

### 3) Think Fast - Think Slow - Parminder Biant

my presentations yesterday we were carrying on our discussion about methodology we developed a little bit further our understanding of hermeneutics hermeneutics is the science and the art of understanding the meaning of words that's not a comprehensive definition but it's the definition that we are using in our studies because what we're analyzing are written statements here when we talk about hermeneutics there are two greek words that we need to consider and it tells you on the board what that definition is it's really a word that is used to substitute another or related word sometimes we might use the word symbology the example i gave in a previous study was the word or symbol pentagon [Music] and everybody knows that the pentagon is a metonymy of a building that is used for the department of defense in the united states a subset of a metonymy is a synecdoche and you can see their relationship here a synecdoche is a is the whole now and we are so familiar with this concept it is so habitual in our language that when we come to study we become neglectful or i will just say lazy i don't if you're all familiar with the word slang or a colloquial term um a specific phrase that people use in their various cultures [Music] so we are fighting against slang language or local terms [Music] in the west you will use the word wheels to represent a car [Music] i gave many more examples when we discussed the subject but it's much more pervasive it's much more intrusive into the human mind than just what i've described here [Music] um [Music] so i've described a habitual problem that we have in our use of language [Music] and this impacts our approach to what we read language the problem is a select decay is when a part of something is used to refer to the whole wheels which are part of a car are used to describe you feel about you but when we come to the study of inspiration or god's word if you're going to do line up online methodology or proof texting then you know that this methodology is against synecdoches and in our movement today though we think that we believe in line-up online methodology we see in practice that we really do not [Music] people do not say they don't believe in this methodology here i think the people who fight against it actually think that they are they are the defender of this methodology [Music] it in a limited fashion and we think that we understand what we're reading about another subject that many people stumble over is conventional drug medication [Music] some people call it allopathic medicine the part and the problem is the problem because they read that thus after lord it's very hard to persuade them that they're wrong but i think it's important to understand some basic principles of psychology of how the human mind works [Music] if i could describe it this way we have two brains we are two people within this body the problem that we face is not just one of

linguistics [Music] it's not even one of habit when i discussed this point yesterday people misunderstood it to think that they can train themselves [Music] within this body there are two people living [Music] [Music] two completely different ways of understanding your surrounding or the world in which you live and the mistake that people make is they think that they can control or harness these things these two people within you allah now there are various ways to describe these two minds these two people [Music] in this way which is not in the science of psychology correct these are not correct terms [Music] um but i want to try to simplify it so a way that in a way that we can all understand that is reflex reflex person number two is the thinker these are the two minds that you have the two ways of thinking living or operating if i see that this is speaking so when i use these words i'm hoping people can simplistically intuitively intuitively understand what these two people are within you i want to add another characteristic to these two these two um these two parts of you know this one is fast i love reflex and therefore you know what this one is [Music] so this is how we think we think fast with this reflex and i'll take this way we think about things [Music] we operate quickly and we operate more thoughtfully [Music] this one this person is a hard worker i didn't hear you this person is a hard worker a said person reflects is so this is a much more complex story of the construction of a human mind if i see it complicated because this one is lazy and slow uh the first interaction that that experience will have with you this is the experience when the experience comes to you or you come to the experience a local experience works hard always on [Music] so you can understand what this one will do hello so if i say to you the answer that you should say is of course i don't and they say can't you think you should reply back the following [Music] and i'm slow now what i want us to know about this model of the human mind which may be new to some people uh it's curtain can you repeat this i think the problem is at your end so this model of the human mind is that this is more complex than people appreciate it's a new way perhaps that you have been taught of how our minds work [Music] success what i want to say is that you cannot educate yourself out of this problem [Music] this becomes extremely important when we begin to analyze our behavior now when i say you cannot change this i'm not saying you cannot change your reflex actions what i am saying is the principles cannot change this will always be on and this will always be lazy and in sleep mode to get reason to work you have to kick it into action [Music] we can make some minor differences but we cannot fundamentally change its operation it's mode of operation [Music] so why have we spoken about this [Music] many of us when we come to what we call the study of god's word [Music] which should happen in this domain [Music] what actually happens is people are studying in the domain [Music] and this is the difference between using uh borrowing a term that elder jeff used to use in order to be a good student of prophecy you need to reason not reflex yes that's not to say that he or others were good at doing this thing i would argue in many critical

moments even elder jeff fell into the problem of using reflex not reason particularly yesterday i described this part of your person the reflex that works hard that is always on and is fast in a different way in a different order so i described it in a different way what you see is all there is it's crucial now what you see is all there is all they raised [Music] is often only limited or a part of everything that is available to see [Music] so what you see is only part of the whole but system one or this part of your brain the system which i've called reflex or fast [Music] you can't train it to think another way and it's designed to protect you is [Music] if you get into the emergency situation shifu let me consider all of my options [Music] let me think about everything that there is i'm [Music] it's dimly lit um and it's midnight behind me i hear footsteps and in the dim light i see a flash of a [Music] blade [Music] if you ask this person [Music] will say there's a large man with a knife [Music] is all there is to know [Music] reasoning in this alleyway there's a back door to a restaurant you won't speak to yourself and say the following [Music] because you can't see the hits a chef so what this system will do it's okay it will just take everything that you can see and make a decision which is why i call it a reflex [Music] uh [Music] and that's because we are controlled by this system we won't wait for reason to do its work these two ways of thinking of operating control the way you behave in the world in a much more profound way than you realize [Music] [Music] if someone shouts at you sorry someone is threatening to attack you um system one which is always on will take evasive measures [Music] the reflex will be to fight the reflexes if you're not into um fighting you will run [Music] now these systems were put into place to protect you it's a system actually [Music] we call this fight or flight in english light means [Music] you cannot switch this off and you get attacked at home or church not with a knife but someone is arguing with you initiated you will fight or you will flee very difficult to switch from system one to system two this understanding of the human mind is critical to understand the sin problem [Music] this is part of human nature which you cannot erase or eradicate it and changing our reflexes is an extremely difficult proposition you can modify it but you cannot change it this part of you is designed to protect at all costs and you cannot switch it off it's always on it but you can train yourself maybe [Music] [Music] now we've spent a little time looking at the construction of a human mind here um [Music] because i want us to understand that this principle what you see is all there is is a basic human approach to life [Music] our study is about methodology [Music] will tell me don't go to a doctor it's dangerous hello never prepared for the doctor sit down system one [Music] before i open the tap and fill the bucket [Music] i need to remember my own humanity with its strengths and its weaknesses affects that well i need to remember in fact i guarantee that you will always be in that trap [Music] um but when it comes to the study of god's word we must [Music] and that is what line upon line methodology has tried to teach but to think about slow mode [Music] [Music] you cannot just see the gospels because that is not all that

there is it's worse than that [Music] and expect to be saved because that is not all that there is and this is the problem that you and i are confronted with you see the problem you need to go to the millerite history which is not in the bible you do not see it there is and that simple concept this is conceptual sampling is why many adventists do not accept our message because you need more information than what you see in the bible [Music] history the work of salvation in the great controversy cannot be completed and that is separate to the idea that people don't even read their bibles correctly is [Music] i cannot jump to the first passage or my favorite passage in the spirit of prophecy and expect to be helped addition [Music] what i read so i have to stop thinking in system 1 and i have to switch to system 2. the system reflects this is always on low energy demand this is lazy and sleep and it takes a lot of energy and effort hello [Music] this is why we need to study to show ourselves approved and not only is this a linguistic issue [Music] a issue of habit it's also built into our human machinery our human construction [Music] that we will always consider that what we see is all there is this is the natural approach to any problem and you're single and you're looking for a partner what you see is a physically handsome or beautiful man the reason why people get tricked into relationships it's not because there's something wrong with them it's because system one says secular system what you see [Music] and this is why you need to go through what we call a courtship [Music] uh which a term that i have used is no a term that alawite uses is lovesick sentimentalism uh and what you need to do is give yourself time for [Music] [Music] because when you see a handsome man beauty on the outside what you see doesn't mean booty on the inside you might say to me i already know about line-up online methodology knowledge and practice are not the same thing if you are so clever with your knowledge it's if we said see uh atelier we wouldn't have bad relationships in our movement in the seven-day adventist church in christianity or in the world movement adventism christianity the world advantage at whatever scale you go up to people wouldn't make these repeated mistakes instructing us how the human mind works but she doesn't use psychological terms much more practical what she's doing is setting up boundaries so that the reflex system doesn't lead you into into making mistakes so the reason is allowed to win the day and make sure that you do things properly so whether we're talking about relationships [Music] or methodology and a fundamental problem is that we don't believe that [Music] i'm sure that many people listening to this presentation think that they can win that they're cleverer than the systems indicates [Music] but once you establish that this is a correct model of the human mind [Music] this is a constant fight this is not lower nature or the flesh that can be cut destroyed or killed [Music] focuses on or addresses in her writings [Music] but as i say the way she approaches or counsels us to live works in harmony with this model [Music] she uses 19th century modeling to deal with the same subject the in the 21st century i will explain a different way [Music] hello [Music] 19th

century her choice of language fits her generation the language that i'm using in the 21st century fits my generation so you can't go into the spirit of prophecy and directly see this model of the human being the reason why most of us are failing in methodology [Music] is because we are fixed in system one and we don't transition into system 2. [Music] it takes effort to do that [Music] just like your laptop if you don't touch it it goes to sleep [Music] you have to do something to take it out of sleep mode and if you're not careful like most of you are not careful is that you think you're in this mode but you're actually in the reflex mode and we're so used to living in the reflex world that we become adapted to it and it feels natural um [Music] [Music] it works hard it's always on it's fast it's low energy easy this takes no effort this takes a lot of effort and the reason why we are supposed to be using line upon line methodology is because when it comes to the study of god's word because there is so much information you cannot rely upon system one to get the correct answer uh [Music] you have to switch to reasoning [Music] if you hear anybody including yourself say the following [Music] what's the conclusion one world because i only have part of the information this is why it takes us 20 hours of material to explain a short simple piece of information [Music] because reasoning is slow [Music] this to discuss the construction of the human mind [Music] because i wanted us to see why this is such a difficult problem and when i say this is a difficult problem the this i'm referring to is using proper methodology [Music] today when i say we are inherently lazy [Music] and i have said this time and time again over the and i know that people in this movement have taken this to mean that i insult them [Music] so if i were to say i've been calling this i've been calling people in the movement lazy for the past five years let me say this i wasn't insulting teachers in the movement [Music] [Music] what i was doing [Music] so when i say people are lazy in this movement it's not a moral statement that these people are bad people in declarations [Music] 2017 when we first began to speak about the nature of human beings [Music] foreign so if i use 2017 as my reference point not that five years i mentioned a minute ago [Music] what i've tried to do in this presentation is to explain why i say that priests are lazy so because she what i'm saying is that priests do not use line upon line methodology properly because they use system one which is keen to work it's a hard worker to be a priest who claims to believe in line-up online methodology what distinguishes us from adventism is we're supposed to switch from system 1 to system 2. you can and that's why i say we are lazy because we don't do that