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*A CALL FOR CHURCH SPONSORED SCHOOLS*

*by Larry Rice*

*Most major hospitals in America were started and funded by Christians or the Christian Church.*

Larry, that isn't such a surprise when one realizes that America didn't start taxing income until 1913. In those days, more money was given to churches than to our government.

*Most of the major universities established during the founding of this country (particularly Ivy League schools) were started and funded by Christians or the Christian Church.*

Larry, see previous reply.

*Most orphanages in America were started and funded by Christians or the Christian Church. Childhood education in America was in the hands of parents or the Christian Church until the government took over in the middle of the last century.*

Larry, I think our government started a little sooner than that. See Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public\_school\_(government\_funded)#United\_States:

"The first free public school in America was the [Syms-Eaton Academy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syms-Eaton_Academy) (1634) in [Hampton, Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hampton%2C_Virginia), while the first tax-supported public school in America was in [Dedham, Massachusetts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dedham%2C_Massachusetts)."

*Child care has historically been the responsibility of parents not the government.*

Larry, what makes you think child care is not still the responsibility of parents? I think you are confusing child care with education. They are not the same thing Larry.

*Christians and the Christian Church have tended to 'pull out' of society more and more, recently, to the community's loss (failing to be salt and light).*

Larry, it's not so much that Christians are pulling out of society, as much as it is Christians pulling out of Christianity. See:

http://www.gallup.com/poll/103459/questions-answers-about-americans-religion.aspx

Larry, whether or not that is to the "community's loss" depends on one's perspective.

*It is the church's mission and responsibility to share the Gospel with, evangelize, and disciple our community. (see Mark 16:15)*

Larry, the Muslims have the same mission (see Sura 61:9).

Both religions seek world domination. But Larry, Islam is the only one of the two ... that is growing.

Now Larry quotes Robert Simonds, from the National Association of Christian Educators:

*"Christians must leave all America's children a moral, intellectual and spiritual heritage."*

Larry, 0 for 3. That's not too impressive. Regarding the intellectual heritage, millions of Christians believe the Earth is 6,000 years old (strike 1). Regarding the spiritual heritage, there is nothing to pass on since no evidence for anything outside the natural world has ever been found (strike 2). Regarding moral heritage, that might be kind of hard to claim when one looks at Christianity's brutal history of death and destruction including crusades, inquisitions, witch-burnings, biblically-supported slavery, and a host of other moral embarrassments. Larry ...

that's strike 3.

*"Public" schools actually "shelter children from the real world",*

Larry, you couldn't possibly have it more backwards if you tried. That's why Christians home school their broods - to shelter them from astronomy (big bang), biology (evolution), geology (age of the Earth), physics (the sun can't stop in the sky), chemistry (water can't be turned into wine), math (pi is not 3), history (there is no evidence that Egypt ever had Jewish slaves), law (working on the Sabbath is not a crime), and morals (it is not moral to hold children responsible for the sins of their parents and ancestors).

And Larry, a couple of grammar hints: put the comma inside the quotes, and earlier you should have placed the period after the parentheses.

*the real world being where God controls history and human events,*

Larry, the what? the *real* world? Larry, you believe in invisible ghosts - what could you possibly know of the real world?

*where man was created by God and for God, and where Jesus died for our sin.*

Larry, about that creation myth: we don't have any evidence to support your claim that humans were created from magic mud. In fact, all evidence supports exactly the opposite - evolution. You know Larry, that is the subject that has millions of Christians home schooling their children to shelter them from the scientific evidence ... of the *real* world.

*Statistics presented by Child Evangelism Fellowship indicate that 80% of all children in America do not attend church regularly.*

Larry, remember that link I gave you earlier? The statistics are only headed in one direction ... and it isn't the one you hoped for.

*Statistics presented by Child Evangelism Fellowship indicate that 85% of all professing Christians became so between the ages of 4 and 14, childhood being the prime time to evangelize.*

Gee Larry, I wonder why that is? It couldn't be because, Christianity has its greatest chance of success with those who have not yet developed the thinking skills necessary to defend themselves from the threats of eternal torture, could it?

*Many children will never become regular attenders of a local church, and we should not expect them to come to our churches necessarily.*

Glad you feel that way Larry. We finally found a point of agreement.

*Many parents will, though, send their children to school when they would not send them to church, Sunday school, or Vacation Bible School.*

Larry, it sounds like there is hope after all.

*The church should be moving into, moving within, and reaching out to, all areas of the community.*

Larry, it sounds like you are describing the way cancer grows. Actually, that's a pretty good analogy.

*We should be going to them, not expecting them to come to us. Virtually all unchurched children attend "public" day school.*

Larry, according to that Wikipedia article I referred to earlier, nearly 90% of all children attend public school. According to that Gallup Poll I referred to, about 90% believe in God. So not only do virtually all "unchurched" children attend public day school ... the same is true of "churched" children.

*Day school can be a great opportunity and medium for child evangelism.*

Larry, that's a violation of the First Amendment as was recently demonstrated in the very public case where a prayer was removed from a public school.

The First Amendment is the only thing standing between our Democracy and the Theocracy that many Fundamentalist Christians are working for. Christians like you, Larry.

*Opportunities pass us by, each and every day that children gather for school, to reach unchurched children, and the church should be seizing the opportunity.*

Actually Larry, the Constitution has made it very clear that public school is off limits to evangelizing. There are many other acceptable ways to evangelize. The one you are promoting ...

isn't one of them.

*Hundreds of children in our community attend government schools all their life and are never introduced to the truth, the Gospel, Jesus Christ, the Bible, the Ten Commandments, the creation account of history, or our Creator, God.*

Larry, you are full of shit. In America, you couldn't find a school-age child who hasn't heard of the things you mention.

Like reality, you wouldn't know truth if you heard it, as proven by your bizarre religious beliefs which defy every branch of science.

And your 10 Commandments are a joke. Our country *was* founded on 10 commandments - they are referred to as "The Bill of Rights." Most of your 10 Commandments are nowhere to be found in our laws, and the few that are, were not originated by Christianity but came way before desert nomads ever dreamed up that Yahweh spook.

*Most parents would prefer better schools for their children (nearly 60% according to an article in Education Week, Oct 95), and many are willing to even pay for it.*

Larry, I'm trying to figure out who the 40% are, who wouldn't prefer better schools for their children.

*God's people are commanded to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you....and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare" (Jeremiah 29:7).*

Larry, why do they need to pray? Doesn't God already know whether or not they are going to pray? What happens to those cities where they don't pray? Do they get plagues?

*Among the many responsibilities of the local church are to 1) build communities of character, the primary focus being developing character in individuals,*

Larry, the problem with that is that the character that they build always excludes those whom they cannot force to submit.

*2) equip its members to "train up their children in the way they should go", 3) equip its members to fulfill their vocation, and 4) guide each individual to put his full faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and to love Him with all his heart, soul, mind and strength. Day school can be a vehicle to help accomplish these objectives.*

Larry, so can church. In fact, that is where that kind of nonsense belongs.

*Church sponsored schools can help bring about the much needed separation of school and state by encouraging and facilitating removal of children from tax-funded/government schools.*

Larry, I think we all know how you'd feel if some of these church sponsored schools were Muslim or Hindu. It's pretty obvious that no Christian wants freedom of religion. My evidence? See any of a thousand different verses in your Bible. You can begin with the First Commandment.

*According to Bill Bright, in The Coming Revival, "The spirit of anti-Christ rules nearly every public institution."*

So Larry, why is the Antichrist whipping Jesus' ass in the public arena? I thought you said this guy was all-powerful?

Hell, even Allah is kicking His ass. By the end of this century, Islam is projected to be the world's largest religion. At the rate Christianity is fading, you guys will be lucky to be ranked above Scientology.

*According to Dr. David Noebel, of Summit Ministries in Manitou Springs, CO,*

*Government schools promote and teach the religion of secular humanism.*

Larry, 4 things:

1. Get yourself over to a dictionary: secular humanism is not a religion. It is the exact opposite of a religion.
2. Government cannot promote any religion due to the First Amendment.
3. Secular humanism is not "promoted" - it is studied; as are many religions.
4. David Noebel is a moron - as are you if you buy into his crap.

*So, would our churches consider the bold undertaking of providing a ministry of early education (starting with Kindergarten or First Grade and continuing up to Seventh or Eighth Grade or as much as we have faith for) for our community, recapturing our role and influence in society and the community and utilizing the opportunity to share the Gospel to all children in our community?*

Larry, let's hope not. Having centuries of progress undone by superstitious Ghost Worshippers is the worst thing that could happen to our nation, which is just beginning to find the courage to free itself from the horrible threats of an evil, invisible monster.

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THE SCIENCE SEGMENT

Molecular Alternatives to DNA and RNA Offer New Insight Into Life’s Origins

Living systems owe their existence to a pair of information-carrying molecules: DNA and RNA. These fundamental chemical forms possess two features essential for life: they display heredity -- meaning they can encode and pass on genetic information, and they can adapt over time, through processes of Darwinian evolution. A long-debated question is whether heredity and evolution could be performed by molecules other than DNA and RNA.

A researcher recently published an article describing the evolution of threose nucleic acids, to extend these properties to other so-called xeno-nucleic acids. Six of these unnatural nucleic acid polymers are capable of sharing information with DNA. One of these xeno-nucleic acids, a molecule referred to as anhydrohexitol nucleic acid was capable of undergoing directed evolution and folding into biologically useful forms.

Nucleic acid aptamers, which have been engineered through in vitro selection to bind with various molecules, act in a manner similar to antibodies -- latching onto their targets with high affinity and specificity. Xeno-nucleic acids are heartier molecules, not recognized by the natural enzymes that tend to degrade DNA and RNA.

Both RNA and DNA embed data in their sequences of four nucleotides -- information vital for conferring hereditary traits and for supplying the coded recipe essential for building proteins from the 20 naturally occurring amino acids. Exactly how (and when) this system got its start however, remains one of the most intriguing and hotly contested areas of biology.

According to one hypothesis, the simpler RNA molecule preceded DNA as the original informational conduit. The RNA world hypothesis proposes that the earliest examples of life were based on RNA and simple proteins. Because of RNA's great versatility -- it is not only capable of carrying genetic information but also of catalyzing chemical reactions like an enzyme -- it is believed by many to have supported pre-cellular life.

Nevertheless, the spontaneous arrival of RNA through a sequence of purely random mixing events of primitive chemicals was at the very least, an unlikely occurrence. If the RNA world existed, how did it come into existence? Was it spontaneously produced, or was it the product of something that was even simpler than RNA?"

This pre-RNA world hypothesis has been gaining ground, largely through investigations into xeno-nucleic acids, which provide plausible alternatives to the current biological regime and could have acted as chemical stepping-stones to the eventual emergence of life.

Threose nucleic acid for example, is one candidate for this critical intermediary role. It does some interesting things, including the molecule's capacity to bind with RNA through antiparallel Watson-Crick base pairing. This property provides a model for how xeno-nucleic acids could have transferred information from the pre-RNA world to the RNA world.

Nucleic acid molecules, including DNA and RNA consist of 3 chemical components: a sugar group, a triphosphate backbone and combinations of the four nucleic acids. By tinkering with these structural elements, researchers can engineer xeno-nucleic acid molecules with unique properties. However, in order for any of these exotic molecules to have acted as a precursor to RNA in the pre-biotic epoch, they would need to have been able to transfer and recover their information from RNA. To do this, specialized enzymes, known as polymerases are required.

Nature has made DNA and RNA polymerases, capable of reading, transcribing and reverse transcribing normal nucleic acid sequences. For xeno-nucleic acid molecules, however; no naturally occurring polymerases exist. So researchers painstakingly evolved synthetic polymerases that could copy DNA into xeno-nucleic acids, and other polymerases that could copy xeno-nucleic acids back into DNA. In the end, polymerases were discovered that transcribe and reverse-transcribe six different genetic systems. The experiments demonstrated that these unnatural DNA sequences could be rendered into various xeno-nucleic acids when the polymerases were fed the appropriate xeno-nucleic acid substrates.

The study advances the case for a pre-RNA world, while revealing a new class of xeno-nucleic acid aptamers capable of fulfilling myriad useful roles. Although many questions surrounding the origins of life persist, researchers are optimistic that solutions are coming into view.

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FAMOUS QUOTES

Henry Havelock Ellis (1859 –1939) 80 years.

He was a British physician and psychologist, writer, and social reformer who studied human sexuality. He was co-author of the first medical textbook in English on homosexuality in 1897, and also published works on a variety of sexual practices and inclinations, including transgender psychology. He is credited with introducing the notions of narcissism and autoeroticism, later adopted by psychoanalysis. Like many progressive thinkers of his era, he supported eugenics and served as president of the Galton Institute.

“Had there been a Lunatic Asylum in the suburbs of Jerusalem,

Jesus Christ would infallibly have been shut up in it at the outset of his public career.

That interview with Satan on a pinnacle of the Temple would alone have damned him,

and everything that happened after could have confirmed the diagnosis.

The whole religious complexion of the modern world

is due to the absence from Jerusalem of a Lunatic Asylum.”