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George Kocur and I attended the CMA 'Q4 conference' in Brisbane. This ministry being launched has had several groups of people pick up the thrust under different banners. There is the 'Half Time' ministry group been operating in Australia for about the last 12 -15 years. The guest speakers for this Q4 launch have been writing about 'The Third Calling'.

Out of these ministries there is one question promoted: "What are you going to do with the rest of your life?"

This stems from the fact that the Bible has no notion or "Retirement". Things will change as we transition into different phases of our life. What western culture calls retirement is a 'modern' thing. It is an example of how easy it is for us to absorb the culture and values promoted around us.

While we may have ceased fully paid employment / work our conversation and language as Christians ought to reflect the fact that we are still ambassadors for the Lord Jesus.

The Bible says:

"Therefore my dear Brothers and Sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." 1Corinthians 15:58.

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20.

This question remains to be answered by each one of us, as Christians and members of CBMC,

"What are you going to do with the rest of your life?"

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Breaking The Materialist Spell, We're More Than A Bag Of Chemicals

January 2017 – Eric Metaxas.

You can learn a lot from fairy tales. But first you have to know whether you're living in one.

In Hans Christian Andersen's tale, "The Emperor's New Clothes," all the king's subjects go along with the consensus view that their monarch has a beautiful new set of royal garments. Just one small boy speaks the obvious truth—that the king is parading around without any clothes at all.

Something similar is happening in our day. Writing in the Wall Street Journal, Andrew Klavan, author of the new book "The Great Good Thing: A Secular Jew Comes to Faith in Christ," says **our culture is under the spell of materialism—a materialism that categorically denies any spiritual reality and is completely blind to its own contradictions.** (*)

Take the observation of psychologist Steven Pinker, who said, "I don't believe there's such a thing as free will in the sense of a ghost in the machine, a spirit or soul. I think our behavior is the product of physical processes in the brain." Of course, Pinker doesn't answer the obvious follow-up question: If that's true, then how do you know it? Mere "physical processes," absent a directing intelligence, give us no reason to trust their accuracy.

Pinker isn't the only one to have fallen for this illogical secular worldview. A lot of us have absorbed it subconsciously, which you can tell from our everyday language. For example, Klavan points out, "People say they experienced an 'adrenaline rush,' not that they were excited. Or, 'people say they are 'hard-wired' for certain behaviors and 'programmed' for others. The underlying message? A human being is a cross between a chemistry set and a computer, his actions governed solely by a series of discharges and sparks."

On the contrary, Klavan asserts, a "person doesn't make a choice because of processes in the brain. Those processes simply express the choice in the material world. Even if every impulse and every emotion is eventually mapped in the brain, there will still be not one iota of evidence that they originated there. It seems far more in keeping with what we know to assume that experience is spiritual and that the body expresses it the same way words express, but do not constitute, ideas."

This is not to dismiss the reality of chemicals and the like as markers of our physical existence—but we are more, much more, than a bag of chemicals interacting with our environment. The Bible presents us as embodied souls, with hints of both heaven and earth in our frames. **If, as materialists suggest, that we and our choices and behaviors are merely chemical reactions, then things like love, virtue, right and wrong, are absolutely meaningless.** (*)

Which is why pure materialism leaves us vulnerable to despotism. As Klavan writes, "Thinkers from John Adams to Marcello Pera have cited specifically Christian principles as the foundation of the West's freedoms. A materialist worldview leaves formerly Christian cultures philosophically weak when those freedoms come under attack. Materialism strips humans of the logic of their humanity—which is the whole point of Western liberty."

Breaking the materialist spell, Klavan writes, "requires rebelling not against scientific facts but against flawed scientific logic." So we will need more people willing to see what's before their eyes, challenge the secular illogic, and speak the truth—that the materialist emperor truly has no clothes.

(*(* My emphasis added. I think this article is a good reminder of the challenge we face individually and corporately on one hand, and the cross-cultural work we are called to, as we represent Jesus in the marketplace. - Tony Levick.)*)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ... But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. Ephesians 4:1-3; & 7. NIV.

Do You Remind Yourself of our Mission and our Core Values every week?

Or once a Month? Well what about once a Year? When was the last time our Biblical foundation were spoken of when we came together? Here is a reminder.

of walking day to day, we (impatiently) want to build several ministries, and have a great following /membership in the next two years. ...



Our Mission

To present Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to business and professional men and to develop Christian business and professional men to carry out The Great Commission.

Said in another way: Reaching a businessman right where he is to help him become the man that God designed him to be.



Preeminence of Christ	Life-on-Life Relationships	Teams	Spiritual Reproduction
Intimacy with Christ is paramount, and all that we do must emanate from our life in Christ and His life in ours.	We value the process of committed one-on-one relationships for evangelism and discipleship.	God calls us to work together in teams in order to multiply what He wants to accomplish through us.	The goal of the discipleship process is spiritual reproduction to the 3rd and 4th generations and beyond.

Can you resolve to make this clear every time there is a Team meeting? That will help us individually to think and pray about our role as a fellow worker with Jesus.

Upcoming Events

Prayer meeting

Regular prayer meeting are held in the following locations

- Victoria
 - Horsham
 - Melbourne CBD
 - Burwood East
 - Warragul
- Queensland
 - Ipswich
 - Brisbane- Woolloongba (Korean)
- Tasmania
 - Cooparoo
 - Hobart
 - Launceston
 - Scotsdale
 - Ulverstone

Outreach events

New South Wales

- Pennant Hills – seeking speaker for next dinner 24th April.

Tasmania

- Devonport – regular outreach events and forums are held

Queensland

- Brisbane – Cooparoo prayer meeting - Invitations extended to others
- Camp Hill – group meeting using Operation Timothy
- Woolloongabba – Korean group meets weekly for breakfast and reflection, planning events to connect with community

Victoria

- Melbourne CBD Prayer meeting Tuesday lunchtime
- Burwood East Prayer meeting Thursday Morning

21st CBMC Asian Convention

HELP!

To ensure we have the best CBMC Asian Convention we can, we need your assistance.

- We need you to pray
- We need you to help with the organizing
- We need you in Brisbane for the event



Dear CBMC Members and friends please pray for the organising team for this convention, especially with the loss of Trent's skills from the National Office.

Pray for insight, wisdom and connections as the organising team and Board deliberate and plan for this event. We see this as a pivotal event for Australia, where we can invite our friends and colleagues for them to hear first-hand the great work CBMC does around the world. Seek friends and colleagues to invite and pray for. Pray for everyone involved in planning and resourcing this event.

OCTOBER 25-27 <> 21st CBMC Asian Convention. The Australian Board is seeking your daily prayer support so that planning & implementation will be achieved, within the required budget, and the work of CBMC throughout Asia (including Australia and New Zealand) will be strengthened bringing honour to our Lord Jesus. Some variation to our proposal will be needed following the Asian Board Meeting. Please join the prayer team : email admin@CBMCAsianConvention.com .

Prayer Points

- 21st Asian CBMC Convention in Brisbane 25-27 October 2017- Finalising Program, setting marketing plan in action, seeking Scholarships and Sponsorship, '+, +, +, +'
- For the Australian Board as they seek replacement staff for Coordination & Administration.
- For the Australian Board as they plan activity in 2017 and develop and trial new Interest Seminars
- For members to invite a new generation to be involved in CBMC
- For Operation Timothy in Australia, that a new group of Paul's and Timothy's is established..
- For good faith related conversations for all our members.
- Pray the invitation to be Bible speaker can be accepted

Membership Renewal Reminder

Thanks for renewing your membership. We thank God for your partnership in Gospel ministry through CBMC Australia.

Our Task of demonstrating transformed lives in the Marketplace, helping others to investigate who Jesus is and what he has done is not yet complete. As a member of CBMC Australia our first priority of praying for one another is of great value and truly appreciated.

January Membership renewal forms have been emailed or posted to you. Please complete the form and return to the office. Or you can go online to <http://www.cbmcaustralia.com.au/donations/> and process your payment via credit card on our PayPal enabled site.

Financial Support

Thank you to the members who regularly contribute to the ministry of CBMC across Australia. Your prayer and support is greatly appreciated in supporting the work we do.

We invite others to consider regularly partnering with CBMC as we look to new initiative for 2017. By supporting this ministry you are investing in us by

- Supporting our CBMC staff and volunteers
- Assisting in providing resources to members and guests.
- Increasing our reach and effectiveness



These activities cannot be done without the financial support of our members and friends. We invite you to give a once off gift or a monthly contribution towards the work of CBMC Australia.

You can give your support by:

- Cheque
- Credit Card (securely on our website <http://www.cbmcaustralia.com.au/donations/> or over the phone to our office)
- Bank Transfer (BSB: 083054 Account number: 24 836 1352)
 - Or contact our national office: admin@cbmcaustralia.com.au or call 07 3172 9365