

Released in 1979, the classic Pink Floyd rock opera hit, *Another Brick in the Wall, Part 2*, was the band's only number one hit song. I still remember the kids in my fourth grade class chanting the words from the back of the room, "We don't need no education! We don't need no thought control!" While the author was drawing on his past, the song ominously warned of a dystopian educational system that brainwashed its students through thought control. Could it be that such a system exists today? Could it be that students today are being brainwashed by a corrupt educational system? In order to be truly brainwashed, one must be deceived into believing the lies they are being taught. So the question we must ask ourselves is, 'have we become victims of thought control?'

The great tragedy of the educational system today is that it is not being driven by facts, but by a philosophy or a new world view, one very different than that which many of the universities were originally founded on. You see, many of the great universities, such as Harvard, Yale, Oxford, Duke, Stanford, and Brown University, to name a few, were founded as religious universities. Today, the major universities have made a foundational paradigm shift, letting go of their religious views and instead adopting secular world views that directly impact the ideology that is being passed on to students today.

In 1963, two landmark decisions played primary roles in removing prayer and the Bible from public schools in America. This decision to remove God from school was inspired by the fear that religious teachers might push religious views on secular students. Instead, the exact opposite has occurred. As a result of taking God out of school, secular world views have been forced on religious students and faculty, and the popular secular theories are being pushed on students as infallible facts. Let me illustrate.

Let's start with perhaps the most popular theories of our day; evolution and the big bang theory. First note that both the theory of evolution and the big bang theory are clearly presented as theories, not facts. In light of this, couldn't we

say, "Maybe there are other theories out there which we can consider, such as creation"? Some will argue, "The theory of creation is not based on scientific evidence, while the theory of evolution is," but those who have studied both theories know that is not true. Creation is supported by the exact same evidence that the big bang theory is based on. Let's look at the facts.

Two of the major scientific breakthroughs in the origin of the universe were the discoveries of light rays in space and the expanding universe. While some say that the light came from the big bang and the expanding universe is proof that the world was once a small dot of matter that exploded then expanded, modern education ignores the fact both of these discoveries perfectly explain the account of creation as recorded in the Bible, when God said, "Let there be light" and "stretched out the heavens" (Gen. 1:3; Jer. 10:20). Ironically, these scientific discoveries so perfectly explained the biblical account that the Agnostic astrophysicist Robert Jastrow was constrained to admit, "Astronomers now find they have painted themselves into a corner because they have proven, by their own methods, that the world began abruptly in an act of creation to which you can trace the seeds of every star, every planet, every living thing in this cosmos and on the earth" (Christianity Today, Vol. 26, August 6, 1982, p. 15).

Regardless of whether the theory of creation is true or false, the point is that one very valid scientific theory has been so starkly silenced that anyone who accepts it is mocked, censured, and even fired from their job for their belief. Why? Because theories from the Christian world view are no longer allowed to be considered as potentially valid in the educational systems. While a great percentage of the world still accepts the Christian world view, it is not even allowed to be considered in these schools, which were once professedly Christian institutions.

Of course, the problem goes much further than the creation or evolution debate. This is not about individual issues, but rather, competing world views. Ever since the secular world view

pushed religious thought out of the school, it has firmly obstructed any religious ideology from gaining ground in order to maintain its position. We see it all through the school system today. Every single issue that arises has been filtered through the new ideology, the prevailing secular world view. The secular world view is playing its own brand of "king on the hill," fighting to keep any free thought or any hint of religious debate out of sight on college campuses, on a number of subjects.

Today, most college students have been led to accept theories as facts that are 'irrefutable' even before all the facts are in. Consider global warming. While all recognize climate change is real, we view the facts differently. Long before scientists noticed any change, Christians warned that there was a coming weather crisis based on Biblical evidence that dates back two thousand years. Again, science is supporting what the Bible long ago predicted, but again the Bible is not allowed to be considered in the debate because it is not part of the secular world view, but the Bible has the answer to climate change! Isn't it funny that we are not allowed to consider any option but the secular world view?

We also have the gender debate. While we have conflicting scientific studies that debate the gender issue, the prevailing scientific evidence seems to support the idea that there are two biological genders, just as the Bible long ago specified. In spite of the evidence, studies that identify only two genders are being aggressively buried. We are not allowed to have an open discussion about the facts because the Biblical idea that there are only two genders does not go along with the secular world view says that we can have as many genders as we want. As a result, secular scrutiny is again pushing the Christian off of campus, claiming the Christian is full of intolerance, while Christians simply want to look at both sides.

Another issue that has been challenged is the idea of when life begins. The secular view says that the mother is allowed to abort the fetus because it is not a life yet, but when Imran

Sikander secretly gave his girlfriend an abortion pill to destroy the fetus, he was charged with murder! How can it be murder if the fetus is not yet human? Of course, the Bible says a fetus is human, and this is backed by science, but the school system is not willing to consider alternative facts, even if they are backed by science. As a result, Christians are often criticized simply for standing up for a view that is not popular by the secular standards that have taken over the universities.

In spite of what many claim, the issues promulgated on campus today are not objectively considered with an open mind from the view of the prevailing scientific facts available, but they are being pushed on the basis of a new world view. These issues and more are based on secular world views; a secular religion of sorts. They certainly are not beliefs based solely on facts because all the evidence is not in yet. These are not objective views, but are opinion based theories over issues which are initiated by people who are only willing to look at the evidence that supports their already biased opinions. If the evidence contradicts their idea, it is rejected.

Sadly, secular theories have pushed religious ideas into a closet. Free speech is no longer tolerated on campus. Christians have been silenced and unfairly labeled for simply promulgating different views than those of the secular viewpoint, and all of academia has fallen into this deadly delusion. Tragically, students are no longer educated, as education demands looking at different sides of the evidence. They are indoctrinated, fed by a one-sided, biased, secular world view that has taken over the modern-day campus. Welcome to Indoctrination 101.

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