

Recalibrating our GPS

Moving from Confusion/Complacency to Confidence/Commitment.

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Along our journeys we'll all face many choices and challenges that will lead to decisions that may sidetrack or sabotage our journey. *What if the information we getting is inaccurate?*

What if our ability to process that information (our internal "GPS") has been corrupted?

This month millions of young people will graduate and launch into "adulthood".

Most will be struggling with a combination of:

Anticipation: (Fantasy) *They'll finally be able to make their own decisions.*

Anxiety: (Fear) They'll be responsible for those decisions!

Jesus addressed the relationship between our Anxieties and our Priorities in Matthew 6 by telling us that our heart (passions) will follow our treasures (priorities) (Mt 6:21) He then warned that if we're focusing on the wrong things our ability to perceive will become "evil" (diseased)! Vs 22,23

"If therefore the light (perceived truth) that is in thee be darkness, (deception) how great is that darkness!"

1. The Baccalaureate service dates back to Oxford (1432), in which graduates:

"worship in celebration of and thanksgiving for lives dedicated to learning and wisdom."

A. There are 2 sources of Wisdom! (James 3:13-17)

- 1) 15 *"wisdom that is earthly, (epig'ios: superimposed) sensual, (psychikos': natural) devilish" (Daimon)*
- 2) 17 *"the wisdom that is from above is pure, peaceable, gentle... full of mercy and good fruits..."*

B. God calls us to prioritize and pursue His Wisdom. Pr. 4:3-7

"Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom... get understanding"

C. Worldly wisdom seeks to sabotage God's Wisdom. Col. 2:2-10

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- 1) Satan (the thief of Jn. 10:10) seeks to "blind our minds" (2 Cor. 4:4) into believing that the pursuit of our own "way / wisdom" is the path to fulfilment. (See Pr. 14:12; Mt. 7:13)
 - a) We need a reliable reference point to successfully navigate life's journey!
 - b) Compasses are designed to give us reliable directions based on a fixed "Reference Point." Just as the compass reference point isn't really "fixed", so worldly wisdom keeps changing, moving further from God's Wisdom! (Ecc. 3:10; 1 Tim. 3:5)
- 2) American Education was once built on this foundation of "Veritas" (Truth)
 - Harvard motto (1650) "Veritas Christo et Ecclesiae." 'Truth for Christ and the Church.'
 - Yale Motto: "Lux et Veritas" Reveals that "Light and Truth" Come from God's Word!
 - a) Until 1962, America's schools opened with a pledge of allegiance and a prayer.

The following HS Valedictorian prayer changed the course of Education in America:

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country. Amen."

That prayer resulted in the US Supreme Court "Landmark" decision (Ingl vs. Vitale) that effectively removed God from our public educational system. Justice Stewart (dissenting vote)

"It led not to true neutrality with respect to religion, but to the establishment of a religion of secularism." (Humanism!)

3) God's "Light and Truth" had already been under attack for generations in America.

a) 1933 Humanist Manifesto signer Charles F. Potter writes, "*Humanism is not the abolition of religion, but the beginning of real religion. By freeing religion of supernaturalism, it will release tremendous reserves of hitherto thwarted power.*"

(Charles F. Potter, "Humanism: A New Religion," 1930)

(1) This "religion" was formed in Eden and was Satan's original objective! *Gen. 3:5; Ro. 1:18-32*

Ro.1:28 "as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, (epig'nosis: recognition) God gave them over to a reprobate mind..." (Adokimos: worthless, unapproved)

2 Pt. 3:5 "*For this they willingly are ignorant of that by the word of the Lord the heavens (were made)*"

➤ Evolutionist George Wald (a Harvard biochemist and Nobel Laureate), wrote,

"When it comes to the Origin of Life there are only two possibilities: creation or spontaneous generation. There is no third way. Spontaneous generation was disproved 100 years ago!

"that leads us to only one other conclusion, that of supernatural creation.

We cannot accept that on philosophical grounds; therefore, we choose to believe the impossible: that life arose spontaneously by chance!" ("The Origin of Life," Scientific American, 191:48, May 1954).

"I don't want to believe in God! Therefore I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible, Spontaneous generation leading to evolution."

"Frontiers of Modern Biology to Theories of Origin of Life" (New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1972 P. 187)

Ps. 14:1; 53:1 "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God! They are corrupt ..." (Shāḥat': ruined)

Conclusion:

Humanists have succeeded in redefining "Truth", (marriage, gender, biology, etc.) effectively "launching" America's young adults on a very turbulent journey without their God-given navigational system fully operational, with predicable and devastating effects!

That same year God was removed from school the "Mariner 1 rocket was launched. A small "programming error" caused it to swerve off course resulting in its destruction. hat one digit mistake cost \$18 million dollars and 2 years!

Application:

America's graduates are about to "launch" out into new territory....

But their particular "rocket" is both "armed" (with deceit) and manned!

God warned us of this in 2 Timothy 3:1,2,13 "*in the last days perilous times shall come...*

Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers... ungodly...

13 evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

Next week we'll examine How America's "GPS" (veritas/truth) was corrupted;

And how to "disarm" the dangerous deceptions that affect our GPS.

2 Tim. 3:14-17 "*But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise ...*

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine,

(didaskali'a: teaching truth!)

for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man (& woman) of God may be perfect,

(Ar'tios: complete! Remember Col. 2:10)

thoroughly furnished unto all good works."