

Putting the Pieces Together



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SIX ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATIONS

This teaching series encourages biblically-consistent thinking in all areas of study, not just science. This is important for teachers in Christian schools, but also for all Christians. It is surprising how many wrong ideas we acquire along the way that depreciate the Word of God. Dealing with these is extremely liberating and empowering, as beneficiaries of this teaching have testified. Parents will also benefit in seeing how to raise their children to serve the Lord in all areas of their lives. A free study guide (PDF format) is included on each DVD, making it an ideal learning series for small groups, school teachers, students, churches, or personal study.

Putting the Pieces Together will help you understand the importance of the biblical account of creation and how it makes sense in our modern world, encouraging a consistent Christian worldview.

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Connecting the Bible to the real world

PARTICIPANT'S WORKBOOK



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INTRODUCTION

In recent decades the Christian schooling movement has grown incredibly. One factor is the parents' concern that their children have a good moral foundation and the perceived collapse of values in our increasingly secularized culture.

Most parents, when they say they want values taught to their children, are really thinking about Christian values. And, of course, Christian values come out of the Christian worldview.

The problem is that many teachers in Christian schools trained in secular training institutions. Often, they will then unwittingly teach their subjects from the secular worldview, which they absorbed at college. This approach leaves the biblical worldview out of the subject and creates a sacred-secular divide within the minds of students. It does not work just to add some religious activities into the school day, such as school prayers and chapel. The Christian worldview must frame the thinking and permeate every subject.

To address this need, *Creation Ministries International* developed this teacher training course called *Putting the pieces together*, specifically for the teaching faculties of Christian schools. We aim to help teachers transform students' thinking to equip them to impact today's increasingly secularized and anti-Christian culture for Christ.

Curriculum-integrated worldview teaching trains students to think biblically, defend the Christian faith, uphold the authority of the Word of God, effectively proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and become leaders in society. It will help eliminate the destructive sacred/secular divide with the integration of biblical living principles into all subject areas.



The course has been presented at many schools around Australia and enthusiastically received. These are some responses from teachers:

'I have heard a lot over the years about teaching Christian worldview, but precious little of it actually happens. The material today has been really practical and should actually help teachers do it, rather than just talk about it.'

'I found it pretty exciting. It's good to go home from a professional development day excited.'

'I wish my daughter had been present today because she is starting university next year.'

Putting the pieces together shows how to make the Bible relevant to all subjects, to help students develop critical thinking skills and to equip them to defend their faith. We hope you enjoy the course and benefit greatly from it in your professional career and in your personal situation too. This DVD course can be conducted in your school with your teachers, or in your home group or at a short term study group through your church.

A graphic with a dark blue background featuring a night sky with stars and a silhouette of a cross on a hill. The text "Teaching the Christian Worldview" is centered. "Teaching the" is in white, "Christian" is in blue, and "Worldview" is in orange.

Teaching the
Christian
Worldview

SESSION 1

Key Idea

The Christian worldview is radically different from the secular worldview, and spiritual transformation occurs when the Christian worldview is used as the interpretive framework for every area of learning in a Christian school.

Key Verse

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

Concepts Covered

What is a worldview? Why is it important? Effects of beliefs on interpretation of facts. Contrasting Christian and secular history/worldviews. Compromise positions: six days? Social consequences. Relevance to the gospel, the Bible's authority and loss of faith. 'Christian' secularism. Impacting a post-modern culture. The historicity of Genesis 1–11: the big picture. Application to different subject areas (not just 'science').

Summary of Content

Demand for Christian schooling. Why? Desire values, i.e. Christian values.

Romans 12:2. Christian values come from transformation of the mind.

Mark 12:30. Whole person—no compartments.

2 Corinthians 10:5. Every thought—a whole worldview.

What is a worldview?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Example.

Due to the Fall we cannot understand nature without revelation.

We need to start with the Bible as our thinking in every area. It gives us a framework for thinking about everything.

Isaiah 8:20–22. Without the light of revelation, where do we end up?

Kant and the 'Enlightenment', replaced revelation with autonomous 'reason', the basis of evolutionary thought.

Are you evolutionized? How do you decide truth?

Proverbs 3:5, 6. We need to trust God's Word in every area.



Christian worldview—summarized as 7 C's of History.

Man's reasoning gives us the millions-of-years evolutionary worldview.

This worldview is destructive of purpose and meaning in life because ...

- CS Lewis: Also undermines the basis of logical reasoning.

Enlightenment promised we would discover ultimate truth using our own devices.

Post-modernism has given up on discovering truth—there is no such thing as objective truth. Everyone has their own truth.

- Nothing new: Garden of Eden, days of the Judges, Pilate. Post modernism is self refuting. Why? ...

- Postmodernism does not work in practice because it does not recognize reality.

Widespread acceptance of the non-Christian worldview has significantly destroyed the Christian culture of the West. Destroys Christian faith: in England, at university, the case of Charles Templeton.

