

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in the Lord's Supper
Worship in Message
Worship in Giving

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Walk Worthy of God

1 Thessalonians 2

Outstanding Series

Life Change: We live for an audience of One.

Family reunion conversations...

Who's your real Daddy?

1-4

The Giver of boldness

The One whose approval matters

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Who's your human "parent" in God's family?

5-12

A little background...

The one who labors for you

The one who sacrifices for you

The one who spurs you on

The point: walk in a manner worthy of God

12-16

Imitate our Daddy

Be directed by God's word

Stand strong against the opposition

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Please silence your phone



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STANDING

A STUDY OF THESSALONIANS



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courtesy Ole Timer



image courtesy Anton Levy





courtesy grandparents



- **Deeper & wider familial connections.**
- **Greater appreciation for those who went before you.**
- **Gratitude for family acceptance.**
- **Determination to do well. (By the way, this one's true even if your family is a collection of complete losers. You walk away determined to not be like them and do good instead!)**
- **A sense of strength that you aren't alone in life's battles.**



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Who's your
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God the Father
Artus Quellius the
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1620

courtesy St. Salvatore Cathedral



**Persecution
here**





And more here

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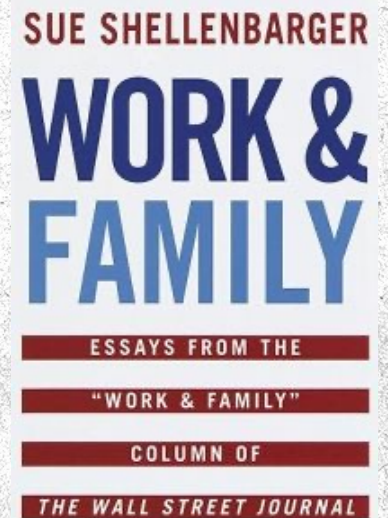
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The way dads tend to interact has long-term benefits for kids, independent of those linked to good mothering. – Sue Shellenbarger, “Dad Matters” in *Work & Family*



Dads have a reflexive tendency to distract the child by directing her attention to another activity or carrying her to another part of the playground. This can help kids develop the resiliency needed to shake off small setbacks and move on.

**– Anna Sarkadi,
Acta Paediatrica Volume 97**

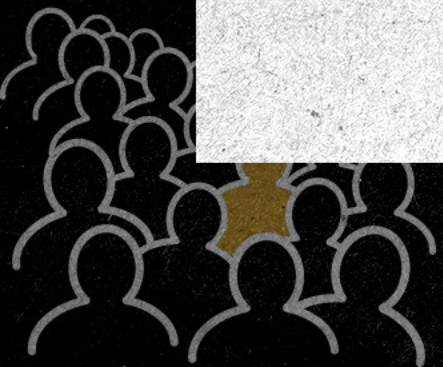


“Fathers’ impact on kids’ behavior may begin as early as infancy”
Behavioral and Brain Sciences



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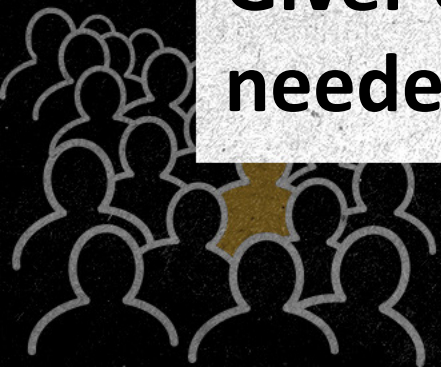
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Dad ○



Tony Rotundo

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⁹ For you remember our labor and hardship, brothers and sisters. Working night and day so that we would not burden any of you, we preached God's gospel to you. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how devoutly, righteously, and blamelessly we conducted ourselves with you believers. ¹¹ As you know, like a father with his own children, ¹² we encouraged, comforted, and implored each one of you to walk worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

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Sir William Ramsay proved that the first Christians were disproportionately wealthy.



- The apostles are just in it for the money.
- This movement is a rebellion against Rome.
- The apostles are just brainwashing people. No one would freely believe the goofiness of salvation by God's grace.

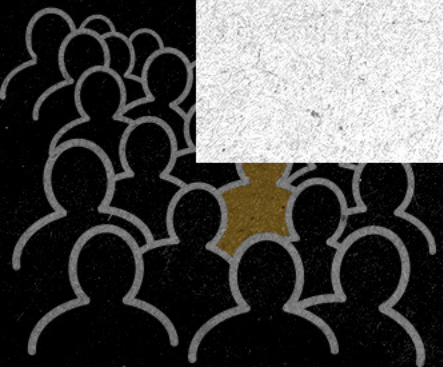


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Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:27 NIV





courtesy steptohealth





FB Kids



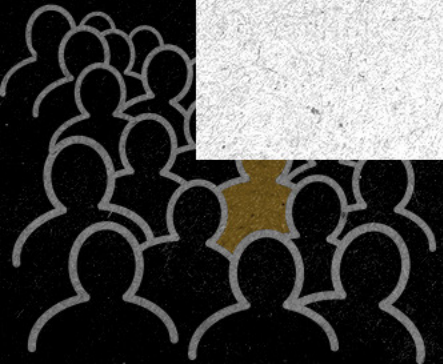
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Child sacrifice
Stora Hammars I stone
ca. 9th century



This is why Vikings killed babies, why Canaanites burned kids to Molech, why parents take their children to gay pride parades, why abortion is deemed “health care”, and why predatory priests abuse children. The child is sacrificed to whatever makes the adult feel better.



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The enforcement of criminal law...may not be linked to the sex/gender of participants or age of consent to marriage. Moreover, sexual conduct involving persons below the domestically prescribed minimum age of consent to sex may be consensual in fact, if not in law.

**– United Nations,
“8 March Principles”**



courtesy Bogas Project

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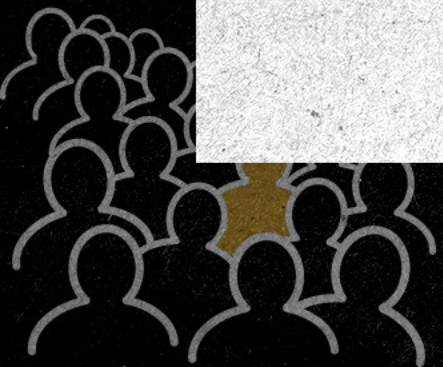
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**Let us consider
how we may spur one another on
toward love and good deeds,
not forsaking the assembly
as some are in the habit of doing,
but encouraging one another —
and all the more
as you see the Day approaching.**

Hebrews 10: 24-25 NAV



Many of us are in need of a breakthrough regarding apathy. Scripture invites us to experience the healing power of honesty. Confession to others helps remove the burden of our sin sickness. [See James 5:16.] It also empowers others to help us avoid sin through prayer, their positive example, and practical interventions. Apathy, like other sicknesses, thrives when dwelling in the dark alone. According to one sixth-century writer [John Climacus], apathy “is a constant companion of the hermit.” In honesty, we are dragging our apathy into the light.

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OVERCOMING APATHY

UCHE ANIZOR
Read by Donald Gadson Jr.

*Gospel Hope for Those
Who Struggle to Care*



Honesty is not about being self-hating and self-deprecating; it's about embracing the truth of our situation. Honesty is about owning our true selves – including sins – before God and other people so that we can experience healing. All this points to the necessity of living in community with other Christians...God is

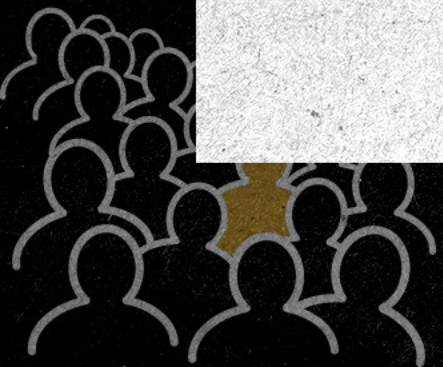


the only one who has no need of community outside himself. Our disconnection from community is an implicit pretense of deity, a claim to a sort of divine self-sufficiency.

– Uche Anizor, *Overcoming Apathy*

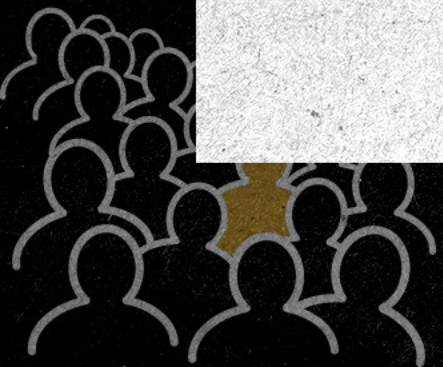
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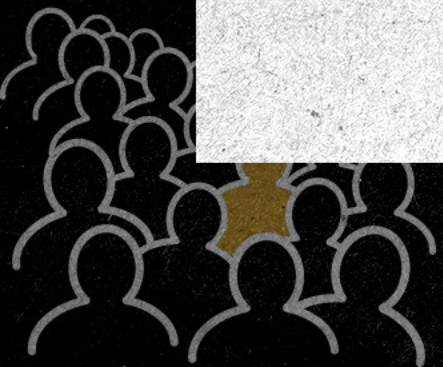
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...a man after God's own heart.
1 Samuel 13:14 CSB



David
Michelangelo
1504





*David stands up
to Goliath*

Natasha Ruddock

2017



David E. Davis, Jr.

I gave a speech to a large group of GM executives. The speech appeared to go well, and the applause felt genuine. I went home pleased and thought no more about it until I received the following letter:



courtesy NY Times

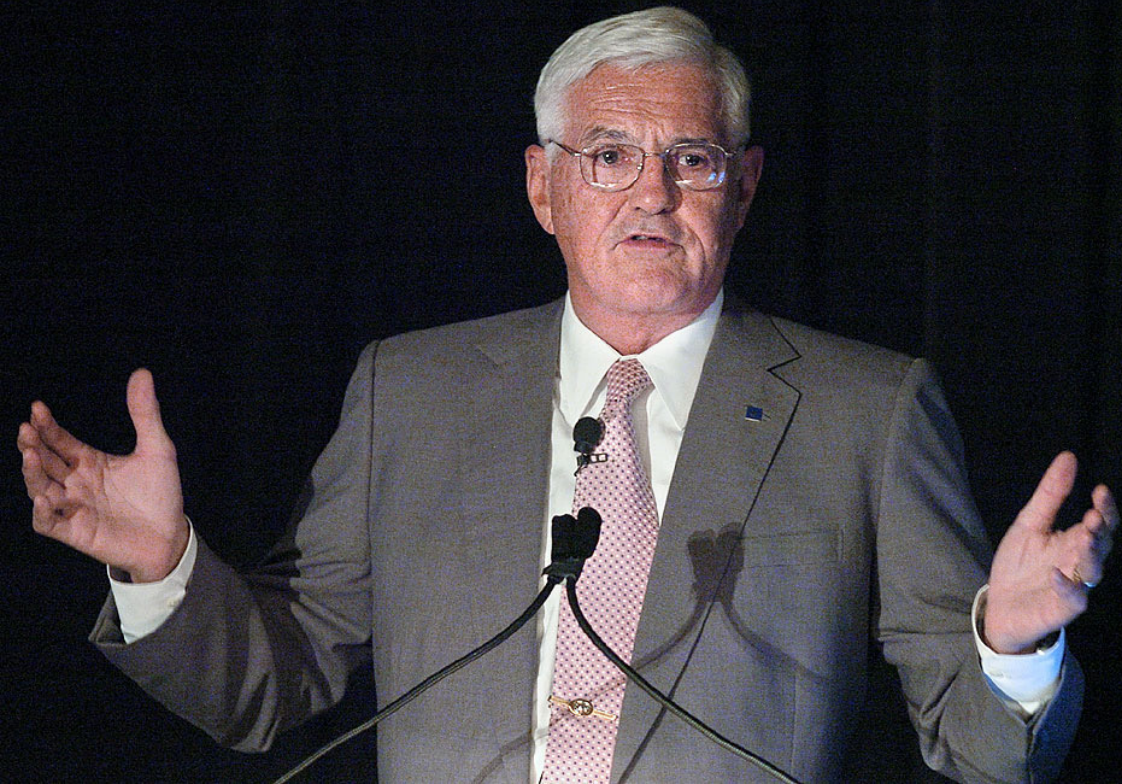


**Dear David: You asked for feedback on your remarks at our recent conference. The data is just now available. The rating scale was zero to ten with ten being “best.” The five non-GM speakers had scores ranging from zero to ten. Yours ranged from three to ten. The five “outside speakers” average scores ranged from 5.25 to 8.25. Your average was 7.35. Two speakers had higher scores than yours. Your standard deviation from the mean was 1.719 and ranked second among the variances, showing that most people had a similar opinion about your remarks. Thank you for your participation.
Signed: Outside Speaker Effective Analysis Group**



Bob Lutz – another car guy – shared this insight about that story: An “outside speaker effective analysis group?” This was the result of too much money and too many overly educated, almost academically-oriented people focusing their ray guns of unbridled excellence on targets of complete irrelevance.

– Bob Lutz, in *Car Guys vs. Bean Counters: The Battle for the Soul of American Business*



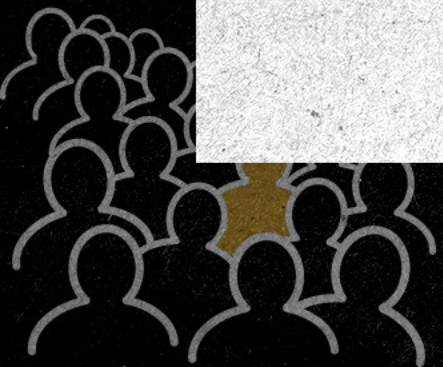
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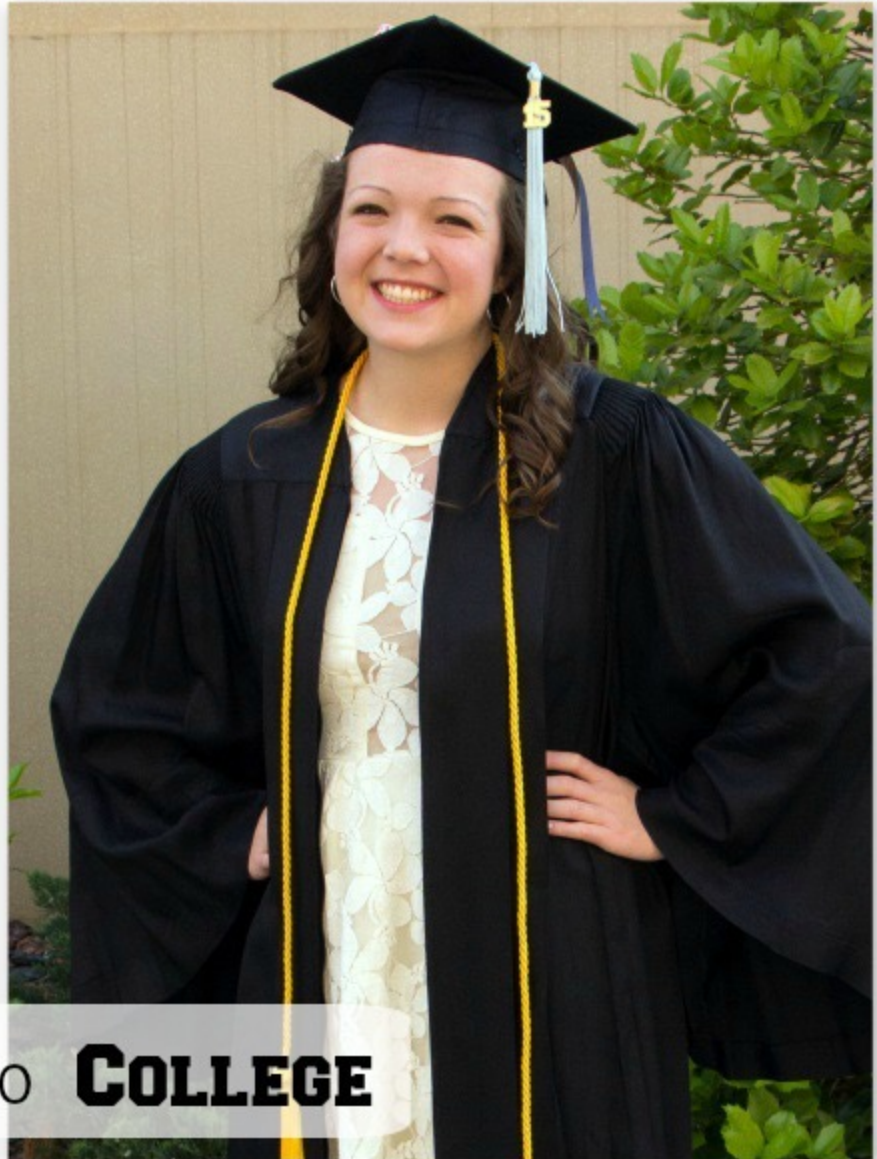
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Kindergarten to **COLLEGE**



**Parents
here**



**Kids heading
this way**





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Am I going the
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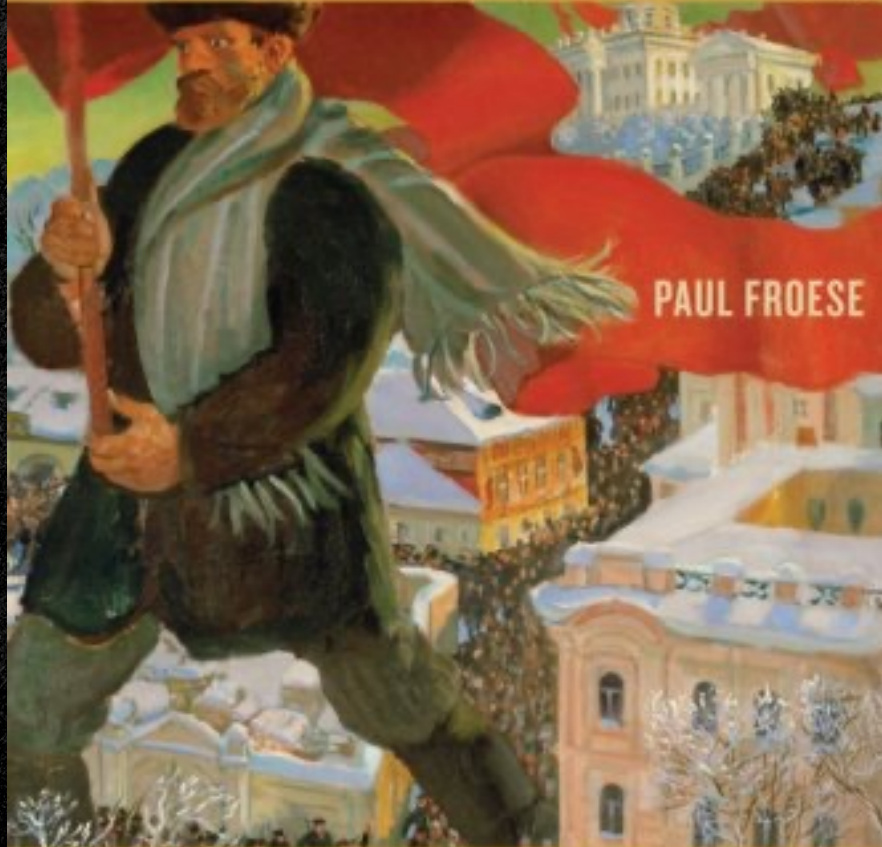


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"Fraese demolishes our assumptions about the nature of religion and secularization." —Andrew Greeley



PAUL FROESE

THE PLOT TO KILL GOD

Findings from the Soviet Experiment in Secularization



courtesy University of California Press, which seems rather ironic

Through the Committee on the Execution of the Decree Separating Church and State, which called itself “The League of Militant Atheists,” [Soviet officials] spread the message that religion was scientifically falsifiable...they used universities to educate a new generation of antireligious intellectuals.

– Paul Froese, *The Plot to Kill God*



Schoolchildren were taught that religious belief was just plain stupid, and Soviet citizens encountered daily statements about the falsity and dangers of religion in the media and in their places of work. These propaganda tactics were intended to not only alter behavior but also to convert the population into convinced atheists. – Paul Froese, *The Plot to Kill God*



[These] ideas of Marxist-Leninists fit firmly within an ongoing movement within the sociology of religion which asserts that modern economies, technologies, and cultures naturally dispel public religiosity. – Paul Froese, *The Plot to Kill God*



Soviet policies that destroyed religious institutions and eliminated religious leaders followed the basic logic of sociological theories, which state that religious persistence is simply a process of socialization. In theory, without churches and religious activists, religion would go away. – Paul Froese, *The Plot to Kill God*



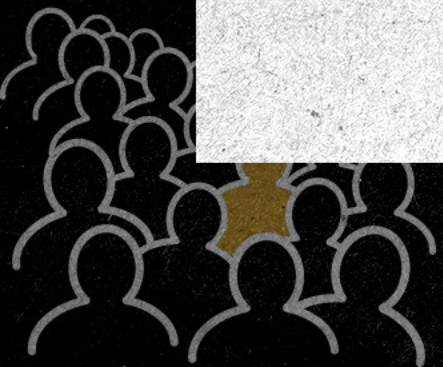


**Gerald Groff:
postal worker
wrongfully forced to
quit his job because of
his religious beliefs**



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"Bezbozhnik" or Stanok ("The Atheist at His Bench" Moscow)
Organ of the Union of Atheists (or League) based at the
Пролетария всех стран, соединяйтесь! Московский Комитет при ЦК ВКП(б)
Proletarians of all countries, unite!
Moscow Committee of the All Union Communist Party

БЕЗБОЖНИК У СТАНКА

1929 № 15

Our cultural achievement—the abolition of the drunken "Transfiguration Day"
Наше культурное достижение — отмена пьяного преображения

(This might be entitled "The Reflection of Christ and the Baptism of Man")
Цена 25 коп.



Religious smashing a Church tool

The Service

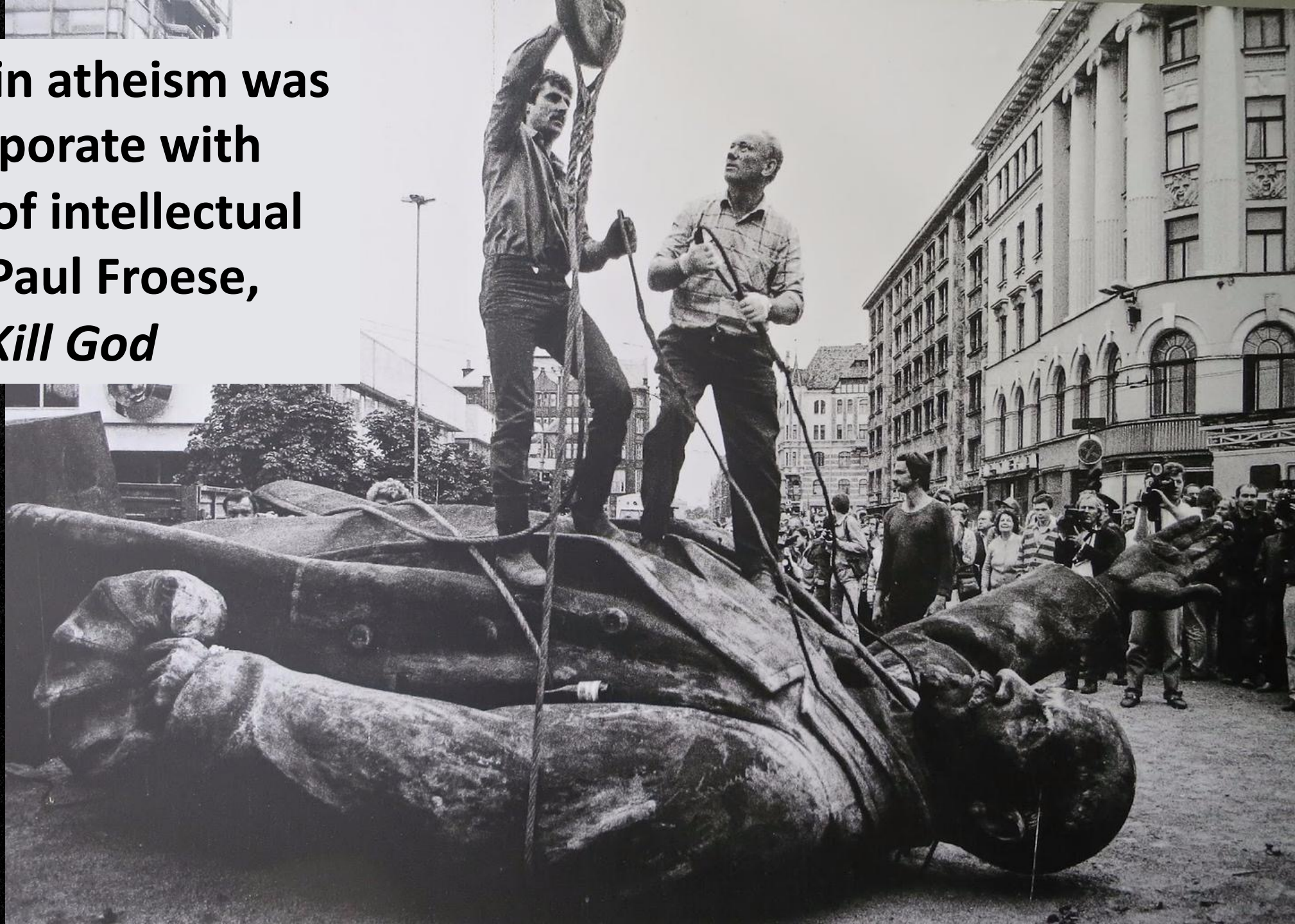
Седьмой год издания
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К введению "ДНЯ ИНДУСТРИАЛИЗАЦИИ"
The introduction of "Industrialization Day."

Memo (from archives of the CCCP opened to study in 1991)
Day (blurred) Year: 1937
To: Yosef Stalin, General Secretary, Communist Party of the Soviet Union
From: Yemelyan Yaroslavsky, Chairman, League of Militant Atheists

Comrade Chairman, religion is like a nail, the harder you hit it the deeper it goes.

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Slaying Goliath
Robert Leinweber
1900

I don't usually give a lot of specific applications because it can be limiting & even insulting. You Christians have the Holy Spirit inside and you surely don't need specifics from me about how to apply His word.



Be bold in God!

God the Father
**Artus Quellius the
Younger
1620**



**Who's your
real Daddy?**

courtesy St. Salvatore Cathedral

- 1. Be bold in God.**
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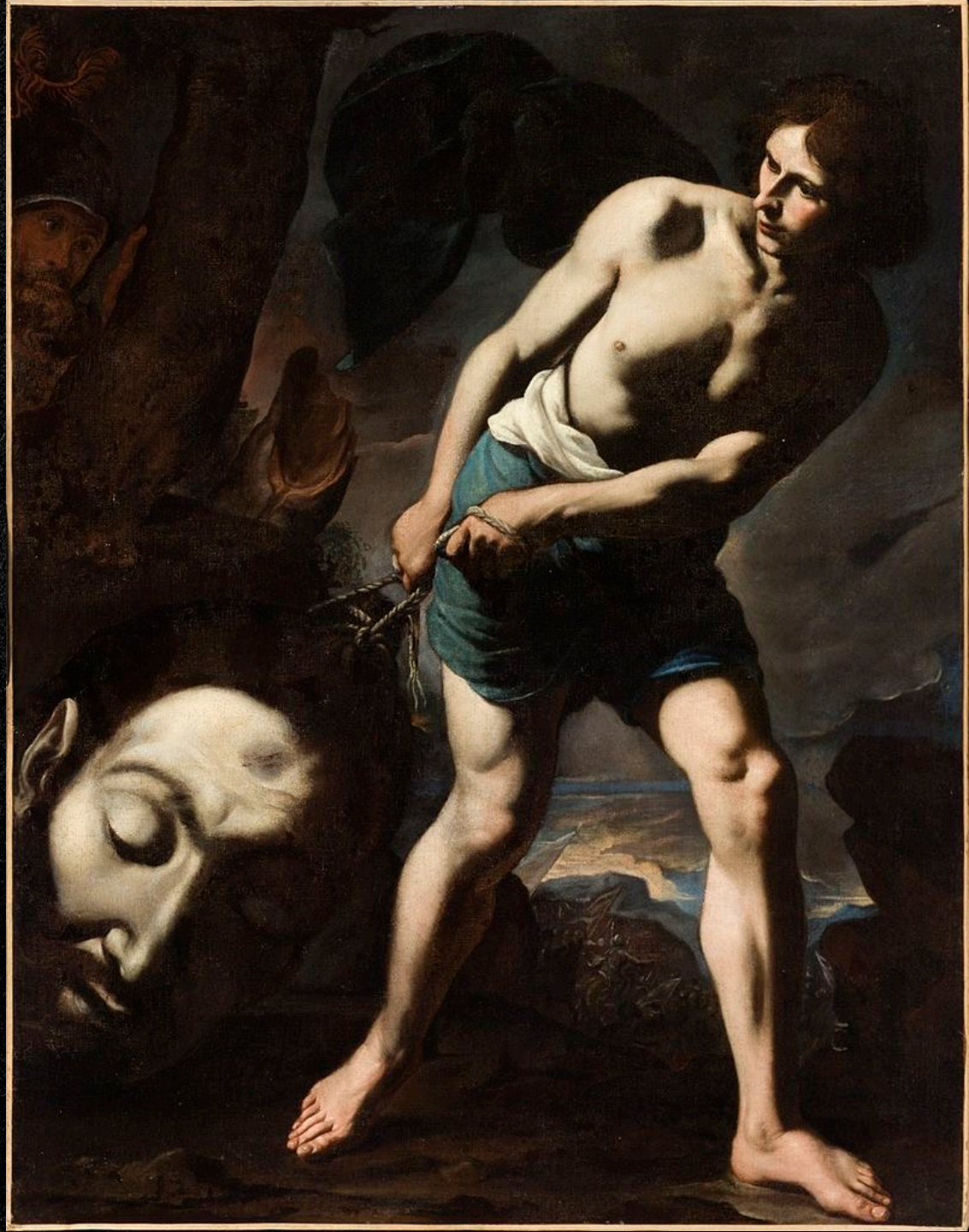


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4. Stop fearing defeat from enemies!

David with head of Goliath
Andrea Vaccaro
1635



Audience of One

A photograph of a man standing on a stage, illuminated by a single spotlight from above. The rest of the stage and the background are in deep shadow, creating a sense of isolation and focus on the individual.

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- 5. Work for God's approval only!**

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