



SPEECH AND SPIRITUALITY
PART 2
JAMES 3:6-12

TRUE SPIRITUALITY



James 1:26

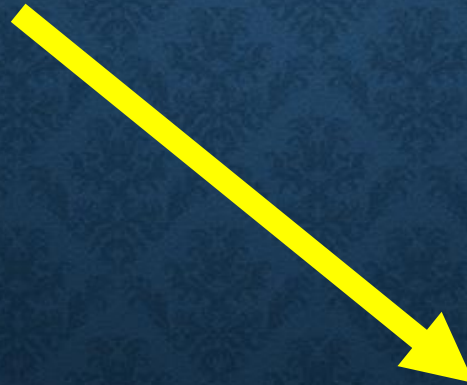


Speech control

James 1:26 (ESV) If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.



Social action



Personal holiness

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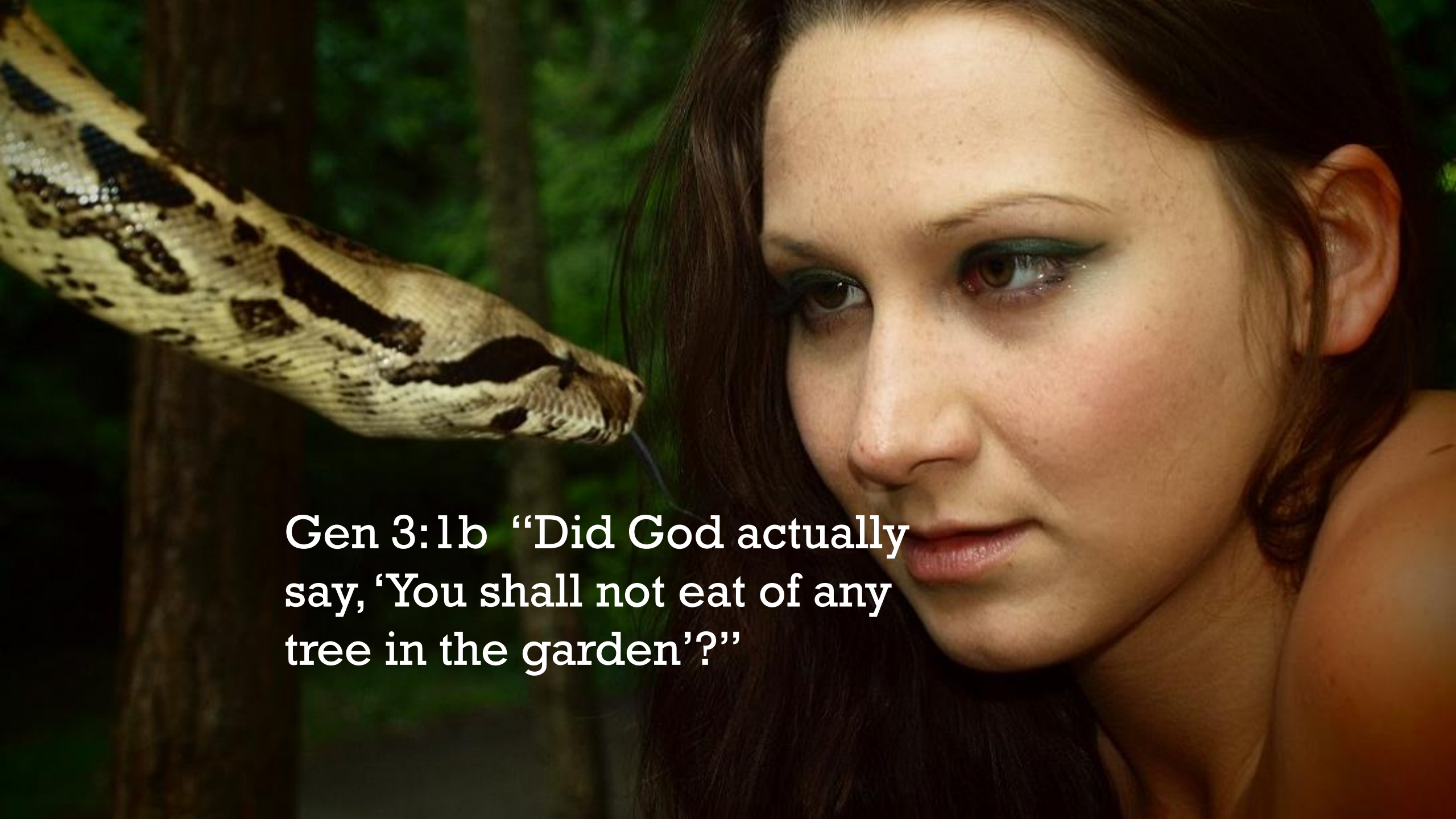
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James 3:5-6 How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.



**STICKS AND STONES
WILL BREAK MY BONES
BUT WORDS WILL NEVER**





Gen 3:1b “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

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HURTFUL WORDS





**Conversations
or reports about
other
people's private
lives that might be
unkind, disapproving
or not true**

**Cambridge
Dictionary**

GOSSIP



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

Miriam Webster Dictionary

DOESN'T MATTER IF IT IS THE TRUTH OR A LIE

Proverbs 20:19 (ESV) Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a simple babbler.



William and Kate told Harry to dress like a Nazi

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HARRY THE NAZI

EXCLUSIVE
By JAMIE PYATT and DUNCAN LARCOMBE
PRINCE Harry stuns partygoers by attending a pal's birthday bash dressed as a Nazi soldier. Harry, 20, wore the swastika and desert uniform of Rommel's hated German Afrika Korps to the party in West Littleton, Wilts. Last night he said: "I am very sorry if I have caused any offence. It was a poor choice of costume and I apologise."
Full Story - Pages 4 & 5

Prince's swastika outfit at party



A photograph of Prince William and Prince Harry standing outdoors in dark blue suits and ties. Prince William is on the left, looking towards Prince Harry with a serious expression. Prince Harry is on the right, looking back at Prince William. The background is a blurred green landscape.

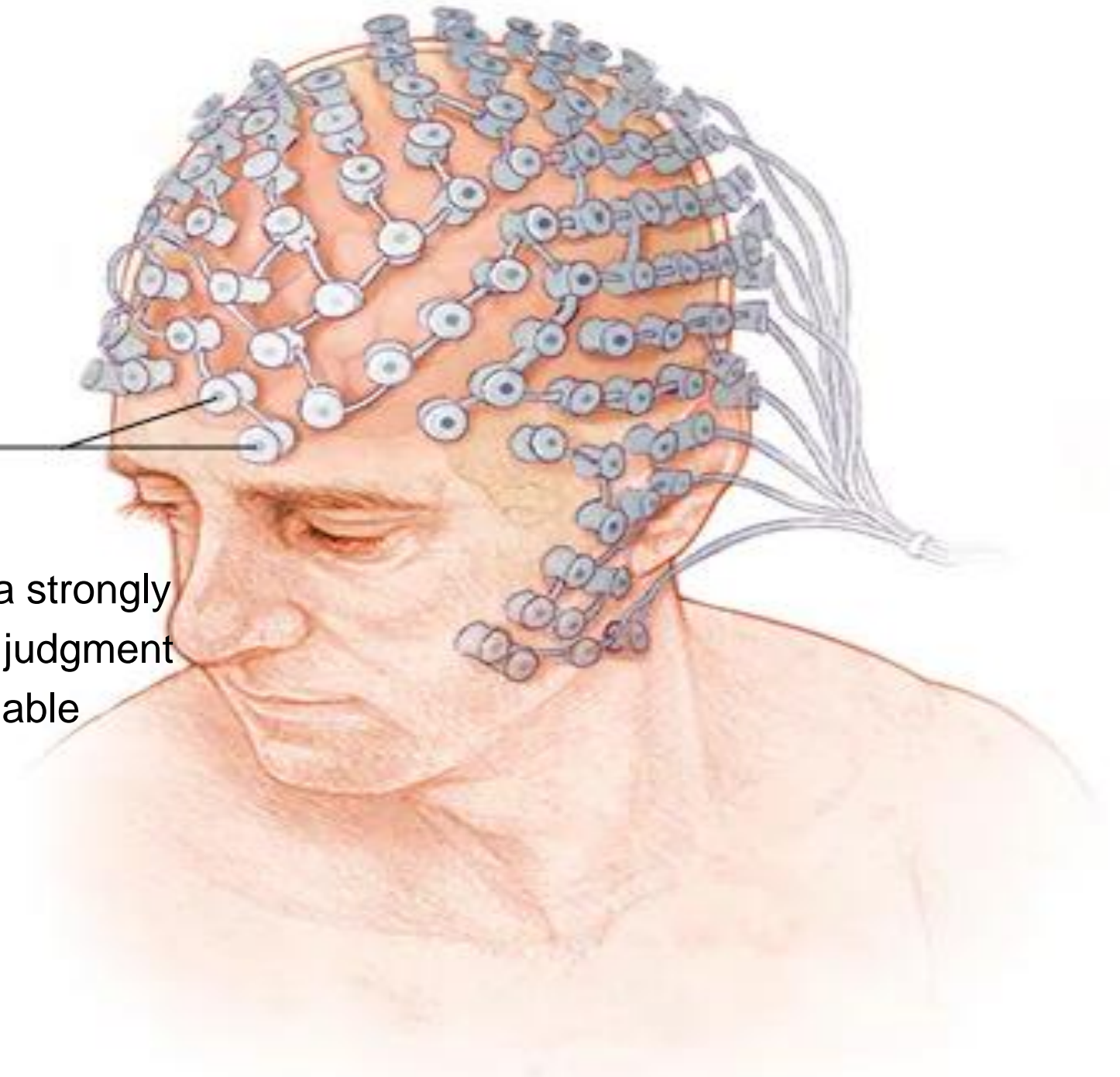
PRINCE WILLIAM 'BURNING' WITH ANGER OVER HARRY'S 'CRUEL' CLAIMS BUT WILL NOT 'RETALIATE'

EXPRESS

By **FRANCESCA EDWARDS**

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- we tend to judge people on a strongly emotional basis, even if this judgment is knowingly based on unreliable evidence

RESULTS OF GOSSIP

Creates bitterness towards the one slandered.

Makes judges and juries out of others.

Takes our minds off the more important spiritual matters.

Breeds self-righteousness.

Destroys relationships.

Does not cure the problem but spreads its virus.

FLATTERY-AIM IS DECEPTION-MANIPULATION

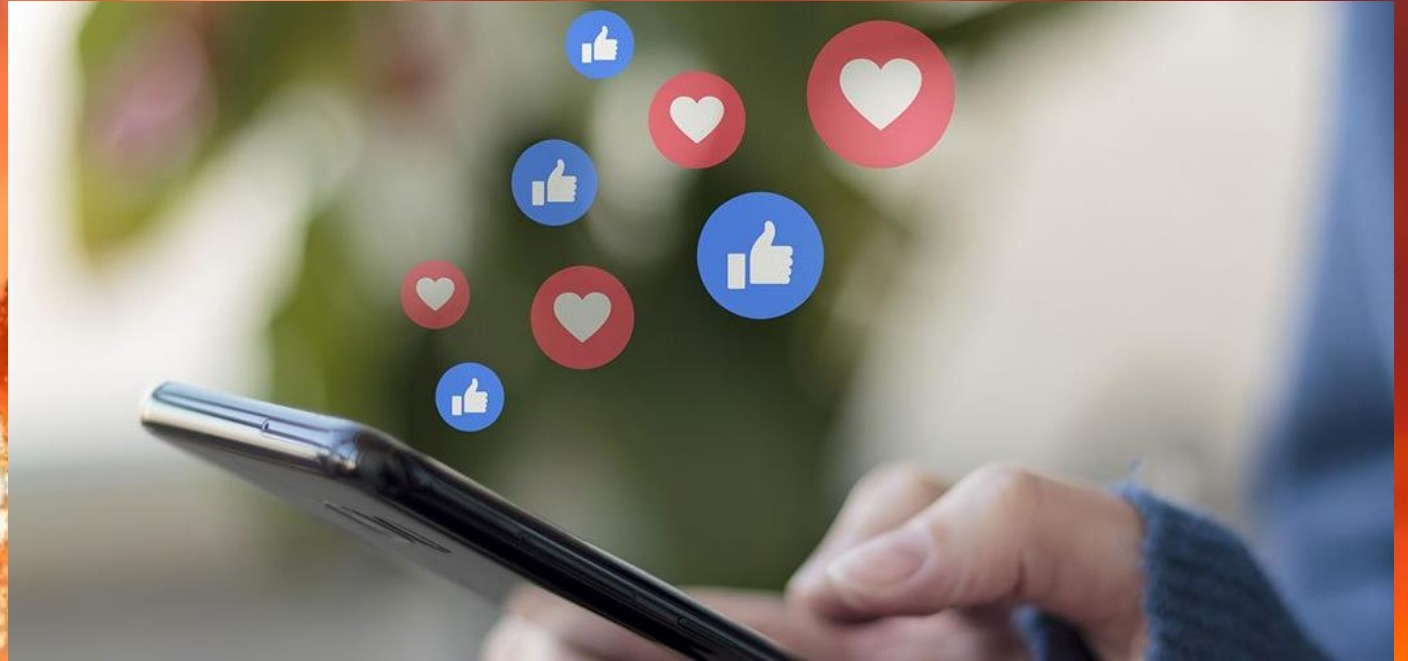
Psalms 12:3 May the LORD cut off all
flattering lips, the tongue that makes great
boasts,

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a
friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Conspiracy theories

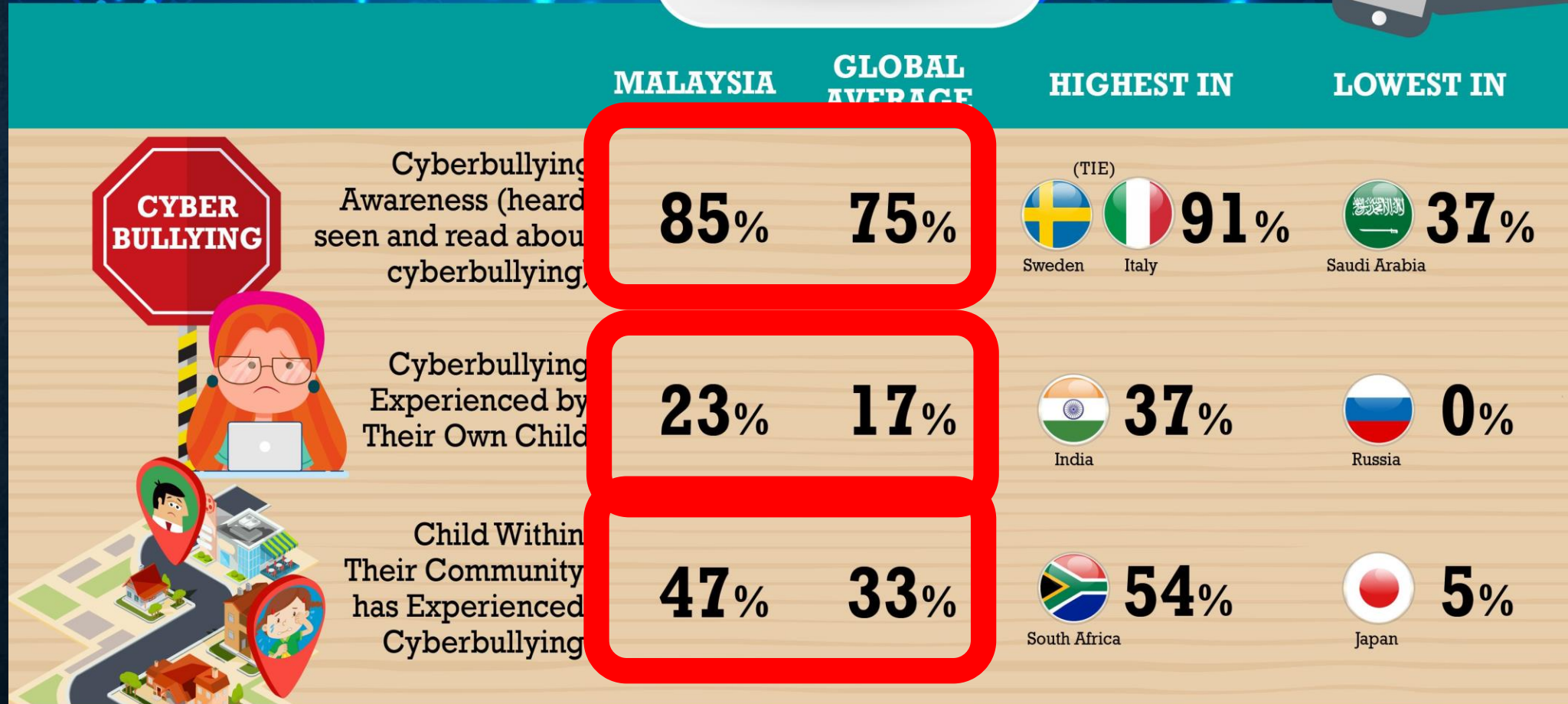
Anti vaxxers

Bullying





Parents in Malaysia and Worldwide: Views on Cyberbullying



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Parents in Malaysia and Worldwide: Views on Cyberbullying



Platform used for Cyberbullying



Cyberbully (Abuser)

	MALAYSIA	GLOBAL AVERAGE
1 Social Media	71%	65%
2 Mobile	57%	45%
3 Online messaging	33%	38%
4 Online Chatroom	31%	34%
1 Classmate	53%	51%
2 Young Person, Stranger	39%	30%
3 Adult, Stranger	36%	28%

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2015 study of 712 students
Prevalance of cyber bullying 66%

A group of five young adults, three women and two men, are standing in a brightly lit hallway. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. They are dressed in casual attire. The woman on the far left is wearing a grey cardigan and holding several yellow and green folders. The woman in the center is wearing a green cardigan and holding a blue folder. The woman on the far right is wearing a grey top and holding a blue folder. The man on the far left is wearing a red and white striped t-shirt and holding a yellow folder. The man on the far right is wearing a brown and white striped t-shirt and has a blue backpack on his back, holding several books. The background shows a modern hallway with large windows and a clean, white interior.

Prevalance of Cyberbullying among Students in Malaysian Higher Learning Institutions
Lai, C.S.1*, Mohamad, M. M.2, Lee, M.F.3, Mohd Salleh, K.4, Sulaiman, N.L.5
Rosli, D.I.6 & Chang, W.V.S.7

SARAWAK TEEN JUMPS TO DEATH HOURS AFTER ASKING INSTAGRAM FRIENDS IF SHE SHOULD KILL SELF

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**HOW CAN SOME NETIZENS
ACTUALLY CONDONE A
SUICIDE?**



**AMPLIFICATION
OF EVIL**

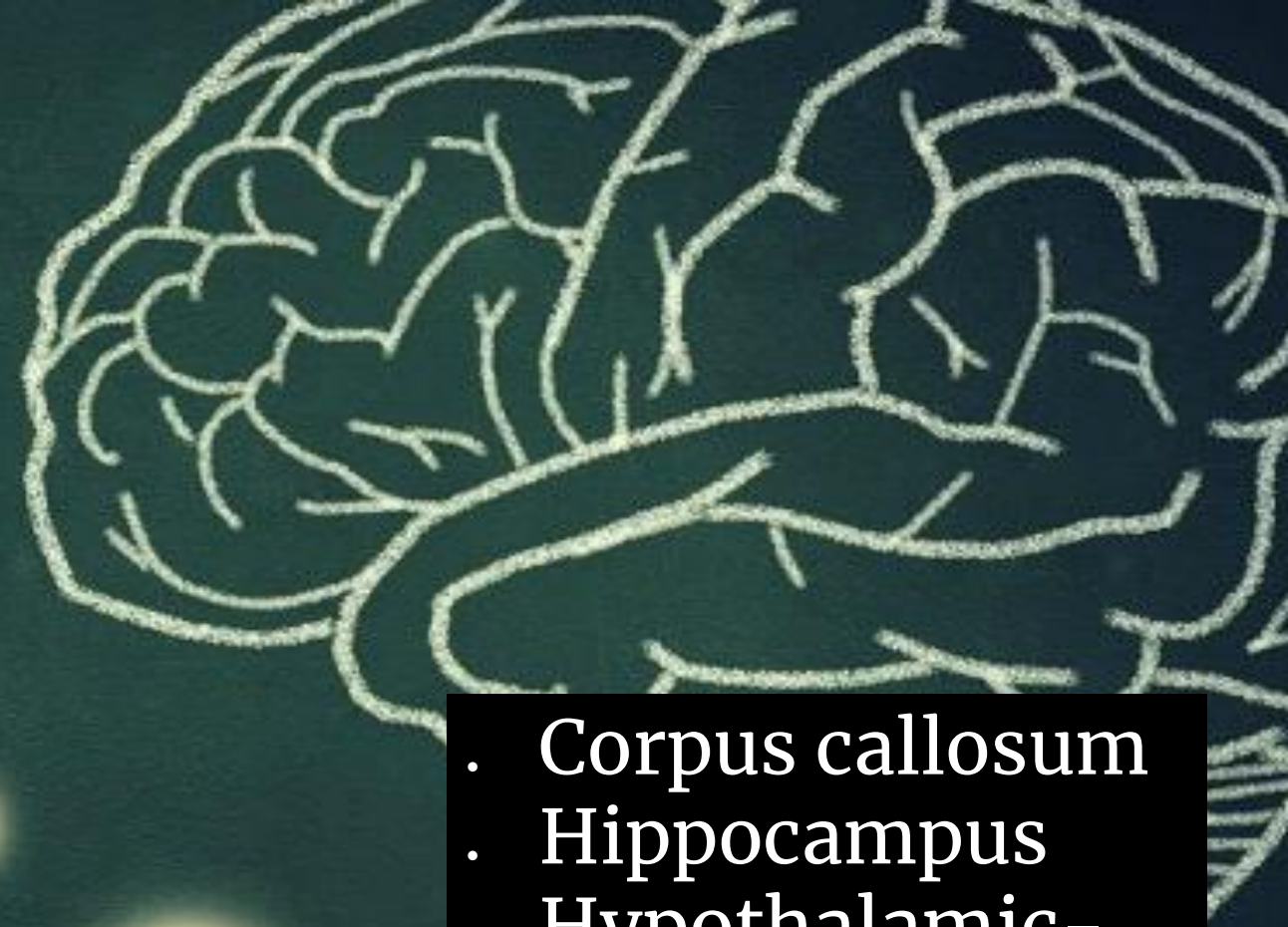
A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a white lab coat, is shown in profile, looking intently at a human brain she is holding in her left hand. She is using a magnifying glass in her right hand to examine the brain more closely. The background is a green chalkboard with faint, illegible chalk markings. The overall scene suggests a focus on psychology or neuroscience.

Psychological effects

- Being constantly on alert
- Feeling fearful
- Challenged social situations
- Learning deficits

- Developmental Delays
- Mental health conditions
- weakened ability to process positive feedback

Areas Affected



- . Corpus callosum
- . Hippocampus
- . Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal
- . Prefrontal cortex,
- . Amygdala
- . Cerebellum

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A portrait of a man with long dark hair, a mustache, and a goatee, wearing a dark, patterned vest over a white ruffled collar and a brown garment. The background is dark and textured.

VACCINES AS AN ATTEMPT TO OPPOSE
GOD'S PUNISHMENTS UPON MAN FOR
HIS SINS

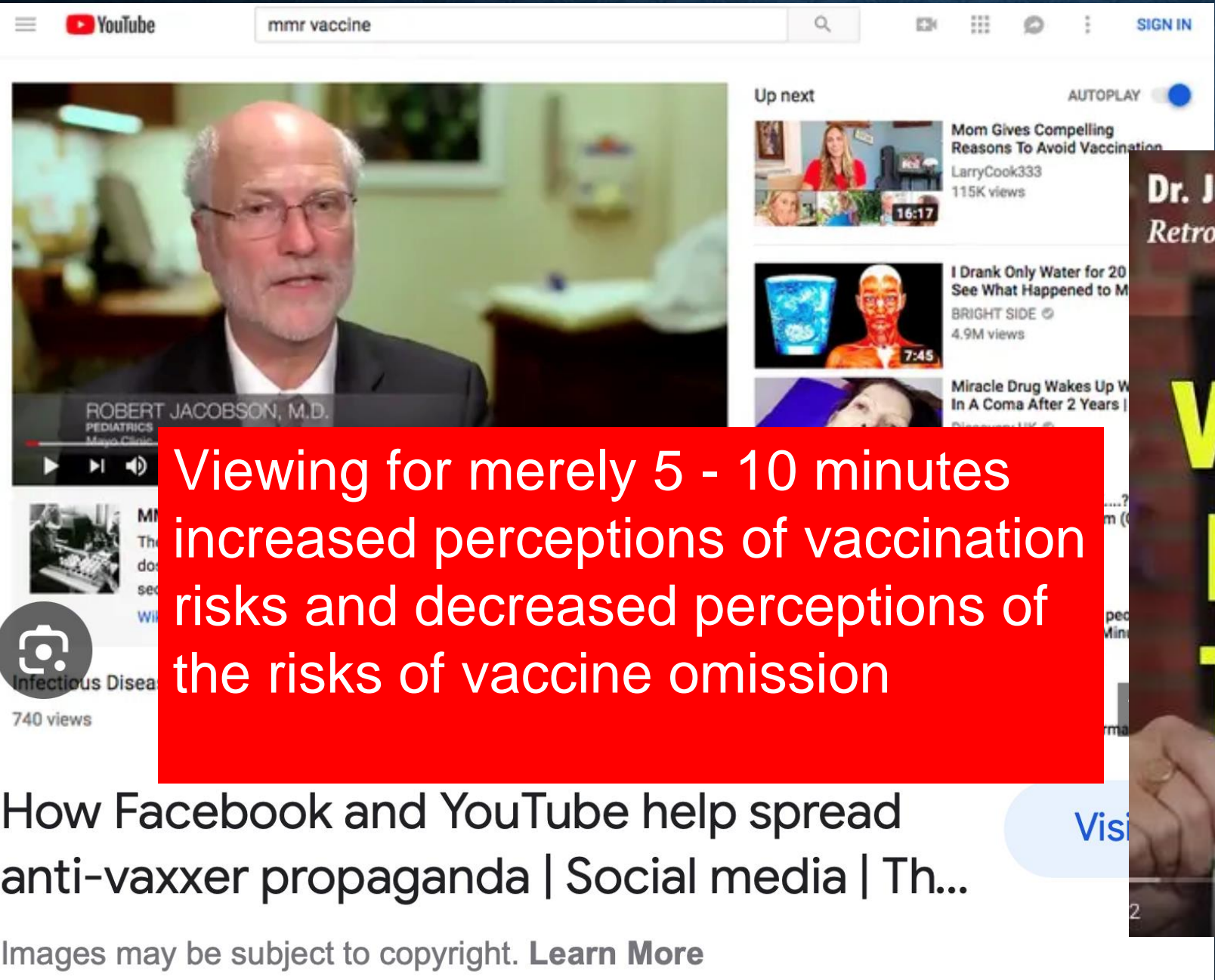
A
SERMON
AGAINST THE
Dangerous and Sinful Practice
OF
INOCULATION.

PREACH'D AT
St. Andrew's Holborn,
On *Sunday, July* the 8th, 1722.

By EDMUND MASSEY, M. A.
Lecturer of St. Alban Woodstreet.



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43% OF WEBSITES



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OTHER FORMS OF SIN OF SPEECH

- Judging
- Negativity
- Complaining
- Excuses
- Dogmatism
- Exaggeration
- Boasting
- Rash
- Quarrelsome
- Harsh
- Cursing



INFLUENCE POPULAR CULTURE

“We have been blessed to share almost 3 decades together as husband and wife in a wonderful, loving marriage. Our journey now is shifting and we have decided to separate to pursue our individual growth,”

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James 3:7-8 (ESV) For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.



Travis,



Charla Nash





467 people — 269 women, 198 men
Electronically Activated Recorder

Every body gossips

Younger people engage in more negative gossip than older adults

Negative gossip twice as common and positive

Poor people gossip less than rich ones

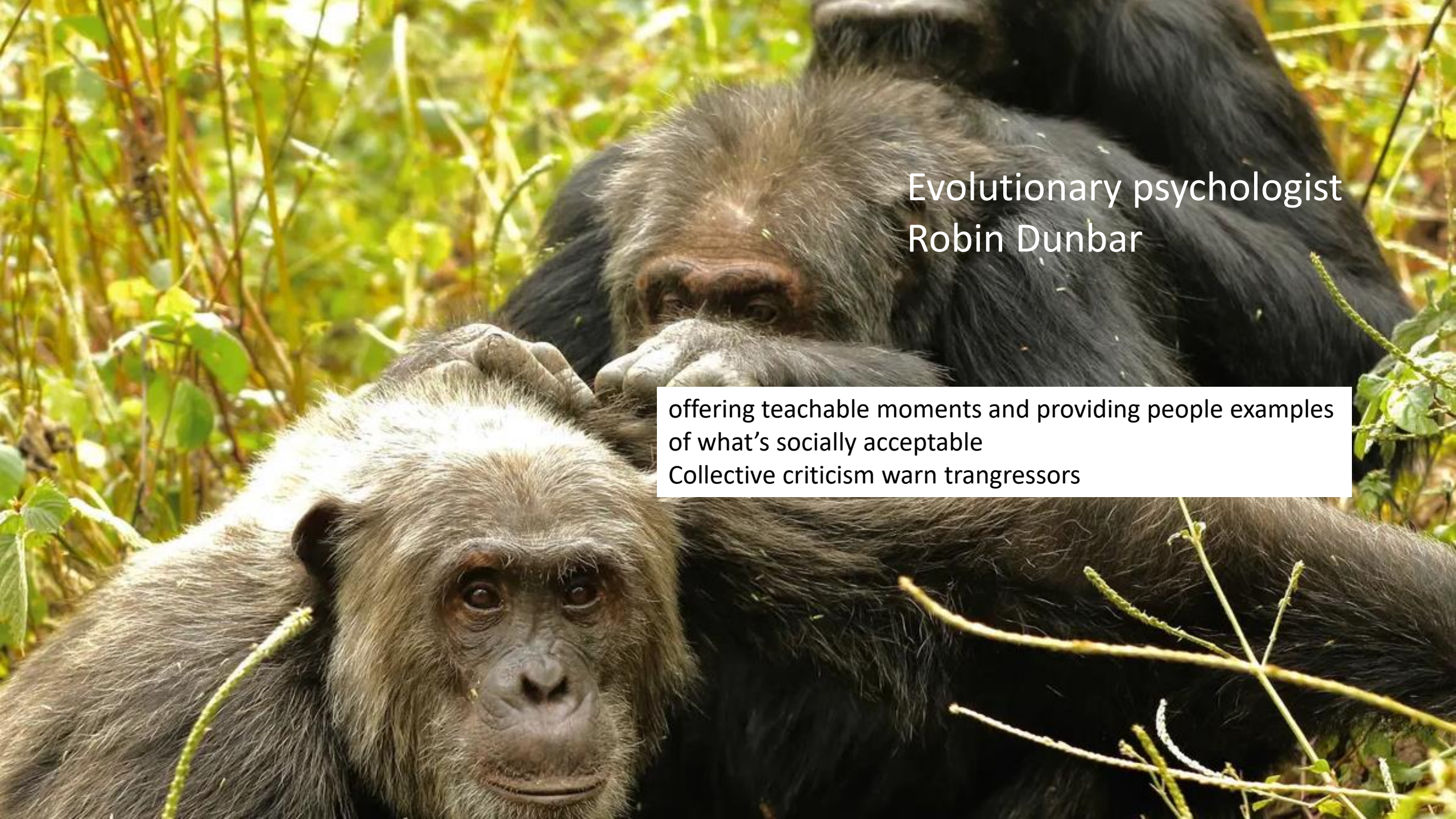
A photograph of a business meeting. In the foreground, three men are engaged in conversation. The man on the left is gesturing with his hand. The man in the center is seen from the back, wearing glasses and a blue suit. The man on the right is partially visible. In the background, a woman is blurred. The text '52 minutes/day' is overlaid on the image.

52 minutes/day

NO GENDER DIFFERENCE



1500



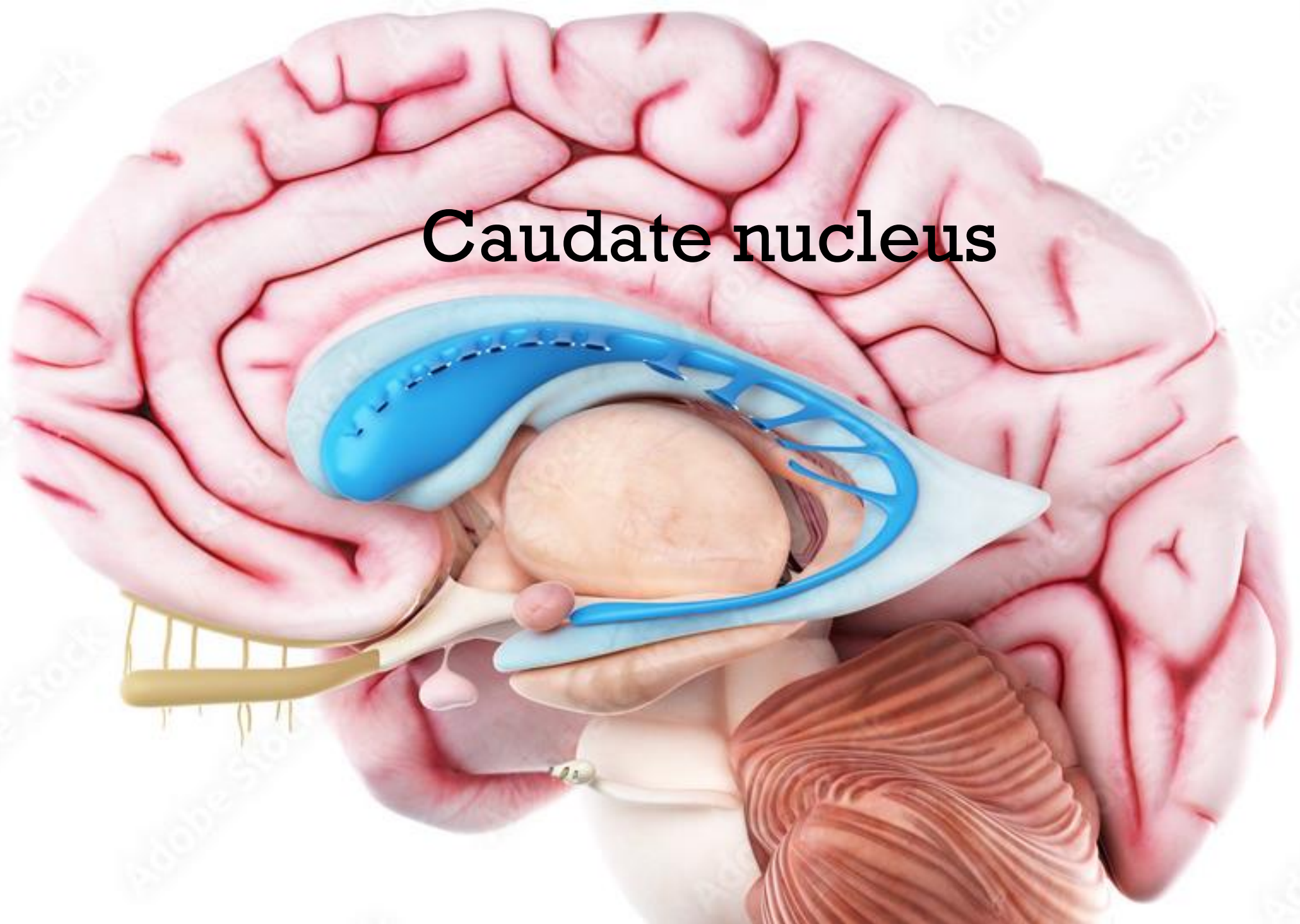
Evolutionary psychologist
Robin Dunbar

offering teachable moments and providing people examples
of what's socially acceptable
Collective criticism warn transgressors

MOTIVES

- information validation
- information gathering
- relationship building,
- protection,
- social enjoyment,
- negative influence

Caudate nucleus



A photograph of two young women sitting together. The woman on the left is smiling broadly and looking towards the camera. The woman on the right is leaning in and whispering into the first woman's ear, with her hands cupped around her mouth. They are both wearing light-colored, possibly white, tops. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with greenery.

2012 study Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

heard about another person's anti-social behavior or an injustice, their heart rates increased
actively gossip about the person brings heart rate down

“helps
calm the
body.”

Describes a person

Proverbs 17:4 (ESV) An evildoer listens to wicked lips,
and a liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.

Proverbs 18:8 (ESV) The words of a whisperer
are like delicious morsels;
they go down into the inner parts of the body.

- Content
- Situation
- Motive

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Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son,

James 2

WORDS ARE WORKS



Works evidence of Faith

Not status or social standing or merit



Hebrews 11:31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

James 3:9-12 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.



CURSE MAN

PRAISE GOD

Hearts has good and bad things

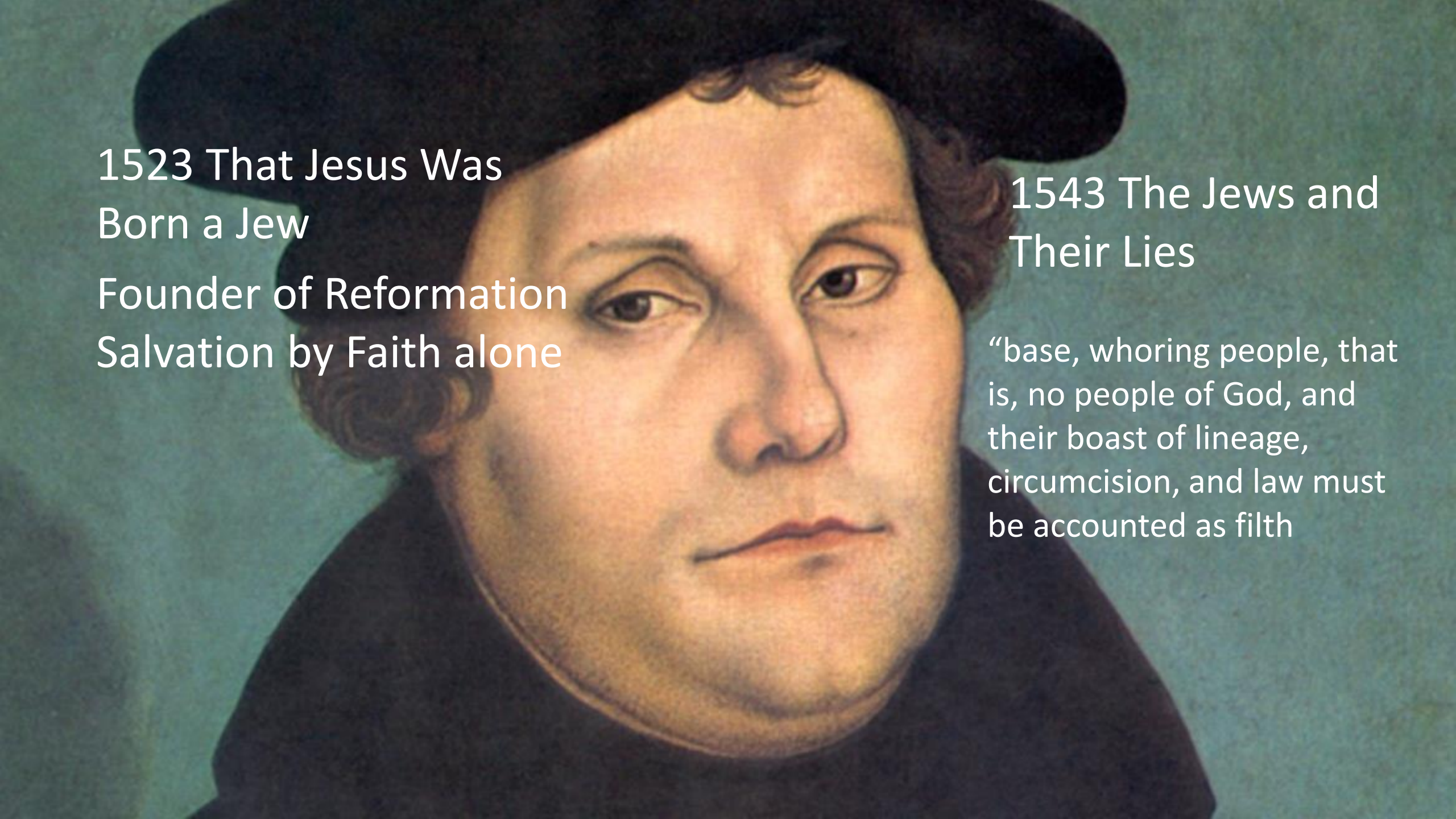
IPSOS SURVEY FOR THE EPICOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA

3119 Americans aged over 18,

American Christians to be “self-righteous”, 55 %

“hypocritical”, and “judgemental”.54%

Matthew 12:34-37 (ESV) You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the **abundance of the heart the mouth speaks**. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

A portrait of Martin Luther, a German theologian, philosopher, and reformer. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a black cap and a dark, high-collared garment. His face is pale with a serious expression, and he has dark, wavy hair. The background is a plain, light blue-green color.

1523 That Jesus Was
Born a Jew
Founder of Reformation
Salvation by Faith alone

1543 The Jews and
Their Lies

“base, whoring people, that
is, no people of God, and
their boast of lineage,
circumcision, and law must
be accounted as filth



Martin Sasse, the Bishop of the
Evangelical Church of Thuringia

**Martin
Luther
and
the Jews**

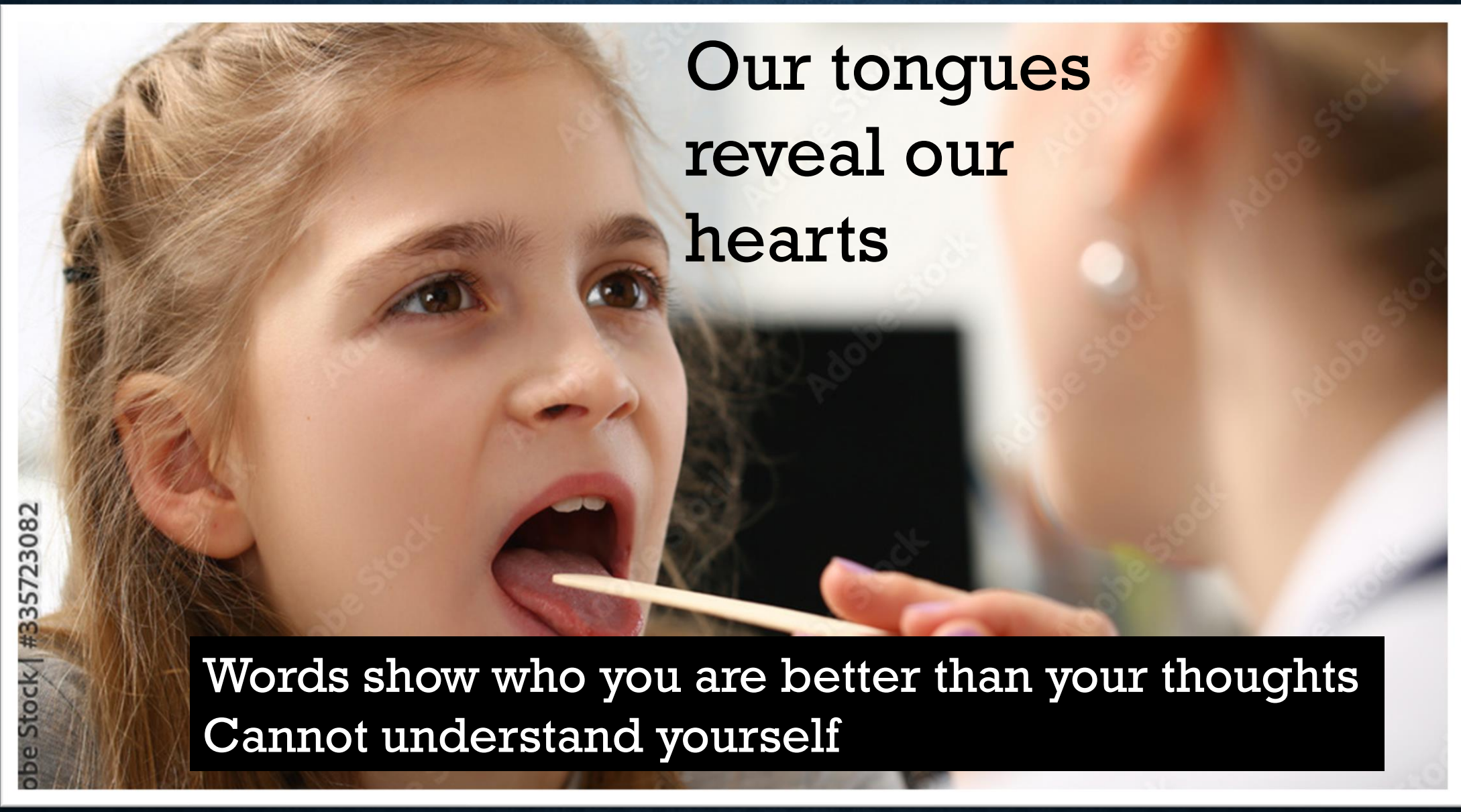
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Rationalise our failures

**A SLIP OF THE TONGUE
IS NOT FAULT OF THE
MIND**



**Our tongues
reveal our
hearts**

**Words show who you are better than your thoughts
Cannot understand yourself**

Feel good
Conceal our
about our pride
Denial of respect
ourselves

Intimidate
Put down
frankness





SONSHIP COURSE PHILADELPHIA

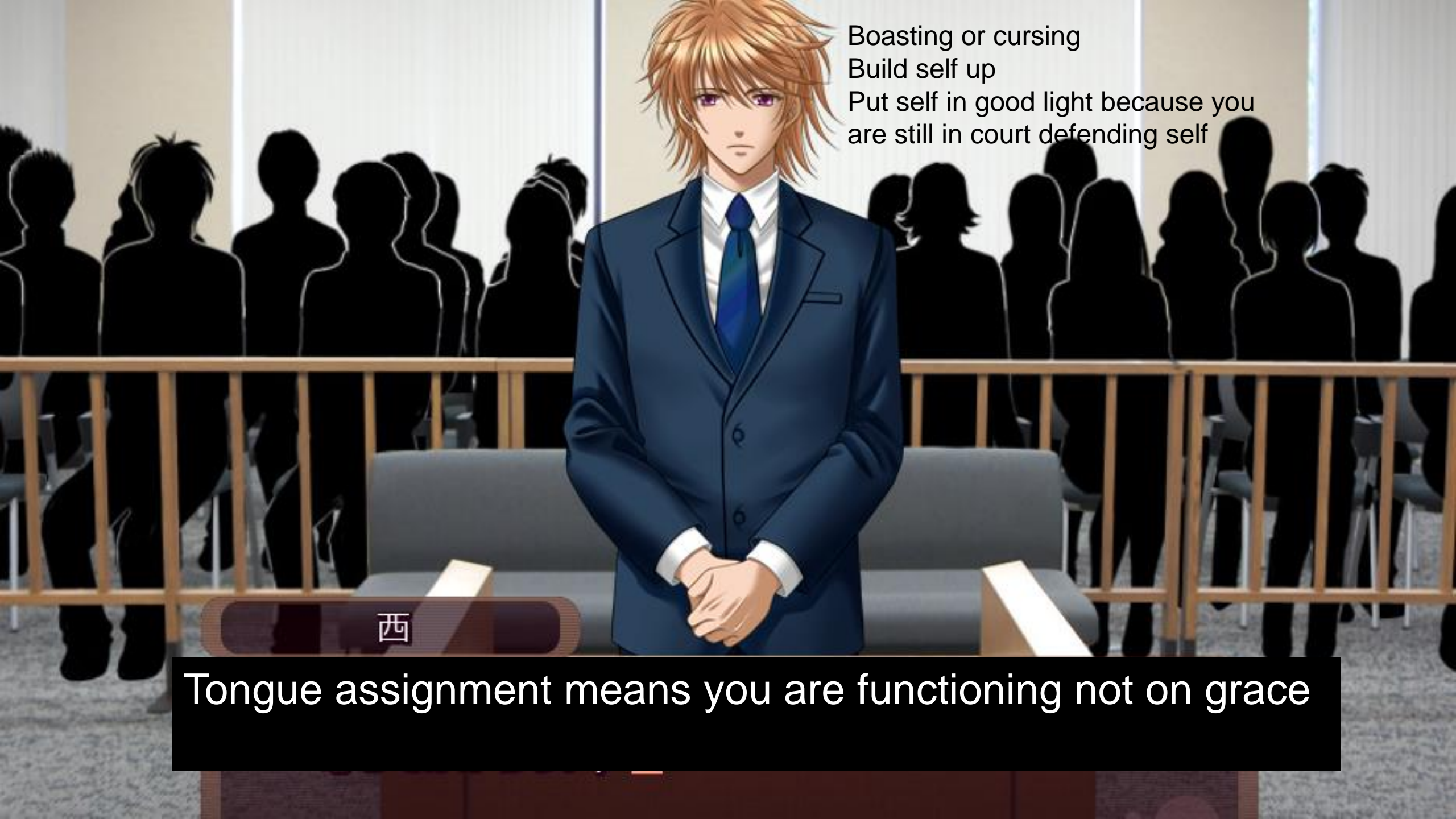
- Thesis:
- Even though you say you believe in the gospel saved by grace no condemnation but in reality you do not function with the gospel in the center of your life
- Most Christians put up a righteousness of their own..defending or prosecuting. Making excuses or tearing others down



SONSHIP COURSE

TONGUE TEST

- Do not complain or grumble about one another
- Do not gossip or repeat a matter.
- Do not boast about anything at all or yourself
- Do not run any person down
- Do not defend yourself if you are attacked
- You must at all times affirm others



Boasting or cursing
Build self up
Put self in good light because you
are still in court defending self

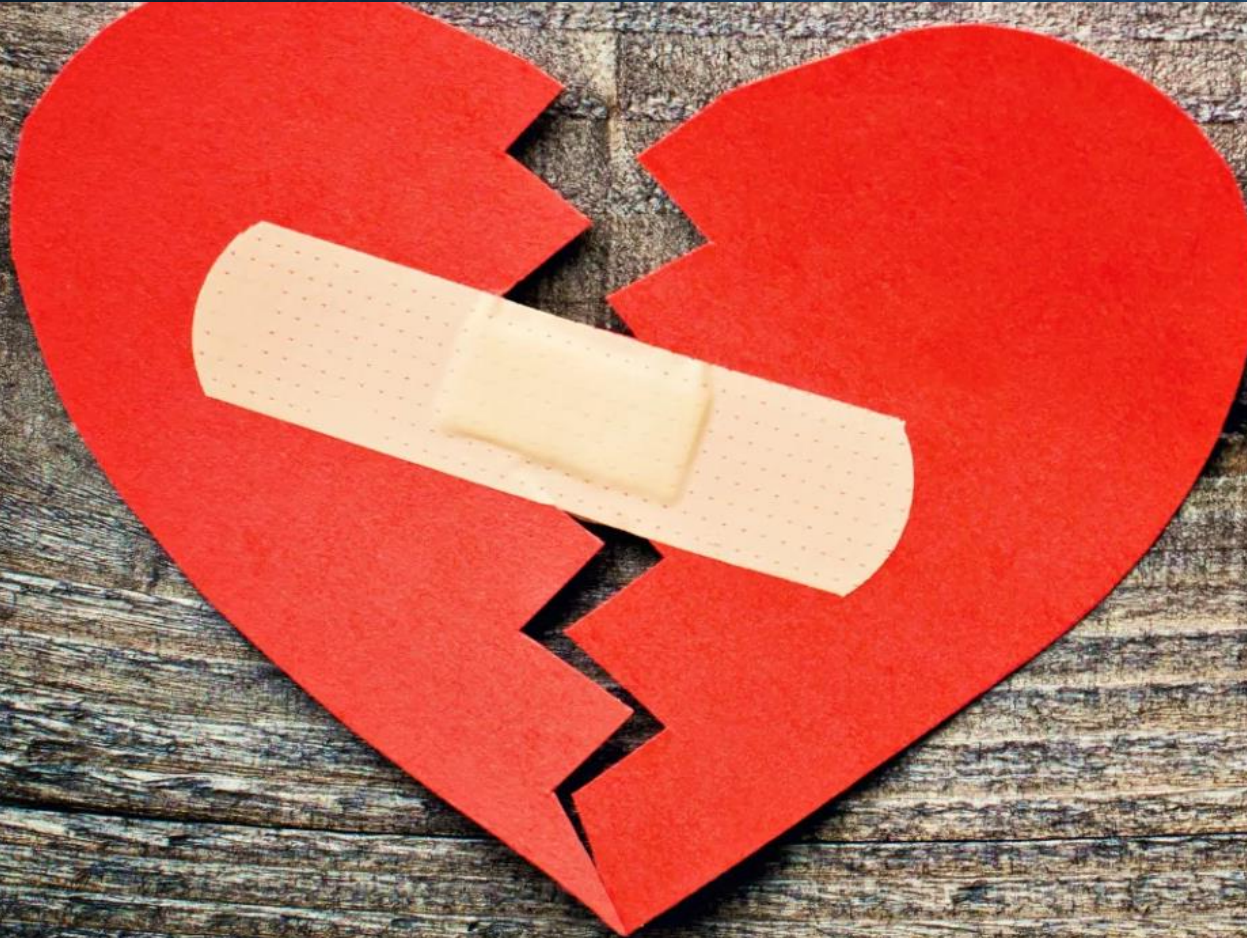
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Tongue assignment means you are functioning not on grace

HEALED HEART--

Taking in His beauty, it is worship which will heal your heart and the pollution in there

Takes what is inside and express it



Romans 8:1 (ESV) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:37 (ESV) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:39 (ESV) nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SELF CONTROL

A black silhouette of a person's head in profile, facing right. Inside the head, a smaller silhouette of a person is sitting in a car, driving. The background is a solid teal color.

we curse people we bless people

SPEAK FROM HEART

A photograph of a man from the chest up, wearing a white dress shirt and a blue tie. He is pulling open the shirt with both hands, revealing a red chest with a large white heart in the center. The background is a plain grey color.

it we bless our Lord and Father

WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART



- CV
- Accomplishments
- Excuses
- Defense
- Resentments

OUR INNER SOURCE

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

WORDS DIRECT OUR LIVES



James 3:4 (ESV) Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs

ONTOLOGICAL ARGUMENT THERE IS A CHOICE

James 3: 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

- 1 John 1:6 (ESV) If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- 1 John 2:1 (ESV) My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous

**WE DECIDE WHICH THOUGHTS TO CLOTHE
WITH WORDS**



Direct heart towards the good part and starve the evil

By clothing good thoughts with Words and rejecting bad thoughts

..like rudder direct your life



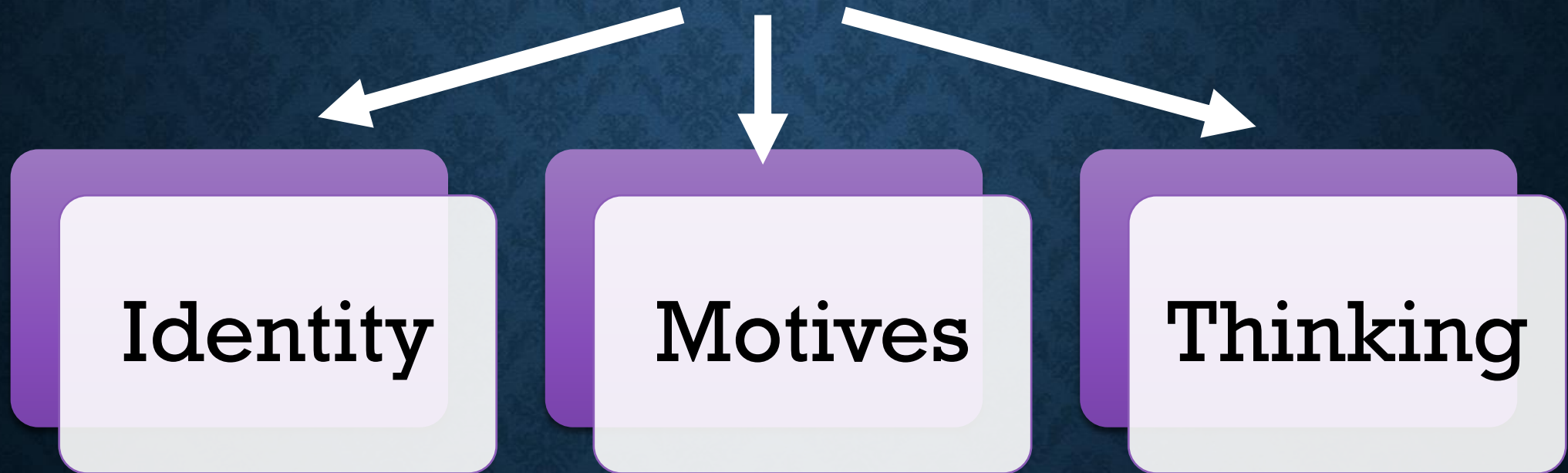
**Instead of expressing anger you
confess your anger to someone-
accountable..strengthen that part of
your heart**

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness

NEW



A. SATURATE OUR MINDS WITH THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Philippians 4:8-9 (ESV) Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Leading Neuroscientist

ANDREW NEWBERG, M.D.

Cofounder of Why God Won't Go Away

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PHYSIOLOGICAL BENEFIT

- Not only do prayer and spiritual practice reduce stress and anxiety, but just 12 minutes of meditation per day may slow down the aging process.
- Intense prayer and meditation permanently change numerous structures and functions in the brain—altering your values and the way you perceive reality.

B. SPEAK LESS

James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

B. SPEAK LESS

Proverbs 10:19-21 (ESV) When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. 20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.



Hungry

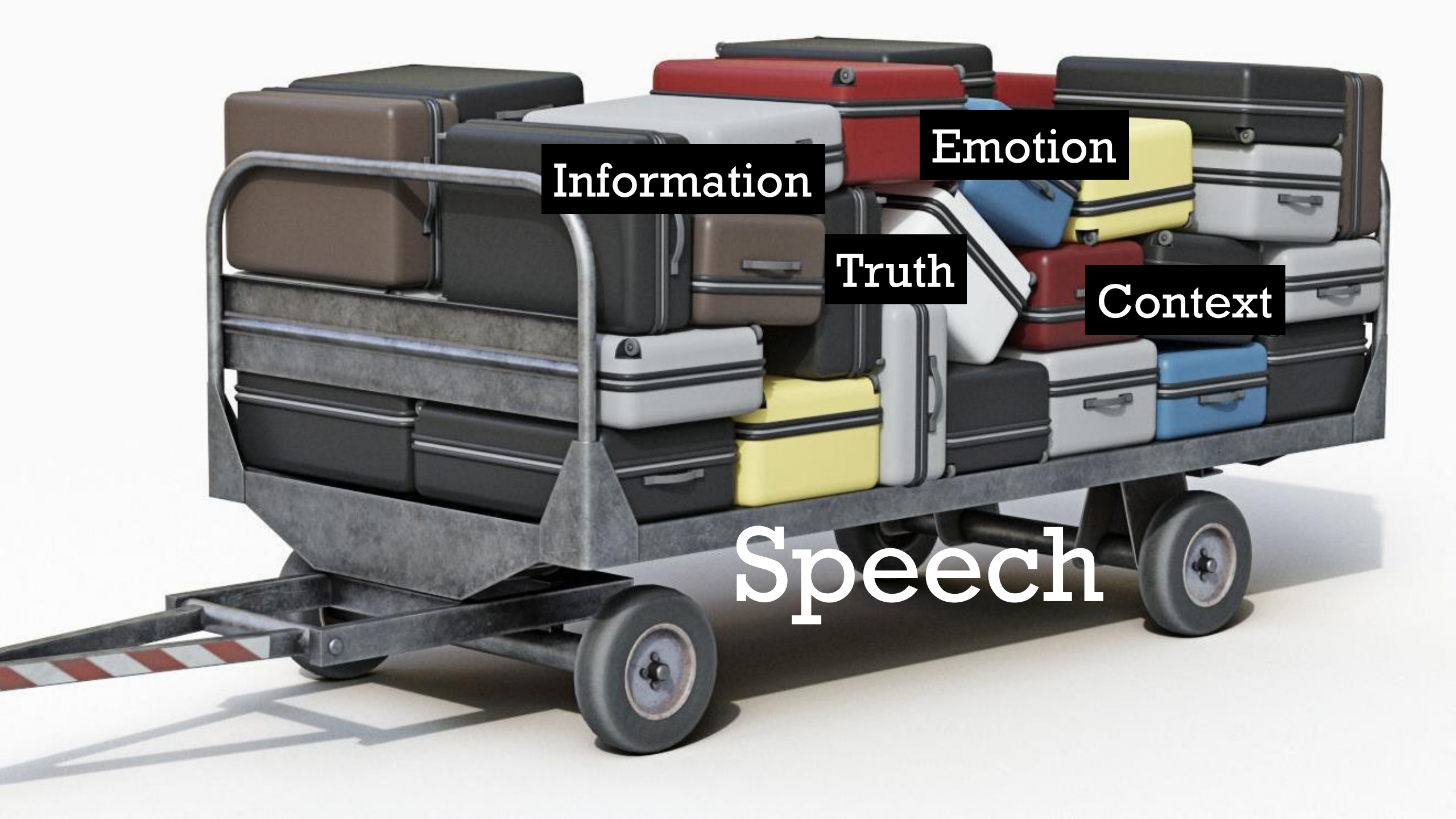
Angry

Lonely

Tired

C. SPEAK GRACIOUSLY

Colossians 4:6 (ESV) Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.



Information

Emotion

Truth

Context

Speech

C. SPEAK GRACIOUSLY

Proverbs 10: 20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense.

TYPICAL WORDS TO AVOID AND ALTERNATIVES FOR PATIENTS

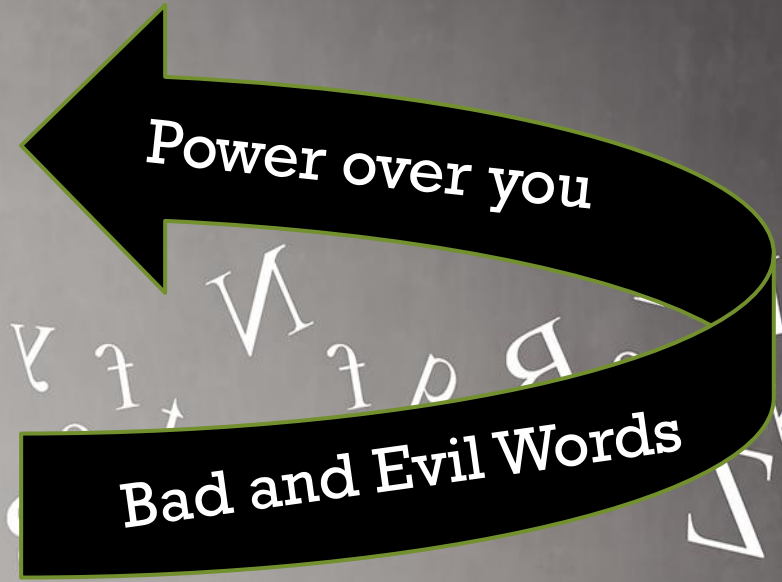
Avoid	Alternative
Chronic Degenerative Changes	Normal Wear and tear
Negative Test Results	Everything appears normal
Don't Worry	Everything will be OK
Damage	Reparable Harm
Wear and Tear	Normal Age Changes
Instability	Needs more strength and control

Ephesians 4:15 (ESV) Rather, speaking the truth
in love, we are to grow up in every way into him
who is the head, into Christ,

TONGUE DIRECTS YOUR LIFE



Bad Thoughts



Power over you

Bad and Evil Words

own attitudes, perceptions,
and well-being.

TONGUE DIRECTS YOUR LIFE



Good Thoughts

Power over you

Good Words

own attitudes, perceptions,
and well-being.

Titus 3:1-2 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

D. SPEAK TO BUILD UP

Ephesians 4:29-32 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for **building up**, as fits the occasion, that it may give **grace** to those who hear.

They deserve our wrath, we give them God's favor.

We bless and do not curse.

Ephesians 4:25 (ESV) Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you spea**k the truth** with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Ephesians 4:29-30 (ESV) Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 3

Ephesians 5:4 (ESV) Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving

- Philippians 2:14-15 (ESV) Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

SPEECH REFLECTS HIS SPIRIT

Ephesians 5:18-20 (ESV) And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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CHALLENGE

- Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV) 9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, **“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**