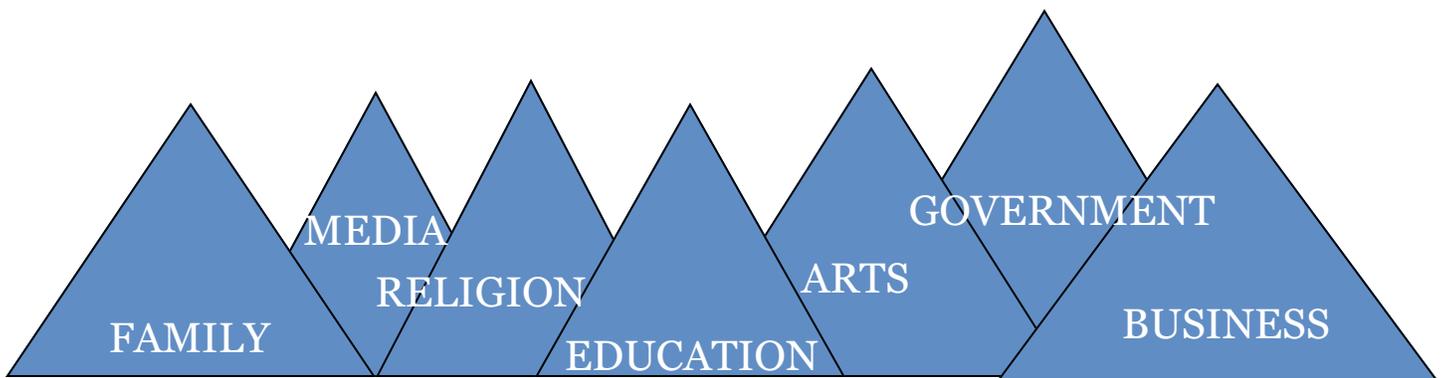


Strategic Prayer for the Mountain of Education



SEVEN MOUNTAINS OF CULTURE



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Historical Entry Points for the Mountain of Education

Thank you for your interest in praying to redeem American's education!

Because of the many facets, prayer for education is a tremendous undertaking. I believe the best approach is to identify the root causes of where we went awry in our educational system. Pray over those decisions and believe God for transformation. That is why I have identified ten specific incidents in the history of the United States.

No matter how bad the situation appears, God's promise is always to redeem. Our part is to pray. One thing we have to our advantage is hindsight. We see where we are today and we know we don't want to be on this course of not giving our children a moral education. With proper understanding, we can pray and believe God to change school policies. When believers pray, change is imminent. Maybe not in the exact way we prescribe, but things will change when we pray. God can restore our schools and can replace men and women who make ungodly policies that affect our children. God's changes will reflect His sovereignty but will not make our classrooms look like they did fifty years ago. He will do a new work. It will be more effective than what we could think or imagine.



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Entry Point #1: The Takeover of Harvard

The takeover of Harvard in 1805 by the Unitarians is the most significant event in history in regard to the spiritual climate of our country's intellectuals. The Calvinists founded Harvard in 1636 with the intent that it would be a fortress of Christian education to turn out quality ministers and teachers who would preach the gospel to the people of this country.

The Unitarians felt the Calvinists view of man as a sinner and in need of a Savior was too confining and set about to change the way ministers were taught at Harvard. Unitarians believed that education could be geared to improve man's character and when man became educated he would also become moral and all social injustices would be eliminated.

Years before the takeover, many of America's brightest minds from Harvard began to travel to Germany to study the philosophy of Georg Friedrich Hegel. They embraced the new thought that everything in the universe was on an equal footing with God. Everything was seen as subject to evolution – a man's mind, our customs, social concepts and our cultures. The universe was progressing toward perfection. (One of Hegel's best known disciples was Karl Marx.) Unitarian professors at Harvard accepted Hegel's philosophy and began on a path to integrate these ideas in their teaching.

Those students who had been subjected to this new doctrine graduated from Harvard then began to teach in the state colleges throughout the country. This created a ripple effect as these new graduates taught other teachers who then began to teach in urban cities and rural communities throughout the country. The ripple effect of man being taught that he is basically good and in no need of a Savior began to be taught in every classroom in America.

Location for national repentance and prayer:

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Location for local repentance and prayer :

At the local level, I suggest that research be done on local Universities that were founded by churches and then taken over by the government or by others with a humanist's agenda. It is astounding how many of our local Universities with Godly foundations have succumbed to humanists' doctrines.

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Entry Point #2: Public School Education Apart from Religious Education

About 1812, Unitarian politicians began to insist that the government create public primary schools. Why did the government not subsidize already existing church schools and thereby utilize the buildings, teachers, and educational structure already in place? Church schools had educators and clergy who taught children about God. Those who felt the need to provide public schooling apart from churches, did so because they wanted children to be exposed to ideas other than those expressed by the church. Once again, just as in the separation of Harvard from church influence, public schools were separated from the influence of the church.

The one man who was the most influential in implementing this change was Horace Mann, known as the father of public education. Horace Mann, a Unitarian, had the political and social power to influence government to start public primary schools. As a Unitarian, he disliked the Calvinists and did everything he could to limit their influence over the lives of children. As Secretary of the newly created Massachusetts Board of Education, Mr. Mann delivered to the public what he had promised and in 1845, he delivered a speech at the dedication of his new “normal” schools where he renamed them State Normal Schools.

This change was also precipitated by a Scotsman named Robert Owen. Today, he is known as the father of socialism. He was a wealthy manufacturer who had been “enlightened” to the fact that man is a product of his society and not of his parents or his God. Owen began to publish his views in 1813-1816. He believed the earlier society could begin to educate a child, the better off that child would be for society. He is responsible for establishing education for the good of society where a child would be brought up to think more in line with the wishes of the society that trained him. Owen also believed the only way to truly educate a child for society’s good was to first educate the teachers to think in line with the new socialistic views. He advocated and was able to strongly influence the starting of teachers colleges whereby teachers could be controlled by those whom he thought “had society’s best interest at heart.”

Location for national repentance and prayer:

Pray at the Massachusetts State Senate in Boston, Massachusetts where a statue of Horace Mann is located.

Location for state and local repentance and prayer:

Pray at the location of your State Board of Education located either at the state capital building or near-by. Another possibility is at state universities that were founded as normal schools. These schools were designed to indoctrinate teachers to humanism who would then carry the message to local and rural school districts.

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Entry Point # 3: 1892 Decision by Kansas Educators to Turn over the Education of their Children to the State

In 1892, the Kansas Teachers' Union prepared a book to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus Day. Within that book, the Kansas Teacher's Union stated their decision to voluntarily turn elementary education over to the state. Previously education had been under the direction of the church but because of increasing population in Kansas, the decision was made that henceforth public education would be under the direction of the state. There would be no teaching about God in Kansas' schools.

Since Kansas was the first state to make the declaration in a formal presentation, it is one of the major entry points where the spirit of the Antichrist gained permission to place all of our children under state direction. The church was no longer the authority in education, now it was the state.

The Kansas Teachers' Union gave their permission for the state to take control of their schools and remove control from the local communities. The intent was to educate children without the influence of any Christian teaching.

Location for national repentance and prayer:

Kansas State Board of Education, 120 SE 10th Ave., Topeka, KS

Location for state and local repentance and prayer:

For your state, pray at your state Department of Education building. For local prayer, pray at the location of your school district's offices.

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Entry Point #4: The Writing of the Humanist Manifesto

In 1933, John Dewey, a renowned socialist educator who served the National Education Association (NEA) in various capacities (near the end of his life he was given an honorary membership in the NEA), along with 33 other liberal humanists put together the Humanist Manifesto. This document is a landmark in the turning of our schools away from God for it directly states the opposition the new social order had against God.

“The time has come for widespread recognition of the radical changes in religious beliefs throughout the modern world...In order that religious humanism may be better understood we, the undersigned, desire to make certain affirmations which we believe the facts of our contemporary life demonstrate. There is great danger of a final, and we believe fatal, identification of the word religion with doctrines and methods which have lost their significance and which are powerless to solve the problem of human beings living in the Twentieth Century.” (Humanist Manifesto I and II, Buffalo, N.Y.: Prometheus Books, 1973, p. 7)

John Dewey came on the educational scene as a major player around 1880. With new revolutionary ideas about the education of the child for the twentieth century, Dewey believed that children needed to be educated for the new millennium. Just as man physically evolved from animals, man also evolved socially. The evolution process occurred according to man's ability to adjust to the events in his world. Because of this evolution, a child should be educated to become a social citizen. With a socialist agenda, Dewey's ideal student would be one who would live for the good of society. Children who were individualistic and who could not conform to his ideas of social living did not fit. They would not be prepared for the new social order Dewey hoped that would evolve in America.

Public schools now had a definition of the new materialist religion in which humanity sets itself up as god instead of the God who created this world and everything in it. The religion of Secular Humanism has now become the official religion of the United States, for it is the only religion permitted in its public schools and totally supported by government funds.

The Humanist Manifesto was a declaration of self-sufficiency and one of the main, if not the most significant, entry point for secular humanism in the history of our educational system.

Location for national repentance and prayer: I found this one difficult and will require more research) Some possible places: (1) The gravesite of John Dewey, University of Vermont, Ira Allen Chapel, Burlington, Vermont; (2) The office of “The Humanist Magazine” that first published the Manifesto at 1777 T St. NW, Washington, DC; (3) School of Education at University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois where John Dewey was employed when he wrote the Humanist Manifesto 1; (4) The New School in Greenwich, New York. The school founded by the four men who penned the first Humanist Manifesto.

Location for state and local repentance and prayer:

Pray at any neighborhood school.

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Entry Point #5: Prayer and Bible Reading Make an Exit

The woman *Life* Magazine referred to as “the most hated woman in America,” Madalyn Murray O’Hair, is often credited with filing the law suit that removed Bible reading in schools. In her landmark case of *Murray v. Curlett*, the Supreme Court rendered its decision in 1963, Ms. O’Hair was successful in removing Bible reading in schools. Ms. O’Hair, an atheist, was angered when she heard her son was required to recite the Lord’s Prayer at the beginning of a class. O’Hair complained to the school and when she was ignored, she filed a law suit and won.

On the heels of the Supreme Court case that removed Bible reading from Public schools, came an equally impacting decision that removed prayer from schools our classrooms. The landmark law suit that resulted in the removal of prayer in schools in 1964, was *Engel v. Vitale*. Even if a student never heard his teacher pray in a classroom, the fact that the US Justice System declared it illegal made a tremendous statement. The blade in the gallows fell, and with it the last bit of life left in the classroom made an exit. Current data now shows this event, more than any other, benchmarked a marked decline in the morals of our country.

Location for national repentance and prayer:

The Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, DC

Location for state and local repentance and prayer:

Pray at your local courthouse.



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Entry Point #6: Ten Commandments Removed from Public School

In 1980, (*Stone vs. Graham*) the Supreme Court ruled that posted copies of the Ten Commandments were to be removed from the classrooms of the United States.

This court decision, removed from the eyes of our children, written reminders of the God given moral restraints they are to have. The Humanists philosophy that man is basically good and will be educated to become a moral person is in place. Clearly, this is deception and Christians should pray against this lie being perpetrated in our classrooms.

Location for national repentance and prayer:

The Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, DC

Location for state and local repentance and prayer:

Pray at your local court house.



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Entry Point # 7: Only Evolution May Be Taught in Public Schools

The groundwork for the landmark decision on evolution for educators was set in the 1880s when Darwin's Origin of Species began to find favor as a theory among American educators. From that point, it was just a matter of time until the content of what could be taught in a classroom in regard to man's origin would be tested in the court system. There are two major entry points for this turn in our history. The first took place in 1925 during the Scopes trial and the second happened in 1987 when the Supreme Court ruled in *Edwards vs. Aquillard* that the theory of evolution alone would now be taught in all American public schools.

John Thomas Scopes, a science teacher in Dayton, Tennessee, was brought to trial for teaching evolution to his students. At that time, only creationism could be taught in public schools. John Thomas Scopes was found guilty and fined \$100. His conviction was later overturned on a technical error. Two famous lawyers, Williams Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow, scored off face-to-face in the courtroom and the drama began to unfold. Bryan, a Christian who considered himself an expert on the Bible, allowed himself to take the witness stand. Darrow, who strongly supported the theory of evolution, humiliated and outsmarted Bryan in the cross-examination. While the Scopes trial did not overtly prove to be a defeat for Christians, it did mar the Christian image and pave the way for the 1987 court decision that evolutionism would be taught in public schools to the exclusion of even mentioning creationism.

The significance of this entry point is that man no longer had to answer to a creator for the deeds done in this life. When a person is taught that he is free from responsibility, he can do anything and not have to pay the consequences. The moral compass of our classroom had lost its bearing.

Location for national repentance and prayer:

Where the Scopes trials were conducted at the country court house in Dayton, Tennessee; (2) The ACLU is the organization that brought the case to court their main office is at 4301 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 434, Washington, DC

Location for state and local repentance and prayer:

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Entry Point #8: The National Education Association (NEA)

Although this organization is not a dated entry point into our educational system, it is a major influence over our schools. Christians have, for the most part, abandoned the organization on the governing level. The NEA has a high-profile, political agenda. In 1857, this organization began as a professional meeting place to give teachers a common ground for coming together to share ideas in order to meet the educational needs of students. At the turn of the century, the agenda changed and the NEA began to exist to promote the education of a child for the good of society. Today, its agenda is almost totally socialistic and political. In 1972, the NEA lost its professional status and was declared a Labor Union by the Internal Revenue Service. No other organization wields such power over schools in the U.S. The whole public educational system is held in the grip of the NEA and until this organization is dealt with on a spiritual level, we will not be able to see transformation for good in public schools.

Location for national repentance and prayer:

Main office building of the NEA is at 1201 16th St. NW, Washington, DC.

Location for state and local repentance and prayer:

Pray at your local NEA office or at a local school.

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Entry Point #9: Post-Modernism and the Rewriting of History

The entry point is an ongoing one that continually influences the minds of our children. It is the curriculum that is presented to our children on a daily basis. While not all curriculum is bad, a large percentage is rampant with misconceptions and incorrect material. The textbooks that our children are exposed to every day present a continual open door for the enemy.

Many current historians have felt the liberty to re-write history from the viewpoint of what is known as Post-Modernism. Godly men and women who gave their lives for the gospel and for this country are put in a bad light. They are accused of being narrow-minded, prejudiced, and bigoted. The post-modernists interpret our past in light of today's humanist values and the brunt of their vengeance often falls on the Christians.

Location for national repentance and prayer:

The Educational building in Austin, Texas holds a very important key in what is put into textbooks. Most of the states look to Texas to vet their textbooks before a state will adopt it. The battle over textbook content is fought on a regular basis at the Texas Department of Education.

Location for state and local repentance and prayer:

If you are near your state Department of Education building, that is an excellent place.
If you are not near your state Department of Education, pray at a local school.

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Entry Point # 10: National Department of Education

The National Department of Education was formed in the 1970s under the direction of then President Jimmy Carter. President Carter made a campaign promise to the teacher's labor unions that he would form The Department of Education. This new Federal Department is in direct violation to the constitution that gave the right of determining educational policies to the States. The education of our children now comes under federal jurisdiction.

Location for national repentance and prayer:

National Education Department in Washington, DC

Location for state and local repentance and prayer:

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