

Dominion Theology: A Scriptural Evaluation of Postmillennial Theology

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“But its ubiquity, and the charge it carries in the current political debate, has made **Christian nationalism a seemingly infinitely malleable term**, one directed at times at anyone who supports Trump or any part of his agenda, and adopted by some who call themselves Christian and take patriotic pride in their country.

As a result, **few people actually understand what Christian nationalism is**, said University of Oklahoma sociology professor Sam Perry, co-author with Andrew Whitehead of “Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States.”

Smietana, Bob. “What is Christian Nationalism Anyway?” *Religion News Service*, May 17, 2023.
<https://religionnews.com/2023/05/17/what-is-christian-nationalism-anyway/>

Christian nationalism is a label that people do not choose but that is applied to them by others

”The term “Christian nationalism,” is relatively new, and its advocates generally do not use it of themselves,”

Miller, Paul D. “What is Christian Nationalism?” Christianity Today, February 3, 2021.
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2021/february-web-only/what-is-christian-nationalism.html>

Christian nationalism is a derogatory political term

“Christian nationalism is most often employed as a derogatory term. It is crucial to realize that labels can be unfairly used to trigger an emotional response. []

Critics will often claim “Christian nationalism” when there is the slightest connection between a person’s faith and his or her political or social views. []

At times, any politically conservative stance conflicting with progressive morality is waved away as “Christian nationalism.”

In sum, Christian nationalism:

- Has no single definition
- Is a seemingly infinitely malleable term
- Few people understand what it means
- Functions as a diagnosis
- Is not a term that people generally apply to themselves
- Is most often employed as a derogatory term

Is Christian Nationalism simply a meaningless propaganda label?

““That's the whole point of good propaganda. You want to create a slogan that nobody's going to be against, and everybody's going to be for. Nobody knows what it means, because it doesn't mean anything.” – Noam Chomsky

<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=propaganda&commit=Search>

Humpty Dumpty on the meaning of words

“When I use a word,' Humpty Dumpty said in rather a scornful tone, 'it means just what I choose it to mean--neither more nor less.'

'The question is,' said Alice, 'whether you CAN make words mean so many different things.'

'The question is,' said Humpty Dumpty, 'which is to be master--that's all.'”

Carroll, Lewis. *Through the Looking Glass*.

<https://freeclassicebooks.com/2019%20New%20Free%20Classic%20ebooks/A-C/Carroll%20Lewis/pdf/Through%20The%20Looking%20Glass.pdf>

What is Dominion Theology?

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Dominion theology adherents attempt to do things that they cannot possibly do

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Bill encourages all believers to learn how to walk in the full authority of the Gospel so they can heal the sick, raise the dead, and see people touched and transformed by the power of God.”

The ultimate goal of dominion theology is to transform society

“Kingdom-oriented people must invade these mountains of influence in order for the transformation of society to take place.”

Origin of the Seven Mountain Mandate

“In 1975 he [Loren Cunningham, founder of Youth With A Mission] was praying about how to turn the world around for Jesus and saw seven areas. He said, ‘I saw that we were to focus on these categories to turn around nations to God. I wrote them down and stuck the paper in my pocket.’”

This was his list: 1. Church 2. Family 3. Education 4. Government and law 5. Media (television, radio, newspaper, Internet) 6. Arts, entertainment, sports 7. Commerce, science and technology”

Origin of the Seven Mountain Mandate (cont.)

“The day after this revelation, he had a divine appointment. As he put it, ‘I met with a dear brother, Dr. Bill Bright, leader of Campus Crusade for Christ. He shared with me how God had given him a message, and he felt he needed to share it with me. God had identified areas to concentrate on to turn the nations back to Him! They were the same areas with different wording. Bill was stunned when I took the same notes out of my pocket and showed them to him.’”

Wallnau, Lance and Bill Johnson. *Invading Babylon: the 7 Mountain Mandate*. Destiny Image, 2013, p. 55.

Wallnau's articulation of the seven mountains

“The Seven Mountain revelation helps us strategically identify different aspects of society so that cultural transformation can become a manageable task.”

1. Religion
2. Arts
3. Media
4. Business
5. Government
6. Family
7. Education

Dominionism is simply a modern form of postmillennialism

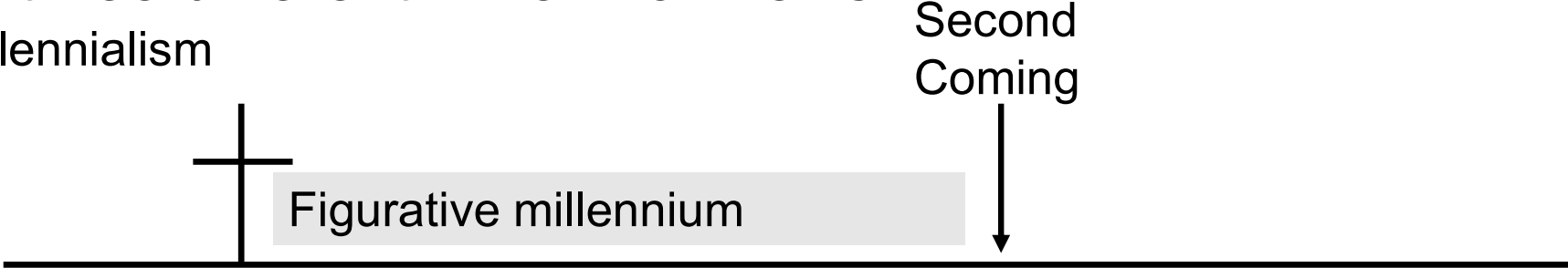
“The postmillennialism associated with Christian Reconstructionism is often called ‘dominionism’. Citing the ‘Great Commission’ in Matthew and the mandate to take dominion over the earth in Genesis, Christian Reconstructionists assert that it is their God-given duty to exercise ‘dominion’ and to bring all aspects of life under the authority of ‘biblical law’ (Ingersoll 2015, 27–37). One recent example of this is the ‘seven mountain mandate’, which consolidates ideas about taking dominion and codifies them into seven mountains or spheres of society, namely: family, religion, entertainment, media, business, education, and government (see e.g. Wallnau and Johnson 2013).”

Seven Mountain Mandate = Dominion Theology = Christian Reconstructionism = Postmillennialism

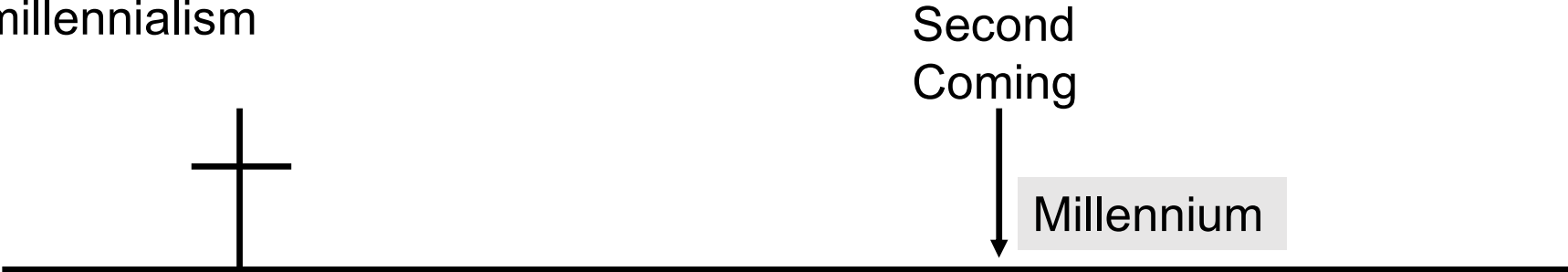
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The three different millennial views

Amillennialism



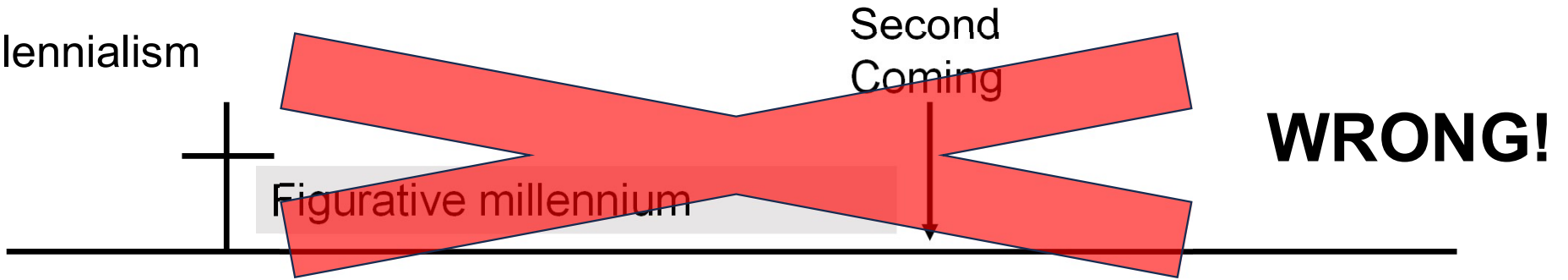
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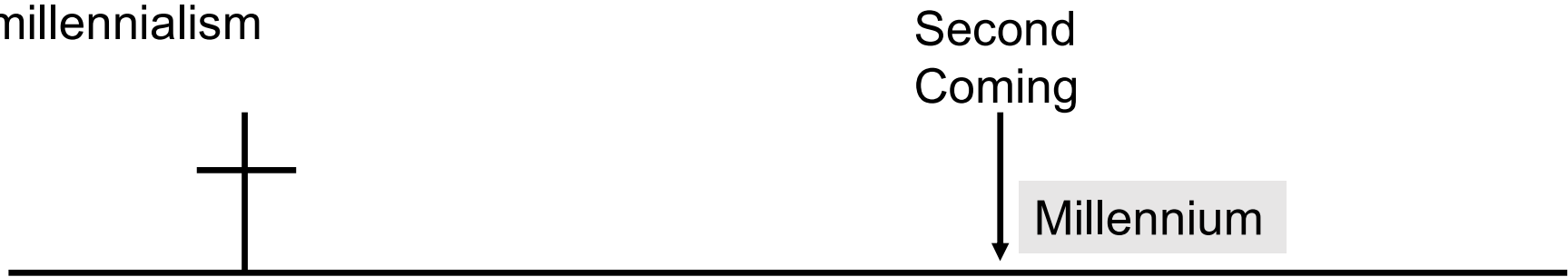
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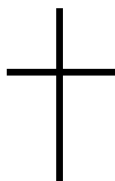
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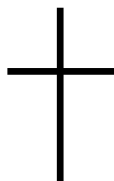


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Postmillennialism

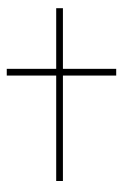


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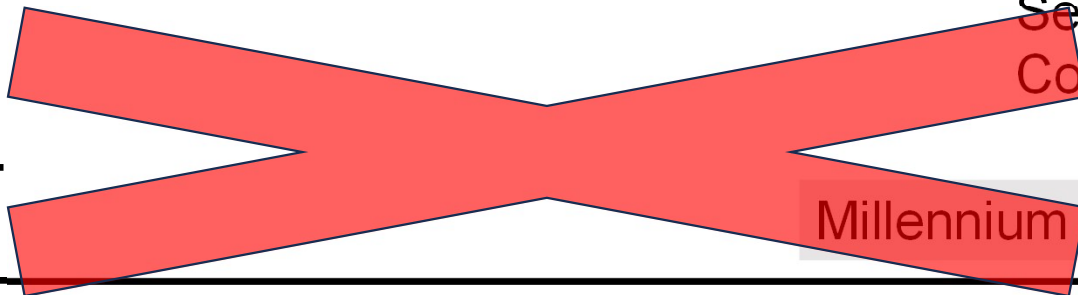
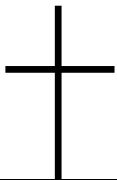


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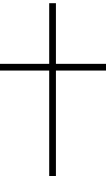


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WRONG!

The correct millennial position is premillennialism

Premillennialism



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Dominion theologians view dispensationalism as escapism

“Premillennial dispensationalism is pessimistic in its outlook of creation and the role of the Church in universal restoration. It promotes a form of escapist theology that leads believers to abandon the earth and its problems.

While dispensational eschatology is hostile to the world, traditional evangelicalism has always pursued a missional eschatology that tied salvation and the work of the Church to universal restoration.”

<https://www.christianweek.org/rescuing-salvation-dispensational-apocalypse/>

Recycling cannot save the earth; dominion theology is similarly ineffective



2Pe 3:10 KJV - But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

<https://d12swbtw719y4s.cloudfront.net/images/qLIPfp92/H3HDjzcEckjJs3RcNJkx/Recycling-to-Save-the-Earth.jpeg?w=1200>