“Your gods which you have made for yourselves”

To begin with, let us ask an important question: Why would Yahweh God move in Africa regarding the latter-day Bride for Immanuel, and not in America where I have been teaching these truths for going on twenty-four years? It is because America is today’s Sodom and Gomorrah. How can that be said? Read about the judgment against Sodom: “Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food, and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy” (Ezekiel 16:49). America does help the poor and needy, but they most certainly have abundant food and equally careless ease, as well as a degree of arrogance. And also, they most certainly have the attesting sin of sodomy, homosexuality!

When I was in Africa for three months, there was certainly not abundant food; and I did not find all of the trappings and careless ease that flourishes in America, or in other like nations. So, where did Yahweh God go in order to birth this work of the bride? America has rejected this truth from its beginning in 1994. And the churches in America are overwhelmingly rooted in materialism and worldliness, to the extent that the modern church service moreso has the atmosphere of a nightclub with its subdued light and loud music—driving the emotions and the flesh. The trinity of godly music is melody, harmony, and rhythm. But in the ways of carnal man they often reverse it and drive the music with a heavy rhythm. Man has the trinity of spirit, soul, and body; and in the soul are mind, will, and emotions. And this music appeals to the body and is fleshly, and runs on the emotions. Add this to the materialism of the church and worldliness, it is to be expected that Yahweh would go to the lowly in Africa where they are not engulfed in all of this. In America and other “advanced” countries, it is as written in Amos 5:20-25:

“Will not the day of Yahweh be darkness instead of light, even gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I reject your festivals, nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; and I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings. Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. [Amen!] Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years [the period of breach Christianity for the last two-thousand years], O house of Israel? You also carried along Sikkuth [meaning “anointed” or “oil flask”] your king and Kiyyun [“the established one” or “pedestal”], your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves. Therefore, I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus,” says Yahweh, whose name is the God of hosts.

Oh how fitting for modern Christianity with its worldliness! It is rejected and they will not ascend alive but remain on this earth in their natural bodies. But American
churches are like the Israelites and do not even see their lack and great errors. And frankly, they are a work that is “before the time,” when Satan has had every right to corrupt and take these two thousand years to the sea of death!

Christians, you are friends with the world—acting like them, speaking like them, dressing like them, grooming like them, indulging in their pleasures and ways, and even using their ways in order to gain worldly success. You are as it is written in James 4:4: “Adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility with God? Therefore whoever has chosen to be a friend of the world is rendered an enemy of God.” And frankly, the church was destined to be this way—the afflicted Body of Christ in the hands of the “Romans,” beaten so badly that it no longer even looks like Christ! Though they think they are victorious, they are as it is written in Revelation 3:17-18: “Because you say, ‘I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,’ and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.” Most certainly, Christians do not see, and that is even by design. They have the same blindfold over their eyes that was placed upon their Savior at the hands of the Romans.

Furthermore, in Romans 1:18-25 we read, and ask the question: Why would man today be any different from man who has failed for four and even six thousand years? Flesh man has been and still is the same, receiving the kingdom “before the time.”

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools [Why would men today be any different?], and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

So, does man still serve the creature and not the Creator? Of course so! That’s man’s nature. He is natural and is locked into looking at the natural. And his spiritual side is locked up in darkness and he cannot see. What does “worship” mean? It means “to venerate, to adore.” Today, we do not worship/adore stone or wood idols, but even so we are not without guilt. I will give you just one example here, and this is very common and pervasive today. And again, it is worshiping/adoring the creature and not the Creator.
From the beginning, we read that God created man in His very own image:

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness”; ... God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (Genesis 1:26-27).

This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God (Genesis 5:1).

“Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man” (Genesis 9:6).

Thus, it is an abomination to take the image of God given to man and apply it to the beasts, or even inanimate objects. Today, this sin is pervasive, especially when it involves the formative years of children. Not only is this an insult to God, in whose image man was created, but it is in fact a clear representation of what man himself has become—no longer in God’s image, but in that of an unclean animal. Here are just a few examples of the plethora of these lying testimonies that flood society—in our homes, in our churches, plastered on clothing, throughout the various media, in sporting events, in advertisements, in theme parks, everywhere! From the beginning of black and white cartoons and Walt Disney onward, man has been obsessed with transforming himself into an animal, and worse. Here is a mere sampling of an absolute endless supply of examples, affording a host of corruption and defilement of God’s creation!

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You fool yourselves in thinking that you can rightly take the image of God given to man and apply it to animals or even inanimate objects. All you prove is that the works of your hands and the imaginations of your mind are corruption, and there is no truth in them—in fact they are contrary to the very order, purpose, and creation of Yahweh
God! You defile yourselves, rejecting the design and order of God our creator, and thereupon create your own kingdom of corruption.

This corruption of giving human identity to the beasts, no matter how “cute” or supposedly “innocent,” is all too revealing! It is a reflection upon himself, evidencing that he has become an animal, or even creations that are not even the design of the Creator. The latter are creatures that are neither man nor beast. Thus, man thinks himself wiser than God and has better ideas; yet he corrupts and defiles himself, evidenced by taking the spirit and soul of man and placing them in the unclean beasts, etc. It is a clear and complete testimony about who and what we truly are! We are reduced to being mere beasts and unclean animals, taking on an image that is no longer in the image of God. Man needs to leave this matter of creation in the hands of the Creator alone!

In Isaiah 5:18-21 we read:

Woe to those who drag iniquity with the cords of falsehood, and sin as if with cart ropes, who say, “Let Him make speed, let Him hasten His work, that we may see it; and let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come to pass, that we may know it!” Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight!

And add to these sorrowful woes those who substitute the image of a beast for the image of God, given to man alone. And it does not matter what Bible verse or story one would add to these corrupted images of man, as the unclean ALWAYS defiles the clean! Even a little leaven leavens the entire lump! If you want to know the corruption of man, look no further than the HOST of animations on videos and in books and on the internet and on products and you will see that man utterly corrupts God’s creation! Thinking themselves “creative,” they become fools and defile the perfect. And, deceived and ignorant Christians not only buy into this, but propagate the same corruption, especially with regard to children. Following the ways of the world that belongs to Satan, through their books and videos and the internet and other items they once again corrupt the kingdom that should be in righteousness, and lead our children into friendship with the world! But it sells, and they like the money as well. Kingdom man needs to heed God’s clear warning in James 4:4-5:

You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?

Again, in Romans 1 we read:

Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped/adored and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
How much more evident is this true when we see the creature being transformed into the image of the Creator given solely to man. Open your eyes, for your corruption is being evidenced right before you when corrupted man takes the attributes and image of God, and assigns them to the beast. It is an indictment against ourselves and an insult to our Creator!

God hates mixes and instructs against them. In the Old Testament this included mixed fabrics (Leviticus 19:19), mixed grains sown in the field and wearing a garment of two kinds of material (Leviticus 19:19). The “mixed multitude” that left Egypt caused great trouble and everyone over the age of nineteen did not enter into the promised land (Exodus 12:38). Likewise, Paul’s instruction regarding believers and unbelievers was not to be bound to them (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). And there is the need “to make a distinction between the holy and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean” (Leviticus 10:10). And certainly, mixing the image of man with that of the beasts, etcetera, is the worst of all mixes—revealing the true nature and deeds and acts of man today! And, the ONLY hope for man is to be born from above—entering into that body that is not of this world, and cannot be defiled!

Let me make it very clear: We are not to mix the image of man, who is made in the image of God, with the image of the beasts/animals. And likewise, we are not to make any other likeness formed by the imagination of man. We must follow the likeness of our Creator given to man! Anything else is anathema!

In Revelation 3:17 regarding the church of Laodicea, we read, “Because you say, ‘I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,’ and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.” In like regard, you who think you are pursuing God when in fact by your worldly actions and immodest dress and the unclean words that come out of your mouth and your worldly entertainment, and yes even by your acceptance of images that defile the image of God and His creation of man in His image, you are utterly failing and following in the ways of Satan and the world, which has belonged to him! And if this is you in any of these, reading further regarding the church of Laodicea, I urge you to follow its instructions:

“I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

For the sake of righteousness,

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