
JANUARY 2023 UPDATE

A New Year!



Abstract: From earliest Christianity, Christians have needed to navigate the tensions that arise between the “authority of Christ” and the “authority of culture” landscape. I will sketch an overview of this challenge, but then focus on how the history of ideas plays an important role in a contemporary understanding of how Christ and academic culture relate.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRIST & ACADEMIC CULTURE

PRESENTED TO THE CHRISTIAN FACULTY FELLOWSHIP BY [JAMES A. COOK](#)

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We had a wonderful Christmas and New Years and I hope the same was experienced by you. I’ll try to keep this update short—I have a few brief **things to report to you about and some things we can join together and pray about.**

First, later this month (the exact date isn’t yet firm) I’ll be speaking to the Christian Faculty Fellowship at the Air Force Academy. I’ll be introducing them in a deeper way to the challenge they face as *Christian* academics—of understanding how their faith can and should be related to their lives of professional scholarship. This is no simple task to explain correctly and

Above: draft of the invitation to the talk I’ll give at the Academy.

succinctly, and while I've worked on these issues for many years, I'm hoping in my final preparations God will allow me to do the best job that I can. **Please pray for that.**

Since early December I've been preparing presentation slides and handouts for the talk, and researching the areas where I will likely face good questions.

This month and the next are also the start of a **new academic semester** for many local

Christian faculty fellowships, so please also pray for Christian faculty as they gear up for it.

Finally, we can **give thanks** for bringing us all through another calendar year of challenges and

opportunity for spiritual growth. **Your faithful**

prayers and support this past year have enabled me to focus on the job at hand and without distractions. We are in a good position and poised to continue to move ahead.

Warmly in Christ,

Jim

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PS: As in the past for your records, we plan to send by the end of this month of January 2023 a summary of your donations for 2022 in a separate letter... most likely coming sometime after mid-January.



Above: photo of the ceiling in the Academy's large conference center dedicated to Air Force values and character development.

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