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For those who don't know, the first 16 words of the very first Amendment to the Bill of Rights reads:

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;”

Notice there is nothing about the myth anti-Christians have about “The separation of church and state.”

It doesn't say that.

That nonsense came from words in a Supreme court ruling – not from the Constitution of this nation.

Yet throughout the last few decades, the assault on Christian values in our schools and institutions of higher learning have multiplied exponentially.

For example, “A little boy broke into tears after a Nazareth, Pa., teacher confiscated his Valentine’s Day cards because they contained religious messages and a Bible verse about Jesus,” wrote Todd Starnes April 10 at FoxNews.com.

“Alliance Defending Freedom filed a federal lawsuit Monday against the Nazareth Area School District on behalf of Donald and Ellen Abramo and their son. They claim a teacher and the principal at Floyd R. Shafer Elementary School violated their son’s constitutional rights,” Starnes continued. “They allege that the little boy was prohibited from distributing St. Valentine’s Day cards to his classmates because the cards contained a sentence about the religious history of the holiday along with the Bible verse, John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Here are other cases the Alliance Defending Freedom is involved with when it comes to fighting off attacks against Christianity:

- A then-second-grade student at a public school in New Jersey was told that she could not sing “Awesome God” in an after-school talent show.
- A pastor of a church in Arizona was ordered to stop holding meetings or Bible studies in his private home.
- Five Christian men were threatened with arrest for sharing their faith on a public sidewalk in Virginia.
- A Christian student at a university in Missouri was threatened with having her degree withheld because she refused to write a letter to the state legislature expressing her support for homosexual adoption.
- A pro-life nurse at a hospital in New York was forced to participate in a late-term abortion, even though her workplace had agreed in writing to honor her religious convictions.

While religion is under constant attack, idolizing criminals and deviant behavior is rampant.

Joshua Rhett Miller, also of FoxNews.com and on April 10, reported on a teacher, Craig Gordon, for 11th-graders within a 37,000-student district, who suggested to “critically examine a possible parallel” between Martin Luther King Jr. and “someone else many believe is currently targeted by the U.S. government, Mumia Abu-Jamal.”

Now get this, “Abu-Jamal is a former Black Panther who has garnered worldwide support by some who believe he was victimized by a biased judicial system. He will turn 60 later this month while imprisoned in Pennsylvania.”

His crime?

He gunned down a police officer. Daniel Faulkner, on Dec. 9, 1981, in Philadelphia — and he was convicted of the crime.

The teacher Gordon asked students to consider the following statement: “The media, prison system and law enforcement organizations have censored Mumia Abu-Jamal. On one hand, there have been occasional stories in print and broadcast media about Mumia Abu-Jamal. On the other, despite the widespread support for Abu-Jamal that has made his case the most renown and controversial of death penalty cases in the world today, these stories are extremely rare and always refer to him as a ‘convicted cop-killer.’ (I wonder why?)

“Despite Abu-Jamal’s ‘prolific writings’ in several books, none of his work can be found in mainstream media,” according to the lesson plan.

You can imagine how the dead policeman’s wife reacted to this “lesson plan.”

“It’s a travesty,” Maureen Faulkner told FoxNews.com by phone. “You’re going to teach children about a man who murdered a police officer? That’s not a good lesson to be teaching children. He was a radical, a militant. My question is: ‘Are our tax dollars paying for this?’”

Unfortunately, yes.

And unfortunately, citizens keep electing radical leftists to run our schools who hire like-minded teachers and professors.

Let’s look at some simple statements made by our founding fathers concerning Christianity and its importance to this once-great republic:

- “The Bible ... (i)s the most republican book in the world.”

— John Adams, signer of the Declaration, framer of the Bill of Rights, U.S. President

- “I have always considered Christianity as the strong ground of republicanism ... It is only necessary for republicanism to ally itself to the Christian religion to overturn all the corrupted political ... institutions in the world.

— Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration, ratifier of the U.S. Constitution

- “(T)he genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible, particularly the New Testament or the Christian religion ... and to this we owe our free constitutions of government.

— Noah Webster, revolutionary soldier, judge

- They ... who are decrying the Christian religion ... are undermining ... the best security for the duration of free governments.

— Charles Carroll, signer of the Declaration, framer of the Bill of Rights

- (T)o the free and universal reading of the Bible ... men were much indebted for right views of civil liberty.

— Daniel Webster, “defender of the Constitution”

If truth is really a concern of educators, these facts and beliefs of our forefathers would be consistently taught to every generation of school children to come along — but they’re not.

Until we, the people, elect those who believe in our Constitution and our founding fathers, the degradation of the nation’s spiritual values will continue to plunge into oblivion.