

If men speak ill of you, live so that no one will believe them

"...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty"—2 Corinthians 3:17

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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" -- Isaiah 8:20.

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AMERICA'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

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(Now with the Lord)



America has the name of being "The land of the free and the home of the brave." Many of our young men who gave their lives climbing muddy hills for no purpose and some who have suffered almost endless inequity and agony may question the thought today. Nevertheless, multitudes of students regularly enter America's educational institutions with the idea that they will be able to go forth to serve God and to serve men faithfully, and well they might. Unfortunately, however, in the dark watches of their academic lives, some of these must come to the realization that America's educational system today is a lumbering monster which will work at precluding most of them ever being able to serve God or men freely, if they are honest with themselves and with others.

Even the most inane of these who decide to enter the educational field must realize to their sorrow that the immoral concept that "the end justifies the means" thesis completely permeates America's educational system or systems in this very hour. Because of the stereotyped patterns of the teachers whom they desire to please, the students themselves fall into stereotyped patterns that preclude individuality and creativity. Some of our esteemed educators may indulge themselves, facetiously, in the premise that there is FREEDOM TO LEARN. They know, nonetheless, that such an ideal must be accomplished apart from the educational system in America—not in it.

It is a tragedy beyond compare that many professors and teaching professionals stand before their classes and enunciate what they know to be untrue, falsehoods with which they disagree. Nevertheless, because of their greed and

their lack of conviction they proclaim the falsehoods before their students, and their students in turn, respond acceptably to that which they know to be lies. Sadly, they have been encouraged to suppose that this is the thing to do. Therefore, "the end justifies the means" philosophy that permeates this generation's teaching is established finally and ultimately for the coming generation as well.

We can know, also, that any student who refuses to fall in abject humility before the educational system's primary philosophy or who determines to break a generation's "wineskin" will be the butt of its wrath—not its hero. Without exception, whatever ad-

vances have come in education have come only at the price of someone bearing a given generation's hatred and stigma. Those who are involved in America's educational system may inquire at times, as Pilate of old, "What is truth?" but we can know that they will not be seeking it!

One whom some of us sometimes reference paid the price for truth on a cross, and each of His disciples suffered comparably in his own time. Later, it was rather fatal to counter the Ptolemaic scheme of things and those falsehoods that had become scholastic absolutes. Resultantly, men such as Galileo, Copernicus, Bruno, Luther, and Calvin paid a very high price to advance the cause of true learning and true education.

Some of the more alert students today who actually realize what is happening to them may suppose that they can go through the motions of intellectual enslavement until they can attain their professional stature, and that they, then, will be able to attack America's educational system more effectively. In the process of such en-

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A Sermon by Interim Pastor Jack C. Whitt

LET IT BE KNOWN!

"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations". (Psalms 89:1). Borrowing the thoughts of the psalmist given in this verse, I have entitled my article, "Let it be known". Dear friend, whatsoever else we do not know, we must know Jesus. Not simply know

about him, we must know him personally, intimately and lovingly. We may live out our lives here on earth with but little education, with little knowledge of world history, the sciences, or mathematics. Our understanding of our government and of politics may be very limited. These things I mention are not bad, in fact, it is good to have

an education and to be knowledgeable on the subjects thus given. Yet what will it all profit in becoming a scholar, or a man or woman of high knowledge if in the end we lack the knowledge that we are all sinners in need of a Savior? The least educated, the most ignorant person in the world, is by far better

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MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

By Willard Willis



Read Exodus 3:1-14

"And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living; ye therefore do greatly err" (Mark 12:26, 27).

Moses Received A Call To Represent His Nation

Our young men, when called into the armed forces, are not called there for their own sakes, but for the sake of our nation. The same can be said of Moses. He was not sent to the backside of the desert for his own sake, but a representative of God's chosen people, Israel. This fact is pointed out in the following passage of scripture.

"And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them" (Exodus 2:25).

I'm convinced that some of the difficulties you and I encounter are related to the Lord's church rather than to our own self as one individual.

Moses Was Sent From The Palace To The Desert

One would think that Moses could have been more effective in the work assigned to him if he had remained as a high official in Egypt. He, after all, as a high official in Egypt, would have had communication lines with all the top brass in the nation. God, however, severed all those communication lines when He sent him to the backside

of the desert. This fact proves that which is written regarding God's thinking in the following passage of Scripture.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8).

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; And God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

The Egyptians Despised Shepherds

It was not only that Moses severed his communication lines with the officials of Egypt, but he, by his new occupation, fixed it so that he was despised by the Egyptians. This fact is confirmed by the following portion of Scripture:

"...for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians" (Gen. 46:34). The word "abomination", according to Webster, refers to "hatred, object of hatred; loathsomeness." We may say that Moses, if he had been striving for an Egyptian political office, would have received zero votes.

Moses, By His Action, Proved That He Was Trusting God

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