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III) Education in One Nation Under God (Discuss what life was like for Americans).

- April 20, 1999: Two young men wearing long, black trench coats opened fire in a suburban high school in Littleton, Colo., injuring 20 students and killing 15.
- March 5, 2001: A fifteen year old freshman in Santee, CA opens fire on 15 classmates, injuring 13 and killing 2.
- September 24, 2003: A high school freshman in Cold Spring, MN walked into his classroom and shot to death two of his classmates.
- March 21, 2005: A sixteen year old in Red Lake, MN killed his grandparents and then goes to school to murder five of his fellow students.
- April 16, 2007: Seung-Hui Cho, a twenty-three year old Virginia Tech student entered an academic building, shooting 30 victims to death and committed suicide.
- February 14, 2008: Steven Kazmierczak enters a university campus in Dekalb, Ill, killing five students and wounding 18 more before taking his own life.
- February 27, 2012: A student opens fire, killing three students at Charden High School in Ohio.
- December 14, 2012: Adam Lanza, enters the Sandy Hook Elementary School, shooting to death 26, including 20 first-graders.
- June 7, 2013: A twenty-three year old college student kills his father and brother, then goes to Santa Monica College to shoot many others, killing three of them.

You might be asking yourself “What in the world is happening to our nation’s school students?” America of yesteryear remembers going to school as a child and feeling safe. Today our schools are beginning to resemble military bases concerning the protective measures involves. In many public schools there are video-cameras, metal detectors and security officers walking the halls. Ironically it is not for protection from the outside, but from the inside. If you ask anyone from the last generation, they will tell you things have not always been this way.

First Educational Laws of the Nation

The media would have us think that school in America have always been secular, for they love to use the argument of separation of “Church and State”. They secularist would have us believe that God and the Bible have never been part of the educational background of our heritage. A simple review of our history would reveal this is simply not true.

“The Old Deluder Satan Act” 1647 in Massachusetts

This was the first law of education in our country, predating the Declaration of Independence by 129 years. It said the following:

“It being one chief project of that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the scriptures, as in former time...It is therefore ordered... [that]

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after the Lord hath increased [the settlement] to the number of fifty householders, [they] shall forthwith appoint one within their own town, to teach all such children, as shall resort to him, to write and read,...And it is further ordered, that where any town shall increase to the number of one hundred families or householders, they shall set up a grammar school... to instruct youths, so far as they may be fitted for the university.” (Original Intent, David Barton, Wallbuilder Press, Aledo, TX 1997)

This Act was put in place to educate our children so they would not fall into ignorance of the scriptures. This was considered to be the worst ignorance of all. The early founders of this country knew that “*our adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour*” (1 Peter 5:8). They acknowledged that the devil “*comes to steal, and kill, and destroy*” (John 10:10) and wanted to prevent this from happening. They saw how past ignorance caused abuse of the Church in Europe, so they set out to prevent illiteracy of the populace. Our early leaders knew if future generations of the country could not read, then they would not be able to understand the truths of the Bible. This would result in enslavement to the same persecutions of the past.

In the 217 years from 1620 when the pilgrims landed to 1837, the American literacy rate averaged near 100%. The sixth President of the United States, John Quincy Adams, stated that “*only 3 or 4 out of one thousand could not read.*” This was at a time when the illiteracy rate of other industrialized nations was about 48%. Today, after 150 years of public education, over 28% of Americans are either fully or functionally illiterate.

The Northwest Ordinance

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

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

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

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

The message was clear: If future territories wanted to become a state of the Union in the future, they had to agree to “*Religion, morality and knowledge*” as core curriculum of the teaching in the schools. They said it was “*necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind*”. The Northwest Ordinance was passed at the same time as the Constitution and the First Amendment. We know what the original intent of the fathers was concerning this law, yet today you cannot have the Ten Commandments on the wall of a school house without the ACLU trying to press a lawsuit.

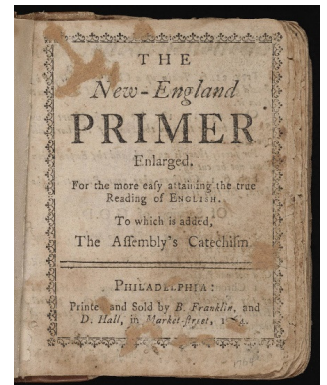
Something lacking in education today would have to be the absence of the moral values found in the Bible. We have replaced them with outcome-based education and values clarification. *Deuteronomy 6:4-9* "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Early Teaching Material in One Nation Under God

- The materials used to teach the children in the Northeast had Christian themes. They used the New England Primer to learn the alphabet through Biblical poetry:

A -In Adam’s fall, we sinned all.
B -Heaven to find, the Bible mind.
C -Christ crucify’d for sinner dy’d.
D -The Deluge drown’d The Earth Around.
E -Elijah hid By Ravens fed.
F -The judgment made Felix afraid.
G -As runs the Glass, our life doth pass.
H -My Book and Heart must never part.
J -Job feels the rod, yet blesses God.
K -Proud Korah’s troop was swallowed up.
L -Lot fled Zoar. Saw fiery shower on Sodom pour.
M -Moses was he who Israel’s host led thro’ the sea.
N -Noah did view the old world and new.

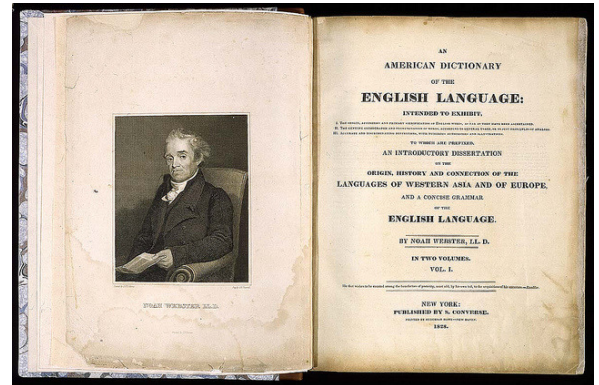
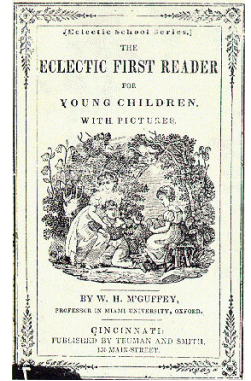
O -Young Obadiah, David,
Josiah, all were pious.
P -Peter deny’d his Lord and cry’d.
Q -Queen Esther sues and saved the Jews.
R -Young pious Ruth left all for truth.
S -Young Sam’l dear, the Lord did fear.
T -Young Timothy learnt sin to flee.
V -Vashti for pride was sent aside.
W -Whales in the sea God’s voice obey.
X -Xerxes did die and so must I.
Y -While youth do cheer, death may be near.
Z -Zacchaeus he did climb a tree our Lord to see.



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- The primary textbook for nineteenth-century America was the McGuffey Reader. The publication was named after the author, Reverend William McGuffey, and focused on a combination of incorporated Christian morality with learning.
- Schools used the Webster Dictionary, written by Noah Webster, a signer of the Constitution. Written on the inside covers of the original dictionaries, it said of Noah Webster, “*The man who taught millions to read and none to sin.*” This was because 25 percent of the definitions of the words used verses from the Bible to define the words. (Dr. James Kennedy, What If Jesus Has Never Been Born?, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville TN, 1994). Webster was quoted as saying, “*The education of youth should be watched with the most scrupulous attention. It is much easier to introduce and establish an effectual system...than to correct by penal statutes the ill effects of a bad system...The education of youth...lays the foundations on which both law and gospel rest for success.*”



Modern-day Problems

Our system has now been replaced with one of the greatest tools in Satan’s arsenal, Secular Humanism. This strikes at the hearts of the vulnerable youth and is stripping the country of every vestige of traditional and transcendent values and morality. Christians are to “*Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it*” (Proverbs 22:6). Secular Humanism teaches us to be “wise in our own eyes and clever in our own sight” (Isaiah 5:21). The results are seen in the statistics of our American youth.

Every day in America...

- 2,054 teenage girls will become pregnant.
- 641 of these teenage girls in for an abortion.
- 27,397 teenagers will contract a sexually transmitted disease.
- 2.7 million teenagers will bring a weapon to school
- 8,219 children are victims of violence.
- 349 teachers are physically assaulted by students
- 4 teenagers will commit murder, 22 will be murdered will 5,479 will attempt suicide.
- 2.8 million teenagers will use illegal drugs and 2.4 million will use alcohol
- Last year nearly 434,000 students graduated functionally illiterate.

America use to be the leader of the world for education. We led in math and science which led to the industrialization of the country. Now we are leading in all the wrong categories. Among industrialized nations we are a leader in illiteracy, teen pregnancy, violence, drug use and violence. This is not what the Founding Fathers wanted,

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Samuel Adams - Signer of the Declaration of Independence and was one of the writers of the Federalist Papers, cousin to John Adams. He said concerning education, *“Let... statesmen and patriots unite their endeavors to renovate the age by... educating their little boys and girls... and leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system.”*

(<http://www.christianparents.com/jdewey.htm>)

Gouverneur Morris of Pennsylvania - He literally wrote the words of the Constitution and was the most active member of the constitutional convention. He spoke 173 times during the ratification of the Constitution. He adamantly believed that *“Education should teach the precepts of religion and the duties of man towards God.”*

They were convinced that if the next generation would not follow the teachings of God, then there may not be another generation to fear God. They believed so fervently in this principle that they taught a person must attend theological school before law school. Their reasoning: “How could a person understand the laws of man if they could not understand the laws of God from which the laws of man come from?” The result of a Biblically-based education was the highest literacy rate in the history of the world.

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

With such an emphasis on a godly education from the scriptures, the results were stunning. Here are just a few of the facts.

- 123 of the first 126 colleges in America were started by churches.
- Harvard’s first two mottoes were “For the glory of Christ” and “For Christ and the Church”
- Princeton’s motto was “Cursed be all learning void of the cross of Christ” (Dr. Fred Lowery, Tape Series “Family Values”, The Little Beige School house, 1992)
- Harvard, Yale, William and Mary, Brown, Princeton, and New York University were all started for training preachers. (Dr. James Kennedy, What If Jesus Has Never Been Born?, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville TN, 1994)
- Most of the colleges required mandatory study of the Bible and prayer to be done daily.
- The instruction of Yale in 1743 stated “Above all have an eye to the great end of all your studies, which is to obtain the clearest conceptions of Divine things and to lead you to a saving knowledge of God in His Son Jesus Christ.” (Barton, David. Original Intent. Wallbuilder Press. Aledo, TX. 1997. pg 82)

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George Washington summed it up quite well in a speech to the Delaware Indian chiefs on May 12, 1779 pertaining to enrolling Native Americans in the schools. He said, “*You do well to learn our arts and ways of life, and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you are. Congress will do everything they can to assist in this wise intention.*”

The present situation should make us sick to our stomachs and cause the founding fathers to turn over in their graves. What in the world has happened to our education system? What have we done that has turned us in the wrong way?

What are we to do?

- 1) Teach our own youth a godly education.
 - a. Shut off the video games.
 - b. Turn off the television.
 - c. Open books, starting with the Bible.
- 2) Teach our youth to teach other youth.
 - a. Train up our children to be salt and light in the world.
 - b. Encourage them to walk in the light.
 - c. Teach them the skill of communication.

There is a conscious effort to secularize our nation through the hijacking of our children through re-writing of history. We prepare our children for the onslaught to come.