

7. Attack Upon the Biblical Family

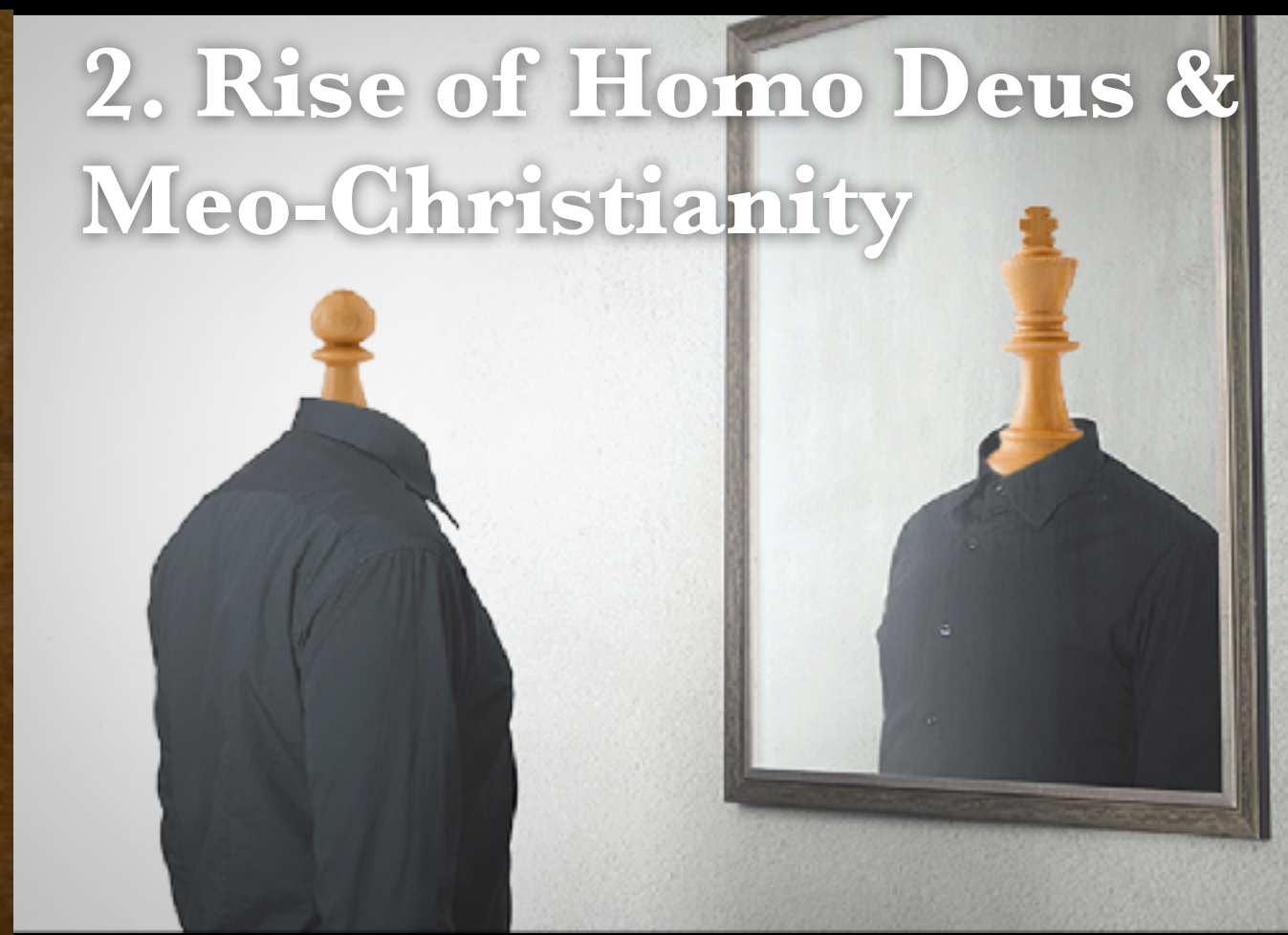


The Perfect Storm

7 Threats In Our Times

—All converging upon Western Culture





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Where there is no vision, the people perish Proverbs 29:18



Satan's ultimate scheme:

destroy relationships

in God's design, the family carries the deepest and most intimate of human relationships in all creation

it is now under its greatest attack

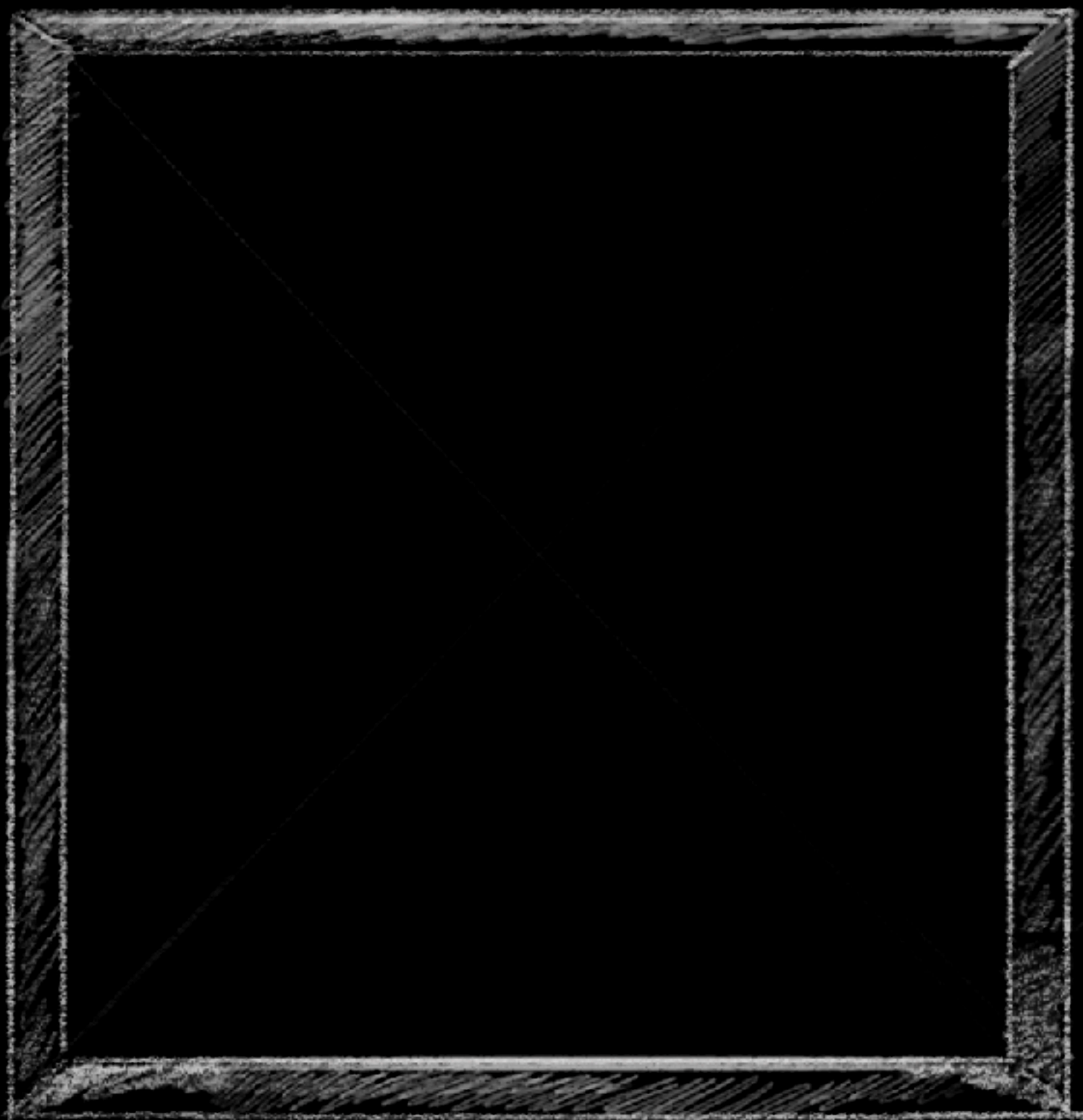
the Biblical family is the heart of a culture

if you can destroy the Biblical family, you can destroy the culture

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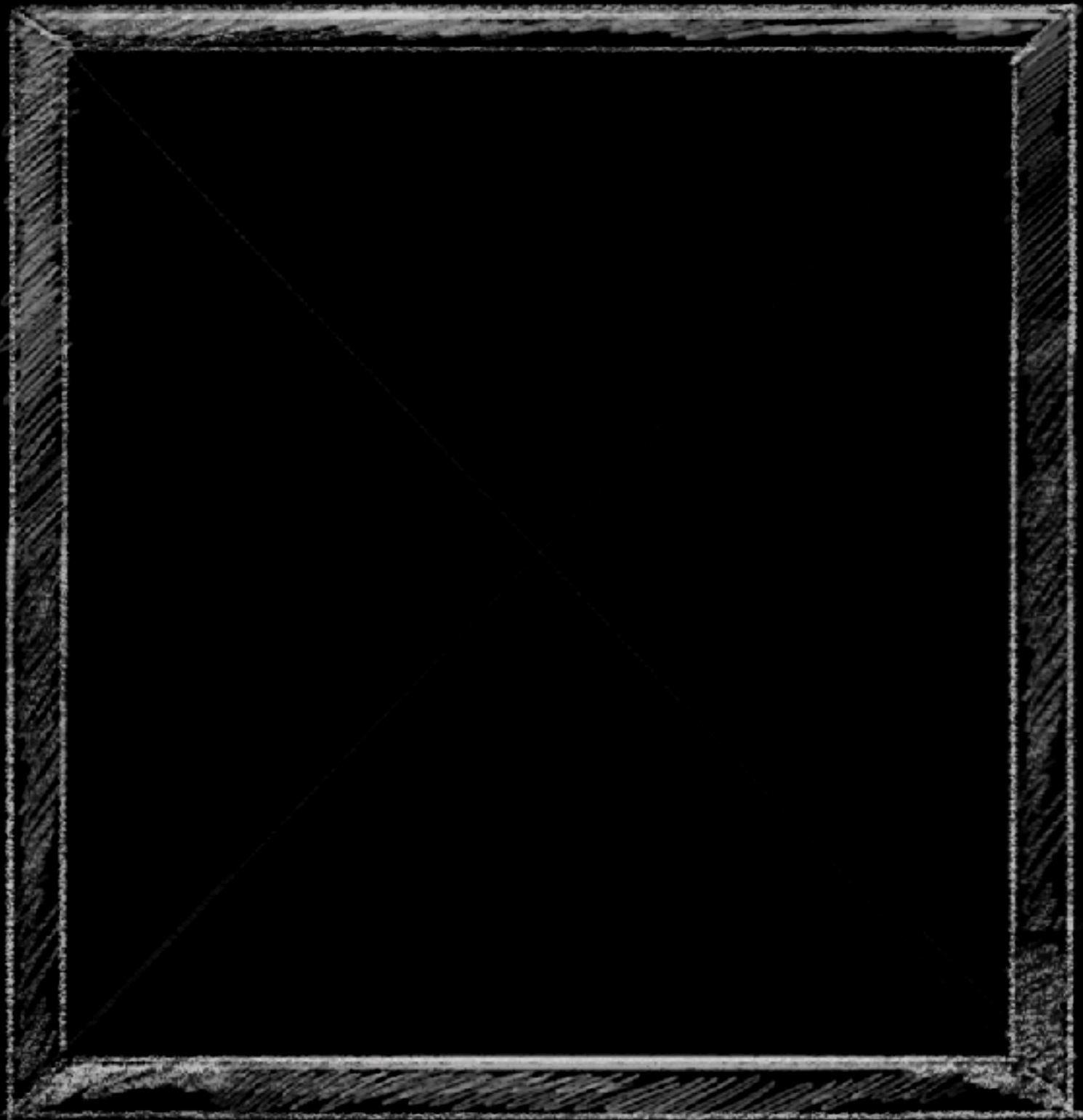
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Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?” “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that *at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’* and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be *united* to his wife, and the two will become *one* flesh’?” *Matthew 19:3-5*

Did he not make them [husband and wife] *one*, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? *Godly offspring.* *Malachi 2:15*

All creative agents



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All in **relationships**

God's Character

One

Socially complex

Relational

Unity & Diversity

Modus Operandi
(fruitfulness)



Satan

vs

God's Character

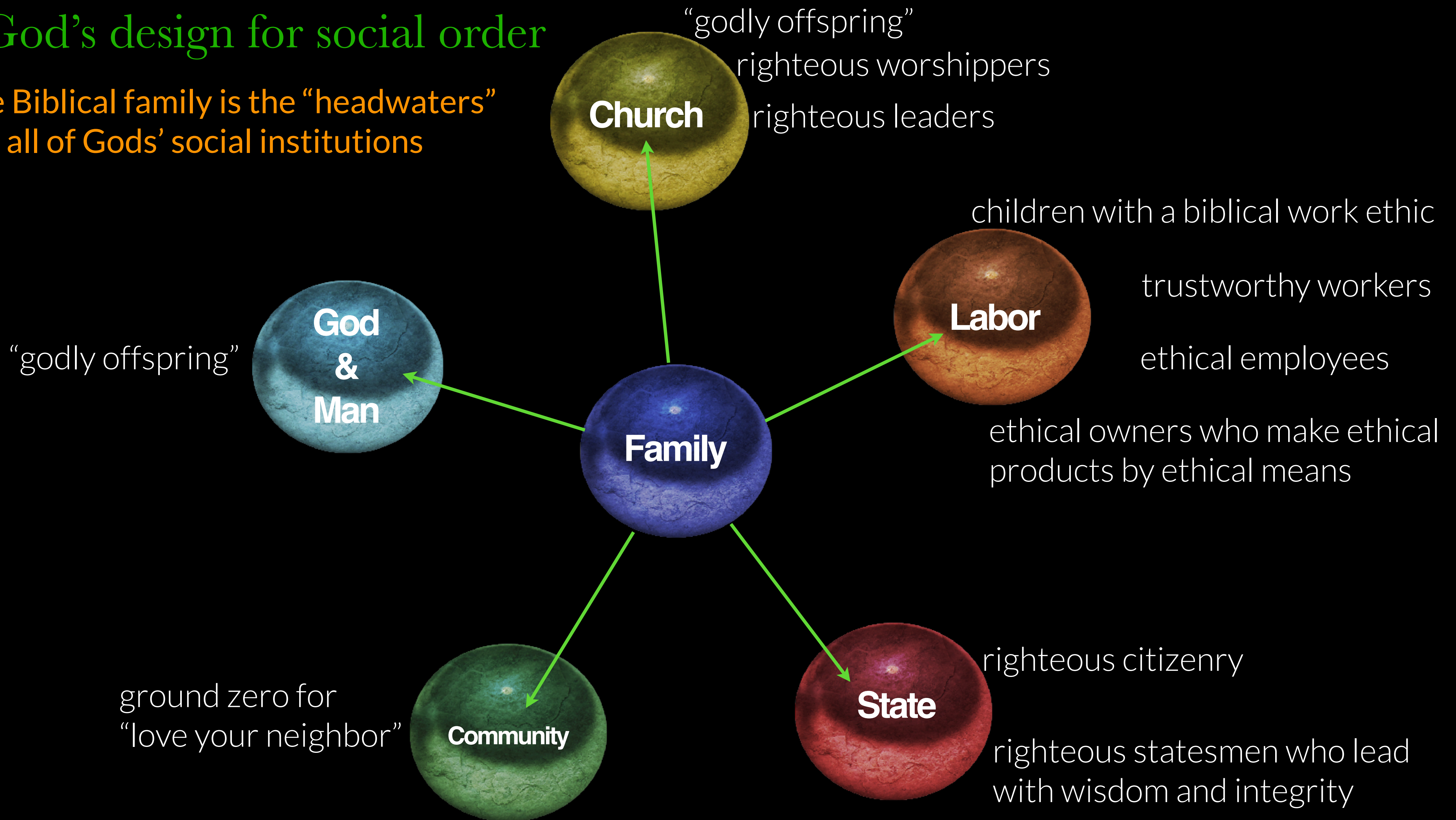
hates this and wants
to **destroy** all of God's
social design and
purposes

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God's design for social order

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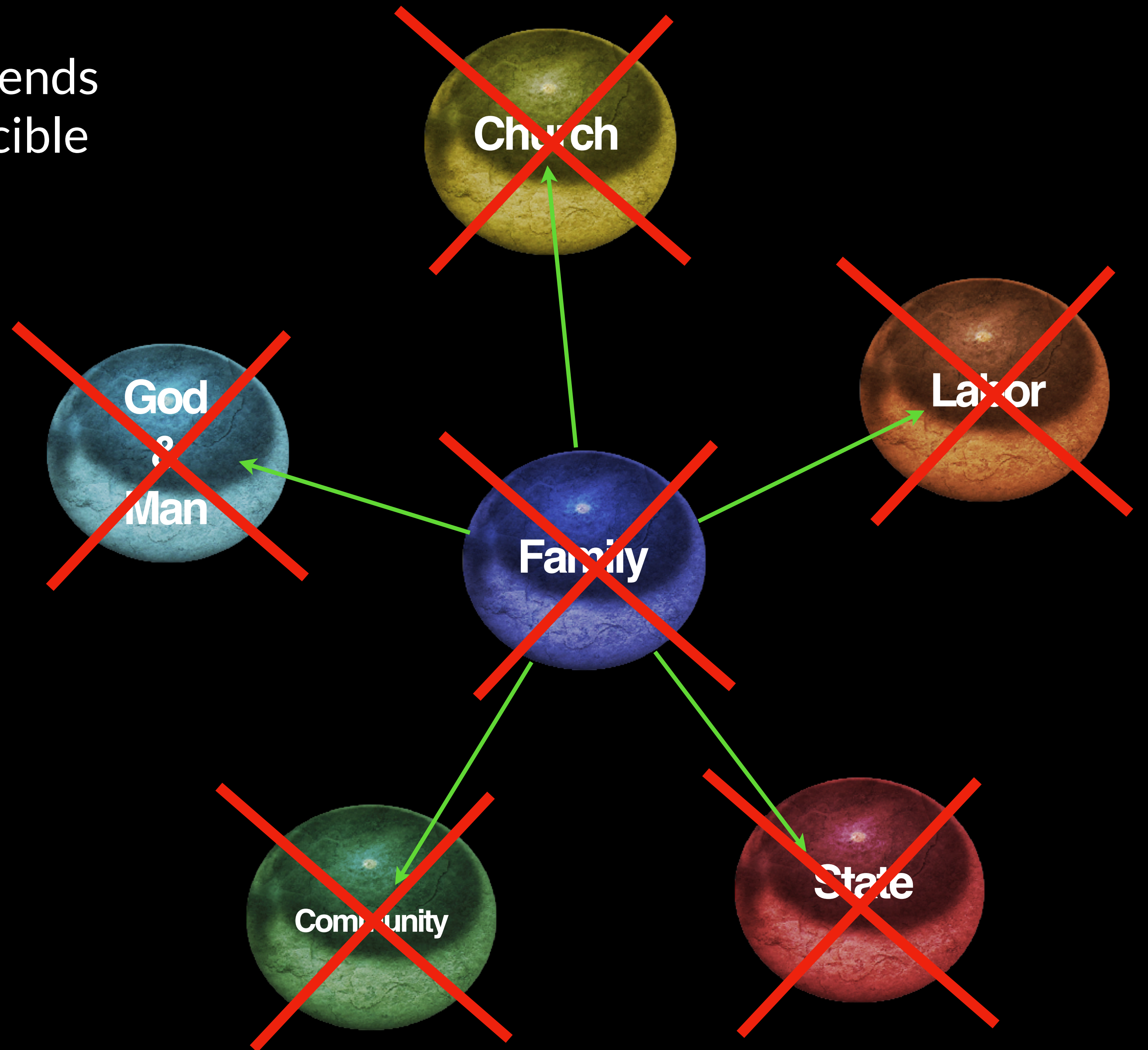


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“[we] openly declare that [our] ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions.” *Communist Manifesto*





the 7th threat:

Attack Upon the Biblical Family

marriage is increasing disfavor

all media present sex outside of marriage as the preferred norm

pornography is mainstream

welfare policies encourage un-wed births

most egregious abortion policies:
China, Canada, Colorado

addictions destroy families

feminism destroying both the
Virtuous Female and the Noble Male

attack upon human sexuality like
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the 7th threat: Attack Upon the Biblical Family

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1. disconnecting human sexuality from its purpose (as rooted in God's nature)
2. denigrating the roles within the Biblical family
3. deifying your personal sexuality as the essence of one's self



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I am strong! I am invincible! I am woman! Helen Reddy

human sexuality becomes a private, personal and fundamental aspect
of my identity and it has nothing to do with marriage or family

this perspective has become ubiquitous in our culture

it completely severs human sexuality from the context and the design of the family

the Biblical Worldview has no place for this notion

nowhere in Scripture are we led to think that our sexuality is the essence of our identity



the 7th threat: Attack Upon the Biblical Family

the Biblical family still brings blessings

all “positive” social indicators are related to a strong family life

from emotional wellness to psychological wellness to social health

intact families provide the primary discriminator to keep someone out of poverty

gang members rarely come from intact families—it is estimated that 80% of all crime is gang-related.

imagine a culture filled with intact families and therefor rare social pathologies



the 7th threat: Attack Upon the Biblical Family

a self-examination and critique

preaching seldom reinforces the Biblical family

teaching seldom encourages the Biblical family

congregants are spoken to as individuals

congregants are seldom, if ever, addressed as families

the church does not present a biblical vision for the family



the 7th threat: Attack Upon the Biblical Family

a biblical vision for the family

love your neighbor

the Royal law

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:14



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Dear Remnant!

do not become hopeless!

stand strong

stay true to God's word and His design and purposes

be Noble Males and Virtuous Females

raise up Noble Males and Virtuous Females

**Concentrate on building and nurturing your family with a
fierce determination, for the attacks of the enemy here
are ever-present and relentless.**

lead your family in the common ministry of
loving your neighbors

Losing sight of the Larger Story

Shrinks us into our own little story

We lose our identity, our source of absolute Truth

We become rootless, tossed to and fro by things that go viral; by headlines; by Tweets; by YouTube videos; by entertainments stars who become the culture's cleric

And we lose any true, transcendent source of significance

This dumps us into a frantic, desperate search for significance

the desperate search and hunger for significance

Solomon sought for it in all kinds of ways

knowledge

pleasure and possessions

slaves who catered to his every whim

denying himself nothing

amusement, comfort, and gratification

All of it was meaningless