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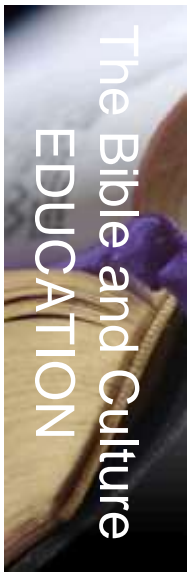
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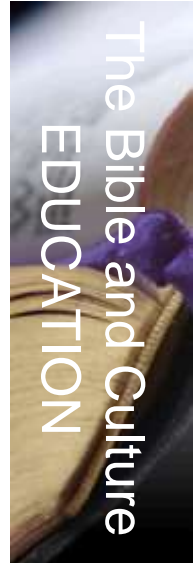
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“there is nothing more  
vitally important than the  
inculcation and the  
apprehension of  
Religious Truth”



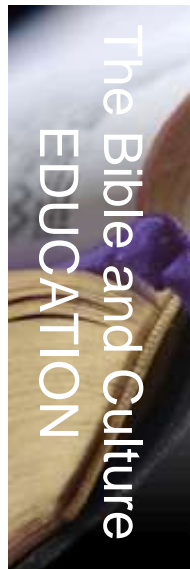
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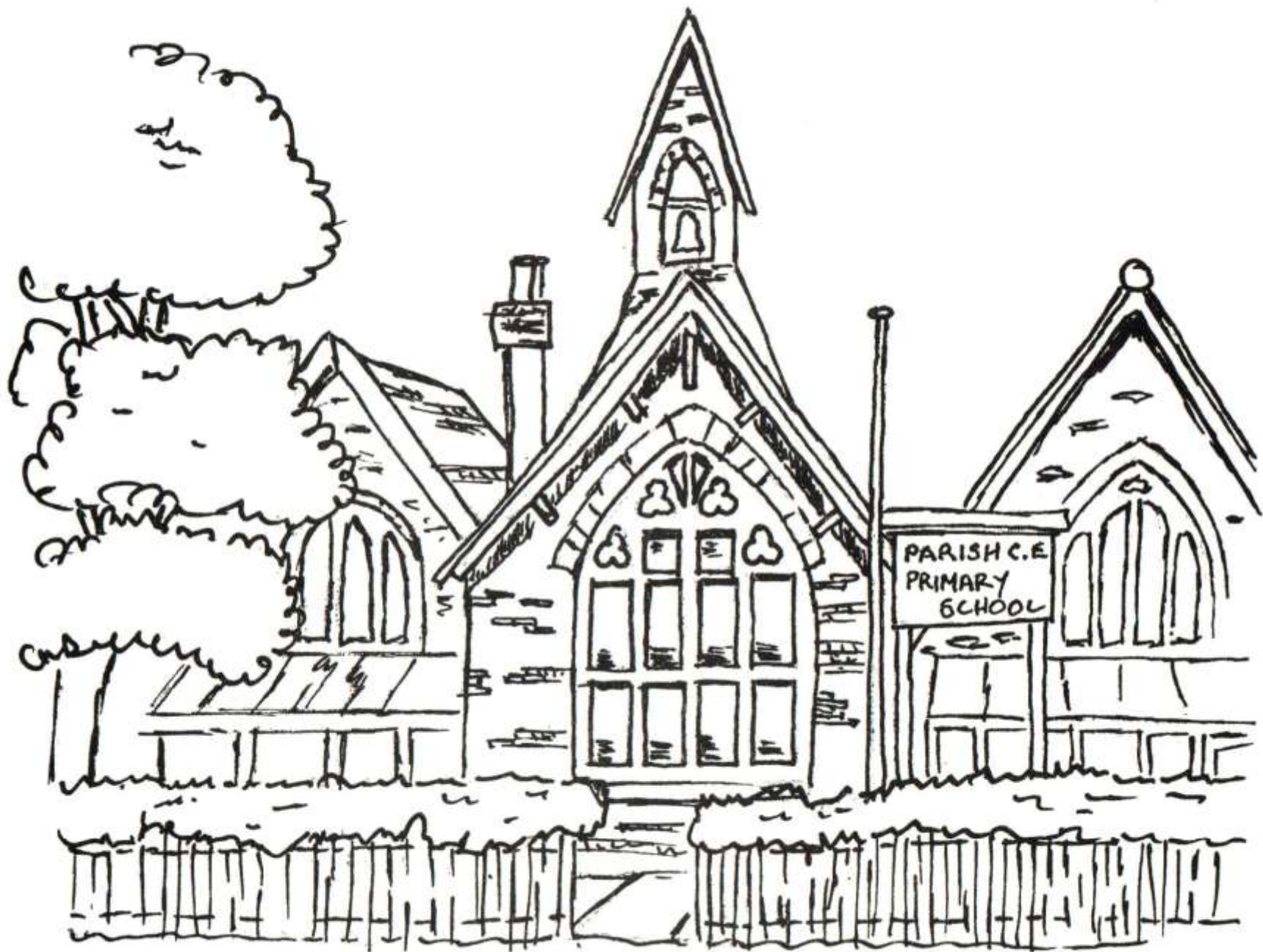
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“it is the task of the  
Church in every  
century to serve its  
generation  
according to the will  
of God.”

Canon Charles Smyth, Fellow of Corpus Christi College,  
Cambridge, on 150th Anniversary of the Foundation of The  
Society, 12.10.61



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Built circa 1770

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“Teach them to your children. Talk about them all the time - whether you're at home or walking along the road or going to bed at night, or getting up in the morning. Write them on the door frames of your homes and on your town gates”.



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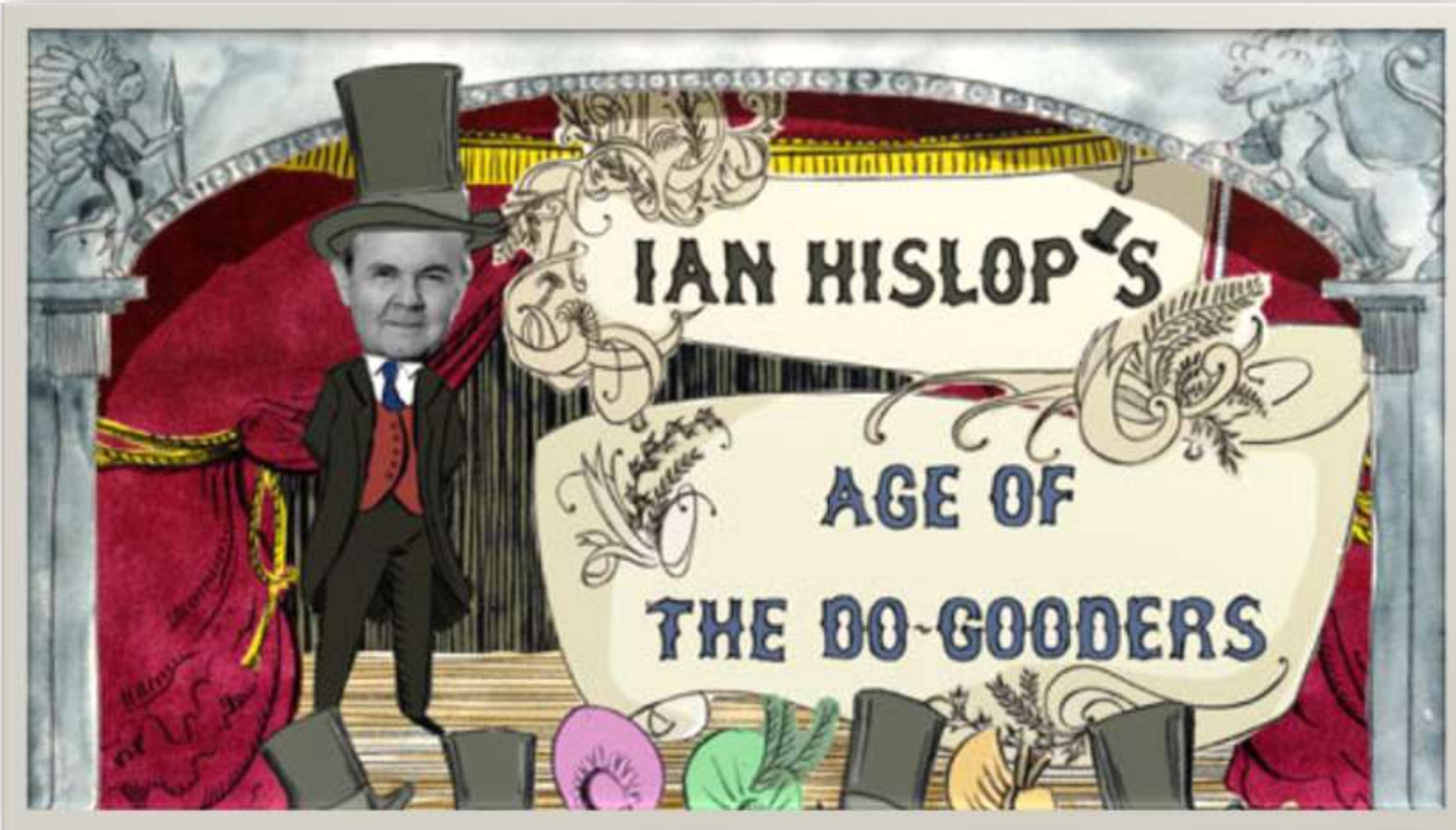


How do you already  
engage with schools?

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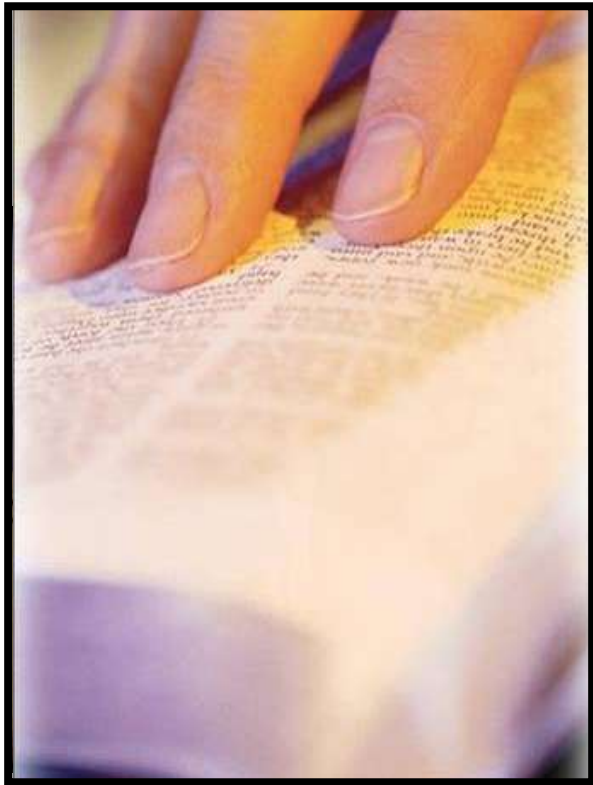
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# Influencing **with** the Bible

## Making a Bible Society



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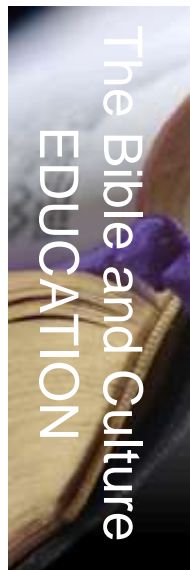
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“The Holy Scriptures  
are story-shaped.  
Reality is story-  
shaped. The world  
is story-shaped. Our  
lives are story-  
shaped”

E Peterson *Eat this Book* page 62



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# What is education (for)?

Human flourishing

Personal & social well being; and

Attainment & achievement

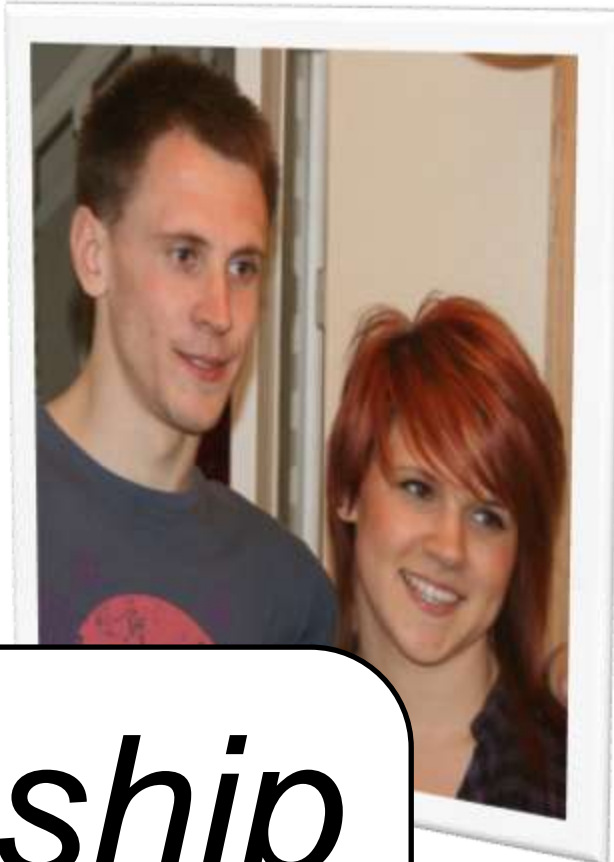


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# *Relationship Building*

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“...**chase after justice, faith, love and peace**; you’ll be in the company of all who call on the Lord from a pure heart.... And the Lord’s servant mustn’t be a fighter, but must be **gentle to all people, able to teach, able to bear evil** without resentment, **able to correct** opponents with a meek spirit...”

2 Timothy 2.22-25



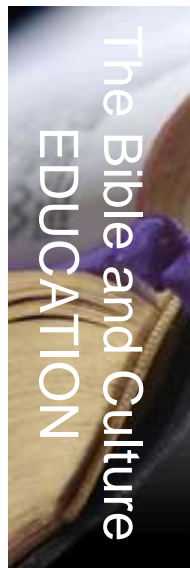
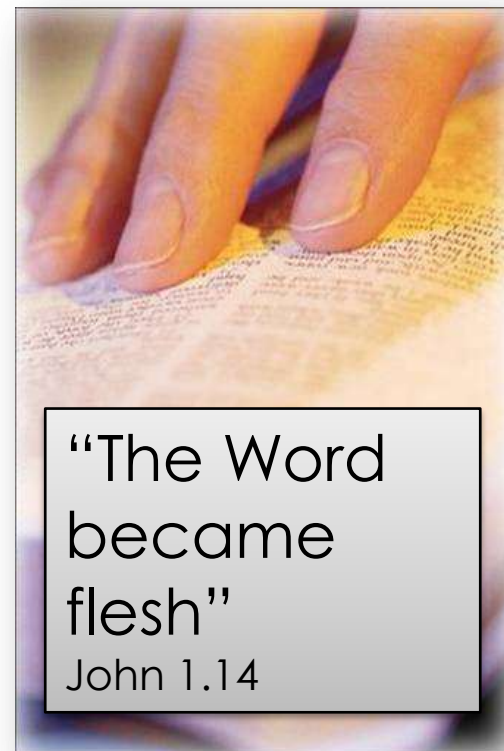
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“Education is  
incarnated in a  
person. It exists in  
the hearts of people”

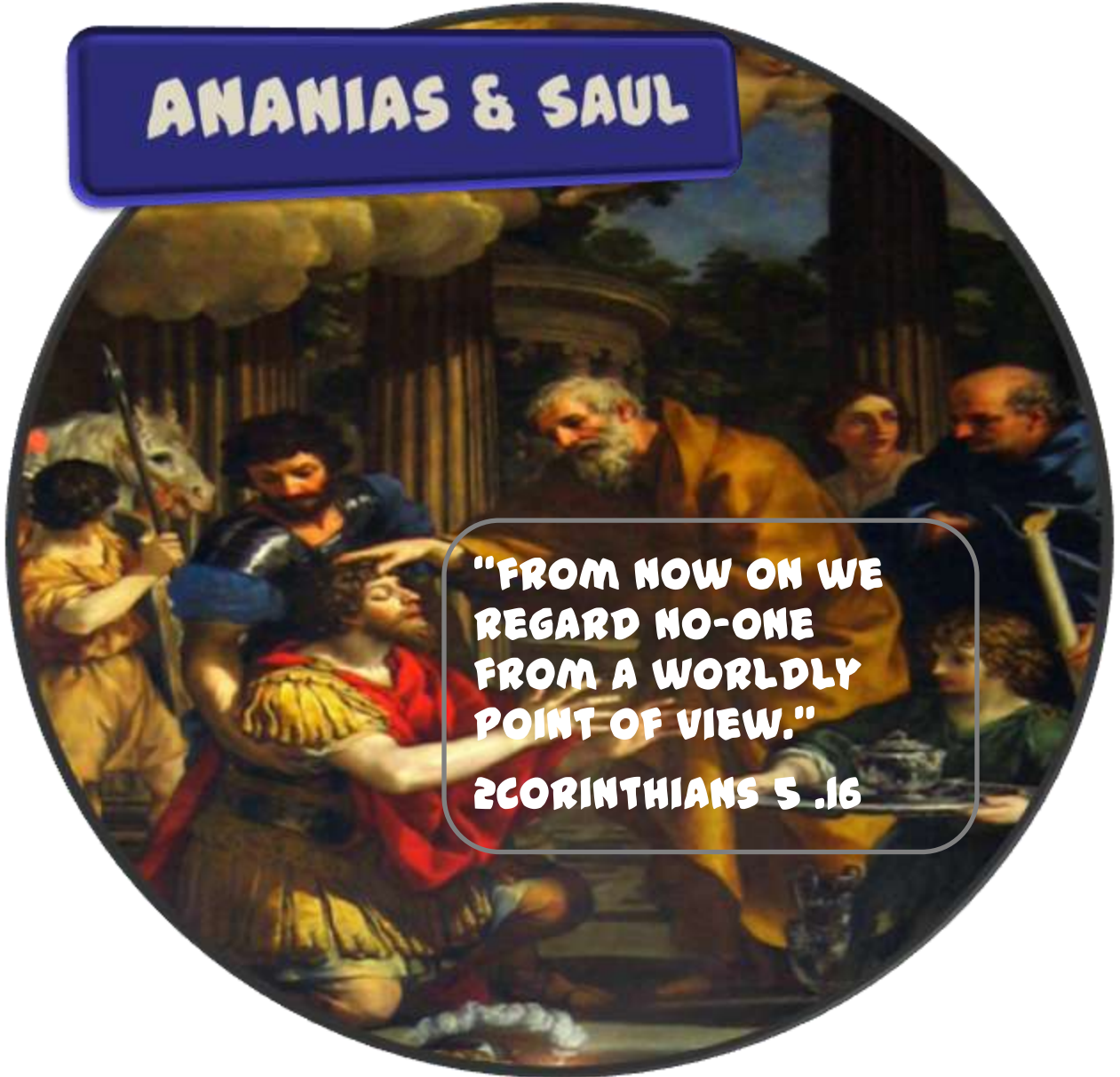
Professor Bart McGettrick  
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## ANANIAS & SAUL



**"FROM NOW ON WE  
REGARD NO-ONE  
FROM A WORLDLY  
POINT OF VIEW."**

**2CORINTHIANS 5 .16**

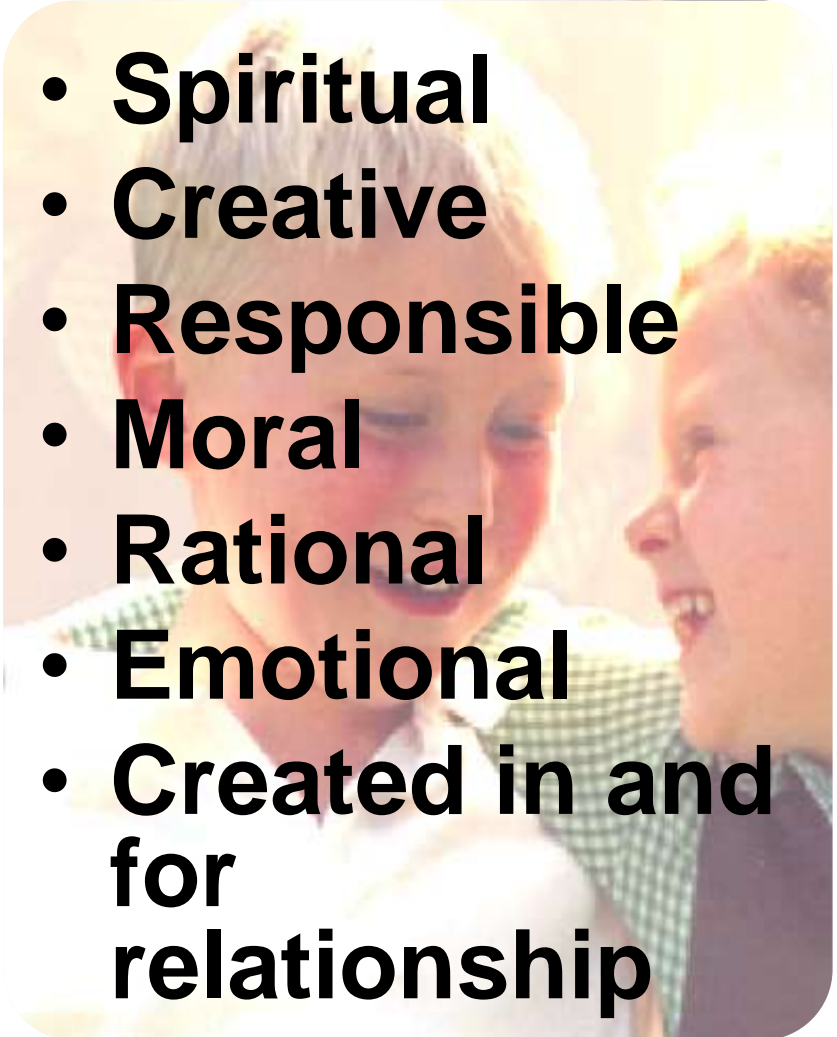
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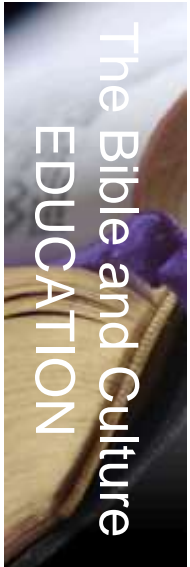
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Viewing students and teachers as made in God's image, we will seek to pattern our schools in ways appropriate to those who are:

- **Spiritual**
- **Creative**
- **Responsible**
- **Moral**
- **Rational**
- **Emotional**
- **Created in and for relationship**



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“For those involved in specifically Christian Schools .... the practice of hospitality (..welcoming and making space for strangers ..) ... should serve as a vital resource in the preparation of students to live lives of human flourishing, lives that genuinely contribute to the flourishing of everyone.

*Hospitality*

...” Bretherton,  
L. (2004) ‘Tolerance,  
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Ethics 17:1, 80-103

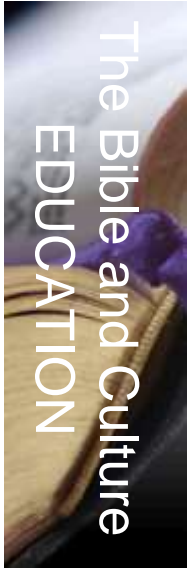
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“But seek first  
his kingdom  
and his  
righteousness,  
**shalom**  
and all these  
things will be  
given to you  
as well.”

**Matthew 6 verse 33**



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**"There are different kinds of justice. Retributive justice is largely Western. The African understanding is far more restorative - not so much to punish as to redress or restore a balance that has been knocked askew."**

From "Recovering from Apartheid", in *The New Yorker*, 18 November 1996.





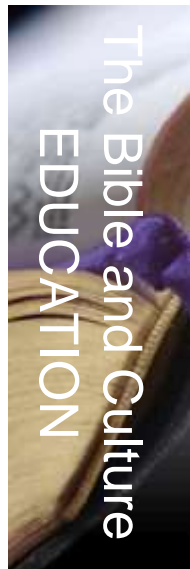
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“Historically, the Church, in this country and elsewhere, has invested heavily in education as an aspect of the difference that God's action seeks to bring about. .”

“Christians continue to be committed to education, therefore, as a matter of *doing justice* to humanity, seeking its liberation and self-awareness.”

Archbishop of Canterbury  
Keynote Address at Church of England Academy Family Launch  
Conference, Lambeth Palace , Wednesday 21 October 2009



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(5B) In reporting under subsection (5), the Chief Inspector must consider—

- a) the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils at the school;

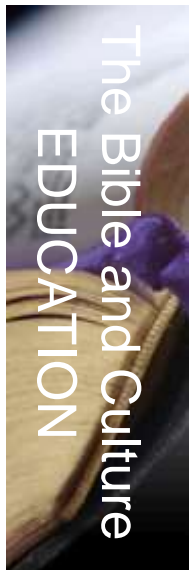




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“The aspiration to offer  
distinctively Christian  
education should not be  
perceived as a tribal  
threat but as an  
opportunity to enhance  
and enrich education”

Cooling T, *Doing God in Education*, Theos p44



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Opportunities to make a difference

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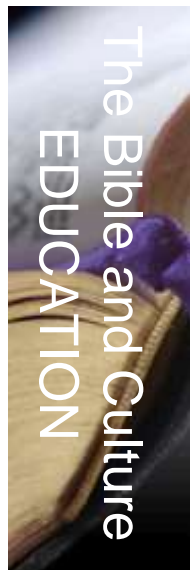




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Christian difference is therefore not an insertion of something new into the old from outside, but a bursting out of the new precisely within the proper space of the old

Miroslav Volf, *Captive to the Word of God*, page 72

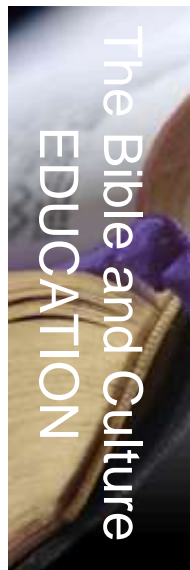


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Christians ask, “Which beliefs and practices of the culture that is ours must we reject now that our self has been reconstituted by the new birth. Which can we retain? What must we reshape to reflect better the values of God’s creation?”

Miroslav Volf, *Captive to the Word of God*, page 73





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**“the precious light of ordinariness must be allowed to shine on expert activities if those activities are to be healthy”.**

Joan Sallis

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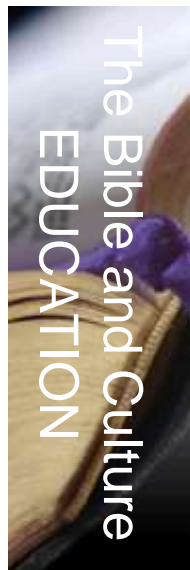


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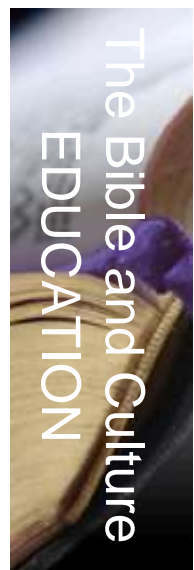
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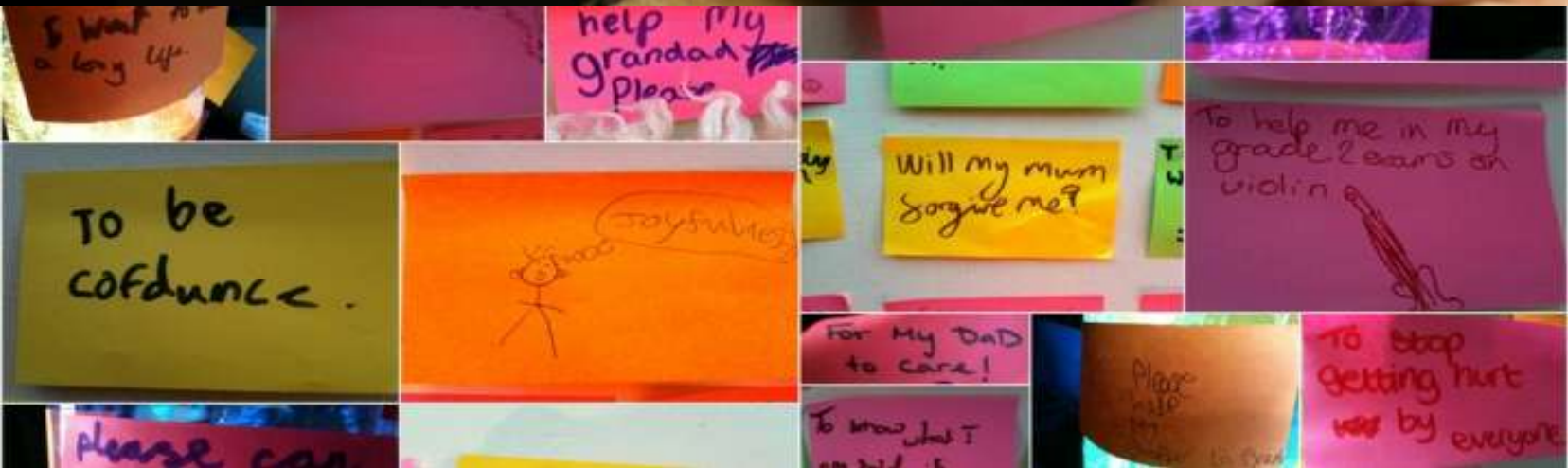
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