

“American Idols”

“Purity of heart is to will one thing.”

[Soren Kierkegaard](#)



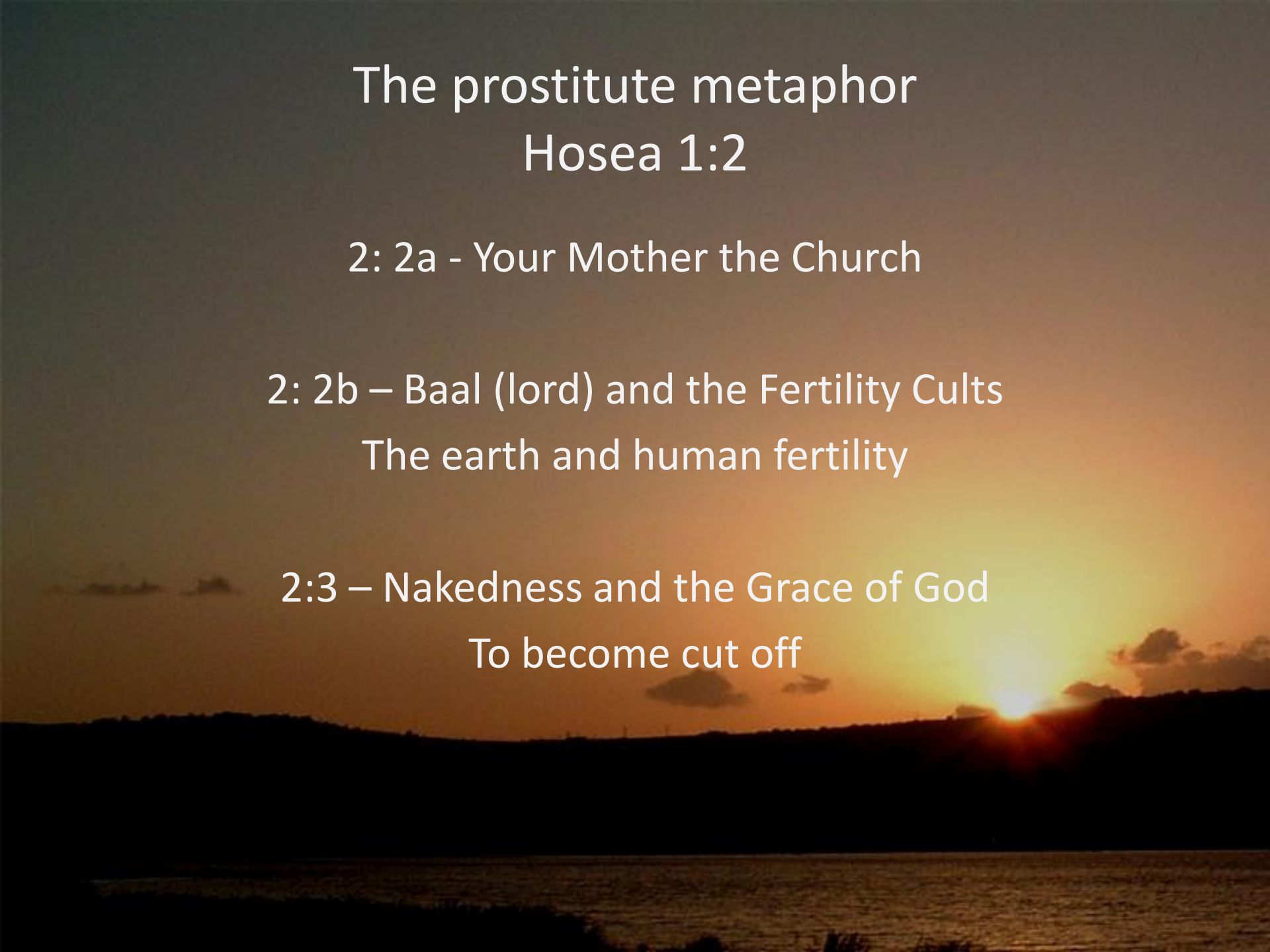
The prostitute metaphor

Hosea 1:2

2: 2a - Your Mother the Church

2: 2b – Baal (lord) and the Fertility Cults
The earth and human fertility

2:3 – Nakedness and the Grace of God
To become cut off



Idolatry unveiled

Hosea 2:4-5

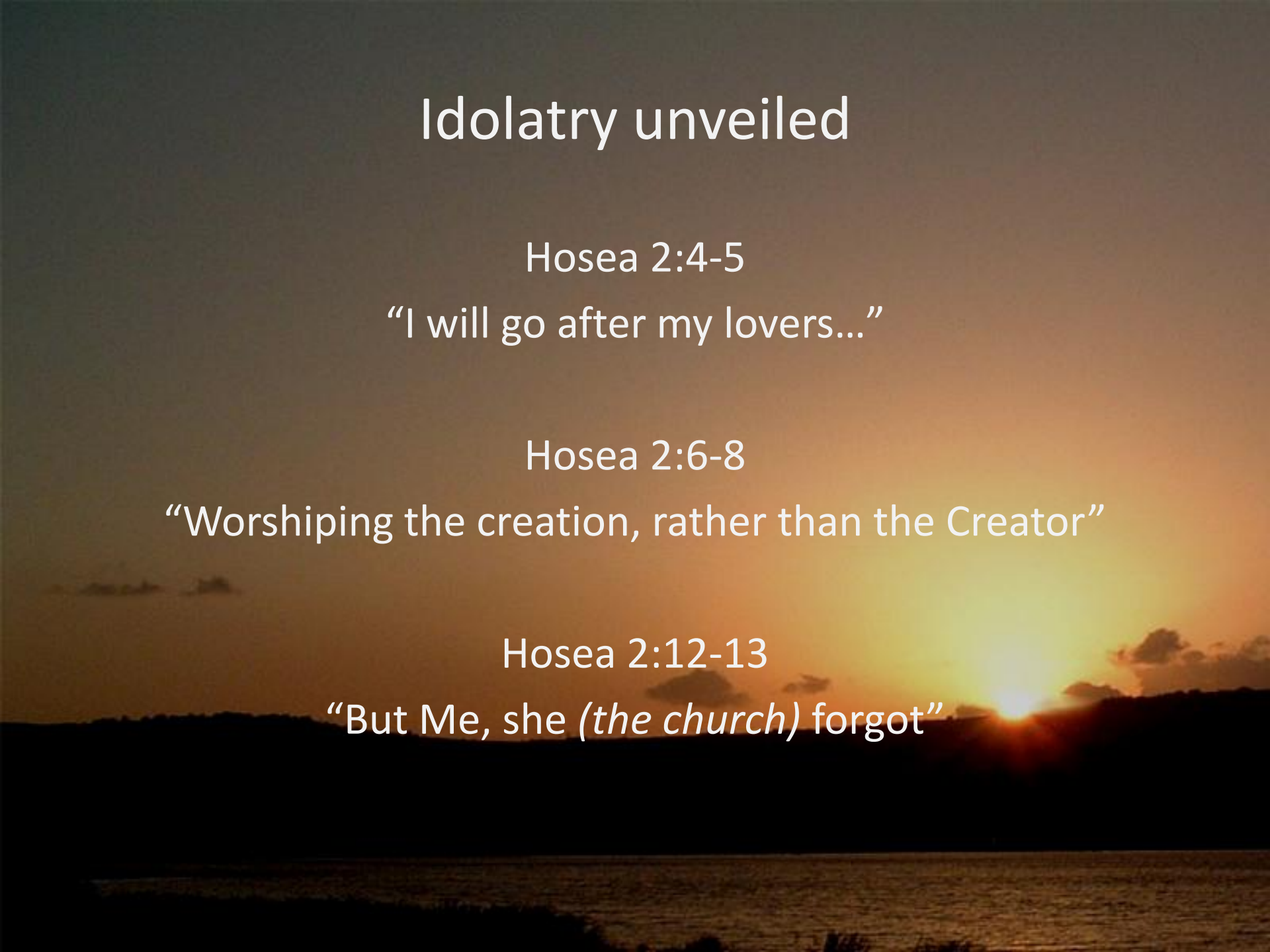
“I will go after my lovers...”

Hosea 2:6-8

“Worshiping the creation, rather than the Creator”

Hosea 2:12-13

“But Me, she (*the church*) forgot”



“May the force be with us”

The Baal of now...

What is secular humanism? www.gotquestions.org

Answer: The ideal of secular humanism is **mankind itself as a part of uncreated, eternal nature...**

...In their inquiries concerning the origins of life, **secular humanists do not admit that God created man from the dust of the earth**, having first created the earth and all living creatures on it from nothing. For secular humanists,...

...nature is an eternal, self-perpetuating force.

What we have in Common...

Acts 17:11-12

These were more **fair-minded** than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched the Scriptures** daily **to find out** whether these things were so.

Therefore many of them believed...

Committed to reason

Free inquiry

Separation Church & State

The Ideal of freedom

Moral education

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“Same as it ever was...”

Colossians 2:8-10

Beware lest anyone cheat you through **philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world**, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and **you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power.

Romans 1:20-21

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful...