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# JAMES

A FAITH THAT WORKS

Study 13

Slandering and Judging

James 4:11-12



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# KATALALEO-SPEAK EVIL

Devaluation of a person in the eyes of others

not defame' or 'do not denigrate'



public false  
accusation or  
disparagement



private or  
covert  
grumbling



# GRUMBLING

James 5:9 Do not grumble against one another,  
brothers, so that you may not be judged;  
behold, the Judge is standing at the door




SLANDER





**GLOBE DIE!**



**BUSH ON COCAINE IN WHITE HOUSE!**

● Did drugs spark paranoid rages & nearly destroy his marriage?

**WORLD EXCLUSIVE**



**TUNNING PATRIC**



Claims... the prince

**Charles: Climate change link to IS**

By EMILY ANDREWS

INCE Charles has blamed the rise of IS on climate change. The heir to the throne was named on Sky News that there were strong links between a lack of

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**1 in 5 B...**

**Muslims**

**Daily Mail**

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**Fury over 'out of touch' judges who defied 17.4m Brexit voters and could trigger constitutional crisis**

**ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE**

MPS last night tore into an unelected panel of 'out of touch' judges for ruling that embittered Brexit supporters in Parliament should be allowed to frustrate the overwhelming verdict of the British public.

By James Slack, Political Editor

Lawyers were accused of putting Britain on course for a full-blown 'constitutional crisis' by saying Brexit could not be triggered without a 'White Paper' vote.

The judgement by Lord Thomas - a leading member of the Supreme Law Institute, a club of senior and academic aiming to 'improve 22 law - firms

into those like Sir Star's terrible for making article 16 in March 2016.

Senior MPs - led by an ex-positive minister - said it was an outrage that an 'unholy alliance' of judges and unelected MPs would block the will of 17.4 million Brexit voters. They demanded that Sir Star could be forced to hold an election early next year if the courts did not back down. Leave

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**BOOBS ARE KILLING HER!**

**WORLD EXCLUSIVE**

**CIA intercepts DAMNING PHONE CALL TO MIG**

Patrick Swayze **NEW FAMILY WAR OVER \$40M WILL!**

**ANDY'S TEENAGE ACCUSER**

**Heather Locklear REHAB CRISIS!**

**to protect re monarchy**



KELVIN MacKENZIE: TIME FOR



# IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A LIE

Proverbs 20:19 Whoever goes about  
slandering reveals secrets; therefore do  
not associate with a simple babblers.



The slander is not about telling lies its about telling the truth but in a certain way

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- What is the purpose of telling the truth?
- Transparency ?
- Or to judge and tear the other person down



# GOSSIP



*a person who habitually reveals personal or sensational facts about others” or “rumor or report of an intimate nature”*

*Miriam Webster Dictionary*



WHAT'S WRONG WITH SLANDER



## 1. SLANDER IS A SIN

Leviticus 19:16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

Psalms 50:20 You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.




## *SLANDER IS A SIN*

Psalms 101:5-6 (ESV) Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not endure.



## 2. SLANDER IS STEALING

A photograph of two young women sitting at a table in a cafe. The woman on the left is wearing a grey top and has her hand over her mouth, appearing to be part of a conversation. The woman on the right is wearing a white top and is holding a white mug with a blue floral pattern. They are both looking towards the right side of the frame. The background consists of dark wooden slatted walls.

Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.





Rebel Wilson sued Bauer media which called her a constant liar

an





Katie Holmes sued  
the magazine "Star  
Drug addict



### 3. SLANDER IS SELF INDULGENT







## 4. SLANDER IS COWARDLY

- *Gaining sympathizers without doing the courageous work of bringing it directly to the source of our concern or offense.*
- *Camouflaged—Sharing concern. . prayer point*
- *With someone who cannot help*
- *Our character is in serious question, since we are willing to vandalize another's character to gain allies.*





***SPECULATION-MOTIVES***



## 5. SLANDER LAYS THE SEED FOR MORE SIN

Matthew 5:21-22 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ 22

But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire



# NAZI KILLS JEWS

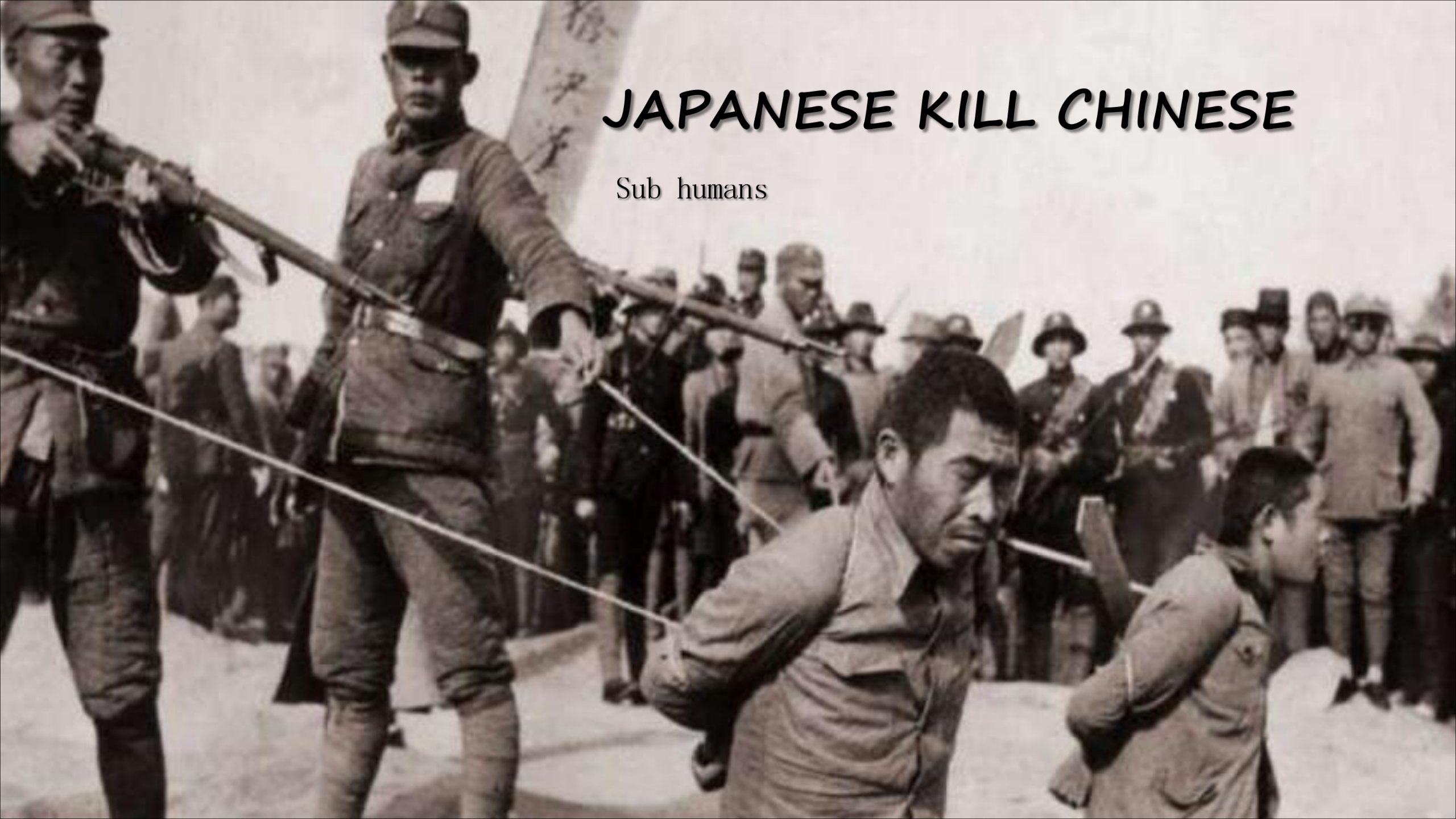
- Subhumans





# *JAPANESE KILL CHINESE*

Sub humans





## 6. SLANDER IS JUDGING OTHERS

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## WHAT NON CHRISTIANS BELIEVE

87% of non-  
Christians  
between the  
ages of 18 and  
30 believe  
Christians are  
judgmental





CHURCH  
JUDGEMENTAL  
TOWARDS GAYS



# JAYNE OZANNE-SPIRITUAL ABUSE

“It made me feel  
ashamed of my  
Churches risk  
sexuality, guilty,  
becoming places of  
sinful, desperate  
turmoil and pain”  
but most of all  
deeply depressed,  
which led to a  
breakdown”

The Guardian  
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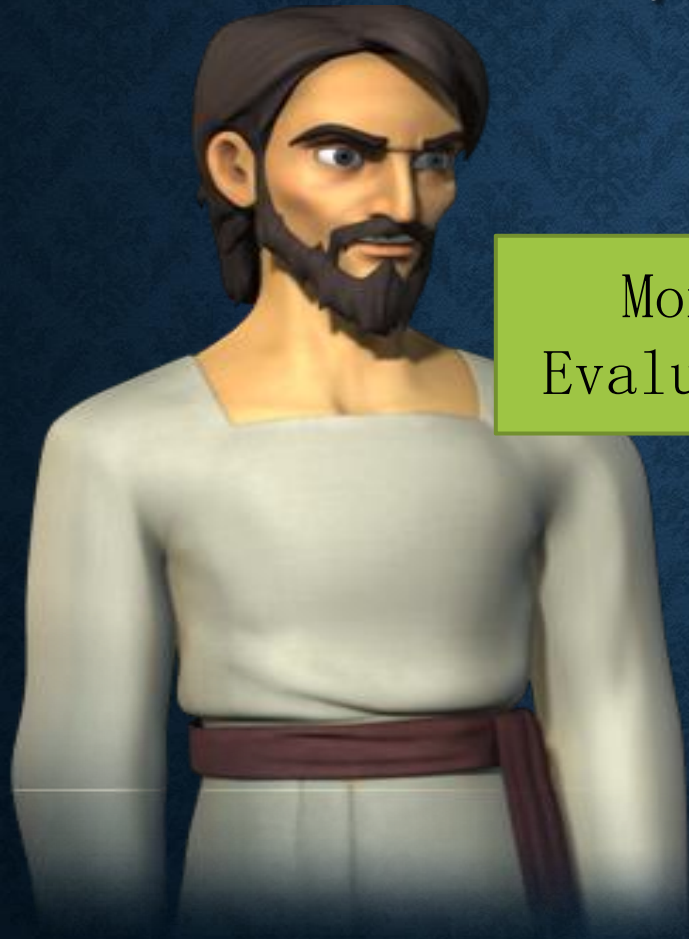
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REPORT**

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OUT AND PROUD AFRICAN LGBTI



# GAY MARRIAGE



Moral  
Evaluation

# JUDGEMENTAL



Judgement

People who disagree with  
me are judgemental



# *WE DO NOT JUDGE NON CHRISTIANS*

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? 13 God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”



A photograph of two men outdoors. One man, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and grey pants, is standing and handing a small pamphlet to another man. The second man, wearing a denim short-sleeved shirt and khaki shorts, is sitting on a wooden bench and looking towards the first man. The background shows a grassy area and trees.

# SHARING GOSPEL

God will judge sinners



# Judgement

Public looking  
down, mocking



# Moral Evaluation

## Internal Process

- Automatic
- Those around you
- Learning experience
- Scripture as the guide not opinion
- Get as much information first





Driving behind slow  
driver  
What an  
idiot...looking down

I am better than them



## ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE GRUMBLING

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## BROTHER AND NEIGHBOUR

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# WE EITHER SPEAK AS A BROTHER OR AS A JUDGE

Brother is equal



Judge is superior





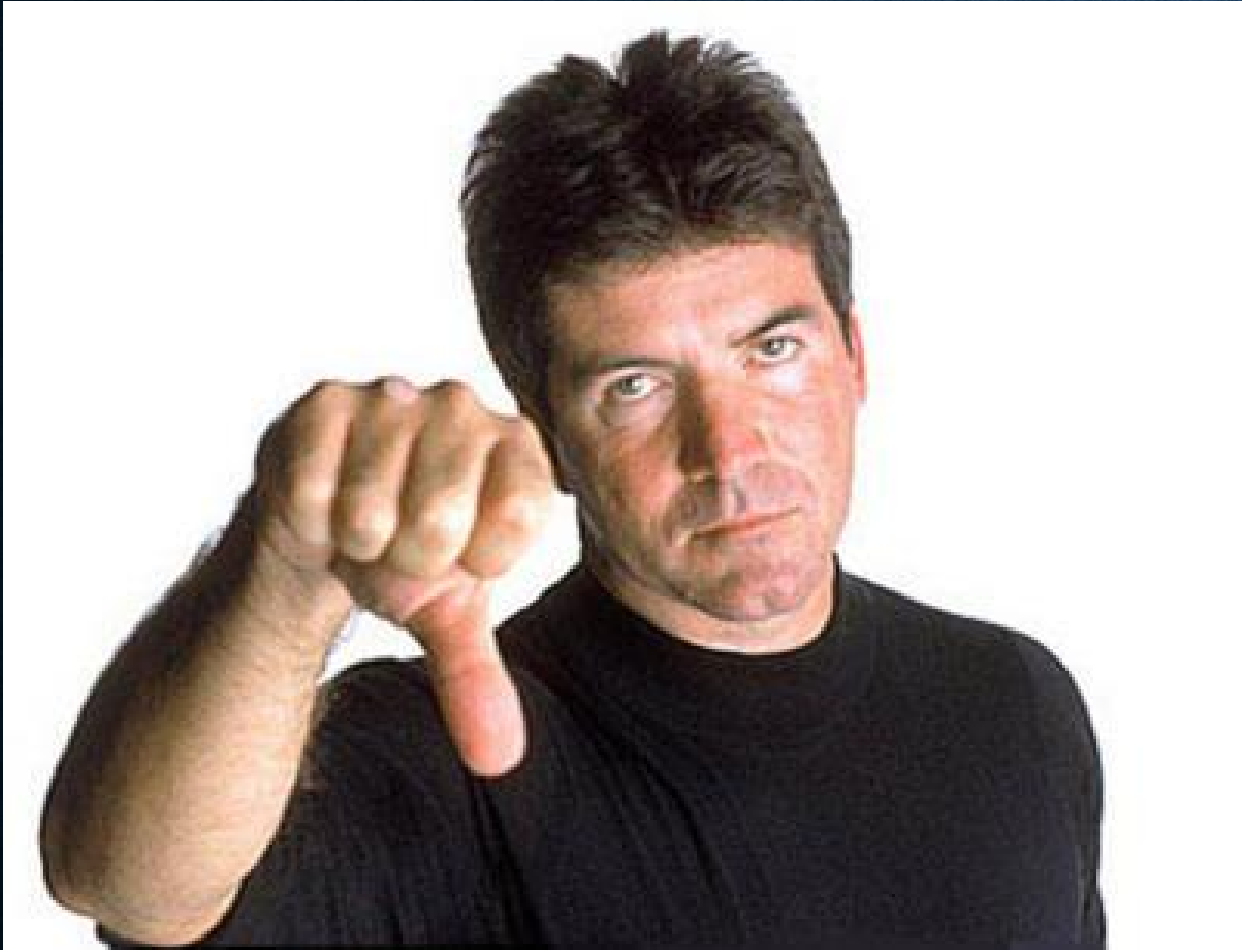
# EFFECT OF JUDGING



- Loose respect
- Drain them of social capital or influence
- Pay back
- Punish
- To destroy relation or rebuild



# JUDGEMENTAL SPIRIT



1. People made to feel crushed
2. Fault finding spirit..violate love and humility..feel superior
3. Enjoy hearing and telling of the faults of others
4. Go beyond facts impute motive



A close-up photograph of a young boy and girl laughing joyfully together in a grassy field. The boy is on the left, wearing a white shirt and a plaid jacket, and the girl is on the right, wearing a dark jacket and a plaid scarf. They are both smiling broadly, showing their teeth. The background is a soft-focus green field.

# ROLE OF BROTHER

- Redeem
- Same level
- No superior



## SIN AGAINST THE LAW

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## LAW COMPELS US TO LOVE

Matthew 23:1-12  
1. You have a right to say, 'We are not like the Pharisees and Sadducees, who are hypocrites.' But you do not have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 2. You have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 3. You have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 4. You have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 5. You have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 6. You have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 7. You have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 8. If you hear and obey my words, you will have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 9. If you hear and obey my words, you will have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 10. If you hear and obey my words, you will have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 11. If you hear and obey my words, you will have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 12. If you hear and obey my words, you will have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach.

Matthew 22:37-40  
37. If you hear and obey my words, you will have a right to say, 'We are not like them,' when you do not practice what they teach. 38. This is the great and first commandment. 39. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Speaking evil against the Law



Speak evil  
against the law

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graph TD; A[Speak evil against the law] --> B[Good]; A --> C[Evil];
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Good

Diminish brother by slander

Evil

Love neighbour  
Love brother





## JUDGES THE LAW

Judges when applying the law make law—precedent

It does what the law specifically prohibits.

To set one's own judgments over the law is implicitly a denigration of the law.



## USURP THE PLACE OF THE ULTIMATE JUDGE

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# THREE THINGS ABOUT GOD MAKES HIM ALONE JUDGE

1. He alone CREATOR and Law  
giver ..qualified to judge and  
destroy
2. He alone is righteous
3. He alone can save through judgment





God

Omniscient

Omnipresent

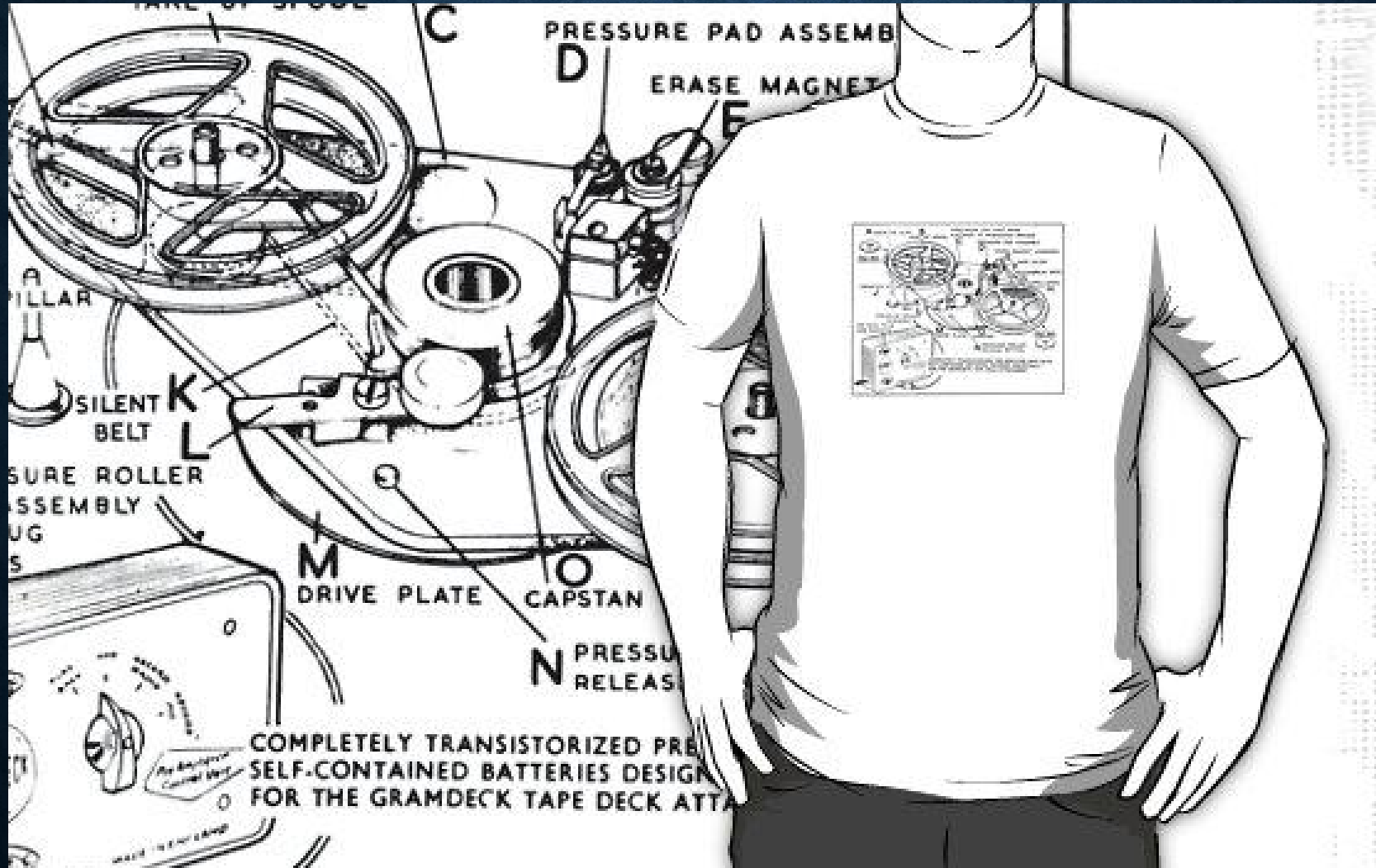
Man

Limited  
knowledge



Everyone has a conscience to justify their existence not even by own standard

# CONSCIENCE-JUDGMENT RECORDER



records only what  
you say how others  
should live



*WHAT SHOULD WE DO?*



## WHAT WE SHOULD DO

- Have you shared your concern with this person directly? I'd be willing to go with you to talk to him.
- Just to be clear, is this information I should know? Do you want me to help you pursue reconciliation?
- How can I help you guard this person's reputation like a treasure? (Proverbs 22:1)



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# Speaking the Truth in Love

Ephesians 4:15,  
CB NT p. 340

“unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the  
stature of the fulness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13)



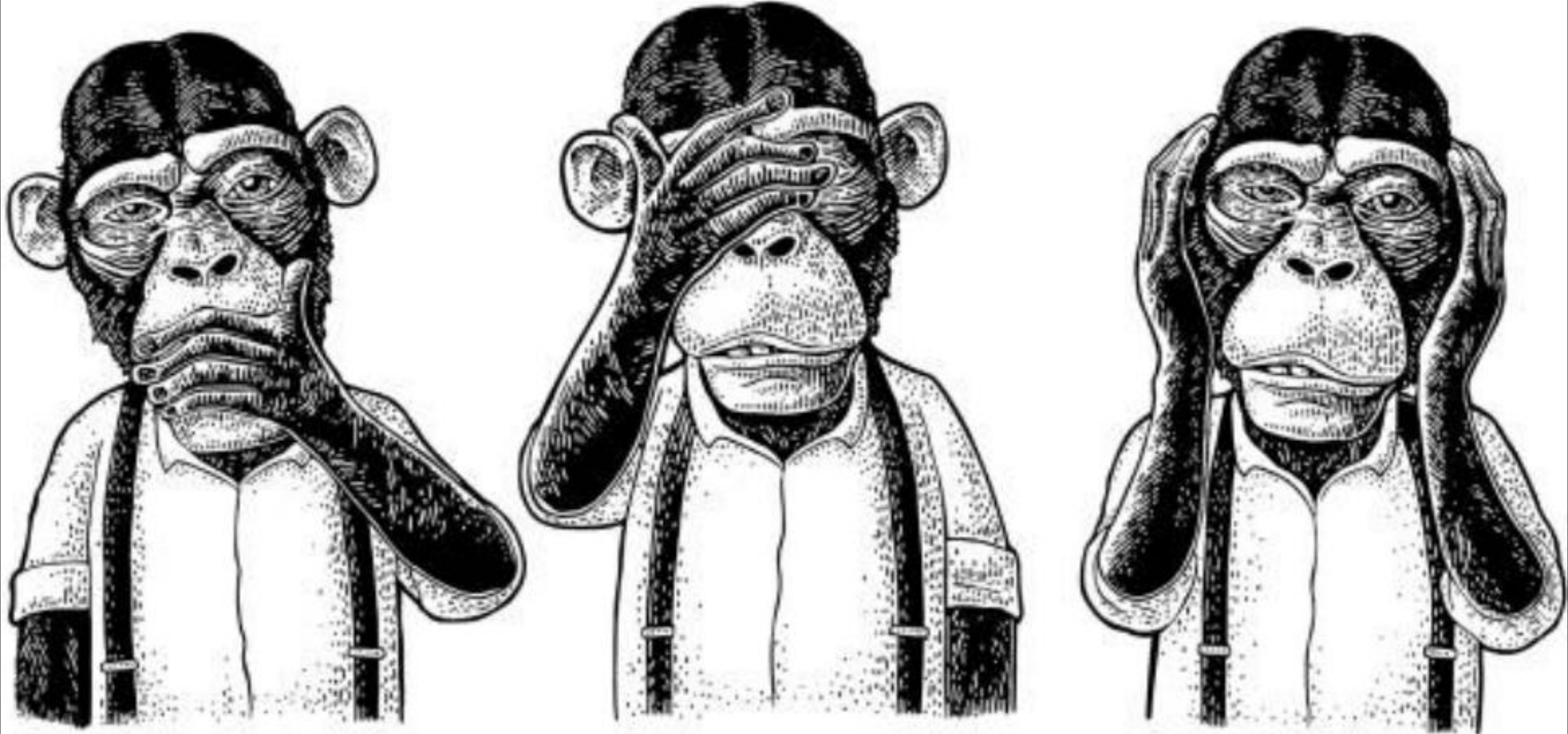


PASTOR JIM  
CYMBALA OF  
BROOKLYN  
TABERNACLE

*'Excuse me — who hurt you? Who ignored you? Who slighted you? Was it Pastor Cymbala? Let's go to his office right now. He'll apologize to you, and then we'll pray together so God can restore peace to this body. But we won't let you talk critically about people*



# CHRISTIAN POSITION?





## WHEN WE MUST JUDGE

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## WHEN WE MUST SHARE

- Reporting confirmed, documented sin and abuse
- Acting in leadership or in civil, authority
- Protecting others from harm
- Seeking spiritual counsel



*WHEN WE ARE SLANDERED*



# GEORGE WHITFIELD

*Let the name of Whitefield perish, but Christ be glorified. Let my name die everywhere, let even my friends forget me, if by that means the cause of the blessed Jesus may be promoted. . . . I am content to wait till the judgement day for the clearing up of my reputation; and after I am dead I desire no other epitaph than this, "Here lies G. W.*

