

Genesis and Generations Fall 2010-----Session I—9-29-“About G & G”

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Two common beliefs: 1. History repeats itself (for better and/or for worse)---2. More that things change, the more things stay the same---

Bible and Book of Genesis—Creation; Adam & Eve; Cain & Abel; Noah & Ark; Tower of Babel; background and introduction---written approximately three thousand years ago by several authors over a period of centuries...Bible Makes Sense....throughout the story of Holy Scriptures there has been Biblical criticism....not to critique..disdain, put down...but to question, to wonder, to ponder, to seek...In this study- matriarchs/patriarchs of the book of Genesis...

Learn and explore more about A & S? I & R? J & E? J & bros?—note four generations—A & S—childless, become dad and mom---grandparents—great-grandparents---great many times over---Christians, Jews, Muslims, New Humanity---keep in mind the number 4---winds, seasons, elements—Homer—characters in Illiad & Odyssey—p. 442--

Exodus/Judges—p. 449—Mose, golden calf, Joshua, Judges

Generations: A History of America’s Future---1584 to 2069---Strauss & Howe, 1991---history repeats ...and some things change & stay the same---US history is counted in fours---Eras of 21 year cycle and four corresponding generations repeat themselves---Puritans from Reformation Awakening—early 16<sup>th</sup> century---Bible and BCP in English, Henry VII, etc... to World Crisis vs. Spain and other European powers for rights in the New World---Armada defeat in 1588---Crisis to Outward Looking to Awakening to Inner Driven period---a Summary of the four repeating eras in US history---see constellational moods, page 354f

Awakening—creativity, ideas emege, old challenged, new light; bright/fresh starts---attitude toward children to be under-protective---institutions-attack

Inner Driven---ideas from diverse sources, confidence in institutions declines; secular problems deferred; e.g. 1979--Carter; 1990’s Social Security---children—tightening-----institutions---redefine

Crisis—after the shock is met with collective unity---in face of peril, crisis develops, yet danger is overcome and new ideals triumph  
children—over-protective---institutions—establish---

Outward Driven---turn toward stability & conformity; triumphant ideas are the norm---spiritual & personal discontent is deferred---movies Grease; Pleasantville; Last Picture Show are looking back at this type of era in 1950's  
children—loosening---institutions--build

Generations---Puritans---Idealists; Reactives; Civics; Adaptives---willful generations are the idealists and civics---

Idealists focus at redefining identity, explore the inner world, examine the culture, re-evaluate values---

Reactives are more pragmatic and use own creativity to question what idealists and others claim---

Civics are strong types who work at re-constructing the outer world, guarding of institutions, making use of technology, being a presence---

Adaptives are more ameliorators who use imaginative methods to inquire, expose, and re-shape what civics and others have accepted---

All generations experience the four stage cycle of personhood---

Youth---ages birth to 21---central role---dependence---growing, learning, accepting protection and nurture, avoiding harm, acquiring values

Rising Adults---ages 22-43---central role is activity---working, starting families & livelihoods, serving institutions; testing/questioning values

Mid-Lifers---ages 44-65---central role is leadership---parenting, teaching, directing institutions, conveying values

Elderhood---ages 66 to 87---central role-- stewardship---supervising, mentoring, making endowments, passing on values---PS age 87 up-most senior—central roles---vulnerability, memories, leaving legacy, final blessing