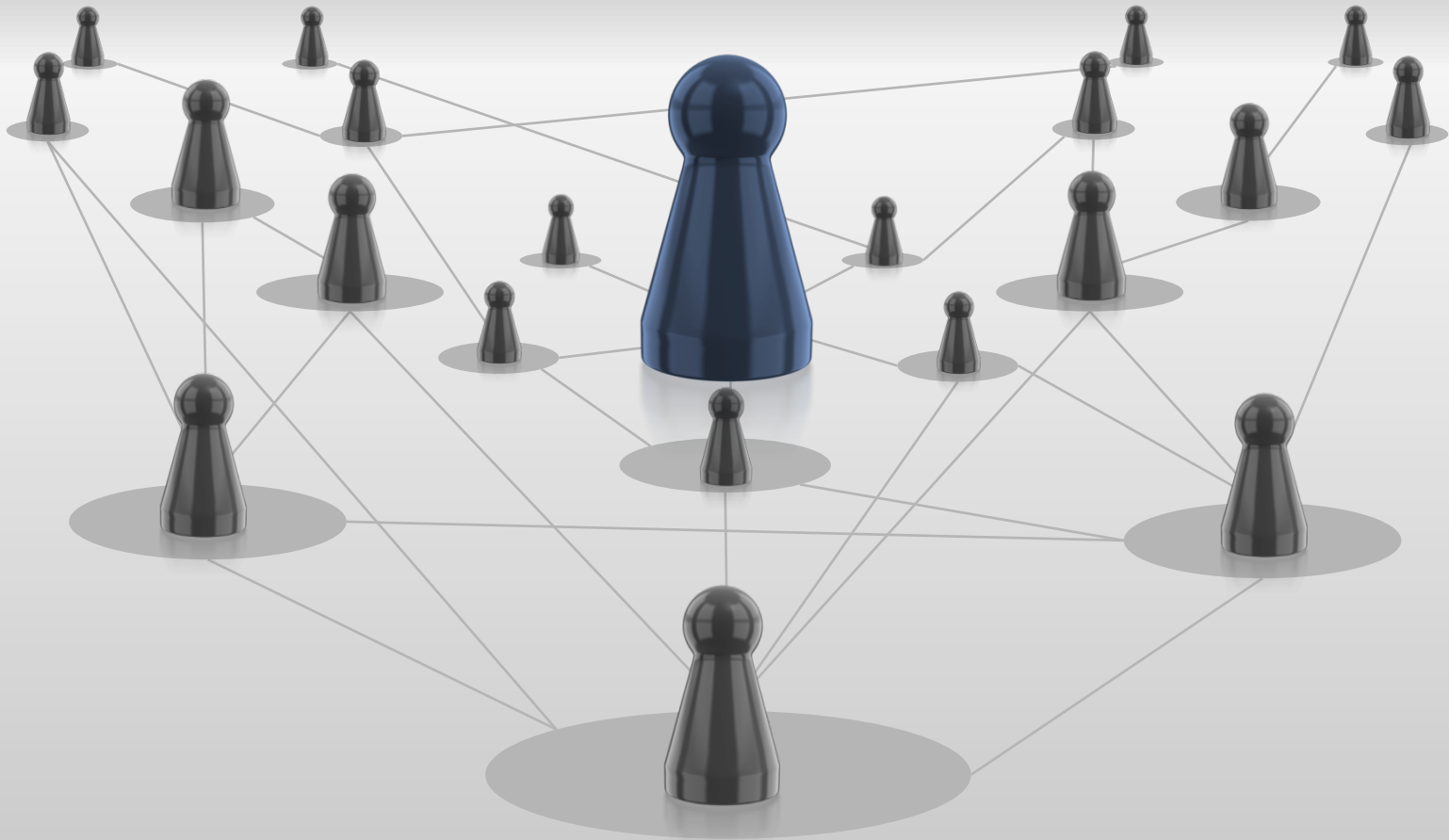


# Social Effects of the Second Great Awakening

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# What About the Old Testament?

Actually said little...

**Psalm 72:8-14** (all kings will bow,  
all nations will serve)

**Isaiah 11:6-9** (lion / lamb passage)

**Zechariah 14:15-17** (the LORD  
comes and reigns)



# Postmillennial Ideology



Scholars included  
Charles Hodge,  
Shedd, Warfield, A.A.  
Hodge, and Strong

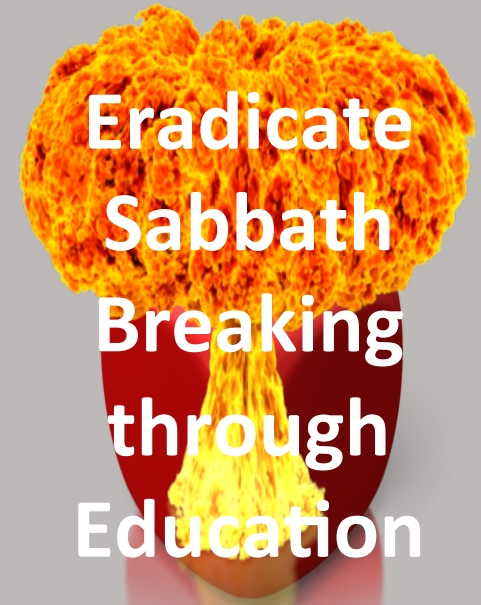
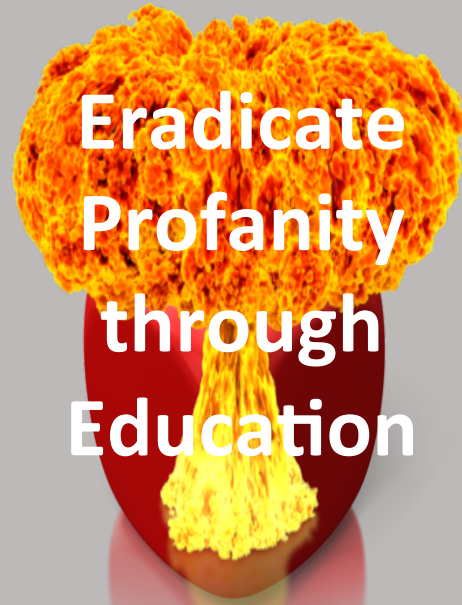
Central Issue: Literal or Figurative  
Fulfillment?



## Postmillennial Ideology

*Viewpoint that Christ will return after a long period of expansion and spiritual prosperity for the church, brought about by the preaching of the gospel; the Spirit's blessing; and the church's work toward righteousness, justice, and peace. The period is not a literal thousand years but extended time of spiritual prosperity.*





The Goal of Education

# Education



**Read the  
Bible**



**Combat  
skepticism  
and  
atheism**



**Teach  
Christian  
Worldview**





## A. W. Pink

1. Simply being in the Church does not make one a Christian.
2. Education is simply laying the foundation for the Holy Spirit to be able to work in a life.

**We cannot mistake having the right answers as being the same thing as being a Christian.**



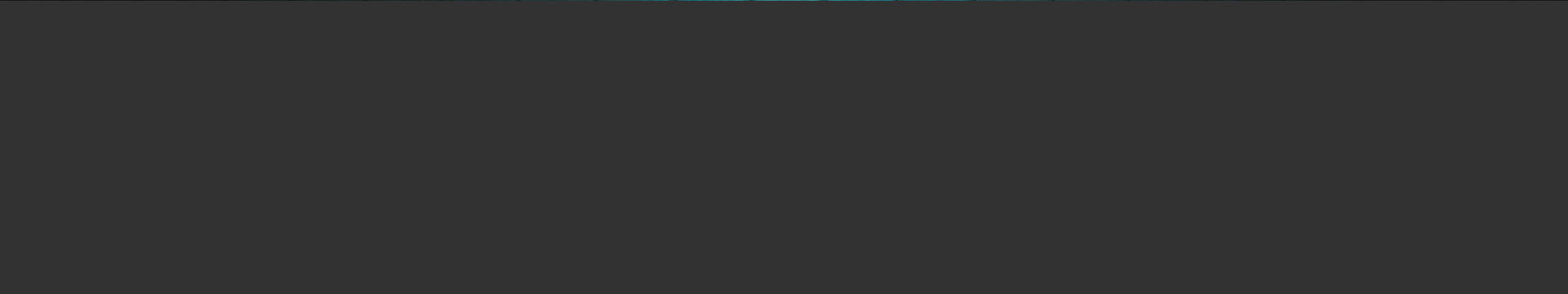
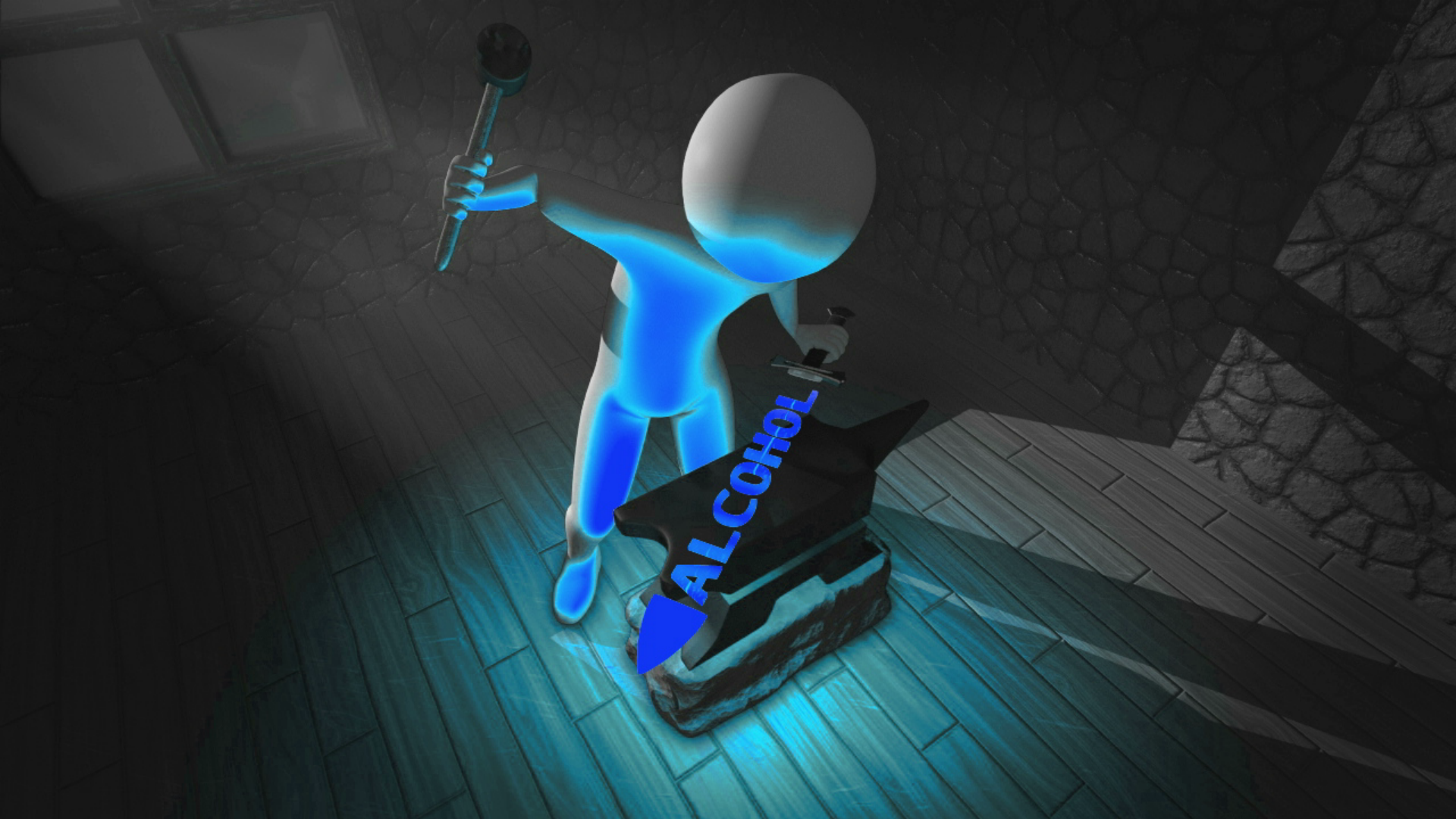
# SLAVERY DID NOT END

Slavery existed in the Old Testament

Slavery existed in the New Testament

“Public” Slavery doesn’t exist, but just because it is not on the street in front of us does not mean slavery is gone.





**18<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
to the  
Constitution**

**Volstead Act**

**Eph 5:15-18**

**Body as Temple  
of Holy Spirit**

**Need for Self  
Control**

**Lyman Beecher – Credited with growth of  
Movement**

# Stalker (1901)

*all drunkenness is a sin*



*Defacement  
of Divine  
Image*



*Temporary  
dethronement  
of the power  
within man  
that ought to  
govern*



*A casting of  
his crown of  
glory in the  
dust*

**Addressing Image of God, not Positional Relationship**



# CONCLUSION

**There was a lot of work going on to make society better following the Second Great Awakening.**





# Education

Some good came from the push for Sunday School and broader Educational work.

**Failed** to have lasting effects in society – after all, God has been evicted from the classroom.







# Abolitionist Movement

Forced lifetime servitude as a formal institution in the United States was eradicated.

**Failed** to have lasting effects in society –  
Human Trafficking has simply become  
“the man behind the curtain”





# Temperance Movement

The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the Volstead Act  
**Failed** miserably.

Alcohol is readily available, as are “kits” to  
manufacture spirits and brews at home.





## **A Final Thought...**

**Man cannot change the hearts of men through their own power.**

**“Programs” can only serve as vehicles to help get a message across, but**

**Only Jesus is capable of changing the heart of men.**