

Ten Reasons Why Christian Parents Should Take Their Children Out of Public Schools

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There has been much debate of late among Christians whether or not their children should be taken out of the public schools and put into private Christian schools or homeschooled. I firmly believe that they should be taken out, and I've outlined ten good reasons why this should be done, and done as soon as possible.

The **first reason** is pretty obvious. The Bible commands parents to bring up their children in the love and admonition of the Lord. We read in Deuteronomy 6:6: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." How can a Christian parent obey that commandment and put a child in a school that is so militantly anti-Christian and anti-God? The public schools represent the antithesis of a Godly education. They should not be patronized by Christians.

Reason two: The public schools are not only anti-Christian but represent a government establishment of religion called Humanism. Your child is at risk of being deChristianized by the religion of public education. Here's what humanist John J. Dunphy wrote in the Humanist magazine of January 1983:

I am convinced that the battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that recognizes and respects the spark of what theologians call divinity in every human being. These teachers must embody the same selfless dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers, for they will be ministers of another sort, utilizing a classroom instead of a pulpit to convey humanist values in whatever subject they teach, regardless of educational level—preschool day care or large state university. The classroom must become an arena of conflict between the old and the new—the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism, resplendent in its promise of a world in which the never-realized Christian ideal of "love thy neighbor" will finally be achieved.

We already know that millions of Christian children have lost their faith because they fell prey to humanist proselytizers who preach that God does not exist and that human beings can be as gods. Do you have any guarantee that your child will be immune from these lies?

Reason three: The educators have redefined the purpose of education. Its purpose is no longer to impart academic skills so that your child can develop independent intelligence,

and make a life for himself. The new purpose of education was defined by Professor Benjamin Bloom in his book, *Taxonomy of Educational Objectives*, published in 1956, in which he wrote:

By educational objectives, we mean explicit formulations of the ways in which students are expected to be changed by the educative process. That is, the ways in which they will change in their thinking, their feelings, and their actions. ... The evidence points out convincingly to the fact that age is a factor operating against attempts to effect a complete or thorough-going reorganization of attitudes and values. ... The evidence collected thus far suggests that a single hour of classroom activity under certain conditions may bring about a major reorganization in cognitive as well as affective behaviors.

As a Christian parent you will never know—and you will never be told—when that single hour of classroom activity will be sprung on your child. The child who returns home from school that day, may not be the same child you sent to school that morning. You've played Russian roulette with your child's spiritual life, and you've lost. In addition, this change of values between children and parents inevitably leads to intense conflict within the family. When children adopt humanist values, they become haters of their family's biblical values. That's what destroys so many Christian families.

Reason four: Public schools now teach sex education almost as a form of pornography, encouraging children to engage in premarital recreational sex. The result is that many Christian girls have lost their virginity, developed sexually transmitted diseases, become pregnant, had an abortion, and lost their self-esteem. The boys, under peer pressure, are forced into sexual intimacy long before they are ready to be fathers. The children are considered animals with no control over their sexual urges.

Reason five: Drug education arouses interest in drugs, especially when the children are told that they must make their own decisions about drugs. This gives children a choice, which any Christian parent would consider the wrong thing to do. There is no decision making when it comes to drugs. A Christian child need not know all about drugs. All he needs to know is that drugs are unequivocally forbidden. But that's not the message conveyed in the public schools. The result? Many Christian children get into drugs and become hooked.

Reason six: As you know, we are presently involved in a life-and-death cultural war between Christianity and secular humanism. When you patronize the enemy's institutions you are giving tacit approval of what that institution stands for. In addition, if you have any understanding of the forces that oppose us, you know that they have billions of dollars with which to fight us. So why give them your children? If you want to win this war, the easiest, least bloody way to win it is by withdrawing your children from their institutions. They cannot succeed without your children. It's as simple as that. So by giving them your children you are helping them tie the noose around the neck of Christianity.

Reason seven: It is unreasonable to expect Christian children to be missionaries in the public schools when they have not had professional training, are unable to answer the arguments of their enemies, gain the contempt of their teachers, and become demoralized in the process. You can't expect children to do the job which even adults find difficult.

Reason eight: Satanists in the public schools have targeted Christian students for persecution and even murder. That's what took place at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, and also in a school in Paducah, Kentucky. In other words, Christian children are at risk in public schools where Bible reading and prayer are outlawed, but Satanism isn't. Satanists have free reign in the public schools and your child may become a victim of their evil force.

Reason nine: Children in the public schools are considered to be animals, because the behavioral psychology that now governs public education is based on the theory of evolution which claims that human beings and monkeys have a common ancestor. Humanist behaviorists use animal training techniques to teach your precious child who was made in the image of God. But the schools teach your child that he or she is simply a higher form of monkey. When children accept the notion that they are animals, they are apt to act as animals, without conscience, without a sense of moral absolutes.

Reason ten: Because of widespread educational malpractice in the schools, your child is in danger of becoming learning disabled, dyslexic, or afflicted with attention deficit disorder. Your child is in danger of becoming functionally illiterate. At least thirty percent of the children in public schools emerge at the end of the process unable to read properly, spell correctly, or do basic arithmetic. Do you have a guarantee that your child will not be a victim of this educational malpractice?

I'm sure that I could come up with many more reasons. But these ten I hope will give Christian parents enough food for thought so that they will make the right choice in favor of God's commandment. The public schools cannot be saved by Christians. Nor should Christians want to save them since they have been rendered morally dangerous by Supreme Court decisions and the likes of the National Education Association.

By withdrawing your children from the public schools, you will be making your own declaration of independence from the satanic institutions that the public schools have become. You will be exercising the precious freedom you still have to take control of your children's education. And by doing so, you will be preserving the heritage of freedom to pass on to your children, and your children's children.