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Christ & Culture

TEACHING AND DISCUSSION SERIES

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“Faithfulness is a virtue rarely produced in a state of calm, unruffled repose. It flourishes in adversity. It kindles in the hour of danger and rises to deeds of renown.”

THOMAS CHALMERS



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“We are living in a condition of permanent revolution. The threat of tyranny will grow much worse in scope and intensity unless men can be persuaded to return to Christianity, to practice its precepts and to obey the Gospel in its full implications for human life and society. Barring such a revival, the future surely belongs to Socialism which is but the most consistent sect of the new secular religion.” Groen van Prinsterer, 1832



The Old World Transformed

1762	Rousseau's <i>Social Contract</i>
1799	Napoleon's Paris Accord
1811	Luddite Rebellions in England
1813	Robert Owen's <i>A New View of Society</i>
1815	End of the Napoleonic Wars
1815	The Congress of Vienna
1823	Merle d'Aubigne Appointed to Dutch Court
1825	The Inter-City Line Opened
1829	The "Second" French Revolution Began
1830	The Fleming and Walloon Revolutions Began
1831	Leopold Saxe-Coburg Crowned Belgian King

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1832	The Revival, <i>Le Réveil</i> , Centered in Amsterdam
1834	Groen van Prinsterer's <i>Essay on Revolution</i>
1839	The Fleming and Walloon Revolutions End
1840	Proudhon's <i>What Is Property?</i>
1844	Samuel Morse, "What hath God wrought?"
1847	The First Communist League Established
1848	Marx and Engels' <i>Communist Manifesto</i>
1848	Revolutions Erupt in France, the Italian Republics, the German Provinces, Russia, Poland, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, and 40 Countries from Europe to Latin America

The Dominoes Fall

1848	<i>Communist Manifesto</i> and the Revolutions
1900	Socialist Labor Party Established in Britain
1914	Communists Seize Power in Serbia
1917	Bolshevik Revolution in Russia
1919	Comintern Established in Germany
1923	Frankfurt School Established
1924	Bolsheviks Prevail in Russian Civil War
1926	Gramsci Begins Writing His <i>Prison Diaries</i>
1928	Stalin Assumes Dictatorial Power of the Soviet
1932	Einstein Offers Nuclear Bomb to Stalin
1933	The National Socialists Gain Power in Germany
1935	International Socialist League Established

Revolution:
Gesellschaft

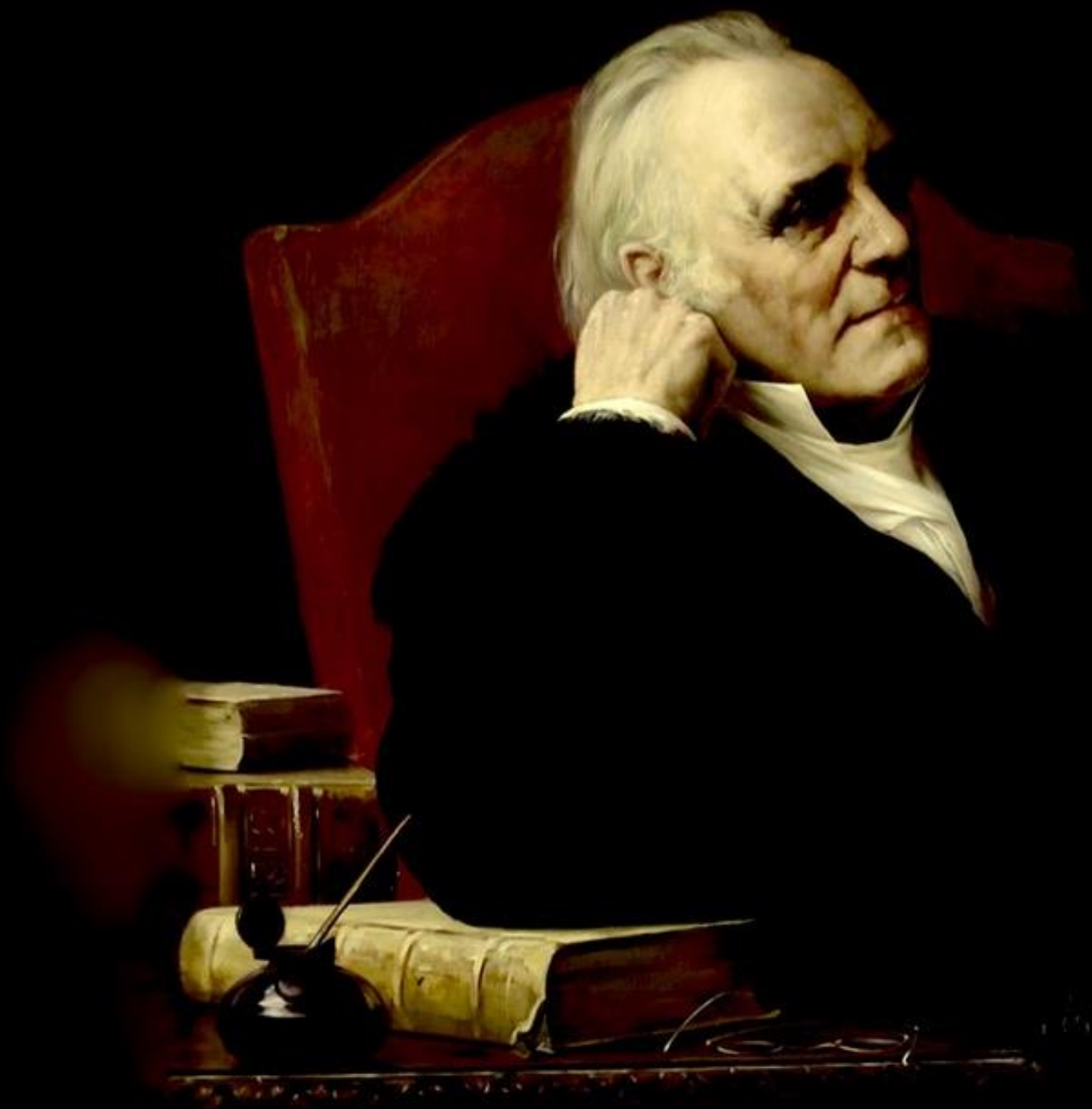
Ideology	Ideas v. People
	Systems v. Relationships
	Results v. Processes
Disruption	Rapid and Structural Change
	Destructive and Undermining
	Anti-Traditionalism
Modernity	1789: French Revolution
	1802: Napoleonic Wars
	1848: European Revolutions
	1871: Franco-Prussian War

Reformation:
Gemeinschaft

Covenant	Ideas and People
	Systems and Relationships
	Results and Processes
Continuity	Slow and Organic Change
	Constructive and Underpinning
	Confessionalism
Modernity	1776: American Independence
	1843: Scottish Disruption
	1847: Continental <i>Le Réveil</i>
	1879: Anti-Revolutionary Party

The Revival's Predecessors

Robert Haldane 1764-1842	1777: University of Edinburgh
	1780: Royal Navy
	1790: Airthrey Castle and Estate
	1797: Scots Church Planting and Missions
	1816: Geneva: <i>Commentaire sur Romains</i>
	1819: Society for Propagating the Gospel
François Guizot 1787-1874	1812: Modern History Chair
	1814: Secretary-General of Interior
	1830: Elected Chamber of Deputies
	1831: Minister to Louis-Philippe
	1848: <i>History of Cromwell's War</i>
	1864: <i>Meditations on Christianity's Essence</i>
	1866: <i>Meditations on Christianity's State</i>



Jean-Henri
Merle
d'Aubigné
1794-1872

From Geneva and Wittenberg to Hamburg	1816: Discipled by Haldane
	1817: Reformation 300 Celebration
	1818: Pastor in Hamburg
The Royal House of Orange	1823: Brussels Protestant Church
	1824: William II's Court Preacher
	1829: Disciples Groen
Writing	1830: Dutch Revolution; <i>Le Réveil</i>
	1835: <i>Reformation History</i> (5 vols)
	1848: <i>Recollections</i>
	1862: <i>Calvin and Geneva</i> (8 vols)



Guillaume
Groen van
Prinsterer
1801-1876

House of Orange	1823: Dual Doctorate in Law and Lit
	1828: Secretary to William II
	1829: Discipled by d'Aubigne
Research, Lecturing, and Writing	1831: Removal to Amsterdam
	1834: <i>Essay of Truth</i>
	1847: <i>Unbelief and Revolution Lectures</i>
The Anti- Revolutionary Caucus	1841: Parliamentary Caucus
	Confessional and Sphere Sovereignty
	Christian Education and <i>Verzuiling</i>
	1861: Begins Kuyper Correspondence



William Wilberforce (1759-1833)

A Life of Privilege	1759: Hull, East Riding, Yorkshire
	1776: St. John's College, Cambridge
	1777: The Social Circle of William Pitt
	1781: Member of Parliament
	1783: Pitt's Government Formed
Conversion and Resolution	1784: Tour of Europe with Isaac Milner
	1786: Thomas Clarkson and Hannah More
	1787: Meeting with Pitt and Grenville
	1787: Resolution of the "Two Objects"
	1790: The Clapham Society Forms
	1791: Wilberforce's 1 st Bill Defeated
	1792, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99: Bills
Passage	1807: Trade Bill; 1833: Abolition



Thomas
Chalmers
1780-1847

Days of Preparation	1780: 6 th of 14 Children
	1791: 2 nd Youngest Ever at the University
	1799: Ordained and Installed
	1803: Pastor at Kilmany
Days of Fruitfulness	1808: Dramatic Conversion
	1815: Glasgow Tron Church
	1817: Astronomical Discourses
	1819: St. John's Church
	1824: St. Andrews University
	1843: Disruption and the Free Kirk

The Revival's Successors

Abraham Kuyper 1837-1920	1860: Returned to Orthodoxy
	1879: Formed Anti-Revolution Party
	1880: Founded Free University
	1901: Elected Prime Minister
Francis Schaeffer 1912-1984	1935: Westminster Seminary
	1955: Established L'Abri
D. James Kennedy 1930-2007	1956: Columbia Seminary
	1960: Planted Coral Ridge Pres
R.C. Sproul 1939-2017	1969: Free University of Amsterdam
	1971: Established Ligonier Ministries



There is not one square inch in the whole domain of human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not say 'Mine.' He is Lord of all or He is not Lord at all." Abraham Kuyper, 1880



“In face of modern nihilism, Christians are often lacking in courage. The people around us must see that we demand truth and that we are not dealing merely with platitudes. In other words, it should be understood that we take the question of truth so seriously that if God were not really there we would be among the first of those who had the courage to step out of the queue.” Francis Schaeffer, 1969



“Tolerance is the last virtue of a depraved society. When you have an immoral society that has blatantly, proudly, violated all of the commandments of God, there is but one virtue they insist upon: tolerance for their immorality. But, as the vice-regents of God, we are to bring His truth to our neighborhoods, our schools, our government, our entertainment media, our news media, our scientific endeavors—in short, over every aspect and institution of human society.” D. James Kennedy, 1991



“If God is the Creator of the entire universe, then it must follow that He is the Lord of the whole universe. No part of the world is outside of His lordship. That means that no part of my life must be outside of His lordship.” R.C. Sproul, 2015

Revolution and Reformation

Quick Results	Long Obedience
Loud Publicity	Quiet Reputation
Unrelenting Science	Gentle Persuasions
Programs and Policies	Covenant and Callings
Charts, Graphs, Stats	Faith, Hope, Love
Gargantuan Purposes	Small Beginnings
Undeterred by Facts	Undeterred by Obstacles
Never Fails to Disappoint	Never Fails

“The most practical and important thing about a man is his view of the universe. For a landlady to consider a lodger, it is important to know his income, but still more important to know his philosophy. For a general to fight an enemy, it is important to know the enemy’s numbers, but still more important to know the enemy’s philosophy.

The question is not whether the theory of the cosmos affects matters, but whether, in the long run, anything else affects them.” G.K. Chesterton, 1916



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How Then? Individuals

1. What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and enjoy Him!

2. From our adoration of God flows the whole of life.

3. Read, study, pray, and sing God's Word.

4. Nurture the habits of holiness.

5. Read. Read substantively. Understand the times.

6. Commit to a lifetime of learning.

7. Go deep and go slow.

8. Volunteer, serve, love, and encourage.

9. Build a cohort. Read together. Hold one another accountable.

10. Have a mentor. Be a mentor. Pass it on. Make disciples. Multiply.

How Then? Families

1. What is the chief end of families? To glorify God and enjoy Him!

2. From our devotion to God flows the whole of life.

3. Read, study, pray, and sing God's Word together.

4. Make dinnertime the routine hub. Make it a delight.

5. Practice hospitality. Have open hearts and open homes.

6. Serve together. Share missional passion.

7. Limit screen time: GIGO!

8. Build a library. Read aloud.

9. Relish arts and crafts: music, painting, building, and decorating.

10. Celebrate legacy across the generations.

How Then? Churches

1. What is the chief end of families? To glorify God and enjoy Him!

2. From our worship of God flows the whole of life.

3. Substantively teach the whole counsel of God.

4. Make the Gospel the center point.

5. Go forth joyously evangelizing.

6. Plant churches, schools, missions, conferences, caucuses, and forums.

7. Nurture true *koinonia*, *agape*, and *shalom*.

8. Practice covenantal justice, mercy, and humility in the world.

9. Intentionally adorn the truth with beauty, goodness, and excellence.

10. Encourage engagement. Dream small. Change the world.

How Then? Communities

1. What is the chief end of communities? To glorify God and enjoy Him!

2. From our faith in God flows the whole of life.

3. Bring the Word of God to the public square.

4. Support and encourage mediating institutions.

5. Engage, encourage, inform, and respect the magistrates.

6. Embrace both tradition and diversity.

7. Make local great again. Support, shop, and celebrate.

8. Practice covenantal justice, mercy, and humility.

9. Intentionally adorn the truth with beauty, goodness, and excellence.

10. Make the community a sanctuary of hope.

“The chief mark and element of insanity is reason used without root, reason in the void. The man who begins to think without the proper first principles goes mad; he begins to think at the wrong end.”

G.K. Chesterton, 1908



RESISTANCE:

“Do not be conformed to this world.”

REFORMATION:

*“But be transformed by the renewing of your minds
so that you may be able to prove what the will of God is,
that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”*





RECOMMENDED READING

Carl Trueman, *Strange New World*, Crossway, 2022

Voddie Baucham, *Fault Lines*, Salem Books, 2021

C.S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*, Harper One, 1943, 2001

J. Gresham Machen, *Christianity and Liberalism*,
Eerdmans, 1923, 2009

Nancy Pearcey, *Love Thy Body*, Baker Books, 2019

Paul Johnson, *Intellectuals: From Marx and Tolstoy to Sartre and Chomsky*,
Harper Collins, 1989

A C T

Justly

M i c a h 6 : 8

LOVE

Mercy

Micah 6:8

W A L K

Humbly

M i c a h 6 : 8

*A
Kingdom
that
Cannot
be*

SHAKEN

— HEBREWS 12:28 —