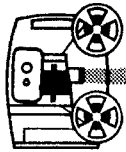


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God's Christmas Gift

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Christmas is the time of year when everyone's thoughts turn to gifts and giving. Ample evidence of the fact is the enormous sum of money spent for Christmas gifts each year. So anxious are the merchants to encourage people in this mad exchange of presents, that Thanksgiving is rapidly becoming a "lost" holiday. Here in our city, I was discouraged to see stores and shops busily decorating for the Christmas season long before our day of national Thanksgiving had even arrived. But this trend is only typical of the thoughtlessness towards God that seems to characterize our nation. We neglect the giving of thanks to our Heavenly Father in order to selfishly lavish material blessings upon one another.

Man's greatest failure all down through history is to acknowledge that "every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." God's great gifts of mercy and grace are largely ignored and rejected. Even in their abundance of material possessions, men lose sight of the fact that God is back behind it all. The Bible says that "It is the Lord thy God that giveth thee power to get wealth." Oh, when will men realize that the creature's first duty and responsibility is to God in Heaven! If we are so negligent in the little things of a material nature, how much more the delinquency of man towards God's offer of spiritual gifts.

Salvation is the gift of God. It is man's greatest opportunity. The wealthiest person in all the world is nothing more than a pauper without Jesus Christ and everlasting life. Rest assured that God never gives anything but the best. The very words of our text tell us that the Lord has sponsored the greatest give-away in history. As we think of gifts and giving at this Christmas season, let us meditate on the fact "that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) It was none other than our blessed Heav-

enly Father who gave the first Christmas Gift. Yes, in the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman. Consider now the Lord's Christmas Gift, that it was:

I. A GLORIOUS PROCLAMATION:

Our most complete account of Christ's birth is found in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2. Here, in the 10th verse, the Scriptures tell about this unusual and dramatic proclamation. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Many have been the announcements and news of pages and heralds, but never before had the world known such a glorious proclamation as this! Royalty has its rights and special privileges, but no impending monarch ever knew the glory and splendor of this celestial cry!

Are you not impressed by the fact that such a glorious event was made known first of all to plain, humble, everyday people like you and me? It was not to the rich or kings and potentates that God made His holy announcements, but to shepherds abiding in the field. There is a reason for this, my friend. You see, it had to do with the most vital news ever to grace the ear of mankind. It was to be in the form of a gift. Now, everyone knows that a gift cannot be merited or earned. The only action that a recipient can take is to receive. The Lord has revealed His heart of grace by offering this gift to one and all. It is a glorious, rich fact that no one has been ignored nor left out in the invitation to God's great Gift. The Bible says, "And whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

The "good tidings" mentioned here in verse 10 reminds us of the meaning of the word "gospel." You see the word "gospel" means "Good news." God's Son was about to make His entrance into this world. Christ said, Himself, that "the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Is it not glorious that sinners everywhere have a hope in Jesus? Unfortunately, there are some over-zealous reli-

gionists who would convey the impression that Christ came to condemn the world; but this is not true. The Word of God tells us plainly in John 3:17, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through him might be saved." Nations grope in darkness for a plan of peace and prosperity. Volumes have been written to try to offer some solution to man's ills. But all of these fleshly efforts can never gladden the heart of a sinner like the joy that comes when Jesus is

Christian Parents

Can They Continue To Educate Their Children In Non-Christian Schools?

By Carl Tuttle, Principal
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We Americans have become so accustomed to government-sponsored education that it is necessary to remind ourselves that the state did not enter the field of education until the middle of the nineteenth century when in 1837 Horace Mann led in the establishment of the first state school board. The first compulsory school law, however, was passed in 1647 during New England's church school era. For the first TWO HUNDRED YEARS of our nation's history there was no such thing as a government (public) school, but education was private, generally supported by tuition, and often Christian in context and church sponsored. Our American republic was not produced by public schools but is a product of church schools. In our day public schools are no more necessarily a bulwark of liberty and freedom than are public works, public health, public housing, or any other form of socialism.



It was not the teaching of reading, arithmetic, English, science and history that produced the remarkable leadership that brought this nation from a small band of colonies struggling for survival to the position of the most prosperous and powerful nation on the earth. But rather it was the MORAL AND SPIRITUAL ATTITUDES instilled within the youth by home, school, and church that produced the development of right convictions and strong charac-

Bill Gothard's Basic Youth Conflicts

The Projector will delay further articles concerning the Bill Gothard Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts until the results of meetings of Fundamentalist leaders with Bill Gothard are concluded. It is our hope that these meetings will bring Gothard to a strong stand on separation as well as clear up differences in the "Chain of Command" and other problem areas.

believed upon and received by faith. No wonder the angels said, "...behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." It is indeed, a most glorious proclamation.

This Christmas season should serve as a reminder that Jesus has come that you might have life. God's Gift has been offered to you. As the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart, will you not receive this gift? John tells us, "And unto as many as received him, to

them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Truly, we can say, "We have heard the joyful sound, Jesus saves, Jesus saves!"

II. A GLORIOUS PRESENTATION

In Luke, chapter 2 and verse 11, the Lord tells us to whom this gift has been extended. "For unto you is born..." the Bible says. A further study of God's Word shows us quite clearly that He meant to more

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EDITOR'S DESK

The months of October and November have been busy months for those connected with Christian schools, and especially those who have been attending the state and area wide conventions. The North Carolina Christian Educators Association Convention was held October 23, 24, and 25 in Wilson, North Carolina, at the Wilson Christian School. Dr. Ed Ulrich is President of this association. The speakers for the convention were: Dr. Charles Bishop of Bainbridge, Georgia; Dr. Walter Handford of Greenville, South Carolina, who is also the President of the Christian Educators Association of the Southeast; and Mr. Tom Anderson, who was the speaker for the banquet on the closing night of the convention. There were about 500 delegates present, and the convention was a wonderful success, as testified to by all those who were present.

On November 1 and 2 the Society of Alabama Christian Schools held its annual convention in Mobile at Bethany Baptist Church and School. Mr. Terrell Gandy of Mobile is President of this association. The main speaker for the convention was Dr. Myron Cedarholm, and schools from the entire state of Alabama were represented in this convention.

On November 7 and 8 the Michigan Christian Educators Annual Convention was held in Allen Park, Michigan. Intercity Christian School was the host school of this convention. There were about 500 delegates present. The main speakers were: Dr. Arthur Kreft, Mr. Ken Hay, Mr. Ron Brooks, and Mr. A.A. Baker. I had the privilege of attending all three of these conventions, and was thrilled again at what God is doing in the Christian education movement. All of these conventions are growing each year and new schools are springing up. It is thrilling to see what the Lord is doing.

We must not expect the Christian school movement to "Save America." God is calling out a people for His name. That is His program in this dispensation. He is using the Christian school movement, I believe, to salvage young folks from the degradation of the public schools. Christian schools are for Christian boys and girls and young folks. Until a boy or girl is born-again, he will never fit in a Christian school or at least should not fit, and will certainly not be able to get a Christian education. Christian education is for Christian boys and girls.

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Fundamental Baptist Congress of North America which was held in Detroit, Michigan, at Temple Baptist Church. Dr. G.B. Vick was the host pastor. It was indeed a thrilling time and my heart was blessed by the great messages from the Word of God. Dr. Monroe Parker kicked off the Congress on Monday night with a great message entitled "The Word of Truth." This year the Congress honored Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, who was unable to be at the Congress, and two men who have recently gone on to be with the Lord: Dr. Noel Smith and Dr. H.C. Slade. These men have been stalwart soldiers and faithful preachers of the Gospel over the years. Other speakers at the conference included Dr. Tom Malone, Dr. R.L. Sumner, Dr. R.L. Wenniger, Dr. R.V. Clearwaters, Dr. Jack Hyles, Dr. B.L. Laking and many others. The theme of the conference was "The Biblical Faith of Baptists in a Faithless Age." It was indeed a blessing to be in attendance.

On November 11-13, the annual Principals Conference will be held at Bob Jones University, and we are looking forward to seeing many old friends at this conference. From Bob Jones University, most of the principals will move on to Tennessee Temple where the Principals Conference will be held November 13, 14, and 15. Those of us in Christian schools appreciate very much the opportunity of attending these two great schools and having the opportunity of interviewing prospective teachers.

November 20-23 is the date set for the Pilgrim Seminars in

Plymouth, Massachusetts. Educators are selected from across the United States to attend these seminars and to study the Christian history of our country on the site where it all took place. Mrs. Hobbs and I plan to attend this year's seminar and are looking forward to a wonderful time of fellowship and the opportunity to learn more about the Christian history of our country. We trust we will learn much that will enable us to improve the curriculum of our school in these areas. Miss Slater and Miss Hall, the two ladies who organized The Foundation for American Christian Education, have a part in these seminars. We have known these two ladies for a number of years and appreciate very much their fine work in this area.

It has come to my attention that some of the November PROJECTORS that went out had some blank pages on the inside. I am sorry for this mistake and problem in printing. Let us know if you got such a copy; we will be glad to send you a correct one.

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Exposing Error: Is It Worth While?

By the late H. A. Ironside

(Long Pastor of Moody Memorial Church, Chicago)

Objection is often raised — even by some sound in the faith — regarding the exposure of error as being entirely negative and of no real edification. Of late, the hue and cry has been against any and all negative teaching. But the brethren who assume this attitude forget that a large part of the New Testament, both of the teaching of our blessed Lord Himself and the writings of the apostles, is made up on this very character of ministry — namely, showing the satanic origin, and therefore the unsettling results, of the propagation of erroneous systems which Peter, in his second Epistle, so definitely refers to as "damnable heresies."

Our Lord prophesied, "Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." Within our own day, how many false prophets have risen; and oh, how many are the deceived! Paul predicted, "I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch." My own observation is that these "grievous wolves," alone and in packs, are not sparing even the most favored flocks. Undershepherds in these "perilous times" will do well to note the apostle's warning, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." It is as important in these days as in Paul's — in fact, it is increasingly important — to expose the many types of false teaching that, on every hand, abound more and more.

We are called upon to "contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints," while we hold the truth in love. The faith means the whole body of revealed truth, and, to contend for all of God's truth, necessitates some negative teaching. The choice is not left with us. Jude said he preferred a different, a pleasanter theme, — "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 3, 4). Paul likewise admonishes us to "have no fellowship with the

unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

This does not imply harsh treatment of those entrapped by error — quite the opposite. If it be objected that exposure of error necessitates unkind reflection upon others who do not see as we do, our answer is, it has always been the duty of every loyal servant of Christ to warn against any teaching that would make Him less precious, or cast reflection upon His finished redemptive work and the all-sufficiency of His present service as our great High Priest and Advocate.

Every system of teaching can be judged by what it sets forth as to these fundamental truths of the faith. "What think ye of Christ?" is still the true test of every creed. The Christ of the Bible is certainly not the Christ of any false ism. Each of the cults has its hideous caricature of our lovely Lord.

Let us who have been redeemed at the cost of His precious blood, be "good soldiers of Jesus Christ." As the battle against the forces of evil waxes ever more hot, we have need for God-given valor. There is constant temptation to compromise. "Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." It is always right to stand firmly for what God has revealed concerning His blessed Son's person and work. The "father of lies" deals in half-truths, and specializes in most subtle fallacies concerning the Lord Jesus, our sole and sufficient Savior.

Error is like leaven, of which we read, "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Truth mixed with error is equivalent to all error, except that it is more innocent looking, and therefore more dangerous. God hates such a mixture! Any error, or any truth-and-error mixture, calls for definite exposure and repudiation. To condone such is to be unfaithful to God and His Word, and treacherous to imperiled souls for whom Christ died.

Exposing error is most unpopular work. But from every true standpoint, it is worthwhile work. To our Savior, it means that He receives from us, His blood-bought ones, the loyalty that is His due. To ourselves, if we consider "the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt," it insures future reward, a thousandfold. And to souls "caught in the snare of the fowler" — how many of them God only knows — it may mean light and life, abundant and everlasting.



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Teaching Tips

BY ALICE ANN SMITH

Indoor Games

When the weather outside is dreary and rainy we need to make a special effort to have plenty of sunshine within our classrooms. Perhaps these indoor games can be adapted to suit your age group and brighten a dreary day.



Closed-eyes-Simon-Says
No equipment necessary. Children should be familiar with following directions well before attempting this game. The teacher gives directions for various stunts, skills, or gestures, but only those preceded by the phrase - "Simon says" are to be done. This is tricky enough with the eyes open; it's really tough with eyes closed. It might be best to run through a trial run with the eyes open, to be sure they understand the rules. This can be used with any age or skill level since the actions required can be more or less difficult depending on the children playing. Those who do the actions when the leader omits Simon says, are eliminated. This game teaches coordination, listening, and following directions.

Hide the Thimble

Players: 5 to 60. Summary of rules: One player is sent from room; while absent, one hides a thimble, cork, or some small object. When the object is hidden, the absent player is called, and proceeds to hunt for the hidden object. While he is doing this, others sing or clap hands, the sound being very soft and low when the hunter is far away from the object and growing louder as he nears it.

Eraser Tag

Equipment: Two blackboard erasers. Player who is IT places an eraser on his head, and hands the other eraser to any player he chooses. The player chosen, places the

eraser on his head, and tries to tag IT before IT can save himself by getting into the chaser's seat. Neither player may touch his eraser at anytime after putting it on his head. If either player loses his eraser (drops it off head), the other person is the winner. If IT can reach the seat safely, without being tagged or losing his eraser, he is the winner. If the chaser (without losing his eraser) tags IT before IT reaches seat, chaser is the winner. The winner becomes the new IT, and the loser chooses a new chaser and gives that player his eraser.

Blackboard Relay

Equipment: Classroom chairs, chalk and chalkboard. Skills: Speed and accuracy. Formation: Class is seated in even numbers by rows. Give a piece of chalk to the last player in each row. Each end player runs forward to the blackboard and writes a suitable word to begin a sentence, then returns to his seat and gives the chalk to the next player who in turn adds another word. Continue this procedure until the last player adds the final word and punctuation.

Score: 25 - for speed.
25 - for spelling
25 - for writing
25 - for grammar.

California Association Of Christian Schools Has 2369 At 24th Annual Convention

The California Association of Christian Schools recently held its 24th annual State Teacher's Convention October 24-25 at the Fresno Convention Center in Fresno. The attendance was 2,369. One hundred and sixty commercial exhibitors filled the Exhibit Hall. The final Banquet Luncheon at the Convention was the largest Banquet ever held in the city of Fresno! The Convention theme was "Children...that

they might set their hope in God," Psalm 78:87. Dr. Kenneth Gangel and Dr. William Diehm were the speakers.

Prior to their Fall Convention CACS conducted two area Seminars for 750 preschool teachers and directors. CACS is the largest state association of Christian schools in the United States.

Roloff Sues For Damages

Dr. Lester Roloff, Corpus Christi, Texas, who won his case in the Supreme Court of the State of Texas against the Department of Public Welfare in its effort to close down his Rebekah Home for Girls in Corpus Christi, has now initiated libel suits on a broad scale: \$10 million against NBC and its commentator, Floyd Kalber; \$5 million against the

Chicago Daily News; \$5 million against the New Times magazine; \$5.5 million against the Houston Post and reporter Crossley; \$5 million against the Texas Observer of Austin and reporter Marley Ivins; and \$5 million against National Spotlight of Canada. The suits for libel allege that press reports had damaged his image as "a man of God," and

that he had been held up to abuse and ridicule "in the eyes of those who do not understand the truth." With this action, Roloff will have the prayers and the help of all who desire freedom and believe that Christians must avail themselves of their lawful rights to protect their good names. Christian Beacon 7-18-74



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Government education, of course, has never been Christian in philosophy, context or content. Nevertheless in the past history of state education it has been possible in some government schools for Christian teachers to instruct students from the Bible, to teach a Christian philosophy of life, to interpret subject matter within a framework of Biblical attitudes and truths, and even occasionally to use texts consistent with Christian life values. But in schools where such freedom has existed, it has been rapidly diminishing since the turn of the century. Increasing restrictions and prohibitions have eliminated from state education virtually all the moral and spiritual values of the Christian religion upon which the greatness of this nation was advanced. Christian teachers may not now propagate their faith or religious convictions except in DEFIANCE OF LAW. The atheist or agnostic may advance his religious faith and convictions by simply ignoring God and interpreting human experience without Him. But the hands of the Christian teacher in government schools are so tied that his influence for God is minimal. THE EFFECTIVE WITNESS AND MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS HAS VIRTUALLY CEASED in nearly all of the public school systems.

On the other hand, a serious consideration for Christian parents is the influence brought to bear upon their children by those of their teachers who are not Christians in the New Testament sense of the term. When we realize that probably better than 80% of the church members in America have never had a genuinely Biblical conversion experience, but are religious as Nicodemus was without being born again (John chapter 3), then we are faced with a serious problem of even finding genuinely Christian teachers. There are, of course, no religious qualifications for faculty of government schools. Teachers do not even have to PROFESS to be Christians to teach there or in many non-Christian private schools. At best in such a situation our children are influenced by a benevolent and humanitarian approach to life, but this is not a Christian

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God's Christmas Gift

people than just the humble shepherds. Paul tells us in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." It is to both Jew and Gentile that God has offered His gift of eternal life. This is a gracious presentation without regard for color, culture, or country. All men everywhere are invited to receive it. Lost friend, it was for you the Saviour died.

In every nation under heaven, God has made the same offer. The blessed Holy Spirit is no respecter of persons nor disciple of boundaries. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." (Titus 2:11) Christian people the world over have the sacred responsibility of making the purpose of this gracious presentation known. If God went to such lengths and preparation to announce His love gift to sinners, how much more should His redeemed children proclaim that Christ Jesus is come into the world to save them.

Notice also that God's grace has prompted this gift from above. In Ephesians 2:8 we find these words: "For by grace are ye saved through faith." That statement informs us that salvation is wholly of the Lord. "For while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) Every provision necessary was made

by the Lord before we had opportunity to express our desire or likes in the matter. I am so grateful to God for my salvation. In my hour of greatest need, it was surely wonderful to know that Christ had already been so graciously presented as my sin-bearer and potential Saviour.

Sometimes in this life, it is not possible to give unto those that need help the most. I remember the case in which one of our members was once in need. The husband and father was unsaved and a drunkard. He wasted the family substance and caused his loved ones to be in want. Christian-hearted folks in the church responded to this lady's material lack and took her groceries and money to supply her emergency needs. When they arrived at her home with the assistance, the husband, out of selfish pride, refused to allow his wife to accept the

gifts. Here was a case in which someone who actually needed aid refused to be helped. Dear friend, how true it is that many a poor, lost sinner has had Jesus Christ graciously offered to him, only to refuse God's gift in the end.

Please do not think for a moment that Christ left Heaven's glory and came down to live on this sin-cursed earth for selfish reasons. Nor should you ever entertain the idea that Christ was obligated to die for sinners like you and me. If we had received our just deserts, we would all be burning in Hell right now! The Scriptures tell us that unto us a Saviour has been born. Ironic, is it not, that Christ was born only to die? May this Christmas time be used of God to remind your heart of how gracious and good God has been to you. Yea, "Let this mind be in you, which was also

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approach to life, but a SUBSTITUTE for it. Or else teachers may make no profession at all regarding Christianity, and their lives and values, as far as Christian standards go, may certainly not be representative of the attitudes Christian parents wish their children to be exposed to daily in the classroom.

The anti-Biblical attitude which has been developing in practice over the last hundred years in American education has finally been officially and legally imposed by the Supreme Court of the United States in its decision to ban the God of the Bible from the government schools. We have now had excluded from all curricula as improper and unsuitable subject matter any instruction of our children about the true God. He is to be removed from relevant consideration in our studies of science, literature, history, or any other academic pursuit. The educational program of the state school has now become LITERALLY GODLESS. Almost without exception, a TOTALLY SECULAR ENVIRONMENT and sphere of influence completely antagonistic to the moral and spiritual aspirations of Christian parents for their children awaits these children each day they enter the doors of the state school.

It makes no difference if the majority of parents supporting a local school desire to have Christian truths and principles taught in the school and subject matter taught within a God-centered context. A higher power has taken one more liberty from

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Report Of NCCEA Convention

Five hundred representatives of more than 40 North Carolina Christian Schools attended the seventh annual convention of the North Carolina Christian Educators Association held Oct. 23-25 at Wilson Christian Schools, Wilson, North Carolina. The three day meeting was impressive in every respect and would compare favorably with large regional level conventions. Workshops were informative and interesting, messages were challenging, and the people were enthusiastic.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Charles Bishop of Bainbridge, Georgia. Other general session speakers were Dr. Walter Handford of Greenville, South Carolina, President of the Southeastern Association, and Dr. Tom Anderson, Chairman of the American Party. Special music that thrilled and inspired was provided by a choir of

faculty members from across the state, directed by Nicky Chavers.

Seventy-five workshops on every aspect of the Christian School were conducted by leaders prominent in their fields. Out-of-state workshop leaders included Dr. Bishop; Dr. Handford; Mrs. Gwen Chapman, Pensacola Christian School; Nicky Chavers, President of the Academy of Arts; Dr. Dayton Hobbs, President of Santa Rosa Christian School; Mrs. Dayton Hobbs; Mr. Ardell Jacquot, Baptist University of America; Dr. George Youstra, Principal of Bob Jones Academy; from Bob Jones University: Dr. Charles Ellington, Chairman of the Department of Music Education; Dr. George Livesay, Chairman of the Division of Secondary Education; and Dr. Edwin Panosian, Chairman of the Division of Social Science.

Additional workshops were conducted by personnel from across the state of North Carolina.

A principals' breakfast, led by Dr. Ed Ulrich, NCCEA President, dealt with state problems of the Christian schools. Of particular interest was a report of the activity of the legislative committee studying the matter of certification of Christian school teachers and the relationship of private schools to the State Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Ulrich serves on the committee, having been appointed by Lieutenant Governor Jim Hunt.

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The Other Side

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Christian Market

In February of 1972, this column contained an expose of so called Christian films. At that time, I pointed out that the brief summary of each film contained in the catalogs which came in the mail made the same type of appeal that the Hollywood movies do. For example, the more risque a movie could sound in the summary, the more appeal it would have to the flesh. In my 1972 article, I quoted several passages from the catalogs. Films such as "In a Quiet Place" and "Sex is a Beautiful Thing" were presented in such a way that one would expect to find an "R" rating if either of these films were shown in a local theater.

A few months after this article was printed in 1972, I noticed that much of the wording in the catalog was changed. Perhaps some other people had noticed this trend and did some complaining to the film makers.

It is not my intention to attack any particular film or film company because the film industry is not the problem. The real problem is the weak brand of Christianity to which these companies appeal. The film catalog is directed toward the churches which have young people who are involved in the occult, drugs, illicit sex, and rock music. The standards of dress and hair in these churches have long been forgotten.

Film producers are in business and they must have a market for the films which they produce. When churches get back to normal Bible Christianity, the market will change the film industry.

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their hands. THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO THE POSITION OF PRACTICAL ATHEISM. Dr. A. A. Hodge, a great theologian of the past generation, wisely foretold what has now become a stark reality in the greatest Christian nation in the world. He warned, "If every party in the state has a right to exclude from the curriculum that which he does not believe to be true, then he who believes most will have to give way to him who believes least. And if this system is consistently carried on in every part of the country, then THE UNITED STATES SYSTEM OF PUBLIC, POPULAR EDUCATION WILL BECOME THE MOST EFFICIENT AND WIDELY USED INSTRUMENT FOR THE PROPAGATION OF ATHEISM THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN." The Word of God says that the man who says in his heart that there is no God is a fool. What would God say of any educational system that implicitly, if not explicitly, teaches the same thing? And what do you think God would say of the Christian parent who, knowing this, sends his children to such a school?

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This same principle is true in the publishing business. I recently received an offer in the mail from a company in California which publishes "Christian Comic Books." The letter contained samples of three comic books entitled "Born in a Barn," "David Fights the Giant" and "Noah's Boat." These comics depict Noah as a bewildered old man with three overgrown sons who resemble the three stooges. Mary and Joseph are pictured in a barn surrounded by all manner of livestock, poultry, and other miscellaneous critters. These comics are obviously printed at great expense. Is there a market for this junk? I'm afraid there is. Someone is buying it because their children "relate" to it.

While I'm on the subject of comics, I might as well mention the comic series which is published by the "Children of God." These books are usually given out in shopping centers by hippie-type teens and young adults. The author of these comics is a guy named Moses David. The one which I have in my possession presents Jesus as a cursing tough guy who is popular with all of the harlots in town. This type of reading material is designed for the child who learns to read from the previously mentioned comics, which are simply primers for the hard core stuff.

These items which I have mentioned will cease to exist when our pulpits get "hot" on the subjects of separation and standards. What we see on the market simply reflects the lack of spirituality of the Christians in today's churches.

The very essence of godless society is the fact that the God of the Bible has been removed from its thinking or relegated to a place of insignificance or inferiority. Society, our children are taught, can solve its problems without God's help, or rather, interference. Man, with sufficient money, government assistance, and education can lift himself out of his social and economic problems. Germany went down this road. The German nation rose to its greatest heights following the reformation and a great turning to God and the authority of the Bible. But German higher criticism caused Germany to forsake the God of the Bible and the nation raised an Adolf Hitler in His place. Did you know that forty percent of Hitler's Gestapo had graduate degrees? They were certainly not uneducated! Now the world is threatened by the rise of communism, another intellectual system that rejects God. Giving our children an education without the restraints of the Word of God upon human nature is like giving an irresponsible man a loaded gun: He is likely to kill himself or someone else with it. WE SOW THE SEEDS OF OUR OWN DESTRUCTION WHEN WE EDUCATE THE NEXT GENERATION WITHOUT GOD, and that is exactly the path American education is pursuing.

Advocates of mass education by the state argue that government schools are not taking an anti-God position, but are simply trying to be neutral in matters of religion because of the heterogeneous nature of our society. Their problem can be appreciated, but the truth is that, although we can separate church and state (and we should), WE CANNOT SEPARATE RELIGION AND EDUCATION. The purpose of education, the nature of the persons to be educated, the nature of truth, our system of values, of right and wrong - all these are religious questions that education must deal with. Christian and non-Christian educational systems will provide exactly opposite answers to these and many other concerns of the educator. Their answers determine the methods of instruction used by the school, the discipline of the school, the approach taken in teaching academic subjects, and the entire orientation of the total school program.

By the very process of NOT teaching students the truth about God we are teaching them that there is no God worthy of our time or consideration in the classroom. We are saying that math and English are important to learn about, but God is not. The lesson is taught at least by implication, and often quite overtly.

Actually, the government school does and must teach a religion. As we have pointed out, NEUTRALITY IS IMPOSSIBLE. For example, our approach to history, science, or literature all have inescapable religious overtones and applications.

Is history purely the product of chance, or of blind economic or other forces set in motion by

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God's Christmas Gift

In Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Phil. 2:5-8)

Yes, my friend, Jesus died in your place. It was God's way of making a glorious presentation to you of forgiveness of sins and eternal life. The blessed Holy Spirit renews this presentation to every heart that hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This wonderful gift of God was not nor has it ever been forced on anyone. You should be deeply grateful for the Father's graciousness, in extending this invitation even this time, right now. In view of God's graciousness, will you not accept His Son and be saved? "Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt; Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt! Grace, Grace, God's Grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, Grace, God's Grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin."

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Finally the suspense was simply too much and the visitor blurted, "I don't understand it. He is one of the finest looking boys I've ever seen, yet, he doesn't look like your children, and he doesn't bear the family name. I just don't understand what this is all about!"

"Oh," the kind lady answered, "Let me tell you about that boy. He is the son of a missionary!" and her story continued. His mother and father were missionaries in India, but they began to realize they would have to bring their children back to this country to get their education. While they were here the parents tried to continue to do missionary work in this country, but somehow their work did not prosper as it did in India. The father finally said, "We must do the Lord's work in India. I will go back."

But the mother said, "If the Lord has called you to go back, I am sure it is my duty as well as my privilege to go with you. I will go, too."

"Oh," the father said, "You have never been separated from the children. It would surely be hard for you to be separated from them. Perhaps you'd better stay and take care of them."

But after much prayer, they decided to leave the children here in America to be educated and trained for service for the Lord, and they sailed for India. Before their sailing date, however, a Christian lady heard of their situation and wrote them a letter. She told them if they would let one of the children stay with her, she would treat him as one of her own children. The missionary mother came and spent a few days with the family, and when she saw what kind of a home they had and was satisfied in

her heart about it, she decided to let this boy stay with them.

The day before his mother left she said, "I want to leave my boy tomorrow morning without a tear." She knew she might never see him again, but she didn't want the boy to think she was crying for anything she was doing for the Lord. The friend thought to herself that the mother would never be able to leave her boy without any tears or crying. The farewell would surely be too difficult.

The final morning came, and the carriage pulled up to the door. There was no putting off the parting any longer. When the friend went up the stairs to call the mother, she heard that mother in prayer, crying, "Oh Lord, give me strength for this hour. Help me go away from my boy without a tear!" Then quickly she came down the steps with a smile on her face. She hugged her boy and kissed him, but she smiled as she did it. She gave up that boy and her other five children without shedding a tear to go back to India to do the Lord's will.

How her heart must have ached as she planted the final kiss upon his young forehead, trusting her child to the tender care of a Christian friend and to the faithfulness of the Heavenly Father. How the boy's heart must have yearned after his mother as he watched the carriage disappear down the drive and through the trees. And our hearts yearn for both mother and child. What a price it seems for both to pay to do God's will, but God will richly reward such faithfulness and more than repay any earthly sacrifice His children make. For His heart is tender and compassionate toward those who love and trust Him. You see, He knows what sacrifice means, for His sacrifice was far beyond any sacrifice we could make for Him. He had not four, five, or six sons, but One only begotten Son—sinless and perfect, who always did the will of His Father. But "the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world." (1 John 4:14) In order to provide salvation for poor

lost sinners, God sent His only begotten son out of Heaven into the distant, wicked, sin-darkened earth. He was not sent among friends. After having a throne and many mansions in Heaven, there was no room for Him here. Jesus had to be born in a stable. After being clothed in robes of righteousness in Heaven, He was given nothing on earth for a covering but swaddling clothes. After having angels and dominions and all Heaven at His command, He was so hated here that thousands of innocent babies were slaughtered in order to try to destroy the Lord Jesus. After having the love and adoration of the Father and the angels, His own people here rejected and despised Him. "He came unto His own and His own received Him not." How God's heart must have ached to see His precious Son so mistreated. Yet God gave His Son in love, willingly, not with regret or tears. Perhaps that is part of the reason God had the royal birth announced by the triumphant, glorious music of angels and flung His star in the sky to light the way for the wise men who followed by faith. God's gift to us was a great personal sacrifice, but He gave willingly, not holding back.

Christ's sacrifice was also immeasurable. He was willing to be separated from His Father in order to do His Father's will. He went beyond any human sacrifice—He laid down His life for sinners on the Cross of Calvary. He, who was sinless, took our sins—every lie, every bad thought, every robbery, every murder, every disobedience, every thought of pride, every selfish act, every sin we ever committed, and paid for it on the cross as if He were guilty Himself. He became that sin for us so that we might go free. What a sacrifice He made! How precious is the salvation He offers!

What have you given God in return? Have you accepted His great gift of love to you? Eternal life can be yours by receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior.

If you are already saved, what have you given God in return? At this Christmas time, will you give Him your love, time, money, energy, and talents? Can He have anything you own for His service? Would you be willing to give up personal pleasures, family,

friends, plans, even your life to do His will? Give Him your all—willingly, in love, and with no crying, but with joy that you can do it for the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the way to have real joy at Christmas-time and all year through.

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Guest speakers will include the Reverend Ivan Foster, pastor of the Bethel Free Presbyterian Church of Enniskillen, Northern Ireland; Dr. Don Jennings, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Dr. Tim La Haye, pastor of Scott Memorial Baptist Church of San Diego, Calif.; Dr. Ian Paisley, pastor of Martyrs Memorial Free Presbyterian Church of Belfast, Northern Ireland; and Dr. Wayne Van Gelderen, pastor of Marquette Manor Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Bob Jones, chancellor of the university, and Dr. Bob Jones III, president, also will speak several times during the week.

Special speakers from the university faculty will be Dr. James Bellis, chairman of the division of practical studies in the School of Religion; Reverend Jesse Boyd of the Bible faculty; Dr. George Dollar, chairman of the division of church history; Dr. William Liverman, dean of men; and Dr. Charles Smith of the Bible faculty.

On Thursday, April 3, the annual business meeting of the university Alumni Association will be held at 1:30 PM. Other

alumni activities will include a reception to be held in the Social Parlor of the Student Center after the evening service on Tuesday, April 1. On Wednesday, April 2, reunions will be held for the classes of 1950, 1955, 1960, and 1965. "Let's Get Acquainted Days" for prospective students will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 7 and 8, with numerous special programs planned for high school students who will be visiting the campus. High school age young people who are interested in knowing more about Bob Jones University are urged to come during this time. They are invited to attend any or all of the Bible Conference and to stay over for the "Let's Get Acquainted Days" or to attend just the special occasion. Included in the activities will be an all-star basketball game; showing of the BJU film, "Flame in the Wind"; multi-image presentations; planetarium lectures; a "fun program" planned by the student body; opportunities to visit classes; and many other events.

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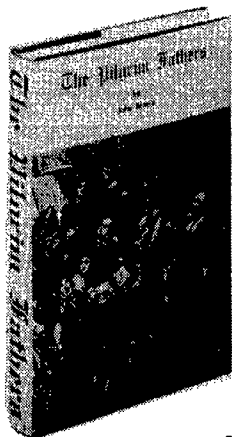
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various conditions, or is it the fulfilling of the purpose of God in the human race, exhibiting the true nature of man and human government and culminating in the establishment of Christ's worldwide future kingdom upon earth? Will our children learn of the Christian men, movements, and philosophies that shaped the American Republic from 'neutral' or non-Christian teachers?

Is science to be approached as the servant of God, revealing His infinite power and wisdom in the creation and sustenance of the universe, or as an immense multitude of cause-effect relationships operating mechanistically within the confines of purely natural physical and biological phenomena? Shall we teach that the heavens declare the glory of God and the earth shows forth His handiwork, or should we leave God out of it and teach the creation evolved to its present state through response to natural laws, chance, mutation, natural selection, and survival of the fittest?

Shall we determine the value and worth of the world's literature by comparing the author's message and philosophy with the philosophy and principles laid down in the inerrant and immutable Scripture or shall we use man's experience and current opinions as a basis of determining what is good or right?

In reality secular education is not without a God as we might suppose. It has its own God which is worshipped in virtually every textbook used to teach any subject under the sun. THE GOD OF THE NON-CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, IS THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS. Evolution is the creator of all things, the giver of life, the sustaining power of development and progress, the answer to the question of man's origin and ultimate destiny, the arbitrator of morality, the basic premise from which all 'truth' proceeds. Everything that the God of the Bible is to the Christian, the evolutionary process is to the secular educator. Because man is the ultimate product and pinnacle of the evolutionary ladder, he becomes his own God, and since man, being a religious being, must worship something, then why not worship ourselves? After all, we are the most qualified objects around. This worship of man and his accomplishments is not new: we call it humanism. The exclusion of the God of the Bible from serious consideration in approaching life's problems is secularism. THE RELIGION OF THE NON-CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS SECULAR HUMANISM.



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Nor is the problem solved by adding a course in religion, any more than adding a course in Bible to a secular curriculum would make a school a Christian school. The underlying philosophy and its application throughout the classrooms has not been changed by tacking on a religious course to the total program. Besides this, the teaching of comparative religions by an unconverted teacher actually promotes the government position of atheism. The religious beliefs of the world are paraded by the student to show him that NO ONE is AUTHORITATIVE or possessing an inerrant revelation from God. It becomes evident to the student that God is probably a product of man's religious searchings rather than a separate entity by himself, since there are so many opinions about Him. Therefore, there is a good possibility that He really does not exist at all except in our minds, or if He does, He is not personal in nature, has not clearly revealed Himself to men, and may be either inherent in the material universe or perhaps entirely removed from it. What is this but practical atheism?

Suppose you are a Baptist. You would not want your children even to attend Sunday school on a regular basis at a church of some other denomination, because you believe that Baptist beliefs are most in harmony with the teaching of Scripture, and you are fearful that even one hour a week spent under the influence of a teacher holding different religious views than your family does will be detrimental to your child. Indeed, many Baptists are quite particular WHICH BAPTIST CHURCH they attend, and there certainly is nothing wrong with that. But yet we will send our children out from our homes, not one hour a week, but six hours a day to be instructed within the framework of secular humanism, which is FAR MORE DESTRUCTIVE OF CHRISTIAN FAITH than having our children sit under the teachings of another denomination once a week! How inconsistent we Christians can be! We teach our children at church and home that the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, and then send them to school where they are taught there is no God but evolution and man's life ends like a dog's when he dies. We teach our children that the most important values in life are spiritual, and send them to school to be taught that successful adjustment to the ways of this world system is the most important goal of life. C. C. Morrison, the former editor of the liberal magazine, THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY, correctly observed: Public education without religion creates a secular mentality faster than the church can Christianize it.

Three major institutions form the core of influence that determines our children's life philosophy and attitudes: the home, the church, and the school. We believe the home should be Christian, we believe the church should be Christian, but we say it is all right for the school to be secular! Where is the logic in this reasoning? What is the point in our homes and churches having to undo the secularizing influence of the school? For the Christian family, all three should work together to promote the interests of the family, and this requires that we send our children to Christian schools. If Christian parents continue to educate their children in a non-Christian environment, they should not be surprised when

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cannot look with approval upon sin. Just as this universe is governed by certain physical laws, so is God's plan of salvation in keeping with certain spiritual laws. The Bible informs us: "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." (Lev. 17:11) Also, "without shedding of blood is no remission." (Hebrews 9:22) Never forget that God's gift of salvation required a great price for its purchase. Jesus willingly went to the cross, was crucified, bled and died, and obtained remission for our sins through His sacrifice. This is the only way by which men might be saved and receive God's gift. If the greatest millionaire in the world were to bankrupt himself buying presents for you this Christmas, he could not begin to offer such a gift as God's!

It is significant, I believe, to mention just here that Jesus has truly paid it all. God's generosity to man is best observed as we study the plan of redemption. So clearly does the Bible teach that "It (salvation) is not of works, lest any man should boast." We love Him because He first loved us. Lest there be ought against us, Christ has made it possible for our iniquities and sins of the past to be banished forever. Even our present sins and future transgressions can be accounted for in the sacrifice of Calvary. Jesus has bought us with His precious blood, and there is nothing that man can add to that price. It must need be said also, that man cannot take away from that precious price of redemption. Paul affords us insight on this matter in Hebrews 10:10-14. Here the Word speaks thusly: "...we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering

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Letters To The Editor

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Can Parents Continue?

Dear Brother Hobbs,
..I would have written before but didn't see why I should spend the ten cents for a stamp; however, I am troubled about you spending the Lord's money to send your paper. I can find plenty of things to fill the waste can without it.

Sincerely yours,
Don Pelton

Gentlemen:

..I am not a trouble-maker and I am not a "pushy" woman, but when my pastor finally succeeded in getting me to attend Bill Gothard's seminar I was almost horrified at my own violent reaction against it.

..Yesterday your paper--which I had never seen before--arrived at the church. (Nov. '74) It is a godsend to me as Dr. Dayton Hobbs expressed so much better what I was trying to say in his article "Bill Gothard's Chain of Command." I do want to thank him and thank God for that article! ..Enclosed is \$4.00 for a subscription for a year--beginning with this Nov. issue. Enclosed is an extra dollar for back issues of this November issue and the issue in which Dr. Jerry Johnson had an article about Dr. Billy Graham and Mao Tse Tung's Eight Precepts.

..Bill Gothard's red book has all but supplanted the Bible in our up-to-this-time fundamental, Bible-believing church. The church is becoming

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the day finally comes that THEIR CHILDREN NOT ONLY HAVE LEARNED, BUT BELIEVED THE STATE RELIGION OF SECULAR HUMANISM, AND ABANDONED THE FAITH OF THEIR FATHERS.

Since we cannot exclude religious considerations from the education of our children, the issue becomes this: 'Shall the education of our children enhance philosophical positions at variance with the teachings of the Christian home and church? Will Christian parents allow the Biblical values and principles they teach in their homes and in their churches to be attacked and undermined by their children's constant exposure day by day to an alien philosophy hostile to the Christian faith? Shall we with one hand teach our children Biblical godliness, and with the other send them to an educational system which does not advance those same principles? If we have the alternative of a Christian school, how can we justify this action before God Who holds THE CHRISTIAN PARENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EDUCATION HE GIVES HIS CHILDREN? Paul tells Christian fathers in Ephesians 6:4 that they are to bring their children up 'in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.' Can Christians be obedient to this command (it is not a suggestion) and voluntarily expose their children to an education that is godless?

We are not talking about some minor or perifal influence in the thought patterns and moral values adopted by our children when we speak of the influence of their educative process. In fact, the influence of the school (its teachings, its values, its philosophies, its wisdom) in molding our children's attitudes towards life INCREASES each year, and in the MAJORITY of cases does MORE to determine our children's final philosophy of life (or lack of it) than BOTH THE INFLUENCE OF HOME AND CHURCH COMBINED! Remember, we lose 70% of our young people from our Sunday schools in their junior and senior high school years, due largely to their accepting the religion of the non-Christian school and developing a skepticism towards the Word of God. How ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL it is, then, for Christian parents to determine that their children's education be acquired in a Christian school.

Sometimes we hear the objection raised that the Christian child should not be sheltered from godless teaching (teaching from which all reference to God is omitted), exposure to evolutionary philosophy, encounter with befuddled moral standards, or continual repetition of the secular-humanist religious view and repeated attacks upon the truths of God's Word. Some would argue that since the child will encounter these things in life, he should learn to live with them now.

The lack of logic and consistency in such an argument is seen from the fact that its adherents do not advocate exposing their children to other evils prevalent in their environment such as foul language, thievery, drugs, immoral persons, disease, poverty poor housing, etc., but rather shelter them from these things and wisely so. By this argument we propose to take better care of young plants, which we do not hesitate to protect from exposure to the elements in a hothouse until they are strong enough to endure on their own, or of our chicks which we keep in incubators to protect from uneven temperatures, than we do of our children, whom we propose to send off each morning to elements just as threatening to their spiritual and moral welfare.

The child is not yet an adult, and until he is he needs every strengthening influence spiritually and morally he can get. We do not send new recruits to the battle field, but to boot camp where they can be trained to endure hardness as good soldiers, lest through weakness they soon fall in battle. God is raising up Christian schools across the land today as boot camps to prepare Christian young people for life's battles, not to keep them from them. Parents can place their children in an educational environment where they will be taught by godly teachers in that which is true and right and be trained by these teachers to withstand the onslaughts to their Christian faith and values which they will receive out in the world.

Now if all we have said still leaves any doubt about what kind of school Christian parents must send their children to, the commands of God's Word should be decisive. God puts the responsibility of the child's education not upon the state, but upon the parent. In Deuteronomy 6:6,7 He says, And these words which I command thee this day shalt be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children. Obviously it is God's intention that Christian parents should not expose their children to teaching contrary to the words of God. In addition they are to be diligent in seeing that teaching their children receive is consistent with the words of God. In Proverbs 22:6 God commands, 'Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Here God specifies that the education of our children must be in the way they SHOULD GO, not in the way they should NOT go. Proverbs 19:27 is even more explicit: 'Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.' Here Christians are clearly commanded not to subject their children to teaching or instruction contrary to the Word of God. To place our children under a government-controlled curriculum that does not honor the Lord Jesus Christ nor represent the position of Christian parents is causing our children 'to err from the words of knowledge.'

What the Christian parent's attitude should be towards the education of his children is probably best summed up in I Corinthians 10:31, where this guiding principle of the believer's life is laid down: 'Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.' If even the exercise of those matters relating to our physical life are to be scrutinized as to whether they glorify God or not, how much more should Christian parents be diligent to see that those matters relating to their children's mental and spiritual development are also glorifying to God? Can God be glorified by our sending our children to be instructed in such a way as to weaken if not destroy their sensitivity to spiritual things and those convictions which have been instilled in their hearts and minds through the Word of God? One reason God blessed Abraham and made him great was because Abraham honored God in the educating of his children. 'For I know him,' God said, 'that he will command his children and his household after him and they shall keep the way of the Lord.' (Genesis 18:19).

To be obedient to the Word of God will cost us something. Providing a Christian education for children can only be done through private Christian schools, which will require tuition fees to pay salaries and construct buildings. This means sacrifices for families, as money which would be used on new cars, redecorating, vacations and other luxuries must be diverted to more important things, in this

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The Purpose of Christian School Education

by Dr. Paul A. Kienel
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Abraham Lincoln said, "The philosophy of the classroom is the philosophy of the government in the next generation." The true purpose of CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EDUCATION is to hand the torch of a Bible-centered, Christ-honoring education to the next generation.

George Washington said, "True religion affords government its surest support. The future of this nation depends on the Christian training of the youth. It is impossible to govern without the Bible."

Both of these great leaders affirm that we need to be vitally concerned with the education of youth and that the Bible must have a central place in education. This is the very heart of Christian school education and quite frankly, unless there is a nation-wide revival of education which is academically sound and founded on Biblical principles, there is little hope for our country. There are few pursuits of life more important to the future of our country than the wide-spread expansion of the Christian school ministry.

The purpose of Christian school education is to show children and young people how to face God and then with the vision of God in their hearts to face the present world and the world to come. The purpose of Christian school education is to present as clearly as possible to our children the truth about God, about life and living, about our world and everything in it and to present the Word of God as the authoritative source upon which to build a life that has purpose and meaning.

Of course a major controversy in the world of education is the age old question, "What is truth?" The late Dr. Mark Fakkema said, "Truth is not necessarily truth because it is regarded as such by contemporary scholarship. By way of verifying His statements, our Lord did not appeal to the recognized leadership of His day. Our Lord constantly quoted Scripture as His authority. God's Word is the test of all truth. All teaching that is expressive of God's Word is true. Teaching that is not expository of the Word is falsehood." The purpose of Christian education is to develop an educational process that puts the Bible at the center and asks the student and the teacher to evaluate all they see in the world through the eyes of God - because God is Truth. All must conform to Him

or it is not truth. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6). In true Christian education, students learn to use the Bible to evaluate all of life. The Bible is Life - it is the living Word - it is above every other book. In Christian school education the Word of God is not on trial. Needless to say, Christian education is the exact opposite of secular education. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines secularism as "rejection or exclusion of religion and religious considerations" or simply stated, "without God." It is important to note that the definition of atheism is "no God." Secular education ignores or denies God and there is every indication the system is producing a generation that ignores and denies God. On October 14, 1973, during a speech in Phoenix, Ariz., Dr. W. P. Shoftall, Arizona state superintendent of schools, said: "The atheists have, for all practical purposes, taken over public education in this country."

TOOLS OF LEARNING

The purpose of Christian education includes the responsibility to prepare Johnny with the basic tools of learning. Houses are built by men who have an array of tools at their disposal and have the skills to use them. Words are the tools of thought. The ability to read, the mastery of math, the ability to express thoughts orally and in writing make up the basic tools with which a student can make his way through the disciplines of learning and become a productive Christ-honoring citizen. Educators who lose sight of their basic academic responsibility of equipping Johnny's educational tool box have lost sight of what an educator is supposed to be.

SYSTEM OF VALUES

Another purpose of Christian school education is to inspire in students a system of values consistent with the Word of God. Since spiritual values are spiritually discerned, it is incumbent upon Christian school educators to lead their students into a new life in Christ so that old things will pass away and all things will become new. Today, more than ever before, we need a generation of students whose ethics and moral sense of right and wrong is clearly grounded in God's Holy Word.

LOVE FOR COUNTRY

Not the least among the objectives of Christian school education is to instill in the heart of students a strong love for our country. An emphasis on patriotism has always been a hallmark of Christian school education. America needs a new wave of patriotism, not a fanatical patriotism but a genuine love for the U.S.A. and our Christian heritage. There is no other group of schools in America that can speak so freely about our country's Christian beginnings as our country's Christian schools.

RESPECT FOR PARENTS

Finally, one of the high purposes of Christian school education is to uphold the sanctity of our homes and the sacredness of our churches. Christian school educators respect the fact that they are working in behalf of parents in their educational ministry to students. All that is said and done in the classroom is done in behalf of parents because ultimately the responsibility for the education of children resides with their parents. Christian school educators are not on a crusade to drive a wedge between a child and his parents. As a matter of fact, Christian school educators know when they reinforce student respect for parents they are simultaneously supporting student respect for teachers.

REGARD FOR CHURCH

Most every Christian school is closely related to a church or works in cooperation with several churches. Virtually every Christian school educator has a high regard for the church. This regard and respect for the church and those who serve God in the church is carried into the classroom and woven into the fabric of the school's curriculum. Regard for God's house and ministers of the Gospel is held forth in the classrooms, in student chapels and is undergirded in Bible lessons. Although some churches are still unaware of it, the Christian school is among the best friends the church has ever had.

The full purpose of Christian school education is to help parents fulfill the counsel of that wise and powerful proverb that says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

divided. I intend to stand up and fight to preserve the Gospel.

.. Thank you.
.. Yours for the furtherance of the Gospel!

Sincerely
Mrs. Mary E. Olson

Dear Friends:

..Greetings in Christ. I am enclosing \$1.00 for which please send me the issues of your paper evaluating the Bill Gothard movement. Do you know that ETERNITY magazine had a series of critiques on Gothard too? I think one of his weakest points is his almost nonexistent view of the church—a nil concept of church authority. He is too psychology centered and thus emphasis is on personal relationships and attitudes toward authority in the home and to the state. But as separatist Christians, we withdraw from state schools, apostate churches, state dictates, etc.

William McGrath

Irish Fundamentalist Smeared

A Wicked Attack on Dr. Paisley by the noted radical leftwing Methodist unbeliever Donald Soper was made in London, according to the Catholic Voice for June 24, 1974: "The Rev. Ian Paisley was denounced in the House of Lords here as a 'loud-mouthed mob orator.' Lord Donald Soper, a Methodist lay preacher noted for his advocacy of pacifism and socialism, said the 'hardline' clergyman from Northern Ireland arouses emotions and a savagery, which precludes him from any inclusion among the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ." He said the fundamentalist faith espoused by Mr. Paisley constituted a growing and dangerous trend within the Protestantism of Northern Ireland." Of all the blasphemous ecumenical leaders of the radical-left in England, none is more shameful than Donald Soper. His published works drip with apostasy.

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case the Christian education of our children. But this is not new. From the days of the first colonies parents have been paying the costs of providing a Christian education for their children. Nor are parents the only ones who sacrifice to make Christian education possible. The average Christian school teacher could make three to four thousand dollars a year more salary by working in state schools or non-Christian private schools. This is a far greater material sacrifice than any parent is required to make to educate his children in a Christian school.

In the final analysis, it all comes down to the sense of values we parents hold. Unfortunately, we too, have been influenced, far more than we probably realize, by the secular-materialistic philosophy of our day. And so it becomes hard to choose between our money and our children. Will we use our money for ourselves (the money will be spent one way or another anyway) and gamble that our children will not be swept up in the worldly, materialistic, secular culture that is religious, but

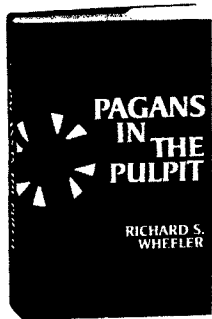
Brilliant young Christian writer achieves his ambitious aim: "to divorce Christianity from liberalism"

Christianity is a doctrine of individual salvation, and not a scintilla of evidence exists that Christ intended it as a doctrine of social or political reform. So contends Richard S. Wheeler as he lays bare the apostasy of the liberal church and its obsession with secular reform.

A forceful spokesman for traditional Christianity, Mr. Wheeler demolished the pretensions of the youth cult in his first book, *The Children of Darkness*. Here he takes aim at five fashionable movements:

- **The Socialist Impulse.** Mr. Wheeler explores the Christian attitude on private property, social justice and poverty. He finds in Scripture a deep concern for the poor, a warning to the rich, but not one iota of egalitarian doctrine—in fact, strong evidence that Christianity intended a hierarchic society with reconciliation between all, and mobility.
- **"The Politics of Suffering."** The author is tart toward those who exploit human distress for liberal political ends. "Suffering," he writes, "is the mother's milk of politics. The supply is endless and so is the pharmacopoeia in the politicians' kit bags. They have at hand the greatest resources of society: the power to tax and the power to legislate. With these great engines of benevolence they seek in all sincerity to bottle up the world's grief."
- **"The Tentative Citizen"** deals with valid authority and civil disobedience.
- **"The Peace Conspiracy"** measures the warlike peace movement against Scriptural norms, finds no shred of Christian basis for it.
- **"No Womb at the Top."** Mr. Wheeler's boldest confrontation is with Women's Lib. Insisting that the Christian position has been unfairly attacked; he examines all of Paul's and Peter's assertions, and one episode involving Jesus—all of which pay women much more honor than Women's Lib will admit. He unravels the New Feminism stitch by stitch, dilemma by false dilemma, but does concede valid points scored by the libbers. More positively, Wheeler shows the abiding values of Christian family life, and how the Libbers imperil them.

With warmth, understanding and hard logic, Mr. Wheeler achieves his ambitious aim: "to divorce Christianity from liberalism, to cleave traditional Christian doctrine from theological and secular leftism." He concludes that "collectivist doctrine does violence to the faith and cannot be reconciled with it. Its means are not Christian; neither are its goals. While it operates on the fringes of Christianity, deriving some concern for the dispossessed from the towering charity of the church, its employment of the state to resolve all human difficulties, its belief in equality, and its schizophrenic pacifism-cum-war, all depart from Christian tenet. . . . In short, Christianity and socialism are not cousins, but enemies."



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does not know the God of the Bible? If we do, we may not expect God to bail our children out of that culture later for us.

There will be future opportunities for color T.V.'s, new furniture or new cars, but we will only educate our children once. That opportunity, once past, can never be reclaimed. If it is not used wisely, our children may never be reclaimed. The warning of Jesus against the wrong choice should help us keep our values clear: 'For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?' (Mark 8:36)

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SOUND DOCTRINE

There is one theme of rejoicing to which I am constrained to allude. The importance of the pulpit is evidently beginning to be recognized. I greatly rejoice in the opening of St. Paul's Cathedral, and other large buildings for the ministry of the Word. May the zeal of the churches increase, and may the preaching be the proclamation of the truth as it is in Jesus. Sound doctrine is as essential now as in the days of the Reformation. We must not congratulate ourselves on the mere assemblage of crowds, but we must see to it that the gospel is preached not mere moral maxims and ceremonial observances.

C. H. Spurgeon

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God's Christmas Gift

oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God...For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified." Certainly you can see from this portion of God's Word that it is the finished work of Jesus on the cross that paid all of the price for man's salvation. What a price! No wonder that God can offer to totally depraved sinners such a matchless gift!

Perhaps, dear friend, you are in accord with all that we have said concerning what God has done in your behalf. But maybe you are one of those individuals who feels that you are too sinful or too wicked for God to save. There are many people with that idea uppermost in their minds. May I remind you right here that Jesus said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." If you had been so good that you felt no need of the Lord, it is doubtful if you would have ever shown any concern about the claims of God for His Son.

No room for doubt is permitted by this verse of Scripture that reveals God's generosity in grace. I John 1:7 says, "...and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." If that statement is true, and it is, then can you not believe in the power of that blood to cleanse you from every sin and stain? Here is definite assurance that God loves you, wants to save you, and offers you His wonderful gift at this Christmas season. "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7:25) Wouldn't it be wonderful if you would just exercise sufficient faith and trust in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour so that you could share in God's generous propitiation? He has made every necessary step to insure your deliverance from the fear and grip of Satan. What a wonderful joy could be yours this Christmas if you knew Jesus in your heart.

Consider, now, the last verse in our selected passage of the Christmas story, Luke chapter 2, the last part of the verse: "...A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Dear friend, that was His sole purpose in coming into this world as a man. He was born to that end. Is He your Saviour? Then, if not, why not accept Him today and receive God's Christmas gift? There is no middle ground of indecision or neutrality on the subject. Procrastination only continues your condemnation. "For he that believeth not, is condemned already." God loves you. How can you possibly hope to have a "Merry Christmas" without God's gift abiding in your heart? Let Him in now, won't you?

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