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Perspective

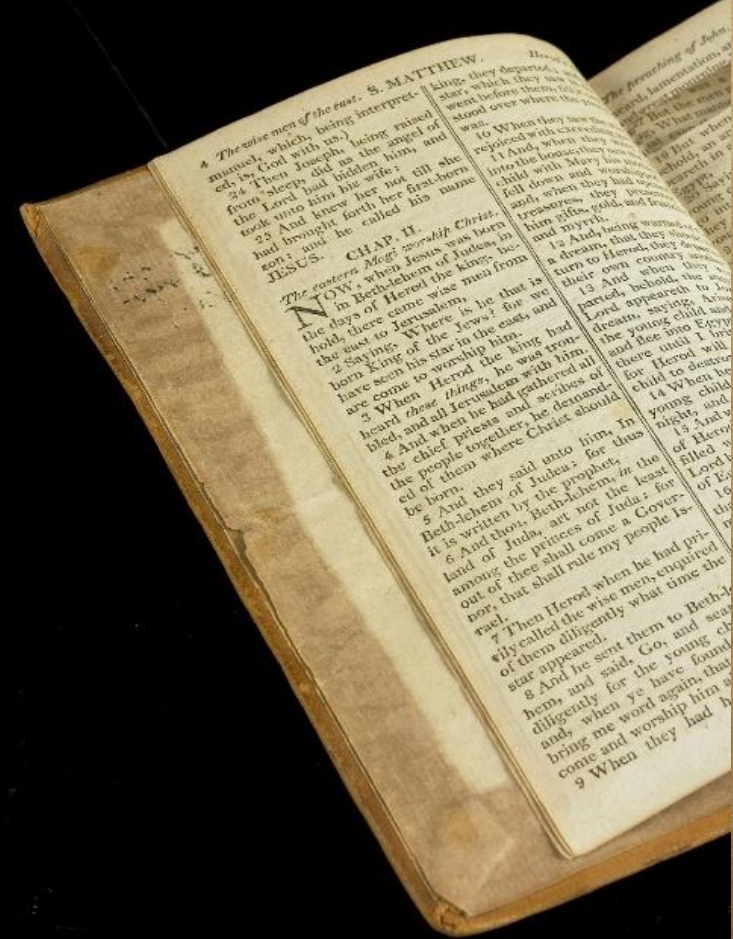
WORLDVIEW

No Question is Off Limits

- *“He who asks is a fool for five minutes, he who does not ask remains a fool forever.” –Mark Twain*
- Do homework this week (mPerspective.org)
- Spend time outside of class

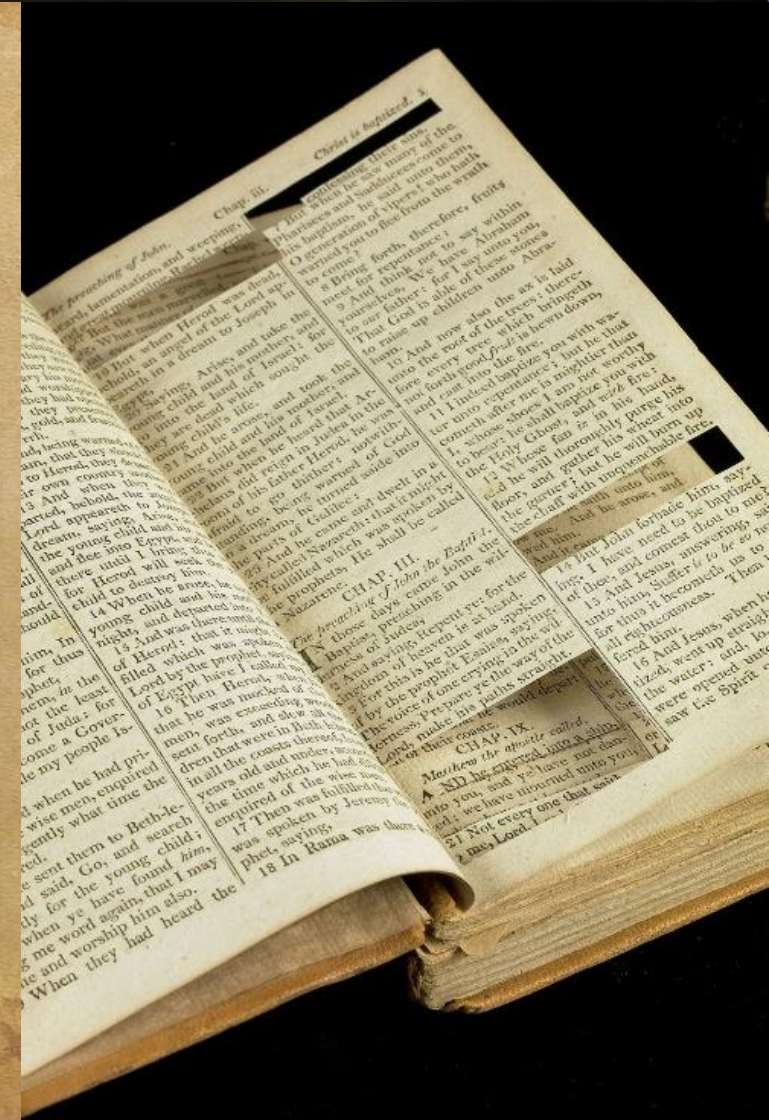
Biblical Worldview Survey Definition:

- ✓ Absolute moral truth exists
- ✓ The Bible is completely accurate in its principles
- ✓ Satan is a real being or force, not merely symbolic
- ✓ Salvation cannot be earned
- ✓ Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth
- ✓ God is the omniscient, omnipotent creator



Biblical Worldview Survey Results:

- 9% of Americans
- About **1 in 6** born again Christians (17%)
- 0.4% of 18-23 year-old Americans
- Less than **1 in 100** born again young Christians (0.8%)



THE PROBLEM

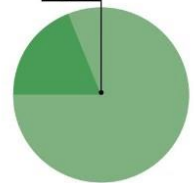
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POSTMODERNISM

(% among practicing Christians who strongly agree)

No one can know for certain what meaning and purpose there is to life

19%

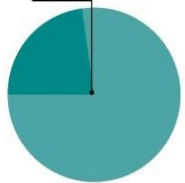


♂: 22% ♀: 16%
45+: 32% 45-: 13%



What is morally right or wrong depends on what an individual believes

23%

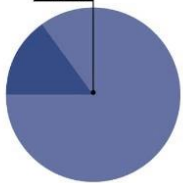


🎓: 31%
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS: 45%
COLLEGE GRADUATE: 16%



If your beliefs offend someone or hurt their feelings, it is wrong

15%



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HISPANIC: 17%
WHITE: 13%



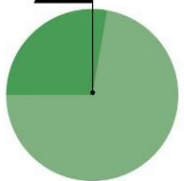
NEW SPIRITUALITY

(% among practicing Christians who strongly agree)

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All people pray to the same god or spirit, no matter what name they use for that spiritual being

28%

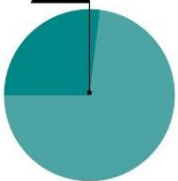


45+: 33% 45-: 26%



Meaning and purpose come from becoming one with all that is

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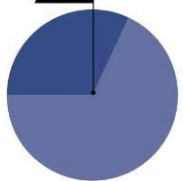


BLACK: 35%
HISPANIC: 34%
WHITE: 25%



If you do good, you will receive good. If you do bad, you will receive bad

32%



BLACK: 52%
HISPANIC: 42%
WHITE: 27%



While only 17% of practicing Christians hold a biblical worldview:

- 29% hold materialistic ideas
- 54% have postmodern views
- 61% espouse New Age beliefs

CURRENT CULTURAL WORLDVIEW

Critical Theory

Offensive mechanism

Evangelism for Utopia: all suffering & injustice result of power struggles (Marxism)

Pluralism

Defensive mechanism

Ideological Equity: suppress dominant beliefs, champion marginal beliefs

Metamodernism

Philosophical expression

Relative Relativism: oscillation between objective & subjective truth

Humanism

Theological position

Hedonistic Ethos: purpose & meaning found in happiness

Materialism

Scientific presupposition

Scientism Logic: material world all that exists

The Spirit of the Age

- Be true to yourself
- Live however you want, as long as it does no harm
- No one has the right to say what's right or wrong
- There is no absolute truth
- Nothing is certain
- Pluralism and curated tolerance are the only absolutes
- Happiness is the goal, pain & suffering the enemy

The Fruit of this Spirit

- Depression (*1 in 8 Americans on antidepressants*)
- Anxiety (*1 in 2 Americans based on survey response*)
- Narcissism (*Twenge & Campbell: "Epidemic"*)
- Fragility (*Haidt & Lukianoff, trigger warnings, safe spaces*)



BIBLICAL VS CULTURAL WORLDVIEW

Transcendent	SOURCE	Naturalistic
God	CENTER	Humanity
Transcendent	TRUTH	Experience
God	AUTHORITY	Self
Union	MEANING	Self-Actualization
Sin	PROBLEM	Oppression
Salvation & Suffering	SOLUTION	Equity & Happiness
Repentance	REFINEMENT	Deconstruction
Obedience	ETHIC	Emancipation
Submission	TENSION	Freedom
Death	CRISIS	Boundaries
Eternal Kingdom	UTOPIA	Present Happiness

PERPECTIVE

Man/Self

- Infinitesimal knowledge
- 2nd or 3rd hand account (80 year lifespan)
- History of being wrong
- Egocentric perspective
- Passive limited observer
- Theories/opinions/views change constantly
- Curious about truth

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. -Rom 1:21-23

God

- Infinite knowledge
- 1st hand account (timeless & omnipresent)
- History of being right
- Universal perspective
- Active limitless creator
- Word never changes
- Author of truth

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. -Pro 9:10

Overview

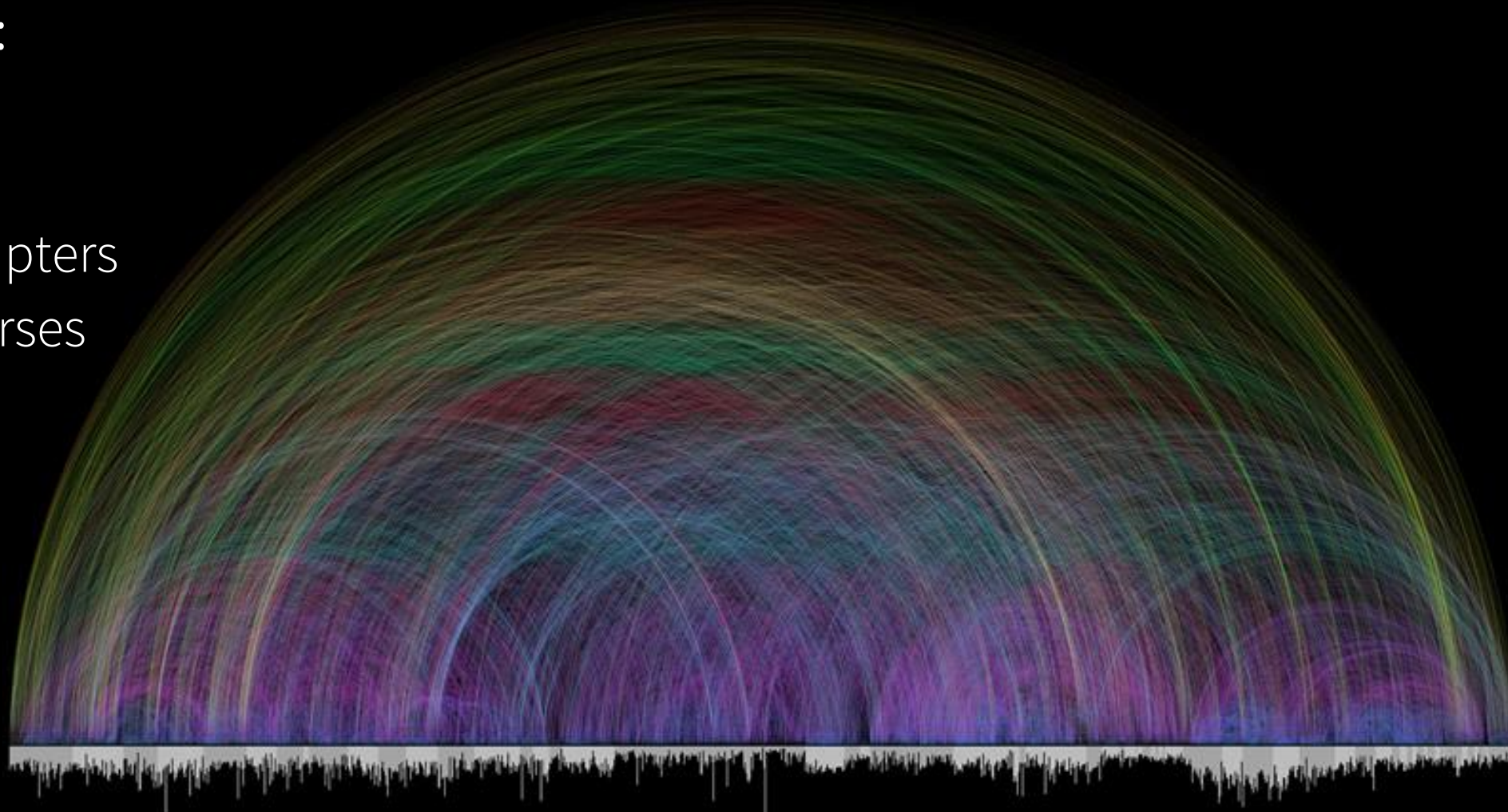
SELECTING SCRIPTURE

The Bible:

66 Books

1,189 Chapters

31,102 Verses



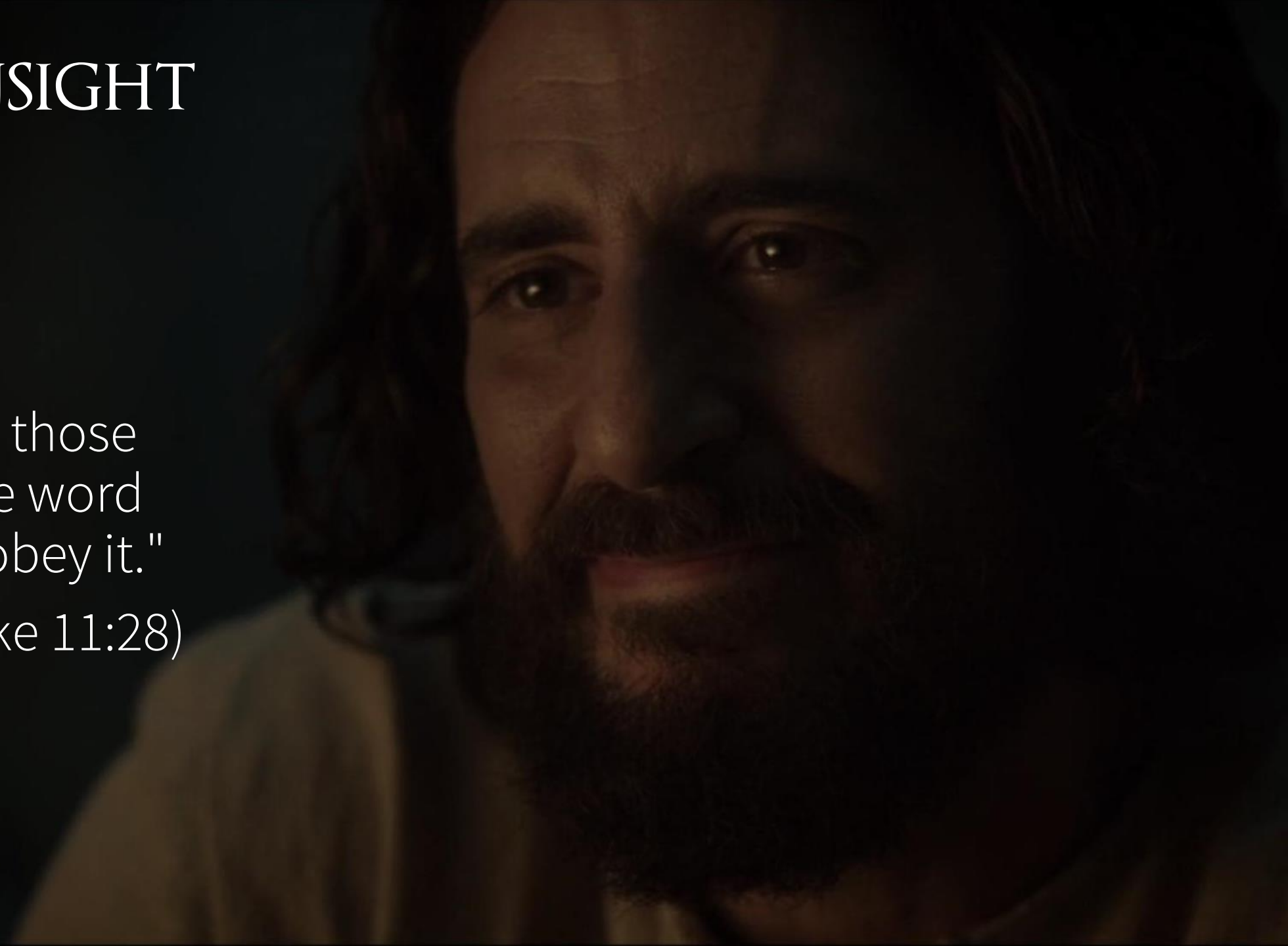
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Overview

INSIGHT

“Blessed are those
who hear the word
of God and obey it.”

-Jesus (Luke 11:28)



"ONLY BE STRONG AND VERY COURAGEOUS; BE CAREFUL TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THE LAW WHICH MOSES MY SERVANT COMMANDED YOU; DO NOT TURN FROM IT TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT, SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE SUCCESS WHEREVER YOU GO. THIS BOOK OF THE LAW SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOUR MOUTH, BUT YOU SHALL MEDITATE ON IT DAY AND NIGHT, SO THAT YOU MAY BE CAREFUL TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN IN IT; FOR THEN YOU WILL MAKE YOUR WAY PROSPEROUS, AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE SUCCESS."

-JOS 1:7-8

"SO YOU SHALL KEEP HIS STATUTES AND HIS COMMANDMENTS WHICH I AM GIVING YOU TODAY, THAT IT MAY GO WELL WITH YOU AND WITH YOUR CHILDREN AFTER YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU FOR ALL TIME."

-DEU 4:40

WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO ALL THAT THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS COMMANDED YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE AND PROSPER AND PROLONG YOUR DAYS IN THE LAND THAT YOU WILL POSSESS.

-DEU 5:33

OBSERVE WHAT THE LORD YOUR GOD REQUIRES: WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM, AND KEEP HIS DECREES AND COMMANDS, HIS LAWS AND REGULATIONS, AS WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSES. DO THIS SO THAT YOU MAY PROSPER IN ALL YOU DO AND WHEREVER YOU GO.

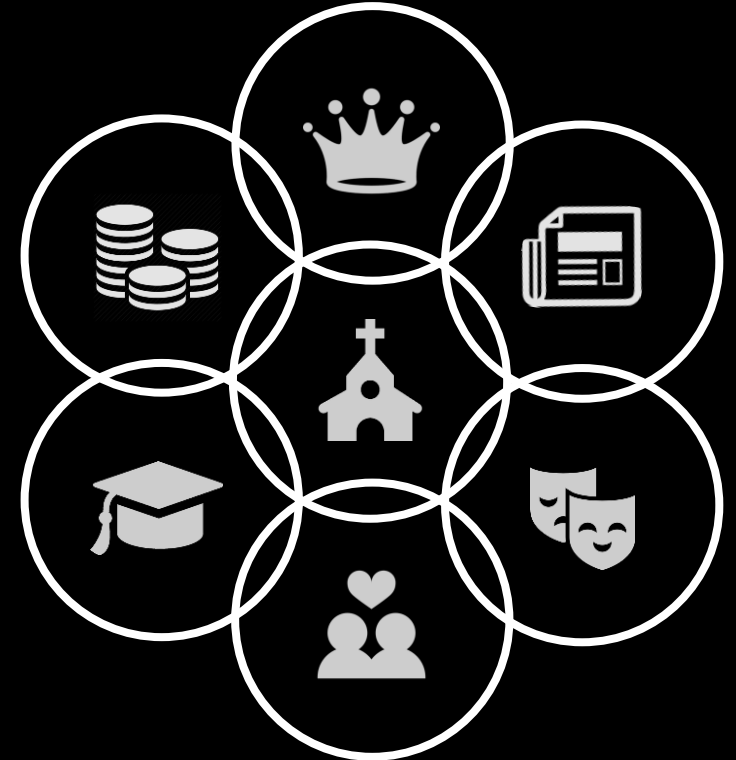
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RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS A NATION, BUT SIN DISGRACES A PEOPLE.

-PRO 14:34

THE 7 SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

- **Religion**
(Local church, Mission church, & Parachurch)
- **Family**
- **Government**
- **Economics**
(Science & Technology, Research & Development, Production & Sales)
- **Media & Communication**
- **Education**
- **Celebration**
(Arts, Entertainment, & Sports)





Nurture
Love

FAMILY

Purpose

- Physical, spiritual, and emotional health
- Ensure the future of the human race

Modus

- Marriage (Mat 19:4-6)
- Child rearing (Gen 1:28)
- Inheritance (Pro 13:22)



Principles

- Sex designed only for marriage (1 Co 7:2)
- Marriage designed for one man + one woman (Gen 2:24)
- Marriage critical in raising healthy families (Isa 1:17)
- Families critical in God's design and plan (Gen 12:3)
- Children our most valuable resource (Psa 127:3-5, Exo 21:22-25*)
- Command: *"Be fruitful and multiply"*

Benefits

- Studies show virginity produces better marriages
- Less likely to divorce (you play how you practice)
- Better relationship stability (bonded to only one)
- Better relationship satisfaction
- Better sexual quality
- Better communication



Worldwide Population Panic

- 1798: Thomas Malthus predicts global starvation by 1890
- 1968: Paul Ehrlich predicts global starvation by 1985
- Sparks environmentalism and many, *many* more failed predictions
- These myths are pervasive in society and call for population control
- In Gaia worship, man is always viewed as a virus or parasite
- Reality check: Humanity consists of ~0.01% of earth's biomass
- UN projections show population peaking around 2050 at ~9 billion
- Population will then *fall* to ~7 billion by 2100
- Due to fear, our world is being underpopulated, and soon *depopulated*

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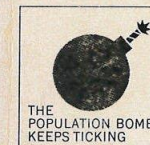
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POPULATION CONTROL OR
RACE TO OBLIVION?

THE POPULATION BOMB

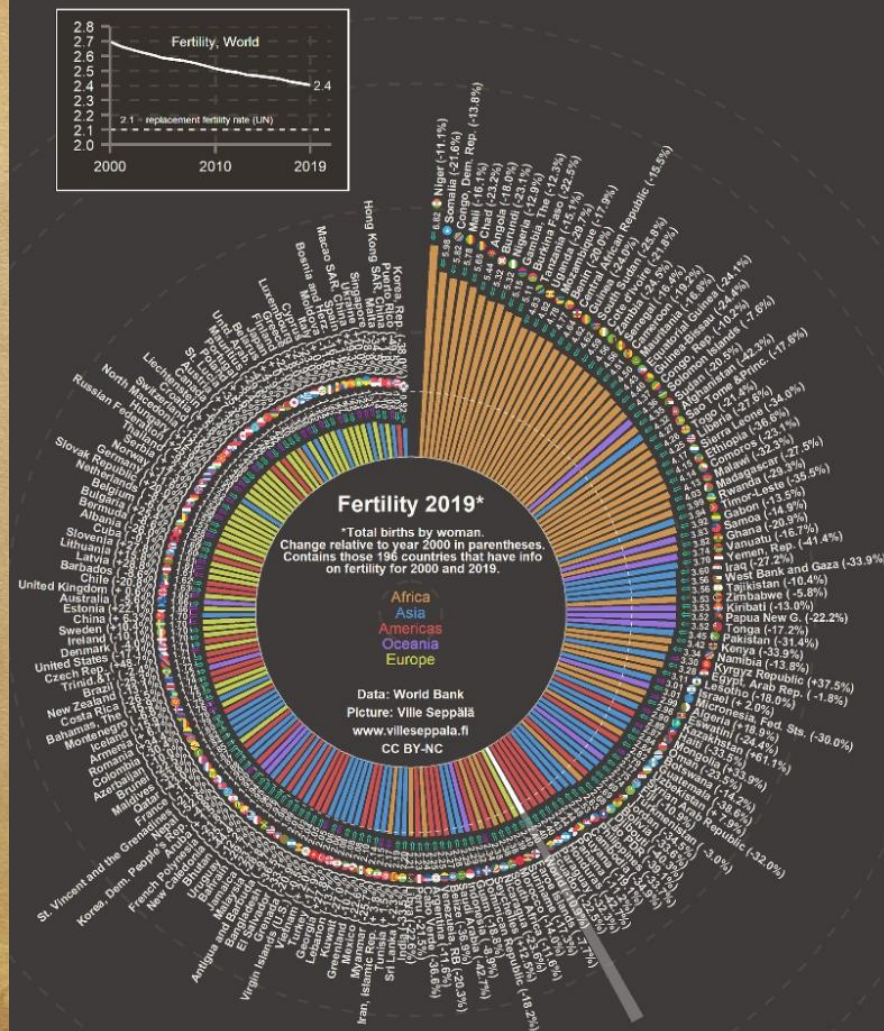
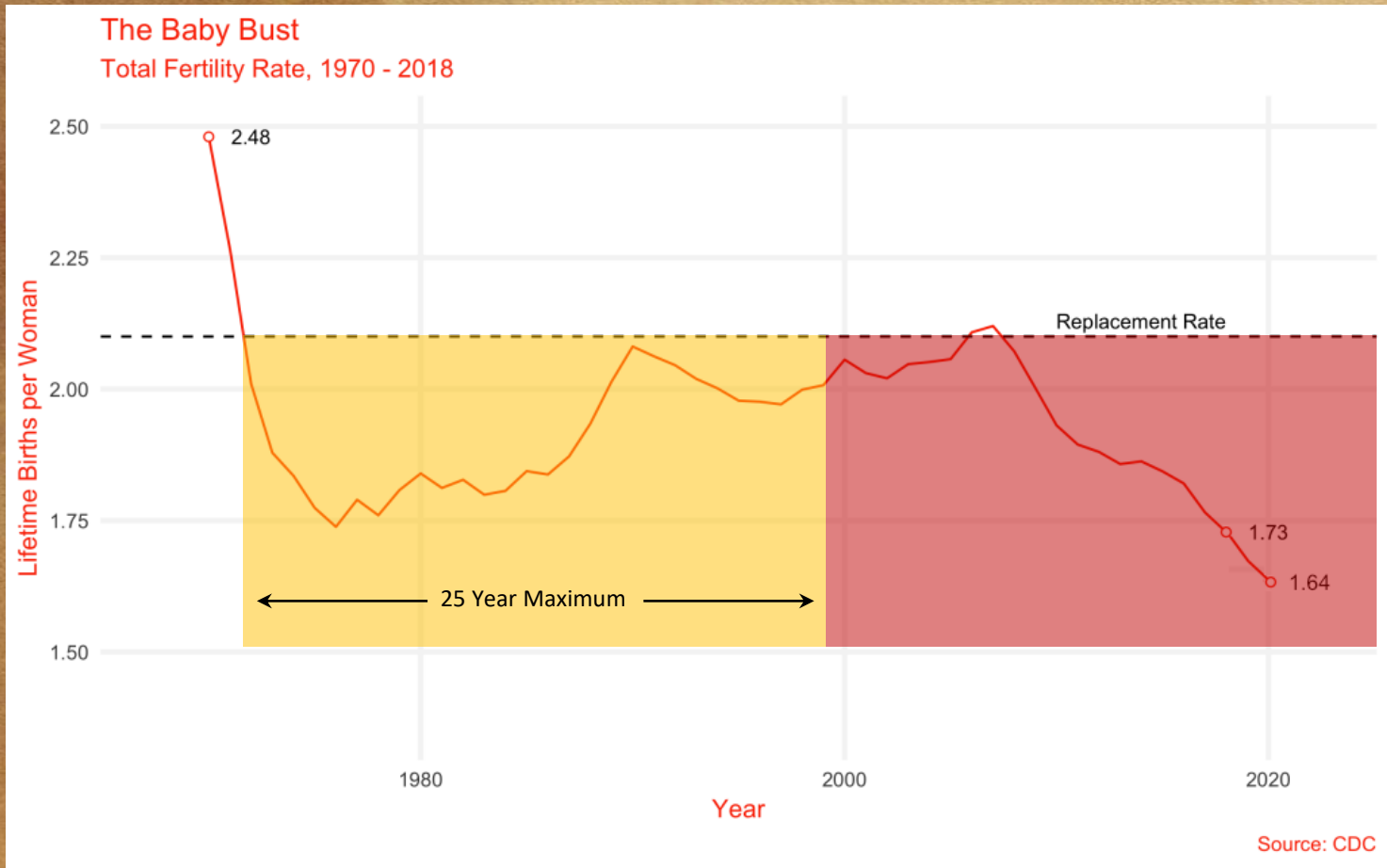
WHILE YOU ARE READING THESE WORDS
FOUR PEOPLE WILL HAVE DIED FROM
STARVATION. MOST OF THEM CHILDREN.

DR. PAUL R. EHRlich



Foreword by David Brower—
Executive Director, Sierra Club

Family POPULATION



Land

- Every human alive today could fit on the tiny island of Zanzibar
- In the last 35 years, reforestation the size of Alaska + Texas has occurred

Food

- ~50 years, food production *up* while land usage *down* by 65%
- Food production grows faster than population
- At 7 billion population, we made enough food for 10 billion
- World hunger due to poverty, war, disasters, infrastructure

Water

- 70% of the planet is covered in water
- Water cannot be consumed or destroyed, only contaminated
- Since 1900, fresh water production up 7x while population up 4x
- Wastewater treatment and desalinization plants now viable

APOCALYPSE NEVER

WHY ENVIRONMENTAL
ALARMISM HURTS US ALL

MICHAEL
SHELLENBERGER



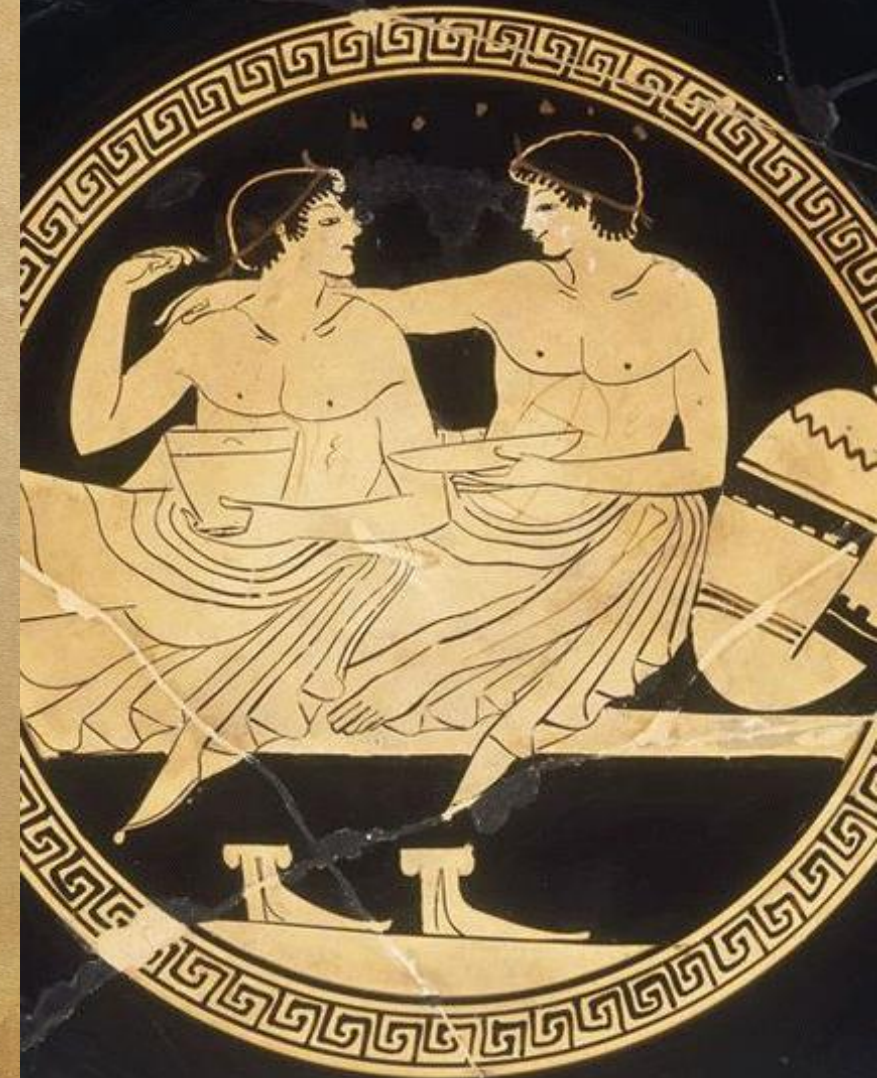
Health Consequences of Sexual Immorality (U.S.)

- Rising STI rates: 1 in 4 Americans have an *incurable* STI
- 1 in 2 sexually active will contract an STI by age 25
- 8 in 10 will contract an HPV in their lifetime
- HPV causes genital cancers and warts
- 1 in 8 have genital herpes
- 1 in 2 have oral herpes
- Soaring rates of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, & Syphilis
- ~24,000 women become sterile due to STIs each year
- ~60 million babies aborted from 1973-2019
- Avg. ~1.3m per year (~1.1m war deaths in 250y US history)
- Married women: 4% of pregnancies end in abortion
- Unmarried women: 27% of pregnancies end in abortion



LGBTQ+ Health Consequences (U.S.)

- ~10 million, or 4.1% of population
- 100x more likely to be homeless (20% vs 0.17%)
- 2-6x more likely to commit suicide
- 40-48% of Transgenders attempt suicide (pre and post op)
- Trans youth 14% more suicides after hormone therapy (2020 data)
- 3x more likely to suffer from depression
- 3x more likely to suffer from substance abuse
- 2.5x more likely to suffer from alcohol abuse
- Hetero Female/Male: Average of 7/8 partners over lifetime
- Lesbian/Gay: Average 12/30 partners over lifetime
- Transgender 49x more likely to contract HIV
- Gay men 130x more likely to contract HIV
- LGBTQ avg lifespan 20-30 years shorter than cis-hetero



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THE LATEST DATA ONLY REINFORCE WHAT PRO-FAMILY GROUPS HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR DECADES – THE ONLY 'SAFE SEX' IS SEX THAT IS SAVED FOR A MONOGAMOUS, SEXUALLY EXCLUSIVE LIFELONG MARRIAGE.

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-PETER SPRIGG

SENIOR FELLOW FOR POLICY STUDIES
FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL

Societal Consequences (U.S. Fatherless Homes)

- 90% of homeless and runaway kids (32x more likely)
- 63% of youth suicides (5x more likely)
- 71% of pregnant teenagers (7x more likely)
- 70% of juveniles in state-run institutions (9x more likely)
- 85% of kids that exhibit behavioral disorders (20x)
- 80% of rapists (14x more likely)
- 71% of high school dropouts (2x more likely)
- 75% of kids in chemical abuse centers (10x more likely)
- 85% of youth in prison (20x more likely)
- 4x greater risk of poverty
- 2x greater risk of infant mortality
- 2x greater risk of obesity
- Rates: 10% Jewish, 16% Asian, 24% White, 42% Hispanic, 52% Native American, 66% African-American (*exact order of average income & incarceration rates*)



Family | IMPACT

Father's Impact on the Family as "Head" of Household

3.5%

Families get saved if the *child* is saved first

17%

Families get saved if the *mother* is saved first

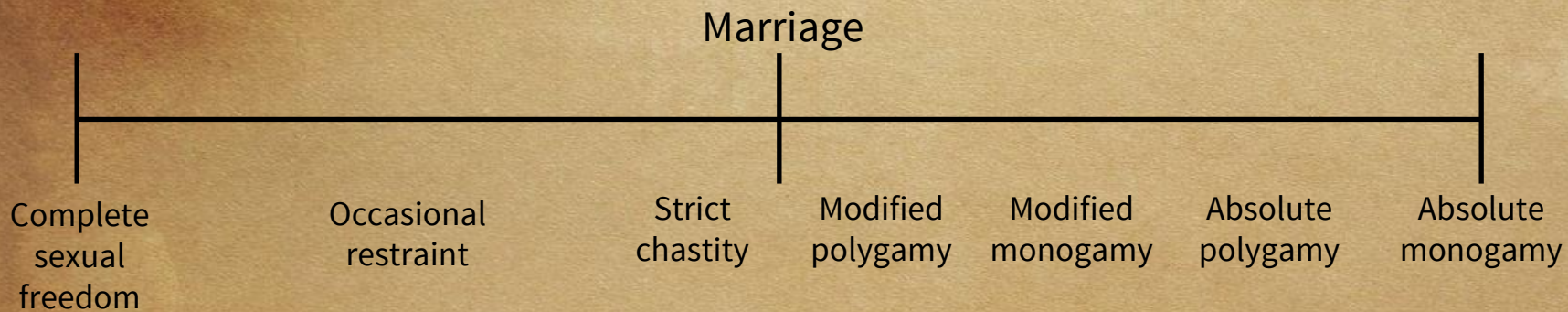
93%

Families get saved if the *father* is saved first



Societal Consequences of Sexual Immorality

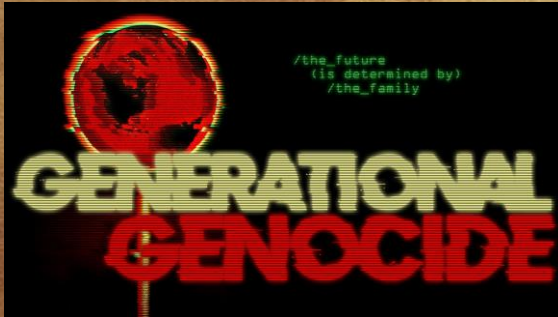
- 86 societies studied in 5,000 years of history
- 3 degrees of sexual prenuptial restraint
- 4 degrees of postnuptial restraint



- Increased sexual constraints (pre & post) *always* benefited society
- Decreased constraints *always* detrimental within 3 generations
- Strict prenuptial chastity was the #1 influential factor
- Abandoning chastity *always* led to loss of monogamy, deism, and rational thinking within 3 generations







FAMILY ARTICLES ON MPERSPECTIVE.ORG

Generational Genocide

God's design for humanity's future & how we reject it



Life, Death, & the Gray

How the slaughtering of innocents condemns & destroys nations



The Climate of Science

Gaia worship always leads to mindsets and policies which hurt humanity



Punishment
Protection

GOVERNMENT

Purpose

- Promote justice
- Create national peace & security
- Punish evil doers

Modus

- Law & Enforcement
- Police & Judicial system internally
- Army externally

Key Passages

- Isa 9:6-7
- Rom 13:1-7



“DO NOT PERVERT JUSTICE; DO NOT SHOW PARTIALITY TO THE POOR OR FAVORITISM TO THE GREAT, BUT JUDGE YOUR NEIGHBOR FAIRLY.”

Non-governmental Roles

- Caring for the poor (family/religion)
- Distributing wealth (economics)
- Healthcare (economics)
- Education (education)
- Raising children (family)
- Funding the arts & sciences (economics)
- Shaping media & entertainment

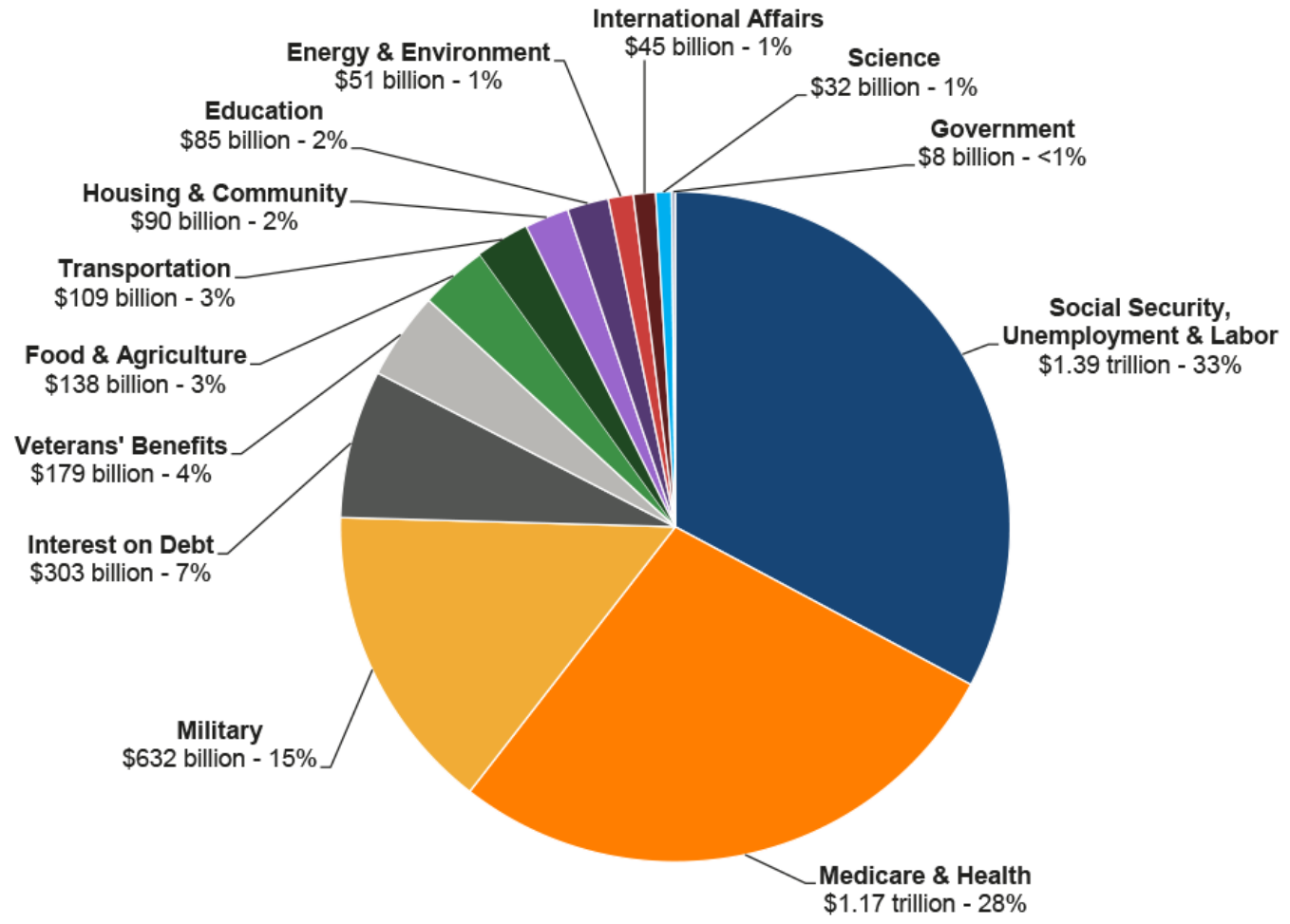


Biblical U.S. Federal Spending (2017)

- Military (15%)
- Veterans (4%)
- Interest on Debt (7%)
- International Affairs (1%)
- Government (<1%)
- Total: ~28% or \$1.17 trillion

Unbiblical U.S. Federal Spending

- Everything else
- ~72% or \$3.03 trillion



Representative Democracy

- Israel in wandering
- God's first government given

Libertarianism

- Israel in wandering and under the Judges
- Limited government

Monarchy

- Most common form in history
- Israel's adopted government



Mob/Social Justice or Vengeance

- Justice must be lawful (Exo 2:11-15)
- Justice requires authority (Deu 19:15-17)

Bureaucracy

- Justice must be efficient (Ecc 5:8)
- Justice must be swift (Ecc 8:11)

Anarchy

- Justice must be defined
- Jdg 21:25
- Rom 7:7



GOVERNMENT ARTICLES ON MPERSPECTIVE.ORG



Biblical Borders

What we can learn from ancient Israel's immigration policies



By the Sword

The moral use of deadly force



Government and Gaia

The religions for the non-religious



Invest
Save

ECONOMICS

Purpose

- Release provision
- Model stewardship

Modus

- Science unlocks new products & services
- Business produces & sells these innovations
- Process creates and distributes wealth

Principles

- Private ownership, free market, work ethic, save



Principles:

- Do not steal (protection of private ownership)
- Must work to eat (2 Th 3:10 et al)
- Work to be a giver (Eph 4:28)
- Tithe (Mal 3:10-11)
- Be generous (Pro 11:24-25)
- Save (Pro 21:20, 30:24-25)
- No favoritism based on economic status (Jas 2:1-9)
- Wealth does not equal happiness (Ecc 5:10-15)
- Fair and ethical business practices (Amos 8:4-6)
- Economy is affected by sin (2 Ch 7:13-14)
- Build, plant, pray, be productive (Jer 29:4-7)





SOCIALISM

(Planned/Controlled Market)

Accomplishments:

- Over 100 million dead
- Hundreds of millions impoverished
- Failed everywhere implemented

CAPITALISM

(Free Market)

Accomplishments:

- Cut global extreme poverty (\$1/D) by 80%
- Reduced global poverty from 94% to 16%
- The world a 120x better than in 1800

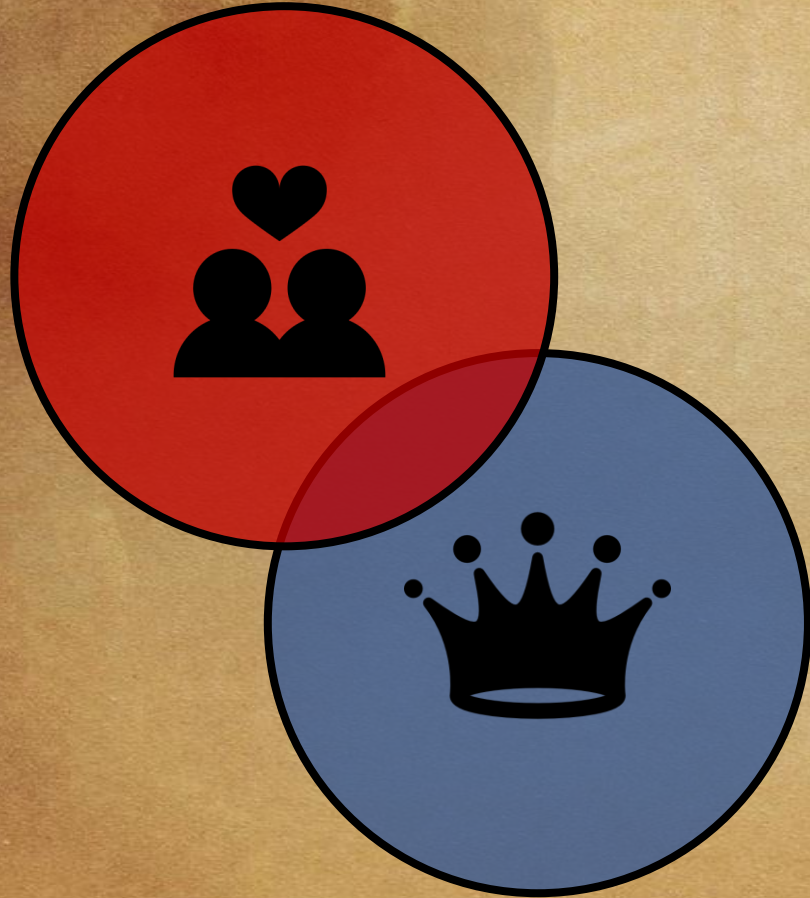
SOCIAL DEMOCRATISM

(Directed Market)

SOCIAL DEMOCRATISM

- Originally a political ideology designed to *peacefully* transition society from capitalism to socialism
- After WWII, became ‘welfare state within a capitalist economy’
- Shares common ideological roots with communism but eschews its militancy and totalitarianism
- Characterized by policies aimed at curbing inequality, oppression of underprivileged groups, and poverty
- Equal *outcome* (equity) rather than equal *opportunity* (equality) or rights, which is unbiblical and leads to totalitarianism
- Often creates narratives of oppression and pits groups against one another in order to sell their “solution” (divide and conquer)
- Uses state-sanctioned force rather than voluntary private charity to help the poor, with far less efficacy



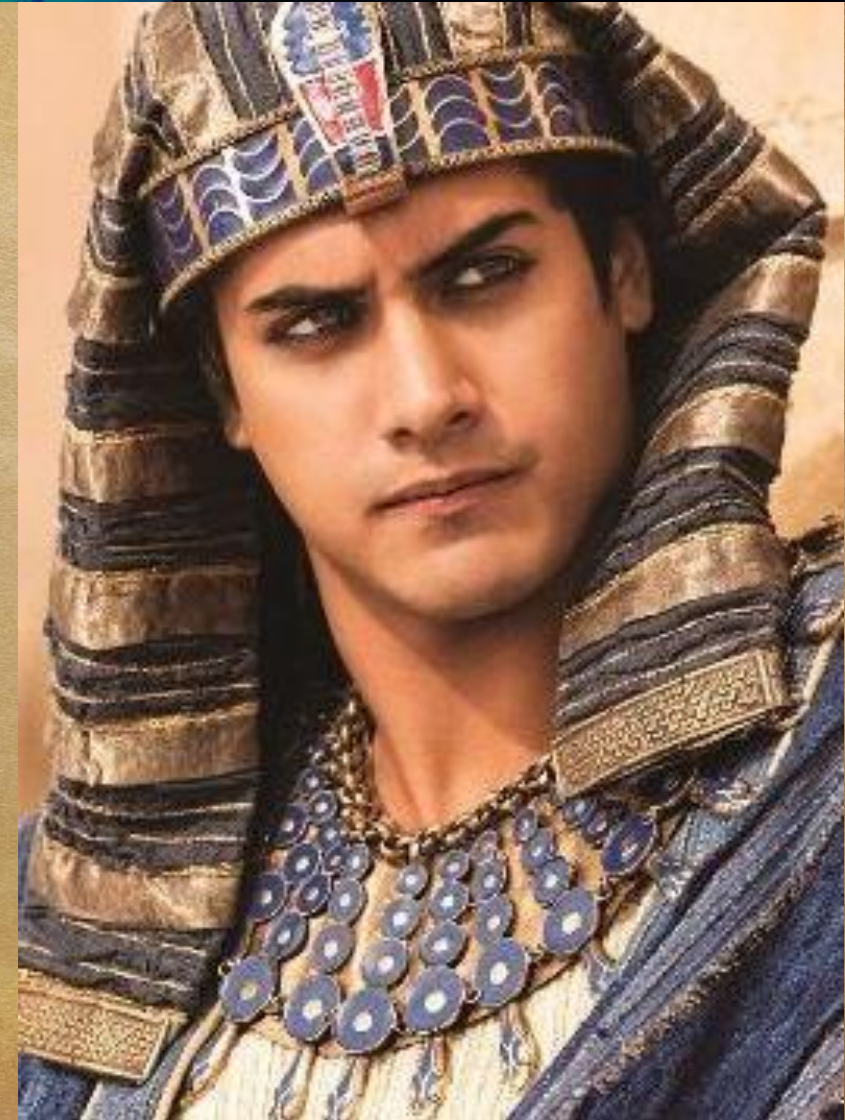


Conflating Roles

- Sphere of family \neq sphere of government
- Gleanings (Lev 19:9-10) = private charity
- Poor tithe (Deut 14:28-29) = private charity
- Parable of the laborers (Mat 20:1-16) = salvation
- Church in Acts (Acts 4:32-37) = private charity
- Sphere of religion \neq sphere of government
- Sphere of economics \neq sphere of government

One Biblical Case Study: Egypt in Famine

- Gen 41, 47:13-21
- 7 years of 20% of private crops stored up
- 7 years of those private crops *sold* back to the people
- All private money, livestock, land, & *people* became state owned
- Started with good intentions, ended in slavery
- God then sent Moses to deliver His people from the bondage of Egypt and establish a *free nation*
- Crisis is consistently the justification for the consolidation of power





“AMERICANS ARE SO ENAMORED
OF EQUALITY THAT THEY WOULD
RATHER BE EQUAL IN SLAVERY
THAN UNEQUAL IN FREEDOM.”

- ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE

Lend Freely, Borrow Sparingly, Repay Diligently

- Matthew 5:42
- Romans 13:8
- Proverbs 22:26
- Psalms 37:21

Lend to citizens at no Interest

- Exodus 22:25
- Deuteronomy 23:20

Debt leads to Bondage

- Proverbs 22:7
- Deuteronomy 15:1-2 (Jubilee)



U.S. Federal Debt Numbers

- Federal debt: \$31T / \$92,000 per person (\$243,000 per taxpayer)
- Federal unfunded liabilities: \$170T / \$510,000 per person (\$1.35m per taxpayer)
- ~\$40,000 of debt added every second, \$2.4m per minute, \$144m per hour, \$3.5b per day
- US debt to GDP in 2000: 57%... in 2021: 130%
- Interest payments in FY 2021 was \$562B—the entire Canadian federal budget in 2020 was \$356B
- By 2023, the U.S. will spend more on debt interest than on national defense
- At current rate, interest payments will consume 100% of all federal tax revenue by 2050
- All gold *ever mined*—190,040 metric tons (1k kg)—would only cover debt from 2009-2016 (Obama)
- The debt from one Trump term (\$4T) could pay for an inflation-adjusted WWII
- Elon Musk's (world's richest man) entire fortune would cover ~1 month of debt accumulation
- All 614 billionaires in the U.S. worth \$4.2T could cover less than 4 years of debt accumulation *OR*
- ... Run the *entire* current federal budget for less than a single year
- Market value of all global Fortune 500 companies combined is only \$22.6 trillion... U.S. debt is ~\$31T

Government Debt

- Far more detrimental than private debt
- Tempts leaders to adopt fiat currency
- Typically spirals, rarely repaid
- Historically causes inflation, then collapse





ECONOMIC ARTICLES ON M.PERSPECTIVE.ORG

Che vs. J: Socialism & Christianity

The Biblical, moral, logical, & historical argument



Critical Mass

The cultural shift toward Critical Theory & Neo Marxism



The Dangers of Debt

"Woe to those who make themselves rich with debt!"

Uplift
Inspire

ECONOMICS: SCIENCE

Purpose

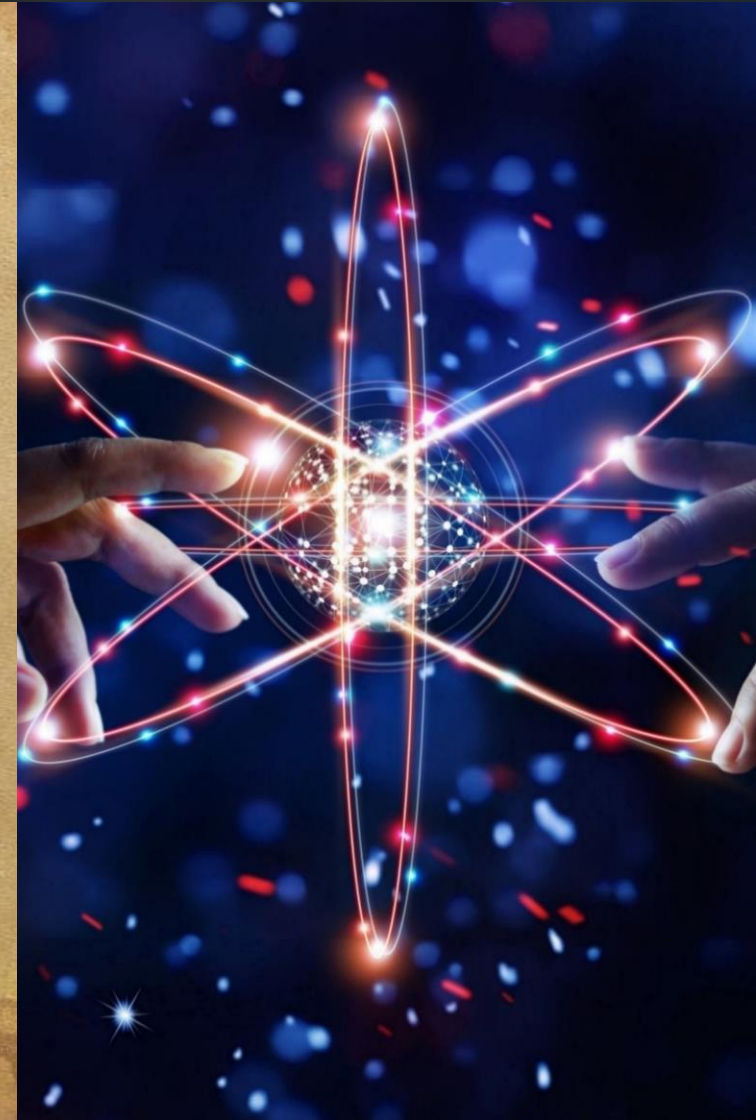
- To discover and understand the creator through His creation
- To unlock and release God-given ingenuity, creativity, design, and technology to benefit mankind

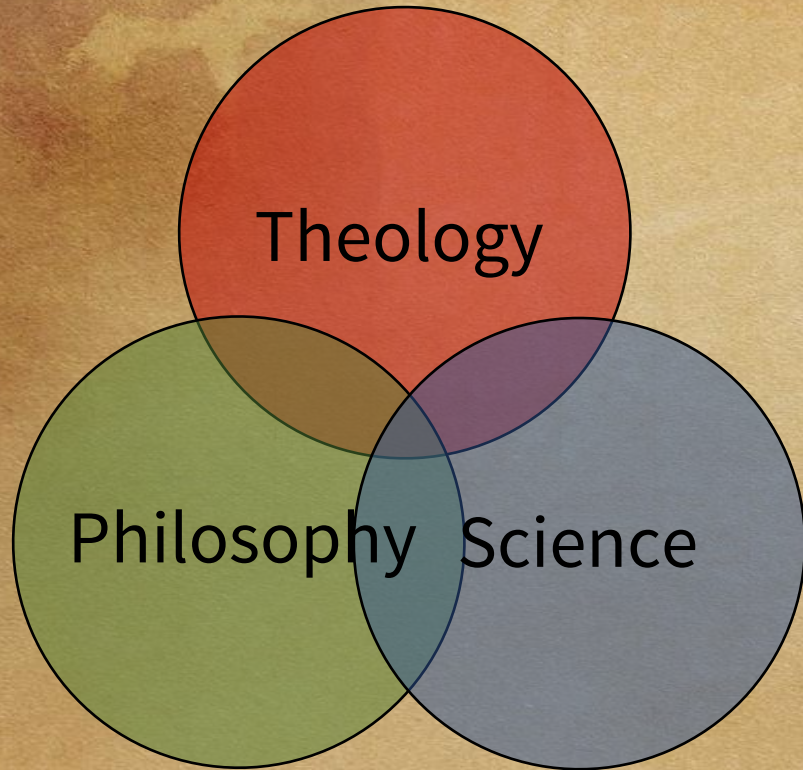
Modus

- Observation, measurement, and experimentation leading to the formulation, testing, and modification of a hypothesis

Principles

- One of three main categories of query (theology, philosophy, & science)
- Insufficient to define truth or reality alone





- Three Categories of Query
- No one category can provide all answers
- All categories are subject to bias/interpretation
- Arrangement and overlap determine ideology



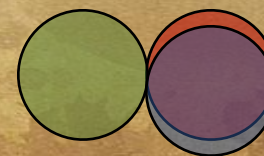
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Agnostic



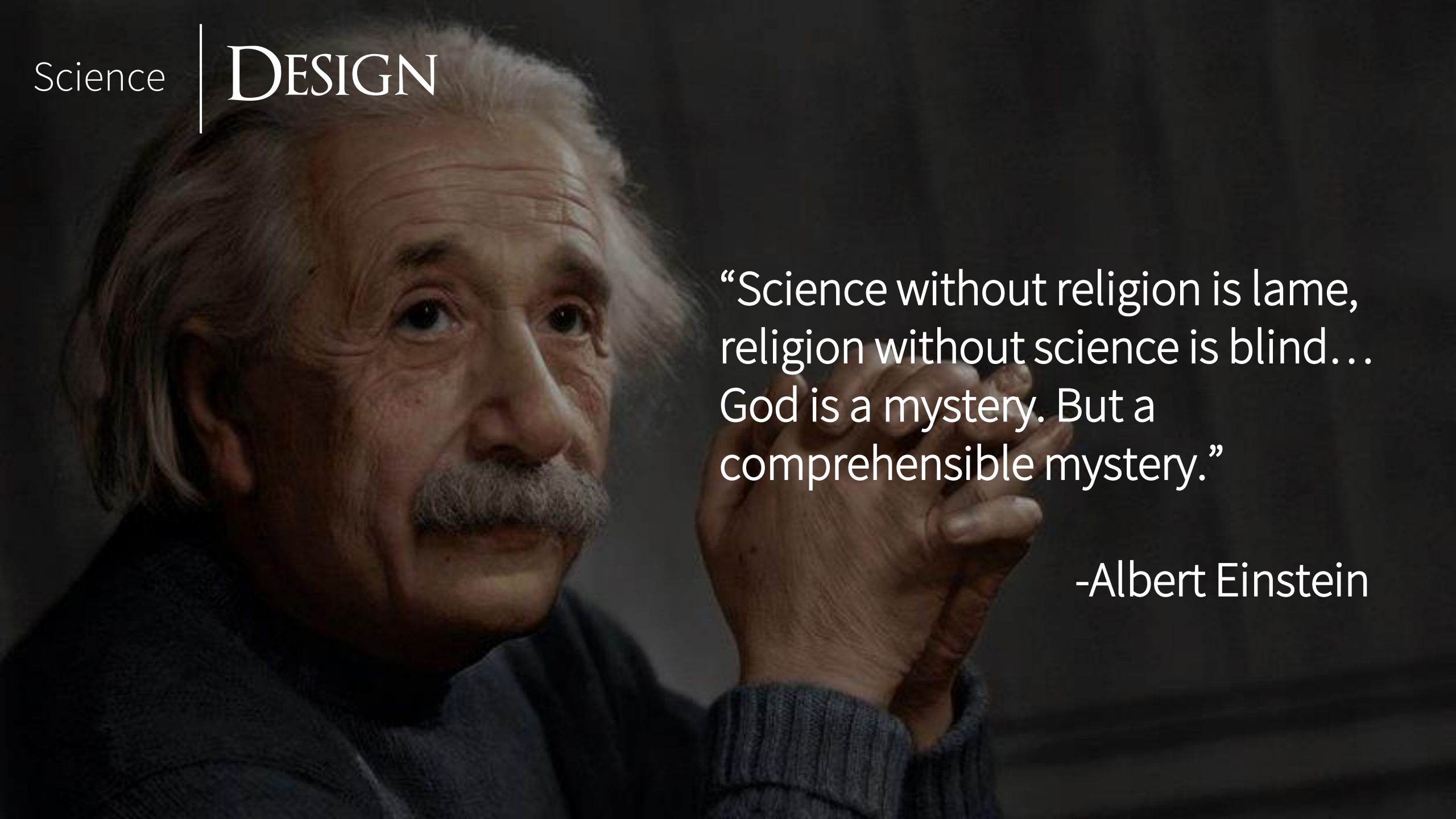
Buddhist



Atheist

Science

DESIGN

A close-up portrait of Albert Einstein, showing his characteristic wild white hair and mustache. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a thoughtful expression. His hands are clasped together in front of him. The background is dark and out of focus.

“Science without religion is lame,
religion without science is blind...
God is a mystery. But a
comprehensible mystery.”

-Albert Einstein

THE FALSE DICHOTOMY

- The Judeo-Christian worldview produced modern science
- It is not science vs. scripture, it is naturalism vs. theism
- “Science is nothing but perception.” -Plato
- Our scientific perceptions, theories, and interpretations must align with and be subject to biblical truth otherwise we construct layers of hypotheses, *posing as knowledge*, built upon a false presupposition
- Much scientific empirical evidence supports the biblical account, very little supports a naturalistic explanation (theory vs. observation)



FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, BECAUSE THAT WHICH IS KNOWN ABOUT GOD IS EVIDENT WITHIN THEM; FOR GOD MADE IT EVIDENT TO THEM. FOR SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD HIS INVISIBLE ATTRIBUTES, HIS ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINE NATURE, HAVE BEEN CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD THROUGH WHAT HAS BEEN MADE, SO THAT THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE...

FOR EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW GOD, THEY DID NOT HONOR HIM AS GOD OR GIVE THANKS, BUT THEY BECAME FUTILE IN THEIR SPECULATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED. PROFESSING TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS, AND EXCHANGED THE GLORY OF THE INCORRUPTIBLE GOD FOR AN IMAGE IN THE FORM OF CORRUPTIBLE MAN AND OF BIRDS AND FOUR-FOOTED ANIMALS AND CRAWLING CREATURES.

ROM 1:18-23

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KNOWLEDGE & WISDOM

...ALWAYS LEARNING AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE
OF THE TRUTH.

2 Ti 3:7

...GUARD WHAT HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO YOU, AVOIDING WORLDLY AND EMPTY CHATTER AND THE OPPOSING ARGUMENTS OF WHAT IS FALSELY CALLED "KNOWLEDGE"—WHICH SOME HAVE PROFESSED AND THUS GONE ASTRAY FROM THE FAITH.

1 Ti 6:20-21

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KNOWLEDGE & WISDOM

WE DESTROY ARGUMENTS AND EVERY LOFTY OPINION RAISED
AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND TAKE EVERY THOUGHT
CAPTIVE TO OBEY CHRIST...

2 Co 10:5

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KNOWLEDGE & WISDOM

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY ONE IS UNDERSTANDING.

PROVERBS 9:10



The
Fine Tuning
of the Universe

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“...WHAT THEY PASS ON AS EVOLUTION IN HIGH SCHOOLS IS NOTHING BUT REPETITIOUS TRIPE THAT TEACHERS DON’T UNDERSTAND. I CERTAINLY DON’T WANT ANY INTRUSION OF RELIGIOUS IDEAS IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE — BUT I DON’T WANT THIS BLAND SOUP THAT’S TAUGHT AS EVOLUTION IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE, EITHER. IT’S NOT SCIENCE — IT’S CATECHISM. ...ALL THAT’S THERE IS TEACHING THE SAME OLD PAPER FOR 150 YEARS, MODIFIED BY NEO-DARWINISTS BUT NOT IN ANY USEFUL WAY.”

— CARL WOESE PH.D.

FAMED (ATHEIST) MICROBIOLOGIST ON TEACHING EVOLUTION: DON'T START UNTIL COLLEGE, WIRED SCIENCE, FEB 22ND 2008

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“THE EVIDENCE AGAINST DARWINISM WAS A CRITICAL FACTOR IN MY ACCEPTANCE OF CREATIONISM, WHICH OPENED THE DOOR TO MY ACCEPTANCE OF CHRISTIANITY, BIBLICAL RELIABILITY, AND A YOUNG-EARTH CREATION WORLDVIEW. LIKE MANY SCIENTISTS WHO CAME BEFORE ME, I DISCOVERED THAT THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTS THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE.”

– JERRY BERGMAN

PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, GENETICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOCHEMISTRY, ANTHROPOLOGY,
GEOLOGY, & MICROBIOLOGY (9 DEGREES), NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
CREATION CONVERSION: FROM ATHEIST TO CREATIONIST, 2015

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“I NOW BELIEVE THERE IS A GOD... I NOW THINK IT [THE EVIDENCE] DOES POINT TO A CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE ALMOST ENTIRELY BECAUSE OF THE DNA INVESTIGATIONS... MY DISCOVERY OF THE DIVINE HAS BEEN A PILGRIMAGE OF REASON AND NOT FAITH.”

– ANTONY FLEW

THERE IS A GOD: HOW THE WORLD'S MOST NOTORIOUS ATHEIST CHANGED HIS MIND, 2008

NATURALISM

- Order & Complexity *increases* over time
- Death is normal, critical, & advantageous to life
- Death produced man
- Requires faith and assumptions

THEISM

- Order & Complexity *decreases* over time
- Death is a digressive & destructive curse upon life
- Man produced death
- Requires faith and assumptions



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REASON & FAITH



“FROM THE TIME OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS, PHILOSOPHERS AND SCIENTISTS CONTEMPLATING ORIGINS HAVE RECOGNIZED TWO ALTERNATIVES: EITHER THE VARIOUS SPECIES WERE SPECIALLY CREATED IN SOME WAY, OR THEY EVOLVED FROM PRE-EXISTING SPECIES. THE FORMER VIEW TENDS TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF A DIVINE CREATOR, WHILE THE LATTER DE-EMPHASIZES OR ELIMINATES A CREATOR. BOTH VIEWS HAVE RELIGIOUS IMPLICATIONS.”

– EDWARD J. LARSON

HISTORIAN OF SCIENCE & LAW
THE COURTSHIP OF CHARLES DARWIN
SCIENCE & SPIRIT, 2005

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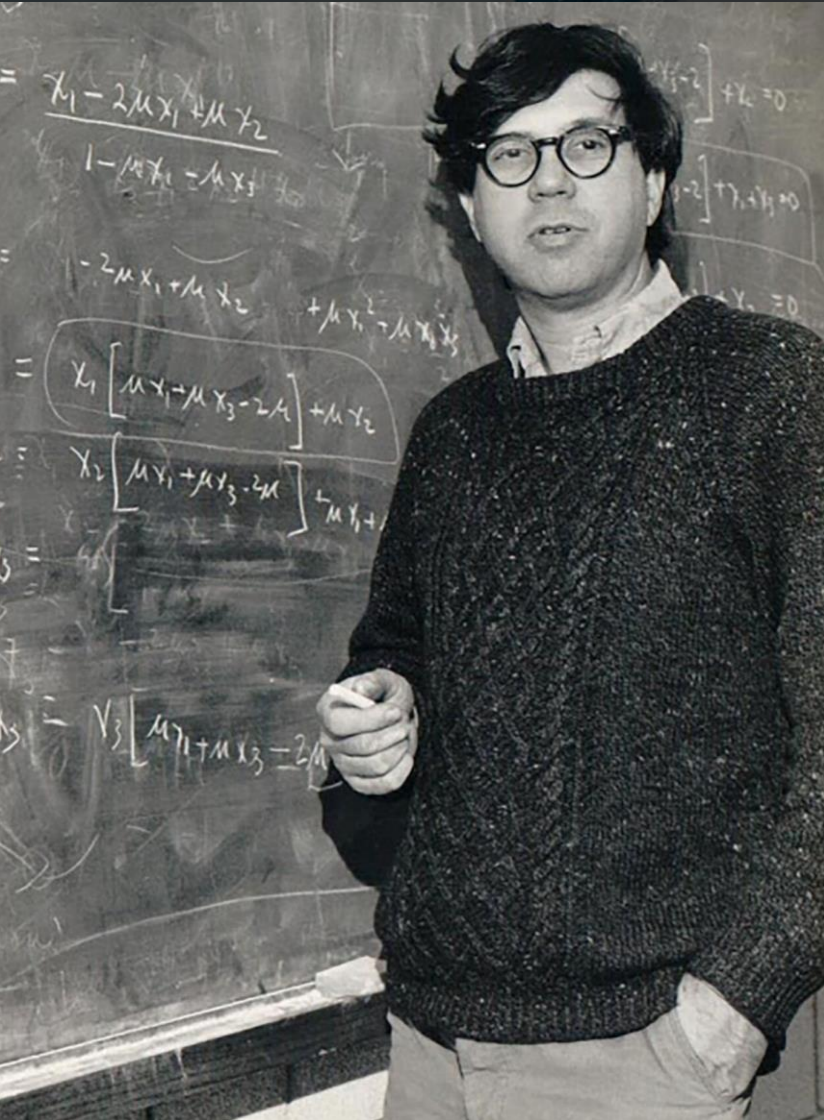
"...DARWINISM, IN WHATEVER FORM, IS NOT IN FACT A SCIENTIFIC THEORY, BUT A PSEUDO-METAPHYSICAL HYPOTHESIS DECKED OUT IN SCIENTIFIC GARB. IN REALITY THE THEORY DERIVES ITS SUPPORT NOT FROM EMPIRICAL DATA OR LOGICAL DEDUCTIONS OF A SCIENTIFIC KIND BUT FROM THE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT IT HAPPENS TO BE THE ONLY DOCTRINE OF BIOLOGICAL ORIGINS THAT CAN BE CONCEIVED WITH THE CONSTRICTED WORLDVIEW TO WHICH A MAJORITY OF SCIENTISTS NO DOUBT SUBSCRIBE."

– WOLFGANG SMITH

MATHEMATICIAN, PHYSICIST, PHILOSOPHER OF SCIENCE
COSMOS, BIOS, THEOS, 1992 P. 113

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REASON & FAITH



“IT IS NOT THAT THE METHODS AND INSTITUTIONS OF SCIENCE SOMEHOW COMPEL US TO ACCEPT A MATERIAL EXPLANATION OF THE PHENOMENAL WORLD, BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, THAT WE ARE FORCED BY OUR A PRIORI ADHERENCE TO MATERIAL CAUSES TO CREATE AN APPARATUS OF INVESTIGATION AND A SET OF CONCEPTS THAT PRODUCE MATERIAL EXPLANATIONS, NO MATTER HOW COUNTERINTUITIVE, NO MATTER HOW MYSTIFYING TO THE UNINITIATED. MOREOVER, THAT MATERIALISM IS ABSOLUTE, FOR WE CANNOT ALLOW A DIVINE FOOT IN THE DOOR.”

– RICHARD LEWONTIN

LEADING EVOLUTIONARY GENETICIST, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF DEMONS. THE NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS, 1997

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“IN FACT, EVOLUTION BECAME IN A SENSE A SCIENTIFIC RELIGION; ALMOST ALL SCIENTISTS HAVE ACCEPTED IT, AND MANY ARE PREPARED TO ‘BEND’ THEIR OBSERVATIONS TO FIT WITH IT.”

– HENRY SOLOMON LIPSON

PHYSICIST
A PHYSICIST LOOKS AT EVOLUTION
PHYSICS BULLETIN, VOL 31 P 138, 1980

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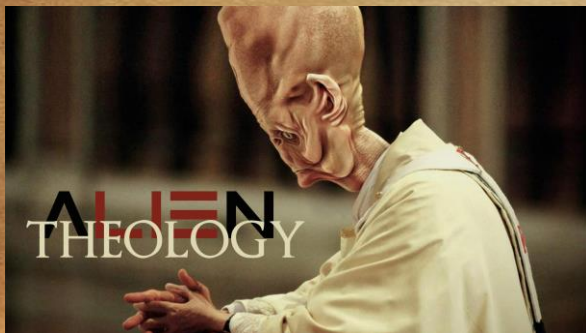
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“EVOLUTION IS PROMOTED BY ITS PRACTITIONERS AS MORE THAN MERE SCIENCE. EVOLUTION IS PROMULGATED AS AN IDEOLOGY, A SECULAR RELIGION—A FULL-FLEDGED ALTERNATIVE TO CHRISTIANITY, WITH MEANING AND MORALITY. I AM AN ARDENT EVOLUTIONIST AND AN EX-CHRISTIAN, BUT I MUST ADMIT THAT IN THIS ONE COMPLAINT... THE LITERALISTS ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. EVOLUTION IS A RELIGION. THIS WAS TRUE OF EVOLUTION IN THE BEGINNING, AND IT IS TRUE OF EVOLUTION STILL TODAY.”

— MICHAEL RUSE

PHILOSOPHER OF SCIENCE, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
SAVING DARWINISM FROM DARWINIANS
NATIONAL POST, MAY 13, 2000, B-3



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Are we alone in the universe? The truth is out there...

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RELIGION



Purpose

- Preach the Gospel to all mankind (Mat 28:19)
- Teach the law of God to all spheres (Mat 28:20)

Principles

- *All* authority has been given to the church [ecclesia] (Mat 28:18, Mat 16:19)
- Love God: safeguard against idolatry
- Love others: safeguard against injustice (Mat 22:37-40)





ISLAM

- Began in 622 AD
- Muhammad was a pupil of Judaism and Christianity
- Believe Muhammad was “the last prophet”
- Muhammad claimed Gabriel gave him the words
- Qur’an points to scripture, but contradicts it
- Qur’an contradicts itself
- 99 names for God in Islam, love is not one of them
- Must earn your salvation
- Salvation is not guaranteed except through martyrdom
- Violence, cruelty and male chauvinism promoted
- World domination by any means necessary (Jihad)
- Jesus acknowledged as a prophet, not as God
- Jesus’ death on a cross believed as a lie
- Heaven is simply fleshly desires fulfilled
- Around 24% of people hold this worldview



ॐ HINDUISM

- Began between 4000-2500 BC
- Believe in the unity and deity of everything
- The totality is called Brahman
- Ultimate deity is Atman
- Atman has over 330 million chosen avatars (other gods)
- Hindus may worship Atman or any avatar they choose
- Believe in karma
- Believe in reincarnation or “samsara”
- Strict caste system tied to samsara
- Elite are members of the brahmin caste
- Progress toward enlightenment dependent upon karma and appeasing the gods
- Around 15% of people hold this view



BUDDHISM

- Began around 490-560 BC
- Developed from the teaching of Siddhartha Gautama
- After death, his teachings were recorded in the Tripitaka
- Believe in Karma and samsara (reincarnation)
- Believe there are no gods or eternal soul
- No forgiveness, no need for prayer, no afterlife
- Believe in 5-6 spiritual realms
- Ultimate enlightenment is Nirvana
- Believe suffering comes from desire
- To end life and suffering, must be empty of desire
- Unlike Hinduism, only sentient life is sacred
- Syncretism very common due to its philosophical nature
- The Dalai Lama a follower of Tantric Buddhism
- Demonic at its core / serene, tolerant façade
- Around 7% of people hold this worldview



NEW AGE MOVEMENT

- Two basic beliefs: Evolutionary godhood and global unity
- A collection of Eastern-influenced metaphysical thought systems
- “Salvation” = “Correct thinking” and “correct knowledge”
- A theology of feel-goodism, universal tolerance and moral relativism
- Man is central, we are the divine hope for the universe
- The term refers to the “Aquarian Age” which according to New Age followers is dawning and will bring peace, unity and enlightenment (astrology)
- As each person is divine, they can create their own reality and truth
- “Spirit guides” are often used through meditation and trances
- Mysticism, magic and rituals may be used by practitioners
- Mainly Western and White (85%), total numbers unknown



ANIMISM/SHAMANISM

- Common belief system of tribal or indigenous people
- No belief in deities or gods, only spirits
- Nature is spiritual, sacred and balanced but not unified
- Humans are equal with the rest of nature
- Rituals are essential to win favor in order to survive
- Spirits are in everything and are often malignant
- After death, the spirit may travel to a “Garden of Eden”
- Or the spirit may remain as a ghost, often malignant
- Purpose of life is simply survival, no sense of morality
- Often incorporates Witch Doctors or Shamans
- Everything from sickness to weather is caused by spirits
- Shamans are intermediaries to the spirit world
- The position of shaman is held for life
- Highly superstitious, highly demonic
- Around 6% of people hold this worldview



ATHEISM/AGNOSTICISM

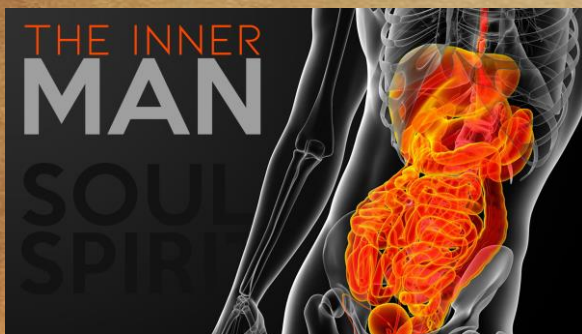
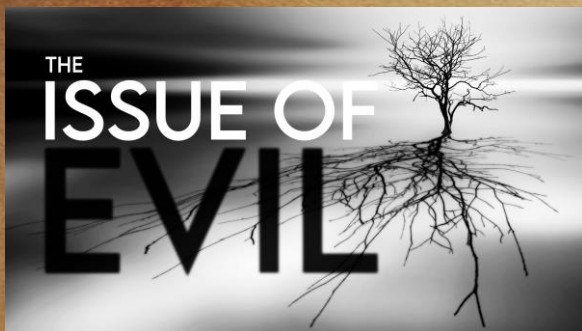
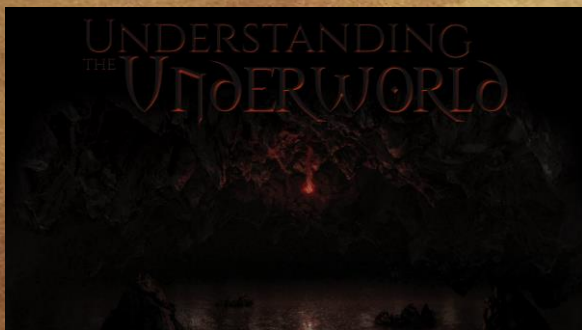
- These worldviews are as old as man
- Atheism is the belief that there is no god
- Agnosticism is the belief that the question is unanswerable
- Both believe the physical world is (possibly) all there is
- Both would be categorized as “nonreligious”
- “Nonreligious” people tend to have “religious” beliefs
- Atheists believe in “scientific enlightenment”
- Agnostics typically don’t have an agenda
- Both deny absolute truth, morality and good and evil
- Both are materialists
- Both views ultimately promote egocentrism
- Around 2% of people are “pure” atheists
- Around 14% of people are agnostic or nonreligious



CHRISTIANITY

- Began around 30 AD as a continuance of Judaism
- Only religion you cannot earn salvation- it is given
- Only religion that affirms Christ's deity and sacrifice
- Only religion whose holy writings are both historically and prophetically accurate
- Only religion which affirmed, rather than contradicted, earlier revelations
- Believe man is redeemed only by grace
- Believe you only have one life to live- make it count
- Believe in moral absolutes and eternal judgment
- Believe truth is a person, not a concept
- Believe the physical realm is real but temporary
- Believe the purpose of man is the glory of God
- Around 31% of people hold this worldview

THE BIBLE SAYS...



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An introduction to the third person of the Trinity

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Seeds of faith begin small but must grow large to see mountains move

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Can Christians lose their salvation?

The Myth of the Jesus Myth

Destroying the argument that Jesus, Krishna, Buddha, Horus, Mithras, Attis, Osiris are the same story

The Inner Man

The Biblical concept of fasting and why (and how) you should do it

- The church exists for two reasons: To complete the Great Commission and to redeem and disciple all things under the Lordship of Christ (go + teach)
- Throughout scripture, end times teaching was a primary motivator for the church to stay on task, not to promote idle speculation
- We are not waiting for Christ's return, He is waiting on our obedience (2Pe 3:3,4,9)
- When will the end come? Jesus' clear response: **Mat 24:14 & Mar 13:10**

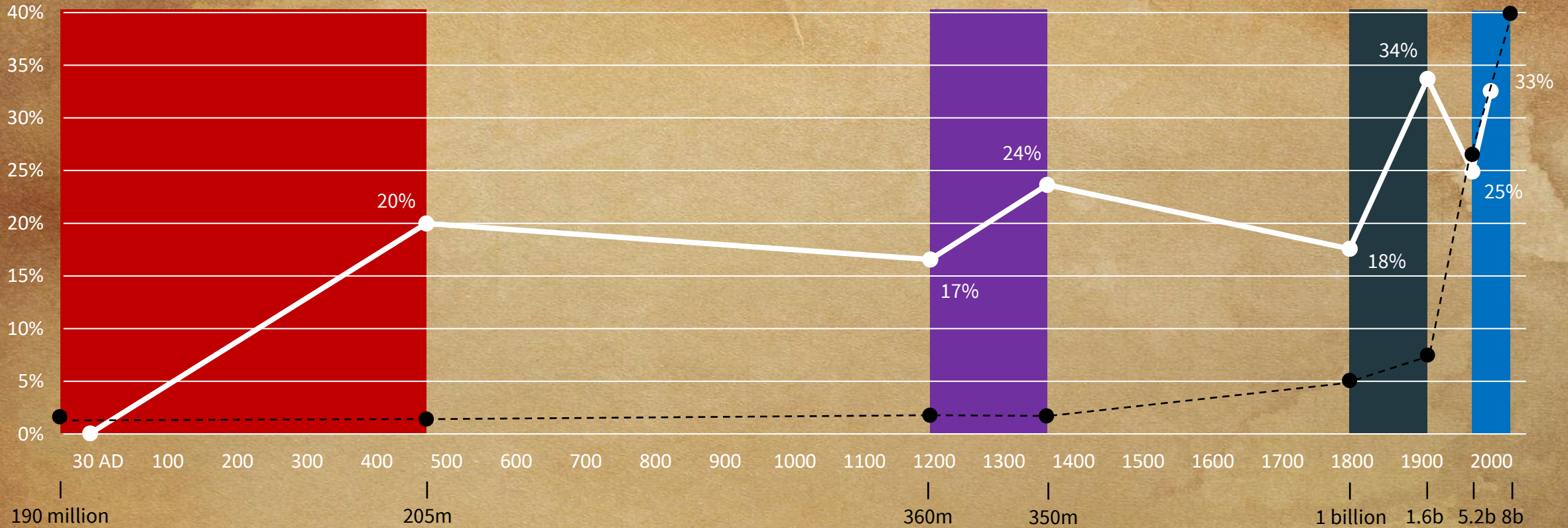


THE ACCELERATING TIMELINE

- The Woman in Labor
- John 16:19-21
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3
- Romans 8:19-23
- Mark 13:8
- Parallels between conception, gestation, contractions and birth



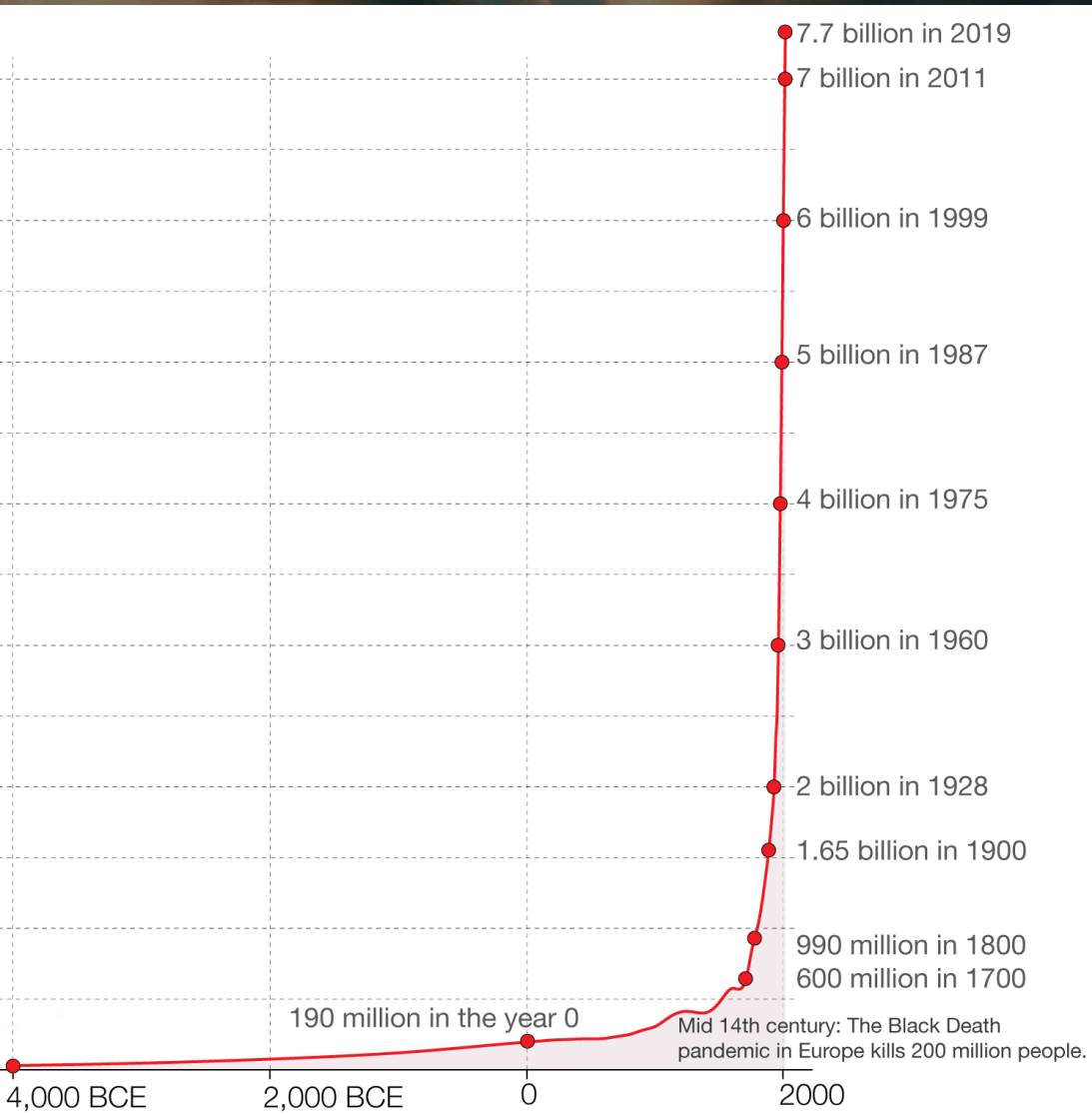
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THE ACCELERATING TIMELINE

... HE MADE FROM ONE MAN EVERY NATION OF MANKIND TO LIVE ON ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH, HAVING DETERMINED THEIR APPOINTED TIMES AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR HABITATION, THAT THEY WOULD SEEK GOD...

ACTS 17:26-27



THE ACCELERATING TIMELINE

- Circa 2000 BC, era of Abraham: **pop 27m**
- Circa 0 AD, era of Christ: **pop 190m**
- Circa 1800 AD, era of modern missions: **pop 1b**
- Circa 2023 AD, era of modern church: **pop 8b**

Assuming a biblical timeline, of all the people who have ever existed, the vast, vast majority lived after Christ's sacrifice for sin. Of those, the vast majority lived in an era where the Gospel was being actively proclaimed.



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