

# "The Musket"

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*"Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds."*<sup>1</sup>

Let's look briefly at the condition of our youth today, of which 89% attend public schools.<sup>2</sup>

- 9% of church youth believe in absolute truth<sup>3</sup>
- 4% believe the Bible is the infallible Word of God<sup>3</sup>
- At age 29, 80% have backslidden to a level of spiritual activity less than their high school experiences<sup>4</sup>
- 33% of 12 to 19 year olds said that God and church will play a part in their life compared to 55% to 66% historically<sup>3</sup>
- Christian youth viewpoints agree with non-Christian youth viewpoints to within 4% with regards to drug and alcohol use, sex, and cheating<sup>3</sup>

This is really just the tip of the iceberg as far as statistics go but for a more complete report please visit the hyperlinks listed below.

## The Battle Is On – Will You Fight?

When respected Christian leaders like Josh McDowell and George Barna report such troubling findings regarding "the state of the flock," we as the Body of Christ must respond with the heart of our Father! The truth is, that there is a battle on in Public Schools for the hearts and minds of our children between the Christian and Humanist faiths. It is not a battle we have asked for but it is one we are engaged in nonetheless. For verification, read this article that was written in the official journal of the American Humanist Association in 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 view their role as the proselytizers of a new FAITH... The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new; the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of Humanism . . ."<sup>5</sup>

A righteous indignation should arise within us all as we respond like David, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"<sup>6</sup>

And just as William Wilberforce made know the plight of slaves during the 1700's in order to develop a passion to end that tragedy, so to it is wise for us to know what lofty thoughts are exalting themselves against the knowledge of God and taking our children captive.

## The Religion of Government Public Education Secular Humanism

In 1961, the Supreme Court, in *Torcaso v. Watkins*, affirmed that Secular Humanism is a religion; it just does not have a theistic God.<sup>10</sup> In fact, as a religion, they are tax exempt and do not have to go to battle because of their faith, a right called "conscientious objection."

Here is a brief overview of their religion as it is taught to our children in our tax funded schools:

- Theologically – atheistic – no recognition of God as God
  - Philosophically – naturalists – "the material world is all that exists" therefore creation is rejected and Godless "Big Bang" evolution is taught as truth
  - Morally – ethical relativism – the belief that no absolute moral code exists (because of religious base)<sup>9</sup>
  - Culturally – cultural diversity and Globalism is celebrated, Christian heritage and Patriotism is repressed, socialism is emphasized with family loyalty marginalized
- May God give us wisdom as to "not offend these little ones" and win this Mountain for Christ!

*"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by its fruit."*<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> – Proverbs 27:23

<sup>9</sup> – What is Secular Humanism? <http://www.christiananswers.net/q-sum/sum-r002.html>

<sup>3</sup> – Josh McDowell Ministries, Youth at Risk 2004 PowerPoint Presentation <http://www.josh.org/>

<sup>4</sup> – George Barna, Third Millennium Teens Report <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=245>

<sup>5</sup> – What is Being Taught in Public Schools/The Religion of Humanism <http://www.lex-rex.com/humanism.html>

<sup>6</sup> – I Samuel 17:26

<sup>7</sup> – Mathew 12:33

<sup>10</sup> – Washington Ethical Society v. District of Columbia

<sup>8</sup> – Secular Humanism is a Religion [http://members.aol.com/Patriarchy/definitions/humanism\\_religion.htm](http://members.aol.com/Patriarchy/definitions/humanism_religion.htm)