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San Diego Bible Students Convention November 24, 2018 — Bro. Richard Doctor





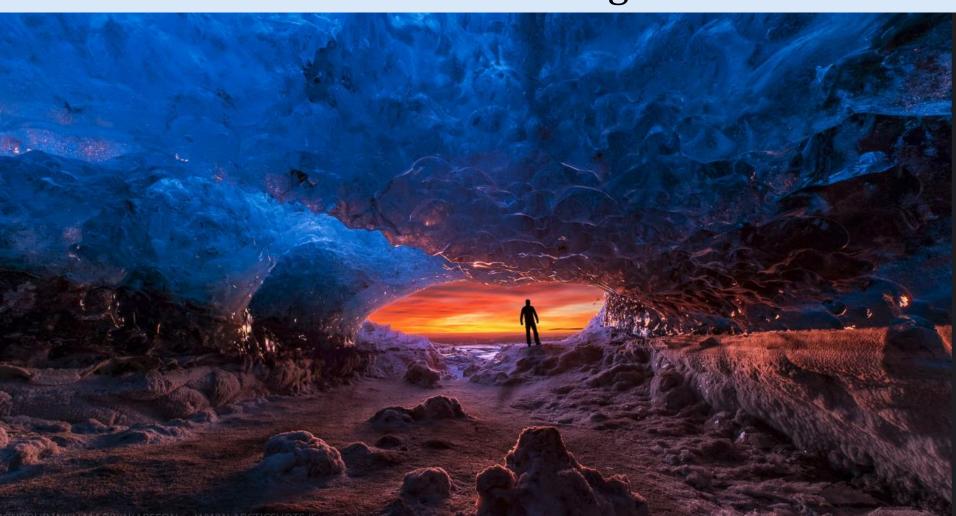
Hymn 63 – verses 1,2,3 He will make it plain



God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.



Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sov'reign will.



Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.







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Revelation 16:13 "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon"... and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."



English, MS (~1255 AD) J. Paul Getty Museum

### Three unclean spirits?

- Perplexity of the present order seem to be advancing the three "mega-trends" linked to this "evil triumvirate"
- Their croakings are advancing so fast that it

important for the saints to stand fast in the precious promises



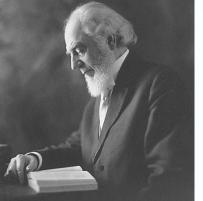
#### Let us start with some definitions



The Battle of Armageddon, 1916 foreword-v

"Babylon was the Lion, Medo-Persia the Bear, Greece the Leopard, and *Rome the Dragon*. (*Daniel 7:1-8*) The Roman Empire still persists."





The Battle of Armageddon, foreword-v

"Christendom is a part of that great Roman Empire which began in the days of Caesar and which, according to the Scriptures, still is in the world. Practically all Bible exegetes agree that the Dragon of the Revelation represents the purely civil power, wherever it may be found."



The Battle of Armageddon, foreword-v

"We do not understand this to mean that all the powers of the world are evil or of the Devil, but that the Dragon is the symbol which the Lord is pleased to use to represent civil power."

### An observation on "dominion" & "life"

Daniel 7:12 "As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time."



### An observation on "Dominion" & "Life"

"Life" cultural systems i.e. the values that define civilization.

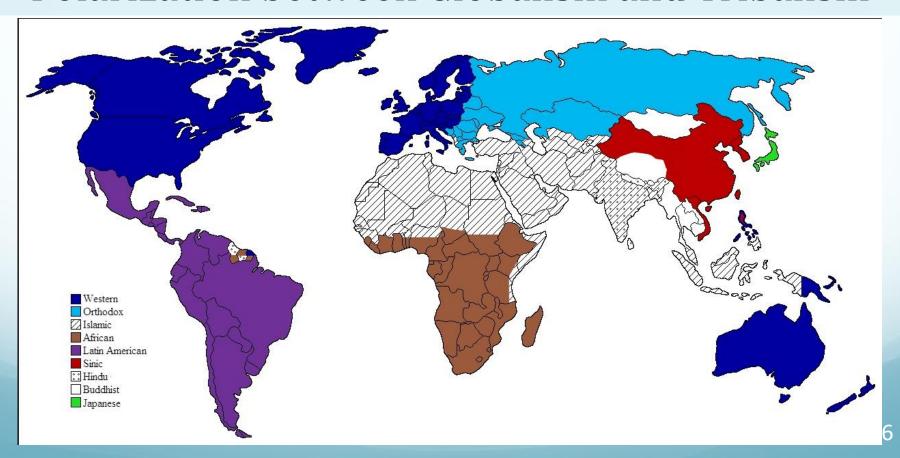
These are not the same thing.

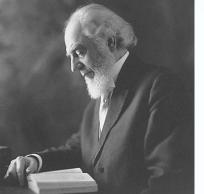


### 21<sup>st</sup> century civilizations per Samuel P. Huntington

The Clash of Civilizations and the remaking of World Order (1993;1996)

#### Polarization between Globalism and Tribalism





### Beast - Religious power

The Battle of Armageddon, foreword-vi

"In His Word, God has been pleased to recognize the Papacy as a system, as a government. Papacy claims that the Kingdom of God, Messiah's Kingdom, was established in 799 AD ....that it lasted a thousand years, just as the Bible declares Christ's Kingdom will last; and that it expired in 1799 AD"

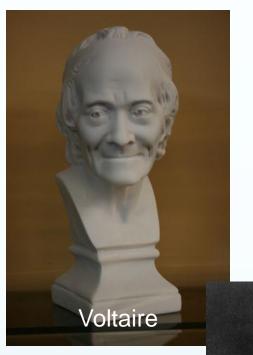
## The church once crowned the kings starting with Charlemagne (799 AD)



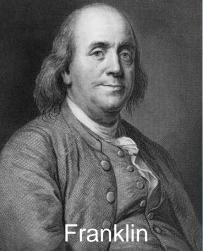
### 1799 a new consciousness emerges the most radical held no religious belief



Pope Pius VI
Captured by French forces in 1799, he died in captivity

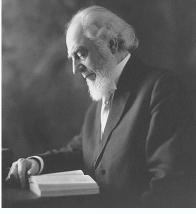




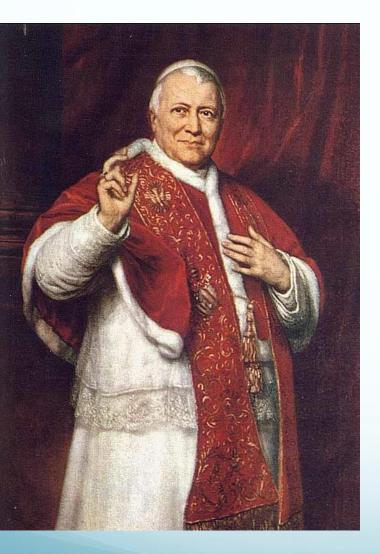


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".... They claim also that since 1799 this Kingdom of Christ (that is, the Papal system, represented in the Revelation as the Beast) has been suffering violence; and that during this time the Devil has been loosed, in fulfillment of Revelation 20:7"



Papal infallibility when speaking *ex cathedra* (that is "from the seat" i.e., the seat of Peter) was declared by Vatican I (July 18, 1870)

...2 months later...

Pope Pius IX (1846–1878)

# (September 20, 1870) Papacy's civil control of Italy was reduced to Vatican city after the conquests of Victor Emmanuel



Papal States after Napoleon (1815)



Breccia di Porta Pia Ademollo (September 20, 1870) *Public Domain* Carlo Ademollo (1824-1911) - http://www.italianostra-milano.org/cms/?q=node/590

# Can you identify this happy lady?



### Senate confirms Callista Gingrich as U.S. ambassador to Vatican, Oct 17, 2017

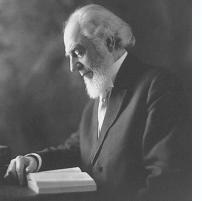
https://aleteia.org/2017/10/17/senate-confirms-callista-gingrich-as-u-s-ambassador-to-vatican/



#### U.S. ambassadors to the Vatican

The following is a list of U.S. Ambassadors to the Holy See, past and present:

Name	Years served	Pope	U.S. President
William Wilson <sup>[4]</sup>	1984-1986	John Paul II	Ronald Reagan
Frank Shakespeare	1986-1989		
Thomas Patrick Melady	1989–1993		George H. W. Bush
Raymond Flynn	1993-1997		Bill Clinton
Lindy Boggs	1997-2001		
James Nicholson	2001–2005		George W. Bush
Francis Rooney	2005–2008	Benedict XVI	
Mary Ann Glendon	2008–2009		
Miguel H. Díaz	2009–2012		Barack Obama
Ken Hackett	2013-2017	Francis	
Callista Gingrich	2017-present		Donald Trump



### False Prophet - Protestants

The Battle of Armageddon, foreword-vii

"The False Prophet...is another name for the system elsewhere called 'the Image of the Beast.' (Revelation 13:14) According to the Scriptures, this Image is a very exact representation of the Beast."



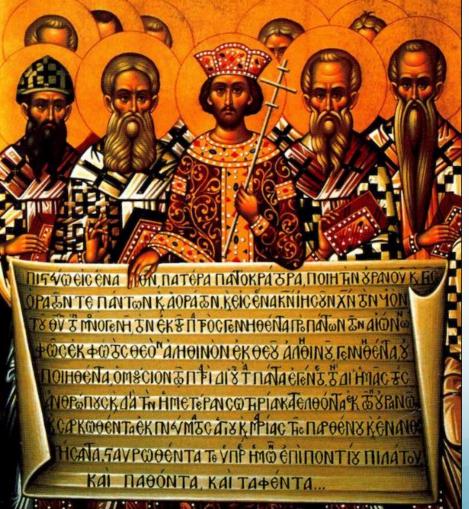
Constantine 325 AD

KAI NAOONTA, KAI TAHONTA.

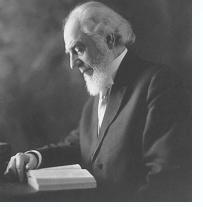
But at what stage of church-state relations?



Protestant leaders as advisors to government should be the expected power structure



Constantine 325 AD



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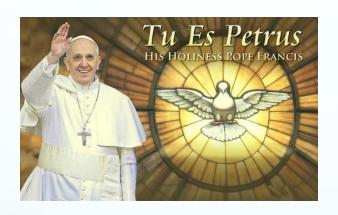


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Beast – Religious
 Power Catholic church

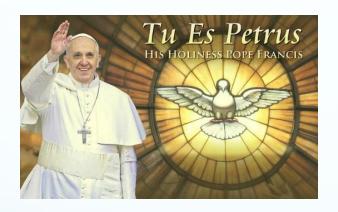




Beast – Religious
 Power Catholic and
 Orthodox? churches







Beast – Religious
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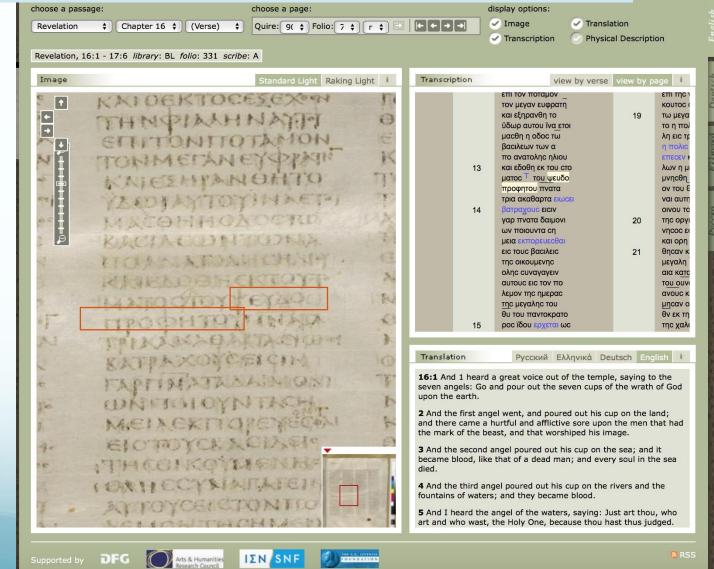
False Prophet –
 Religious Power
 Protestant

### Will the Dragon, Beast and False Prophet all work together?

 Watch for them to come into a forced coalition when the 3 unclean spirits come from all their mouths

### Sinaiticus Codex Revelation 16 has a very different reading for the three spirits



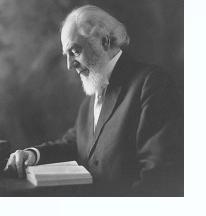


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## Three unclean spirits like frogs (Revelation 16:13) "...selfishness (controlling), knowledge and liberty"

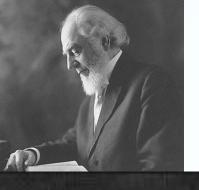


English, MS. LUDWIG III 1, FOL. 34V (~1255 AD) J. Paul Getty Museum



# The Battle of Armageddon Vol. 4, p.307-8

...Under present conditions ...with selfishness (controlling), knowledge and liberty constitute a *Triumvirate of evil power* which is now ruling and crushing Christendom—through its agents and representatives, the wealthy and influential class....

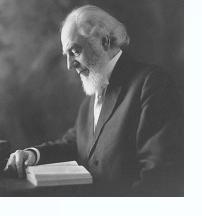


### The Battle of Armageddon Vol. 4, p.307-8



"The ability to deal with people is as purchasable a commodity as sugar or coffee and I will pay more for that ability than for any other under the sun."

John D. Rockefeller



# The Battle of Armageddon Vol. 4, p.307-8

"...and it will be none the less the same Evil
Triumvirate when shortly it shall change its
servants and representatives and accept as such
the masses..."

#### Liberty – we will set this first



2 Peter 2:19 "While they promise them *liberty*, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage"





While everyone promises *liberty*, are the beast, dragon and false prophet speaking of *the same liberty?* 



The beast is working to pacify both the radical liberals and the reactionary conservatives





For the liberals the beast is reaching back to its pagan roots—



On Gay Priests, Pope Francis Asks, 'Who Am I to Judge?'



(July 29, 2013)

Pool photo by Luca Zennaro the none's statement on

Behind the Pope's Surprising Shift: The Times's Ian Fisher, a former Rome bureau chief, on the pope's statement on gay priests and how it differentiates Francis from previous leaders of the Catholic Church.

By RACHEL DONADIO

Published: July 29, 2013 | 698 Comments

ROME — For generations, homosexuality has largely been a taboo topic for the Vatican, ignored altogether or treated as "an intrinsic moral evil," in the words of the previous pope.

#### The New York Times











The civil dragon is working to pacify the reactionary conservatives. At least in the US, what is a right wing issue of highest importance?





#### The Telegraph (September 11, 2013)



#### Pope Francis reaches out to atheists and agnostics

The Pope has struck a surprisingly conciliatory tone towards atheists and agnostics, saying that God will "forgive" them as long as they behave morally and live according to their consciences.

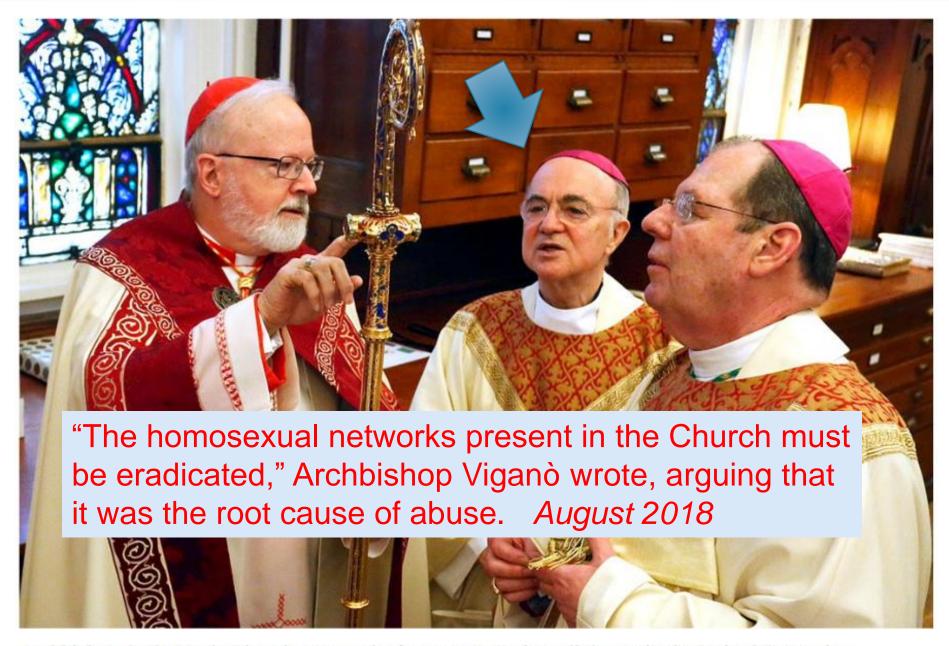


Pope Francis has reached out to atheists and agnostics Photo: FILIPPO MONTEFORTE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES









Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, center, the former top Vatican diplomat in the United States, in Portland, Me., in 2014. Pool photo by Gabe Souza



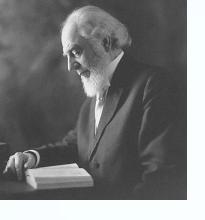


While everyone promises *liberty*, these forces have *widely differing and conflicting* definitions



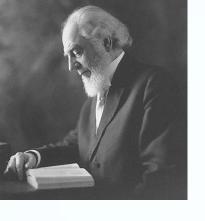
#### Selfishness





#### *Volume 4, p.146*

"The American people are being aroused to a sense of danger to their liberties, and to action in view of such danger, with the energy which has been their marked characteristic in every branch of industry and every avenue of trade, though the real causes of their danger are not clearly enough discerned by the masses to direct their energies wisely..."

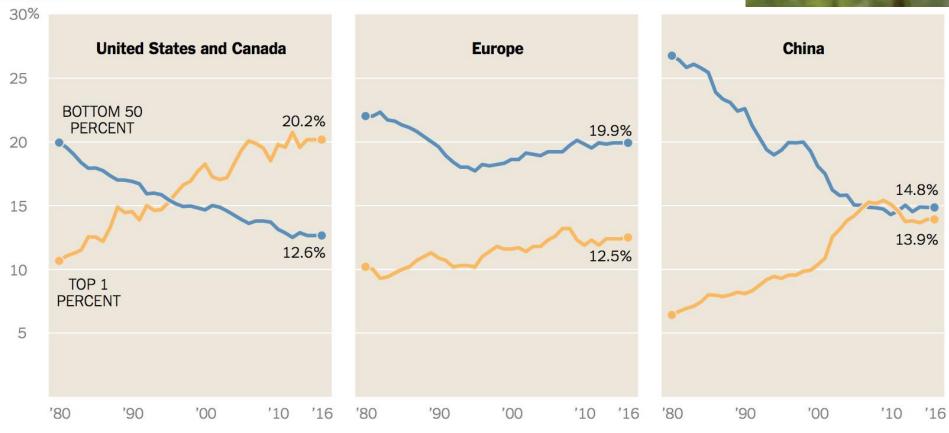


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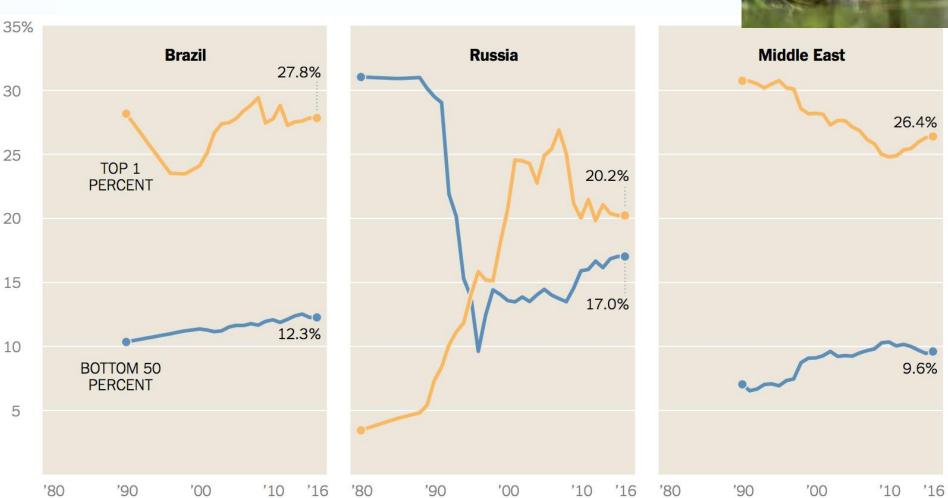
"They only see that congested wealth is impoverishing the many, influencing legislation so as to still further amass wealth and power in the hands of the few, and so creating an aristocracy of wealth whose power will in time prove as despotic and relentless as any despotism of the Old World."







#### Selfishness





#### Selfishness

Ezekiel 16:49-50 "Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, *neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy*. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good."

#### Knowledge

No longer aristocracy of inheritance Now an aristocracy of education and talent

- in the service of selfishness





#### POLITICAL SCIENCE

# The effect of partisanship and political advertising on close family ties

M. Keith Chen<sup>1\*†</sup> and Ryne Rohla<sup>2\*</sup>

Research on growing American political polarization and antipathy primarily studies public institutions and political processes, ignoring private effects, including strained family ties. Using anonymized smartphone-location data and precinct-level voting, we show that Thanksgiving dinners attended by residents from opposing-party precincts were 30 to 50 minutes shorter than same-party dinners. This decline from a mean of 257 minutes survives extensive spatial and demographic controls. Reductions in the duration of Thanksgiving dinner in 2016 tripled for travelers from media markets with heavy political advertising—an effect not observed in 2015—implying a relationship to election-related behavior. Effects appear asymmetric: Although fewer Democratic-precinct residents traveled in 2016 than in 2015, Republican-precinct residents shortened their Thanksgiving dinners by more minutes in response to political differences. Nationwide, 34 million hours of cross-partisan Thanksgiving dinner discourse were lost in 2016 owing to partisan effects.

# 172,098 voting precincts in the US Chen et al., Science 360, 20-1024 (2018) 1 June 201 6,390,634 home locations

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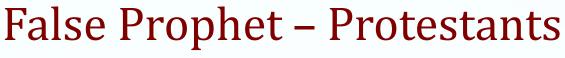
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- Not using women for eldership (Bible Students as opposed to gender equality)
- Rejecting LGBTQ (Bible Students as a Hate group)
- Supporting Israel (Bible Students as a political advocacy group)

....Possibly, any of these charges could result in the very least with a loss of tax-exempt status for Bible Student organizations

#### Bible Students & Right Wing Power

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If G.O.P. Loses Hold on Congress, Trump Warns, Democrats Will Enact Change 'Quickly and Violently' - The New York Times

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President Trump during a prayer at a d White House on Monday evening. Doug

"This November 6<sup>th</sup> election is very much a referendum not only about me, it's a referendum on your religion..." 2018-08-27

By Michael D. Shear

Aug. 28, 2018





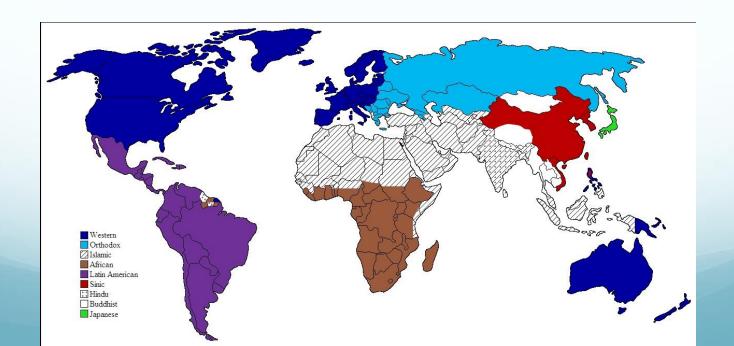




WASHINGTON — President Trump warned evangelical leaders Monday night that Democrats "will overturn everything that we've done and they'll

# Proposed objections: All of this is to "USA-centric" the Roman Empire needs to include Europe at least Rome

- At a civilization level this is not a strong argument in the view of some analysts
- Consider some emerging trends



#### **Emergence of Populist Autocrats**



Hungary, Victor Orban (Catholic)

"Let us confidently declare that Christian democracy is not liberal. Liberal democracy is liberal, while Christian democracy is, by definition, not liberal: it is, if you like, illiberal." Tusnádfürdő speech, 28 July 2018 https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Viktor\_Orbán

#### **Emergence of Populist Autocrats**

Poland, Jaroslaw Kaczynski – Law and Justice Party (Catholic)

"Supporters of the government see its leaders as standing up for the nation's sovereignty and protecting traditional Christian values in this deeply Catholic country...Opponents see a party with increasingly authoritarian tendencies, dedicated to undermining democracy..." NY Times October 21, 2018



#### **Emergence of Populist Autocrats**



I'm in favor of torture. You know that. And the people are too. Through the vote, you'll change nothing in this country. Nothing, absolutely nothing. We'll only get change, unfortunately, when we go into a civil war..." program Câmera Aberta at Band on 23 May 1999.

#### **Emergence of Populist Autocrats**



"God above all. This history of a secular state doesn't exist, no.
The state is Christian and those who are against it can leave.
The minority must bow to the majority." Meeting in Paraiba, February 2017.

#### **Emergence of Populist Autocrats**



November 13, 2017

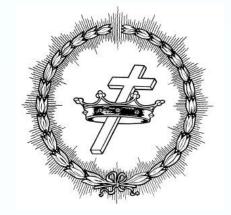
Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte (Catholic?)

April 12, 2016, Duterte told supporters that, as Mayor, he thought he "should have been first" to rape Jacqueline Hamill, an Australian missionary who was gang-raped and killed during the 1989 Davao hostage crisis.

"My only sin are extrajudicial killings." September 27, 2018







Hymn 72 – verses 1,2,3,4

Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning!



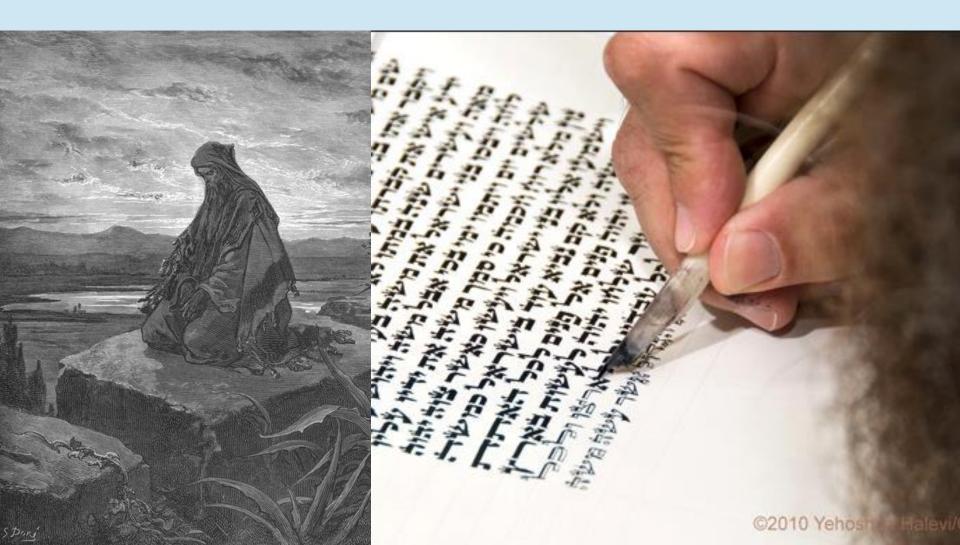
# [1] Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning! Joy to the lands that in darkness have lain!



### Hushed be the accents of sorrow and mourning! Zion, in triumph, begins her glad reign.



### [2] Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning, Long by the prophets of Israel foretold!



Hail to the millions from bondage returning! Gentiles and Jews the blest vision behold.



### [3] See, in the desert rich flowers are springing; Streams ever copious are gliding along;



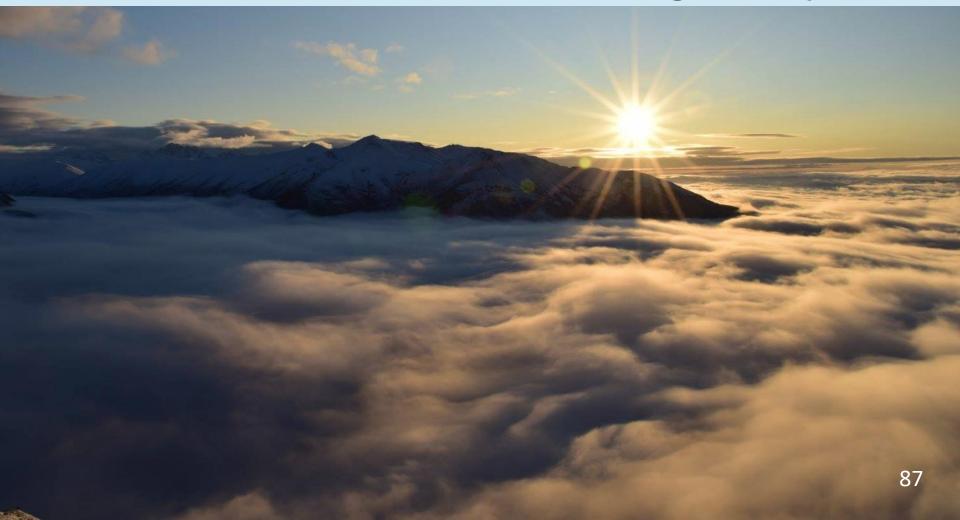
## Loud from the mountaintops echoes are ringing, Wastes rise in verdure and mingle in song.



## [4] See the dead risen from land and from ocean; Praise to Jehovah ascending on high;



### Fall'n are the engines of war and commotion; Shouts of salvation are rending the sky.





"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14