

THE DECALOGUE OF A SENSATE CULTURE:

Why is Morality in Decline in Western Culture?

~ adapted from *What We Can't Not Know* by J. Budziszewski (Dallas: Spence, 2003), 162-3.

"I want my children to make up their own minds about religious instruction."

When parents decide not to teach religious instruction to their children, they are in fact, teaching them a powerful set of beliefs with terrible consequences:

1	It is not important for children to know anything about God	What adults think about Him makes no difference.	6
2	The questions which children naturally ask about Him requires no answers.	By implication, God does not make any difference either; God is not treated as God.	7
3	Parents know nothing about God that is worth passing on.	If anything is to be treated as God, it will have to be something other than Him.	8
4	To think about Him adequately, no preparation is needed.	*There is no important connection between one's spiritual life and behavior (e..g, the adolescent years).	9
5	*The physical body is more valuable than the immaterial soul.	This is the true creed, and all other creeds are false.	10

* By Paul R. Shockley; Professor J. Budziszewski offers eight articles of belief in the "traditionless in religion."