

## **Clear Thinking is a Moral Issue**

“I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt...I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth.”

**Martin Luther**

“The United States system of national popular education will be  
The most efficient and wide instrument for the  
Propagation of Atheism which the world has ever seen.”

**A. A. Hodge**

“A truly Christian education is possible only when Christian education underlies not a part, but all, of the curriculum of the school. True learning and true piety go hand in hand, and Christianity embraces the whole of life – those are great central convictions that underlie the Christian school.”

**J. Gresham Machen**

“We are being taxed to support schools that are systematically  
Liquidating our most cherished beliefs.”

**Paul Vitz**

“...we must also remember the civil submission required of us in the Bible.  
This submission does not include submitting our children...”

**Douglas Wilson**

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,  
And to God the things that are God's.”

**Jesus Christ**

“Every student shall consider the main end of his study to wit to know God in  
Jesus Christ and answerably to lead a Godly, sober life.”

**Founders of Yale College**

“To commit our children to the care of irreligious persons is  
To commit lambs to the superintendency of wolves.”

**Timothy Dwight**

“Cursed be all learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ.”

**Rev. Jonathan Dickinson, Princeton University’s First President**

“True education is, in a sense, a spiritual process, the nurture of a soul...  
Every line of true knowledge must find its completeness in its convergency to

God, even as every beam of daylight leads the eye to the sun.

If religion be excluded from our study, every process of thought will be  
arrested before it reaches its proper goal...

A non-Christian training is literally an anti-Christian training.”

**R. L. Dabney**

“Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well  
the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is  
eternal life, John 17:3, and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only  
foundation of all sound knowledge and learning.”

**Harvard, Rules and Precepts**

“I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order  
that I may understand.”

**Anselm**

“There is not a square inch of ground in heaven or on earth or under the earth  
in which there is peace between Christ and Satan...If you say that you are ‘not  
involved’ you are involved in Satan’s side. If you say you are involved in the  
struggle...in the area of the family and in the church, but not in the school,  
you are deceiving yourself.”

**Rousas J. Rushdoony**

“Secularists set the machinery of this particular takeover [of the public  
schools] in the latter half of the last century, and they built the machine to  
operate slowly and imperceptibly.”

**Douglas Wilson**

“Therefore it is apparent, that the ordinary appointed means for the first actual  
grace is parents’ godly instruction and education of their children.”

**Richard Baxter**

“The school system that ignores God teaches its pupils to ignore God; and this  
is not neutrality. It is the worst form of antagonism, for it judges God to be  
unimportant and irrelevant in human affairs. This is atheism.”

**Gordon H. Clark**

“Because Christians swallow the myth of neutrality, they do not see established government schools as institutions that propagate an established religion. They see them as established propagators of “neutral” facts to which everyone agrees.”

**Douglas Wilson**

“When God is excluded from the classroom, we are not merely remaining silent about God. We are teaching children that they may safely disregard Him...we are teaching the children in the most convincing way possible that God is irrelevant. They can safely omit Him when it is convenient to do so.”

**Douglas Wilson**

Observing in his day that society was abandoning Christianity, **C. S. Lewis**, in *The Abolition of Man*, wrote,

“We make men without chests and expect of them virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honor and are shocked to find traitors in our midst.”

“The end then of learning is to repair the ruins of our first parents by regaining to know God aright, and out of that knowledge to love Him, to imitate Him, to be like Him, as we may the nearest by possessing our souls of true virtue, which being united to the heavenly grace of faith, makes up the highest perfection.”

**John Milton**

“There is little hope for children who are educated wickedly. If the dye has been in the wool, it is hard to get it out of the cloth.”

**Jeremiah Burroughs**

“Christian parents who have their kids in government schools want their children educated by the same people who brought us this bloodbath [in *Roe v. Wade*], and who defend the monstrosity [of *Roe v. Wade*] in these schools...They want their children to be taught morality by those who are self-evidently clueless concerning the nature of true morality.”

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