



Dear Friend,

We welcome you to our monthly newsletter! You'll find that it is filled with educational information, helpful hints and tips, events, news and even some product offerings. We want this newsletter to be valuable for you so *please, please* share your feedback and suggestions to help us improve.

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Yes, it is possible! And is can be



PURITY

WITH OUR

TEENAGERS

done in a way that is humorous and motivational. Recently I had the privilege of listening to Dr Patricia Weerakoon. Dr Patricia is a medical practitioner and a Christian Sexologist. She captivated the audience with her speech, *Teen Sex and Technology*.

For one hour I was enthralled by her knowledge, expertise, and humour. Her knowledge of technology would have impressed any teenager and her explanation of the importance of purity would impress any Christian parent.

In today's Cyber-world we are in danger of thinking that our students have all the knowledge and we live in their shadow. Can I encourage you to take up the challenge of speaking to your students and children about sex and purity? They are searching for their individual identity and self-worth. Today more than any other time, we need to help our students understand that they are made in God's image and are truly special. We need to encourage them to have courage, to stand apart and face the world and not conform to ways of the world. We are called to be counter-cultural living, and the Holy Spirit will give us the strength and courage to do every day.

If you would like to know more about similar events or presentations [click here](#).

TEC HAPPENINGS – NEWS & VIEWS

Scholars Gather

Scholarly Christian Educators' Gathering (SCEG) to explore Faith Formation in Christian Schools - 28th October

The Scholarly Christian Educators' Gathering (SCEG) is led by Professor James Dalziel (Research



SCHOLARS

GATHER

28th October 2016

Fellow, TEC) as part of TEC's support for developing deeper approaches to Christian education in schools. SCEG meetings are typically a one day workshop, held two or three times per year, and kindly hosted at St Andrew's Cathedral School, next to Town Hall in the CBD.

SCEG draws a diverse range of educators from many different types of Christian schools, as well as other schools, together with education researchers in universities and Christian higher education institutions. This diversity of perspectives makes for lively and insightful presentations and discussion. Recent SCEG workshops have explored positive and negative aspects of technology in education, and the role of research in Christian schooling.

The next SCEG meeting will be on Friday 28th of October from 10am-4pm at St Andrew's on the topic of "Faith Formation in Christian Schools". This special workshop will explore faith formation experiences in different kinds of Christian school contexts, and the challenges of communicating with today's young people. It will include talks from Principals, Chaplains, researchers and other leading thinkers on this topic.

For further details about this workshop, and to join the SCEG mailing list, please email James Dalziel at jamesrdalziel@gmail.com

“ We look forward to delivering this service to your staff. ”

Tina Lamont, Director of TEC



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RESOURCES



Do you wonder why humans are able to think in a way that enables us to do Mathematics or Science? Do you marvel at the creative capacities of our artists, musicians, poets, and authors? Are you ever sad when you see teaching that is dry and disengaging?

There is a book we can recommend for you. It is Dorothy Sayers' *The Mind of the Maker*. Sayers was a contemporary of Agatha Christie as an author of detective novels (you may enjoy her *Lord Peter* short stories and novels). Sayers was also a contemporary of CS Lewis, and this book about the creative process places her equally in that company.

In a manner similar to Lewis, Sayers looks at the tendency of Western society to be too analytical in our understanding of and with our conception of the nature of humanity and the nature of the universe. Her method in re-appraising this dynamic is to re-consider the Creativeness of the Creator, and its manifestation in human creativity. Her description of both – the creative process, and the nature of the Trinity – is one of the clearest and digestible that you will read.

As a bonus, her ‘aside’ on the reason for suffering in the world is also equally memorable and provides a clear basis for approaching this topic with students. Have a read, have a think, and pray about what to do with what you will learn!

[For this and other resources click here.](#)

“ The Worth of a book
is what you carry
away from it. ”

James Bryce

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Ted Boyce:**

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played a very critical
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**Mr Ben Irawan, Proprietor
and Board member of
Kingdom Culture Christian
School, March 2016.**

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