

Your Worldview Determines Your View of Education

Noah Webster, *American Dictionary of the English Language*, 1828

Education- *n.* [L. *educare* and *duco*, to lead out.] The bringing up, as of a child; instruction; formation of manners. Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations. To give children a good *education* in manners, arts and science, is important; to give them a religious *education* is indispensable; and an immense responsibility rests on parents and guardians who neglect these duties.

Educate- To bring up, as a child; to instruct; to inform and enlighten the understanding; to instill into the mind principles of arts, science, morals, religion, and behavior. To educate children well is one of the most important duties of parents and guardians.

Learn- To gain knowledge of; to acquire knowledge or ideas of something before unknown. We learn the use of letters, the meaning of words, and the principles of science. We learn things by instruction, by study, and by experience and observation. It is much easier to learn what is right, than to unlearn what is wrong. Now learn the parable of the fig tree. Matthew 24

Merriam Webster- Education

- a. The action or process of educating or of being educated also: a stage of such a process
- b. The knowledge and development resulting from the process of being educated

Oxford Dictionary- Education

- a. The process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, especially at a school or university
- b. A new system of public education
- c. An enlightening experience

Instruct from Noah Webster, *American Dictionary of the English Language*, 1828 To teach; to inform the mind; to educate; to impart knowledge to one who was destitute of it. The first duty of parents is to *instruct* their children in the principles of religion and morality.

Instruct from *DK Children's Dictionary* To give knowledge to; teach

John Dewey- from *My Pedagogic Creed* I believe that all education proceeds by the participation of the individual in the social consciousness of the race...I believe that the only true education comes through the stimulation of the child's powers by the demands of the social situations in which he finds himself. Through these demands he is stimulated to act as a member of a unity, to emerge from his original narrowness of action and feeling and to conceive of him-self from the standpoint of the welfare of the group to which he belongs.

I believe that education is the fundamental method of social progress and reform... a regulation of the process of coming to share in the social consciousness; and that the adjustment of the individual activity on the basis of this social consciousness is the **only sure method of social reconstruction.**" (emphasis added)

I believe that in this way the teacher always is the prophet of the true God and the usherer in of the true kingdom of God. (Conclusion of *My Pedagogic Creed*)