

Rediscovering & Restoring of Biblical Christianity Series (WSU Version)
Emphasis 5: Rediscovering & Restoring the Entire Bible as the Word of the God
Emphasis 50a-e: Humanistic Christianity:
Introduction to Humanism, World Views & Epistemology

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- I. **Fifteen (15) Biblical Emphasis for Rediscovery and Restoration to Biblical Patterns** (See List Elsewhere)
- II. **2016 – 2017 School Year: Emphasis 5: Rediscovering & Restoring the Entire Bible as the Word of God** (Emphasis 5A to 5Mh Reviewed in Previous Studies – See Emphasis 5 Titles on Separate Handout)
- III. **Tonight: Start of Spring Semester 2017 at WSU. Humanistic Christianity, World Views & Epistemology**
- IV. **Humanistic Christianity Defined:**
 - A. **The Law of Non-Contradiction: ““A” cannot be “not A.””** (Explain & Discuss)
 - B. **Protagoras of Abdera: “Man is the Measure of All Things.”** (Pre-Socratic Sophist)
(See Paragraphs 1 & 2 at: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protagoras>) (Cf. Heraclitus)
(Discuss Post-modern Epistemology in light of IV.A. & IV.B.)
 - C. **Read Aloud Genesis 3:1-9 in ESV.** (Cf. NKJV)

(Genesis 3:1-9) Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”² The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’”⁴ The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die! ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. ⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD ... **(NASB)**

- 1. Questioned God’s Word: “Indeed, has God said, ... ?” (Notice the initial response of Eve.)
- 2. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’”
- 3. Contradicted God’s Word: “You surely will not die! (Still asserted by Fallen men today!)
(Note: Law of Non-Contradiction necessitates the substitution of man’s decree or word.)
- 4. Accuses God’s Character: “For God knows” (Discuss Presuppositional “Objectivity”)
(Note: Law of Non-Contradiction necessitates the substitution of each man’s self-righteousness.)
Thus, “knowledge of good and evil” or each man his / her own god. (Blindness, Self-deception, Etc.)
“When the woman saw ...” “Then the eyes of both of them were opened, ...”
“...and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.” Self-Righteousness.
- 5. Man begins to hide from God. “There is none who seeks for God” ...” (Cf. Psalm 14, 53; Etc.)
“They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God” (Cf. Rom. 1:18-31; 3:10-12ff)

V. Introduction to Four Major World Views: (Possibly 5 in Post-Modern Thinking) Explain World View Chart.

(Genesis 1:26-31) ²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; ³⁰ and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so. ³¹ God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

(Acts 17:22-34) ²² So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. ²³ For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; ²⁵ nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; ²⁶ and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'

VI. Introduction to Epistemology: Explain Epistemology Chart.

(Isaiah 8:20) To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. **(Isaiah 8:20)** To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. **(NKJV)**

(Psalm 119:160) The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting. **(NASB)**

(Psalm 119:160) The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. **(ESV)**

(Psalm 119:160) The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever. **(NKJV)**

(Psalm 119:160) Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. **(KJV)**

(John 17:17) Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. **(NASB & ESV)** (Cf. **NKJV**) (See also John 8:31-34)

VII. WSU Spring Semester 2017: Tuesday January 10 to Tuesday April 25, 2017: Emphasis 5N+ to 5Z+:

Note: No Bible Study at WSU on Feb. 28, 2017 due to WSU Spring break. May be held at GCF.)

A. 5N: Biblical Literary Genres Intro: (History, Biography, Types, Case Laws, Imagery, Foreshadowing, Etc.)

B. 5O+ to 5Z Humanistic Christianity: Contemporary Reductionist Paradigms of Hermeneutical Interpretation (Matthew 15:7-9) (Cf. Isaiah 29:13 & Mark 7:6-7)

Note: These arose out of "The Modernist vs. Fundamentalist Controversy" of the Late 19th Century. They have the effect of dismantling, negating, nullifying or reducing some, much, most or all of the Bible.

They Include: Evolution, Anti-Supernaturalism, the Bible as Mythopoeic Cosmogonies; Dispensationalism; Antinomianism vs. Theonomy; Legalism; Neo-Gnosticism; Anti-Ecclesiology Perspectives; Anti-Liturgical Perspectives; Radical individualism; Dispensational Premillennialism; Etc.

C. Some Practical Keys to Studying the Bible & Interpreting the Scriptures. (Intro to Hermeneutics)



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