

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."

The War Against Christianity in America

The origin of the war against Christianity in the United States can be traced back to the early days of the public school movement when Unitarians, Owenite socialists and atheists, and Hegelian pantheists vehemently rejected the mainly God-centered world view of the founding fathers and sought to secularize education and substitute salvation through education for salvation through Christ.

However, it wasn't until the turn of the century and the rise of the progressive education movement that the war in America took on the militancy which characterizes it today. The progressives were, for the most part, members of the Protestant academic elite who no longer believed in the religion of their fathers and transferred their faith to science, evolution, and psychology. The scientific method provided the means to acquire unlimited knowledge of the material world, evolution explained the origin of life and man, and psychology provided a scientific means of studying man's nature and controlling his behavior. There was no need for supernatural religion in the progressive scheme of things.

Early in this century the progressives embarked on a messianic mission to change America from a capitalist, individualistic, believing nation into a socialist, collectivist, atheist or humanist society. They were motivated by the need not only to prove the non-existence and/or irrelevance of God but to deal with the age-old problem of evil: what causes it and how can it be eliminated?

According to the Bible, evil behavior in man is the result of his sinful nature. Man's disobedience in the Garden of Eden resulted in his fall from grace, his loss of immortality, and his coming under the influence of Satan. Only obedience to God's law and salvation through Christ can save man from the horrible consequences of his sinful nature.

The progressives naturally rejected this explanation which, to them, was little more than mythology and fairy tale. To them, there was no God, and man was merely an animal, a product of evolution, neither innately good nor evil. The causes of evil, they believed, were ignorance, poverty and social injustice, and once these were

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