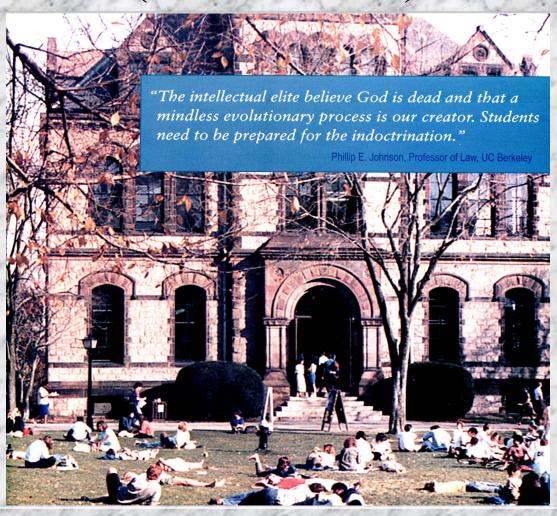






The Reign of Metaphysical Naturalism (science side)



The Reign of Naturalism (metaphysical) & Relativism in Academe

- Metaphysical naturalism the view there is no God or gods and the only thing that exists (and counts as facts) are empirical; when something is explained empirically (fully), that's all there is to say.
- Historically connected with moral relativism and constructivism
- Our academic culture is greatly affected by this. Very little Christian cultural influence...

This View of What Is Real Has Consequences including:

- University culture is also dominated by some form of hedonism—including and especially enlightened hedonism
 - Besides the fact this is idolatry, it also suffers from the paradox of hedonism
 - Lots of unsatisfied people who do not think religion, whatever it is, is a viable solution
- It does not have to be this way.



The gospel is understood in the context of the larger culture—serious Christians cannot let this slide.

Impact

- Evil triumphs when good men do nothing.Edumund Burke (Irish statesman)
- Never underestimate what God can do through just one person.
 - Alexander Solzhenitsyn
 - **Dawson Trotman**

Impact

- If God can use one person, could he not use a Christian community in academe?
- It's happened before, it can happen again.
- The question is whether God will use you or me in the process.

The Big Picture

- Significance: It is given to a great people once only in history to help decisively in saving the world.
- . . . If missed now, it may never be given them again.
- ... What they can achieve in the name of Jesus Christ will redound to their honor for thousands of years.
 - Charles Habib Malik, Former President, United Nations General Assembly. Speaking on the need for Christians to reach and change the universities

- Begin with the end in mind
- Use your strengths to get to your objectives
 - IV has a strong reputation among faculty
 - IV has a legacy among the faculty from undergraduate and graduate years
 - IV has IV Press

- Begin to network
- Find the best people—who are the people that will most likely be followed?
 - What kind of character do they have?
 - What have they done in the past?
 - Do they respond to vision and the word of God?
 - Are they teachable and have a heart for God?

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Nuts and Bolts (short case study)



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Historically Christian faculty leadership has come from Academy professors that were in the military

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