Response to Dr Briony Scott's Armitage Lecture

' irst i e to t an Dr Scott or er stimu ating ecture an ort es arp uestions t at it raises ere's no point in sugar coating rea ity an as one o t is nation's ea ing e ucators Dr Scott as spo en to us it ort rig tness an insig tan e en aresay courage S e as pose or us uestions t at t ose o care a out urc sc oo s cannot a oi a ressing s ou per aps at t is point ec are my o n interest as a stu ent at a urc sc oo taug t ng is at a ea ing pri ate Sc oo

as c ap ain at St An re 's at e ra Sc oo an am no a parent at a urc sc oo am a so an e ucator an een y intereste in uestions o e ucation an its re ations ip to t eo ogy am current y ser ing as part o a e o s ip set up y t e Arc is op to oster iscussion et een t eo ogians an ea ing e ucators

' i e e p ore our points in response

Dr Scott as e ie e rig t to e pose t e crassness o t e proposa to in some measure' or success in ristian sc oo ing ucation at a e e s is ying t e eat o a t ousan paper cuts e i ere y t e ra grin s o go ernment o on't a ue anyt ing un ess it can e measure against enc mar s an s ti itarianism is t e p i osop y t at pre ai s in pu ic iscourse in st century Austra ia t's a p i osop y

ic caims tat at is goo must sure y e measura e or it as no usiness caiming to e goo

But ristians are not uti itarians ecause e a e a muc gran er ision o t e goo t an at can e simp y uanti ie An so Dr Scott as rig ty su erte our uestion y pointing out t at or o o ers o esus rist t e ua ity o reations ips is essentia to t at ision o t e goo a ua ity t at in t e en ans ers to t e u timate u ge an e a one is is at success in ristian sc oo s i oo i e an e count it or measure it o cares

ot in t ere as muc more to say ere oug ery emp asis on reations ips is a t oroug y ristian insig t e nee to e care u t at e reatet is ta o reations ips ac to t e ristian story itse est reations ips' ecome a in o atonic i ea t ou e possi e a tera or a pirates ip to e cre e y an e ecti e team in goo reations ips it one anot er

e gospe o t e o o is rinity spea s to us a ery particu ar ua ity o re ations ip re ations ips o cost y o et at in o e orgi eness mercy an grace reater o e as no onet ant is' sai esus to ay o none's i e or one's rien s' ic is o course at e imse i an it is t at story t e story o t e cross ic teac es us true re ations ips An note it asn't a message o re ations ips ase on mere acceptance to ie or one's rien s is to say t at one's rien s nee ying or ecause a is not e it t em as t ey are Sometimes re ations ips patterne on t e cross re uire a o as e as a es

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Dr Scott as spct an to St ann agt na e etioa

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too am irritate y t e tone o muc o t is criticism uc o it i e t e uestion o ristian y teac ing mat s is ust i iotic an nee s to e ca e or at it is

But t e response is not to repu iate u gement ut to encourage etter u gement cannot agree it t e ana ogy a out t e octor e ea o a sc oo as pro essiona e pertise an oug t to e truste to e ercise it ut t e ea is operating as an e pert

oss an ac no e gement per apst att eir pro ect as estroye t e on y t ings ort a ing

er aps a ne ar ages is upon us An per aps as a tert e ecay o mig ty Rome it ast e ristian monasteriest at preser e t e possi i ity o a ess sa age ay o i e so no our sc oo s an c urc es i nee to ecomet e protectors o t e true t e eauti u an t e goo at is at is argua y a rea y in e i ence peop e it no ait can seet at our sc oo s an t e e traor inary peop e in t em preser e somet ing precious ic as een ost an t at in t eir e otion to at is true an rig t an eauti u in creation t ey point eyon t emse es to t e source o a t eset ings