

## Humanism

For a number of years, somewhat of a hidden agenda existed on the part of humanists in American education. However, in more recent years their confidence level has increased greatly with their inroads into the media, and they now boldly state what their objectives are and how they intend to reach them.

In the January/February 1983 issue of *The Humanist*, one is able to see what they intend to do: “The battle for humankind’s future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as proselytizers of a new faith... The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new—the rotting corpse of Christianity... and the new faith of Humanism.”

According to an address by a Harvard University professor of psychiatry, given in 1973, “Every child in America entering school at the age of five is mentally ill, because he comes to school with certain allegiances toward our founding fathers, toward our elected officials, toward his parents, toward a belief in a supernatural being, toward the sovereignty of this nation as a separate entity. It's up to you teachers to make all of these sick children well by creating the international children of the future.”

(Gene Johnson, Humanism in Public Education, Gospel Advocate, April 1989, Vol. CXXXI, No. 4, Nashville, Tennessee, 22)