

Indicators of worldly conformity in today's churches

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Is it right to be silent about error?

“And have **no fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **reprove** them.” (Ephesians 5:11)

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3)

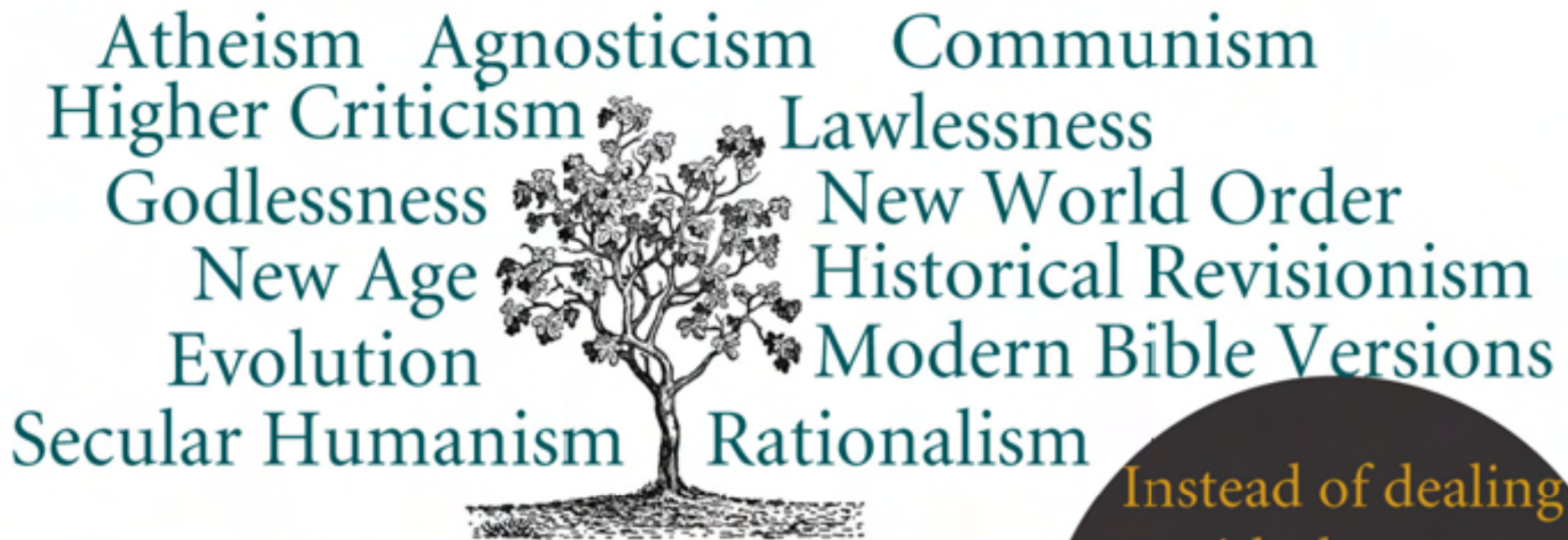
See also Matthew 7:24-27.

Cracked foundation of error



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“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.” (Acts 20:29-31)



Lies: The spirit of error
TREE OF INFIDELITY

Instead of dealing
with the root,
many try to deal
with the fruit

“a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit” (Matthew 7:17b)

What standards should Christians have?

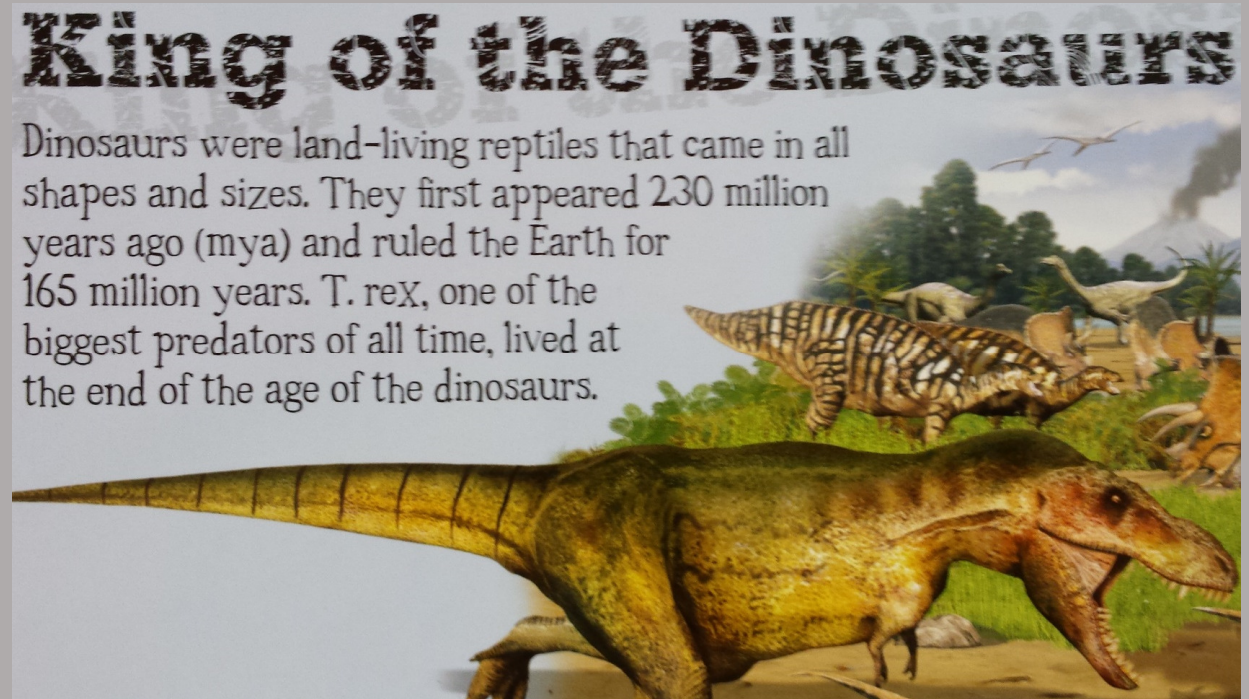
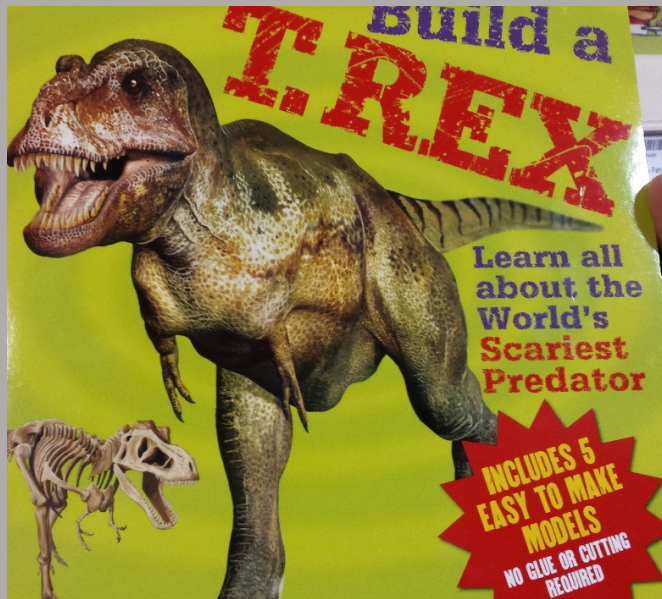
“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”

(Psalm 1:1)

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And **be not conformed to this world**: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” (Romans 12:1,2 & 3:19)

Pushing and teaching evolution

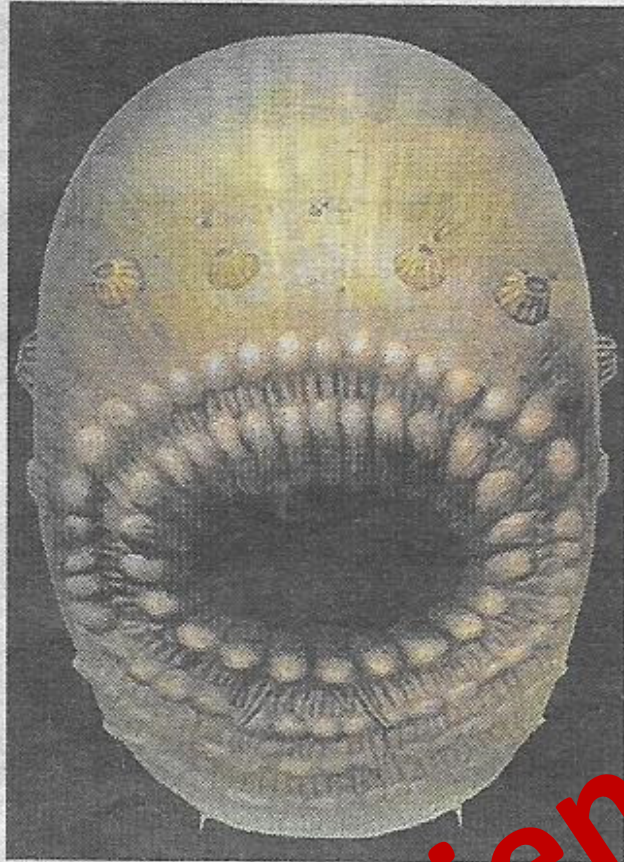
The world is against: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)



Pushing and teaching evolution

The world is against: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” (Genesis 1:27)





Saccorhytus coronarius

SURE, ITS MOTHER LOVED IT

SCIENTISTS have discovered our oldest known ancestor — but it has a face that, it is fair to say, you would not wish to see in your family album.

Believed to be the earliest prehistoric human ancestor, it is a microscopic flag-like sea creature which lived about 400 million years ago.

Named Saccorhytus coronarius, after a crown-like features created by its elliptical body and large mouth, it's new to science.

It is thought to be the most primitive example yet found of a so-called deuterostome, a category including humans and other vertebrates.

This means the creature is likely to be the common ancestor of a huge range of species, including all animals with backbones.

The creature was just a millimetre in size, and lived in grains of sand on the seabed, according to new the journal *Nature*.

Teaching anti-God things to children

“But whoso shall offend one of *these little ones which believe in me*, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. ... Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 18:6,10)

Teaching anti-God things to children

Acceptance of witchcraft is against:
“For rebellion is as the sin of
witchcraft” (1 Samuel 15:23a)



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Which Witch? The Wicked Witch!

Free

Multiple Times

Multiple Locations

Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble...make a witchy potion, listen to our favourite witchy stories and make your very own witchy mask to take home. **Ages 5+**

Geelong Library and Heritage Centre Friday, 20 January 2017

Teaching anti-God things to children

The world* is against: “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour” (Ephesians 4:28a)

*Note that even a local Geelong church had for their Kid’s Club a “Pirates Ahoy” session!

**HOW PIRATE
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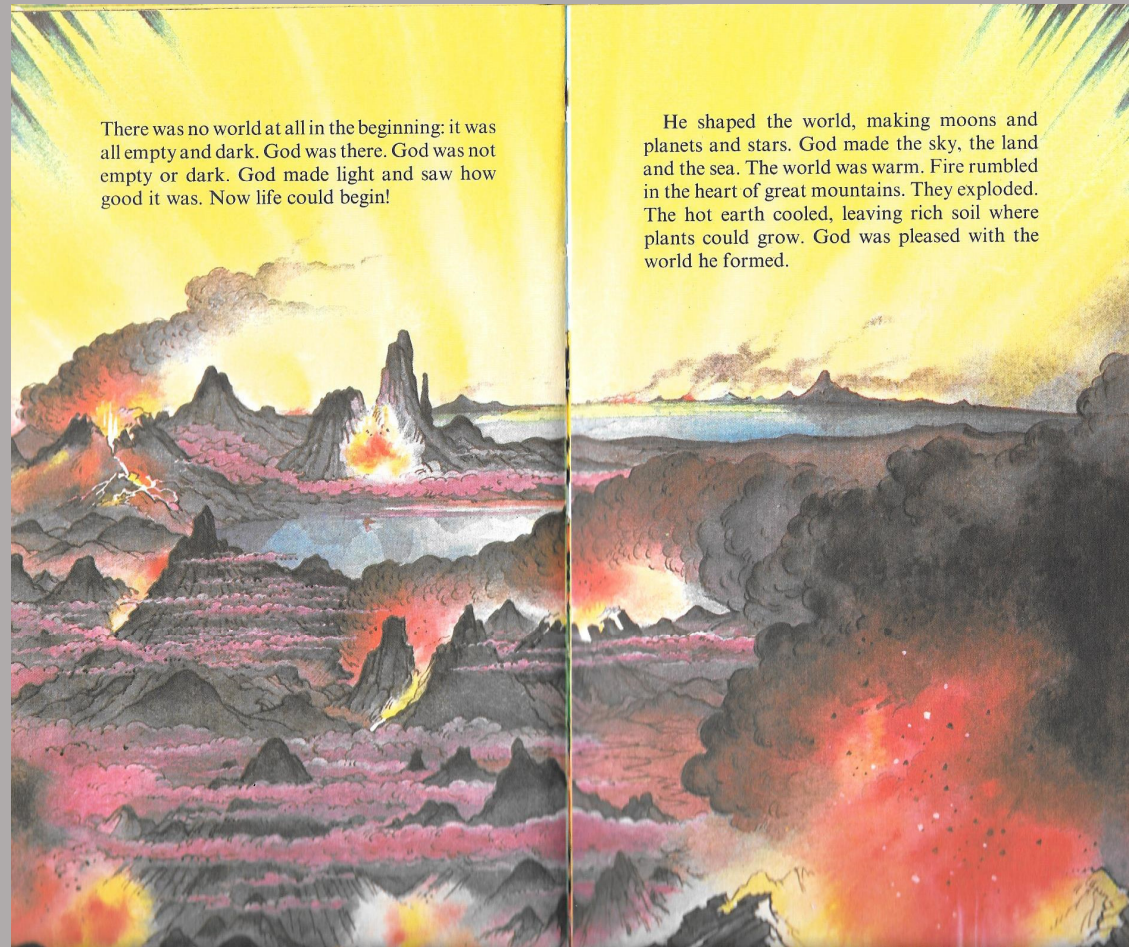
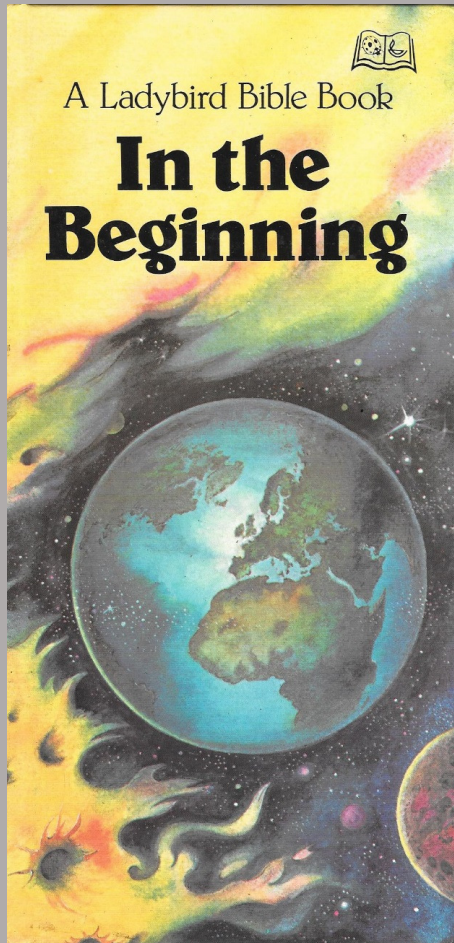
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The banner features a central illustration of a pirate skull with a black eye patch, a green parrot perched on a crossbones, and a pirate hat. The background is orange with radiating lines. Logos for Scholastic and the National Wool Museum are visible.

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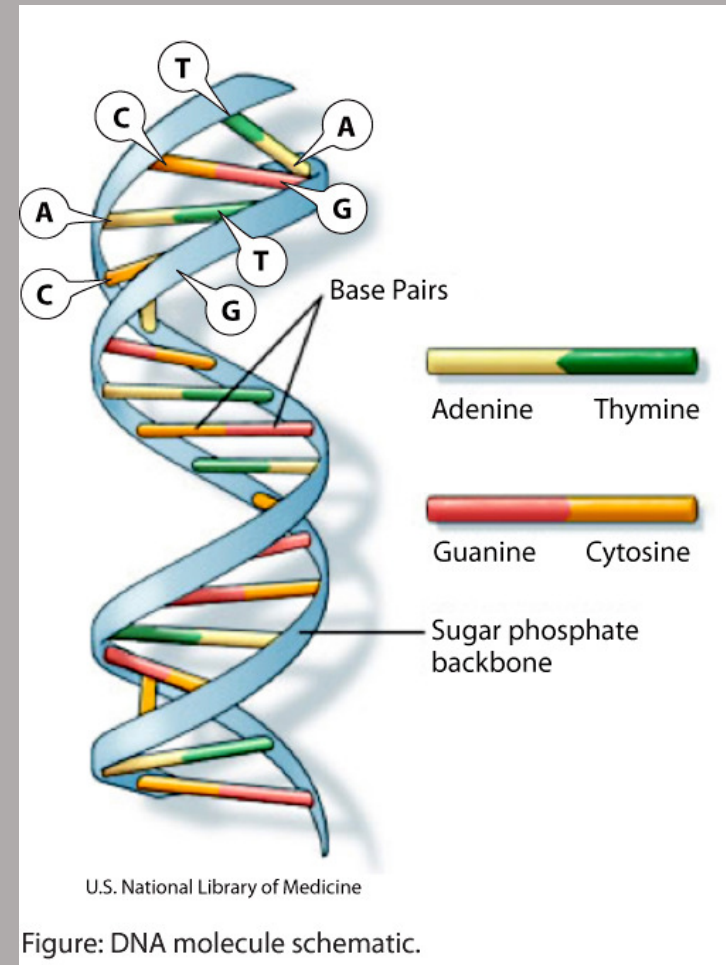
“For every house is builded by some man; but he that **built all things** is God.” (Hebrews 3:4)

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made” (Romans 1:20a)

“For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.” (Isaiah 45:18)

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“Deoxyribonucleic acid [DNA] is a molecule that carries the genetic instructions used in the growth, development, functioning and reproduction of all known living organisms and many viruses.” (Wikipedia)



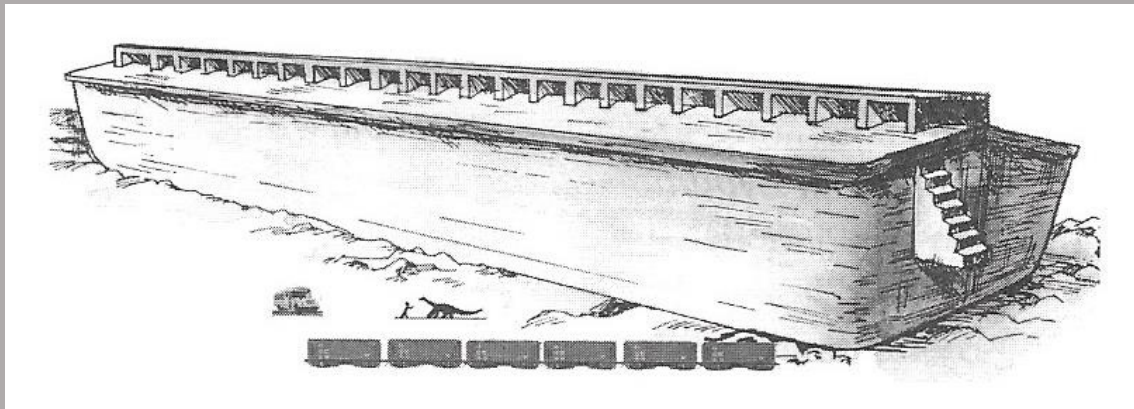
Should Christians agree with a false ark?

“Make thee an ark of gopher wood;
rooms shalt thou make in the ark ...
And this is the fashion which thou shalt
make it of: The length of the ark shall
be three hundred cubits, the breadth of
it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty
cubits ... with lower, second, and third
stories shalt thou make it.” (Genesis 6:14-16)



Should Christians agree with a false ark?

“John Witcomb and Henry Morris, in their book, *The Genesis Flood*, did an exceptionally thorough job of analyzing the pertinent data relating to the physical dimensions of the ark. ... The carrying capacity of the ark would, therefore, be equal to 522 standard railroad stock cars” (Josh McDowell & Don Stewart, *Answers*, 1994, p. 175.)



Should Christians agree with modern versions about Hell?

The word "hell" occurs 31 times in the Old Testament in the King James Bible. In the Old Testament of the NIV it occurs - ZERO!

In the New Testament the NIV takes out "hell" 9 times.



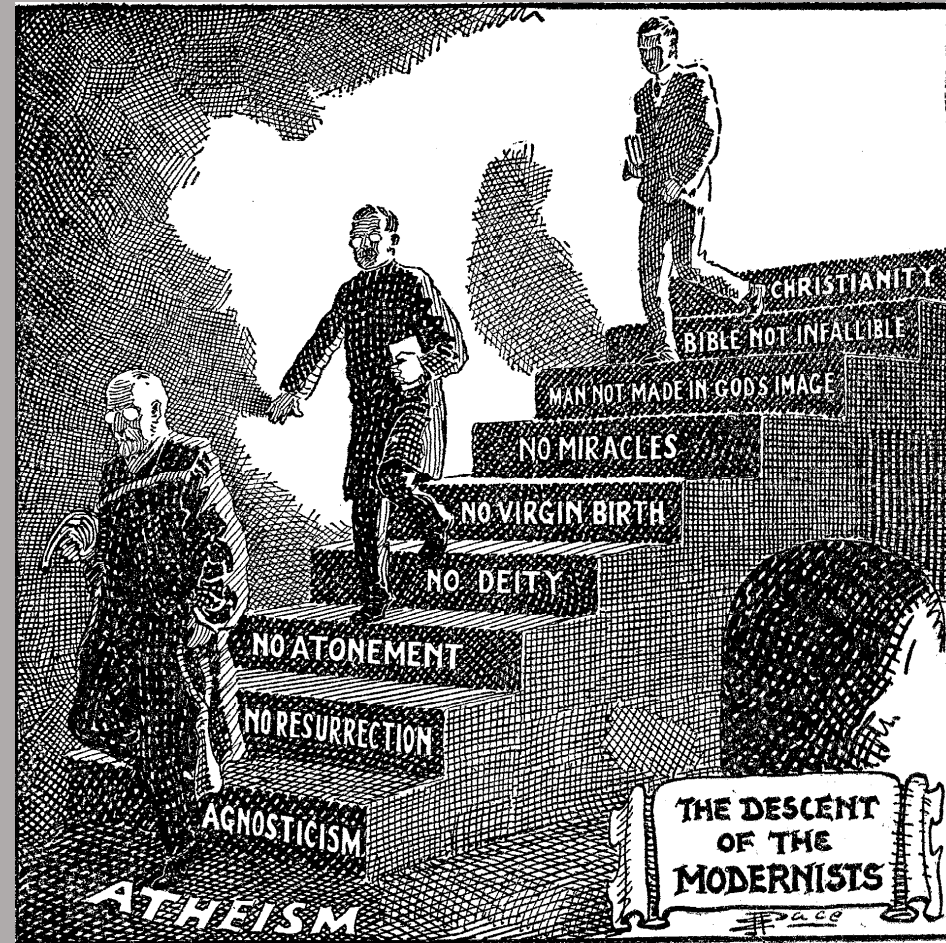
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“And **in hell** he lift up his eyes, being in torments” (Luke 16:23a, KJB)

“In Hades, where he was in torment” (Luke 16:23a, NIV)

“And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes” (Luke 16:23a, NKJV)

Also listen to the sermon “Problems with modern versions”.

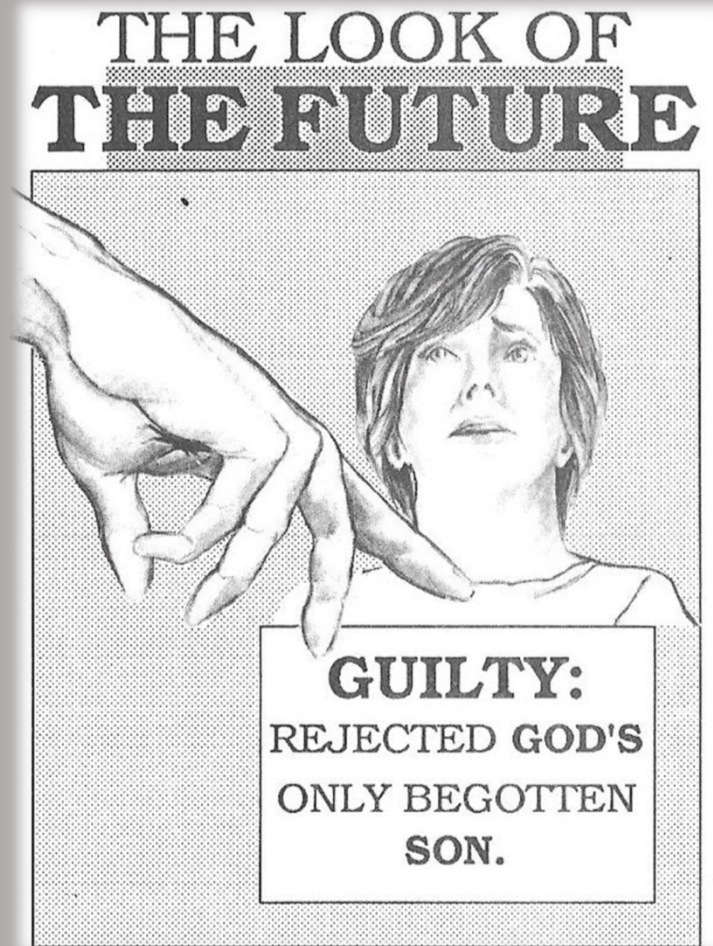


What is the future without Christ?

“He that believeth [the Gospel] and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be **damned**.” (Mark 16:16)

“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was **cast into the lake of fire**.” (Revelation 20:15)

Hell is a **MAJOR** doctrine.



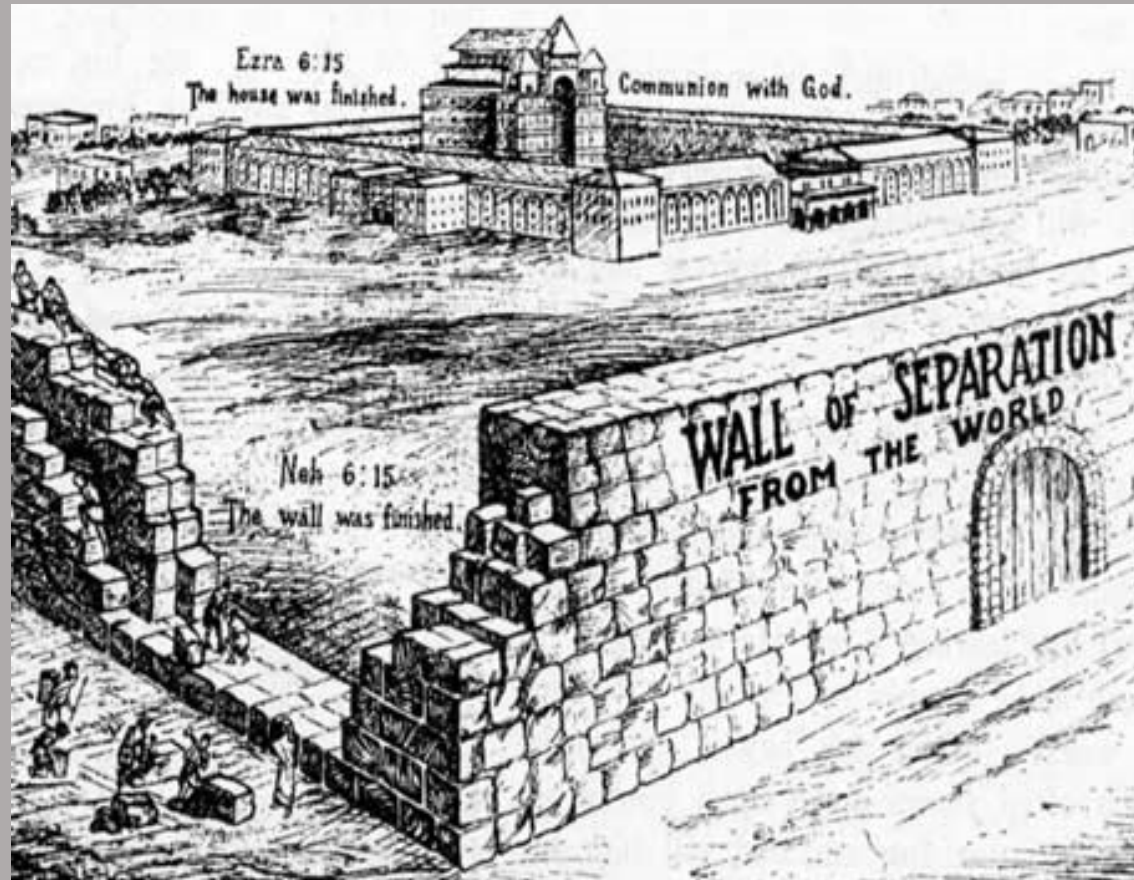
Should Christians be like the world to ‘win’ them?

“Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith the LORD, **Learn not the way of the heathen**, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For **the customs of the people are vain**” (Jeremiah 10:1-3a)

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” (2 Corinthians 6:14)

Should Christians be ‘relevant’ to the world?

The present world [system of fallen man] is not the friend of Christians: “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.” (John 15:19)



Should Christians be ‘relevant’ to the world?

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” (James 4:4)



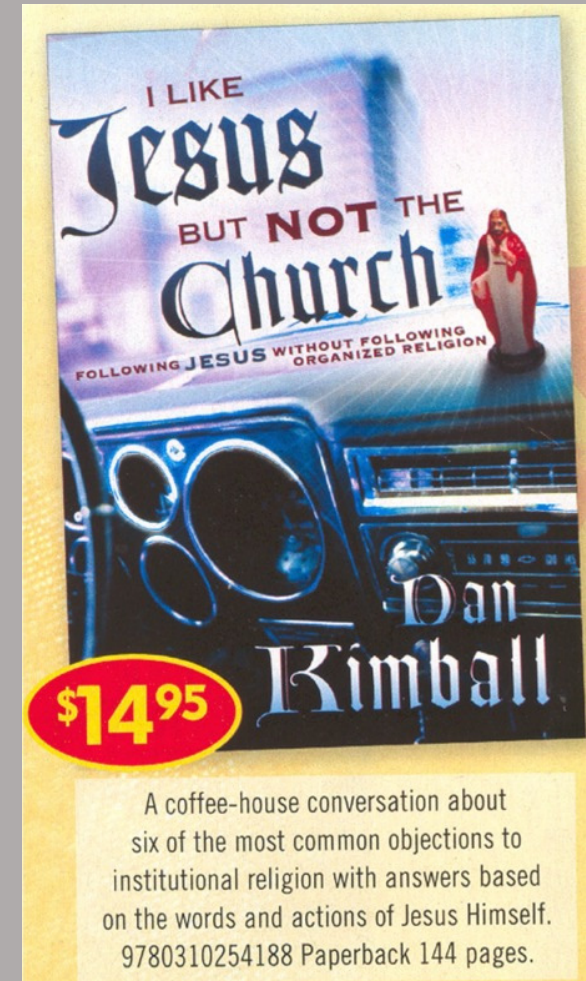
Can you love Jesus but not the Church?

Jesus said, “I will build my church” (see Matthew 16:18)

“Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” (Ephesians 5:25b)

“the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood” (Acts 20:28b)

“And he is the head of the body, the church” (Colossians 1:18a)



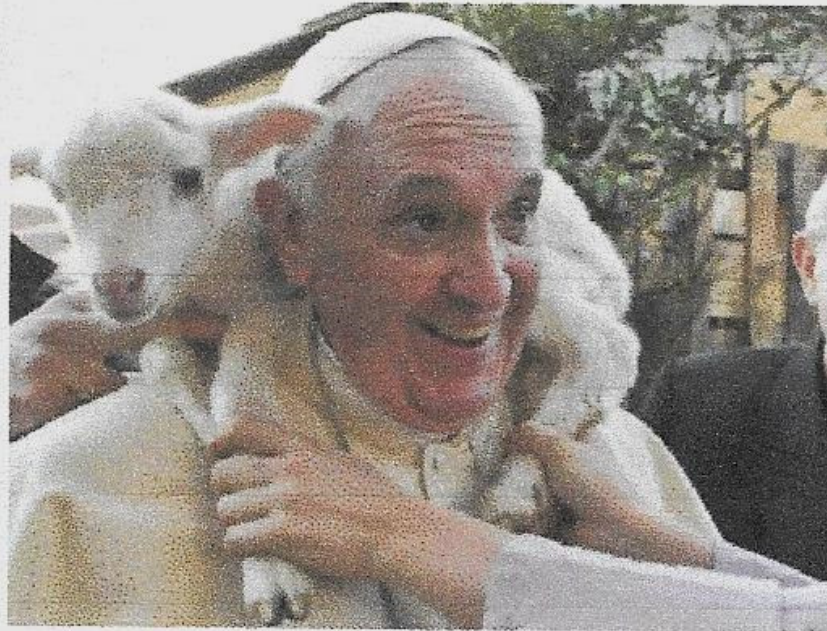
Is it true to say that Catholics are Christians?

Pope Francis Claims Atheists Go to Heaven

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The Bible warns us a second beast will arise in the last days with the appearance of a lamb and speaking the words of a dragon (Revelation 13:11). The appearance of a lamb reveals he will be a religious leader because the Bible refers to God's people as sheep and the Lord Jesus as the Lamb of God. The words of a dragon reveals he will speak the words of Satan, the father of all lies. So we know this beast will hide behind the guise of religion while speaking lies.

Is it true to say that Catholics are Christians?

There are many things exposing the Roman Catholic 'church':

- It has many unbiblical doctrines, such as the immaculate conception of Mary, the sacrifice of the mass.
- Bible prophecy and history shows it to be a great enemy of the true Church.
- Protestant Reformers called it the 'whore of Babylon', a false church, and warned people to come out of it.

Is it true to say that Catholics are Christians?

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” (Isaiah 8:20)



“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication” (Revelation 17:4)

Is it okay for Christians to drink alcohol?

There are several **Biblical** reasons against alcohol drinking*:

- Christ is the High Priest and we are to follow Him.
- Christians are priests and priests are forbidden alcohol.
- Christians are to be separate and not have the appearance of evil.
- Christians are kings and kings are forbidden alcohol.
- Many Scriptures are against alcohol drinking (see Proverbs 20:1).

* Listen to the sermon “Should Christians drink alcohol?”

Cheers to a pub full of good worshipping



A pot and a prayer go together: Anglican minister Guy Mason conducts Bible study in the James Squire Brewhouse. Picture: CRAIG BORROW

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WORSHIPPERS in Docklands will be able to have a pot in one hand and a Bible in the other.

The new harbourside suburb's first church service will be in a pub.

Anglican minister Guy Mason will hold his first service this month in the upstairs bar of the James Squire Brewhouse.

The 28-year-old clergyman said the pub was a natural meeting place for Docklands' many young residents.

"You could have a beer with your Bible-reading," he said.

He expects opposition from traditionalists.

"It's helpful for the church to connect with the community in creative ways because God is still relevant," he said.

"It's a good venue, it's not dingy and there's plenty of room."

He's confident of a fair-sized congregation for his first Sunday morning service on October 28.

The minister gathered a few of his 20-something flock yesterday with Bibles open — presumably at John 2:1-10 where Jesus turned water into wine.

The Docklands Church is part of the 165-year-old St James Old Cathedral in West Melbourne.

But the new church is a 21st century creation — parishioners email each other and the website has YouTube videos.

Net link: www.docklandschurch.org.au

The fruits of an alcohol culture!

“Alcohol abuse is a growing problem and [Victorian] services are struggling to keep up with the demand ... [A] survey conducted by the Salvation Army in August 2002 revealed the extent of the problem, with 35 percent of teenage boys admitting to drinking between 11 and 30 drinks on one day ... The survey also found more than 3700 people died each year from alcohol-related complications.” (*State’s deadly thirst*, Herald-Sun, 26 February 2003)

How should Christians view Hollywood?

out this new featurette for *Noah* right here:

“You can’t help but get excited seeing the stories of the Word of God come to life in a Hollywood Epic. The makers of this film have brilliantly entertained us with their interpretation of the Biblical narrative.”

-Brian Houston, Senior Pastor, Hillsong Church



How should Christians view Hollywood?

Yet, the movie “Noah”, with Russell Crowe depicting Noah as a homicidal maniac and with hundreds of deviations from the Bible, is **anything** but “the Word of God come to life”.



How should Christians view Hollywood?

"I agree with **atheist** Darren Aronofsky's statement about his just-released film 'Noah': It is the 'least biblical' of Bible-themed films. Any other agreement I have with the filmmaker's take on the book of Genesis and its account of Noah ends right there. ... [Noah] may be the worst film I've ever seen." (Ken Ham, *Time Magazine online*, 2014)

See also 2 Thessalonians 2:10.

What is the Christian approach?

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto **the knowledge of the truth**. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I **speak the truth in Christ**, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles **in faith and verity**." (1 Timothy 2:3-7)

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Should Christians have tattoos?

No tattoos because:

1. The Scripture is against it:
 1. No marking
 2. Not learn the way of the heathen or conform to them
 3. Revelation 13 warning
2. Symbols of rebellion
 1. Various groups, including criminals, against authority
 2. Marks of other gods, devils, evil things
 3. Wrong type of love
3. Mars or wrecks the body
 1. Temple of the Holy Ghost
 2. God reserves the right