

FORWARD FROM DRTINA LAMONT // Director TEC



Dear Friend,

We hope this current series of Care Conversations has challenged you as much as it has me!! Speaking directly to us in the busyness of our sometimes hectic school lives bringing fresh revelation through the wise words of A.W. Tozer - Christian pastoral writer. Stephen's comments on Tozer's writings each week have been themed 'Culture: Living as Citizens of Heaven on Earth'. Collected insights from A.W. Tozer (Moody Publishers, 2016).

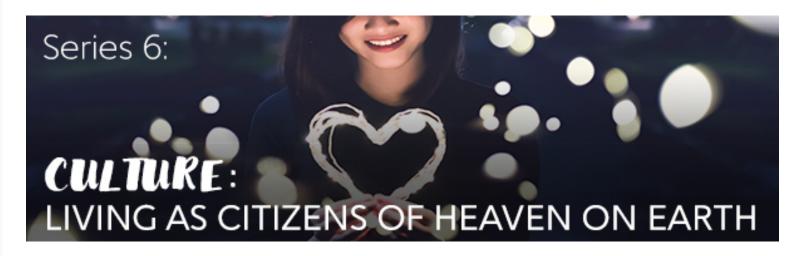
I hope you are refreshed as you faithfully go about your good work this week.

Sincerely,

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Do you grow weary of hearing about the so-called tension between science and faith? Perhaps it is because of the emotion that can go with the debate: Science and philosophy are more arrogant and bigoted than religion could ever possibly be. They try to brand evangelical Christians as bigots. (p.155)

Thus wrote A.W Tozer. It seems nothing much has changed since Tozer wrote these lines (as did GK Chesterton before him; and much further back, Augustine in his *City of God*.) Here are some references for you to go to if you want a good contemporary read on such matters:

- Lennox, John C. (2011) Gunning for God: why the New Atheists are missing the target Lion Books
- Hart, David Bentley (2009) Atheist Delusions: the Christian revolution and its fashionable enemies. Yale University Press

 Plantinga, Alvin (2011) Where the conflict really lies: science, religion and naturalism. New York: Oxford University Press

As the last author noted in his conclusion: Given that naturalism is at least a quasi-religion, there is indeed a science/religion conflict all right, but it is not between science and theistic religion: it is between science and naturalism. That's where the conflict really lies. (p.350)

Yes, the Creator God is there. Let's keep on recognizing this, celebrating it, and responding worshipfully.

Grace and peace,

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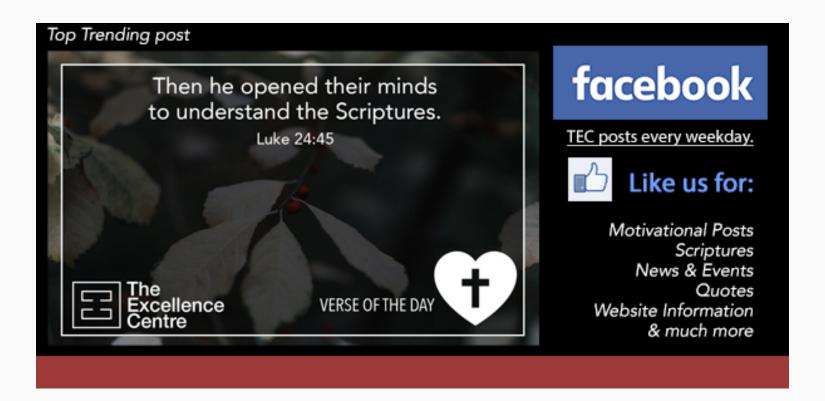
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