

## The Apis Bull - A Warning - Tess Lambert - 10-10-2020

Dear Father in Heaven,

Thank you for our blessings. Thank you that we can meet, even at such distance, together. I pray Lord that you'll bless this service so we might honor you correctly on your Sabbath day.

I pray this in Jesus' name.

AMEN

I believe that most of you will be well aware that there will be a French camp meeting in a couple of weeks. So it was a little challenging knowing what to do in this meeting. So what this will be is somewhat of an introduction. I'm speaking particularly to the movement under the leadership of LGC, and if it hadn't been for this Time of Trouble then I would have met many of you by now this year.

If I could have visited you this year then it would have been a benefit to you to ask you what questions you have. What's troubling you. Where you are behind? Where you are confused. Without the ability to do that it forces us to change the way we present, because we end up trying to guess where you're at and what your questions are. We are teaching somewhat blind.



Last year as I traveled I was able to meet you and speak to you then you would have a discussion with me and often what would arise out of that discussion - the thoughts, the questions would end up impacting the next set of meetings, and yet this year we cant do that and it does add to our concern that we're not meeting people's questions and issues.

Now if you told me that you have no questions, I would be perhaps more concerned. There are not that many presentations and LGC is diligent at translations and uploading. So if people don't have questions, in the French world, I know it isn't because the presentations aren't available. It's imperative that we follow the development of the message. If we don't, if we feel somehow secure, then one day we'll hear the message say something that we didn't expect coming; that we didn't prepare for. And many people who think their faith is strong enough find themselves shaken out of this movement when that happens. And there is a danger in this Time of Trouble that as people's concerns heap around them and they become distracted they cease to follow the steady steps of the movement. Distracted by other things. I won't go to Pilgrim's Progress, but we see it in that story.

So I'd encourage people to send through their questions. When we know we have a camp meeting in two weeks it helps to be aware of the issues people are facing in the movement. But if you have a question and you're not asking it, it's not safe to let it just fester and grow. We need to keep up with the advancing steps of the movement. We are past the Increase of Knowledge waymark. God is shining light upon this movement. It's been coming for some time now and it's advancing rapidly. If we aren't following that Increase of Knowledge when it's formalized, it will come as a surprise and we won't be ready.

Every dispensation has a testing message, so every dispensation has people who fail that test. This dispensation will be no different.

In the Sabbath presentations in Oceana last week and today, we've discussed methodology. People were sending questions, and I focused on the following question.

There was a study last year that compared and contrasted the external and internal changes of leadership in 2014. And what people were asking is if Trump loses this election there's another change of leadership in America. Does that mean there's an internal change of leadership in this movement?

So instead of just immediately addressing that question, what we did instead is looked at why I thought people were asking that question. And the reason that I thought people were asking that question is because we were having still some confusion about how we treat Reform Lines and Fractals.

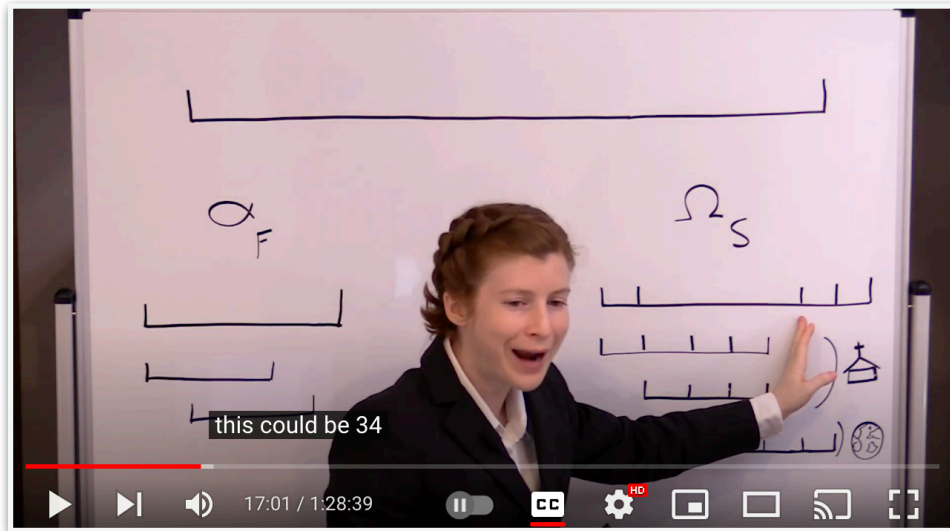
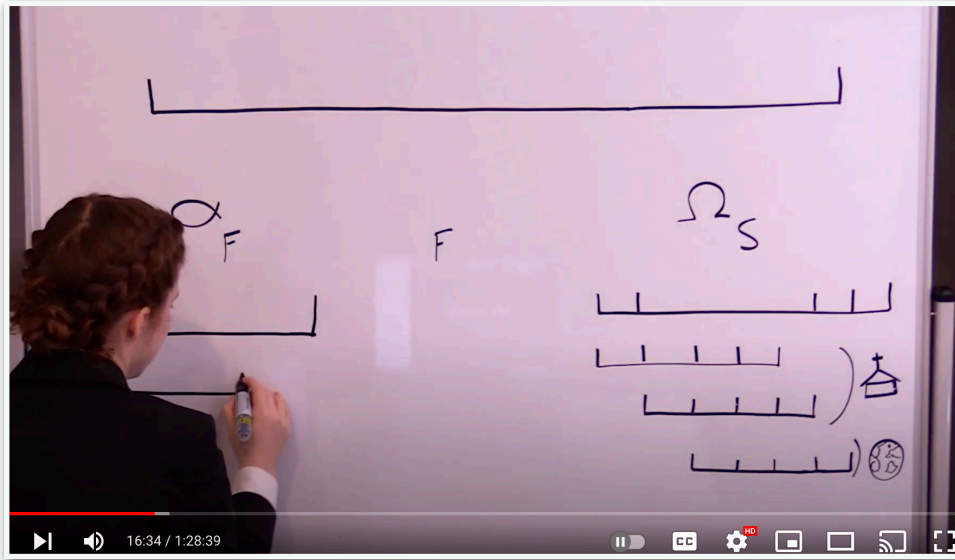
So these two meetings for the Midnight Watch ministry, please make sure you watch them before the French campmeeting, because we're dealing with the Methodology of Fractals. And that's going to be important to understand going forward.

So I have been asked to do some revision that gets challenging because I can't remember what I've taught, but I want to introduce a couple of thoughts. Beginning in May there was a series that began in Australia beginning with a study titled Apis Bull. The intention was for that to bring us to a study of Millerite history, and in some ways it has. Though we've been on a few tangents. I have a similar intention for the coming

campmeeting. I know that there are questions, not just in the French world, but in other parts of the world about the subject of Sabbath and Sunday in Millerite history. So it's my intention to target that question, but we are going to begin with the Apis Bull.. And I would ask you to do your own preparation with the last two studies on Fractals.

I've already drawn up on the board behind me an Omega history and an Alpha history. I haven't been specific about the Alpha, and there's also a history in the middle. A history of Failure, Failure and Success.

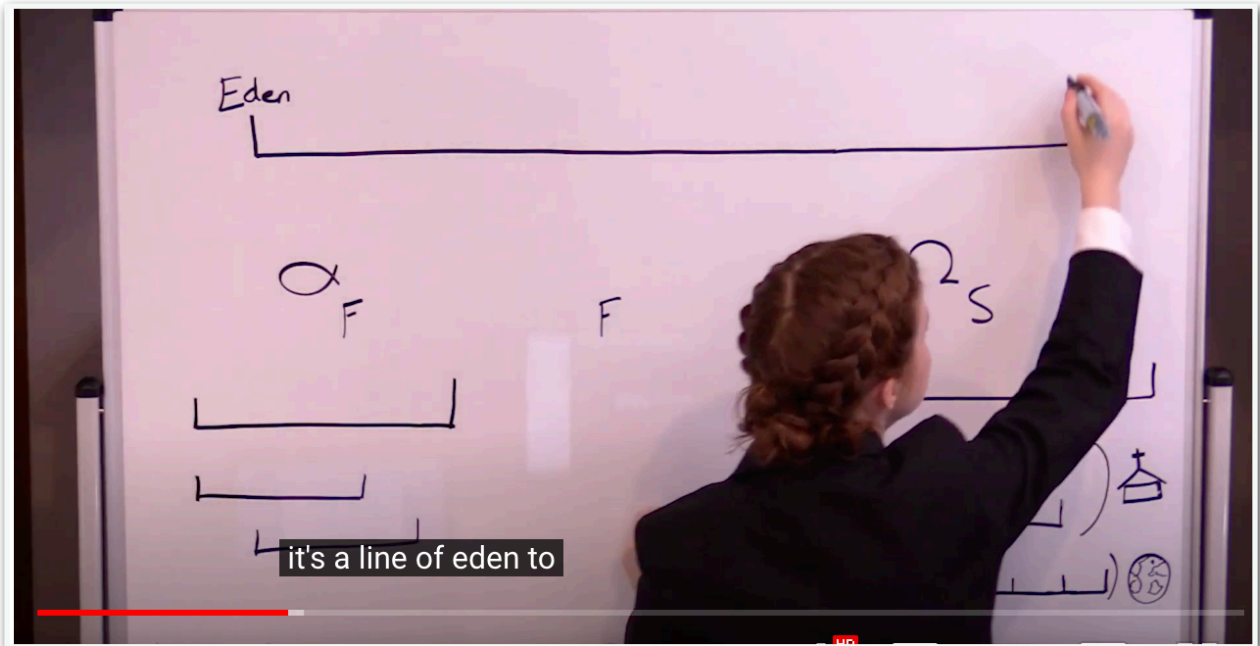
Now this structure, it could apply to Ancient or Modern Israel. Until you start labeling waymarks you don't know if I've drawn up Ancient or Modern.



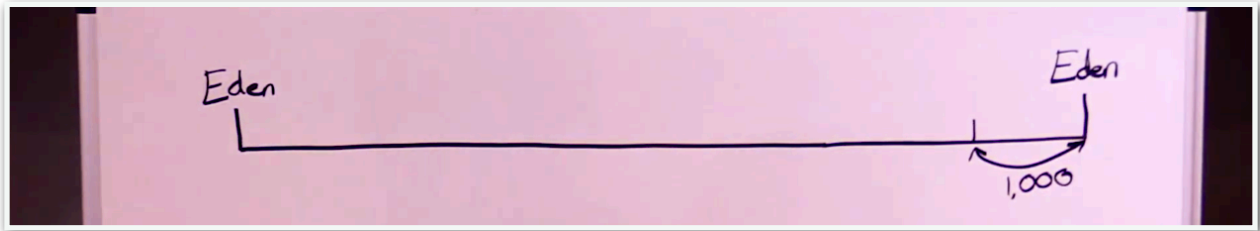
This could be 34 AD or the SL. But this is the beginning and end of the history of Israel, whichever history that is.



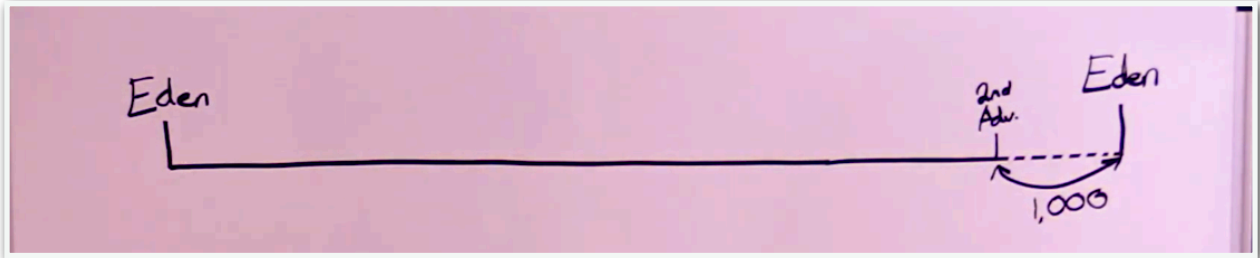
In the Omega history there's two calls to the church, one call to the world. And i i hope that everyone in this movement is now comfortable with that. Where you could go to Ancient or Modern Israel and label every one of those waymarks. If you can't, please pull out a piece of paper and draw it yourself, that way it will retain in your mind.



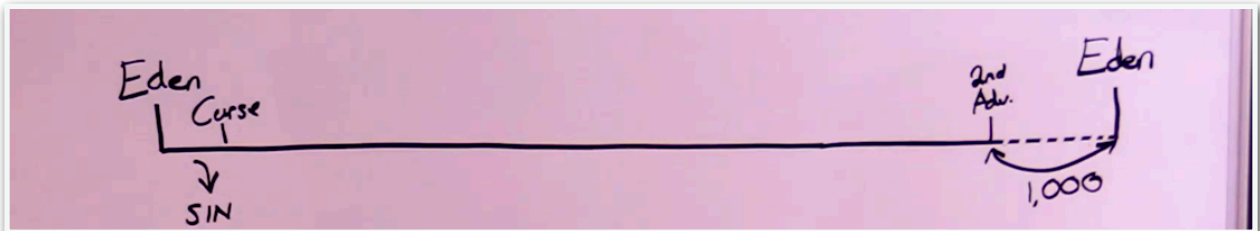
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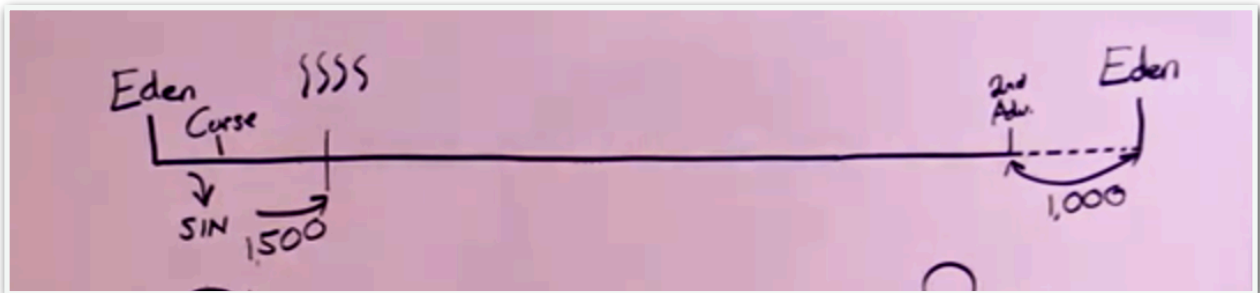
Now we know that end Eden comes after a thousand years, so I just want to speak



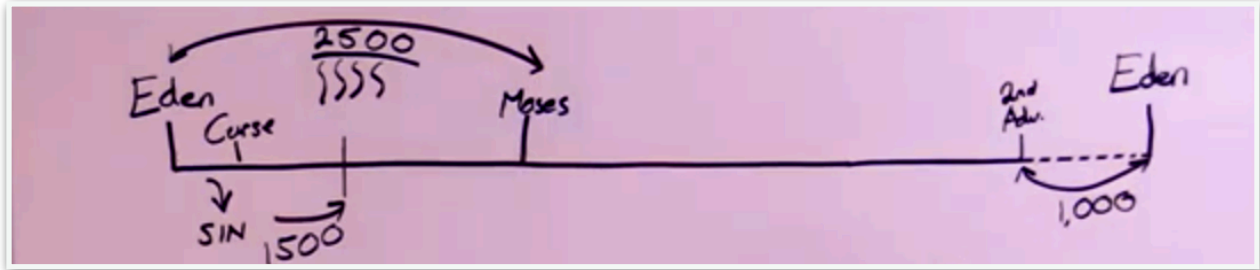
about the time on earth. If we can keep in our mind the study of Eden to Eden as we have this discussion, because we're going to discuss Ancient Israel and I want us to put it in context.



You have Eden, Sin, a Curse, because of the Fall and please no one complain, I'm being general. Very general.



If we were to talk about the Flood, you'd be dealing with about 1500 years later, and then about two and a half thousand years after the Fall you come to the beginning of Ancient Israel.



The point I want to make is the following: You have the Flood, 1500 years after the Fall, and how much do they have written about God? Nothing. Why? Why isn't there written, there's no Old Testament scriptures in that 1500 years.

Now for much of that time Adam is still alive; if not, there's others, and they are telling people. People have good memories. Someone says (the chat) the people were very intelligent, and yet at the Flood only eight people are saved. So they are intelligent in some respects, but their memories, their minds are much more exact than ours. There was no need of writing, but they also didn't have that. People didn't write. The invention of letters had not yet begun. It wasn't necessary.

Then you come to the time period after the Flood. What starts happening to their life spans? It rapidly shrinks by hundreds of years. So there is this deterioration. Written language is beginning to be introduced, because it just, quite frankly, starts to become needed. It's now necessary to keep records, and so the knowledge of God starts getting transmitted into written forms. But still two and a half thousand years after the Fall that has not been formalized.

So two and a half thousand years later the people have been in Egypt for about 400 years. They have themselves lost the knowledge of God. Humanity is forgetting His character and this is a crisis. So at the time of the end there's the raising up of Moses; beginning of Ancient Israel he leads out the people. There's something else he's going to do for the people.

This is all quotes that have been from that study on the Apis Bull. This is Review and Herald January 9, 1894, par. 6., and beginning at the third sentence in.

*They (the Israelites) had been corrupted by idolatry,*

Try and picture the big picture of what has happened. Personal contact was between God, and Adam and Eve. Comes to an end. Fifteen hundred years of word of mouth. The Flood, a thousand years of that deterioration. The people do not have anything in writing to hold on to. The word of mouth is failing them. They're surrounded by Egyptians and idolatry.

Moses is part of that is he not?

For all his good qualities he's part of the same system, damaged by the same system. Who understands God's character better? You or Miller? And I hope you would say, "You do." That should be simple

So who understood God's character better? You or Martin Luther? I think you would say, "You."

Who understood better you or Peter? You or John the Baptist? You or Moses? I hope the answer would be "You."

Because we're thousands of years in. Abraham did not know that slavery was a sin. They didn't understand polygamy; not all of them. There was much lacking. That's what the study of Eden to Eden teaches us. It's clear in that study that God is restoring his image. If He's restoring it, it's a process. Not just over your lifetime, but a six thousand year process. It's going to need another thousand years in Heaven.

So Moses is part of the same damaged system; he's trying to lead a people damaged by that system. They are corrupted by idolatry. They have no written word to turn to so God leads them into the wilderness. I'm not going to go through the whole Apis Bull study. We know what happened in the wilderness. They reach a point in this time period where they make themselves the Golden Calf. That Golden Calf was the Apis Bull.



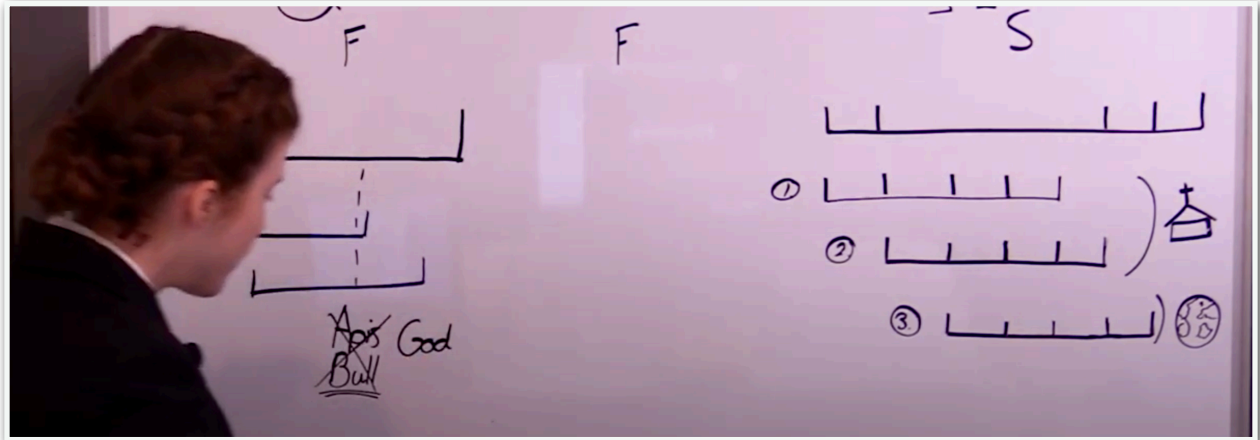
In this time period they are damaged by idolatry, and idolatry says, If you want to be safe what do you need? This strong wool-like God-King. He's going to kill all your enemies. So they can't see God. Moses has disappeared, and they're going to recreate the Apis Bull of the Egyptians.

The SDA Bible Commentary says the following: *The "calf" would naturally suggest itself to the Israelites because they had witnessed in Egypt the worship of Apis the bull. But the golden calf was presumably a material representation of the true God, not of some heathen deity.*

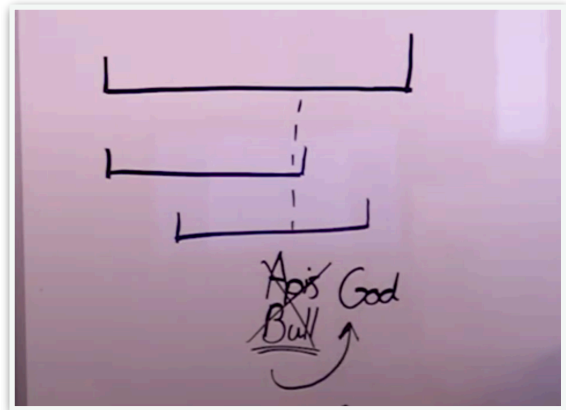
An Israelite then would naturally think to build the golden calf, because in Egypt they'd watched the worship of the Apis Bull.

I just found it interesting; it's a side note. In their excavations they discovered the burial chambers of the Apis Bull in 1850.

So know in 1798 they found the Rosetta Stone; in 1850 they find the burial chambers of the Apis Bulls. They're not going to say that this is the Apis Bull (pointing to the Apis Bull marked on the boardwork), they are going to say that this is God.



They're just saying that this is what He looks like; this is a representation of Him. So they aren't saying they're worshipping an entirely different God. Instead, they're taking the character of the Apis Bull and subscribing it to God, because they want a strong warlike God-King who's going to kill their enemies.



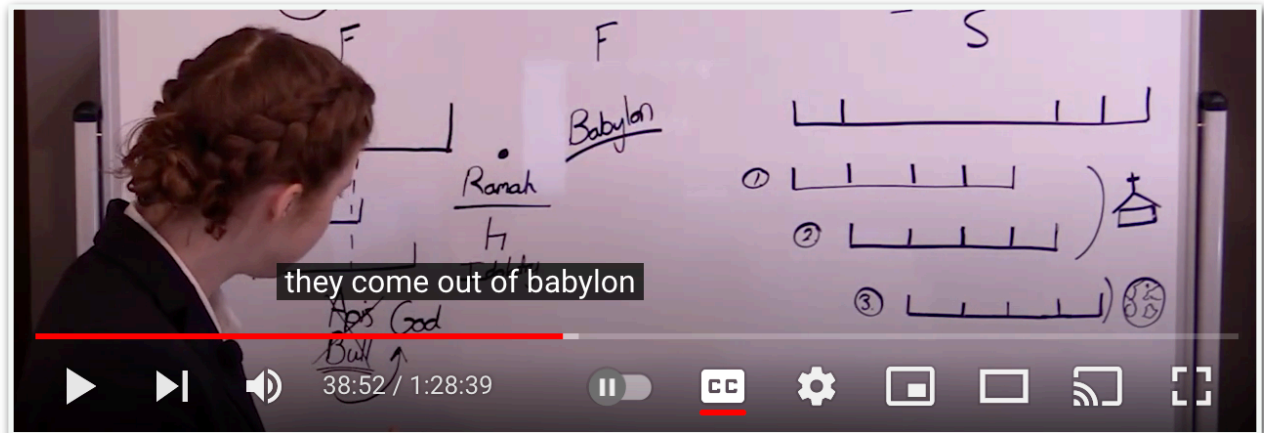
In that study we go through the characteristics of the Apis Bull. It had to be born by miraculous conception. It was seen to have a fighting spirit. It had to be a manifestation of the king. It was pictured as tearing down the walls of the city. It was a symbol of strength and fertility. Egyptian male kings were sometimes referred to as a strong bull. So courage, strength, fighting spirit, conquering of enemies, kingship. All the things that they were taking from the Apis Bull and subscribing to God.

Then we looked at their issues once they entered Canaan. They're in Ramah which means "the seat of idolatry." And what do they ask for? They ask for a strong king. Why?



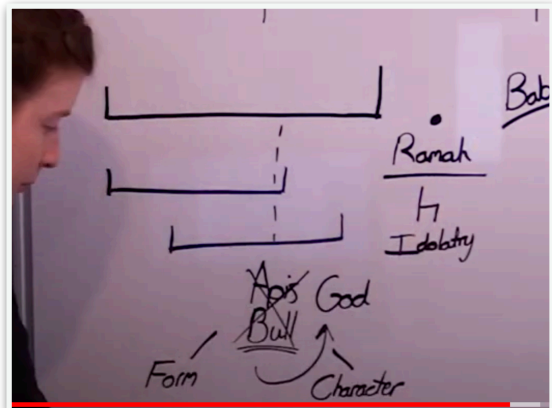


Because all these characteristics of this idol that they've transcribed onto God. That they were also wishing to see Moses. They still want. So over here in Ramah they are going to ask for the Apis Bull. And God says, "If that's what you want that's what you'll have."



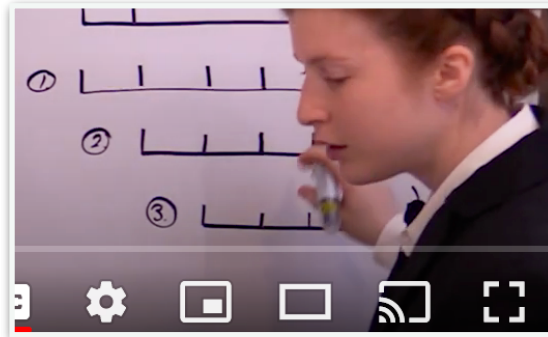
They come out of Babylon. They're cured of building anymore images. But the problem was that it was never just the image. It's the image and the character associated with that image.

Two things: there's the form and the character. They came out of Babylon cured of the form. They're not going to build anymore statues. But the greatest danger that they had held to back here, was not just the form, but the fact that they had subscribed the character of this idol to God. Because after all this time they no longer knew what God's character looked

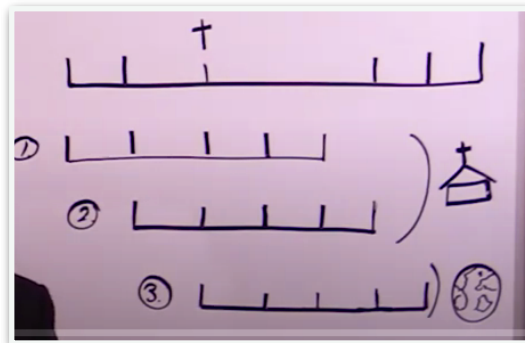


like. And if you don't know what God's character looks like then you're going to mold something with your own hands.

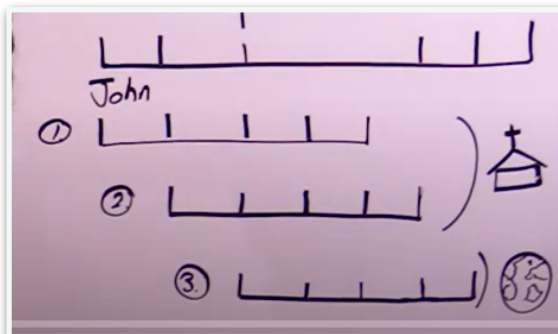
So they come into this history.



They are looking for the Messiah.



John is teaching and John is steeped in idolatry.



John is saying, There's there's this Great Warrior King rising up and He's going to clean out the House of God and destroy the Romans. Because John is steeped in idolatry, as are all the people around him. His father, the Pharisees, the Sadducees. So when Jesus comes:

*He came in His humiliation to our earth, no conquering armies were visible to mortal eyes and the unbelieving Jews decided that he could not be the illustrious King for whom they were looking, as there was no outward display. ST May 8, 1893, par. 9*

So they rejected the Son of God. When He was standing right in front of them they could not recognize Him. Because while they might have destroyed the form of their idols, they'd never destroyed the character of their idols. So all through their history

they're looking to God as having the same character as the idols they see in paganism. However moral they are down in this history, however stringently they keep the Sabbath, however stringently they keep all the laws, they completely misunderstand the character of God.

If we were to go back to Exodus 20 I want to read 18-22.

18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. KJV — Exodus 20:18

19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. KJV — Exodus 20:19

So the Ten Commandments have just been pronounced, and the people are terrified, and they said, Dont let God speak to us again. He can speak to Moses. Moses can tell us, but dont let God speak to us again.

20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. KJV — Exodus 20:20

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was. KJV — Exodus 20:21

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. KJV — Exodus 20:22

I want to quote some, I'm just going to paraphrase various portions of *Patriarchs and Prophets Chapter 27*. So i'm going to skip through this chapter quite quickly just paraphrasing a few parts.

She begins by speaking about Moses climbing up the mountain to meet with God.

*God was wishing to bring Israel into a close and peculiar relationship with Himself to be incorporated as a church and a nation under the government of God.*

A true church/state union. 😊

*Jehovah revealed Himself, not alone in the awful majesty of the judge and lawgiver, but as the compassionate guardian of His people:*

*All was based upon the great fundamental principle of love. And then she quotes from Luke 10:27. Love thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself.*

*But the people of Israel were overwhelmed with terror. They cried to Moses, You speak with us and we will hear, but let not God speak with us or we will die. Moses said, Don't be afraid. The people however, remained at a distance, gazing in terror upon the scene while, Moses "drew near under the thick darkness where God was." PP 309.7*

*The minds of the people, blinded and debased by slavery and heathenism, were not prepared to appreciate fully the far-reaching principles of God's ten precepts.*

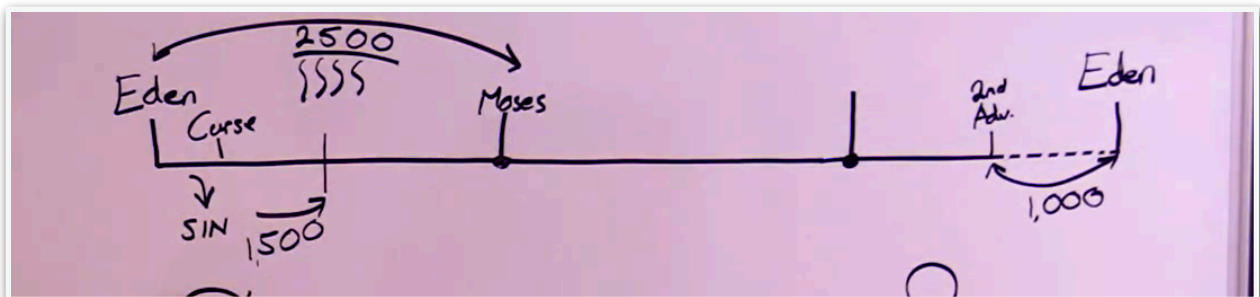
At the Oceana campmeeting we spoke about the Constitution and how Obama called it the North Star. The problem is with humanity. Thomas Jefferson could not see the far-reaching principles of the Constitution. They were supposed to see how far-reaching those principles were. You find Ancient Israel in the same position. So God is going to break it down into simple instructions that they can implement and understand, but he's going to do that privately to Moses; He won't speak to them again, because they pleaded for Him not to do that.

So can you see the difficulty God is in? Two and a half thousand years; people do not understand His character anymore. Not only do they hope that he is that fearful God-King, they hope for it, but they're also terrified of it, but even through that fear that is what they want all the way through their history. And in some ways that's actually what He gives to them. He was trying to show them his love and they ask Him to remove Himself and be distant from them. Just like when they asked for a king, He actually honors their requests.

The first thing after the Ten Commandments He's gonna start telling them how to be nice to their slaves. Is he telling them not to have slaves?

No. He's restrained by their own condition. So He withdraws Himself. He gives instructions suited for their condition. He only speaks through Moses from now, all the way up to when they ask for a king and He gives it to them. He's restrained by the damaged condition of His own people, and He starts having Moses record. So Moses is now going to start putting together the Book of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus. So they have this written form.

Now the point of the Apis Bull study wasn't just historical, it's our own condition. In the Alpha history the people do not understand the character of God.



Now over here (board) Elder Jeff may understand it a whole lot better than Moses did over here (board), but the standard is that much higher. Back in this history, Ellen White isn't telling the people how to be nice to their slaves.

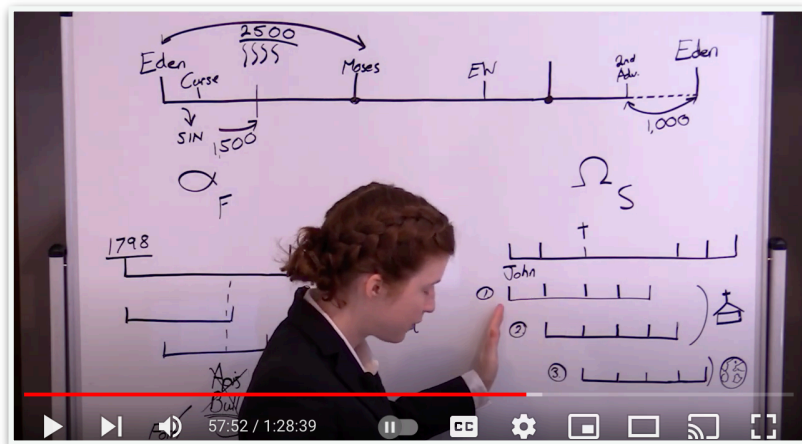
The issue in America wasn't that they weren't nice to their slaves, it was that they had slavery at all. That was a higher standard than at the beginning of Ancient Israel.



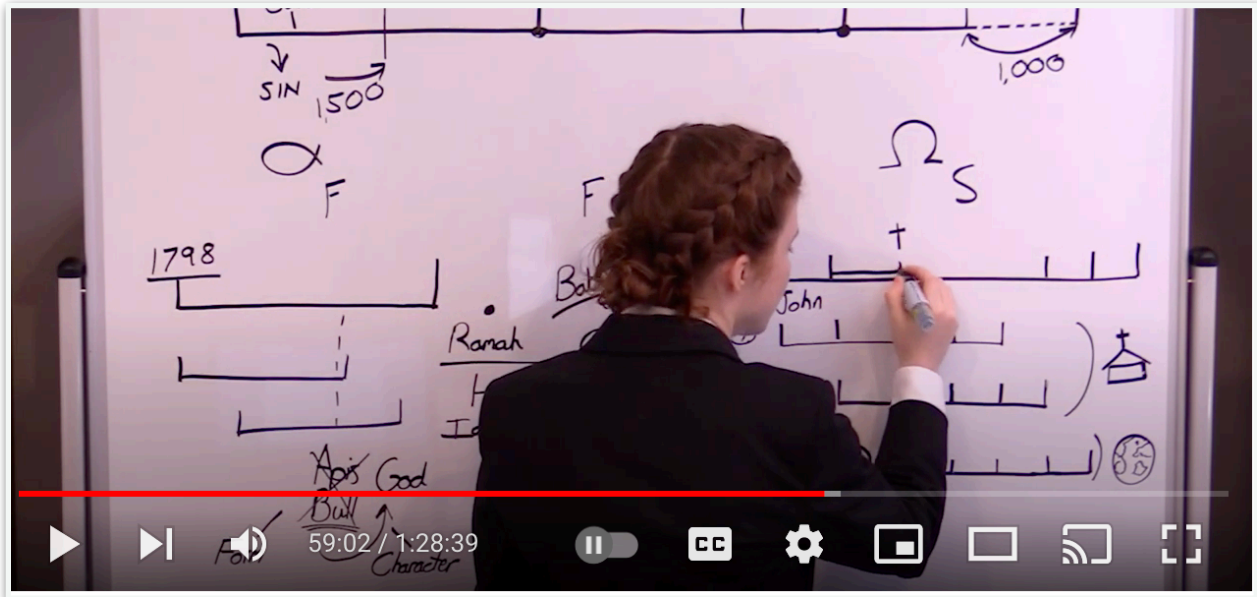
So if we were to make this Modern Israel, 1798, God's people are meant to come out of idolatry. What idolatry? It's not pagan nations; it's apostate Protestantism, and all through this history you have apostate Protestantism. Ancient Israel and pagan nations - Modern Israel apostate Protestantism. As they're coming out of Apostate protestantism, somewhere in the Alpha history it failed, and they go into the Laodicean condition.

In 1888, they are meant to come out of that Laodicean condition, but that coming out failed; it's the history of failure.

And we come down to this history, and Elder Jeff is neck deep in the apostate Protestant idolatry. He does not understand the character of God.



This study was to help us consider idolatry in a different light. It's not all about the form of the idol, it's about the character associated with the idol. In our history what does it look like?



Right in the dispensation you would we start dismantling that idol. There's no issue with sabbath here. Everyone's keeping Sabbath. There's no graven image here. What does Adventism not understand?

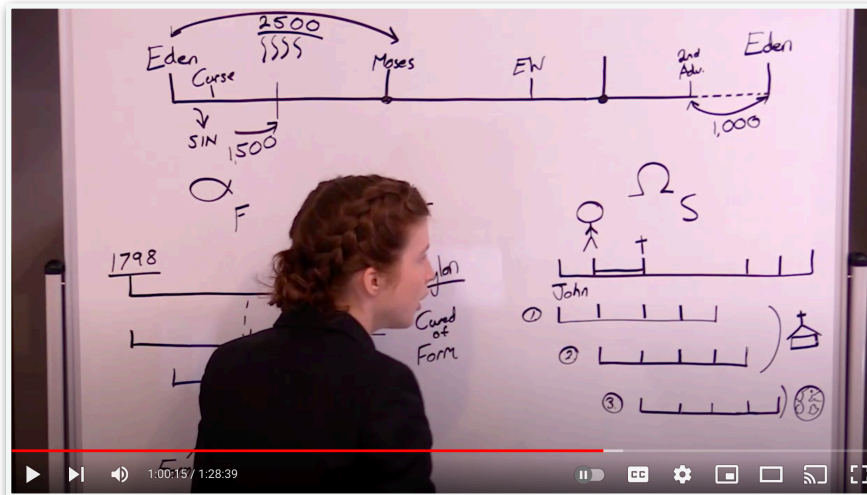
The character of God.

So we need an understanding of parable teaching to show us the character of God. And that takes people by surprise, because it looks nothing like the idol they've built up in their minds.

Back here (Stick figure body) they're worshipping God, and what does that God look like to them?

2014, he looks like a white male Republican. And what the Midnight Cry message began to do in 2018, is start to take apart that idol.

For the Priests, what we were saying, "Come out of Babylon my people." Come out of the idolatry of apostate Protestantism. Destroy your idols. And from September 2018, to September 2019, the message made an increasing attack on that idol worship. Many people were not willing to let go of their idol worship.



I hear the following thoughts all the time, if i can try and phrase it correctly. "These are good lines. This is all very interesting. No major problem with the message, but where is the love? Where is that experience? We need to spend more time just dwelling on God. Thinking about how nice Jesus was. How He died for us. Just thinking about love." And people feel that it's lacking as we focus on these lines.

Try and imagine the following situation. I come to you one day and I start to say, I really love you. I think about you all the time. I just want to spend every moment of every day dwelling on you. Contemplating how wonderful you are. And you say, What do you think when you do that? What's going through your mind? And I say, I think you're really nice. And then I start thinking, you like to cook, you play the piano. So I think about you playing your piano. I think about that pet dog that you loved. I think about how you struggle with Excel spreadsheets, and i just want to spend all day thinking about you.

Would you feel particularly loved? When you realized that I was spending all day thinking about myself? This is what we do to God. We think we spend all day dwelling on Him, this fictional model in our minds, this idol. Because when you think I'm loving you, who am I actually in love with? I'm in love with myself.

We could say that about someone else. You could come to me and say, I really love you Tess. I think about you all the time. And I would say, What goes through your mind? And you would say, How you're really good with computers. I really like how you do this certain thing. How you can paint.

I know i can't do those things and I realize that you're not in love with me, you're in love with my friend. She's not me.

People all over the world: Catholics, Protestants, Adventists, people in this meeting right now worship a God made in their own image. And that is the definition of idolatry. You do not need the form for that to be idolatry.

Let year we brought this point to a head, because all of those people in the movement worshipping a white conservative Republican male God, because that's what they were taught was their hero, like some type of Apis Bull. They were presented with the true character of God, and like the Jews of old they could not recognize Him. And I would suggest we're not even in the Latter Rain of the 144,000. If you think you understand Him now, you don't. But you only need to understand what is so far revealed.

Paganism forms God in their own image. Catholicism is a good example of this. Is it conservative Catholics or liberal Catholics who revere Mary the most? Who looks up to Mary? Is it John Paul II or Francis?

Conservative. John Paul II.

So why are the sexist conservatives revering Mary? They've taken this woman, an ordinary flesh and blood woman, and they've lifted her up to this holy standard. They create a halo around her head. They make her holy. Why? Why is Mary holy to them?

Because she's two things that you have to be to be worth anything in conservative Catholicism. One, you have to be a virgin. The minute your virginity is gone you're not worth anything. They have this Catholic saint; they made her a saint, she's supposed to be this young girl. The story goes like this she was attacked one day by a man, and he was going to rape her. She caused him to kill her rather than rape her, because she would rather die than lose her virginity, and they supposedly made her a saint for that act. Because they think that good girl was so holy that she recognized it would be better for her to lose her life than her virginity. Because a woman whose lost her virginity, from that ultra conservative catholic point of view, becomes something disgusting. But then they have another problem.

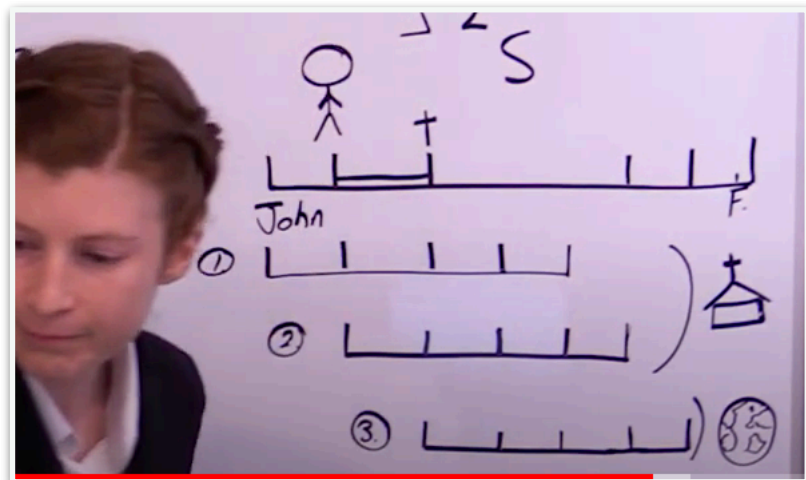
If you're a woman, unless you're bearing children, your worthless. So to be a holy Catholic woman, with nothing to be ashamed of, then you have to be two things: you have to be a virgin, and you have to bear children, because that's your job function in life. That's why you exist. Can you see the problem they've put women in?

Mary is a demonstration of absolute sexism, because that's what they say a woman has to be to be worth anything. And a flesh and blood woman can never reach that standard. But the real Mary was nothing like that. She did not die a virgin. She was flesh and blood. So they've taken her and they've constructed a God in their image, something that fits their world view. An entirely sexist, fictional construct. We do the same thing. That was what caused the shaking last year.

#### Early Writings 14.1

In the history of the time of trouble of the 144K God gives them the time of the second advent. What waymark is that?

It's the Formalization (F).



*When God spoke the time, He poured upon us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God, as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai. EW 14.1*



When Moses' face shone with the Glory of God what had he just seen? What does Ellen White say he has seen?

The Glory, the Glory was the character.

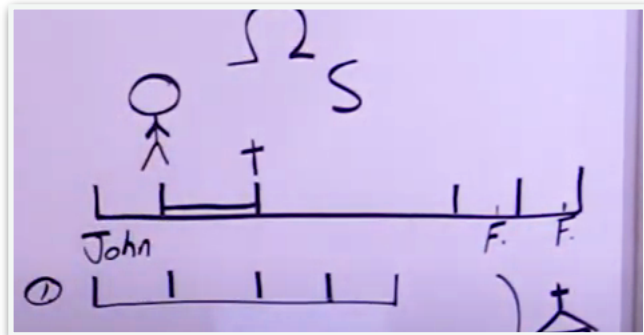
So at this formalization when the time is given we are given the Glory of God; we see His character.

Review and Herald May 10, 1887 par. 20

*The earth is to be lighted with the glory of the third angel, — not a little corner only, but the whole earth...the message shall go with a loud cry,*

So when the earth is lighted with the Glory of the Third Angel's message you would expect to see the earth being lighted with the Glory of God.

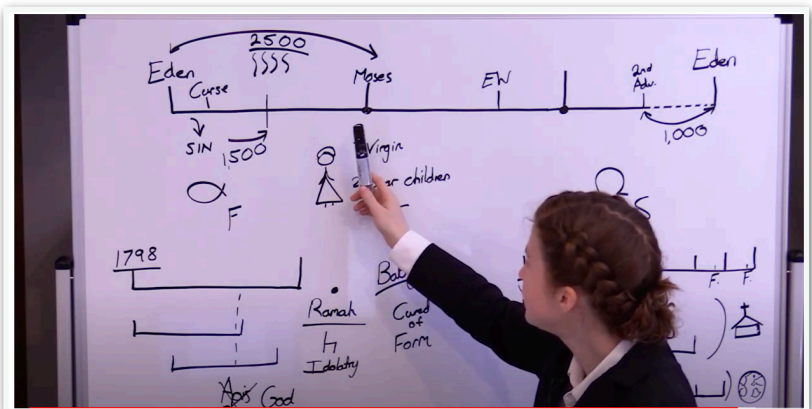
That's the Formalization of the message. The Tongues of Fire in the Upper Room. The disciples were lighted up with the Glory of God.



Is it the formalization of the message that you see the lighting up of the Glory of God, the revelation of His character?

The only reason that people cannot see the love of God in this message, in every parabolic component of it, because to whatever degree, they are still worshipping a God of their own construction. A God made in their own image.

Right back here (pointing to mark before Moses) they'd lost sight of Him. We're on a six thousand year process of understanding Him. It's slow and laborious, because God is patient, and yet for many the test is still too hard.



If I'm holding something in my hand and you try and pull it from me, that can be easy, that can be hard. It depends how hard I grip. The tests are not hard, unless we have a whole strong grip of our idols.

People have already started to say, You've changed our view of God so far, don't say anything radical in the future. My response to that, for those saying that, what hope is left? Because we're only in the Early Rain. We have a lot of rain and a harvest to go yet. Wait til you see the Loud Cry light up the whole earth with the Glory of God's character.

The problem is if you think that you already know what that character looks like. If you had of thought that it was racist and sexist, then you would already be out of the movement. I hope we all understand it's not homophobic. We are in the Increase of Knowledge (IoK). It is swelling to a Loud Cry as we speak. It will be a further revelation of the character of God, so it will require a further cleansing from our own idolatry.

People saying they dont see love in this message and they need more love. I would ask them who they think they love? Because if you loved me, I would want you to know who I am, what I believe, what I stand for and this movement, this method, this methodology is the only way God has to tell us what He is like. Every other broad way and broad door is easy because it's easy to build a God in your own image. You know you're going to like what you see, because people do love themselves. But when you start having to construct a God that you're not comfortable with.

Why can't God show us His character? His Glory? We're told that if He showed us His Glory it would destroy us. That just sounds spiritualistic, like tongues of fire. I would suggest that the reason it would destroy people, if they saw the Glory character of God, is just like the last dispensation when people saw this Glory they didn't want it. They saw the Glory and it destroyed them. God cant show us His Glory because we wouldn't want Him. Because last dispensation we were racist and sexist, and it was hard to accept a God who wasn't. Let's not think we've come so far in two years. We have a long way to go. But I want to get to know Him, because so far I love what I see, and I dont care if He doesn't look like me, because I want to construct myself in His image, not the other way around.

If you. Kneel with me we'll close in prayer.

Dear Father in Heaven,

Thank You for this movement. Thank You for Your patience and Your love, that You would even take such effort to help us see You and actually know You. We realize, that for many years, we did not know the person that we worshipped every Sabbath, the Deity. But we want to know You and You promised to be our friend.

We pray that we will be willing to learn and unlearn even if it takes away the ideas that we cherish.

I pray this in Jesus' name.  
AMEN