BROKEN BLUE PRINT SERMON SERIES Lesson #3 – Popular Pagan Philosopher That Influences USA's Education Sermon Bible Notes: Pastor Cary Rodgers

True education develops the character in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Israel was to be an agent of true education to the world as long as they were obedient to the truth of God's Word and Ten Commandments.

God positioned Israel to be the head and an example to the world of true education.

Deuteronomy 28:13

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*:

Over the years because of their disobedience to God and a desire to be like the idol worshiping nations around them God allowed them to be captured by Babylon for 70 years. They exchanged the true education that was centered on faith in God for a false educational system that was based on self, pride, envy, and covetousness.

Isaiah 5:13

13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because *they have* no knowledge: and their honourable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

Israel failed to fulfill God's plans by following a false educational system that was based on the lies of Satan. As a result, God cut off Israel.

Isaiah 9:14-16

- 14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.
- 15 The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail
- 16 For the leaders of this people cause *them* to err; and *they that are* led of them *are* destroyed.

The false prophets of Israel led the people to error which led to their destruction.

Instead of destroying the Canaan nations around them as God instructed, they mingled the truth of God with the false education of the Canaanites.

Psalms 106:34-39

- 34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:
- 35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.
- 36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.
- 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils.
- 38 And shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

Israel lost its position to lead the world when they mixed the false education of the Canaanites with God's true education.

When Israel was pure and undefiled their children's first text book was only the Bible until around age 10. From 10 to 15 they studied the law of God and sanctuary message. After that they entered into rabbinical schools to learn more about Levitical training and responsibilities that was directed by God. They also studied from all the books of Moses **Genesis**, ath and astronomy.

Physician

Every priest was trained as a physician. They learned natural remedies and the laws of the body and the law of God.

Music and Poetry

The school of the prophets flourished during the time of David. Music and poetry were taught. This is most likely where David learned his skills of playing the harp. David wrote many of the song and poetry in the book of Psalms.

Trade

Learning how to work with their hands in a trade such as construction was part of their true education that helped develop the characters of each student in the ways of God.

All instruction of Israel was intended to develop the spiritual nature and character of man. True education is faith education.

Health reform and educational reform are united in true education.

Before Daniel was carried captive to Babylon he was educated in true health reform and educational reform. His example and faith in God's Word led him to be the head and not the tail.

Daniel 1:8

8 But Daniel **purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself** with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Daniel and his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, were faithful to God in the midst of the corrupt nation of Babylon.

How did God bless their faithfulness to health reform and educational reform?

Daniel 1:17

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Ten times better

Daniel 1:18-20

- 18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.
- 19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.
- 20 And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them <u>ten times better</u> than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

As a result of true education they were able to stand for God in the midst of persecution. Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah refused to bow down to the golden image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up. They were thrown in the fiery furnace and Jesus was in the midst to deliver them because they were rich in faith.

God shut the mouths of hungry lions when Daniel was thrown into the lions' den.

In the last days God will have a remnant people that are educated in true education like Daniel and the three Hebrew boys. They will be prepared to give the last final warning to the world.

The educational system of Egypt and Babylonian was based on pagan system of lust and self-worship.

God calls his people out of the educational systems of Egypt and Babylon.

Deuteronomy 4:20

20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as *ye are* this day.

Revelation 18:2-4

- 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.
- 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.
- 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

The Greeks and the Romans fully adapted the false educational system of Egypt.

Plato a Greek philosopher was one of the master minds behind paganism. His system of pagan education rejected the Bible and replaced it with the philosophy of men.

"Plato (/ˈpleɪtoʊ/ *PLAY-toe*;[2] Greek: Πλάτων *Plátōn*, pronounced [plá.tɔːn] in Classical Attic; 428/427 or 424/423 – 348/347 BC) was an Athenian philosopher during the Classical period

in Ancient Greece, founder of the Platonist school of thought, and the Academy, the first institution of higher learning in the Western world.

He is widely considered the pivotal figure in the <u>history</u> of <u>Ancient Greek</u> and <u>Western philosophy</u>, along with his teacher, <u>Socrates</u>, and his most famous student, <u>Aristotle</u>."-wikipedia

Schools in America have adopted Plato's pagan educational system of human philosophy and reasoning into their curricula.

What is God's warning concerning a Plato education?

Colossians 2:8

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

- 1 And I (Paul), brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.
- 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
- 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.
- 4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
- 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

What did apostle Paul say to the philosophers on Mars hill?

Acts 17:16-32

- 16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.
- 17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.
- 18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.
- 19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, *is?*
- 20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.
- 21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)
- 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.
- 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

- 24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;
- 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;
- 26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;
- 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:
- 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.
- 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.
- 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:
- 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.
- 32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this *matter*.

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