



CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION NATIONAL
vision community partnership

The scandalous message of the cross



The vision of CEN schools

- Biblically grounded
- Culturally engaging
- Academically rigorous

Community
Partnership



What is NTCSA known for?

Value for money?

What is your school known for?



We are known for
what we decide to
know!



For I decided to know nothing
among you except Jesus
Christ and him crucified.
1 Corinthians 2:2



Context is Paul's refusal to
compete.....

with the world's wisdom

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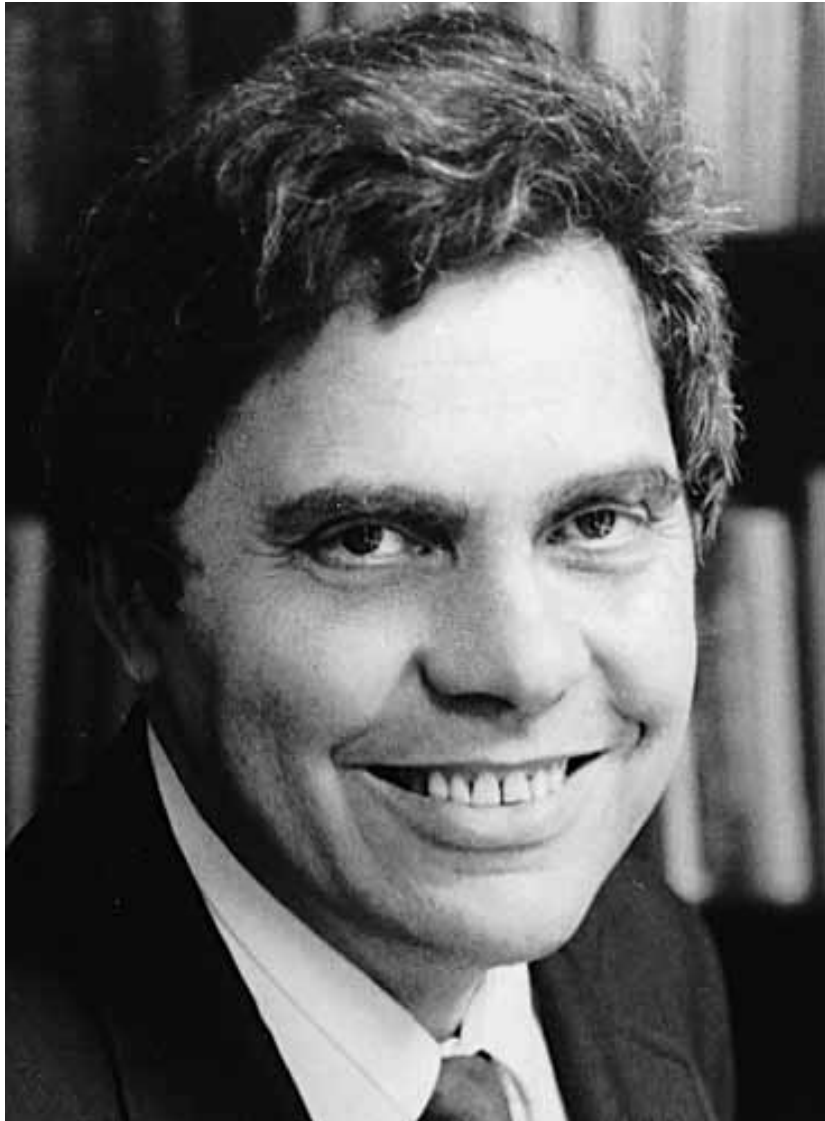


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The most fundamental educational question is..... Who is God?





The end of education

“We need better gods for public education”

Education is about
competing gods



What difference does
the crucified God
make?



The way you treat students?

The way students are motivated?

The purpose of learning?

The staff community ?

The attitude of service?

Jesus Christ
Crucified



The most fundamental
fact of the universe
that affects so much



Just preach the gospel –
don't worry about culture?

We either shape culture
through the gospel or we
are shaped by culture



Don't assume the
gospel

Don't co-opt the
gospel



The gospel shapes
our causes not the
other way around

The significance of
Jesus – Christ &
crucified?



Lord of creation

- ALL THINGS - by, through & for him
- There is nothing that exists or happens over which he is not sovereign
- Creation in all its form is good





It doesn't look like He is Lord

The fundamental problem

- Not environmental, economic or social
- Creation is distorted because we refused the status of image bearer
- Humanity is under God's judgment
- Crucifixion is the scandal of grace

Lord of new creation

- New humanity – in Christ
- All things reconciled through the cross
- Creation will be restored
- Signposts to the now & not yet kingdom



The power of love

- Kingdom lives of the new humanity are marked by love
- Freedom through service
- Interests of others
- Not grasping



Strength in weakness

- We boast in the things that cause our dependence
- We share in the fellowship of suffering
- We embrace the tension of being in but not of



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Knowing this.....

we judge all things

The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: 1 Cor 2:15



Being biblically grounded

Shaped by the cross

