

## **The Rule of Reason is Over**

Because of the Rule of Reason, people in the West have chosen to close their minds to the miraculous. Jesus lived in the miraculous-

Since the Enlightenment, much of the Western World has worshipped and exalted human reason. Over these past few decades, human reason has been coming down off its throne.

### **America Has Experienced Many Eras (Distinct historical periods with specific characteristics)**

#### **I. The Age of Enlightenment (Age of Reason) 1714-1820**

The Age of Enlightenment began as a European intellectual and cultural movement in the eighteenth century that emphasized reason and science. Benjamin Franklin, the British colonist, was instrumental in embodying Enlightenment ideals with his scientific experiments.

#### **Three Major Ideas Dominated “The Age of Reason”**

##### **1. Rationalism:**

Humans are capable of using their faculty of reason to gain knowledge. Rationalism was a move in the opposite direction from the prevailing idea that people should rely on scripture or church authorities for knowledge.

**2. Empiricism:** promotes the idea that knowledge comes from experience and observation of the world.

**3. Progressivism:** the belief that humans can make unlimited progress over time through their powers of reason and observation.

Both the American and French Revolutions were directly inspired by Enlightenment ideals. The Enlightenment ultimately gave way to 19th-century Romanticism.

#### **II. AGE OF ROMANTICISM IN AMERICA: 1820 – end of Civil War**

Romanticism was an aesthetic movement of the 19th century which celebrated nature and valued emotion. Romanticism was described as a “Renaissance” or “flowering” that grew out of a reaction to the scientific rigor of the Enlightenment. Romanticism was marked by excitement over human possibilities and emphasized the individual’s subjective viewpoint, the imaginative, the personal, the spontaneous, and the emotional texture in people’s lives.

### III. AGE OF REALISM IN AMERICA: 1865-1900 (Post Civil War)

Americans had experienced the harshness of the Civil War and life on the frontier, so American authors moved away from an idealized image of American society and attempted to represent ordinary, everyday life. The Age of Realism revolved around the everyday lives of common people and acknowledged dark and real conditions with the hope of improving society.

### IV. AGE OF NATURALISM 1870-1910 (Post Civil War- overlapped with Age of Realism)

**Naturalism** began as a literary movement focused on determinism, or the inability of human beings to resist the biological, social, and economic forces that dictated their behavior and shaped human character such as heredity and environment. Naturalism was influenced by the evolution theory of Charles Darwin.

**Naturalism was opposed to all known forms of supernaturalism** stating there was no plausible evidence to warrant belief in the supernatural.

### V. Modernism: 1900-1930's (Core period between World War I and World War II)

American modernism was an artistic and cultural movement in the United States at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century focused on progressive transformation, widespread changes in culture and society, and optimism in the future. Modernism was a reflection of life in America during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, focused on the socially climbing middle class. **Modernism was based on idealism and reason, seeking to represent reality in a new more industrialized world.** Modernism was all about life in the new century, represented by modern art, modern sculpture, and modern architecture, all supporting life in the modern world.

### VI. Era of Postmodernism: Began in the 1960's

Postmodernism was a reaction to Modernism, born of skepticism and a suspicion of reason. Postmodernism rejected the idea of absolute truth and embraced moral relativism, randomness and disorder.

### VII. Era Of Metamodernism (began in 2017; our current era)

Metamodernism oscillates between an enthusiastic outlook on life and a postmodern irony of being caught between hope and melancholy, empathy and apathy, totality and fragmentation, living within a world of ambiguity." (source: Brendan Dempsey Graham)

Metamodernism is based in a critique of the Postmodern Culture, but it tries to reinterpret and integrate the merits of all previous eras.

Metamodernism appears to be opening a door to more vulnerability and honest reflection about human meaning and existence.

### **SCRIPTURE**

Colossians 1:17 (NIV) “He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

### **Transition: Modern Physicists Are Running Into Challenges**

Modern scientists are being humbled, particularly the theoretical and experimental physicists who have devoted their live to understanding the nature of reality from the subatomic waves and particles from the infinitely small to beyond the horizon of the known observable Universe.

Micho Kaku, Theoretical Physicist at NY University says that almost immediately after the unfolding and alignment of the James Web Telescope the first downloads of images taken from the far reaches of the edge of the observable Universe means the Astronomers and Physicists are going to have to rewrite all the textbooks written in the past 20 years because what they thought they were going find, based upon the actual evidence of observations are so totally different. Micho Kaku is a “String Theorist” and no one who has not devote their lives and minds to these theories are even able to comprehend their proposals about likely 11 dimensions of space time.

But it gets worse.

Oct 4, 2022, Alain Aspect, John Clauser and Anton Zeilinger, won the shared Nobel Prize for Physics

“One key factor in this development is how quantum mechanics allows two or more particles to exist in what is called an entangled state. What happens to one of the particles in an entangled pair determines what happens to the other particle, even if they are far apart...” (The Nobel Prize in Physics 2022)

These Physicists proved experimentally that quantum mechanics provides convincing evidence of a new reality. These proofs are some of the reasons that are moving the scientific community away from reality, framed within reason and Newtonian Physics, to a new reality that cannot be explained simply by reason and rationality alone.

**Donald David Hoffman** (born December 29, 1955) is an American cognitive psychologist and popular science author. He is a professor in the Department of Cognitive Sciences at the University of California, Irvine, with joint appointments in the Department of Philosophy, the Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, and the School of Computer Science.

Hoffman has come to the conclusion and believes that we, as conscious beings, create a reality that arises out of our consciousness. If I am understanding his presuppositions correctly, Hoffman uses the analogy of a “Headset,” to provide a metaphor for his idea that we are living within a simulation.

This kind of rethinking about consciousness and what is real, is opening the door to a new willingness to value spirituality that gives God and the Gospel a fresh opportunity to engage this next generation to witness for God in a new way.

Rationality and relying on observation and the Scientific Method alone, is not the new reality of quantum mechanics.

Even our conservative evangelical institutions & churches, while adhering to the Word of God, have functioned under the rule of reason.

As an illustration of this is resistance, just this last Friday morning, in our Global Family Zoom Prayer meeting, one of our most faithful Intercessors share about how leaders, within her highly respected Evangelical church actively discourage prayer groups and prayer meetings because of a fear that those spontaneous prayer meetings might get out of control. I’m guessing here but what I think they are meaning about getting out of control would be some kind of manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit.

The late C. Peter Wagner, a Professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, an Apostolic Leader and Authority on Church Growth, declared that he had never seen miracles until he went on the mission field.

Peter Wagner had been raised in and educated with a rational mindset and therefore he didn’t expect and didn’t see or experience the miraculous in his life. But when he went to South America as a missionary, he saw and experienced both supernatural healings and deliverances with great regularity. Wagner’s made the point that because of the “cultural unbelief” dominant in the Western World, we were under the rule of a Rational Set of Presuppositions, that have held our belief system in chains, allowing unbelief to dominate our contemporary expression of Christianity.

**Biblical Christianity, in a certain sense, faith trumps reason.**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 17: 20, 21 (NIV)**

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

**SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 11:6**

“Without faith it is impossible to please God.”

**Faith involves an act of the will, and reason cannot force the will to believe.** God’s wisdom and ways are far higher than human reason and knowledge. There are truths that cannot be discovered by reason, but they must come through revelation by the Holy Spirit.

**SCRIPTURE: John 14:26 (NIV)**

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:17-19 NIV**

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

**Example: Bonnie’s Prayers** (last Sunday morning) I had gotten into the car to come down to Lion of Judah. I was sitting in the driveway at our house, I heard my daughter praying and crying out to God. This was a supernatural audible experience. God allowed me to hear her voice audibly, not like an impression I had in my mind, but audibly with sound coming loudly in my ears. She was actually crying out for righteousness. As I processed this, I felt that God had allowed me to hear this because He wanted me, as her earthly father, to hear what He was hearing as her Heavenly Father, so that I could tell her with assurance that God was hearing her prayers.

**God Hears Our Prayers**

**SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 3:12 (NIV)**

“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer.”

**SCRIPTURE: I John 5: 14,15 (NIV)**

**“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”**

**SCRIPTURE: John 16: 23, 24 (NIV)**

**“In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”**

God is opening up by His Spirit a New Age of Openness to the Gospel. Our young generation is hungry for something far more. The very fact that the Agganis Arena will be filled on Sat. Sept. 16 here in Boston, Massachusetts, is evidence that God is doing a new thing!

**The Harvest: Book written by Rick Joiner of Morning Star Ministries**

***I understand that Rick Joiner is somewhat controversial figure, but I know him personally and Rick was part of my restoration process in North Carolina.***

In his book, *The Harvest*, Rick describes the **First Wave** of revival that began shortly after his vision and lasted for almost twenty years. During this time, more people came to Christ around the world than had come to Him in all of history up until that time. Some estimates were that an average of almost four hundred thousand people per day were coming to Christ during its peak. There were countries where people were being born again faster than they were being born. Hundreds of millions came to Christ in Africa, South and Central America.

**Rick describes the Next Wave of Revival:**

We will see events like hundreds of thousands of people gathering spontaneously for prayer and worship, becoming the biggest news stories of the day. Much more is happening now than most are aware of, but when the Lord "suddenly comes into His temple," it will be the news, and the whole world will be aware of it. There will be individual newscasts from secular networks that will cause more to come to Christ than Christian networks have in their entire existence. We will go through a period when the news of the great things God is doing will crowd out just about all other news around the world.

Both the Welsh and the Azusa Street Revivals made front-page news around the world repeatedly for nearly two years. That was just a foretaste, a seed being planted for what is to come. In some ways, the coming move of God will be a composite of many of the great moves of the past, but in one basic way it will be different—**this will not just be a move of God, but it will be God moving!**

Every true move of God is at least initiated by God. **But in this next wave of revival, His manifest presence will be so great that people will not chase after individual truths, or acts of God, but they will be after the Lord Himself. He will be the conversation, not just what He does. This is a move that will lift up Jesus.**

### **Transition**

We cannot do church as usual. God is calling us into something far greater!

We are in the midst of a clash of 2 Kingdoms, The Kingdom of Light and the Kingdom of Darkness. God is still the Source of all Truth and He is unleashing a New Wave of hunger for and openness to the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday Evening's CLJ Prayer Program: recaptured our English Sunday morning service on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with Larry Lane.**

**\*\*\*Listen to Pastor Roberto's words ([Audio on iPhone](#)) in his final weeks before going home.**

### **Isaiah Chapter 45: Verses 3-12; Verses 18- 25 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places,  
so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

<sup>4</sup> For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name  
and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me.

<sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen  
you, though you have not acknowledged me,

<sup>6</sup> so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting, people may know there is  
none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup> I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord  
do all these things.

<sup>8</sup> "You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down.  
Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it;  
I, the LORD, have created it.

<sup>11</sup> “This is what the LORD says- the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker:

Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children,  
or give me orders about the work of my hands?

<sup>12</sup> It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. My own hands stretched out the  
heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.