

Education

WHEREAS in the area of public education there are very grave departures from the original Christian and American patterns in matters of basic and historic educational concepts held by Baptists through the years; and

WHEREAS public education now almost universally attacks and denies the accuracy and the authority of the Word of God, and exalts in its place the evolutionary and materialistic philosophies of men; and

WHEREAS these attacks and materialistic concepts of life have a vicious influence upon the moral and spiritual life of our young people in their early, formative years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the pastors and messengers in this twenty-eighth Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Rochester, Minnesota, June 22-26, 1959, agree to the following propositions:

First, that we deplore and decry the anti-Christian philosophies and educational concepts that continue to develop in our public school system. The Bible is not to be taught in tax-supported schools, but it must not be ridiculed and attacked where no defense is tolerated, for such teaching is in the realm of religious instruction. To do so is a betrayal of our youth in an unfair cowardly manner.

Second, that since our educational system has been so widely corrupted, we therefore look with favor upon the founding of Christian day schools wherever such schools can be properly financed without government aid.

Third, that we support more enthusiastically our own Baptist institutions of higher learning with both our prayers and our money.

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