

EDUCATION AND IGNORANCE

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Education without the Bible is deficient.

The Bible shows that education is good. “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6). This means that spiritual education is important.

In Australia, education is based on the secular principle, which means that it has become very difficult for sectarian education, that is, the breeding of bigots. As long as some sort of Biblical thinking has remained in the broad educational system, the remedy to sectarian bigotry has been established. However, it is clear that modern education is moving from any true Biblical links, and that even Religious Education or Instruction is far from a proper Biblical view. “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3).

We live in a society which has, for example, evolution-affected thinking. But just because wrong teachings may be prevalent does not mean that Christianity has been defeated, “FRET not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.” (Psalm 37:1, 2).

One phenomenon in the present educational system is the comparatively low level proficiency that exiting students exhibit. “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools” (Romans 1:22). Without the Bible, and with modern psychology, evolution, multiculturalism and other such ideas installed, young people are actually in a great darkness, and society in a slow destruction.

It has been publicised by university lecturers that the English skills of students are poorer than ever. This was highlighted to me recently after I read an essay by a second year university student studying Literature for which she received the mark of High Distinction. This essay demonstrated poor use of punctuation and bad sentence construction. It is clear from the essay that the student understood what she was writing about (she duxed her high school in English), but was hindered in communication by her lack of skill with the language. The student told me that when she started at university, she found that her high school had not even taught her how to write or construct an essay.

The general low level of knowledge people have and their reliance on sources such as the evening news and biased documentaries is at times humorous. This shows why Christians must study, and must especially learn the Bible, regardless of the current cultural trends. The following anecdote is an example of ignorance. Recently I was at a Catholic boys school where I heard a group of boys talking. One said, “Hey, I’m related to Guy Fawkes.” Another boy went on to explain, “Oh, he was someone who freed all these prisoners ... but then died himself.” “Yeah,” said one with uncertainty.