

QUICK REFERENCE: THE CLERGY LETTER PROJECT

Social Implications of Evolution: Clergy Letter Project vs. Biblical Christianity

Even the name change from History to "Social Studies" shows the paradigm shift from "His-Story" to "Man's story"

The Clergy Letter Project (Social Darwinism Supports / Justifies A Humanist Worldview)	Historic Biblical Christianity
Basis of Society / Purpose of Life	
Centrality of man Jesus Christ, a moral teacher, a lunatic or a hoax Based on human reason Submissive to none, except societal trends Freedom as human force, a matter of power Man as a product of society's conditioning. Fundamental purpose to please self Nature	Centrality of God Jesus Christ as perfect God-perfect man, lord, and Savior Based on the Bible Submissive to God's law Freedom as gift of God Free will and moral accountability Fundamental purpose to please God Super naturalistic
Individuals and Families	
Abortion on demand Sexual freedom; alternative lifestyles Sex as a biological need which must be gratified: hedonism; legalized prostitution, pornography Children's right to act independent of parents Fundamental "goodness" of mankind	Rights of the unborn child Heterosexuality In marriage; chastity outside marriage Sex: an expression of God-given love between husband and wife Parental responsibility to care for and discipline children Inherent sinfulness of human nature
Education	
No place for God In the classroom Truth relative according to man's circumstances Religion not to be imposed on children Self actualization; the result of education Religion of little importance In daily life and repressive to Intellectual pursuits	Wisdom produced by reverence for God Truth revealed by God's Word Parental responsibility for nurturing child's faith. Human potential fully realized only through relationship with God Importance of religion in history, arts, and science
Science	
Evolutionary, random world Intellectual freedom without moral restraint [cloning] Bible Is a collection of myths and fables Science can engineer a perfect world Man as a machine	Orderly universe created by a personal God Moral responsibility of scientists for discoveries Biblical truth as the final test of scientific theory. World problems exceed ability of science to cure Man as spirit, soul, and body
Business / Economics	
Self-centered accumulation of wealth; materialism Existential morality; situation ethics Trade based on financial aspect only	Compassionate use of wealth as God's gift Ethical conduct based on biblical principles Alliances based on preserving godly character
Politics / Government	
Governments based on cultures, economies, and power Political action based on control, consensus, and expediency The end justifies the means Checks and balances as contests for political clout Religion has no place In public affairs	Governments instituted and upheld by God Biblical absolutes as the ultimate test of good government Fixed standards of morality Checks and balances to protect against man's sinfulness Religion impacts all life
Justice	
Protection of the criminal No evil, Just need for rehabilitation Biased decisions to restrict religious freedoms. Support of non-traditional values, dissolution of family Secularization	Victim's rights Evil to be punished Protection of religious freedom. Support for traditional values and family life Restoration of biblical standards
World Conditions	
Human suffering disproves loving God World leaders chart our destinies National strength produced by wealth and might Government programs as the Poor's only hope World government without God	Man's fall underlies human suffering An human authority subject to God Righteous living strengthens nations Christian compassion as the solution to poverty God's eventual rule of earth
Eternity	
Man has the right to determine his time of death. Man Is his own Judge Death ends human existence OR life Is a cycle of death and rebirth (reincarnation)	God sets bounds of earthly life. God Is the final Judge. Eternal punishment and reward await mankind