## Yankee Steve's Almanac

## for the Week of April 21, 2009

Below is a note about our times taken from *The Harper Dictionary of Modern Thought* [by Alan Bullock, 1977] on the subject of secularization.

Secularization [is] the decline of religion. This has been more marked in the 20<sup>th</sup> century than in any previous period of recorded history, and the concentration on this age . . . instead of on the divine has become the real orthodoxy of the modern ESTABLISHMENT. At its minimum, secularization means the decline of the prestige and power of religious teachers. It involves the ending of state support for religious bodies; of religious teaching in the national schools; of religious tests for public office or civil rights; of legislative protection for religious doctrines . . . and of the censorship or control of literature, science, and other intellectual activities in order to safeguard religion.

America moved in the direction of secularism when it separated the federal government from the church four years after the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. It did so because the founders of America were fair and judicious men. They knew that churches can be corrupted by power in the same way that political organizations have been corrupted.

America should have separated the state from the church because the conscience, when it comes to metaphysics (not morals) should not be governed by anyone outside of us. However, we must now ask if secularism, which is a type of metaphysics, has now become dictatorial and authoritarian.

Is Humanism a religion just like Christianity is a religion? It certainly is a religion. And if that is the case then an all-powerful church has been replaced by secular pontiffs. Humanists are anything but tolerant. A child who denounces Darwin in school, even on scientific grounds, is looked upon as a blasphemer. The old blasphemy laws have given way to laws that are meant to protect Humanists from being challenged about their beliefs.

What can we learn from this? We learn that "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." [Lord Acton] Whoever is in power, especially if he is a Marxist of one sort or another, will act as if the opposing viewpoint is too dangerous to be tolerated.

It is important to remember that the public school system has been influenced by educators like the Progressive Marxist John Dewey. Dewey and his type made it their business to re-educate our children thereby creating in them a disposition favoring Humanism.

From www.lexrex.com we get this quote by Dr. C. M. Pierce of Harvard University from his speech to teachers [circa 1973] –

Every child in America entering school at the age of five is INSANE because he comes

to school with certain allegiances toward our founding fathers, toward our elected officials, toward his parents, toward a belief in a supernatural being, toward the sovereignty of this nation as a separate entity. It's up to you as teachers to make all of these SICK children well by creating the international children of the future.

And LexRex knows that,

"We must awaken. We must become enlightened. We must rise up. We must put an end to the indoctrination of our children with the Humanist Religion. We must protect our homes, our families, our values, and our nation. The time is now! William Penn warned, "A people not ruled by God will be ruled by tyrants."

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