

The Form and the Spirit Part 1 LGC

I'd like to thank Sister Christean for her introduction to the camp meeting. In the earlier presentation she covered the reform lines. She recognized what needed to be reinforced before the people of God. I am hoping that everyone participated in those presentations and received the blessing I did. So this is the first of my presentations that I will take this camp meeting. People have asked a few questions over the last two weeks that I will try to address in this camp meeting. It's quite an array of questions but particularly centering on two questions. The first is the increase of knowledge. Where are we on the reform line? And if we have passed Concord as I have said, what does that mean externally and what does that mean internally? How does that relate to the test of this dispensation? That is the first issue people are wrestling with that I would like to address. The second subject is not a new one. It is something that was presented in the last dispensation over a year ago. That for various reasons people are still struggling to accept. That is the statement of this movement that there is no literal Sunday Law. So we are also going to look at the subject.

I was asked to present two weeks ago by Le Grand Cri and that presentation two weeks ago was done as an introduction to this camp meeting. So I have repeated some of that board work behind me. The lower part, these are the structures that could apply equally to ancient Israel or Modern Israel. When looking at the reform lines we can cut them and overlay all four. Two for ancient and two for modern. That is not what I am wanting to do in this camp meeting. I would rather us visualize it this way. Ancient tells the story of Modern. So the history of Moses and Joshua tells us in a special sense the history of the Millerites. And the history of John the Baptist and Christ tells us in a special sense the history of the 144K. So instead of drawing both of these, they have the exact same structure. Ancient and Modern. So we have the beginning of the history of Israel, ancient or modern. And the end of Israel ancient or modern. That is how we want to think of these histories in this camp meeting.

So two weeks ago in the introduction for this camp meeting we discussed the Apis bull. What I particularly wanted us to do was step back and look at the big picture. The whole view of the great controversy and how God is trying to form His image into Humanity. That is what this top line is attempting to illustrate. So I want to begin with a review of that story. Without getting too much into specifics, an overview. Studies that should already be well established in the movement I won't review but I will refer to. Particularly the Nature of man. Over here in Eden there was a creation. Over here at the second Advent we receive new bodies. There is a recreation. I don't mind if people write in the chat to answer. When we receive our physical new bodies here (Second Advent) are they fully developed? In form, in size... I am getting a lot of no. Correct they are not fully formed. We are going to grow in that thousand year time period. I am assuming we all know those quotes so I am not going to spend the time to prove that. Adam will be towering over us. We have not grown to that stature. That will occur over time. Why doesn't God just create us at the height He intends us to be? So that's the physical body. God is going to create us shorter and then let us grow. Then comes the character. When people are raised from the grave, are they raised a nicer person than when they went down? No. the same way a person goes down is the same way they came up. God doesn't tweak them a little and make them nicer, more tolerant, more patient. Many people can't wait to get to Heaven so they can play the Harp. We should be 144K or aspire to be. At the second advent will God touch you and you will immediately know how to play? It is hard work now, it will be hard work there. Someone says, learn to play it now. Don't know if they have checked the price of a harp.

So whether it comes to our physical bodies, new perfect bodies but there is still a work to do, mind character personality the same, and talents are the same. So if that's the creation here, if God is that hard a parent if you want to put it that way, that he makes us learn, what about God as a parent here at the first creation. How were Adam and Eve created? Physically, in their understanding of the character of God and in their skill and abilities? Just one sentence quote from the advocate Aug 1, 1990.

"He God who taught Adam and Eve in Eden how to tend to the garden would instruct men today".

Were they created and suddenly knew how to garden? No. They knew nothing about gardening. They were not created with a skill set, they were created like a child. Then like all new human beings, they had to learn. So God taught them how to run a garden. How to take physical care of themselves. They did not know these things when they were created. Did God create Adam knowing he was lonely? No. He was created, then God set up a series of experiences through which he would realize what loneliness felt like. God did not create that inbuilt. They had to learn. I am going to read from CTr 19.2.

"Adam and Eve received knowledge through direct communion with God, and they learned of Him through His works."

So they are created not knowing. They do not know of God, let alone understand His character. That does not make them sinful that just makes them ignorant in innocence. But they are going to have to go through systematic education to understand how to operate the external world, how to understand themselves, and how to understand God. Last sentence of that quote.

" But by transgression the human family was cut off from learning of God through direct communion and, to a great degree, through His works."

So they had the opportunity to learn directly from God until sin arrives.

So we had a quick and vague look at a timeline a couple of weeks ago. To be very vague from creation to the flood is about 1,500 years. Genesis 4:25. By this stage you have had sin enter and you have had the death of Able. Cain kills Able. First recorded Human death and murder. Adam and Eve have another son called Seth. Eve says God has replaced Able for me. So when Cain killed Able, Adam and Eve had another son who was the replacement of Able. Genesis 5:3. Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born. So from creation to the birth of Seth is 130 years. So you know that when Cain killed Able it would have been at the latter end of the 130 years. So now we have narrowed down the time frame to 130 years. How soon after creation did sin arrive? This we are not told. But God tells Adam and Eve, replenish the earth. It's a divine mandate. They have perfect bodies, there is no problem with conception. And yet when sin arrives there is no children. So the general understanding is that sin arrived in the first year. Asher says it is the first day of the first month but essential I find that conjecture. So I will be vague and say 1 year. Eve had not given birth. So they are created with no knowledge, they have a short time frame of direct communication with God. Sin arrives and destroys everything. Satan makes it his sole purpose to misinterpreted the character of God to humanity. In the very first next generation he has done that to such a degree that two children of these so called "perfect parents" have a quarrel and one kills the other brutally in cold blood without any guilt. So in what kind of condition were they? You might think that in that time period of direct communication with God, I recognize they had brilliant minds, most of the those intellectually brilliant minds in this movement left, I understand they weren't affected buy sin, but the disciples had 3 1/2 years of direct communication with God. How much progress has peter made in 3 1/2 years? He has made quite a bit of progress actually but he is far from immortal. Far

from what you and I might even call nice. I think we think, if you and I have 3 1/2 years following Jesus, we would be perfect. We would be really nice people, all our doctrines sorted out, completely loyal to the son of God. He fed 5,000, the end of His time on earth he is left with enough people who can squish into an upper room and they were far from nice.

Adam and Eve created. They don't understand the character of God. They are not like a computer where that chip is just inserted with a file that says "How to Garden", "Loneliness", "Character of God". They are an innocent blank slate. Blank white board. Then they are expected to learn. They are going to be taught how to garden, taught that they need each other, taught what God is like. That experience was never to end. But it is quickly cut off, their education. Then you have sexism and soon after racism enter into the human experience. Nearly 2 1/2 thousand years before Genesis is even written and those things become codified. Because by the time Genesis is written, it is going to be written with that perspective in mind. Name the three sons of Adam. Now name his daughters. You can't. How long did Adam live? How long did Eve live? You don't know. What were the names of Noah's sons? What was the name of his wife? You don't know. His daughter in laws? You don't know because their sinful experience becomes codified in the words. They were meant to be learning still without sin six thousand years later. If they were standing today still alive they would still be learning but It would have been without sin. So God is having to do the same thing He originally intended with much greater difficulty in the middle of a war. If you understand the subject of dispensationalism, such thoughts will come as no surprise. But what we can tend to do is get confused that somehow everything was perfect back here, in the sense that they had a complete understanding. My parents might not be perfect but my sister and I are not going to kill each other. Something went wrong very bad and very quickly. It took one generation. The brutality, extended brutally it would have taken to take the life of Able.

So we have had six thousand years of progression. People say God never changes. I agree. What we forget is the people that He is speaking to do change. We have discussed all of this last year. The problem that people have is they are down here in 2020. Like every good evangelical they believe in a literal to literal reading and they want to go back to here, say God never changes so what He said back here was good enough for me. The problem is He expects a lot more from you then He did from them. Last year we made strong statement that everyone who doesn't believe that should be practicing slavery and we made the call for consistency. We referred people to Leviticus 25:35. This passage talks about slavery among Israelites. People quote this to show how it was all meant to be nice. After six years you go free. You can't hurt your slaves. Don't deal harshly with them. They forget 44-46. Don't rule fellow Israelites harshly but those other nations they will be slaves forever. They never go free. The ten commandments are in Exodus chapter 20. Chapter 21 is laws about slaves. While people acknowledge that much of this is awful, for the time period it was revolutionary that you would be told to be nice to your slave. Those Israelite slaves can go free. Verse 7 says if a man sells his daughter she won't go out like the men do. It's talking about a father selling his daughter to be an extra wife to a man practicing polygamy. You have slavery and polygamy formally institutionalized in the chapter directly after the ten commandments. So if we want to go back to that time period and say "It's good enough for them it's good enough for us" then 150 years ago we wouldn't have been Millerites, you would have been Mormon. What the United States said, Slavery was good enough for them, it's good enough for us. Today they say the constitution applies to us, we have to treat the citizens of the United States after the dictates of the constitution. But when they are performed war crimes in Afghanistan or to the family they bomb in Syria, does the constitution apply to them? No. The rules change. In today's message do we find that acceptable. The only way you can read and see consistency from Exodus to EGW is to recognize that while God doesn't change, His expectations of you and I do. So for six thousand years God is teaching us of His character but He is doing that in an environment of sin that impacts the words

written on the page. We have to recognize that. In that environment of sin, the threat that has been planned by Satan with care is that he will misrepresent the Character of God. This was when we started discussing the Apis bull.

Back here they understood a little of the Character of God and even that little was too much for them. It shouldn't have been but for many it was. As He lays out His instructions in Exodus, the problem with people is they are molded after the mindset of Egypt. So God is having to try and not just teach them of His character but then imprint His character onto them. So we discussed how they rebelled against that with the Apis bull. Idolatry. There are two parts to idolatry. Each on their own still constitutes idolatry. There is the physical form of the idol. Then there is the character. The mind of the idol. What they did is they took this pagan deity, they didn't say that they were worshiping this Pagan deity, they said because they didn't enough about God they were going to mix their understanding of God with another deity. They are going to mix both. They are going to call this Jehovah. We all know the consequences of that decision. God labors with them generation after generation. Over time they loose the form of idolatry. But the mindset of Paganism does not leave them. So when Jesus comes and walks on earth they do not recognize him. I will read COL 34.4

" Christ's mission was not understood by the people of His time. The manner of His coming was not in accordance with their expectations."

They could not understand the time of the end. Someone messaged me recently. Some people may think I am popular. I am really not. This message went something like this. "You wicked woman, you took us out of Adventism, the church of God, you defend 1989 to me". Clearly that gentleman has left the movement and all I can say to him, "I am sorry the time of the end was not in accordance with your Adventist expectations".

COL quote continued

" The Lord Jesus was the foundation of the whole Jewish economy. Its imposing services were of divine appointment. ... These maxims and traditions became an obstacle to their understanding and practice of true religion....They rejected the antitype, and clung to their types and useless ceremonies. The Son of God had come, but they continued to ask for a sign. The message, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," they answered by demands for a miracle. Matthew 3:2. The gospel of Christ was a stumbling block to them because they demanded signs instead of a Saviour. "

Signs or a savior. Which one do the people prefer? The people prefer the sings. But what does God say that they need? I feel like we are doing the same thing today. I know this is going into a different subject. Back in early 2018, time setting was accepted and many people started to calculate with numbers. By this stage I already knew all those calculations were in error. One of the evidences that they were in error is that they did not require a change of character. It's peace and safety to have a calculation of numbers. When the time was given, it came in a package that required a change of mind. Moving on to the next subject.

The pandemic. I think many people feel like they have been failed because we did not predict the pandemic. We could have. It's clearly in WWI. We probably should have but did we need to? It would have been nice, something to hold up towards Adventism and say see we told you so. It would have been a nice sign. But the message when it comes, it might not have been what you wanted, a sign in advance, what you received is what you need. What you needed was to vaccinate your children. To let go of your conspiracy theories. To let go of the idea of a deep state. To trust the medical establishment.

A prediction of the pandemic might have made you feel good and saved some money but God doesn't care about the sign, He cares about your mind. What we needed was to change our views on vaccination. Because if God is parent He wants you safe. Much more than feeling good and saving some money. Many people today are saying the same thing as the Pharisees said about the US Election. They are treating it as a sign that they can hang their faith on. In the form of the message God has been walking among them for years. And they are saying give us a sign. I would like to understand better but I am well aware for the people struggling in this movement, it will not help you. If you don't already have a faith in sister Christeana's presentation this morning. They expected the Messiah to prove His claims by mighty deeds. Not by this is the kingdom of God to prevail but by the implanting of a new principle in the hearts of men. It has to change your heart. Regardless who wins this election, God has already done that. He has already shown you clearly how you relate to Trump and how you relate to Biden. He has laid that out in Millerite History, which we call the subject of compromise and has already been taught. To stake our claim in a sign is to reject the message. I suspect that in the time of trouble God won't anchor our faith just by a sign. Everyone knows that many in the movement are struggling. You see when it comes to Idolatry there is the form and there is the mind. They left the form, they held on to the mind. Now when we get into our own history, when it comes to equality you have the same thing. The form of Equality and the mind of Equality. The character, the heart of equality, The danger is that in the thought that in accepting or rejecting the form we have stated our position. In 2019 the form was announced. Women Elders, trousers, rejection of Nationalism, women in leadership across the world, women rising up and teaching across the world field. And this movement instituted the Form. For many people that was too much. They left. That was the division of 2019. The issue that we are facing in 2020 is not the form of equality but the mind. It is a compare and contrast, it is a chiasm. Idolatry and equality. The form and the mind. With Idolatry they lost the form and held onto the mind. That is error. With the true they took the form not yet the mind. It's like two different magnets. I should say same magnets. They repulse each other. So this movement has the form of equality while many in it have the mind of inequality. Many who have rejected the form have already left. What people still here don't realize is the test of the mind. This is not a peace and safety message that says you just have to say women are equal. So when we go to Africa and we say we won't baptize you if you pay dowry, countries that largely escaped the shaking of the last dispensation are utterly collapsing because they never expected that the form would have implications for how they thought or how they lived. It's one thing to say women are equal. It is one thing to put a woman on a board, make her a leader, have her teach, have her run your school. It is another thing to empower her and treat her with respect when she does do these things. People who like the idea of the form are finding it excruciatingly painful to change the mind. Country by country, individual by individual that is facing that test in the time of trouble begins to crumble. When a man says I want to be baptized, I want to be a leader, I want a seat at the organizational table, and I know that he goes through the phone of his wife, we are going to have a problem because the form has not transitioned into the mind and character. Organization cannot ignore mind and character and investigation of them is a requirement of baptism. Many liked the idea of equality but a rebelling against the change of character that it inevitably has to bring with it to be successful. Country by country that faces that realization begins to crumble. If there are the two issues with Idolatry than we face the two issues with true worship. They have the mind of Paganism. We have the mind of Evangelical Protestantism. I have seen that from the second memory I have had in my life and almost every memory from then to 20 was a quiet observation of sexism in conservative Adventism. The expectations of submission. The denigration of a woman and women's work. The Adventist men that would call their wives their cows. The inbuilt accepted sexism. I fled into morally liberal Adventism with the high heels and the makeup. Singing at the front of large churches. Modern Christian music with a beat. Carry Job, Casting Crowns, they are Protestant Rockstar's. Morally liberal Adventism. I found sexism just the same. One of the hardest battles that I fought was letting go of rock music. Heavy rock

music and rap. The darker the better. My morally liberal friends introduced me to modern Protestant Evangelical musicians. So I decided as I came into this movement that I needed to leave my rock music behind. So I decided I will do this in steps. I will let go of the heavy rock music and I will just listen to Evangelical musicians. I battled for months and I couldn't do it. One day I had a sense I was doing it the wrong way around and I couldn't understand why but I knew that I was. I decided that I would abandon all of the Evangelical musicians, listen only to rock music and then I will let go of that too and then listen to nothing until I could handle music again. I couldn't understand why I had that conviction until Donald Trumps election and one by one those Evangelical musicians worshiped at his feet, played at his rally's, visited the white house, called for people to vote for him. The problem we have is we don't realize how much idolatry we have. This was not to be a critique about what music people should listen to. My point is not that, please don't think so. My point is the following. I still think that when listen to an Evangelical musician sing, deep down we think we are worshiping the same God because they are not dancing around a physical golden calf. And article was posted the media broadcast. It was about Capitalism and Libertarianism. All those old morally liberal and morally conservative friends I had in the latter rain of the Levites are fighting against government restrictions. Fighting against wearing masks, crying out against the threat of socialism. Where did my friends get that from? You don't get much more socialist then redistributing wealth every 50 years. When they say the danger is socialism, my friend did not get that from the bible they got that from Evangelical America. Because my conservative Adventist friend is neck deep in idolatry. I recognized their sexism about as soon as I could walk. Sitting among the women one day, the same community, one of those girls asked, would anyone of you marry a black man? There was an awkward silence until one nervous girl started to shake her head and then one by one they all said no. And I realized my friends weren't just sexist, they were racist. Sexism, racism and homophobia. Conspiracy theories, vaccinations, Libertarianism. It is time to see Idolatry for what it is. Like the Jews of old we have a blindness problem. Signs are nice. We can tolerate the form. We might even think it's beautiful until we say you have a female boss. Then every place across the world that has a female leader all of a sudden people start to struggle. Because it starts to hurt. That is why 2020 is hard. If we think last year was hard, welcome to Jacobs time of trouble. When in a time period where Jacob is scared, the deep nature of his sin starts to attack him and he can't recognize that the angle is there to change his heart and save him. So in this camp meeting we are going to discuss where we are on the reform line. Acknowledging that people are abandoning reform lines entirely. We are going to go through the subject of the Sunday Law. Both subject at their core are about Equality. Both subject at their core are about taking us out of idolatry. A shaking is coming for the French world too because there is as much in the French world as everywhere else a tendency to think that we can have a spiritualistic religion through studies that are not built upon the methodology, the prophecy of this movement. That are nothing more than a celebration for idolatry. Worshiping a God built in their own image. So I sincerely hope that particularly the French world engage in everyone of the meetings of this camping meeting as actively as they would if they were here in person. It is life and death. Just as it was for Jacob. We are going through that experience as a movement, we are going through that experience each individual. While we might like a sign God like a parent tends to give us what we need. I will close in prayer. At my next presentation we are going to discuss the increase of knowledge. If you kneel with me we will close in prayer.