

REBUILDERS

Only Siths speak in absolutes." The worldview of *STAR WARS* was clear. It is symbolically appropriate that there are no guard rails in the movie's scenery; they would represent the limitations of absolutes. My first exposure to this worldview, where absolutes are "bad," was when my son Adam reported on the UCLA President's welcoming speech for his freshman class. The President said that with academic freedom, the only thing the university community would not tolerate was absolutes. They absolutely would not tolerate absolutes it seems.

To promote their concept of freedom, an influential portion of our society's leadership is committed to eliminating absolutes from our culture. Where there are no absolutes the fruit includes murder, rape and mayhem, even against children; and typically each instance is explained as a personal issue. How do we address this presupposition and its corollaries as they morph through all areas of culture?

How can we as Christians present the need for absolutes if there is to be freedom? The answer is through a conscious, informed Christian worldview. That is what *Strategic Life Training* (SLT) is designed to give.

This is why students from countries around the world seek out SLT. Christians from the Americas, Austral/Asia, Europe and Africa, have studied in this program. Many see the "pearl" of SLT worth the sacrifice. You learn to see and apply the ways of God *in your life* to fulfill the mandate of Matthew 28:19-20. Application is part of the course. As Eric Foertmeyer says, "SLT beckons me to ask the hard questions in life, so that I may in return bring glory to God in all of my relationships." Eric is in business with his father who is his facilitator for the course.

You can appreciate Sr. Airman Zach Morrison writing, "Working on the first year of SLT in the desert of Iraq was a unique experience.

One beneficial aspect was being removed from my normal "Christian" surroundings and being placed in a completely different environment. This environment aided and intensified the Holy Spirit's process of de-programming and transforming me."

When Maria Lister, an artist, went to the SLT intensive last summer, she "realized that the Holy Spirit was teaching TRUTH to me- and some of it was uncomfortable and difficult to swallow. There was so much I thought I knew that I didn't know. I knew I wasn't stupid - just purposefully uninformed. I knew nothing of church history and nothing about philosophy and pre-suppositional thinking. Basically, I made myself an idiot of the "Christian ghetto", and I longed to GET OUT and do what God has called me to do." Maria Lister is a first year SLT student being mentored by her husband who also has gone through the course with their son-in-law.

The Pearl of SLT



Experience has proved that this material is relevant to all of life; for the businessman, soldier, and artist. Whether the church leadership it originally served, parents training their mature children, or those in the business and civic spheres, God's truths and ways are universal; it is the application that is specific.

If you feel it is time to be encouraged and equipped in your calling to serve God's purposes for your generation, start SLT this summer. The dates, locations and contact information are on the back page. You can grow and make a difference.

Jan Peacocke

The SCS vision continues...

Around the world, SCS impacts thousands of believers by equipping their leadership through our schools, seminars, educational materials, and personal interaction. Since 1979 we have endeavored to serve those who are seeing God's Kingdom and seeking to express it in the whole of human life and culture.

SPIRIT TO SPIRIT

The Discipline to Continue Learning

This edition of *The Rebuilder* focuses on *Strategic Life Training* and the need to build and live out of a biblical worldview. Because a truly functional worldview encompasses a breadth of foundational issues, it can never be considered "finished." After forty years of building my skills of analyzing the root issues of culture and world events, I am still far from where I would like to be. Yes, I'm clear on numbers of issues, but there is still so much more I would like to know in terms of depth.

The search for excellence in any field is an indication that we are still "alive." Atrophy sets in both spiritually and intellectually when we live as if we have "arrived" in any key area of discipline in our lives. The quest for mastery of understanding how to see and interpret the issues shaping our culture is the foundation of effective evangelism. Jesus used both perceived personal needs and the issues of daily life and culture as points of engagement with those He touched. We should do no less.

My pain is where so much of the Church is at in terms of our lack of passion to discern the times. While progress is being made, the vast majority of believers still remain ignorant and unaware of how much leverage they could gain, in terms of affecting their "garden" of influence with people, if they invested in building a biblical worldview. Obviously, all of us who are working on building one should be encouraging everyone we have influence with to begin the process.

As I find myself saying more and more as I age, "It really is all about love." If we love people, our nation, and our God, we should be motivated to serve them by helping to point people to the foundations of reality in God. That's really what worldview is about; a love from God that helps ground people in reality, truth, and blessing. Stay at it. It's worth the work.

▪ Dennis T. Peacocke

Perspective is a marvelous phenomenon both in the natural and the spiritual. It allows each parent to have "the most precious baby in the world," each bride to be the most beautiful for her groom....and so many other wonderful "views" through the eyes of love.

Perspective allows our limited humanity to achieve much more by the composite of our perspectives. A movie is a great example of this. Consider the last installment of STAR WARS. It is an example of the need for a variety of perspectives. The universal criticism was of the dialogue, but everybody knows that is not a strength of George Lucas; he says so. Why not broaden the perspective of the project by corroborating with someone with that gift? In the end perspective is frequently about gifting.

It is also about experience. A well known example is which part of the elephant you are standing by when you describe it. In life circumstances, the Native American proverb tells us to "walk a mile in my moccasins," before coming to conclusions. Jesus gave us similar counsel to be sure we are seeing clearly before sharing our advice (Matthew 7:3). Perspective is the basis of trial by jury. We are to be judged by our peers, i.e. those in similar life circumstances, but who have not chosen to break the law. The qualification of a juror is a very interesting study.

My point is we must develop our ability for multiple perspectives if we are to reign with Christ. Perhaps that is the underlying purpose of our circumstances in this life as we are prepared for our heavenly duties.

▪ Jan Peacocke



PRAYER & EVENTS

Please pray for the SCS schools around the world, particularly for the new students God wants equipped through them.

CALENDAR

JULY

SLT Summer Intensive:
New Zealand: 13-16
Newport, KY: 20-24

AUGUST

SLT Summer Intensive:
Switzerland: 2-7
Augusta, GA: 17-21

Business Leadership School:
Switzerland: 10-13

SEPTEMBER

SLT Summer Intensive:
Plymouth, MA: 7-11

Do you see the need for the foundational training provided by *Strategic Life Training* and the *Business Leadership School (BLS)*? A University student studying here from Singapore is being sponsored by an American businessman who was impressed by his interest at a recent SCS Regional Seminar. Sponsoring students in full or partially is a strategic way to invest in real cultural change. Contact us to make this investment.

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