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THERE IS AN “N” IN ACCELERATE

I wrote an article for one of our recent publications saying that there is no **(N) in Accelerate**. Where N stands for **negative sentiment over-ride**. It means that the observer (as an example the spouse) perceives everything through a lens of **negative** pre-disposition. The opposite, **positive** sentiment over-ride, is what we engage in when we first start dating: everything has a **positive** explanation and weaknesses are overlooked. (My wife is a big P in my life). She made me consider writing a book titled “**How big is your P?**” Please look with me at all the following **(P’s)**.

Looking at Joshua in Joshua 1: 1-9 I realise that He understood God’s **Plan**, God’s **Place** and **Power**. He also understood that there is a **Price** to be **Paid** and eventually a **Prize** to obtain. His **(P)** was quite big and he received the fulfilment of God’s **(P) Promises**.

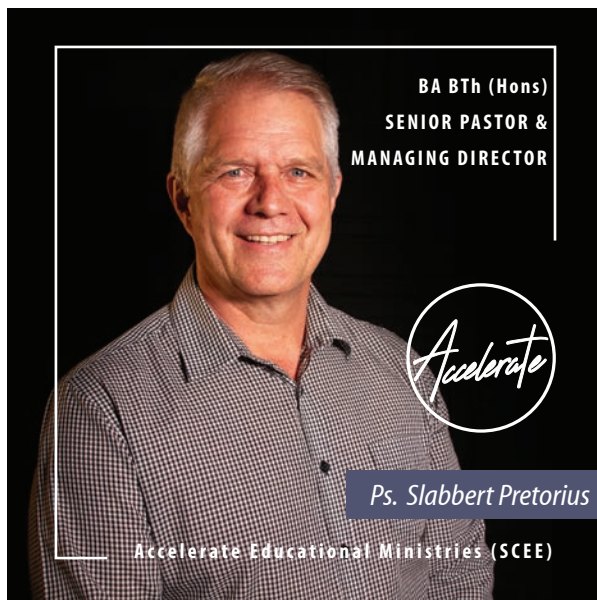
We all need to build our **(P)** and those of the ones entrusted to our care. We need to **Pursue** God’s will and His **Purpose** for our lives. We need to get the big **Picture**. We need

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to understand that He has **Prepared** good works for us. We need to have a **Prophetic** enlightenment, we are not mere **People**, but **Priests** that must **Plunder** hell and **Populate** heaven. We are **Partakers** of God’s divine nature. We are created in the image of God and nothing short of God will satisfy us.

We are also involved in a **Personalised Program** to educate students and help them understand God’s **Purpose** for them. We need to be **Precise** in **Performing** God’s **Patterns** to get the desired **Product**: which is, the next generation of **Powerful, Productive, Passionate and Purpose** driven believers that will **Prove** their divine **Potential**. We are raising up a **Powerful** generation of young men and women that will **Praise** God because they will know that they are wonderfully made. They will **Practice the Presence** of God in everything and everywhere they go. They will acknowledge God in their **Possessions, in their Plans and Programs to Produce, in what they Promote, in their Play and even in their Persecution**. They will be willing to **Pay** the **Price** and obtain the **Prize**.

My dear friends, colleagues, brothers and sisters, for us here at Accelerate and SCEE it is about ministry. We want to **Put** man’s **(N)** statements down. We want to have a big **(P)** attitude and build **(P)** attitudes wherever we go.



As I have said before: for us, the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega, is obeying the great commission. **Matt 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the NATIONS, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 20. Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you."**

I see myself as a **Pastor** in this educational ministry and I am leading a team of **Pastors** and other ministers, **Passionate** about the Kingdom of God ministering and educating with a Biblical worldview. We want to support you all to serve as ministers in God's Kingdom to **Produce** true worshippers and **Passionate** servants. If there is anything we may do to assist you to be more effective and efficient please call and make your needs known to us. Jesus is our Commander and we are trying to obey God, trying to follow the instructions in His Holy Word. We are trying to honour God with our lives and with our jobs. We are all called by God to further His Kingdom. We are **Promoting** and advancing Religion and Education. In ministering to you, the families in the communities, the nation you are from, we will be **Positive** and build **Positive** co-workers to reach the children of the world for our Lord and saviour; Jesus Christ. We will not

allow man's **(N)** to affect us in following in the footsteps of the master.

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In saying that: I want to now declare that there is a (N) in Accelerate in 2019

In Isaiah 43:19 God said
*"¹⁹ Behold, I will do a **New** thing; **Now** it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."*

*God is going to do **a New thing** and it is going to happen **Now!***

This will be our theme for 2019. Ephesians 3:20 adds on: *Now unto him that is able to do **exceeding abundantly** above all that we ask or think..."*

This **(N)** new thing will be exceedingly abundantly above all we pray or think. In a recent executive meeting I explained to our team that we have tried our utmost to assist above what is required from us. We have become far more flexible and are investing a lot into the various regions. We have discounted

country prices, we are offering further discounts based on Quality assured status levels. We are offering discounted prices to our children of staff. We have taken our events to more regions to make cooperation as affordable as possible. We increased our Educators Conferences from five to twelve. We are supplying professional development resources and the opportunity for all participating schools and staff to obtain more qualifications. We have negotiated hard to improve the accreditation of our year 12 Certificate. We have send printed material to all our school as term packs to show our appreciation, prove our care and to support in training, marketing and educating. We have sowed hundreds of thousands of dollars and we are respectfully expecting God to bless us and you.

Let's continue to stand for Biblical Worldview Education, growing kids God's way and the discipling of people until they come to the full stature of Jesus Christ. Let's not tolerate man's **(N) (negativity)**, embrace God's **(N) (a Now New thing)** believing that we are able to do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Let's trust God for the **exceedingly abundantly above** things to happen in all our ministries.

Pastor Slabbert Pretorius (MD)

LETTERS

FROM THE PASTORAL COORDINATORS ACCELERATE/SCEE

SHOUT OUT TO ALL OF THE INDONESIAN SCHOOLS!

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of yet another academic year! How time has flown! Know that we are praying for you, your staff, and, especially, your students as they complete their final exams and prepare for end of year celebrations! With Easter having just past, I trust that there were many opportunities for you to reflect on and to share with your students and families the wonderful news of Jesus' death and resurrection! Hallelujah, our Saviour lives! May you remember this in the midst of the end-of-year busy-ness!

Keep trusting Jesus!

Ps. Stephen Khu
Pastoral Coordinator for Indonesia

(Indonesian school year runs from July to June)

DEAR KIWIS!

2019 is the year of the future! This year is the newest year that we have ever had, since last year at least! It is really exciting to look at things happening this year, a new year to work with you again, to serve you better, and grow and strengthen the ministry. Joshua 24:15 tells us "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." With all the crazy that is going on, we here at Accelerate Educational Ministries (SCEE), are still committed to Biblical Worldview Education. Yeah, it can be tough, it can be a challenge, and sometimes we lose a battle, but our God has ALREADY won the war, and we will not compromise! Lets run this race together, and step forward with confidence to the New Thing that God has in store for 2019.

God bless! Ps. Karl Duxfield
Pastoral Coordinator for NZ

GREETINGS TO THE PORT MORESBY REGION

I am praying for you, that your year so far is fruitful and continues to be. With Easter just around the corner I pray that there will be many opportunities to present the Gospel within your schools and to your communities.

Your Accelerate team are aware that schools face challenges in one way or another in seeking to meet the requirements of our Governments whilst preserving the Biblical worldview that we hold so dear.

We can take heart though that prayer is powerful and this is the key to continuing success for us all.

Ps. Justin Croome
Pastoral Coordinator for the Southern Region, PNG

DEAR PASTORS, PRINCIPALS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF OF LAE, PNG

I trust the first term of 2019 has been a term of blessing and seeing Gods provision. As we continue to journey with you in the delivery of education with a biblical worldview, I would like to remind you that we are praying for you and believing for increase in all areas of your ministry. I am also looking forward to meeting you personally at the end of April at Educators' conference where we expect to have exciting news regarding developments in pathways for both students and educators into further education.

God Bless
Ps Peter Trim
Pastoral Coordinator Lae Region PNG

GREETINGS TO THE BEAUTIFUL SOLOMON ISLANDS

It is wonderful to be involved with all the exciting things happening within the region and the continual pursuit of doing more. In the Solomon Islands, we are seeing A.C.E. schools and students flourish, despite a decline in the national curriculum. The foundation it lays as the whole child is developed sets our students up for success, as leaders in the nation within academics and in Godly character. We continue to sow into the region with our time and resources as we hope to see the name of Jesus proclaimed in the nation.

Blessings, Ps. Ben Davies
Pastoral Coordinator for Solomon Islands

DEAR PNG ISLANDS,

How quickly time passes, it's almost the end of Term 1. I should have been in touch with each school by now, so if you haven't heard from me, give me a call. I pray that your vision for Biblical Worldview Education is growing stronger each day. May I encourage you in the wonderful journey that you are on with the young people in your school. I pray that you might marvel with them about the wonder of our great God, that you might move with the Spirit of God and that you might be a messenger to all around about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. If you have not joined our A.C.E. PNG Islands Facebook page, please do this so we can make communication with you easier. Stay in touch!

Blessings
Pastor Kathy Fisher, Pastoral
Coordinator for the Island Regions,
PNG

DEAR PNG HIGHLANDS SCHOOLS

Welcome to 2019! I personally want to express my love and encouragement for you all in this New Year. Let's be better than the year before! Let's take 2019 on with a new passion and a deeper desire for connection. Let's encourage our neighbours and build up our team to achieve all that is possible in our great walk with God. I am filled with hope and passion for you all for this New Year.

I am aware that there are political and physical barriers that have come against some of you previously. This year I want to pray with you to see your schools and homes become the beacons of light written about in Matthew 5:14. This, that you may stand out in your areas and impact those around you. I look forward to seeing you soon.

God Bless! Ps. Johnathan Albrecht
Pastoral Coordinator for the Highlands
Region, PNG

BULA FIJI!

You have all constantly been in our prayers. We truly have such a heart for the people of Fiji.

As we were preparing for this short message God spoke to us about Colossians 3:23-24 for all our Fijian Educators' and those involved in various areas of our A.C.E. ministry in Fiji.

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." - Colossians 3:23-24 KJV

When you work as if you are working for Christ, no matter the type of work you do within your school or within your ministry, you will begin to feel a sense of fulfillment. You will put your best foot forward and strive for excellence because Jesus is now your focal point and reason for working. When you change your perspective about who you are working for, your mentality changes about the work you do. Always be aware that the labour you do within your school is a service unto the Lord and when you put that first, your attitude about even the most unpleasant or menial tasks that you have to perform at the school, or in your ministry will change for the better.

In closing, we challenge you to change the way you view and perform your work at your school, ministry or in your home-school environment. As a believer, work as though you are serving the Lord with your time, gifts, and abilities. You have a sure promise that God will reward you because you are serving Him.

We want you to know that we are upholding all of you in our prayers.

In His Service,

Ps. Atraú & Ps. Marcelle Paul,
Pastoral Coordinators – Fiji

LET YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE...

Here at Accelerate we believe that the verse God has given us for 2019 is Isaiah 43:19 "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Personally, I find this an exciting and challenging word, full of hope and possibility!

As I look at this, I am reminded to look at the purpose God has for all followers of Jesus, as individuals and a team. I find this encapsulated in the command Jesus gave his disciples in Luke 10:8-9. Jesus said "When you enter a town...tell them, the kingdom of God has come near to you." The concept of the 'kingdom' is mentioned at least 125 times in the gospels.

So as I look at our direction for the New Year, I acknowledge that while God may have a new thing He is asking us to participate in, it is for the same purpose He has had from the beginning! Therefore it is about a new methodology (way of doing), rather than a new purpose (why we are doing it).

The core message of Jesus was and still is – the kingdom of God has come near to you. While God is everywhere – omnipresent, His kingdom isn't! The scripture says it is the responsibility of a disciple to point out that the kingdom of God has come near.

I see the kingdom of God as (among other things):

- the grace and active power of God demonstrated in the earth.

- an obvious manifestation of the presence of God.
- an opportunity for an encounter with God Himself.
- a restoration of the world to Himself.
- Jesus' disciples working together, with Him, to accomplish His purposes.

To me this also connects strongly with His, instruction in Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."

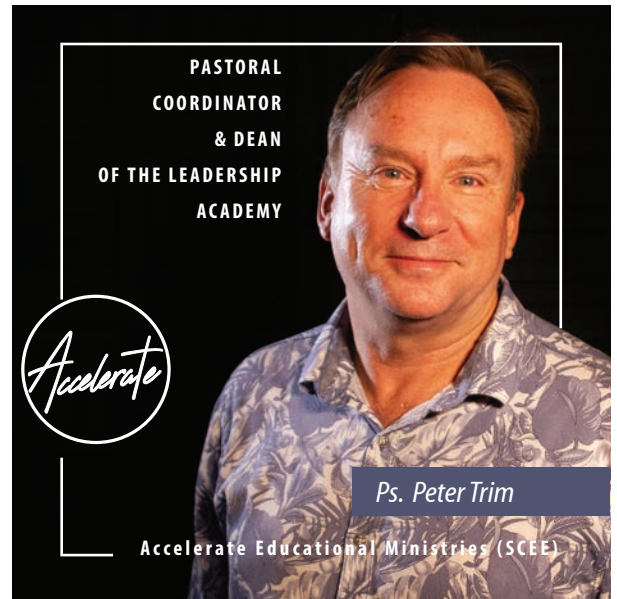
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As I go into the New Year for me this raises the question: What is my new methodology? What am I going to do differently in order to accomplish my part of the vision He has set before us?

In my role here at Accelerate it means doing a variety of exciting new things, all designed to help our partners in ministry transform their communities.

This includes:

Making it easier to establish new schools based on a Biblical worldview.



Establishing pathways from Preparatory (kindergarten) to Phd level, creating lifelong learning opportunities for both students and educators to have their existing skills recognised and progress to higher levels of study.

Providing tools to missionaries and pastors to transform their target communities while gaining an income.

My purpose is to help others demonstrate to those around us that our God is a not just a theory, but a reality, not just an idea or religious philosophy, but a living God, engaged in our world, that cares for and loves us. He is not only interested in our lives, but also wants to be active in our lives.

This of course, is a goal that is way too big for me to achieve on my own, so along with the whole team here at Accelerate, we invite you to partner with us in transforming your community and bringing God's kingdom to earth!

BY NAOMI WAQA

What is the 24/7 SQUAD?

The 24/7 Squad is a group of volunteers committed to the vision and ministry of Student Convention, many of whom are A.C.E. graduates, former Convention competitors and even parents and teachers.

"Squaddies" assist in setting up, coordinating and judging events, and carrying out various important tasks that contribute to the running of a Student Convention. Anyone aged 17 to 177 (or older) can apply for Squad at a Convention in their own region or different region/country.

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The heart of the 24/7 Squad can be summed up in 4 words:

- Commitment (Jeremiah 24:7),
- Obedience (Exodus 24:7),
- Worship (Psalm 24:7) and
- Wisdom (Proverbs 24:7),

It is amazing how, year after year, we continue to see these traits honed and exemplified in Squad volunteers.

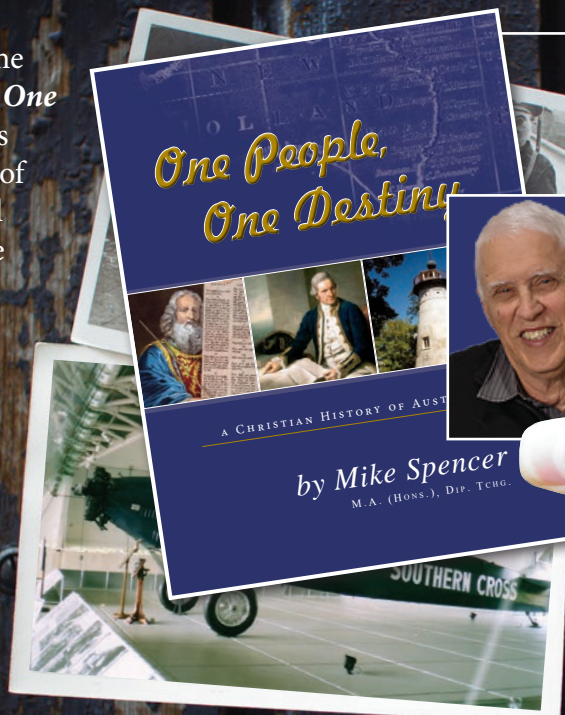
OPEN INVITATION!

Serving as part of the 24/7 Squad is a unique and life-changing experience, and we are always looking to add to the ever-growing "Squaddie" family. To apply or find out more about the 24/7 Squad, contact us at events@scee.edu.au



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THEISTIC EVOLUTION:

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by Mark Bromley

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An alarming development that has emerged over the last decades, is an increasing synthesis of evolutionary teaching with the Christian faith. This is known as Theistic Evolution (TE), and is the idea that God, over immense periods of time, used evolutionary processes to create all life. Pope John Paul II has publicly supported 'theistic evolution', as have numerous evangelical leaders. The popular website Biologos, founded by geneticist Dr Francis Collins, is a Christian ministry that actively promotes Theistic Evolution and states that "*Christian parents and students should believe and teach evolution*".

So, what is the problem with Theistic Evolution, and why should we as believers adopt a strong stance against it?

1. **THEISTIC EVOLUTION MAKES SCRIPTURE SUBSERVIENT TO SECULAR THINKING:** Marrying your theology to the latest scientific theory has a long history of ending in a messy divorce. Theistic evolution believes that science is the truth that leads men to the correct understanding of our origin and hence see the necessity of a Creator. God, speaking with Job, underscores the limitations of human wisdom when He states: "*Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*" Science, as amazing and life changing as it is, nevertheless has a long history of getting it wrong. Science is continually having to make reverse its theories as new discoveries prove old information wrong. Until recently science taught that the universe was eternal, the atom was the smallest particle, and that life exists on Mars. In a world where both reality and truth have become subjective, and flat earthers, conspiracy theorists and fake news are everywhere, we as believers, need to hold on to the literal truths of the Bible above

all else. Teaching Christians to reinterpret biblical revelation based on (ultimately atheistic) evolutionary presuppositions is illogical and leads to a lack of biblical authority. Never try to shoe horn biblical truth to fit science! Scriptures alone is our rock and our guide.

1. **THEISTIC EVOLUTION DISTORTS THE NATURE OF GOD:**

Scripture is clear that God is perfect (Matthew 5:48), holy (Isaiah 6:3), omnipotent (Jeremiah 32:17), and loving (1 John 4:16). Theistic Evolution portrays a God who uses suffering and death to in order to create life. Evolution is a senseless, undirected struggle for existence where the weak perish and only the strong survive. How do you understand the goodness of God if He used evolution, "nature red in tooth and claw", to create everything?

1. **THEISTIC EVOLUTION CONFLICTS WITH THE CREATION ACCOUNT:**

The theistic evolutionist must radically alter the plain literal narrative of Genesis in order teach that man's creation took billions of years of death and decay through myriads of transforming life-forms. God must have been deceiving us when He said He made man directly from the dust. The Genesis creation account differs radically from the teachings of evolution in its timeline, with the order of the creation events, and in the very purpose of creation itself. Francis Collins, the founder of Biologos states *"I cannot take Genesis literally because I had come to the scientific worldview before I came to the spiritual worldview"*. If the Genesis account does not mean what it plainly says, but must be "interpreted" to fit an evolutionary worldview, how are we to understand the rest of the Bible? How are we to know that

the historical accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection should not also be "reinterpreted"? Indeed, how can we know anything for sure if the Bible can be so flexible?

1. **THEISTIC EVOLUTION MAKES ATHEISTS OUT OF THEISTS:**

By definition, all thinking atheists must believe in evolution of some sort in order to explain their existence without a creator. Evangelist Mark Cahill stated; *"I think the real issue is if people know that evolution is true, they then know that the Bible would not be true and that then leads to the conclusion of atheism"*. A believer's acceptance of an evolutionary history destroys their ability to answer even the most common objections to faith such as; "If you have such a loving God, why is there so much death, pain and suffering in the world?"

1. **THEISTIC EVOLUTION BREAKS THE WORK OF REDEMPTION:**

The heart of the message of redemption is the revelation of the first Adam who fell and sold mankind into sin, and the last Adam (Jesus) who bought mankind back by His life, death and resurrection. Theistic evolution leads to a denial both of the historicity of Adam and his fall. The fact that death was instituted by the disobedience of one man, Adam (Romans 5:12), is a serious challenge to theistic evolution as they must basically argue for a god who used cruel processes that entailed suffering and the extinction of most forms of life over billions of years, prior to the disobedience and fall of Adam. How then can they agree with scripture that death and suffering is the consequence of sin, and that Christ's death and resurrection defeats death, which is 'the last enemy' (1 Corinthians 15)? The Theistic evolutionist must believe that Adam's sin had no real

effect on the human race, that we have not inherited a sin nature from Adam, and that all humans are born with the ability to live a sin-free life. This renders the work of Christ on the cross superfluous.

1. **THEISTIC EVOLUTION DEHUMANISES HUMANKIND:**

The concept that humans and apes share a common ancestor contradicts the clear teaching of the Bible which states that on the sixth day God said, *"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."* (Genesis 1:26). When God created the vegetation and the animals, He made them all 'after their kind'. When He created Adam, He made him after the God-kind — in the image and likeness of God (cf. Acts 17:28). Did God ever declare: 'Ape, you are now man! Adam is your name? And did God erase from Adam's mind who he used to be? The Bible clearly elevates humankind as a special creation of God, unique from all other creation, created by the very hand of God and imbued with the very breath of God Himself.

Theistic evolution, which at first glance seems to be a reasonable compromise with 'science', actually undermines the entire biblical worldview. Even the outspoken atheist Richard Dawkins understands that the compromise made by Theistic evolution is inconsistent and states that *"Theistic evolutionists are deluded. Theistic evolution' is an attempt to 'smuggle God in by the back door"*. Evolutionism is the foundation from which the modern world system launches nearly every ideological attack against faith in Christ. Clearly, the theory of molecules-to-man evolution is incompatible with the clear teaching of the Word of God. This is where the battlefield is raging in our time. This is where we are called to make a clear stand and to fight.



SOUTH PAC STUDENT CONVENTION 2018

By KARL DUXFIELD

RARGH!

South Pac 2016 was fantastic. There was an air of unity and freedom that just made it awesome to be at. And also made it a hard act to follow...

However, thanks to the amazing 24/7 Squad, and the Accelerate Crew, I think we pulled it off! We had some great events and performances, some intense competition, some laughs, awesome worship, challenging and inspiring preaching, and lives changed!

We had 6 countries represented, and attendees from 16 schools or service providers, for a total of just shy of 300 attendees. We also livestreamed evening rallies for the first time, and reached out to hundreds across Facebook! In fact, the rallies are still there – if you missed them, you can go and check them out.

I think for me, the standout was the appeal on the last night – some of the



things that people brought to the cross, brought to the feet of Jesus, it is heartbreaking to realize that even in our immediate world, students (even in Christian schools) are hurting. What we are doing is making a difference in their lives, and my hope is that we managed to get the message across that God sees your worth, in spite of what you have done. The great I AM, the Creator of the universe, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Healer, the Provider, the Judge, the Holy One, the LOVE... cares about you, His child, and has an amazing future in store for you!

Looking forward, we are currently revamping the Guidelines, and have some awesome changes coming, and hopefully some things that you have been asking for! I'm excited to see you all at Regionals this year, where we will be looking at the 2019 theme of 'New Thing', from Isaiah 43:19

From all of us here at Accelerate Educational Ministries, thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for making this South Pac so amazing! God Bless! #SouthPac18

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MY TOP SHELF

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Book Review

In my role at SCEE, I am privileged to have access to a wide array of resources. Over the past 12 months, I have read just over 220 books related to biblical worldview, education, leadership and the formation of culture as well as countless articles and research papers. In this article I want to share with you my top 5 books from 2018 and why I think they would be a valuable addition to your professional reading library.



GOOD FAITH: BEING A CHRISTIAN WHEN SOCIETY THINKS YOU'RE IRRELEVANT AND EXTREME

(David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons, 2016)

I found this book to be very thought provoking and it is one that I plan to return to in 2019 as it challenged a number of my pre-conceived ideas about what it means to love my neighbor while addressing the realities of the world in which we live. While the research data is American, I found it to be relatable to the Australian context, particularly in light of the significant changes to societal structure which occurred in 2018. I would recommend this book if you want to step out of your comfort zone and challenge your thinking.

SHAPING A DIGITAL WORLD: FAITH, CULTURE AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

(Derek C. Schuurman, 2013)

I have found it particularly difficult to find solid biblically-based resources on the topic of digital technology that go beyond parenting advice and actually delve deep into what it means to hold to a biblical standard while engaging with our increasingly technological world. The author developed this book in response to his own personal struggle to understand how his vocation (electrical engineering) should interact with his faith. My copy of this book is worn and dog-eared, and there

are numerous passages highlighted, underlined and I have even resorted to writing questions and thoughts in the margins. I keep this book on my shelf as I regularly reference it.

THE DISCIPLINE OF SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

(Tim Challies, 2007)

Tim Challies is one of my favourite authors. Discernment is one of the topics that is regularly spoken about in church as something we should have or learn, but I have found in my personal experience that it has often been expressed as a concept rather than a roadmap to acquiring the skill of discernment. In this book, the author unpacks what biblical discernment is and is not as well as offering practical guidance on the practice of discernment. I think this is a particularly important book for educators as they are required to practice discernment on a daily basis with students.

LEARNING TO LOVE MATH: TEACHING STRATEGIES THAT CHANGE STUDENT ATTITUDES AND GET RESULTS

(Judy Willis, M.D., 2010)

I was initially skeptical when I read the title of this book but once I began reading, I found myself nodding my head and agreeing with the thoughts and ideas presented. This

book contains highly practical and implementable strategies to re-engage students with a love of learning for math. The author is a neuroscientist turned teacher and grounds all the strategies with research about how the brain works with practical strategies for both whole class implementation as well as strategies for working with individual students. I would recommend this book to any teacher who has ever had a student tell them that they just don't get math or that math is a waste of time.

THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE: HOW TO MAKE EXTRAORDINARY THINGS HAPPEN IN ORGANISATIONS 6TH EDITION

(Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner, 2017)

For over 30 years, the authors have collected data from leaders on the following question: "What do you do as a leader when you're performing at your personal best?" From the wealth of data they collected, Kouzes and Posner identified five common concepts which form their five leadership practices: Model the Way, Inspire a Shared Vision, Challenge the Process, Enable Others to Act, and Encourage the Heart. Using real-life examples, the authors explain how to learn the skills of leadership in each of these five practices. I could call this book a must read for anyone in a leadership position.

Be Encouraged Team!

A.C.E. HOMESCHOOLING - A testimony from one of the home school parents sent in by Mrs. April Simon

This program has been amazing for Samuel. He has completed more work and handwriting in the last few months than he has over his entire schooling life. I didn't think this program was going to go well because Sam was required to write, no school or disabilities organisation could get him to write. He was really reluctant at first with this program but now he wakes up every morning ready to go. His progress in his writing skills is fantastic, the school moderator has visited and is really impressed with the difference. As a mother, I know my son has intelligence but I've been fighting private and public school systems that have held him back and told me otherwise with their systems. Sam has never received a school report because all his teachers said Sam didn't complete anything for them to mark.

As a mother who has a son with disabilities, it's really heart breaking to

see systems fail him and professionals saying how this is how things have to be done. As his mother the biggest wish, desire I could hope for Sam is for him to function happily in Society contributing where he can. An education is a vital part for this wish to succeed for him. All the professionals were just shrugging shoulders and scratching heads, happy to watch him rot.

I write this because you guys can't understand what I've been through in regards to fighting for Samuels basic human rights. Trying to show that there is always more than one way and their way is not always correct. Life has been a living hell some weeks, months and years. I am truly grateful for the A.C.E. program you guys run. This program is perfect for Sam's learning needs and has caused a great change for the positive in Samuel. People would never believe he was the same kid 6 months

ago that spent his days rocking under a chair. Its proof how the environment of many hours of school really plays a part in children's lives and what it creates in them. Now we can't stop him from talking, so eager to share information he has read and learnt. No more rocking or tantrums, no more severe autistic symptoms because of anxiety. Instead, an intelligent young man that can make eye contact and is fulfilling his potential. I don't know if other children diagnosed with autism have the same result but this program certainly has been a life changer for the whole family and has a high recommendation from me.

Sorry for the long speel, my life and family life is completely different. Chalk and cheese. It's happy cry worthy.

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April Simon

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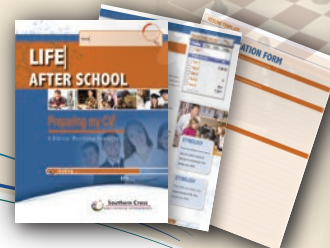
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