

THE CHRISTIAN MIND

The Seduction of the Christian Mind
Philippians 2:5–11

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Philippians 2:5-11(NIV)

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is
Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

INTRODUCTION:

The Christian mind – is a mind trained, informed, equipped to handle data of a secular controversy within a framework of reference which is constructed of Christian presuppositions. — *Harry Blamires*

The Christian mind is the prerequisite of Christian thinking – and Christian thinking is the prerequisite of the Christian mind. — *Harry Blamires*

The Christian mind sees all of human life and history held in the hands of God – it sees the whole of the universe sustained by his power and his love. — *Harry Blamires*

There is no longer a Christian mind.

We need to understand the times in which we live.

Pragmatism

Pluralism

Modernism

Consumerism

1. Christians have often succumbed to a lazy attitude towards the faith.
2. Orthodox doctrine and biblical teaching has not always led to Christians living changed lives in the power of the Spirit.

Sensualism

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27

How do we think Christianly in the times in which we live?

In an age of pluralism we will need to think wisely about how to present the Gospel.

In an age of sensualism we must think deeply about our moral lives.

¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.” Romans 13:13–14

In an age of individualism we will need to think deeply about authority so that God will be honoured.

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.” Romans 13:1–2