

The Perfect Storm

7 Threats In Our Times

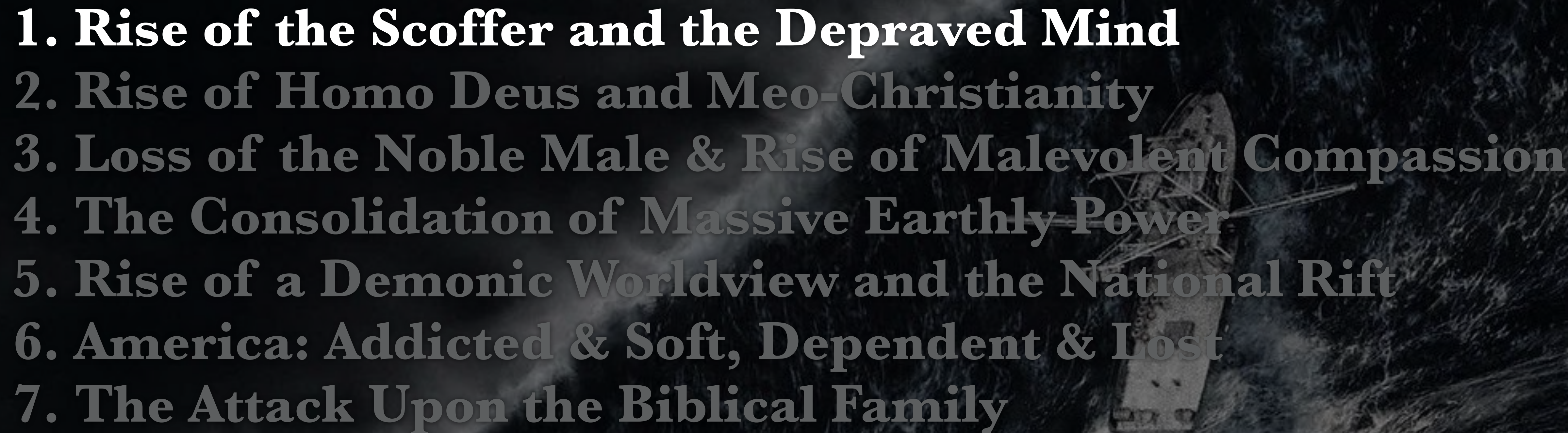
—All converging upon Western Culture



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The Regression in Proverbs

- the *simple* - “I’m ok; you’re ok”
- the *fool* - there is no God: evil good; good evil
- the *scoffer* - the fool militant

“How long, O ***simple*** ones, will you love being *simple*?
How long will ***scoffers*** delight in their scoffing and
fools hate knowledge?

Proverbs 1:22

The Regression in Romans

God's wrath is revealed from heaven to those who:

- suppress the truth (though it is plain)
- do not glorify God, nor thank Him
- thinking becomes futile; hearts darkened; become fools

“Therefore God gave them over to”:

- sexual impurity
- shameful lusts
- *depraved* minds

the Scoffer and the Depraved Mind

“depraved” : *adokimon* (a-dok'-ee-mon)
“unqualified”

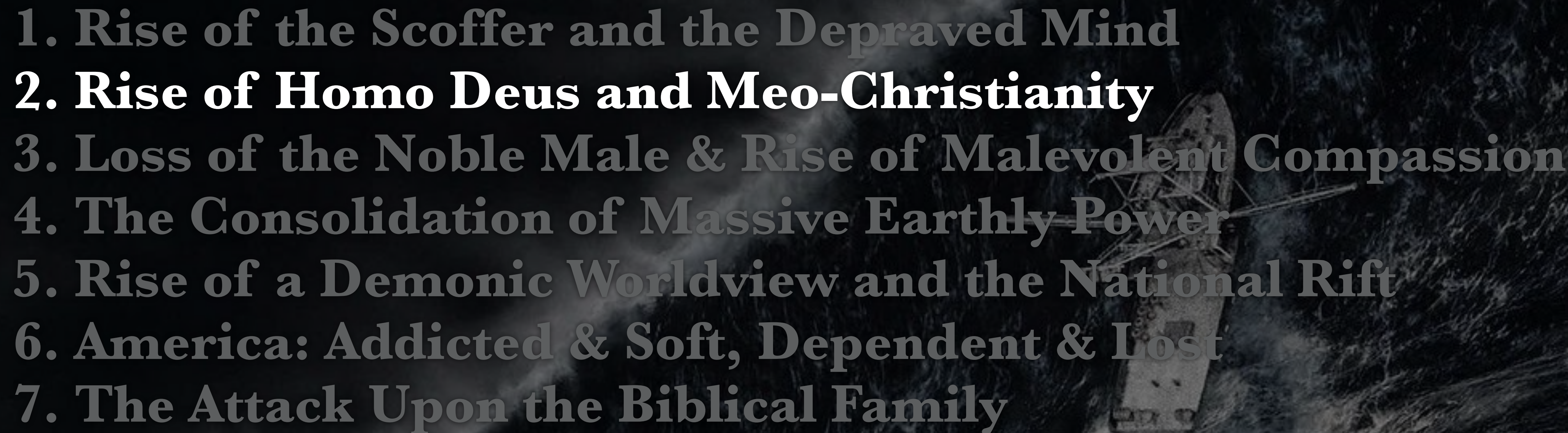
the mind in which there is no longer

- logic (sane)
- rationality (sane)

“When Nebuchaneezer came to his senses...”

How Then Shall the Remnant Live?

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Isaiah 14

How you are fallen from heaven,
O Lucifer [*Day Star*], son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground,
You who weakened the nations!
For you have said in your heart:
‘I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation
On the farthest sides of the north;
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.’

Genesis 3

But the serpent said to the woman,
“You will not surely die. For God knows that
when you eat of it your eyes will be opened,
and ***you will be like God***,
knowing [*yada*] good and evil.”

the Rise of Homo Deus

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I am the way the truth and the life...

Not Jesus... me

I am.

Not God...

Me.

follow your heart... be true to yourself

the individual heart becomes unassailable...

speaking divine proclamations

and if you disagree, it will be considered blasphemy

and you will be cancelled

A photograph of Miley Cyrus performing on stage. She is in the upper left, looking down and to the side. The background is a large, dark crowd of people with their hands raised, illuminated by blue stage lights. The word "PANSEXUAL" is written in large, bold, red capital letters across the middle of the image.

Pansexuality

“Once I understood my gender more, which was unassigned,
then I understood my sexuality more.”

“I’m open to every single thing that is consenting...”

Miley Cyrus

Trans Kids



beginning at age 2



Ecosexuals: Earth is our lover
May 1, 2014, in a perverse wedding ceremony,
Annie Sprinkle and Beth Stephens married the soil



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Satan's lie: [the Death Star]

It's all about you
Be true to your heart
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- we become manipulators
- we become subject to negative emotions
- we become more and more isolated
- we become less and less fruitful
- we become skeptics
- we become self-destructive

the Rise of Meo-Christianity

we simply apply the “all about me” to our Christianity...

the music on Sunday

the fellowship

the teaching

the Christian albums and movies...

they are all about me... all for me

The most important thing I want people to hear is about my journey. I write diligetnly about it in my blogs and posts on social media and hope every “follows” me

Cultural Consequences

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire;
He rages against all wise judgment. Proverbs 18:1

A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in expressing his own heart. Proverbs 18:2

For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. 2 Timothy 3:2-5

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. James 3:16

Daniel Webster

When the public mind becomes vitiated and corrupt,
laws are a nullity and constitutions are but
waste paper.

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Being Wise in the Day of Homo Deus and Meo-Christianity

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him ***deny himself*** and take up his cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

Do ***nothing from selfishness or empty conceit***, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Philipians 2:3-4

You ask and do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives, so that you may spend what you request on your pleasures. James 4:3

Preeminent Need for Wisdom

Sons of Issachar

“...understood the times in which they lived and knew what Israel should do

Conduct yourselves with **wisdom** toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you might know how to respond to each person.

Colossians 4:5-6

Being wise in the day of irrational, scoffing gods

- all of our apologetics are based upon the hearer having a rational mind
- we become frustrated because of the lack of “common sense” or “no one listens” or “people are crazy”
- we try to fit rational arguments into an irrational mind
- and we do so without diligent, fervent, persistent prayer

how do we deal with the outsider today?!?!?

with **truth and wisdom and grace**

“I Once Was Lost”

- ◆ Over 2,000 students interviewed that had come to Christ
- ◆ Each one progressed through five thresholds
- ◆ 1st: Entered into a trusted relationship with a Christian
- ◆ 2nd: Began to ask sincere questions

How Then Shall the Remnant Live?

we will engage with wisdom...

through trusted relationships in the context of diligent, persistent prayer

we will walk not as those without hope...

meditate on the nature of God and His works

remind yourself continually that the wicked will not prevail

we will stand firm for truth and righteousness

though the cost is great (Daniel and his friends)

we will still yield fruit in old age

Wisdom Toward Outsiders

Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. 1 Cor 10:24

The most critical element in true agape love is sacrifice.

Without it, there is no true agape love.

And without true agape love, Paul says we are but a noisy gong or clanging symbol.

No one sacrifices for another when they believe it is all about them.