



The PROJECTOR

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“Projecting the Light of the Word of God on the Issues of the Day”

You want to do what? Drink alcohol? by Pastor Tod Brainard

What is a Separatist? by Pastor Martin Masitto Founder and President of Fellow Helpers Ministries Simpsonville, SC

Proverbs 20:1, *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging (is a brawler): and whosoever is deceived (errs by thinking they can control their drinking) thereby is not wise.”*

I now quote the NASV only to show that even a modern version of the Bible clearly shows alcohol abstinence. Prov 23:29 - 35 *“Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long over wine, those who go to taste mixed wine. Do not even look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly; At the last it bites like a serpent and stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things and your mind will utter perverse things. And you will be like one who lies down in the middle of the sea. Or like one who lies down on the top of a mast. They struck me, but I did not become ill; they beat me, but I did not know it. When shall I awake? I will seek another drink.”*

I Thessalonians 5:21-22, *“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.”*

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Many “Christians” believe there are no Scriptures which prohibit the drinking of alcohol. We all know that you can seek to justify any position you want by hook and by crook, but you must climb a very high wall to avoid the biblical case for alcohol abstinence. There are no less than 75 passages in the Bible that make the case for alcohol abstinence.

I personally believe Proverbs 23:29-35 is the supreme passage which promotes alcohol abstinence. Divine inspiration tells us here that we should not even look upon the red wine in the cup. **Looking leads to drinking.** Alcoholic beverage is such a snare that God does not even want His children looking at it because He knows how strong temptation can be and how inadequate the flesh is in handling it.

The object that distinguishes the real Christian from the false Christian is our separation from the world. Nowhere in Scripture are we to go back into the sins of the old nature. There is no question that alcohol consumption is a sin of the old nature. Notice I Corinthians 6:9-10, *“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not*

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SEPARATION FROM THE DISOBEDIENT BELIEVER

The final fuel for thought that we want to run through the pipeline is separation from DISOBEDIENT BELIEVERS. The one who is seeking to please the Lord by obeying the doctrine of separation must separate from those brethren who refuse to obey this doctrine. We find this principle taught in II Thessalonians 3:6, 14, and 15. Let’s look at these verses.

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us....And if any man obey not our word by this

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EDITOR'S DESK

Pastor Tod Brainard

With the beginning of 2017, *The Projector* begins its 45th year of publication. The banner on the front-page links us to the first principles of the paper established in 1972, "to project the light of the Word of God on the issues of the day." We have not shied away from controversy nor pulled punches on issues facing Christians for over the last four plus decades.

One current issue that is prevalent in churches across America is the alcohol issue. This issue contains Bible teaching on abstinence from alcohol. The Bible is not silent on this issue as some propose. Many are ignorant on just how much the Bible says about the wisdom of abstaining from drinking because in our fast-paced, low information age, we take little time to dig into the Word of God. We are content to accept whatever is promoted by the talking heads of religion without a care of being Berean-like in our faith.

I trust that you will take time to consider the Scriptures emphasized in the two articles presented dealing with alcohol. Pastor Len Peeler has a whole series of posts available on "The Curse of the Ohio Valley" dealing with the alcohol issue. His contact information follows his article printed in this issue if you wish to contact him for all of his posts.

For the life of me, I do not understand the mentality that seeks to bring into our homes the very thing that wrecks and destroys homes. In our contemporary churches' haste to do away with the prohibitions of the past, we are inviting death and destruction into our lives and our children's lives. I have said for many years that children always go farther and deeper into the sins which their parents tolerated. Children will imbibe more deeply the sin that was allowed by their predecessors because they feel they have permission to do so.

Churches are changing their by-laws and Constitutions to allow deacons and elders to drink wine

"responsibly." Why? Because the human heart always seeks to justify actions taken. Not only to justify the actions, but to mollify the conscience as well for the trained conscience speaks against the evils of alcohol that have played out in lives over thousands of years. Only a fool would bring a poisonous snake into the house for the children to play with. The Bible says that wine "*biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder*" (Proverbs 23:32). Why mess around with a poisonous snake? Wisdom says "don't mess with it."

Here's the rub. There are far too many among the younger generation who despise the authority the Bible. They have grown to hate holiness and consecration to a Holy God. They want none of it because it restricts their desires and denies them the pursuit of selfish ambition. They only want to do as they please. The most damnable philosophy of life that has ever been passed on to humanity by the Devil and sinful human hearts is the philosophy of "do as you please." It is the philosophy of the Devil and HELL itself! Everyone who dies and goes to Hell goes there "doing as they please." God sent His only begotten Son to deliver us from ourselves. The true, genuine Christian wants to do what pleases Christ, not themselves (I John 2:15-17; 3:1-10). This was once preached from pulpits across this land, but not much anymore.

I will step away from my soapbox here in closing by saying that Lord willing throughout 2017, we will highlight past articles from our founding editor, Dr. Dayton Hobbs as well as other writers from the past as we remember 45 years of "projecting the Light." God's truth never grows old and outdated. It is always fresh and wonderful! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



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deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, **nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.**"*

I must confess at this juncture to a personal bias when it comes to the issue of alcohol. My grandfather died at age 50 due to a life consumed by alcohol. He was introduced to alcohol at the age of 12 by family members who brewed their own liquor. His alcohol consumption in life led to spousal abuse, child neglect, intimidation, adultery, and insolence in the workplace. There were no positive outcomes to his drinking. God divinely removed this influence by His grace from my life for my grandfather died on an operating table the very night I was born in the same hospital. There is no question but that God preserved my siblings and myself from his corrosive grandfatherly influence. It is heartbreaking that he was taken in death a lost sinner... a lost, alcoholic sinner. However, his alcohol tainted influence lives on in the memories of those who were affected by it 53 years after his passing.

Today, according to the latest statistics, there are more than 40 million problem drinkers in America. Alcohol is the number one drug problem among teenagers. One in three American families suspects that one or more family members have a drinking problem. Misuse of alcohol costs our nation \$100 billion with a "B" a year in quantifiable costs. Because of these experiences and many more, I have often said that even if I were not a Christian I would have nothing to do with alcohol. There is simply

too much sorrow, heartache, and human destruction connected to it. Avoiding this devastating drug, let's call it for what it is, is simply the wise choice. However, we have a large quantity of fools in this world who think differently and some of them go to church.

It is this group of church-going fools who state that people who preach total abstinence are pharisaical and anti-liberty. It is said that we fail to understand Christian liberty and freedom and that we muddy the name of Christ by not supporting God's gift of the "fruit of the vine." These are strong accusations from fellow church goers. Are they accurate? Are those like myself who believe abstinence to be the best and biblical choice guilty of these charges? I will let you decide.

I share my heart with a desire to honor the Lord Jesus, and to protect as many children, young people and spouses from the evils alcohol has visited on so many. Warning: To not listen and heed the Holy Bible on this subject is to reject none other than the Holy Author of the Bible, God Himself!

Moral Reasons for Abstinence

The carnage of alcohol abuse as evidenced in our society is the strongest moral argument from a human standpoint. Alcohol should be rejected because it leads to evil and wrongdoing. Let me ask you something, is it narrow-minded and legalistic to denounce a wife beater, child neglecting home destroyer, and business wrecker? **Alcohol never helped one individual be a better parent, or spouse. In addition, it never helped a Christian do the will of God. Here are three questions you need to ask yourself if you are on**

the fence about this issue of alcohol:

1. Does alcohol make me a better individual to my family and friends?

2. Does alcohol draw me closer to God?

3. Does alcohol help me run the Christian race faithfully to the end?

Some naïve individuals respond by saying that the issue is not abstinence but moderation.

There are a few notable New Calvinists who draw a parallel between drinking and both eating and sexual activity in marriage. There is however a significant difference that they intentionally overlook. First, we must eat to live. Secondly, we must procreate for the continued existence of mankind. Alcohol is neither a necessity for life or a necessity of the continuance of the human race. To make a moral equivalence of these two necessities of life to alcohol consumption is illogical and bereft of Biblical understanding.

It is my contention that moderation is the cause of the liquor problem.

Let me explain. Becoming an alcoholic does not begin with the last drink, it always begins with the first drink. Proverbs 23 says that alcohol is like a poisonous snake that bites. Poisonous snakes are deceptive and dangerous. It is impossible to be bitten by a snake that you never play with. Alcoholism cannot strike unless it is given the opportunity. That potential becomes real with the first drink.

I Thessalonians 5:21-22, *"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil."* **As Christians, we are to prove (test) all things and**

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The Curse of the Ohio Valley by Rev. Len Peeler

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Proverbs 23:29-30

When I first began to write my weekly column, it appeared only in our little hometown newspaper, The Hancock County Courier (which has since gone out business.). The newspaper, unbeknownst to me, also posted my articles on their Facebook page. While the comments on my articles were few and far between, the column which received the most comments were the three I wrote about alcohol. One lady's comments were especially nasty!

The illegal use of drugs and the consumption of alcoholic is a curse upon our community. The abuse is so out of control, that local law enforcement agencies, have used extreme measures to try and make the public aware of the problem. For instance, the East Liverpool, Ohio, Police Department published on their Facebook page, a picture of a couple passed out in their car due to drugs. To make matters worse, a small child was buckled in the back seat of their car while they were unconscious.

The police said about the picture, *"We feel it necessary to show the other side of this horrible drug. We feel we need to be a voice for the children caught up in this horrible mess. This child can't speak for himself but we are hopeful his story can convince another user*

to think twice about injecting this poison while having a child in their custody." That sad picture generated 5.2K likes, 5.6K comments and 28K shares.

Consider these grim statistics about alcohol. *"One person dies every 22 minutes in the United States because of an alcohol related accident. Americans age 17-24 are more likely to die from drinking and driving than from any other single cause. An estimated 310,000 Americans are injured in alcohol-related accidents each year – that's one every 2 minutes. The United States Department of Justice reports that 4 of 10 violent crimes involve alcohol. The abuse of alcohol is present in 70 % of all murders."*

President Elect Trump was recently interviewed and he mentioned his late brother Fred Trump. Mr. Trump said that his brother died of alcoholism and for that reason our soon to be new president doesn't drink. He said that if he never takes a drink, he never has to worry about becoming an alcoholic. Wise advice from our future President, wouldn't you say?

For all those who defend alcohol drinking by saying that Jesus drank "wine", may I say most kindly that you have no idea about what you are talking about! If God's people will pray, and Bible preacher's will lovingly broach this subject, maybe, just maybe, we might be able to make a dent in this sordid mess we are in! I'll have more next week.

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Holding Back the Tide Against the Silencing of Christians

The National Center for Life and Liberty of Flower Mound, Texas is thankful to have played a critical role in a landmark case for religious freedom, *Lund v. Rowan County*.

In 2013, the ACLU sued the Rowan County, North Carolina, Board of Commissioners for opening its sessions in prayer. A resident claimed the prayers made her *"feel unwelcome and excluded."*

In 2015, a federal judge agreed, ordering the commission's prayers to cease. However, on Monday, September 19, 2016, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the ruling, affirming the right to open the commission's meetings in prayer. *"We're incredibly grateful that God allowed the NCLL's involvement to influence the Fourth Circuit's wise ruling to preserve religious freedom,"* said a spokesperson for the National Center for Life and Liberty.

Not surprisingly, however, the ACLU has vowed to appeal the case to the US Supreme Court. The NCLL is asking for prayers and financial support in order to continue the future defense of the Rowan County Case before the court.

Attorney David Gibbs, III has rightly stated, *"This case is clearly an attempt to silence the voices of every Christian in the public square."* You can give online at ncll.org by clicking the icon that says, **Partner with Us**. Follow the prompts to donate. Ω



Proverb Practicals

by Ludwig Opager

Proverbs 6:20,21, **My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.**

This instruction presumes that the father and mother will instruct within the confines of and in obedience to the Word of God. In this context, they bring to the son God's word, not their own. To do otherwise would indeed bring undesirable results. God gives authority to parents to conduct child-rearing within the liberty and limits of the Word of God.

Parents are given authority by God for their children's ultimate benefit. Today, however, we see many homes dominated by children exercising authority over their parents; issuing orders at will. In these homes, children are placed upon a pedestal of royalty as if they were kings or queens. Parents listen intently to their children's instructions to determine what they want to wear, what they want to eat, when they want to go to sleep, and where they want to go to school!

Many parents abdicate their God-given authority in favor of the latest child psychology philosopher of the day. Instead of being decision makers for their children, they simply become facilitators to see to it that their child is served in every way desired. If you want to get a small glimpse of Hell, just peek into a home where parents do not exercise their God-given authority. Not exercising the authority that God gives is a great perversion of God's Word. Sexual perversion outrages us, but where is the outrage concerning authority perversion that is so rampant around and within us?

It is impossible to have rule of law within our country while we

rear children without the rule of law. This passage in Proverbs makes it clear where God places authority regarding the rearing of children. Commandments are to come from the father, and laws are to come from the mother. Commandments and laws are to adorn the heart and neck of the child. They are to be a comfort and a protection to the child. A child left to himself, which means a child without commandment and law, will bring his father and mother to shame.

It is clear from our passage that there is a division of labor for both father and mother. Each is important to the proper rearing of children. One is not better than the other, for God has ordained both. The words "commandment" and "law" describe these functions.

These functions were revealed many years ago to our family while visiting my in-laws. We all gathered at the dining table and my son began to cry and carry on. His grandfather immediately spoke out directly, **"NO CRYING AT THE TABLE!"** Everyone got quiet. Eyes and ears turned to grandpa. The commandment had been given, **"NO CRYING AT THE TABLE!"** No other words were given to amplify the command. There was no explanation of why crying was not to be permitted and no excuses for crying was to be accepted. The simple command was sufficient to express his will.

Now that the commandment was given, what was required? Obedience! It was grandpa's house, his table, and his meal.

Grandpa had spoken. He was the elder at the table and his commandment was to be honored. The standard had been given in clear, precise, and exact terms.

As the father, it was now my responsibility to implement the command made by grandpa. Here is where law was developed. I had to see to it that the commandment was upheld in high honor. There was to be no argument with grandpa, only compliance. His commandment had to become my commandment. For consistency, I felt the charge not only in grandpa's house, but in my own house as well. Now, my wife and I had to see to it that the command was obeyed by teaching the children. Special training took place prior to dinner time. Chastisement measures were also made known and implemented. Evacuation plans for a crying child, if all else failed, had to be developed. Grandpa's command led to a law that is still in force at the Opager table!

Commandment is given and law is made to change behavior. This brings peace to the home and to society. We should note that Satan is busy today seeking to erase this division of labor, or authority, by upending the cultural roles of father and mother. Only when both parties in the home perform their God-given roles will successful child-rearing result. I challenge all parents to do it God's way or be faced with disaster. Ω



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discard that which is inferior and keep that which is good. This is accomplished by enacting the principle of abstaining from all appearance of evil. The moral and spiritual case for abstinence is made in Proverbs 23. Drinking wine when it is red (aged wine) leads to a moral crisis which is laid out in detail. The “appearance of evil” is certainly implied and emphasized there.

Biblical Principles for Alcohol Abstinence

1) The Principle of the Historical, Grammatical Interpretation of the Bible.

The historical, grammatical interpretation of the Bible is the greatest singular Biblical hermeneutic. Using this principle keeps the human mind in check. For instance, there is no evidence that Jesus ever partook of “strong drink.” Yes, he drank wine as most did in the 1st Century, but it was diluted wine (3 parts water to 1 part wine) as was the custom of the Jews.

I am going to quote a New Calvinist theologian on this subject rather than a Fundamentalist writer to hopefully show that even those outside our camp understand that comparing our wines of today with those of yesteryear is a fool’s errand. Dr. Robert Stein, current professor of New Testament Literature at Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY, has carefully documented the wines of the NT era. He writes, “*The term “oinos” in the ancient world did not mean wine as we understand it today but wine mixed with water...To consume the amount of alcohol that is in two martinis by drinking wine containing three*

parts water to one part wine [the ancient ratio], one would have to drink over twenty-two glasses. In other words, it is possible to become intoxicated from wine mixed with three parts water, but one’s drinking would probably affect the bladder long before it affected the mind.”¹ Dr. Stein also notes “that children would have drank this diluted mixture of water and wine.”²

It seems clear then that there is no one-to-one correspondence with first century wine and twenty-first century wines and distilled liquor. Concerning the latter, I believe the Lord Jesus Christ would have no part. An allegorical interpretation of the passages dealing with alcoholic beverages will bring you to a place of accepting what God rejects.

2) The Principle of Edification

I Cor. 6:12, “*All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.*” The Apostle Paul here has edification in view. Edification is the promotion of growth in Christian character. Alcohol in no way builds you up or makes you better for the Lord Jesus Christ. Avoiding alcohol ensures you will not harm yourself or others with it.

3) The Principle of Refusing that which Subjugates

Again, the latter part of I Cor. 6:12, “*... all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.*” Alcohol is a drug that will impair the senses and has a potential addictive element which subjugates the soul and body to its power. Like addictive drugs or pornography, it

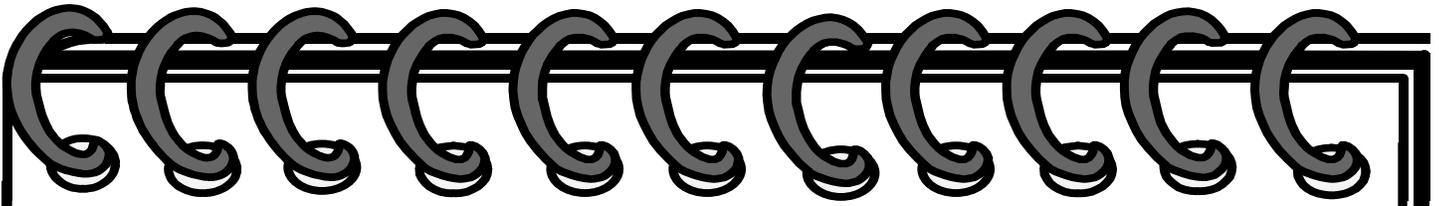
should be avoided at all cost. “***Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage***” (Galatians 5:1). Christ redeemed us from the bondage of sin in all its forms. Wisdom says “NO” to anything that enslaves. To refuse that which brings subjection to sin is a liberating action, not a restraining one.

4) The Principle of Selflessness

Notice I Cor. 9:19-22, “***For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.***” It seems that the modern church-goer has forgotten this verse. Selfishness is all about “me” and “my desires” with little consideration for the effects of one’s actions upon others.

Is it a loving act to recommend alcohol to a child? We know it is not! Is it a loving act to persuade a teenager to drink responsibly? How foolish! Yet we somehow with contorted thinking will see value in drinking alcohol after we leave childhood! Church leaders are bringing up votes in church business meetings to remove prohibitions against alcohol consumption for deacons and elders on so-called *Biblical* grounds as long as they drink responsibly? Who will be the judge? The one drinking will be impaired according to Proverbs 20:1 resulting in unwise thinking and actions. This is not a principle of love at work, this is selfishness that will lead to spiritual suicide. Time will show the utter foolishness of such actions within the church in ruined lives and families. Take time to read the story of ABC News’ 20/20 host Elizabeth Vargas’ al-

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Teaching Tips

by Doris Peppard

FAIR DAYS

One of the most special “school” nights for our students are FAIRS! Schools can alternate between a variety of subjects: Science, of course, is the most popular. History, comes in as a close second; and Bible Fairs are alternative ideas that students will enjoy. We try to make these FAIRS enjoyable for both students as well as their parents by having the majority of preparation and planning completed at school. The parents can easily take the prep/planning guide and help their child make their poster or project. That fact alone will allow parents to “like” coming to the FAIR without the hassle usually associated with home projects that blow up at the last minute or parents having no clue how to get started. Also consider having a “Spaghetti Supper” in conjunction with your FAIR. This fundraiser can provide needed funds for school enhancement. Several ideas to help make this a positive experience for both students and parents and will ensure FAIR night a success are:

- 1) Decide before the new school year which type of FAIR you’ll sponsor. (Put this information directly on the school calendar so both students and teachers can prepare well ahead of time.)
- 2) Teachers give their principal the “idea” their class will develop for the FAIR. This will prevent several classes from doing similar projects.
- 3) Teachers plan out on a calendar various due dates for research, backboard, and project or experiment.
- 4) Classes set aside a few days to work on their projects – additional class time will increase as the date draws near.
- 5) Set up presentations in hallways or classrooms for guests to admire the evening of the FAIR.
- 6) Give 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons for neatness, thoroughness of research, and accuracy.

Example: This year SRCS will produce a History Fair. The plans for each class are:

Pre-school: Color Sheet (on The American Flag / George Washington, etc.).

Kindergarten: Color Sheets and a class display on George Washington Carver: (students will bring in various products he developed from the peanut and about the life and legacy of this great man.)

First / Second: Each student produces a poster on topic. (Patriots, Continents, National Parks, Foreign Country, etc.).

Third/Fourth: Students work in teams of 3 – 4 to produce a poster and diorama of their topic. (Occupations during Colonial Period, 13 Colonies, etc.)

Fifth/Sixth: Students work individually or on teams to produce a backboard or an artistic representation of topic. (“Wax” Museum – each student will portray a different historical character and give a lesson as if they were that character.)

Seventh/Eighth: Backboard illustrating - Ancient Cities that are now extinct.

Ninth/Tenth: Inventions that changed the world.

Eleventh/Twelfth: Founding Fathers

These FAIRS enrich the educational experiences of our students, are a testimony to family and friends of your school, as can be used as a fundraiser to help with special projects of your school.



When Education Rejects God and Creationism, What's Left?

By Dr. Phil Suiter

Dr. Suiter is a former pastor and retired executive director of the West Virginia Christian Education Association.

Tradition, textbooks, and judicial decisions indoctrinate our youth with the belief that the earth evolved over time as opposed to being created by God. When God is denied a role in education and in creation, our children are left without a sense of purpose.

Probably nothing has done more to challenge America's belief in God and her high standards of morality than the teaching of evolution.

Evolution, not creationism, is now the prevailing answer for such questions as "Where did we come from?" or "How did the world begin?" or "What is the source of life?" This has been the case since our nation's tax-supported schools began promoting evolution in the textbooks our students study.

Consequently, the teaching of evolution is now grounded in tradition and is supported by judicial decisions, all of which deny the Genesis creation story. In some places, it is illegal to teach any belief about origin other than evolution. Such was not the case in the beginning days of our nation. Rather, there was a strong commitment to the teaching of creation and belief system based

on Christian ethics. Today, however, is much different. The Christian researcher, George Barna, says that a small percentage of the American population possesses a biblical worldview, a worldview that views life from the lens of Scripture.

When God is rejected in questions of origin, what is left? Consider the following ramifications of disregarding God as the Creator of the universe.

We are left without a sense of responsibility to God.

People often speak about the decrease in a sense of responsibility that characterizes this age. The very concept of responsibility assumes that there is a higher au-

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cohol dependency that nearly destroyed her career and life. It all began with her "**drinking wine in moderation**" as she told herself hundreds of times. Biblical love says "NO" to alcohol consumption!

5) The Principle of being a separated example to others as one filled with the Spirit, not with alcohol.

Ephesians 5:18, "**And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be ye filled with the Spirit.**" Why do "Christians" today want permission from the church to drink wine? Let's be honest, they are already drinking wine and alcoholic beverages. However, they want to feel justified in their actions. In turn they pressure their local churches to change their Constitutions in order to give permission to drink wine so they think "feel" spiritual in doing so. Battle lines are being drawn in

churches across America on this issue of alcohol consumption. This "permission concept" from the local church is another move away from the authority of the Scriptures. Church-going people know deep inside that consumption of alcohol is wrong, but they want permission from the church to soothe their conscience in the act. How treacherous the human heart is!

Separation from the world in our local churches has been lost to this generation. I blame the weak and anemic preaching from our pastors these days. How deeply sad it is to make such a statement! Being filled with the Holy Spirit should be the norm for the Christian, and yet we are filled with everything but the Spirit!

Oh, the wisdom of the Scriptures! Proverbs 31:4-5, "**It is not for kings (Hebrew: "civil monarch"), O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers (Hebrew:**

"those in positions of leadership and authority") to take strong drink, lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted."

I challenge anyone to show me the superior wisdom of drinking "in moderation," as opposed to not drinking at all. This is not legalistic, but love for God and our brothers and sisters in Christ! You cannot have an alcoholic, abusive husband where abstinence is practiced. You cannot have a child-neglecting, alcoholic mother where abstinence is practiced. WISDOM cries out ABSTINENCE from ALCOHOL! Who is listening?

¹ Dr. Robert Stein, "**Wine Drinking in the New Testament**", Christianity Today, June 20, 1975, pp. 9-11. To my knowledge, Dr. Stein continues to stand behind his research on Biblical wines to this day.

² Stein, p. 10.



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I received the Lord as my Savior one night in our apartment after we enjoyed a fine dinner in the home of our young adult Sunday school teacher. At the time I did not realize the dinner was only a way to make it possible for this man to talk to me about my soul. He answered my final questions that evening and I went home and asked the Lord to save me of my sins. This Sunday school teacher became a good friend.

A few months after I was saved he asked me to attend a Christian meeting with him. I agreed, only to later cancel because I became ill that evening. The next time I saw him we talked about the meeting he attended. It was a planning and training session for those interested in helping with a Billy Graham Crusade coming to Cleveland.

CONFUSING?

The more we talked the more confused I became. Those at the meeting were from various churches. Some I knew taught the Word of God and some I knew did not. Those at the meeting had many different ideas as to how to live the Christian life, too. Many had long hair, short skirts, shorts, smoked, attended movies, etc. This just did not make sense to me. These folks were being disobedient to Scripture. How could I join them? My Sunday school teacher said, "You can overlook all these differences for souls." Sounds spiritual, doesn't it?

We learn that this argument in favor of such fellowship is void, however, when we look at such passages as the one above. God teaches that there is a time to withdraw (separate) or have no compa-

ny with (separate) those who are not obeying His Word. Our separating is not to make the disobedient believer feel inferior, but ashamed (vs. 14). It is then hoped that he will see his error and become obedient to the Word. If he does, then you have gained a brother.

My friend resigned his position as Sunday school teacher and eventually resigned as a member of our home church. Every time I saw him after that he had fallen more into compromise because of "souls." Sins that he taught against in our young adult's class now had a place in his life and family. If we do not practice separation from the disobedient believer, the disobedient believer will be used to water down our lives and our testimonies for Christ.

This is our last "fuel for thought."

VOICES FROM THE PAST

The thoughts in this article are not new. Godly men have been sharing them for years. In closing, I would like to quote one man for each point we have made.

SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

-Dr. M.R. DeHaan, "Daniel the Prophet", pp. 38, 39:

"Without fear of successful contradiction we dare to say that the greatest need of the church today is a company of separated saints of God who will refuse steadfastly to be swayed by the world's program or the visible church's apostasy. No greater blight has ever beset the church of Jesus Christ than the blight of compromise and conformity to the world and its pro- It does not cost something to be different and separate, but it is the only way which leads to the highest reward."

SEPARATION FROM UNBELIEVERS

-Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, in a letter to the millionaire Moody benefactor, Henry Parsons Crowell, "*The Breakfast Table Autocrat*" (Moody, 1946, p. 269)

"...these men do not believe the things we believe. They do not preach the Gospel we are standing for here at Moody Bible Institute....they are not holding up Jesus. I know the pastor of the church where the meetings are to be held is a true believer...but the presence of men who are liberals makes it impossible for me to accept the invitation."

SEPARATION FROM DISOBEDIENT BELIEVERS

-Charles H. Spurgeon declared on October 7, 1888,

"I have preached God's truth, as far as I know it, and I have not been ashamed of its peculiarities that I might stultify my testimony, I have cut myself clear of those who err from the faith, and even from those who associate with them."

WHAT ABOUT THE PRESENT?

It is good to read the words of men from the past but what about us who are ministering in the present? Does your pipeline of separation include the three fuels discussed in this article? If not, why not? British Petroleum would not stay in business long if they tried to deliver only one type of fuel. They would be out of business even sooner if they decided not to deliver any fuels at all because they are controversial. The Christian and the church that decide to trim their blends of separation may find themselves "out of business," too!



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thority holding mankind accountable. That higher authority is God Himself; this teaching is clearly presented in Scripture. When God is removed from that equation, responsibility can only be based upon some concept of common good for the benefit of society. The problem then becomes the inability to agree upon what that common good should be. Consequently, children are left to their own ideas and thoughts about responsibility. Such thinking leads to philosophy of life that is driven by worldliness and materialism, both of which deny responsibility to God, the Designer of His created universe.

We are left without a common understanding of what is right and wrong.

Any educational program should teach children about issues of right and wrong. But when God is removed from the equation, as He has been in public education, what do children use as a standard in determining what is right and wrong? Again, when the morality of right and wrong has been forsaken, people are left to resort to “personal rights” in resolving conflict. Leaving God out makes all issues “rights” issues. Right and wrong are determined by legal guidelines rather than moral guidelines. Clearly, removing God from public life means that His principles no longer apply and that rules of morality no longer have place in public debate or public life. The Bible clearly declares what is **right** and what is **wrong**. There should not be the blurred moral picture that we now know. A quality school will deliberately teach children what is right and what is wrong, as well

as what are the consequences of doing wrong.

We are left without a common definition of truth.

There is no longer any commonly accepted definition of truth. Thus, the motivation for life without a common definition of truth causes one to focus on material prosperity as opposed to God. We become motivated by what we want and not by an allegiance to God. We are motivated by what works and not by truth. Today, the great rush towards materialism is occurring because of the removal of God, resulting in the removal of any common definition of truth and of any commonsense of justice. The foundation of all biblical teachings reflects the following premise: each of us was created to become like Christ. This truth begins with the regeneration of a new birth in Christ, and it should continue through a discipleship program that seeks to enable one to bear the image of Christ. The Apostle Paul makes this foundational truth very clear, “*And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness*” (Ephesians 4:24). This is the core instructional truth that God gives every father and mother.

We are left without a common godly purpose for life.

“Why am I here?” “Why was I born?” The latter part of Colossians 1:16 says that “*...all things were created by him, and for him.*” The Bible clearly gives to each of us a purpose – to bring glory to God who is both our Creator and our Redeemer. We have been created by him and for him, for His purpose. The removal of God and creation from our na-

tion’s classrooms and from our view of life leaves us without purpose. This is the only reasonable explanation for the lack of purpose that characterizes so many lives today. In essence, without finding purpose in Christ, there is no satisfaction in life. In today’s world, for all too many, life has little purpose. In contrast, God has planned for us to live our lives with deep purpose and with a sense of responsibility to Him first and then to others. It is His intent that we pass this purpose and sense of responsibility to our children. Paul makes this point clear in Ephesians 5:15, “*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.*” Peter warns about being led away by the errors of the wicked in 2 Peter 3:17.

Conclusion.

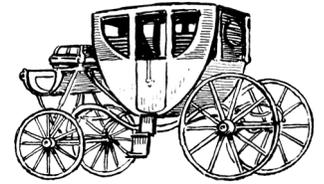
Denying God’s role in creation and in education leaves the youth of our nation without a sense of purpose. In order to create within our children a purpose in living and a deep sense of responsibility to God, we must make certain that God’s role in creation is a foundational part of the educational program where our children attend school. Education must be Christ-centered if it is to please God. It must be viewed as a primary means of preparing children for a life of service to God. The primary purpose of all education should be that of viewing God the way He views Himself in His Word and in nature. Only a Christ-centered education that exalts God and creationism will accomplish this end. Otherwise, what’s left for us to hold on to.

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Stars of the Morning

YOU CAN'T DO THAT! The Story of William H. Milburn (Part V1) by Aunt Carolyn



When his session as Chaplain in the House of Representatives was completed, William returned to his preaching ministry in the northeast. The work went well, but when he was offered an opportunity to pastor a church in the south, he was glad to accept. The winters up north were very hard on his declining health. The trip south was long and slow for his little family due to his weak condition, but they moved on hoping that warmer weather and sunshine would strengthen him.

He was familiar with the South and southern ways from his earlier riverboat trips, but now his life would be given totally to the people for the Lord's sake. For sure, he and his family would have some adjustments to make. His first church was in Montgomery, Alabama, a growing city on the Alabama River; his second was in Mobile, both a river and sea port. Any fears his family had of being "strangers" were quickly put to rest, for the people received them warmly.

Living in a more rural area now, the family decided to grow some of their own food. Cornelia worked hard, but somehow she had no knack for farm life. She carefully planted the garden, but it was puny and stunted. William's brother gave them a fine pair of Shanghai chickens. They built a hen-house and chicken yard for the flock they expected to have. They also bought a pair of another breed hoping to make some money by selling eggs. They waited anxiously for the hen to lay its first egg. At last they heard the cackle and the whole family went out to see the prize. To their horror, the rooster had pecked the precious egg and the white and yolk were oozing from the cracked shell! To top that, one night a terrible storm blew the hen-house door open and the whole flock escaped! That ended the chicken business!

No garden. No chickens. A man gave William a fine saddle horse, but the idea of a poor preacher on a small salary keeping a horse in the city for an occasional ride seemed ridiculous. Cornelia was resourceful. They would start a dray service! They bought a strong, low wagon to haul goods for other people for pay. But remember, the horse was a saddle horse, not a work horse, and a man who promised to break her to work proved powerless. Although Cornelia tried, she could not handle the horse and wagon, so they hired a driver. On his first day, the load was to be delivered, and "Patrick" was to be paid for the job. However, the horse stalled on her first load, and when Patrick mistreated her because she wouldn't obey, that ended the drayage service! They couldn't even sell

the wagon! It set out in the weather until it fell to pieces! They never started another business, and William stuck to the work for which God had gifted and called him!

Six years of good ministry in the south came to an end. The heat and humidity of the Gulf Coast were disastrous to William's health. His lungs, heart and whole body could not endure the climate. He had to return north to survive. After a long, hard journey, he and his little family arrived in New York. On his thirtieth birthday, his fourth child was born in his house, but William "felt himself almost as weak and helpless as that infant." All he could do was to cling to God's Word. *"...wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."*

In spite of his many afflictions and sorrows (all four of his children died at an early age), William overcame by God's grace. In the following years he pastored two large churches in New York City and also kept a busy lecturing schedule. He was so respected for his godly character, preaching, and lecturing, he was again elected to serve as Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives for the 29th Congress (1845-1847); 33rd Congress (1853-1855); 49th and three following Congresses (1885-1893); and Chaplain of the United States Senate for the 53rd and four succeeding Congresses until his death in 1903. Beside his Bible study, preaching, Congressional responsibilities, and traveling, he was an avid writer. He wrote stirring, accounts of the opening of the West and development of America, its history, and the character of the men who made her great!

Although William H. Milburn is the name we know, there were countless other people God used to help him fulfill God's call. Remember those in his childhood who cared for him, read to him, and described nature for him; the teachers, tutors, and college mates who helped him. Think of the secretaries who spent hours reading to him, describing the scenes and crowds in Congress, and recording his sermons and reports on paper for the Congressional journals. Remember the men who tediously wrote as he dictated the manuscripts of his autobiography, of his powerful chronicles of the deeds and character of pioneer preachers and early statesmen, and his vivid, unexcelled accounts of the taming of the

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 ★ unexplored regions of this vast land called America.
 ★ Recall the young page boys in the House and Senate, who
 ★ led him up the platform steps to the podium where he
 ★ spoke. Think of dear Cornelia who worked by his side,
 ★ who patiently read to him by the hour -- the Bible,
 ★ literature, philosophy, and history. Though they never
 ★ expected any credit, honor is due those whose devotion to
 ★ duty allowed William to commit to a place of leadership in
 ★ our nation.
 ★ Leaders often receive recognition, but behind the leader
 ★ is nearly always a valued helper, whose life and service
 ★ affects the success of his cause. That person may not get
 ★ much attention, but his job is just as important if carried
 ★ out for God's glory. Abraham had Eliezer; Moses had
 ★ Joshua; David had his "mighty men"; and Paul had
 ★ Timothy! And God will reward every one, leader or
 ★ servant, according to his faithfulness! We cannot all be
 ★ leaders, but we can all do what is right and be steady and
 ★ responsible in the job God gives us.
 ★ God has a job, a calling, for every Christian. Every child
 ★ or adult must answer for what he does with the time and
 ★ talent God has given him. What some may consider a
 ★ "handicap" may be the very thing God can use for His
 ★ glory. Paul said, "I keep under my body, and bring it into
 ★ subjection" (I Cor. 9:27). Strengths or limitations - all can
 ★ be used of God if yielded to Him! God really does not
 ★ accept excuses. In His power, you can do what He calls
 ★ you to do! Never listen to a doubter say, "You Can't Do
 ★ That!", but rather shout, "I can do, *can do, can do all*
 ★ *things through Christ!*"
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