



2020 4Q Education: Lesson 7 Worship in Education

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SABBATH

Read memory text:

Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! (1 Ch 16:29 NKJV).

What does it mean to give the Lord glory?

What do we mean when we refer to His “name”?

When we pray, “in the name of Jesus” what does this mean? Does it mean:

- using the actual word “Jesus”?
- Must we use Joshua or rather Yeshua?
- Or does the name in the Bible mean character?

Jacob, the deceiver, when he was converted and experienced a heart change had his name changed to Israel—one who with God overcomes.

Do we understand name means character?

Here is one historic quote from the book *The Desire of Ages*:

But to pray in Christ's name means much. It means that we are to accept His character, manifest His spirit, and work His works. The Saviour's promise is given on condition. "If ye love Me," He says, "keep My commandments." He saves men, not in sin, but from sin; and those who love Him will show their love by obedience. {DA 668.2}

So, the name of God means what? His character and what is your understanding of the character of God? Let's list character traits of God and contrast them with abilities—I will throw out some and you let me know whether this is a character trait or an ability:

- God is omniscient—all knowing
- God is love
- God is truth/truthful
- God is omnipotent—all powerful
- God is Creator (perhaps both as creating is a manifestation of both His ability and character)
- God is patient



- God exists outside time and thus has foreknowledge
- God is forgiving
- God is omnipresent
- God is just
- God is constant—never changing
- God is omnipresent—able to be everywhere at once

What has the conflict between Satan and God been about? What has Satan done to incite rebellion? Has Satan ever truly questioned God's abilities? Or has Satan's attacks always been on God's trustworthiness—God's character, the way God uses His abilities?

From the beginning it has been Satan's studied plan to cause men to forget God, that he might secure them to himself. Hence he has sought to **misrepresent the character of God**, to lead men to cherish a false conception of Him. **The Creator has been presented to their minds as clothed with the attributes of the prince of evil himself,--as arbitrary, severe, and unforgiving,--that He might be feared, shunned, and even hated by men.** Satan hoped to so confuse the minds of those whom he had deceived that they would put God out of their knowledge. **Then he would obliterate the divine image in man and impress his own likeness upon the soul; he would imbue men with his own spirit and make them captives according to his will.** {5T 738.1}

Do we see this in the world today? Can people who reject God and embrace godlessness be growing in godliness, accurately represent Jesus, be empowered by the Spirit to practice God's methods? Or will they grow more like selfish, more fearful, more controlling?

Can people who believe in God but accept a false view of God and thus worship a god who is like Satan in character become more like Jesus, or will they become more like the enemy? The law of worship—by beholding we are changed!

Should we expect that if we jump off buildings we will float? Should we expect that if we reject God that we will become more like Jesus?

Then, what can you expect people who reject Jesus to do when it comes to the methods and principles they practice in how they run their business, in how they deal with conflict, in how they would administer a school, in how they would run a government?

I want you to discern, to be able to differentiate God's methods from Satan's. Now, what is the most effective conman—the one who comes to you and says: "I am here to steal from you, to molest your children, and get you addicted to drugs." Or the one who says, "I am here to make you wealthy, to care for your children, to give you better health—and then steal from you, molest your children and addict you to drugs?"



And then when you find yourself impoverished and unhealthy the person who did this blames the ones with real solutions and remedies—this is true evil.

This is what Satan does—he infects us with sin, steals our joy, happiness, health, injures our families and then blames God or godly people or God’s methods as being the problem.

Do you see this happening with various leaders or groups in society today—claiming they are here to help us while they or their followers are actually injuring and inciting the problems they claim they are there to fix?

What do we learn about God’s character when we look to Jesus?

So, we are to bring an offering and come before the Lord—what does this mean, bring an offering? An offering of what?

- Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to **offer your bodies as living sacrifices**, holy and pleasing to God—**this is your spiritual act of worship**. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1,2 NIV84
- I want your constant love, not your animal sacrifices. I would rather have my people know me than burn offerings to me. Hosea 6:6 GNT

What are we to bring to God as an offering? Ourselves, for renewal, for healing, to be restored to love and trust and then when we do this we do what the rest of the text says, we worship Him in the beauty of holiness.

Does this remind you of any other Bible text that has a call to glorify God by magnifying His name and to worship Him?

The 3 Angels’ messages—At this time in human history a message is to go forward to be in awe of God and give Him glory—meaning reveal His true character of love—because the time in human history has come for people to make a right judgment about God, to worship Him who made the heavens, earth, sea and fountains of water, to worship the Designer and reject this pagan imperial dictator who imposes law and inflicts punishment for sin.

And we are to do this in the beauty of holiness?

WEDNESDAY:

The lesson asks in the middle highlighted section, “*The beauty of holiness? What might that mean?*”

Read third and fourth paragraphs, “For starters, think about how ugly...” I think the lesson is pointing us in the right direction, sin damages, distorts, corrupts, injures, infects, perverts, abuses, exploits,



harms, destroys and kills. Sin is ugly—in fact ALL ugliness is a result of sin, *not all ugliness is sin*, but all ugliness is a result of sin.

For instance, any disease, defect, illness, deformity such as blindness, paralysis, deafness, lesions, mental impairments are a result of sin but these things are not sin. Jesus instructed his disciples that the man born blind wasn't born blind because he or his parents sinned. But blindness wouldn't exist in the world if the world wasn't infected by sin.

Paul tells us in Romans 8 that all nature groans under the weight of sin. So, sinfulness or the condition of sin is a state of being out of harmony with God, God's design and that injures and harms and the greater the distance from God, from His perfection—His holiness—the greater the deformity, injury, damage. In other words, the greater we separate ourselves from God the greater the ugliness—and such ugliness is both physical and characterological.

This is from the book *The Desire of Ages* describing the scene in which Jesus confronts the satanic legion controlling the demoniacs:

From some hiding place among the tombs, **two madmen** rushed upon them as if to tear them in pieces. Hanging about these men were parts of chains which they had broken in escaping from confinement. **Their flesh was torn and bleeding where they had cut themselves with sharp stones. Their eyes glared out from their long and matted hair, the very likeness of humanity seemed to have been blotted out by the demons that possessed them, and they looked more like wild beasts than like men.** DA 337.1

The disciples and their companions fled in terror; but presently they noticed that Jesus was not with them, and they turned to look for Him. He was standing where they had left Him. He who had stilled the tempest, who had before met Satan and conquered him, did not flee before these demons. **When the men, gnashing their teeth, and foaming at the mouth, approached Him,** Jesus raised that hand which had beckoned the waves to rest, and the men could come no nearer. **They stood raging but helpless before Him.** DA 337.2

With authority He bade the unclean spirits come out of them.... a marvelous change had come over the demoniacs. Light had shone into their minds. Their eyes beamed with intelligence. The countenances, so long deformed into the image of Satan, became suddenly mild, the bloodstained hands were quiet, and with glad voices the men praised God for their deliverance. DA 338.2

The encounter with the demoniacs of Gergesa had a lesson for the disciples. **It showed the depths of degradation to which Satan is seeking to drag the whole human race, and the mission of Christ to set men free from his power.** Those wretched beings, dwelling in the place of graves, possessed by demons, in bondage to uncontrolled passions and loathsome lusts, **represent what humanity would become if given up to satanic jurisdiction.** Satan's influence is constantly exerted upon men to distract the senses, **control the mind for evil, and incite to violence and crime.** [Do we see this happening in society today? When you see rioters looting stores, assaulting people on the street, dragging people out of their cars, yelling,



shouting down voices of that disagree with them, when you see liberty attacked, when you see freedom of speech oppressed, when you see big tech censoring and promoting falsehoods do you see the enemy of God at work destroying the image of God in people and inciting more division and conflict?] **He weakens the body, darkens the intellect, and debases the soul.**

Whenever men reject the Saviour's invitation, they are yielding themselves to Satan.

Multitudes in every department in life, in the home, in business, and even in the church, are doing this today. It is because of this that violence and crime have overspread the earth, and moral darkness, like the pall of death, enshrouds the habitations of men. Through his specious temptations Satan leads men to worse and worse evils, till utter depravity and ruin are the result. **The only safeguard against his power is found in the presence of Jesus.** [Do you believe this to be true? Are there groups today who are actively seeking to eliminate Jesus from our society? Do you find Jesus freely preached in communist countries? Why do communist leaders always seek to get rid of Christianity? Because the principles of God are freedom, liberty, truth, openness and Satan's principles are coercion, deceit, domination, control and communism cannot exist where people love God and promote the methods of Jesus. Do you see forces at work in America today that are seeking to lead people down a path that eliminate Jesus and the gospel from our nation?] Before men and angels **Satan has been revealed as man's enemy and destroyer; Christ, as man's friend and deliverer. His Spirit will develop in man all that will ennoble the character and dignify the nature. It will build man up for the glory of God in body and soul and spirit.** "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7. He has called us "to the obtaining of the glory"—character—"of our Lord Jesus Christ;" has called us to be "conformed to the image of His Son." 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Romans 8:29. DA 341.1

Do we recognize that true beauty is found only in holiness and holiness is restoration to God's design, living in harmony with God's design laws, which is healthiness.

Ancient Israel was supposed to be separated from the evil and sinfulness of the world—but that didn't happen, they became just as evil and corrupt as the world; yet while doing so they came to believe they were being separate from the world what happened?

They accepted the lie about God's law as imposed rules and this lie led them to act, as all worldly systems function and focus which is upon behavior, deeds rather than character. Thus, Israel separated themselves from the world by:

- Dress
- Religious rituals
- Diet
- Day of worship
- List of doctrines

But because they did not separate from the world in understanding of God's law, or God's character or God's methods, they did not experience difference from the world in character—they remained filled with fear and selfishness and this led them to take all their differences in dress, ritual, diet, worship and doctrines and become:



- bigoted
- prejudicial
- arrogant, narcissistic and prideful
- hard-hearted and conceited
- to exploit those around them and to ignore the plight of the less fortunate even among Israel
- and kill the Creator when He stood among them

Accepting the lie that God's law functions like human law resulted in the Jews becoming just as evil as the pagans around them.

Are we at risk for doing this today?

Read second paragraph, "The place of worship was the tabernacle..." Don't we agree that central to worship is Jesus and the plan of salvation?

Yet, what do we do with the following text?

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?' Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.' Matthew 7:21-23

If we were to find people who fall into this group, the ones Jesus identifies here as evildoers, and we went to them today and asked them if they believed that Jesus and the plan of salvation was central to worship, what would they say?

So is there something more to it than just saying Jesus is central to salvation? Is there something more than saying "I accept Jesus is my Savior"? Is there something more than saying Jesus is our substitute? In other words, can a person claim all of this and still be an enemy of Jesus? How is that possible?

By accepting a false view of the character of Jesus and the Father—if one accepts a false view of them, then one values false character and by beholding we are changed. If one accepts God is arbitrary, severe, exacting, revengeful, that justice requires God to use power to torture and kill then one becomes like that false god and may claim that false god is Jesus and may claim to be a follower of Jesus but in reality is a follower of Satan.

In C.S. Lewis' last book of the Narnia series Lewis describes a Calormene soldier named Emeth and his encounter with Aslan the lion. Emeth was a worshipper of Tash, and as a result was terrified when he came face to face with Aslan. This is that encounter from the book:

I fell at his feet and thought surely this is the hour of death, for the Lion will know that I have served Tash all my days and not him.



But Aslan's response?

Son thou art welcome. But I said, alas Lord I am no son of thine but the servant of Tash. He answered, Child all the service thou hast done to Tash I account as service done to me.

I questioned the Glorious One: Lord, is it then true that thou and Tash are one? The Lion growled and said, It is false. Not because he and I are one, but because we are opposites, I take to me the services which thou hast done to him. For I and he are of such different kinds that no service which is vile can be done to me, and none which is not vile can be done to him. Therefore if any man swear by Tash and keep his oath for the oath's sake, it is by me that he has truly sworn, though he know it not, and it is I who reward him. And if any man do a cruelty in my name, then, though he says the name Aslan, it is Tash whom he serves and by Tash his deed is accepted".

Emeth questions once more:

Lord, I have been seeking Tash all my days.

Beloved, said the Glorious One, unless thy desire had been for me thou shouldst not have sought so long and so truly. For all find what they truly seek.

And what is the root that would cause believers in Jesus to actually become enemies of Jesus? It is believing lies about God's law—if one believes God's law is imposed then one necessarily concludes that justice is inflicting punishment upon rule breakers and this leads to all the penal legal distortions and lies and the hardening of hearts of people. It obstructs people from actually being reconciled to God in their hearts and minds and gives them a false hope in a legal adjustment while they remain controlled by fear and selfishness.

Consider this historic quote:

Any measure that is of such a nature as to **oppress the poor and afflicted**, bring neglect upon the widow and the orphan, is leading us away from the example given us in the life of Christ, and **misrepresenting the principles of God's law**. [What law is this? Is it a list of rules or the principle of love? And is love just an emotion or God's design for life? And what happens if we don't exercise love? What happens if we do? This is the law of exertion so not only are we helping others we are either growing in love or selfishness depending on how we treat others.] Representative men connected with the work and cause of God will bring a **heavy retribution** upon themselves if they mislead the people by their spirit and action, and misrepresent the principles of **the law of Jehovah**. [What does this mean? What law? The law of love, what kind of heavy retribution? An infliction, or the hardening of heart and the inevitable guilt and shame they will experience when they face infinite truth?] If they weave into the work that which springs from their own natural temperament, and mar the cause by disorders of their own natural disposition, **they will cause to appear in the work of God the attributes of the**



fallen foe and his confederate angels, rather than the attributes of Jesus Christ. [What are the attributes of Satan versus the attributes of Christ? Which is a greater act of love to give a fish to a hungry person to teach a person to fish? The idea being to give handouts to those capable of become independent and thereby, through disuse causing them to become less capable, not developing their abilities, losing confidence in themselves, and thus becoming more dependent on whomever is giving them the fish—is this love or is this a great deception of destruction hidden under the mantle of compassion?] The fashion of the work coming forth from every soul that is born of God has been clearly pictured before us. **He who is truly a child of God will experience the transforming power of grace upon mind and heart, and his character will develop after the divine similitude.** [What does this mean? Does this have anything to do with the law of God? Remember God’s law is the law of love and is the design protocol for life, notice what comes next] The description of the work of Christ will be the description of the work of every one who is born of God, who walks not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. The apostle says of such, “Ye are laborers together with God,” **representing the holy law of God** to heaven, to worlds unfallen, and to the fallen world. **Representing the law of God** in its true character arouses the enmity of Satan. [What does it mean to represent the law of God? Would it mean to love like Jesus loves?] **Those who love God with all the heart, will love the law of his kingdom. They will not only profess to be guided by its principles, but they will actually live them out,** even in a world that is no more favorable to the development of Christian principles than were the inhabitants of the world before the flood, of whom it is written that the thoughts and imaginations of their hearts were evil, and only evil continually. **A similar condition of society exists in our world today, and if those who claim to be God's commandment-keeping people do not put in practice the principles of the law which Christ came to our world to vindicate, pronouncing it holy, just, and good, they misrepresent the character and mission of their professed Master. They mislead men in regard to the requirements of the law, and will be stumbling-blocks in the way of sinners.** The Lord of hosts has warned us that we shall **take heed not to misrepresent the law of his government by any unmerciful action on our part toward our fellow-men.** Neither are we to rob God in tithes and in offerings; for the remnant people of God are to be representatives to the world of the character of Christ. Not a thread of selfishness is to be woven into their practices. **The law of God is to be lived out. Thus in the character of God's people a living testimony will be borne that will contradict the fallacy of Satan, who has declared that the law of Jehovah is arbitrary, and holds its subjects under a cruel bondage.** RH August 13, 1895, par. 6

Wow—does this have application for us today? Do we see groups in our society today that either want us to deny God and His methods altogether, or they claim to believe in God but are willing to use human governments to advance their agenda and practice the same methods of the world?

SUNDAY



This takes us right back to Sunday, everyone worships something. This is the looking outside of oneself for a frame of orientation that gives life meaning, direction and purpose, whether the person realizes it or not.

Everyone does it, some may not worship God, but they worship—power, money, other people, idols, concepts, philosophies, nature.

Why does God say we are to have no other gods but Him?

They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves. Jeremiah 2:5

Romans 1 Paul describes how they didn't think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and preferred images made with their own hands and their minds became, depraved, darkened and futile!

It is a law that by beholding we are changed—this is the law of worship, we change biologically and characterologically based on what we admire and worship. As the highest created beings on planet earth there is nothing we can worship that advances us, anything on earth we worship degrades us. Thus, God wanting our highest development tells us to worship Him the infinite One! It is for our good, our development, not His need that God says to worship Him!

But can we do the same pagan false worship without images or idols? Here is one historic quote, do you agree?

Thousands have a false conception of God and His attributes. They are as verily serving a false god as were the servants of Baal. Are we worshipping the true God as He is revealed in His Word, in Christ, in nature, or are we adoring some philosophical idol enshrined in His place? **God is a God of truth. Justice and mercy are the attributes of His throne. He is a God of love,** of pity and tender compassion. Thus He is represented in His Son, our Saviour. **He is a God of patience and long-suffering. If such is the being whom we adore and to whose character we are seeking to assimilate, we are worshipping the true God.** {FLB 59.8}

MONDAY

The lesson focuses on our responsibility to teach truth to our children, to teach of God's actions in the past, to teach our children to love, trust and praise God based on reality, on His attributes of character and the manifestations of His goodness in history and reality and then to repeat these lessons over and over in song and other forms of praise.

Why is this important?

- *repetitio est mater studiorum*—repetition is the mother of study/learning



It is the manifestation of the law of exertion, if you want something to get stronger you must exercise it. Thus, the more you do something the better you get at it. Your brain wires in neural pathways and things go from a piece of data one remembers to beliefs, filters, presets upon which one filters new information.

If we accept lies then those form false schemas, beliefs, perspectives that cause us to interpret the world around us in distorted ways.

Truth displaces lies and reshapes our minds and characters.

Why is it necessary to repeat?

- Because in this fallen world we are slow to learn
- Because there is a difference between learning facts and having them become part of our character
- Because there is a difference between learning facts and loving the person those facts inform us about
- Because there are many lies and distortions that seek to infect our minds
- Because we naturally bring up doubts, fears, selfishness and distortions and the seed of truth must be planted and constantly tended in order to bring forth fruit—analogy of a garden

TUESDAY

The lesson focuses our attention on Jesus encounter with the woman at the well and when the question of worship comes up Jesus tells her:

Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:21-24

What does this mean?

The Greek word for spirit is *pneuma* and was translated to Latin as *spiritus* which literally means breath and was translated to English as spirit.

But the word actually has multiple meanings:



1. wind/air
2. breath/life energy/vital element/life spark
3. intelligent being/character/personality/attitude/attributes/emotions
4. mythical/superstitious entity that lives without physical body

And sometimes these different meanings occur in the very same passage:

John 3:8 "The wind (pneuma) blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit (pneuma)."

Sometimes this one Greek word means more than one thing in the same use:

Luke 8:55 "Her spirit (breath of life and her unique individuality) returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat." Meaning it wasn't just life that animated her body, but that HER spirit, i.e. her unique self returned when the breath of life returned.

Luke 23:46: Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

What did Jesus commit to the Father, just the breath of life, or His unique self?

Here is an historic view of what this means in this context:

"Our **personal identity** is preserved in the resurrection, though not the same particles of matter or material substance as went into the grave. The wondrous works of God are a mystery to man. **The spirit, the character of man, is returned to God, there to be preserved.** In the resurrection **every man will have his own character.** God in His own time will call forth the dead, giving again the **breath of life**, and bidding the dry bones live. The same form will come forth, but it will be free from disease and every defect. It lives again bearing the same individuality of features, so that friend will recognize friend. There is no law of God in nature which shows that God gives back the same identical particles of matter which composed the body before death. God shall give the righteous dead a body that will please Him." {6BC 1093.2}

HEB 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

LK 1:46,47 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."

Then sometimes *pneuma* is mythological:



Luke 24:39 “Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost (pneuma) does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

So, what does it mean that “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Wind? Breath of life? Ghostly vapor? Or intelligent, sentient being with individuality?

Let’s consider how we use the word spirit in English:

- When we say that team really has school spirit – what do we mean?
- When we say, a prisoner was tortured until his spirit was broken what do we mean?
- When we say someone is mean spirited what do we mean?
- When we say someone is a free spirit what do we mean?
- When we say someone is high spirited what do we mean?
- Though unable to join us today he is with us in spirit what do we mean?
- Though enemies they settled their differences with a kind spirit, what do we mean?
- The spirit of 1776 is not dead, what do we mean?
- He has the spirit of a rebel, what do we mean?
- How about he has an evil spirit?

Do any of these usages mean a demon or other intelligent entity is involved?

What is a spirit being? Any being that has intelligence, willfulness, personality, character, individuality.

Evil spirits are intelligent beings who are evil, who practice Satan’s methods and reject God’s.

What type of beings can be an evil spirit? Angels, who when fallen are demons.

What about humans, can they be evil spirits? Can a human being have their own evil spirit separate and distinct from a demon? If Satan and all demons were wiped out right now, could humans still have evil spirits—evil minds, hearts, attitudes and characters, selves?

Consider this quote from *The Desire of Ages*:

Judas had naturally a strong love for money; but he had not always been corrupt enough to do such a deed as this. He had fostered **the evil spirit of avarice** until it had become the ruling motive of his life. DA 716

So we have as synonyms demons and fallen angels which can also be referred to as evil spirits. But a rebellious human who is warring against God could also be called an evil spirit or it could be said he has an evil spirit.

So, what does it mean God is spirit and wants worshippers who worship Him in spirit and truth?



God is intelligent, with individuality (not a force of nature), who is rational, reasonable, purposeful and who operates upon love and is the source of all truth.

God wants worshippers who are intelligent, who exercise their individuality to love truth and grow in truth, thus they operate in harmony with God's design law and are purposeful in pursuing God and God's kingdom. They actually know and appreciate Him for who He is—these are the worshippers God seeks. Not the superstitious dark-minded worshippers who worship a false version of God that keeps them from growing and developing.

How can you tell whether your worship is of the true God, versus a false god or false spirit?

Here is the contrast:

- The Spirit of God is love; evil spirits are selfish
- The Spirit of God is truth; evil spirits lie
- The Spirit of God gives freedom; evil spirits coerce and enslave
- The Spirit of God is heals; evil spirits destroy
- The Spirit of God is giving; evil spirits take
- The Spirit of God removes fear; evil spirits incite fear
- The Spirit of God brings stability; evil spirits cause instability
- The Spirit of God is patient; evil spirits are impulsive
- The Spirit of God is kind; evil spirits are cruel
- The Spirit of God forgives; evil spirits are resentful, keep score, and require appeasement
- The Spirit of God sacrifices self for others; evil spirits sacrifices others for self

THURSDAY

Read fourth paragraph, “Many are the great intellectual ideas...”

The lesson asks, “What are some of the current popular beliefs that clash with Scripture...?”

- Godless origins
- We can save the earth through environmental initiatives
- Survival of the fittest is adaptive and helpful to advance the species
- Humans are less valuable than animals or the planet
- Equality means everyone deserves equal everything—but some aspect of outcomes, or equality is not about equal moral worth, but equal ability thus we demand all people be given equal roles

FRIDAY

Read and discuss first paragraph, “The heart is deceitful...”



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A special resource, recently made available by [Pineknoll](http://Pineknoll.com), is their new book, *Conversations about God* by Graham Maxwell, with Louis Venden and edited by Jon Paulien.

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