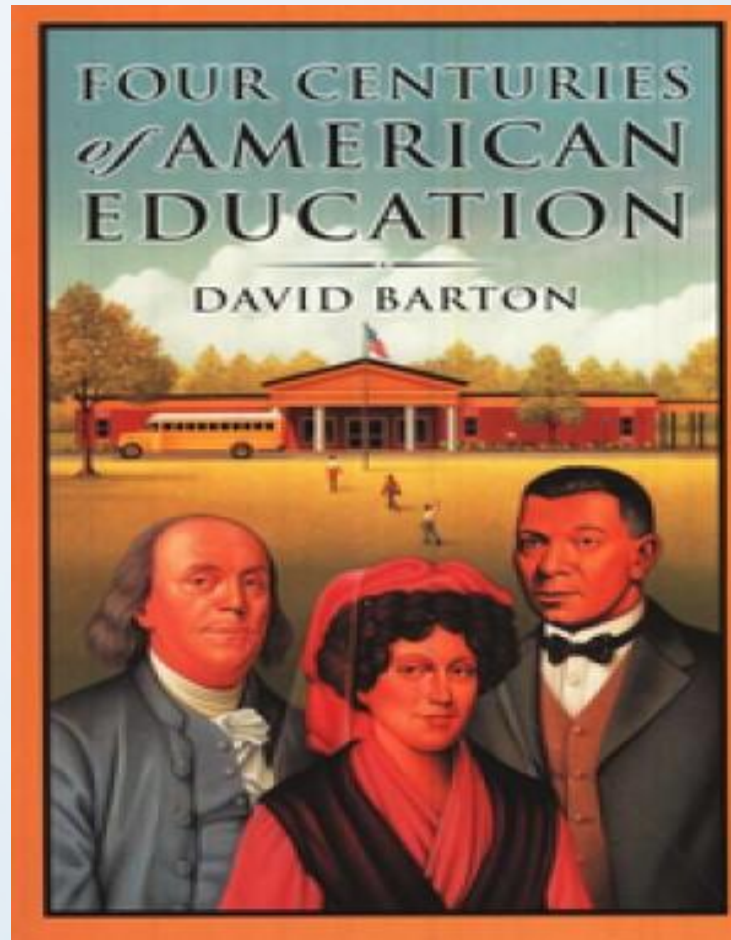




Aberdeen Christian School

Why Christian
Education?

Four Centuries of American Education – David Barton



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- **Even as late as 1950 the Supreme Court looked favorably upon religious instruction in public schools**
- **1962 - courts ordered a completely secular approach to public education**



Why Christian Education?

- **Compartmentalizing the Creator of the Universe?**



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- **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom - Prov. 9**
- **Fix these words of mine in your hearts...teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up - Deut. 11**

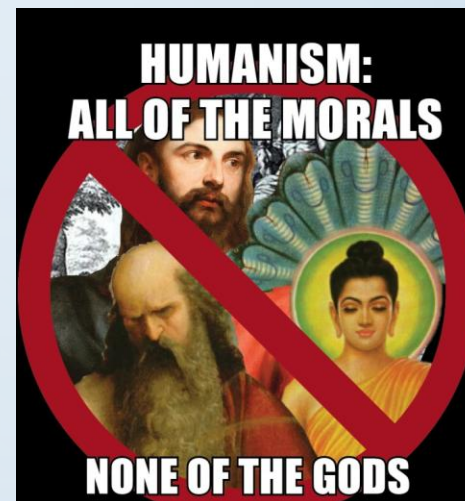
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- **“Having devoted more than two decades of my life and all my professional skills to studying and working with ministries of all types, I am now convinced that the greatest hope for the local church lies in raising godly children.” - George Barna**



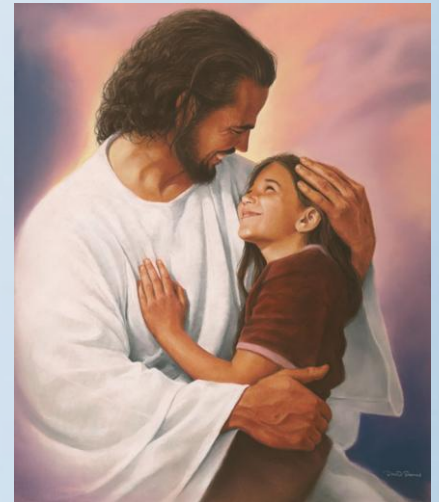
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- Since the removal of God from schools and the trends of a secularized society TRUTH has become lost: Humanism - each person can determine his or her own truth



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- **ACS is determined to come alongside parents and churches to help students establish a Biblical world-view. God's word is true and can be trusted = Relationship!**



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- **TRUTH?** “75% of teens and adults reject the notion there are absolute moral truths. 80% of teens claim that nobody can know for certain whether or not they actually know what truth is.” – ‘Our Youth – The Redefining of Family and the Dangers of Keeping God out of the Picture’

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- **“I would advise no one to send his child where the Holy Scriptures are not supreme. Every institution that does not unceasingly pursue the study of God’s word becomes corrupt.” – Martin Luther (1520)**



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- **“America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify that devotion to the elements of righteousness which are derived from the revelations of the Holy Scripture.” – Woodrow Wilson (1919)**



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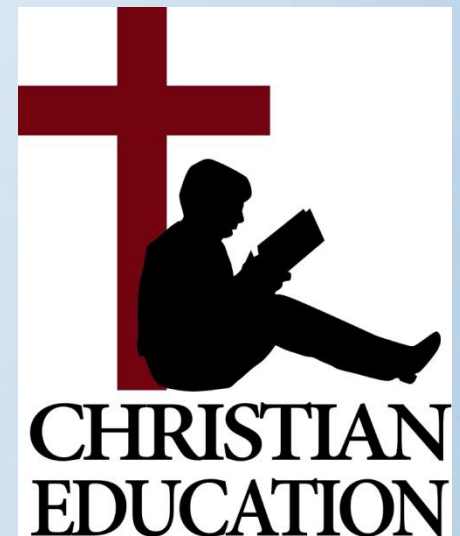
- “We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God...we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the Offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.” – Abraham Lincoln (1863)

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- **“Men and women are three-part beings. We all consist of body, mind, and spirit. When we refuse to acknowledge a third part of our make-up, we create a void that allows evil, prejudice, and hatred to rush in an wreak havoc.”** - Darrell Scott, father of Rachel Scott, victim of Columbine Shooting.

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- **“Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.” – George Washington**

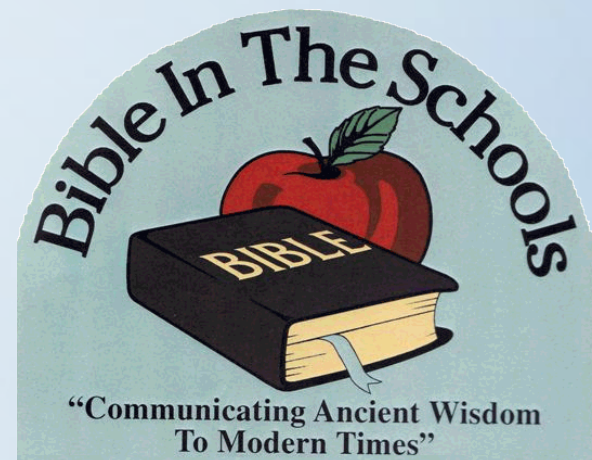


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- **Dr. Benjamin Rush (1791) – The Father of Public Schools saw the Bible as the only sure means to prevent crime, for it dealt with the heart – the source of all crime; he therefore accurately forewarned that if America ceased to teach the Bible in schools, then not only would crime increase, but great quantities of time and money would be expended in fighting crime.**

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- **Fisher Ames (1789) – Primary author of the First Amendment – warned of a misapplication of separation of church and state – said the Bible must never be pushed to the back of the classroom, much less completely out of the schools.**

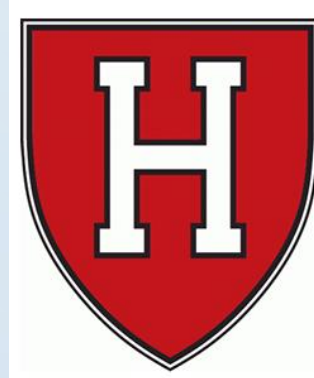


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- **Noah Webster – ‘The Schoolmaster of America’ (1783) said, “The Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which children under a free government ought to be instructed...no truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.”**

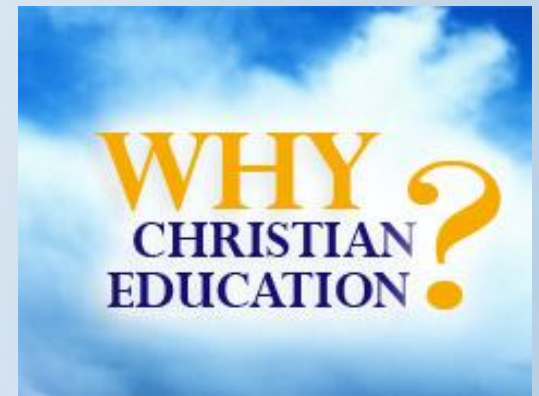
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- **America has a rich tradition of humbly recognizing our need for a Savior: Harvard was established as a school to train ministers of the Gospel. The university admonished its students to: ‘...Be plainly instructed and...consider well, the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus, which is eternal life, and therefore to lay Christ as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning.’**



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- **Aberdeen Christian School is committed to equipping its students to glorify God by providing:**
 - 1. Safe & Orderly Climate**
 - 2. Shepherding Hearts**
 - 3. Sharpening Minds**



Why Christian Education?

- **The vision for a Biblically-based education is clear**
- **Would you consider being a part of ACS?**
- **Please pray about helping us raise up the next generation of godly citizens**
- **Thank you for your time!**