

## Are our children/grandchildren being indoctrinated?

Indoctrination is “the process of teaching a person, or group, to accept a set of beliefs uncritically.” (Oxford Languages)

With that definition in mind, are our children, and/or grandchildren, being indoctrinated? Before you answer, try an experiment with me. Call one of your children, or grandchildren, into the room; if that is not possible, call, text or FaceTime one of them. Now that you have his/her attention, ask the following questions before continuing to read: (Depending on the age of the child, you may have to reword the questions to make them easier to understand for him/her.)

- 1 – What does a rainbow mean?
- 2 – How old is the earth?
- 3 – How did the earth get here?
- 4 – Where did people come from?
- 5 – Is there an absolute standard of right and wrong? (In other words, are there some things that are always wrong - lying, stealing or killing for example?)
- 6 – Is truth objective, or subjective? (Is there a standard of truth, or is it fluid; depending on the person and/or situation?)
- 7 – Are law enforcement officers the good guys, or the bad guys?

If you are sitting there with your mouth open in total shock, please close it, before you begin to drool, and continue to read. Without knowing you, or your child, I would guess at least one of his/her answers surprised you. I would guess, too, that his/her answer(s) do not align with the answers you, or your parents, would have provided. In today’s world, it is likely you heard one, or more, of the following answers:

- 1 – The rainbow means “gay pride,” or it’s a symbol of the LGBTQ+ movement.
- 2 – The earth is billions of years old.
- 3 – The earth is the result of the “Big Bang.”
- 4 – People evolved from apes or monkeys.
- 5 – No, there is no absolute standard of right and wrong. What is wrong to you may not be wrong to someone else.
- 6 – There is no such thing as truth. What is true for some is not true for others.
- 7 – The cops are the bad guys.

Did all of his/her answers align with your core beliefs? Did they align with what you thought you were teaching your children/grandchildren? If your child/grandchild goes to a public school, watches TV, listens to music, explores social media, goes to the movies or plays video games, I would be surprised if all of his/her beliefs aligned with yours. Yet, there your child/grandchild sits, innocently parroting society’s battle cries.

If their answers are not part of your core belief system, where did s/he learn them? The answer:

**EVERYWHERE!**

Whether we realize it, or not, our children are being indoctrinated every minute they are awake. They are being taught to parrot the beliefs of society without being provided the tools necessary for critical thinking. Our children are being taught...

To parrot – not think

To “do you” – but only if it does not offend society’s sensitivities

To accept what we tell you to accept – do not reason, or investigate

To avoid history – except what we “color” in such a way that it props up what we want you to parrot

There is no such thing as right and wrong – unless we tell you, then THAT is right and everything the Bible, your parents and history tell you is wrong

So, the next question becomes: How are they doing it? How are those with an agenda indoctrinating our children? The answer: By every means possible!

TV & movies – Marvel has introduced its first gay superhero. Which child does not love Marvel? “Sesame Street” has introduced two gay men, after vehemently denying Bert and Ernie were gay in the early 2000s and removing them from the show. The “Bachelor(ette)” provides a fantasy suite for the bachelor (or bachelorette) to use with each of the 3 remaining suitors toward the end of each season. Premarital sex is presented as part of the process of choosing a suitable candidate for marriage. “Big Brother” makes sure to provide a platform for every conversation that parrots society’s agenda. If your child/grandchild watches TV, or even walks through the room while you are watching, s/he is being exposed to what Hollywood wants them to believe is “normal.”

Music – Nearly every artist has an agenda, and with platforms like radio, I-Tunes, I-Heart Radio, etc., the message is out. Taylor Swift makes sure her listeners connect having a moral opinion with hatred (see the lyrics to “You Need to Calm Down”).

Schools – Those we pay to educate our children/grandchildren have had their hands shackled, mouths taped and livelihoods threatened. They are to parrot the agenda, rather than teach. They are not allowed to teach kids to think. They are censored if they present Creation as a possibility, but must espouse evolution as fact, not theory. They can teach every world religion, except Christianity. (Note: It is primarily the system with the agenda, not our teachers.)

Video games – Even if your child is not allowed to play certain games, when s/he goes to so-n-so’s house for the night, s/he can play games that allow the characters to shoot law enforcement officers, explore strip clubs and kill random characters.

Media – celebrities – athletes – the list is endless. Indoctrination is REAL! If you still do not believe me, call your child/grandchild back in the room and ask him/her: Is it easier to believe in God or aliens?

On August 22<sup>nd</sup> we had corresponding lessons on the topic of indoctrination. Check our website for sermons titled “Our kids are drinking the Kool-Aid (Exodus 23:20-33)” from the AM service and “Ozzy, Nena & Solomon (Proverbs 2)” from the PM service. Also, you can find our worship services on our Facebook page.