

America's Christian Heritage

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Section 2) The Humanist Strategy in Education

No area in our nation's history has been assaulted by humanists more than the education system. George Orwell wrote in his publication *1984*, "*Those who control the present, control the past and those who control the past, control the future*". Many of the secular politicians and in the secular media have taken hostage the American educational system and are fully engaged in a revision of history. Their worldviews demand that they erase every vestige of the Christian religion from our history books. They are in control of the present and are using that power to re-write history. With a history sanitized of Christianity, they use it to alter the future by making generations ignorant. Let us look at some examples and see for ourselves.

The Re-Writing of History

Example: The history books today

May 1755: Washington began service as a volunteer aide-de-camp to the British general Edward Braddock, who had been sent to Virginia with a force of British regulars. A few kilometers from Fort Duquesne, Braddock's men were ambushed by a band of French soldiers and Native Americans. Braddock was mortally wounded, and Washington, who behaved gallantly during the conflict, narrowly escaped death. (Microsoft Encarta 2000. Washington, George)



What the history books used to say:

The French and Indian War occurred twenty years before the American Revolution. It was the British against the French; the Americans sided with the British; and most of the Indians sided with the French. Both Great Britain and France disputed each other's claims of territorial ownership along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; both of them claimed the same land.

Unable to settle the dispute diplomatically, Great Britain sent 2300 hand-picked, veteran British troops to America under General Edward Braddock to rout the French. The British troops arrived in Virginia, where George Washington (colonel of the Virginia militia) and 100 Virginia buckskins joined General Braddock. They divided their force; and General Braddock, George Washington, and 1300 troops marched north to expel the French from Fort Duquesne --- now the city of Pittsburgh. On July 9, 1755 --- only seven miles from the fort --- while marching through a wooded ravine, they walked right into an ambush; the French and Indians opened fire on them from both sides. At the end of two hours, 714 of the 1300 British and American troops had been shot down; only 30 of the French and Indians had been shot. There were 86 British and American officers involved in that battle; at the end of the battle, George Washington was the only officer who had not been shot down off his horse -- he was the only officer left on horseback.

Following this resounding defeat, Washington gathered the remaining troops and retreated back to Fort Cumberland in western Maryland, arriving there on July 17, 1755. The next day, he wrote home to his family and explained that he had several bullet holes in his uniform, but none penetrated. He had shrapnel in his hair, but had not a scratch. He had several horses shot out from underneath him, but he was not hurt. He concluded the

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letter by saying, "By the all powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation."

Fifteen years later, 1770, Washington and a close friend, Doctor Craik, rode out to the site of this battle. An old Indian chief heard that Washington was coming and rode out to meet him. The chief said to Washington "You don't know me, but I know you. Fifteen years ago, I was the chief that fought against you on that day. I told my braves to shoot at you because you were one of the leaders. They shot and shot at you with no avail. I personally shot at you eleven times and the bullets would not penetrate. "I have traveled a long and weary path that I might see the young warrior of the great battle....I am come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of Heaven, and who can never die in battle." (David Barton *America's Godly Heritage*)

This is quite different from what the version our children are receiving from their textbooks today. This is because the humanists need skewed history for their plan to work. Just like in the Garden of Eden, Satan told only part of the story. He told the woman that if they ate the fruit, they would become as gods, knowing good and evil. He was only reminding her of the parts he wanted to use to close the deal. God said if they ate or touched it, then they would die. It was clearly wrong, but they did it through freewill and slick salesmanship. The devil is a liar and deceiver, for he is the father of the lie (John 8:44). Whenever we do not come out and tell the whole truth, nothing but the truth, so help us God, it is a lie. White lie, black lie, exaggeration, mis-truth, half-truth, spinned truth or no truth, it is a lie! Everyone practices the truth in this way is a child of the devil; and the Humanist do this quite often.

Let us look at another example of skewed history. In the 1990 best seller *Don't Know Much About History*, author Kenneth Davis quoted Patrick Henry on page 61. Here is what he wrote:

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet to be purchased at the price of chains or slavery?...I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death?"

Whenever you see the "...", it is supposed to refer to something that does not change the flow of the text. Davis led the readers into believing there was nothing religious about Patrick Henry's statement. Let me read the "... " for you.

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet to be purchased at the price of chains or slavery? Forbid it Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death?"

Why in the world would a best-selling author want to leave such an important phrase out of Patrick Henry's quote? This is because the politically-correct Humanist writers, which publish most of the history books of today, are trying to eliminate the rest of the story.

This is the same method used by the communists in Russia. The communists silenced the religious base of society through threats and intimidation, book burnings and even death. Before the revolution, there were 4,214 clergy members in Leningrad. By 1963, there remained only 63.

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Before the revolution in 1917, there were 460 churches in Moscow. By 1933, that number was down to 100. The communists knew they had to silence religion to control the people. The result was over 50 million executed. (Noebel, David. *Understanding the Times*. Harvest House Publishers. 1994. Ch. 4)

The founding fathers did not want something like this happening in this country. They did not want to happen in America what had occurred in Europe in limitations on religion. They did not want oppressive kings and popes to rule the country, but to have religious freedom.

In Luke 17:32, Jesus said *"Remember Lot's wife."* What would happen if we went back to the account of Lot's wife in Genesis 19:26 and played this same game with the "..."? *"But Lot's wife...became a pillar of salt."* instead of *"But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt."* It changes the meaning. Jesus wants us to learn from all the mistakes of others. 2 Timothy 3:15 *"and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."* It is the knowledge of the whole scripture that makes us wise, not only part of it.

Now you may be saying *"This doesn't affect me preacher. Why should you be bringing this up in the sermon and scaring my kids?"* Have you looked at your children's school books? Have you analyzed the education laws of our state? Have you seen what the teachers are required to teach? It is filled with nothing but skewed history. Do you think they cover the whole truth in the classrooms?

Every year, the Humanists are moving closer and closer to their goal of eradicating God and the Bible from society. The Humanists of our country are ashamed of our Christian heritage. The following poll reflects this.

Gallup Poll 2000 Oct 6-9 Six in Ten Americans Read Bible at Least Occasionally

Though 6 out of 10 still read it at least occasionally; this percentage of frequent readers has decreased over last decade. The following is a breakdown of the 4 out of 10 that do not read it.

Just not interested	20	No time	17
Not a religious person	11	Don't believe in the Bible	7
Has not become a habit	6	Already read it	4
Don't own a Bible	3	Atheist/Do not believe in God	3
Does not help me	3	Go to church	2
Hard to understand	2	Family read the Bible	1
Non-Christian religion	1	Agnostic	1
Roman Catholic	1	Have vision problems	1
Don't read anything	1	Boring	0
Other/No reason	6	No opinion	10

On the other hand, the media would have us to believe we hold a minority opinion concerning Christian values in education in this country. In reality, the early founder's beliefs still remain as the following poll indicates.

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Gallup POLL RELEASES July 9, 1999 *Most Americans Support Prayer in Public Schools*

- Favor 78% Making public school facilities available after school hours for use by student religious groups
- Favor 74% Allowing public schools to display the Ten Commandments
- Favor 83% Allowing students to say prayers at graduation ceremonies as part of the official program
- Favor 71% Using the Bible in literature, history, and social studies classes
- Favor 70% Allowing daily prayer to be spoken in the classroom
- Favor 68% Teaching creationism ALONG WITH evolution in public schools

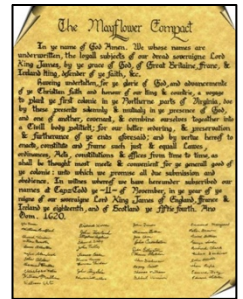
Still, in light of this evidence, there is a small, but growing group, of powerful Humanists that have been able to control what our children learn in school. Another example of re-written history is as follows. Most of the school textbooks in the school systems across America say this concerning the Mayflower Compact:

Mayflower Compact

“We whose names are under-written...do by these present solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid.” (Davis, Kenneth. Don't Know Much About History. Avon Books. NY, NY. 1990. pg21)

Want to know what the “...” meant?

“We whose names are under-written having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colonie in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these present solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid.” (McDonald, William. Documentary Source Book of American History 1606-1898. The MacMillan Company. NY, NY. 1909. pg.19)



The Pilgrims intention in the Mayflower Compact was to plant the Christian faith in the “Northern parts”. By leaving this out, it makes it possible to leave God out of Thanksgiving. The State most certainly does not want us learning about God from Thanksgiving! Our children are learning skewed history from the school books and we didn't even notice it.

What makes Humanism so horrible is the fact that it is done right under our nose and we are paying for it with our tax dollars. They are re-writing history by removing every religious acknowledgment from our past. If they succeed, they will move one step closer to making this the great ecosystem that Humanism is trying to achieve. In order to do this, they must have the people embrace atheism.

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Researchers funded by the US Department of Education reveal that this is not an isolated incident. Vitz, Paul. Censorship: Evidence of Bias in Our Children's Textbooks. Michigan Servant Books. 1986.) The study reported the following:

- One popular social studies book used across America has 30 pages on the pilgrims. Not once is there any mention of God in any of these pages. It washes out any religion by making statements like “*Pilgrims are people who make long trips*” and simply wanted “*to give thanks for all that they had*”. Never once did they mention that it was God that they thanked.
- In another popular textbook used for high school mentions 83 important dates in American history. Only one briefly mentions religion and that was concerning the Pilgrims in 1642. They leave the student to conclude there was not any historical event in our country since then concerning religion.
- Another book that lists 642 events from American history has only 6 of them with anything religious. Yet, they still list minor events like the introduction of hockey at Yale in 1893 and the Pittsburgh Pirates winning the World Series in 1962.



Over and over again, the researchers found intentional omissions denying the role of religion in this country. This is a result of the Humanists taking control of education through the curriculum.

1981 Humanist of the Year, Carl Sagan, said in his book *Cosmos*, “*Instead of the Christian Bible's 'In the beginning God', we have 'In the beginning Man.' Man created God in his own image.*” By the way, many elementary schools across the country are required to show Sagan's *Cosmos* video series as part of the curriculum. The goal of the Humanist is to shed all traditional Christian moral values. As one leading Humanist wrote “*The classroom must and will become an area of conflict between the old and the new- the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with its adjacent evils and misery and the new faith of Humanism, resplendent in its promise in which the never-realized Christian idea of 'Love thy neighbor' will finally be achieved.*” (John J. Dunphy. A Religion for a New Age. The Humanist. Jan/Feb 1983. pg 26).

By taking the Bible and prayer out of the schools and replacing it with skewed history, the Humanists have taken hostage an entire generation. If we don't do something about it, God help us! I pray for my children and my children's children because of the results from this stripping of Biblical transcendent values. The generational curse is growing and the price must be paid.

Until we turn back to God and embrace His standards, it will only get worse. There are no blessings for the nation that turns from God, only curses. *Proverbs 14:34, Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.* We are a nation of sin and reproach to God, allowing the Humanists to come in and pervert the standards. We have pushed God out of the public square and left it naked. And make no mistake, *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap* (Galatians 6:7). We reap what we sow,

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we reap more than we sow and we reap after we sow. We are now reaping the fruits of our labors. We planted a bumper crop years ago and it is harvest time. How many more of the next generation will be led into this trap? How many more of our children will leave the house to be fed skewed history?

We have a Christian History in Education!

First Education Laws in the Country

One would think when looking at our schools today that it has always been separation of "Church and State". The media would have us believe that God and the Bible have never been part of the educational background. A review of our history would reveal that this is simply not true.

"The Old Deluder Satan Act" 1642 in Massachusetts

"It being one chief project of that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the scriptures, as in former time...It is therefore ordered... [that] after the Lord hath increased [the settlement] to the number of fifty householders, [they] shall forthwith appoint one within their own town, to teach all such children, as shall resort to him, to write and read,...And it is further ordered, that where any town shall increase to the number of one hundred families or householders, they shall set up a grammar school... to instruct youths, so far as they may be fitted for the university." (Original Intent, David Barton, Wallbuilder Press, Aledo, TX 1997)

The first law on the books on this country was put in place to educate our children from ever falling into ignorance of the scriptures, which was believed to be the worst ignorance of them all. The early founders of this country knew that (*1 Peter 5:8*) *our adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour*. They knew that he (*John 10:10*) *comes to steal, and kill, and destroy*. They saw how ignorance in the past caused abuse of the Church in Europe, so they aimed to wipe out illiteracy. They knew if the future generations of the country could not read, they would not be able to read the Bible. If they were unable to read the Bible, they would be unable to fully resist the persecutions of the past.

The Northwest Ordinance

This document was passed on July 13, 1787. It was an ordinance of the United States government that stipulated the expectations of the future territories northwest of the Ohio River. There were certain rules these territories had to follow if they expected to become a state of the union.

Article I states: "*No person, demeaning himself in a peaceable and orderly manner, shall ever be molested on account of his mode of worship or religious sentiments, in said territory*".

The fathers wanted to assure these territories that the government would stay off the backs of religious freedom as long as it was not some sort of orgy going on. This was the same right that was intended in the First Amendment for freedom of religion. They did not want to go back to the system of Europe that oppressed them through illiteracy and government run religion.

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Article III states: “*Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.*”

If they wanted to become a state of the Union in the future, they had to agree to “*Religion, morality and knowledge*” as core curriculum of the teaching in the schools. They said it was “*necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind*”.

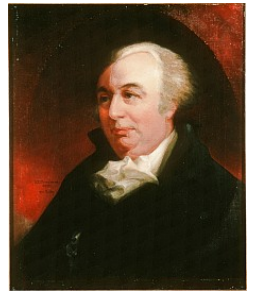
The Founding Fathers knew the importance of the parents to impart a Christian education to the children. *Deuteronomy 6:6-9, "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; ⁷ and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. ⁸ And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. ⁹ And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."*

Samuel Adams - Signer of the Declaration of Independence and was one of the writers of the Federalist Papers, cousin to John Adams

“Let... statesmen and patriots unite their endeavors to renovate the age by... educating their little boys and girls... and leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system.” (<http://www.christianparents.com/jdewey.htm>)

Gouverneur Morris of Pennsylvania - He literally wrote the words of the Constitution and was the most active member of the constitutional convention. He spoke 173 times while there.

“Education should teach the precepts of religion and the duties of man towards God.”



Their reasoning was: How could a person understand the laws of man if they could not understand the laws of God from which the laws of man come from? The result of a Biblically-based education was the highest literacy rate in the history of the world.

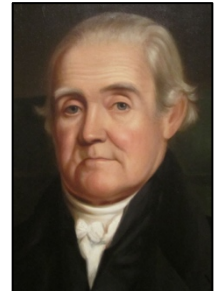
John Quincy Adams -the Sixth President of the United States and son of John Adams

“So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of the society. I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once every year.” (*Halley's Bible Handbook, Zondervan, Grand Rapids MI, 1962, pg. 18-19*)

- 123 of the first 126 colleges in America were started by churches.
- Harvard's first two mottoes were “For the glory of Christ” and “For Christ and the Church”
- Princeton's motto was “Cursed be all learning void of the cross of Christ” (Dr. Fred Lowery, Tape Series “Family Values”, The Little Beige School house, 1992)

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- Harvard, Yale, William and Mary, Brown, Princeton, and New York University were all started for the training of Preachers. (Dr. James Kennedy, What If Jesus Has Never Been Born?, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville TN, 1994)
- Most of the colleges required mandatory study of the Bible and prayer to be done daily. The instruction of Yale in 1743 stated *"Above all have an eye to the great end of all your studies, which is to obtain the clearest conceptions of Divine things and to lead you to a saving knowledge of God in His Son Jesus Christ."* (Barton, David. Original Intent. Wallbuilder Press. Aledo, TX. 1997. Pg. 82)
- The materials they used to teach the children in the Northeast all had Christian messages. Today we use a song to memorize the alphabet. Back then they used the New England Primer, which taught the alphabet through Biblical poetry:
- There were the McGuffey Readers. This was the primary text book for elementary schools for over the first hundred years and it was based in the Bible and on Jesus' teachings.
- It was said of Noah Webster, the publisher of Webster's Dictionary, *"The man who taught millions to read and none to sin."* This was because 25 percent of the first dictionaries printed used verses from the Bible to give the meaning of the words. (Dr. James Kennedy, What If Jesus Has Never Been Born?, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville TN, 1994). He was later quoted, *"The education of youth should be watched with the most scrupulous attention. It is much easier to introduce and establish an effectual system...than to correct by penal statutes the ill effects of a bad system...The education of youth...lays the foundations on which both law and gospel rest for success."*
- George Washington summed it up quite well in saying to three Indians who enrolled into the American school system. *"You do well to learn our arts and ways of life, and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you are. Congress will do everything they can to assist in this wise intention."*



You might be saying "Preacher, I don't think Church is the place we should be discussing this! Aren't sermons supposed to be about Christ?" You are absolutely right and that is absolutely where I am heading. What can we do about the present situation?

First, I am persuaded we have done the first thing in exposing ourselves to the truth. How can we repent of a problem if we don't know what the problem is?

Second, pray to the Father that we can turn this around. Reach out to all the lost grandparents, the lost parents, the lost teachers, the lost bus drivers, the lost cooks, the lost community and convert them to Christ through the gospel of Christ. Then tell them the truth about this country. Tell them the truth about a nation that disregards the eternal order of God.