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Introducing Christian Overman

SHARING OUR WORK: LETTER FROM CHRISTIAN OVERMAN

I was the Principal of a Christian school for 14 years, after which I started a worldwide Christian school consulting service called “Worldview Matters,” which kept me occupied for about 20 years.

I have put some 40 years of teacher training material into 5 electronic volumes online, titled, “Eliminating the Sacred/Secular Divide.” Nearing the age of 75, I decided to give it all away.

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Add to your calendar:

Summit VI:

Friday, September 26th

8:30AM-5PM

Saturday, September 27th

8:30AM-5PM

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That's right. Free. No charge. To anyone with Internet access around the world.

It takes about 3 years to go through the entire program, OR it can be taken up in "piece-meal," bit by bit, at whatever pace is helpful and desired.

If any members of the Christian Education Initiative wish to avail themselves of this free material, in whole or in part, you are invited to do so by accessing this link:
<https://issuu.com/christianoverman>

Onward and Upward,

Christian Overman



Free Agent, KOG
Husband of One
Father of Four
Grandfather of Twelve

Website: <https://bmwplan.blogspot.com>

Rumble Channel: <https://rumble.com/c/c-5033672>

Free Teacher/Parent Training:
https://issuu.com/christianoverman/docs/eliminating_the_sacred-secular_divide_part_v



PEERS Test Update

The Board of CEI is close to sharing our developments regarding the PEERS Test. This test is a Worldview Assessment that is currently under the auspices of the Nehemiah Institute (Dan Smithwick, President). PEERS is an eminent, time-tested worldview assessment, which CEI is proud to be associated with.

Diving Into the CEI Motto

The Christian Education Initiative's Motto is:

***"Advancing Christ's Kingdom Through
Biblical Worldview Education"***

This month Kevin Clauson begins this project by dissecting "Christ's Kingdom." The term "advancing" will be addressed in a later newsletter:

Some in the "Evangelical" world argue that Christ's Kingdom is merely internal. It is true that the Kingdom is an internal, spiritual reign of Christ within our hearts. That is a powerful truth, and a foundational one. But is that all there is? Why did Francis Shaeffer title his most famous and influential book "How Shall We Then Live?" He is, even in the title, asking us how we should live our lives in this world, regarding every aspect or activity of life.

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Christ's Kingdom starts for us in our hearts, but expands from there to our actions, thoughts, and words, expands outwardly. Some argue that the Kingdom expands only to the Church, because Church and Kingdom are the same. That is erroneous too. This is what the late philosopher and theologian Greg Bahnsen wrote about this idea:

"Matthew 38–41 informs us that the scope of the kingdom is inclusive of the doers of iniquity—which is not true of the church. To be accurate, we should say that it is the kingdom of God which creates the church, and that in turn the church has the 'keys of the kingdom'".

So, if the Kingdom is not just internal and is not just the Church (though it begins for the believer internally and the Church is crucial—indispensable—for it, in what sense is Christ's Kingdom "This-Worldly"? It encompasses every part of life in the world.

We are exhorted to be holy, to do all things to the glory of God, to bring forth fruit, etc. Again, Bahnsen:

"The inward reign of the Savior must become manifest in public righteousness...To restrict the reign of Christ to inward matters is to lose touch with the true character of submission to the King...Christ does not settle for a part-time or restricted reign as King.

He demands obedience in all things from us, and His aim is to subdue all resistance—of any nature, internal or external, to His rule...The Kingdom of Christ is undeniably this-worldly in its effects and manifestation."

Of course, God also gives us in His Word instructions as to how to work for the outward manifestations of His Kingdom in this world. Not every method is permissible. (For example, "holy war" is no longer permissible. But "just war" rules based on the Word should guide a nation-state rooted in Christian principles in prosecution of wars.)

Christ's Kingdom must be manifested in politics and government, in law, in carpentry, in art and literature, in medicine, in science, in housework, in child-rearing, in economics, in education, in all areas of human endeavor. Those who know and follow Christians have a duty to manifest His Kingdom in whatever they do.

Many who came before us understood this, even if all (perhaps most) in other times and places did not trust in Christ personally. Look at all of the things that have been created or built in prior times as an outgrowth of Christianity. (Hospitals, orphanages, constitutional government, work ethic, freedom under law, universities, etc., etc.)

Perhaps many of these things have been corrupted over time. [Was it Francis Schaeffer who said that a society could only thrive on its "Christian capital" so long, before the capital runs out—unless "replenished" by the Word and the Spirit, by Revival and Reformation ?]

Written by CEI's Executive Director, Dr. Kevin Clauson specifically for the purposes of this newsletter.

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Summit VI Reminder

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET,
REGISTER FOR CEI'S ANNUAL
SUMMIT!

CEI's Summit VI will take place on
September 26–27 in Lynchburg, Virginia. At
the Summit you will be able to network with
other individuals and organizations of like
mind and hear from various speakers who
will present important information on various
topics related to our theme, "Advancing
Christ's Kingdom Through Biblical Worldview
Education."

The well-known and renowned G.K.
Chesterton once said, "When men choose not
to believe in God, they do not thereafter
believe in nothing; they then become capable
of believing in anything."

This could easily be said by the Christian
today. But we know that "Christ, not man,
is King", and therefore we have the tools of
Biblical thinking to create the building
blocks of His Kingdom. CEI seeks to do
this, and we invite you to join us in this
noble endeavor.

Please note that the registration fee is \$75
per person OR \$125 per married couple
(Children 6–17 are FREE).

You can find more details and/or register
by searching the link found below!

Register at
Christedu.org
today!

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WHERE

Legacy Wealth
Management Building,
1971 English Tavern Rd.,
Lynchburg, Virginia.

