



Insight News

Growing Human Potential One Worldview at a Time

Corson's Concepts

We are honored to have Gary Flom write the 'Article' portion of this month's newsletter. His short bio follows.

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Gary Flom was born in Grand Forks, ND, the first of 3 children in 1935. His family was Norwegian Lutheran and his father was a work alcoholic who left the church because of their hypocrisy. He had a bitter taste in his mouth for all religion and tried to get Gary to leave it.

In High School Gary earned the rank of Eagle Scout and then after school enlisted in the US Navy Air Force and flew off the CVS carriers in the Atlantic during the cold war as a radar operator.

He was baptized in 1956 in Key West, Florida while in the Navy. He married Janice Belden in 1957 while still in the Navy.

He entered school in Portland, OR in 1958 and was taught by Archie Word, Charles Dailey, and Warren Bell. He preached in a small congregation in Portland until he graduated in 1966 with a BTh degree and moved to Loveland, CO where he preached till 1975 when he moved to start a congregation in Torrington, WY. He taught in a Bible school with Archie Word and Don Pinion in Gering, NE until it broke up in 1979.

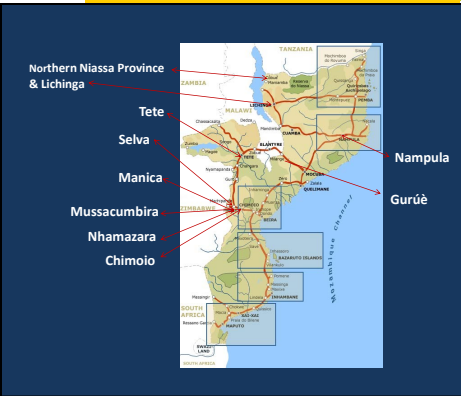
He and Janice have three children, all serving the Lord, and more grandchildren and great grandchildren that he can count.

He loves to study the scripture and has found that God is opening the eyes of Christians throughout the world to the incredible hermeneutical principles of ABC thinking which is transforming nations, churches and individuals who are open to the Lord's leading. It is destroying legalism and liberalism which has devastated the body of Christ for many years.

What ABC thinking has done for me!

ABC thinking! What is it? Is it "Always Being Christian" or "Advancing Better Conceptualizing" – Bah Humbug! So much for thinking this is an acronym. It is better thought of "Actual Biblical Correct" thinking. Once you see how it works, you will notice that this is what Jesus used all the time. Let me give you an illustration found in Matthew 21.

The chief priests came to Jesus and asked him "By what authority are you do-



Al with Linda Smyth



Al on the streets of Hong Kong

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Mission Activities

Jason, living in the San Diego area, continues to work on his Doctorate at Biola University. Al is in Oklahoma for a week, then returns to Casper until going on to Mozambique to work with Leonard on the 20th of May. It has been a busy Spring with no let-up in sight through the rest of the year.



Al with Scott Smyth
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ing these things?" (vs 23). This is a simple question which asks for a simple answer. Had Jesus told the answer, they would not believe it and would have condemned him as a false prophet; because any answer Jesus gave would be used against him. It would be Christ's answer and not theirs. Jesus gave them a second question that if they answered it they would have answered their own question.

In ABC thinking we are seeking to show people "how" to reason an answer and thus make it their own; rather than telling them "what" to think. Jesus did not answer their question directly; rather he was helping them to reason the answer for themselves.

Jesus said he would answer them if they answered his question; but in reality their answer to His question would answer their own question. He said: "John's baptism, where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or from men?"

I was amazed when I learned that Jesus used ABC thinking with virtually everyone who questioned him. He virtually answered their questions with a question – check it out! I thought I would try this in a Bible study I have in the prison. The inmates have lots of questions, and I found that I landed up giving the same answer to the same questions over and over. This was so because I was giving them my answer and not teaching them to reason their own answer. So I made a change.

Jesus told us to make "disciples" – people who can think and reason things for themselves. We are not there to tell them what they must do, but help them to reason why they should obey. ABC thinking helps the disciple to reason for himself what the answer is. When he does this, then the answer becomes his own and he is not dependent on a teacher to tell him what to believe or do.

The average church member today finds his identity in their church or in some doctrine they have been taught; and for the most part they cannot tell why they believe it except that they were taught it.

We are exhorted by Peter to "be ready to give a defense for what we believe" (I Peter 3:15). The word "defense" carries the idea of being able give a reason why we believe what we believe.

Most people are driven by knowledge (mind) and/or the emotions (heart). We are a spirit that has the ability to make decisions. Some people base their decisions on the knowledge they receive, other on the emotions they feel. But God has given us a spirit that we can "discern" if our knowledge or our emotions are true or false. Then with the help of the Holy Spirit we can make a decision which may or may not involve either of these.



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Both the mind and heart can be influenced by Satan and therefore they are not reliable for decision making. God has

given our spirit the ability to make decisions, for we are made in the image of God. The spirit can analyze and discern whether our knowledge or our emotions are true or false and then make a decision. This is ABC thinking in a nutshell.

Jesus in the garden struggled with his knowledge and emotions. They both agreed that they did not want to go through with the crucifixion, hence the temptation was real. Jesus even asked to take the cup away, but his will (a function of the spirit) made the decision to obey the Father rather than obey his flesh; when he said “Not my will but yours be done.”

Some people are driven by their knowledge, whether it is true or false. Others are driven by their emotions, whether they are true or false. But ABC thinking is discerning or reasoning why we think or feel the way we do and making a decision based upon sound judgment.

I asked a woman why she was afraid of mice. She never thought of it, because she had always responded to her fears, with no attempt to reason the situation. I have also seen people who have been told that the baby in the womb is not human, so they never thought to seek more information, but just made the decision on the misinformation.

The whole idea of helping people to reason has changed not only how I teach but also the results of my discipleship. I make every effort to not tell them what to think (if it is a totally new concept, you have to give them something to get started with), but help them to reason how to think through any teaching.

All teachers have seen people who they thought were strong believers one day leave the church and abandon what they had been taught. These people knew the scripture but did not make it their own. They were living on second-hand knowledge and when serious problems arose, they abandoned it.

If you are a preacher, teacher or Christian discipler then I invite you to investigate ABC thinking because it really is Actual Biblical Correct thinking.

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DESPERATE FOR HELP!

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- ☑ Velma continues to work a full time job in order to keep IRI and the Corson family afloat but her on going health concerns have become an even greater problem, adding to an already stressful situation.
- ☑ Please pray for additional travel funds. With the work in Mozambique growing and more requests from other countries to present seminars, expenses are increasing.
- ☑ Please pray for Al and Velma. The next couple of month will be exceptionally stressful.
- ☑ Leonard continues to work to get his documents to enable him to obtain a visa to visit the USA as well as training someone to take over his responsibilities while he is gone from Moz.
- ☑ Please pray for seed money for various Moz development projects. The list of needs is growing. Thanks to all who have donated to these worthy endeavors.

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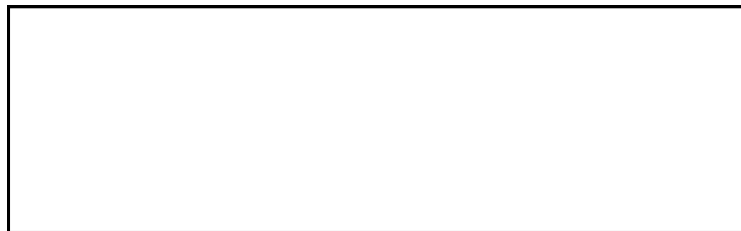
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