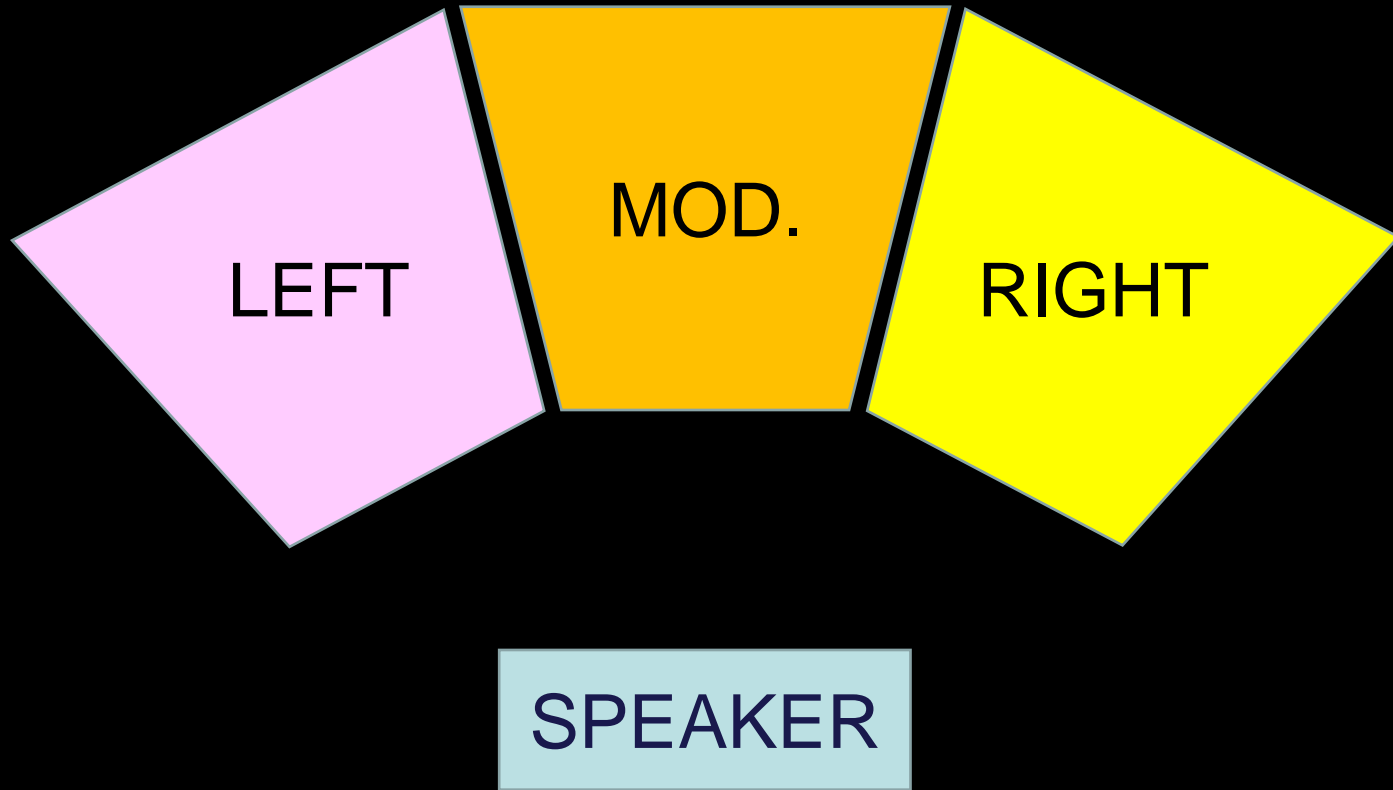


Left Hand, Right Hand

French National Assembly



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- **Right hand:** idiom for place of protection (Psalm 16:8; 110:5; 121:5)
- **Left hand:** fool lacks protection of wisdom that wise man enjoys
 - Wise man's heart protects.
 - Fool lives in trouble (10:3).

...the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left – 2 Co.6:7

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II. Lessons Left And Right

1. Prohibition, Num.20:17

- God put up boundaries for His people
 - Num.22:26, Balaam – only one safe direction
 - Dt.5:32, God is in the details
 - Josh.1:7, it's all or nothing. 2 Jn.9

2. Proof, 1 Sam.6:...12

- Before Aristotle, Locke...
 - Ac.17:11, twofold tribute –

ATTITUDE

ACTION

- More open-minded (accept Bible)
- Engaged in careful study,
question, examine
- 1 Th.5:21, of testing metals

3. Prosperity, Prov.3:13-16

- 13-15 – preference.

‘A wise man learns by the experience of others. An ordinary man learns by his own experience. A fool learns by nobody’s experience’ (Anon.).

- 16 – prize. Both hands full.
 - 1 K.3:11-13
 - Mt.6:33
 - » Ro.8:32
 - Ep.3:20

4. Principles, Prov.4:20-27

- 25, focus.
- 26-27, feet.
 - Thousands of wrong roads (ways)
 - Prov.14:12
 - Road of error, immorality, superstition, false worship . . .

5. Pride, Mt.6:3

- Some blow trumpet to themselves – rehearse their good deed (Lk.14; 18)

Love forgets charity done by it (1 Co.13:4)

Love forgets wrongs done to it (1 Co.13:5)

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6. Promise, Mt.25:...33-34...41

- “Left and Right”: utmost importance
- Mt.7:22