

FATHERS' (AND MOTHERS') RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK

In today's politically correct society it is becoming increasingly difficult for fathers to fulfill their responsibility toward their children, as set forth in Scripture, to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). On every hand parental authority is being undermined, while government schools and agencies step in, displacing traditional Biblical values with secular values. Even the definition of a home or the concept of a mother and father is being trashed. As an example, a few years ago, in conformance with United Nations standards, a law was passed even effectually banning terms such as "mother and father" or "husband and wife" from California textbooks, because such terms would "promote a discriminatory bias" against "gender". In other words, heterosexuality would no longer be even suggested as the norm. A host of parents, realizing the forced indoctrination their children would be subjected to, began withdrawing their children from government schools. The number of parents opting for home-schooling is rapidly gaining. To stop parents from bringing their children out from under government control, attempts are being made to restrict home-schoolers, requiring them to have state-authorized teacher-registration. Randy Thomasson, president of *Campaign for Children and Families*, said, "The so-called 'public schools' are no longer a safe emotional environment for children. Under the new law, schoolchildren as young as kindergarten will be sexually indoctrinated and introduced to homosexuality, bisexuality and transsexuality, over the protests of parents, teachers and even school districts" (*WorldNewsDaily.com*, Oct. 17, 2007). This past week we learned the University of California has a web site aimed at 4-to-7-year-olds, encouraging them to participate in "sexual play."

Parents are to be no longer the primary guardians of their children. The concept of "It takes a whole village to raise a child" puts our children and grandchildren primarily under the government "village". Globalists would leave parents with little say-so in what to teach or how to train their children. Professor Benjamin Bloom, regarded as "Father of Outcome Based Education," thus defined education: "The purpose of education and the schools is to change the thoughts, feelings and actions of students." Whatever happened to "the 3-Rs"? Professor Philip Vender Welde, in *Global Mandate: Pedagogy For Peace*, wrote, "[U]nless a new faith...overcomes the old ideologies and creates planetary synthesis, world government is doomed.... Nation-states have outlived their usefulness, and a new world order is necessary if we are to live in harmony with each other.... The task of reordering our traditional values (Christian values--RB) and institutions should be one of the major objectives of our schools." The "old ideologies" are obviously Christian in nature, while the "new faith" designed to displace the old is secular humanism. In this era of political correctness, the old Biblical values are out, while tolerance of almost anything else is in; patriotism is out, while globalism is in; traditional Christianity is out, while atheism, humanism, mysticism, Islam, New Ageism and even non-traditional religions are in; and primary parental responsibility is out, while government standards and government control are in. To build the Socialistic "Brave New World" that secularists dream of, it is necessary for them to tear down or at least seriously modify the institutions of the home, the church and the autonomous nation.

This Fathers Day, let us, as Christians, resolve to stand up for the authority of the father in the home while hostile forces seek to erode the foundation of the Christian home. We dare not sit idly by while this happens. We

need to be discerning of what is happening in our world, nation and community, and not be silent. To do otherwise is a betrayal of not only our nation but also of our Christian faith.

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