



The new year 2019 is well underway and I trust that by now all Christian schools and Home Educators are fully engaged in the year's work.

Things in the LEM office are sailing along — well most things are now! We had an embarrassing delay with one of our suppliers who were quite unhelpful and delayed the despatch of their books by one month. This delayed our order, which included other publishers, and finally arrived in early February rather than early January. The inconvenience caused by such actions is regrettable as it caused delays for many. For that we apologise even though

it was fully out of our hands. Fortunately, such delays are unusual and we are grateful for the generally good service we receive from our suppliers and shippers.

### The journey of an American school book

Those American books many of you receive have endured a most arduous journey. Our orders are received by the supplier, invoiced, packed and shipped to our consolidator in Chicago. We release the consignment from Chicago when orders from all the suppliers involved have arrived. They are then loaded into a container and put on a train bound for Long Beach in California. From there they are loaded on a ship, which will probably make half a dozen stops en-route to Sydney. There the container is off loaded and (because of some insect pest in the USA) the container is subjected to a 48 hour process of fumigation. When the books have recovered from that ordeal they are removed from the container and loaded on a truck that takes

them to the Canberra depot where they are unloaded to another truck destined for LEM. We wheel the skids in on our palette jack and begin the task of unpacking and repacking. You are then in the hands of Australia Post who deliver the hopefully uncrushed package, right to your door! Some of the books have journeyed from the backwoods of Kentucky, others from Greenville, South Carolina and still others from Pensacola, Florida.

All this to help understand why we ask that any large orders, particularly for schools, are placed by the end of October!

### LEM Phonics Review

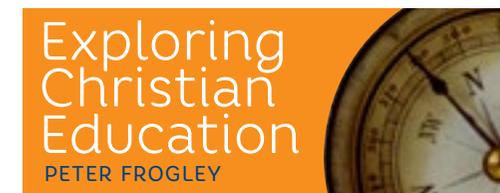
We are well into the huge task of reviewing and updating the LEM Phonics program, which has been unchanged for quite a few years. After extensive consultation with our Registered Instructors we have now settled on the core structure for the revised program. We have kept changes to a minimum with the goal of simplifying where possible. There are more details later in this issue.

### Barcodes

Another undertaking we have just completed is the task of converting our book sales processes into a barcoded system instead of the adhesive tickets we have been using for many years. For us it means significant time savings in unpacking our books, data entry, supplier orders, price updates and stocktaking. For our customers it means that almost all our books have different catalogue numbers — but they are still searchable on our website under the old

numbers and hopefully won't cause any problems. If you would like us to send out a hard copy catalogue with the new numbers please feel free to contact us, otherwise all the information is available at our website [www.lem.com.au](http://www.lem.com.au).

God bless you as you continue your commitment to Christian education in our nation and beyond.



## No. 107: Farewell — not only family, but gender as well

Since the 1970s we at Light Educational Ministries have been warning of the dangers of humanism, particularly as it applies in structuring a Christian education program.

In those earlier times many pioneer Christian educators were keen to learn of this

infiltration, but as time has passed and the church itself has become more humanistic in its teaching there seem to be fewer people who are aware or even interested in the inroads made by humanism in Christian circles. As an example, I note this particularly in the response in certain Christian circles if I suggest that democracy is a humanist concept borrowed from the Greeks. Even though democracy means ‘government by people’ few Christians see a difficulty with this idea anymore. I love the quote from the introduction of Wycliffe’s Bible:

This law word of God is for the government of the people, by the people, for the people.

It was Abraham Lincoln who popularised this statement:

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completely distorting what Wycliffe had understood and demonstrating how democratic thought captivated the West.

From this we now find that a majority believe in the ‘sovereignty of parliament’, that is, that the highest authority is civil government. King Jesus, it seems, is consigned to irrelevance.

## Target

If humanists are committed to the removal of God from every arena of human activity, it is obviously important that they target the key biblical institutions of society—such as the family. Some Christians have even been persuaded to deny that a

family is a man and a woman, along with their children — but that is what the Bible recognises as a family and such families are to form the foundation of a healthy, godly community.

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Of course, the humanist will tell us that any grouping of people comprises a family, because to think otherwise would be to deny ‘equality’. Such a humanist has not understood that the biblical idea of ‘equality’ is limited to every human being having the same value before God. All this without even beginning to pursue a discussion of the value and destiny of man on the basis of whether he is saved or lost. This was a major issue for the great humanist educator John Dewey, who wrote:

More than that, supernatural Christianity is basically and radically anti-democratic because it holds to a God and an ultimate unchanging law in terms of which men shall be saved or lost. Christianity by separating the ‘saved from the lost’ is committed to ‘spiritual aristocracy’ and is thus an alien creed. I cannot understand how any realisation of

the democratic ideal as a vital, moral and spiritual ideal in human affairs is possible without the surrender of the conception of the basic division to which supernatural Christianity is committed.

*A Common Faith, John Dewey, page 51, Yale University Press, 1934.*

Dewey was astute, even if quite wrong!

## How the mighty have fallen

If you are not at all convinced that our society is on a slippery slope to destruction try introducing a book to your local school library that portrays a family biblically, as father (man), mother (woman) and children (boys and girls), with mother cooking and father mowing the lawn and see how far you get. The battle for the family has been lost, BUT the war is not over — not by a long shot!

Not content with ruining the family, that beautiful gift of God, humanists have now decided that gender is ‘fluid’, even though God seemed to be satisfied that He had created man and woman! The absurdity of this idea lacks any reasonable comprehension... yet the outworking of this absurd idea is rapidly gaining ground. The cohesion of our society is at great risk of lasting even another generation.

All this brings new urgency to the biblical injunction to ‘come out from among them’!

## Separation

It has been said that we are not **of** the world, but we are **in** the world! The

problem is that some have interpreted this as we are not ‘of the world’ so let’s get as far out of it as possible. It seems a logical conclusion and has been done before, but it has always been counterproductive despite its immediate appeal.

The pioneer Pilgrims of America were separatists — one of their major reasons for moving to the new world was to build a ‘new Israel in God’. There are even today other groups who separate from society. On one hand, who can blame them? But on the other hand, it is our task to be salt and light to the world.

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### Are we left with the impossible?

If it wasn’t Jesus who declared we are salt and light, we could write it off as another dumb idea that would never work. However, when God has a good idea He provides the wherewithal to be and do what He has declared to be His will.

That leaves us with a potential dilemma. On the one hand in our natural abilities we will never successfully be salt and light, but on the other, indwelt by the power of God through the Holy Spirit, we will be the salt and light — the preserving flavour and the way forward — for our ailing civilisation. The health and welfare of our families is

critical in re-establishing salt and light in our nation.

In our day of ‘quick fix or nothing’ we need to realise it is the long haul – the faithfulness of Christian parents – that is key to turning our nation back to the ways of God.

### Gender

As far as gender is concerned we are called of God to train up the next generation of MEN and WOMEN, so we will have Christian families to bless the world in the generations that lie before us.

### Finally

God’s plan will always be successful and in these dark days God will demonstrate His faithfulness in and through His people – the body of Christ; the people of the kingdom. For in the end the oft-repeated prophetic statement of Habakkuk 2:14 will prove utterly true:

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.



John Garrard continues the revision of the LEM Phonics program which (as is usually the case) is proving more time consuming than anticipated.

We are planning to having the basic program ready for 2020. With the upgrade we have been exploring multiple editions of materials which is ravenously consuming time. For example, in this endeavour we are not only upgrading the workbooks but we are planning to produce separate editions of the workbooks to accommodate the specific writing/print/cursive styles of various States. Our new production ma-



chine (alias photocopier) is able to produce the differing versions ‘on demand’ in saddle-stitch, rather than comb-binding. We have had excellent response to the prototype products produced so far, but there is much more to do before we are ready to launch the new edition materials.

While the revisions continue all existing LEM Phonics resources will be available, with the exception of the A2 size charts (which have been replaced with A3 versions).

We are keen to see other Registered Instructors come on board to help spread the message across the every state in the nation. LEM Phonics Instructors are franchised to LEM Phonics and are thus able to develop their own business – doing as much or as little as they can manage.

Recent studies continue to affirm synthetic or intensive phonics programs (such as LEM Phonics) provide the most effective method for teaching English. LEM is committed to this program as it represents a major opportunity to set the children of our nation on a much more productive course in their lives. It grieves us to see the decline in educational standards in our nation and the negative impact on our children. They deserve much better than is currently being offered in so many of our schools.

Please continue to keep the LEM Phonics team in your prayers as we move forward in this exciting initiative.



## LEM Publications

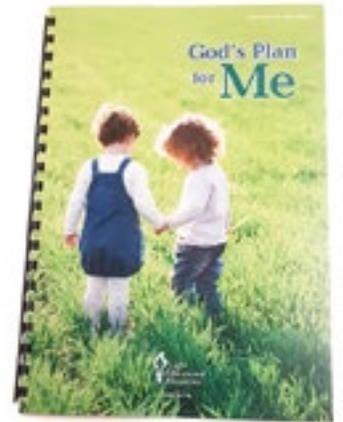
With the blessing of our new production machine we have been able to upgrade several of our in-house curriculum products. You may have noted that some of our books are now being produced in saddle stitch format rather than comb binding, which has allowed us to create a superior product, in many cases for a lower price (something that almost never happens in this day and age!).

### God’s Plan

The previous *God’s Plan* books were two different series produced many years ago and were in drastic need of updating. Before she retired Evelyn Garrard had begun work on a

new and much more comprehensive book to replace both existing series. We have finalised her work into *God’s Plan for Me* – a Junior Bible and Science course, suitable for Grade K and 1.

The book is in full colour with 40 weekly lessons. Topics include God creating the world, Australian plants and animals, water, the tower of Babel, friends, your nation, being lights for Jesus and Explorers. 88 pages, comb bound. **\$24.95**



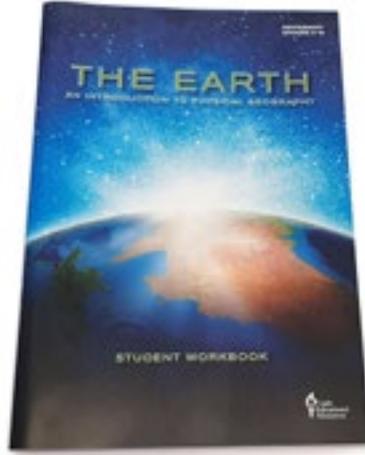


### Let's Teach Art

For many years we have sold Terry Lewitzka's *Let's Teach Art* curriculum for grades K to 3. As the name implies these are books for *teaching* art and thus developing the child's artistic skills, rather than the activity books that are often passed off as art curriculum. Each book contains 40 weekly lessons (a year's work) and is essentially a teacher's manual. Each lesson has an objective, a description of the activity, an application of the truth being taught and materials needed for the lesson.

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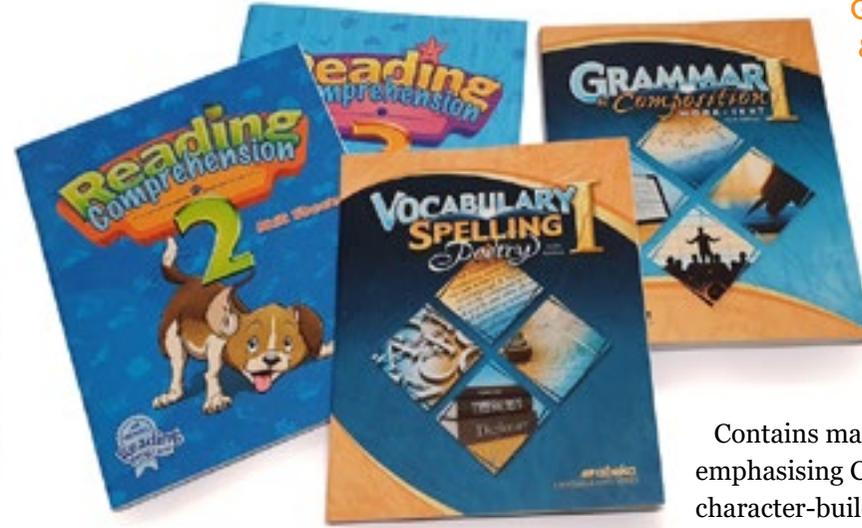
### The Earth

*The Earth* is Peter Frogley's modern-day rework of Guyot's 1873 book *Physical Geography*. This Grade 6–8 book provides an ideal foundation for the study of geography from a Christian perspective. It is a unique presentation of the Creation with a study on the earth's surface, the land and water, the atmosphere and mapping. Now in colour and at a reduced price.

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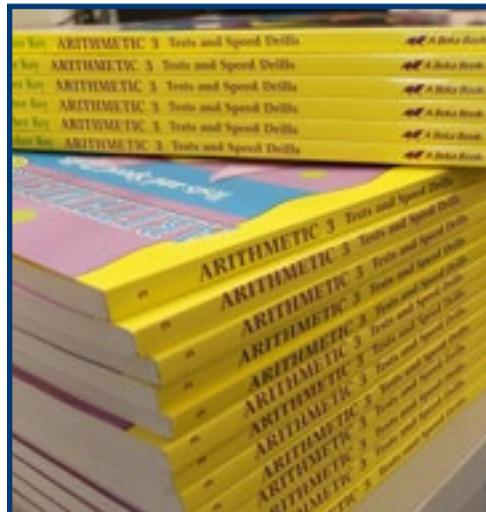
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**These books are valued at \$319 but we are making the package available for just \$99.00 plus postage.**

Please contact the office on (02) 6259 3944 or email [asklem@lem.com.au](mailto:asklem@lem.com.au) if you are interested.

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