

Educating Us in Lies

The Trumpet e-magazine's executive editor, Stephen Flurry, wrote about the lack of absolute truth in the West today. The article hails from the Philadelphia Church of God which is an off-shoot of the Worldwide Church of God, founded by Herbert W. Armstrong. He makes some good points, but I'm not aligning myself with everything he presents.

*“In the opening lines of his 1987 classic, *The Closing of the American Mind*, the late Allan Bloom wrote, ‘There is one thing a professor can be absolutely certain of: Almost EVERY student entering the university believes, or says he believes, that truth is relative’ (emphasis added throughout). For well over a generation, our modern educational system has been teaching young people that truth is always changing. There are no absolutes—just openness and tolerance. And this agenda, as Bloom correctly noted in the title of his book, is actually closing the minds of Americans.*

*More recently, Jim Nelson Black wrote in his 2004 book, *Freefall of the American University: How Our Colleges Are Corrupting the Minds and Morals of the Next Generation*, ‘Even as traditional learning is dismissed in many classrooms as reactionary, tainted by sexism, racism and the legacy of authoritarian hegemony, the students’ ability to reason, question or challenge ideas is subverted, and efforts to think independently are everywhere undermined.’”¹*

He notes this statement by Barak Obama in the 2006 book ‘Audacity of Hope’. Obama has a background in Communism, so it is obvious where his allegiance lies:

“Implicit in [the Constitution’s] structure, in the very idea of ordered liberty, was a rejection of absolute truth, the infallibility of any idea or ideology or ‘ism’.”²

Flurry acknowledges that the source of our Western problem is the education system which doesn't raise up the next generation of problem-solvers. The system's lack of focus on history means that we are bound to make the same mistakes again because we don't have a clue what to learn from it, in our ignorance.

“All of this material knowledge—and yet all this misery, suffering, hatred and violence! Modern education may not be directly responsible for all of the evil we see on Earth today—though it's getting harder and harder to deny that it is directly causing much of it—but it's inarguable that man's system of education certainly has not solved the problems of our day.

The point of an educational system is to solve these problems!

Where has modern education led us? Where has this rejection of the very concept of absolute truth brought us? We are seeing civil unrest across the United States, anarchists marching in the streets, and violent killers murdering police officers. These are products of our modern educational system. Right now, these people seem obsessed with past injustices and inequalities, yet they know precious little about ACTUAL history.”³

He goes on, of course, to explain that absolute truth for the world is found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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