

## #389 The Deadly Wound of the Beast, Phase II – The Age of Enlightenment vs. the Light of the World



**Ho Chi Minh.** Before we answer the question of why the Lord ordained that Ho Chi Minh, the leader of North Vietnam during the Vietnam War, have a name that means ‘he who enlightens,’ let’s first learn more about the role in history and prophecy of what is called the *Enlightenment*, or the *Age of Enlightenment*.

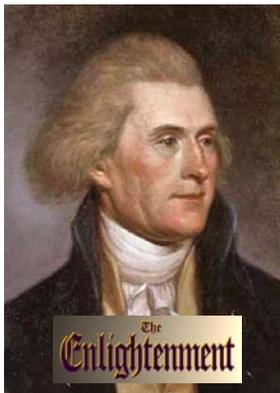


**The Enlightenment.** The Enlightenment, sometimes considered synonymous with the *Age of Reason*, was a period in history when philosophers emphasized that the use of *reason* was the best method for learning truth. This is in contrast to John 16:13, which tells us that the Holy Spirit leads us into all truth.

*Colossians 2:8 (KJV) Beware lest any man spoil you THROUGH PHILOSOPHY and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

*John 16:13 (KJV) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH: . . .*

**The Age of Reason.** The period of the Age of Reason began in the 1600’s and lasted until the late 1700’s. **The movement helped to create the intellectual framework for the American and French Revolutions.** One of the most prolific philosophers of the Enlightenment was Englishman John Locke (August 29, 1632 –



Thomas Jefferson

October 28, 1704). Locke wrote that *reason* is “the candle of the Lord set up by Himself in men’s minds” and “must be our last judge and guide in everything.” Locke believed that *reason* teaches that people must unite and form a state to protect their “lives and liberty and property.” Thomas Jefferson was able to catch the spirit and tone of the Enlightenment. The natural rights doctrines of the Enlightenment and of John Locke were consolidated in the work of the chief author of the Declaration of Independence. [See Unsealing [#271](#) The Cross of Jesus Christ vs. the Rights of Man – Thomas Jefferson’s false doctrine of “God-given unalienable rights”.]



John Locke

*1 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV) But THE NATURAL MAN RECEIVETH NOT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

**Key Understanding:** *The enlightenment as ‘the light of the world.’* The doctrines of the Enlightenment oppose the doctrines and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World

**(John 9:5), and of the true Church, the Light of the World (Matthew 5:14). The Enlightenment was a massive counterfeit of the Light of the World.**

*John 9:5-7 (KJV) As long as I am in the world, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.  
6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and HE ANOINTED THE EYES OF THE BLIND MAN WITH THE CLAY.  
7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, AND CAME SEEING.*

*Matthew 5:14 (KJV) YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

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