

# THE MacLaurin INSTITUTE

## Christian Studies Courses Still Accepting Registrations . . . Classes Begin September 3

“Fall semester should be pretty exciting this year,” said Bob Osburn, Institute Executive Director recently. “Not only will we have classes in a great new location, but the Institute’s 2000-volume Christian studies library will be more accessible than ever to students and others looking for Christian scholarly and reference resources. Several free computers for internet access and typing papers will also be available. Of course, credit is fully transferable to U of Minnesota transcripts.”



Dr. Daryl Aaron: Northwestern College Coordinator for MacLaurin Courses

Osburn indicated that all three courses are still open for additional registrations, from U of Minnesota as well as non-traditional students at the tuition rate of \$185/credit hour, which is a full 10% less expensive than the U’s undergraduate in-state tuition rate. “Scholarships are also definitely available.”

All classes will meet in the Princeton Review, in the same building as the Institute’s offices at 800 Washington Ave. SE in Stadium Village, above Bona and Chipotle restaurants. All classes meet at 3:35 pm, on the following schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays, **New Testament** (taught by Northwestern College’s Professor of the Year, Dr. Daryl Aaron) and Mondays and Wednesdays, **Christian History** (Dr. Charles Aling) and **Christian Theology** (Dr. Carl Sanders).

“When I was a student at the University of Michigan some 30 years ago, I would have loved to take classes like this and still receive credit from my university. This is one of only two northern universities that offer such an arrangement. U of Minnesota students shouldn’t miss this opportunity,” said Osburn.

Late registrations will be accepted until September 10. To register, call 612-378-1935 or go online at [maclaurin.org/courses.php](http://maclaurin.org/courses.php). ■

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### Heart of the Matter Bookstore Lectures

**St Paul Borders (1st Thurs. of each month, at 7:30 pm.)**

- Oct. 3 **Dr. Donald Drew** (Associate, L'Abri Fellowship) *Some Thoughts on C.S. Lewis: The UNITY That Emerges From His Work*
- Nov. 7 **Roger Magnuson** (Partner, Dorsey and Whitney). *The Metaphysics of Music*
- Dec. 5 **Dale Ahlquist** (President, American Chesterton Society). *The Spiritual and Intellectual Delight of G.K. Chesterton*
- Jan. 2 **TBA**
- Feb. 6 **Andrew Fellows** (L'Abri Fellowship, Greatham, UK). *U2 and the Search for Spiritual Reality*
- Mar. 6 **Dr. William Monsma** (Adjunct Professor, U of Minnesota) and **Dr. Chris Macosko** (Professor of Chemical Engineering, U of Minnesota). *Intelligent Design from Different Angles*
- Apr. 3 **Dr. Peter Kreeft** (Professor of Theology, Boston College) *TBA*
- May 1 **Dr. Daniel Taylor** (Professor of English, Bethel College). *The Myth of Certainty*

**South Metro (Richfield Borders: 3rd Thurs. of each month, at 7:30 pm)**

- Sep. 19 **Robert Osburn** (Executive Director, MacLaurin Institute). *Roach Motel or Marketplace of Ideas? Why Academia Needs Christian Scholarship*
- Oct. 17 **Dr. Charles Aling** (Professor of History, Northwestern College). *Joseph in Egypt: Fact or Fiction?*
- Nov. 21 **Paul Nyhuis** (Instructor in Physics and Astronomy, ret., Inver Hills Community College). *Chance and Design: Is the Universe Finely Tuned?*
- Dec. 19 **Dr. William Monsma** (Adjunct Professor, U of Minnesota). *The Star of Bethlehem*
- Jan. 16 **Scott Klusendorf** (Director of Bioethics, Stand to Reason). *Bioethics for the Biotech Century: Cloning, Abortion, and Beyond*
- Feb. 20 **Tim Finley** (President, Mars Hill Media). *Hocus Pocus Faith: Worshipping a God Who Isn't There*
- Mar. 20 **Dr. Christopher Hook** (Director of Bioethics, Mayo Medical School). *The History of Eugenics: Lessons for the Genomic Era*
- April 17 **Wayne Pederson** (President, Mission America Coalition). *Ten Lessons for Leaders in the Lion's Den*
- May 15 **Dr. Walter Sundberg** (Professor of Church History, Luther Seminary). *TBA*

### Institute 2002-2003 Schedule of Events

Schedule subject to change. Watch your mail and e-mail for up-to-date information.

**Christian Studies Courses**

Tuesday, September 3, first day of classes for Old Testament course (3 credits)  
Wednesday, September 4, first day of classes for Christian Theology and Christian History courses (4 credits each). All classes at 3:35 pm. at 800 Washington Ave SE. \$185/credit hr; audit fee is 50% of normal rate.

**Holmer Lecture**

December 6, 7:30 pm. **Dr. Alvin Plantinga** (Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame) Title to be announced. Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, U of MN West Bank.

**MacLaurin Campus Lectures**

- October 11 (aft) **Dr. David Aikman** (Former Senior Correspondent, TIME Magazine). *US-Chinese Relations in the Global Setting.*
- October 24 **Dr. Fritz Schaefer** (U of Georgia). *TBA (Main sponsor: Christian Leadership Ministries)*
- January 21 **Scott Klusendorf** (Director of Bioethics, Stand to Reason). *TBA*
- February 12 **Dr. Kurt Schaefer** (Professor of Economics and Business, Calvin College). *American Experiments in Poverty Policy*
- April 4 **Dr. Peter Kreeft** (Professor of Theology, Boston College). *TBA*
- April 22 **Udo Middellmann** (Francis Schaeffer Fellow, MacLaurin Institute). *TBA*

**Special Lecture series by Vishal Mangalwadi: *The Heretics: The People of the Book That Shaped the Second Millennium.* 7:00 pm, Moos Tower 2-620, U of Minnesota**

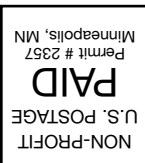
- Sept. 20 **Heretics, Martyrs, and Reformers:** *Why Were the Bible Translators So Hated and Feared?*
- Sept. 27 **From Serfs to Citizens:** *How Did the Renaissance Discovery of the Biblical View of 'Man' Create the Modern World?*
- Oct. 4 **Magnificent Resurrection:** *Why the Biblical Reformation Revived Dead Democracy and Republicanism*
- Oct. 11 **Humanization vs. Technology:** *Why Technology Developed in Monasteries Before Universities*
- Oct. 18 **Why Some Are So Rich and Others So Poor:** *How the Preaching of 'Heaven' Made a Difference in This World*
- Oct. 25 **Heroism and the Hope of the Second Millennium:** *How a Defeated Messiah Conquered Classical Heroism to Create the Modern World*
- Nov. 1 **From Development to Deconstruction:** *Is 'The Closing of the American Mind' a Prelude to New Barbarism?*

Register online at [maclaurin.org](http://maclaurin.org) for  
 Christian studies courses (till September 10)  
 and for the Institute's first online Christian  
 worldview course.

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## An Interview with Vishal Mangalwadi



Vishal Mangalwadi is no stranger to most people connected with The MacLaurin Institute. For over six years Vishal has not only been a Fellow of the Institute, but he has lectured countless times on campus at the U of Minnesota, in our Heart of the Matter bookstore lectures, in area churches, before civic groups, and around the world. He has recently returned from lecturing in India, Sri Lanka, Russia, and Cambridge, UK where he was a plenary lecturer at the prestigious CS Lewis Summer Institute in Cambridge and Oxford. He is currently working on a major film project on how biblical ideas were influential in shaping the best features of Western culture. His Fall 2002 lecture series at the U of Minnesota is based on the project (see back cover for lecture date, times, and venues). Vishal and his wife Ruth currently reside in Princeton, MN where he also works as Co-Director of South Asian Resources. Vishal is found on the web at [vishalmangalwadi.com](http://vishalmangalwadi.com).

**What do you hope to accomplish in the seven-lecture series at the U of Minnesota this Fall?**

I will present the case that the best features of the modern world were created by the now despised book—the Bible—and that without the biblical base the Western

civilization is headed for its doom. My hope is that the case will be powerful enough to trigger a serious debate at the U of Minnesota.

**Tell us briefly about the formative influences on your thinking and life.**

As a teenager I got into habits of lying and stealing. The message that Jesus could save me from sin came as liberating news that I experienced to be true. However, a study of philosophy at the University of Allahabad in North India took away the very foundation of my belief. Then I read Francis Schaeffer's book *Escape From Reason*, which helped me realize that my professors knew that the philosophers knew that they did not know the truth and that they could not know the truth. I knew that the human mind could not know truth unless there is Someone out there who knows and would be kind enough to reveal it to us. I decided to read the Bible once more to see if God had actually revealed truth to us.

**You have been described as the "Francis Schaeffer of India". What was it about Schaeffer that so impacted you?**

It was Dr. Schaeffer's willingness to take every honest question seriously and to try to answer it respectfully and with integrity and humility.

**In this postmodern era, what are the critical points where Christian engagement with culture can have significant impact?**

Humanity, rationality, morality and family were the pillars of Western civilization. Each of these is now crumbling: human beings are culturally conditioned chemistry; what was once a "thinking civilization" is now killing the mind philosophically and in practice through drugs, mysticism, spiritism, music, and art; the shareholders can no longer trust their favorite companies, nor can the spouses trust their partners; and the lawmakers cannot even define what constitutes marriage or family. Intellectual, moral and social chaos are the critical points that call for Christian engagement.

**Thank you, Vishal. We're looking forward to your Fall lecture series at the U of Minnesota. ■**

## Life's Tapestry: A Series in Worldview Explorations

The Institute's new online curriculum in Christian worldview studies, *Life's Tapestry: Worldview Explorations*, launches October 1 with the first of four projected courses in the curriculum.

The introductory course, "*Worldview Explorations: The Fabric of Wisdom*," introduces students to wisdom as an integrative function in the development of a Christian worldview. Most online students will be able to complete this short course in three weeks. As a pilot project, the course is free to those with a U of Minnesota server address, and \$50 to all others.



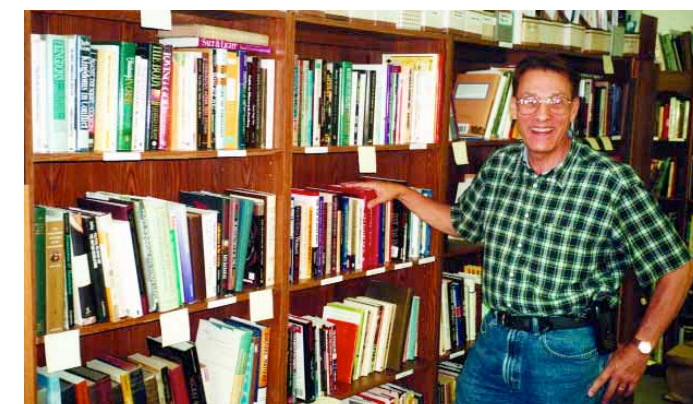
Course instructor, Dr Phil Lueck, Professor of Bible and Distance Education at Northwestern College, says that the course curriculum (to be completed in 2004) is built around the idea that "developing a Christian worldview is much like weaving a carpet. The four courses form the fabric on and within which one's worldview is designed and constructed."

For further information and to learn how to enroll, contact the Institute at 612-378-1935 or [maclaurin@maclaurin.org](mailto:maclaurin@maclaurin.org) or go online at [maclaurin.org/curriculum.php](http://maclaurin.org/curriculum.php). ■

## Institute Announces 2002-2003 Lecture Schedule

Integrity, solid research, a willingness to engage in open discussion, and a distinctly Christian perspective are hallmarks of the Institute's lectures. The last page of this newsletter provides the most up-to-date listing of scheduled lectures which represents a nearly 50% expansion over last year's schedule, thanks in part to the hard work of volunteers with our Heart of the Matter Lectures as well as the efforts of our very active Board of Trustees.

Watch your mail (and e-mail) for official announcements of times and venues for lectures. Virtually all Institute-sponsored lectures are free and open to the public. ■



Operations Director Jack Blackburn in the Institute's library

**Tapes of all lectures are available**

for \$5 each. Call 612-378-1935 or e-mail [maclaurin@maclaurin.org](mailto:maclaurin@maclaurin.org) to place your order.

**Audio CDs will soon be available.**

Check the Institute Store on our website for a complete listing of tapes available. [www.maclaurin.org](http://www.maclaurin.org)

**The Institute's Mission: Bringing God into the marketplace of ideas by communicating the Christian worldview with its transforming potential.**



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