

"ON THE FRONTIER"

"The Ignorance Of The Information Age"

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Despite technological advancements, man remains the same as when the Lord God made him. You can dress a man in a three piece suit, give him a cell phone, teach him to build a space shuttle and "surf the net", yet without God, man is lost. Man continues to ask, "Who am I? What am I doing here? Where am I going?". But, apart from God, man has no satisfactory answers for living his life. The Old Testament declares that there is no new thing under the sun. In other words, the nature of man remains unchanged. Man's need for change resides within, not without. God's provision for man is clearly set forth in His Word. The direction man needs to take is not hidden from him.

Psalms 48:14

For this God *is* our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

I Peter 1:24,25

For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

In 1844 the Supreme Court (contemporary with James Madison) ruled in favor of teaching the Bible in our schools. The following is from Vidal vs. Girard: "Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament ... be read and taught as a divine revelation in the [school] its general precepts expounded and its glorious principles of morality inculcated ... Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament?"

In less than 200 years our nation reached heights never thought possible. Yet, in three short decades we are on the brink of social decadence. Why? In 1962 a new Supreme Court ruled to separate Christian principles from education, school prayer was outlawed. This was done with NO legal precedents. Less than one year later this ban on prayer was reaffirmed and Bible reading also prohibited. Prior to these two shameful resolutions the old Supreme Court had ruled Bible teaching a must and school text books quoted the Bible. With time, more restrictions were placed upon our education system including the forbiddance of public display of the Ten Commandments. The logic? Fear that the students might venerate or even obey them. In short, God and His Word have been outlawed from our children's place of learning, the cradle of our nation's future.

George Washington in his Farewell Address warned, " ... reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle". It certainly looks like he was right! We now lead the Western World in violent crime, divorce, teen pregnancies, voluntary abortion, illegal drug use and illiteracy. Instead of prayer in school we now have drugs and violence, instead of the Bible, guns and metal detectors. Too many of our youth have become unwed mothers and dead beat dads. Wake up America, before it is too late!

Psalms 127:1

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain."
