

An Historical Case For Christian Influence In American Education

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Christians who actually read the Holy Bible learn that “we are to be salt and light in this world.” Unfortunately, whether through fear, ignorance, developed stupidity or sheer laziness, Christians have allowed themselves to be shoved into the background and have little positive influence in society. Contrary to ignorant popular belief, Christians should both skillful and highly qualified in the various metrons or professions. It was the higher standards of Christian influence that enabled men of renown to lay the foundation of what has been the greatest nation known to man. Some may wonder why I have written yet another column regarding education. Some may wonder, what on earth being salt and light in the world? In ancient times, people used salt to preserve their meats and sunlight was a natural sanitizer.

The Bible plainly states “when the wicked reign, the people mourn, but when the righteous rule the city rejoices.” That is why it is easy to understand why America was on a constant uptick during her founding, formative and for many decades after. Was she perfect? No, because no one is perfect. But she was good, because her overall goals were influenced by a

societal wide influence and acceptance of biblical teachings and principles. American schools became the best, her, cities were the safest, her economy was the first in human history since the time of both King David and King Solomon of Israel to potentially benefit everyone, no matter their station in life. Unlike the leftist educators of today, most teachers United States teachers of past years sought to instill not only an excellent education, but also a high moral standard. That was generally a reflection of the general population at the time, particularly parents.

During the 1800s students throughout the United States of America studied the famous McGuffey Reader. William Holmes McGuffey (1800-1873) A renowned educator served as the president of Ohio University, professor at the University of Virginia and the department chairman at the Miami University of Ohio. He was responsible for forming the first teachers association in that part of the republic. Considered by many "Schoolmaster of the nation," McGuffey published the first edition of his McGuffey's Reader in 1836. This book was the mainstay in public education in America till 1920. According to historian William J. Federer, over 125 million copies of the McGuffey Reader was sold, making it one of the most used and onetime influential textbooks of all times. Millions of American school children learned to read and write from that reader. In it's forward, McGuffey wrote.



"The Christian religion is the religion of our country. From it are derived our prevalent notions of the character of God, the great moral governor of the universe. On it's doctrines are founded the peculiarities of our free institutions." The Ten Commandments are the teachings of Jesus are not only basic but plenary." Personally, I think Mr. McGuffey was on to something. If you observe the gradual weaning away of

generations of American students from the solid principles and general higher standards instilled in education of years gone by, it is easy to comprehend that standards across the board have been reduced or wiped out. Even during the days of Jim Crow, if a child of any race attended school, they learned and learned very well. Teachers were committed to instructing students, not indoctrinating them against America, good morals or turning them into useful idiots for leftist causes like rabid environmentalism, which is designed to literally destroy our economy and help turn Americans into woeful dependents upon the state for subsistence.

Worse than that, abortion, hatred of God, the willingness to prefer illegal border crossers over our sovereign citizens and unalienable rights are what American students are now experts in. While at the same time, many of them know absolutely nothing about sustaining a decent standard of living for themselves, their children, or children's children. If our republic is to be saved from utter destruction from within, parents must responsibly seek better avenues of education for their offspring. Even as great as the United States is, she cannot afford millions of indoctrinated clones of AOC or other leftists. Wake up my fellow Americans, the republic you save may be your own, if you are willing. God bless you, God bless America and may America bless God. Let's talk together via the Ron Edwards experience talk show, Friday at 4:00 PM EDT, 3:00 PM CDT, 1:00 PM PDT emanating from flagship station AM 1180 KCKQ and worldwide via americamatters.us. also catch "The Edwards Notebook commentary on great radio stations throughout America.

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