

Education

in America Today "AINT" What it Used to Be

*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers,
disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection,
trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
For of this sort are they which [are] Ever learning, and never able to come
to the knowledge of the truth. ~ 2 Timothy 3:1-7*

As time marches on and advancements are made, one would think that people would be smarter than ever; but at every turn, there is evidence to the contrary. Why would that be? The first obvious observation is that man has been left to his own devices (devices could definitely be a contributing factor!). Proverbs 1:7 states: "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*" Education must start there, with the fear of the Lord.

Not only is knowledge lower, but society is turning out all kinds of unsavory characters who have no fear of God, nor any knowledge of the truth. Many are self-centered, disobedient, unthankful, unholy, untruthful, high-minded, and immoral. Knowledge and truth are available but those with no fear of God are not seeking it.

God's wisdom for living has largely been replaced with technology, and what could be a blessing has turned out to be a blight in the long run. A study at the University of North Carolina at the turn of the century stated that the average person was wearing more computing power on his wrist than existed in the entire world before 1961. While technology is helpful, giving even more access to knowledge, the opposite has resulted. Ignorance is no longer bliss; it's blazing a trail.

CRIME

A cursory glance at the crime statistics is verifiable:
45 million adults are functionally illiterate
59 million more can only read on a third-grade level
85% of juveniles who appear in court are illiterate
70% of prison inmates are illiterate

ACADEMICS

"Years ago it was expected that kids should be reading by the end of first grade...the expectation now is that they will be reading by the end of third grade" (Bill Clinton, 1996). *By the end of third grade!*

Year after year, those enrolled in Christian schools which begin training children with intensive, systematic methods are reading at the middle of their kindergarten year—some quite well. Yet, every year the level of reading ability nationwide goes lower because students don't know the basics, the fundamentals.

Unfortunately, a decrease in knowledge is not the only fall out. Immorality has perhaps taken the biggest hit. No one twenty years ago could have suspected just how far America would go.

IMMORALITY

A handout from a public high school teacher-in-service training day recently read like this: Teachers are encouraged to...

- (1) say such words as lesbian, gay, bisexual often in a positive way
- (2) Identify gay, lesbian, bisexual contributors throughout the curriculum (in history, literature, art, science, religion, etc.); and
- (3) Use inclusive language such as partner, significant other, family unit, etc. in place of husband, wife, etc. in the classroom and in conversations, memos, etc.

In public schools, students as young as 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are given detailed descriptions of sex toys and oral and anal intercourse [2nd District of Calif. Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students].

“No small part of the reason why American school children fall so far behind their contemporaries in other countries in educational achievement is that Japanese and other young people are studying math, science, and other solid subjects while our children are being brainwashed about homosexuality, environmentalism, multi-culturalism, or a thousand other non-academic distractions” [Columnist Thomas Sowell, 1992].

Sowell also says that encouragement of homosexual behavior is made to begin in the first grade, with some of their textbooks being titled *Daddy's Roommate* and *Heather Has Two Mommies*.

According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996 a curriculum was put into the hands of every state-run kindergarten and it was called the *Anti-Bias Curriculum*, and it instructed the teachers of four-year-olds to...

Make copies of an outline of a body as drawn by a preschooler, and in small groups ask children to fill in all the body parts to show if the person is a boy or a girl.

RELIGION

What the Public School System cannot and will not teach:

- 1) That marriage is between a woman and a man.
- 2) That there should be no sex outside of marriage.
- 3) That life is sacred and that we are made in the image of God.
- 4) That if you don't work, neither should you eat.

- 5) That right and wrong are still absolutes.
- 6) That the end does not justify the means.
- 7) That God does exist and salvation is through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- 8) That everyone must one day stand before God to give account of his life.
- 9) That our country was founded on biblical principles.
- 10) That parents have a say in their child's life.

One recent report reiterated the fact:

A parent relinquishes his rights when he drops his child off at school.

And what happens then is anything but a healthy environment for learning.

BIZARRE EDUCATION

"Death education" is being taught in health classes. A 10th-grade literature book, *New Voice*, includes this poem discussing ways of suicide:

Razors pain you.	Gas smells awful;
Rivers are damp;	You might as well live.
Acids stain you; and	Yeah, you might as well live.
Drugs cause cramps.	Suicide is a bit grim.
Guns aren't lawful;	Now if only I could think
Nooses give;	of a better way.

This "death education" is taught in younger grades as well. Students have been required to create their own "death box," designing their own coffin.

It all goes along with Obama's healthcare plan that everyone age 55 and over will need to choose their preferred way to die! By the way, these ideas are comparable to the Humanist Manifestos.

This godlessness goes through the public school system from the kindergarten level to the college level. A well-known public university required students to read book entitled: *The Sins of Jesus Christ*. Lightning bolts should have come out of the sky over that! Thankfully, God is longsuffering and merciful, and his hand is stretched out still.

Disclaimer: There are multitudes of dedicated teachers in the public school system. However, they teach in schools controlled by a faulty, flawed, humanistic philosophy. This is not a conspiracy; conspiracies are done in secret. This is happening in plain sight.

Some parents say that they have their children in public education to be a light in a dark world, but that is faulty reasoning. The command in the Bible to be a light was given to adults. Adults are responsible for the protection of their children.

An Ohio mother became concerned when halfway through the sermon in church she saw that her first-grade daughter was writing the following:

Sam is a nut...time is an nut...tom is a nut...pam is a nut...tim is filthy...mom is filthy...
daddy is filthy...mom is a pest...dad is a pest.

When she asked her daughter where she learned that, she said in school. When the mother went to school, her child had learned it there and written it for class—and on the paper, the teacher had written: *Good work*.

Herein lies the problem! Parents must be aware of what is happening in public education and guard their children. Leave nothing to chance. Success in this life—and eternity beyond—depends on it.