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## *“Education without the Bible, where does it lead?”*

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In 1844, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Stephen Girard—a French immigrant who settled in America prior to the Revolutionary War—played a significant role in shaping education for orphans. Upon his death in 1831, Girard left a considerable endowment to establish Girard College, a school for orphaned children. His will included explicit directives that prohibited religious instruction within the institution. Specifically, he required the teaching of "pure morality" without the involvement of clergy, missionaries, or ministers from any denomination, thus deliberately excluding formal religious teachings, including the use of the Bible, from the curriculum.

At the time, this caused significant controversy because many believed that Biblical Christian principles were essential for teaching and maintaining morality. Without the Bible, it was widely thought, society would become immoral.

This sparked a case that went before the United States Supreme Court. The case was *Vidal v. Girard's Executors* in 1844. Daniel Webster, arguing for the plaintiff, said that excluding Christianity from education was “repugnant” to American principles, asserting that the Bible, especially the New Testament, was the ultimate source of moral instruction. Many parties argued that education without the Bible was “obnoxious and untenable. The majority opinion from the

Would you all be surprised to hear every Democrat that voted, voted against the passage (two Democrats did not vote at all)? Are the Democrats revealing to us that they do not want parents to have the right to decide what their children read? That is exactly what they are telling us (that is what Terry McAuliffe said in Fairfax in his failed bid for Governor in 2021).

During this meeting, the left was bemoaning the fact that school systems were just pulling sexually explicit material off their bookshelves because, “that is not what we intended,” said Delegate Charniele L. Herring (D), from Virginia’s 4<sup>th</sup> district in Alexandria and the patron of HJ1, the “Right to Reproductive Freedom”. The fact is, Ms. Herring, if you had your way, the parents would not even be notified, you voted against the passage of the bill.

Senator Adam Ebbin (D), from Senate District 39 and patron of SJ249, the same-sex marriage Amendment, stated, “You know, I’m alarmed, I’m alarmed and maybe not surprised, but alarmed that schools are eliminating authors like Kirk Vonnegut (known for his books of dark humor), Judy Blume (known for her books on things of an explicitly sexual nature)....award winning authors or books that are a part of our popular culture nowadays, like ‘Wicked’”. Again, Senator, you voted against the passage of the bill that would let parents know what their children are reading.

It seems that this is the process of the left; teach your children about sex at an early age, give them unrestricted access to contraceptives so that they can live out what they have been taught, and then (in case they do not use or the contraceptive fails) give them the unrestricted freedom of an abortion without, again, the notification to the parents. The left wants the parents out of the equation.

This, my friends, is where we have come by taking the Bible out of the equation with respect to the education of our children. It started with thinking that we do not need the Bible to teach morality, now we just do not worry about morality at all. Teach them early about the things that should remain on a personal level between a husband and wife, then give them the tools to fulfill their lustful desires, and the bailout when a child conceived is the product. That is the Democratic Party of the Commonwealth of Virginia, *they must be stopped this November.*

Each believer MUST vote and MUST vote Biblical principles in this election.

We would love to come and share with you all the things that are happening at the Virginia General Assembly and VAIB. To get on our schedule, please call 804-960-4015. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours for the Master,

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