

# Overview of Restoration History

## Outline

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### Defining Terms:

*Restoration*

*Reformation*

*Mainline Churches of Christ*

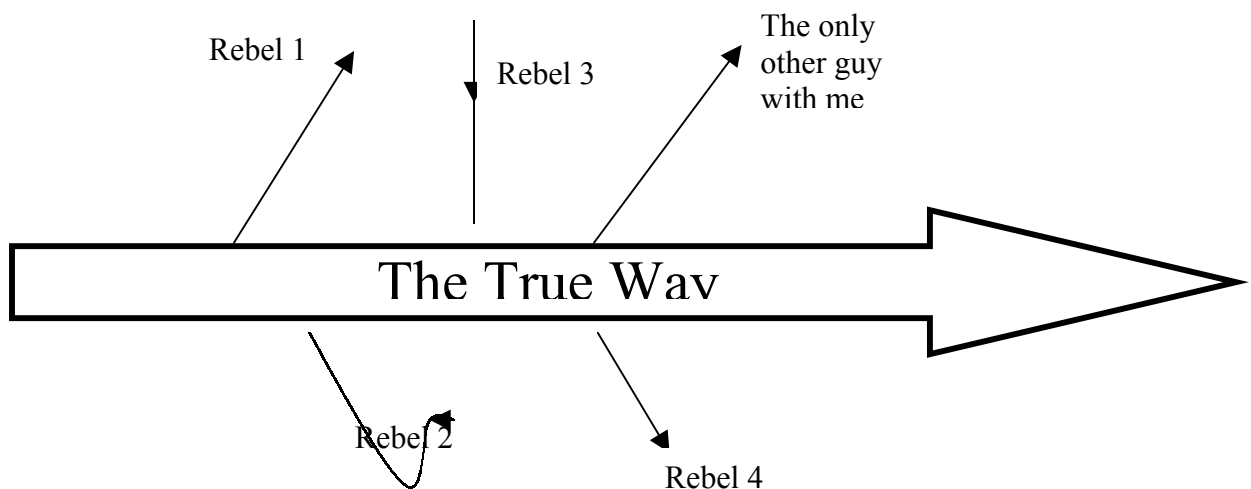
*Christian Churches*

*Disciples of Christ*

*Movement*

*View of History*

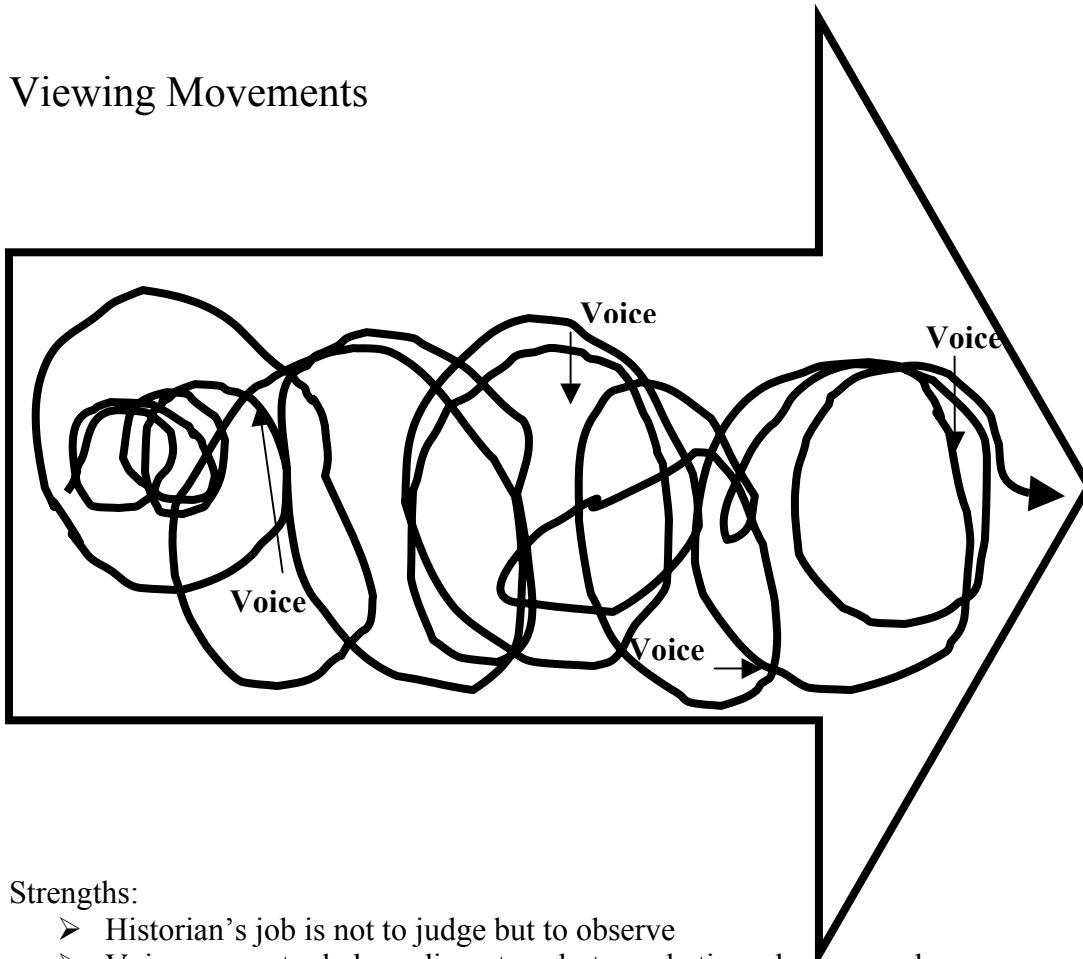
### Traditional View of Restoration History:



### Problems:

- Based on the perspective of the historian
- Assumes only one true way
- The voices of dissenters or opposition invalid

## Viewing Movements



### Strengths:

- Historian's job is not to judge but to observe
- Voices are not rebels or dissenters, but prophetic and concerned
- Movement changes not because truth changes but because movement is a human attempt to find and learn about God
- Movement is based upon growth, learning, and unity
- Movement acknowledges it makes mistakes, rather than everyone else
- Movement matures from generation to generation

How do we view Restoration History as a Movement?

Historical Timeline:

1624-1700s *Birth of a New Nation and Religious Freedoms*

Social and Cultural Contexts

How Does the Movement Respond?

1700's *Rumblings in the movements*

Social and Cultural Contexts

How Does the Movement Respond?

1794 *Reformed Methodists*

Social and Cultural Contexts

How Does the Movement Respond?

Last Will and Testament (1804)

Declaration and Address (1809)

1826-40s *Formation of Missionary Society (ACMS)*

Social and Cultural Contexts

How Does the Movement Respond?

1850-1870s *Civil War*

Political Division of North and South

Disciples = north      Churches of Christ = south

Social and Cultural Contexts

How Does the Movement Respond?

1870s-1910 *Reforming the Movement*

Social and Cultural Contexts

How Does the Movement Respond?

Sand Creek Address and Declaration (1889)

1906 Disciples and Christian Church separation

Influence from rationalism and St. Lou

1910-1950 *A New View of the World and Evil*

Social and Cultural Contexts

How Does the Movement Respond?

1950-1970 Racism, Vietnam, Political reevaluation  
Social and Cultural Contexts

How Does the Movement Respond?

1970-2000 *Evangelism, Missions, Youth Ministry, Globalization*  
Social and Cultural Contexts

How Does the Movement Respond?

2001-Today *What do you think about our future?*

Social and Cultural Contexts

Our Response?

## Bibliography

The following books are good, easy read texts that you use to learn more about the Restoration Movement. While there are many more texts from different perspectives, these are just a few common books that are most popular which provide a balanced view. These can be purchased locally at *Moyer's Family Bookstore* in Portland, or from the publishers listed below. The Metro Church of Christ as well as Cascade College has most of these.

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