

Message Notes

Jesus vs Religion - Round Two

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "Pow! Bam!! Wham!!!"

Recap of Round One

Today's Message:
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The Danger of Being "Right"
Luke 11:45-54

Are you including us in that?

Luke 11:45

Who were the Scribes?

Yup

Luke 11:46-53

1. *Woe #4 - Loading up on people (POW!!)*
2. *Woe #5 - A long line of rejecters (BAM!!)*
3. *Woe #6 - You actually take AWAY knowledge (WHAM!!)*

The Danger of Being "Right"

Modernity vs Postmodernity

Two Passes at a Flower

Gospel Application - *"Do you love being 'right'?"*

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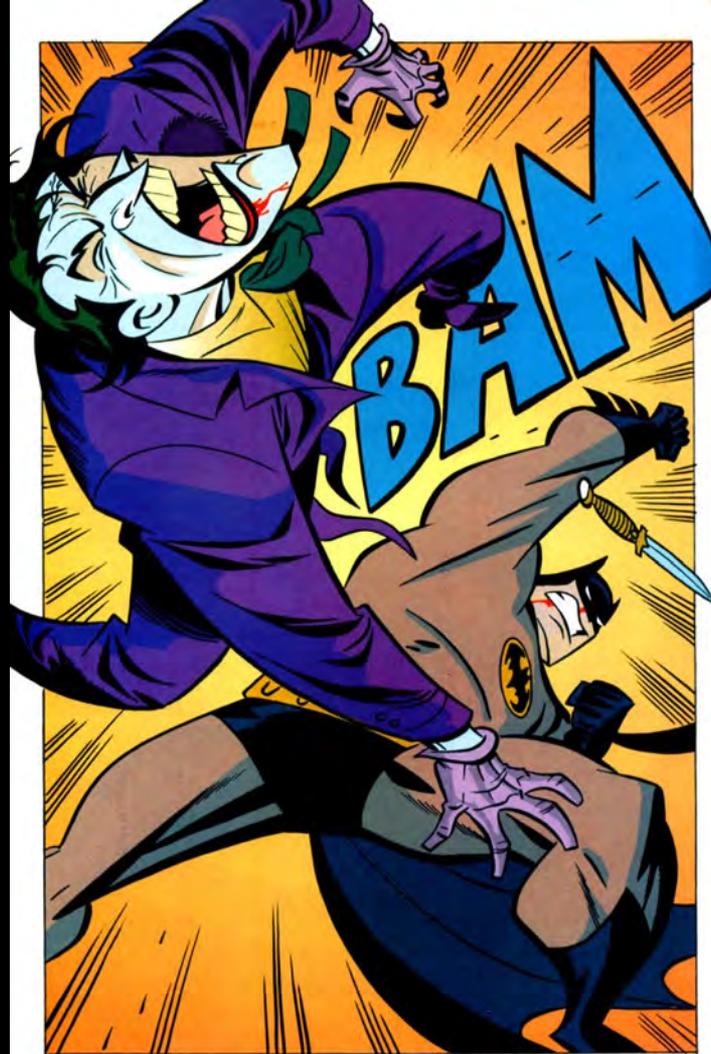
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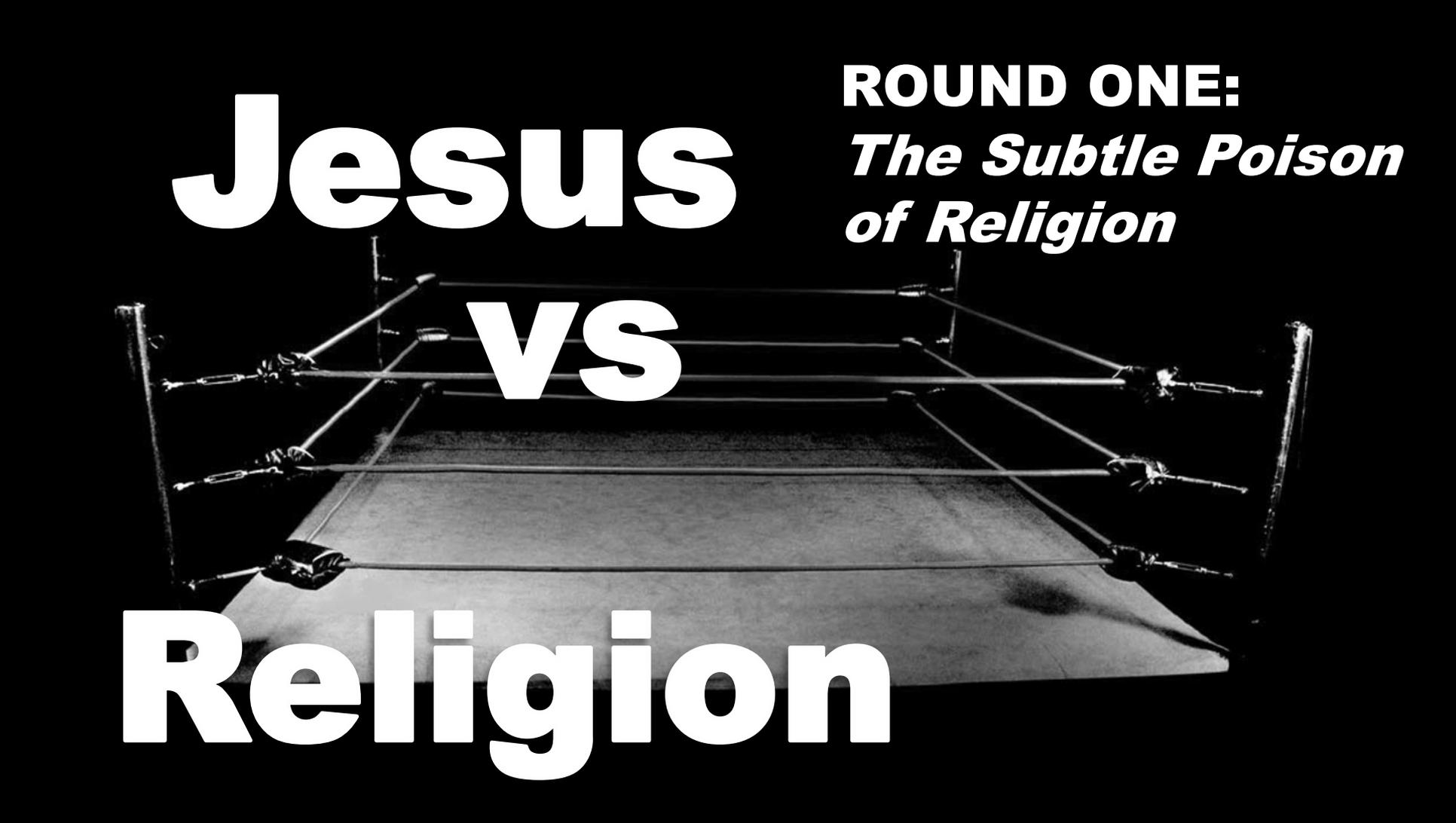
Setting His Face to Jerusalem
Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:44

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ROUND ONE:

*The Subtle Poison
of Religion*

The Invitation – Luke 11:37

Luke 11:37-44

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The Underlying Problem

Luke 11:39-41

³⁹Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also?

⁴¹But now as for what is inside you – be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.

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Woe #1 – Forests and Trees (POW!!)

Luke 11:42

⁴²“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

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Woe #2 – Important Seats (BAM!!)

Luke 11:37-44

⁴³“Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.

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Woe #3 – Unmarked Graves (WHAM!!)

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⁴⁴“Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it.”

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than Jesus in his own eyes?**

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His Religion!

Treichler's Definition of Religion:

a set of beliefs and actions that when believed and performed make a person right with God.

The absence of belief and action, proves to a person and others that this person is not right with God.

Treichler's Definition of Religion:

Religion operates on the principle of "I obey -- therefore I am accepted by God." The basic operating principle of the gospel is "I am accepted by God through the work of Jesus Christ -- therefore I obey."

WAYS TO RESPOND TO GOD

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WAY #1

- Don't want God
- Being Immoral
- Running from God
- Shows up in all kinds of bad stuff

WAY #2

- Want God
- Human effort
- Trying very hard
- Using Religion and behavior to be "better" than others who don't seek God

WAY #3

- Wanting God
- Acknowledge helplessness & hopelessness of sin
- Trust Jesus ALONE

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The teachers of the law (= scribes = lawyers) were the antecedents to the later Jewish rabbis, and those of Pharisaic persuasion (cf. Luke 5:30; the majority were of Pharisaic persuasion) constituted a leadership group within the Pharisaic movement. The teachers of the law had a significant place in the political power structure of Judea (note their involvement alongside the chief priests in the events of the final days in Jerusalem [19:47; 20:1, 19; 22:2, 66; 23:10]). The teachers of the law functioned both as scholars of the law and teachers, and also had a role in the administration of justice.



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The Pharisees were *religionists*, members of a religious party that enforced the legal code. The lawyers, scribes, or experts in the Law (the three terms are interchangeable) were the *codifiers* of the Law, the people who built hedges around it by encrusting it with myriads of extra regulations. Jesus' woes to the Pharisees were swipes at their hypocritical religious practices, whereas the woes that fell on the lawyers had to do with the way they abused the Torah, God's Word. The lawyers ladened the people with laws manufactured from the sacred text and designed to provide a protective crust for the Law. Eventually this crust became no less than 6,000 laws — a smothering incrustation!

For example, one of the thirty-nine categories forbade the carrying of burdens on the Sabbath and hedged it with minute prohibitions for every occasion. This section declared that anything equal to or heavier than a dried fig was a burden. So it was permissible to carry something that weighed less than a dried fig on the Sabbath. But if one inadvertently put it down and then picked it up, he would be counted as doubling the weight and thus breaking the Sabbath!

On the Sabbath if a man carries a burden:

in his right hand or in his left hand, in his bosom or on his shoulder, he is culpable; for this last was the manner of carrying of the sons of Kohath. If [he took it out] on the back of his hand or with his foot or with his mouth or with his elbow, or in his ear or in his hair or in his wallet [carried] mouth downwards, or between his wallet and his shirt, or in the hem of his shirt, or in his shoe or in his sandal, he is not culpable since he has not taken it out after the fashion of them that take out [a burden]. (*M. Shabbath 10:3*)

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They killed the prophets:
you make sure they stay dead.

~ T. W. Manson, *Sayings*, p. 101

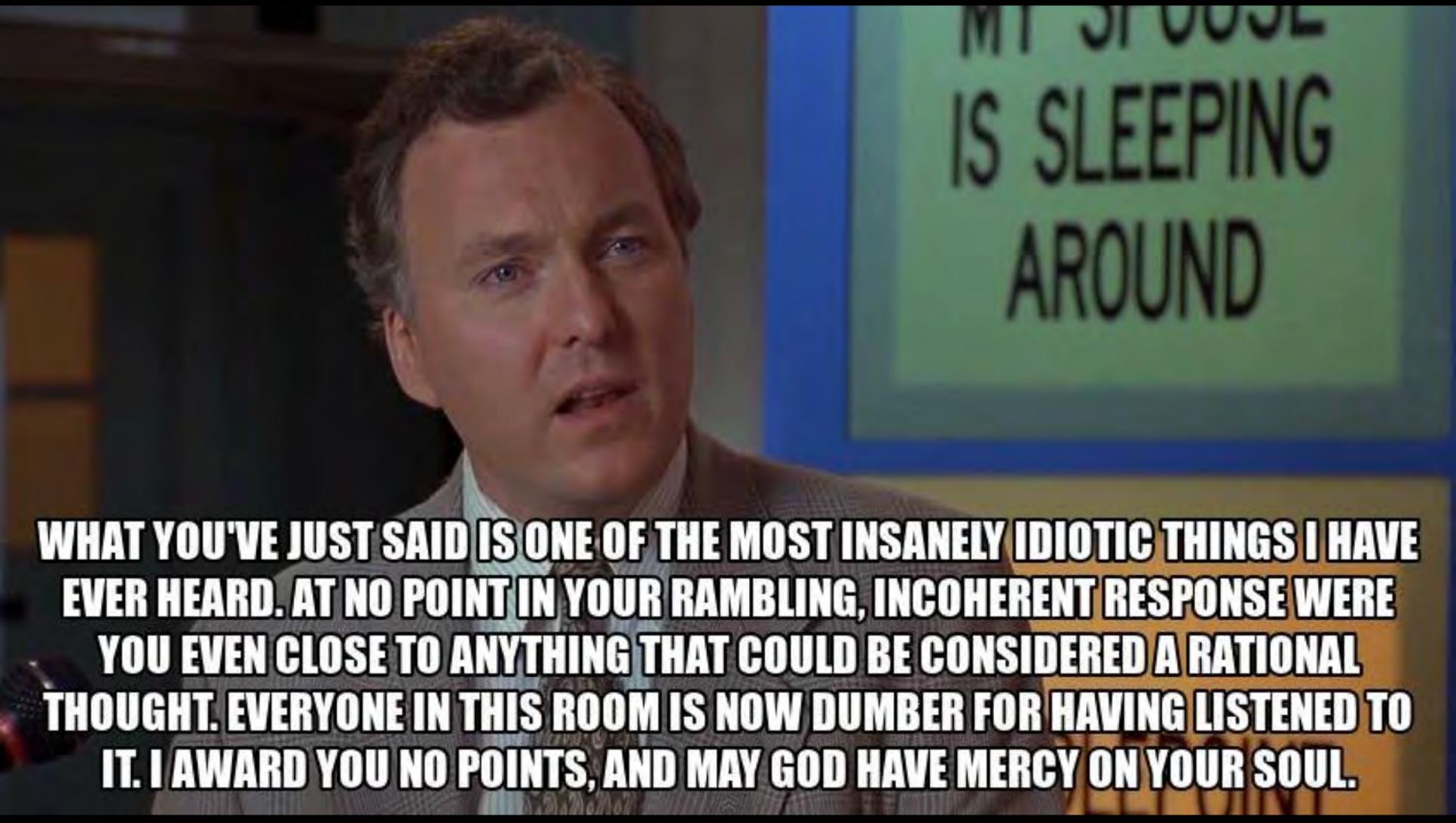
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A man with short brown hair, wearing a grey suit jacket, white shirt, and patterned tie, is shown from the chest up. He has a serious, slightly exasperated expression. In the background, there is a green sign with black text that reads "MY SPOUSE IS SLEEPING AROUND".

MY SPOUSE
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AROUND

WHAT YOU'VE JUST SAID IS ONE OF THE MOST INSANELY IDIOTIC THINGS I HAVE EVER HEARD. AT NO POINT IN YOUR RAMBLING, INCOHERENT RESPONSE WERE YOU EVEN CLOSE TO ANYTHING THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED A RATIONAL THOUGHT. EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM IS NOW DUMBER FOR HAVING LISTENED TO IT. I AWARD YOU NO POINTS, AND MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOUL.

The Bible is like a love-letter ... and should be read in the same way. If the letter is written in a foreign language, the lover will need to decipher it with the aid of a dictionary, but he will regard the toil of translation as an irritating delay to the reading of the letter, a necessary evil, and he will certainly not imagine that he is reading the letter while he is still translating it. Therefore, "If thou art a learned man, then take care lest with all thy erudite reading thou forgettest perchance to read God's Word."

~ Karl Barth, as quoted in R. Kent Hughs, *Luke Volume 2*, p. 35

The Plot Thickens... Luke 11:53-54

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Back to the Problem: Freeze Frame on The Scribe's reaction



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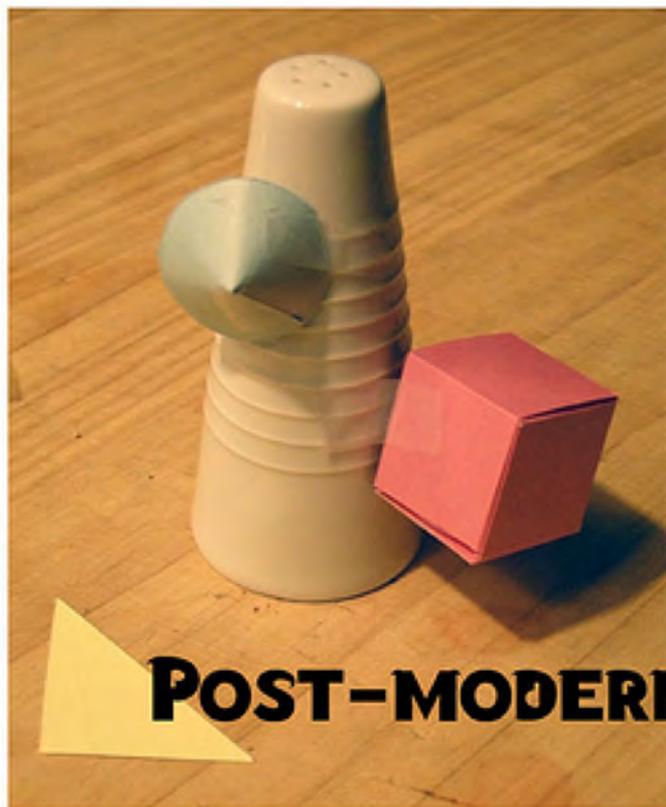
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The Danger of Being “Right”





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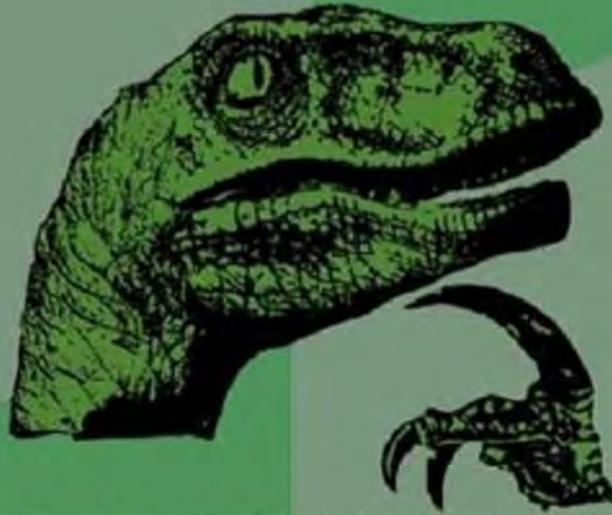
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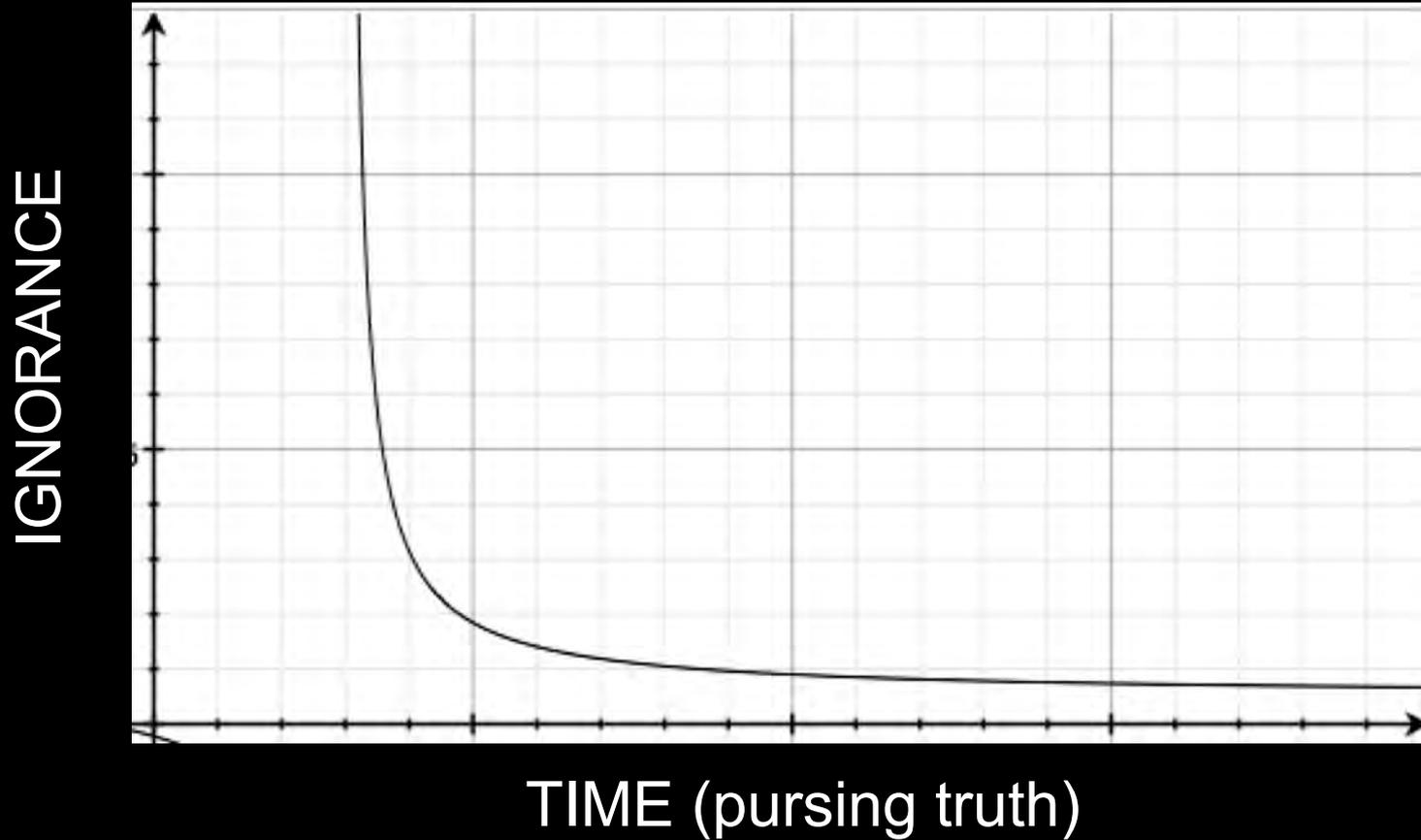
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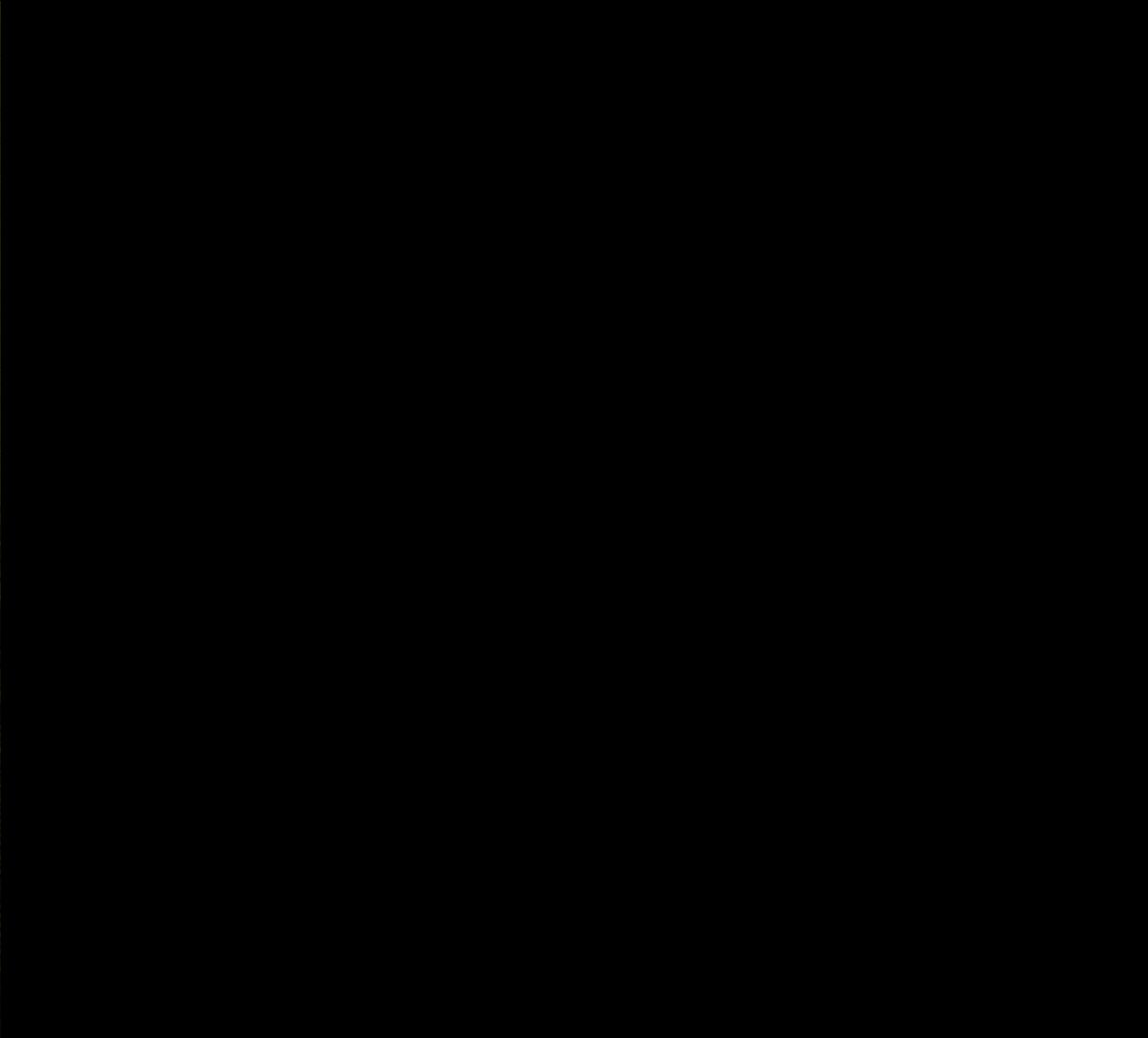
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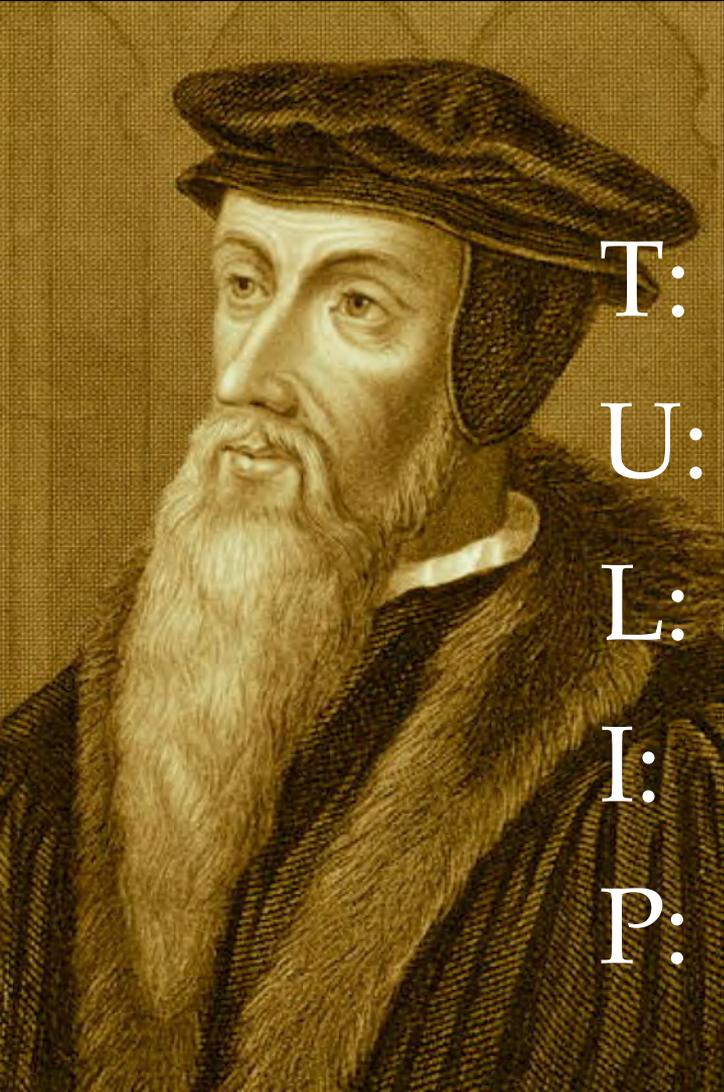


**WHY ARE THEY ALWAYS SO ABSOLUTELY
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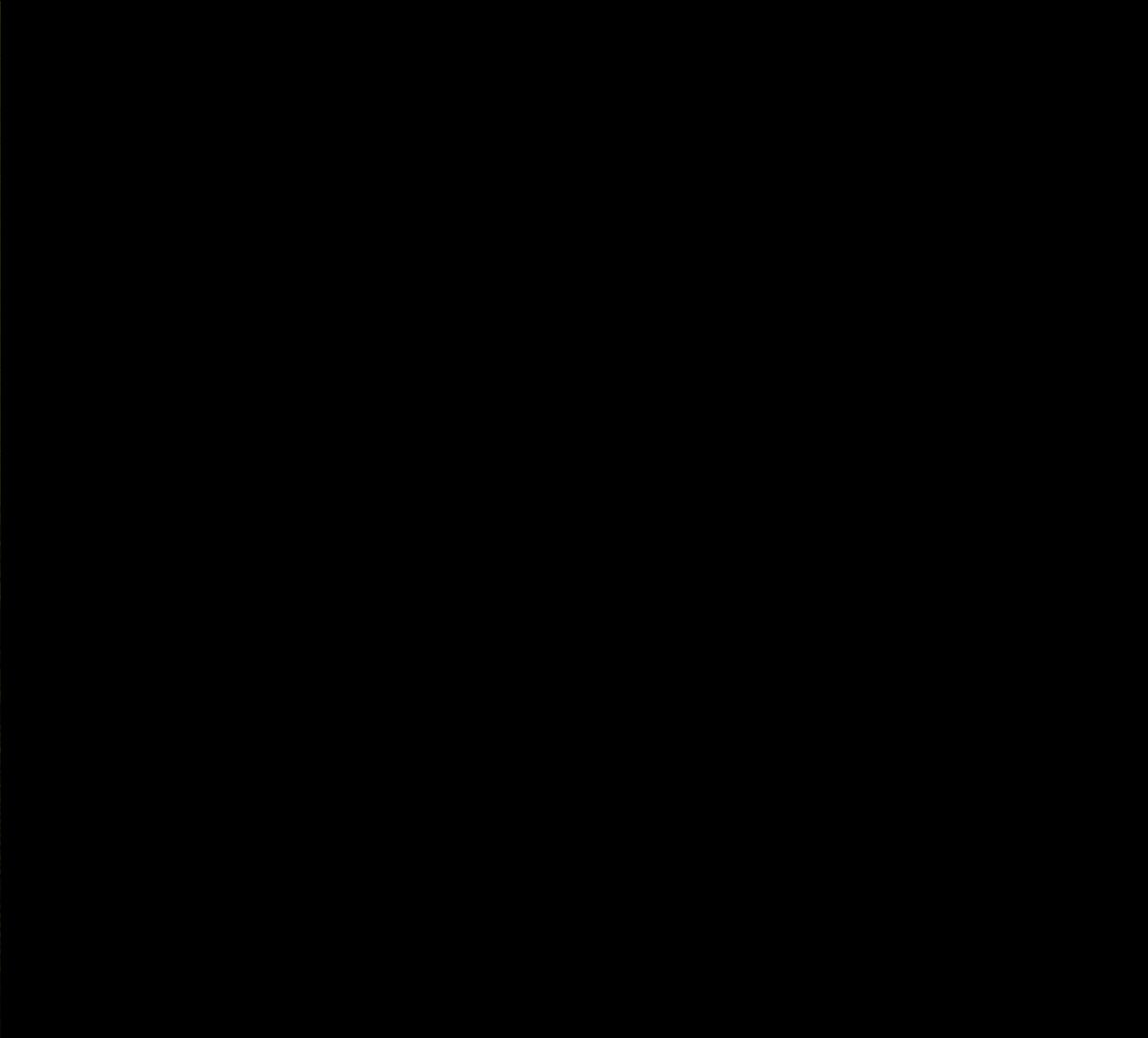
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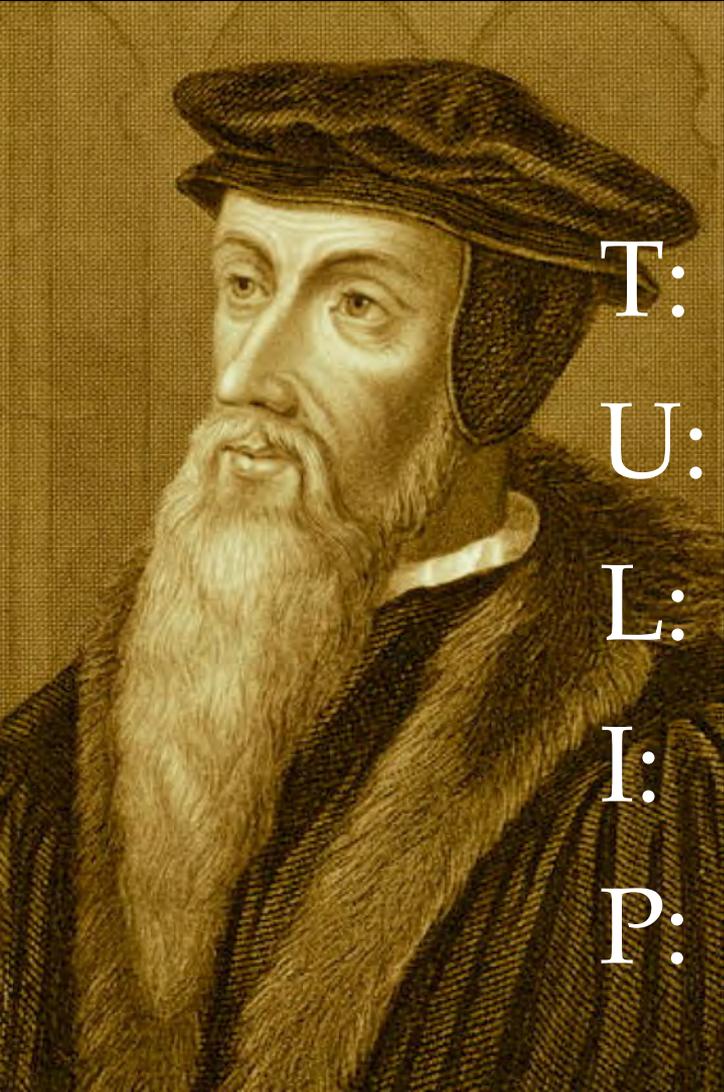






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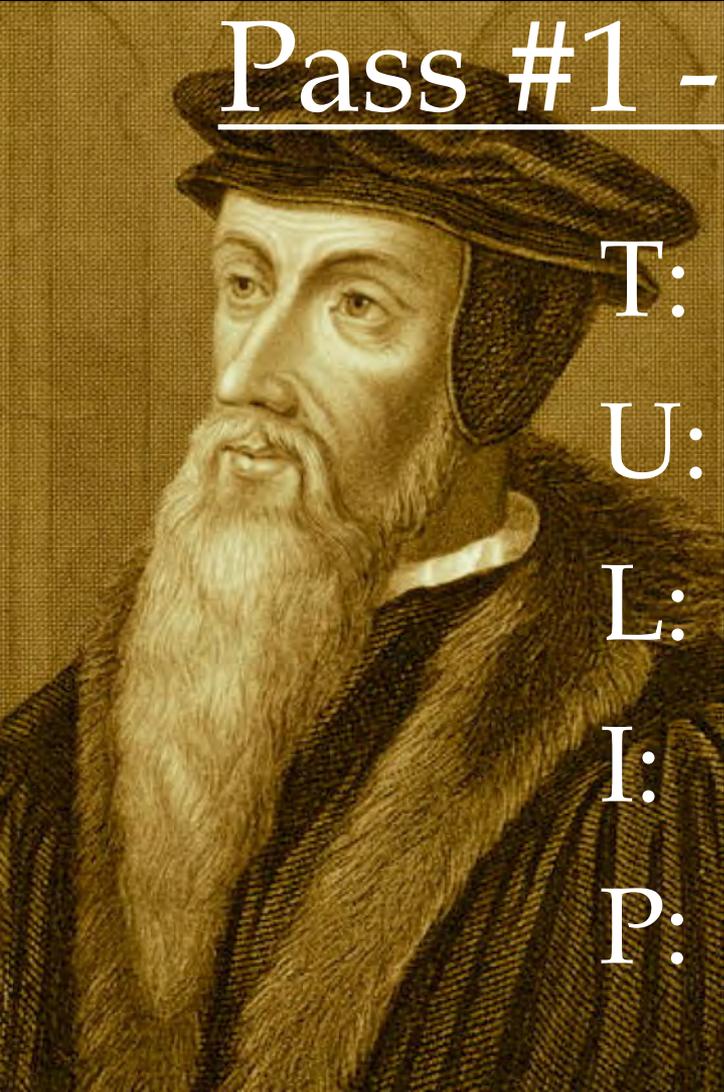
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Two Passes
at giving a flower

Pass #1 - Truth w/o Love



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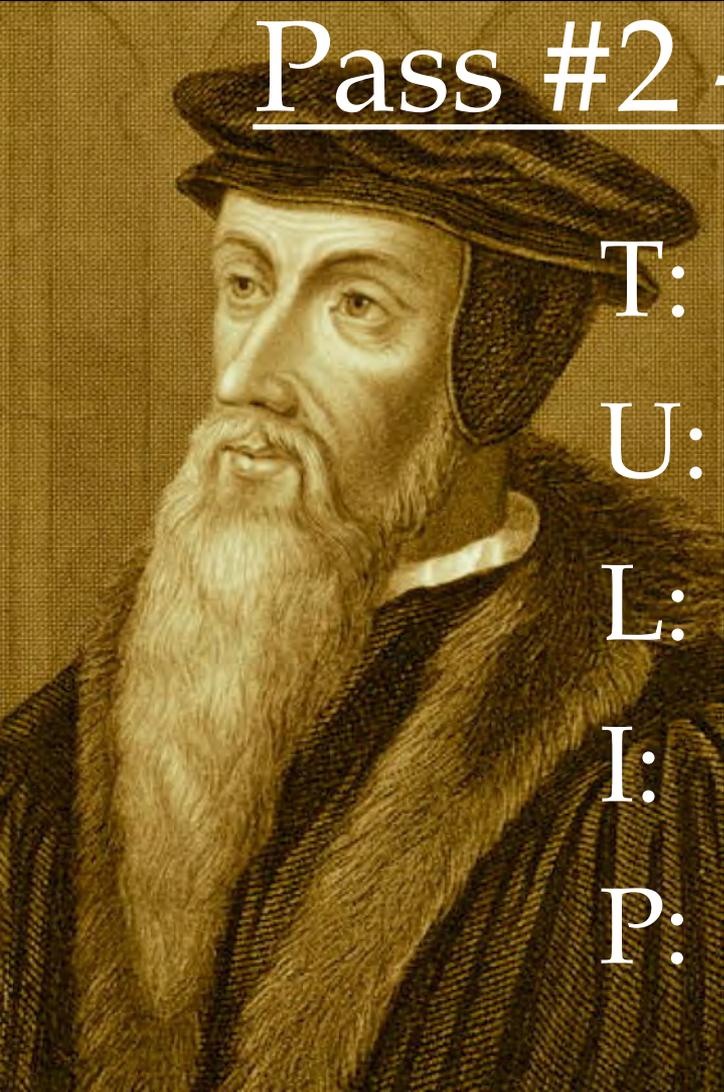
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I was walking across a bridge the other day, and I saw a man standing on the edge, about to jump off. So I ran over and said

“Stop! don't do it!”

“Why shouldn't I?” he said.

I said, “Well, there's so much to live for!”

He said, “Like what?”

I said, “Well...are you religious or atheist?”

He said, “Religious.”

The greatest religious joke ever told!

I said, "Me too! Are you Christian or Buddhist?"

He said, "Christian."

I said, "Me too! Are you Catholic or Protestant?"

He said, "Protestant."

I said, "Me too! Are you Episcopalian or Baptist?"

He said, "Baptist!"

I said, "Wow! Me too! Are you Baptist Church of God
or Baptist Church of the Lord?"

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He said, "Baptist Church of God!"

I said, "Me too! Are you original Baptist Church of God, or are you Reformed Baptist Church of God?"

He said, "Reformed Baptist Church of God!"

I said, "Me too! Are you Reformed Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1879, or Reformed Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1915?"

He said, "Reformed Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1915!"

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I said, “Die, heretic scum”,
and pushed him off.

~ Emo Phillips

TRUST ME



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