

# CAJ Doctrinal Statements / Statements of Purpose, Mission and Philosophy

## a. Doctrinal Statements

### From the CAJ Constitution

#### ARTICLE II. Basis

1. The basis of the corporation is the infallible Word of God.
2. The corporation is governed by the following principles:
  - a. That all things have been created to the end that the Triune God may be glorified in and through them.
  - b. *(See below)*
3. *(CAJ Statement of Faith)*

The following statement shall be the doctrinal basis of the corporation. We believe in:

  - a. The inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures as originally given, their plenary inspiration by God, and their supreme authority as the only rule of faith and practice.
  - b. The Trinity of the Godhead — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
  - c. The essential, absolute, and eternal deity of the Lord Jesus Christ; His real, but sinless humanity; His substitutionary and atoning death as the all-sufficient sacrifice for sin; His resurrection from the dead on the third day in that very body that was laid in the tomb; His ascension into heaven as the only mediator between God and man; and His visible personal return in power and glory.
  - d. The personality and deity of the Holy Spirit, by whom the believer is regenerated and sanctified through the Word of Truth.
  - e. The lost estate of man through the Fall, and his salvation solely by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, whose righteousness imputed to him is the only ground of acceptance before God.
  - f. The resurrection of the body, the judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting and conscious punishment of the lost.
  - g. The spiritual unity of all who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and their duty to maintain in all their relationships a standard of life and doctrine that is in conformity with the teachings of God's Holy Word.

### From the CAJ Board Manual

#### DIVISION A 5.4

#### TEACHING OF THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE, LIFE, AND MAN

#### STATEMENT

God created the heavens and the earth out of nothing (*ex nihilo*) by His Word, and constantly sustains and governs them by His providential power, according to His eternal purpose and for His glory.<sup>1</sup>

God created plant and animal life so that each kind would reproduce after its own kind.<sup>2</sup>

God created Adam and Eve, our first parents, in His own image. He breathed the breath of life into Adam and through him gave all mankind a fully developed human spirit and intellect, making them living, responsible beings.<sup>3</sup>

## IMPLEMENTATION

Instruction in current theories regarding the origin of the universe, life, and man should be given in classes, where appropriate. This instruction should call attention to theories in conflict with the above statement on origin. The truth of this statement is to be upheld over conflicting theories.<sup>4</sup>

Scripture should be interpreted by historical-grammatical principles and scripture-with-scripture comparison. Within the above parameters, where there is a difference in interpretation of scripture among respected evangelical scholars, no one theory may be taught as exclusive truth, although a teacher is free to state his/her personal views when appropriate.

All CAJ teachers, administrators, and board members are to be in agreement with the above.

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## FOOTNOTES

1. Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 11:3
2. Genesis 1:20-25; 2:4-6, 8, 9, and 19
3. Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7, 15-24; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Zechariah 12:1
4. Isaiah 8:20; II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19; Matthew 11:25

## DIVISION B.2.2.1.5

### MORAL STANDARDS

Accordingly, the headmaster shall not fail to:

2.2.1 Employ staff that meet the following qualifications:

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2.2.1.5 Share the same beliefs as CAJ that the following areas of sexual activity are inappropriate and prohibited by Scripture:

- 2.2.1.5.1 Heterosexual activity outside of marriage (premarital sex, cohabitation, extramarital sex) (Heb. 13:4, Eph. 5:3, I Thess. 4:3-8)
- 2.2.1.5.2 Homosexual or lesbian sexual activity (Rom. 1:24-27, Deut. 20:13)
- 2.2.1.5.3 Sexual harassment (I Thess. 4:3-7, Eph. 5:3-5)
- 2.2.1.5.4 Possession or habitual, deliberate viewing of pornographic material and websites (I John 2:16, Matt. 5:28)
- 2.2.1.5.5 Sexual abuse or improprieties toward minors (Luke 17:1-2)

## b. Purpose of the School

### From the CAJ Constitution

#### ARTICLE II. Basis

2. The corporation is governed by the following principles:
  - a. (see above)
  - b. That the training of the child shall, if at all possible, be continued in a school that carries out the basic God-honoring, God-centered program begun in the home.

### **ARTICLE III. Purpose**

The purpose of the corporation is to maintain a school in the English language for the daily instruction of the children of the evangelical missionary community. Such instruction is to be in accordance with Article II and directed toward the end that these children may occupy their places worthily in society, church and state.

### **From the CAJ Board Manual DIVISION A 5.1**

#### **CAJ SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY**

##### **Foundation of education**

We believe all things have been created to glorify the Triune God. Thus, the foundation of education is the Creator-creature relationship. Absolute truth exists because Almighty God, the source of all truth, exists. We can know truth because we have been created in God's image, and because God addresses us through His creation and His special revelation of truth, the Bible. Because our ability to discern all truth is affected by our rebellion against God, our deepest need is to acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ over our lives, responding in love and obedience to Him, and applying God's truth to every sphere of life.

##### **Vision**

Our vision for education is to equip students for a life of loving, obedient response to God, and of care for and restoration of His creation. Through education, students are equipped to discover God's grace and truth, to embrace their identity as human beings created in His image and for His glory, and to develop their God-given potential. To this end, we aspire to be a school where, in reliance upon the Holy Spirit:

1. **Parents** assume the primary responsibility for their children's education, with CAJ assisting them in providing Christian education. CAJ exists to educate children of evangelical missionary parents, and also welcomes other families desiring their children to have a Christian education.
2. **Students** are valued as persons created in God's image; are responsible for their learning; and can influence it by diligence, prayer for wisdom, and the application of God's Word to their lives. We recognize and value student diversity seen in ways of learning, abilities, and cultural backgrounds and identities. We believe that students mature spiritually, intellectually, aesthetically, physically, emotionally, and socially.
  - a. **Spiritual maturity** includes accepting salvation through Christ alone, loving God and neighbor, and sharing the Gospel in word and action.
  - b. **Intellectual and aesthetic maturity** includes breadth of knowledge and understanding; thinking clearly, logically, creatively and from a Christian perspective about all subject matter, life, and experience; and appreciating beauty.
  - c. **Physical maturity** includes the development of physical abilities and health potential, in recognition that the Christian's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
  - d. **Emotional and social maturity** includes the ability to meet life's situations as a responsible Christian; to act with poise, initiative, decisiveness, and self-reliance; to relate to others with love, care, and forgiveness; and to value one's cross-cultural identity.

3. **Teachers** model a Christ-like lifestyle; teach all subjects from a biblical perspective; implement CAJ's school philosophy in order to inform, motivate, direct, encourage, and discipline students; and avail themselves of resources and training opportunities for ongoing professional growth.
4. **Learning** occurs as students are equipped with knowledge, skills, and attitudes, so they can love and serve God and others. Students learn best within a nurturing environment which fosters an enduring joy in learning and the desire to honor Christ through learning; and where teachers pray for students and use biblical principles and sound, current educational research and practice to determine what students learn, how they are taught, and how they show what they know.
5. **Program** fosters the development and application of a biblical worldview to all of life by grounding students in biblical practices and values; training them to use biblical discernment as we expose them to selected non-Christian worldviews and ideas; and encouraging them to apply God's truth in daily life.

Our program is communicated in the English language and is based upon an American approach which uses US educational standards, course sequences and options (college preparatory and career), instructional materials, standardized tests, educational research, and cocurricular activities.

## **DIVISION A 5.2**

### **CAJ MISSION STATEMENT**

Christian Academy in Japan, a school for the children of evangelical missionaries in Japan, equips students to impact the world for Christ.