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**TEACHING RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - GOOD OR BAD IDEA?**

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[TBC: Here is part 3 of "Teaching Religion in Public Schools. These governmental guidelines should be a matter of concern for every Christian.] Theme # 4. The religions of the native peoples are highly beneficial to the lives of their followers. In contrast to the seminar's depiction of Christianity, the perspective presented on native religions is totally positive. In addition, these pagan religions are described in terms of what the seminar titled their 'Overarching Indigenous Religions Similarities.' By reducing the "indigenous religions" to their similarities, they are actually promoting the mystical theology of New Age/Pantheism guru, Joseph Campbell. Campbell said that all religions are constructs of their culture, but the common themes of the world's religions, he said, describe the real spiritual world. Following his lead, the seminar is implying that these common themes of pagan religions are the correct religious doctrines for all people. In this way teaching "Religion in American History" is not only a denigration of Christianity, it is a promotion of New Age/Pantheism at the same time."

"Entirely absent is any recognition of the overwhelmingly positive role of Christianity in the world. Where, for example, did the Western movement to abolish slavery come from? It came from Christianity and its insistence that all people are created in God's image equally. And where did our nation's concept of God-given inalienable rights to life, liberty and property come from? It came largely from the Christian church and its doctrines of natural law and creation. Where did our recognition of the importance of limited government come from? Or our insistence on there being universal standards of right and wrong? Or our adoption of the principle that we are all created equal by God and are, for that reason, all equal before government? All these foundational principles of our country came largely from Christianity. And how about the guidelines Christians follow for the way we are to treat one another? (Genuine historians know we should go to the original documents to answer such questions.) What model did Jesus himself provide for the way we should treat one another? Was it a Nazi-style concentration camp? Or was it the parable of the Good Samaritan? You be the judge. What we actually are facing, in the name of teaching 'Religion in American History' in public schools, is a concerted attack on Christianity based on lies and distortions along with indoctrination into New Age/Pantheism (which just happens to be the religion of the Earth Charter and other UN related documents). It's coming to a school near you -- if its not there already."

Ed. Years ago when prayer and Bible reading were taken out of the public schools, many promoted the idea that the Bible should be taught as history or literature. Many Christians latched on to the idea thinking it would be for the good. Though not a popular position, I said then that I did not think it was for the best. Sure I want to see young people exposed to the Bible, but not through the eyes of unbelievers. Do we Bible believers want the Bible taught to children by a Jehovah Witness? Mormon? Hindu? Roman Catholic? Liberal? Atheist?

The above article proves my point. The truth of God's Word is never going to come out right when presented by someone who is not saved, someone who really has no idea what the Bible is all about. (If the Bible is taught, it will surely not be the King James Version). Human nature being what it is - very sinful and (Continued page 2)

(CONT'D FROM P.1) corrupt - the Word of God will never be presented in its true light. To teach only the similarities of various religions is to promote the syncretism which is the popular philosophy of the times. It says, let us cast aside all of our differences and only concentrate on the things upon which we agree. This sort of thinking brings the Bible down to the level; of other religious writings; it is not the inspired Word of God but merely the religious thoughts of men. The Evangelical and Catholics Together (ECT) is based on the philosophy that we should forget about our differences and get together on things where we agree. This goes along with the ecumenical ideology which is leading to a one-world apostate religion that will be headed up by the devil. This sort of thing is not going to help any child, especially a Christian.

**YOUTH CORNER**

**NO ROOM FOR CHRIST!** C.H. Spurgeon told of a famous picture that had been produced in his day. It represented Jesus before Pilate. The picture had one great attraction. He said, "A very excellent newspaper which brings out at a very cheap price a great number of engravings has given an engraving of this picture. But inasmuch as the painting was too large for the paper to give the whole, they have copied a portion of it. It is interesting to note that they have given us Pilate here, and Caiaphas there, but since there was no room for Jesus upon the sheet, they have left out that part of the design." The most important Person was left out! It reminds one of the incidents related to his birth when there was "no room in the inn." Unfortunately, the average person, even religious persons, has no room for Jesus. Room for everything else, but not Jesus the Son of God who died for their sins. The hymnwriter wrote:

*"Have you any room for Jesus,  
He who bore your load of sin?  
As He knocks and asks admission,  
Sinner will you let Him in?"*

Young person (adult), have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin? He invites you today to call upon Him to save you. **"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."** ~John 1:12. Will you make room for Jesus Christ the Son of God and only Savior? **"Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."** ~Romans 10:13. If you have no room for Jesus, someday He will have no room for you. Do it today! One of the worst things you can do is to put it off. God says, **"He that being often reprov'd, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."** ~Proverbs 29:1.

**CHRISTIAN, THINK ABOUT THIS**

"What makes the Dead Sea dead? Because it is all the time receiving, but never giving out. Why is it that many Christians are cold? Because they are all the time receiving, but never giving out." D. L. Moody. Many Christians have much Bible knowledge, but they do not share the Gospel with poor lost sinners.

*I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.  
Acts 20:35*

**CORNERSTONE NEWS**

**DON'T MISS IT!**

# FRIEND DAY!!!

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 7TH**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30**

**CHURCH SERVICE - 10:45**

**DINNER UNDER THE TENT**  
(Free)

**GOSPEL SONG TIME - 1:30**

**EVENING SERVICE - 6:00**



*Gift for each Visitor at S.S. & Church!*

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**FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE**

*(BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st)*

**SUNDAY:** Sunday School - 9:30  
Church Service - 10:45  
Training Hour - 5:30  
Evening Service - 6:30

**WED:** Prayer & Bible Study - 7:30

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**RICK WARREN'S ECUMENICAL EFFORTS.** The Associated Press reports that former British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Friday that world leaders must work to end religious conflict or face "catastrophe" as he introduced a new interfaith foundation. The Tony Blair Faith Foundation will fight extremism in all religions while organizing groups to fight poverty and illness, he said. Blair recently converted to Roman Catholicism. His foundation has already received tens of millions of dollars in donations and pledges, according to one Blair representative. The group's advisory council includes evangelical megapastor and author Rick Warren, who with his wife, Kay, advocates for HIV/AIDS victims worldwide. -*Religion Today* (6/3/08). Ed. This is not surprising since Warren's *gospel* is one that seeks get along with everyone and to please everybody. Make no mistake about it, true Fundamentalists are considered a big part of the problem. They want everyone under their umbrella!

**54 IN CONGRESS PROMOTE HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA.** The two openly homosexual members of the U.S. House of Representatives have recruited 50 of their colleagues to officially join them in promoting the homosexual agenda in Congress. Democrats Barney Frank of Massachusetts and Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin are the only open homosexuals serving in Congress. They have joined with Republicans Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida and Christopher Shays of Connecticut, and 50 other Democrats to create the House Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus. Peter LaBarbera, president of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality, says it is a sad day when Congress enshrines official promotion of sexual immorality. How interesting that we now have a homosexuality, transsexual caucus – I guess you could call it – at the congressional level. It's just unbelievable that there are this many congressmen who are promoting homosexuality and transsexual perversion," LaBarbera laments. "I think what this shows is that the hard-core Democratic Left is extremely pro-homosexual," he states. "Big city populations have many homosexual activists," says LaBarbera. -*OneNewsNow* (6/13/08). Ed. God help America!

**PRES. BUSH MAY CONVERT TO CATHOLICISM** Telegraph.co.uk, 6/13/2008, (excerpts): George W. Bush and Pope Benedict XVI have held an intimate meeting in Rome as rumors mounted in Italy that the president may follow in Tony Blair's footsteps and convert to Catholicism. The two men spoke for half an hour in the 12th century Tower of St. John, a private

area...used by the pope for private reflection. The two men have grown increasingly close in the past two years, and Mr. Bush was overheard whispering: "What an honour, what an honour, what an honour!" It was thought that he may have prayed with the pope in private. Mr. Bush prayed with Benedict in the Oval Office during the Papal visit to the U.S. in April. Several Italian newspapers cited Vatican sources suggesting that Mr. Bush may be prepared to convert. One source told *Il Foglio*, an authoritative newspaper, that "Anything is possible, especially for a born-again Christian such as Bush." George William Rutler, a New York-based priest...close to the president, was quoted by the *Washington Post*...saying that Mr. Bush "is not unaware of how evangelism, by comparison with Catholicism, may seem more limited both theologically and historically." A source close to the Vatican said that Mr. Bush was the most "Catholic-minded" president since John F. Kennedy, who famously played down his Catholicism. It is thought unlikely that Mr. Bush would convert until after he has left office. Jeb Bush, the president's brother, has already converted to Catholicism....During the contested election in 2000, Jeb Bush traveled to Mexico and prayed to the icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe. His victory was announced by the Supreme Court on December 12, the feast day of the Lady of Guadalupe. Before Mr. Bush became president, Karl Rove, his former political adviser, invited Catholic intellectuals to Texas to lecture the candidate on the church's teachings. -*TBC* (6/30/08). Ed. This doesn't surprise us at all. We never did believe that Mr. Bush was a true "born again" believer and it is quite clear that he is an ecumenist, a globalist, as was his father. Then, if this comes to pass, he will be following in the steps of Tony Blair who has set up a foundation for the express purpose of ending all religious contention and strife. I have been saying for some time that true Bible believers are in for some difficult times. Many claim to believe we are in the last days of the Church age, but they don't want to be touched by any of the trials that are associated with those days according to the Bible.

*Beware of false prophets, who come to you  
in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are  
ravenous wolves.*

*Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know  
them,*

*Matthew 7:15 & 20*

## ARE YOU SAVED?

You are familiar with the fateful voyage of the S.S. Titanic, the supposedly unsinkable ship. Among the passengers was John Harper, a preacher from Glasgow. He was traveling with his daughter and a niece to preach at Moody Church in Chicago. They told how he had seen them safely in a lifeboat after the ship hit an iceberg. Some years later a young Scotsman got up in a meeting and told the following story. He said, "I was on the Titanic when she sank. As I drifted along on a spar in the icy water on that awful night, a wave brought John Harper near me. He too was holding onto a piece of wreckage. 'MAN ARE YOU SAVED?' he shouted to me. 'No, I am not!' was my reply. He answered, '**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**' Then, the waves bore him away from me. But a little later he was washed back alongside me. 'ARE YOU SAVED NOW?' he called out. 'No,' I replied, 'I can't say that I am.' Once more he cried out, '**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**' Then, losing his hold, he sank. And there, alone in the night, with two miles of ocean beneath me, I believed! I am John Harper's last convert." WHAT ABOUT YOU? If you are not saved, you are lost! There are only two kinds of people in this world; those who are saved and those who are lost. You are like that young man in the water. You may be a respectable person, you may be religious. But you are a sinner and you are lost! However, there is one difference between you and that fellow who got saved in the icy Atlantic - you are not in desperate straits. You probably don't see your need to be saved. Besides, you are a pretty good person; better than most. The Bible says, "**Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.**" Right now, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**"

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## HE LOVED THE CHURCH

A crowded gathering of distinguished scientists had been listening spellbound to the masterly expositions of Michael Faraday. For an hour he held his brilliant audience enthralled as he demonstrated the nature and properties of the magnet. He had brought his lecture to a close with an experiment so novel, so bewildering, so triumphant, that for sometime after he resumed his seat, the house rocked with enthusiastic applause. And then, the Prince of Wales - afterward King Edward VII - rose to propose a motion of congratulation. The resolution, having been duly seconded was carried with thunderous applause. The assembly waited for Faraday's reply. But he did not appear. Only his most intimate friends knew what had become of him. He was an elder in a little church - a church that never boasted more than 20 members. The hour that Faraday ended his lecture was the hour of the weekly prayer meeting. What does the Church and its services mean to you. Many professing Christians put anything and everything before the Church. As for Prayer Meeting and the Sunday night Service, who cares about them? Sad to say, very few. Interest is so poor many Fundamental Baptist churches have given them up. The Bible says that "**Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it.**" What do you suppose God thinks of professing Christians who put little time and effort into the greatest institution on earth - The Blood bought Church of the Son of God?