



The New Old Way Conference in Africa with the Alcuin Fellows

Q&A Session with
Alcuin Fellows

Outline:

How do we hire the right people?

- Dr. David Diener: Teaching credentials are not critical. What kind of person is this and are they a good learner? Is this person able to grow (being self-reflective).
- Ravi Jain: Be willing to submit to what Christians of the past are saying. If I learn how to submit and change, then I find insight in that.
- Dr. Christopher Perrin: Have teachers observe one another. Teachers will grow at different rates in different areas.

How competitive are the graduates of classical Christian schools in the job market in the U.S.A.?

- Dr. David Diener: Not only do they get jobs, but they succeed in them and are promoted as they continue to grow. Classical Christian schools have higher math scores and greater success in STEM fields.
- Dr. Christopher Perrin: A small school with only 50 upper school students won the national mock trial competition.

How does classical education address emerging issues like climate change or the progress in technology?

- Dr. Christopher Perrin: Classically educated students trusted science and the Bible more than other students. There is fair balanced independent thought that has been engendered in these students.
- Dr. David Diener: Classical Christian students are uniquely equipped for the future because they are so grounded in the past.

How do we respond to modern Western philosophers?

- Ravi Jain: Every education assumes an anthropology. Many modern philosophers didn't admit they had a different anthropology. They pretended there was no anthropology.
- Dr. David Diener: Some schools are training students to think philosophically.