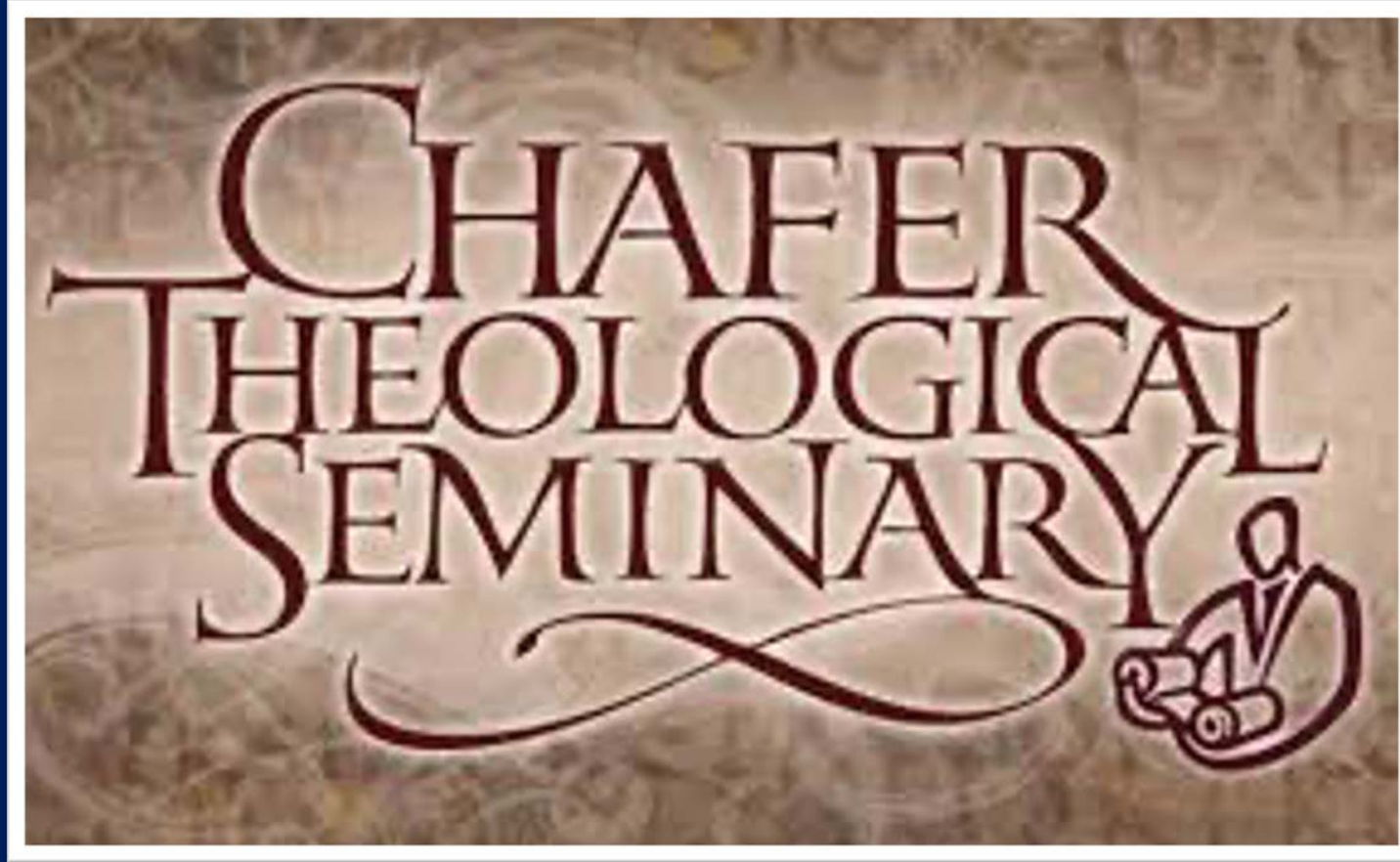


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Dr. Andy Woods

Senior Pastor – Sugar Land Bible Church
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John 21:15-17

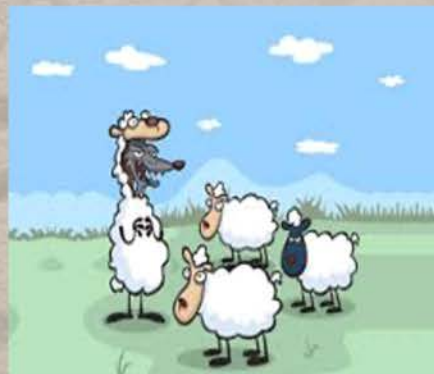
“¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “**Feed My lambs.**” ¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “**Tend My sheep.**” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “**Feed My sheep.**”



WHO WILL FILL YOUR PULPIT?



- **Ezekiel 34:5 (NASB)**
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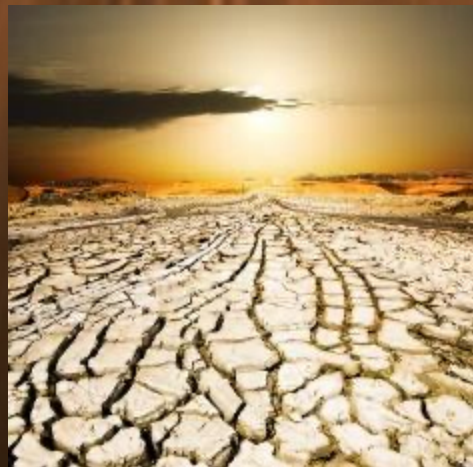
Hosea 4:6

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”



Amos 8:11

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord.”



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Matthew 5:18

“For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”



Matthew 4:4

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Daniel 2–7

Chiasm “Aramaic” (2-7)



1. Gentile History (2)
2. Protection (3)
3. Revelation to a gentile king (4)
3. Revelation to a gentile king (5)
2. Protection (6)
1. Gentile history (7)



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"We share the deep conviction that teaching the Word of God itself builds believers in the faith for fruitful service. Therefore, Greek and Hebrew exegesis is foundational to our school's educational program."

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Literal Interpretation



One Meaning

Plain Literal

The literal interpretation is the explicit assertion of the words—DENOTATIVE

Figurative Literal

The literal interpretation is the specific intention of the figure—CONOTATIVE

Chart by Earl Radmacher

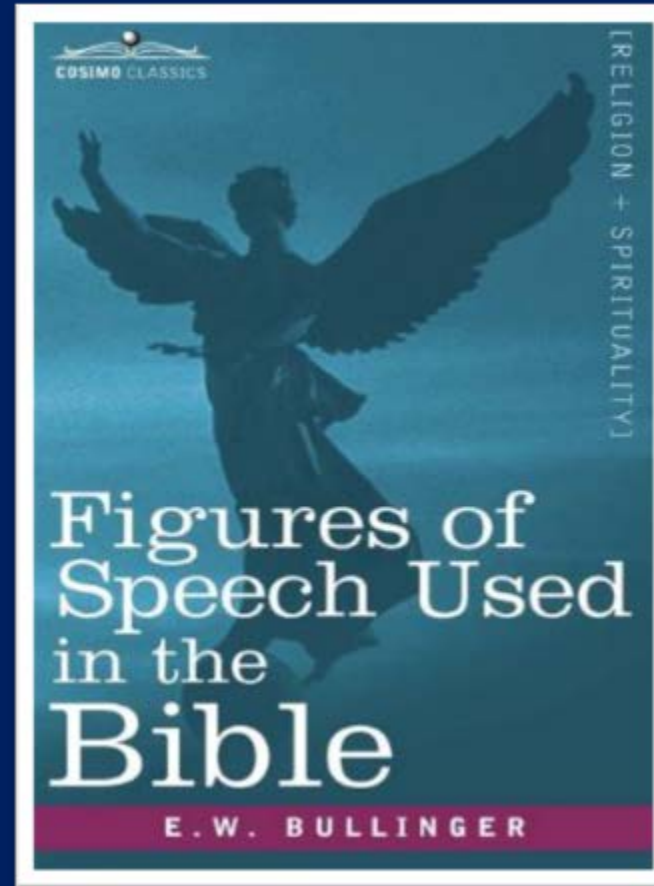
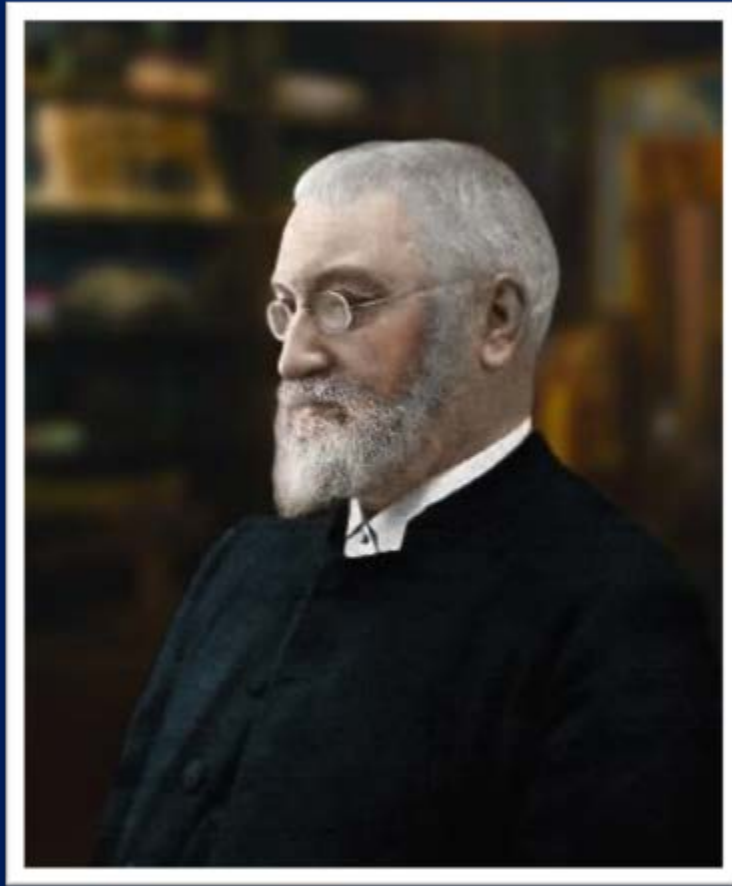
Charles Ryrie

Dispensationalism (Chicago: Moody Press, 1965), 86.



Literal interpretation “...might also be called plain interpretation so that no one receives the mistaken notion that the literal principle rules out figures of speech.”

E.W. Bullinger (1837–1913)





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William Lane Craig

“See William Lane Craig, "Dr. Craig on Collins vs Dawkins on Design of Universe," January 20, 2013, <https://www.reasonablefaith.org/media/reasonable-faith-podcast/dr.-craig-on-collins-vs-dawkins-on-design-of-universe/>.”

“...I've seen a comparable statistic that says that over 50% of evangelical pastors think that the world is less than ten thousand years old. Now, when you think about that ... that is just hugely embarrassing; that over half of our ministers really believe that the universe is only around ten thousand years old. This is just scientifically nonsense, and yet this is the view that the majority of our pastors hold. It's really quite shocking when you think about it.”



Dr. John Walvoord

"An Interview: Dr. John Walvoord Looks at Dallas Seminary,"
Dallas Connection (Winter 1994, Vol. 1, No. 3), p. 4.

In 1994, "What do you predict will be the most significant theological issues over the next ten years?" He responded, "The hermeneutical problem of not interpreting the Bible literally, especially the prophetic areas. The church today is engulfed in the idea that one cannot interpret prophecy literally."

“EFCA Now Considers Premillennialism a Non-Essential,”

by Daniel Silliman, Christianity Today, 8/23/19

“The denomination drops end times doctrine from its statement of faith in a move to ‘major on the majors’ and ‘minor on the minors.’ The Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA) changed its position on end times theology, voting this summer to drop the word ‘premillennial’ from the denomination’s statement of faith... Premillennialism has been a ‘denominational distinctive’ for the EFCA, according to the document, but shouldn’t be overemphasized.”



Enhancing Trust in Ministries

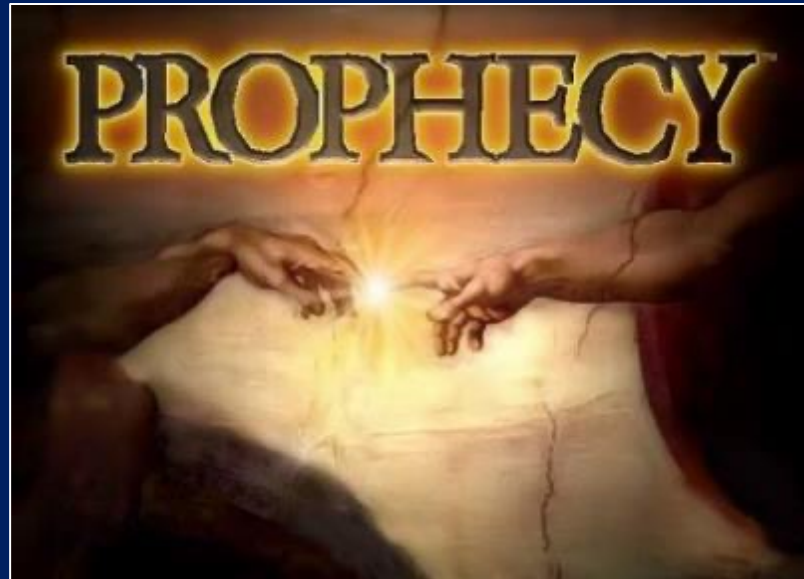
2 Peter 1:19

“So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.”



Biblical Prophecy: Importance

- 27% of Scripture was prophetic at the time it was written
- 2 Peter 1:19



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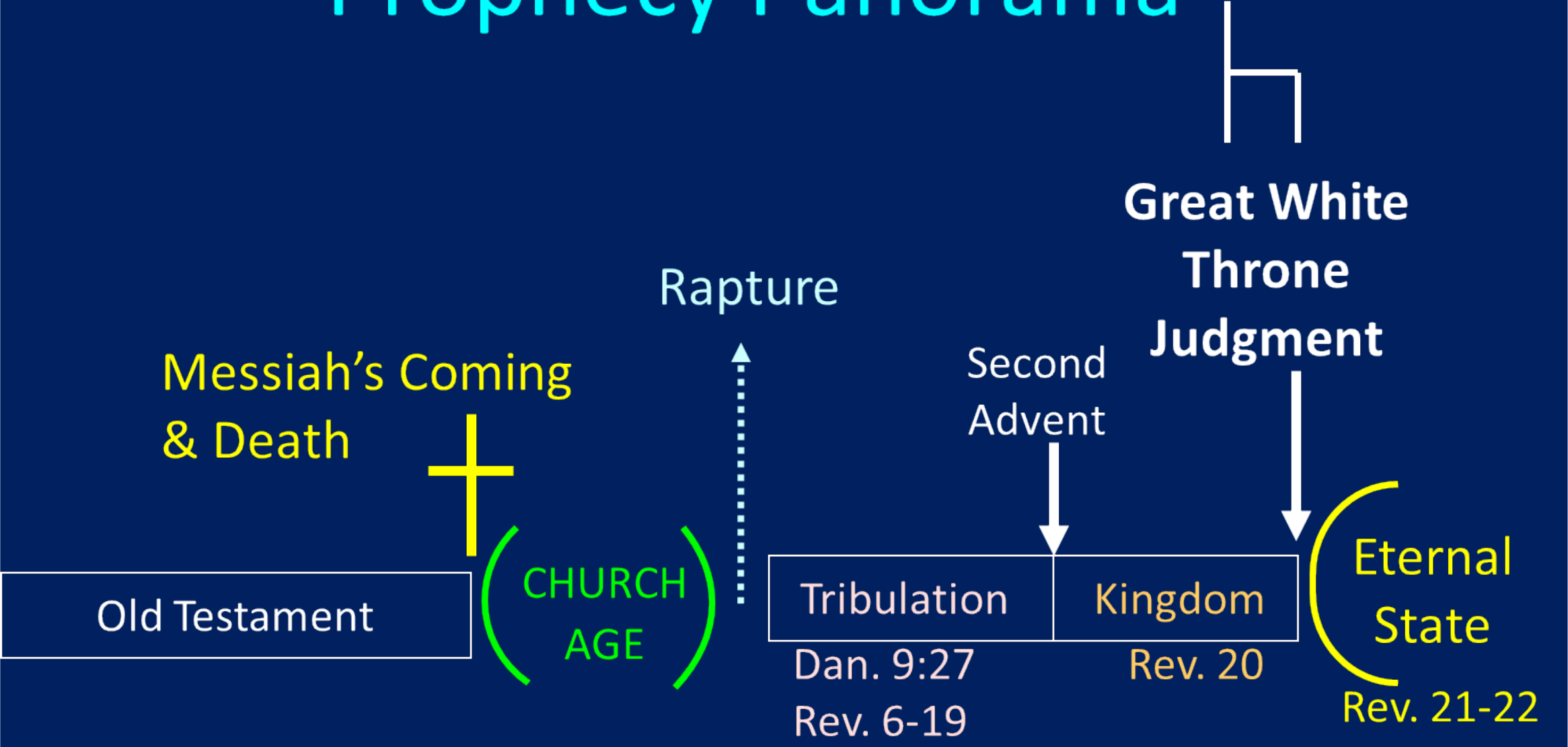
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Dispensational Theology a System of Theology

Traditional-normative dispensational theology is a system that embodies three essential, fundamental concepts called the ***sine qua non*** (lit. “without which is not”):

1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
3. God’s overall purpose is to bring **glory to Himself** (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

Prophecy Panorama





Purposes of the Local Church

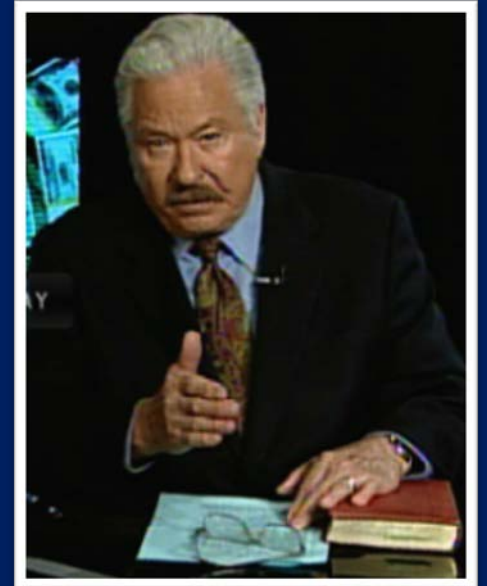
Dr. Robert Lightner

- Glorify God (Eph. 3:21)
- Edify the saints (Eph. 4:11-16)
- Fulfill the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20)

Hal Lindsey

The Road to Holocaust, 269

Bestselling author Hal Lindsey warned what could happen to the church in the last days if she began to see herself as the establisher of God's kingdom: “The last days of the church on the earth may be largely wasted seeking to accomplish a task that only the LORD Himself can and will do directly.”





Kevin DeYoung

“Kevin DeYoung, “Seven Passages on Social Justice (4),” The Gospel Coalition, 13 April 2010

“Matthew 25 is about social justice in the sense that it is about caring for the needy. But the needy in view are fellow Christians, especially those dependent on our hospitality and generosity for their ministry. . . . **Jesus says if we are too embarrassed, too lazy, or too cowardly to support...[the needy]** fellow Christians who depend on our assistance and are suffering for the sake of the gospel, **we will go to hell. We should not make this passage say anything more or less than this.”**

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Acts 20:26-27

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Ezekiel
Commissioned
(1-3) mouth closed

Ezekiel
Recommissioned
(33) mouth opened



Judgment on



Blessing on

Judah (1-24)

Judah (33-48)

- Glory departs

- Glory Returns

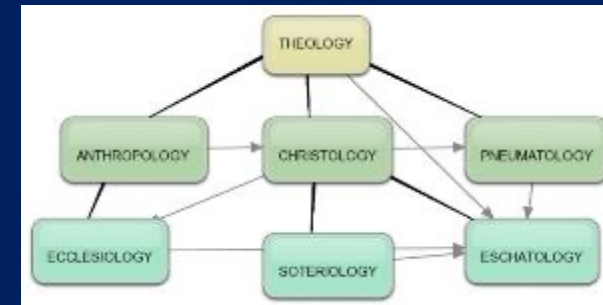
Judgment
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Nations
(25-32)

Source: Charles Dyer, *Notes on Ezekiel*

Areas of Systematic Theology

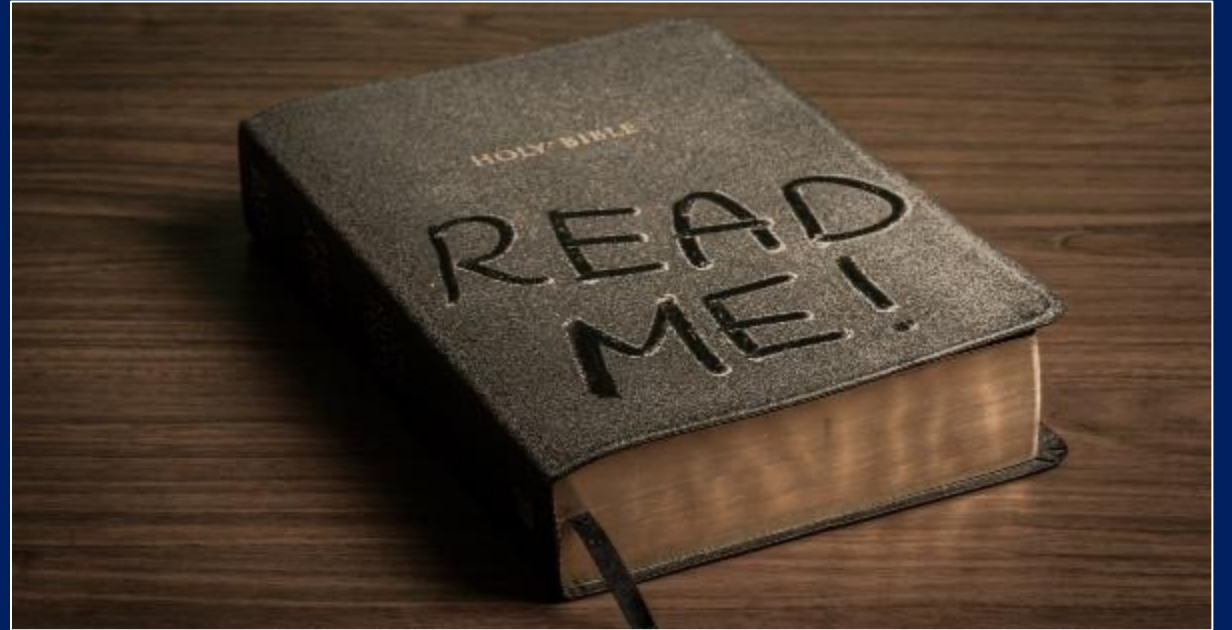
- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- Ecclesiology – Study of the Church
- Eschatology – Study of the end

Systematic
Theology



Bible Exposition

- Genesis – Judges
- 1 Samuel – Esther
- Wisdom Literature
- Prophets
- Gospels
- Acts – Paul
- Hebrews – Revelation





Andy Stanley

'Christians Need to Unhitch the Old Testament from Their Faith': Andy Stanley's Sermon Draws Backlash

"(First Century) Church leaders unhitched the church from the worldview, value system, and regulations of the Jewish scriptures," said Stanley. "Peter, James, Paul elected to unhitch the Christian faith from their Jewish scriptures, and my friends, we must as well."

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2018/may/christians-need-to-unhitch-the-old-testament-from-their-faith-andy-stanleys-sermon-draws-social-media-backlash>



Andy Stanley

Andy Stanley's Sermon Draws Backlash: ANDY STANLEY TRASHES EXPOSITORY PREACHING; CALLS IT "EASY" AND "CHEATING"

"Guys that preach verse-by-verse through books of the Bible – that is just cheating. It's cheating because that would be easy, first of all. That isn't how you grow people. No one in the Scripture modeled that. There's not one example of that."



Brian Brodersen

Calvary Chapel's Brian Brodersen instructs pastors to "Tone it down" for youth

"Here's my point. I think you can preach the whole counsel of God without teaching all 66 books of the Bible. I don't think that's what Paul meant. When he said he preached [the whole purpose of God]...Again, look at the New Testament. Don't you think the New Testament is the whole counsel of God?...I think there is enough that is built into the New that gives you the essential information about the Old that enables you to comprehend the New."

Posted By Amy Spreeman on November 3, 2016

<https://bereanresearch.org/calvary-chapels-brian-brodersen-instructs-pastors-tone-youth/>

Isaiah 28:10

“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”



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SUFFICIENCY OF THE SCRIPTURES

"We believe in the complete adequacy of Scripture, for in it God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. We hold, therefore, that the Word of God by itself is sufficient to prepare a person for a lifetime of effective ministry."

Order of Paul's Letters

1. Galatians (A.D. 49)
2. 1–2 Thessalonians (A.D. 51)
3. 1–2 Corinthians (A.D. 56)
4. Romans (A.D. 57)
5. Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians (A.D. 60–62)
6. 1 Timothy, Titus (A.D. 62–66)
7. 2 Timothy (A.D. 67)



2 Timothy 3:16-17

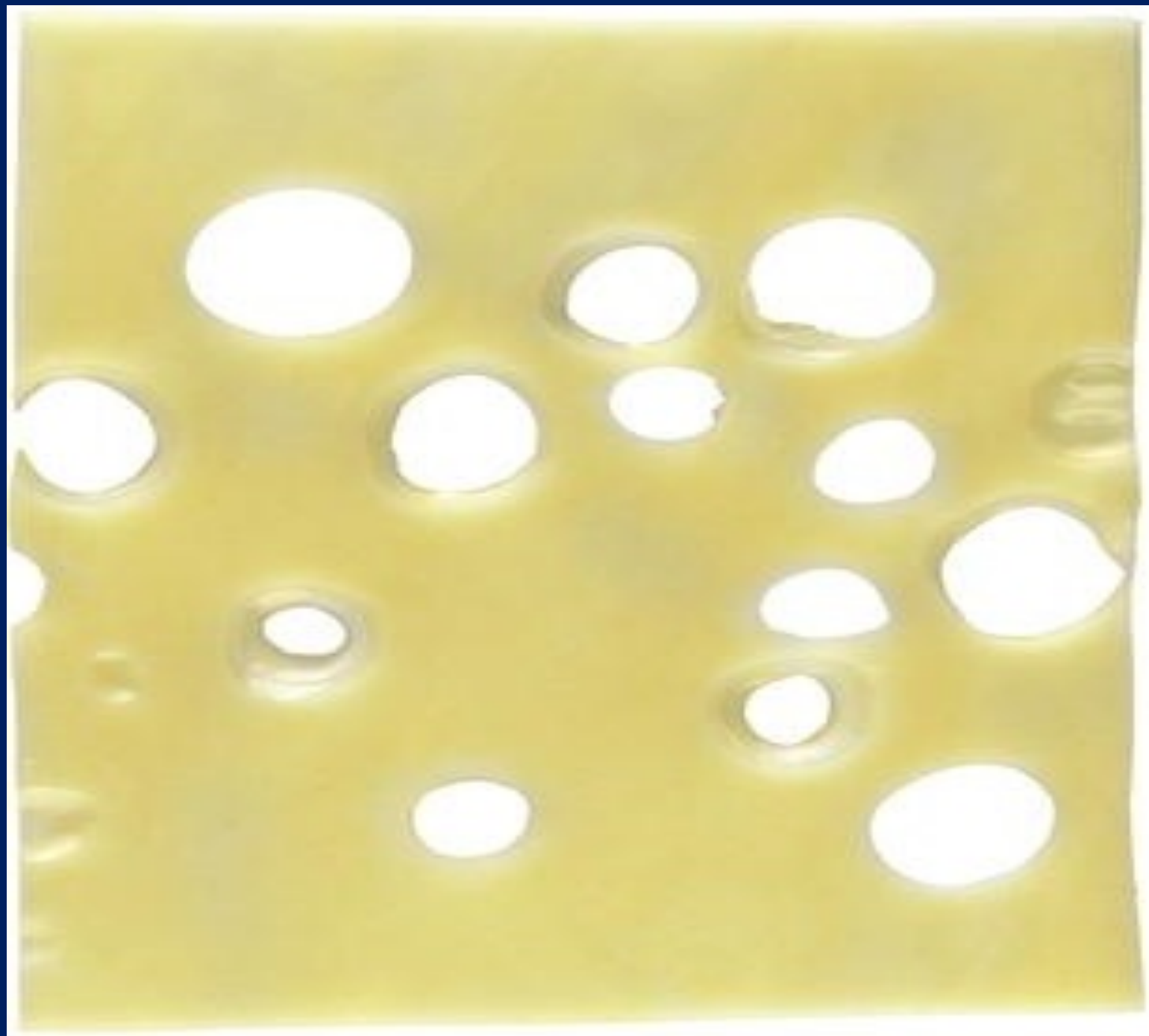
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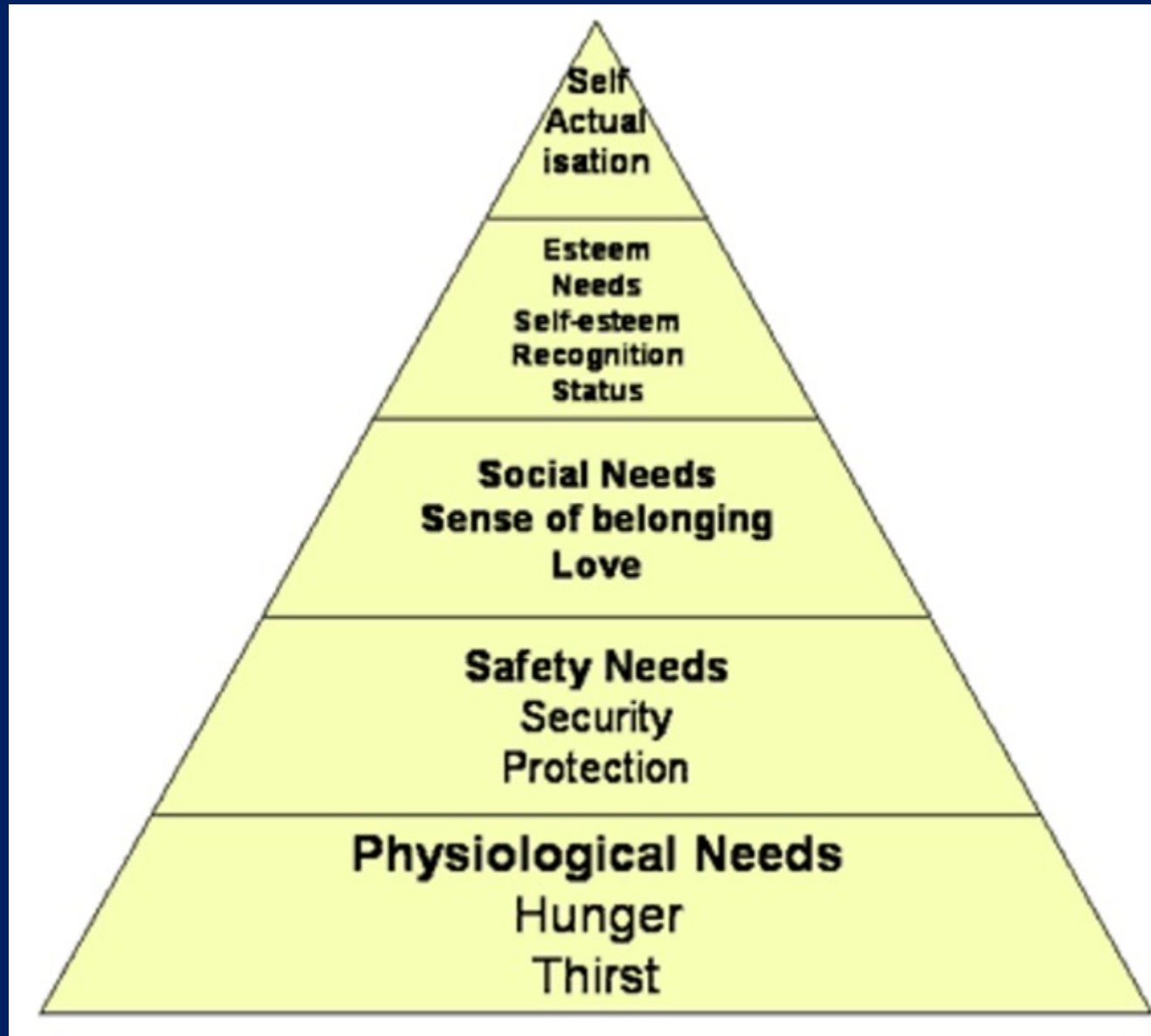
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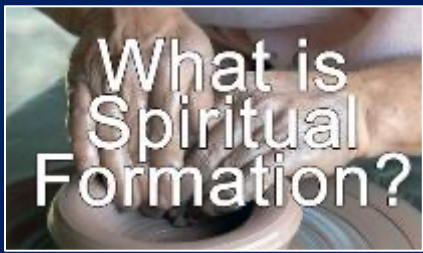
“³ Seeing that His divine power has granted to us **everything** pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent **promises**, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”





Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs





Spiritual Formation

The Dangers of Spiritual Formation?

August 9, 2014 by Lighthouse Trails author Berit Kjos

"My publisher, Lighthouse Trails, has been following this trend for over 12 years now and has discovered that **some of the top accreditation associations for Christian schools** are requiring Spiritual Formation programs to be implemented in schools now before they can be accredited!"

**Lord,
please talk
to me**



1 Peter 2:2

“like newborn babies, long for the pure [ados] milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, ³ if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.”

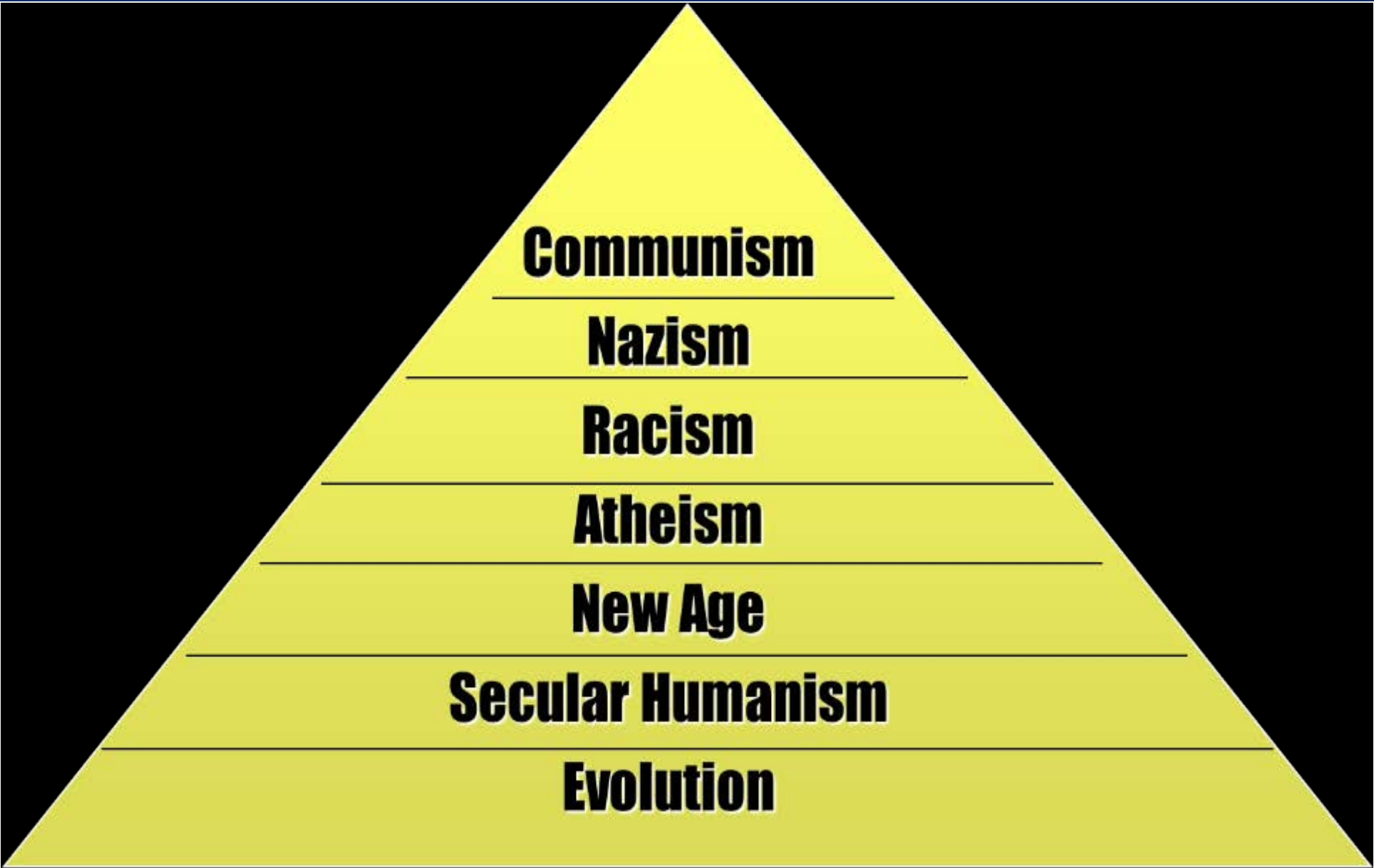


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Source: Henry Morris, The Long War Against God



Art

Science

Music

Finances

Industry

Literature

Politics

Bible

The Divine Institutions

- Conscience (Gen. 3:22)
- Marriage and family (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-25)
- Labor (Gen. 2:15; 3:19)
- Government (Gen. 9:6)
- Nationalism (Gen. 11:1-9)

ONE FAMILY.
**ABRAHAM
MOSES
JESUS
MUHAMMAD**

ONE MESSAGE.

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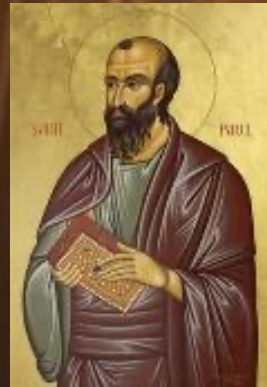
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Romans 4:4-5

“⁴ Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.”



Belief – God’s One Condition for Justification



“...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*
(Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

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Gen 15:6

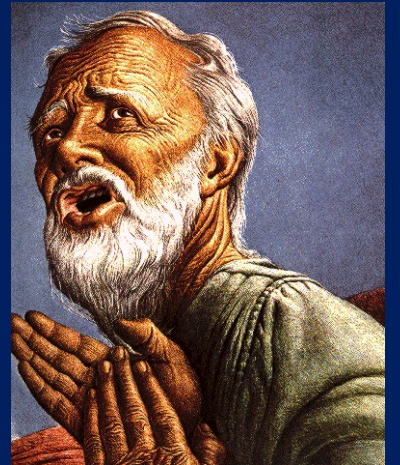
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Acts 16:30-31

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."



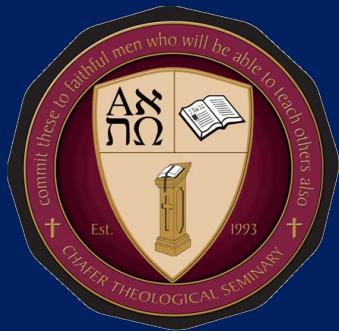


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Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

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