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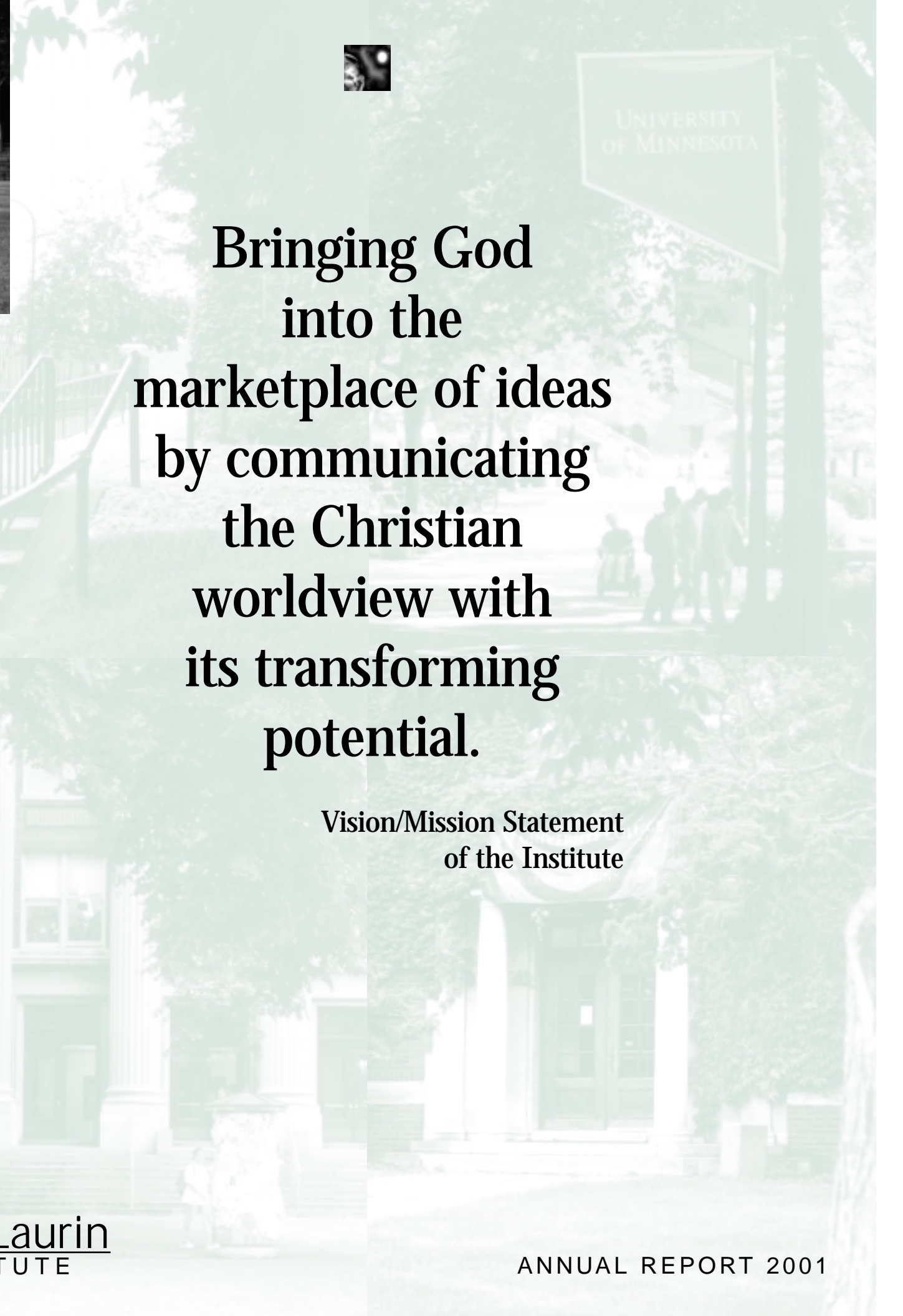
Support & Revenue		
Contributions and grants	\$343,430	
Sales (books and tapes)	15,859	
Tuition and Registrations	30,523	
Other income	9,296	
Total Support & Revenue		399,108

Expenses		
Cost of Sales	13,325	
Program Services	298,738	
General & Administrative	66,427	
Fund-raising	55,561	
Total Expenses		434,051

(Decrease) in Net Assets **(34,493)**

Net Assets Beginning of Year **15,652**

Net Assets (Deficit) End of year **(19,291)**



Bringing God into the marketplace of ideas by communicating the Christian worldview with its transforming potential.

Vision/Mission Statement of the Institute

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Dear Friend of the Institute:

God is making His presence known in the intellectual life of our universities!

Many philosophers are now openly claiming that their Christian faith impacts their philosophical studies...

Quentin Smith, professor of philosophy at Western Michigan University and author of at least four books and numerous articles in philosophy, has written in the Fall 2001 issue of *Philo*, a journal for humanistic philosophers, that "realist versions of theism... (have begun) to sweep through the philosophical community, until today perhaps one-quarter or one-third of philosophy professors are theists, with most being orthodox Christians." ("The Metaphilosophy of Naturalism," p. 2) Late, in the same article he writes of "the embarrassment' of belonging to the only academic field that has allowed itself to lose the secularization it once had".

What accounts for the remarkable growth of theism, particularly Christianity, among our academic philosophers? Smith writes that one of America's greatest living philosophers, Dr. Alvin Plantinga, has singularly changed the academic landscape through his books, beginning with *God and Other Minds* in 1967. Dr. Plantinga is scheduled to give our sixth Holmer Lecture at the University of Minnesota in November of 2002.

With scholars like him and with your support, we will see God influence the academic heartbeat of the University of Minnesota!

Our Board, and its Chair, Dr. Bryan Dowd, have generously and heavily invested in the Institute, helping us to dramatically improve the efficiency of our ministry, even as gifts lag (a problem facing virtually all ministries, especially in light of the tragedy of September 11). In order to continue systematic expansion of our ministry efforts, the Board has determined that we need to add one full-time staff during the upcoming year.

With your continued partnership we discover new avenues for bringing a Christ-centered perspective into the intellectual life of one of America's great public universities. Will you once again partner with us? Thank you.

Yours for bringing God into the marketplace of ideas,

Robert Osburn
Executive Director

PS. If you haven't already ordered your tickets, please consider joining us for our 20th Anniversary Celebration, March 8, 2002, with Ravi Zacharias as keynote speaker.

Our 2000-2001 programs reflect God's grace, mercy, and provision through your prayers and financial support:

University Programs

Christian Studies Courses at the U!

In its first full year of operation, 55 students, most of them from the U of Minnesota, enrolled in courses on the Old and New Testaments, the history of Christianity, and world religions. Academic credit has successfully transferred to their U of Minnesota student transcripts. One student wrote: *"The MacLaurin courses have been the best classes I have taken at the U!"*

Campus Lectures

Over 2000 people attended lectures by UC-Berkeley Professor Emeritus Philip Johnson on intelligent design, Augsburg College Professor Bruce Reichenbach, who was our Holmer Lecturer for 2000 (delayed until February 2001), Yuan Zhiming, former Chinese student pro-democracy leader, on Christian faith and China's future, Gary Haugen of International Justice Ministry on a Christian response to genocide and the sex trade, and Dr. Carol Hamrin, former China specialist with the US State Department, on the prospects for China during this first decade of the new millennium.

International Programs

African Nation-Builder Workshops

16 African nations were represented among the 64 participants and 10 guest observers who wrestled with the implications of a Christian worldview for the future of the African continent and her peoples. Working from the base of biblical thought, participants spent five days strategizing how to deal with issues such as AIDS, poverty, and women's education. Speakers included Dr. Stephen Talitwala, Vice-Chancellor of Daystar University, Dr. Tokunboh Adeyemo, General Secretary of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa, and others. 80 Twin Cities volunteers served our guests, and 400 members of the Twin Cities Christian community attended public forums. One participant wrote: "The workshop has clearly demonstrated that the most effective way to nation-building is through the Christian worldview."

Community Programs

Heart of the Matter Bookstore Lectures

In partnership with Borders Books in St. Paul's Midway Marketplace, overflow crowds averaged 95 (an increase of 20/lecture over the previous year) at nine different lectures. Speakers included MacLaurin Fellow Vishal Mangalwadi on Western civilization, Dr. Mary Ellen Ashcroft (English professor, Bethel College, and author) on language and meaning in the postmodern world, and Dr. Christopher Hook (Director Ethics Education, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine) on the ethics of bioengineering human life, and others. *"I wouldn't miss these lectures for anything!"*

Institute Fellows

Francis A. Schaeffer Fellow Udo Middelmann conducted several lecture tours in the USA, and spoke to over 5000 people from coast-to-coast. Of particular significance was his chapel address at Wheaton College, where, some 35 years earlier, his late father-in-law (Dr. Schaeffer) delivered the now-famous series of lectures that later became the book *The God Who Is There*.

Other Programs

Having completed the development and research phase of **The Book of the Millennium** project, the Institute is pleased that the project continues under Vishal Mangalwadi's able leadership of South Asian Resources. Prospects for a PBS airing within several years look very good.

South Asian Initiative: Having successfully sponsored the August 2000 "Consultation for Ministries to Hindus and Sikhs in North America", the Institute is pleased that the South Asian website project carries on under the leadership of other ministry organizations.

MacLaurin Resources: The Institute continues to provide hundreds of books and tapes featuring an emphasis on the Christian worldview, Christian engagement with culture, and Christianity in academia.



The Institute's strategic ministry expansion plans during 2001-2002 include:

- The **On-Line Christian Worldview Curriculum**, planned to become operational by the summer of 2002. The preliminary title of phase one is the "Gopher's Den", a forum for posting articles written in light of a Christian worldview, with posted responses and on-line discussion. Utilizing phase one as a recruitment center, phase two in Fall 2002 will offer a six-lesson introduction to Christian worldview entitled "Tapestry." Campus ministers will be trained to personalize the impact of this instruction with the students with whom they work.
- Increased enrollment in our **Christian Studies Courses at the U**. Fall 2001 enrollment is 31 students, and at least that many are projected for Spring 2002. New courses for the 2001-2002 academic year include Christian Theology 4360 and Christian Ethics 3305.
- The Institute's Board Chair, Dr. Bryan Dowd, continues his leadership of a project to publish a collection of essays by Christian faculty at the U of Minnesota. His goal is to demonstrate the influence of Jesus Christ on campus faculty who have become His followers. A publisher is currently reviewing portions of the manuscript.

The Institute's future impact will include:

- Development and delivery of a 10-hour worldview workshop for churches and student groups
- An increased number of high-quality campus lecturers, to help us more effectively make our case for bringing God into academic life. Dr. Alvin Plantinga has already agreed to be our November 2002 Holmer Lecturer.
- The **World View for World Healing Conference**, now scheduled for May 2003, when up to international 400 participants will hear and interact with dozens of speakers from around the world, challenging them to impact the destiny of their nations on the basis of a Christian worldview.
- Expansion of our course offerings in the **Christian Studies Courses at the U** program, to four courses/semester, from the current three/semester.



Dr. Phillip Johnson

Programs...

Vision...