

# The Blumenfeld Education Letter

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." HOSEA 4:6

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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide knowledge for parents and educators who want to save the children of America from the destructive forces that endanger them. Our children in the public schools are at grave risk in 4 ways: academically, spiritually, morally, and physically — and only a well-informed public will be able to reduce those risks.  
"Without vision, the people perish."

## How To Cure Dyslexia

Recently we received a letter from England written by an intelligent, accomplished and motivated adult who has a "reading problem." He had been taught to read by look-say and exhibits the usual symptoms of dyslexia, and he wanted to know how to cure his disability. Since there are many adults in America struggling with this same problem, we thought it would make an excellent subject for a newsletter. So here is the gentleman's letter, with its original spelling errors, followed by our cure:

Dear Mr. Blumenfeld,

I have just received the information package that you sent me. I saw your advertisement in the New Dimensions' magazine and thought it might be of interest but having little relevance to English/German education methods. Upon receiving and wading through the mass of articles etc. I read the education letter dated Jan. 1988 regarding dyslexia. It was extremely interesting, logical and above all explained the whole problem. It gave me important clues as to my own disabilities with reading and writing. I don't remember which method of reading I was taught, but I am positive it was the look-say method; this would certainly explain my difficulties in reading and writing as a child; and to this day I still have problems with reading or should I say misreading and espe-

cially spelling. I intend to purchase your books for my children, when I get around to having some and perhaps for me to learn what I didn't whilst at school. If you have any information or advice that could help me I would be very grateful, my problems are as follows:

### READING

- I can read well enough, but I have to concentrate.
- For some reason I miss words or don't see them.
- I have a fear of reading aloud in public even with family or a child.
- I miss-read or insert the odd word, but I manage to stay within the context of the passage.
- I have a little difficulty in pronouncing new words, I seem to make them fit what I think they should be or I look at a word to quickly and ad-lib, Eg. Alpha Phonics at fist was Alphonics.

### WRITING:

- Bad handwriting although it is getting better, I don't have patience for it.
  - Punctuation and especially spelling are sub-standard, but with rereading and the use of a dictionary I can eliminate most mistakes.
  - Sometimes I totally forget how to spell a simple every-day word.
  - I have difficulties with the 'i' and 'e' relationship and the rules regarding word end changes.
- To read this letter it might seem as if I have quite a problem but I don't, I speak very well (posh some

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