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## Taking Action: Create Wisdom-seekers and Not Smart Alecks

While commuting to the office of The John Birch Society (parent organization of *The New American*), I have some substantial windshield time each day. I greatly enjoy spending part of that time listening to Christian programming, including church sermons from various denominations.

I particularly enjoy listening to the late Adrian Rogers of Love Worth Finding Ministries. He had so many good, timeless quips.



Proverbs 9:10 records for us: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” In one of his related sermons, Rogers said, “Knowledge comes from looking around; wisdom comes from looking up.”

He also said, “Knowledge is proud that it knows so much. Wisdom is humble that it knows so little!”

And finally, “Wisdom is seeing life from God’s point of view!”

The Bible foretells an enormous amount of information, or knowledge, that will come about during the last days, or end times. However, wisdom and knowledge are two different things. You may have heard the saying, “Wisdom is knowledge, rightly applied.” The proper application of knowledge yields wisdom, but it is possible to be knowledgeable without being wise, if there is no application of that knowledge.

This is a long, drawn-out way of making the point that if kids are going to school to learn facts, figures, and dates of events without knowing how to apply them, then it is likely they will not possess wisdom. For example, we see a bunch of smart alecks who can spout climate-change “facts” without the critical-thinking skills to challenge such nonsense, leading them to think that man has caused climate change and man must save the planet by radically altering society. But it doesn’t have to be that way.

For more than 10 years, The John Birch Society has had an affiliate that has run a K-12 online school focused on wisdom — teaching kids how to think, not what to think. FreedomProject Academy has an award-winning formula that pulls in the best teachers with the best teaching methods focused on reading, writing, and arithmetic — a classical education steeped in the tradition of the Founding Fathers. This is what they would have learned in their homeschool studies.

Hundreds of students have graduated from FPA, ready to join the next generation of leaders. They have the advantage of knowing how to use critical-thinking skills to enable them to see the truth. They understand the difference between a republic and a democracy, that rights do not come from government, and how the American system is set up to protect God-given rights.

FreedomProject Academy has found a substantial academic gap between public-school students and FPA students of the same grade level. Sometimes this gap can span several grades, especially when evaluating reading abilities. This trend is getting worse, and is leaving good students behind. Don’t let this happen to your child. FPA has three academic tracks: FPA Live, FPA Anytime, and FPA



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Homeschool. Live and Anytime are tracks to earning a high-school diploma from the school, while FPA Homeschool relies on the parent to be accountable for the diploma.

FPA Live is the track my son is enrolled in. He attends four days a week by logging into classes that are taught live online. He's in class for about three hours a day, and uses the rest of the day for homework. Fridays are also used for homework and student clubs. Teachers are required to hold office hours in case students need additional help, and classes are recorded, so students can access them in case they want to watch them again.

FPA Anytime offers curriculum via recorded classes, so students can go at any pace they choose and don't have to attend a class at a specific time. Plenty of homework is generated here, too.

FPA Homeschool gives parents the option of using the recorded curriculum, but without FPA tests, quizzes, and grades. Those are left up to the parent in true homeschool fashion.

Costs are much lower than you'd expect, and tuition assistance is available, especially for larger families. Check out [fpeusa.org](https://fpeusa.org) for additional information and costs. Fall enrollment begins April 11 for new families, and April 4 for existing FPA students.

One of the best things you can do is give your child a solid foundation of truth. Take action and enroll your child or grandchild for this fall at FreedomProject Academy.



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