



## Welcome to our second edition of Light of Life for 2018.

We are gearing up for the new 2019 school year which may sound a bit premature, but we need to allow three months from the time of ordering for books to arrive from the USA. We have been advising school customers of dates we require orders for the new year on imported materials. Of course our LEM materials (including LEM Phonics) are generally always in stock.

We trust you will avail yourselves of the excellent range of quality Christian materials from the well-respected Christian publishers stocked by LEM – Rod and Staff, A Beka Book, Bob Jones University Press and Christian Liberty Press. We usually have

stock on hand for home educators, but at our busy time from December through to the end of January, we do sometimes run out of some titles. We recommend that you place orders early to ensure you have books ready for the new school year.

We have begun work on the huge task of reviewing and updating the LEM Phonics program, which has been unchanged for quite a few years. Most noticeable will be new branding, layout and illustrations, but there will also be several key structural changes, designed to simplify and improve the program. We are looking to have trial versions of the new starter materials ready for the new school year.

The restructuring of our office staff and management is settling down and we are pleased to report it is going well and we are greatly encouraged by the new directions God is giving us for the future of Light Educational Ministries.

## Clearance items

As we mentioned last edition there are some items that we have sold over the years that have experienced diminishing sales, with changes in education 'fashions'. These materials are excellent, but fewer people have seemed keen to use them in their home education programs and we are clearing these items at very reduced prices. Check our website for clearance titles and order whilst stocks last.

### Canon Press Latin

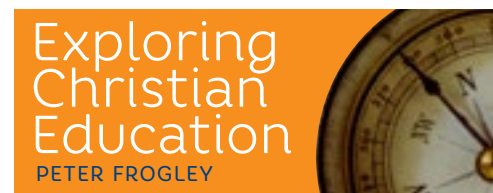
Student texts and Teacher's manuals are available which provide excellent value for any who are keen to provide a superior foundation for language study.

### Bob Jones Booklinks

Bob Jones Booklinks are an excellent resource to accompany the very good series of readers (novels) Bob Jones use in their English program. We still have a few titles remaining at bargain prices.

Make sure you check our clearance section for these and other excellent deals.

Bless you as you continue to 'hold the torch' for Christian education in Australia.



## No. 106: Christianising in a pagan land

When some of us began working in Christian Education in the early 1970s it was with a view to re-establish the Christian foundations of education in a world that was still philosophically 'Christian'.

God had given a vision of spreading the knowledge of the Lord through Christian education, that we might see reformation in our nation and learn how to glorify God in our teaching. I do believe that vision is still current, but God tends to do things over hundreds of years whereas we tend to believe things must happen in our lifetime. Perhaps God sees this as a multi-generational vision?

The world and its values have moved from their Christian moorings, and these changes are reflected in every arena of human activity – even the church, which has become largely impotent in these times. A significant aspect of this is that much of the Christian church has become dualistic, withdrawing within its four walls. I am

defining dualism here as seeing that ‘my Christian faith is personal and should be practiced privately, so as not to offend others of differing persuasions’.

For example, many of us are delighted that we now have a Christian Prime Minister who has been bold in declaring his commitment to Christ. But he has been quick to provide an example of dualism in explaining that his faith does not define his political decisions, rather it is a strongly personal, private faith. This is the exact position the world has told the Christians they should hold and many have believed this — consigning themselves to irrelevance in the nation. We have tended to believe the falsehood that as we are a multicultural nation we must not just tolerate, we must embrace other cultures.

That sounds fine until we understand Van Til’s assertion that ‘culture is religion externalised’. Then we can understand the legislated position that we are not to push our religion on any other person, unless they specifically ask.

There is a major confrontation here for Christians as the Bible is quite explicit in teaching that God is Lord of all, that Jesus holds all authority, that all nations should be disciplined to Christ and that God’s law is the Law for all mankind. Jesus Himself summarised this when he said:

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in

the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

*Matthew 28:18–20*

It seems difficult to gainsay that Christianity and God’s plan is anything other than conforming all things to the purpose and will of God. Thus, dualism could be said to be ‘consigning Christianity to the dustbin of history’. Christians should keep out of the public square, we are told — the world does not wish to hear what we would have to say!

This is but a passing opposition. Dualism will not triumph in the long term as God has invested more than adequate power in us to see the world transformed as a fruit of Christ’s work and sacrifice.

The challenge for the church today is to depaganise our nations. In our post-modern world virtually every reference to God has been expunged from public life. Our images and gods are pagan! Christians are advised they are not welcome and, if they think they are, the world will (and is) passing laws to prevent Christians acting biblically.

### Fortress defence?

In this context it is difficult to avoid developing a ‘fortress mentality’ separating ourselves and our families from the wicked, pagan culture. The alternative seems to be to get lost in the paganism of the world. Each of these options presents its own

challenge. If we separate from the pagan society to live in communes (or the like), history would instruct us that we run the grave risk of becoming cultic in our expression and practice of Christianity. This is, of course, why the Bible instructs us to take the message of the gospel to all people. We must have an outward-looking faith. On the other hand, if we release our children to the pagan world we should not be surprised if they become pagans.

For most of church history Christians have lived in pagan cultures. Certainly, the New Testament testifies to the church living in the pagan world of the Roman Empire. It was tough being a Christian in those days, but it tended to produce tough Christians! Whilst we read of many horror stories of Roman times, not a lot has been written on how families fared. But suffice to say that Christians have faced similar situations many times over the past two thousand years and Christianity has triumphed in the midst of many varied expressions of paganism — and it will be so again as we enter into darker days!

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Our victory, however, will not come through compromising with Paganism, as Scripture calls us to come out from amongst that way of life. We are *in* the world but not *of* the world. Here are some suggested keys that may help us to do this.

**1. Ensure the priority of our call to faith** — know with certainty that you are ‘born again’.

**2. Ensure we have an adequate biblical understanding (doctrinal base) to enable us to stand upon its teaching.** Have a sufficient knowledge of Christian doctrine to know what you should stand upon!

**3. Be strong participants in our local church.** Be a part of a local body of Christ, not just an attendee!

**4. Be willing to stand on biblical truth as directed by the Lord** — in other words, allow God to choose the ‘hill worth dying on’. We Christians are often giving to majoring on minors!

**5. Be satisfied that historically martyrdom has always been a potential for Christians,** but be sure that the ‘hill worth dying on’ is for the sake of His Kingdom and not some personal quirk in belief held in stubborn foolishness.

**6. Be aware that the enemy of the faith is ruthless** and has time and again demonstrated his willingness to put Christians to death — not just historically, but perhaps even more so today!

The idea of martyrdom may be terrifying to the vast majority of us, but for much of the Christian world, even today, it is an expected consequence of living for Christ.

It would be nice to think that none of my pessimism will come to pass, but we do need to be aware of increasing antagonism to our Christian faith in the increasingly pagan world of the twenty-first century. ■

1. More contemporary look, feel and branding
2. Simplified methods for some rules and phonograms
3. State-based handwriting in Workbooks and Phonogram Cards.

We have identified the need for certain LEM Phonics resources to be available with different handwriting styles for each State. Thus we have invested in new production equipment that will allow professional quality workbooks, phonogram cards and other resources to be produced in-house, and effectively on-demand. This will also allow us to continue production of the existing versions of resources for those who need extra transition time.

New versions of the LEM Phonics Manual, Phonogram Cards, Word List K and Workbooks 1 and 2 are available to order for the 2019 school year, with a proposed completion mid-January. Subsequent new resources (including a brand new set of Prep/Kinder readers) will be rolled out during 2019.

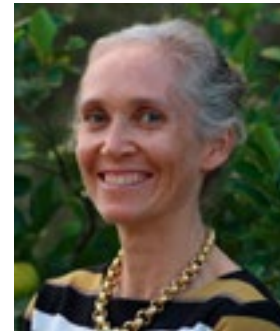
Existing versions of all resources will continue to be available in the interim.

We have engaged a new illustrator, purchased new equipment and taken on new suppliers to ensure that LEM Phonics remains the pre-eminent Australian synthetic phonics program.

Please keep us (and particularly John) in your prayers as we move forward in this exciting initiative.

## New Registered Instructor

### Frances Prentice



We now have four Registered Instructors with the addition of Frances Prentice from Chinchilla (near Toowoomba) in Queensland.

Beginning her education career in 1994, Frances worked as a Speech Pathologist before becoming an Advisory Visiting Teacher for Speech Language Impairment, and has also taught kindergarten and primary classes. She has five children and whilst raising them has worked part time as a Learning Support Teacher and tutor. Frances became an LEM Phonics Registered Instructor in 2018 with a vision to help teachers and students learn a comprehensive form of literacy, giving them the confidence to achieve their potential.

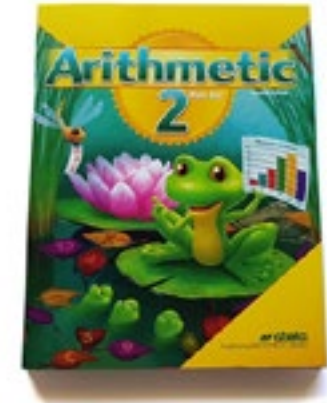
We are keen to see other Registered Instructors come on board to help spread the LEM Phonics message in every state across the nation, and we look forward to seeing Frances make an impact with the teachers and schools she is involved with.

## Book Shop



### A Beka Book

Grade 2 Arithmetic 2nd edition



Hop around the world through jungles, ponds, and national parks as students sharpen basic arithmetic skills and use them in new areas such as carrying in addition, borrowing in subtraction, and applying fractions. Using delightful themes and full-colour illustrations, this work-text presents concepts in an orderly manner, building on prior learning and including consistent year-long review.

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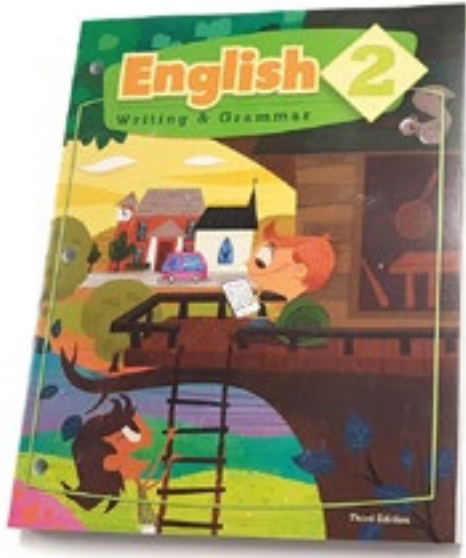
John Garrard is now firmly at the helm of the LEM Phonics program and is working with our Registered Instructors to review, edit and produce new LEM Phonics materials.

Current research (including recent studies from the US, UK and our own Edith Cowan University) continue to confirm systematic phonics as the most effective method for teaching English. Whilst the core components of LEM Phonics still fit this philosophy, some structures and resources of the program definitely required updating from their essentially unchanged 1995 versions.

In addition, we have endeavoured to address several aspects of the program which consistently caused confusion amongst teachers and students.

Three key words that have informed our decisions on program changes have been *simplicity*, *consistency* and *availability*. To this end we have taken the feedback from instructors, teachers and students and simplified and refined the program in these key areas:

# Bob Jones New Editions



## Grade 2 English 3rd Edition

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Student Text	<b>\$44.50</b>
Teacher Edition with CD	<b>\$110.00</b>
Test	<b>\$14.15</b>
Answer Key to Test	<b>\$17.00</b>



## Grade 1 Spelling 3rd edition

The Spelling 1 Student Worktext has been revised to include colourful worktext pages with activities such as rhyming, using words in context of their meaning, proofreading, and dictionary skills to reinforce the spelling patterns that are being taught and to strengthen communication skills. Thirty weekly spelling lists are included, and each list contains approximately 10 words. Spelling 1 corresponds closely with Phonics & English 1 and Reading 1. It enhances the phonics instructional strands and helps make reading-writing connections.

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## Grade 2 Science 4th edition

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Student Text	<b>\$69.85</b>
Teacher Edition, with CD	<b>\$99.95</b>
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Tests	<b>\$14.15</b>
Answer Key to Tests	<b>\$17.00</b>

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Teacher Edition with CD	<b>\$99.95</b>
Student Activity Manual	<b>\$47.15</b>
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Tests	<b>\$14.15</b>
Answer Key to Tests	<b>\$17.00</b>

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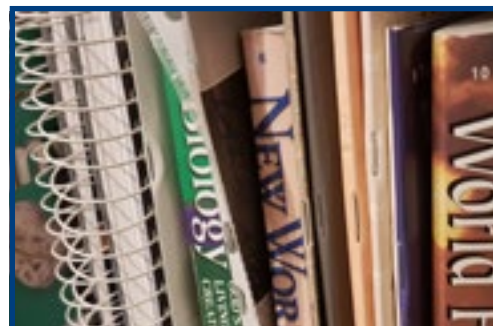


## Latin

We have a few remaining books for Douglas and Martha Wilson's Latin course at bargain prices:

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