

Education Under His Lordship: Why Educate?

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- I. God made the world and everything in it.** God is the Creator of all things. He created all that is by the Word of His Power.

Genesis 1:1-5

John 1:1-3

Hebrews 11:3

Psalms 24:1

Romans 11:36

1 Corinthians 8:6

Colossians 1:16-17

- II. Nothing is neutral with respect to God.** Because He created it all and rules it all there is nothing neutral before Him. All of life is before God. Everything is *Coram Deo* – before the face of God. There is nothing that has nothing to do with God. Everything is a God Thing!

- III. God made man in his image.** God made us, mankind, in His own image –after His likeness. He made us to be like Himself in particular ways and to represent Him.

Genesis 1:26-28

Psalms 8:3-9

- IV. God gave man a mandate to rule over creation.** God put all things under man's feet. He made us rulers over His creation. He is the king and he made us sub-kings - governors -vice-regents. He is the absolute authority and reigns with an everlasting dominion, and he made us vice-regents and gave us dominion over His earthly creation.

Genesis 1:26-28

Psalms 8:3-9

- V. **Man, made in the image of God, reflects this image by imitating God by making secondary creations.** To exercise dominion, man discovers and learns about all God has made –about all over which he has been given dominion. Education -learning -study -discovery -exploration -equips man to exercise dominion.

Exodus 35:29-36:2

Colossians 3:23-24

- VI. **God is glorified (in all human occupations) through man's imitation of Him and through man's obedience to His commands.** Secondary creations, done out of love for God, will glorify Him and bless humanity.

The pious tradesman will know that his shop as well as his chapel is holy ground.
George Swinnock.

Colossians 3:1-2

Colossians 3:23-24

Psalms 8

Stay True to the Biblical Purpose of Education

1. Remember that your school is Classical AND Christian.
2. Remember that a school is only as Christian as its teachers.
3. Remember that a school is never more Christian than its leadership.
4. Remember that the reading and exposition of the Scriptures should be a regular part of the life of your school community.
5. Remember to pray without ceasing.
6. Remember to love Christ in all that you do. Make Him Preeminent in All things.

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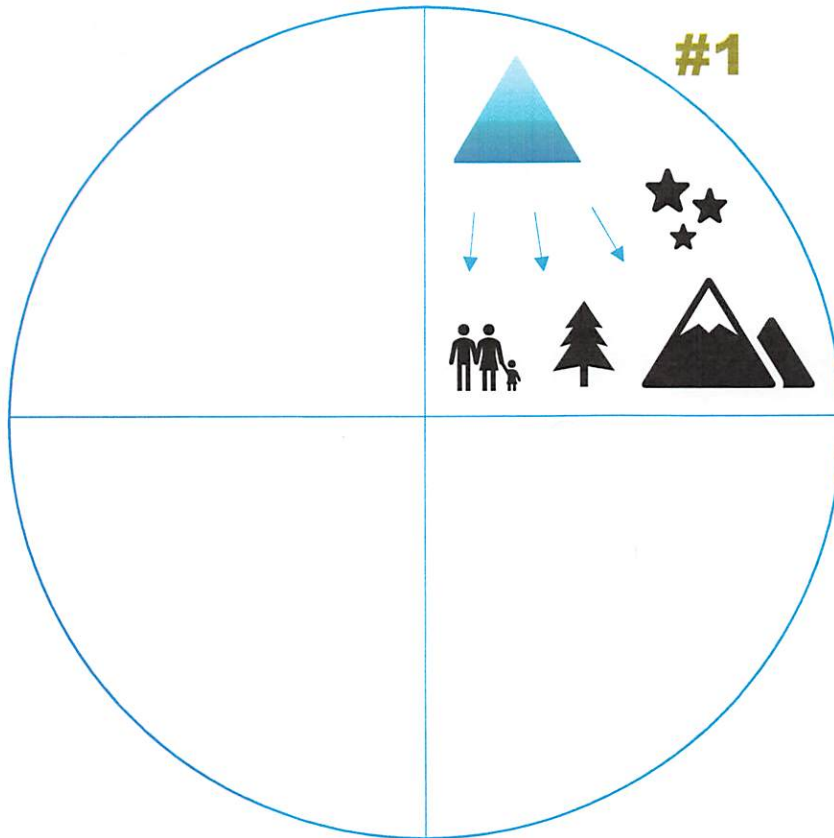
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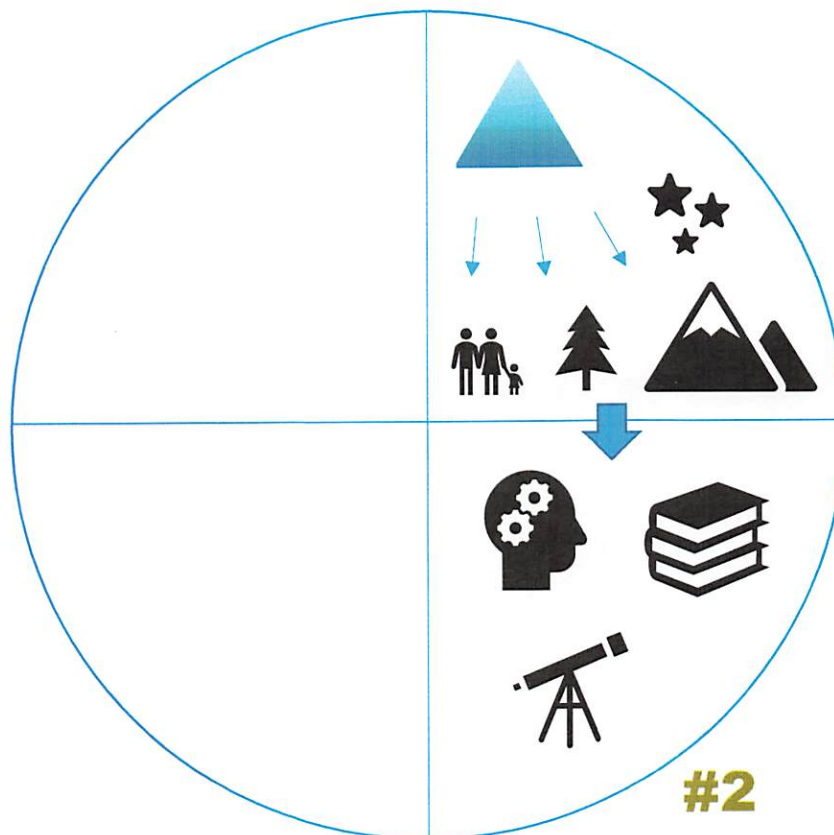
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#1. CREATION: God is the Absolute. Jesus is Sovereign LORD over all.
Nothing is neutral before God.
God is the Creator of all things.
EVERYTHING is *Coram Deo*.
God is the Prime Creator.
He creates all that is by the Word of His Power.
Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 19:1-4, 24:1
John 1:1-3, 8:58
Acts 10:34-37, 17:22-31
Romans 11:33-36
I Corinthians 8:6
Colossians 1:16-17
Hebrews 1:1-3



#2. DOMINION & DISCOVERY: Man is made in the image of God. God placed man in the garden “to work it and keep it.” Man is commanded to “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over” all of creation.
To exercise dominion, man discovers and learns about all God has made –about all over which he has been given dominion. Education -learning -study -discovery -exploration -equips man to exercise dominion as he discovers God’s design.
Genesis 1:26-28
Psalm 8:1-9

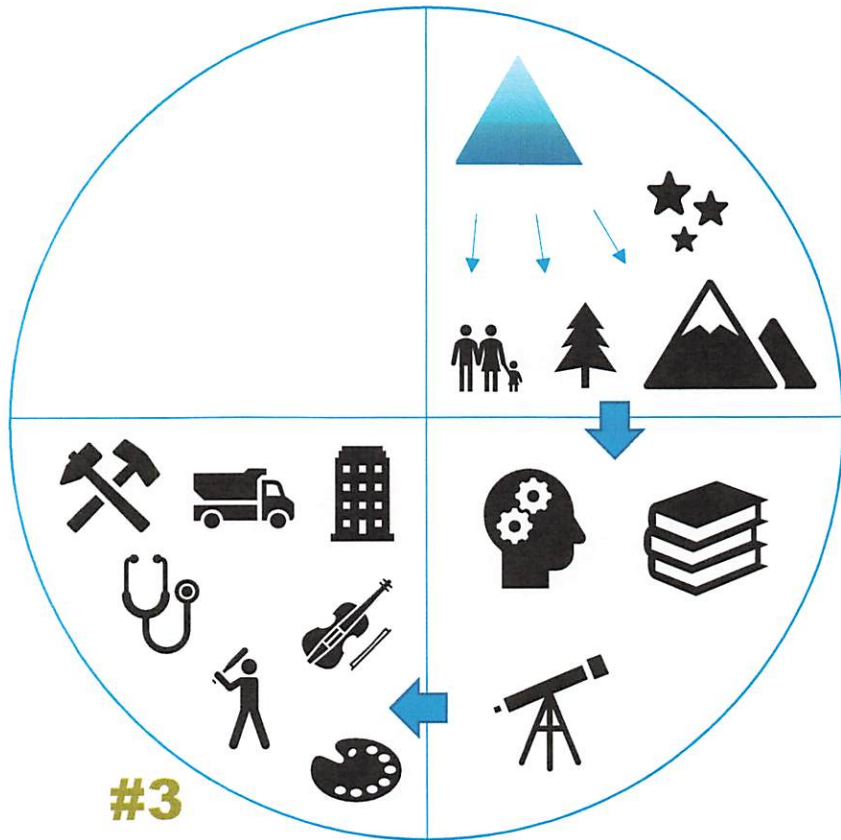
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#3. IMITATION: Man, made in the image of God, reflects this image by imitating God by making secondary creations. As man discovers, learns, and understands all that God has created, he exercises dominion over all that God has made. He builds, harnesses, shapes, molds, and utilizes God's primary creation to make beautiful and functional secondary creations.

Exodus 35:25-36:2

Proverbs 22:29

Romans 8:18-23



#4. GLORY: God is glorified (in human occupations of all kinds) through man's imitation of Him and through man's obedience to His commands.

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1 Chronicles 16:23-34

Psalms 24:1-10

Matthew 5:16

Colossians 3:1-2

1 Peter 2:12

