



This first Light of Life for the year was coming to you in March, but so was the coronavirus — hence, we are now coming to you in May!

Interestingly, this pandemic has also seen home education numbers skyrocket as people have been sent home from work to avoid coronavirus. Some parents have been so blessed at the opportunity to work with their children they plan to continue home educating, but it seems a majority have concluded that home education is too hard. Thus, I suspect that overall home school numbers will plummet again before too long, but it is nice to know

that many more people now realise that home education is hard work. And, like all hard work, it brings its own rewards.

So we begin another new year. For some it is the beginning of a new journey — children leaving the nest and going to school for the first of twelve years. For others it is embarking on the huge adventure of teaching children at home. For each it is an adventure into the unknown, but an adventure we begin with the Lord who is there to guide us each step of the way. Like all of life, education is just another great adventure with God.

By contrast I was recently listening to a talkback radio session on the decline of standards in education. Each caller identified their concerns and solutions, many of which revolved around teachers having to teach so many different politically correct (PC) topics. Others were concerned with teaching methods, lack of discipline, falling standards, etc.

Then, of course, we had the ‘expert’ interviewed who agreed there was a big problem

in education, but it was not for any of the reasons the callers had mentioned!

It did occur to me that they still don’t get it! The ‘experts’ seem so committed to their godless philosophy they are unable to even consider any other view.

Anyway, as most ‘experts’ seem to think, how could parents or ‘old’ teachers have any idea of our new and enlightened ways? It is a replay of the teenager who has come to understand that parents don’t know anything! The thought that their parents were once teenagers does not seem to occur to them. Similarly ‘experts’ seem to believe that the life experience of parents (and indeed ‘old’ teachers), have little value in comparison with their modern enlightened view.

I began teaching 56 years ago and educational practices have become more and more godless as they reflect the ways of our community, but it seems we have still not reached the ‘bottom of the barrel’ for flaky educational ideas and innovations.

But instead of bemoaning our world and feeling victimised by a socialist agenda, please remember that we live by faith in a God who deals with the impossible every day. May He continue to inspire and direct you as you seek to serve Him in all aspects of educating our children.

News

LEM Phonics 2020

John Garrard has a large whiteboard in his office featuring a grid of all the LEM Phonics 2020 materials for the first year — some sixty or so different books. The whiteboard began the year with a handful of green ticks (ready for production), some blue circles (in progress) and a sea of red crosses (not begun yet). We are happy to say that the board is now completely green ticks and we are taking orders for the first year (‘Year A’) of the new LEM Phonics 2020 material. A new website www.lemphonics.com has been launched, which features all the new resources.

We have had some interesting contact with several state education departments regarding their preferred handwriting style. The Tasmanian Government actually decided to modify and re-release their guidelines in response to our questions pointing out several inconsistencies! But the good news is that we have finalised our six different handwriting versions, including the standard ‘ball and stick’ manuscript that has been used in the original program and is still preferred by many.

Workbooks 3, 4 and 5 differ only in the writing grid lines, and mercifully five out of the seven states use the same standard line pattern for students to write on. This



means that there are only three versions of these workbooks to cover all states – only NSW and Queensland use different versions.

Training in the new method has been going well, with our instructors incorporating the new 2020 changes into their seminars. Generally speaking the changes have been extremely well-received by teachers and schools and we look forward to releasing the ‘Year B’ products to the market in the very near future, followed by others later in the year.

For those who are into their subsequent years of teaching LEM Phonics, we have continued production of all the original versions of the resources, and will continue to do so while there is need for them. There are some original version resources which we have surplus of that we will be selling at heavy discounts.

Transitioning from the old to the new has been a hot topic amongst the instructors and we are continuing to discuss the best strategies for schools and families who are already using LEM Phonics. At this

stage the general advice is to continue with the version you have started, but various cases may call for different pathways. The good thing is that our new production model has allowed us to be very agile in responding to specific needs in the market.

So spread the word – LEM Phonics 2020 is ready to roll and coming to a classroom near you!



No. 109: God has appointed you

The Socialist world in which we live is constantly on the lookout for someone to blame – for everything and anything.

It is the world of the victim.

We, Christians, have an opportunity to follow worldly trends and also become victims. But wait – have you ever met a happy victim? To be led into victimhood is

to be led into defeat – in the vernacular, to become a ‘loser’!

Our leader Jesus had absolute reason to become the world’s leading victim, but He chose instead to become the great overcomer, to rise from the dead, to reign victoriously. He is THE world changer! He has instructed His followers to be filled with His Spirit and to bring the world under the authority of Christ – the king of His kingdom.

The world does need to change, but if you are waiting for someone else to change things, you will be waiting for some indeterminate period of time. It seems that in God’s thinking you and I are actually charged with the privilege of being responsible for the future direction of our world.

But before you throw your hands in the air and declare incompetence to God – STOP, take a breath and realise that it is God’s purpose to use you in His plan to change His world to the right way up. That is why you are here on this planet, breathing God’s good air and living by faith in a God who loves the challenge of the impossible.

And you are right – you are impossible, but God never intended for you to do anything apart from Him. He is the one who made you a new creation, with a hope and a purpose created by God just for you! And your family? Yes, they are part of the plan God has for you. Remember, you and yours are not alone in this call – there are a multitude who are called to this Great Commission.

Do you really think that any of our leaders will change the world by themselves? They may give leadership, but it is us the people that do the work! I look at what President Trump is doing in the USA (apart from upsetting the PC supporters) by swimming against the tide. Many things have and are being changed by a man who is willing to stand and to do. I don’t know any of the details but I do observe that many of the changes in the USA are in line with my understanding of biblical principles.

But, back to the real issue – God has empowered each of us, Christians, to build our lives on biblical values and train our families to do likewise. If God thought that this was impossible He would never have asked us to follow Him. God will give you a vision for your family that will set your heart in His direction and through obedience to the Lord you will find the journey of life takes on new life. He has given us His Word (the Bible) and the indwelling Holy Spirit as our guide, teacher and comforter.

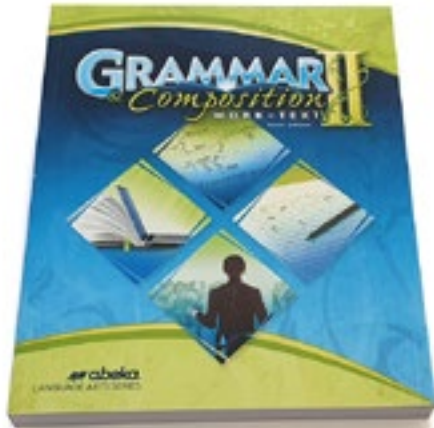
Wringing our hands and sighing loudly were never part of the plan God has for us.

So get behind the leader (Jesus), obey Him and enjoy a life of blessing, challenge, opportunity, satisfaction and fulfilment. We are with Him and He is impossible to defeat – we are on the winning side and we are able in God’s ability to fulfil our part of changing the world for the glory of God.

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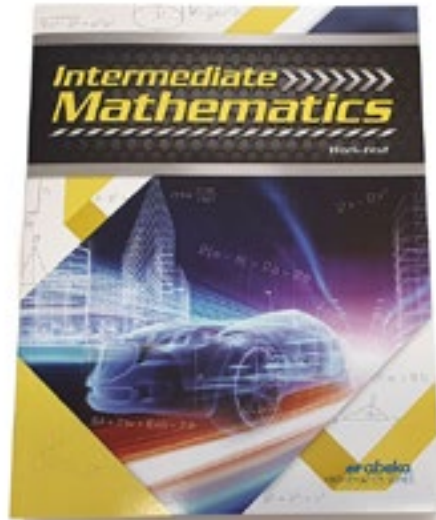
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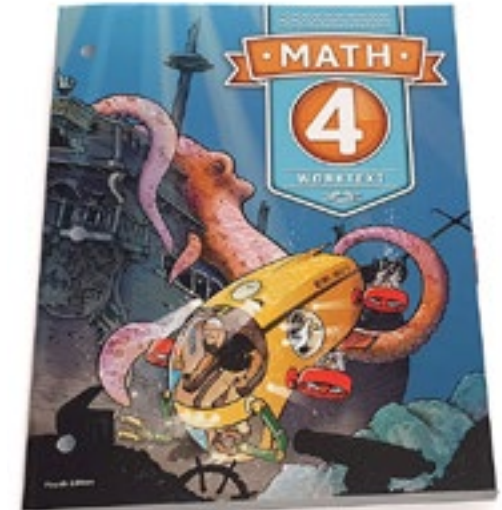


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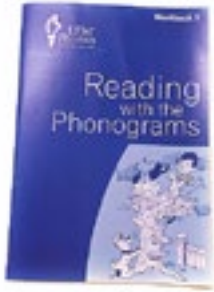
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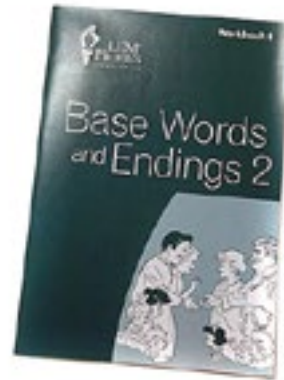
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