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The Deadly Leaven of Higher Education

I was never called to engage in the college *business*. But by 1947 the need had become imperative to establish an educational arm of the Church on the college level. It definitely was NOT because this world needed another college. There were too many of this world's institutions of higher education already!

But the living God had caused me to realize the serious need for a college to educate a ministry for His Church and to train other personnel to fill the increasing number of administrative offices. For this purpose it had to be God's kind of college—utterly unique in the world. No college or theological seminary extant filled this purpose.

Jesus Christ had called His people *out* of this world—to live *in*, but not *be of* it.

What, then, was lacking in existing institutions? I quote from a section entitled "The Missing Dimension in Education" that appeared for many years in the Ambassador College annual catalog:

"It is generally recognized by educators that dangerous evils have leavened the educational system. Curricula, generally, have become wholly materialistic. Demands in scientific, technological, industrial, commercial and professional fields have put the emphasis on the purely technical and intellectual, at sacrifice of spiritual, moral, and cultural development; on curriculum rather than on character; on earning a living at the neglect of learning *how to live!*"

"Universities have grown so large, students lose their identity, moving along a huge academic conveyor belt. Personality development is sacrificed. Personal contact between student and instructor becomes nonexistent."

"The most essential knowledge is the purpose and meaning of life—the true values as distinguished from the false—and THE WAY to peace, happiness, and abundant well-being. But this basic and most important dimension in education is entirely missing from traditional curricula."

What had gone wrong in the educational system of this world? I have never explained that explicitly. True, I have covered this same material in dealing with other

questions. But now I repeat, in this context, what I have written in relation to other subjects.

I have PROVED the existence of God, the Creator of all. I have PROVED the infallible authority of the Holy Bible, in its original writings, as the inspired Word of God.

The first humans created on earth were a male and a female named Adam and Eve. God explained fully to them about His government—that it had been taken from the earth by prehistoric angels. The Creator explained to the first human pair His PURPOSE in producing humanity on earth—to REPRODUCE Himself after His own image; to create in humans God's own holy and righteous CHARACTER.

But this perfection of holy character CANNOT be instantaneously created by fiat. It must be DEVELOPED, and humans must make the CHOICE themselves!

This was revealed clearly to Adam. But Adam also listened to—and believed—Satan, through his wife Eve.

Adam had made the decision, saying, in effect:

"Almighty God, I REJECT you as Lord and Ruler—I reject your government. I reject you as my spiritual Savior, and I reject you as the Source of basic KNOWLEDGE. I want you to keep yourself out of my affairs. I will TAKE TO MYSELF the KNOWLEDGE of what is good and what is evil. I will govern myself. I will take care of my own spiritual needs."

And, in effect, God replied: "You have decided for yourself and your descendants. Therefore I SENTENCE YOU and the WORLD that shall be born from you to 6,000 years of being cut off from me—except those few during that 6,000 years whom I shall call out of your world for my own purposes."

"Therefore GO—and form your own governments over nations that shall come from you. Devise your own religions. Develop your own system of KNOWLEDGE and means of disseminating it. Of course, in all this, without realizing it, your descendants will be influenced, led, and subtly deceived by Satan the devil. But YOU have made the decision. Those of your children who are thus deceived will NOT be judged during their mortal lives in this 6,000 years—they will be neither 'lost' nor 'saved' spiritually."
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