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Do you think the school system is permanent? You may change your mind after hearing author Gary Wietgreffe's presentation "Why the School System Won't Last".

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"School systems are a modern contrivance", contends Wietgreffe. "If they didn't exist in historic times--even a century ago, what makes anyone think they are a permanent institution?"

He explains: introduction of weaving technology in the eighteenth century radically changed society as homespun was replaced with

manufactured goods. Likewise, electricity created a twentieth century communications revolution. Results are still evolving.

With the introduction of off-the-farm jobs, family culture and business urbanized. Learning systems morphed from home learning to institutionalized schools. School systems developed to accommodate institutionalization.

Modern transportation and communications technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has allowed parents to again work at home. At the same time, access to learning has migrated from classrooms to on-line.

It is no longer a surprise when crib-babies entertain themselves with electronic gadgets. Wietgreffe asks, “Why would they be content learning for the next twenty years in a sterile room with four walls, a door, and someone standing in front of an unvarying classroom?”

During one of Wietgreffe’s book tour presentations, a retired teacher and coach blurted, “There goes the sports program.” It was as if the audience was playing a community game and someone shouted “Bingo”. Silence followed waiting for reality of loss to soak in.

After a week of table talks and book signings touring South Dakota, Wietgreffe heads south for two days of presentations March 10 and 11 at the Tucson Festival of Books on the University of Arizona campus. His talks include: Why the School System won’t last; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technophobia and Busiphobia; Why are we losing our Memory? Its impact on society; and Riddles of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Culture.

Free and open to the public, Tucson Festival of Books [tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/](http://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/) is celebrating their tenth anniversary with up to 100,000 guests expected. For more details on author Gary Wietgreffe’s book tour, see the EVENTS page on his website [www.RelatingtoAncients.com](http://www.RelatingtoAncients.com)

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