

# Lemon Test Reversal Means Bible, Prayer and God Rightly Back In

For nearly 50 years we've been told God needs to be out of schools, Ten Commandments off walls, Bibles out of government institutions.

The Lemon v. Kurtzman case in 1971 decided for a law to be considered constitutional under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, the law must (1) have a legitimate secular purpose, (2) not have the primary effect of either advancing or inhibiting religion, and (3) not result in an excessive entanglement of government and religion.

This was recently reversed in the Kennedy v. Bremerton School District, 597 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2022), is a landmark decision[1] by the United States Supreme Court in which the Court held, 6–3, that the government, while following the Establishment Clause, may not suppress an individual from engaging in personal religious observance, as doing so would violate the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses of the First Amendment.

The new determining factor is history. Does history say it is ok to have Bibles in schools?  
Yes.

David Barton expertly explains the implications of this case and how we should strive to get prayer and Bibles back in schools, and all institutions where God had wrongly been taken out.

Barton argues that God's institutions are;  
Family  
Government  
Church

However, most people were deceived into thinking God should be out of government despite the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence stating, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Additionally, there are over 200 mentions of God or the Divine in our collective state Constitutions. Almighty God, showing the Founders were speaking of the God of the Bible.

Benjamin Rush one of the founding fathers drafted a pamphlet defending teaching the Bible in schools.

“In a case that went before the United States Supreme Court (Vidal v. Girard’s Executors, 1844), the court ruled unanimously (9-0) that the Bible could not be excluded from the education of our youth.”

Daniel Webster, who argued the case on the behalf of the government said this:

“If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; If we and our posterity shall be true to the Christian religion, if we and they shall live always in the fear of God and shall respect His Commandments...”

<http://reclaimamericaforchrist.org/2010/11/24/the-supreme-court-rules-the-bible-must-be-taught-in-school/>

The belief that God should be in these institutions was undone as the education system today was written by atheists like Potter and Dewey with the intent of Marxist Gramsci.

Antonio Gramsci, a notable Marxist said, “Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Christianity. ... In the new order, Socialism will triumph by first capturing the culture via infiltration of schools, universities, churches, and the media by transforming the consciousness of society.”

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Charles Potter author of our public education said, “Education is thus a most powerful ally of Humanism, and every American public school is a school of Humanism What can the theistic Sunday-school, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching? (Charles Francis Potter, Humanism: A New Religion)

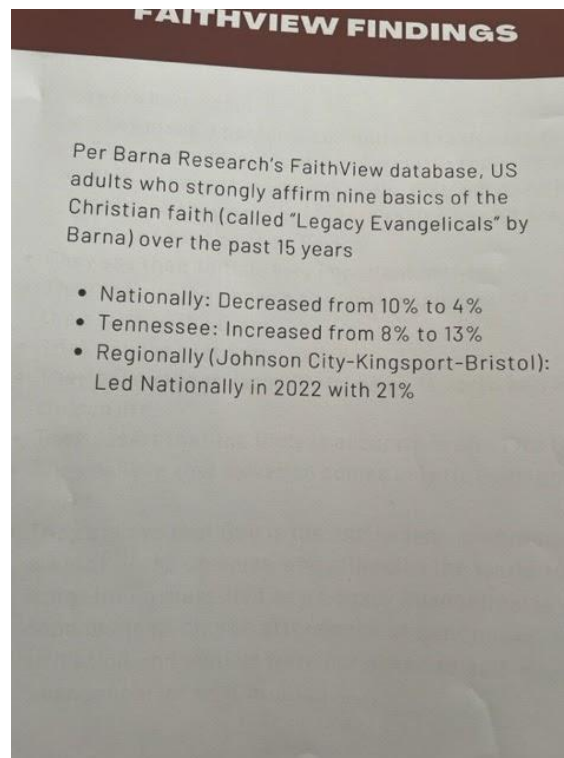
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The worldview taught is a secular humanist one. Teaching that man is the highest authority. Despite our government acknowledging God is the highest authority. Writing out God as the highest authority is a step to communism.

David Barton’s video on the implications of the Lemon Test reversal is excellent and brilliantly breaks down the truth on this issue.

<https://tpusafaith.com/nashville23/>

Additionally, I sat in on a meeting at Providence Academy that presented the following Barna data



**Findings:**

- There is a national decrease from 10% to 4% of people who identify as Christians, but Johnson City is above the national average at 21%. This is encouraging for our area however the skew is in the older demographic being 5x the national average but with the youth being the same as the national average.

Like I mentioned above humanist Potter said, “What can the theistic Sunday-school, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching?”

I pose a different question.

What can an area leading the Nation in faith do, armed with the knowledge the Lemon Test was overturned, and prayers and Bibles never should have been taken out in the first place, do to counter five-day programs of humanistic teaching?

If there is an area that can solve this problem, I believe it to be ours.

I grew up in Massachusetts. I was taught evolution only in schools. I grew up Catholic going to Sunday school every week until I was confirmed at 18. But what can the theistic Sunday school do to overwhelm 40 hours of humanist teachings? It took moving to the Bible Belt 17 years ago to open my eyes.

God is only discussed once a week in Massachusetts. Political correctness bigger than God. And as a result God became a whisper. The devil became fake. And last time I went home for my grandmas 90th birthday it was to see Marxist Pride flags which say inclusion but exclude Christians, flying at the historic churches all around Cape Cod. Flags of the world, instead of God.

I don't want that to happen here. And we have a big opportunity right now.

Ephesians 6 tells us to “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

I wrote to our Representatives and Senators and sent them David Barton's video regarding Benjamin Rush saying Bible belongs in schools and the 1844 Supreme Court Ruling which unanimously ruled Bibles should be in schools.

Let's share with them the lemon case reversal and David Barton's video too.

But let us take it further than looking to government to solve this government created problem.

Let us the people and the Church in this area, in God's country, with God's help, try.

What if each person presented this information to their Church, to the teachers they know, to their Pastors.

What if we empowered our students to pray again in schools. Student led prayer. What if we empowered our teachers. Teacher led prayer.

Also as many kids as we can get out of the teachings of humanism and into the teachings of Christianity the better. Perhaps each Church represented by our group, could raise money towards one child's PA tuition and do a scholarship. Or TriCities Christian? If all the churches in the area did that we would be able to bring God and the Bible to more!

Or become supports for homeschool. Libraries for homeschools.

What if our area had a local Pastor Coalition and more Churches taught Biblical Citizenship classes so people understood their rights are God-given, not government granted. And that the Bible instructs on every aspect of our lives from what we should think on economics, free market, immigration, abortion, education and more.

David Barton goes through this all. I highly recommend this video.

What if we, with God's guidance and for His glory, helped bring the youth up to the 5x the national average with our youth as it is with our seniors.

And what if we became a model for the rest of our state and then country?

If anyone would like to help/lead with this effort let me know.