

EPHESIANS



TRANSFORMED BY GRACE, EMPOWERED BY PEACE

STUDY 8

THE GOSPEL AND THE NEW COMMUNITY PART 1

Ephesians 2:11-16

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

- Ephesians 2:4–10 (ESV) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

What God did

- 7 so that in the coming age he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Why He did it

- 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one can boast. 10 We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

How did we receive it and what do we do with it

THE NEW COMMUNITY

Christ and the New Community vv 11-16

The Foundation and Nature of the New
Community vv 17-22

OUR FORMER STATE 5 POINTS OF SEPARATION

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COVENANT

Binding legal agreement

New level of intimacy but give up freedom in exchange for hope

The difference is the future...God can deliver



TYPES OF COVENANTS

Parity

Mutual compacts
Gen 20:14-18

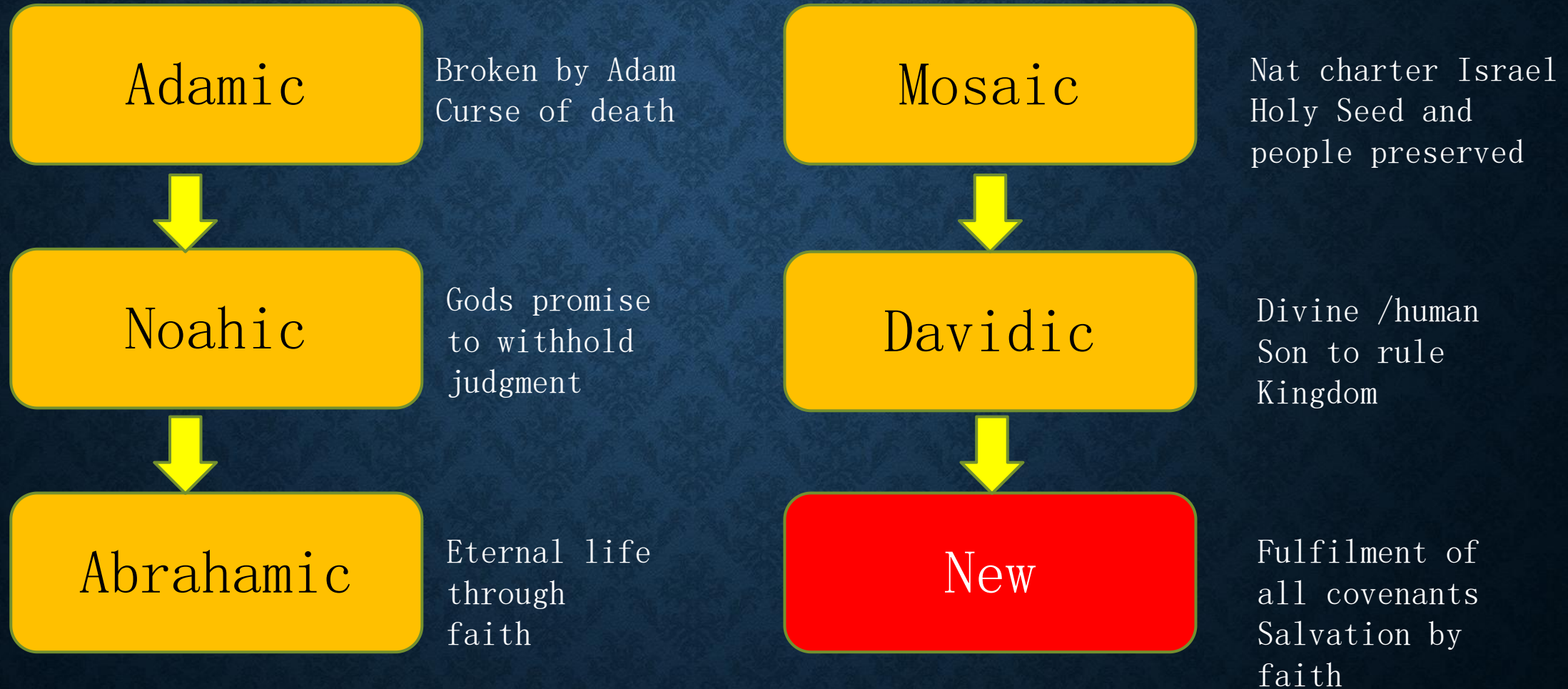
Royal Grants

Unilateral promise of
gracious gifts
2 Sam 7:14

Suzerein-
Vassal

Treat of the Great king
Deut

Biblical Covenants



NEW COVENANT

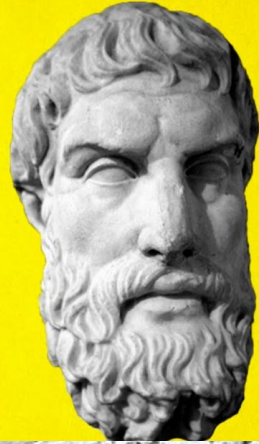
Jeremiah 31:31–34 (ESV) Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Revelation 21:3-4 (ESV) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

CULTURE ADDRESSES SOCIETIES ASPIRATIONS



EPICURUS

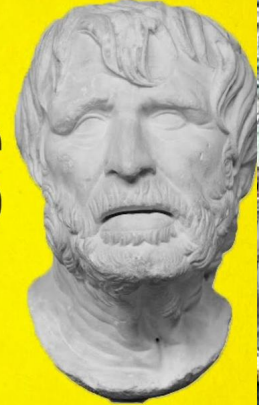


Modify your expectations -desires

Don't worry about God or death or pain

Focus on enjoying good things

THE STOICS



Modify your response to events

Focus on how you react to events
Wisdom, courage, self control



DAVID GOODALL

104-year-old scientist David Goodall 'welcomes death' at Swiss clinic

Epicurus : Don' t worry about God or death or pain

Focus on enjoying good things

DAVID GOODALL

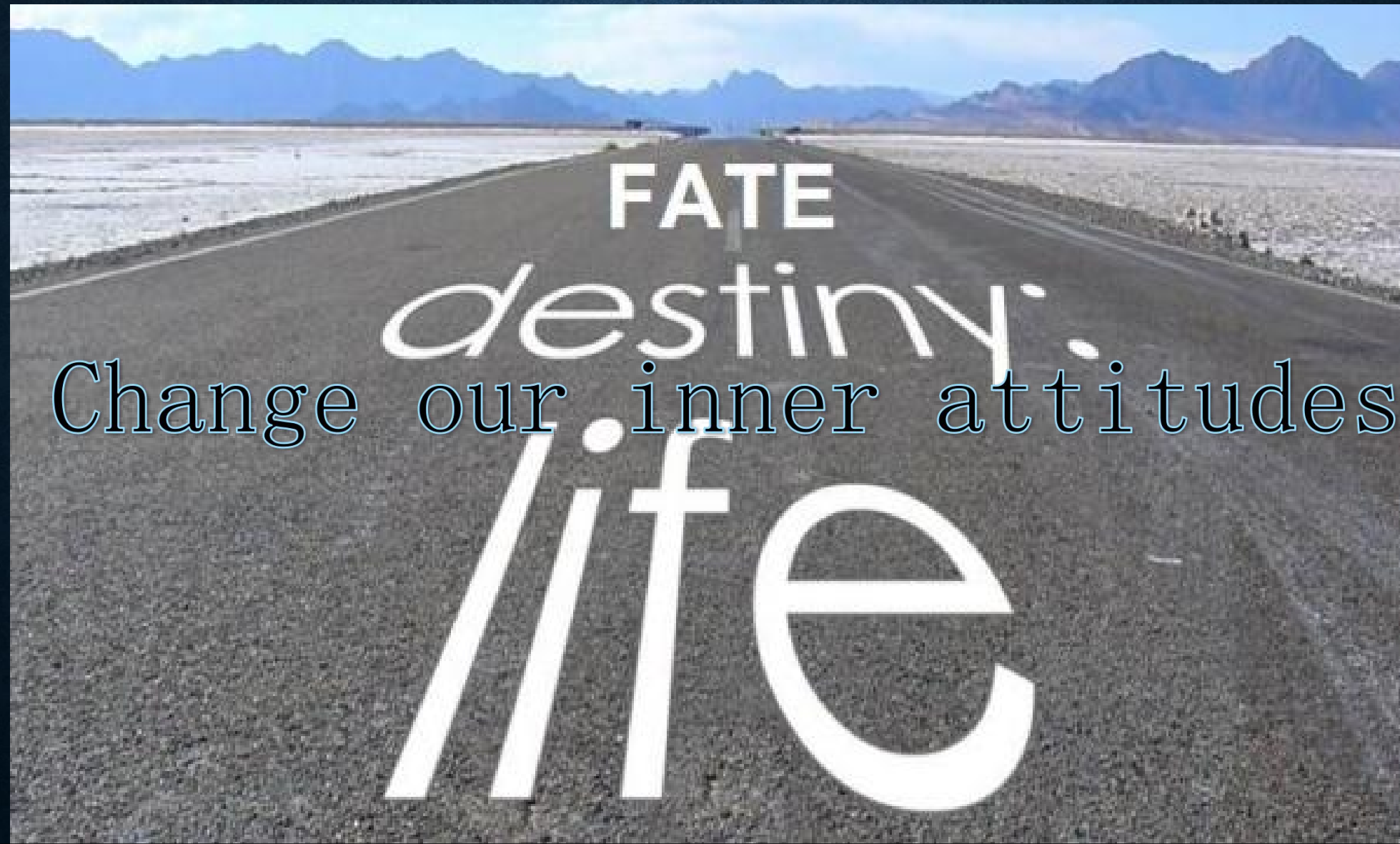
- "My life has been out in the field (working), but I can't go out in the field now,"
- "At my age, I get up in the morning. I eat breakfast. And then I just sit until lunchtime. Then I have a bit of lunch and just sit.





A MAN CALLED OTTO

PREDETERMINISM-CANNOT CHANGE EVENTS



FATE

destiny:

Change our inner attitudes

life

SOMETHINGS ARE UP TO US AND SOMETHINGS ARE NOT UP TO US (EPICTETUS)

Things beyond control

Actions and opinions of others
Reputation
Health
Wealth



Things in our control

Opinions
Moral judgments
Beliefs
Desires
Goals

MISERY--SLAVERY

Things beyond
control

Actions and
opinions of
others

Reputation

Health

Wealth



HAPPINESS



Things in
our control

Opinions

Moral

judgments

Beliefs

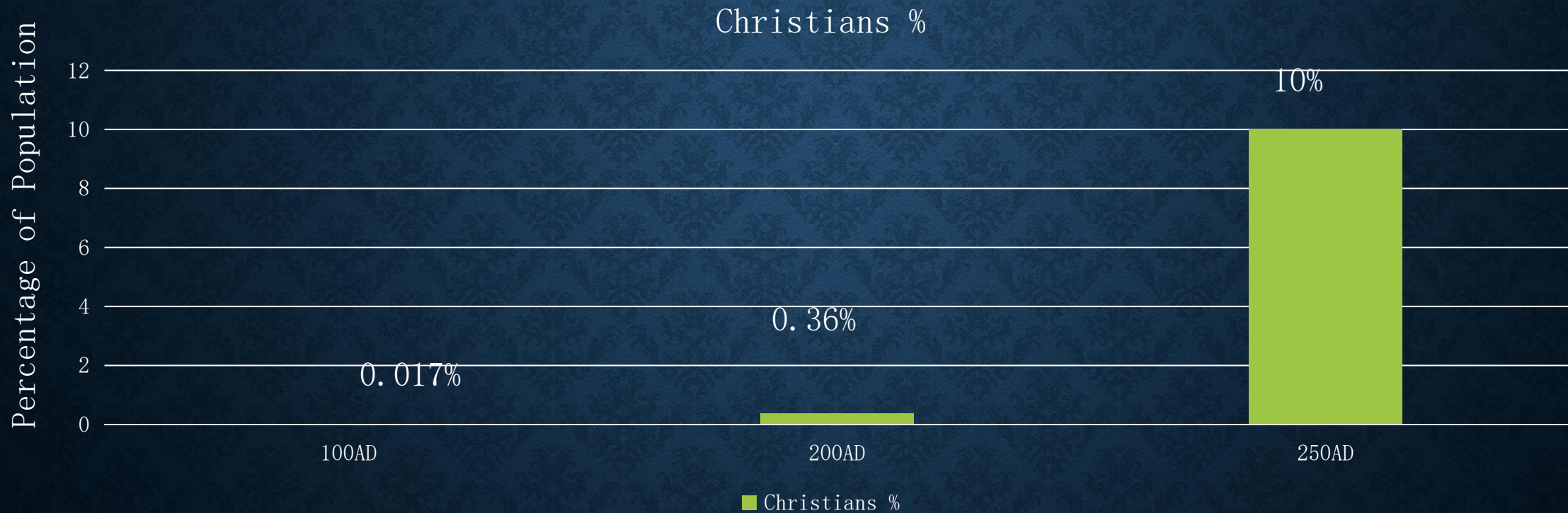
Desires

Goals

WEAKNESSES OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

- Impoverished life
- Passivity to evil .. accomodate evil
- Ignore source of evil
accept
- Absence of Hope
- Absence of intense love
- Absence of solid eternal future

EARLY CHURCH GROWTH



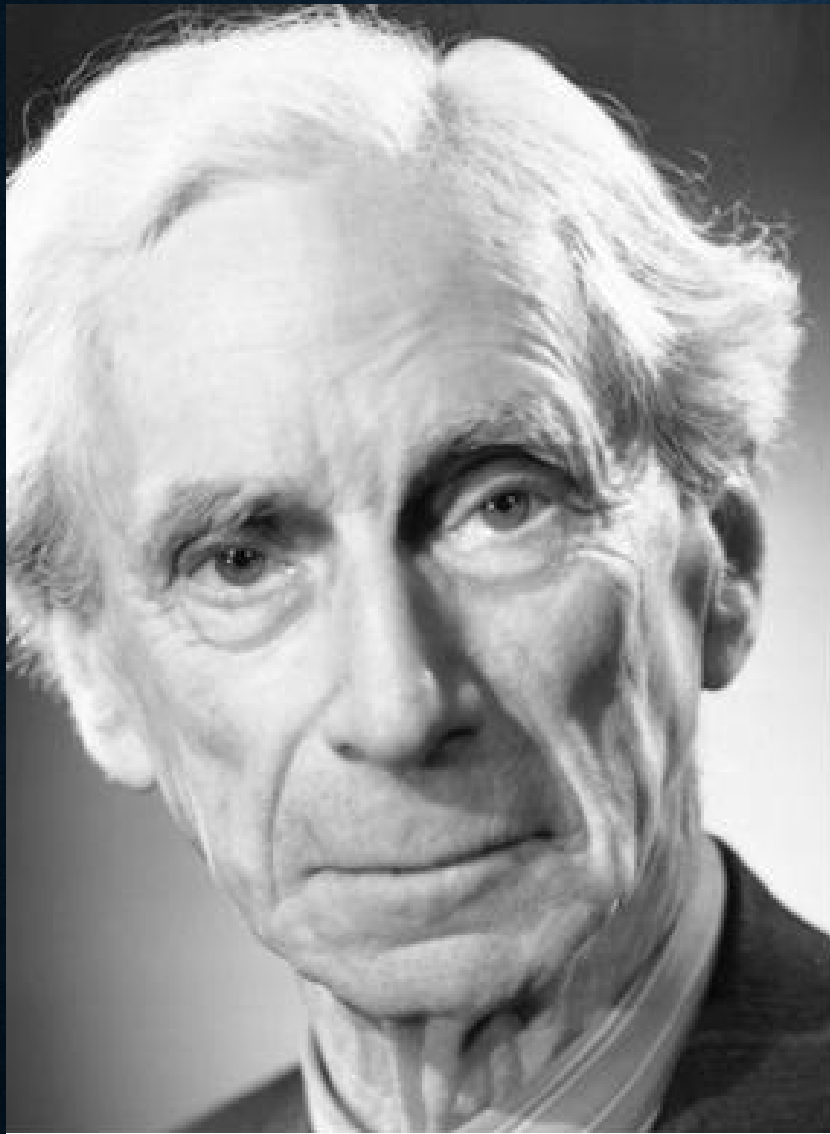
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DARWIN

EVOLUTION vs CREATION

no hope and without God in
the world.



Any philosophy worth taking seriously would have to be built upon a firm foundation of unyielding despair.

— *Bertrand Russell* —

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AZ QUOTES

ALIENATION

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CLEAN FOOD



VEGETABLES

RIPE FRUITS

NUTS

HONEY



MILK

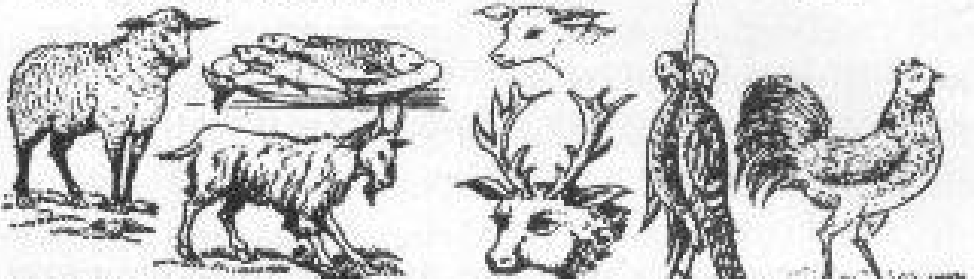
BUTTER

EGGS

CHEESE

GRAIN

BEEF



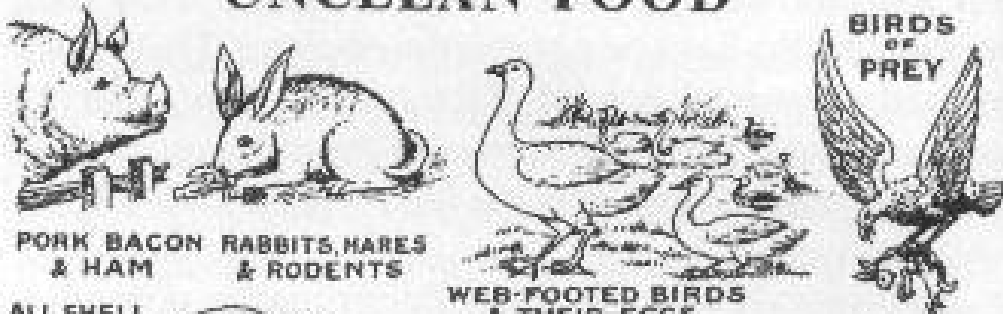
MUTTON

FISHES WITH FINS
& SCALES
GOAT

VENISON

GAME, CHICKEN & TURKEY

UNCLEAN FOOD



PORK BACON
& HAM

RABBITS, HARES
& RODENTS

WEB-FOOTED BIRDS
& THEIR EGGS

BIRDS
OF
PREY

ALL SHELL
FISH



AND FISH WITHOUT BOTH SCALES & FINS

EELS; SNAILS AND ALL CREEPING THINGS
THAT CRAWL, FLY OR SWIM.



GIFTEDNESS THE CAUSE OF DIVISIONS



CIRCUMCISION



JEWISH SPIRITUAL LEADER OVADIA YOSEF.



- Goyim [non-Jews] were born only to serve us. Without that, they have no place in the world – only to serve the People of Israel.”
- “Why are gentiles needed? They will work, they will plow, they will reap. We will sit like an effendi and eat.”

RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON



Rather we have a case
of . . . a totally
different species. . . .
The body of a Jewish person
is of a totally different
quality from the body of
[members] of all nations of
the world

RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON



Two contrary types of soul exist, a non-Jewish soul comes from three satanic spheres, while the Jewish soul stems from holiness.

MARTIN LUTHER'S REVERSE DISCRIMINATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JEWS

- (1) burn their schools and synagogues;
- (2) transfer Jews to community settlements;
- (3) confiscate all Jewish literature, which was blasphemous;
- (4) prohibit rabbis to teach, on pain of death;
- (5) deny Jews safe-conduct, so as to prevent the spread of Judaism;
- (6) appropriate their wealth and use it to support converts and to prevent the lewd practice of usury;
- (7) assign Jews to manual labor as a form of penance.

WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,



Court of Israel

NEW ISRAEL-CHURCH

The dividing wall of hostility

Court of Gentiles

TROUBLE WITH ALL HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS



The dividing wall of hostility





The dividing wall of hostility





THE ONLY ONE BARRED OUT.

ENLIGHTENED AMERICAN STATESMAN.—“ We must draw the line *somewhere*, you know.”

ANTI
CHINESE
LAWS IN USA







We look through the strength
of my own culture when I see
others

HOW CHRIST DID IT

Ephesians 2:13–16 (ESV) But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself has reconciled us to himself by his blood, having created in himself a new humanity from himself, one Spirit, one Lord, one God, the Father who is over all, who is and who is with us, and who is working in us all things for our sanctification. 15 by the word of the cross, we were brought near by his blood, through which we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, ordinances in the flesh, which he put in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father

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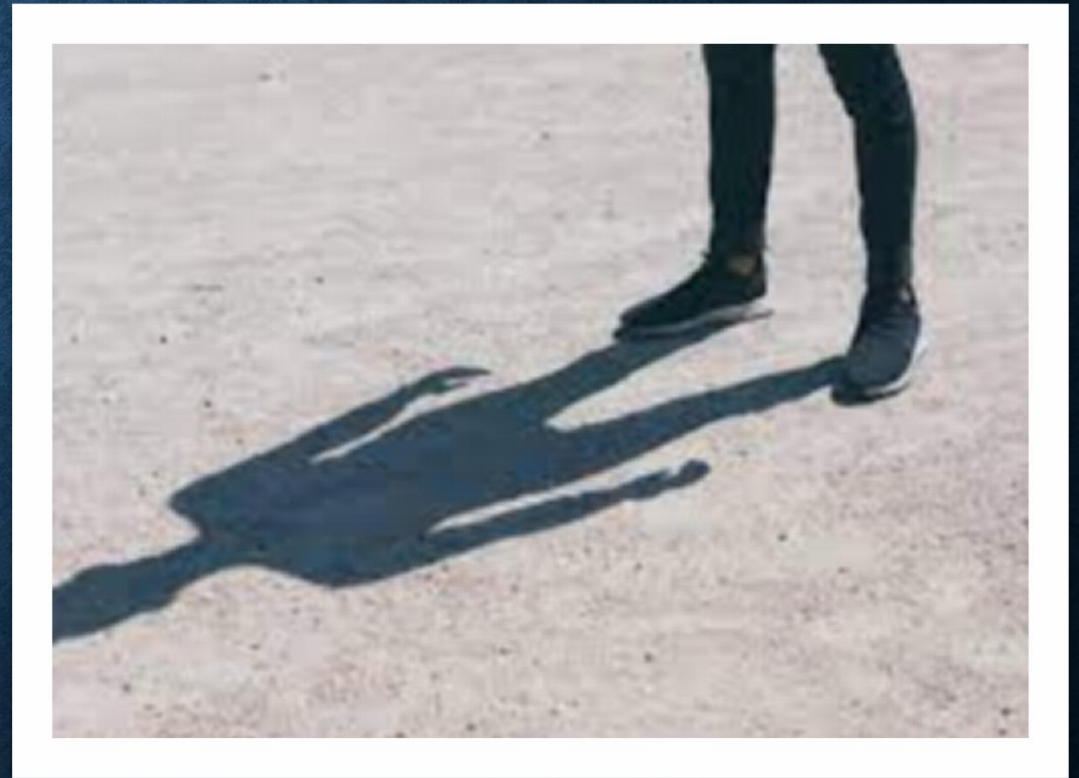
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THE LAW AND ORDINANCES



POINTING FUNCTION

Hebrews 10:1 (ESV) For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those



SHADOW



Points to

REALITY

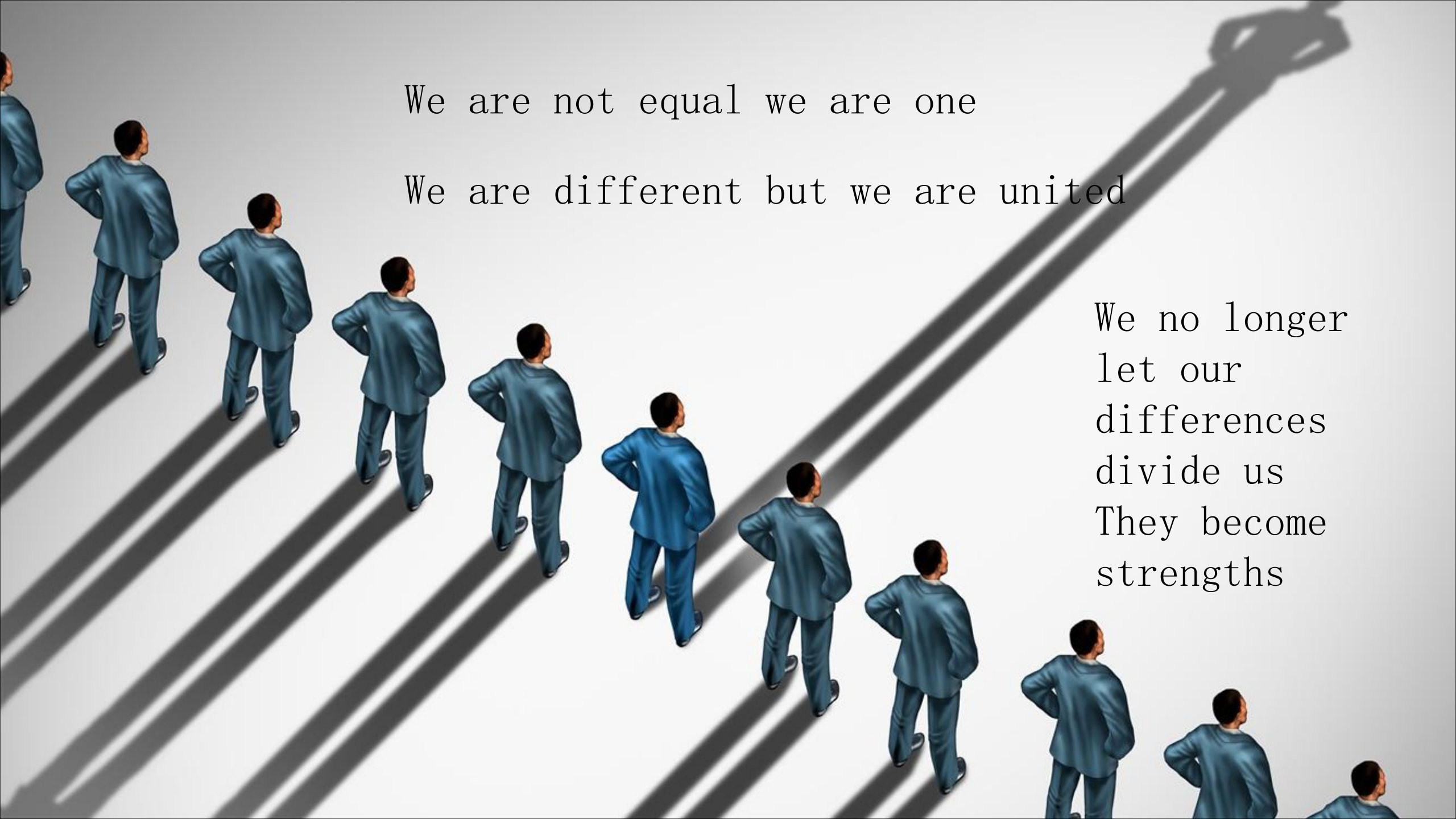


THE CROSS IS THE ONE TIME SACRIFICE

Hebrews 10:11-14 (ESV) And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

WHAT CHRIST ACCOMPLISHED

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We are not equal we are one

We are different but we are united

We no longer
let our
differences
divide us
They become
strengths

Matthew 8:10–12 (ESV) When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. 11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”



Romans 11:17-18
(ESV) But if some
of the branches
were broken off,
and you, although a
wild olive shoot,
were grafted in
among the others
and now share in
the nourishing root
of the olive tree,



Romans 2:28–29 (ESV)
For no one is a Jew
who is merely one
outwardly, nor is
circumcision outward
and physical. 29 But
a Jew is one inwardly,
and circumcision is a
matter of the heart,
by the Spirit, not
by the letter. His
praise is not from
man but from God.

ALL BASED ON THE COVENANT

Galatians 3:28–29 (ESV) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.



THE SUBJUGATION OF WOMEN
OF THE WORKPLACE
WOMEN OUT OF THE NARRATIVE
OF THIS COUNTRY THROUGH
SMENT ASSAULT and
BUT THAT IS OVER

ME TOO!

FREE ERIC LYLE

UNITE TO FIGHT PATRIARCHY
PEOPLE'S CONGRESS OF RESISTANCE

#MeToo survivors' march
Nov 12th
Hollywood

FEMINIST FIGHT FASCISM

#MeToo

me too

#MeToo survivors' march

AGAIN & AGAIN & AGAIN
AGAIN & AGAIN & AGAIN
AGAIN & AGAIN & AGAIN
#Hollywood

#MeToo survivors' march



RAIL
Against
Corporate
Greed

Branch
RISK SCOTLAND

SUPPORT
THE RAIL
WORKERS
STRIKE

GLASGOW
£16.10 =
10% W
10% F
80% T
WHO'S HOLD

CUT
PROFITS
NOT PAY
RAISE WAGES
NOT PRICE

CUT
PROFITS
NOT PAY





BLACK
LIVES
MATTER

ANWAR IBRAHIM ON BLOOMBERG

*“Anwar Reassures Malays Who
Fear Losing Racial Advantage*



Yudith Ho and Hslinda Smin

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ANWAR IBRAHIM ON BLOOMBERG

- “We would of course protect the position of the Malaysian Bumiputeras in terms of giving opportunities, but not enriching them to become billionaires,”





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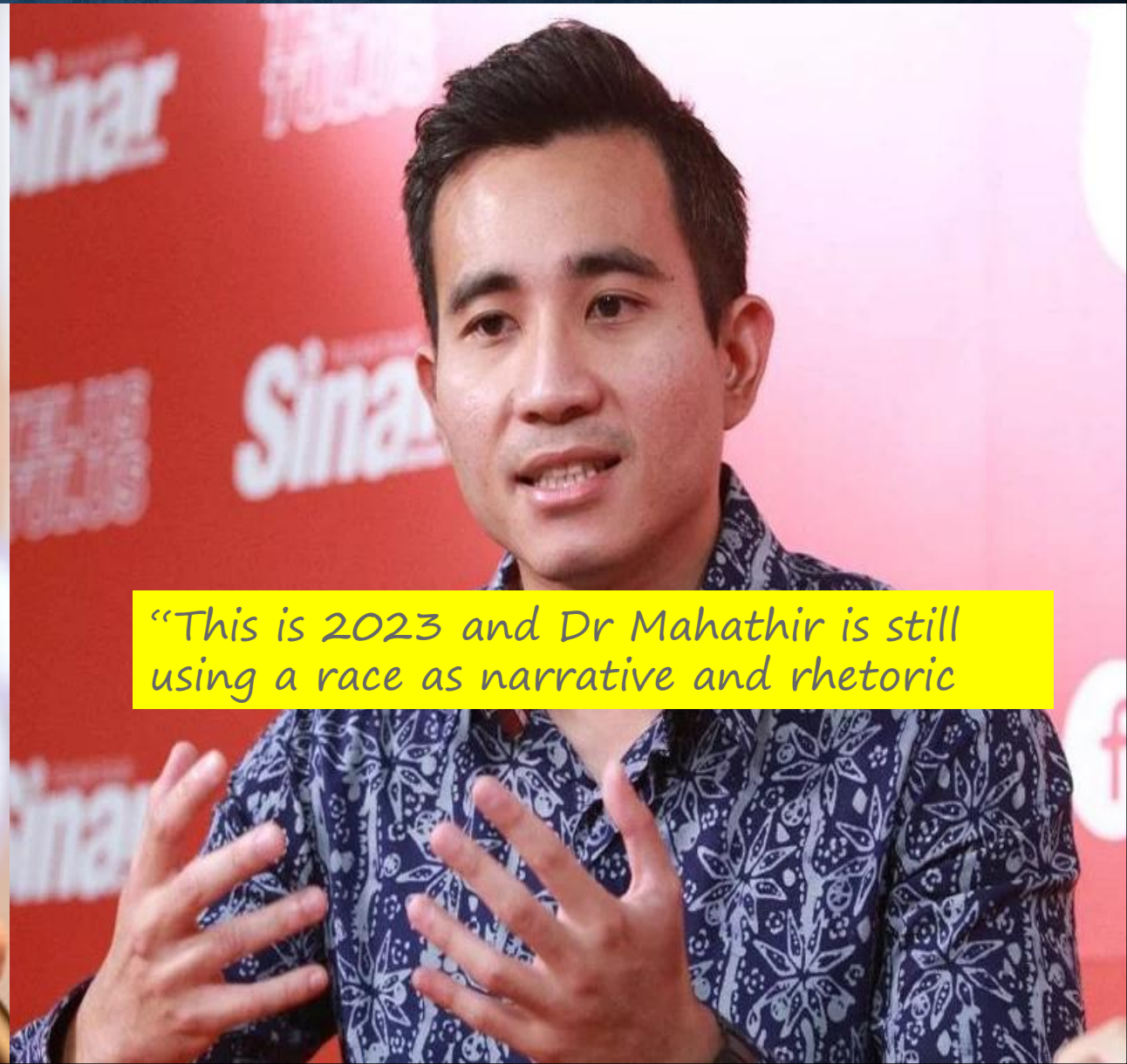
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Multi-ethnic Malaysia is unconstitutional, and alleged that the Federal Constitution is steeped in "Malayness"

Shahril Sufian Hamdan



"This is 2023 and Dr Mahathir is still using a race as narrative and rhetoric"

A black and white photograph capturing a large, dense crowd of people, likely refugees, as they ascend a steep, dirt-covered hillside. The individuals, including men, women, and children, are dressed in simple, traditional-style clothing. Many are carrying large, light-colored plastic jugs or containers, suggesting they are seeking water. The expressions on their faces are varied, with some appearing weary or somber. The background shows more people continuing up the slope, creating a sense of a long and arduous journey. The overall atmosphere is one of displacement and hardship.

A NATION WITHOUT ETHNICITY:
THE RWANDAN RECONCILIATION
MODEL

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

1 Corinthians 12:18–20 (ESV) But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

Cross changes the way we see ourselves and we see others

Self assessment

Other assessment

Humbled

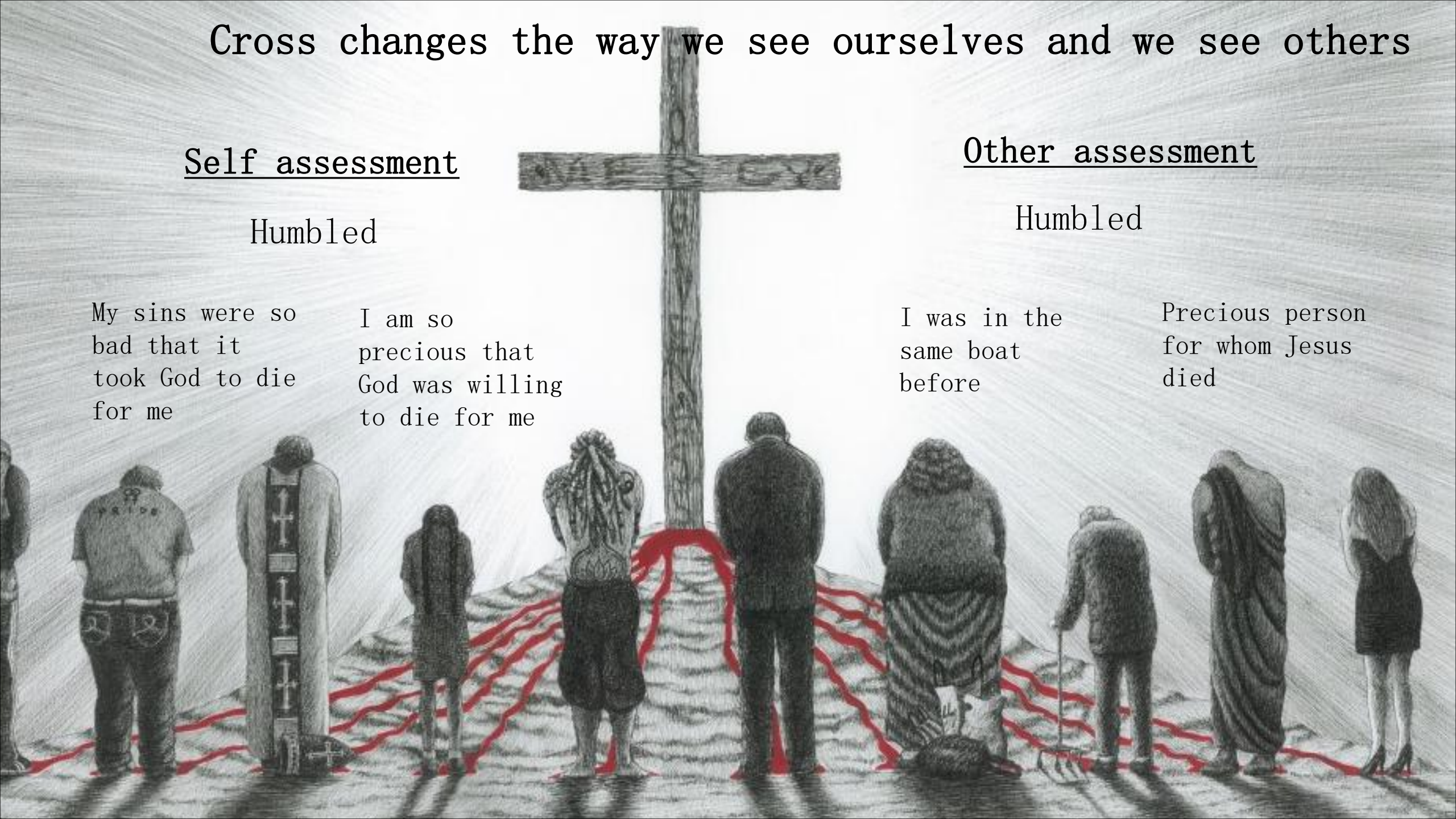
Humbled

My sins were so bad that it took God to die for me

I am so precious that God was willing to die for me

I was in the same boat before

Precious person for whom Jesus died





FELT LIKE BANANA



“But obviously I have a Korean face, and I feel like she’s resolved the messy I confusion of being a hyphenate, in part by choosing not to resolve in Korean American. My parents are from Korea. I don’t know. It’s weird. I just grew up in the States, so I feel like I identify more with the American culture.”

IDENTITY NO LONGER WRAPPED UP ON HOW OTHERS LOOK AT US THEN WE CAN ENJOY OUR ETHNICITY



Draw our self esteem
and acceptance from
Jesus



..... COMPLETE AND UNABRIDGED
.....

MATTHEW HENRY'S COMMENTARY ON WISDOM



Phillip Henry



Katherine Henry



Matthew Henry

I don't where
where he is
from but I know
where he is going

INCLUDES THE ENTIRE TEXT OF MATTHEW HENRY'S
ORIGINAL MULTI-VOLUME COMMENTARY

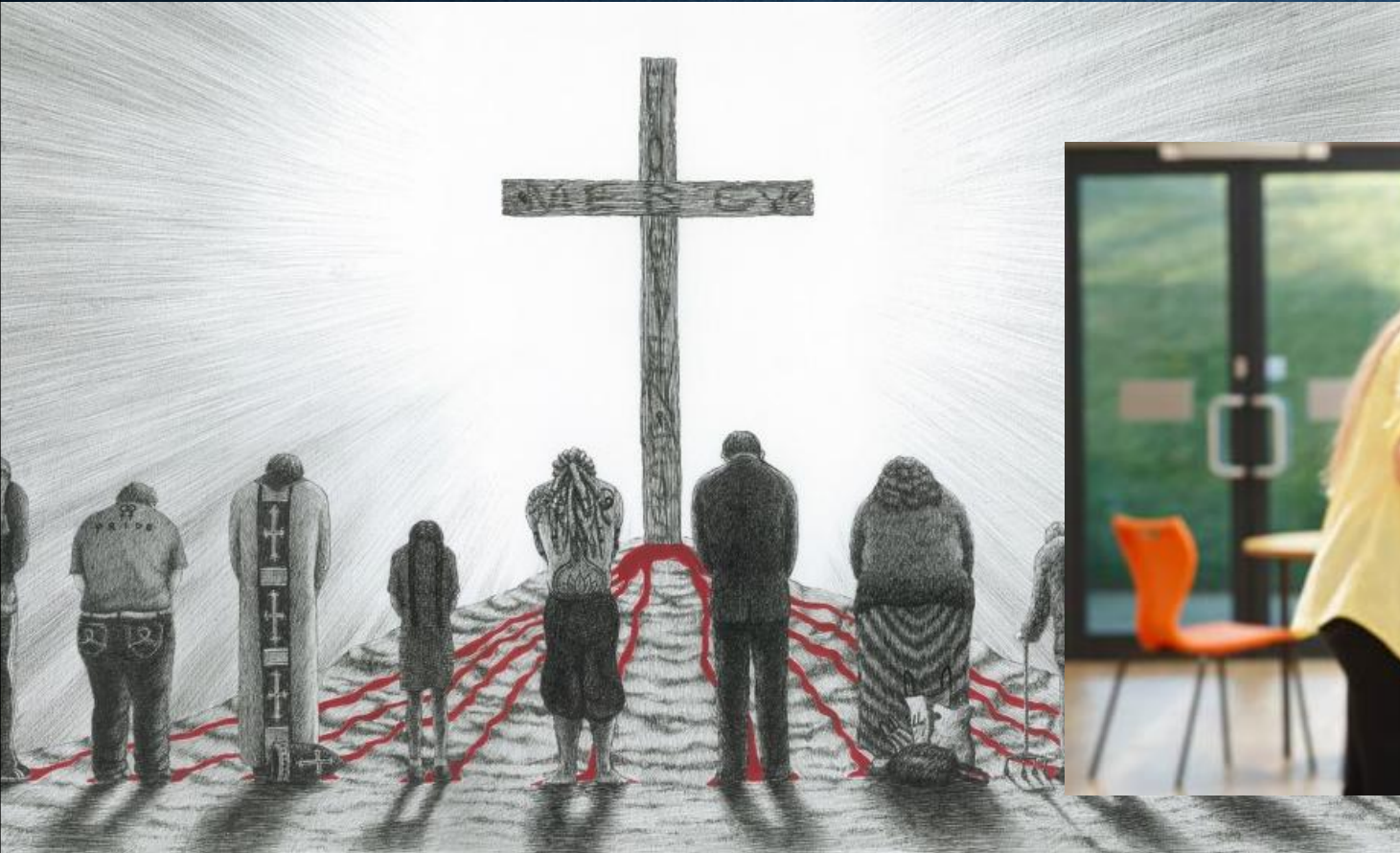
MODERN EASY-TO-READ TYPE

ATTRACTIVE AND AFFORDABLE

THE ONLY COMPLETE AND UNABRIDGED ONE-VOLUME EDITION

IDENTITY NO LONGER WRAPPED UP ON HOW OTHERS LOOK AT US THEN WE CAN ENJOY OUR DIFFERENCES

Draw our self esteem and acceptance from Jesus





How we treat each other in church

Maintaining unity

The role of different gifted leaders

Marital relations
Industrial relations
Family Relations

JUDGED ON HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 (ESV) 1 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?