

## So this is Christmas?

Recently the Hillsborough County school board, not unlike many school districts across the United States, made some ground rules regarding the celebration of the “holiday season.”

It was officially stated that teachers could discuss the Jewish menorah and Kwanzaa and Christmas—though the latter elucidation would be tempered by this caveat: that the teaching about or mentioning of Jesus Christ would be prohibited.

Perhaps, then, the word *Christ* should be removed from *Christmas*. Perhaps we should just call it *Mas* or as the occultists love to call it: *Xmas*.

Regardless whether most of the founding fathers—oh, that’s right, political correctness now dictates that schools refer to them as the founding *framers*—were Christian, the nation’s population certainly was.

Still, this nation was not set up as a theocracy and our government should never have allowed the birth of Christ to be celebrated or commemorated in public venues where others of different religious beliefs had no option but to be exposed to it.

I think back to the bad old sixties, back to my senior year in high school, back to the last Christmas assembly I would attend. It was tradition that we all stood for the playing of the pageant’s finale: Handel’s *Messiah*.

During this last assembly, however, one student didn’t stand. Instead, he sat in protest.

My first reaction was to snatch him out of his seat and help him get his legs beneath him. Then I thought, knowing he wasn’t a Christian, that he probably didn’t find this assembly very spiritually uplifting or even fun.

I realized he had a point.

Christians have had it good over the last two centuries. We celebrated Christmas in places where others, who may not have wanted to, couldn’t avoid it.

That’s not really fair, I think.

It is recorded that Jesus stated that if someone opened the door, He would enter. Jesus wasn’t rude. He didn’t say that if one didn’t open the door He’d kick it in. He never said that everyone had to listen to Him whether they liked it or not.

The Bible was once read in the public education system. I remember my classmates and I taking turns reading a chapter to start each day of the school year. I remember that somewhere along the line the Bible reading disappeared. I don’t remember exactly when because I never did pay attention whether listening or reading. Nearly all of us went through the motions. We did the Bible thing because we had to.

In a way—though we were supposed Christians—Christianity was kind of forced upon us as much as it was on those of other religious persuasions.

On the other hand, creationism was never taught in school, just evolution, which, to this day, is a theory with more holes than a sieve. Yet it was and still is taught. Now intelligent design has been added to the curriculum. What in the world is that? Sounds like a course in Etch-a-Sketch.

So why don’t we do this:

Get rid of all trappings or any mention of religion in public education.

Get rid of all the theories about how Earth and life began. The secular scientists and educators have never proved their case, so get rid of it. Heck, I think we would do better to concern ourselves with how Earth and life will end if this nuclear brinkmanship isn’t nipped in the bud very shortly.

And let's also do this:

Let's take Christmas, along with Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Ramadan, out of the school system, out of government venues.

Take them all out and allow no religion to take its place.

But that won't happen, will it?

For sure, Christmas and Christianity will be expunged from public education, but other religious and pagan belief systems will be introduced. Count on it.

Not long after its inception in the late seventies, the United States Department of Education (U.S. D.O.E.) began to embrace the educational philosophies of internationalist entities that wished to implement a single curriculum in the school systems of all nations.

That's why the D.O.E was created. An overarching organization was necessary to advance the global mantra: Forget national sovereignties. We're all going to be one big happy family.

Recently things have heated up even more.

Can you think back to President Bush's speech in which he sought the United Nation's sanction to invade Iraq? It was during this speech that he welcomed again the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) that Ronnie "The Rogue" Reagan booted out.

Bush did this to soften up the U.N. in order to get its blessing for the invasion. Although the U.N. withheld its sanction, the U.S. wound up back in bed with UNESCO, which is hard at work around the globe to make the path smooth for a one-world government with a single economic, education and religious system.

Christians and all freedom-loving people, therefore, should be vigilant to identify the global intrigues whose purpose it is to infect our public education with pagan and socialistic tenants.

But enough of politics and global machinations for now. This is Christmas, is it not? Time to turn our thoughts to other things. Like the birth of Jesus Christ.

So, then, let us all consider that Christians don't need State- or public-sponsored displays to demonstrate or celebrate their faith. There is ample opportunity to do that by giving one's testimony and providing an example through one's everyday walk.

After all, the best place to hang the trimmings of Christmas is about one's heart.