

# A Classical Education The Stuff You Wish You'd Been Taught At School

To succeed in the world today, students need an education that equips them to recognize current trends, to be creative and flexible to respond to changing circumstances, to demonstrate sound judgment to work for society's good, and to gain the ability to communicate persuasively.

As parents, it is easy for us to look back and see the shortcomings of our own education. Since many of us were taught in public schools, we often have a pretty good idea of what we don't want our children to learn. But what exactly should we give them instead? The authors of *Repairing the Ruins*, a group of experienced teachers and school administrators, faced this same question when they first embarked on the journey of education. And they found a tried and true answer in classical Christian education. Here they explain what makes classical Christian education different from modern methods and why it offers a distinctly Christian alternative. Building upon this foundation, the authors provide parents with the "Whys and Hows" of the Trivium, tips on planning curriculum, wisdom in designing education to serve the heart as well as the mind, and advice on starting up schools. For all who have ever wondered where to begin with their children's education, *Repairing the Ruins* comes alongside with words of comfort and direction.

Offers step-by-step instruction on how to enable an academically rigorous, comprehensive education for children from preschool through high school, outlining a classical educational model while providing book lists, ordering information, and Internet links.

On the history of classical education / by C.S. Parker -- The theory of classical education / by H. Sidgwick -- Liberal

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education in universities / by J. Seeley -- On teaching by means of grammar / by E.E. Bowen -- On Greek and Latin verse-composition as a general branch of education / by F.W. Farrar -- On teaching natural science in schools / by J.M. Wilson -- The teaching of English / by J.W. Hales -- On the education of the reasoning faculties / by W. Johnson -- On the present social results of classical education / by Lord Houghton.

This small but mighty collection will trigger your memory with fun facts you learned in school—from adverbs to the Pythagorean Theorem. Witty, engaging, entertaining—a book you'll pick up again and again. Author Caroline Taggart discovered two things while researching this book and talking with other people: One, everybody had been to school. And two, they had all forgotten entirely different things. Contained in this handy little book are the facts that you learned in school, but may not remember completely or accurately. Covering a variety of subjects, this book features all the most important theories, equations, phrases, and rules we were all taught years ago. Rediscover: \* History: The first president to occupy the White House was John Adams in 1800 \* Religion: The seven deadly sins and the names of the twelve apostles \* Literature: In which Shakespearean play "The quality of mercy" speech appears \* Science: The periodic table of elements devised by a Russian chemist in 1869 includes the symbol for lead (Pb), silver (Ag), tin (Sn), and gold (Au) \* Nature: How photosynthesis works The information-presented in easy-to-retain, bite-sized chunks—is accurate and up-to-date. It will touch a chord with anyone old enough to have forgotten half of what they learned at school. Here is a perfect gift for every perennial student.

How many times have you wished that your history stretched all the way back to Greek and Roman myths and legends? Or that you'd been taught Latin at school? Or perhaps you wish

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you knew all about the great inventions and medical developments that have made our world what it is today? A Classical Education provides all of these classical facts that modern schooling leaves out and many more. Perfect for parents who wish to teach their children and for those who would like to learn or relearn the facts themselves, A Classical Education is informative and educational, but above all accessible. It includes: Latin and Greek; Logic and philosophy; Natural sciences; Art and architecture; Poetry and drama; History and Classical literature. Also including suggestions for further reading and entertaining tit-bits of information on the classics, A Classical Education is a must for anyone feeling let down by modern schooling.

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Michael O'Mara Books

From Cicero to C.S. Lewis, from Thomas Aquinas to Thomas Jefferson, the great minds of the West have been formed by a classical curriculum centered on Latin and Greek. Now you can give your children a traditional classical education at home with The Latin-Centered Curriculum. In a clear and readable introduction, The Latin Centered Curriculum surveys the history of classical education from the ancient Greeks through the 20th-century neoclassical revival. He demonstrates the central position of Latin in the traditional course of study and outlines the many benefits of placing the classical languages at the heart of the curriculum. Then he shares with you the secret of a superior education: *multum non multa* -- not quantity, but quality. With helpful charts and detailed explanations, The Latin-Centered

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Curriculum guides you step by step with book and curriculum recommendations for each school subject from K-12. It shows you how focusing a few core disciplines -- classical languages, mathematics, and composition -- can revolutionize your home school. - Back cover.

Climbing Parnassus presents the reader not so much with a program for educational renewal as with a defense and vindication of the formative power of Greek and Latin. Tracy Lee Simmons's persuasive witness to the unique, now all-but-forgotten advantages of study in, and of, the classical languages constitutes a bracing reminder of the genuine aims of a truly liberal education.

A critical volume for the homeschooling community that helps parents make informed choices regarding learning styles and curriculum

With half a million copies in print, *How to Read a Book* is the best and most successful guide to reading comprehension for the general reader, completely rewritten and updated with new material. A CNN Book of the Week: "Explains not just why we should read books, but how we should read them. It's masterfully done." –Farheed Zakaria Originally published in 1940, this book is a rare phenomenon, a living classic that introduces and elucidates the various levels of reading and how to achieve them—from elementary reading, through systematic skimming and inspectional reading, to speed

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reading. Readers will learn when and how to “judge a book by its cover,” and also how to X-ray it, read critically, and extract the author’s message from the text. Also included is instruction in the different techniques that work best for reading particular genres, such as practical books, imaginative literature, plays, poetry, history, science and mathematics, philosophy and social science works. Finally, the authors offer a recommended reading list and supply reading tests you can use measure your own progress in reading skills, comprehension, and speed.

An engaging, accessible guide to educating yourself in the classical tradition. Have you lost the art of reading for pleasure? Are there books you know you should read but haven't because they seem too daunting? In *The Well-Educated Mind*, Susan Wise Bauer provides a welcome and encouraging antidote to the distractions of our age, electronic and otherwise. In her previous book, *The Well-Trained Mind*, the author provided a road map of classical education for parents wishing to home-school their children, and that book is now the premier resource for home-schoolers. In this new book, Bauer takes the same elements and techniques and adapts them to the use of adult readers who want both enjoyment and self-improvement from the time they spend reading. *The Well-Educated Mind* offers brief, entertaining histories of five literary genres—fiction,

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autobiography, history, drama, and poetry—accompanied by detailed instructions on how to read each type. The annotated lists at the end of each chapter—ranging from Cervantes to A. S. Byatt, Herodotus to Laurel Thatcher Ulrich—preview recommended reading and encourage readers to make vital connections between ancient traditions and contemporary writing. *The Well-Educated Mind* reassures those readers who worry that they read too slowly or with below-average comprehension. If you can understand a daily newspaper, there's no reason you can't read and enjoy Shakespeare's *Sonnets* or *Jane Eyre*. But no one should attempt to read the "Great Books" without a guide and a plan. Susan Wise Bauer will show you how to allocate time to your reading on a regular basis; how to master a difficult argument; how to make personal and literary judgments about what you read; how to appreciate the resonant links among texts within a genre—what does *Anna Karenina* owe to *Madame Bovary*?—and also between genres. Followed carefully, the advice in *The Well-Educated Mind* will restore and expand the pleasure of the written word. *The Closing of the American Mind*, a publishing phenomenon in hardcover, is now a paperback literary event. In this acclaimed number one national best-seller, one of our country's most distinguished political philosophers argues that the social/political crisis of 20th-century America is really an intellectual

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crisis. Allan Bloom's sweeping analysis is essential to understanding America today. It has fired the imagination of a public ripe for change.

With straightforward advice and informative readings of the great Greek texts, the authors show how we might still save classics and the Greeks for future generations. *Who Killed Homer?* is must reading for anyone who agrees that knowledge of classics acquaints us with the beauty and perils of our own culture.

This book is an ideal introduction to classical education written by the headmaster of an established classical academy. It traces the history of classical education and describes its modern renaissance. The book also highlights the distinctive elements of the movement including its emphasis on teaching grammar, logic and rhetoric (the Trivium), and the extraordinary achievements of students who are receiving a classical education. Other sections address the role and benefit of classical language study (Latin and Greek) and integrated learning through a study of the great books of western civilization. The book is written in a colloquial, engaging style, with several anecdotes, diagrams and charts. This book is especially recommended to parents just beginning their examination of classical education. We have priced this booklet (and the Audio CD) very low so that schools and co-ops can affordably distribute it to parents. We encourage

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homeschoolers to give this booklet to other parents who may wish to consider classical education.

Provides a Christian perspective on how to make education a meaningful experience at home or at school, for parents, students, and educators.

Discusses ideas for making money while at home, sources for inexpensive curriculum, suggestions for low-cost field trips, and ways to acquire free or inexpensive computers.

This 26 Unit preschool curriculum, designed for your 2-4 year old child, helps you develop a rhythm and creates a gentle opportunity to include learning opportunities without creating additional work for Mom. This program was created to help you seize fruitful opportunities in these young years without making learning a chore for mom or child. The Gentle + Classical Preschool includes memory statements for each unit that covers the subjects of: Science (animals and plants), Social Studies (our family, community and American history), Character Traits or Catechism (Patience, Attention, Obedience, and more), Scripture (Christian Bible), Health + Safety (also including chores and self-care), Math (including shapes, colors, counting to 30, skip-counting, etc), Gross + Fine Motor Skill Activities, Language Arts (including many nursery rhymes). Plus a letter to focus on each unit. As the Parent/Teacher, you receive guided instruction for each unit, tips and tricks, help with scheduling,



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information about beginning reading skills, narration... and so much more. Join the other 10,000+ families who have received this program! Discover The BEST Education For Your Child Imaginable!!! With all the education options available today, choosing the right school or curriculum for your child can be daunting. But what if you knew what the ideal education looked like? Now you will!!! C.S. Lewis, the beloved author of the Chronicles of Narnia series, guides us on a journey that contrasts classical and contemporary education approaches. Lewis explains that while the cultivation of virtue was central to classical education, modern education stifles such moral formation by teaching a scientifically-inspired mechanistic vision of the world. By rediscovering classical education, Lewis argues that the affections of our students can be trained to love what's truly lovely and thereby experience human flourishing. Here Is A Preview Of What You'll Learn... \*\*\*How to assess different educational approaches \*\*\*What is meant by the classical emphasis on virtue formation \*\*\*How our notion of the educated person has changed over the centuries \*\*\*The consequences of modern education for what it means to be human \*\*\*How to get involved in classical education \*\*\*How to access available classical education resources \*\*\*And much, much more! The BEST possible education is at your fingertips!!! Take action today and awaken your child

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to a world of educational flourishing!!! Download Today!!!

Home educator Laura Berquist presents a modern curriculum based on the time-tested philosophy of the classical Trivium—grammar, logic and rhetoric. She has given homeschoolers a valuable tool for putting together a "liberal arts" curriculum that feeds the soul, as well as the intellect. Her approach, covering grades K - 12, is detailed and practical, and it is adaptable by parents and teachers to any situation. This third revised edition includes a much expanded section for a high school curriculum, and an updated list of resources for all grades.

The Red and the Black Stendhal - First published in 1830, *The Red and the Black*, is widely considered the masterpiece of 19th century French author Marie-Henri Beyle, known more commonly by his pen name, Stendahl. It follows the ambitions of Julien Sorel, a young man raised in the French countryside who wishes to rise above his provincial station by climbing the social ranks of Parisian society.

Through a series of events, Julien's talent and hard work give way to deception and hypocrisy when he realizes the limitations for advancement of a sincere and honest man of humble origins. Although Julien achieves much which he aspires to, ultimately his pride gets the better of him when he commits a violent crime of passion, leading to his tragic downfall. Through the deep psychological

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introspection of Julien we see Stendhals unique literary genius, the remarkable way in which he allows readers to live in the minds of his characters. Set against the backdrop of the July Revolution of 1830, *The Red and the Black* is a narrative which embodies the rich social conflict of that time. This edition is translated with an introduction by Horace B. Samuel.

This second book in the four-volume narrative history series for elementary students will transform your study of history. *The Story of the World* has won awards from numerous homeschooling magazines and readers' polls—over 150,000 copies of the series in print! Now more than ever, other cultures are affecting our everyday lives—and our children need to learn about the other countries of the world and their history. Susan Wise Bauer has provided a captivating guide to the history of other lands. Written in an engaging, straightforward manner, this revised edition of *The Story of the World: History for the Classical Child, Volume 2: The Middle Ages* weaves world history into a story book format. Who discovered chocolate? What happened to the giant Favor of the Mighty Blows? Why did the Ottoman Turks drag their war ships across dry land? *The Story of the World* covers the sweep of human history from ancient times until the present. Africa, China, Europe, the Americas—find out what happened all around the world in long-ago times. Designed as a read-aloud project for parents and children to share together, *The Story of the World* includes each continent and major people group.

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Volume 2: The Middle Ages, is the second of a four-volume series and covers the major historical events in the years 400 to 1600 CE, as well as including maps, illustrations, and tales from each culture. Each Story of the World volume provides a full year of history study when combined with the Activity Book, Audio ebook, and Tests—each available separately to accompany each volume of The Story of the World Text Book. Volume 2  
Grade Recommendation: Grades 1-6.

The Core is an important resource that helps parents create ways to incorporate study into daily routines involving the entire family. --Book Jacket.

Presents a history of the ancient world, from 6000 B.C. to 400 A.D.

Provides all the tools necessary to read and understand Plato's Phaedrus in the original Greek.

The Quadrivium consists of the four Liberal Arts of Number, Geometry, Music, and Cosmology, studied from antiquity to the Renaissance as a way of glimpsing the nature of reality. They synthesize number, space, and time. Geometry is number in space, music is number in time, and the cosmos expresses number in space and time. Number, music, and geometry are metaphysical truths, good and beautiful everywhere at all times. Life across the universe investigates them. They foreshadow the physical sciences. This is the first volume to bring together the Quadrivium for many hundreds of years. Show the children in your life the awe-inspiring connection between the natural world and the God who created it. The bestselling children's devotional  
Indescribable: 100 Devotions About God and Science

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resonated with more than 200,000 kids, parents, and teachers. Now Louie Giglio offers 100 more devotions about God and science that will expand the curiosity of your 6- to 10-year-olds. Including amazing scientific facts, beautiful photography, fun illustrations, and simple activities, *How Great Is Our God* covers topics like Space and time Earth and weather The human body Animals Plants And more! With this science devotional, which is based on Giglio's well-known "How Great Is Our God" and "Indescribable" messages, children will embark on a journey to discover more about God and His incredible creation. From the pink lake in Senegal to the earth's trip around the sun to the water-holding frog that can live up to five years without a drink, the wonders of the universe will deepen your kids' appreciation for God's wild imagination.

"Everyone is so busy giving the classical education to the students that I'm not sure people have taken the time to actually tell them why it matters..." Rebekah Merkle knows which high school classes you like and which you roll your eyes at, which books you enjoy and which you kinda skim. That's because she went through this whole thing called classical education, too: She was a guinea pig in one of the very first classical Christian schools in the country. Written for students by a (former) student, *Classical Me, Classical Thee* is lighthearted and--most importantly for you busy high-schoolers--very short. It has a simple goal: to explain why you students are doing what you do in class. (SPOILER: Grades aren't the point--you won't use your knowledge of the Iliad Book 5 every year until you die.) What you do in class is a drill --

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and nobody drills for the sake of the drill. You do drills so that you can win the game. The real tragedy, though, would be if you didn't know you were doing drills... or didn't know there was a game at all. Grades aren't the point. So drill to win.

Teaching the Trivium by Laurie and Harvey Bluedorn maintains that the classical style of education is designed to serve Christians well because it was the original model of education that God had in mind for his people to progress from knowledge, to understanding, to wisdom. This is a great book, for two reasons: 1. it takes the whole of the classical method and roots it soundly in the Bible, and 2. it lays out many options for a classical, biblically based course of study that are not overwhelming to the average family. Even if you never intended to use this approach, the many insights into education are well worth the price of the book.

Discover the Wonders of the Universe with the Creator. Based on Louie Giglio's popular messages

"Indescribable" and "How Great Is Our God,"

Indescribable: 100 Devotions About God & Science will help kids discover the incredible creation of our indescribable God. Indescribable displays the majesty of creation with scientific findings, photography, and original illustrations. These 100 devotions encourage awe at God's creativity with an in-depth look at: Space, galaxies, planets, and stars Earth, geology, oceans, and weather Animals: from hummingbirds to dinosaurs Our minds, bodies, and imaginations Indescribable: 100 Devotions About God & Science has sold over 100,000 copies! This book is perfect for children, ages 6-10 years old, and

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each devotional features a: "Be Amazed" section with fascinating scientific facts Easy-to-follow, hands-on STEM activity Closing prayer Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens tell the glory of God. And the skies announce what his hands have made." It's impossible to out-imagine God. He orchestrates time, creates light, and speaks things into existence--from the largest stars to the smallest starfish. God is the powerful, purposeful, personal, unparalleled Creator. Check out Louie Giglio's other bestselling science devotional, *How Great Is Our God: 100 Indescribable Devotions About God and Science*.

The educators of ancient Greece and Rome gave the world a vision of what education should be. The medieval and Renaissance teachers valued their insights and lofty goals. Christian educators such as Augustine, Erasmus, Milton, and Comenius drew from the teaching of Plato, Aristotle, and Quintilian those truths which they found universal and potent. Charlotte Mason developed her own philosophy of education from the riches of the past, not accidentally but purposefully. She and the other founding members of the Parents' National Educational Union in England were inspired by the classical educators of history and set out to achieve their vision in modern education. They succeeded—and thanks to Charlotte Mason's clear development of methods to realize the classical ideals, we can partake of the classical tradition as well. The classical tradition as it informs teaching is good not because it is old or “classical,” but because it works; and what works, whether old or new, is best. That's the Mason message

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admirably conveyed by [Karen] Glass. —David V. Hicks  
Classical education is an education of the heart and conscience as much as it is an education of the mind. This book explores the classical emphasis on formation of character and links Charlotte Mason's ideas to the thinkers of the past. This is not a “how to” book about education, but a “why to” book that will bring clarity to many of the ideas you already know about teaching and learning. “I thought that my fire for heart education could not be further stoked; I was mistaken. Karen Glass has here laid out the thrilling joy of education, for both the teacher and the taught.”—Michelle Miller, author of the TruthQuest History series “From the very beginning I couldn't put it down! What a gem!”—Sonya Shafer of Simply Charlotte Mason “Karen says everything I would have loved to say about education in a clear, understandable, and easy to read style. It is the missing link between what we call Classical Education and the Charlotte Mason approach.”—Cindy Rollins, contributor at The CiRCE Institute

It's no myth: this lively refresher course fills in all you need to know about ancient studies—from Zeus's throne to the fall of Rome—in pithy little quips. It covers the impressive advances made by Greek and Roman societies, from language to medicine, from art to architecture. You'll learn: The Greek alphabet, from alpha to omega The history and characteristics that define Greek and Roman architecture and its influence on modern building Greek and Latin words, which make up more than 30 percent of the words in the English language, and how you can build your vocabulary by



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learning the roots The Greek and Roman gods, the mythology surrounding them, and the part these figures play in our culture Almost 1,000 years of Greek and Roman history, from the birth of democracy to Caesar's empire The philosophies taught by Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle and what their ideas have contributed to the world we live in today How modern cultural staples such as the Olympics were formed by classical literature written by authors such as Homer and Cicero A fascinating introduction to the world that became the foundation for Western Civilization, The Classics puts the same information from stuffy textbooks at your fingertips in one entertaining read. Make this and all of the Blackboard Books(tm) a permanent fixture on your shelf, and you'll have instant access to a breadth of knowledge. Whether you need homework help or want to win that trivia game, this series is the trusted source for fun facts.

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