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Hope Community Church

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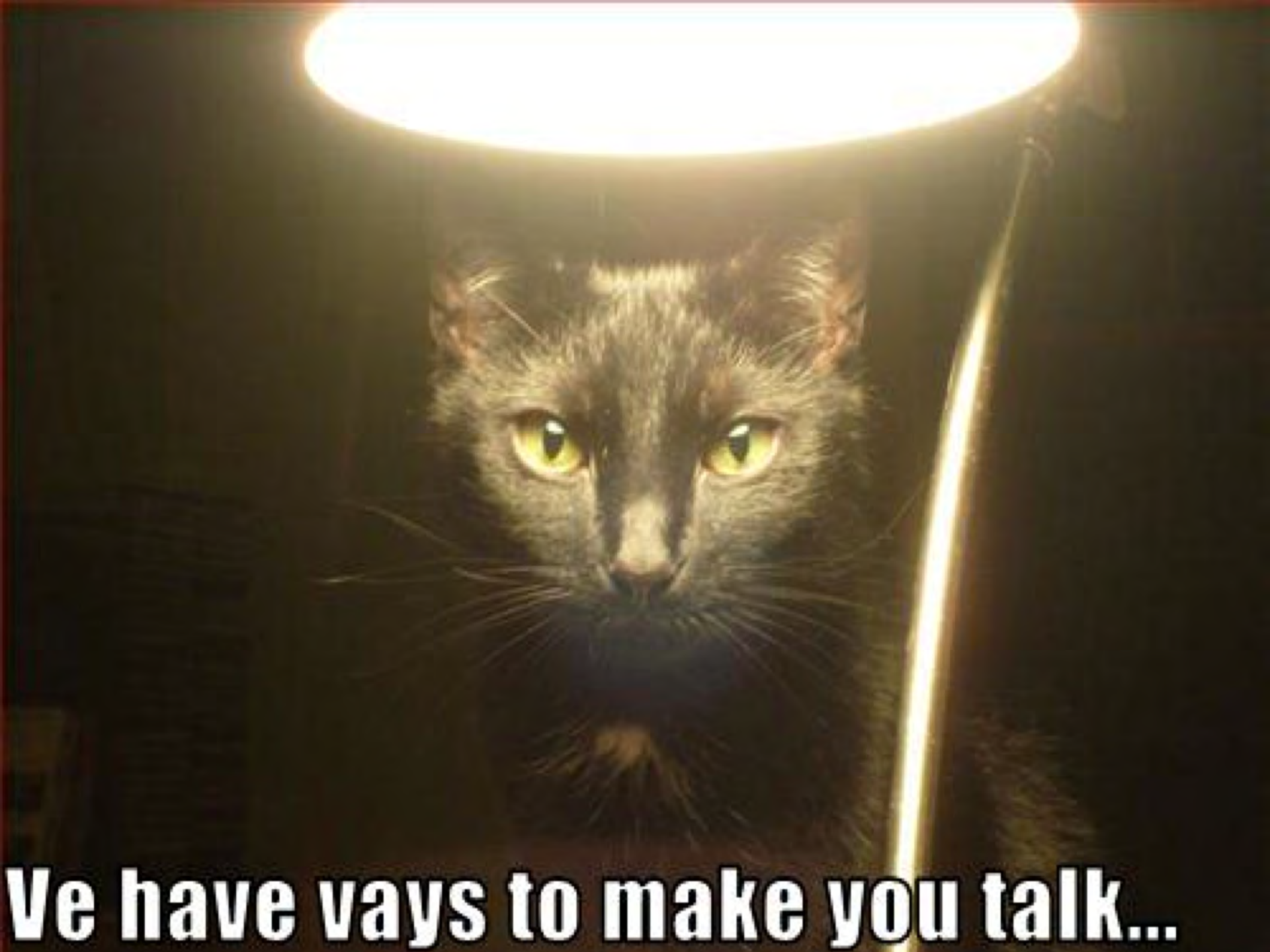
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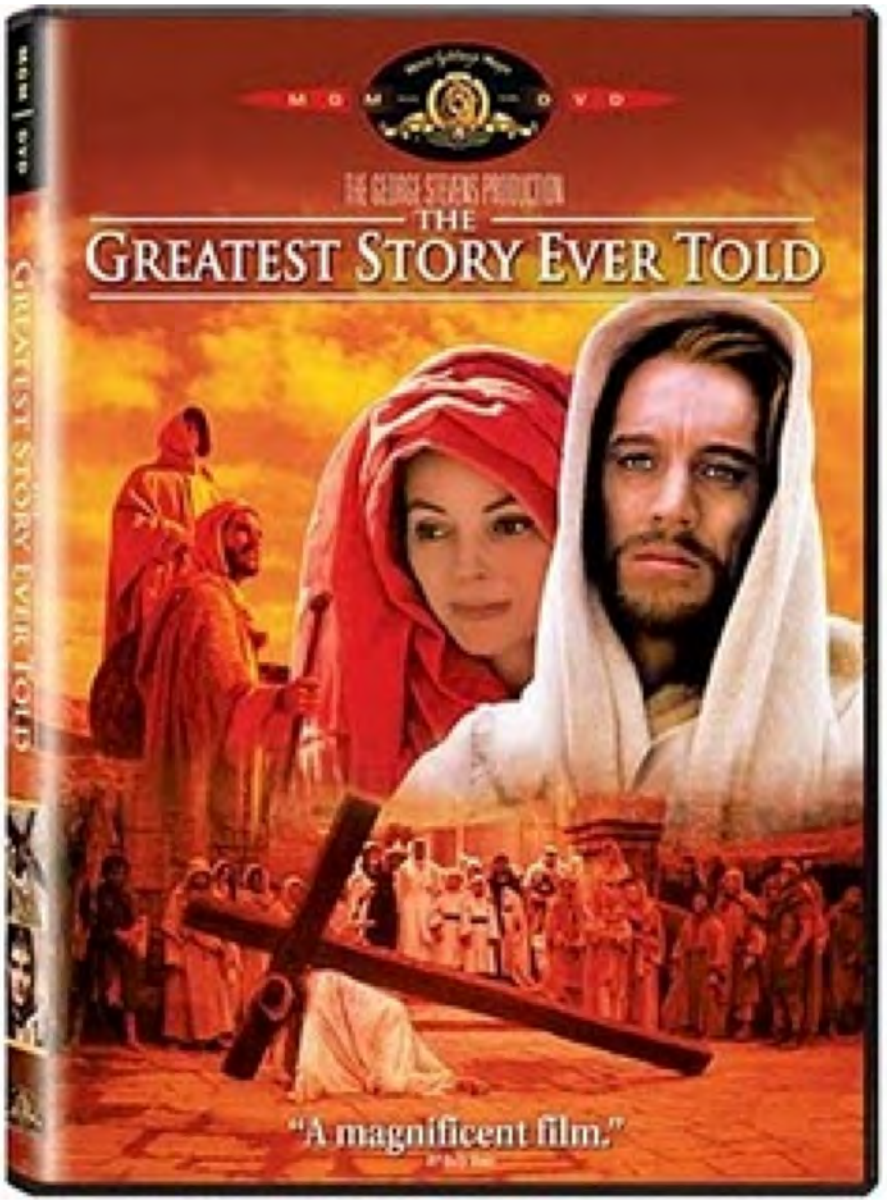
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JERRY BRIDGES

Hope Community Church is….

a dream of a church where God is honored as we learn to trust, rely and hope in Him as the only One who satisfies our deepest longings.

It is a dream of a place where people from all walks of life come into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ, being loved, accepted and valued from the very moment they cross our path.

It is a dream of a place in which all the caricatures of Christianity are broken down and removed in order for non-Christians and Christians alike to grow in a non-threatening environment—a place where seeking the answers to tough, real-life questions is encouraged.

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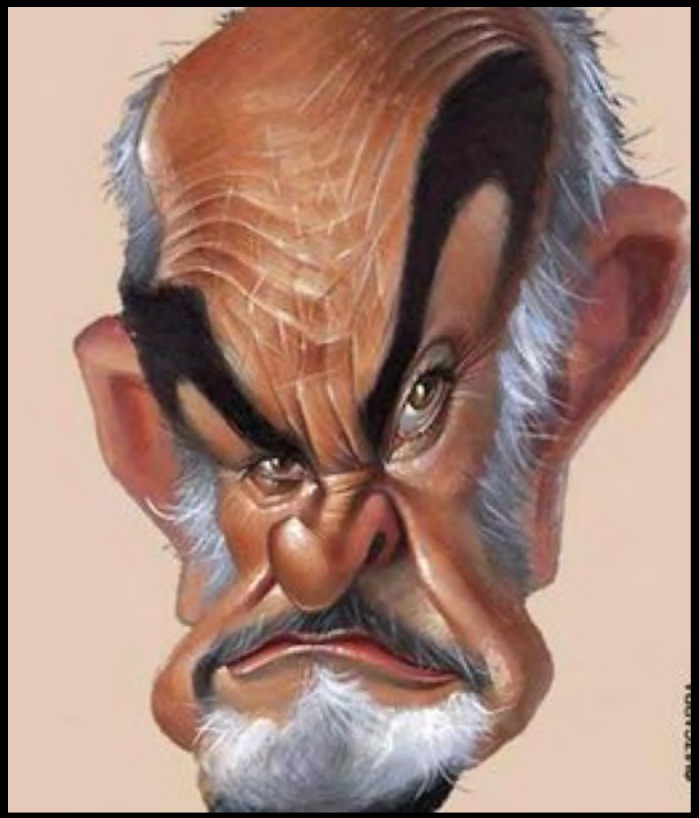

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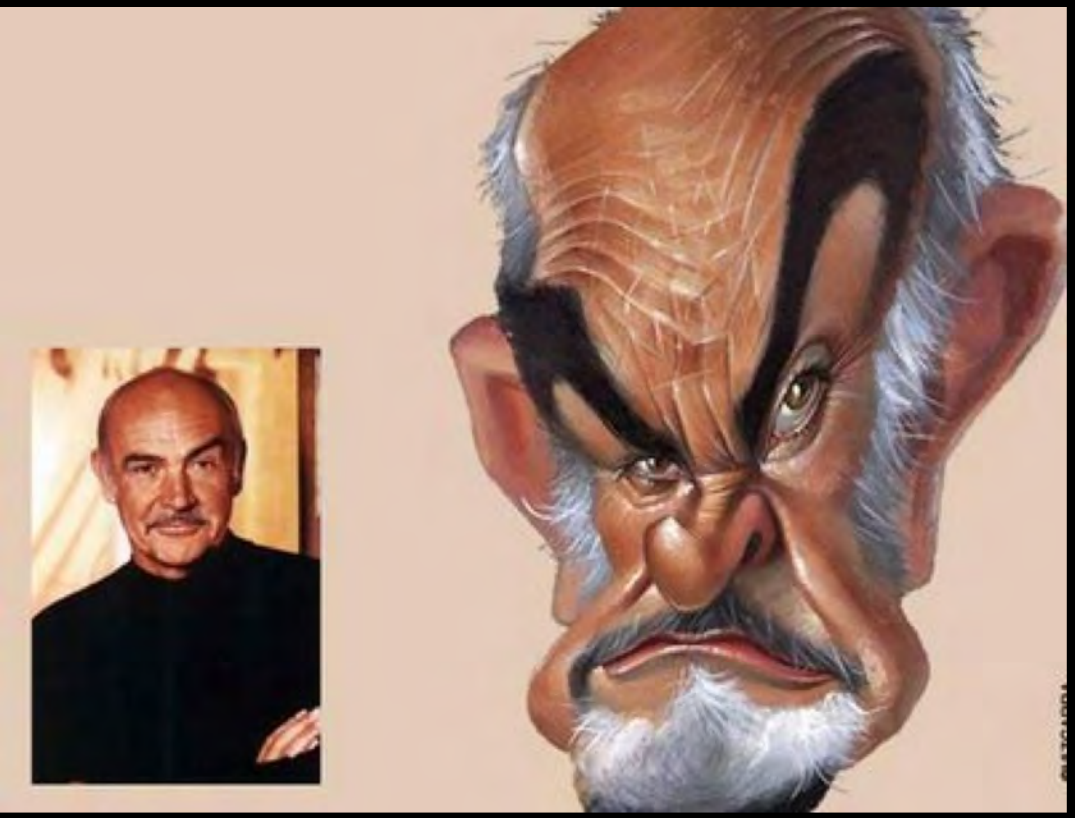

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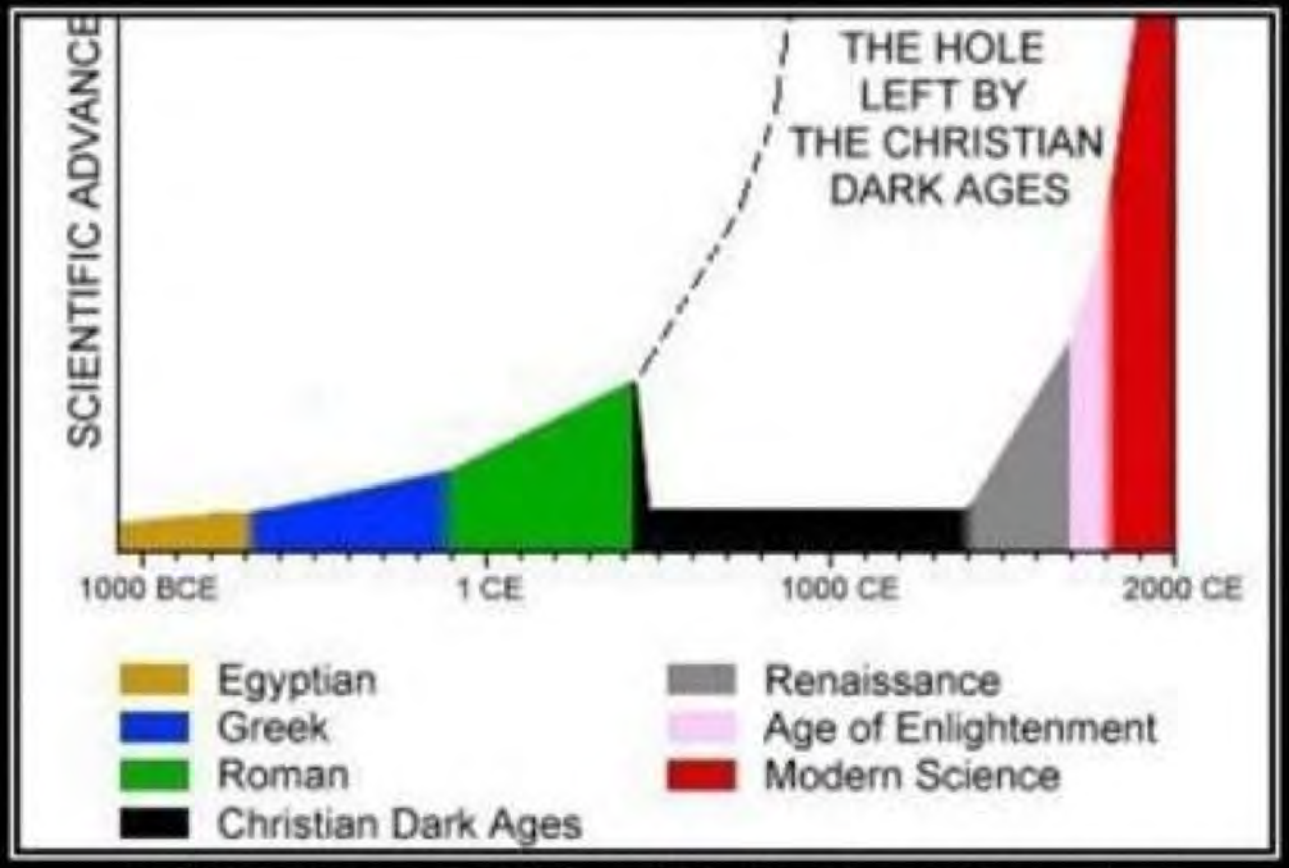
CHRISTIANITY:

The belief that some cosmic Jewish Zombie can make you live forever if you symbolically eat his flesh and telepathically tell him that you accept him as your master, so he can remove an evil force from your soul that is present in humanity because a rib-woman was convinced by a talking snake to eat from a magical tree.

Makes perfect sense.

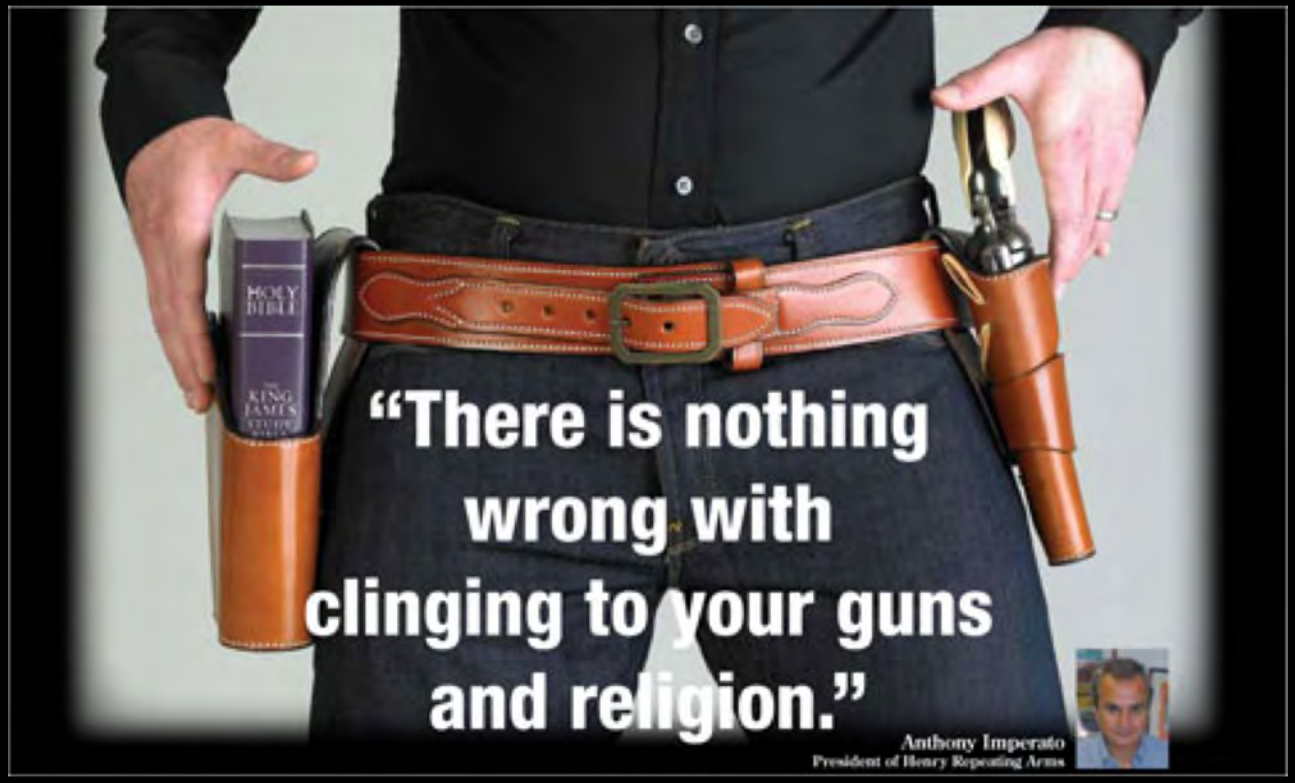


CHRISTIANITY

Just think, we could have been exploring the galaxy by now.

I'm going to create man and woman with original sin. Then I'm going to impregnate a woman with myself as her child, so that I can be born. Once alive, I will kill myself as a sacrifice to myself. To save you from the sin I originally condemned you to.

Ta dah!!!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What is the **real essence** *of Christianity*?

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THE GOSPEL!

What then, is The Gospel?

Gathered from Dr. Ed Stetzer

"Through the person and work of Jesus Christ, God fully accomplishes salvation for us, rescuing us from judgment for sin into fellowship with him, and then restores the creation in which we can enjoy our new life together with him forever."

Tim Keller

http://www.christianitytoday.com/le/2008/spring/9.74.html?start=2

- “The gospel is the royal announcement that the crucified and risen Jesus, who died for our sins and rose again according to the Scriptures, has been enthroned as the true Lord of the world. When this gospel is preached, God calls people to salvation, out of sheer grace, leading them to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as the risen Lord.”
- – Christianity Today, June 2009

N.T. Wright

- "The gospel is the proclamation of Jesus, in [two] senses. It is the proclamation announced by Jesus – the arrival of God's realm of possibility (his "kingdom") in the midst of human structures of possibility. But it is also the proclamation about Jesus – the good news that in dying and rising, Jesus has made the kingdom he proclaimed available to us."
- Andy Crouch, *Culture Making*, page 146

Andy Crouch

Rob Bell

"I would say that history is headed somewhere. The thousands of little ways in which you are tempted to believe that hope might actually be a legitimate response to the insanity of the world actually can be trusted. And the Christian story is that a tomb is empty, and a movement has actually begun that has been present in a sense all along in creation. And all those times when your cynicism was at odds with an impulse within you that said that this little thing might be about something bigger—those tiny little slivers may in fact be connected to something really, really big."

- Rob Bell, Christianity Today article when asked what he would Tweet about "The Gospel"

"The 'gospel' is the good news that through Jesus, the Messiah, the power of God's kingdom has entered history to renew the whole world. Through the Savior God has established his reign. When we believe and rely on Jesus' work and record (rather than ours) for our relationship to God, that kingdom power comes upon us and begins to work through us. We witness this radical new way of living by our renewed lives, beautiful community, social justice, and cultural transformation. The good news brings new life. The gospel motivates, guides, and empowers every aspect of our living and worship."

Deep Church: A Third Way Beyond Emerging and Traditional

Jim Belcher

"Here's the gospel in a phrase. Because Christ died for us, those who trust in him may know that their guilt has been pardoned once and for all. What will we have to say before the bar of God's judgment? Only one thing. Christ died in my place. That's the gospel."

Allister Begg, from *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Allister Begg

"The term has recently been translated as 'good news.' That sounds attractive, but it falls far short of the order of magnitude of what is actually meant by the word evangelion. This term figures in the vocabulary of the Roman emperors, who understood themselves as lords, saviors, and redeemers of the world…. The idea was that what comes from the emperor is a saving message, that it is not just a piece of news, but a changing of the world for the better. "When the Evangelists adopt this word, and it thereby becomes the generic name for their writings, what they mean to tell us is this: What the emperors, who pretend to be gods, illegitimately claim, really occurs here – a message endowed with plenary authority, a message that is not just talk but reality…. the Gospel is not just informative speech, but performative speech – not just the imparting of information, but action, efficacious power that enters into the world to save and transform. Mark speaks of the 'Gospel of God,' the point being that it is not the emperors who can save the world, but God. And it is here that God's word, which is at once word and deed, appears; it is here that what the emperors merely assert, but cannot actually perform, truly takes place. For here it is the real Lord of the world – the Living God – who goes into action.

"The core of the Gospel is this: The Kingdom of God is at hand."

- - Pope Benedict XVI, from *Jesus of Nazareth*, pgs. 46-47.

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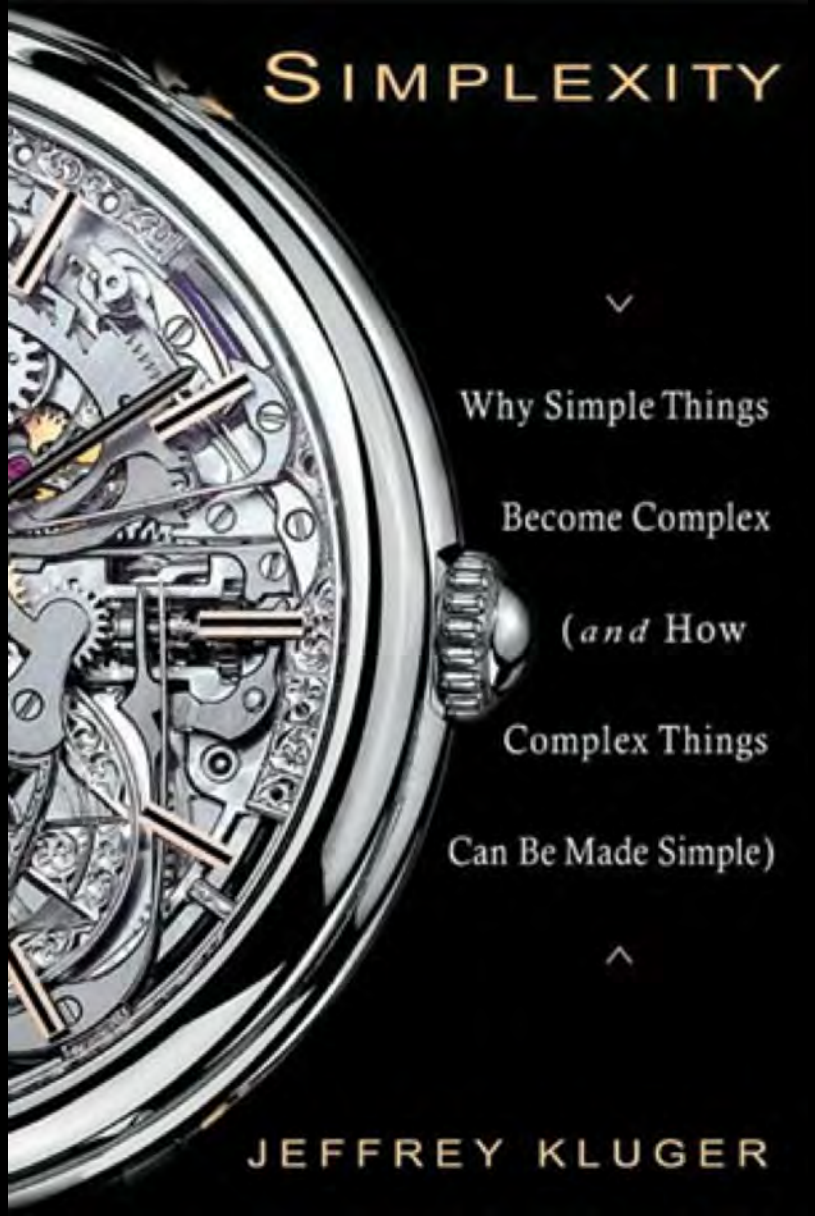
SIMPLEXITY
Why Simple Things
Become Complex
(and How
Complex Things
Can Be Made Simple)
JEFFREY KLUGER

The Raw Gospel

Preaching the Gospel to yourself!

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

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Gospel = "Good News"

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

Psalm 19:7-11

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
9 The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.
The ordinances of the Lord are sure
and altogether righteous.

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

Psalm 19:7-11

10 They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the comb.
11 By them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of
life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,
11 persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things
happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the
persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from
all of them. 12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly
life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evil men
and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and
being deceived.

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and
have become convinced of, because you know those
from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you
have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make
you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for
teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in
righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be
thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

[1]In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will
judge the living and the dead, and in view of his
appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:
[2]Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of
season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great
patience and careful instruction.

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

3For the time will come when men will not put up with
sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they
will gather around them a great number of teachers to
say what their itching ears want to hear. 4They will turn
their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.
5But you, keep your head in all situations, endure
hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the
duties of your ministry.

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

Mark 1:1

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ,
the Son of God.

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Matthew 4:23

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

Matthew 9:35

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

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Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

Romans 1:14-17

14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to
the wise and the foolish. 15 That is why I am so eager to
preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome. 16 I am
not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of
God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for
the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel a
righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that
is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The
righteous will live by faith.

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those
who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the
minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of
the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of
God.

Finding the Gospel in the Bible

Jude 1:3

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

Application

Will you be a gospel person?