

**Unless I am convicted either by
Scripture or right reason... my
conscience is captive to the word of
God. I neither can nor will recant
anything, since it is neither right nor
safe to act against conscience.
I can do neither. God help me.
Amen.**

Martin Luther



Women's Role in the Church

TENTATIVE Schedule

- May 4, 2014
 - Framework
 - Bible interpretation principles

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Women's Role in the Church

TENTATIVE Schedule

- May 11, 2014
 - Slavery
 - Sources of cultural and religious ideas about women
 - GeoCentrism
 - Key texts
 - Self-Examination (take home)

Women's Role in the Church

TENTATIVE Schedule

- May 18, 2014
 - Self-examination discussion
 - Analysis of key texts

Women's Role in the Church

TENTATIVE Schedule

- May 25, 2014
 - Current day positions:
 - Egalitarianism, Evangelical Egalitarianism, Non-Evangelical Egalitarianism/Feminism
 - Complementarianism
 - Traditionalism/Hierarchical
 - What is considered Normative?
 - Passages used for support

OBJECTIVES

- Bible STUDY, not Bible LISTENING
- Women's roles in both Old and New Testaments
- Inspired writers' intended message
- Historical context informs understanding
- Current attitudes and controversies

TRUTH

- **Truth persuades by teaching, but does not teach by persuading.** (Tertullian)
- **Believe those who are seeking the truth.
Doubt those who find it.** (Andrew Gide)

TRUTH

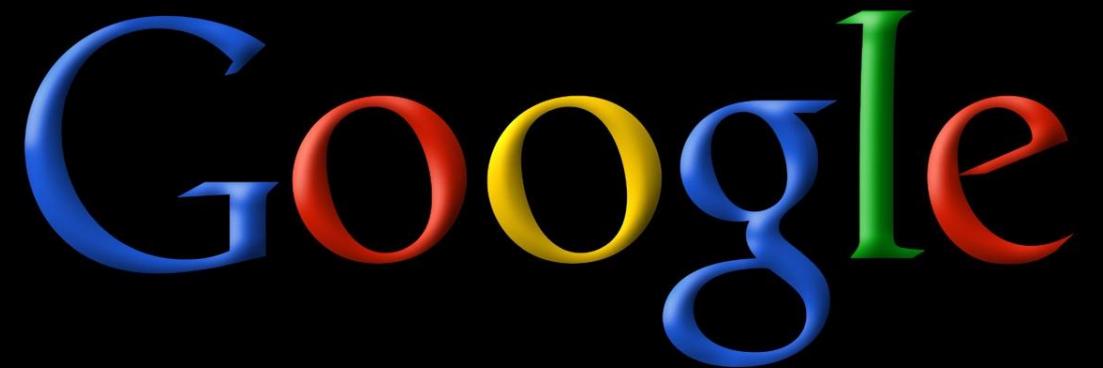
All truth passes through three stages.

- First, it is ridiculed.
- Second, it is violently opposed.
- Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

Arthur Schopenhauer

USEFUL WEBSITES

- List of sources from ~2008
 - Three removed
 - MANY could/should* be added

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WHY IS THIS DISCUSSION
SO FEARFUL TO MANY?

BIBLE INTERPRETATION

- What is the A.I.M?
 - Video (9 minutes)
 - Examples
- Top Ten Rules
- Distortions

What is the A.I.M?

- 1 Timothy 2:8, “I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.”

What is the A.I.M?

- John 13:14, “If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

What is the A.I.M?

- Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through him who gives me strength.”

What is the A.I.M?

- Matthew 11:29, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”

What is the A.I.M?

- Romans 12:20, 'On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."'

What is the A.I.M?

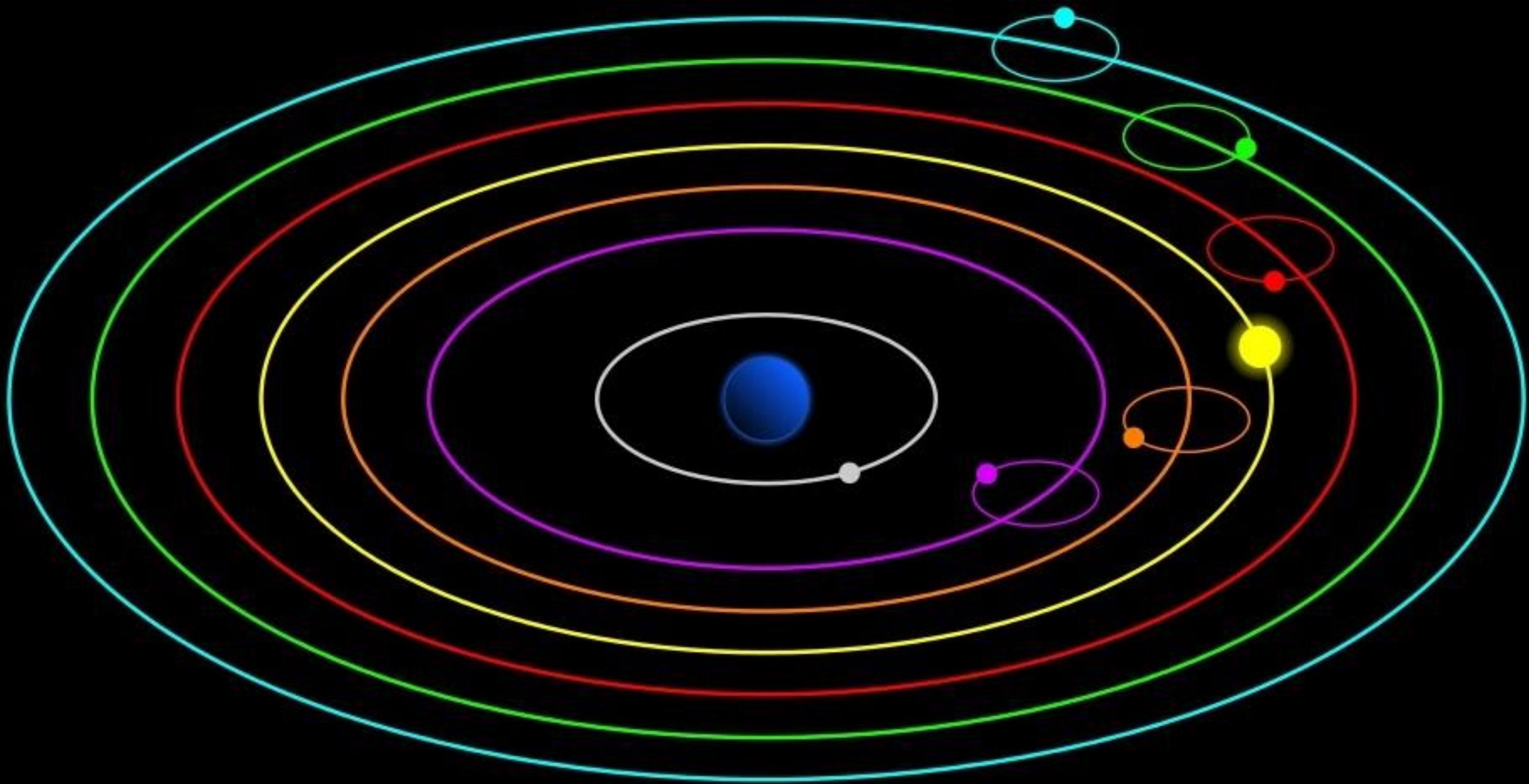
- **1 Corinthians 14:34, “...women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says.”**

Top Ten Bible Interpretation Rules

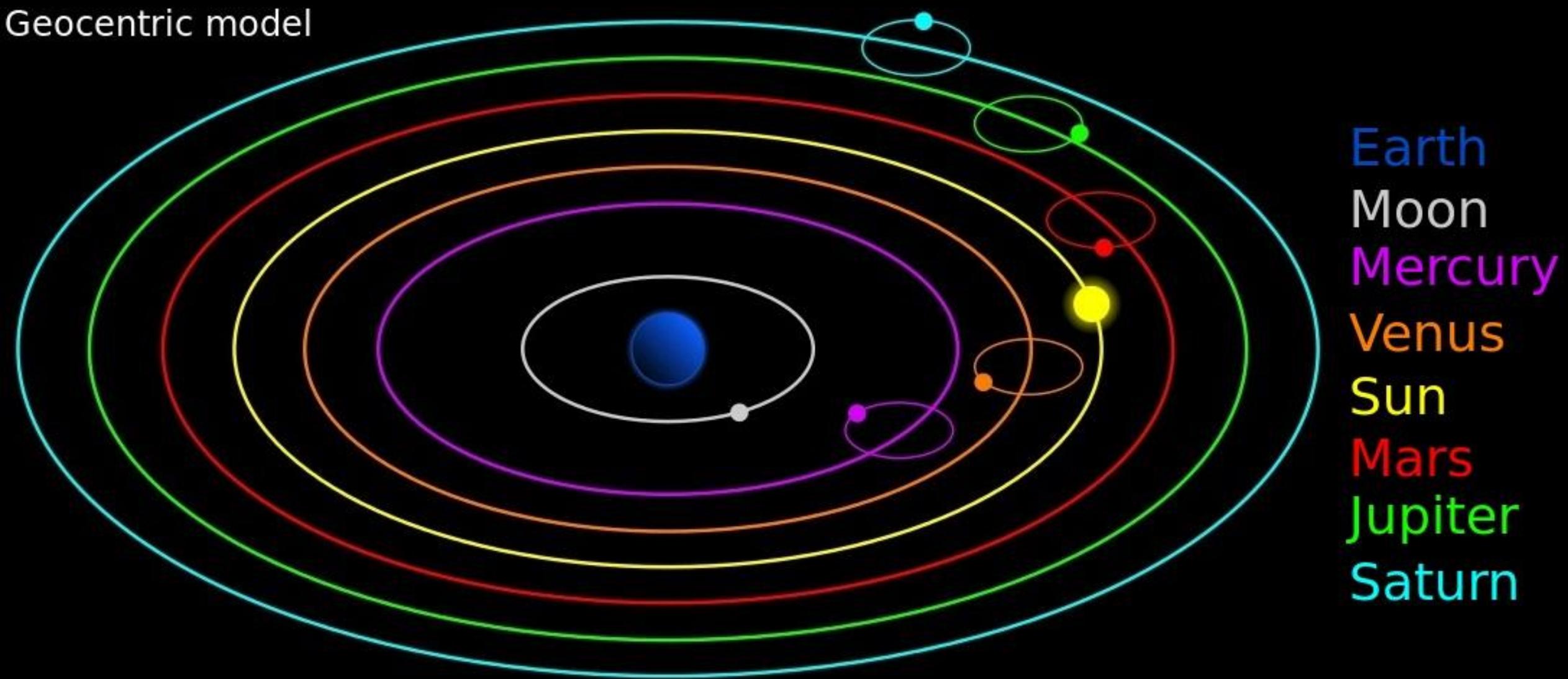
- AIM: Author's Intended Meaning
- Context is King
- A Passage cannot Mean what it Never Meant
- Meaning is not in WORDS, not in SENTENCES, but in PARAGRAPHS
- A WORD means what the AUTHOR intended it to MEAN
- The first Commentary on ANY passage should be written by the AUTHOR of the passage (especially considering parallel passages)
- Your Theology Begins with the Text with which you End
- The Best Translation of the Bible is the one you READ
- If your APPLICATION exceeds the author's Intent or Scope, it Ceases to have God's Authority
- The Holy Spirit is not MERELY interested in being an Author

DISTORTION EXAMPLE

- **1 Cor 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.**
- **Philemon**
- **Genesis 9:19-27**



Geocentric model



Earth
Moon
Mercury
Venus
Sun
Mars
Jupiter
Saturn

Galatians 3:28

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