



## ***Cultivating our minds to love God fully***

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### **Moving Forward!**

We have reviewed last year's ministry—our first full year, what the U.S. Navy calls a "shakedown cruise." We tried all our ideas and discovered what works, what needs improvement, and which new initiatives to introduce. Below are of several programs we continued, followed by several new initiatives.

### **Activities Continued**

**Movie discussions** attract a wide spectrum of participants and often occur in a local church. Last month we watched "Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." Many of our participants never thought carefully about a film. They expressed great appreciation for the opportunity and all that they learned.



**Friends of the Center** are monthly gatherings either online or in person. The online group focuses on reading and discussion, whereas the home group offers intellectual hospitality, fellowship and prayer.



**Reading Groups and Courses** include thus far Common Grace and Basic Apologetics. During the year, we will offer additional groups and courses. We will also offer several conferences on timely subjects.

### **New Initiatives**

Iván Tomassini (our Academic Coordinator) is participating in an online Spanish Master of Theology program with Westminster Theological Seminary. They commented: "Ivan has impressed our professors.

He is doing great in our courses." Next month, Iván will represent the Center at



conference in Brazil: "A Public Gospel: Evangelicals, Neo-Calvinists, and Society."

He also hosts a monthly webinar that attracts thinkers with advanced educational goals.

We added a new member to our Advisors Board that now includes three Argentines and two north Americans. Final arrangements are underway for a conference about apologetics in a local Presbyterian church.

Strategic partnerships are very important for our future. We are discussing collaboration with a major seminary in the United States. Richard Smith will attend the annual conference of the Consortium of Christian Study Centers this summer. He will also present a workshop concerning his book *Such a Mind as This* at the conference.

A reader of his book in English recently provided a positive comment. Hopefully, it



means positive feedback for the Spanish version later this year: "I love how you set up this book: the edenic, exilic, punitive and redemptive epistemologies and how each chapter describes these different facets of mankind's thinking. Picturing what

Eden was like for Adam and how his mind could have developed was such a creative way to compare what came next. I am so glad you wrote this book. There is so much here to think about and learn from!"



We are translating articles by John Murray, William Edgar, Vern Poythress, and David Powlison, among others.

If you have not visited [our site](#) recently, check it out.

We are continually adding useful information.

## Our Values

On our website, we enumerate our Center's core values. Since they are listed in Spanish, we provide several here for you to consider.

*We desire* that people who visit our Center sense the presence of Christ and come to know him.

*God is our role model* in intellectual and ethical terms. The Scriptures—the Word inspired by him—are the ultimate authority for settling differences about what the biblical worldview consists of.



*We believe* that all of reality is under the lordship of Christ and that every aspect of existence is a potential object of study and review in the light of the Word.

*We believe* that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, for which we submit every aspect of our thinking and conduct to his will, expressed in his Word.

*We seek* to listen to the Christian community around the world and learn from the theological tradition of the church throughout history.

*We believe* that the culture surrounding us is valuable because God has deposited his common grace and general revelation in it and reveals truths and knowledge to us through it. At the same time, we believe that God can and wants to redeem culture from

the effects of sin and we want to participate in the fulfillment of his redemptive plan.

*We recognize* ourselves as a learning community in continuous growth and improvement. We do not believe that we already have all the answers, neither of the revealed things, nor of what God himself has not yet revealed.

*We believe* that loving God with the mind is a crucial aspect of biblical spirituality. We consider that deliberately holding biblical ignorance and an anti-intellectual position is an unacceptable attitude for the Christian.



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