

## AN OPEN LETTER TO BIBLE STUDENTS:

Representational reading of the Scriptures, we assert, is the best way to end the influence of “relativization” over the Word of God. The agenda of a representational use of The Scriptures is to remove and/or delete all things to which we have made the Lord’s words relative.

Without much difficulty it is easy to recognize that many readers of the sacred text have made the Word of God relative to...

- ...human experience
- ...human intelligence
- ...temporal variables
- ...the religious community
- ...time
- ...culture
- ...and history.

Intuition would suggest that the ancient text of the Word of God should be made relative to all things human. But if it is in fact the Word of the Lord with which we deal, then how can that be? How can the eternal thoughts of God be subjected to something that makes them relative? As the Bible continually states, there is nothing more absolute and authoritative over human existence than that which has been revealed. Consequently, all things human are to be brought subject to what the Lord has so graciously revealed to us through the Word.

Idolatry is inherently the act of relativizing the nature of God to human conceptualization and to human will. This is what occurred in Exodus 32 when Aaron fashioned the golden calf at the behest of many of the people. This was pure relativization of everything eternal and invisible to the mechanics of the human mind. Does it not follow then, that if we make the Scriptures relative to how we think and how we reason, that is indeed a form of idolatry? It may be inadvertent idolatry-- but it is still wrong.

One can crystallize the purpose of generalizing from the text of the Bible to one idea: the removal of everything that makes the Word of God relative to something else.

We have developed thirteen studies that focus on how to remove all things that relativize the Word of God. Certain biblical episodes have been chosen to analyze. The point is to investigate the Text and discover how people involved in those episodes either made the Word relative to human experience, intelligence, temporal variables, the community, time, culture and history-- or refused to do so and then bore the consequences.

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It is our hope that you will find this series of studies beneficial and interesting as you pursue your life in the shadow of the eternal.

Sincerely,

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