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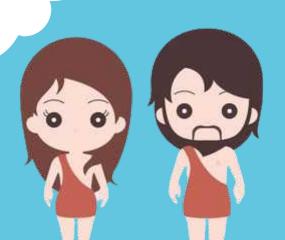
This is the last presentation for this Camp Meeting. As usual, we shouldn't expect that this final presentation is the end of this particular topic.

At this Camp Meeting we have been addressing how we approach Inspiration. Either we resign ourselves to the fact that we cannot understand God which is the Apophatic model or we make strenuous efforts to try to understand God. We try not only to understand who he is but also to try to understand who we are and this is the Cataphatic Model.

Apophatic = "Negative" dont understand God Cataphatic = "Positive" do understand God



We began discussing these two theological streams because we wanted to introduce the subject of the Gender of God, to try to understand why there is this male and female dichotomy.



I want to remind us about when we go to Genesis 2. The Creation of Humanity, male and female. It's much more about how they are the same than how they are different.

From my perspective, far too many people focus on the wrong issue in that chapter because Adam was looking for someone that was the same as himself not someone that was different.

Male & Female are much more the same then they are different



To reinforce that point when God created his counterpart she was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, in other words they were identical.



The fact, that they are both male and female is incidental in the way the story is given to us in chapter 2.

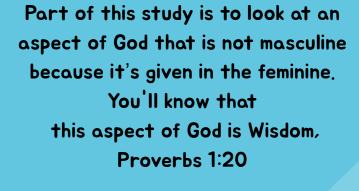
We know that God is neither male nor female but maybe this is a concept that some of us need to dwell on to become more familiar and comfortable.

However, for some of us this is a radical thought.

Adam and Eve were created identical



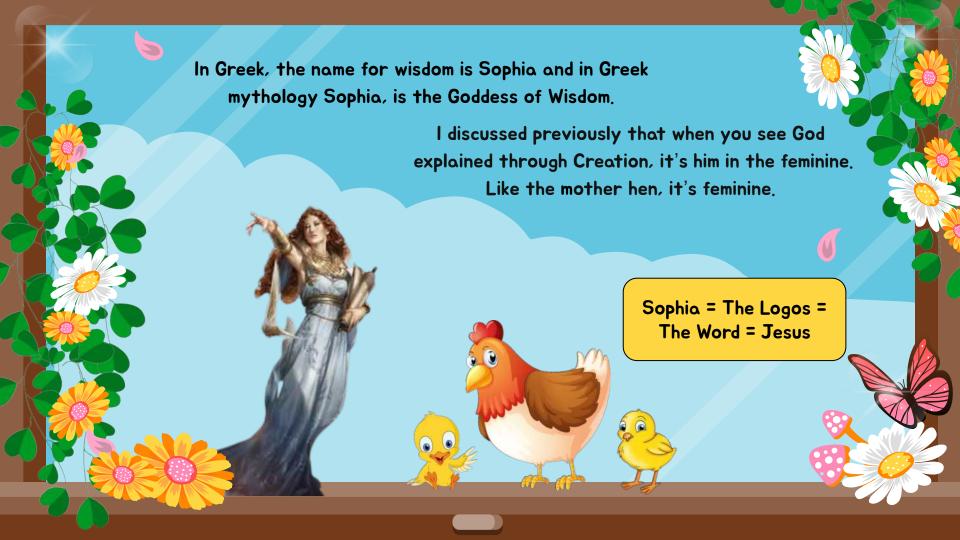
We know that throughout the Scriptures, God is almost exclusively identified as male and we have discussed some of the reasons why

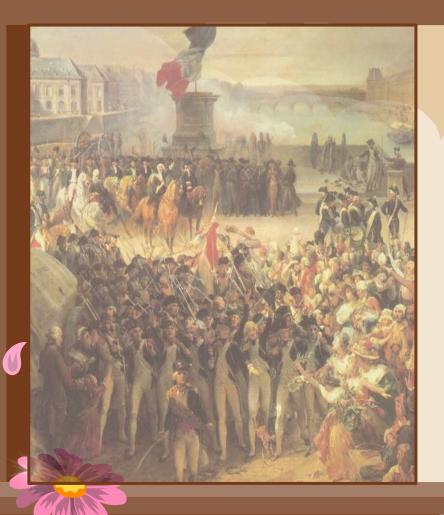




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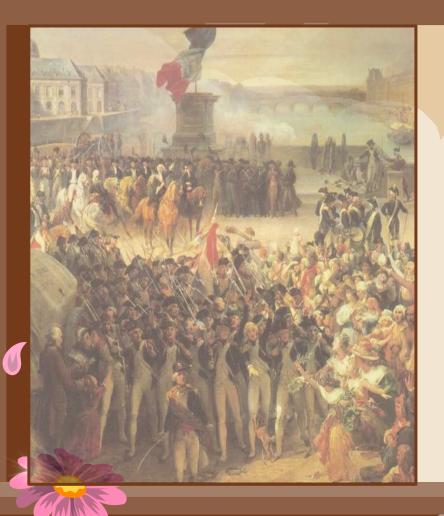




We then moved on in our study to look at the French Revolution. Whenever you look at any subject, any historical episode there are many complex events and situations that are happening.

For any one subject, like a battle, you could get several people who could all explain that event from a different perspective.

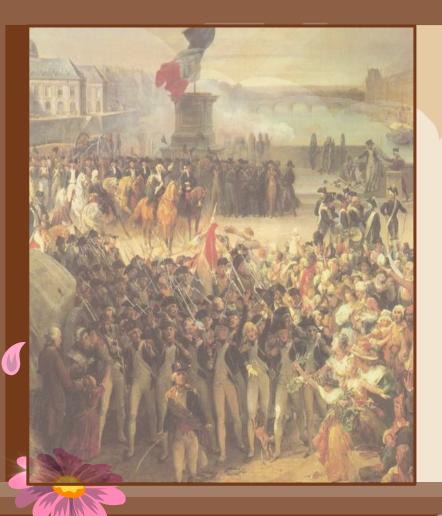
The French Revolution is not just a single battle, it's a complex series of events that turned France upside down.



We know it's significant because in the Bible it tells us so. In fact, the French Revolution according to Scripture, is the birth of a New Nation.

I'm not trying to give any moral perspective on whether it's good or bad. All I'm pointing out is that the birth of France, has particular characteristics when it occurs during the French Revolution.

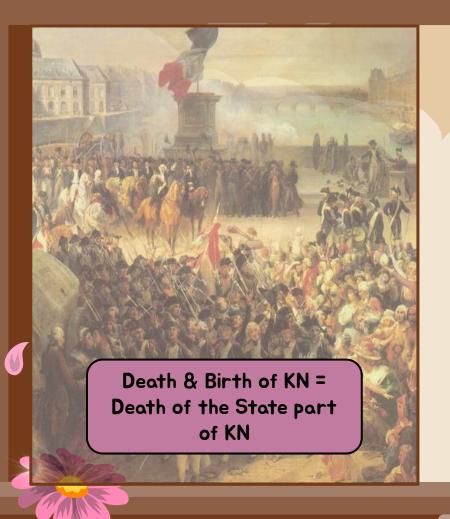




I want to remind us that we have a date, 1798. According to Revelation 11 it says just before 1798 you will get the birth of this Nation and it will exercise its authority against anybody or anything that opposes it.

The Old France, (we will call it the King of the North) was Christian, you might want to call it Catholic. When that nation dies and another nation is born then you see the death of the King of the North and the birth of a New Nation or a New King.





If we are going to use the symbology of the King of the North, we need to understand it in the context of a Church/State union because when you come to the King of the North there's a Church aspect and a State aspect.

When we talk about the death and the birth of a nation we're talking about the <u>death</u> of the state part of the King of the North. Of course, this nation is not just <u>born</u>, it's more than that because it holds to a fine tradition. A time honored Christian tradition. What tradition is that?



It doesn't just speak about the birth, it speaks about the resurrection.

If you're a Pagan or Gentile, you wouldn't call it resurrection.

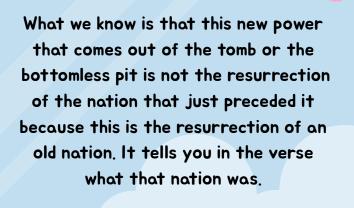
What would you call it?

### Reincarnation

You die and you're born again in a different form.

The reason why we have the Christian perspective and we consider it to be resurrection, is because when you have a resurrection it's the birth of someone who had previously lived and then died. In other words,

it's the same person.



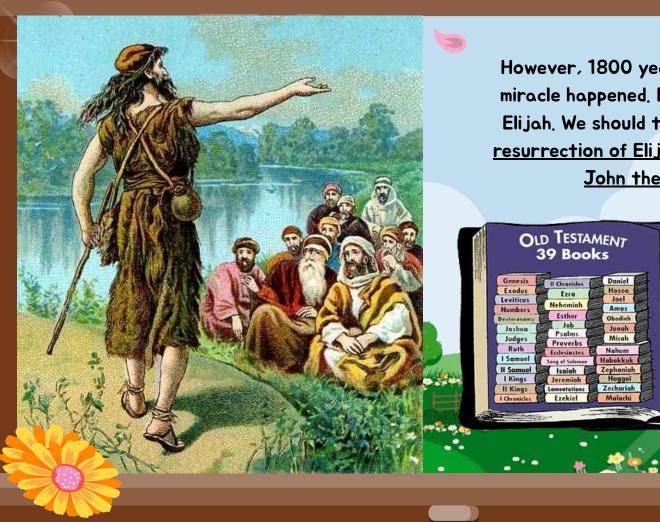
'When the two witnesses have <u>almost</u> finished their testimony then the beast that comes out of the bottomless pit (tomb) shall make war against them and kill them.'

Let's turn to Rev. 11:7



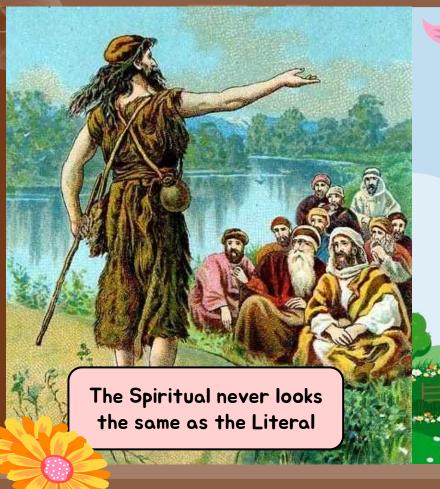




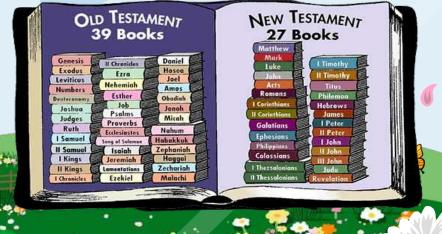


However, 1800 years later, another miracle happened. It was the birth of Elijah. We should technically say the resurrection of Elijah in the person of John the Baptist.





This is going to give us an important principle, that the Spiritual never looks the same as the Literal. When Elijah is resurrected he looks completely different. In fact, he is a different person, he's John.





Let's go back to Revelation 11, the nation is resurrected. It's an old ancient nation that's been dead for millennia.

The next verse tells you something interesting. First, this is a very unique resurrection, it's not like John and Elijah because one person dies and is replaced or resurrected by another person.

In this situation (Rev.11) you're not just going to get one ancient nation that dies, is in the tomb and resurrects because there's not enough information in that one nation.



Two nations that were alive in antiquity died. Both of them are dead for millennia and then both of them resurrect in the person of France, it tells you that in verse 8.

It says,

## 'They lie in the Great City'

Which is spiritually a combination of Ancient Sodom and Ancient Egypt where Jesus was crucified.

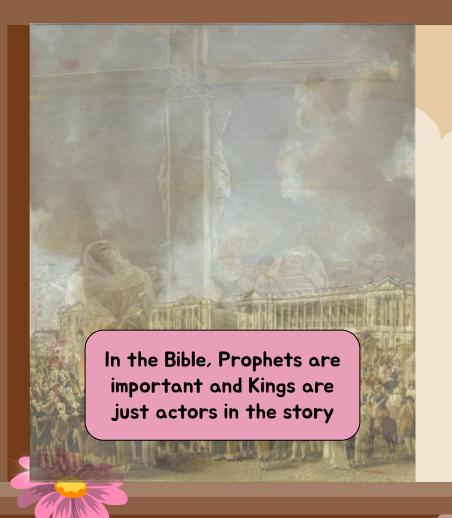




So, Jesus was crucified in Sodom and he was crucified in Egypt and therefore Jesus will be crucified in this Great City, France.

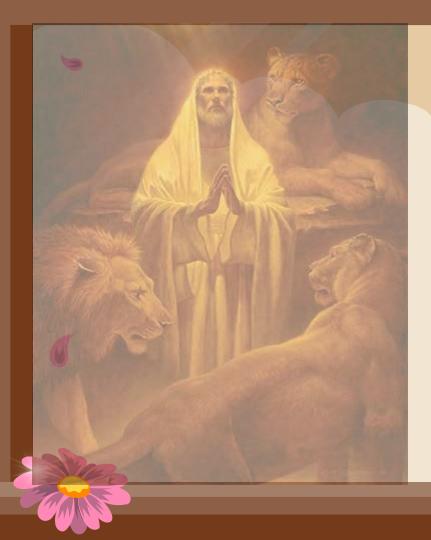
All this talk about France sounds very negative and if you had a will to do this you can get a lot of bad information on France in this time period.

However, I've been employing a technique that I have spoken of many times in the past and the word we will use is *Perspective*.



The bible has a perspective of history because it's a church centric story where Generals and Kings are spoken about because of their connection to the Church.

However, in the perspective of the bible,
Prophets are important and Kings are
just actors in the story.
You can go and read the historical
records of those Kings in Egypt, Babylon
and Medo-Persia. They will tell a
completely different story.

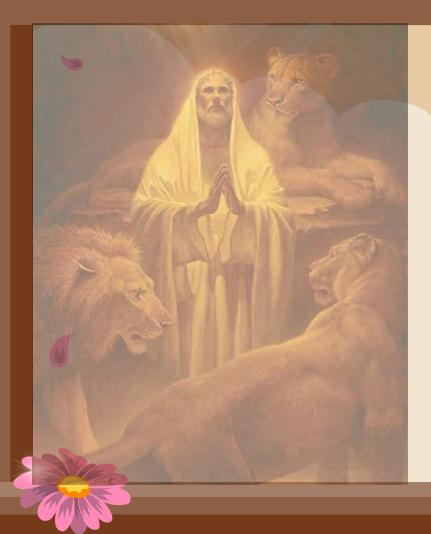


For them Daniel isn't some great person, he's a slave President, a Eunuch from a captive subjugated Nation.

In other words he's a nothing or a nobody. In the English, we would say that he was a two-bit prince from a two-bit country.

However, listen to what God says.

'He's ten times better than everyone else'



The Babylonians would boast and say that they fed him, they educated him and they strengthened him.

But look what God says,

## 'I sent him there to save you'

Which story do you want to believe?

If you just say that all you believe is the Bible version then you destroy your ability to understand not only the purpose of history but the true events that transpired in that time period.

Because both are correct



So, now we come back to the French Revolution. I appreciate that many of you will find it offensive, what I said in previous presentations.

But they needed to destroy those bibles because the bibles destroyed them. If we don't understand what's happening here, we will come to wrong conclusions.





What I wanted us to see, is that it's not that there's anything wrong with the printed Word or the book itself.

The problem with the Bible is the people who interpreted it. They locked the bible away from the masses and told them what it said.

We will just say that the bad teachers or bad priests become one with the bible. So, the bible becomes the personification of the people and the people become the personification of the bible.



If you want to get rid of the Catholic Priesthood what do you have to get rid of?

Their textbook which is the source of their power, the source of their information. All you believe is that they're translating the bible correctly because you don't know anything else. If you're going to break the shackles of the Catholic Church you have to destroy the bible with it.

I want us to see how reasonable that is but what you can't destroy is the necessity to think and reason.

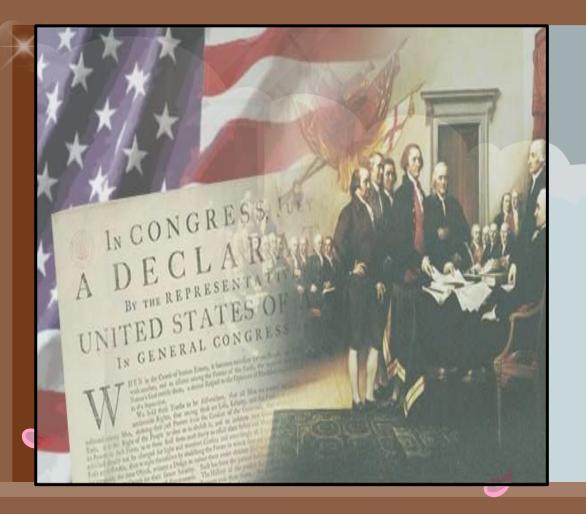


So they are going to come up with a purified set of rules and they just call it

The Goddess of Reason

I'm not sure why people are struggling with this concept when they don't have any problem going to a woman in the book of Proverbs and seeing her wandering the streets of the city because these are just parallel proverbs.

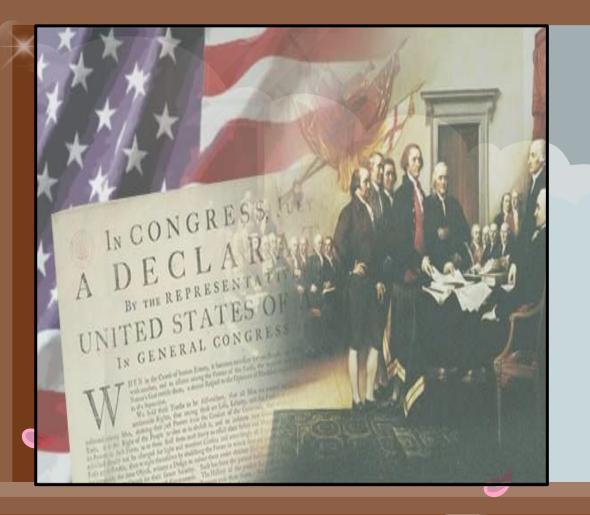
I know there was much evil that was done during the French Revolution but that's not our story.



I wanted to compare and contrast France with the United States

Is the United States
pro-Catholic or
anti-Catholic in that
time period?

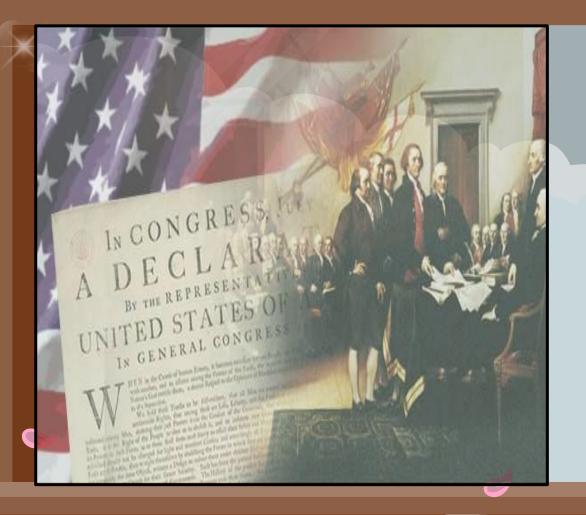
They are as anti-Catholic as the French but what do they do different than France?



Because they think they're Protestors, so they're going to hold onto all of their Christianity

There going to be held, to what I'm going to call, 'Slavery to Sin'

We have in past presentations clearly laid out this history

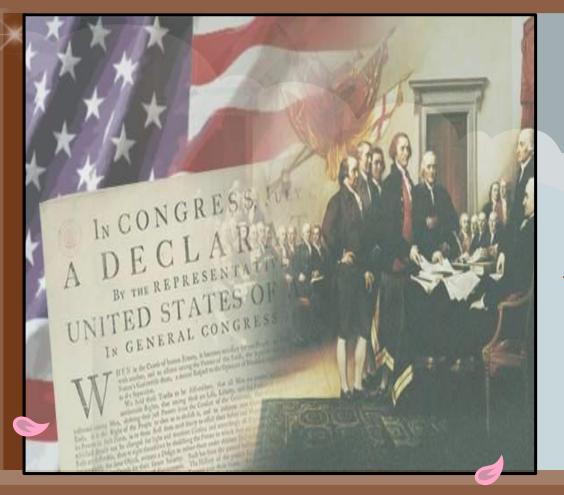


In the United States there's going to be a fight between the North and the South.

What are they fighting about?

# The Authority of God's Word

That's what the Civil War is about. Are we going to follow the bible or common sense? This is the exact same question that confronted France



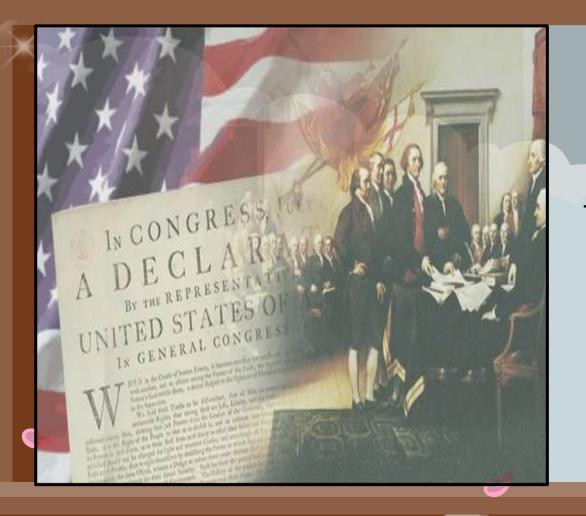
They called it the Goddess of Reason but they could have just called it 'Common Sense'

In the United States, the Southern States that wanted to pull away from the Union, what is their argument?

#### The Bible and the Bible alone

The Old Testament and the New Testament its all the same. Moses or Paul, they both advocated





This is the Apophatic model and I'm inclined to call it the Pathetic model

The Northern States are going to have a different perspective. In order to win the argument what are they going to have to do?

They're going to have to destroy, ignore or burn the bible. I want us to see how easy it is to conceptualize that story in this way.



The Northern States
are going to use
reason, logic or
reasonable arguments

What arguments are they going to use?
It's common sense that all human beings
are the same because color is literally only
skin deep. You might think that's obvious
today but a century ago it wasn't.



Scientists and doctors are going to prove medically or scientifically that people of color are in some shape or form not fully human. That they are some kind of subspecies of human beings. Because the whiter you are the better you are and they can prove it scientifically using crazy ideas but all of these efforts were to do one thing. Does anyone know what that one thing is?





### **Defend This Book**



In protestant America what are the Northern States going to do? But not even the north can burn the bible, they are going to have to do like the monkeys do. Hear no evil, see no evil speak no evil. What is that evil?





## We must remember what that evil is?



It's the words that come out of this book because it advocates Slavery.

If we think what happened in France was so radical, 60 years later the repeat happens in the United States.





I want us to see
that the dynamics
are identical

They're not going to personify their arguments using Greek Goddesses, because they're too Christian for that. However, it's all the same thing. I've given a second defense of the perspective that I gave yesterday about the French Revolution.



We know that the Northern
States were under the curse of
God. However, we also know that
they were the righteous ones.





If the North or the Union are the righteous ones, what makes them righteous?
Where is righteousness found?

You already know the answer, it's in Reason not in the Scriptures.
You cannot read those slavery verses and believe them and be righteous, it's impossible.

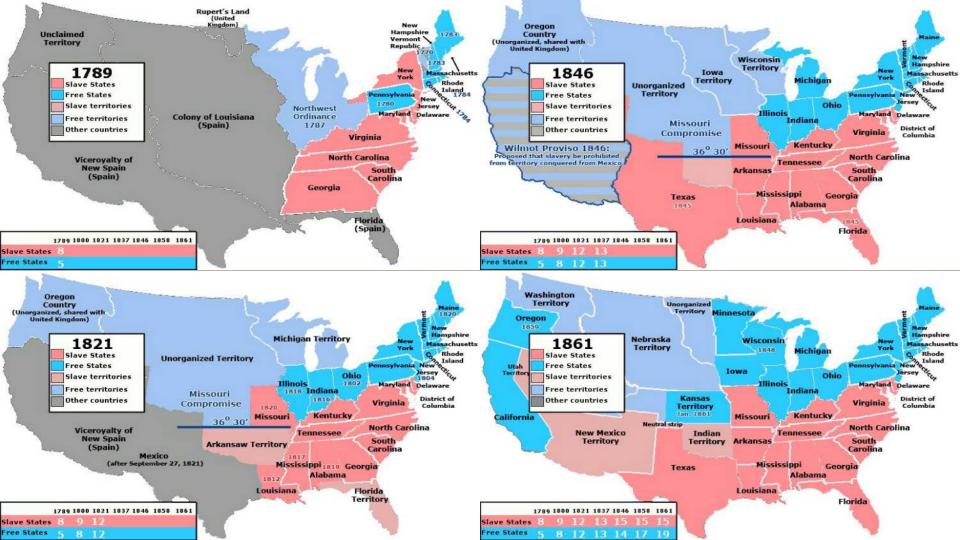




Is it in the Bible or in Reason?

Therefore, you have to put aside the bible and be a righteous nation.





I touched on one point, the subject of Sodomy. However good and righteous the United States was (because they're too Christian) they're not going to get rid of Sodomy Laws.

Theyre going to retain anti-Sodomite laws because what did they know that the French already knew?

Laws connected to Sodomy and other variant relationship issues are not crimes, theyre just people's preferences.

The French knew it and the Americans knew it but the French took the bold step that the Americans couldn't and wouldn't do.

It tells you why in Rev. 17:5, because who are the Protestants?

They are the offspring of the Catholic Church. Like parent, like child. If you look at the child you see the parent, there's no difference between the two.

I hope that I've made the point clear enough that the French, and now the Americans have to ignore the bible and they do it in different ways. It's the only way to live.

For those of us in the 21st century if we go back and look at those parallel histories, we have the same decisions to make. We need to lay aside scripture.

When I was a child I used to think like a child, I used to act like a child. People said I was childish but when I became a man I put away childish things. I matured and became sensible.

So, when we have to put aside the bible today, are we going to burn it or are we going to ignore portions of it? We are all Seventh Day Adventists and I don't know if any of you have done any public evangelism with Non-Sabbath keepers.

If you have, then you know how those discussions go.
What do those Evangelicals want to do? They have their bible in one hand and what's in the other hand?

A pair of scissors, and when you start to talk to them, what do they begin to do? They start chopping bits of the bible out and by the end of your discussion there's nothing left.



That's one way of tackling the problem, just ignore the issues or don't be a Christian just become an Atheist.

Simple, just leave the movement and be at peace with the bible. But, there is another way, a better way, a Cataphatic Model.

Come now says the Goddess, let us reason together, let's think and talk about these issues.

In plain language what that means is that God says that you can own slaves but you just have to treat them nicely or that you can sleep with their wives or with your female slaves.

Or like when he says that you have a two-tier slave system Jewish slaves and Gentile slaves. Or when God says, if you run away from your Slave Master you need to go back and apologize and work harder for him next time. These are all good verses aren't they?

You can either chop them up with your scissors and burn them like the Evangelicals do or like the Protestants in the Northern States did. But the French did the best job because they just burned the whole thing.



However, we're not children, were mature adults. The bible calls such people, teachers in the New Testament or wise in the Old.

Like the book of Hebrews and the book of Daniel, for these people you don't throw away or cut out portions of the bible.

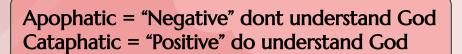
You don't do that physically or literally and you also don't do it intellectually or emotionally. You don't say, 'I'll just ignore it.'
Or, you don't say, 'what kind of an evil God does these things so let's just pretend it never happened.'

What we are supposed to do is look in the positive not in the negative. We need to take these difficult passages of inspiration and understand them.

When you understand what they mean in the past then you can understand what they mean in the present.

You will find that what they mean today is not what they meant yesterday. When people start talking about 'a thus saith the Lord' or a plain reading of his Word, that's just ignorance.





It's the Pathetic Model. We have to stop that, because we have to reason and think about what these verses mean for us today.

If you think that's hard to do in the bible try to do it in the Spirit of Prophecy then you'll see that it will twist your brain. I want to remind you that we have already begun this work, there's no more Sunday Law coming.

You need to be settled into that fact that there is no Sunday Law. We're already in the increase of knowledge on this subject.

Two words, increase of knowledge and what this means is that our knowledge on the subject is growing not lessening. We're supposed to be the Wise or the Teachers but what's the problem with those two words?

Increase is fine, it's the second word.

Knowledge because it isn't much good to you if you don't have what? What do you need?

## Wisdom

We only have a few months left to get understanding and don't ask me why we never said that it should be the Increase of Understanding. Knowledge without understanding is worse than useless, it's damaging.

If you want to teach the Levites you not only need to know your subject you need to understand it and be wise. We only have a few months left to wrap your mind around the Sabbath controversy.

You've heard it, you have knowledge of it, but you need to know the logic, the arguments and understand why there is no Sunday Law.

## Priests = Teacher Teacher = The Wise

Therefore the Priests are the Wise and only the Wise will shine forever and ever. This is a movement of Priests. If you want to stay in this movement you literally have a few months left to understand and the Sabbath is only one issue.

You need to understand why women wear trousers today. There was a time when it was forced upon you and now you have to internalize it, you have to accept it, and you have to understand it.



We know that's not happening because it's been one year and people are still arguing about the Dowry system. There still talking about conspiracies with respect to the Vaccine and Covid-19.



We could go on and on with the problems that we have.
But, we are now getting ready to do a work and we were
given one year to prepare for this, plus a few months that's
left and many of us have wasted that time away. If you're
concerned, scared or worried because these words are
taking you by surprise, that's a good thing because you
should be concerned and you should be worried.

I hope we all understand now what I mean by throwing away the bible because what it really looks like is throwing away those false, wrong ideas and not ignoring them.

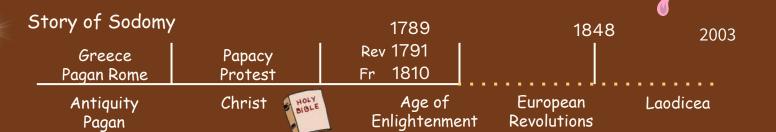




We spoke about Antiquity and we said there was a retrograde step backwards in the Christian dispensation. Then when you come back to Paganism, things get better again.

France leads the way, you go into the mid 19th century and many European countries follow suit and then things begin to change. Because after the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars, France is weakened and other European Nations rise up. We'll say it this way, there's a transition from the focus of France to the focus on Germany.





If you can remember that the word homosexual is not an old word, it's a new word. It was invented in the mid 19th century, in the 1860's - 1870's, and it was invented in Germany or at least by Germans.

Homo - Sexual

Greek & Latin

Same - Sex

Remember, it's a funny word because it doesn't mean human sexuality, that's what Latin would mean. They combined Greek and Latin and Homo, meaning the same.

So, you get same-sex or homo-sexual.





I haven't put any details on this line but there are just a few titles and dates. Let's put another date, 1844. Now that's an important date because we can see that this template could be laid over several studies and it would fit. and take this template and overlay it and it works. When you go from Paganism to Papalism to the French Revolution, the Daily, the Abomination that maketh Desolate, you can describe this story using different terminology.

What I want us to see is that
the story that we have
written here and that we
have put a template over,
is what story?

This is the story of Sodomy?

In the past, I have given a technical or dictionary definition of what Sodomy is but now I'm going to give a different definition of the word

Sodomy = Any sexual act that does not produce children

So, Sodomy is any sexual act that will not produce children, its not just a homosexual act. I'm not saying this is a dictionary definition because this is my perspective.

This is my simplified version so I'm going to say that Sodomy equals the following:

The word sexual or intimate is any kind of intimate act between two beings that doesn't produce children. In fact the aim is not to have children.

If you're the Catholic Church
your going to be against
homosexual acts. Why? Because
it won't produce children. So,
your going to be against
homosexuality, you might even
call it Sodomy.

What else are you going to be against?

Sodomy = Any sexual act that does not produce children

I've given a much broader definition of the word than most people would agree with or understand. If you do any kind of intimacy with someone with the explicit idea of not producing children then it's a crime.

You'll also be against contraception, you'll also be against heterosexual intercourse that follows any kind of method or any kind of plan with the objective of avoiding having children. Both are crimes according to this system of belief.



Is it a natural crime or a religious crime?

Sodomy = Any sexual act that does not produce children

The reason they would be crimes is because the purpose of that sexual act is pure enjoyment or pure lust and this church is not going to accept that.

It's clear, it's a religious crime.

In the 1791 Penal Code, it's not a crime to commit Sodomy. Two men coming together, a man and a horse coming together, a man and any animal coming together. These are not crimes.

I said at the beginning of this presentation that I didn't intend to come to a conclusion on the subject at hand. You'll have to wait for future presentations for us to discuss more on the subject. What we want to try to understand is the difference between sex and gender and I think many of us dont actually understand the difference.

We tend to use those words interchangeably but what we really need to do is understand those words technically for what they really mean. We've already discussed the word homosexual so were not going to discuss that in any more depth, at the moment.

I don't know how this works in other languages but I think we're all familiar with this phrase LGBT.

Some people put a Q at the end of this. However, for our purpose we are going to leave the Q out of this subject for the moment.

L. G. B. T. 'Q'

I think we all know what this stands for, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender. Its four different categories. We're not going to give the definitions of what sex and gender mean except to say that sex is biology, body parts and hormones. Gender is more about society, roles and perceptions. We will discuss more on these subjects later but I just want to make one observation.

When we take these four categories
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
you might think that they're all dealing
with the same issue, the same concept but
I'm going to suggest that there not. This is
not four separate issues or four separate
subjects; it's two.

The first three are all together and then the fourth is on it's own. The first three deal with sex and when I say sex I dont mean doing sex. I mean sexual orientation.

I want to use the word Orientation as opposed to Preference. Why?



Because if we say sexual preference, I'm sure you all know what the word preference means.

L. G. B. T.

Sexual Orientation

By using the word Preference, what we are suggesting is that someone has a choice. And to say sexual preference would infer that these people have choices to make and that is fundamentally wrong.

Because these people do not choose or prefer to have one sexual orientation over another. You would never talk about a hereosexual person in that light. You would never talk about a heterosexual man and say that, 'Oh, he has a preference.'

So, the first three deal with sexual orientation.

Transgender, deals with Gender Identity and that covers a wide range of things. When we start talking about the difference between Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity those two subjects particularly Gender Identity, covers much more than the idea or the concept of Transgender.

'We will deal with that in a later study. The first thing we want to say is when we deal with the term LGBT, it's not all one issue, it's clearly two.

L. G. B. T.

Sexual
Orientation

Gender Identity

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity are completely different concepts. If were going to begin to understand equality we need to have at least a basic understanding of what these terms or ideas mean.

I'm hoping it's clear that these four letters can be divided or broken into two parts. Sexual orientation, describes a persons physical and romantic and emotional attraction that you have for someone else. It's not just your preference, it's a drive or a need that you have.

Sexual orientation is the attraction that you have to another person and that attraction encapsulates the physical, romantic and the emotional. I'll simplify it, it's when you find someone emotionally and physically pleasing. It's not a preference, it's not like one day I choose this and then another day I choose that.



This orientation is enduring, its lasting, well just call it permanent.

L. G. B. T.

Sexual Orientation Gender Identity

We're going to keep this very simple.

Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual, this is the permanent attraction that you have and that it's based upon a physical and emotional response.

Then we come to Transgender, this is to do with Gender Identity. Gender Identity covers a wide aspect but simply put Gender Identity belongs to you, you own it, you create it for yourself. It's your own thoughts, your own ideas about how you view yourself.

If a woman decides to be a construction worker, a welder, a car mechanic these are all typical male jobs. When we talk about gender identity that could include a woman seeking those types of careers or a man being a care person at a nursery surrounded by babies and little children.



What that man and that woman would do is break the norms and customs of Society.

L. G. B. T.

Sexual Orientation Gender Identity





So, a woman who becomes a construction worker chooses her own Gender Identity, she's not controlled by Society. That's what Gender Identity is all about but in our immediate context it has a much narrower definition. You look at yourself not physically, not biologically but you make a decision on who you are or what you are.

You can choose to be a man, you can choose to be a woman or you can choose to be something that's not defined by those two parameters. You might describe yourself as neither a man nor a woman.

So, that's what Gender Identity is.

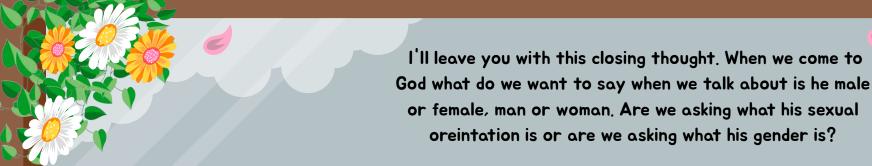
I hope that this introduction to the subject of LGBT has awakened an interest that has been at least slightly educational for you.

L. G. B. T.

Sexual Orientation Gender Identity







Are we asking if he's a man or a woman?

Or are we asking is he masculine or
feminine? Does he have masculine traits
or feminine traits? Or is he just
straight a man or straight a woman?

The reason why that becomes important is because the definition of what's masculine and what's feminine changes over time and changes from society to society.

In some societies and in some time periods women would do what you might think men would do. In other words, the idea of gender identity and what society expects changes over time.



This will be my last thought. Deuteronomy 22:5,
'A woman shall not wear that which pertains unto a man.'
Ask yourself this question, is this dealing with sex or gender?

In the olden days, we'll say in Ellen White's day she would fairly and squarely say that this is an issue of sex. About what men and women with their different body parts are allowed to wear. If you have a woman in trousers you know where the eyes are going to go.

As for men, no one cares because its all about the body or sex. When I say, 'sex' I'm not talking about you dreaming about having sex, thats not what I mean.

But of course we know that when Moses deals with the subject, he's not dealing with sex he's dealing with Gender Identity.



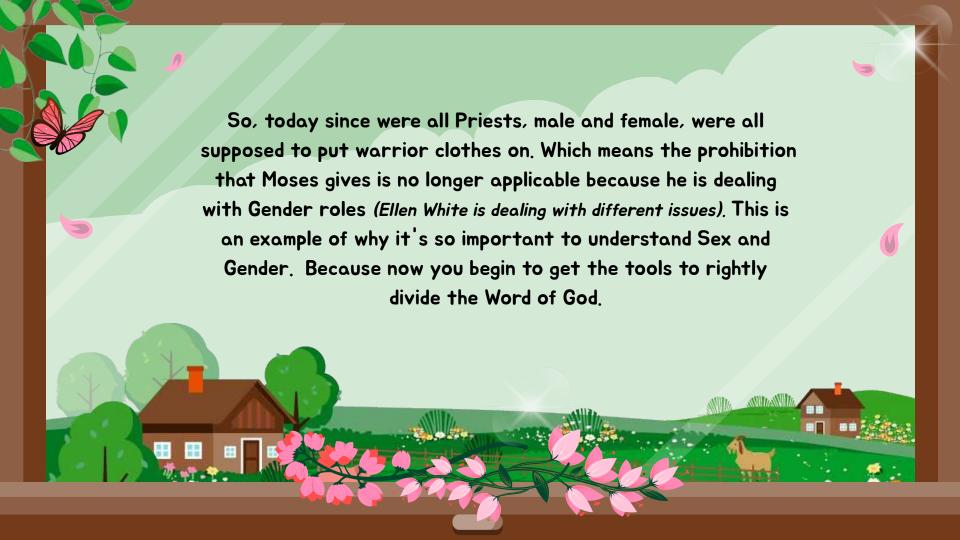


He's saying the following, when the enemies come the militia needs to arm themselves and the farmers need to put on their battle dress. Joel 3, 'beat your plowshares into swords.' Men go to war because it's a man's job and for a woman to put on mens clothing, it would mean that she would have to become a warrior and fight. It's all about gender roles.

I want us to see how Moses and Ellen
White tackled the same verse in different
ways. It was originally a gender issue
about the various roles of men and
women in society.

Ellen White turns it into something different. We say today, there is neither male or female because were all meant to be warriors in Christ We're all required to put on the Armor of God, were all Priests, (Hebrews 7). Because there must be a destruction or a doing away of the Law.







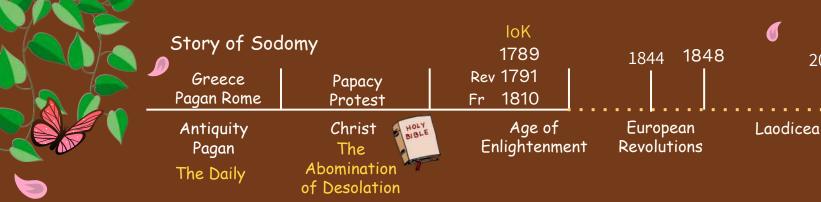




We focused on Sophia, the wise woman and then we went from Sophia to the Goddess of Reason. We did a timeline and we located Sophia in the French Revolution and now she's got a new name, The Goddess of Reason.

Once you've got that point marked you can go back, because history repeats. You can go forward because this is the increase of knowledge on this subject and now you create a timeline. This becomes a template over the subject of Sodomy, that was the third point.





LGB = Sexual Orientation The fourth point is that we want to look at some terminology like Homosexual and LGBT. We want to discuss two concepts, Sexuality and Gender which are different. If you take the phrase LGB, these three are to do with Sexual Orientation.

Transgender is connected to how you view yourself relative to Society. It's to do with your Gender Identity. Your biology or your place in Society. We will continue this study sometime in the future. Let's Pray...

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