

# ACTS

*THE GOSPEL  
ON THE MOVE*



## Study 5

# The gospel and the clash of values

Acts 4:1-31

# SATAN'S ATTACK

## ACTS 4:1-6:7

**External  
persecution**

Acts 4:1-31

Arrest by authorities

**Internal  
Corruption**

Ananias and Saphira

**Distraction**

Overwhelming  
social issues

## CONTINUING FIRES OF REVIVAL

Acts 4:1-4 (ESV) And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

## QUESTIONED BY PHARISEES

Acts 4:5-7 (ESV) On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”

Acts 4:8-10 (ESV) Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9 **Ironic as good deed not rewarded but punished** if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has b **Jesus Christ (Messiah) Nazareth ...his humanity** to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. **Proof of God’s endorsement and power**

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**PARABLE OF WICKED TENANTS**  
**LUKE 20:9-19**



# ACCOUNTABILITY

Luke 20:15-18 (ESV) And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” 17 But he looked directly at them and said. “What then is this that is written:

““The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”?

18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”



Psalms 118:21-24 (ESV) I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. 23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

1. Jesus has been vindicated by God.
2. Jewish leaders have been mistaken in their rejection of Jesus and will be accountable
3. God Himself reversed the evil action of the Jews-  
resurrection
4. God is building a new building; -cornerstone -a new (spiritual) temple in which God's presence among his people is based on Jesus' death and resurrection and is thus contingent on the acceptance of God's revelation in Jesus as Israel's Messiah.

## OUTCOME

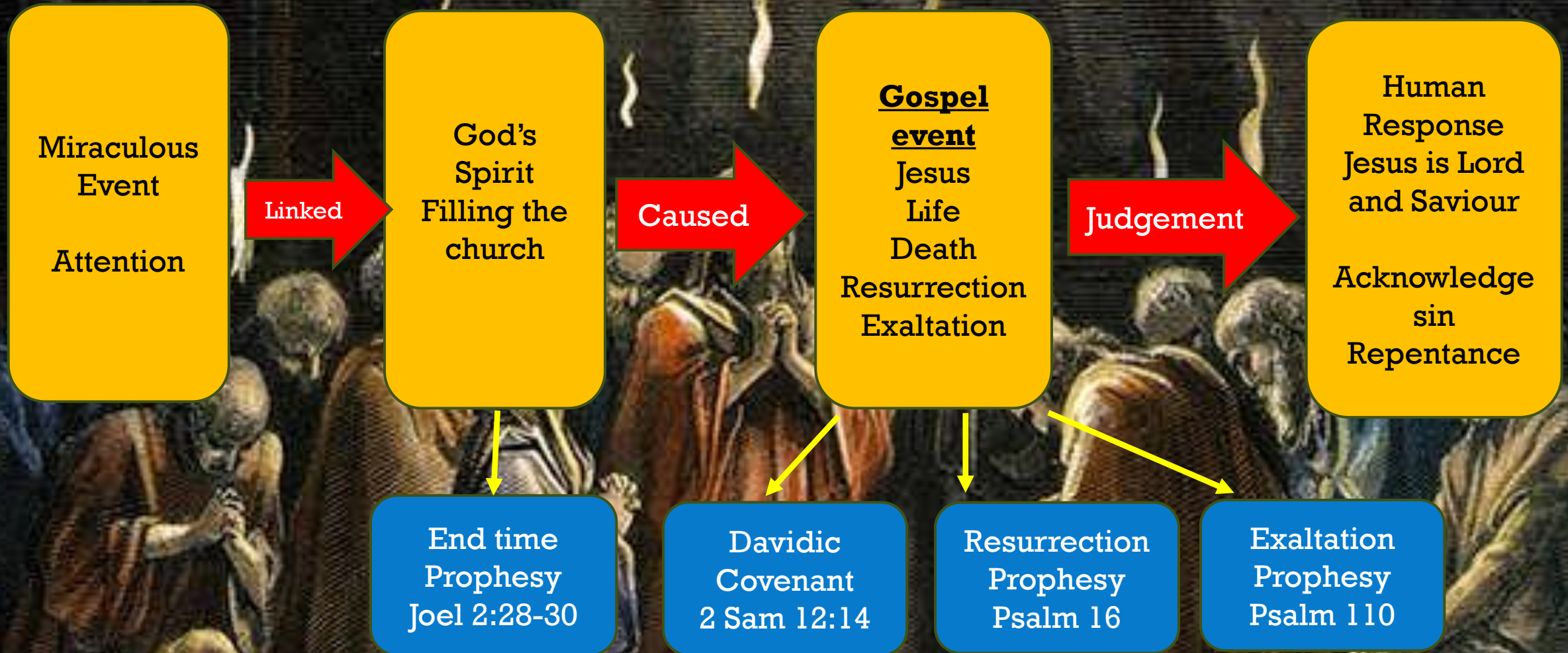
Acts 4:21-22 (ESV) And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. 22 For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

# EXCLUSIVE TRUTH CLAIM

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# PETER'S GOSPEL MESSAGE



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Miraculous  
Event  
Healing of  
lame man  
  
Attention

Linked

Jesus  
power to  
heal

Caused by

**Gospel  
event**  
Jesus  
Death-  
Crucifixion  
Resurrection  
Exaltation

Judgement

Human  
Response  
Jesus is Lord  
and Saviour  
  
Acknowledge  
sin  
Repentance

Psalm 118:22  
Stone  
rejected

# THE PROBLEM WITH TRUTH CLAIMS

## CONFLICT

Judaism

Private Messiah

Christianity

Jesus is Lord  
Universal claim  
Saviour for everyone

Greek and Roman  
gods

You can worship your own  
gods but you must also  
Caesar is Lord

# PROBLEM WITH TRUTH CLAIMS



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# IMPOSITION OF TRUTH CLAIMS





**YOU CAN BELIEVE IN JESUS BUT DON'T SAY THE REST ARE NOT  
VALID MUST ACCEPT HE IS SAME WITH OTHERS**



# JESUS TRUTH CLAIMS

- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me
- John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known
- John 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever

# NO OTHER RELIGIOUS WILL SAY THIS?



None have said I will get rid of your sin..show a way but not such a truth claim

# TOYOHICO KAGAWA



I am grateful for Shinto , for Buddhism and for Confucianism , I owe much to these faiths but yet they could not meet me at the heart of my deepest needs. I was a pilgrim journeying through a long road that had no turning , I was weary , I was foot sore . I wandered through a dark and dismal world where tragedies were thick.

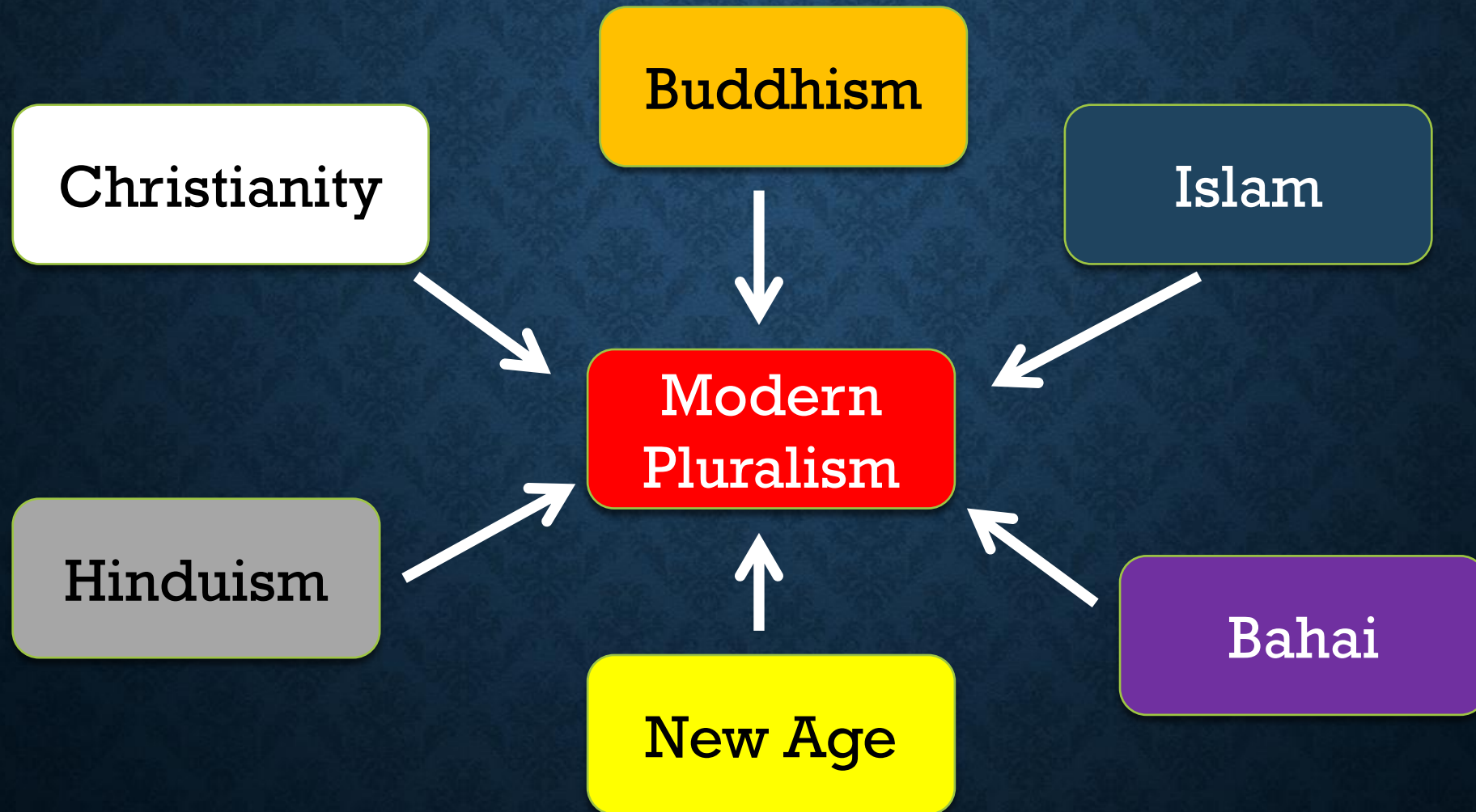
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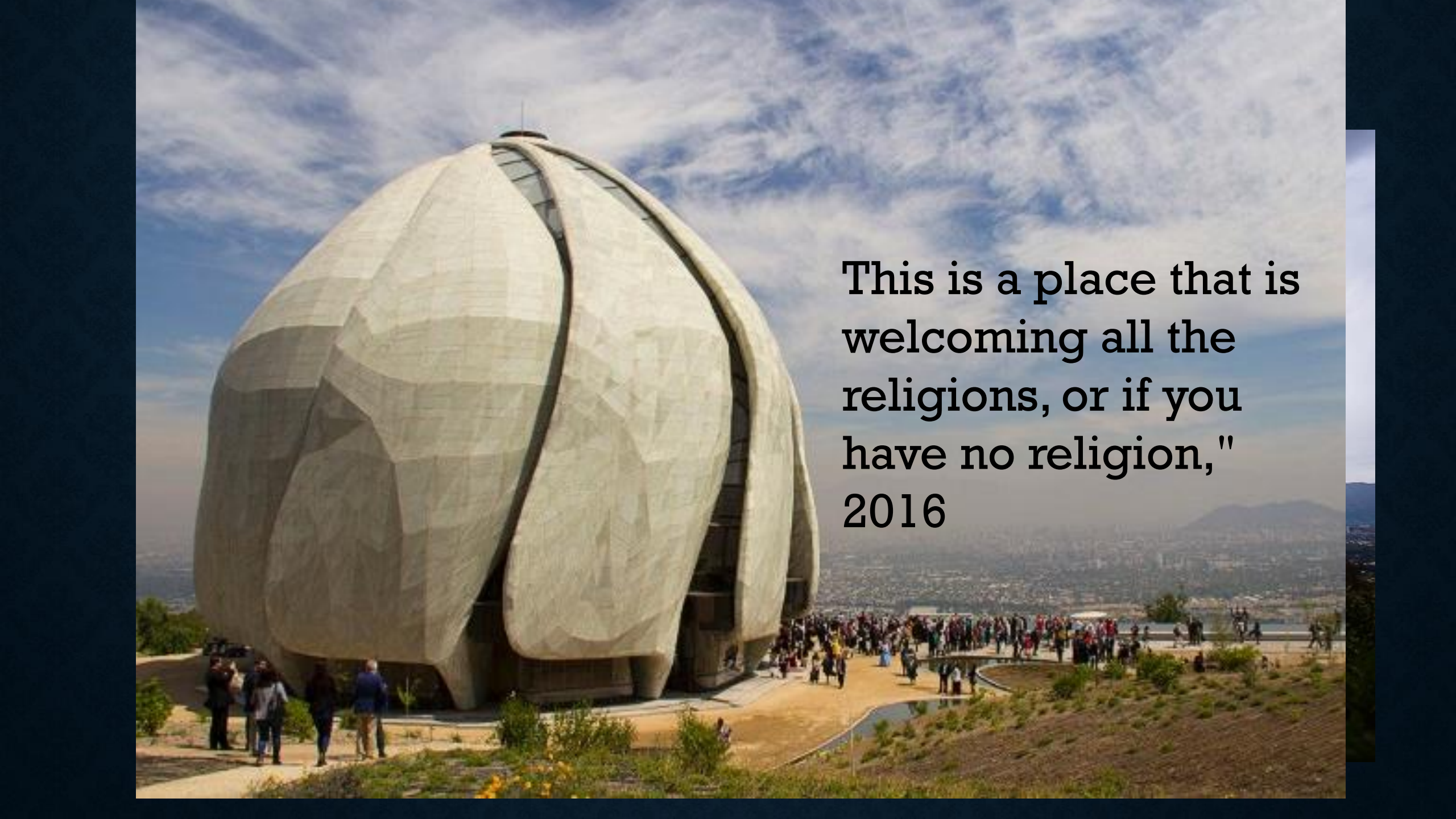
Buddhism teaches great compassion  
but since the beginning of time who has  
said for this is my blood of the  
covenant, which is poured out for many  
for the forgiveness of sins

(Matthew 26:27-28 ESV)

# ALL RELIGIONS ACCEPTED

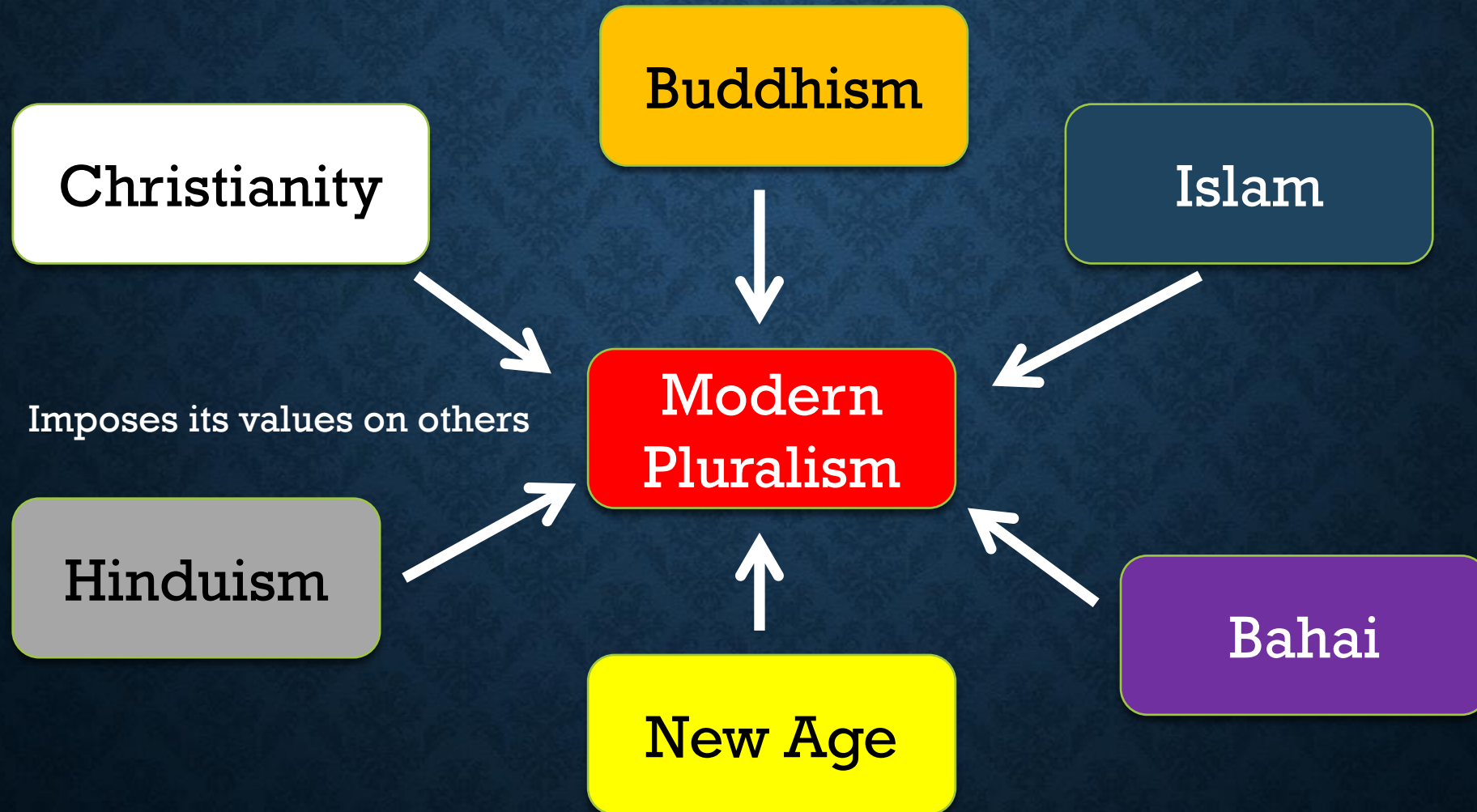




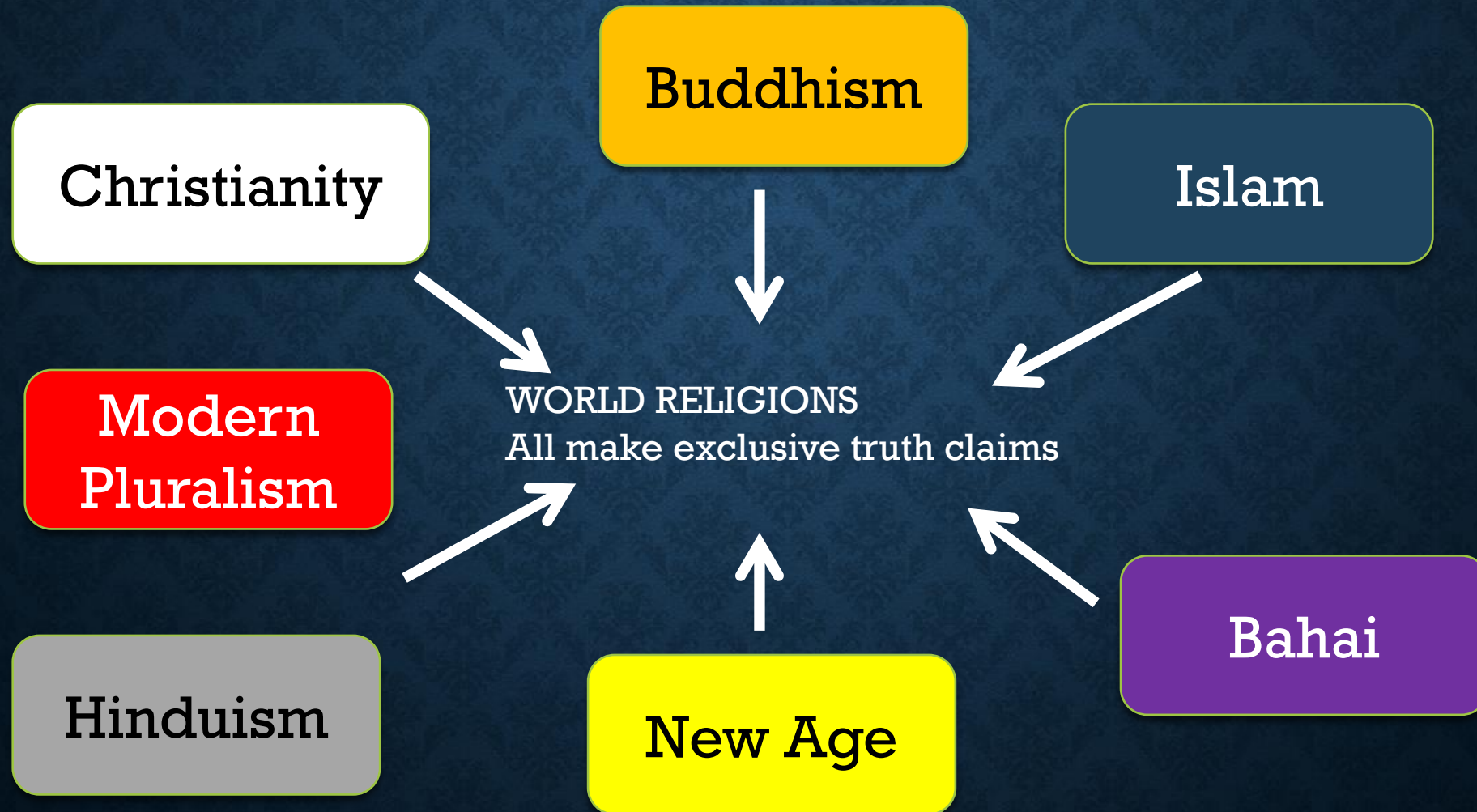
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**This is a place that is welcoming all the religions, or if you have no religion,"  
2016**

# ALL RELIGIONS ACCEPTED IS A TRUTH CLAIM



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# UNAVOIDABLE

**Moral feelings**

Can keep private

**Biblical  
Revelation**

**Objective  
moral values**

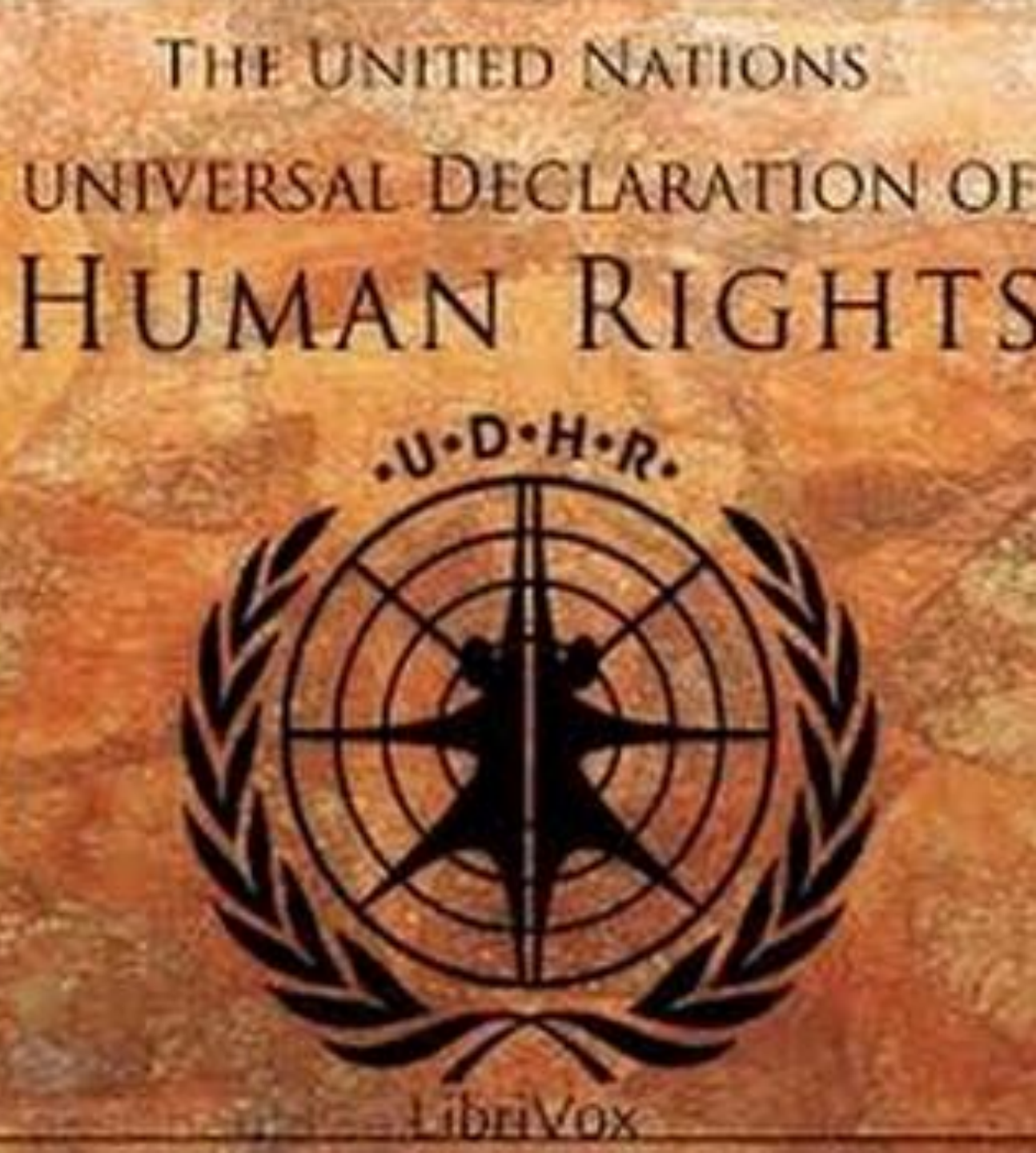
**Moral obligations**

Causes clash

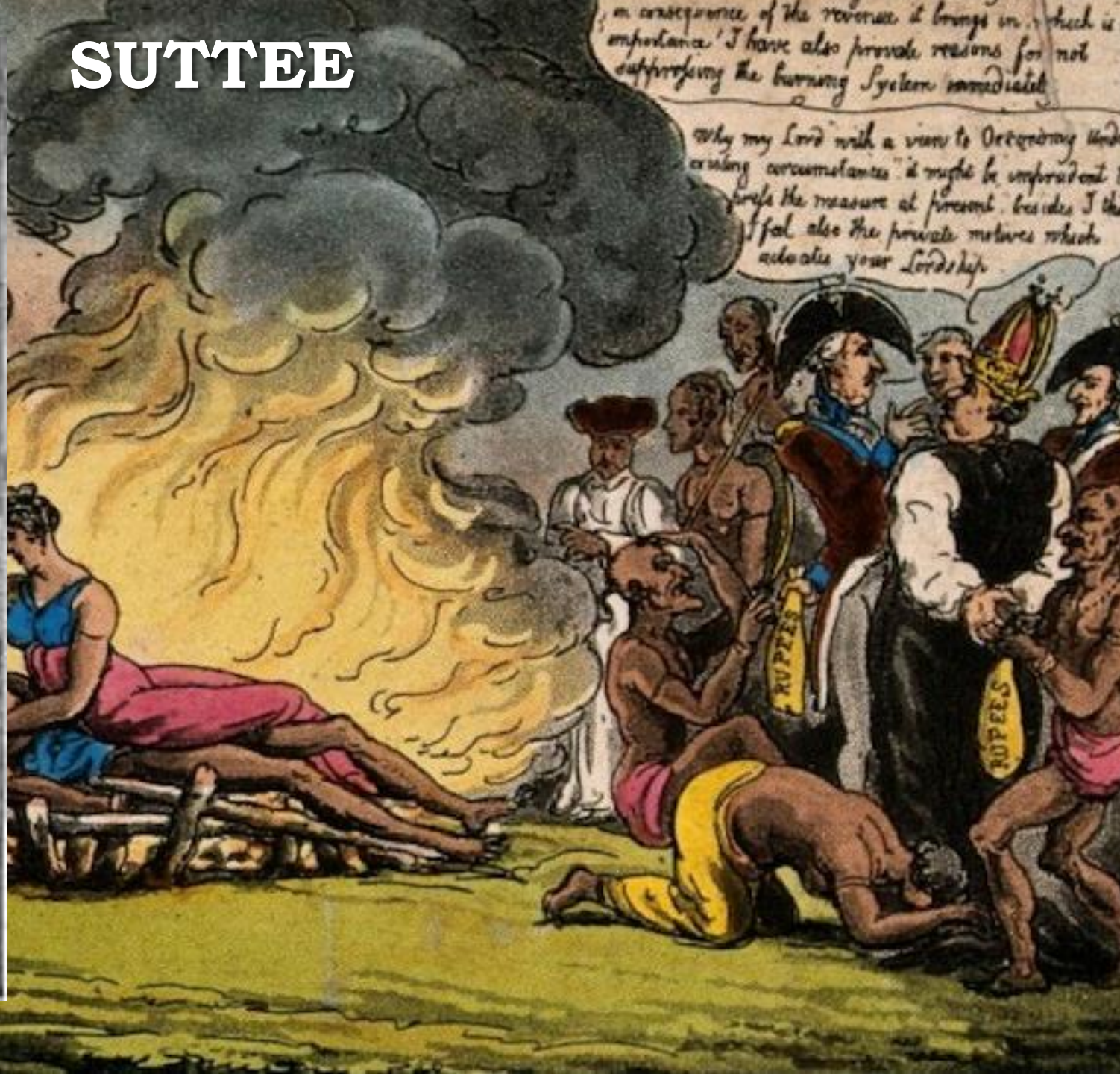




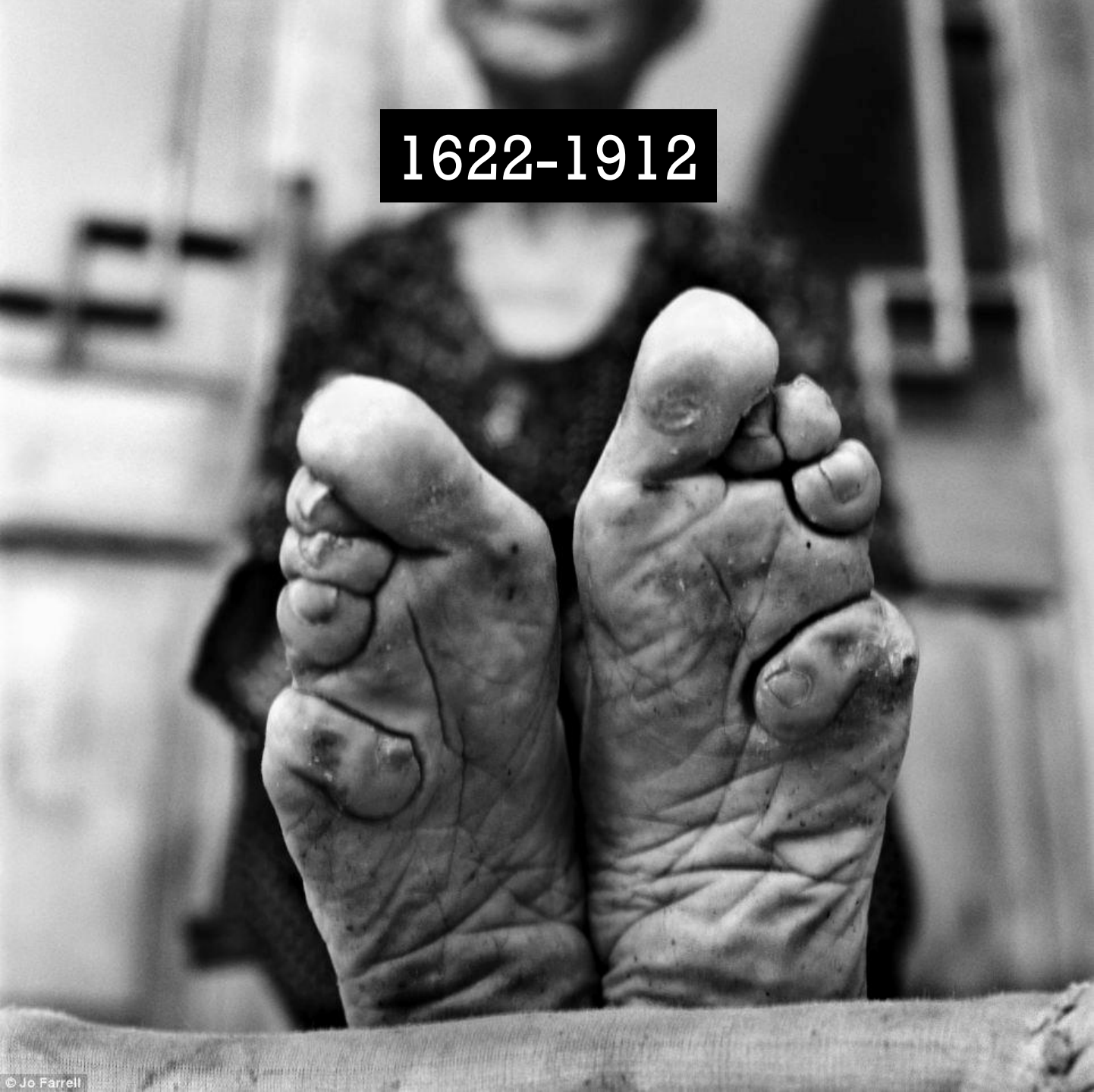
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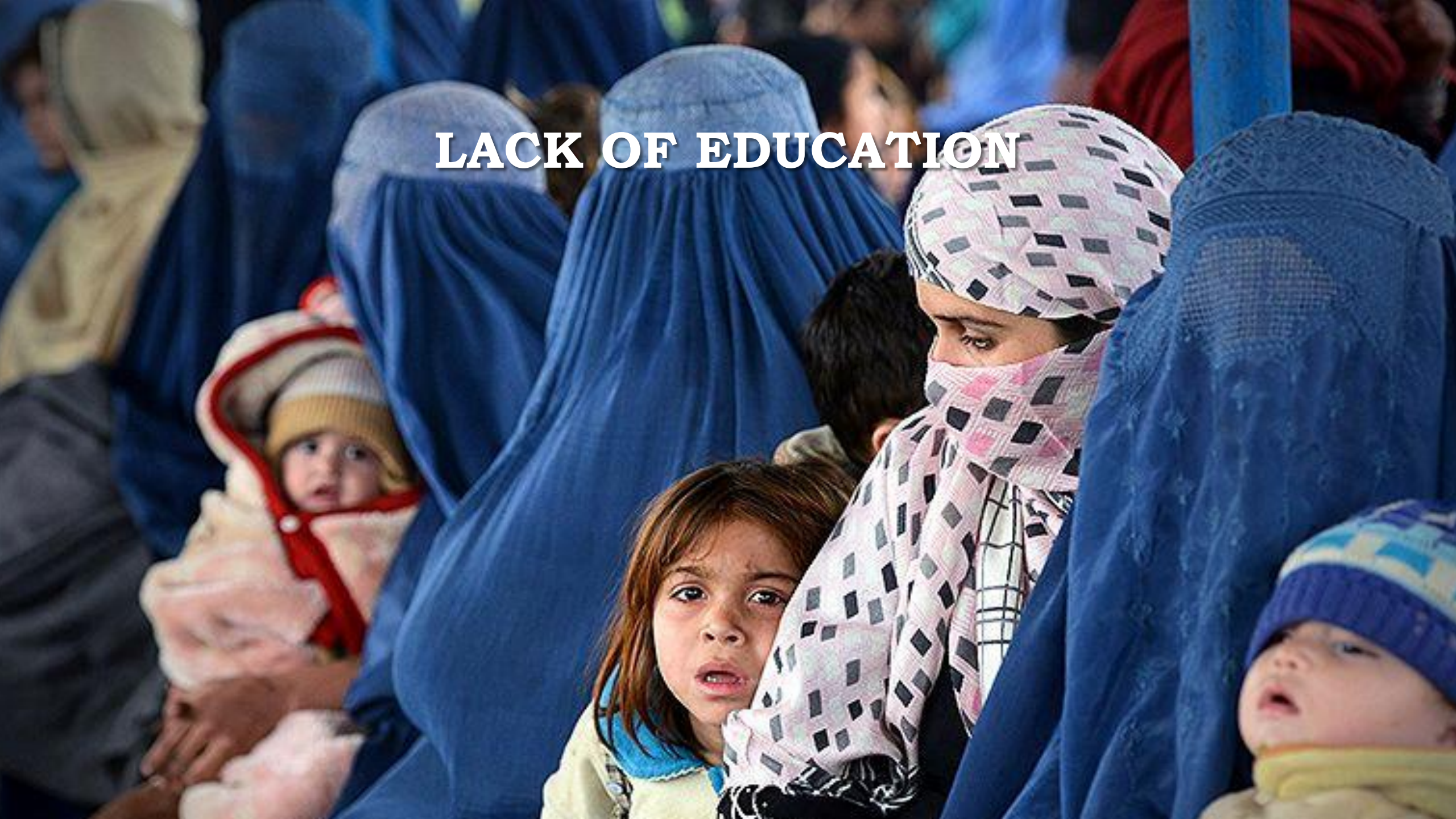
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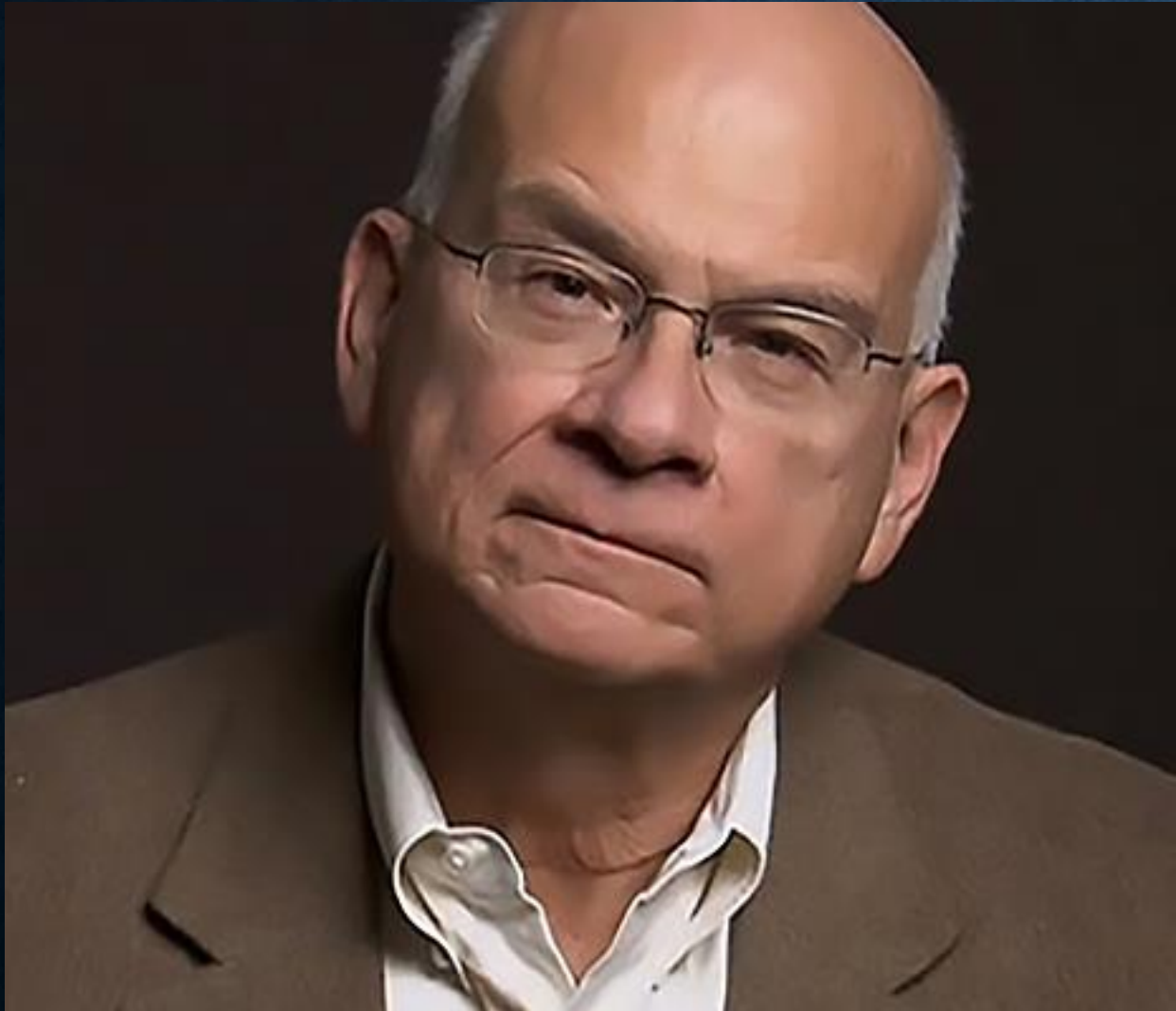


# LACK OF EDUCATION





# WE NEED OBJECTIVE MORAL VALUES



Christian Alternative

Non oppressive  
objective moral values  
William Lane Craig

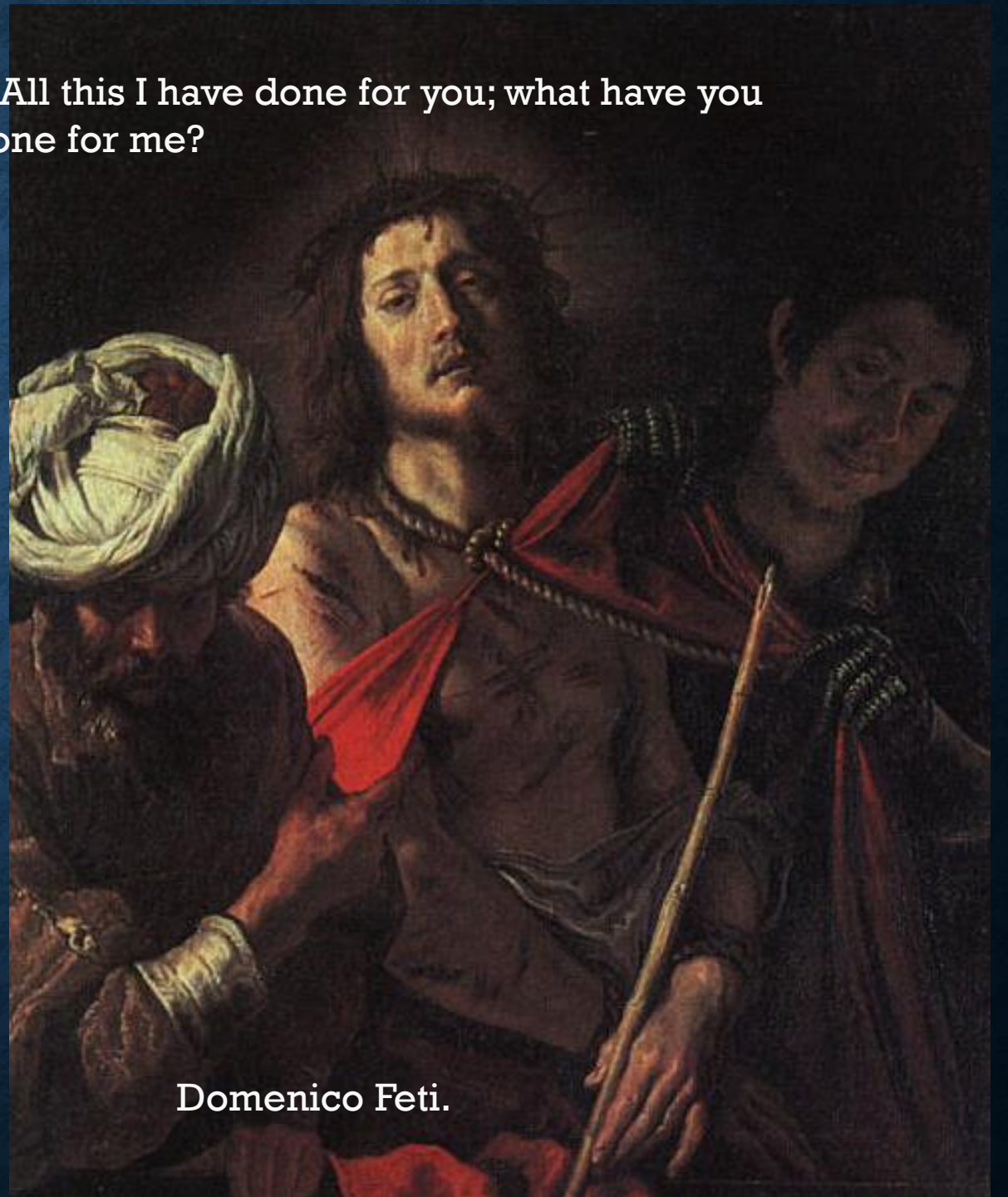


Jesus saved us through rejection...by leaders ..corner stone ..not by coming with power like a general but through service, homelessness, not by accruing power but giving up power



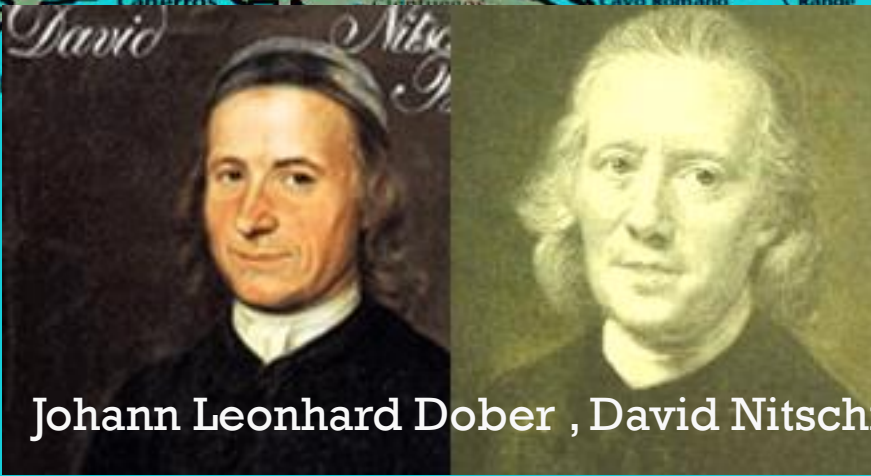


, "All this I have done for you; what have you done for me?"



Domenico Fetti.

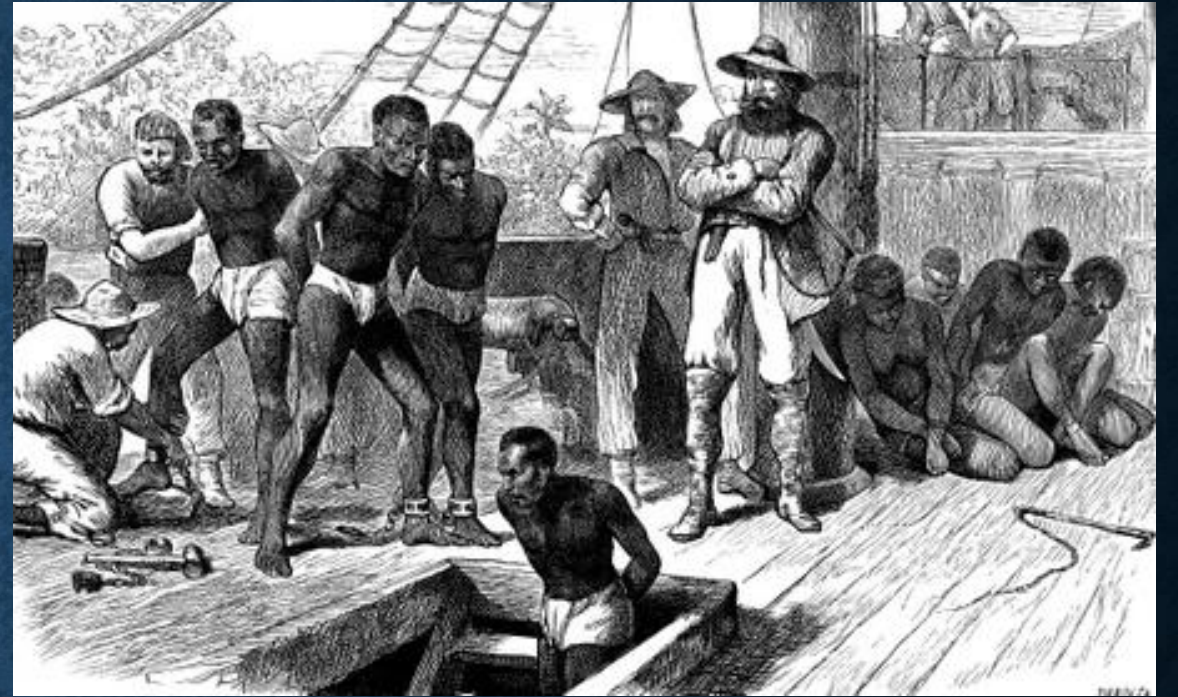
# VIRGIN ISLANDS



Johann Leonhard Dober , David Nitschmann

"May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering!"





**WILLIAM WILBERFORCE**



**I'm in love  
with my  
son and  
want to  
have his  
baby'**



# COUNTER CULTURE BEHAVIOUR



Acts 4:13 ESV Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished



# WORLD NEEDS PEOPLE WHOSE TRUTH MAKES THEM HUMBLE SERVANTS

Doesn't matter what you have been-new ID based on grace



1 Corinthians 2:1-2 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified

# **THE FEATURES OF AUTHENTIC FAITH**

Acts 4: 14 - 37

A hand holds a magnifying glass over a landscape. The lens of the magnifying glass is centered on the word "Scripture". The background is a blurred landscape of a river valley at sunset or sunrise, with mountains in the distance. The sky is a mix of blue and yellow. The hand holding the magnifying glass is in the foreground, and the landscape is in the background.

Scripture

# 1. AUTHENTIC FAITH PERSEVERES

Acts 4: 18 So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,

20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

# 1. AUTHENTIC FAITH PERSEVERES

Acts 4:29-30 (ESV) 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 3

## 2. AUTHENTIC FAITH FOCUSES ON WHO GOD IS

Prayer is responding to God

Acts 4:24-26 (ESV) and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,

25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

““Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

### 3. AUTHENTIC FAITH FOCUSES WHAT GOD HAS REVEALED

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# BACKGROUND

Psalm 2: 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, 6 “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” 7 I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel

## 4. AUTHENTIC FAITH REINTERPRETS EVENTS FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW

Acts 4:27-28 (ESV) for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

Daniel 10:12-14 (ESV) Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. 13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, 14 and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

## 5. AUTHENTIC FAITH IS ALL ABOUT THE MISSION

They do not pray for protection or vengeance or change of circumstances or

Acts 4:29-31 (ESV) And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

## 6. AUTHENTIC FAITH IS VINDICATED BY GOD

Word ---Spirit -Action

Acts 4:31 (ESV) And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

The place is shaken but they become unshakable  
(T Keller)

They talk to Him about who He  
really is and in the process they  
heal their hearts

God heals their hearts with who He  
is

**expression of relief**

