

REBUILDERS



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Christians need to be in dialogue with the society around them about the issues shaping our cultures. This is critical today as we see so much of the fabric of our current world systems crumbling, from the financial and manufacturing giants of the past, to the tearing of the moral guidelines that offered some historical stability. Questions we as Christians must ask are, "Will we be cultural evangelists? Are we up to the task of entering into this much-needed dialogue?"

We at Strategic Christian Services believe we are. The website, www.DiscerningTheTimes.com has been developed precisely to be an avenue through which to stimulate such a discussion. The Chief Editor, Gary Cake, expressed this desire by saying, "Our Mission Statement says it all - 'To stimulate a fresh discussion on the underlying presuppositions and ethics which will affect the future of individuals, families, communities, and nations.'" He further elaborated, "It is our desire to engage anyone who is concerned with the future of our global culture." One of the great challenges is discussing the Biblical-based values that the site

upholds in language that any interested person can understand. If we are not able to discuss Christian ethics in neutral language, then we do not understand the principles well enough.

"What is most exciting to me about this global communication outreach is the timing of God; the current economic crisis has the world's attention like no other time since World War II," said Dennis Peacocke, Founder and President of Strategic Christian Services.

The web page will eventually include articles, podcasts, and videos, all focused on challenging people to think about the issues and choices we are making that will shape our future. These will be done by a broad spectrum of contributors and cover genres ranging from news analysis and book reviews, to spiritual insights and even comedy. Every entry on the website is accompanied by an opportunity for viewers to make comments, which in turn will hopefully stimulate other responses.

Initially, there will be several regular programs scheduled for February-March releases, including Dennis Peacocke's "Discerning the Times,"

Lakita Wright's "The Naked Truth" on cultural issues, Linda Rios Brook's "Jesus for Adults" on business and cultural issues, and Adam Peacocke and Dr. Sam Tillery's "Better Together" on community development.

Webmaster Ron Holt said that the goal of the site design has been to make it pleasant and easy to use. He said enthusiastically, "Our research groups have informed us they find the podcast section the easiest they have ever used. They also tell us our art is attractive." Holt pointed out that the site is still in the developmental stage, and they will soon have the video portion fully operational.

The beta version of this site is currently available, and Cake and Holt are working hard to be able to have the Grand Opening of this new site by the first week in February. These two men are obviously excited about this project and have real hope that it will be a useful tool in bridging the gap between those already seeing the Kingdom and others who are seeking answers for the future of our world. They invite you to take a look!

Growing Cultural Presence



The SCS vision continues...

Around the world, SCS impacts thousands of believers by equipping their leadership through our schools, seminars, educational materials, and personal interaction. Since 1979 we have endeavored to serve those who are seeing God's Kingdom and seeking to express it in the whole of human life and culture.

SPIRIT TO SPIRIT

~ Cultural Evangelism ~

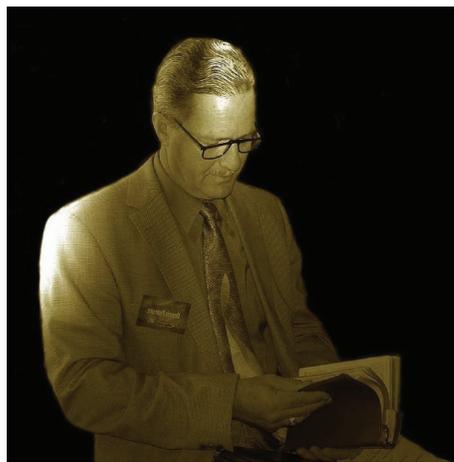
"For in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.' Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent..." —Acts 17:28-30 (NASB)

The Apostle Paul was anxious to speak to people about Christ and His Kingdom in the language of their culture. With the Jews it was centered around their history, the Patriarchs and Christ as the fulfillment of their covenant promises from Yahweh. As the above quote clearly illustrates, with the Gentiles he reached into their philosophy and literature for a bridge into his target, the nature of God and His mandated purposes for mankind.

Discerning The Times is designed to serve as our bridge into the "Gentile" world. It is cultural evangelism. Most of you are aware that we have been preparing for this opportunity not just over the last eighteen months or so, but rather for more than the last thirty years! Our preparation goes all the way back to the 1970's as we were anxious to find the right media opportunities to "speak to the world in their own language," just like Jesus did

in His cultural context. I had my own television show, "The Bottomline," for nearly four years. In the 1980's I did numerous radio interviews and debates, both religious and secular. None of these formats felt like they were truly "home." They were expensive, too limited, and didn't engage as we had hoped. Now, through the web, we can talk to the whole world cheaply and on our terms.

When we are clearly established in our secular dialogue through "Discerning the Times," we intend to create an equipping and networking website for the body of Christ using the web name, "Thy Kingdom Come Global." We have exciting plans for it, too. For now, its time to weigh in on the financial crisis, culture "wars", and God's Kingdom perspectives. Please pray for us... We have more than thirty years of momentum and we're ready now to respond in God to the "open door."



PRAYER & EVENTS

Pray for the opening of hearts to God's principles during President Obama's "honeymoon" period

FEBRUARY

Launch of the website, discerningthetimes.com

Facilitator School
Feb. 18-19

BLS Intensive
Feb. 19-21

MARCH/APRIL

USAA Nat'l Conference
(Dutch Sheets)
Colorado Springs
Mar. 31 – Apr. 2

Central America
Consultations - April

CALENDAR

*When love and skill
work together, expect
a masterpiece.*

-unknown

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Rebuilder's Network

A Big Thank You

Over the last eighteen months, as the vision, plans, technical development, and programming for the Discerning The Times (DTT) website has progressed, there has been a parallel project, the labor and fundraising necessary to achieve the goal.

In October of 2007 we began a series of communications with a group of 68 of our more financially able and committed supporters. In the months that followed, over 87% of them contributed financially to the project. This is an amazing statistic in any economic environment. They put their treasure where their heart was.

In the Spring of 2008 we had a matching grant challenge. It was met with \$134,073.96 in donations that, when matched by the challenging group, provided a total of \$268,147.92 for the project. Again, this was an amazing response from those who have caught the vision for cultural evangelism.

We want to extend our very heartfelt thanks to each of you who joined us in this project.

Now we are in the process of raising the regular commitments that will underwrite the increased SCS overhead to run the website. These are predominantly "people costs." Your investment now towards cultural evangelism through the DTT website by a one time gift or specified pledge is very much needed. The capital investment is made, now we need the resources to make use of this wonderful tool. **Can you help?**

MAKE YOUR DONATIONS ONLINE AT: WWW.GOSTRATEGIC.ORG