

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Communion
Worship in Message
Worship in Giving

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Stand Firm With Family

1 Peter 1:13-21

Stand Firm Series

Life Change: We live obediently as God's family.

Adoption

The Christian has an incredible new family.
We are called to be God's adopted children.

We are freed from old familial sin.

This relational change:
Is founded on Jesus' unspeakably precious purchase price.

Has occurred because of Jesus' resurrection.

Therefore, Christians should live holy lives because:

We are in a serious battle. 13

We are beloved children of God. 14

We are being transformed. 15-16

Brother, we are told that you have been preaching to the white people in this place. These people are our neighbors. We are acquainted with them. We will wait a little while and see what effect your preaching has upon them. If we find it does them good, makes them honest and less disposed to cheat Indians, we will then consider again what you have said.

– Chief Red Jacket, 1805

We are related to the Judge. 17

We are redeemed. 18-19

We are specially placed in eternal Messiah. 20-21

What should we specifically do?

Mortify sin.

Remember every day the precious price paid for you.

Pay attention to what matters.



STAND FIRM

a study of 1 Peter

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE

**Michael Orlando Clark, Jr.
invited his entire class to his
adoption.**



courtesy Meghan Wray

**A person who has
no family – or
mostly bad family
– is taken out of
that darkness and
grafted into a
place of complete
belonging.**



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courtesy Mills Adoption Law



**Marcus Aurelius
Antoninus Pius
Lucius Verus
Hadrian
all adopted**

**Frieze from Ephesus
ca. 169 A.D.**



courtesy Pergamum Museum, Berlin

adoption at the highest strata



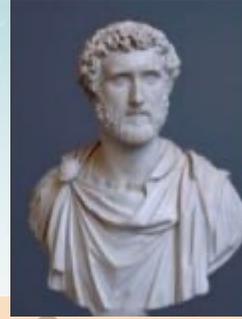
Nerva
96-98
adopted



Trajan
98-117
adopted



Hadrian
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Antoninus Pius
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Marcus Aurelius
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(See the movie Gladiatior)

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1 John 3

**¹ See what great love
the Father has given us
that we should be called God's children
—and we are! ^{CSB}**

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Greek: Πατροπαράδοτος patroparadatos = things handed down from your people

pater = father [heritage]

para = with [as in Spanish]

didomi = to bestow

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A stylized illustration set against a dark blue background with various planets and geometric shapes. On the right, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt and blue pants, stands looking towards the right. On the left, a man's profile is visible, wearing a white t-shirt and holding a blue planet. The background features several planets in shades of orange, blue, and white, along with large, stylized geometric shapes in white and orange. The overall aesthetic is modern and artistic.

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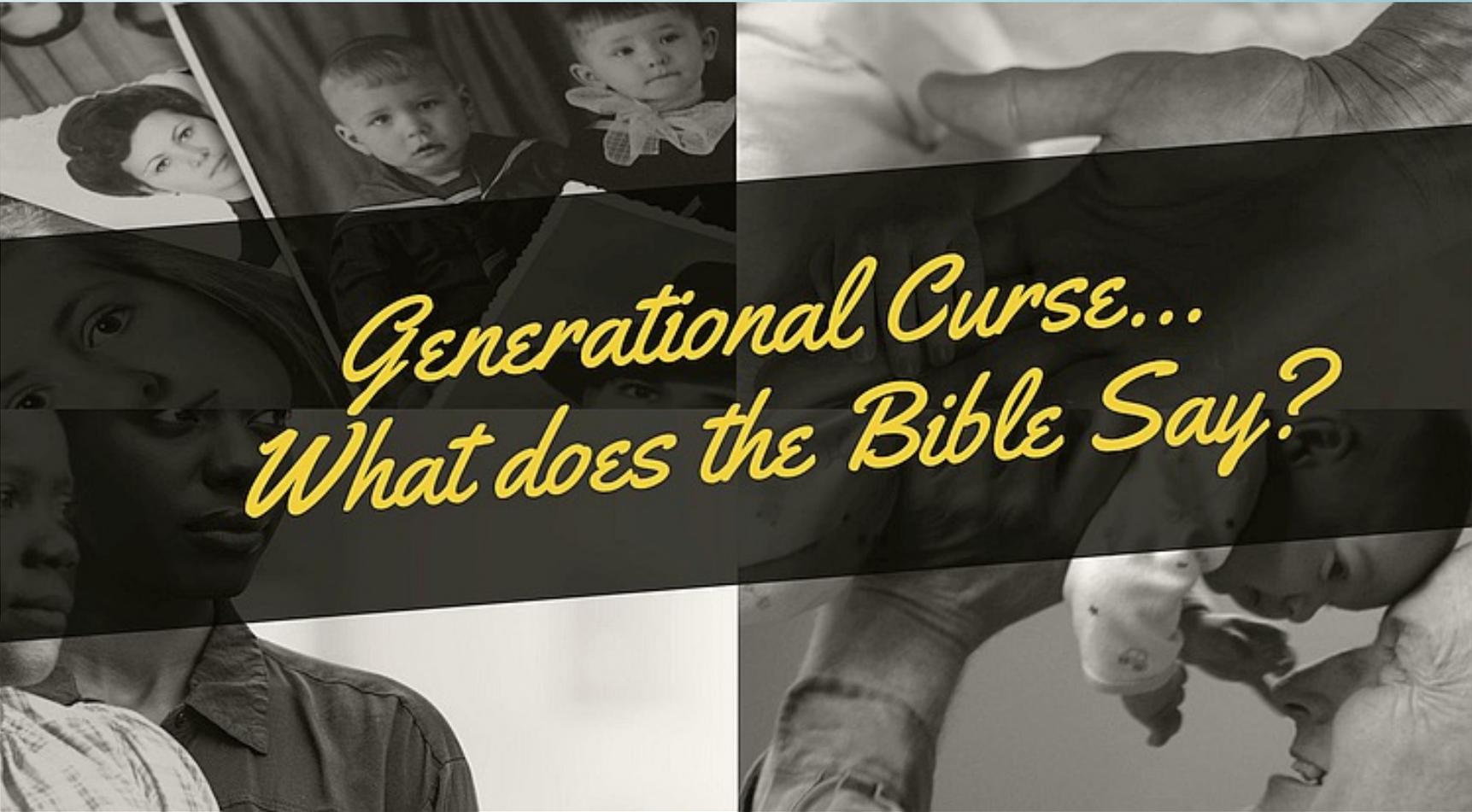
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*Generational Curse...
What does the Bible Say?*

Dr. B,

I don't want to do this [bad thing], but I can tell that I have no choice. It's just how God made me. It's how Adam's sin has warped my DNA.

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courtesy stpaul'sbrockton





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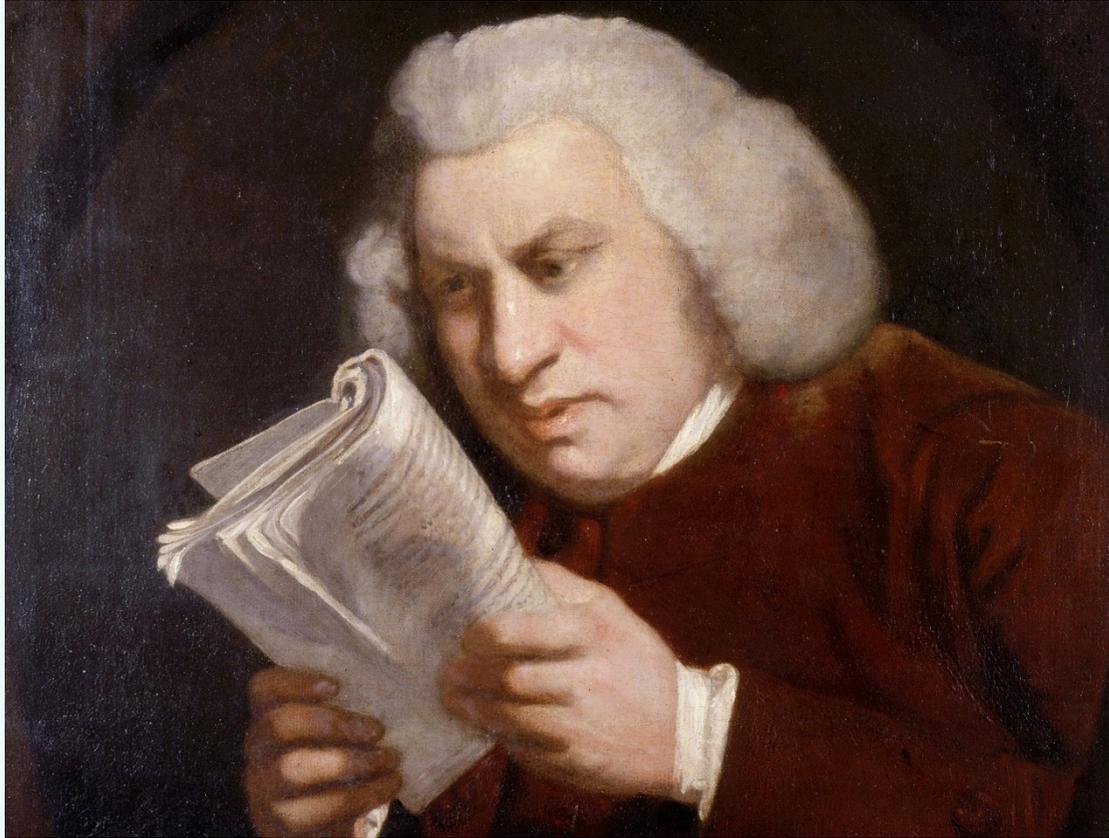


**I already know all
that about Jesus
paying for me.**



**Farmer near
Harleton, TX
1939**

Knowledge is of two kinds: we know a subject

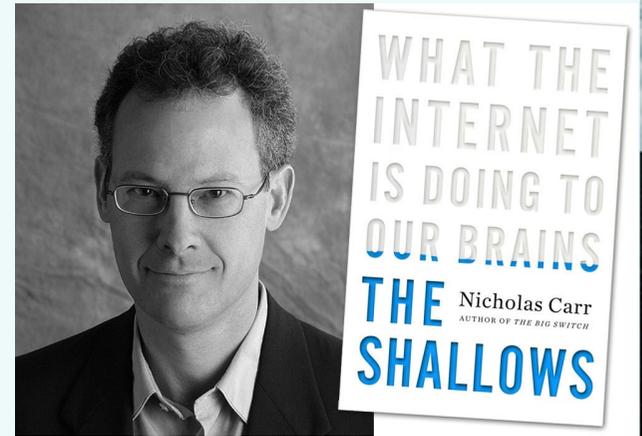


ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it. – Samuel Johnson

Dr. Johnson

**Sir Joshua Reynolds
1775**

The net grants us instant access to a library of information unprecedented in its size and scope and it makes it easy for us to sort through that library to find, if not exactly what we were looking for, at least something sufficient for our immediate purposes. What the net diminishes is Johnson's primary kind of knowledge, the ability to know in-depth a subject for ourselves, to construct within our own minds the rich and idiosyncratic set of connections that give rise to a singular intelligence. – Nicholas Carr, *The Shallows*



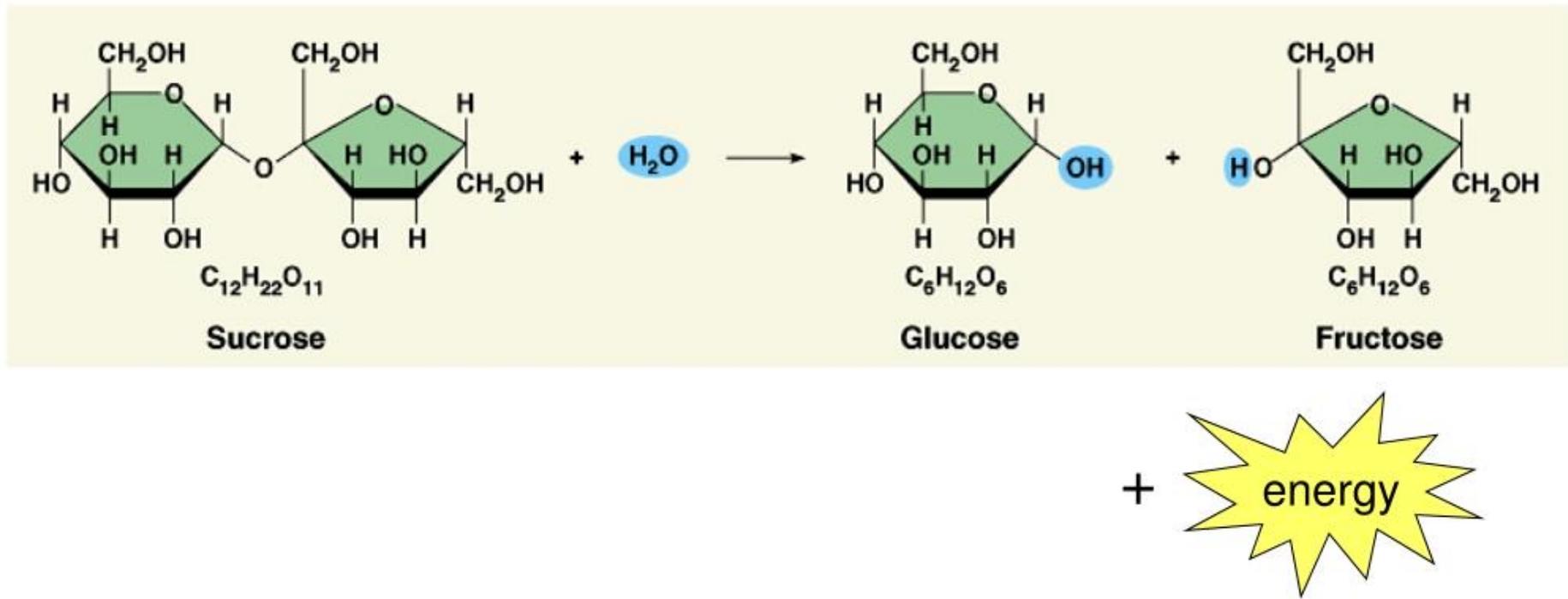


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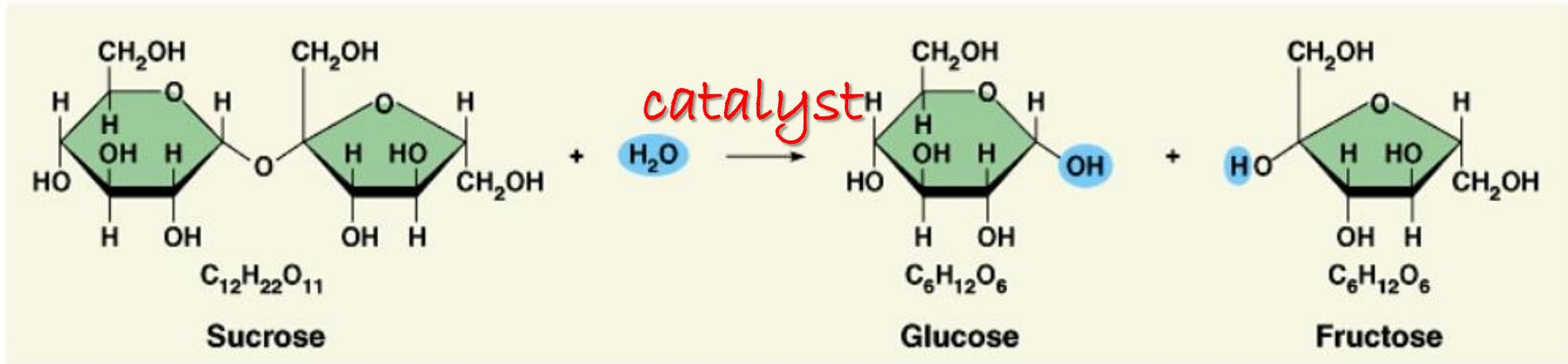
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Wayne, you forgot the catalyst. Again.



+ energy

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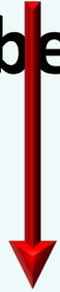


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focused; undaunted by things that don't matter

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- **If the thing before you matters, go wholeheartedly forward.**
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courtesy World Sport



courtesy USA Wrestling

The Georgian worried about the clock, which didn't matter. He was concerned with Steveson shooting at his legs, which was anti-matter. The thing that

mattered was not letting Steveson spin him again!



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courtesy youtube

A photograph of two young boys sitting on a dark leather couch in a living room, playing video games. The boy on the left is wearing a blue and white hoodie and holding a white controller. The boy on the right is wearing a brown long-sleeved shirt and holding a black controller. Both are looking intently at a screen off-camera. The background shows a lamp and some bottles on a table.

Man, you shouldn't complain.

You've got it lucky. No one makes you obey!

Dude, no one cares if I obey.
No one cares at all.

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Proverbs 3

**¹¹ Do not despise the LORD's instruction, my son,
and do not loathe his discipline;**

**¹² for the LORD disciplines the one he loves,
just as a father disciplines
the son in whom he delights. ^{CSB}**

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Holiness in Leviticus

- 1. No human can achieve holiness. The laws laid down by God are beyond mortal capacity to reach, even by sacrifice. All are in need.**
- 2. The person who recognizes his need responds to God by faith. Trusting YHWH, that person is declared holy by God's sacrifice. Then, the one transformed is expected to live that holiness out.**

Levitical holiness in Galatians

3:10 For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, because it is written, *Everyone who does not do everything written in the book of the law is cursed. [Deut 27]*¹¹ Now it is clear that no one is justified before God by the law, because *the righteous will live by faith. [Hab 2:4]*^{CSB}

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5:13 For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself. [Lev 19]* **6:10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith. ^{CSB}



courtesy Julian Hall



RED JACKET.
SAGUYEWATHA.

Red Jacket
Charles Bird King
ca. 1797

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The medal was a treaty gift from George Washington, picturing Red Jacket & GW + date 1792. He loved it.

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*Roman judgment seat
[bema] at Corinth*

Rockdale, Texas mid-20thc.



courtesy Milam County

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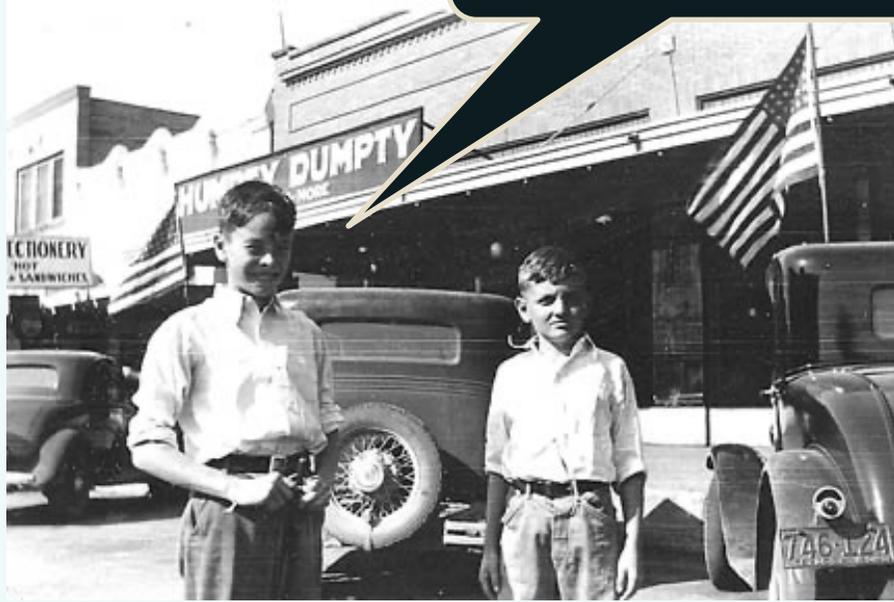


courtesy quora



courtesy B.Ahmohoba

Best day ever!



courtesy Milam County



Stay cool...



courtesy FT



John was still & will ever be his son. But the Judge loved John enough to make his child an example. He made John face the consequences, even as he was forgiven.

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Peter is purposefully phrasing in Passover pictures.



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Seven things were already in being before creation, among which is King Messiah, of whom the Psalmist [Ps. 72:17] said, 'Thy name is for ever.' – *Midrash Proverbs 67:3*



courtesy gcflooring



courtesy youtube

Ephesians 1

**³ Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us
with every spiritual blessing
in the heavens in Christ.**

**⁴ For he chose us in him,
before the foundation of the
world,
to be holy and blameless
in love before him. ^{CSB}**



What should
we do?



courtesy NBC

**This
is a
Shovel**

**This
is a
Spade**



1. Mortify sin; i.e., call it what it is wherever it is.



another spade

also a Spade



Not mortified



- It's just the way I am.
- That's how I was raised.
- It's all I hear around me.
- But I am angry.

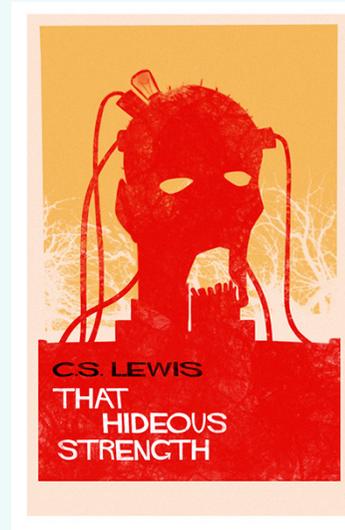
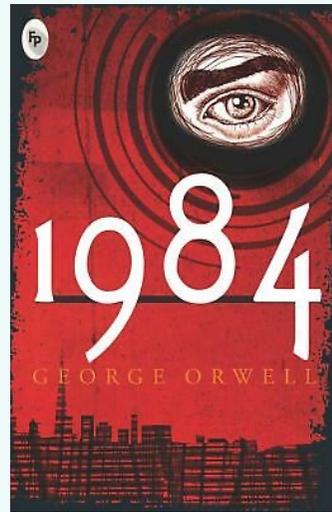
Mortified

Eph 4:29 **No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear.** ^{CSB}

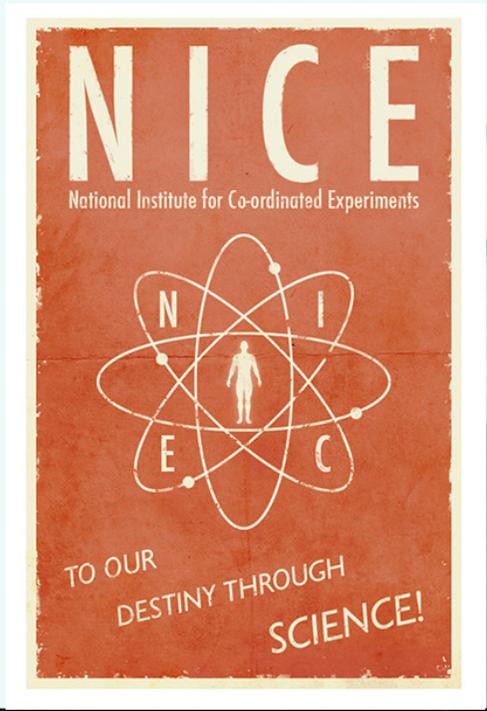


I offer a modest suggestion. One of the most redemptive things we can do each day is simply this: *Call things by their true names.* Why? Because words have a tremendous power to illuminate or to obscure truth and, therefore, the power to make or break civilization.

The great authors of dystopian fiction knew this well.



In Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, the "firemen" of America's future "were given a new job," namely burning books, "as custodians of our peace of mind." Winston Smith, the protagonist of George Orwell's *1984*, spent his days changing words...In C.S. Lewis' *That Hideous Strength*, Mark Studdock is tasked with "concocting news" to drum up support for a totalitarian regime, the National Institute of Coordinated Experiments (N.I.C.E.).



Why resist these words games? Because Christianity is unabashedly committed to reality. Yet, we often find ourselves at a loss as to what we can do in our busy lives, to, as T.S. Elliot says, “help renew and rebuild civilization, and save the world from suicide.” Refuse to submit to the redefinitions of our day. Help “save the world from suicide” by making a daily habit of calling things by their true names. – Thaddeus Williams, “Calling Things by their True Names”



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