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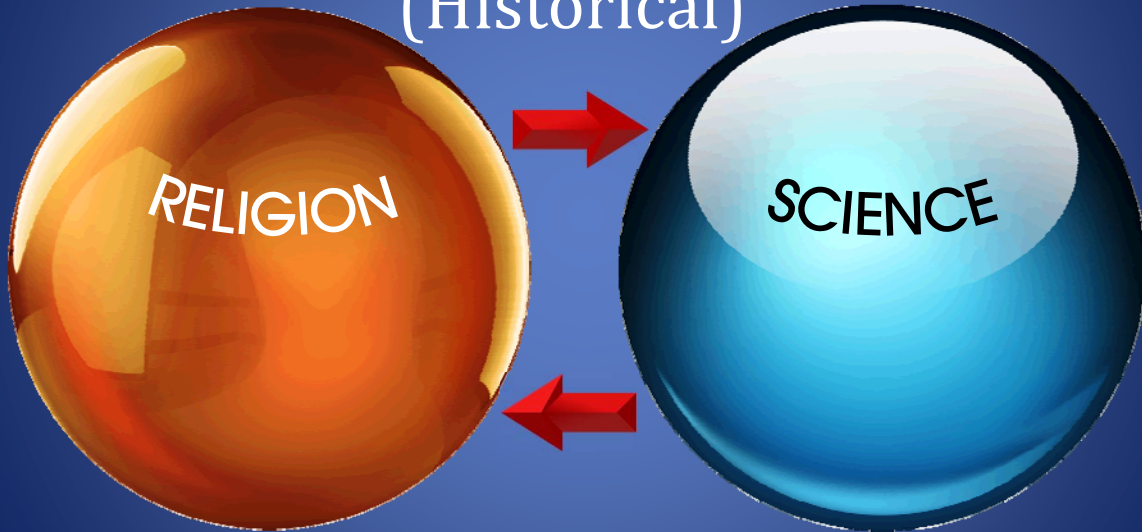
Our Predicament Today

1. We live in a post-Biblically literate environment.
2. Christians experience institutional hostility in media, academia, entertainment, politics, public service, etc.
3. The Bible is seen as politically incorrect.
4. Cultural antipathy to Truth, right and wrong, etc.
5. Denominational tide toward conformity with “world”.
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7. Inversion of Western values: fact passed off as fiction and fiction peddled as fact.

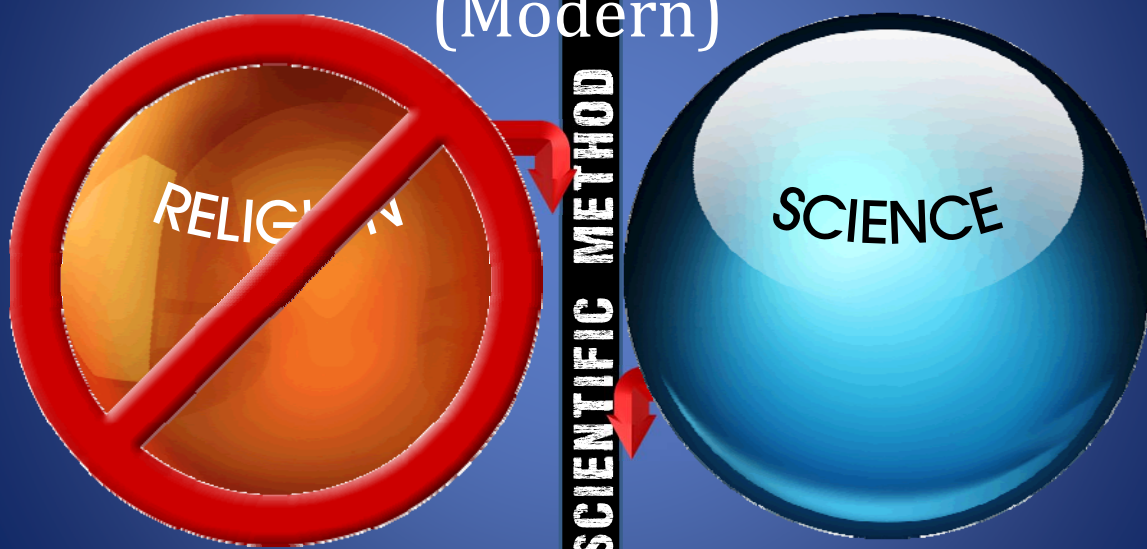
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WHERE WESTERN SOCIETY
IS TODAY

Relationship of Religion & Science (Historical)



Relationship of Religion & Science (Modern)



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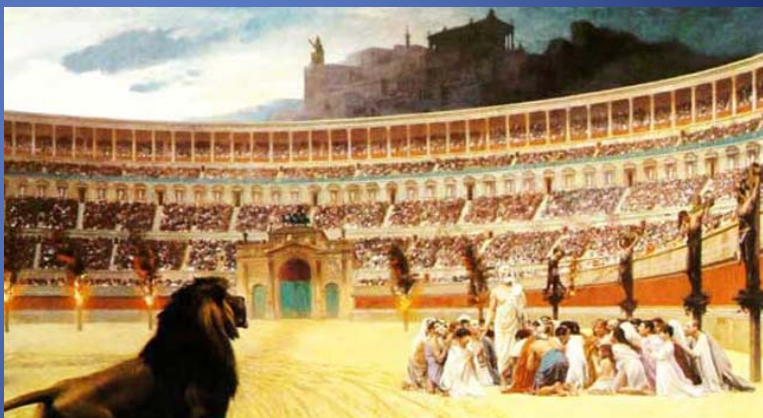
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So Many Christians, So Few Lions

IS THERE
CHRISTIANOPHOBIA
IN THE
UNITED STATES?

George Yancey
David A. Williamson

One modern social dynamic in the West is the fear and hatred that many people harbor towards Christians and resultant bigotry, prejudice, and dehumanization.



Top 5 USA Teacher Complaints

Pre-1963

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2. Chewing gum
3. Making noise
4. Running in the halls
5. Getting out of turn in line
6. Dress code infractions
7. Not putting paper in the waste basket.

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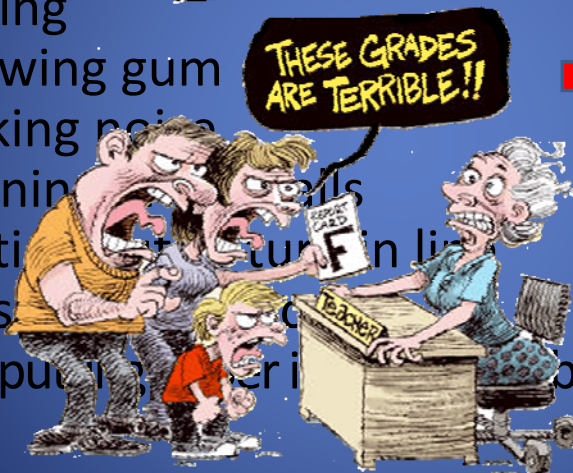
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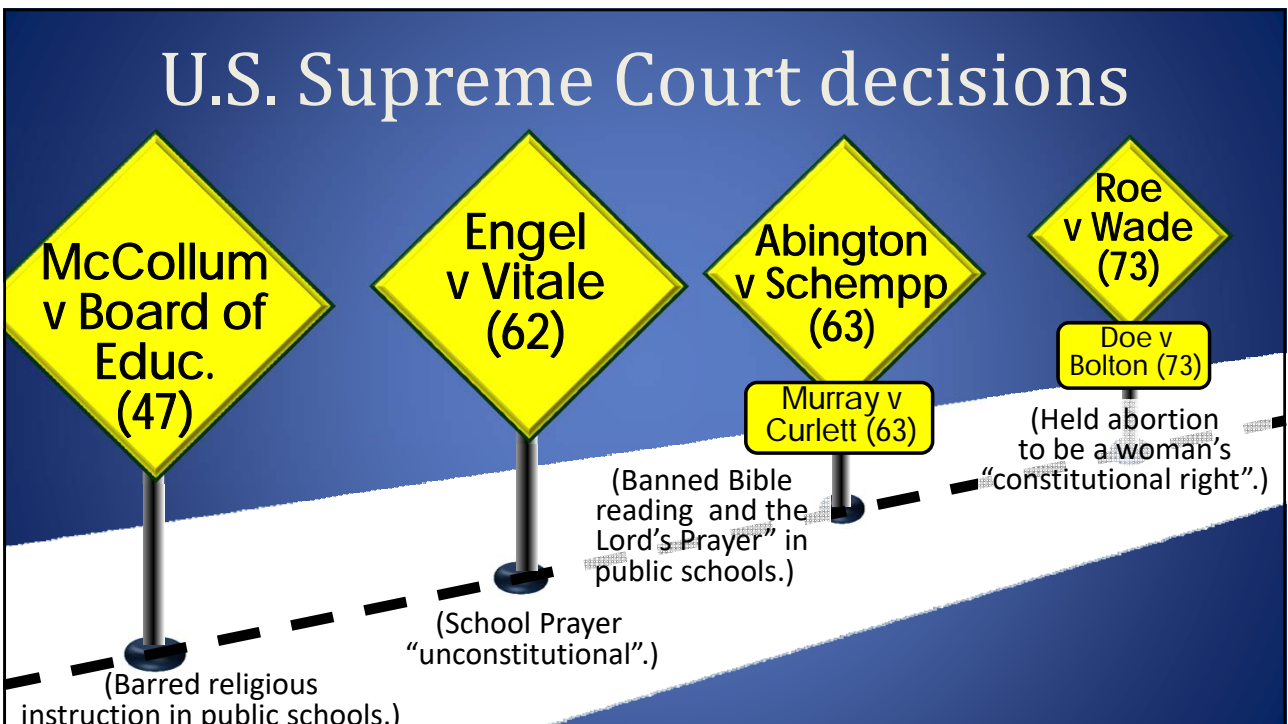
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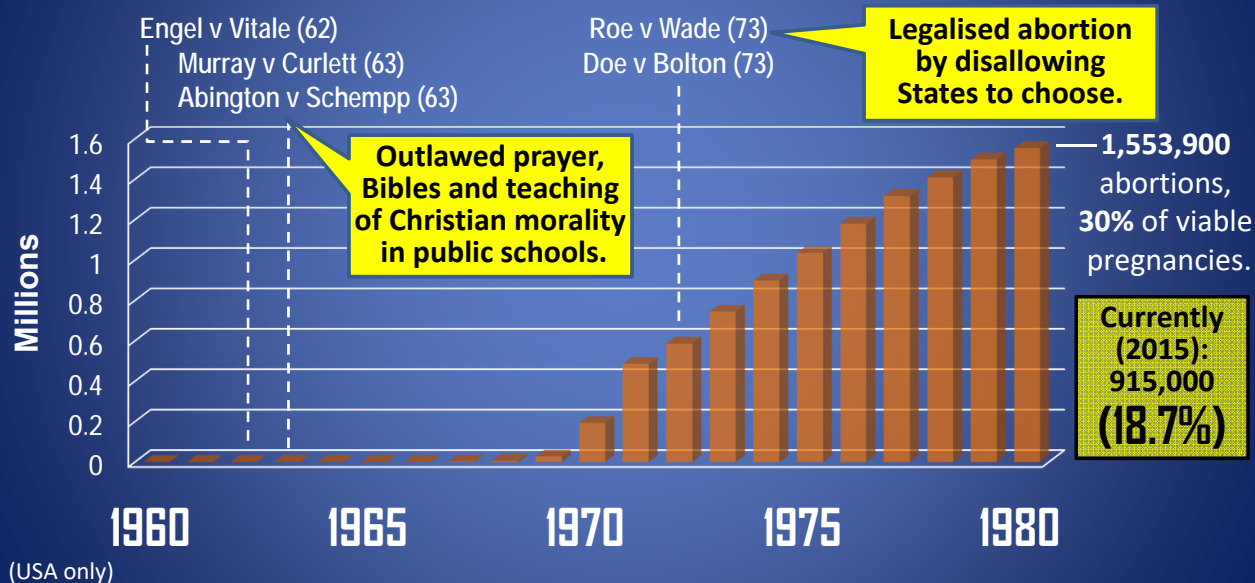
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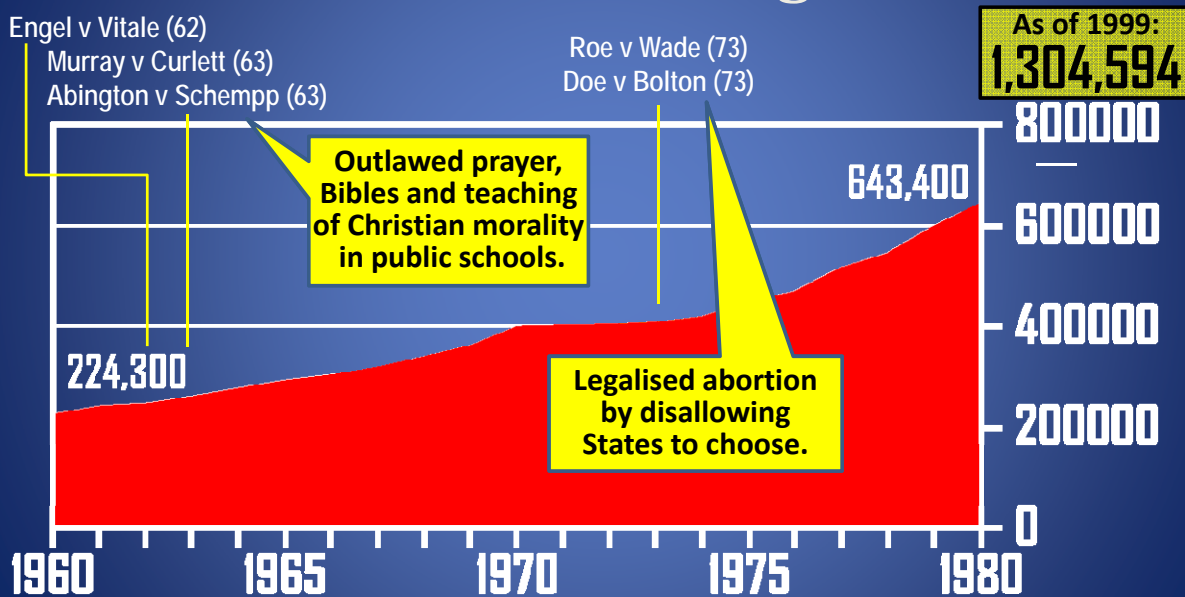
- ➔ Drug abuse
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- ➔ Pregnancy
- ➔ Suicide
- ➔ Rape
- ➔ Robbery
- ➔ Assault

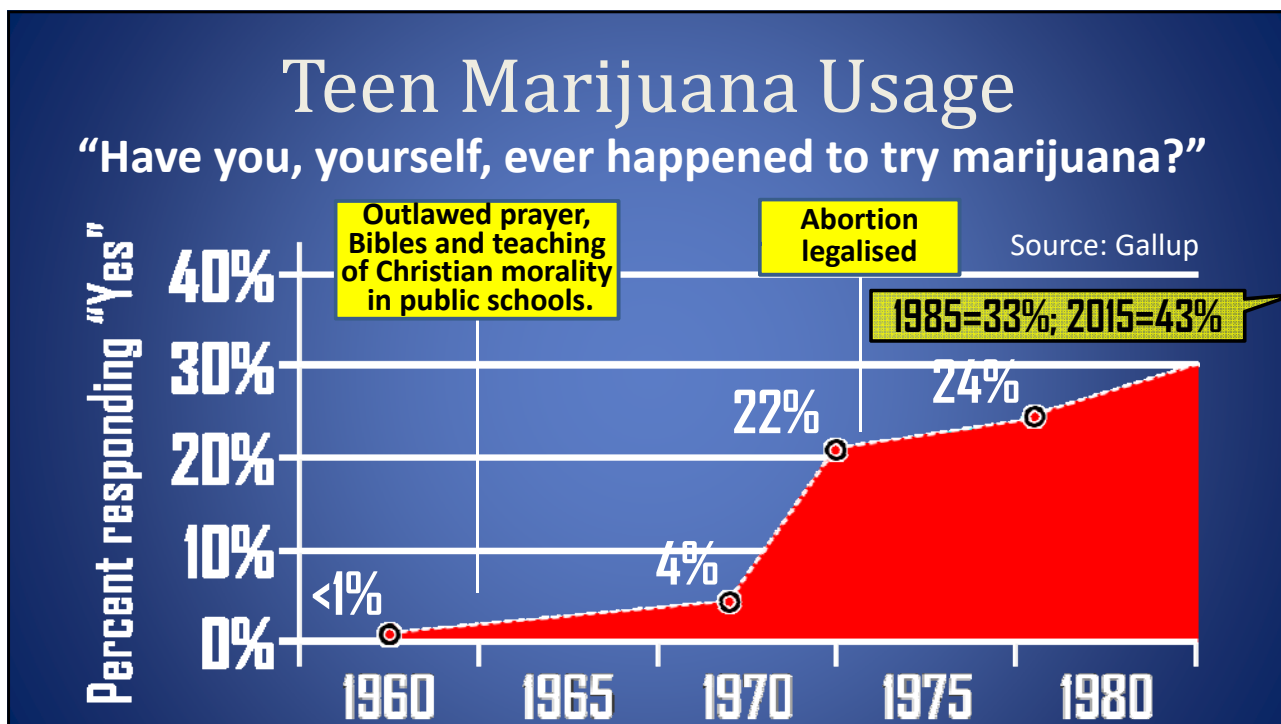
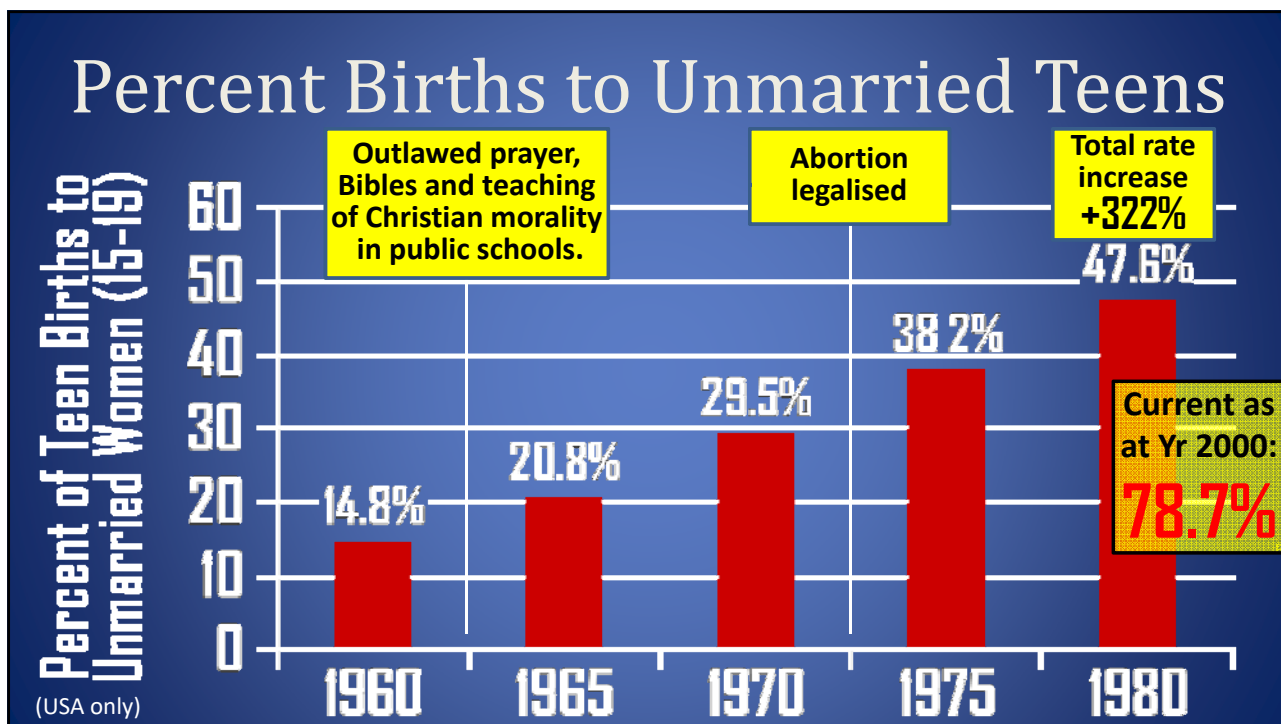


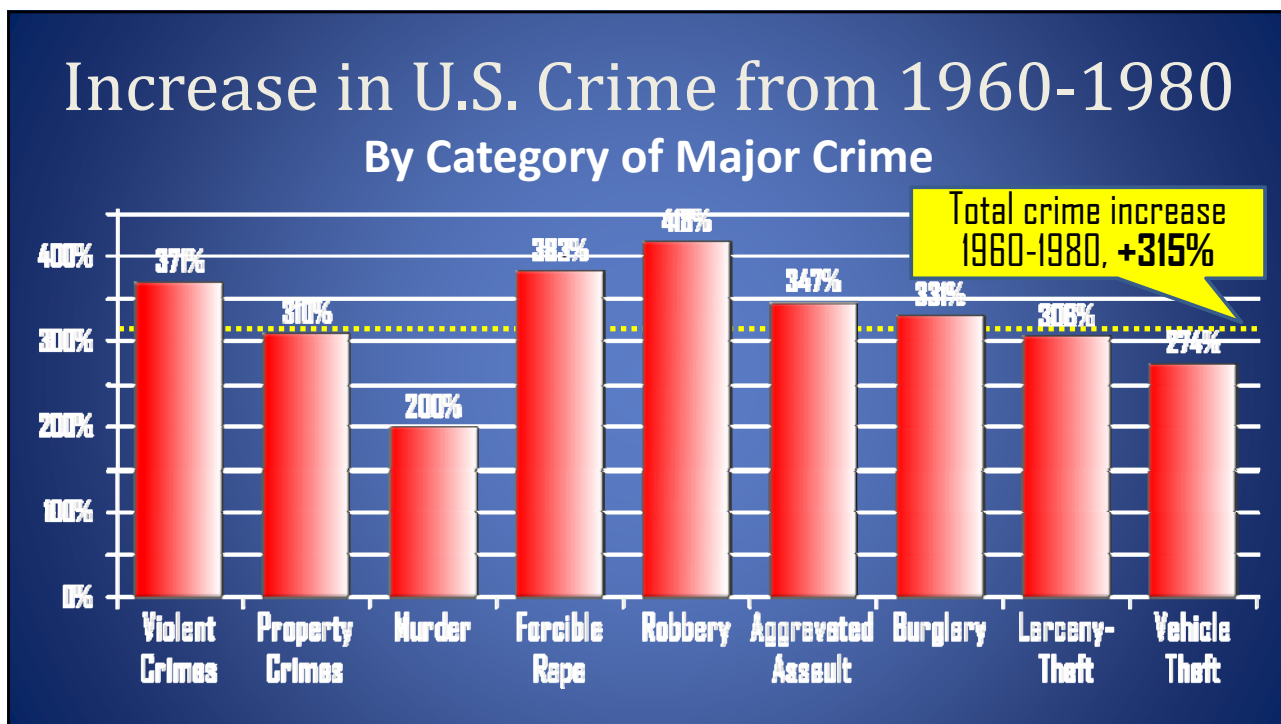
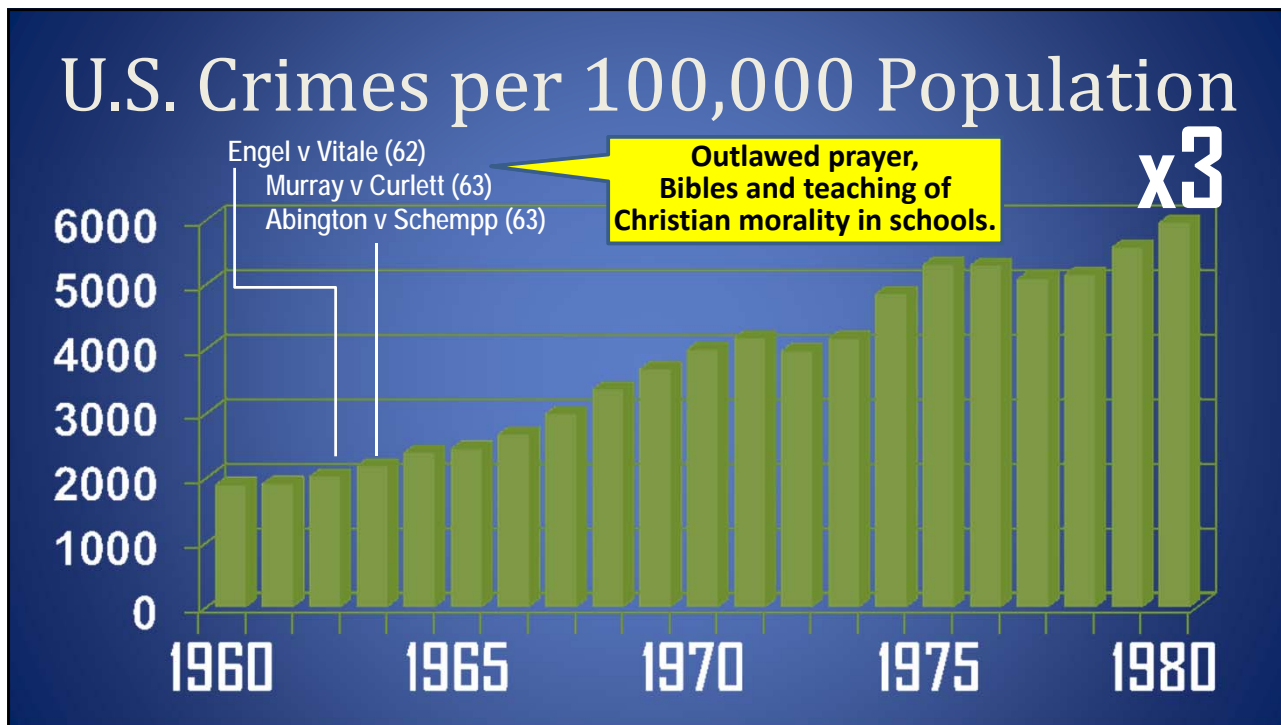
Abortions per Year, 1960-1980



Nonmarital Childbearing, 1960-1980







Miscellaneous Stats

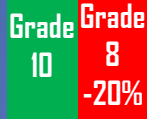
Pregnancies 10-14 y.o.



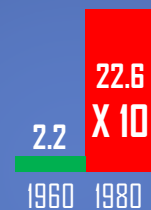
Student S.T.D.s



Average H.S. Reading Levels



Divorce rate (per 1000)



Forcible Rape



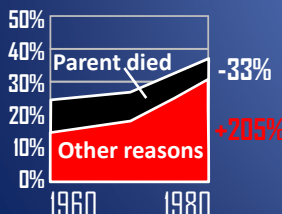
Property Crime



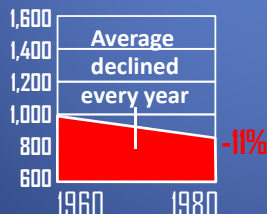
Juvenile likelihood of committing crime



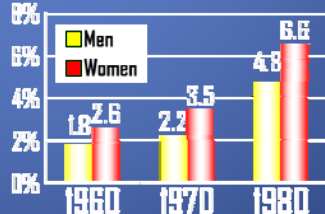
% not living w/ both biol. parents



Average S.A.T. test scores



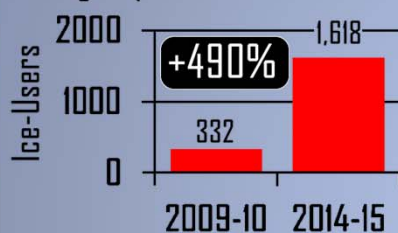
Percent of U.S. Citizens divorced, not remarried



Number of Christian Schools in U.S.



Queensland Ice-Related Emergency Room Presentations

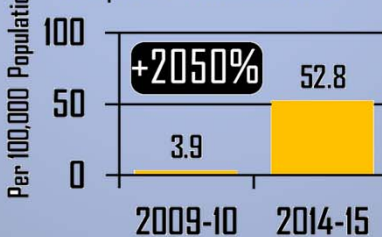


Per "Action on ice", Queensland Government, February 2017

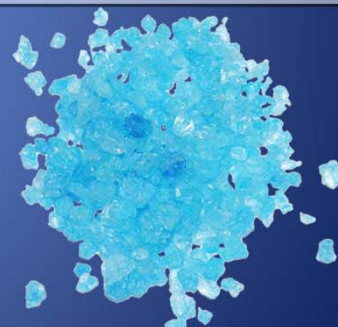
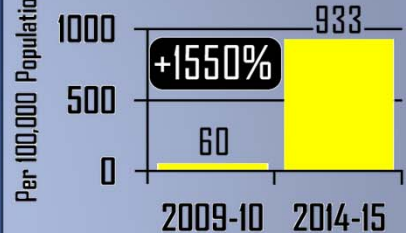
Oz is not exempt from these trends

The rapid growth of Crystal methamphetamine (aka "Ice") since its introduction provides just one example of many.

Queensland Ice-Related Public Hospital Presentations



Queensland Ice-Related Inpatient Mental Health Admissions



Some common social axioms

"State" is the divine idea on earth.
 The State creates freedom.
 Experts should run government.
 State's role is to create institutions
 so people realise their potential.



Gender is a social construct.
 Rights have their source in law.
 We have a right to equality of
 results not just opportunities.
 Reinterpret living Constitutions.

All truth is relative.
 There is no right or wrong.
 Truth is propositional.
 Tolerance is highest virtue.
 CO₂ determines climate.



Women own their bodies.
 Unborn are not human.
 Euthanasia reduces cost.
 State rations resources.
 Health care should be free.

Rights/privileges depend upon
 the group(s) that you belong to.
 Older people are past it.
 Diversity makes us stronger.
 Multiculturalism is a strength.



Religion or science, not both.
 Jews, Christians, Muslims all
 worship the same g-d.
 Religion is man-made.
 Islam is a religion of peace.

A few results

Media
 is politically and
 ethically corrupt

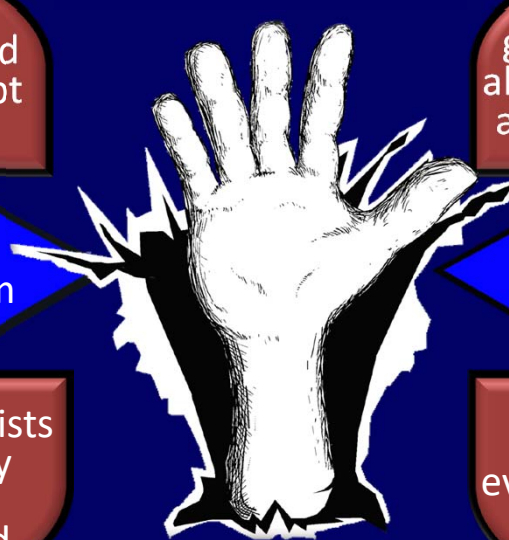
Politics and
 government at
 all levels are seen
 as dysfunctional

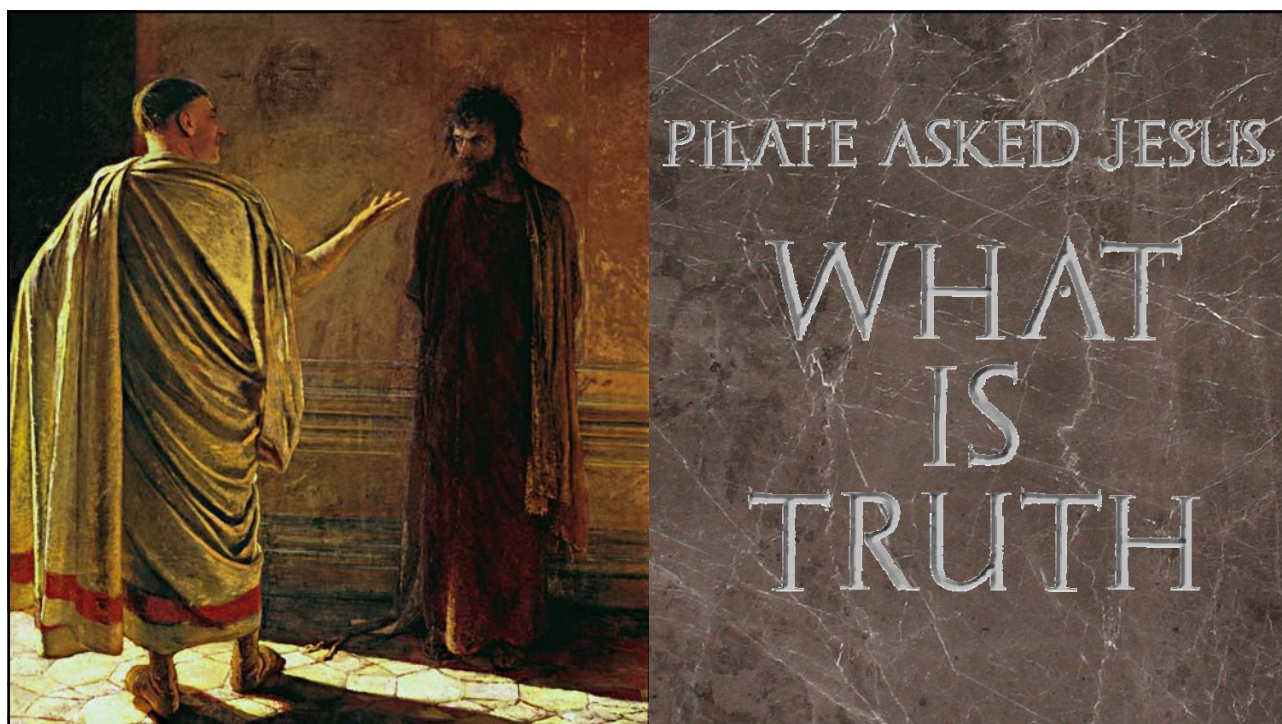
Education fails
 students and society.
 U.S. Literacy went from
 1st to 62nd (tie)

Rampant
 unemployment
 (jobs go overseas
 or to underpaid
 foreigners)

Many scientists
 are politically
 and morally
 compromised

Moral decline is
 evident throughout
 society





The biblical view of truth

1. God is the ultimate truth.
2. Jesus Christ is the truth of God Incarnate.
3. All truth is God's truth, and he has revealed it to humankind.
4. Truth is objective, knowable, and applicable.
5. Truth is universal, absolute, and unchanging.
6. Truth excludes whatever is falsehood.
7. Denying truth is self-defeating.



God is ultimate truth

1

In the Bible, God describes himself as being real, true, and alive rather than being unreal, false, and nonliving like the gods conjured through human idolatry.

2

According to historic Christianity, God is the ultimate and unchanging truth and the necessary real being that stands behind the created order.

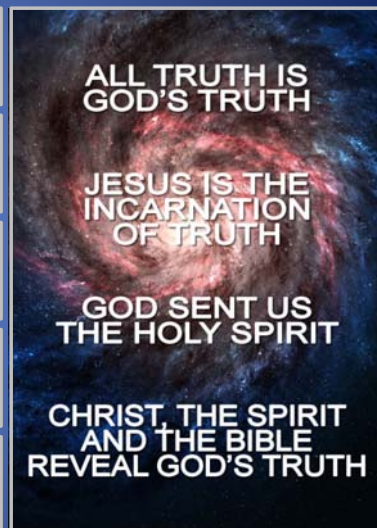
3

God is the source and ground of all truth.

(Is. 43:10-13, Jer. 10:6-16, John 17:3).

Jesus Christ is the truth of God Incarnate

- 1** Per the Bible, truth finds its origin in God.
- 2** God took on a human nature and became a man in the person of Jesus Christ.
- 3** Jesus of Nazareth is the truth of God in human flesh. Jesus is the incarnation of truth.
- 4** Truth's present earthly manifestations are the Holy Spirit and God's written Word, the Bible.
- 5** Per the Bible, the truth of God is revealed in Christ and in the Bible.



God reveals truth to humankind

General Revelation

In Creation



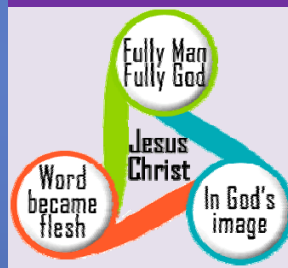
No work of Man can explain the origin of life!
Nature, moral experience, DNA reveal God.

In the World



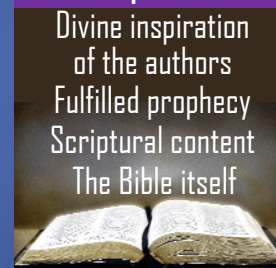
Special Revelation

Incarnational



He gave us all we need to know His truth.
Accept or reject it, He still offers His love.

Scriptural



Divine inspiration of the authors
Fulfilled prophecy
Scriptural content
The Bible itself

Truth is objective, knowable, applicable

Truth is the way something really is - independent of subjective human experience and man-made conventions. It is not relative.

OBJECTIVE
KNOWABLE
APPLICABLE

Truth is knowable.

God made people with the necessary capacities to apprehend what is true or false.

Truth does not go out of fashion.

Truth is applicable anywhere, at any time, and in any group of people. It is as applicable to us in the twentieth century as it was to people centuries ago.

(Ps. 19:1-11, John 8:32, Rom. 1:18-21).



Truth is universal, absolute, unchanging

- ✓ The Bible claims that objective truth exists.
- ✓ Truth is true for all people in all cultures everywhere.
- ✓ Truth is unaffected by knowledge, attitude or belief.

UNIVERSAL
ABSOLUTE
UNCHANGING

- ✓ All truths are absolute.
 - ✓ Truth is without exemption, exception, or qualification.
 - ✓ Truth is discovered, not invented.
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- ✓ Truth doesn't change: it can be conveyed across time.

“Facts do not cease to exist because they are **ignored**”

Aldous Huxley

Did Jesus claim to be God?

1 Jesus Christ did claim to be God. He said, "I and the Father are one." He also referred to Himself as the "Son of God" and stated, "the Father is in Me, and I in the Father." Matthew 12:20; Luke 22:70-71, John 8:58, 10:30, 33, 36, 38. 14:9, etc. **2**

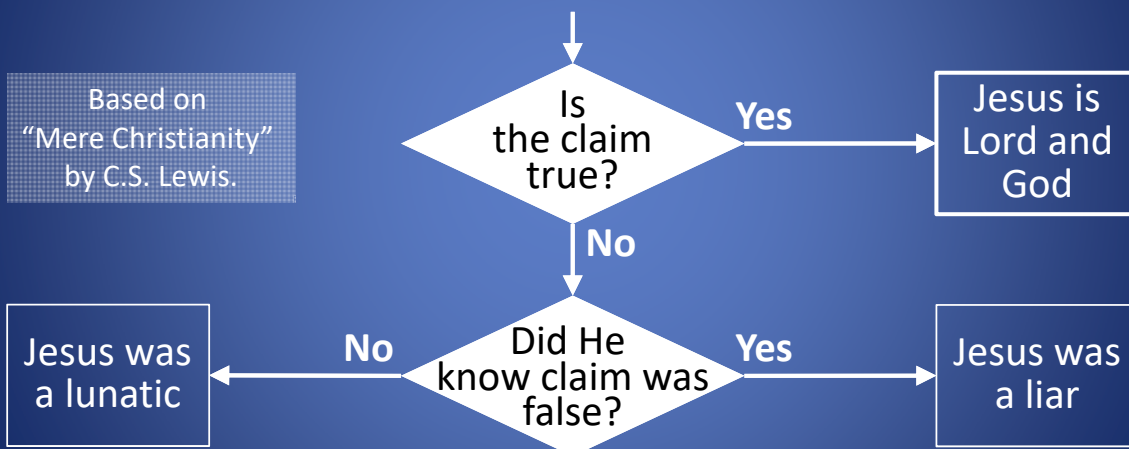
4 John wrote, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Acts 4:12

Jesus did not expect "blind faith". He provided the same evidence that OT prophets used to validate their ministries... miracles and fulfilled prophecy.

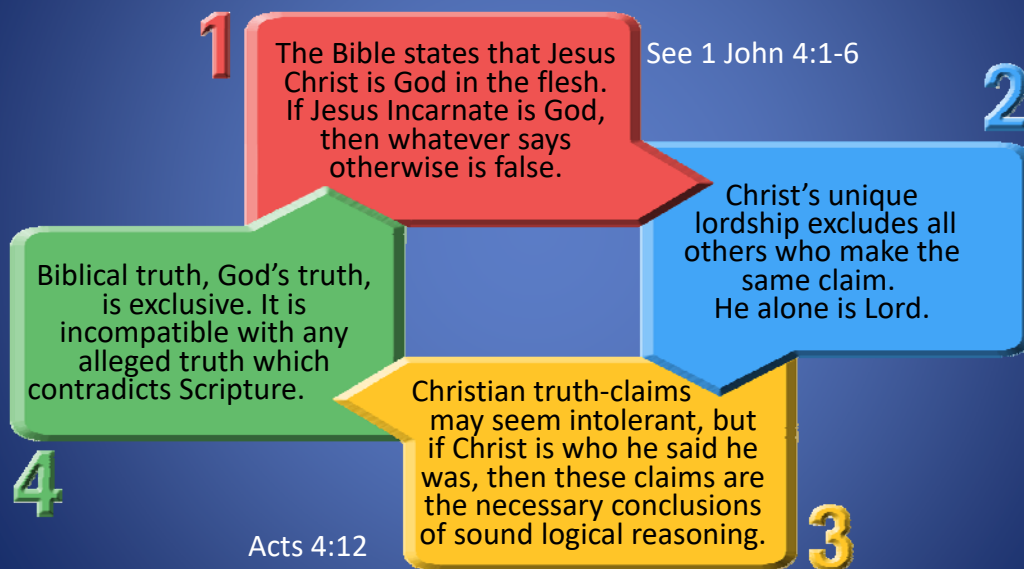
3 He also presented ample further compelling evidence including His life and teaching, reasoning and logic, OT prophecy fulfilment, resurrection, witnesses, and so on.

Our Trilemma

FACT: In the Bible, Jesus claimed to be God

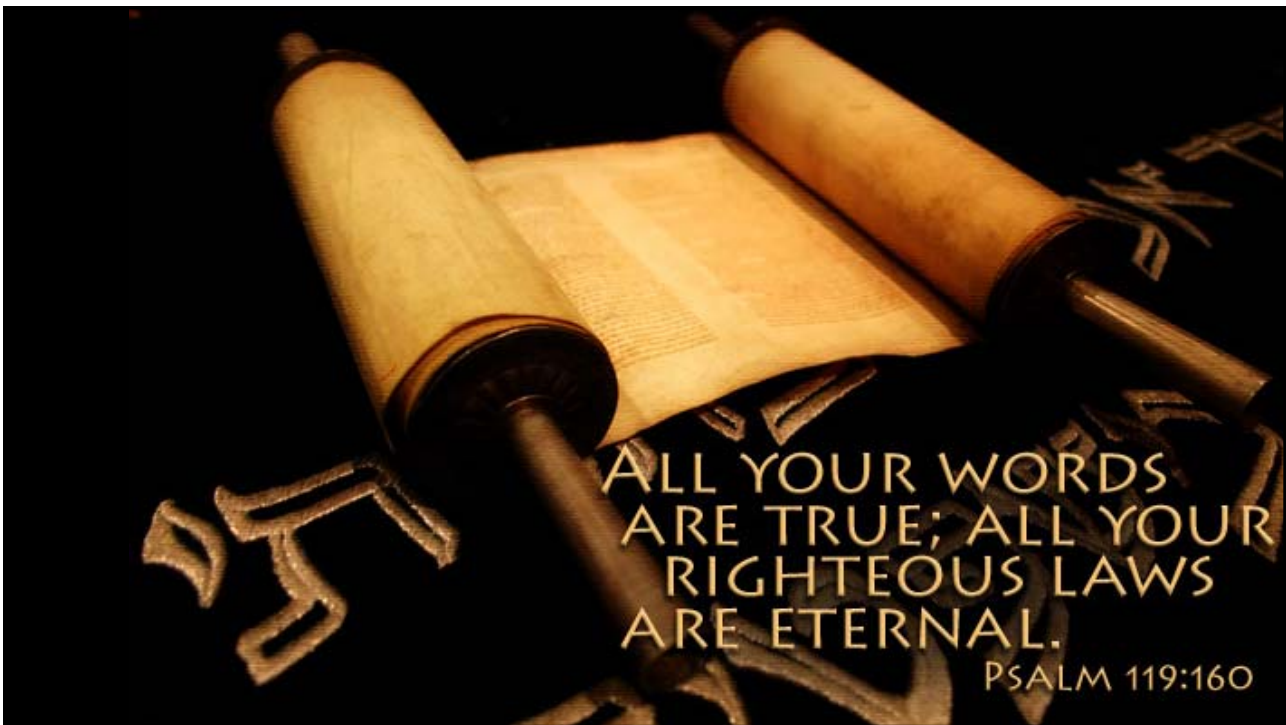


Truth excludes whatever is false



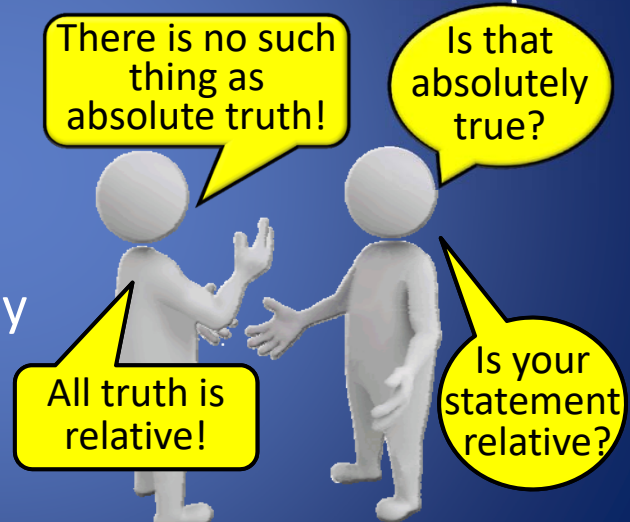
Opposing world views

- Relativism is a logical conclusion if man is the measure of truth and God does not exist.
- However, the Bible states that we live in a theistic universe created by God whose nature is truth, and that God communicates His truth to His created beings.

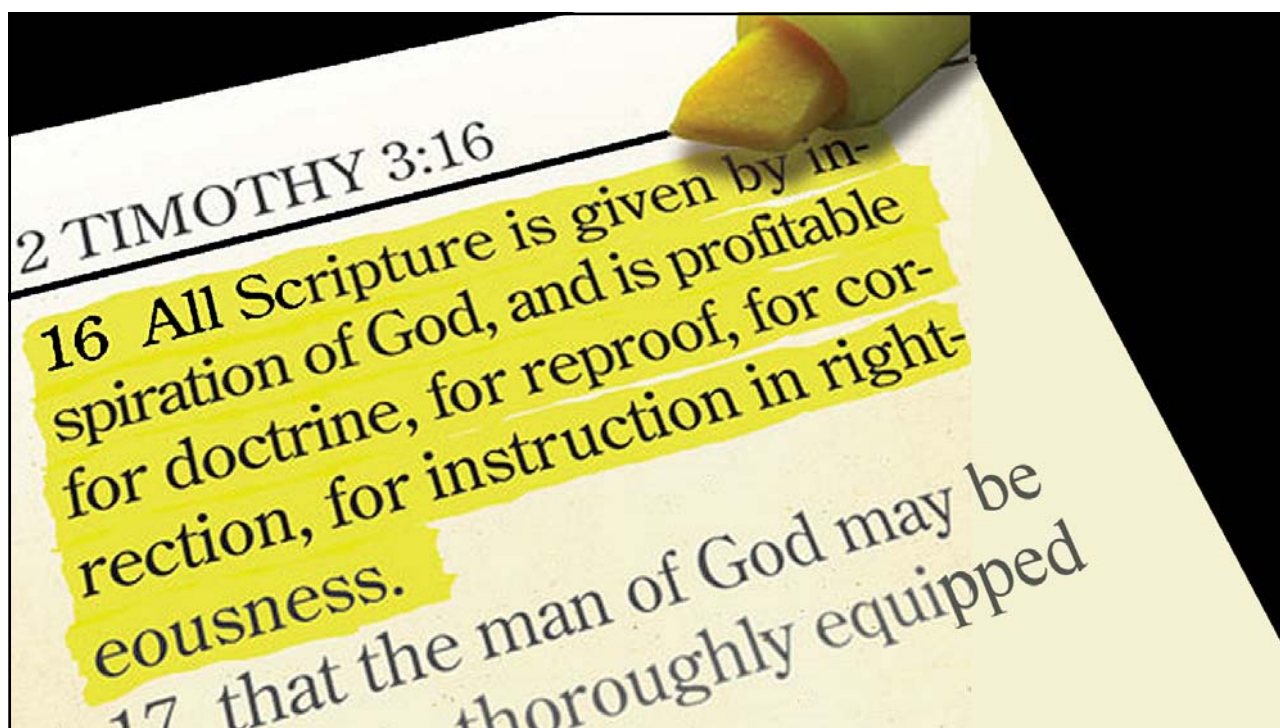


Denial of truth is self-defeating

1. Attempts to deny the existence of truth end up being self-defeating.
2. All attempts to dismiss truth are themselves claims about truth.
3. Denial of truth inevitably results in an assertion about truth itself.



In order for **truth** to be absolute, objective, knowable, applicable, universal and unchanging, it must be grounded in a **source** that is personal, unchanging, and sovereign over all creation.



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UNDERPINNINGS OF THE BIBLE



1. The Bible is NOT a smörgåsbord.
2. The Bible is an integrated whole.
3. The Bible is timeless and enduring.
4. The Bible is free from scientific error.
5. The Bible is inexhaustible.
6. The Bible is supernatural.
7. The Bible is a bit like a hologram.



1. The Bible is NOT a smörgåsbord

You may accept or reject the Bible.
You are not free to choose what parts to believe.
The Bible forces readers to make a moral choice.

The Bible is an integrated whole.
All 66 books in both Old and New Testaments are
consistent and relevant.

Context is important.
One-verse theology leads to
misunderstanding and error.

2. An integrated whole








66 books *yet*
 40 by authors
 3 from
 3 continents
 3 writing in
 3 languages
 over nearly
 2,000 years.

- It is an integrated message system.

The NT is in the OT concealed;
 the OT is in the NT revealed.
- It contains one basic message and one purpose.
- More than 27% of Bible verses are prophetic and accurately describe history in advance.

3. The Bible is enduring

After 1000s of years, it is still going strong despite:

- 
-  Persecution (and genocide) against its readers.
 -  Religious wars against it for over two millennia.
 -  Covert action against it for five hundred years.
 -  Concerted scholarly attacks on it for centuries.
 -  Government bans on its use in public arenas.
 -  Continual attempts to reject or replace it... *etc.*

4. Free from scientific error

Even though “science” rejects what cannot be observed, measured or replicated.

The Bible anticipates many scientific discoveries.

The Bible anticipates modern technologies.

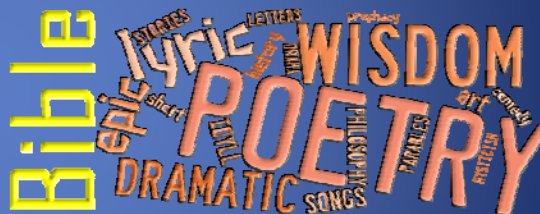
Archaeological and ancient document finds confirm the Bible.

No historic fact in it has been *proven* to be wrong.

Apparent error is cause for deeper study and investigation.

5. Inexhaustible

- Even if studied over a lifetime, it will continue to reveal new insights and truths.
- It contains brilliant examples of all forms of great literature.
- “... at the mouth of (two or) three witnesses, shall the matter be established.” Every fact is confirmed in writing elsewhere in the Bible.



6. Demonstrably of supernatural origin

It claims to be **the Word of God**, One who is outside restrictions of space, time, gravity, etc.

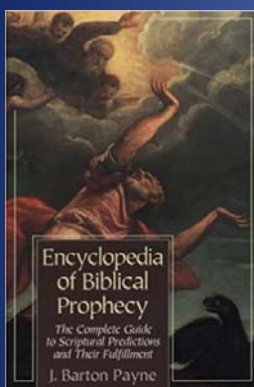
It **reveals** to those who seek; **obscures** to others.

SUPERNATURAL

Just as Biblical prophets were **authenticated** by fulfilled prophecy, so can the Bible be.

Many messages are **encoded** within the text.

A tidbit on Prophetic Fulfilment

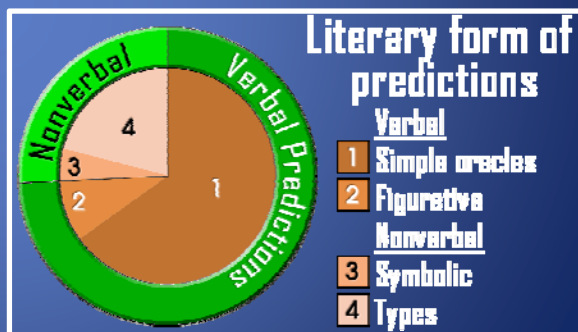


Per Payne, **8,352** verses (27%) out of 31,124 in the Bible are predictive. The Bible has **1,817** separate predictions covering **737** topics.

The OT is 28.5% predictive while the NT is 21.5%.

80%+

of the predictions have come true; **all** except those of Christ's Second Coming and the End Times.



Bible codes - Microcodes

- Microcodes are hidden behind original texts.
- e.g., Coded behind Gen. 3 (The Fall) are there relevant Hebrew words from Genesis 3:

ה	מ	ע	ר	ר	ו	י	ח	ה	א	ד	מ	ר	א	ל	ה	א	י	ת	ב	ש	ו	ר	ה	נ	ח	ש	Garden	גֵּן						
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ר	י	ע	צ	ה	ג	נ	נ	א	כ	ל	ר	מ	פ	ר	י	ה	ע	צ	א	ש	ר	ב	ת	ו	כ	ה	ג	נ	א	מ	Fruit	פֵּרִי		
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ק	ו	ל	י	ה	ר	ה	א	ל	ה	י	מ	ס	ת	ה	ל	כ	ב	ג	נ	ל	ר	ו	ח	ה	י	ר	מ	ו	י	ת	ר	Evil	רָע	
כ	ע	צ	ה	נ	י	ק	ו	י	ק	ו	י	ר	א	י	ה	ו	ה	א	ל	ה	א	מ	ר	ה	א	ד	מ	ר	י	א	מ	ר	Adam	אָדָם
א	כ	י	ע	י	ר	מ	א	נ	כ	י	ר	א	ב	א	ו	י	א	מ	ר	מ	י	ה	ג	י	ד	ל	כ	כ	י	א	כ	י	Eve	חַוָּה
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Source: <http://www.research-systems.com/codes/eden.htm>

Microcodes - Gematria

- Hebrew and Greek are unique in that letters each have a numeric value.

Aleph	Bet	Gimel	Dalet	Hey	Vav	Zayin	Chet	Tet	Yud	Kaf	Lamed	Mem	Nun	Samech	Ayin	Pey	Tsaddi	Kuf	Resh	Shin	Tav
א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט	י	כ	ל	מ	נ	ס	ע	פ	צ	ק	ר	ש	ת
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	200	300	400

- Application of values to words and phrases can result in complex numerical patterns.

e.g. Gematria value of אָדָם (Adam) = 45
 Gematria value of חַוָּה (Chavah, Eve) = -19
 Gematria value of יְהוָה (YHWH, G-d) = 26

CAUTION

- Real or not, Bible codes are not essential.
- Bible codes introduce no doctrine.

Christian belief is based on eyewitness testimony, fulfilled prophecy, archaeological and historical evidence, science, etc.

e.g., God validated Prophets by fulfilled prophecy.

7. Like a hologram, the Bible:

- Requires proper illumination. . .
 - . . . but is useless in natural light.
- Information is spread over the entire bandwidth:
 - No loss from drop outs.
 - Resilient to specific interference.
 - Anticipates hostile jamming.



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GENESIS 6

Genesis 6:1-4

¹And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

²That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

³And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

⁴There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

בְּנֵי־הָאֱלֹהִים

sons of God = *Bene HaElohim* = angels

OT (Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7); NT (Lk 20:36); Book of Enoch;
Septuagint (LXX).

בָּנוֹת הָאָדָם

daughters of men = *Benoth Adam* =
“daughters of Adam.”

הַנְּפִלִים

Nephilim: “the fallen ones; a
bully or tyrant.”

נָפַל

naphal: “to fall, be cast down
to fall away, desert.”

הַגִּבּוֹרִים

HaGibborim: “the mighty ones.”

אֲנָשֵׁי הַשֵּׁם

'enowsh shem: Men of renown

אָנוּשׁ

'enowsh: properly, a mortal (thus
differing from *adam*), wicked

Genesis 6:5-8

⁵And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

⁶And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

⁷And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

⁸But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

רַע *ra'*: wickedness = bad, evil, malignant, unkind (vicious), wicked (ethically)

נָחַם *nacham*: repented = sigh breathe strongly), to be sorry, rue, suffer grief

מָחָה *machah*: destroy = to blot out, obliterate

חֵן *chen*: grace = favour, grace, acceptance

Genesis 6:9

“⁹These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.”

תָּמִים *tamiym*: perfect = without blemish, sound, healthful, without spot, unimpaired.

דֹּר *dowr*: generation = period or age, those living during a period, a race of men.