

Berean Family Church Education Resolution

- 1) Whereas the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom and in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
 - i. *Proverbs 1:7* = *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*
 - ii. *Proverbs 9:10* = *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*
 - iii. *Colossians 2:3* = *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*
- 2) Whereas any instruction that does not teach the centrality of Jesus Christ for understanding all of life cannot impart true wisdom and knowledge.
 - i. *Psalms 10:4* = *The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.*
 - ii. *Proverbs 14:7* = *Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.*
 - iii. *Proverbs 19:27-28* = *Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge. An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.*
- 3) Whereas the Bible commands parents, and fathers specifically, to bring up their children in the training and admonition of the Lord.
 - i. *Deuteronomy 6:6-9* = *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. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.*
 - ii. *Deuteronomy 11:18-21* = *Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon you hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: That your days may be multiplied and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.*
 - iii. *Proverbs 2:1* = *My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments within thee;*
 - iv. *Proverbs 4:1-2, 11* = *Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.*
 - v. *Proverbs 5:1* = *My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: -*
 - vi. *Ephesians 6:4* = *And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*
- 4) Whereas the purpose of any education, regardless of its worldview, is to teach knowledge and wisdom
 - i. *American Dictionary Of the English Language* = *To bring up as a child; to instruct; to inform and enlighten the understanding; to instill into the mind principles of arts, science, morals, religion and behavior. Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations.*

- ii. *The Oxford English Dictionary* = To bring up (young persons) from childhood, so as to form (their habits, manners, intellectual and physical aptitudes. The systematic instruction, schooling or training given to the young in preparation for the work of life.

- 5) Whereas the government-funded schools are also established to the end of inculcating knowledge and wisdom.
- 6) Whereas government-funded schools, their curriculum, and a significant proportion of teachers, hold, and assert, that the beginning of wisdom and knowledge is not the fear of God.
John Dewey is referred to as the father of modern education and was a signer of Humanist Manifesto I.
 - i. *Humanist Manifesto I: Affirmation 1* = Religious humanists regard the universe as self-existing and not created.
 - ii. *Humanist Manifesto I: Affirmation 2* = Humanism believes that man is a part of nature and that he has emerged as a result of a continuous process.
 - iii. *Humanist Manifesto I: Affirmation 3* = Holding an organic view of life, humanists find that the traditional dualism of mind and body must be rejected.
 - iv. *Humanist Manifesto I: Affirmation 5* = Humanism asserts that the nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values. Obviously humanism does not deny the possibility of realities as yet undiscovered, but it does insist that the way to determine the existence and value of any and all realities is by means of intelligent inquiry and by the assessment of their relations to human needs. Religion must formulate its hopes and plans in the light of the scientific spirit and method.
 - v. *Humanist Manifesto I: Affirmation 6* = We are convinced that the time has passed for theism, deism, modernism, and the several varieties of “new thought”.
 - vi. *Humanist Manifesto I: Affirmation 8* = Religious Humanism considers the complete realization of human personality to be the end of man’s life and seeks its development and fulfillment in the here and now. This is the explanation of the humanist’s social passion.
 - vii. *Humanist Manifesto I: Affirmation 9* = In the place of the old attitudes involved in worship and prayer the humanist finds his religious emotions expressed in a heightened sense of personal life and in cooperative effort to promote social well-being.
 - viii. *Humanist Manifesto I: Affirmation 10* = It follows that there will be no uniquely religious emotions and attitudes of the kind hitherto associated with belief in the supernatural.
 - ix. *Humanist Manifesto I: Affirmation 13* = Religious humanism maintains that all associations and institutions exist for the fulfillment of human life. The intelligent evaluation, transformation, control, and direction of such associations and institutions with a view to the enhancement of human life is the purpose and program of humanism. Certainly religious institutions, the ritualistic forms, ecclesiastical methods, and communal activities must be reconstituted as rapidly as experience allows, in order to function effectively in the modern world.
- 7) Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States as the highest court in the land has declared all prayer and worship of God in the science and history classroom as unconstitutional (*Engel v. Vitale*, 82 S. Ct. 1261, 1962); and the same high court has declared the public reading of the Bible in the fear of God as unconstitutional (*Abington School District v. Schempp*, 374 U.S. 203, 1963); and the same high court has declared the instruction of the Ten Commandments in the fear of God as unconstitutional (*Stone v. Graham*, 449 U.S. 39, 1980); and the same court has declared a moment of silence where the motivation for such might be the fear of God or religious prayer and worship as unconstitutional (*Wallace v. Jaffree*, 105 S. Ct. 2479, 1985).

- 8) Whereas the government-funded schools are, by law non-biblical, and by choice humanistic and secular, and therefore mandate that the worldview in which their students are taught is not a biblical one, consequently, the attending children receive an education without positive reference to the Triune God and His Word that He has revealed to man.
- 9) Whereas the government-funded schools as a system do not offer a Christian education, but officially claim to be "neutral" with regard to Christ, a position that Christ Himself said was impossible.
 - i. *Luke 11:23* = He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

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- 10) Whereas millions of Christian families send their children into classrooms where the beginning of wisdom is not taught to be the existence and reverence of almighty God (per the Humanist Manifesto I (1933), II (1973), and III (2003)).
- 11) Whereas pastors have a duty under the Chief Shepherd to protect his flock (including his lambs) from the teaching of wolves.
 - i. *John 21:16* = He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
 - ii. *Acts 20:28* = Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
 - iii. *I Timothy 4:16* = Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.
 - iv. *II Timothy 4:1-2* = I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Elders of Berean Family Church encourages its members who are parents of school-aged children to provide them with an education that is rooted in the fear of the Triune God and rooted in the Word of God as the only source of wisdom and ultimate authority in life.

And be it further resolved that if parents will delegate the substance of their children's academic education in knowledge and wisdom to others, that they be encouraged by the Elders of Berean Family Church to be sure that the teaching program subscribes to an education rooted in the fear of the Triune God and in His Word that He has revealed to man found solely in the 66 canonical books of the Bible.

And be it further resolved that Christians who work as teachers in the public schools be advised to provide an education in knowledge that is rooted in the fear of God regardless of the dictates of the Supreme Court of the United States, the local government-funded school, or the local school board.