

Heavenly Education

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As it says in the Principle, fallen man fell into ignorance, and human history is the providential course of overcoming that ignorance through religion (internal truth) and science (external truth). Through this providence, God has been guiding man's 'Understanding of himself and the world toward the goal of restoring man's true dominion over creation, and establishing the true relationship of love between man and man, and between man and God.

However, God's providence has been greatly hampered by the fact that Satan has often been in control of the very "seats of learning" through which knowledge was supposed to be given to man. Thus, universities, academies, and schools of learned men have often perpetuated rather than overcome human ignorance and folly.

For example, that clique of self-righteous academicians known as the Pharisees condemned Jesus on the basis of studying the very scriptures which testified to Jesus' coming -- so Jesus condemned them as being "blind guides" and "hypocrites."

Nowadays, universities in the Western world teach a materialistically biased, negative and often destructive view of the world in the name of "objectivity." The fashion among intellectuals these days has been to play "the Devil's advocate;" but how many professors and scholars do we see standing up for God?

Also, in the Communist world, they have extensive training establishments, such as the "Lenin University" in Russia, for training young radicals in the techniques of spreading propaganda, subversion, and terror throughout the world; but how many countries support schools for spreading truth, harmony, and love throughout the world?

However, we are now living in the Latter Days when goodness has finally risen to take an aggressive stance -- thus, new heavenly educational bodies have come forward to challenge Satan's hold on the world's intellectual establishment.

We must enlighten the world to the fact that the goal of education and the goal of religion is the same -- to bring man to live correctly. Because God is the author of life, the study of life and life's problems is folly without the knowledge of God. Therefore, we must strive for the goal of education put forward by the prophet Isaiah: "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." (Is: 11:9)