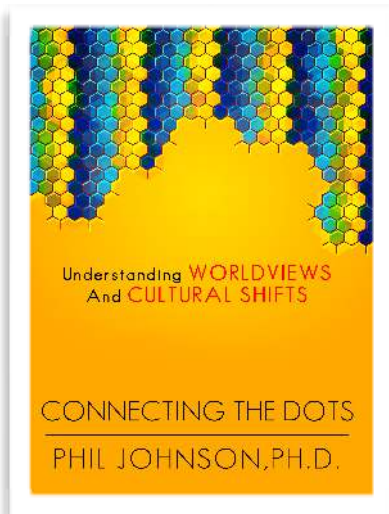


# “CONNECTING THE DOTS”

## Understanding Cultural Shifts

(Course Requirements)



### Course Description:

Subject Area: Worldviews, Philosophy and Cultural Trends

Course Number: GNLI 1007

Course Title: “Connecting the Dots: Understanding Today’s Culture”

Course Location: GREECE (Athens, Corinth, Delphi) Credit: 1.0

### Major concepts/content:

The purpose of this course is to enable students to explore fundamental issues regarding philosophy, global worldviews and current societal/cultural trends that affect biblical thinking. Emphasis will be given to the examination of these issues in the context of Greek history, culture, philosophy and arts.

### Course Objectives:

- Demonstrate an understanding of Greek culture and Greece’s influence on the modern world through an understanding of Greek philosophy, literature and art.

- Recognize and discuss major philosophical worldviews.
- Demonstrate an ability to link one’s worldview with one’s choices and beliefs.
- Demonstrate an understanding of modern trends and cultural shifts that impact the student’s world and value-based decisions.
- Participate in small-group discussions regarding philosophical issues.
- Develop cogent group statements regarding philosophical issues.
- Demonstrate an ability to think biblically and apply that thinking to current issues.

### Course Requirements:

1. Read two (2) of the books listed below and submit a one-page critique for each. (The critique should be typed, double-spaced and include a brief summary of the book as well as your reaction/response to the book. Book choices represent a wide variety and require discerning and critical reading. Please seek the approval of your school and parents before reading these books. Global Next Leadership Institute does not endorse everything in every book. Substitute books may be chosen but must receive prior approval from GNLI.)

- Colson, Charles: How Now Shall We Live? Tyndale House Publishing, 2004.
- Keller, Timothy. The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism. Penguin Books, 2008.
- Hoffercker, Andrew. Revolutions in Worldview: Understanding the Flow of Western Thought. P & R Publishing, 2007.
- Kupelian, David. The Marketing of Evil. WND Books, 2005.
- Kupelian, David. The Making of Evil, WND Books, 2011.

- Mangalwadi, Vishal. The Book that Made Your World: How the Bible Created the Soul of Western Civilization. Thomas Nelson. 2011.
- Postman, Neil. Amusing Ourselves to Death. Penguin Books, 2005.
- Schaeffer, Francis. How Then Shall We Live? Crossway, 2005.
- Schaeffer, Francis. Art and the Bible. IVP Books, 2006.
- Twenge, Jean. Generation Me. Free Press, 2006.
- Wildmon, Donald. Speechless: The Silencing of Christians. Richard Vigilante Publishing, 2009.

2. Participate in leadership training while on the trip. This includes:

- Attention during classes.
- Completion of the training workbook.
- Participation in class discussions, small-group discussions and cultural activities.
- Completion of Post Card Project (explained during conference.)
- Participation in interview project.
- Journaling while on the trip.

3. Post-conference Project. You may complete one of the following. (Please note that all projects must relate to the cultural and leadership aspects of the program.)

- A 5-7-page, typed research paper on a topic related to your leadership trip. (Typed, double-spaced, minimum of five (5) sources, topic of your choice as long as it related to the trip and leadership.)
- A video project. (Minimum of 4 minutes in length, maximum of 8 minutes)
- A photo journal (Submitted in PowerPoint or Keynote format. Minimum of 30 slides. Must include slides and texts integrating the sites, cultural and leadership principles.)

#### **Additional Notes:**

- All written work and projects are due within 30 days of the conclusion of the international conference.
- Students who opt for high school credit will receive a transcript of study reflecting their grade and credit award. This should be given to your school's registrar for inclusion on your permanent transcript. If you are traveling with a group, the transcript will be sent to your group leader.
- Students who opt to "audit" this course will also receive a transcript of study, but no grade or credit award will be given.
- All written assignments, video projects and presentation projects must be submitted via email to: [info@globalnext.org](mailto:info@globalnext.org) If files are large, please use an online file sender such as [www.hightail.com](http://www.hightail.com)
- Assignments will not be returned to students. Please retain a copy for your records.
- For questions, please contact Dr. Phil Johnson, and Leadership at: [info@globalnext.org](mailto:info@globalnext.org) or 214.733.6577