



# Beacon Education

Supporting Christian schooling worldwide

**God-centred education**

# What place should God have in our children's education?

There is a difference between a school that *includes* God and a school that *ignores* God

*Proverbs 22:6*

*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is older he will not depart from it.*

# The school that honours God

- serves Christian families.
- is a place where students can grow in Godly character.
- strengthens students in the Christian faith.
- helps students to achieve academic excellence.

# How is the Christian classroom different?

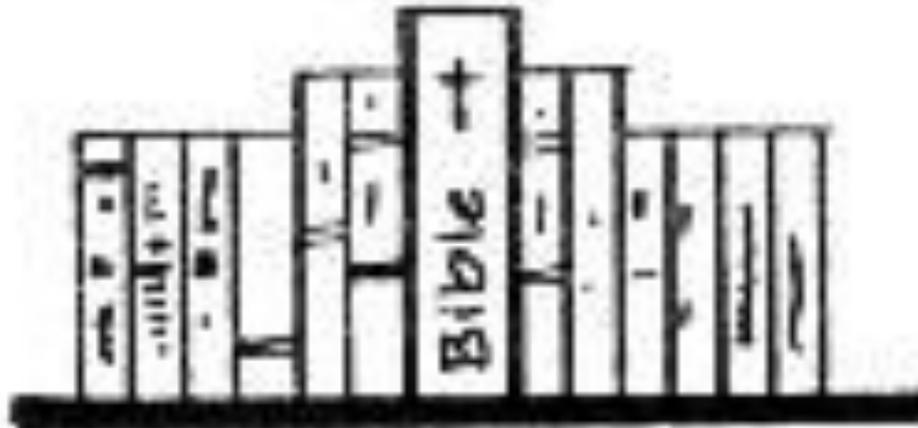
- The students benefit from being cared for by a Christian teacher.
- But there is another important reason....

# God is included in *all* parts of education

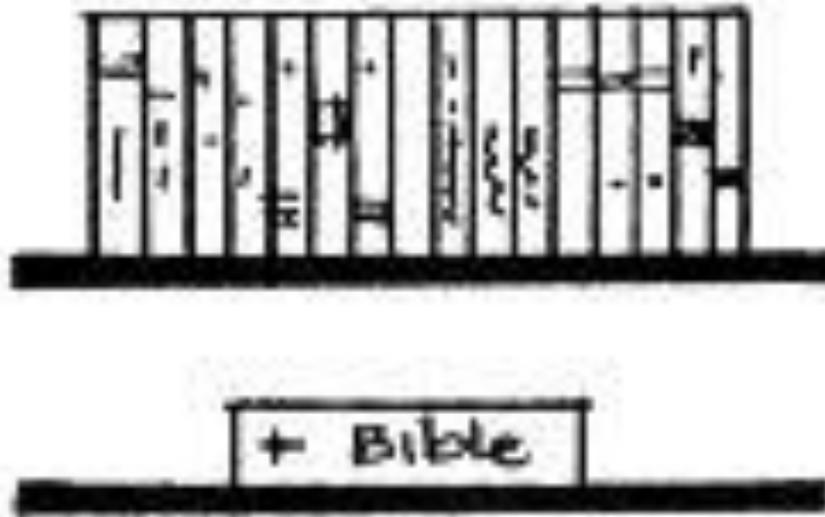
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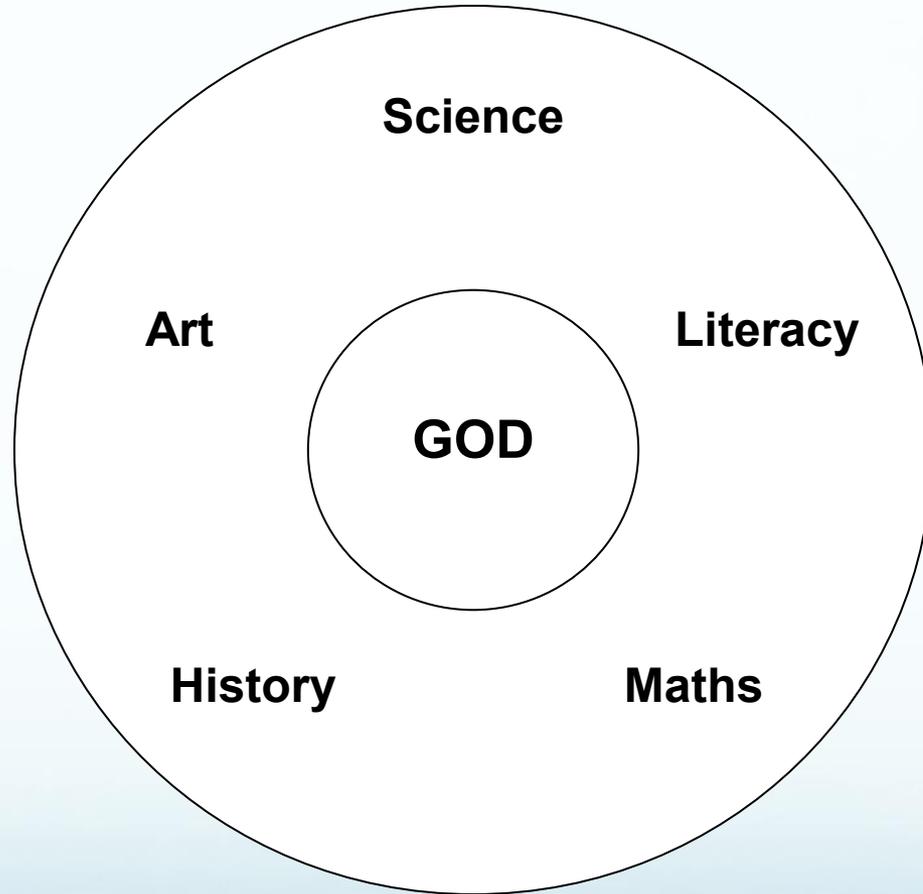
- Christian teaching ***does not*** stay in a separate box called “Bible study” or “Devotions”.
- God ***is not*** left out of mathematics, science, and other subjects. Instead, God is placed at the centre of all education.

God and the Bible should be included  
in classroom subjects



...not separated





# What does this mean for our school?

- It **does not mean** that we only teach the Bible.
- But we DO have a subject in which we specifically study the Bible.
- All other academic subjects are taught with content relevant to the modern world, but at the same time include a Biblical perspective.
- All academic subject are taught with methods that develop creativity and thinking skills in the students.

# Examples of creative teaching methods

- Students are **not** asked to mindlessly copy blocks of information from books, or from the whiteboard.
- They learn to READ the information and think critically about information. They give written answers questions that involve their own thinking and their own ideas.
- They are taught to think ‘outside the box’ with a subject called “Creative Thinking Skills”, so that they will learn to solve problems in other situations.

# Emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy

- Students who are behind the class average in literacy and numeracy are given special assistance and will “catch up” to their peers in these subjects.
- Students who already excel in Literacy and Mathematics are given opportunities to extend their abilities.
- Beacon Media has a wealth of reading materials, of high interest and moral value, that stimulates the students in their learning.

# Our Primary Subjects

- Bible studies and values education
- English
- Fijian language
- Mathematics
- Thinking Skills
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health and Physical Education
- Art and Music

# Our Secondary Subjects #1

The following Beacon Media subjects are studied:

- Biblical studies and Values education
- Geography
- English Literature
- Creative Arts & Domestic skills

# Our Secondary Subjects #2

The following Ministry of Education subjects are studied:

- English communications
- Mathematics
- Science & Social Science (both with additions of Christian evaluation)
- Commercial Studies
- Fijian language
- Physical Education

# Will our students sit for Nationals examinations?

Examinations in Ministry of Education subjects are offered.

Students will have no problem transitioning to a Government school at a later stage if desired.

# Responsibilities of Christian Parents

- All children belong to God
- As CREATOR, they are extremely precious to Him.

“You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb.” Psalm 139:13

- As REDEEMER, God wants children to hear the Truth so they will not depart from Him.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is older he will not depart from it.

- As PROTECTOR, God requires spiritual protection of children.

# Children are a gift from God

- Ps 127: 3 Children are a heritage from the Lord, a reward from Him.
- Children are “on loan” from God for the first 18 years or so of their life.
- Parents have been given the task of raising their children in the ways of God.
- Christian parents and teachers are partners in a child’s education.



*Matthew 18: 2-6 Jesus called a child, made him stand in front of them, and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like a child. And whoever welcomes in my name one such child, welcomes me. But if anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied around his neck and be drowned in the deep sea.*

***If we accept that the child truly belongs to God, we must also accept that God alone has the authority to determine the nature of the child's education.***



# The Cost of Christian Education

## For our teachers

- They give over and above the ordinary work load.
- They give their time to pray for their students.
- They give their time to nurture their students.

## For parents

- They may have to make a sacrifice in terms of financial costs.
- They support teachers by helping their children at home.

# The Cost of Secular Education

## For Parents and the Nation

- National education does not produce ‘thinkers’ who could excel outside of Fiji.
- National education is constantly pressurized by overseas secular education institutions who try to ‘help’ update the curriculum, to include the growing tide of anti-Biblical values that are present in our modern world.

**Anti-Christian values  
dominating world-wide  
secular education today**

# The right to choose your gender

The Bible tells us that He created us male and female. There are only two genders.

(It is true that some people are born with a genetic biological intersex condition, but medically speaking, this is only 18 in 1000 people, and is recognizable at birth. Yet the statistics for LGBTI in Australia for example, is 45 in 1000. Something is not right!)



# Ignoring the sanctity of marriage



# The right to abortion

The Bible tells us that life begins at conception, in the mother's womb. All life is precious and valuable.

**Psalm 139 – You were knit together in your mother's womb.**



**Is it??**

# The right to choose your time to die

God chooses when we are born and when we die.

Allowing people to choose the timing for their own death is a slippery slope.

People may choose to kill themselves for psychological reasons, when they could have been helped.

Modern medicine offers pain relief for the dying.



# The belief that all religions lead to the true God.



This picture is false.  
Christianity is not united with other religions,  
(although we do share our roots with  
Judaism.)

# Fear that our planet is heading for doom.

- Christians know that the universe is in God's hands, and He will choose the time for the end.
- This does not mean we are against caring for the planet. In fact, we teach our students to take care of the creation.



**Or is it God first?**



# Drugs and alcohol



# The cost of secular education for parents

- What happens when your teenager takes on different values to your own?







# We care about your children.

- They can be leaders of tomorrow.
- Let's work together to help grow this generation for God.

