

Neighborly Apologetics

2. Absolute Truth and Relativism

“What is Truth?”

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The Royal Law
Love your neighbor

God has entrusted the primary work
of the Kingdom to the common
Christian family

with a priestly role in our neighborhoods

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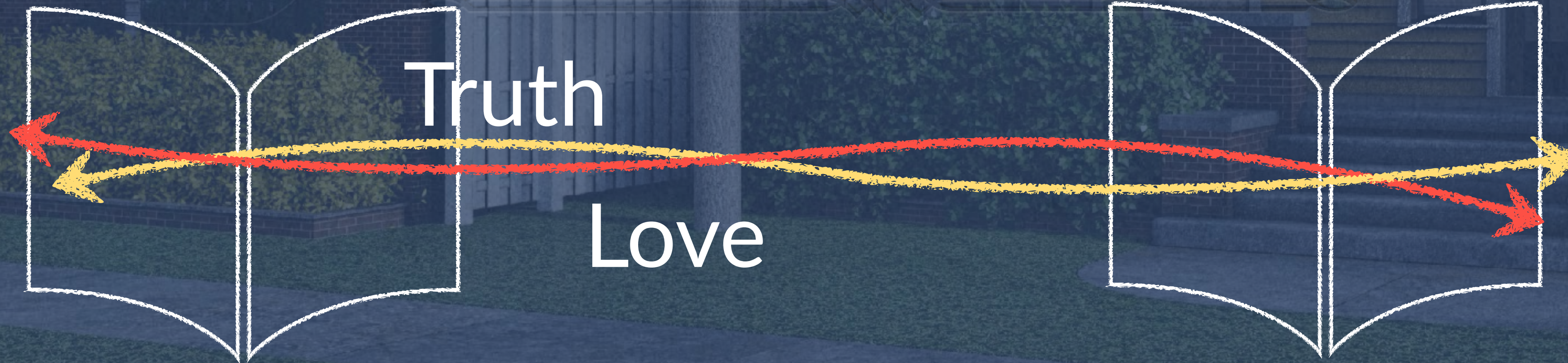
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What is truth?

Two great themes in scripture:

Old Testament

New Testament



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What is truth?

truth and love

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14**

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **John 1:17**

What is truth? Absolute Truth and Relativism

THE PROPHET'S LAMENT

“...truth has stumbled in the streets...”

Isaiah 59:14

“Truth has perished;
it has vanished from their lips.”

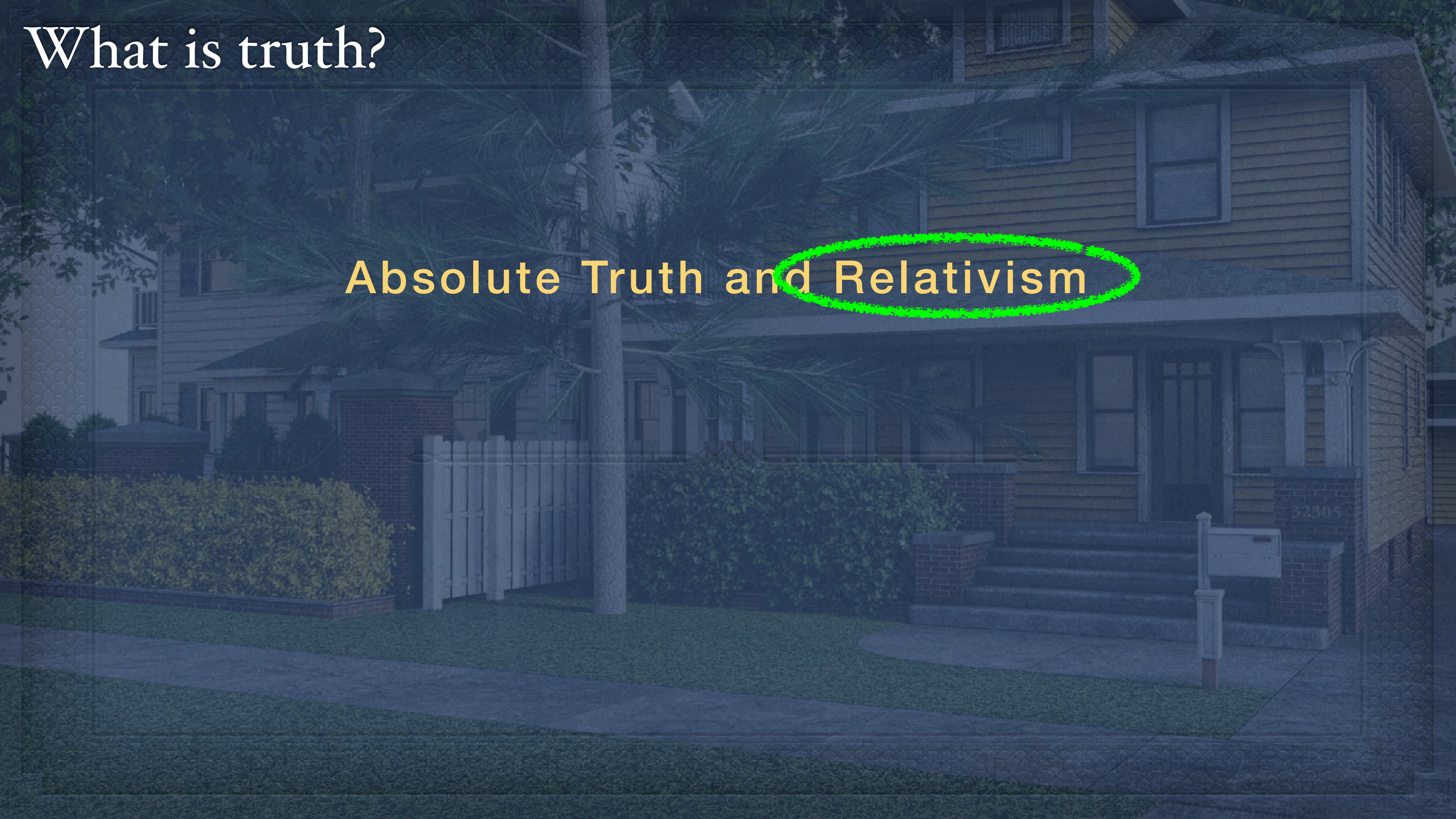
Jeremiah 7:28

“Truth is nowhere to be found...”

Isaiah 59:15

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The Perfect Cultural Storm

7 Threats Aligning In Our Times



Understanding Our Times **7 Threats Aligning In Our Times**



1. Rise of the Scornor and the Depraved Mind



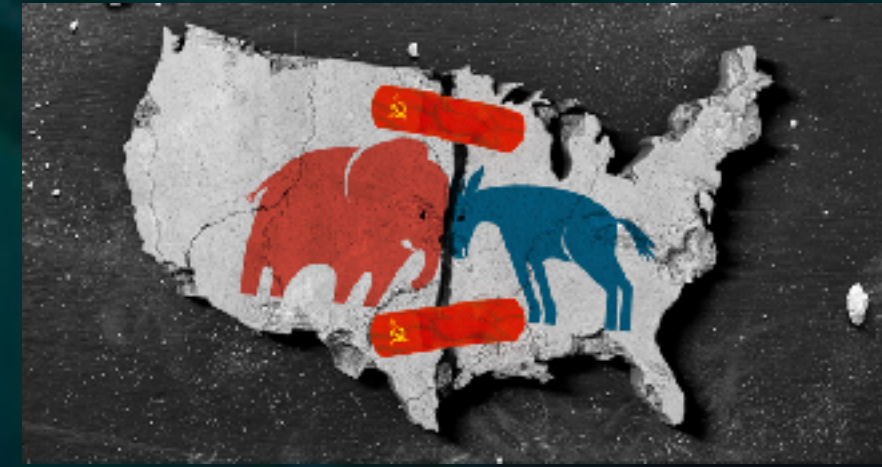
2. Rise of Homo Deus and Meo-Christianity



3. Loss of the Noble Male & Virtuous Female & the Rise of Malevolent Compassion



#4. The Consolidation of Massive Earthly Power



5. Rise of a Demonic Worldview and the National Rift

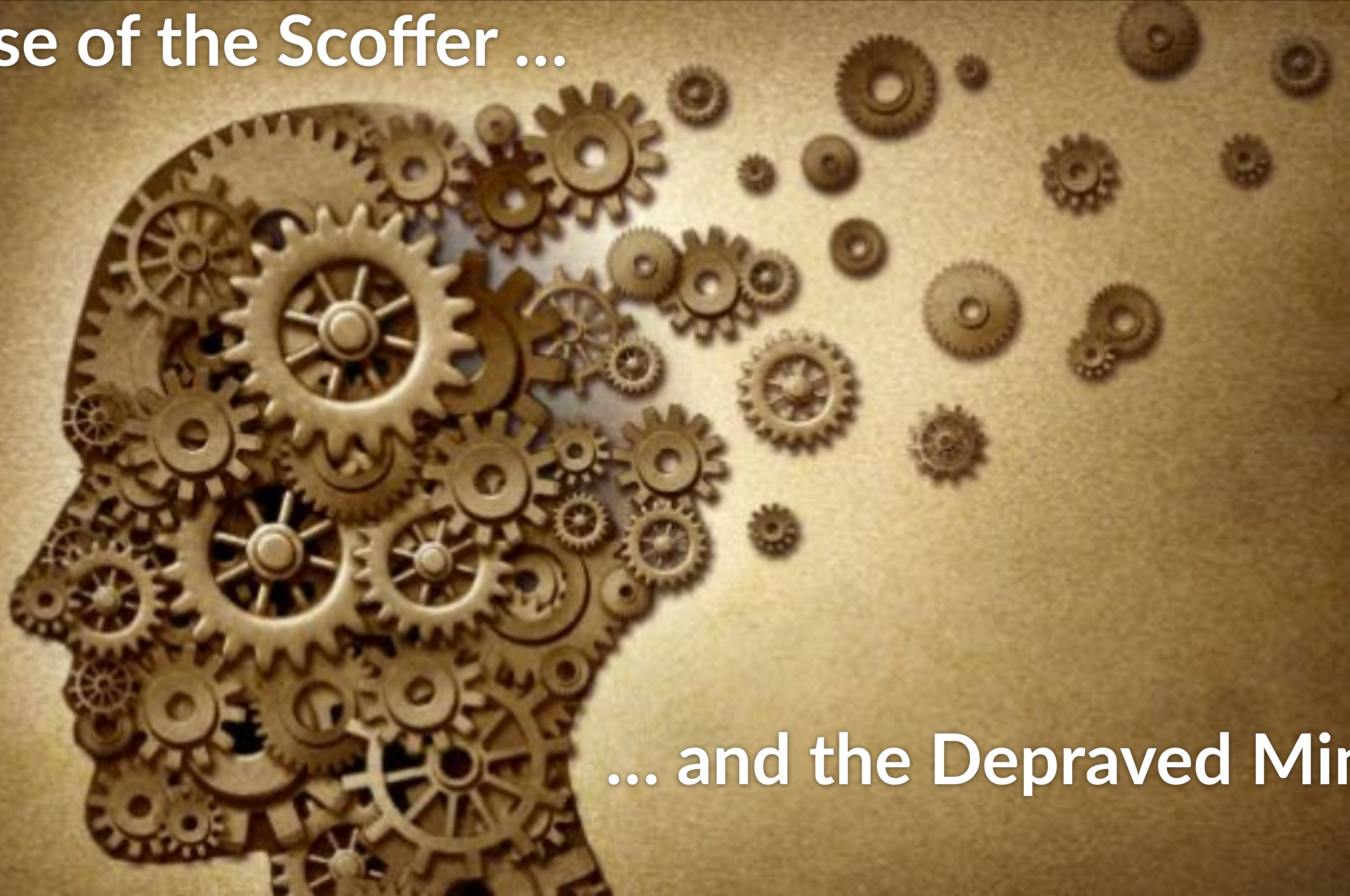


6. America - Addicted & Soft, Dependent & Lost



7. Attack Upon the Biblical Family

1. Rise of the Scoffer ...



... and the Depraved Mind

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The regression in Proverbs

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1. Rise of the Scoffer ... and the Depraved Mind

The regression in Romans

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie...

Romans 1:25

Depraved Mind

Greek: *adokimon* (a-dok'-ee-mon) “unqualified”

the mind in which there is no longer

- logic
- rationality
- “common sense”
- capacity to connect cause & effect

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the militant scoffer





what is truth?

what is lie?



what is truth?

“I AM... the Truth”

*For this reason I was born and for this I came into the world, to **testify to the truth**. Everyone on the side of **truth** listens to me. John 18:37-38*

A dark, atmospheric painting of a biblical scene, likely the Last Supper. The central figure, Jesus, is shown from the back, gesturing with his right hand towards a group of people. The scene is set in a room with classical architectural elements like columns and a patterned floor. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, creating a somber and intense mood. The overall color palette is muted, dominated by browns, greys, and dark blues.

what is truth?

I am the truth

2. Rise of Homo Deus and Meo-Christianity

← 'deus' Latin for 'god'
← 'homo' Latin for 'man'

man begins to act as if he is a god

I am the truth

Not Jesus... me

I am
Not God...
Me



what is truth?

I am the truth
Jesus

I am the truth
Not Jesus... me

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what truth is **NOT**

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I am not the truth (Homo Deus)



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“Follow your heart!”

Truth is not what my heart says

So I gave them over to their **stubborn hearts**, to follow their own counsels. Psalm 81:12

And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, to do them, not to **follow after your own heart** and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. Numbers 15:39

This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who stubbornly **follow their own heart**... Jeremiah 13:10

A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in **expressing his own heart**. Proverbs 18:2

what truth is **NOT**

I am not the truth (Homo Deus)

Truth is not what my heart says

“Follow your heart!”

“I am a woman”

it’s true for me...”

be true to yourself...

what truth is **NOT**

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Truth is not what my heart says

Truth is not what I believe

“I just believe that...”

“Don’t you believe that...”

conspiracy theories

Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. Isaiah 8:12-13

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Truth is not what I want it to be

“I just think that...”

“If everyone just...”

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Truth is not democracy

51% does not make right

“everybody knows that...”

“no-one believes that anymore...”

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Truth is not democracy

Truth is not what the law says

might does not make right

Rex Lex not Lex Rex

the Supreme Court ruled that...

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“It just seems to me...”

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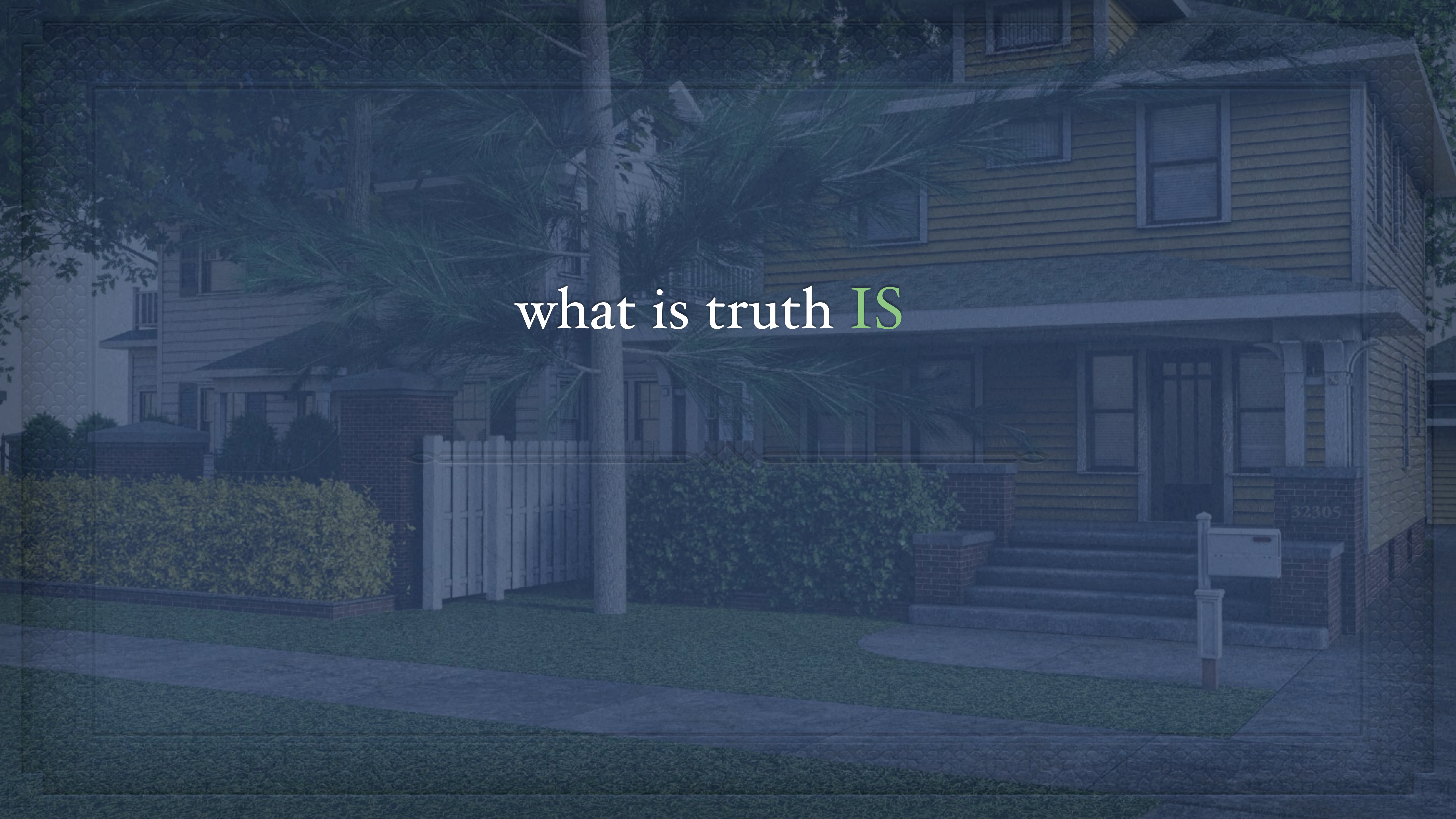
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Truth is not what “makes sense”

Truth is not sincerity or “meaning well”

what is truth IS



what is truth *IS*

Academic Apologetics

Correspondence with reality

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Truth is Reality



what is truth *IS*

Truth is Reality

Truth is Absolute

Truth is logical, rational, solid

Truth is non-contradictory

Truth is bound up in a Person, The Person

Truth is freeing

Truth is critical

what is truth **IS** critical

Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look and take note! Search her squares to see if you can find a man, one who does justice and seeks truth, that I may pardon her. **Jeremiah 5:1**

And you shall say to them, ‘This is the nation that did not obey the voice of the Lord their God, and did not accept discipline; truth has perished; it is cut off from their lips. **Jeremiah 7:28**

They bend their tongue like a bow; falsehood and not truth has grown strong in the land; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know me, declares the Lord. **Jeremiah 9:3**

Everyone deceives his neighbor, and no one speaks the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves committing iniquity.

Jeremiah 9:5

what is truth **IS** critical

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and its collapse was great.

Matthew 57:24-27

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