

# **Women's Roles**

**Class 2 of 4**

**May 11, 2014**

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- Review Material from May 4, 2014
- 1 Cor 12:13, Philemon, Genesis 9
- Cultural and religious ideas about women
- Astronomy
- Primary texts: 1 Cor, Gal, 1 Tim
- Self-Examination (take home)

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# TENTATIVE Schedule

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

# 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

# Review of May 4 Material

- All material at [www.classnotes.leanderchurch.org](http://www.classnotes.leanderchurch.org)
- Handout USEFUL BIBLE STUDY WEBSITES
- Fear exists on both ends of spectrum
- Author's Intended Meaning
- Scripture can be (*has been*) distorted
  - Ignoring context
  - Altering vocabulary (church/congregation)
  - Imposing meaning (“have used the office of,” “rule” well)

# GROUP THINK

- **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**

# Slavery

- Christian Universities
- Foy Wallace
- N. B. Hardeman
- Alexander Campbell
- David Lipscomb

# TAKEAWAY

- Are we using the Bible today to justify our attitudes toward women?
- Are we using the Bible today correctly to justify our attitudes toward women?
- Are we using the Bible today incorrectly to justify our attitudes toward women, in the way we used the Bible to incorrectly justify slavery in this country?

# Source of Ideas About Women

- Jewish history
  - “The most virtuous of women is a witch.”
- Greek philosophers
  - “A woman is half-way between a man and an animal.”
- Roman Catholicism
  - “Woman is a temple built over a sewer.”

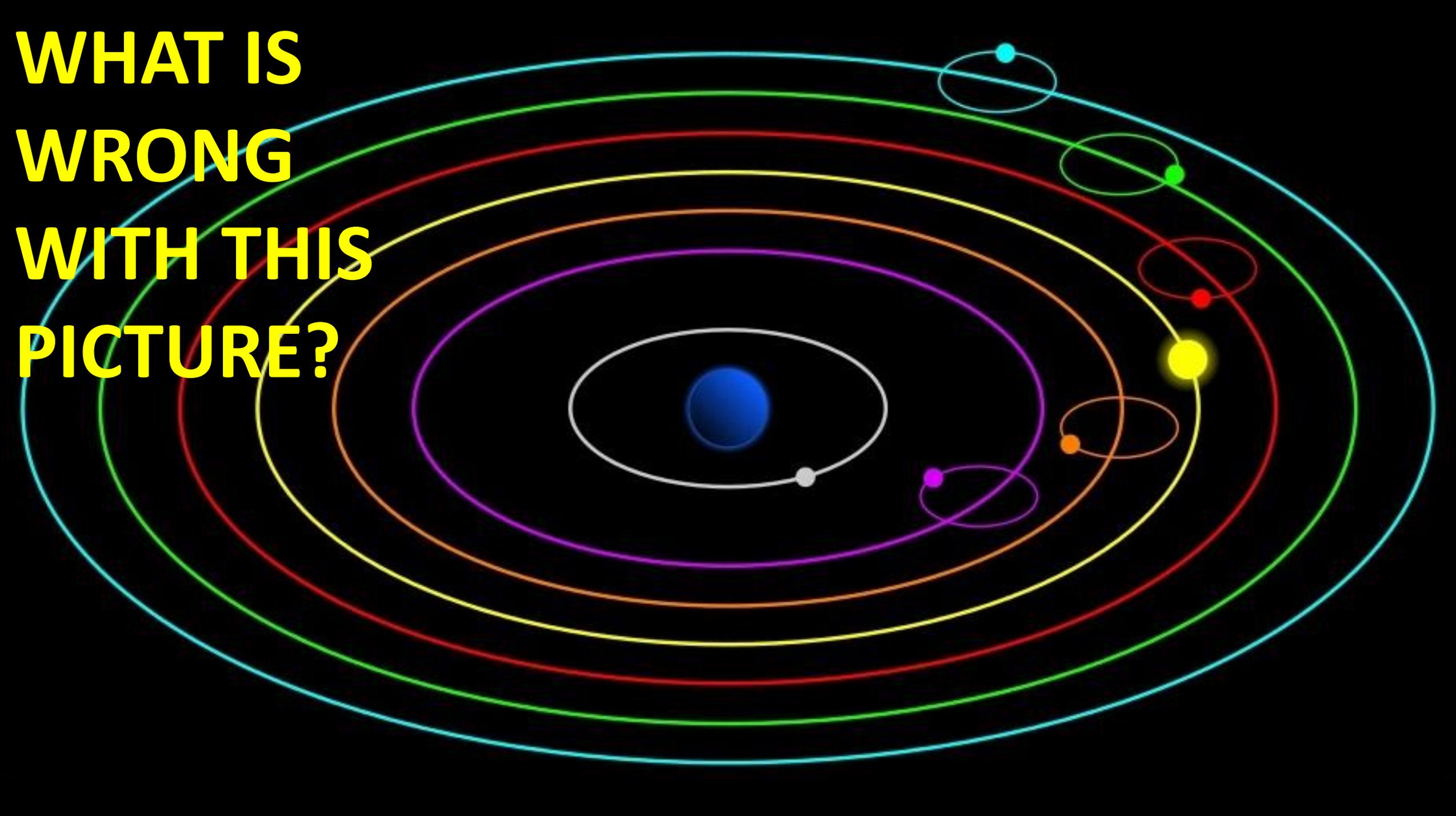
## TAKEAWAY

- The attitude of the man who was the primary source of the Latin Vulgate Bible, which had even greater influence on Western Christianity than the King James Bible, was that “woman is a temple built over a sewer.” How did that affect his translation?
- The Greek philosophies also were absorbed by early protestant scholars.

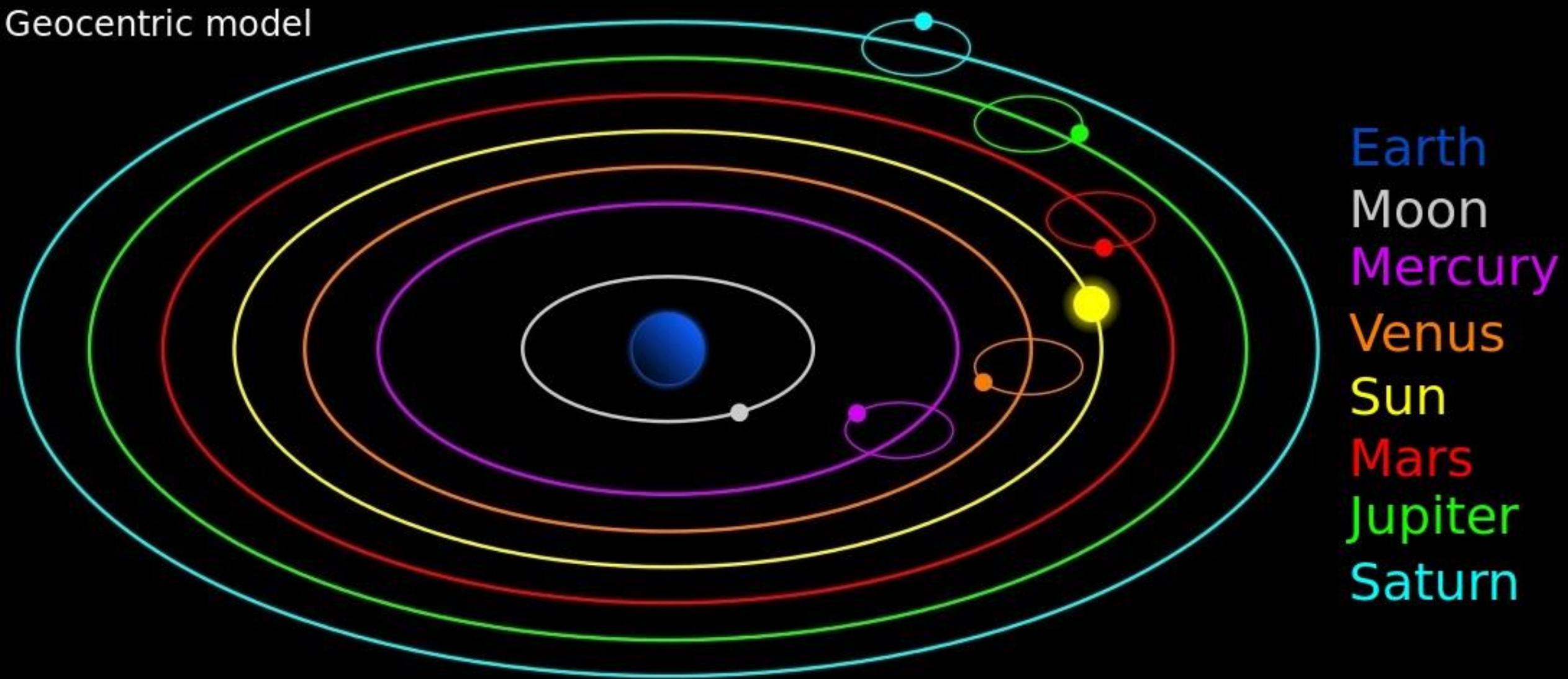
# Bible Mistranslations

- **Acts 18:26 (KJV)** -- And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.
- **Rom 16:7 (RSV)** — “Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners; they are men of note among the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.”
- **Rom 16:1 (KJV)** – “I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:

**WHAT IS  
WRONG  
WITH THIS  
PICTURE?**



Geocentric model



Earth  
Moon  
Mercury  
Venus  
Sun  
Mars  
Jupiter  
Saturn

# TAKEAWAY

- For centuries religious folks “KNEW” the Bible taught GeoCentrism. Even when faced with demonstrable evidence to the contrary, some were unwilling to admit the truth.
- The Bible did not mean what Christians thought it meant (GeoCentrism) for over a millennium.
- Ditto, Slavery
- ???, Women

## Primary Texts

- 1 Corinthians 11:1-16
- 1 Corinthians 14:22-40
- Galatians 3:26-29
- 1 Timothy 2:1-15
- And many, many other related passages

# Galatians 3:28

- Remember our study on REMEZ?
- Preview of next week's analysis.
- Note: KJV gets it wrong, but others (ASV, ESV, NIV, etc.) get it right.

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# SELF-EXAMINATION

Purpose:

- Help you clarify in your mind what you believe in this area, and what you do not believe.
- Help you identify the source of your beliefs:
  - Book, Chapter, & Verse
  - Oral Tradition