

Washington Post, 2016, Letters to the Editor --
“The March 13 front-page article ‘A mission for
Jesus in the public schools’ reminded me of my
days in elementary school, after the Supreme Court
had wisely restricted prayer in public schools. ...

To set up systems whereby Jews, Muslims, Hindus,
Buddhists and even atheists feel left out and
unwanted is a mockery of our Constitution, which
clearly provides religious freedom for every
American.” – Barbara Lautman

She is incorrect in this last statement!

I would point out that “freedom of religion” is not
“freedom from religion.”

Our constitution was written by men who believed
in the God of Heaven.

"To the corruptions of Christianity I am indeed
opposed, but not the genuine precepts of Jesus
himself. I am a Christian in the only sense in which
he wished anyone to be, sincerely attached to his
doctrines in preference to all others..." - Thomas
Jefferson

“To paraphrase Arthur C. Clarke, the greatest tragedy in the history of humanity is the hijacking of morality by religion. There is absolutely nothing moral about religion; religion has caused more murder, torture, rape, fratricide, patricide, matricide, genocide and infanticide than any other human evil.” Blane Morse , Herndon

Except for quoting Arthur Clarke, he is incorrect in the entirety of his statement!

The “hijacking of morality by religion” did not occur, but the opposite did! Morality has been hijacked by the atheists who claim it with no basis for what is moral!

It is much like a Muslim coming to the US and swearing to uphold the Constitution while holding to the Koran.

Qur'an (4:89) - “... therefore take not to yourselves friends of them, until they emigrate in the way of God; then, if they turn their backs, take them, and slay them wherever you find them; take not to yourselves any one of them as friend or helper.”

Do you wonder whether two atheists can agree on whether homosexual activity or faithfulness to a spouse is required? They have no basis on which to call either immoral.

Christianity provides both.

1Co 6:9-10 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ... will inherit the kingdom of God.

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Again, this is completely untrue – **not a single word of it is true!** When the truth is known, atheism holds the record in every instance.

The total number of deaths estimated (at its highest) to lie at the feet of humanity's poor practice of Christianity is approximately 17 million. This number would include ancient wars, the Crusades, the Inquisitions, various European wars during the Middle Ages, and witchcraft trials.

Josef Stalin killed 20 million by starvation in the 1930's, but the total number killed during his leadership in Russia is thought to be 60 million.

Japan killed 30 million Asians from 1937-45.

Mao Zedong 45-72 million between 1946 and 1975

“Hitler killed 6 million Jews and 9 million Christians”

Irreligious killing outdoes religious by 66 to 1 and the religious killings were in direct contradiction to the Bible.

Concerning infanticide – the number of abortions in the last 100 years is above 1 billion worldwide, all fought against by believers in Jesus.

I found no indications of infanticide as a religious practice.

The indications of torture, rape, fratricide, patricide, matricide, genocide and infanticide are evidently pointed at the Inquisition of the Catholic church but are few in number.

What has the decline in teaching morals in our public schools accomplished?

Murray v. Curlett lawsuit, which led to a landmark Supreme Court ruling ending official Bible-reading in American public schools in 1963. This came just one year after the Supreme Court prohibited officially sponsored prayer in schools in Engel v. Vitale.

In 1925 New York City, 85 percent of black families were two-parent. In 1940, black illegitimacy stood at 14 percent.

In 1965, 3.1 percent of white infants were born to single mothers.

In 2012, “72.3 percent of non-Hispanic blacks are now born out-of-wedlock; 66.2 percent of American Indians/Alaska Natives; 53.3 percent of Hispanics; 29.1 percent of non-Hispanic whites; and 17.2 percent of Asians/Pacific Islanders. That’s 40.7 percent overall.”

<http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/329432/latest-statistics-illegitimate-births-roger-clegg>

After hitting a high in 1990 of 1.8-4.3 times the 1960 rate, the rates in Violent crime, Property, Murder, Rape, Robbery, assault, and Burglary are down to about 0.9-2.3 times the rate in 1960 on a per capita basis.

1Ti 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, (2) for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (3) This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

I would suggest that the men who wrote the constitution had a thorough knowledge of 1Tim
2.1-3

They create a two-tiered social system within the student body: students who attend are self-declared "good" and therefore superior; students who don't attend are viewed as "bad" and therefore inferior, all with the "blessing" of teachers. If teachers want to teach "good," they should first define it. How about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all citizens, not just some? -

Blane Morse , Herndon

So how do we define “good”?

We need an objective standard.

Something that we can go by in
which the opinions of individuals are
not used.

Of course, God give us that standard.

Joh 12:48-49 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.
(49) For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak

There are 218 verses in the NT
containing the word “good” in the KJV
and 217 in the ESV

I found one for me especially, 1Ti 4:6 If
you put these things before the brothers,
you will be a good servant of Christ
Jesus, being trained in the words of the
faith and of the good doctrine that you
have followed.

I found some especially for the ladies if they are to be ladies cared for by the church.

1Ti 5:10 and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work.

1Ti 2:9-10 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, (10) but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.

I found something for all of us as we are all rich in this country.

1Ti 6:17-19 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. (18) They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, (19) thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Eph 2:10 For we are his
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
for good works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk in
them.

What are these good works?

Eph 2:15-19 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, (16) and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. (17) And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. (18) For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. (19) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Php 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved,
as you have always obeyed, so now,
not only as in my presence but much
more in my absence, work out your
own salvation with fear and
trembling, (13) for it is God who
works in you, both to will and to
work for his good pleasure.

Col 1:10-12 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. (11) May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, (12) giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Preaching the word of God to those who are lost is primary among the “good” that the Scriptures teach us.

What is the key for restoring the place that righteousness had in this nation?

Luk 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Luk 8:15-18 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. ... (18) Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

2Pe 3:9-12 The Lord is ... patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. (11) Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, (12) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

If you haven't lived a "good" life, turn to Jesus and join in the battle to return Jesus to the place He should have in the hearts of those around us.

Act 22:16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'