

Foundation of Christian Philosophy (*Stichting voor Christelijke Filosofie*), transl. Jan H. Boer, “Analyzing, actualizing and passing on”: [Stichting voor Christelijke FilosofieMissie | Stichting voor Christelijke Filosofie](#)

The Foundation for Christian Philosophy wants to analyze, actualize and pass on the heritage of Christian philosophy. It intends to do that in a manner that will enrich the lives of Christians as well as non-Christians and contributes to an improved fulfillment of their calling in society.

It seeks to contribute to the formation of better educated current and future generations by means of academic chairs at universities, lecture series, readings, debates and publications, with special emphasis on students.

The added value of Christian philosophy is found in the insight it provides in reality and the tools it offers to find solutions and move on to actualization. This is beneficial in a context of simplistic answers and reductionism. The following insights are characteristic of this (Reformational) movement:

1. Worldview precedes and is determinative for our theorizing.
2. Reality consists of differentiation (aspects) and coherence and is not to be reduced to a single aspect.
3. Reality is *normative* by nature, which also holds for our professional and occupational practices.
4. Reality is *relational* by nature. Therefore humans respond to their calling by doing justice to their relationship with God, themselves, their neighbor and the creation.
5. To achieve this we can draw from a long tradition of Christian-philosophical thought, which for our Foundation includes the important anchor of the Reformational philosophy of Herman Dooyeweerd, Dirk Vollenhoven and their successors. During more recent times, the Foundation also preoccupies itself more with thinkers from the broader tradition of Christian philosophy such as Americans Alvin Plantinga and Nicholas Wolterstorff as well as Canadian Charles Taylor.

The Christian-philosophical tradition constantly demands actualization in both analysis and passing it on. Analysis of its content is a *sine qua non* for

passing it on, for we are perpetually confronted by new questions in other contexts. Thus this heritage retains its significance also for new generations.

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