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CARE CONVERSATIONS

FORWARD
FROM

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Dear Friend,

We trust that you have continued to find our *Care Conversations* a welcome part of your week. The feedback has been encouraging. We want to keep supporting you in your important role in this ministry of Christian education.

In this next series of *Care Conversations*, Stephen looks at some important historical moments through the eyes of Rodney Stark, and in particular his *How the West Won: The Neglected Story of the Triumph of Modernity* (ISI Books, 2015). We trust that this gives you a fresh lens about some common themes in our world of education.

Please remember to contact us at The Excellence Centre if we can assist you with any of the topics raised in these Conversations.

Sincerely,

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Series 3:

NOTIONS OF THE WEST



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Number 8:

Is this Politically Incorrect?



Someone might say that a parent or teacher training a child to not use rude, crude or disrespectful language is the same as teaching someone political correctness. But this is an example of what CS Lewis reportedly called *“the best lie, which is one closest to the truth.”*

When we train children as Christians, we do so in the understanding that there is a rational world, given to us as a gift from a rational Creator, who in His love, respects us and teaches us, and then lets us decide whether to love, or not.

When we impose political correctness, we harass or enforce people to use only certain language to socially engineer, not equal opportunities of choice and consequences, but equal outcomes from the State's (often unexplained)

ideologies.

That is why this next claim by Rodney Stark can be considered “politically incorrect”, although he is appealing to social history in the search for rational truth, in contrast to ideological posturing:

Islam’s conception of the universe and its resulting opposition to reason, science and philosophical enquiry have had a profound impact down to the present day [it holds that the universe is inherently irrational – no cause and effect – only Allah’s unpredictable will] [43] And as the dhimmis [Western Christian slaves] disappeared, they took the ‘advanced’ Muslim culture with them. What they left behind was a culture so backward that it couldn’t even copy Western technology, but had to buy it and often had to hire their Westerners to use it. [301]

May God grant us wisdom and a spirit of reconciliation regardless of the impact of the history we see – that we too will invite everyone to see the beauty, wonder, and awe of this Creation, as God’s place.

Grace and peace,

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