

The State Church, “*Public Education*”

Chapter One - *Gunpowder and Fireworks*

If one has the notion of ruining a good party, it does not take much effort or imagination whether the group is large or small. You only have to bring up the topic of politics and religion and you will soon find yourself wading into deep waters. If you really want to mix things up and take it to the next level, then mix in your views and opinions regarding the government run public education system and you will have entered into the nuclear age!

The arena of politics, religion and public education are those sacred topics and subjects where the lines have been drawn and cemented into concrete like steel vaults located back deep into the hard-to-reach areas of the human mind. Areas where most people will not wander for many reasons, one especially important reason is simply, *self-preservation*. Many families and life-long friendships have been *nuked* due to aimlessly wandering into what seemed like innocent conversation until a nerve was struck by someone within ears reach. It might go something like this, when Aunt Annie heard what she thought was a derogatory comment about her daughter cousin Sally, a second-grade elementary teacher, things exploded into a major free for all and the lights went out. The rest is history and only the brave at heart will venture into the catacombs of a family feud that has lasted for years.

The purpose of this book is to draw out those views and opinions. Some that have been passed on from generation to generation and for so long that nobody knows the purpose and reason for creating a system of education widely known as the *Public Education System* today. Anyone paying attention to or involved in public education has either witnessed or been part of some very heated discussions. The news is filled with stories about school board meetings that have exploded into a free-for-all or have been disrupted by angry parents demanding accountability from board members.

The government controlled public education system will continue to be one of the hottest topics in the political arena and nation for some time. In school districts all across the nation parents and public educators are at odds in regard to multiple issues, some that are foundational to the problems with the government run school system. Over the past three decades or so more and more parents across the country have realized they have no say or position in the government run education system.

Just like the mixture that makes up gunpowder there are several key ingredients to the problems within the government run education system.

- Not Allowing the Parents Right to Choose
- Government Overreach
- Clueless Politicians
- Public Education Administrators
- Incompetent School Board Members
- Disengaged Parents

The fact that it has taken decades to get to this point and to bring out the issues parents are facing today is mind boggling to many. The issues concerning parents are divided into two distinct groups. The first group consists of parents who believe in a government run system but want to amend it and keep it around. Many parents who align themselves with this group and identify as Christians are concerned about what their children are exposed to on a daily basis in the public-school setting. Many Christian parents are removing their children, and this is no surprise based on the direction the government run education system is heading. Christian parents and others alike are finding out quickly they have no voice at school board meetings. These parents are considered troublemakers by school board members and public educators whose salaries are paid with tax dollars collected from parents with children attending the public school system.

The second group of individuals are made up of parents that do not want any part of the government run public education system and want their rights as parents fully restored by keeping the government, state, and public educators out of their back pockets and lives all together. Christian parents are starting to work together to bring true reform to the government run system of education by eliminating themselves from tax rolls and being punished financially and forced to pay taxes into a system that is corrupt and immoral and goes against their Christian beliefs and rights as granted in the Constitution of the United States. Thousands of parents and taxpayers in Texas the state where I live are taking action to regain their rights as citizens and parents to have the control of where their money goes and how they choose to educate their children.

Unfortunately, things are going to get far worse before they get better. Parents with school age children are starting to prepare themselves for some major court battles to gain their rights back as parents and as citizens of the United States. Politicians and public educators will soon find out just how far parents will go and are willing to fight for what is right. Fraud and corruption committed by local school district leaders and central appraisal districts to elevate property tax revenues by ignoring laws and standards will cost many of these leaders their jobs and even jail time. The cost of education is out of control across the nation and local school districts and central appraisal districts have resorted to extortion by holding homeowner's hostage to rising property taxes that have been falsely derived to keep the broken public education system in operation.