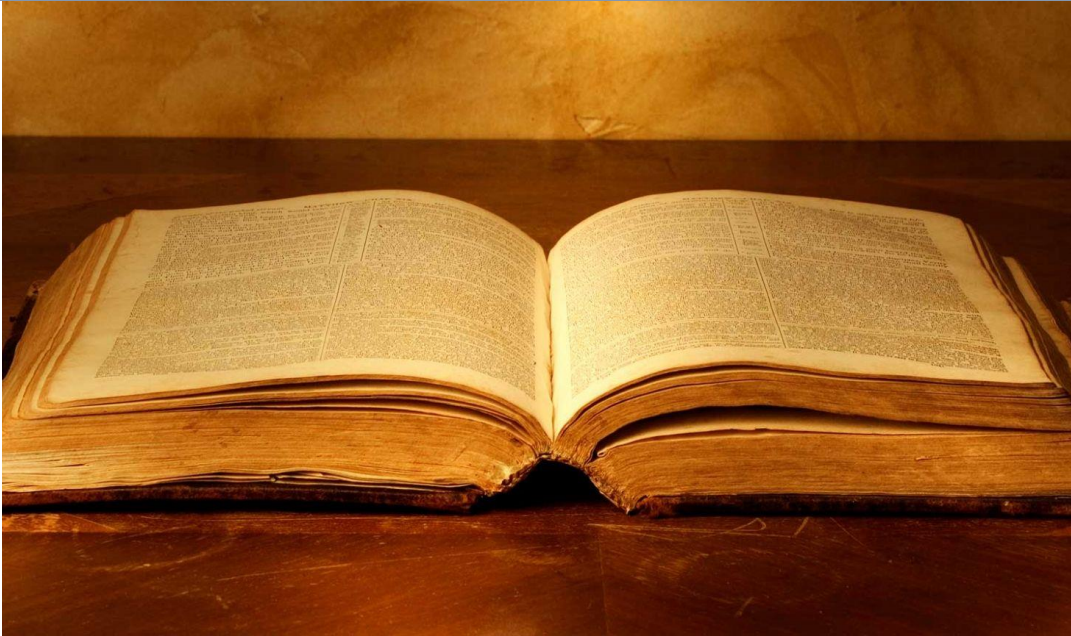


WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GOLD AND SILVER? (PART II)



Judas
Betrayed
Jesus
for...



Not-so-trivial Trivia

- Jesus betrayed for 30 pieces of silver
- Joseph was sold for 20 shekels of silver (Gen. 37:28)
- The master of a damaged slave paid 30 shekels of silver (Gen. 21:32)
- A damaged virgin given 50 shekels of silver (Deut. 22:29)

Review of Part I

- Concern over 1970's style inflation, recession, depression, stagflation, debt bubbles popping
- Concern over Dollar being replaced by a new reserve currency
- Gold & Silver are currently unloved by investors (undervalued)
- But Bible is very favorable towards G&S as a store of value
 - God gave G&S to Abraham & redeemed Israelite slaves
 - Tabernacle & Jerusalem Temples had lots of G&S
 - Jesus was given G, F, & M for his sojourn in Egypt & Galilee
 - G&S is good so long as it is not an idol, greed, or pride
 - Future Temple in Jerusalem will have lots of G&S
 - New Heavens, New Earth, New Jerusalem will have lots of G&S



Proverbs 22:1

A good name
is to be chosen
rather than **great riches**,
and favor is better
than **silver** or **gold**.

The Blood of Jesus
is better than G&S



1st Peter 1:18

shall be holy, for I am holy.”¹⁷ And if you ⁿ call on him as Father who ^o judges ^p impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves ^q with fear throughout the time of your exile,¹⁸ knowing that you ^r were ransomed from ^s the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ but ^t with the precious blood of Christ, like that of ^u a lamb ^v without blemish or spot.²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but ^w was made manifest ^x in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ ^y who through him are believers in God, ^z who raised him from the dead and ^a gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Our Faith is better than G/S

1st Peter 1:7

1 Peter 1

Born Again to a Living Hope

³ ^g Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! ^h According to his great mercy, ⁱ he has caused us to be born again to a living hope ^j through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to ^k an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and ^l unfading, ^m kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded ⁿ through faith for a salvation ^o ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by ^p various trials, ⁷ so that ^q the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes ^r though it is tested by ^s fire—may be found to result in ^t praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ ^u Though you have not seen him, you love him. ^v Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining ^w the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



Acts 19:19

And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Wisdom is better than G/S

Wisdom is better than G&S

Proverbs 3:14

for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold.

Proverbs 8:10

Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold...

Proverbs 8:19

My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver.

Wisdom is better than G&S

Proverbs 16:16

How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

Proverbs 25:11

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Proverbs 25:12

Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear.

Proverbs 20:15

There is gold and abundance of costly stones, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

Job 28 – wisdom better than gold

Job Continues: Where Is Wisdom?

28 “Surely there is a mine for silver,
and a place for gold that they refine.

² Iron is taken out of the earth,
and copper is smelted from the ore.

³ Man puts an end to darkness
and searches out to the farthest limit
the ore in gloom and deep darkness.

⁴ He opens shafts in a valley away from where anyone lives;
they are forgotten by travelers;
they hang in the air, far away from mankind; they swing to and fro.

⁵ As for the earth, out of it comes bread,
but underneath it is turned up as by fire.

⁶ Its stones are the place of sapphires,^[a]
and it has dust of gold.

⁷ “That path no bird of prey knows,
and the falcon's eye has not seen it.

⁸ The proud beasts have not trodden it;
the lion has not passed over it.

⁹ “Man puts his hand to the flinty rock
and overturns mountains by the roots.

¹⁰ He cuts out channels in the rocks,
and his eye sees every precious thing.

¹¹ He dams up the streams so that they do not trickle,
and the thing that is hidden he brings out to light.

¹² “But where shall wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?

¹³ Man does not know its worth,
and it is not found in the land of the living.

¹⁴ The deep says, ‘It is not in me,’
and the sea says, ‘It is not with me.’

¹⁵ It cannot be bought for gold,
and silver cannot be weighed as its price.

- ¹⁶ It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,
in precious onyx or sapphire.
¹⁷ Gold and glass cannot equal it,
nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
¹⁸ No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal;
the price of wisdom is above pearls.
¹⁹ The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,
nor can it be valued in pure gold.
- ²⁰ “From where, then, does wisdom come?
And where is the place of understanding?
²¹ It is hidden from the eyes of all living
and concealed from the birds of the air.
²² Abaddon and Death say,
‘We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.’
- ²³ “God understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.
²⁴ For he looks to the ends of the earth
and sees everything under the heavens.
²⁵ When he gave to the wind its weight
and apportioned the waters by measure,
²⁶ when he made a decree for the rain
and a way for the lightning of the thunder,
²⁷ then he saw it and declared it;
he established it, and searched it out.
²⁸ And he said to man,
‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,
and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

Absolute Standards
Relative Standards
and
Nietzsche's Parable of the
Madman

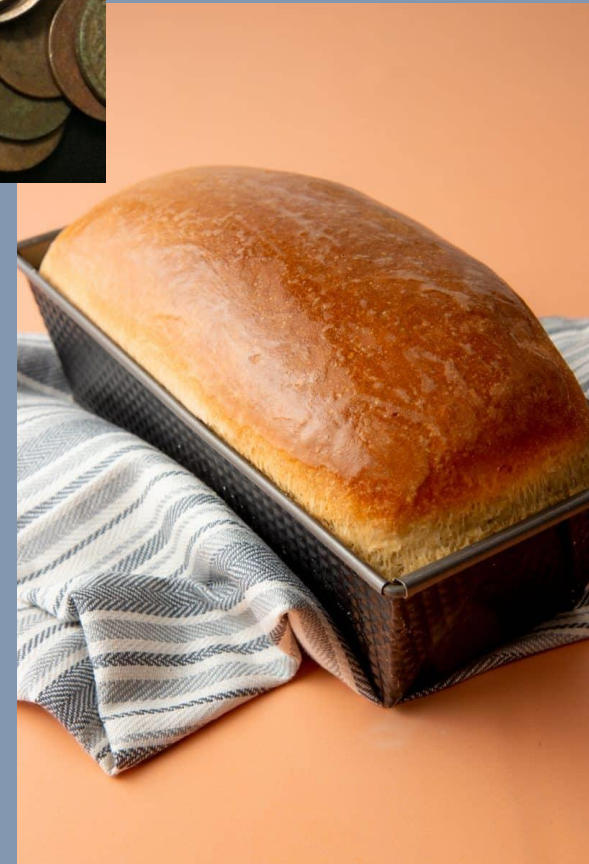
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Deuteronomy 17 - Laws Concerning Israel's Kings

When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' ¹⁵ you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶ Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.' ¹⁷ And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, **nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.**

And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Ecclesiastes 2

I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man. So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

“The Golden Rule”

“Whoever
has
the gold
rules.”

Did you know?

CENTRAL BANKS

Have added 270 tons of gold reserves so far in 2022

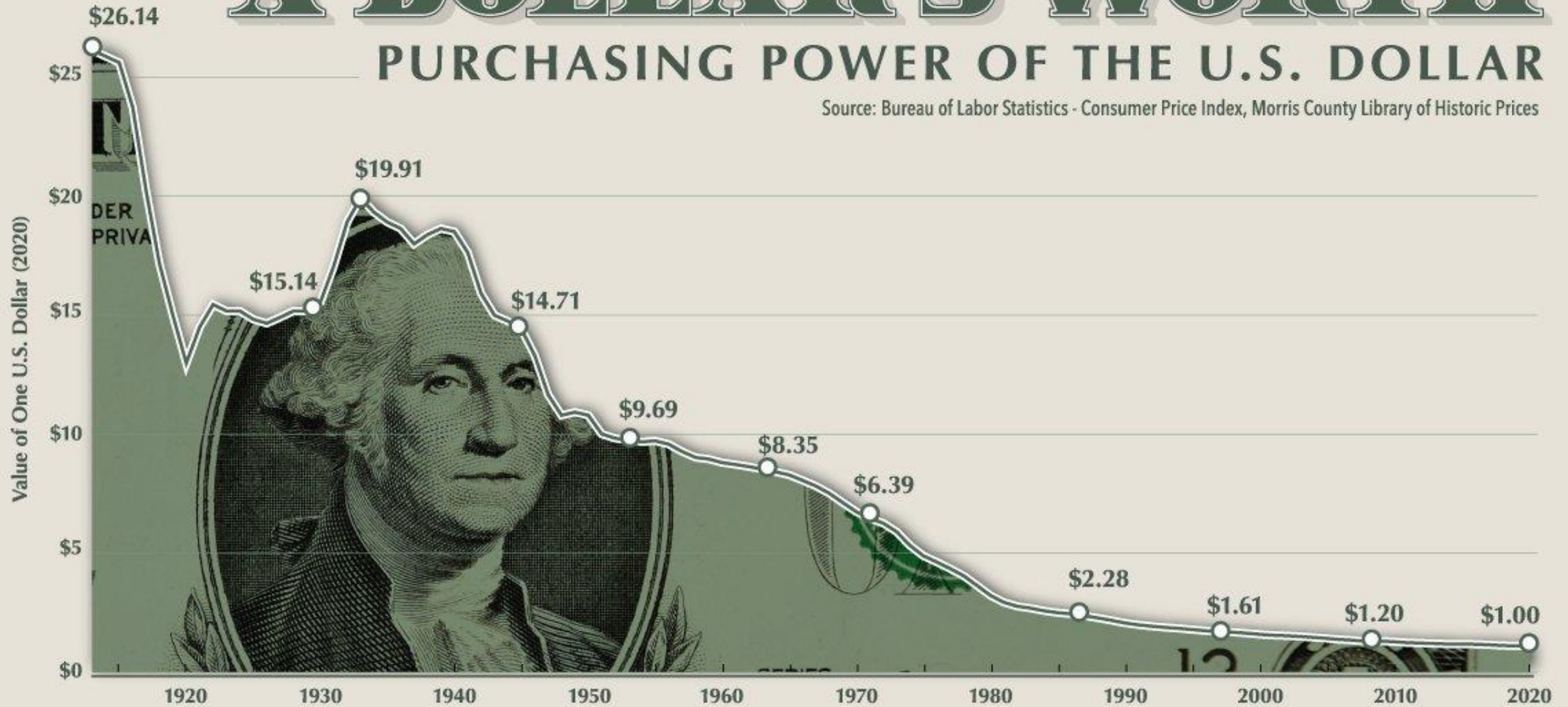


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A DOLLAR'S WORTH

PURCHASING POWER OF THE U.S. DOLLAR

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics - Consumer Price Index, Morris County Library of Historic Prices





US Debt Clock.org

State Debt Clocks

World Debt Clocks

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US NATIONAL DEBT

\$30,865,951,509,008

DEBT PER CITIZEN
\$92,660

DEBT PER TAXPAYER
\$245,191

US FEDERAL SPENDING (OFFICIAL)

\$5,918,324,344,265

US FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT (OFFICIAL)

\$1,469,088,421,283

US FEDERAL SPENDING (ACTUAL)

\$5,977,087,885,449

US FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT (ACTUAL)

\$1,527,851,948,441

US FEDERAL DEBT TO GDP RATIO

1960 • **52.48%** 1980 • **34.65%** 2000 • **56.52%** NOW • **124.35%**

US FEDERAL TAX REVENUE

\$4,449,235,920,495

REVENUE PER CITIZEN

\$13,364

INCOME TAX REVENUE

\$2,581,577,094,599

TOTAL STATE REVENUE

\$2,251,022,253,784

TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE

\$1,541,250,874,595

CORPORATE TAX

\$393,354,541,000

STATE DEBT

\$1,216,083,306,381

DEBT PER CITIZEN

\$3,653

LOCAL DEBT

\$2,069,010,000,000

US GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

\$24,822,677,071,990

TOTAL FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL SPENDING

\$9,269,100,028,658

Largest Budget Items

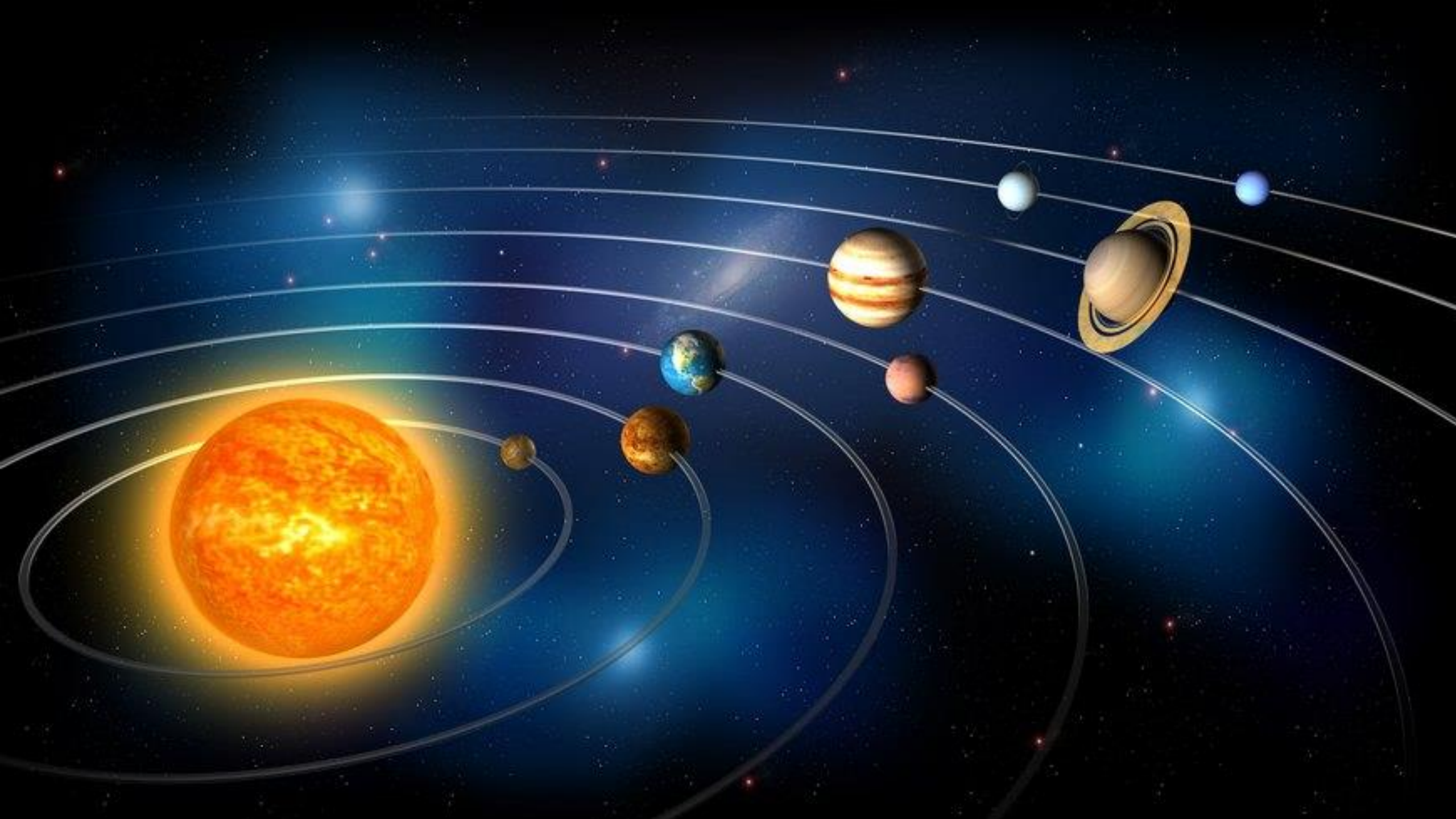
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When you go off of
absolute standards for truth and values,
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any absolute truths or values

Friedrich Nietzsche's "Parable of the Madman" (1882)

Have you not heard of that madman who lit a lantern in the bright morning hours, ran to the market place, and cried incessantly: "I seek God! I seek God!" -- As many of those who did not believe in God were standing around just then, he provoked much laughter. Has he got lost? asked one. Did he lose his way like a child? asked another. Or is he hiding? Is he afraid of us? Has he gone on a voyage? emigrated? -- Thus they yelled and laughed.

The madman jumped into their midst and pierced them with his eyes. "Whither is God?" he cried; "I will tell you. *We have killed him* -- you and I. All of us are his murderers. But how did we do this? How could we drink up the sea? Who gave us the sponge to wipe away the entire horizon? **What were we doing when we unchained this earth from its sun? Whither is it moving now? Whither are we moving? Away from all suns? Are we not plunging continually? Backward, sideward, forward, in all directions? Is there still any up or down? Are we not straying, as through an infinite nothing? Do we not feel the breath of empty space? Has it not become colder? Is not night continually closing in on us? Do we not need to light lanterns in the morning? Do we hear nothing as yet of the noise of the gravediggers who are burying God? Do we smell nothing as yet of the divine decomposition? Gods, too, decompose. God is dead. God remains dead. And we have killed him.**



"How shall we comfort ourselves, the murderers of all murderers? What was holiest and mightiest of all that the world has yet owned has bled to death under our knives: who will wipe this blood off us? What water is there for us to clean ourselves? What festivals of atonement, what sacred games shall we have to invent? Is not the greatness of this deed too great for us? **Must we ourselves not become gods simply to appear worthy of it?** There has never been a greater deed; and whoever is born after us -- for the sake of this deed he will belong to a higher history than all history hitherto."

Here the madman fell silent and looked again at his listeners; and they, too, were silent and stared at him in astonishment. At last he threw his lantern on the ground, and it broke into pieces and went out. "I have come too early," he said then; "my time is not yet. **This tremendous event is still on its way, still wandering;** it has not yet reached the ears of men. Lightning and thunder require time; the light of the stars requires time; deeds, though done, still require time to be seen and heard. This deed is still more distant from them than most distant stars -- *and yet they have done it themselves.*

It has been related further that on the same day the madman forced his way into several churches and there struck up his *requiem aeternam deo*. Led out and called to account, he is said always to have replied nothing but: "What after all are these churches now if they are not the tombs and sepulchers of God?"

Nietzsche's Influence on our Post-Modern World-and-Church

Atheism	“The Death of God” (culturally)
Relativism	Death of objective truth
Pluralism	Death of exclusive truth
Conventionalism	Death of objective meaning
Anti-Foundationalism	Death of rational thinking (logic)
Reconstructionism	Death of objective memory
Deconstructionism	Death of objective interpretation
Subjectivism	Death of objective values

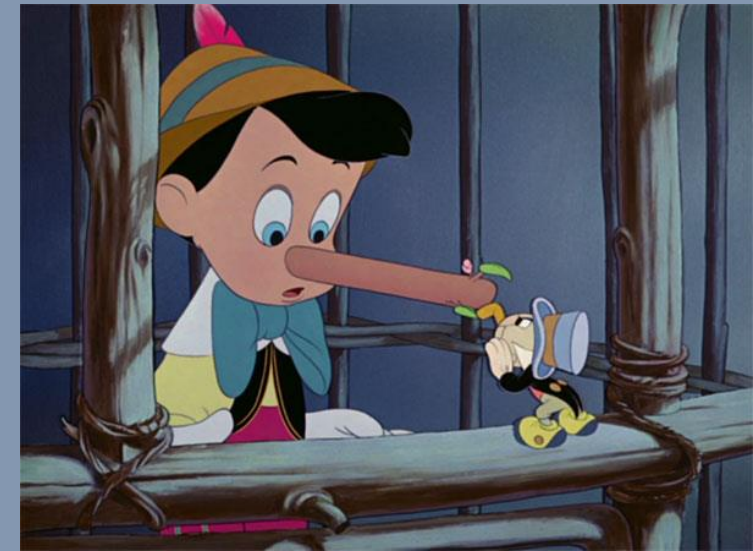
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Psalm 12

Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone;
for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.
Everyone **utters lies** to his neighbor;
with **flattering lips** and a double heart they **speak**.
May the Lord cut off all flattering **lips**,
the **tongue** that makes great **boasts**,
those who say, “With our **tongue** we will prevail,
our **lips** are with us; who is master over us?”

“Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan,
I will now arise,” says the Lord;
“I will place him in the safety for which he longs.”

The words of the Lord are pure words,
like silver refined in a furnace on the ground,
purified seven times.



The Law of the Lord
is Better than G&S

Psalm 19



The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Psalm 119

1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!

9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

11 I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

18 **Open my eyes**, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.

27 **Make me understand** the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

33 **Teach me**, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

34 **Give me understanding**, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

36 Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!

44 I will keep your law continually,
forever and ever,

47 for I find my delight in your commandments,
which I love.

48 I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I
love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.

72 **The law of your mouth is
better to me than thousands of
gold and silver pieces.**

What is “the Law”?

- the 10 commandments?
- the 613 shalls/shallt-nots?
- Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- 80,000 words



Mt. 19

And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking,
“Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?”

[Jesus] answered, “Have you not read
that he who created them from the beginning
made them male and female, and said,

‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother
and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?

So they are no longer two but one flesh.

What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Warning Against Idolatry

10 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers,^[a] that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,³ and all ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown^[b] in the wilderness.

6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. **7** Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play."⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. **9** We must not put Christ^[c] to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, **10** nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. **11** Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. **12** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. **13** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. **15** I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. **16** The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? **17** Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. **18** Consider the people of Israel:^[d] are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? **19** What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? **20** No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. **21** You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and

The Jerusalem Council

15 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." **2** And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. **3** So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.^[a] **4** When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. **5** But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."

6 The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. **7** And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. **8** And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to

Acts 15 – Peter’s conclusion

¹⁹ Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰ but should write to them to

- abstain from the things polluted by idols,
- and from sexual immorality,
- and from what has been strangled,
- and from blood.

²¹ For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

Acts 15 – **The Council's Letter to Gentile Believers**

Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers, ²³ with the following letter:

Acts 15 – The Council's Letter to Gentile Believers

“The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

Where did those four “burdens” come from?

Probably the Law,

the “Sojourner Laws” of Leviticus 17-20

“...from blood...”

Leviticus 17

Leviticus 17

Laws Against Eating Blood

¹⁰ “If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them ^d eats any blood, I will ^e set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. ^{11 f} For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar ^g to make atonement for your souls, ^h for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. ¹² Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.

¹³ “Any one also of the people of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten shall ⁱ pour out its blood and ^j cover it with earth. ¹⁴ For the life of every creature ¹ is its ^k blood: its blood is its life. ² Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off. ^{15 l} And every person who eats what dies of itself or what is torn by beasts, ^m whether he is a native or a sojourner, ⁿ shall wash his clothes and ^o bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening; then he shall be clean. ¹⁶ But if he does not wash them or bathe his flesh, ^p he shall bear his iniquity.”

“...from sexual immorality...” Leviticus 18, 19

Unlawful Sexual Relations

18 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, ^q I am the LORD your God. ³ ^r You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and ^s you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴ ^t You shall follow my rules ¹ and keep my statutes and walk in them. ^q I am the LORD your God. ⁵ ^t You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; ^u if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

⁶ “None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives to uncover nakedness. I am the LORD. ⁷ ^v You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness. ⁸ ^w You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s wife; it is your father’s nakedness. ⁹ ^x You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister, your father’s daughter or your mother’s daughter, whether brought up in the family or in another home. ¹⁰ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your son’s daughter or of your daughter’s daughter, for their nakedness is your own nakedness. ¹¹ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s wife’s daughter, brought up in your father’s family, since she is your sister. ¹² You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s sister; she is your father’s relative. ¹³ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister, for she is your mother’s relative. ¹⁴ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s brother, that is, you shall not approach his wife; she is your aunt. ¹⁵ ^y You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son’s wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness. ¹⁶ ^z You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother’s wife; it is your brother’s nakedness.

Leviticus 18

¹⁷ You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and of her daughter, and you shall not take her son’s daughter or her daughter’s daughter to uncover her nakedness; they are relatives; it is depravity. ¹⁸ And you shall not take a woman as a ^a rival wife to her sister, uncovering her nakedness ^b while her sister is still alive.

¹⁹ ^c “You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness while she is in her menstrual uncleanness. ²⁰ ^d And you shall not lie sexually with your neighbor’s wife and so make yourself unclean with her. ²¹ You shall not give any of your children to ^e offer them ² to ^f Molech, and so ^g profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ²² ^h You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. ²³ ⁱ And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is ^j perversion.

²⁴ ^k “Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, ^l for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, ²⁵ and the ^m land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land ⁿ vomited out its inhabitants. ²⁶ But ^o you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, **either the ^p native or the stranger who sojourns among you** ²⁷ (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), ²⁸ lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. ²⁹ For everyone who does any of these abominations, the persons who do them shall be cut off from among their people. ³⁰ ^q So keep my charge never to practice ^r any of these abominable customs that were practiced before you, and never to make yourselves unclean by them: ^s I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 19 – Sojourners need to avoid idolatry

The Lord Is Holy

19 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, ^t You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ³ ^u Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and ^v you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. ⁴ ^w Do not turn to idols ^x or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the LORD your God.

⁵ ^y “When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so ^z that you may be accepted. ⁶ It shall be eaten the same day you offer it or on the day after, and anything left over until the third day shall be burned up with fire. ⁷ If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is ^a tainted; it will not be accepted, ⁸ and everyone who eats it shall ^b bear his iniquity, because ^c he has profaned what is holy to the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from his people.

Punishment for Child Sacrifice

20 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Say to the people of Israel, ^o Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. ³ ^p I myself will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to Molech, to make my sanctuary ^q unclean and ^r to profane my holy name. ⁴ And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech, and do not ^s put him to death, ⁵ then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in ^t whoring after Molech.

⁶ “If ^u a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, ^v I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people. ⁷ ^w Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. ⁸ ^x Keep my statutes and do them; ^y I am the LORD who sanctifies you. ⁹ For ^z anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; ^a his blood is upon him.

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Punishments for Sexual Immorality

¹⁰ “If a ^b man commits adultery with the wife of ^t his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. ¹¹ ^c If a man lies with his father’s wife, he has uncovered his father’s nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. ¹² ^d If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed ^e perversion; their blood is upon them. ¹³ ^f If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. ¹⁴ ^g If a man takes a woman and her mother also, it is depravity; he and they shall be burned with fire, that there may be no depravity among you. ¹⁵ ^h If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. ¹⁶ ^h If a woman approaches any animal and lies with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.

¹⁷ ⁱ “If a man takes his sister, a daughter of his father or a daughter of his mother, and sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace, and they shall be cut off in the sight of the children of their people. He has uncovered his sister’s nakedness, and he shall bear his iniquity. ¹⁸ ^j If a man lies with a woman during her menstrual period and uncovers her nakedness, he has made naked her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood. Both of them shall be cut off from among their people. ¹⁹ ^k You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister or of your father’s sister, for that is to make naked ^l one’s relative; they shall bear their iniquity. ²⁰ ^m If a man lies with his uncle’s wife, he has uncovered his uncle’s nakedness; they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. ²¹ ⁿ If a man takes his brother’s wife, it is impurity. ² He has uncovered his brother’s nakedness; they shall be childless.

We are being refined like G&S

Lead-Silver-Copper Ore





Proverbs 17:3

The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and the Lord tests hearts.

Proverbs 27:21

The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and a man is tested by his praise.

Malachi 3:3

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.

Job 23 – Job responds

- “Behold, I go forward, but he is not there,
and backward, but I do not perceive him;
⁹ on the left hand when he is working, I do not behold him;
he turns to the right hand, but I do not see him.
¹⁰ But he knows the way that I take;
when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.
¹¹ My foot has held fast to his steps;
I have kept his way and have not turned aside.

Isaiah 48:10

Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;
I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.

Zechariah 13:8-9

8 In the whole land, declares the Lord,
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,
and one third shall be left alive.

9 And I will put this third into the fire,
and refine them as one refines silver,
and test them as gold is tested.

They will call upon my name,
and I will answer them.

I will say, 'They are my people';
and they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"

Jeremiah 9:6-8

6 Heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit, they refuse to know me, declares the Lord.

7 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts:

“Behold, I will refine them and test them,
for what else can I do, because of my people?”

Daniel 11:34-36

34 When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery, 35 and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

Daniel 12:9-11

9 He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. 10 Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. 11 And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days.

Daniel 12:9-11

This is “sanctification” or “progressive sanctification”
And ultimately glorification

Does anyone feel the heat?

Removing the dross

2nd Peter 3

8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,^[a] not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies^[b] will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.^[c]

11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, **12** waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! **13** But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

He is no fool
who gives what
he cannot keep
to gain that
which he cannot
lose."

-Jim Elliot



The Articles of the Religion of the Methodist Church (1784, 1808, 2016)

Article X — Of Good Works

Although good works, which are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, cannot put away our sins, and endure the severity of God's judgment; yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and spring out of a true and lively faith, insomuch that by them a lively faith may be as evidently known as a tree is discerned by its fruit.



Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church

Article IX — Justification and Regeneration

We believe we are never accounted righteous before God through our works or merit, but that penitent sinners are justified or accounted righteous before God only by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe regeneration is the renewal of man in righteousness through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, whereby we are made partakers of the divine nature and experience newness of life. By this new birth the believer becomes reconciled to God and is enabled to serve him with the will and the affections.

We believe, although we have experienced regeneration, it is possible to depart from grace and fall into sin; and we may even then, by the grace of God, be renewed in righteousness.

Article X — Good Works

We believe good works are the necessary fruits of faith and follow regeneration but they do not have the virtue to remove our sins or to avert divine judgment. We believe good works, pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, spring from a true and living faith, for through and by them faith is made evident.

1st Samuel 20

- **Samuel's Warning Against Kings**

So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. ¹¹ He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: **he will take** your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ¹² And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ **He will take** your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ **He will take** the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ **He will take** the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶ **He will take** your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men^[a] and your donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ **He will take** the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

The LORD Grants Israel's Request

But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” ²¹ And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. ²² And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

Job 22 - Eliphaz Speaks: Job's Wickedness Is Great

- “Agree with God, and be at peace;
thereby good will come to you.
22 Receive instruction from his mouth,
and lay up his words in your heart.
23 If you return to the Almighty you will be built up;
if you remove injustice far from your tents,
24 if you lay gold in the dust,
and gold of Ophir among the stones of the torrent-bed,
25 then the Almighty will be your gold
and your precious silver.
26 For then you will delight yourself in the Almighty
and lift up your face to God.
27 You will make your prayer to him, and he will hear you,
and you will pay your vows.
28 You will decide on a matter, and it will be established for you,
and light will shine on your ways.

