

Jude 1.8-10

- In verses 8-10, Jude turns his attention from Biblical history (5-7) to his present time
- But the problem is the same: “likewise.”
- It means “in the same way,” “equally”

## What do they do?

- Claim dreams as their authority
- “Filthy dreamers” is a verb
- The word is used in only 1 other place, Acts 2.17, where it is quoting Joel
- It’s not naming them: “they live in fantasy land”
- They’re claiming that they get dreams that teach them to fulfill Jude 1.4

- They defile their bodies.
- They stain them with sin. Righteousness and purity are white. Sin stains.
- One of the major characteristics of false teachers and religion is their approval of sexual deviancy:
  - Celestial marriage
  - Shakers, who practiced celibacy
  - The Oneida Community, which practice complex marriage
  - Today, the many efforts to legitimize homosexuality

- They reject authority
- Despise means to set aside, to reject
- “Reject,” Mark 7.9. They rejected God’s commands
- “Despise,” Luke 10.16
- “Bring to nothing,” I Corinthians 1.19
- “Frustrate,” Galatians 2.21
- “Disannulleth,” Galatians 3.15
- “Cast off,” I Timothy 5.2

- II Peter 2.10 says they “despise government”
- There have been no shortage of communal living, anti-government, “answer only to God movements”

- They blaspheme glories.
- “Dignities” is the plural of the word glory
- The context of 1.8-9 makes it clear that angels are the subject matter
- Michael the archangel did not blaspheme (“railing” is blaspheming)
- The event to which Jude is referring is not mentioned in the Bible. Deuteronomy 34 records the death of Moses and tells us only that God buried him

- Angels are superior to humans (Psalm 8, II Peter 2.11), and it is not our place to rebuke or instruct them—especially in our own name or in our own authority.

Jude concludes this section with 2  
condemnations. 1.10

1. They blaspheme things they know nothing about: they claimed spiritual knowledge they did not possess

- They do possess “animal knowledge.” this is a condemnation of them as lost people, whose knowledge never surpasses that of instinctual.

2. They turn grace into unbridled lust because they are little more than animals.