](#)</sup> (33% didn't even know how to respond!)

## **ESTABLISHING A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW**

A person's worldview is a significant step toward self-awareness, self-knowledge and self-understanding. Your worldview as a Christian needs to be based on a foundation of God's Word. Our sovereign God is not surprised, but it must grieve His heart to see the condition of our country, the world, and the church today. Holiness and righteousness are practically meaningless to some religious folks. The Word of God is being watered down, truth is being diluted, and this has led to moral and cultural confusion.

Here's a quick example: I'm pro-life and sure hope you are as well. I have learned that even in the church, believers have different views on abortion and when life begins. This proves either we don't read our Bibles as much anymore, or we believe the talking heads. Especially in the church, building on a foundational worldview of biblical truth is paramount.

In a Crosswalk.com article, Michael Foust wrote:

"Barna defines a biblical worldview as believing that: moral absolutes exist; the source of truth is the Bible; the Bible is "accurate in all of the principles it teaches," salvation is by grace alone;



Jesus lived a sinless life; believers have a duty to witness; Satan is real and not just a symbol; God is the “all-knowing, all-powerful maker of the universe who still rules that creation today.”<sup>8</sup>

This worldview is the foundation for *every* decision you make in life. I don’t care who you are, how old you are, where you live, or what kind of family you grew up in; if you have not considered *exactly* how your personal beliefs, philosophy, and worldview were formed, it is time to take a serious look at what you believe and why.

We must be undaunted in establishing God’s Word as the basis of our thinking, our faith, and our lives. If we don’t make this critically important decision, we’ll be in danger of seeing the world through our own feelings, personal experiences, opinions, Hollywood, media, and what others have told us, instead of through God’s eyes. Some of us have lived much of our lives believing what we have heard or read at one time, instead of believing what God says. May the Lord have mercy on our biblical illiteracy!

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness – (2 Timothy 3:16).*

Is it possible to live authentically and effectively as a Christian and not believe the entire Bible word for word? If you do not believe in parts of the Bible, then how can you trust God’s Word in its entirety? Is Jesus a liar? Did he only really mean *most* of the things He said? This is where people living on a spiritual fault line panic at the first sign of a life-shaking trial, revealing their foundation wasn’t very solid.

You may be reading this right now and God is nudging you to evaluate what you think about truth. Jesus promised his followers the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth (John 16:13). If you think the Bible is a history book or a moral guide, then you are missing out on knowing Jesus. Evangelical Christian theologian, author, and pastor, Francis Schaeffer stated:

“Truth always carries with it confrontation. Truth demands confrontation; loving confrontation nevertheless. If our reflex action is always accommodation regardless of the centrality of the truth involved, there is something wrong.”

The battle over what is true divides people. This is the state of America today because if opponents of truth can convince people to believe that God doesn’t exist, then there are no moral restraints and anything goes. In his book, *78 - How Christians Can Save America*, author and radio talk show host, Peter Heck, included a fascinating interaction with a caller to his program. Here’s a portion:

James: “...There are different ways of looking at the world, and there are different perspectives people have, and ...saying that this is a concrete right, and this is a concrete wrong may be true given your perspective, but it’s not maybe true given mine....”

Peter: “...do you realize that Hitler was doing what he thought was right? He was merely speeding up the evolutionary process. He was attempting to bring about a master race and

exterminate all the riff-raff. It's the same thing Planned Parenthood was founded to do. Get rid of all the lesser folks. Now, maybe you don't agree with his strategy, but he just had a different perspective on how to improve the lives of humanity than Mother Theresa, but ultimately they both wanted the same thing, right?

"What if I said that it would have been better for Mother Theresa to kill all those impoverished people she lived with? Take them out of their misery! Why is this perspective wrong? ...There has to be a truth that is fixed, that is right for all men, or we're in a lot of trouble."<sup>9</sup>

The truth established from the beginning is God. He is eternal. Though humanists have made progress in their goal to blot out God, ultimately it will be impossible. Even if they could eradicate Christianity from America one day, we know He is everlasting; He is the beginning and the end, and He holds the universe in his hands.

*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever (Isaiah 40:8).*

## **IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T BELIEVE, START WITH THE TRUTH**

In my personal conversations with people who do not believe the Bible is the Word of God, my intention is never to try to force them to believe or to convince them about Jesus; that's the job of the Holy Spirit. My job is to speak honestly to whoever will listen and allow God to work through me. Some people simply don't *want* to believe, and that is the beauty of free will. We serve a loving God who refuses to force His creation to worship Him.

The road to life is a narrow one, but whoever believes in Jesus can have everlasting life because God is no respecter of persons. Take the necessary time to thoroughly examine the Scriptures. Even though God knows some will refuse to believe no matter what, He desires all people to know the truth and be saved through Jesus Christ because there is only one God (1 Timothy 2:3-5), and Christ is the only Mediator between God and man.

If someone gave you this book, and you are not a follower of Jesus Christ, it's not too late to be saved unless you are simply unwilling to ask. Please search your heart right now and see if you honestly *want* to know the one true God personally. He loves you and He is waiting for you with open arms. He is the only God who is alive! It's not wrong to have doubts, but those doubts need to be dealt with – and He's knocking right now.

If you are sincerely ready to accept God's will for your life, here's a prayer God always answers: "Father in heaven, please show me *the truth* about who Jesus Christ is." He *wants* to reveal His love and truth to you and show you His plan for your life. God never promises an easy life, but He does promise us a better life. Our part is the faith, His part is the fulfillment.

*Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know (Jeremiah 33:3).*

It is easy for people to criticize what they do not understand. The Bible tells us the message of the cross is foolishness (1 Cor. 1:18) to unbelievers because God frustrates those who think they are



intelligent or wise. Proverbs 3:7 warns us to not be wise in our own eyes. After all, who can fully comprehend a perfect God?

*Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory (1 Timothy 3:16 NLT).*

Jesus is the cornerstone, which is one reason why there is so much division over him. Everything written in the Bible concerning Him is true. On the other hand, some think Jesus was simply a persuasive teacher, the leader of a rebellion, or even a lunatic because of the claims He made. According to Jesus, He is the bread of life, the door, the gate, the light, the truth, and the way. Jesus said He was not of this world and that He overcame the world.

Before His crucifixion, Jesus told His disciples He was going *back* to heaven to prepare a place for them and then return for them because He wanted His followers to be with Him in God's glory. He also told them they should know where He was going and how to get there. Thomas said to Him, *Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?* Jesus answered:

*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him (John 14:6-7).*

This statement by Jesus Christ must be dealt with, because it does not allow for wiggle room. The Bible is the God-breathed, Holy Spirit-inspired Word of life. If you doubt the Bible can be infallible, since it was written by men, then you are putting God in a box.

*Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21).*

Is anything too hard for the Lord? God's ways are higher than ours, and if we believe in the Creator then we must believe He gives us our intellect. Without a creator, without a design, and without a plan, you and I are just cosmic accidents living a purposeless, random existence. After all, *without* God, our lives are based on ourselves (we're number one!) and on living for today. But if God's Word is true, and we really are sinners in need of rescue, then there must be right and wrong, true and false, good and bad, light and darkness, and moral absolutes.

Our godless society has been heading full speed away from Christ, and many people seem to hate the very truth that could save them! As a whole, our secular progressive culture has denied the truth of God and the authority of the Bible, in order to defend and justify their unholy living. The result is chaos, confusion, moral relativism, self-exaltation, and countless forms of spirituality *apart* from Christianity. It is difficult for the natural man to grasp the sovereignty, omniscience, and omnipotence of a perfect God. Even in the church, doctrine divides denominations and the best of Christians. Riding the fence with a foot in two different worldviews is not an option.

**CHRIST BEFORE ALL THINGS**

*John [the Baptist] testified about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed **before** me (John 1:15).*

*Then God said, “Let Us make man in **Our image**, according to Our likeness; and let them rule... (Genesis 1:26).*

*God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, **through whom also He made the world**. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power... (Hebrews 1:1-3)*  
(Emphasis mine).

These verses confirm and bear witness to the fact Christ existed before He came to live on earth for 33 years. This can be hard to grasp with our human minds, but it is essential to understanding the truth. It also reinforces the Trinity; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Believers don't consider the creation account often enough. All things were created by Him and for Him. **Colossians 1:17** tells us *He [Jesus] is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

In addition, Jesus said the following in **John 5:39, 40, and 46**:

*You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.... For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.*

The religious leaders flipped out when they heard Jesus say this, and then they blew a gasket when Jesus told them He existed before Abraham (John 8:56). This challenges us to dig deeper into our faith. John R.W. Stott was an English Christian leader and was very influential in the worldwide evangelical movement. He said it is the uniqueness of Christ that we defend:

“So, because in no other person but Jesus of Nazareth did God first become human (in his birth), then bear our sins (in his death), then conquer death (in his resurrection) and then enter his people (by his Spirit), he is uniquely able to save sinners. Nobody else has his qualifications.”[10](#)

Most Christians don't have a problem with the above assertions or Scriptures, but some have a hard time with being saved by grace alone. A few religions overemphasize good works – doing as much as you can to be accepted by God or to get to heaven – which is not what the Bible teaches. In Ephesians 2, Paul writes that we are saved only through faith because of God's grace. Grace is undeserved favor. Grace has nothing to do with our efforts.

However, it is also important to balance out our faith and good deeds because faith without actions is useless. We are to live what we believe in full expression and demonstration of our faith. The Bible also teaches faith works through love (Gal. 5:6). But please do not miss the point that there is absolutely nothing you or I can do to get God to love us more or accept us more. Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of Christ (Rom. 8:38-39).

Then there are others who don't think they need to put their trust in Jesus to go to heaven. They might say, "I am a good person. I have never murdered or raped anybody. I try to follow the Golden Rule. I love the planet and recycle, and I even volunteer." I would ask them if they think Jesus was a good person.

*As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone (Mark 10:17-18).*

No one is good enough on their own to approach a holy God. He also made the point that we are incapable of keeping the commandments, so how can anyone be saved by trying to be good through their own efforts?

Have you ever lied, stolen anything, coveted something someone else had, hated someone in your heart (murder), or lusted after another person (adultery)? Have you always honored your mother and father? Have you ever idolized a person or a thing over God? (Like a Hollywood actor, rock star, sports team, athlete, celebrity, bike, car, boat, house, etc.) Have you ever taken the Lord's name in vain? Not one of us is good, and it's impossible for us to keep the laws and commandments of God on our own. That's why the gospel truly is *very* good news. Those of us who confess Jesus is our Lord and Savior, believing in our hearts, are forgiven, saved, set free, redeemed, restored, sanctified, and blessed. We have a bright future and an eternal hope!

## **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REFUSE TO BELIEVE**

I recently had a good conversation with a very liberal guy who is not a Christian. Though he didn't believe the Bible is God's Word or that Christ alone is Lord, he listened to what I shared. Sadly, the conversation left his heart unchanged. He complimented me on being a person of conviction even though he disagreed with me.

*But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised (1 Corinthians 2:14).*

The natural man may be wise according to the world's wisdom and intellect, but that won't get him very far when it comes to discerning spiritual things. His pride, earthly success, degrees and worldly education prevent him from admitting he needs God. Though this person I talked with hasn't read much of the Bible, he had formed strong beliefs and negative opinions about Christianity and religion in general. Not only that, but he also taught this worldview to his children, and they now take bits and pieces from many religions.

I call it *cafeteria Christianity*. They choose what they want, when they want it, and avoid what they don't like in the Bible. It is being dangerously mired in the mucky middle. But if you have an unwavering faith in Jesus Christ built on the solid foundation of God's Word, your beliefs will not be shaken. Your faith will withstand the debates, opinions, talking points, arguments, and attacks of opponents. We don't have all the answers, so we don't need to pretend we do.

I love the Lord because He changed my heart. I am convinced about the truth of Jesus Christ because of massive evidence – archeological, biblical, and historical – and years of personal research and study. This other person was just as convinced in his views by his upbringing, by liberal friends, and higher education. We both believe our convictions are right and true. So what is the lesson? Don't get discouraged when you talk to someone who simply doesn't *want* to believe. Pray for them. The results are in God's hands.

The more I study the Bible, the more I realize I need to learn. Our responsibility is to *always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence (1 Peter 3:15)*. Are you prepared to explain the reason for your faith in Christ? The Holy Spirit will instruct us and teach us. People may not know exactly what they're looking for, but they are searching. Everyone has a void only Christ can fill. We are ambassadors for Christ commissioned to share the truth, so speak it with boldness.

*Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved... For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:9-10, 13 ESV).*

Biblical truth has been forced out of the public square, followed by a purposeful shift away from Christianity in America to the point where we are confused about church and state issues. Since truth matters, we need to look at what our founders believed and how this country was established on free speech and religious freedom. While doing this, we must understand the founder's intent and the connection between God and government in the United States.

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# GOD, THE GOSPEL AND GOVERNMENT

We Recognize no Sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus. – **Patriot John Hancock** (1737 – 1793) First Signer of the Declaration of Independence

Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual – or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country. – **Samuel Adams** (1722 – 1803)

**America's future is being threatened** by those who have successfully rewritten some of our history. Distortions about America's origins and heritage have poisoned our education system, our government, and the national media. We may not have been paying attention, but children across America probably were. Having learned a much different history than you and I once learned in public schools, many of these young people are now out of college and have moved on to join the work force.

Of all people, Christians should care the most about this country. We've lost the moral influence we once had in public schools, and to be blunt, government education has been hijacked by progressives. They have several agendas which we will expose when we investigate the National Education Association, but right now it's important to look at some of our history. People from all over the world flock to America to escape communism, socialism, oppression, and tyranny, and when they reach our shores exhausted, hopeful and thankful, they know they have come to a good nation, and what they've heard about our freedom is true.

People of deep faith ventured to this land to start a new life, one independent of government and free of its control. Christians once permeated every aspect of American culture, from academia and the arts to politics and the press. They were hard-working farmers, ministers, and small business owners. They had a strong, godly, moral influence in public life. That solid foundation began at home with educating their children with the Scriptures and strengthening their families. They taught about faith, love, honor, respect, and responsibility. Parents studied the Bible and took its application seriously.

*Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).*

The earliest established American universities held the Bible in high esteem and were saturated with Christian influence and instruction. Harvard University is the oldest institution of higher learning in the United States, established in 1636 by vote of the Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, just 16 years after the pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock. Harvard was founded by ministers who realized the need for training clergy for the new commonwealth.

Adopted in 1692, Harvard's early motto was *Veritas Christo et Ecclesiae*, meaning "Truth for Christ and the Church." Ten out of the first twelve Harvard presidents were ministers, and in its earliest classes, half the graduates also became ministers. Further proving the Bible was established in early American education, Harvard's 1646 "Rules and Precepts" included the following:

"Let every Student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the maine end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottome, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and Learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, Let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seeke it of His (Prov. 2:3)."<sup>11</sup>

Extremely high levels of biblical discipline continued with the "Harvard College Laws of 1700" which required students to observe strict rules, and in order to earn their bachelor's degree, "read the Old and New Testament into the Latin tongue, and resolve them logically." Systematic theological instruction was inaugurated in 1721, and by 1827 Harvard became a nucleus of theological teaching in New England.<sup>12</sup> However, during this time, Unitarian liberals were infiltrating Harvard. Soon, the institution that operated with the presupposition that education should be predicated upon the Scriptures as the starting point for wisdom and knowledge would remove Christ and the church from its motto leaving only "Veritas" in 1836.

It has been said churches, individuals, and institutions never slide closer to God; they only slide away. If this fall happened at Harvard, the university where Samuel Adams, John Adams, and John Quincy Adams received their higher education, rest assured it has happened at every other university in America! Liberals secularized Harvard to the point that by 1850, it was referred to as the "Unitarian Vatican." Just like today's church in America, it was the gradual neglect of the study of Scripture, discipline, and prayer that led them away from truth to the moral relativism that occupies Harvard, most universities, and even some churches today.

In his 1988 farewell address to the nation, President Ronald Reagan said:

"So, we've got to teach history based not on what's in fashion but what's important. ...If we forget what we did, we won't know who we are. I'm warning of an eradication of the American memory that could result, ultimately, in an erosion of the American spirit."

## **FOUNDERS INTENT**

We have lost our founders vision of educating children in the Bible and have handed them over to learn from the government. The U.S. Department of Education and NEA curriculums are not exactly what our founders had in mind. I come from a family of teachers, and most people go into



education for the right reasons, but if teachers are not grounded in biblical truths or conservative principles, many eventually get sucked into the liberal indoctrination matrix.

One Christian teacher friend of mine was asked to remove her Bible from view when it was on her desk. This is the very book most of our founders believed in and relied upon! Another Christian friend was asked to take down a photo of his favorite president, Ronald Reagan, in his classroom. You may remember what happened to a New Jersey teacher in 2011 when she made a Facebook post saying homosexuality was a sin. Naturally, that comment sparked media-infused activism. Vikki Knox, a Christian teacher in a public school made comments in response to a large, prominent display the school had put up celebrating gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) history month. Hundreds turned up at the school to protest, calling her a hateful, intolerant bigot, for starters.<sup>[13](#)</sup>

By the time many students get to college, they've most likely exited high school supporting several of the following: abortion, gay marriage, environmentalism, evolution, illegal immigration, man-caused global warming, social justice, and the Democratic Party. The government takes its agenda seriously. Over eighty percent of students leave their Christian faith after just one year of college. College takes impressionable kids to the hyper-liberal level. Most young people figure if their professors say the Bible isn't true or that there is no God, they must be right. After all, they have a PhD! Professors tell them what to think, and you don't dare challenge them. One thing higher education does is produce more progressives.

According to survey averages, approximately 85% of college professors are liberal, Democrat, or progressive compared to 15% conservative, Republican, or Christian. Remove Christian teachers and professors, add some atheists and socialists; remove the Bible and prayer from schools and add the promotion of homosexuality, other religions, and political correctness, and we've got a dangerous combination that has drastically strayed from what our founders intended.

“Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” – **President John Adams** (1735 – 1826)

For over 225 years, the greatest influence in America has been the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brave pioneering settlers fought the elements and illnesses to arrive on our shores so they could freely worship the Lord our God. The Founding Fathers were determined to live in complete freedom. They fought to establish the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights for a free people. This Republic under God was ambitious and revolutionary. They enacted a philosophy of government the world had never seen. These courageous leaders pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to lay the foundation for these great United States. To reach their goal of freedom, they had to go through a bloody, costly war against the mightiest military power in the world at the time.

It took tremendous sacrifice to make this society a reality; it takes no less of a sacrifice today by our brave military personnel to preserve our Republic. We must never take this ongoing sacrifice for granted, nor should we think our liberty can be maintained by itself. Early American patriots

battled against and overcame tyranny to gain individual freedom to live, work, and worship. They recognized every blessing and every good thing comes from God (James 1:17).

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

This preamble in our Declaration of Independence has been called one of the best-known statements in the English language, containing the most potent and consequential words in American history.<sup>14</sup> This passage came to represent a moral standard to which the United States should strive. Sadly, in the last 50-100 years, its importance in public education, government, and in the mainstream media has been minimized dramatically.

John Quincy Adams was elected as the sixth President of the United States. Some historians suggest there was a time when he became unpopular with his followers because he often put principle *before* party. Imagine that! Grounded in biblical instruction, in a letter to his father, John Adams, John Quincy Adams wrote:

“The Sermon on the Mount commends me to lay up for myself treasures, not on earth, but in Heaven. My hopes of a future life are all founded upon the Gospel of Christ...”

Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Charles Carroll, further stated: “Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time” and went on to say that those who opposed Christianity are undermining a morality that is “the best security for the duration of free governments.” The movement to blot out God in America goes against everything these men and this country originally stood for. Our Founding Fathers would be appalled if they could see the blatant moral, fiscal, and societal decline in America today.

Did you know at least six of the original thirteen American colonies had official, state-supported churches? Moreover, at the request of Mr. Robert Aitken in 1782, Congress approved the purchase of 20,000 Bibles from Holland to give to the American people. Many states also required those seeking elected office be of the Christian faith, and past presidents and members of Congress often encouraged prayer and other religious activities. What they did *not* do is tell people what church, denomination, or religion to adhere to, even though they personally and collectively followed the principles and standards of the Bible and Christianity. In the early days of America, Christians were visible and effective in every aspect of society. They were looked up to, respected, and their contributions were valued. Many of our founders were theologically trained and could have been ministers.

Tradition holds that a few hours before his death on October 24, 1852, Daniel Webster said, “The great mystery is Jesus Christ – the Gospel. What would the condition of any of us be if we had not the hope of immortality?” Webster was one of America’s most prominent conservatives and statesmen. From his bed, he began to recite the Lord’s Prayer and made this request: “Hold me up;



I do not wish to pray with a fainting voice..." Daniel Webster's last coherent words were: "I still live."<sup>15</sup> Here is a warning and admonition from this great American Patriot:

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity..."

"Finally, let us not forget the religious character of our origin. Our fathers were brought hither by their high veneration for the Christian religion. They journeyed by its light, and labored in its hope. They sought to incorporate its principles with the elements of their society, and to diffuse its influence through all their institutions; civil, political, or literary." – **Daniel Webster** (1782 – 1852)<sup>16</sup>

Early in American history, men of faith and principle understood the importance of Christians living as salt and light in our culture. Today, however, this great nation is being poisoned from within while America falls further away from the God that blessed us.

## **TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS...**

We are clearly not the same America. It is astounding to me how radically the country most of us love has changed. As Christians, we've stepped back and have allowed an anti-biblical, anti-American, socialist sentiment to gain ground. There has also been disagreement regarding what America is, and what we stand for. A good example of this apparent confusion is over The Pledge of Allegiance, written in 1892:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The word "my" was soon replaced with "the" and then the words "of the United States" were added. The final change in the Pledge of Allegiance occurred on Flag Day in 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower approved the addition of the words "under God." He was rightly concerned about a communist movement in America and as he authorized this change, President Eisenhower said:

"In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

It is important to emphasize that America is more than a republic. We are a constitutional republic! This is an important distinction. As John Adams so aptly put it, "We are a nation of laws, not of men." We are not a democracy, and not a democratic republic. We are united as one nation. In other words, we are not a loose confederation of states. Our rights come from God, not legislators. The U.S. Constitution defines us as one people, indivisible. Each of us is recognized as possessing certain liberties, and we are all treated equally under the justice system.

Let's look a bit closer at the difference between a democracy and a republic. The traditional definition of a democracy is in stark contrast to the modern revision of the term. To briefly summarize, a democracy is government operated and ruled by direct majority vote of the people. The majority calls the shots on policy matters through public meetings or by voting on referendums. If the mob decided rape was to go unpunished, they would set a new law. A democracy is the system that chose Barabbas over Jesus. The Framers of our Constitution were rightfully fearful of pure democracy. (See the Occupy Wall Street movement.)

A republic, however, is where the general population elects leaders to represent them who, in turn, make policy decisions on their behalf and then pass laws to govern. America is a republic where power is separated between three branches of government: the executive, judicial, and legislative. The Constitution declares that The United States "shall guarantee every State in this Union a Republican form of government" (Article IV, Section 4). Electing the best, most godly people to govern is our best hope to stop the downward spiral and turn the country around.

While researching the differences between a democracy and a republic, I came across some fascinating information. About the time our original thirteen states adopted their new constitution in 1787, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years earlier:

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government... A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury.

"From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship.

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years

"During those 200 years, those nations always progressed through the following sequence:

1. From bondage to spiritual faith
2. From spiritual faith to great courage
3. From courage to liberty
4. From liberty to abundance
5. From abundance to complacency
6. From complacency to apathy
7. From apathy to dependence
8. From dependence back into bondage<sup>[17](#)</sup>

I am concerned America may be somewhere between numbers six and seven.

## **ANTI-GOD GOVERNMENT GAMES**

One of the biggest lies of our generation trumpeted by progressives and the national media is that there is a *constitutional separation of church and state*. The debate came to the forefront of American news a few years back when a controversy erupted over a 5,300 pound granite monument in Alabama. Evidently, some atheists were in an upheaval over what was written on the granite: **the Ten Commandments!** With the help of the ACLU, they filed a lawsuit. By the way, those same words out of the Holy Bible are inscribed on the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington D.C. Believing in the Constitution, Alabama Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore had the audacity to install the monument with the “offending religious references” in the state courthouse rotunda, and it became a controversy.

How far will Americans allow this judicial assault to go when enemies of God keep tearing at the fabric of our country? Truth alert: **There is no mention of any “separation of church and state”** in the U.S. Constitution. This idea that anti-Christian activists claim in their agenda to blot out God comes from an 1802 letter to the Danbury Baptists that Thomas Jefferson wrote about a healthy “wall of separation.” Family Research Council’s Robert Morrison explains:

“It is that phrase – honestly misunderstood or deliberately misconstrued – that has fueled so much of the anti-religious fervor of secular elites, activist judges, and atheizers. But one thing ought to be clear from Thomas Jefferson’s actions in those days: Preaching the Word of God and speaking of Jesus Christ on federal property cannot be banned.”[18](#)

The letter was written during the time Thomas Jefferson’s former Virginia neighbor, cheese maker, and Baptist preacher delivered a biblical sermon during a worship service in the U.S. House of Representatives! President Jefferson, Secretary of State James Madison, and most government representatives were in attendance. Does this sound like someone wanting to prevent Christianity from influencing government?

Author and historian David Barton writes about Thomas Jefferson’s exchange with the Baptist Association in Connecticut affirming Jefferson believed God, not government, was the author and source of our rights. The idea was to prevent government from interfering with those rights. Barton explained:

“Very simply, the “fence” of the Webster letter and the “wall” of the Danbury letter were not to limit religious activities in public; rather they were to limit the power of the government to prohibit or interfere with those expressions.”[19](#)

The sooner we spread the truth, the sooner a few more uninformed citizens will wake up. Humanism and secularism are on the rise and offer a very present threat. Much of our rich Christian heritage has been rewritten or removed entirely from text books and public education. Evil is at work. Knowing how corrupt and deceptive man can be and how wicked the human heart, Thomas Jefferson once said:

“I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever.”[20](#)

Some believe God is already judging America, and others say His final judgment is right around the corner. With the massive increase in corruption and deception in government, we often forget it all results from sin and our sin nature. Perhaps God is allowing Christians to suffer the consequences of the politicians we have elected to represent us. America must turn back to God!

Laws continue to be passed, bills signed, and policies implemented that either go against our biblical values or threaten another one of our freedoms. This is not what our Founding Fathers intended. According to several polls in early 2012, over 72% of Americans said the country is headed in the wrong direction. Even some people who voted for “hope and change” in 2008 are now hoping to change it back.

Our founders understood the ways of man, the dangers of too much power, and the potential for tyranny so they established a Constitution to protect the people. They created checks and balances in an attempt to hold government accountable, while providing for individual freedoms at the same time. They placed the highest of values on religious freedom.

We’ve strayed dramatically away from their vision to the point of electing a president who does not seem to respect America. Why does he insist on radically transforming the United States? President Obama downplays America’s greatness, disrespects the Constitution, seems embarrassed of our history, and enacts policies against the Word of God. It is our job to put faith, character, and integrity back on the priority list of who we elect, not how well someone speaks in public or reads a teleprompter. In 2008, Barack Obama singled out Christianity and voiced his concerns about religions that encourage evangelism:

“The difficult thing about any religion, including Christianity, is that at some level there is a call to proselytize. There’s the belief that if people haven’t embraced Jesus Christ as their personal savior, they’re going to hell.”[21](#)

Barack Obama has become one of the biggest presidential advocates in our history for abortion, gay marriage, GLBT education, and class warfare – a major tenet of Marxism. He also stated “our schools are there to teach *worldly* knowledge and science. I believe in evolution, and I believe there’s a difference between science and faith.”[22](#)

Christians should strongly oppose legislation that favors the destruction of human life. We should also be against laws that penalize marriage and families, taxing married couples at a higher rate than those who are gay, single, or living together. That said, regardless of who is in office, we are called to submit to the authorities and pray for those in high positions because God allowed them to be placed there. The candidates we elect should represent our interests and carefully decide how to spend *our* tax dollars. They advance social policies and implement economic and foreign policies that affect us.

Opponents of Christianity have even used the First Amendment against churches and individuals. They are often quick to point out that not one church or religion may be respected or promoted by government, but they stop there. They conveniently fail to read after the comma in

the First Amendment. Congress may not prohibit (forbid, hinder, prevent) Americans from freely worshipping. Part of this very important Amendment is the freedom of all speech. **Government may NOT abridge** (shorten, reduce, deprive, cut-off) **our speech, including when we talk about Jesus Christ in public.** But that doesn't mean they won't try to silence us.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

God has blessed America, but I can't help but think of America's current president and how far to the opposite end of the spectrum he is compared to most of our founders. The Washington Times' Jeffrey Kuhner said the president's goal is to purge Christianity from civil society and to marginalize religion from the public square. I'm not sure about all religions but it does appear the president makes no apology for promoting the antithesis of Christianity.

President Obama publicly recognized several Muslim holy days in 2011, but he ignored Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the foundational bedrock of Christianity. He also refused to acknowledge our National Day of Prayer, approved more funding for Planned Parenthood, and has declared June national Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender month for two years in a row. Mr. Obama is against any kind of restriction on abortion and one of his first acts as president was to sign a bill (Mexico City Policy) allowing federal money to be spent on overseas abortions. He has quoted the Islamic holy book, the Quran, in speeches such as in Cairo in 2009. People of faith may be starting to take notice. According to the Barna Group, toward the end of 2011, President Obama had an unfavorability rating of 94% with Evangelical Christians.

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.” – **President Abraham Lincoln** (1809 – 1865)

One problem within our country is with judicial activism in America. In February 2012, the Ninth Circuit Court (the Ninth Circus) out of San Francisco trounced on millions of Californians who voted on Proposition 8 which defined and favored marriage as being between a man and a woman. This is the way progressives think. The liberal court justices overturned the voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, saying it is unconstitutional.<sup>[23](#)</sup>

The 2012 Presidential election will decide America's future and could have a domino effect on judicial decisions as there are three Supreme Court Justices who may be retiring soon. This could leave three open appointments for either conservative or liberal nominees! The country really needs you: your witness, your faith, your time and your voice. If you have any hope whatsoever for America to reverse its decline, please be informed and vote **biblical values** on Election Day.

In early February 2012, in an interview in Cairo, American Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, though her job is to uphold our Constitution, gave the impression it is dated and irrelevant. When asked to give her opinion regarding the type of government Egypt should adopt as



they try to rebuild their country following the Arab Spring, she said, “I would not look to the U.S. Constitution, if I were drafting a constitution in the year 2012.”

Instead, Ruth Bader Ginsburg – a U.S. Supreme Court Justice who supposedly uses the U.S. Constitution as the basis for her judicial decisions – suggested they look at South Africa’s Constitution as a guide for their new government! For the record, Ginsburg, one of the most liberal Justices in U.S. history was appointed by – drum roll... (Wait for it), Bill Clinton.

Some believe America has come close to destroying our constitutional system of government and do not think we will recover. Author and educator Samuel Blumenfeld wrote that a “socialist cancer” has infected our culture. He implied that even with the Tea Party movement and the rise of Christian conservatism, it may not be enough to stop the decline.

“The disease, long and slow in developing, has spread throughout our public education system, our universities, and many of our cultural institutions.... The coming election in November may very well determine whether or not this Constitutional Republic can be saved or is gone forever.”<sup>[24](#)</sup>

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you must understand how ideas liberals in government promote are focused on moving America away from any influence of God and biblical truth. Tragically, the church has been apathetic toward politics throughout much of this unholy transformation. Will enough Christians wake up and help sound the alarm for the sake of America?

“The people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption...” – **President James A. Garfield** (1831-1881)

American government and culture has been hijacked by many promoters of evil. How should we respond? We can start by exposing the darkness and by raising awareness. Jesus told us not to hide under a table but to let our light shine. Why? It only takes a sliver of light to overcome thick darkness. It only takes a small dedicated movement of conservative Christ-followers who are committed to stand for truth and against sin and corruption.

Evidence shows cultural Marxism has saturated our country. (To those over 30 this may sound shocking; to those under 30, you may be asking, “what’s Marxism?”) We’ll cover this in a later chapter on the “isms.” It has taken generations, but it has happened: our traditional American culture that was once established on Judeo-Christian principles has succumbed to political correctness (PC). Marxism’s goal is for a one world government and power leading to communist rule. Christianity is in the way of this quest for power.

Multiculturalism is the criticism of and opposition to Western culture and its founding worldview of Christianity. It is a dressed up and politicized version of cultural relativism – the doctrine that *every* group has its own distinct but equally sound patterns of perception, thought, and values. As I write this, the Obama administration is promoting more spending, tax increases, and they have enabled more than 100 million Americans to rely on government for some form of welfare. They

...speak out of both sides of their mouths, and behind the mask of a benign celebration of diversity (PC) lies a deeply corrosive rejection of all general norms, rules or truths. It is an ideology by which the elites rule and gain more power by advancing their agenda, and it's happening right under our noses.

## **LIGHT IN THE POLITICAL DARKNESS**

*For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth (Acts 13:47).*

God can save souls through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, but you and I are the vessels He has chosen to work through and to have influence where He places us; this includes the political arena. To get the country back on track will take work and prayer. It will take a movement of committed people of faith and the application of sound doctrine and Scriptural truth in our personal lives to be reflected in society. Writing for Townhall, author Frank Turek reminds us that Jesus said "go" into every part of the world.

"Christians are to be salt and light in everything they do, be it in their church, in their business, in their school, or in their government.... If you think "preaching the Gospel" is important like I do, then you ought to think politics is important too. Why? Because politics and law affects your ability to preach the Gospel!"<sup>[25](#)</sup>

As Christians, politics is not the number one priority, and God will allow what He allows regardless of how we vote. The political process is, however, one important way we can ensure a safer, more traditional, family-oriented society while we're here, if enough Christians vote their convictions instead of their wallets. One election will not fix a country as off track and morally impoverished as we have become, but our history has proven it takes just a few brave citizens whose faith and worldview is one of biblical Christianity to positively impact countless Americans.

Founding Father and President John Adams once said every American citizen should "examine politics with a Christian spirit and neglect all party loyalty...." It's far too rare to hear this kind of sentiment today. Too many believers blindly vote along party lines even though the candidates they vote for often support policies that go directly against their religious beliefs! This must be acknowledged as irresponsible or lazy, and then remedied.

In **Exodus 18:21**, God gives Moses some guidelines for choosing leaders:

*You shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain.*

John Jay, Founding Father and First Chief Justice of the United States (1745 – 1829) stated:

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

We must pray for a spiritual awakening and be informed about the candidates and issues. America is a better nation when the people take more responsibility and when the government is

held accountable. Since the media refuses to do this, it is up to you and me. As good as a revival would be for America, it is still not the end goal. In his book *Fire Breathing Christians*, author Scott Alan Buss said:

“The good things realized by a return to conservative governing principles are only of lasting, genuine benefit insofar as they are shaped and linked to our understanding of Christ and His perfect Word.... We of all people should know that true and lasting success cannot be realized any other way. As Christ and the Gospel have been marginalized in our society, liberalism has metastasized.... Only when Christ and the Word of God are exalted in all areas of life (and yes folks, that includes the political) by those who claim Him as Lord can there be any real hope of reversing the cultural plunge that has come to America.”[26](#)

## **A CALL TO ACTION**

According to alarming statistics, only about 50% of Christians in America are registered to vote! Even more disappointing, only about half of those actually show up at the polls. If we do the math that means about 75% of Christians are *not* helping decide who is elected to run the country. If just another 25% of Bible-believing Christians got involved, elections wouldn't even be close because that amounts to millions of Americans.

I came across an inspiring prayer for elections in America that was sent out to many Catholic parishes and placed in church bulletins. I credit leaders in any church for speaking up and taking a stand for life and for America. Honestly, I'd love to hear more Christian Pastors and Ministers send prayers like this to their congregations. This is from one of the country's most vocal opponents of abortion, Father Frank Pavone:

“O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and governments. We thank you for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to you. We thank you for your law which our Founding Fathers acknowledged. We thank you for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but to influence countless others to vote, and to vote accordingly.

“Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to you requires that they be politically active.... Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to you in prayer are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth; the same eyes that read your Word, are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth.

“Awaken your people to a commitment to justice, to the sanctity of marriage and family, to the dignity of each individual human life, and to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin, and not one moment later! Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your kingdom. May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.”



As a friend of mine from the south used to say, “If that don’t light your fire, your wood is wet.” Regardless of your denomination, I wish the beliefs of each church and the words of church leaders would make their way all the way down into the hearts of those sitting in the pews and seats. The lip service of some believers in America has become tedious.

Irish author and philosopher Edmund Burke once said:

“All that’s necessary for the forces of evil to win in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.”

It takes a remnant of undaunted, Bible-believing, God-fearing Christians to make a difference, and it begins with you and me. We can start by impacting those in our immediate circle of influence. The church may have lost some of its light, but I believe it is not too late to, with a sense of extreme urgency, encourage as many Christians as possible to get back to the basics and influence our country for the God who has blessed us. We must honor Jesus Christ by discerning and voting accordingly.

The good news is God is not finished with this country yet, and more Christians are waking up and speaking up today than we’ve seen in many years. More and more conservatives are participating in the political process, and this is a very good thing. If we want to make a difference and prevent the complete takeover of our Republic, then we had better understand how critical every single election is from this point forward. May God’s will be done for our country. The last time I checked, He is still sovereign, Jesus Christ is still Lord, and the Holy Spirit is still moving.

You and I are responsible for how we use our time, talents, and treasure. One day, every person alive and dead will bow before the King of Kings – whether they loved Him and believed in Him or whether they hated and rebelled against Him – and *every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Phil. 2:10)*. We have His Word on it. In the meantime, there are many battles to be fought, and our faith needs to be strong for the days ahead. We’ve touched briefly on government and next, we need to scrutinize public education in America.

“The time has come that Christians must vote for honest men, and take consistent ground in politics or the Lord will curse them... Christians have been exceedingly guilty in this matter. But the time has come when they must act differently... God will bless or curse this nation, according to the course Christians take.” – **Reverend Charles G. Finney** (1792-1875)

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# THE NEA AGENDA: MORE MAN, MORE MONEY, LESS GOD

“In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children under a free government ought to be instructed.... No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.” – **Noah Webster**, original “Father of American Scholarship and Education”

“There is no God and no soul. Hence, there are no needs for the props of traditional religion. With dogma and creed excluded, then immutable (unchangeable) truth is also dead and buried. There is no room for fixed, natural law, or permanent moral absolutes.”<sup>27</sup> – **John Dewey**, modern “Father of American Education”

**According to a 2011 poll**, confidence in U.S. public schools dropped to 34% and in 2012 it is a mere 29%.<sup>28</sup> Back in 1979, approximately 53% of Americans were happy with the public school system according to a Gallup poll. Education had already been declining, and that same year, President Jimmy Carter created the United States Department of Education (USDE), one of the richest government gravy trains in American history with a current annual budget of over \$71 billion.

Upgrading education to cabinet level status was opposed by many outside the Democratic Party. They saw the department as unconstitutional, arguing the Constitution doesn't mention education and deemed it an unnecessary and illegal federal bureaucratic intrusion into local affairs, funded by taxpayers. Some say the creation of the Department of Education was payback for the support Carter had received from the teachers' unions.

It is no coincidence that in every presidential election since Carter created the USDE, the National Education Association (NEA) has endorsed or supported Democratic candidates. Today, the Department of Education has over 17,000 employees and an enormous annual budget of over \$68.1 billion. When Carter was voted out of office, President Ronald Reagan promised to eliminate the Department as a cabinet post, but due to the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives at the time, he was not able to follow through.

There continues to be opposition to the Department today from conservatives who see it as an undermining of states' rights, libertarians who believe it gives government way too much power, and from concerned American citizens who see massive spending without adequate results to justify it. We can't blame the economic behemoth fully on Carter. It was Lyndon Johnson who

passed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as part of Johnson's so-called "War on Poverty." That act was the most far-reaching federal legislation affecting education ever passed by Congress.

The Federal Security Agency was upgraded to Cabinet-level status in 1953 as the Department of Health, Education, *and* Welfare. At that time, there was strong opposition and resistance to federal aid to education. It was not until Lyndon Johnson was elected in 1964 that liberals and progressives were given the political power to hand the NEA whatever it asked for – and they got it on a silver platter! The Johnson Democrats gifted the NEA with access to the U.S. Treasury. It was quite the nifty scheme using the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Today, children of the poor are educated free, K-12, and are eligible for preschool Head Start, Perkins Grants, Pell Grants and student loans for college.

Lyndon Johnson told Americans this was the way to build a Great Society. Those "Great Society" social reforms included new major spending programs that addressed education, medical care, urban problems, and transportation. What has happened since? We have seen a full-throttle decline into social decomposition. Federal and state spending on social welfare is approaching \$1 trillion a year, \$17 trillion since the Great Society was launched. Those massive programs were one of the catalysts that have put America on the path to economic chaos, and eventually, toward socialism.

Colin Gunn, producer and director of the documentary *IndoctriNation*, pointed out that people are starting to wake up to the damaging effects of a "government controlled education monopoly."

"We now are facing all these problems in America – high taxation, welfare dependency, government debt – and as Christians and conservatives we have to see we can't solve those problems until we solve the public schooling problem."

## **STUPID IN AMERICA**

Leave it to Stossel. John Stossel, author, journalist, Fox News contributor, and host of "Stossel" did a 2012 special on ABC's *20/20*. It was an attempt to investigate public schools in America, but schools refused to give him and his camera crew access to classrooms. Stossel wanted to show Americans what goes on behind the scenes in public school classrooms. They first tried New York City schools, but were denied access. All they wanted to do was to "tape typical classrooms, but were turned down in state after state."

Finally, school officials in the Washington, D.C. district handpicked a few of their best students and allowed *20/20* to give cameras to them to tape classroom activity. One of the selected schools was labeled by *Newsweek* as one of the best in America. The NEA wanted their best to be reflected. However, what they saw from the *best* school was alarming: classroom chaos, misbehavior, and a lack of discipline along with the disrespect of teachers. Stossel reported:

"'Stupid in America' is a nasty title for a program about public education, but some nasty things are going on in America's public schools, and it's about time we face up to it."

Another poll asking parents about their kid's public school showed 76% are satisfied with the school. This seems to contradict the findings of the poll noted earlier. Let me get this straight: one poll says the majority of Americans are not confident in public schools, but this poll says the majority of parents are satisfied with the schools *their* kids attend. How do we explain this apparent discrepancy? The fact is they really don't have much information to go on. Since there is little school competition, how do parents know if the public schools are good, if there is nothing to compare them to?

Jay Greene, author of *Education Myths*, points out that if money was the solution, the problem would have been solved. More money has not helped American kids.

"We've doubled per pupil spending, adjusting for inflation over the last 30 years, and yet schools aren't better.... National graduation rates and achievement scores are flat, while spending on education has increased more than 100 percent since 1971."<sup>29</sup>

When you compare international education, the results are even more revealing. At age ten, American students take an international test and score well above the international average. But by age fifteen, when students from 40 countries are tested, the Americans place 25th. They do worse than kids from poorer countries that spend much less money on education, ranking behind not only Belgium, but also Poland, the Czech Republic and South Korea. What happens in that five-year period that contributes to lower test scores?

One of the problems John Stossel pointed out in his investigation was that even if a school was horrible, our taxes still fund it. There is little incentive for a school district to bust its collective hump to outscore another district, and in many school districts across the country, it is almost impossible to fire a bad teacher. Because of union contracts, most teachers get paid about the same regardless of performance – a recipe for mediocrity.

In New York, it took six years (of litigation) to fire a teacher because of sexual misconduct, and thanks to the teachers union, though the teacher was prohibited from teaching, he continued to receive full pay. He received over \$300,000 pay and benefits without stepping into the classroom. New York City Schools' Chancellor Joel Klein said he employs dozens of teachers he's afraid to let near the kids, so he has them sit in what are called rubber rooms. This year he will spend \$20 million to "warehouse teachers in five rubber rooms" as an alternative to firing them! Klein said:

"In the last four years, only two teachers out of 80,000 were fired for incompetence."

How can anyone argue this is the most effective use of taxpayer money? Even former Apple CEO, Steve Jobs criticized the NEA and other teacher unions for their lack of support for voucher programs, merit pay, and the removal of bad teachers. On February 17, 2007 at an education reform conference in Texas, Steve Jobs said:

"What kind of person could you get to run a small business if you told them that when they came in they couldn't get rid of people that they thought weren't any good?"<sup>30</sup>

Accountability seems to be lacking, but that doesn't stop the money from pouring in to fund education.

## **FUNDING DEMOCRATIC CONTROL**

The National Education Association is the largest labor union in the United States, representing public school teachers, faculty and staff at colleges and universities, plus retired educators. The NEA has 3.2 million members and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. With thousands of affiliates across the country, the NEA employs over 550 staff and has a budget of more than \$307 million per fiscal year. It is part of Education International, the global federation of teachers' unions. The NEA is a major supporter of liberal organizations and contributes heavily to the Democratic Party.

The NEA asserts itself as “non-partisan,” but critics point out the NEA has endorsed and provided support for *every* Democratic Party presidential nominee from Jimmy Carter to Barack Obama. Conversely, the NEA has *never* endorsed any Republican or third party candidate. All the way back in 1983, U.S. Senator Steve Symms tried to warn that the NEA had become “the most powerful special interest group in the U.S.,” and that political lobbying had increased federal education spending massively in the last 20 years.

“In 1982, their contributions of \$1,183,215 and their army of “volunteer” campaign workers helped elect 222 congressmen – a majority of the House of Representatives. But instead of using its influence to improve the quality of American education, the NEA has presided over the virtual crumbling of our nation’s schools.”<sup>[31](#)</sup>

That was thirty years ago. How does a public employee union continue to receive federal funding while it openly supports one political party? Based on required filings with the federal government, it is estimated that between 1990 and 2010, nearly 91% of the NEA’s substantial political contributions went to Democratic Party candidates and liberal causes. In addition, union dues that are confiscated, I mean, collected from teachers, add up to around \$40 million each year and are disbursed to state affiliates and political issue campaigns.

The school district’s payroll office deducts union dues from each teacher’s paycheck as a lump sum. The money is transmitted at regular intervals to the local union affiliate, which keeps its share and transmits the remainder to the state affiliate, which keeps its share and transmits the remainder to the national affiliate. NEA has an affiliate in every state and claims 14,000 locals. Whoever came up with this scheme was a genius. President Thomas Jefferson clearly understood the problem with involuntary dues, fees or taxation when he said:

“To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.”<sup>[32](#)</sup>

I have talked with teachers who have money taken from each paycheck and do not agree with the political causes their dues end up funding. In many schools across the nation there are Christian

teachers who are afraid to speak up because they will be either discriminated against or ridiculed. If this doesn't raise concern, let's take a look at the money flow from progressive (and many anti-Christian) groups to the NEA and then back out to those organizations.

In 2008, the combined total of contributors to state and federal campaigns, political parties, and ballot measure committee was over \$56 million.<sup>33</sup> The following is partial list of recipients that benefit from NEA funding:

Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLADD), Democratic Leadership Council, Sierra Club, Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Media Matters for America, Center for American Progress, National Council of La Raza, Amnesty International, the now-defunct ACORN, Women's Voices, Women Vote, NAACP, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, American Rights at Work, Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), and many others.

This country is blessed with many good public school teachers whose character, morals or beliefs do not line up with the NEA, but it's a shame they are being represented by such a self-serving, hyper-partisan group of activists. Their quest for power should be concerning. In 1978, the top lawyer for the NEA, Bob Chanin, warned about protecting collective bargaining at all costs, saying, "It is well-recognized that if you take away the mechanism of payroll deduction, you won't collect a penny from these people...I think it has to do with the nature of the beast...."

Chanin retired in 2009 and gave a fiery speech in which his primary focus was money, power, and control. In July 2009 in San Diego, California, the annual NEA Convention took place and on the final day, outgoing general counsel, Bob Chanin, gave his good-bye pep talk. He mentioned the fact that in 1963, Wisconsin was the only state with a public sector labor law. In the next few years, there was a legislative explosion when more than twenty-five states enacted statutes giving teachers the right to engage in collective bargaining.

A revolution was in the making. Well into his lengthy speech, Bob Chanin mentioned the resistance some have shown toward the direction of public education saying:

"Why are these conservative and right-wing bastards picking on NEA and its affiliates? I'll tell you why: It is the price we pay for success. NEA and its affiliates...are the nation's leading advocates for public education and the type of **liberal, social and economic agenda** that these groups find unacceptable....

**"And that brings me to my final and most important point,** which is why, at least in my opinion, NEA and its affiliates are such effective advocates. Despite what some among us would like to believe, it is not because of our creative ideas. It is not because of the merit of our positions. **It is not because we care about children. And it is not because we have a vision of a great public school for every child.**

**"NEA and its affiliates are effective advocates because we have power.** And we have power because there are more than 3.2 million people who are willing to pay us hundreds of millions



of dollars in dues each year.”<sup>34</sup>

Chanin credited the liberal changes in the NEA to collective bargaining, which he noted helped support teacher strikes and establish a political action committee. This also enabled NEA to speak out for affirmative action and defend homosexual rights, about which Chanin boasted “the more we said and did, the more we pissed people off.”

Part of their power grab was to control changes in curriculums. The NEA has been gradually implementing an anti-Christian agenda starting with the youngest children they can access. Secular Humanist, John Dunphy, wrote an essay in 1983 *A Religion for a New Age for The Humanist* magazine, stating:

“The battle for mankind’s future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as proselytizers of a new faith.... The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between **the old** and the new – **the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery**, and the new faith of humanism.”<sup>35</sup> (Emphasis mine)

The ‘out with old Christianity’ sentiment has been obvious, but with massive amounts of money continually pouring into the NEA, shouldn’t there be better results when it comes to what kids are learning and retaining? Was money misappropriated? How was their massive funding allocated? Let’s take a closer look.

## **THIRTY YEARS OF MEDIOCRITY**

Growing up, I loved having summers off, and it was an added blessing that the whole family had the same time off and could go on vacations together. We also spent quality time at our summer cottage on a small lake. My parents both worked in education for decades, and they loved their jobs. I remember them bringing work home with them quite often. My mother would sit in the recliner in our living room, correct papers and work on lesson plans for the next week. Talking to my mother today, she says that the NEA changed through the years. They implemented new policies, supported causes she did not agree with, but her biggest concern was the change in curriculum. Suddenly, there was more focus on social studies than on the basics; reading, writing, and math. She also noticed a gradual decline in student behavior and learning.

The National Commission on Excellence in Education came out with a report exclaiming America’s educational foundations were eroding, and the level of mediocrity in public schools threatened the future of our nation. This 1983 report went on to say we allowed this to happen, but if a foreign power had tried to force a mediocre educational standard on America, “we might have viewed it as an act of war.”

Ten years later in 1993, the U.S. Department of Education did a survey of adult literacy in America costing \$14 million. You guessed it – people were shocked by the results. The report found half of the adult population (over 90 million at the time) had such poor literacy skills, people were barely able to deal with computers and other high-tech additions to our society. These adult



Americans had spent more time in school than previous generations, and more money was spent to educate them!

Skipping ahead to 2007, the National Endowment for the Arts did a comprehensive survey on American literacy that revealed horrendous results once again. The report was named *Reading at Risk* and Chairman, Dana Gioia, openly stated they were not happy to issue the results to the public and admitted the report revealed a “bleak assessment of the decline of reading’s role” in America. Gioia went on to warn we were losing the new generation, and due to poor reading, they’d not come close to reaching their potential, further stating:

“For the first time in modern history, less than half of the adult population now reads literature, and these trends reflect a larger decline in other sorts of reading. Anyone who loves literature or values the cultural, intellectual, and political importance of active and engaged literacy in American society will respond to this report with grave concern.”<sup>[36](#)</sup>

It would be redundant to list more reports, studies and surveys done on public education revealing disappointing results. One thing the NEA seems to excel at is ignoring negative reports about problems in education. These stories fade away, and Americans barely catch the headlines. If reading in America is rapidly declining, especially among youth, what is being done to correct the problem? Something is definitely not gelling. America spends more money on education than any nation in world history.

Because the NEA wanted to make sure taxpayers were getting something for their investment, they did a follow-up study two years later. Get this: with no mention of the cause or a solution to this major problem, they released a 99-page study called “To Read or Not to Read: A Question of National Consequence,” finding an increasing number of adult Americans were not even reading one book a year! In this report, 72% of high school graduates were also deemed by employers as “deficient” in writing in English.

We already knew math was a weak area, and now it was confirmed reading and writing skills were declining. Compared to thirty-one industrialized nations, American fifteen-year-olds ranked fifteenth in reading scores, behind Poland, Korea, France, Canada and others. This time, NEA Chairman Dana Gioia again showed grave “concern” over the results and said:

“I’ve done a lot of work in statistics in my career and I’ve never seen a situation where so much data was pulled from so many places and absolutely everything is so consistent.”

At least we’re consistently awful. Gioia went on to note the “catastrophic falloff” once kids get into their teens. In this technology age and electronic culture, something must be done, or kids may stop reading altogether. She and the NEA called for *immediate* changes in the way we’re educating kids, especially in high school and college. I wouldn’t hold my breath. Gioia somberly concluded that because of these failures “the majority of young Americans will not realize their individual, economic or social potential.”<sup>[37](#)</sup>

During the public employee union protests in Wisconsin, a 2011 report was done by the U.S. Department of Education clearly showing **despite the massive increase in spending, student test results have stayed about the same or even got worse.** Nationwide, only 30% of public school eighth graders earned a rating of “proficient” or better in reading, and the average reading score on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test was 262 out of 500.<sup>[38](#)</sup>

Since the State Capital in Madison was hijacked by union protesters for months on end, let’s highlight Wisconsin. In a ten-year comparison of school testing from 1998 to 2008, student scores stayed the same on reading tests. During this same ten year period, Wisconsin public schools increased their per pupil expenditures from \$4,956 to \$10,791. Let’s do the math here. Ten-year spending increased approximately \$5,835 per student, yet that massive increase did not add a single point to test scores. The sad and unfortunate fact made headlines as: “Two-Thirds of Wisconsin Public School 8th Graders Can’t Read Proficiently – Despite Highest Per Pupil Spending in Midwest.”<sup>[39](#)</sup>

The evidence is overwhelming that NEA curriculum and policies are not helping the kids. In fiscal year 2008 alone, the federal government provided over \$669 million in subsidies to the public schools in Wisconsin. The SAT verbal scores for the class of 2011 are the lowest on record! Combined **reading and math scores have fallen to their lowest level since 1995.**<sup>[40](#)</sup>

Author and educator, Dr. Samuel Blumenfeld, confirmed what many knew, government schools are not truly educating, but they are indoctrinating. He warns atheistic influences are gaining momentum in America and only concerned conservative citizens can stop the power grabs. Blumenfeld pulled no punches when he answered this question, ‘**what are the American people getting for their tax money?**’

“The drugging of over four million children by their educators to cure Attention Deficit Disorder, a steep decline in literacy, and an anti-Christian philosophy of education. If it were not for the growth of the home-school movement and the restoration of educational freedom by this dedicated remnant, the country would in time become a totalitarian society controlled by behavioral psychologists and corrupt politicians.”

Reports have been done. Whistles have been blown. Information has been available over the last three decades that has been rightly critical of the NEA containing the same list of problems: decreasing test scores, poor academic performance, high dropout rates, ineffective curriculums, student violence, and even low teacher morale. The NEA’s solution is more money for education, better health plans, smaller class size, higher teacher pay, new buildings, new curricula, more computers, more....

Could it be government-level leaders and NEA decision makers do not have the same worldview as most Americans and don’t want the same kind of education we do? Enter socialist John Dewey. Dewey once plotted a long-range, comprehensive strategy that would reorganize primary education to serve the needs of socialization. “Change must come gradually,” he wrote. “To force it unduly

would compromise its final success by favoring a violent reaction.” In other words, Dewey was saying that implementing socialistic ideas had to be done slowly; otherwise those who truly cared about educating children would become angry and resist.

## **JOHN DEWEY – THE “FATHER OF MODERN EDUCATION”**

Longtime member of the American Federation of Teachers, atheist and “progressive” philosopher, John Dewey, has had tremendous influence on education. He taught at Columbia University, The University of Michigan, and Chicago University. Through the years, Dewey was a member of many Marxist organizations and a totalitarian socialist who wanted government to take over all education via government schools. Dewey rejected traditional religion and moral absolutes and is considered the epitome of liberalism by many historians, sometimes even portrayed as “dangerously radical.”

John Dewey and his colleagues are responsible for deciding that since high literacy was an obstacle to their progressive agenda, the NEA needed to reduce emphasis on reading. Dewey’s agenda has produced absolutely tragic results in American education. He and a few other progressives brought in the system of “social studies.” Naturally, this direction soon edged God out of public school curriculums as Dewey disparaged schooling that focused on traditional character development. It’s no wonder today’s youth have a distorted view of our founders.

“The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.”

– **John Adams**

Dewey wanted to transform America into a secular and socialist country and had major support from the Rockefellers. In order to move toward that end, he, along with other progressives, concluded the young must be less educated and less informed than their parents. John Dewey was also a trainer of teachers and a creator of curriculums. He spent a good portion of his adult life attempting to reconstruct the American system.

In 2005, HUMAN EVENTS asked a panel of 15 conservative scholars and public policy leaders to compile a list of the **Ten Most Harmful Books** of the 19th and 20th Centuries.<sup>[41](#)</sup> **John Dewey’s 1916 book *Democracy and Education*** made the list as the fifth most harmful book over two centuries! The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx was first on the list, and Hitler’s *Mein Kampf* was number two. (Marx’s *Das Kapital* was number six, immediately after Dewey)

Karl Marx once said that “The first battlefield is the rewriting of history.”

While teaching at Columbia University in 1935, John Dewey came up with his own list of the twenty-five most influential books since 1885. Number one on the list was *Das Kapital* by Karl Marx. So the father of modern education, Dewey, considered Marxism pretty important, even going so far as to say it was “one of the greatest modern syntheses of humane values.” Number two was a famous 1887 novel by Edward Bellamy. In *Looking Backward*, Edward Bellamy depicted a

happy, socialist America where greed and material want ceased to exist; harmony prevailed, the arts and sciences flourished, and an all-powerful government and bureaucracy were efficient and fair. Bellamy saw America becoming socialist by way of consensus rather than revolution.

This is exactly what Dewey wanted in America. In his 1934 essay, “The Great American Prophet,” Dewey claimed capitalism imposed a restriction on freedom and “socialized industry and finance” would be the vehicle by which people would reach their full potential. How could he believe that, and why write so much about Dewey? He changed NEA curriculums!

Six years earlier John Dewey traveled to the former Soviet Union with others from the NEA and studied the communist education system. It was 1928, and the Soviet system of Socialist education was very similar to China’s system. Dewey was apparently manipulated and was not given the full picture as the Soviets only showed him what they planned for him to see. The Bolsheviks had invited Dewey and enjoyed his work so much they translated his books into Russian.

In Dr. Paul Kengor’s 2010 book, *Dupes and the Religious Left*, Dr. Paul Kengor talks about how the Bolsheviks rolled out the red carpet for Dewey in Russia and even implemented the same books by Dewey that teachers’ colleges and education departments in the United States have used to “train a century of public school educators.” When he came back praising their development of progressive education ideas, Kengor writes, “He did exactly what Stalin hoped, promoting the ‘new world’ he discovered in the USSR.” In one account, Dewey hailed the “restoration” of Russia’s churches when everyone knew the Bolsheviks were demolishing churches.<sup>[42](#)</sup>

## THE HUMANIST MANIFESTO

As part of his agenda, John Dewey co-authored and signed the *Humanist Manifesto* in 1933. Humanism is a worldview that focuses on human values and concerns, attaching prime importance to people rather than on a divine or supernatural being. The *Humanist Manifesto* is a philosophy and value system which does not necessarily include belief in any personal deity or “higher power.” It referred to Humanism as a religious movement to transcend and replace previous religions. This philosophy promoted by John Dewey refutes the salvation of God. In fact, Dewey promoted the teaching of the Theory of Evolution in order to popularize humanism.

Evolution denounces any existence of God; if there is no God, there is no need for salvation. John Dewey was adamantly opposed to anything that supported the Christian faith. He believed the children needed to be re-educated away from the traditional values of the parent. He felt this would make them better citizens for the new world order. He also believed in the redistribution of wealth and called for universal socialism. Dewey had an alarming philosophy:

*“You can’t make socialists out of individualists. Children who know how to think for themselves spoil the harmony of the collective society, which is coming, where everyone is interdependent.”*

Dewey was the first honorary president of the NEA and a major influence on school curriculums. What a drastic contrast between John Dewey and early American settlers whose primary goal and desire, where education was concerned, was for their children to be able to read the Bible

proficiently and live its principles freely. In 1936, the NEA stated one of its reformed goals: “We stand for socializing the individual.” Apparently, Dewey and his ilk were effective enough to transform the system so that 88% of Christian children deny their faith by the time they graduate from college.

“I don’t want a nation of thinkers. I want a nation of workers.” – **John D. Rockefeller**

## **DUMBING DOWN AMERICA – DELIBERATELY?**

Charlotte Iserbyt worked in the Department of Education during the Reagan administration in the 1980’s as a Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Educational Research and Improvement. What she learned about controversial methods and programs being federally funded was so disturbing she felt she had no choice but to blow the whistle on the public school system. She gathered evidence that showed how “good teachers across America have been forced to use controversial, non-academic” curriculums, and how the “international, national, regional, state and local agendas for education reform are all interconnected and have been for decades.”

Naturally, Charlotte was fired from her department when they found out she was collecting information, but by that time she already had thousands of pages of copied documents from the Education Department’s files! She would eventually reveal insider information by writing a gargantuan book called *The Deliberate Dumbing Down of America: A Chronological Paper Trail*, which was first published in 1999.

In the Preface to her book, Iserbyt said that the United States is fighting a secret war in the public schools in which children are the captive targets. It is a war most Americans – especially parents – are ignorant about. This war has been waged, not by a foreign enemy but by our own government, and it produces “the death of intellect and freedom.” Iserbyt said traveling and spending a decade in Europe’s socialist countries changed her life.

Upon returning to the U.S., she realized “America’s transition from a sovereign constitutional republic to a socialist democracy” would come about through government implementation of the system at every level: federal, state and local. The use of behavior modification would be used in schools to promote acceptance of the “system’s” control.

Iserbyt mentioned her concerns with outcome-based education and the methods of B.F. Skinner, as well as values clarification, which was renamed “critical thinking.” She wrote that regardless of the changing labels, critical thinking is nothing but “pure, unadulterated destruction of absolute values of right and wrong upon which stable and free societies depend, and upon which our nation was founded.”

If you’re wondering how Iserbyt began her journey as a “resister,” she placed the first document in her education files back in 1973. It was an invasive questionnaire her fourth grade son brought home from school called “All About Me” containing highly personal questions about his family. She said its purpose was to find out the student’s values and state of mind, how he felt and what he liked. Iserbyt concluded:



“With this knowledge it would be easier for the government school to modify his values and behavior at will – without, of course, the student’s knowledge or parents’ consent.”[43](#)

The same year Iserbyt published her outstanding work, three-time New York City Teacher of the Year and 1991 New York State Teacher of the Year, John Taylor Gatto, wrote a letter to the op-ed pages of the Wall Street Journal announcing his retirement. Part of the letter said he no longer wished to hurt kids to make a living. Hearing something like this from a respected teacher makes you wonder what they were doing in New York public schools.

In the 2011 documentary *IndoctriNation*, John Taylor Gatto exclaimed:

“Is there an idea more radical in the history of the human race than turning your children over to complete strangers and having those strangers work on your child’s mind – out of your site – for a period of twelve years? Could there be a more radical idea than that? Back in colonial days in America if you proposed that as an idea they’d burn you at the stake... It’s a mad idea.”[44](#)

Public schools are now a place where kids can get many kinds of drugs, free condoms from Planned Parenthood, and plenty of sex. They’re taught about sex practices, and students are encouraged to experiment, not only with a boyfriend or girlfriend, but with same sex partners. It’s no wonder kids are leaving schools with their faith and virginity shattered.

John Taylor Gatto is also the author of many books including *Weapons of Mass Instruction: A Schoolteacher’s Journey through the Dark World of Compulsory Schooling*. In this book, he suggests public schools deliberately – through the agenda of the NEA – harm children by “crippling imagination” and discouraging critical thinking. Gatto goes so far as to say the function of compliant teachers ends up being to “render the common population manageable.” The NEA, through the government, has embraced humanism full throttle.

“The education of all children, from the moment that they can get along without a mother’s care, shall be in state institutions at state expense.” – **Karl Marx**

The consequences of public schools accepting and promoting this socialistic worldview have been disastrous. If human beings are not unique, individual creations of God; if we have no meaning, purpose, or value aside from this temporary life, then any life can be disposed of because it can be declared that it’s no longer useful and can no longer serve its purpose on this earth. We see this dangerous philosophy in justifying abortion and end of life “counseling,” as well as in those who judge the handicapped or mentally retarded as less capable or productive.

Imagine if the opposite was taught in public schools. What a difference it would make in the very lives of precious kids, if they were taught the truth, that God created each one of them in His image and that He has a beautiful plan and purpose for each life. Founder and signer of the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Rush (1746-1813) once said:

“We profess to be republicans, and yet we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government, that is, the universal education of our youth



in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible.

“For this Divine Book, above all others, favors that equality among mankind, that respect for just laws, and those sober and frugal virtues, which constitute the soul of republicanism.”

From our earliest history, the founders knew how important it was for children to know and study the Bible and how dangerous it would be without the Christian worldview.

## **IF GOD IS NOT WELCOME, ANYTHING GOES**

Remove the Bible, prayer, and the Pledge, confuse kids about moral absolutes and just about anything can be taught under the guise of education. The presence of the Ten Commandments once established an environment of standards and morals. Today, schools are filled with propaganda such as man-caused global warming and earth worship, political correctness, sex education and birth control, anti-bullying campaigns, selling the need for vaccinations, and the minimizing of our history and the founders influence.

Some believe there was a purposeful ‘blocking of parents’ from their children’s education process. Writing for *Worldview Times*, Tom DeWeese talked about the federal influence in school curriculums with the addition of behavior modification as well as an overall global (rather than local) outlook. DeWeese stated:

“In short, the modern environmental movement was chosen as the shock and awe tactic to force America into the global village. Over the next three decades these forces combined to rapidly and drastically change America in a very significant way.... Change the attitudes, values and beliefs of just one generation and America will forget its founding principles and fall in line with the globalist world view.”<sup>[45](#)</sup>

Hillary Clinton published a 1996 book called *It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us*. She minimized the traditional family and declared organizations outside the family could meet children’s needs. Clinton asserted *society* (she means “government”) is obligated to do its part to meet those needs. The church must defend the sanctity of life and marriage. Marriage is the foundation of the family, and a healthy family is the foundation to a strong society. At least that’s how it used to be.

It was the Clinton administration that opened the door to teaching about the history and practices of Muslims, which was a key change in school textbooks. If Darwinism, environmentalism, and homosexuality weren’t enough, now kids are taught to be open to Islam. In 1995, President Bill Clinton directed his Secretary of Education, Richard W. Riley, to prepare guidelines for religious expression and activities in America’s schools. They declared government schools may not provide religious instruction, but can “teach about religion.”

Dr. Karen L. Gushta is a Research Coordinator for Coral Ridge Ministries in Florida and a former multi-level teacher. She is the author of the book *The War on Children: How Pop Culture and Public Schools Put Our Kids at Risk*. Writing about the teaching of Islam in public schools in

America, she noted that results of a study were released in 2008 by the American Textbook Counsel. Dr. Gushta said the 48-page report was:

**“Islam in the Classroom: What the Textbooks Tell Us.”** Of particular significance is the portion of the Council’s report regarding seventh-grade world history textbooks, since many seventh-grade curricula, following the lead of California schools, now require students to receive instruction and engage in activities to learn about Islamic history, culture, the Qur’an, and the religious practices of Muslims.<sup>[46](#)</sup>

Welcoming tolerance whitewashes terrorism. In 2002, the NEA was criticized for a series of lesson plans called “Remember September 11” which appeared on its website. The NEA was evidently urging teachers to **remove all references to Muslim terrorists** in lesson plans about the September 11 attacks. These plans appeared on NEA’s Health Information Network Website and suggested teachers discuss “historical instances of American intolerance.” The site also mentioned how Japanese Americans were treated during WWII. (Americans are the bad guys.) Ellen Sorokin wrote about this in *The Washington Times* on August 20, 2002. She titled it “NEA Plan for 9/11 Not Backed By Teachers.”

Evidently, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) released a statement: “The AFT disagrees with the lesson plans found on the NEA Website. The AFT does not support a blame-America approach in particular and wishes to distance itself from the entire document.” Critics cited the controversy as another example of political correctness gone awry. This foundational problem is the removal of our Judeo-Christian educational principles from public education.

“Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil.” –  
**C.S. Lewis**

## **GAY IS OK – GOD IS NOT**

According to a former chairman of the NEA Ex-Gay Educators Caucus, one of the NEA goals is “changing public opinion on homosexuality, starting with the youngest generation.” Under the guise of safe schools, meaning schools should “raise awareness of homophobia” and intervene when GLBT students are harassed, a 2005 ruling in California basically told parents to stay out of school business. The Palmdale School District had conducted a survey about “psychological barriers to learning” in which elementary school children were asked questions of a sexual nature, and when parents learned their children had received this questionnaire, they sued the district for the right “to control the upbringing of their children by introducing them to matters of and relating to sex.” Both the district court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected that the parents had any such right.<sup>[47](#)</sup>

It was a shocking ruling in the case known as *Fields v. Palmdale School District*, essentially saying traditional fundamental parental rights “[do] not exist beyond the threshold of the school door.” Most of us can see the government and school are overstepping their boundaries in public education as a whole. Another part of this ruling stated:

“Once parents make the choice as to which school their children will attend, their fundamental right to control the education of their children is, at the least, substantially diminished.”

How do these surveys and curriculums get into the schools in the first place? Recently retired public school teacher, Meredith Berg, found out at the 2008 NEA annual convention. What she learned was so appalling it made her ask if these were “the kind of people we want teaching our children.” Berg was most disappointed by the number of radical delegates – thousands of which wore buttons saying “The ‘Christian Right’ is neither” as well as “Gay rights are civil rights” – wanting to pass resolutions and implement NEA policies authorizing members to lobby government for homosexual education. Not surprisingly, some of the NEA goals include:

- The “right to reproductive freedom” (Abortion on demand)
- Government-run health care
- The implementation of diversity, tolerance, and anti-bullying programs
- Gun control
- The opposition to English as the official language in America (even though more than 80% of Americans favor it)

Berg, a former high school teacher, called the resolutions “far outside the realm of education.” The NEA fiercely opposes any competition for public schools such as vouchers, tuition tax credits, or parental option plans. Berg noted the NEA oppose homeschooling unless kids are taught by state-licensed teachers and use a “state approved curriculum.” The unions want control. Berg continued:

“They also want to bar homeschooled students from participating in any extracurricular activities in public schools (even though their parents pay school taxes too!). Their Diversity Resolution makes it clear that schools are to teach about ‘sexual orientation,’ and ‘gender identification,’ even for preschoolers!”<sup>48</sup>

Meredith Berg is another of the many concerned teachers or former teachers to actually see first hand what is going on and have the courage to disagree. She emphasized there are many, very good teachers with Christian values who are not involved in the radical efforts, but are afraid to speak up. They understand the NEA is ruining America’s schools and in turn, taking our nation down the road to destruction.

“Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted.”

Marx disciple – **Vladimir Lenin**

Meanwhile, back at headquarters in Washington, D.C., the resignation of Kevin Jennings was a major news story ignored by the media on May 23, 2011. Jennings was the “Safe Schools Czar” for the Obama administration, and after I read what he promoted in public schools, it almost made me sick to my stomach.

Jennings was the founder of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), and one look at GLSEN's recommended reading list should cause alarm. There are books encouraging the sexualization of children regardless of "orientation" and a reading list for teachers on down to grade schoolers. Kevin Jennings had been known to encourage sex between adults and minors. CNS News reported:

"In April, he spoke at an assembly at a public school in Maryland where he compared those who oppose homosexuality to supporters of slavery and racial segregation."<sup>[49](#)</sup>

During his fourteen-year tenure at GLSEN, Jennings touted his homosexual activism and included the fact that since 1995, he increased the number of public school-based and student-led pro-homosexual clubs, such as Gay-Straight Alliances, from 50 to 4,300 today. Did you get that number? With the NEA's cooperation, Jennings was responsible for adding **more than 4,200 new clubs in public schools that promote homosexuality**. They have representatives saying one of the problems with education today is kids aren't taught enough about sex. This brings us to Diane Schneider, who said:

"Oral sex, masturbation, and orgasms need to be taught in education."

Diane Schneider is a high school health educator in Spring Valley, New York. She is very active with GLSEN in the Rockland County area, where she is its co-chair. She advises the Gay-Straight Alliance group in her high school and is an online professor for New York State. Schneider is a trainer for the NEA, teaching LGBT Trainers. When speaking to the United Nations Population Fund, she told the audience that comprehensive sex education is "the only way to combat heterosexism and gender conformity!"

Diane Schneider spoke to a panel against homophobia and, representing the NEA, opposed abstinence-based sex education. Schneider proclaimed, "...and we must make these issues a part of every middle and high school student's agenda."<sup>[50](#)</sup>

This is what the NEA promotes at a UN conference? She also implied family and religion are two things that hold back the advancement of homosexuality.

## **CLINTON EXPANDS WHAT CARTER STARTED**

Jimmy Carter gets credit for starting the U.S. Dept. of Education, and Bill Clinton gets credit for expanding the bureaucracy. The homosexual lobby helped get Clinton elected as president in 1992 in return for his promises to further their agenda in public schools. So naturally, at the 1993 NEA convention, President Bill and First Lady Hillary Clinton were in the front row. According to Concerned Women for America, when President Clinton spoke, he confirmed their partnership and actually told the audience his "goals for America closely parallel those of the NEA," further stating:

"And I believe that the president of this organization would say we have had the partnership I promised in the campaign in 1992, and we will continue to have it. ... You and I are joined in a

common cause, and I believe we will succeed.”<sup>[51](#)</sup>

That same year at the Minneapolis convention, delegates adopted new resolutions, including B-9. The resolution, introduced by the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network, states the NEA supported “the celebration of a Lesbian and Gay History Month as a means of acknowledging the contributions of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals throughout history.”

With the help and support of the Clinton administration, a “Day of Silence” (DOS) was introduced in 1996. DOS is a full school day the NEA dedicates to raising awareness about bullying and hate – primarily to stifle any student who might believe homosexuality is wrong – or God forbid, a sin. On the Day of Silence in public schools across America, a pro-gay message is often sent to the students, with teachers and administrators frequently promoting homosexuality, bisexuality, and transgenderism over the course of the day, with the explicit backing of GLSEN.

Linda Harvey, founder of the Christian pro-family Mission America, has followed the GLSEN movement closely. Harvey writes that the goal for DOS is to “exploit the tender sympathies of kids to promote approval of homosexuality and gender confusion.” Obviously, the enemy is Judeo-Christian morality. Harvey stated:

“GLSEN teaches students that homosexuals and gender-confused people are ‘silenced’ and under persecution by those who object to this behavior, and that traditional moral beliefs cause bullying. No hard, objective data exists to support this contention, and the event itself causes hostility, confusion, and division.”<sup>[52](#)</sup>

**Bullying is wrong no matter who is doing it** and no matter who is being bullied. The problem many Christians have with things like DOS going on in public schools is that there is no tolerance of religious speech for those who believe in the Bible and who do not agree with their agenda. Apparently, those who do not support a special school day devoted to gay indoctrination are expected to be silent.

It’s not hard to understand why an average of six thousand students every year are leaving public schools for private education or homeschooling. Homeschooling parents pay about \$550 – \$1,600 per year to educate their child; by comparison, taxpayers fork over more than \$10,000 per student in the public education system with far less successful results.

## **SHOW ME THE MONEY**

While the Wisconsin State Capital was overtaken by powerful labor unions in 2011, Governor Scott Walker was working to fix the \$3.6 billion deficit left by the Jim Doyle administration. Something had to change, spending cuts had to be made, and Walker decided to limit collective bargaining for public employee unions. The protests went on for months, and the unions even forced a recall of Governor Walker. Paid for by all state taxpayers, the \$16 million recall election produced the same result it did in November 2010 as Walker was again overwhelmingly voted in by the majority of Wisconsin citizens, this time by an even greater margin.



The teachers' unions claim their political action is best for the children, but sources show the average public employee makes several times more than the average citizen. This is not counting health insurance and retirement packages. Due to collective bargaining, there are even bus drivers in Milwaukee who make \$117,000 a year, and in Madison, seven garbage men made more than \$100,000 in 2010.

In the Milwaukee area, high school teacher salaries ranged as high as \$122,000 all the way up to \$170,000 for supervisory staff. Just like in Wisconsin, nationally, collective bargaining weakens the ability of America to compete with other parts of the world not only in education, but in manufacturing and other areas.

The protests in Wisconsin were heated and at times intimidating. There was plenty of foul language, and both communist and socialist groups had a presence there. Something else had to be behind this behavior. While navigating around the NEA website, I was shocked to find on their recommended reading list, right there in plain sight, *Rules for Radicals* by Saul Alinsky, "The American Organizer." The 1971 book articulated a socialist strategy for gaining political power to redistribute wealth. Talk about bullying, Chicago politics, and thuggery.

Why would the NEA want teachers to learn about fascist, radical, socialist-inspired methods of protesting? America found out why in 2011 when public employee unions and socialist groups took the Wisconsin state capital hostage. On the NEA website, it called Alinsky "an inspiration to anyone contemplating action in their community." It also recommended his 1946 book *Reveille for Radicals*, about the principles and tactics of "community organizing."

The Alinsky method is to: agitate, aggravate, educate, organize, ridicule, pressure, and polarize. What does this have to do with teaching children and improving education? For now, let's state some specific examples of his tactics and techniques – otherwise known as "rules" for activists and protesters. According to its own website, the NEA talked about making people more effective activists and encouraging them "not to worry too much about getting his or her hands dirty. It's all a part of the job, he [Alinsky] seems to say."<sup>53</sup>

Since the NEA recommended his books and wants teachers to be effective protestors, let's take a gander at the content. This is very eye-opening to most of us in Wisconsin who witnessed the vociferous union demonstrations that caused chaos, state division, and property damage, all over the collective bargaining issue. As an activist trainer, Saul Alinsky counseled organizers and activists to cause confusion, fear, and retreat. The Wisconsin teachers who participated were just following instructions. Alinsky wrote about always keeping the pressure on the enemy, saying, "Marching mobs of chanting demonstrators accomplishes this objective."

Some Alinsky techniques include the staging of loud, defiant protest rallies expressing rage over some particular "injustice." He talks about giving the impression there are more people behind the protests than there actually are. It's a scare tactic they use to make onlookers think their movement is going to increase. Alinsky taught about intimidation, saying, "Power is not only what you have, but what the enemy thinks you have."<sup>54</sup>



Remember the following “rules” the next time you see big union or Occupy protests, and it will make sense. According to the profile for Saul Alinsky on the Discover the Networks website:

“...whenever possible the organizer must deride his enemy and dismiss him as someone unworthy of being taken seriously because he is either intellectually deficient or morally bankrupt.”

He advised organizers to “laugh at the enemy” in an effort to provoke “an irrational anger.”

“Ridicule,” said Alinsky, “is man’s most potent weapon. It is almost impossible to counterattack ridicule. Also it infuriates the opposition, who then react to your advantage....”

Among the most vital tenets of Alinsky’s method were the following:

“Make the enemy live up to their own book of rules. You can kill them with this, for they can no more live up to their own rules than the Christian Church can live up to Christianity.”

“No organization, including organized religion, can live up to the letter of its own book. You can club them to death with their ‘book’ of rules and regulations.”

“Practically all people live in a world of contradictions. They espouse a morality which they do not practice.... This dilemma can and should be fully utilized by the organizer in getting individuals and groups involved in a People’s Organization....”

Why discuss this? The NEA encourages its employees to emulate Saul Alinsky. They aim to achieve their goals at any cost. **Author’s note:** *The recommended reading page on Saul Alinsky and his books has recently been scrubbed from the National Education Association’s website. (The original link was: <http://www.nea.org/tools/17231.html>)*

## **CELEBRATING COMMUNISM?**

On July 29, 2010, the NEA promoted Mao’s launch of “People’s Republic” of China on the anniversary of the repressive communist regime’s violent founding. The NEA website has a page called Diversity Events<sup>55</sup> and listed October 1, 2010 as the day to celebrate Chairman Mao’s successful revolution. Should this surprise us?

The NEA has been advocating multiculturalism for decades and has minimized the foundational Western worldview. Author, columnist, and National Radio and TV host, Brannon Howse, suggested the true term is Cultural Marxism. Howse believes this move was consistent with the NEA philosophy of rejecting the traditional family. In a World Net Daily interview on this story, Brannon Howse said he was “appalled but not shocked because of the National Education Association’s long love affair with communism....” They know if the family unit is broken down in America that the government will grow bigger, due, in part, to the reliance on welfare. Discussing the NEA, Howse stated:

“They support feminism, which is antifamily, anti-father. They openly write about the need to destroy the father, the male, the leader of the home, the defender and the provider.... They

are for a progressive, liberal, anti-American worldview and **most of the teachers who pay dues to the NEA do not agree with the liberal stances....**

“Their friends are at work, to try to show that social justice, or communism, or progressive ideology is good. The antithesis, Christianity, is evil...Communists hate traditional America.”[56](#)

When this story came to the public’s attention and WND contacted the National Education Association, an official told World Net Daily no one from the organization was available for comment. \***Editor’s note:** *After this report appeared, the reference to the founding of Chairman Mao’s “People’s Republic” was removed from the NEA website.*

## **THE BIBLE IS “QUESTIONABLE MATERIAL”**

The Sheboygan, Wisconsin School District backed up a February 2012 decision by James Madison Elementary School Principal, Matthew Driscoll, deciding that a Bible verse is “questionable material.” The result was the confiscation of a second grader’s valentines.

It all started when a second grader added the wrong message to the candy he wanted to give out for Valentine’s Day: John 3:16, a Bible verse. Dexter Thielhelm wanted to put the verse with the candy and give them to his James Madison Elementary school friends. Another offending message, “Jesus loves you,” was written on the rolled up Bible verse. His siblings helped Dexter put all the valentines together. Apparently, the problem in public schools is you can use the word “love” but you can’t use any reference to religion.

According to the Wausau Herald, Dexter’s mother, Melissa Wolf, said she didn’t know the Christian message, *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life*, would be objectionable by the school and was unhappy with the way principal Matthew Driscoll handled the situation.[57](#)

Even though the School District’s assistant superintendent of student and instructional services said there is not a “specific district policy dealing with the distribution of religious verses on Valentine’s Day,” the reason they gave for confiscating the boy’s valentines was that other second graders expected to receive a valentine, not a “religious verse.” It must be noted that Wolf has a son who attends a private school in the same school district, Lake Country Academy. He had no problems sharing the identical Christian valentines at his charter school.

## **FREE SPEECH FOR ALMOST EVERYONE**

Again in Wisconsin, in January 2012 at Shawano High School, Brandon Wegner, a fifteen-year-old student wrote an editorial column in the school paper in support of children being raised in a home by a mother and a father. He cited Scriptures and other sources to back up his point, including verses opposing homosexuality because it is considered a sin.[58](#)

Both sides of the debate were printed in the school paper as Wegner’s article was “released in conjunction with an opposing viewpoint provided by another student, Maddie Marquardt,” the

copy editor for the paper. In her article, Marquardt countered by arguing that “gay couples should be able to adopt because the foster system is broken, and children need a two-parent home.”

A homosexual parent wrote a formal complaint to the school that Wegner’s opinion was “constituted as hate speech,” and some kids might commit suicide because he voiced his Christian beliefs. The School District issued an immediate written statement calling the article “offensive” and saying it “cultivated a negative environment.” Superintendent Todd Carlson went so far as to call Wegner’s opinion piece “bullying.”[59](#)

Maddie Marquardt was never questioned about promoting homosexual adoption in the same paper. Brandon Wegner’s article was wrong because he used the Bible as a reference, and he supported a traditional family view. This is today’s NEA. In a meeting following the incident, Superintendent Todd Carlson asked Wegner if he regretted writing the column, and Wegner said no. Carlson then allegedly told Wegner he had to be “one of the most ignorant kids to try to argue with him on this topic,” and threatened to suspend him.

Liberty Counsel, a nonprofit public interest law firm and ministry, took Wegner’s case and called the situation “shocking” and “outrageous.” Liberty Counsel’s Matthew Staver sent a letter to the school stating: “The [District] humiliated Brandon in front of everyone, prevented him from his exams, and jeopardized his academic progress.” According to the lawyer, Wegner’s parents were never notified about his meetings with the school district.

## **WHAT CAN BE DONE?**

When God is blotted out of education and government, immorality increases. Sin creates an atmosphere and an environment for more evil. If sin is not dealt with according to the Bible, it will infect everything in its path and will fertilize a culture of corruption.

The Bible tells us everyone who does evil hates the light, and the reason they don’t come to the light is they are afraid their deeds will be exposed (**John 3:20**). So if we look at these problems in spiritual terms, it is clearly not just an issue of educators, money or curriculums. It goes much deeper and much higher, to top levels of the NEA and the U.S. Department of Education. Change won’t take place without changed hearts. It is vital we raise awareness about these concerns, and parents must be as active as possible in their children’s education process.

Author and former teacher, Dr. Dennis Laurence Cuddy, compiled an exhaustive study, “The Grab For Power: A Chronology of the NEA.” I suggest anyone in the field of education or interested in the history of the change in direction of public schools take the time to read this research. In his conclusion about the union power grab, Dr. Cuddy stated:

“But the battle for America’s schools is not over. Concerned Women for America and other pro-family organizations will not surrender the American education system to the NEA. We will continue to monitor America’s schools, educate the public, and encourage legislators to support only family-friendly legislation that truly promotes educational excellence.”[60](#)

I have heard it said one of the single most important things concerned citizens can do to combat the misuse of public schools is get involved in their community. Attend meetings, speak up, volunteer, and let the NEA know you are paying attention.

Parents have many alternatives. Classical On-Line Schools such as Freedom Project Education ([www.fpeusa.org](http://www.fpeusa.org)) teaches in the tradition of America's Founders. There is also the possibility of advocating the installment of a Biblical curriculum in local public school districts. This is happening right now in many schools across America. Learning about the Bible helps students understand its influence on world history as well as what motivated our founders to risk their lives and sacrifice in order to form a Republic under God in America.

The National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools' (NCBCPS) curriculum has been voted into over 2,235 high schools in thirty-eight states so far, and there is now an on-line curriculum available. "Over 550,000 students have already taken this course nationwide, on the high school campus, during school hours, for credit." From Bibleinschools.net, the NCBCPS is:

"...introducing the electronic version of their course "The Bible in History and Literature."

This version will be for students to use on their school computers and will include not only the text from the original textbook, but it also includes movies, DVDs, and slides."<sup>61</sup>

Public schools are failing. If the NEA refuses to relent on its anti-Christian, anti-American agenda, if they do not make an effort to respect the values and beliefs in the majority of American homes, then parents should seek private alternatives, remove their children from public schools and find chartered schools, Christian schools, or try home schooling. The choices are: let the NEA shape your child's worldview or take responsibility to raise him or her in a way in which you would approve.

Conservative Christian teachers currently in the public school system find themselves in a quagmire of sorts. They have invested time and treasure in their college education and ongoing training. Some of their families could not make it without their salary. Others have been teaching for years and had no idea about the deeper agendas of their mother ship, the NEA, and the U.S. Dept. of Education. We need to pray for them to stand strong in the faith and be the salt and light Jesus Christ commanded us all to be wherever we work. They may not be able to change the union, but they sure can impact the formation of a young child's worldview. There is no easy answer and no quick fix, but getting back to America's founding ethics, principles, and values would be a good start.

In 1788, **Noah Webster** said:

"Every child in America should be acquainted with his own country. He should read books that furnish him with ideas that will be useful to him in life and practice. As soon as he opens his lips, he should rehearse the history of his own country."

Yes, my friend – let's rehearse America's true history, not what has been rewritten.

*Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it*  
(Proverbs 22:6).

Around the same time that John Dewey was pushing Humanism in American education, studying Karl Marx, and preparing to influence the NEA; Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger was pushing birth control, eugenics, and preparing to influence Americans to accept abortion and population control. We're headed there next.

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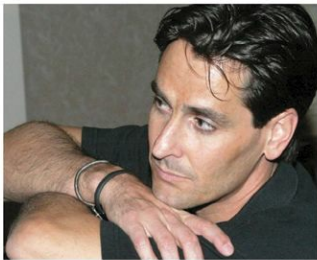
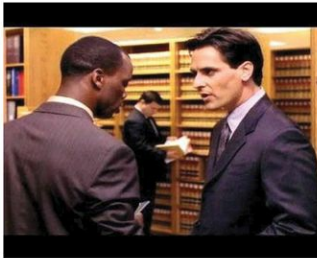
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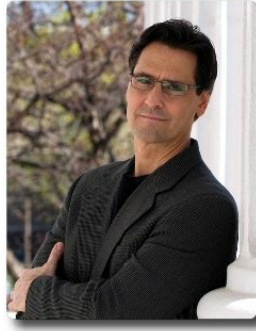






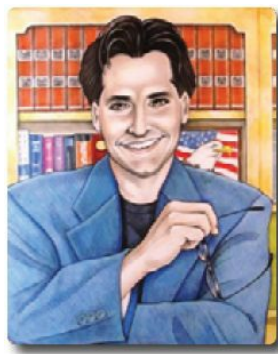


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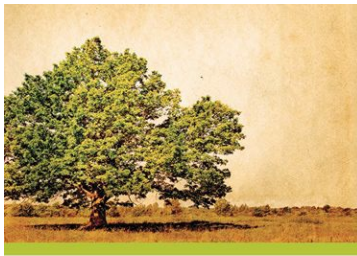
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