

<http://www.culturalrenewal.ca/>

The **Centre for Cultural Renewal** is an independent, not-for-profit, charitable organization that helps Canadians and their leaders shape a vision of civil society. To this end, we focus on the important and often complex connections between public policy, culture, moral discourse and religious belief, and produce discussion papers, forums and lectures on key issues affecting Canadian society, public policy and culture.

The Centre for Cultural Renewal is the only institute of its kind in Canada. We exist to do something very important: **to explain the importance of religions to culture and the importance of culture to religions**. The place and importance of religion is no longer understood or appreciated in our society or in many western societies. At the Centre we know this to be a serious problem and we are here to do something about it. Our work involves people who "think outside the box." Our work is often seen as unique. Consequently, we offer the following as a guide to what we do and why we do it.

Our Goal

Our goal is to provide a vision of civil society that addresses the fundamental connections between public policy, culture, moral discourse, and religious conviction. We provide journalists, politicians and the interested public with quality resources, and believe that the quality of contemporary public dialogue is improved with the inclusion of many aspects of the rich and complex vision of the human person viewed in relationship to others, and bearing rights and responsibilities.

Our Work

The Centre's work has brought people from across Canada and Europe together to discuss the relationship between the techniques and purposes of key disciplines in society. Why do we do what we do as teachers, lawyers, doctors, journalists and business people? Are we inspired by something more than economic concerns and faith in the market?

Download the [CCR brochure \(pdf\) <news/brochure.pdf>](#) to find out more about the Centre.

<http://www.culturalrenewal.ca/resources.htm>

This is the Resources page of the website. A sample of the resources include:

Lex View - The Centre's critical review of important court decisions in cases that impact on freedom of conscience, religion, and the moral and political well-being of society.

e.g. [Lex View 24.0 - Latimer: Court Rejects "Compassionate" Killing](#)

[Lex View 38.0 - The Diminution of Freedom of Religion](#)

[Lex View 40.0 - Court corrects erroneous understanding of the secular and respects parental rights](#)

[Lex View 46.0 - Pluralism and the Respect for Religious Freedom](#)

[Lex View 49.0 - Same-Sex Marriage Rejected](#)

[Lex View 50.0 - Should Spanking Your Child Be a Criminal Act?](#)

[Lex View 51.0 - Court Overturns Key Aspect of Human Rights Board Decision](#)

[Lex View 52.0 - The Court Claims to Extend its Jurisdiction to Church Matters](#)

[Lex View 53.0 - The Inconsistency of Canadian Laws Regarding Rights in Relation to Expression and Religion when they relate to Abortion Protests](#)

Centre Blog - Insightful commentary on current issues as they relates to the role of religion in relation to culture and faith, both religious and non-religious.

e.g. Why Atheistic Humanists Ought Not, Logically, to Worry about the Destruction of the World, by Iain Benson

“Wandering Between Two Worlds”: A Few Practical Suggestions for Canadians following the Same-sex Marriage Change.

London Terrorist Bombings and a Muslim Response

The Bishop, the Taxman and the Separation of Church and State

Dignity and Difference: Presenting Before the Parliamentary Committee on the Same-sex Marriage Bill

"Ultimate Fighting" and Ancient Rome

Religion and Evolution: Understanding Jurisdiction

Christian Activists Get Party Nominations: Woo, Scary....

Centre Point - Newsletter with short articles, again critical analysis on the same general topics of culture, religion, etc.

e.g. The Idolatry of Law, by Iain Benson

Options for Marriage and Civil Unions in Canada

Bigotry in Canada: Now You See it Now You Don't, by Lorne Gunter

Secular Confusions: how atheistic assumptions have come to dominate contemporary usage of the terms "Secular" and "Church and State"

There are No Secular Unbelievers

I Feel Therefore I am

Misplaced Faith: A Psychiatrist's Reflections

What principles guide Democracy?

Are Values the Same as Virtues?

Religious Morality and Public Policy

Book Review: The De-Moralization of Society: Victorian Virtues to Modern Values

Discussion Papers - Longer editorial articles with in depth analysis on law, education, religion, and culture.

e.g. **Overcoming "The Culture of Disbelief"**
by M.H. Ogilvie Ph.D.

Making a God of Self-Esteem: The Tyranny of Misdirected Sentiment
by Kathleen M. Gow Ph.D.

The Role of Political Correctness in the Decline of Liberal Education
by Peter C. Emberley Ph.D.

Secularism and the Deeper Questions of Religion and Society
by Ian Benson

Other resources - Include books, tapes, and CDs of recordings and proceedings of the Centre's sponsored workshops, symposia, and conferences.

e.g. Centre/McGill Conference on "Pluralism, Religion and Public Policy"

Here's something that Bill Wong and Rosalind Chan would like, on marketplace ministry and women in ministry, from the Mission Ottawa website.

October 2004 – Ed Silvos Seminar

Anointed for Business

[Seminar Handout <http://www.missiono.ca/resources/AFB_Handout.pdf>](http://www.missiono.ca/resources/AFB_Handout.pdf)

[Presentation, Part 1 <http://www.missiono.ca/resources/AFBPart1.pdf>](http://www.missiono.ca/resources/AFBPart1.pdf)

[Presentation, Part 2 <http://www.missiono.ca/resources/AFBPart2.pdf>](http://www.missiono.ca/resources/AFBPart2.pdf)

Women: God's Secret Weapon

[Seminar Handout <http://www.missiono.ca/resources/WGSW_Handout.pdf>](http://www.missiono.ca/resources/WGSW_Handout.pdf)