

The State Church, “*Public Education*”

Chapter Three – *Like Sheep Gone Astray*

In Texas where I live, the public education system has become the State Church. Public education has replaced the place and function of the church for millions of families and children in this state and across the nation. Millions of parents have bowed down and conformed to demands of the elitist at the highest level of government and with public educators. This state and nation have drifted into the sea of socialism and communist ideologies over the past century. The public education system has followed the same road to destruction as the federal government for the past 50 years. Elected officials and public educators have gone astray like sheep and forgotten the fundamental and basic reasons a system of education was needed. The real purpose and foundation behind the need to educate children has succumbed to big government and leftist agendas. In this country teaching children, the basic academics and to read and write takes a back seat to the following:

- Non-Academic activities including sports
- Childcare, Baby Sitting and after school care
- Providing Food and Distribution
- Mental Health Services
- A Prison Operation
- Social Welfare Outlet
- A Cultural Outlet to Expose Children to Perversion and Morally Corrupt Ideologies
- Suppressing the Rights of Parents
- Expanding the System of Taxation Without Representation

Changes in this nation within the public school system did not happen overnight. The change happened over decades while parents were too busy or simply not interested in taking their responsibilities and duties as parents seriously. The truth that no one wants to hear is this; parents have become one of the biggest problems regarding education in this state. Since the beginning of the 1960’s we now have multiple generations of individuals and families that have not learned what it means to be a responsible citizen or parent. The children of these individuals are at a great disadvantage because they do not have parents capable of teaching them good character qualities, virtues, or morals at home. The only other source of learning is in the classroom setting of the government run and controlled school system. This has happened over decades in Texas. It is the old saying “like a frog in a pot of boiling water.” It happened over an extended period of time while everyone was too busy to pay attention or simply decided to turn things over to the state church system of public education.

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The founding fathers used wisdom and experience when framing up the system and type of government they envisioned for this country. They knew and understood the freedom of religion and choice to serve and worship God was foundational to those who sacrificed greatly and decided to come to America. The freedom(s) associated with the freedom to worship and serve God extend far beyond church buildings and synagogues but are foundational to family values and traditions that have been part of mankind and history for centuries.

Thousands of parents and taxpayers across the nation are waking up to the fact the public education system is archaic and broken. The cost of education has skyrocketed while the value of the product and end result has fallen well below the standards of the mid nineteenth century. Like big government elected officials and public educators have adopted the same *modus operandi* as the federal government, just throw more money at it and it will take of itself. We have all witnessed and experienced the pain in the pocketbook when the federal government attempts to solve any problem, they simply make it far worse. As the government grows and expands its efficiency drops and all accountability is lost, the same is true in the public education system in Texas and across the nation.

The interference of government control and regulations has muffled the effectiveness and productivity of the classroom at every level of education from pre-kindergarten through higher education on college campuses. Government cannot provide answers to any of the problems that exist in society, they can only complicate the solutions needed and increase the cost to the citizens and taxpayers. The fundamentals of free enterprise and free market principles are not taught in school rooms today. The fact of the matter is if they were teachers would put themselves out of a job! The current structure and system of education in America today has outlived its usefulness by decades. Due to the advancements in technology and the internet there is not a single reason a child even needs to be in a public-school setting. There are only two reasons public schools and school buildings even need to be around:

1. Provide jobs for hundreds of thousands of people
2. Provide childcare services for working parents

These are the only two reasons a public school system needs to exist anywhere in this state or nation. The government run public education system is one of the largest employers of people in this state and across the nation. Any parent who cares about their children and wants the absolute best for them will find a method and system that is best for their children. Homeschooling, private, and parochial schools offer better solutions for educating children. Elected leaders and public educators have done an excellent job convincing naive parents there is only one way to educate children.

The government-run public education system in this nation has done an incredible job at dumbing down the average citizens' understanding of education. Millions of children who actually finish and graduate from a public school in this nation could have achieved a higher level of achievement if they had been given the chance to learn outside the fishbowl setting of the public classroom. The thinking and ideology that children need to be educated in a classroom setting so they can learn how to interact and learn social skills may have been something to consider in the early 19th century but due to the social and culture environment today the classroom may be the worst place for children to be in. Social skills are learned and acquired in many ways and the most important ones are learned by and with life's experiences in the workplace and community. Exposing young children to perverse and immoral ideas and thinking they pickup and learn from other children can cause great mental and emotional damage to young minds.

Parents must regain total control of the lives of their school age children and without government overreach and intervention. Parents must be able to exercise their rights as free citizens granted in the US Constitution and be able to choose how their money will be spent regarding education and the methods they choose as being best for their children. If this nation has a future of any kind, it will be the result of parents taking full responsibility as parents and being engaged in the process of education no matter which method is chosen. This will result in children receiving the best education and value and creating responsible parents and citizens.