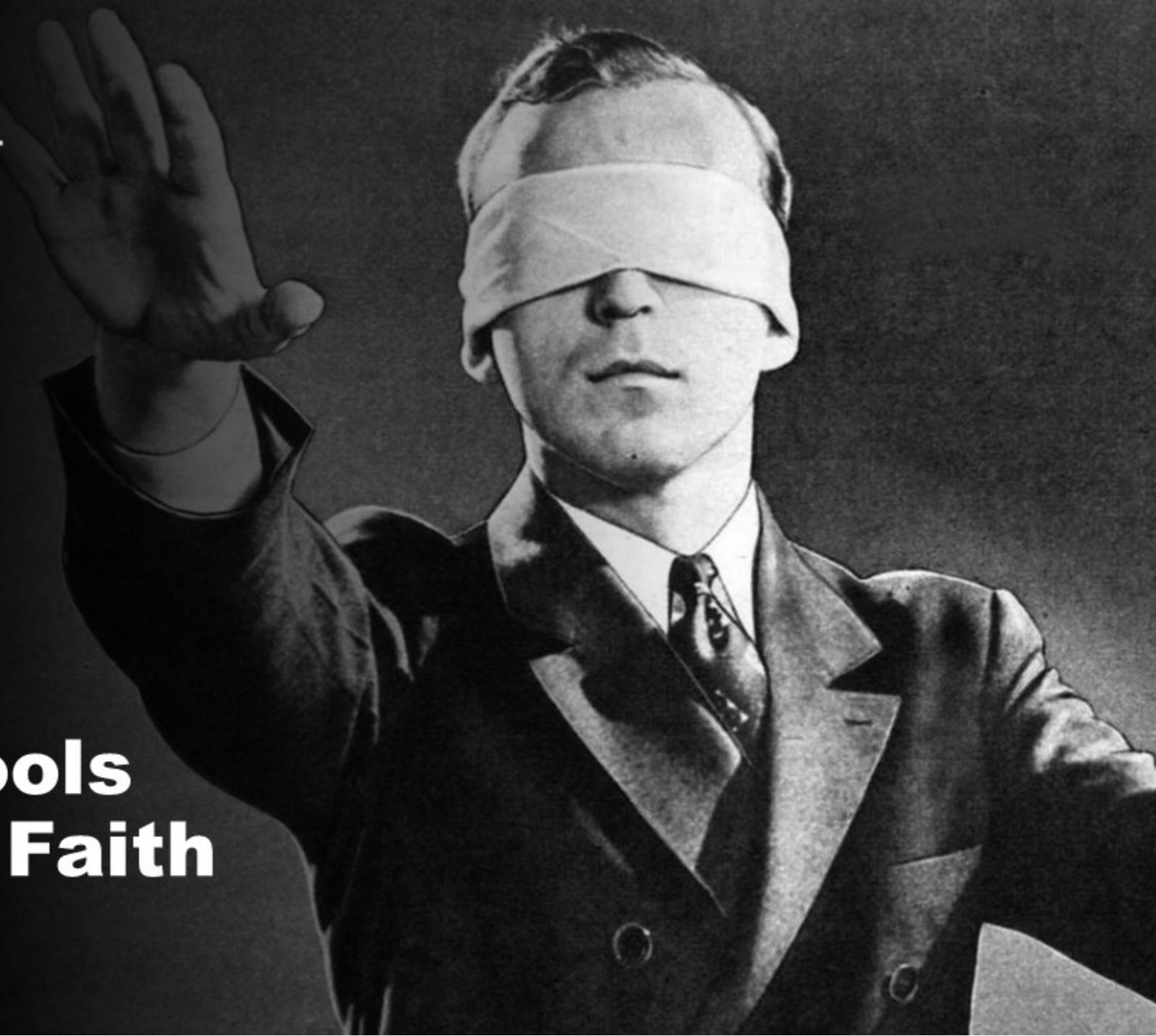


**I was Blind
but Now I
see:
Reasons
to Believe**

**Answering fools
with facts and Faith**



A black and white photograph of a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is wearing a white blindfold over his eyes. His arms are outstretched to the sides. The background is dark and textured.

Reasons to believe in the Bible

**When people do
not accept divine
guidance, they run
wild. Pr.29:18**

10 BOOKS THAT SCREWED UP THE WORLD

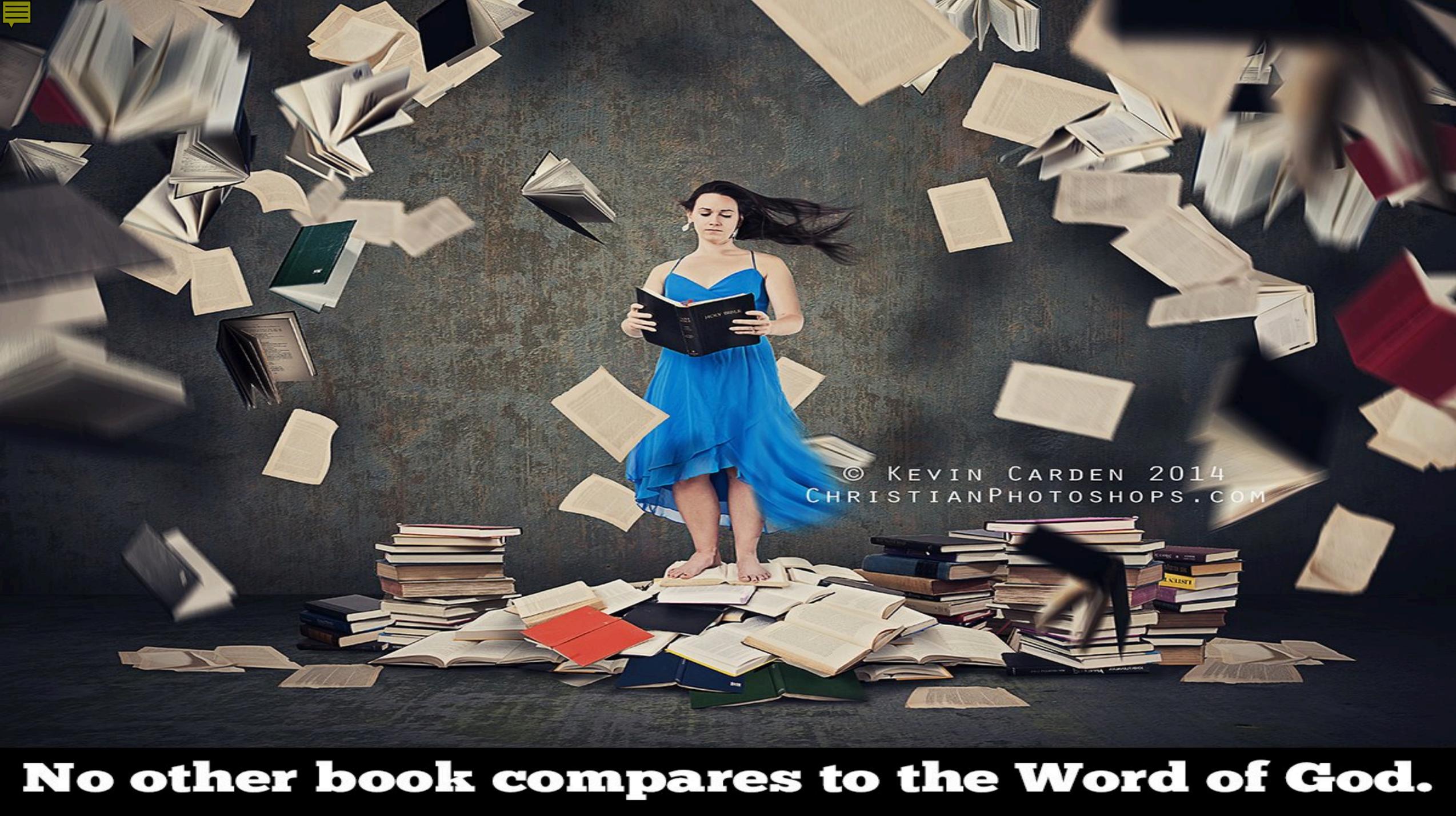
And 5 Others That Didn't Help



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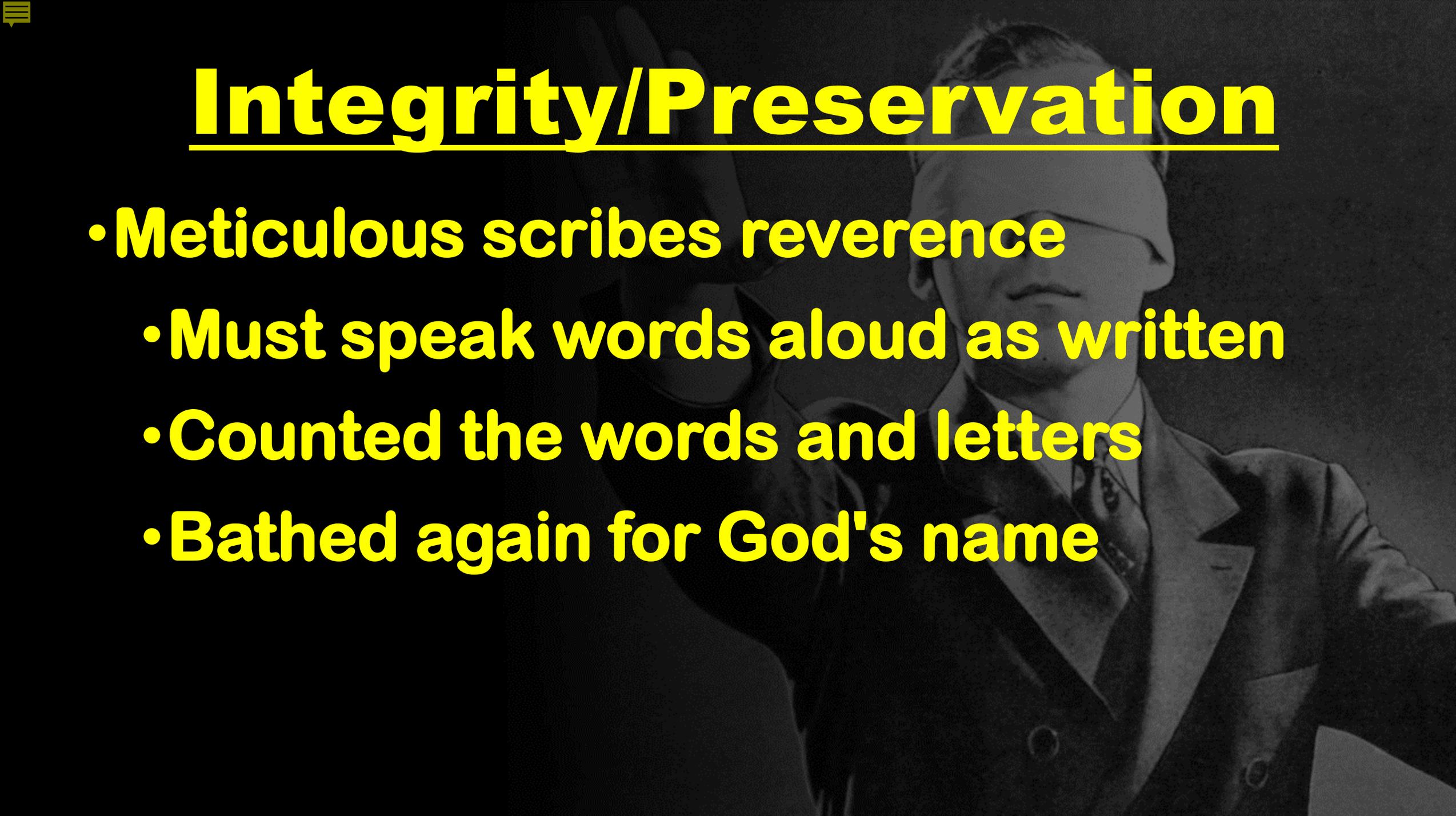
READ BY ROBERTSON DEAN





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No other book compares to the Word of God.

A grayscale background image of a man in a suit and tie, blindfolded with a white cloth. He is looking down and to the left. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be overlaid.

Integrity/Preservation

- **Meticulous scribes reverence**
 - **Must speak words aloud as written**
 - **Counted the words and letters**
 - **Bathed again for God's name**

Integrity/Preservation

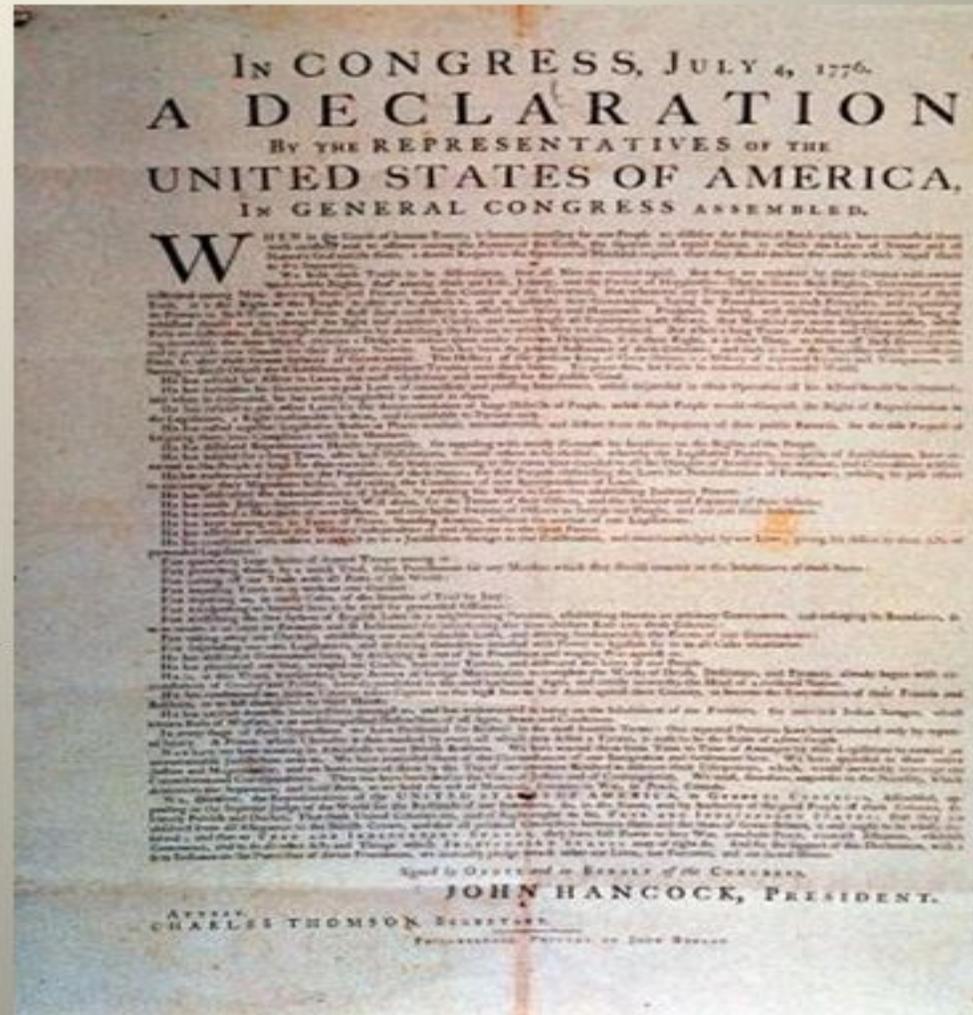
- Mountainous Manuscript copies!
- Dead sea scrolls, 99.5% accurate
- The warnings of God!

Lord Hubris' Ancient Manuscript Comparison (NT)

Author	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Approximate Time Span between original & copy	Number of Copies	Accuracy of Copies
Pliny	61-113 A.D.	850 A.D.	750 yrs	7	----
Plato	427-347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200 yrs	7	----
Herodotus	480-425 B.C.	900 A.D.	1300 yrs	8	----
Suetonius	75-160 A.D.	950 A.D.	800 yrs	8	----
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	900 A.D.	1300 yrs	8	----
Euripides	480-406 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1300 yrs	9	----
Aristophanes	450-385 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200 yrs	10	----
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	900 A.D.	1000 yrs	10	----
Tacitus	circa 100 A.D.	1100 A.D.	1000 yrs	20	----
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1400 yrs	49	----
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	1000 A.D.	1400 yrs	193	----
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643	95%
New Testament	1st Cent. A.D. (50-100 A.D.)	2nd Cent. A.D. (130 A.D.)	less than 100 years	5600	99.5%

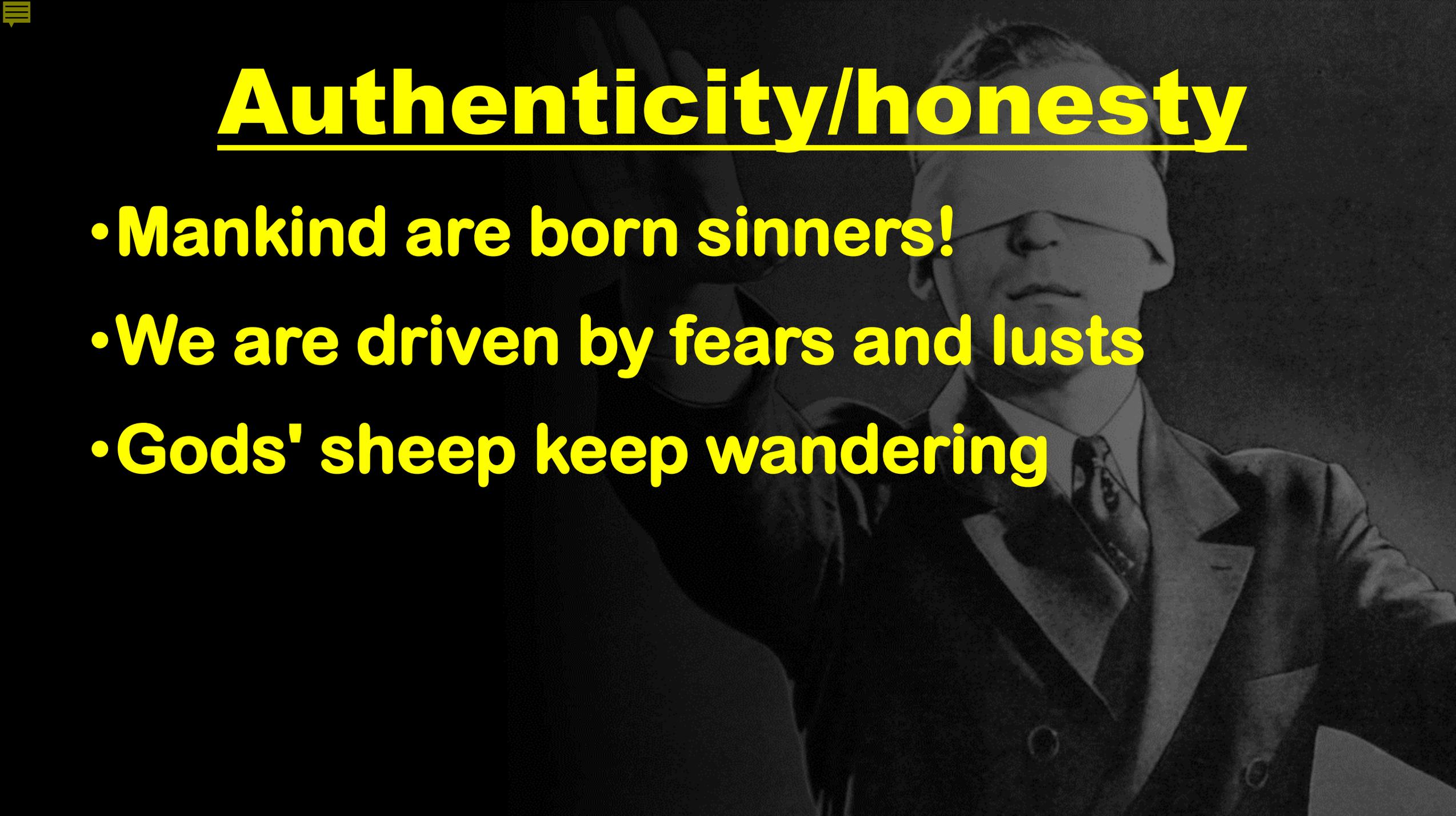
Copies of the Declaration?

- Printer Dunlap Broadside made 200 copies of the Declaration but only 26 survived.
- In 1991, one of 24 known copies at the time of the Declaration and one of only three known to be privately owned, was auctioned for \$2.4 million. What's even more staggering is where it was originally found.
- According to the New York Times, "The previous owner stated that he bought a torn painting for \$4 in a flea market in Adamstown, Pa., because he was interested in its frame. When he got home, he said, he removed the painting – a dismal country scene – and concluded the frame could not be salvaged, but found the Declaration, folded and hidden in the backing."
- The 25th and 26th copies later surfaced – one was sold in excellent condition in 2000 for \$8.1 million. A 26th copy emerged at the British National Archives in 2009, which was hidden for over 200 years in a box of papers seized during the Revolutionary War from American colonists.





The Bible is the most scrutinized, authenticated, scientifically and academically studied, carefully documented and transmitted piece of literature in history by an exponential factor—and it happens to make the internal claim to be the written word of God.

A grayscale photograph of a man in a suit and tie, blindfolded with a white cloth. He is looking forward with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

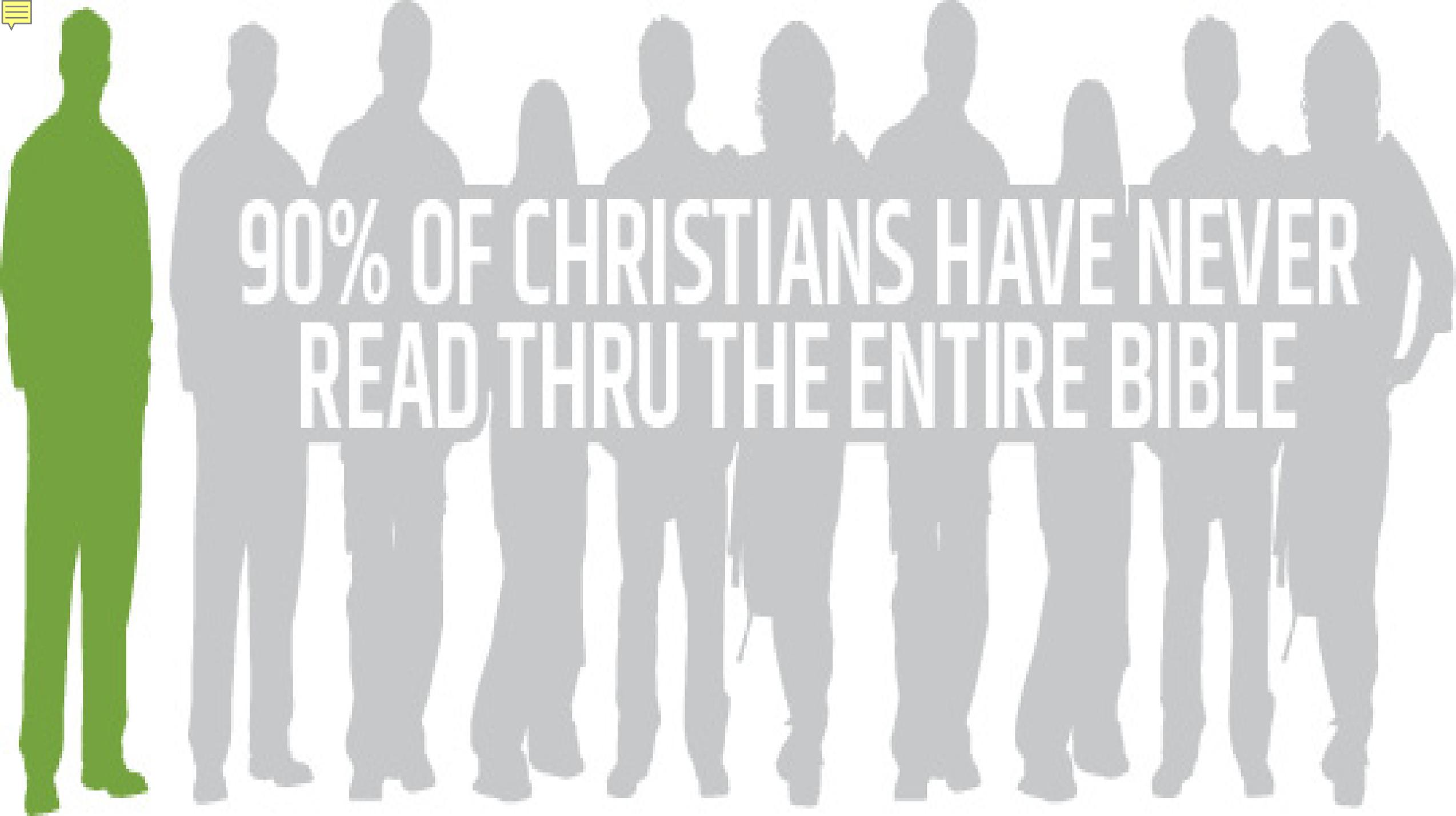
Authenticity/honesty

- Mankind are born sinners!
- We are driven by fears and lusts
- Gods' sheep keep wandering

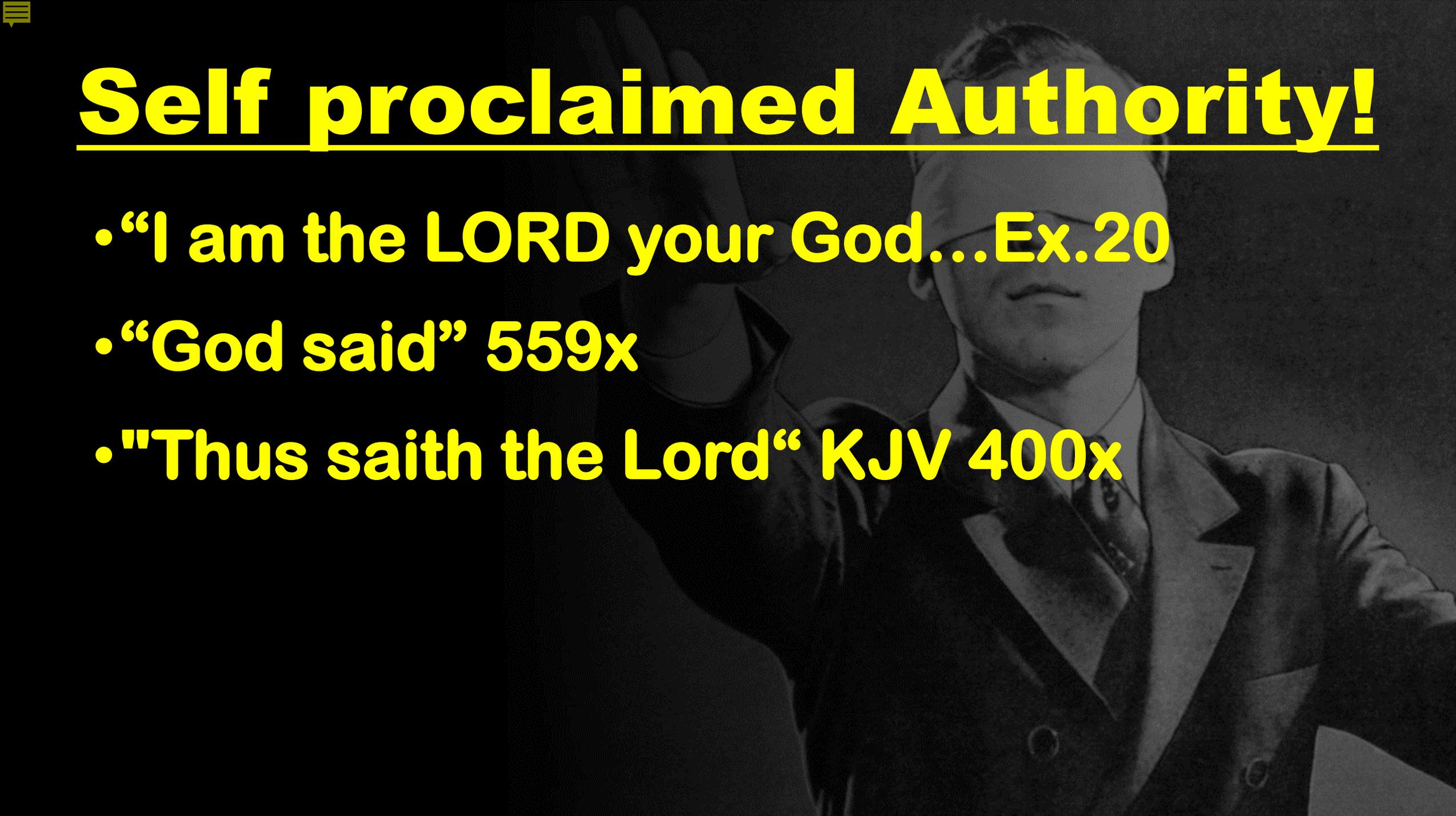
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- Heroes have faults!
- Song of Solomon and Prov.
- Even Gods complaints are heard!



**90% OF CHRISTIANS HAVE NEVER
READ THRU THE ENTIRE BIBLE**

A man in a dark suit and tie is shown from the chest up, with his right hand raised in a gesture. The image is dark and serves as a background for the text.

Self proclaimed Authority!

- "I am the LORD your God...Ex.20
- "God said" 559x
- "Thus saith the Lord" KJV 400x

Self proclaimed Authority!

- “Scriptures”, “it is written” 120x
- “God must prove to be true, though every person be found a liar” Rom.3



IT WAS SATAN WHO FIRST CORRUPTED GOD'S WORD BY

+ addition, *then by* subtraction, —

AND THEN FINALLY BY DIRECT **contradiction.**

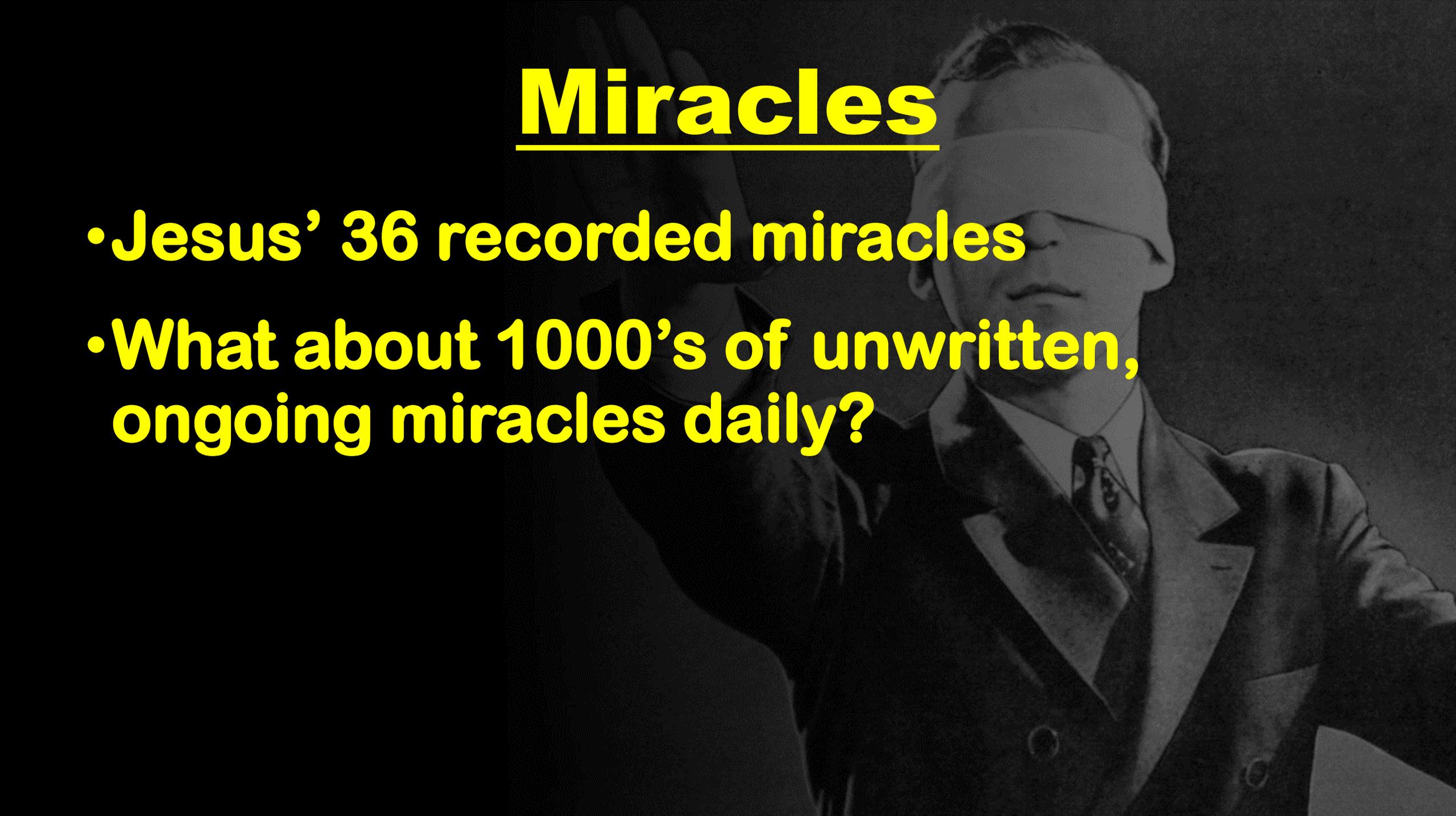
Michael Horton

A man in a dark suit and tie, with a white cloth covering his eyes, stands with his arms raised. The background is dark and textured.

Miracles

- 200+ Miracles in the Bible
- 10 Resurrections!
- Moses/Elijah rebuked other gods

Miracles

A grayscale photograph of a man in a suit and tie, blindfolded with a white cloth. He is looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and out of focus.

- Jesus' 36 recorded miracles
- What about 1000's of unwritten, ongoing miracles daily?



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**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY
BREAK GLASS**

HOLY BIBLE

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Accuracy

- **Archaeology!**
- **Pilate, King David, Uzziah...**
- **Science**

Accuracy

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- **Isa 40:22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,**
- **History**
- **Exodus from Egypt, Jericho...**

OLD TESTAMENT

50 Proofs for the BIBLE

- ⇒ Archaeological finds that help confirm the Bible's accuracy
- ⇒ 50 finds that help us understand the Bible better
- ⇒ Finds that help explain Bible backgrounds and cultures



A grayscale photograph of a man in a suit and tie, blindfolded with a white cloth. He is standing with his arms slightly out to the sides. The background is dark and indistinct.

Unity

- 40 diverse human authors, 66 books
- 1600+ years
- 3 Continents and 3 languages and 13 different countries

Unity

- Numerous genres; poetry, History...
- Scarlet thread of redemption
- Quotes, confirms, consistent...

Though a text may
have a multitude of
application, it has
only **one meaning.**

R.C. Sproul

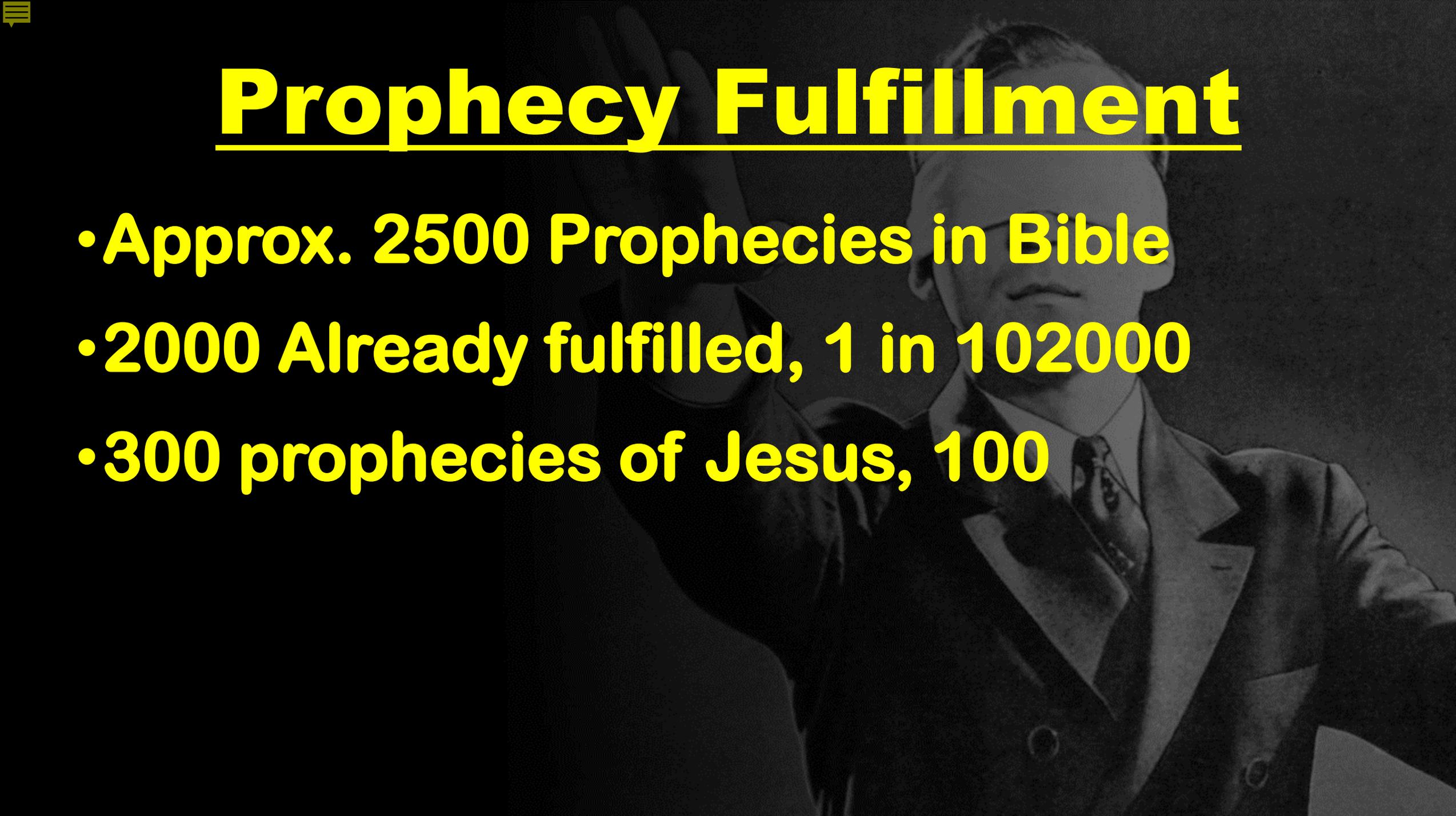


Over a period of 1,600 years,
40 different authors wrote the
66 books of the BIBLE.

There were 400 silent years between
the 39 books of the Old Testament
and the 27 of the New Testament.

Yet, Genesis to Revelation tell

ONE UNIFIED STORY

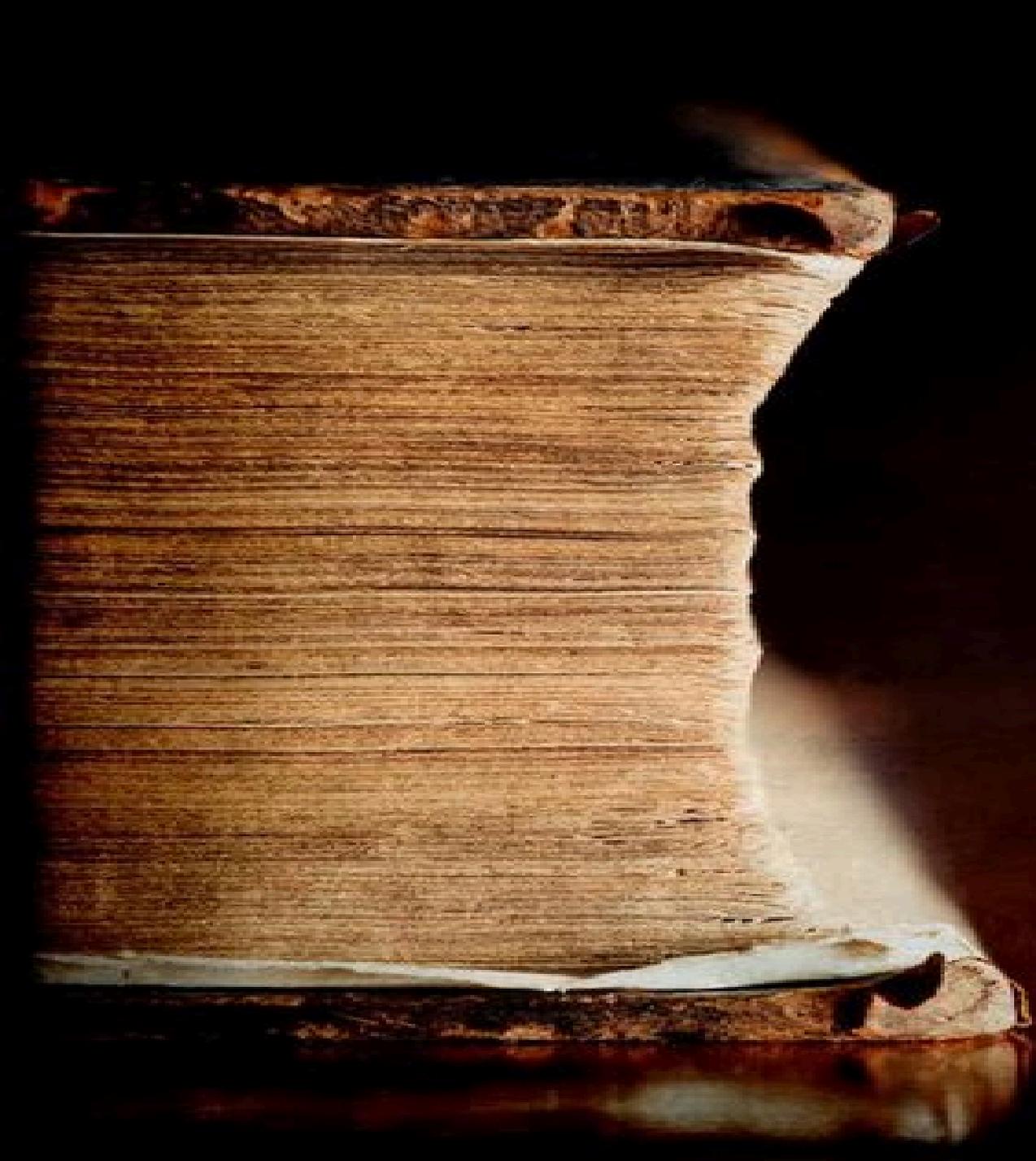


Prophecy Fulfillment

- Approx. 2500 Prophecies in Bible
- 2000 Already fulfilled, 1 in 102000
- 300 prophecies of Jesus, 100

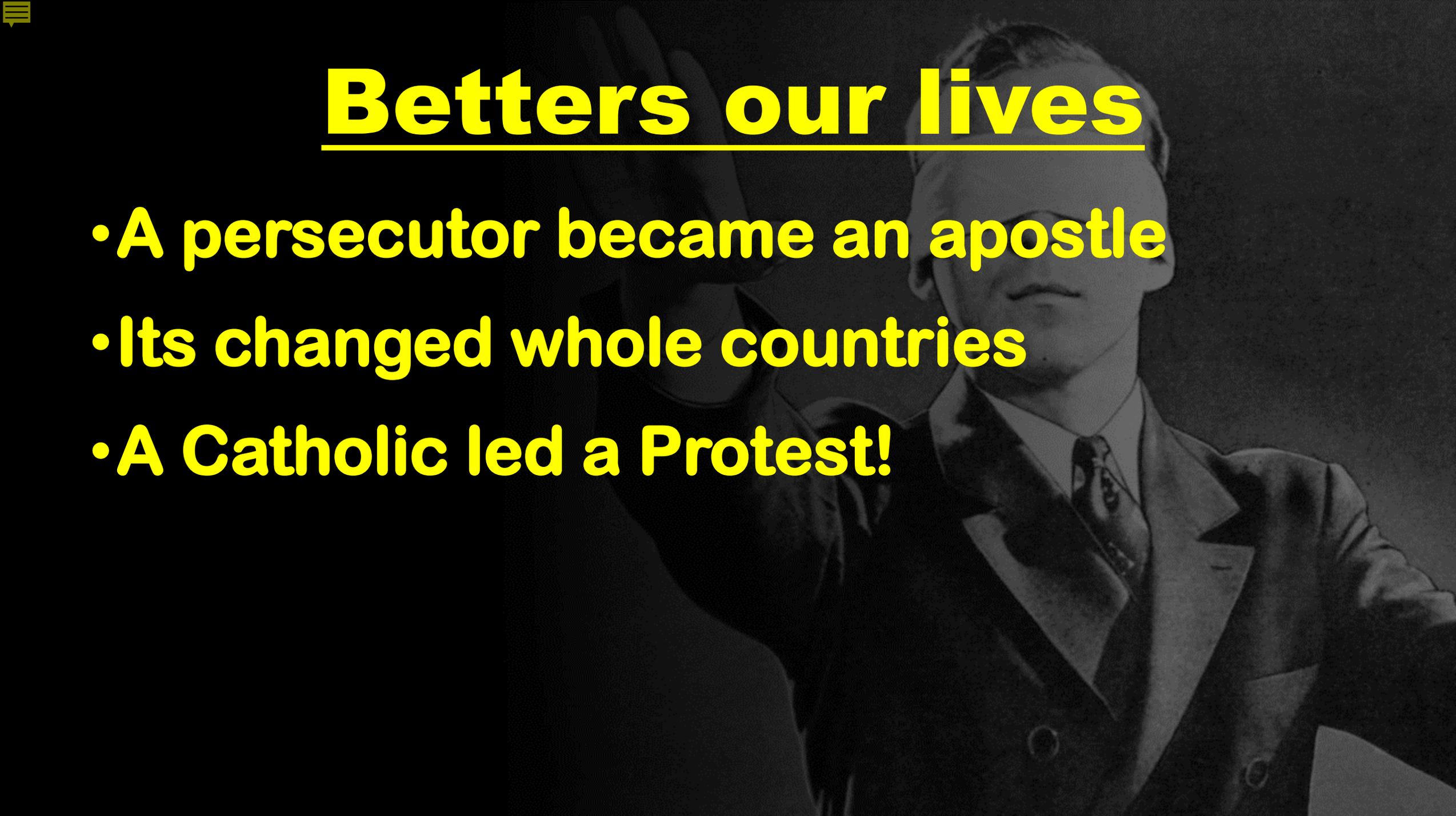
Prophecy Fulfillment

- 27 about Messiah in 1 day!
- Jesus predicted his own death and resurrection at least 3x
- More coming true every day



KNOWING
THE BIBLE
IS ONE
THING.
KNOWING
THE AUTHOR
IS ANOTHER.

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Betters our lives

- A persecutor became an apostle
- Its changed whole countries
- A Catholic led a Protest!

Betters our lives

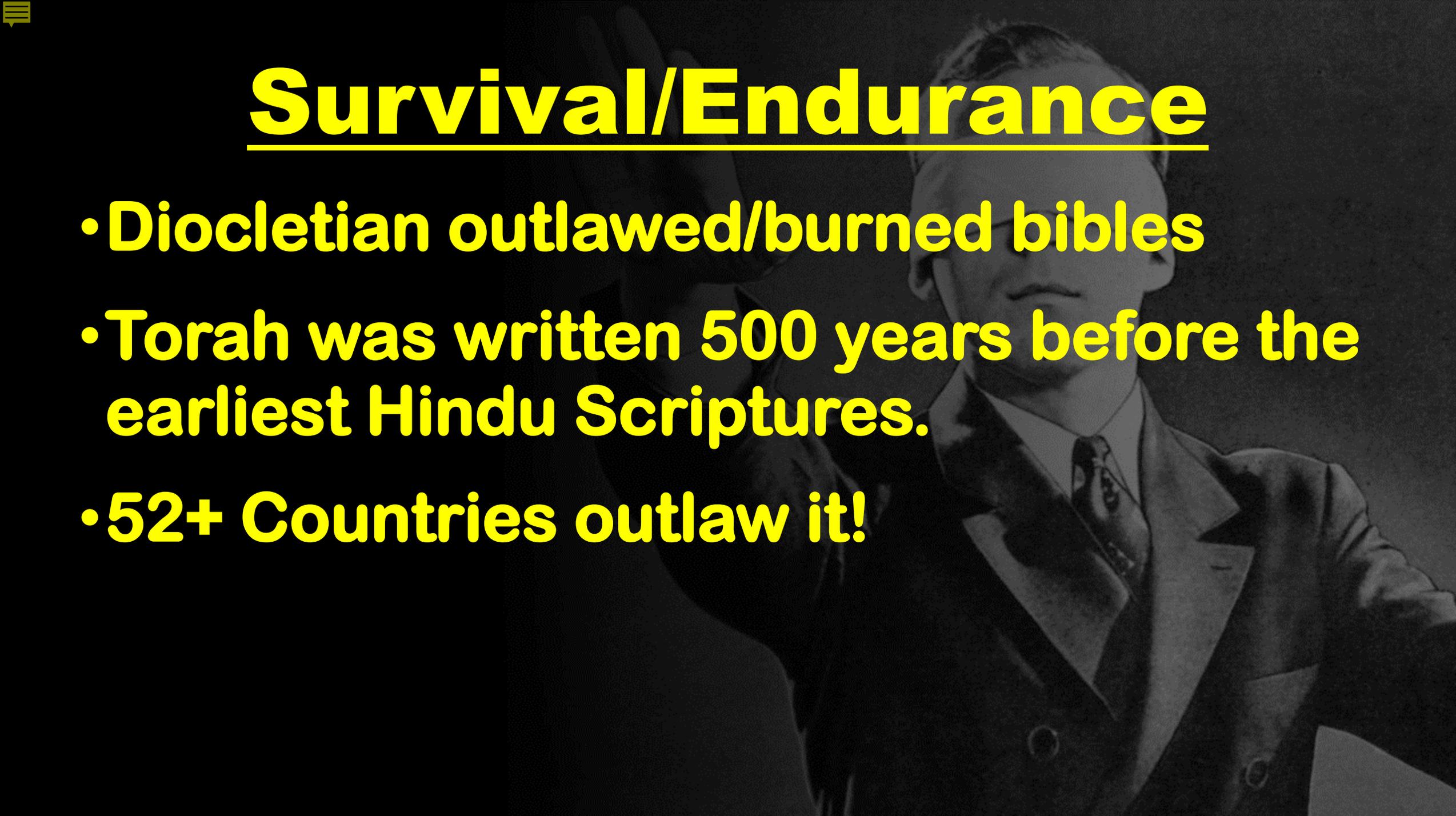
- Slavers became preachers
- AAA and 12 step program
- Its message of Grace/forgiveness!



We will not believe more than we know, and we will not live higher than our beliefs. The many fronts of Christian compromise in this generation can be directly traced to biblical illiteracy in the pews and the absence of biblical preaching and teaching in our homes and churches.

Albert Mohler





Survival/Endurance

- Diocletian outlawed/burned bibles
- Torah was written 500 years before the earliest Hindu Scriptures.
- 52+ Countries outlaw it!

Survival/Endurance

- Liberal assaults on its Inspiration
- Progressive assault on its truth



Diocletian (245-311 AD)

Commanded all copies of scriptures were to be burned and those found with copies were to be put to death; He erected a monument inscribed with the words, "The name of 'Christian' is extinguished."



WITH EVERY DISTRACTION COMES A DECISION

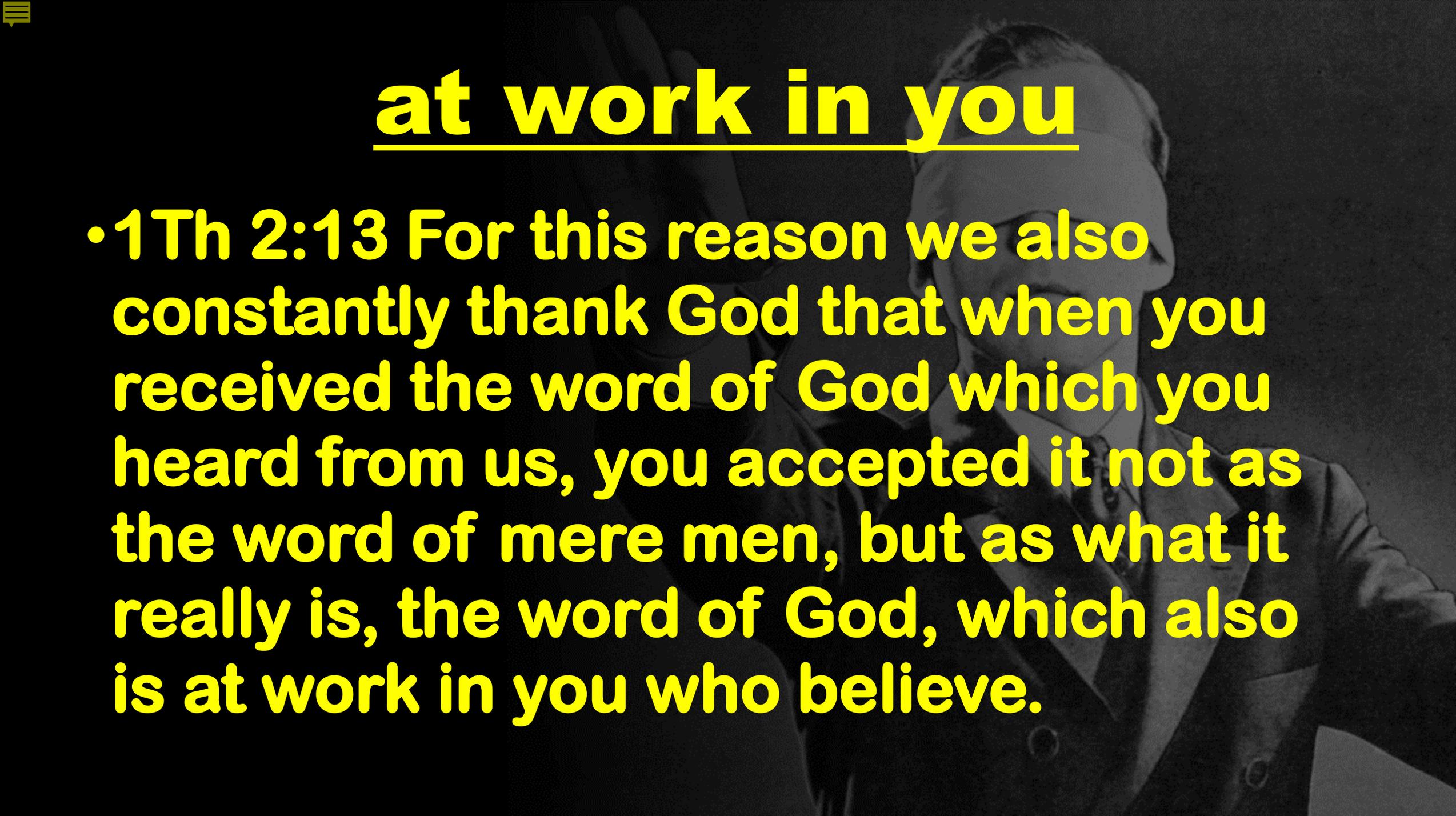
1ST COR 10:13





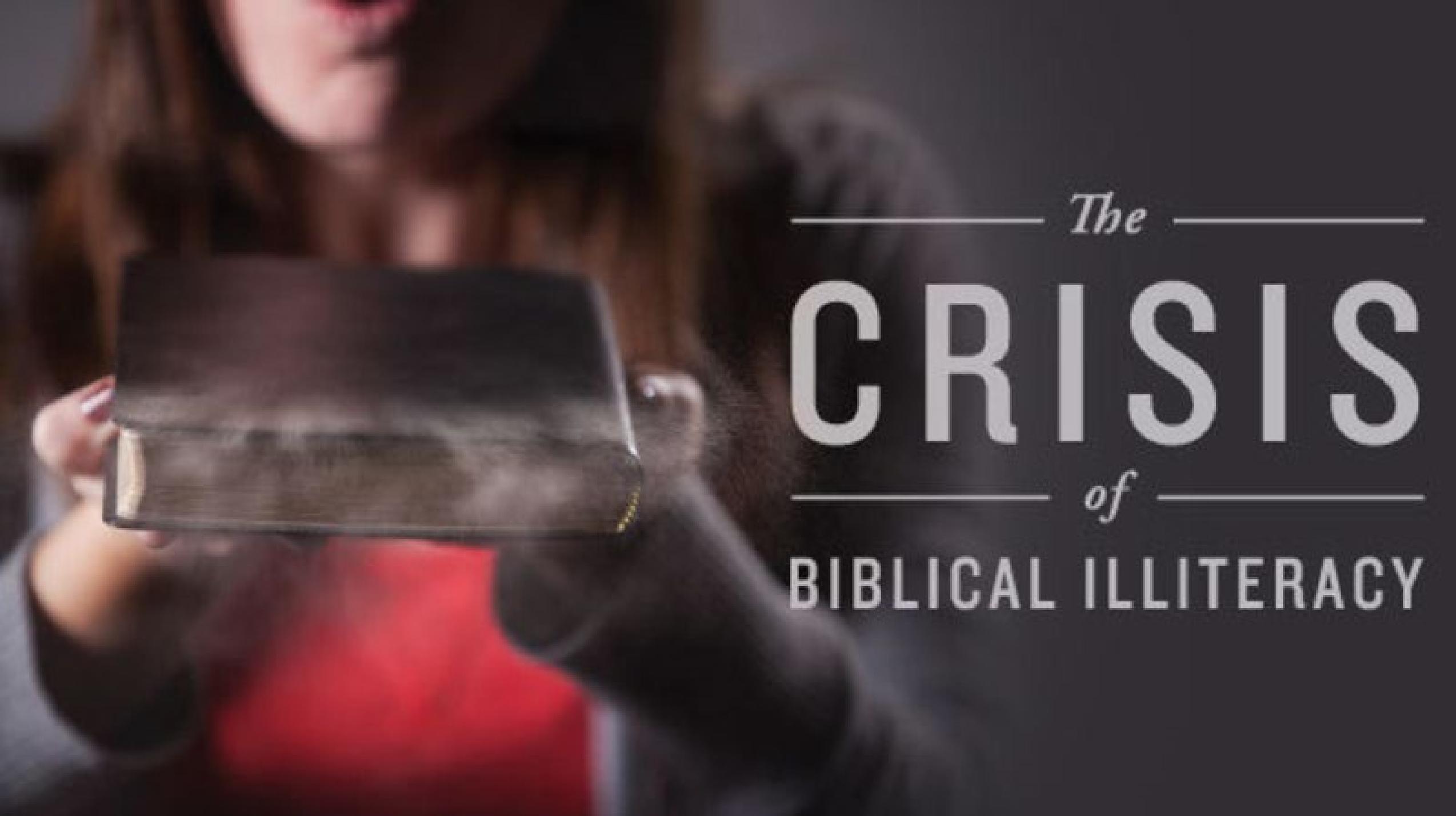
WHEN THERE'S
SOMETHING IN
THE WORD *of* GOD
THAT I DON'T LIKE,
THE PROBLEM
IS NOT WITH
THE WORD *of* GOD,
IT'S WITH ME.

-R.C. Sproul



at work in you

- **1Th 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of mere men, but as what it really is, the word of God, which also is at work in you who believe.**



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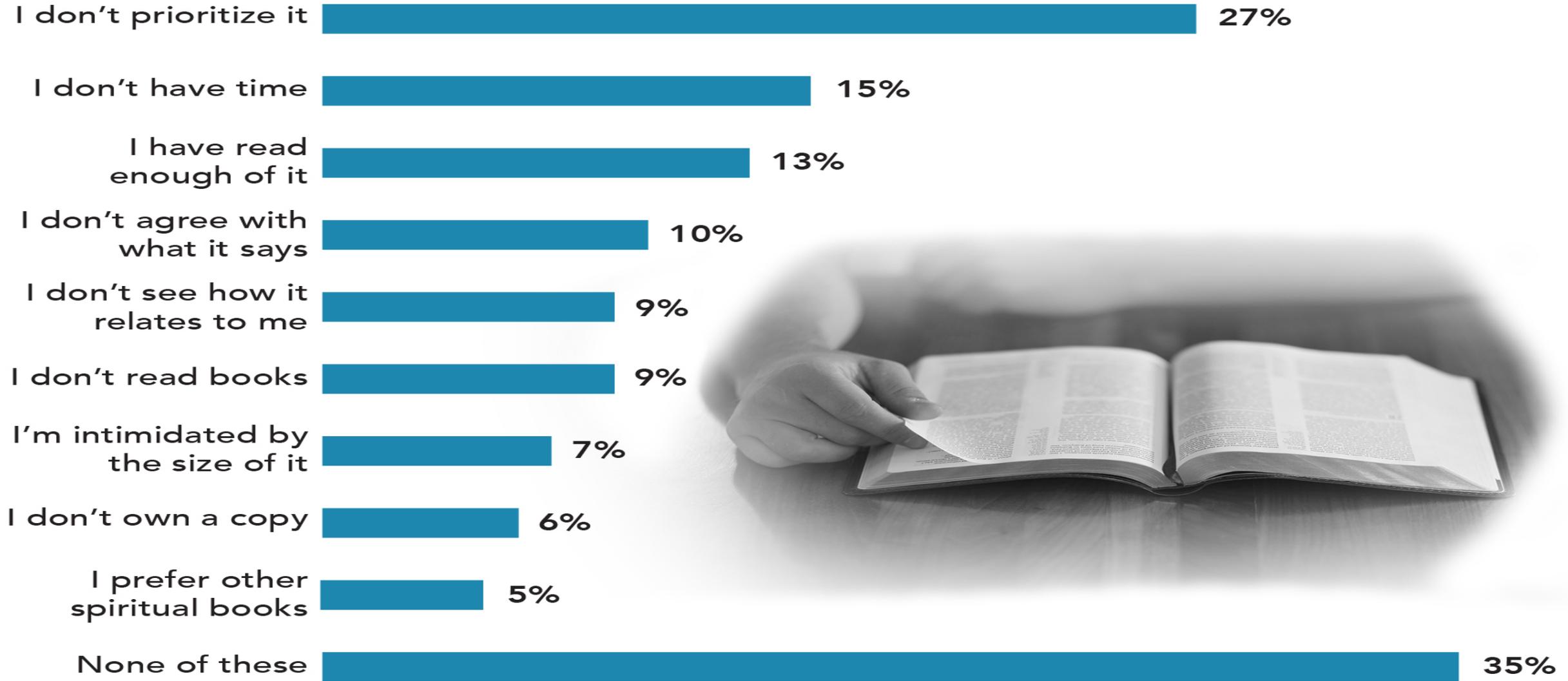
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of

BIBLICAL ILLITERACY

Among Americans:

Why have you not read the Bible more?

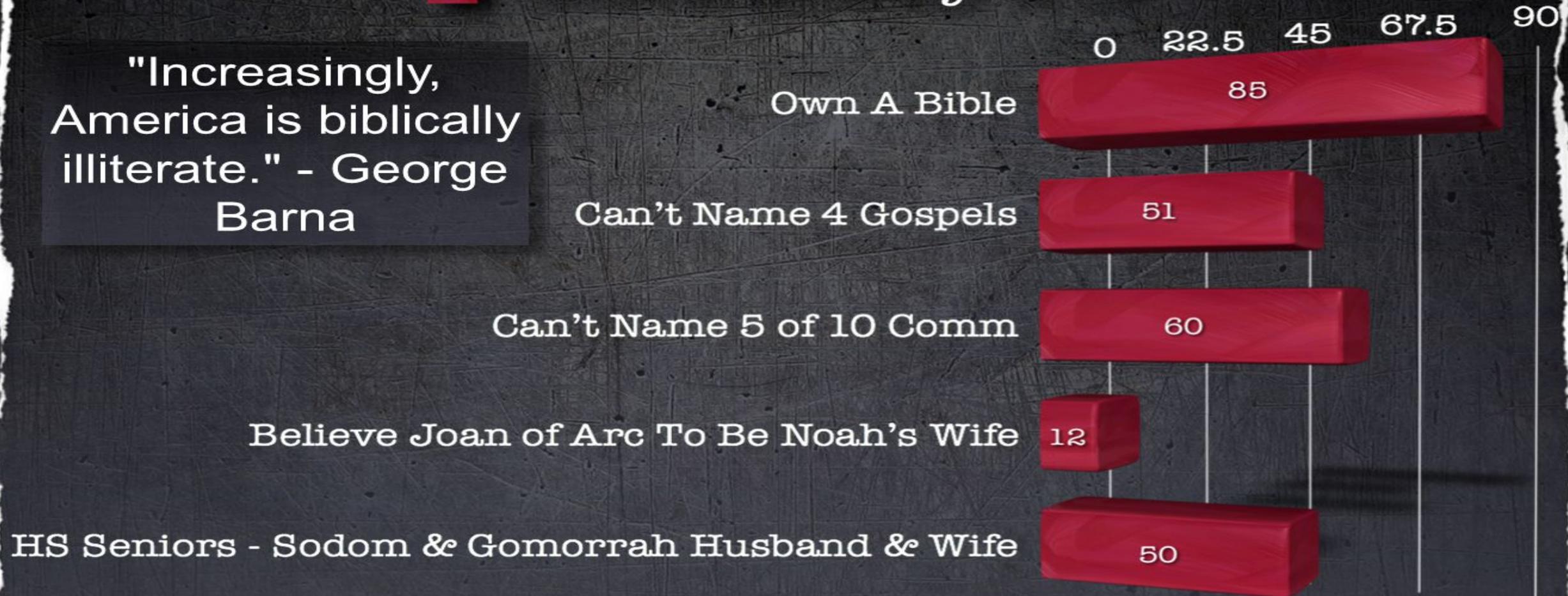


Note: Respondents could select all that apply.

The Lost Bible

■ Biblical Illiteracy In US

"Increasingly,
America is biblically
illiterate." - George
Barna



AMERICA'S MOST BIBLE-MINDED CITIES



2017



RANKING	MARKET	POP%
1	Chattanooga, TN	50%
2	Birmingham / Anniston / Tuscaloosa, AL	49%
3	Roanoke / Lynchburg, VA	48%
4	Tri-Cities, TN	48%
5	Shreveport, LA	47%
6	Charlotte, NC	46%
7	Springfield, MO	46%
8	Little Rock / Pine Bluff, AR	44%
9	Knoxville, TN	44%
10	Greenville / Spartanburg / Anderson, SC; Asheville, NC	44%
11	Lexington, KY	43%
12	Jackson, MS	43%
13	Huntsville-Decatur-Florence, AL	41%
14	Savannah, GA	40%
15	Oklahoma City, OK	40%
16	Nashville, TN	40%
17	Baton Rouge, LA	40%
18	Wichita / Hutchinson, KS	39%
19	Greensboro / High Point / Winston-Salem, NC	39%
20	Louisville, KY	38%
21	Paducah, KY / Cape Girardeau, MO; Harrisburg / Mt. Vernon, IL	38%
22	Columbia, SC	37%
23	Grand Rapids / Kalamazoo / Battle Creek, MI	37%
24	Memphis, TN	37%
25	Dallas / Fort Worth, TX	37%
26	Charleston / Huntington, WV	36%
27	Raleigh / Durham / Fayetteville, NC	36%
28	Mobile, AL; Pensacola / Fort Walton, FL	36%
29	Jacksonville, FL	35%
30	Greenville / New Bern / Washington, NC	34%
31	Indianapolis, IN	34%
32	Fort Smith, AR; Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO	34%
33	Atlanta, GA	33%
34	Richmond / Petersburg, VA	33%
35	Charleston, SC	33%
36	New Orleans, LA	33%
37	Tulsa, OK	32%
38	Dayton, OH	32%
39	Harlingen / Weslaco / McAllen / Brownsville, TX	32%
40	Waco / Temple / Bryan, TX	31%
41	San Antonio, TX	31%
42	Kansas City, KS-MO	31%
43	Norfolk / Portsmouth / Newport News, VA	31%
44	South Bend / Elkhart, IN	31%
45	Davenport, IA; Rock Island / Moline, IL	31%
46	Cincinnati, OH	30%
47	St. Louis, MO	28%
48	Austin, TX	27%
49	Miami / Fort Lauderdale, FL	27%
50	Albuquerque / Santa Fe, NM	26%
51	El Paso, TX; Las Cruces, NM	26%
52	Spokane, WA	26%
53	Columbus, OH	26%
54	Portland, OR	26%
55	Champaign / Springfield / Decatur, IL	26%
56	Houston, TX	25%
57	Colorado Springs / Pueblo, CO	25%
58	Harrisburg / Lancaster / Lebanon / York, PA	25%
59	Green Bay / Appleton, WI	24%
60	West Palm Beach / Fort Pierce, FL	24%
61	Toledo, OH	24%
62	Detroit, MI	24%
63	Tampa / St. Petersburg / Sarasota, FL	23%
64	Milwaukee, WI	23%
65	Des Moines / Ames, IA	23%
66	Baltimore, MD	23%
67	San Diego, CA	23%
68	Syracuse, NY	23%
69	Philadelphia, PA	22%
70	Fresno / Visalia, CA	22%
71	Pittsburgh, PA	22%
72	Minneapolis / St. Paul, MN	22%
73	Orlando / Daytona Beach / Melbourne, FL	21%
74	Omaha, NE	21%
75	Flint / Saginaw / Bay City, MI	21%
76	Seattle / Tacoma, WA	21%
77	Fort Myers / Naples, FL	21%
78	Cleveland / Akron / Canton, OH	20%
79	Sacramento / Stockton / Modesto, CA	20%
80	Tucson / Sierra Vista, AZ	20%
81	Denver, CO	20%
82	Madison, WI	20%
83	Chicago, IL	19%
84	Wilkes-Barre / Scranton, PA	19%
85	Los Angeles, CA	19%
86	Rochester, NY	18%
87	Portland / Auburn, ME	18%
88	Washington, DC; Hagerstown, MD	18%
89	Burlington, VT; Plattsburgh, NY	18%
90	Phoenix / Prescott, AZ	18%
91	New York, NY	17%
92	Salt Lake City, UT	17%
93	Harford / New Haven, CT	16%
94	San Francisco / Oakland / San Jose, CA	15%
95	Las Vegas, NV	14%
96	Buffalo, NY	14%
97	Cedar Rapids / Waterloo, IA	14%
98	Providence, RI; New Bedford, MA	12%
99	Boston, MA; Manchester, NH	11%
100	Albany / Schenectady / Troy, NY	10%

POST-CHRISTIAN RANKINGS BY CITY



RANK	MARKET	%	RANK	MARKET	%
1	Springfield-Holyoke, MA	66%	52	Green Bay-Appleton, WI	43%
2	Portland-Auburn, ME	60%	53	Johnstown-Altoona-St. College, PA	43%
3	Providence, RI-New Bedford, MA	59%	54	Portland, OR	42%
4	Burlington, VT	59%	55	Albuquerque-Santa Fe, NM	42%
5	Boston, MA-Manchester, NH	57%	56	West Palm Beach-Ft. Pierce, FL	42%
6	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	56%	57	Wausau-Rhineland, WI	42%
7	Hartford-New Haven, CT	56%	58	Milwaukee, WI	42%
8	Rochester, NY	55%	59	Columbus, OH	42%
9	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-San Luis Obispo, CA	54%	60	Yakima-Pasco-Richland-Kennewick, WA	41%
10	Seattle-Tacoma, WA	54%	61	Lincoln-Hastings-Kearney, NE	41%
11	Madison, WI	54%	62	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Sarasota, FL	41%
12	Wilkes Barre-Scranton-Hazleton, PA	54%	63	Youngstown-Warren, OH	41%
13	Buffalo, NY	53%	64	Eugene, OR	40%
14	Ft. Myers-Naples, FL	52%	65	St. Louis, MO	40%
15	Davenport-Rock Island-Moline, IL	52%	66	El Paso, TX	39%
16	Tucson-Sierra Vista, AZ	51%	67	Cleveland-Akron-Canton, OH	39%
17	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	50%	68	Houston, TX	38%
18	Reno, NV	50%	69	Champaign-Springfield-Decatur, IL	38%
19	Chico-Redding, CA	50%	70	Dayton, OH	38%
20	New York, NY	50%	71	Cincinnati, OH	38%
21	Monterey-Salinas, CA	49%	72	Atlanta, GA	38%
22	Philadelphia, PA	49%	73	Norfolk-Portsmouth-Newport News, VA	38%
23	Sacramento-Stockton-Modesto, CA	48%	74	Raleigh-Durham-Fayetteville, NC	38%
24	Boise, ID	48%	75	Colorado Springs-Pueblo, CO	37%
25	Austin, TX	48%	76	Ft. Wayne, IN	37%
26	Des Moines-Ames, IA	48%	77	San Antonio, TX	36%
27	Chicago, IL	48%	78	Ft. Smith-Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR	36%
28	Detroit, MI	48%	79	Traverse City-Cadillac, MI	36%
29	Washington, DC-Hagerstown, MD	48%	80	Paducah, KY-Cape Girardeau, MO; Harrisburg-Mt. Vernon, IL	36%
30	Los Angeles, CA	47%	81	South Bend-Elkhart, IN	36%
31	Fresno-Visalia, CA	47%	82	Oklahoma City, OK	35%
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41	Syracuse, NY	46%	92	Kansas City, KS-MO	33%
42	Spokane, WA	45%	93	Mobile, AL-Pensacola-Ft. Walton Beach, FL	33%
43	Harlingen-Weslaco-Brownsville-McAllen, TX	45%	94	Richmond-Petersburg, VA	33%
44	Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, FL	45%	95	Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, PA	33%
45	Flint-Saginaw-Bay City, MI	45%	96	Salt Lake City, UT	32%
46	Baltimore, MD	45%	97	Wichita-Hitchinson-Dodge City-Salina-Manhattan, KS	32%
47	Phoenix-Scottsdale, AZ	44%	98	Baton Rouge, LA	32%
48	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	44%	99	Knoxville, TN	32%
49	Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne, FL	44%	100	Charleston-Huntington, WV	32%
50	Peoria-Bloomington, IL	44%			
51	Waco-Temple-Bryan, TX	43%			

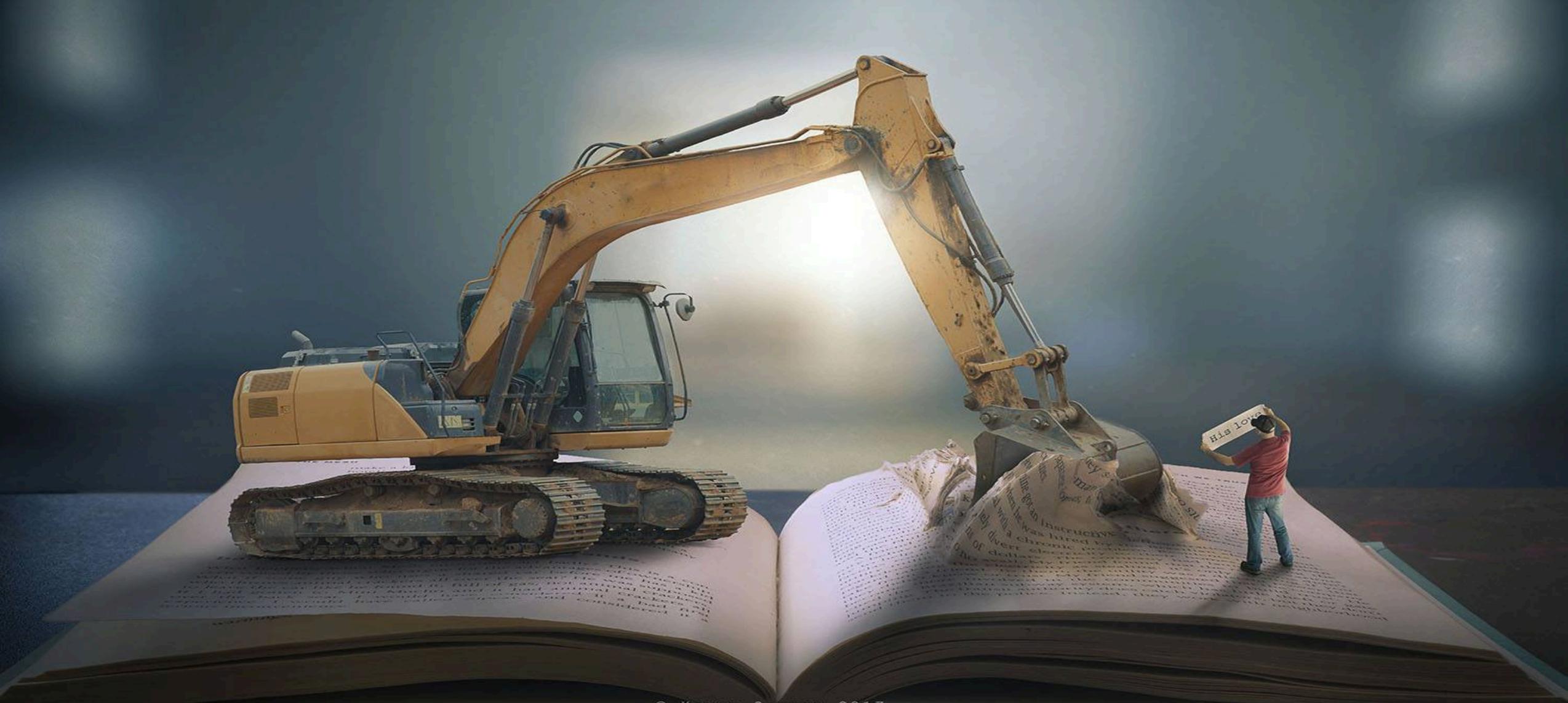
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The data reported in this table are based upon telephone and online interviews with nationwide random samples of 76,505 adults conducted over a ten year period, ending in April 2016. The maximum margin of sampling error associated with the aggregate sample is ±0.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Respondents who reported reading the Bible within the past seven days and who agreed strongly in the accuracy of the Bible were classified as "Bible-minded." BibleMindedCities.com



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dig deep

2nd Timothy 2:15

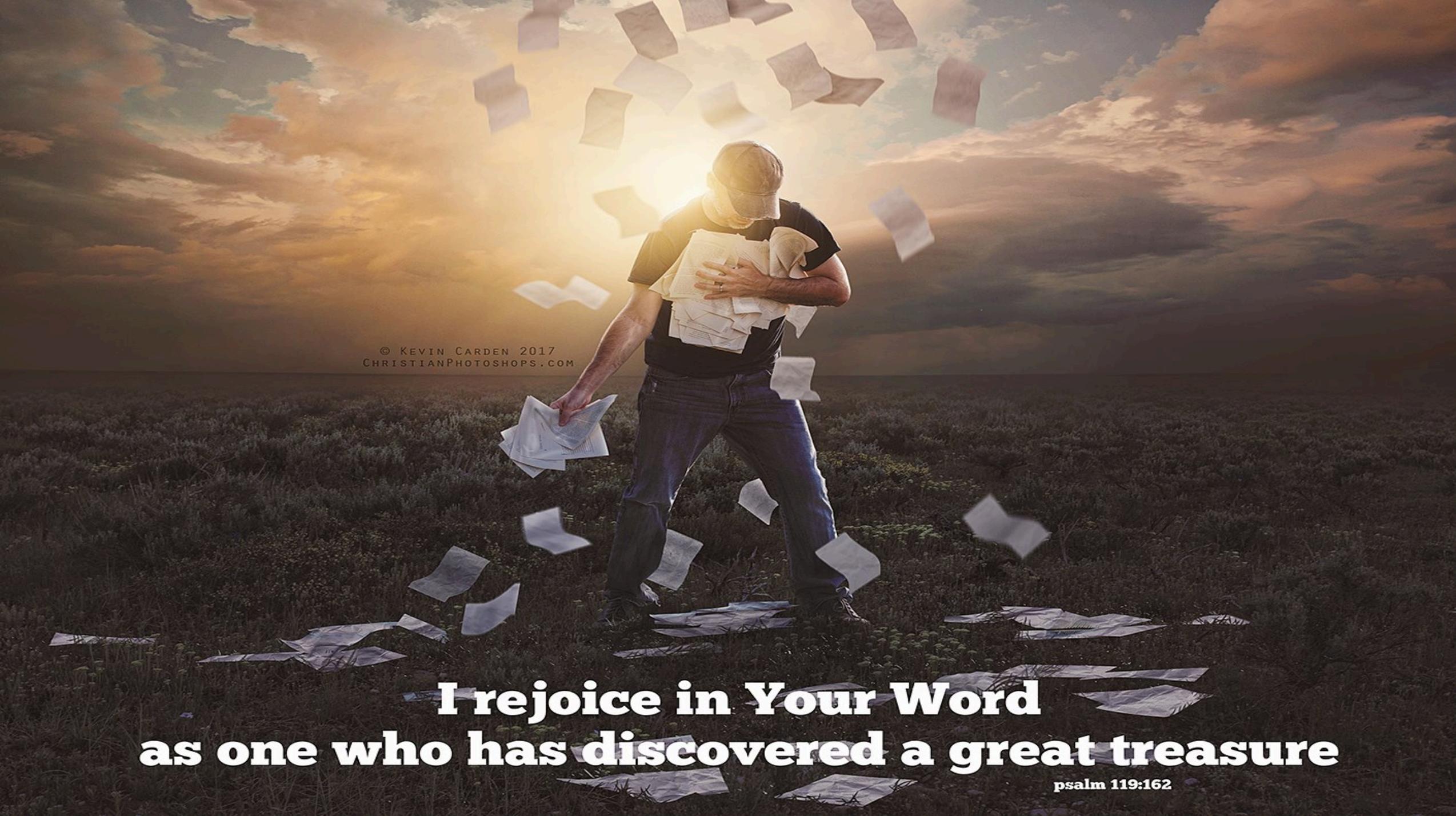


REST IN HIS WORD

Palm 48

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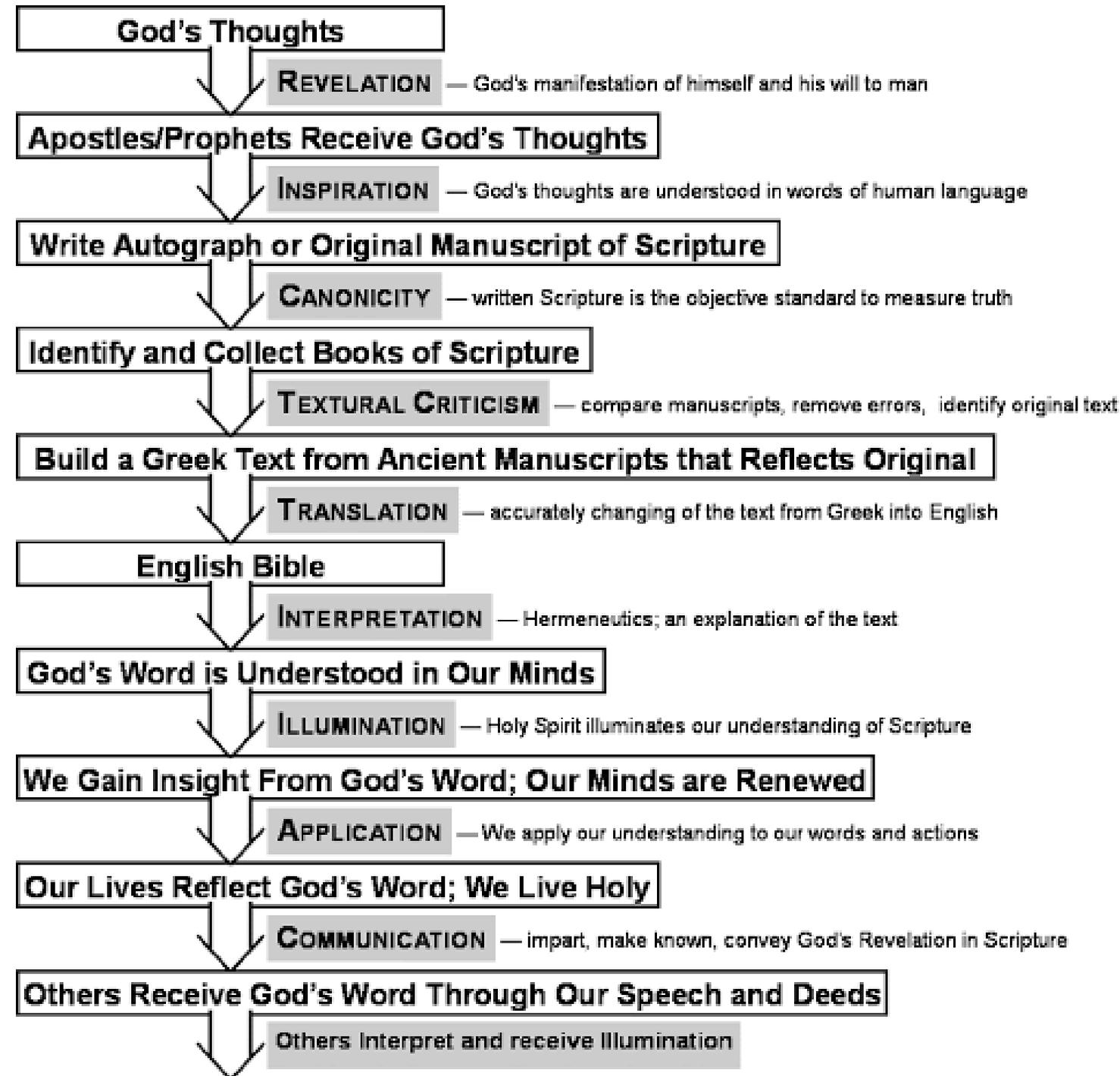
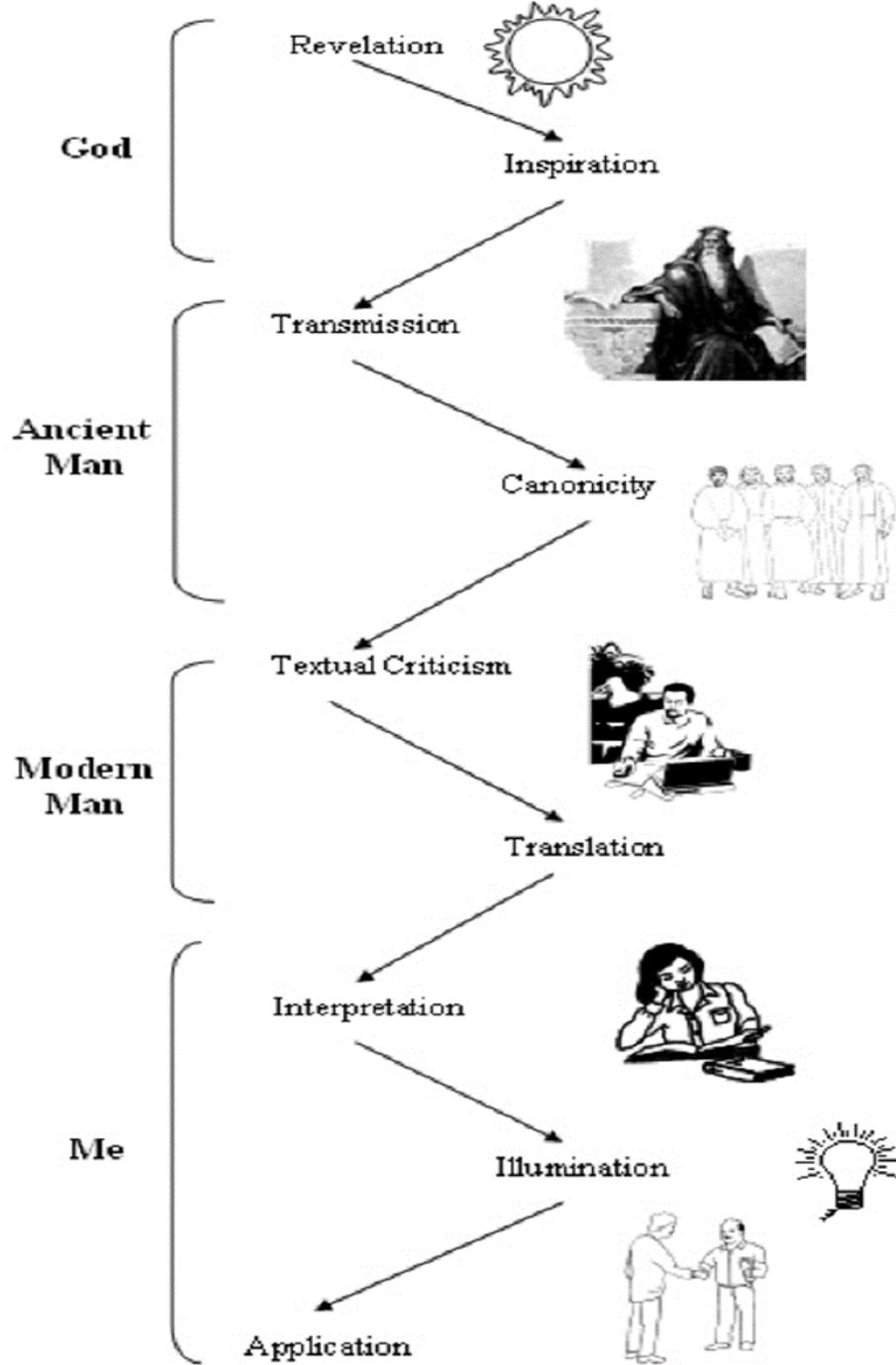


A man wearing a cap and a dark t-shirt stands in a field of tall grass. He is holding a large stack of papers against his chest. Numerous other papers are floating in the air around him, some falling to the ground. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow light breaking through clouds. The sun is positioned directly behind the man, creating a silhouette effect and a bright glow.

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**I rejoice in Your Word
as one who has discovered a great treasure**

psalm 119:162



A person wearing a blue and white striped shirt is cutting a cake that is shaped like a Bible. The cake is on a white plate with a decorative edge, which is placed on a woven placemat. The person is using a large knife to cut a slice, and a fork is being used to hold the cake steady. The Bible's cover is dark brown with gold lettering that reads "HOLY BIBLE" and "THE WORD OF GOD". The pages of the Bible are visible, showing a yellowish-brown color. A small sprig of green herbs is on the plate next to the cake. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

HOW SWEET ARE YOUR WORDS TO MY TASTE!

Psalm 119:103

YOUR WORD I HAVE TREASURED IN MY HEART

PSALM 119:11

