

**I was Blind
but Now I
see:
Reasons
to Believe**

**Answering fools
with facts and Faith**



**“the followers
of the Way”**

**Reasons to
believe in
Christianity
over...**

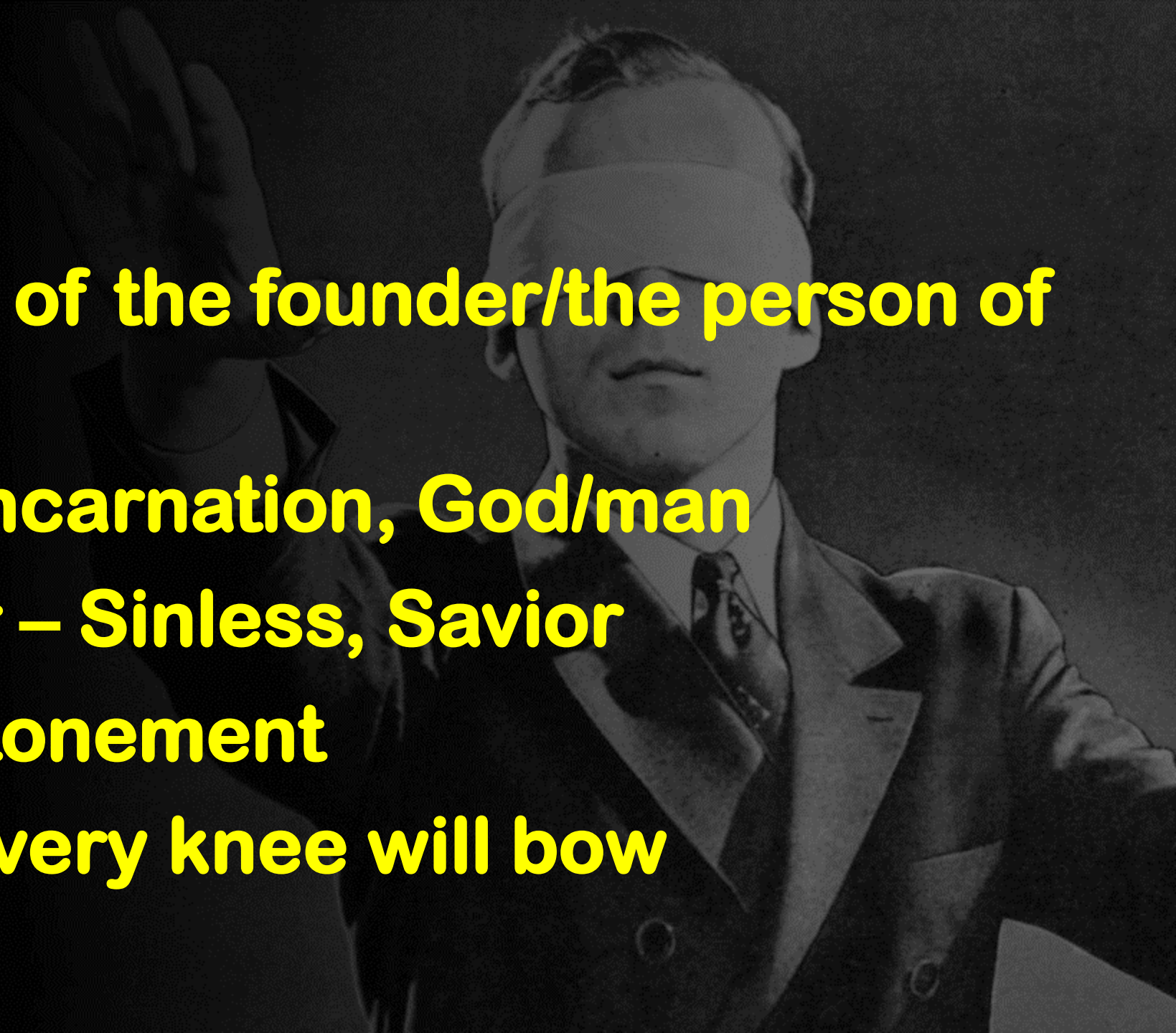


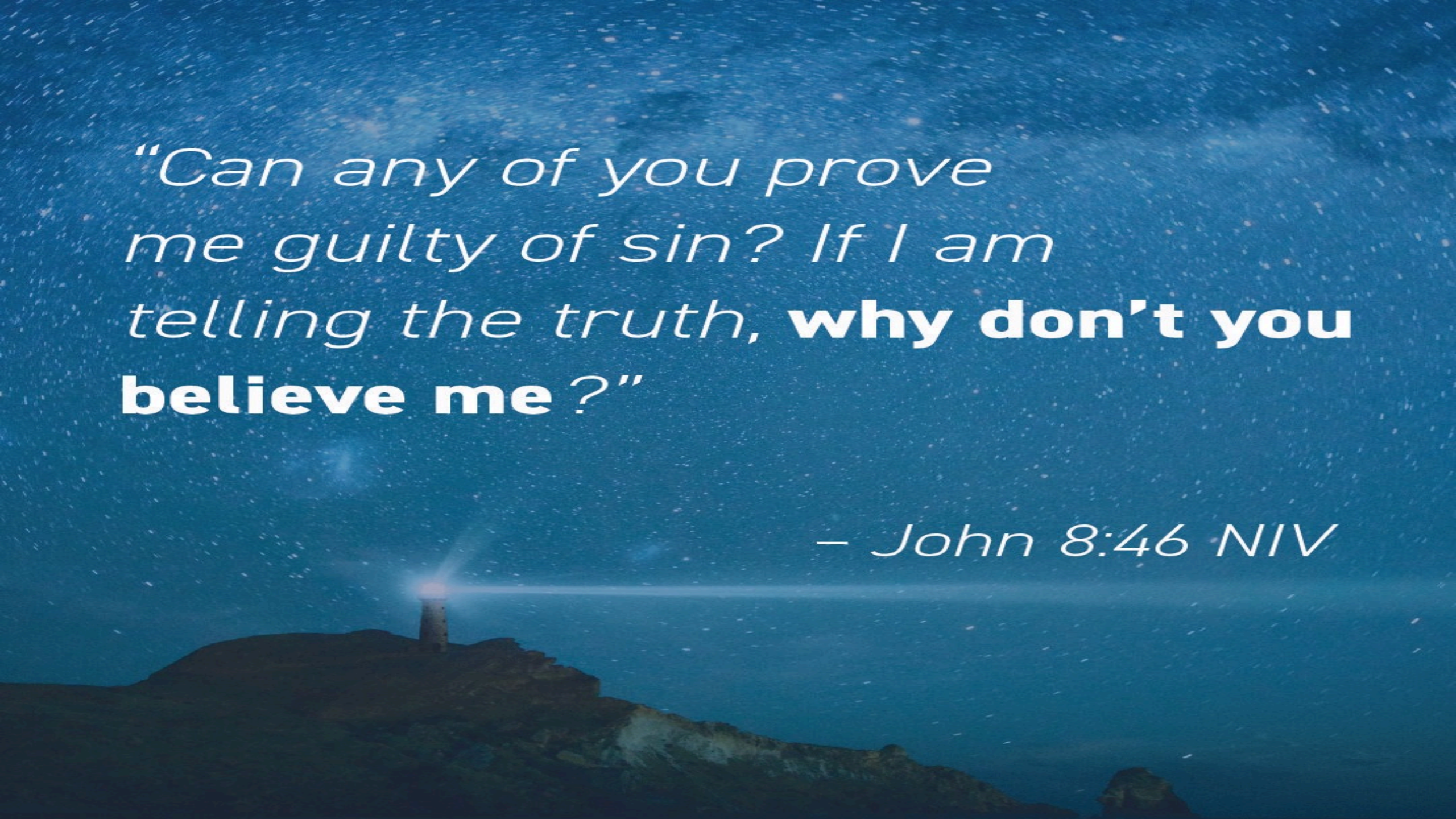


**WHAT MAKES CHRISTIANITY
DIFFERENT?**

1. Jesus!

- The credibility of the founder/the person of Christ Himself
- The Cradle – Incarnation, God/man
- The Character – Sinless, Savior
- The Cross – Atonement
- The Crown – every knee will bow





*"Can any of you prove
me guilty of sin? If I am
telling the truth, **why don't you
believe me?**"*

– John 8:46 NIV

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So I cast my lot with him-not
the one who claimed wisdom,
Confucius; or the one who
claimed enlightenment,
Buddha; or the one who claimed to be a prophet,
Muhammad,
but with the one who claimed to
be God in human flesh.
The one who declared, 'Before Abraham was born,
I am' - and proved it.

DR. NORMAN GEISLER

2. The Bible.

- **Jesus affirmed the Bible is God's word and endures forever!**
- **Jesus quoted scripture 80x**
- **Jesus said it spoke of Him!**
- **1st in Publishing, circ. Popularity...**
- **Outlawed in 50+ countries**
- **Studied, read and lived by**

DO not think that I came to abolish
the LAW or the PROPHETS



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I did not come to abolish but to Fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

THIS MESSAGE IS ILLEGAL
IN 52 COUNTRIES. RESTRICTED NATIONS: 38 HOSTILE AREAS: 14

I AM NOT
ASHAMED
OF THE
GOSPEL,
BECAUSE
IT IS THE **POWER** OF
GOD

THE SALVATION OF
EVERYONE
WHO
BELIEVES.

ROMANS
1:16

RESTRICTED NATIONS:

AFGHANISTAN	MAURITANIA
ALGERIA	MOROCCO
AZERBAIJAN	MYANMAR
BANGLADESH	NORTH KOREA
BELARUS	OMAN
BHUTAN	PAKISTAN
BRUNEI	QATAR
CHINA	SAUDI ARABIA
COMOROS	SOMALIA
CUBA	SUDAN
EGYPT	SYRIA
ERITREA	TAJIKISTAN
IRAQ	TIBET
IRAQ	TUNISIA
KUWAIT	TURKMENISTAN
LAOS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
LIBYA	UZBEKISTAN
MALAYSIA	VIETNAM
MALDIVES	YEMEN

HOSTILE AREAS:

CHIAPAS (MEXICO)
COLOMBIA
ETHIOPIA
GAZA AND THE WEST BANK
INDIA
INDONESIA
JORDAN
KYRGYZSTAN
LEBANON
MINDANAO (PHILIPPINES)
NEPAL
NIGERIA
SRI LANKA
TURKEY

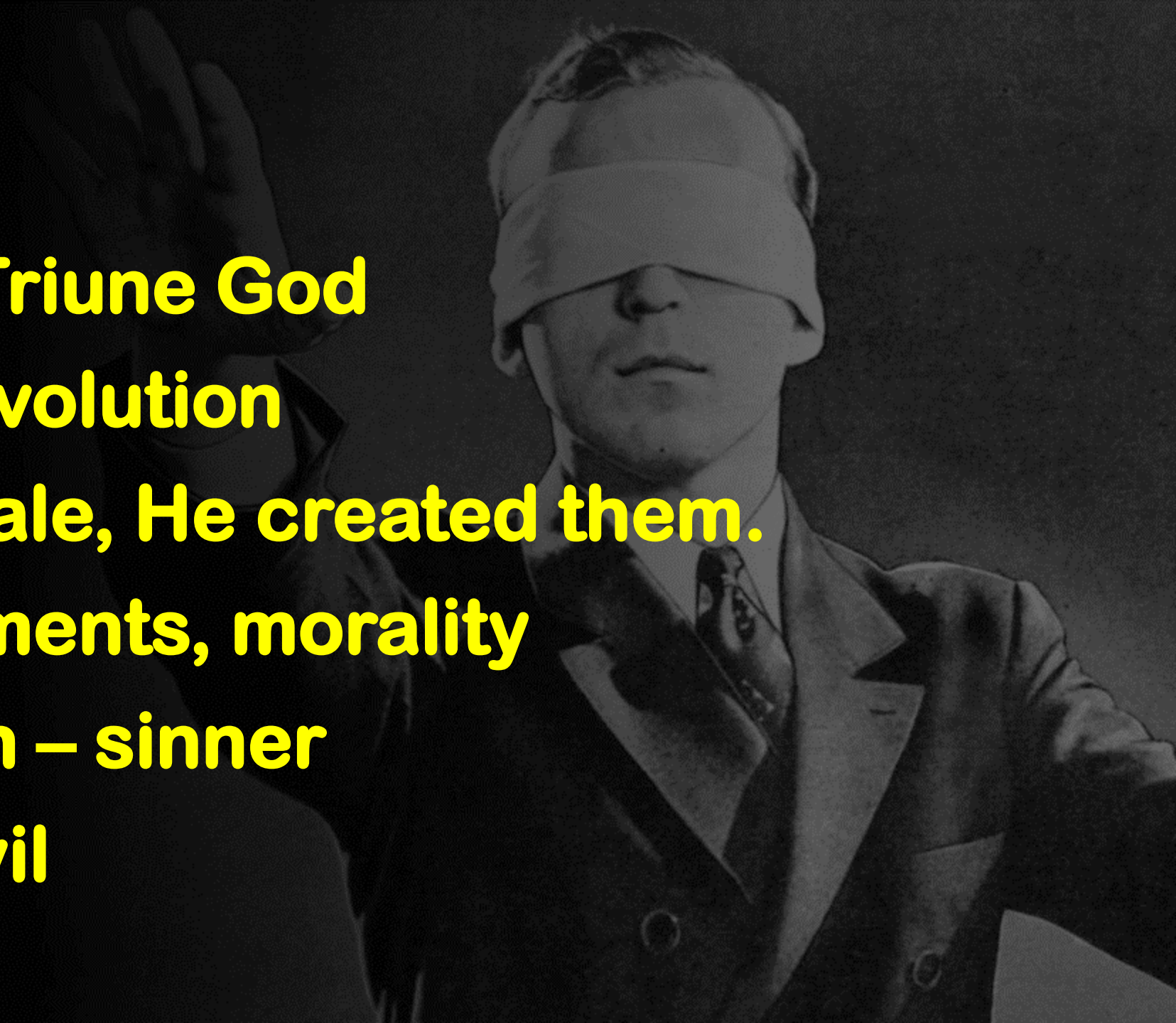
If the Bible is just a book
of fairy-tales, then why is
it banned in at least 52
countries?

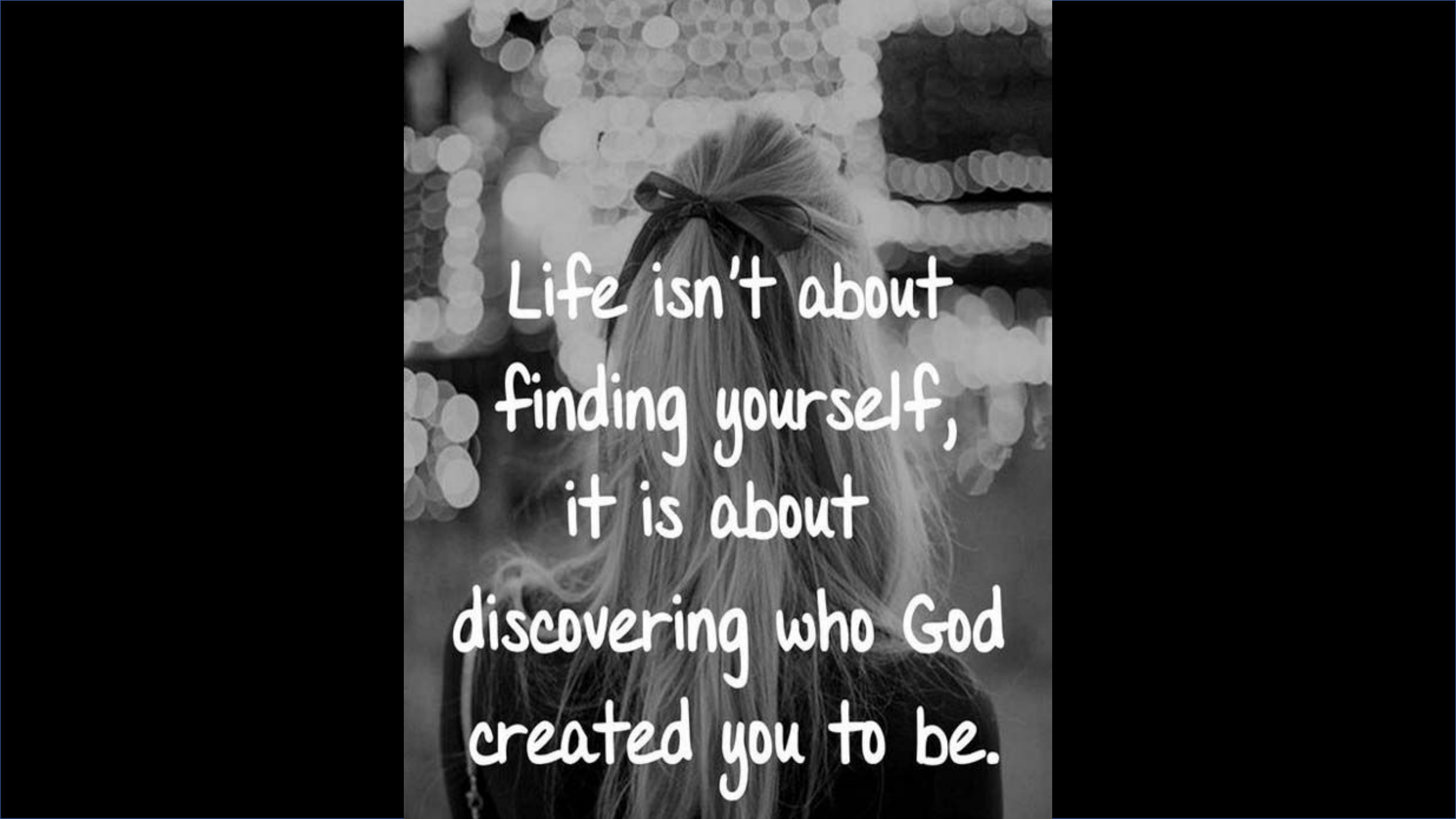
HOLY BIBLE

NO ONE goes to jail for reading
the Iliad, the Odyssey, or SNOW
White!

3. Truth

- Monotheism/Triune God
- Creation vs. evolution
- male and female, He created them.
- 10 commandments, morality
- Nature of man – sinner
- Problem of Evil
- Eternal life...

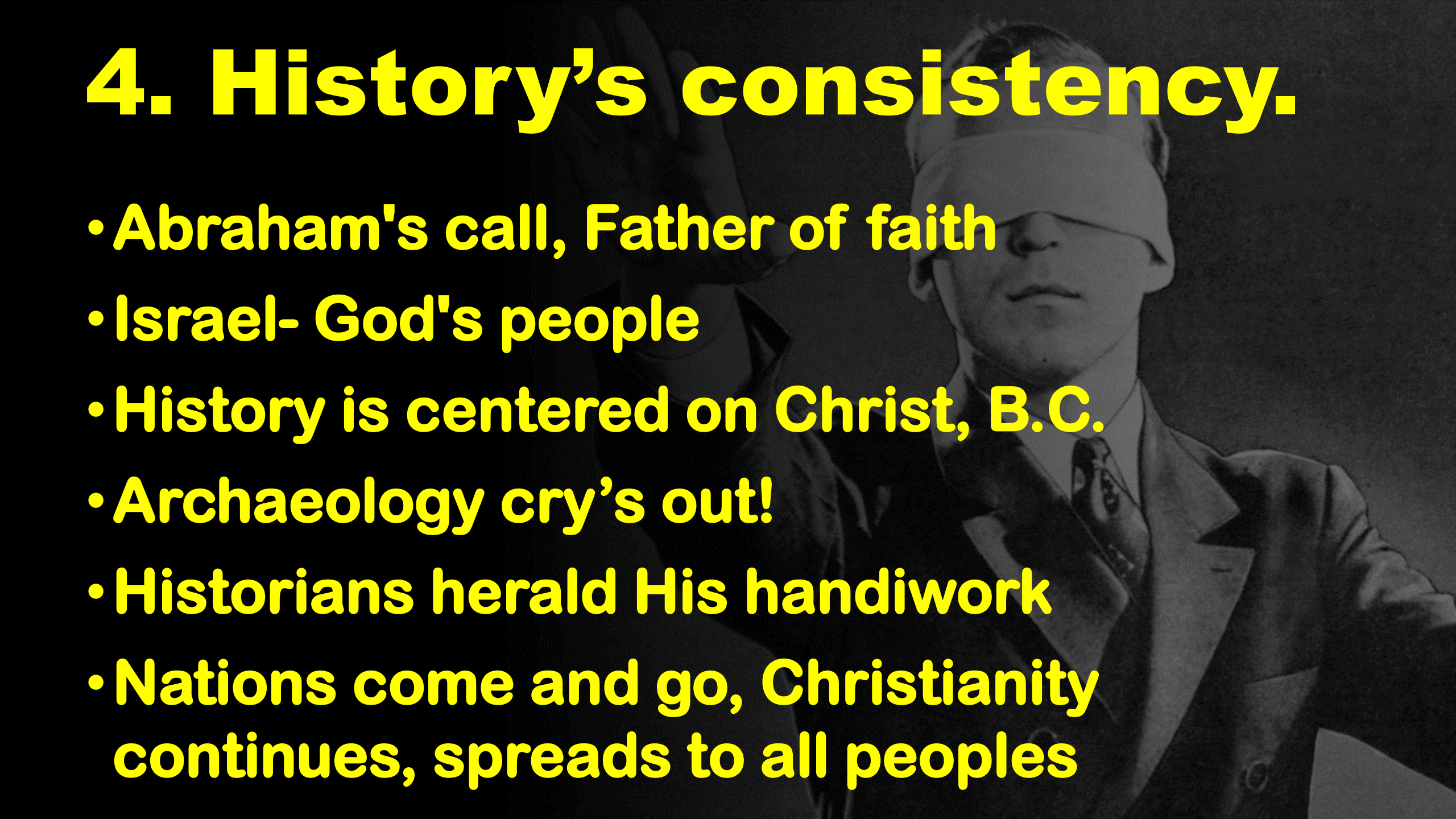




Life isn't about
finding yourself,
it is about
discovering who God
created you to be.

4. History's consistency.

- Abraham's call, Father of faith
- Israel- God's people
- History is centered on Christ, B.C.
- Archaeology cry's out!
- Historians herald His handiwork
- Nations come and go, Christianity continues, spreads to all peoples



*Jesus is **Predicted***
in the Old Testament.

*Jesus is **Revealed***
in the Gospels.

*Jesus is **Preached***
in Acts.

*Jesus is **Explained***
in the Epistles.

*Jesus is **Expected***
in Revelation.

*It's all **HIStory**.*

5. A spiritual Kingdom.

- Acts 4:13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus. (10 of Apostles martyred)
- Luke 14, Matthew 6:33

Social Ministry

“Atheism [i.e. Christian faith] has been specially advanced through the loving service rendered to strangers, and through their care for the burial of the dead. It is a scandal that there is not a single Jew who is a beggar, and that the godless Galileans care not only for their own poor but for ours as well; while those who belong to us look in vain for the help that we should render them.” -Emperor Julian the Apostate (4th Century)

6. It's message of grace

- **The power of Forgiveness!**
- **Humility rules!**
- **Substitutionary atonement**
- **A new definition of Love! Amazing!**
- **Heaven reaching down! Not man up**
- **We can't earn our salvation!**





OTHER RELIGIONS REQUIRE YOU
TO WORK YOUR WAY TO GOD.
IN CHRISTIANITY, GOD CAME
TO MEET US.

Christianity is unique in that it offers a savior.
All other religious leaders are mere examples
and teachers, now dead and in the grave.



7. A Risen Lord

- Jesus predicted and embraced the Cross!
- He conquered the grave!
- His own disciples fled him until the Resurrection, then lived, preached and died for Him!
- Acts 17, 1 Corinthians 15, Revelation 1



They can't all be true.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

- Jesus

(John 14:6)

Are Christians arrogant?

- To think Christianity is best?
- To exalt Jesus above others?
- To believe there is only 1 way?
- Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among mankind by which we must be saved."

JESUS IS NOT ONE OF
THE WAYS.

JESUS IS NOT THE BEST
OF SEVERAL WAYS.

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY
TO GOD.

Contradictory Truth Claims Regarding “Salvation”



Christianity— by faith alone in Christ alone



Islam— by belief in Allah, his prophet Muhammad, and good works



Hinduism— by overcoming karma and reincarnations with good works



Buddhism— by cessation of desire through eight-fold path

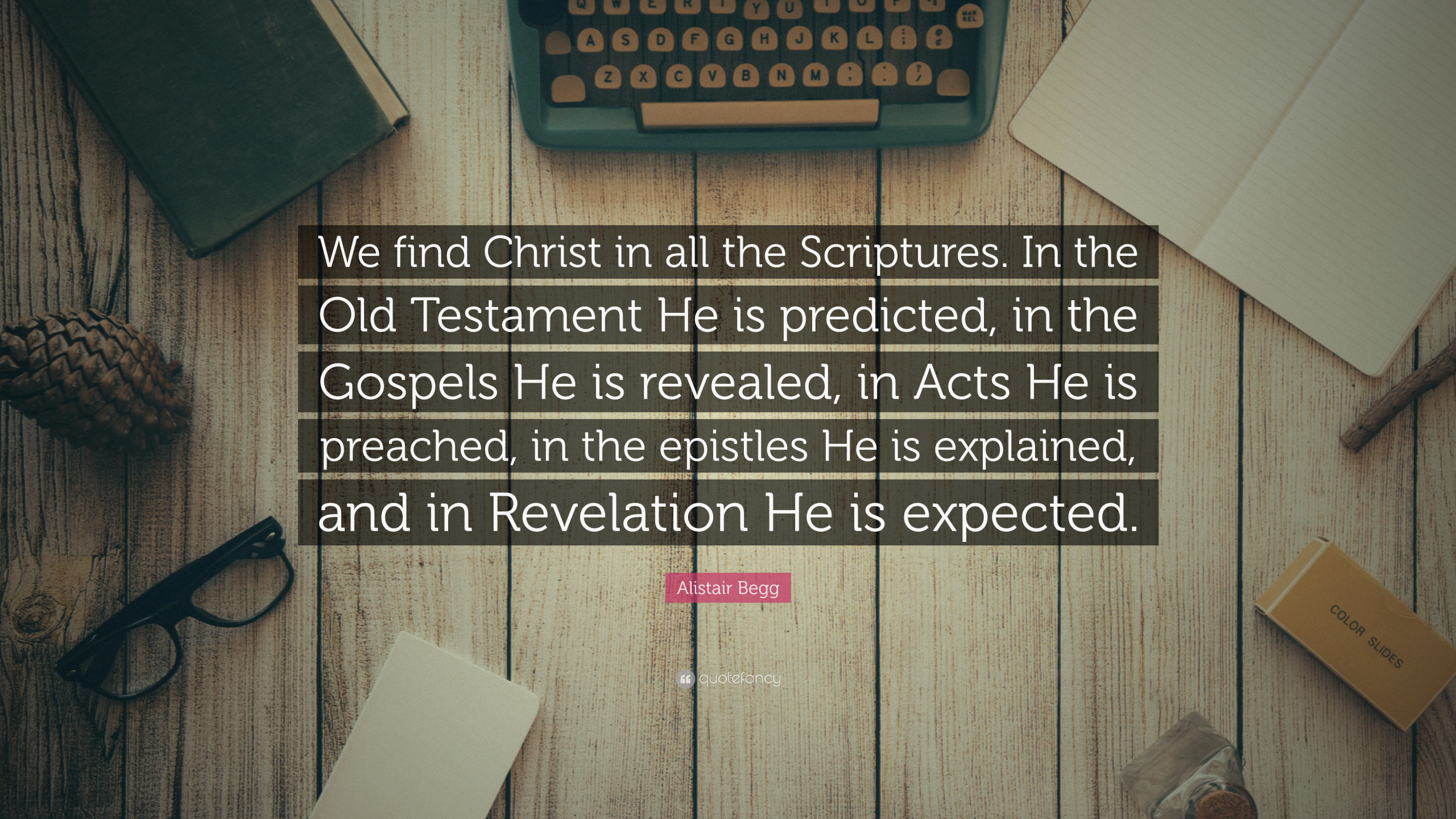


Humanism— by education in this life (no afterlife)

Christianity is not about good people getting better. If anything, it is good news for bad people coping with their failure to be good. The heart of the Christian faith is Good News, not good advice, good technique, or good behavior. Too many people have walked away from the church, not because they're walking away from Jesus, but because the church has walked away from Jesus.

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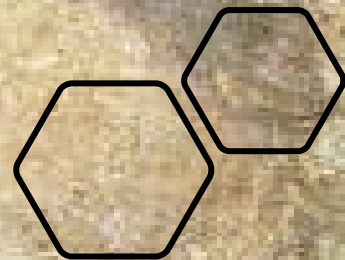
We find Christ in all the Scriptures. In the Old Testament He is predicted, in the Gospels He is revealed, in Acts He is preached, in the epistles He is explained, and in Revelation He is expected.

Alistair Begg

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CHRISTIANITY
IS UNIQUE
IN THE FACT THAT

**OUR GOD
BECAME A
MAN**



**NOWHERE DO JESUS OR THE APOSTLES EVER TREAT THE OLD
TESTAMENT AS HUMAN REFLECTIONS ON THE DIVINE. IT IS INSTEAD THE
VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (ACTS 4:25; HEB. 3:7) AND GOD'S OWN
BREATH (2 TIM. 3:16).**

~ AUTHOR: KEVIN DEYOUNG

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred photograph of an open Bible. The pages are filled with dense, handwritten text in a dark ink, which appears to be Hebrew. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the paper and the script. The text is arranged in columns, typical of a biblical manuscript.

THE BIBLE

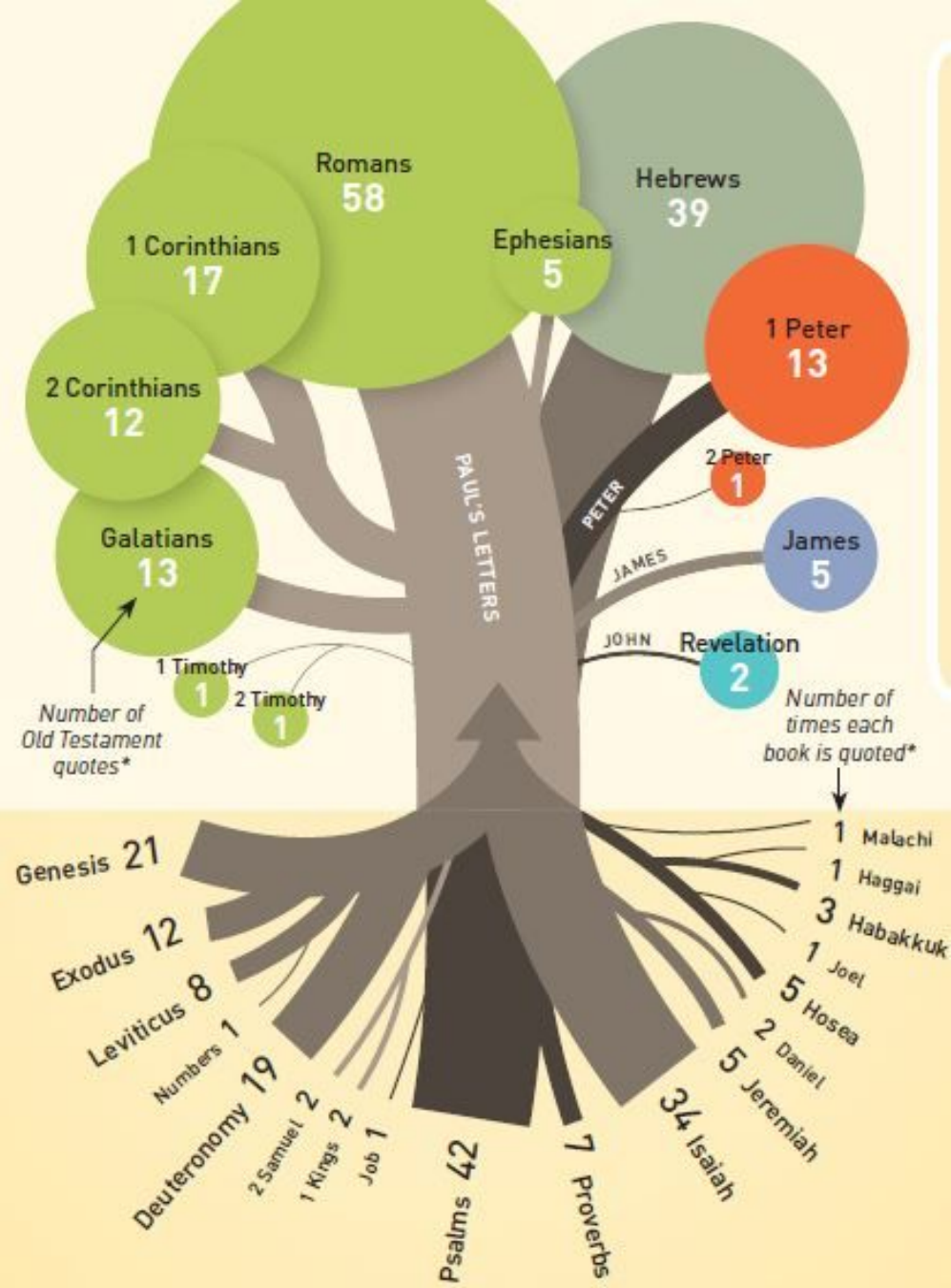
JESUS QUOTED

EXODUS, ISAIAH, DEUTERONOMY & PSALMS



1-Minute
Bible Love
Notes

Christ fulfilled hundreds of Old Testament prophecies ... beyond what any human mind could conceive. And every prophecy was a **whisper** from God, calling us to believe.



FULFILLED MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

PROPHECIES ABOUT CHRIST'S LIFE

PROPHECY		FULFILLMENT
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).	BORN OF A VIRGIN	After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18).
Out of you, Bethlehem Ephratah, shall come forth the One to be Ruler in Israel (Micah 5:2).	BORN IN BETHLEHEM	Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea (Matthew 2:1).
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding (Isaiah 11:2).	FAMED FOR WISDOM	Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (Luke 2:52).
He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth (Isaiah 53:9).	LIVED A SINLESS LIFE	Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth (1 Peter 2:22).
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. The lame shall leap like a deer (Isaiah 35:5–6).	HEALED THE NEEDY	The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear (Matthew 11:5).
The Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor (Isaiah 61:1).	PREACHED GOOD NEWS	The poor have the gospel preached to them (Matthew 11:5).
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zechariah 9:9).	ENTERED JERUSALEM IN TRIUMPH	They brought the colt to Jesus, and He sat on it . . . Then those who followed, cried, saying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! (Mark 11:7–9).

PROPHECIES ABOUT CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION

PROPHECY		FULFILLMENT
My own familiar friend in whom I trusted has lifted up his heel against me (Psalm 41:9).	BETRAYED BY A FRIEND	Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him (Mark 14:10).
They weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12).	SOLD FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER	And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15).
He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth (Isaiah 53:7).	SILENT WHEN ACCUSED	Pilate asked, "See how many things they testify against You!" But Jesus still answered nothing (Mark 15:4–5).
I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting (Isaiah 50:6).	BEATEN AND SPAT UPON	Then some began to spit on Him, and the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands (Mark 14:65).
He was numbered with the transgressors (Isaiah 53:12).	CRUCIFIED WITH SINNERS	With Him they also crucified two robbers (Mark 15:27).
They will look on Me whom they pierced (Zechariah 12:10).	HIS SIDE PIERCED	But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear (John 19:34).
He made His grave with the rich at His death (Isaiah 53:9).	BURIED WITH THE RICH	A rich man from Arimathaea, named Joseph, asked for the body of Jesus. Then Joseph laid it in his own new tomb (Matthew 27:57–60).
You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption (Psalm 16:10).	ROSE FROM THE DEAD	The angel said to them, "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen!" (Mark 16:6).
You have ascended on high (Psalm 68:18).	ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN	He was received up into heaven (Mark 16:19).
The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand" (Psalm 110:1).	EXALTED AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND	Jesus Christ has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God (1 Peter 3:22).

JESUS'

OPINION

of the

OLD TESTAMENT

Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures

Luke 24:44-45 (NASB)

How familiar was Jesus with the Bible?

**How many times does Jesus in the Gospels
quote the Old Testament?
Can you guess?**

- ▶ **He was very familiar:
84 times, from at least 16 of 46 OT books.**
- ▶ From 600 and 3,000 direct quotes, paraphrases, allegories to the OT in Gospels and other writings of the NT.
- ▶ NT quotes Isaiah at least 85 times
- ▶ **Jesus is recorded reading the bible to his listeners**
(Lk 4: 16–20)

Buddha never claimed to be God. Moses never claimed to be Jehovah. Mohammed never claimed to be Allah. Yet Jesus Christ claimed to be the true and living God. Buddha simply said, "I am a teacher in search of the truth." Jesus said, "I am the Truth." Confucius said, "I never claimed to be holy." Jesus said, "Who convicts me of sin?" Mohammed said, "Unless God throws his cloak of mercy over me, I have no hope." Jesus said, "Unless you believe in me, you will die in your sins."

