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JUDGE PUTS HOLD ON PRO-HOMOSEXUAL CURRICULUM

Last week, we reported on a new "sex education" curriculum about to be inflicted on children and families in Montgomery County, Maryland. More propaganda for the homosexual agenda than instruction, among other absurdities, the material claims, "Many religious denominations do not believe that loving people of the same sex is immoral." The material does not specify which denominations or their rationale for taking this anti-Biblical position.

Only churches that have abandoned the clear and unambiguous teachings of the Bible (to make their peace with modernity) are willing to sanitize exceedingly sinful conduct. The curriculum neglects to note that most denominations – Catholic, evangelical, Orthodox Jewish, etc. – flatly reject this heresy.

Apparently, we're not the only ones who find the "instruction" outrageously onesided. Recently, U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. (a Clinton appointee, no les) issued a temporary restraining order to prevent implementation while arguments are heard.

In his decision, Judge Williams noted that the Montgomery County Public Schools propose to "open up the classroom to the subject of homosexuality, and specifically the moral rightness of the homosexual lifestyle. However, the Revised Curriculum presents only one view on the subject – that homosexuality is a natural and morally correct lifestyle – to the exclusion of other perspectives."

The judge added that the public interest is served by preventing school officials

"from disseminating one-sided information on controversial issues." He's absolutely right. Too many schools have taken sides in the culture war – against Christianity and in favor of secular values. It's good to occasionally have a federal court acknowledge this reality.

RABBI WARNS OF ANTI-RELIGIOUS ASSAULT ON CHRISTIANS

My good friend Rabbi Aryeh Spero, who spoke at our Confronting The Judicial War on Faith Conference has written an important article taking to task what he calls "ACLU-niks" for their attacks on religious expression.

In "It's About Christianity And America's Institutions, Stupid," Rabbi Spero asks rhetorically, "How does the display in winter of a sparkling Christmas tree, or a freely chosen grace before meals, or the acknowledgement of the Ten Commandments as the basis of the American legal system, and the existence of a God-believing, heterosexual Buy Scout troop 'establish' a national religion?" How indeed?

The rabbi then exposes one of the dirtiest little secrets of modern liberalism: "As secularists, they (liberals) abhor genuine convictions of Faith and cannot abide its challenge to their own irreligiousity. They fear it – especially the powerful Christian variant – for it bespeaks their own rootlessness and lack of faith. Thus their need to destroy it. Some are, sadly, simply anti-Christian – a bigotry acceptable among today's cultural elite; some are envious and do what envious people often do: Crush the object of their jealousy."

To these words of an Orthodox rabbi, this Baptist preacher can only add a fervent "amen!" I'm proud to be joined in this battle by men like Rabbi Aryeh Spero, Rabbi Daniel Lapin, Father Frank Pavone (of Priests for Life) and former Vatican Ambassador Ray Flynn.

The full article can be read on Rabbi Spero's website – <u>http://www.americasrabbi.com/</u>

DANCE TEACHER DISMISSED FOR RELIGIOUS MUSIC

As if in confirmation of Rabbi Spero's observation, comes news that a dance teacher in the San Diego was terminated after she used religious music in her classes. A complaint from a school district staff member alleged that the theocratic instructor used music which "referenced Jesus" several times.

Kevin Snider, Chief Counsel for the pro-faith Pacific Justice Institute, notes, "It would be inconceivable to have an official ban on utterance of the name of Jesus in the public schools" when studying history, literature or art. (Imagine an art teacher not being able to show slides of religious frescos?) Why should dance music be any different? Are students dancing their way to the establishment of a

state church?

Even when the courts are willing to allow something like this, over-zealous school officials seem determined to expunge even mild manifestations of religion from our public schools. It's time the faithful stopped sitting in the corner tapping their feet and joined the rest of us on the dance floor.

WASHINGTON POST ACKNOWLEDGES OUR ROLE IN THE JUDICIAL BATTLE

It's always nice to have one's work acknowledged. An article in The Washington Post ("Filibuster Fray Lifts Profile of Minister – Scarborough Has Network and Allies") did just that. The article appeared on page 1 of the Sunday, May 8th Post.

The Washington Post noted, "While he lacks the name recognition of more prominent religious activists . . . Scarborough is a potent force with close ties to House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Tex.) and influential Senate conservatives." It further observes, that "Scarborough is emblematic of the Christian right leaders who have been drawn to the (judicial) fray."

The article also comments, "Now that he is in the thick of the filibuster controversy, Scarborough's op-ed pieces are being picked up by major newspapers, and copies of his nine-year old book, 'Enough is Enough,' which discuses judicial overreach, are in big demand."

I hope the foregoing won't be considered immodest or boastful. I thank the Lord that our work is gaining recognition. With publicity, even more of the wise and just will rally to our banner. For that, I am humbly grateful.

The complete article may be read at our website – <u>http://www.stopactivistjudges.org</u>.

ACTION TODAY

D-DAY APPROACHES FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OPTION

Within the next few days, the Senate will vote on the Constitutional Option, to amend its rules to stop a minority from un-democratically and unconstitutionally blocking the president's judicial nominations.

The machinations of Senate liberals have gone on far too long! Incredible as it seems, on May 9th. nominees Priscilla Owen and Terrence Boyle (both for the US Circuit Court of Appeals) had been languishing for four years. This is insanity! Does anybody believe the Founding Fathers intended to give a minority of senators a permanent veto over the president's judicial nominees?

I was going to publish a list of Senators who are undecided, or who won't commit, and urge that they be targeted for e-mails and calls. But no vote can be taken for granted. Even if you think your Senators have announced they are prepared to support the Constitution and majority rule, contact them anyway, to shore up their vote. If they're on the other side, try to bring them to a sense of fairness.

You can call your Senators through the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. E-mail them at the Focus On The Family Citizen Link website – <u>http://www.family.org/cforumm</u>. But whatever you do, I implore you, do it now.

TELL LOTT WE'RE NOT IMPRESSED

Mississippi Senator Trent Lott, alleged to be a Republican, has leaders like Jim Dobson and Don Wildmon seething. Dr. Dobson told his listeners that he has it from a "reliable source" that Lott has cut a deal with Senate Democrats.

In return for his vote against the Constitutional option, Kennedy and company have agreed to an up or down vote on all nominees, except for "extreme circumstances."

But the devil, as they say, is in the details. What are "extreme circumstances"? In all likelihood, any nominee the left considers "extreme" – for example, those who are pro-life and anti-gay marriage, or those who acknowledge our religious heritage. Whether or not you're a constituent, please contact Senator Lott's office, through the Capitol switchboard, and respectfully inform his staff the Senator's reported "compromise" is no compromise at all.

Sign the DeLay Declaration

Today, at a reception in Washington DC, I will present Congressman Tom DeLay with our Conservative Leadership Declaration in support of his position on judicial reform. I am pleased that this version of the petition bears the names of almost 50 leaders of the moral-values movement, including: Gary Bauer, Jerry Falwell, John Hagee, Beverly LaHaye, Joyce Meyer, Pat Robertson, James Robison, Phyllis Schlafly, Paul Weyrich and Don Wildmon.

The presentation is the beginning, not the end of our campaign in Congressman DeLay's behalf. You can sign our petition online at <u>http://www.stopactivistjudges.org</u>.

Help us fight the Judicial War on Faith - Get involved by following the action items above and by forwarding this alert to your friends and family. Your financial involvement is always needed. <u>Click here to donate</u>. Dr. Rick Scarborough is

president of <u>Vision America</u> and acting chairman of the <u>Judeo-Christian</u> <u>Council for Constitutional Restoration</u>.