



John Stott
MEMORIAL FUND

A LIFE THAT
STILL SPEAKS:
A VISION THAT
INSPIRES

THE MAN & HIS VISION

What should it mean to ‘remember John Stott’? What might he himself wish to be remembered for, and what would he most want us to do in response to the whole message and challenge of his life?

John Stott will be remembered as an outstanding biblical preacher, as a pioneer and innovator in urban parish ministry, as a strategic leader of the worldwide evangelical movement, as a prolific writer, and as a model of Christlikeness and personal friendship. All of this and much more. But we will have failed him, and failed to grasp his significance, if all we do is look back with nostalgic thankfulness.

For John Stott was also a radical and a visionary. He had penetrating insight into the gaps in evangelical teaching and living out the full breadth and depth of the biblical gospel. He took us back to the roots of what it means to be a Christian – a disciple of Jesus Christ, saved by grace, taught by the Scriptures, and living in obedience. And he opened our eyes to the world around us, challenging us to listen, to understand, and to engage our whole culture with the claims of the gospel of Christ’s Lordship.

The witness of the church is so implausible because Christians simply don’t look like Jesus, he would say. The

church may be growing rapidly around the world, and we rejoice in that. But it is often growth without depth. Too much shallowness and immaturity. Too little Christlikeness. John Stott pioneered the ministries of **Langham Partnership** to help fill that gap with better trained and better resourced pastors and Bible teachers, since it is the Word of God that matures and disciples the people of God.

The mission of the church is weaker than it should be because Christians have given in to the sacred-secular divide, which tells us (falsely and unbiblically), that only ‘religious’ activities matter to God, while the rest of our life and work in the world is irrelevant to God’s mission and kingdom. John Stott utterly rejected such dualism, just as he refused to confine ‘ministry’ to ordained pastoral ministry or church-paid work. The current dominant paradigm of mission asks people to give some time and money to ‘support’ the mission initiatives of church-paid professionals (at home or abroad). This must change. All God’s people serve God in all their callings. John Stott founded the **London Institute for Contemporary Christianity** to bring together Christians from every profession and walk of life along with pastors and parachurch workers, to learn together to be missionally effective salt and light in our societies and cultures.

THE VISION TODAY

The two organizations that John Stott personally founded, **The Langham Partnership International (LPI)** and the **London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC)**, between them represent the wholeness of John's understanding of gospel and mission. They embody his famous 'double listening' – his passion for faithful communication of **God's Word**, and effective engagement with **God's world**. They combine his love for pastors in their ministry of equipping God's people, and his love for all God's people (the so-called 'laity') in their ministry of serving God in every sphere of life in the world. He would not allow that either was more important than the other. His whole life served and strengthened both, and so does his ongoing legacy in the vision and work of LPI and LICC.

LPI today...

- **Langham Preaching** partners with national leaders to nurture indigenous preaching movements for pastors and lay preachers all around the world. This partnership provides practical on-site support for preachers, organising training seminars, providing resources, encouraging preachers' groups, and building a local movement committed to Bible exposition.
- **Langham Literature** provides evangelical books and resources in multiple languages through grants and distribution, and fosters the creation of indigenous evangelical books through

sponsored editing and writing and publisher development.

- **Langham Scholars** provides financial support for evangelical doctoral students from the Majority World who return to positions of theological teaching and leadership to train future pastors and leaders.

LICC today...

John's vision for whole-life discipleship was radical in 1982. And it still is. But imagine if local churches did envision and empower their people to live missional lives not just in their leisure time but in all of life? Not just in the five to ten hours they spend each week in church-related activities but in the other 110 hours that they are awake? Today LICC's team is working on making that vision a reality:

- by exposing the theological, hermeneutical and cultural blocks that hinder whole-life Christianity,
- by working on the ground with local churches to enable them to become whole-life disciple-making communities and
- by working in the field with lay people to equip them to make a difference for Christ where they are,
- by disseminating the fruit of all this learning through courses, resources and new media.

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THE VISION GOES ON

John Stott's legacy is incalculable, in his books, his network of friends, his support for so many global organizations and movements, and in the lives of those he mentored and disciplined. But in LPI and LICC we can see the comprehensiveness of his understanding of the gospel and our mission: in **Langham**, his longing that Christians should grow to maturity in Christ through pastors and leaders who believe, teach and live by the Word of God; and in the **London Institute**, his passion that all Christians should engage the world and its cultures with the truth of the gospel by living out whole-life discipleship under the Lordship of Christ in every area of life and work. This was his rounded, biblical, three-dimensional vision.

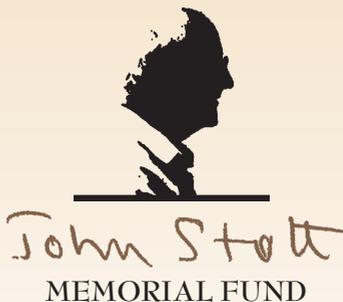
Three-dimensional vision needs two eyes!

The leaders of both organizations are equally passionate that John Stott's vision should be sustained and enhanced, using the lenses of both our ministries with a single focus. So we are committed to using the **John Stott Memorial Fund** as John wanted, not only to support the *distinctive* ministries of both Langham and LICC, but also to provide resources for things that we could do *together* that

would be in line with the integrated wholeness of John Stott's own vision.

A number of joint projects are under consideration. The international resources of Langham Scholars could contribute to, and benefit from, the agenda of the London Institute. Langham Preaching and the London Institute could combine forces in enhancing the skills of biblical preachers in engaging with their cultures. The experience of both organizations in publishing, facilitating writers, workshops and resourcing both pastors and Christians in the workplace, could be developed in fruitful partnership. All such projects will need committed funding.

Your giving to the **John Stott Memorial Fund** is a way to ensure that his vision continues to bless the world.



YES, I want to contribute to the ongoing development of John Stott's desire to see the whole gospel taken by the whole church into the whole world.

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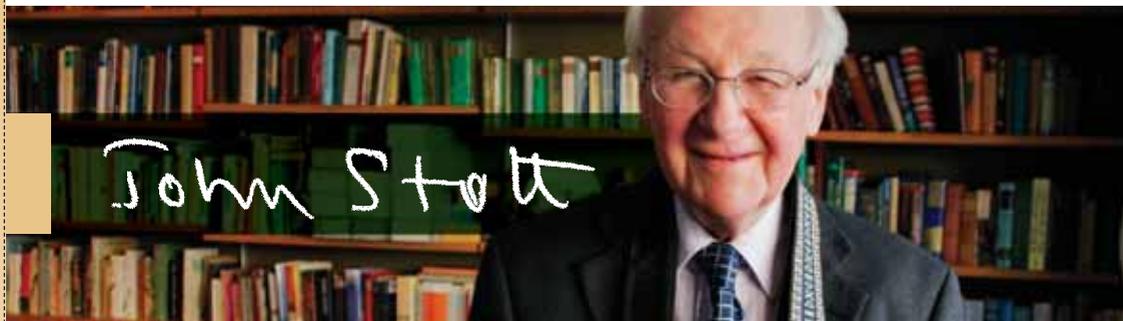
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BORN in 1921 in London, John Stott was a member of All Souls Church, Langham Place, from childhood to his death. He came to personal faith in Christ at Rugby School in 1938, and after his studies in Cambridge was first appointed curate at All Souls in 1945, and then Rector in 1950. In 1975 he was given the title 'Rector Emeritus' and his ministry at the church continued until he moved to the College of St. Barnabas in 2007.

His international connections began in the 1950s, with his support of Billy Graham's evangelistic campaigns in London, and his own leadership of university missions in the UK, USA, Australia and Africa. His writings began in the same decade with *Basic Christianity* among the earliest of some fifty more in his lifetime. In the 1960s his stature grew among evangelicals in the UK and internationally through his speaking at Keswick and Urbana conventions, his leadership of evangelical Anglicans, and his continued writing and editing work – particularly *The Bible Speaks Today* series of expository commentaries, to which he

contributed eight from his own pen.

His commitment to world mission led him to join Billy Graham in the First Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization in 1974, at which he was the principal architect of *The Lausanne Covenant*. After that he continued to shape the theological and missiological direction of that movement through his gifted chairmanship of consultations in the 1980s, culminating in the Second Lausanne Congress in Manila in 1989.

He continued travelling, speaking and writing through his seventies and eighties. His last international trip was to China and Hong Kong in January 2006, aged 85. After breaking his hip in a fall in August 2006 he became increasingly immobilized and dependent, but still managed to complete his final book, *The Radical Disciple*, when he could scarcely control his own handwriting. His last public preaching was at the Keswick Convention in July 2007, when, characteristically, he spoke on God's desire that we should be like Christ. He died in July 2011, aged 90.