

WESLEY INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATION

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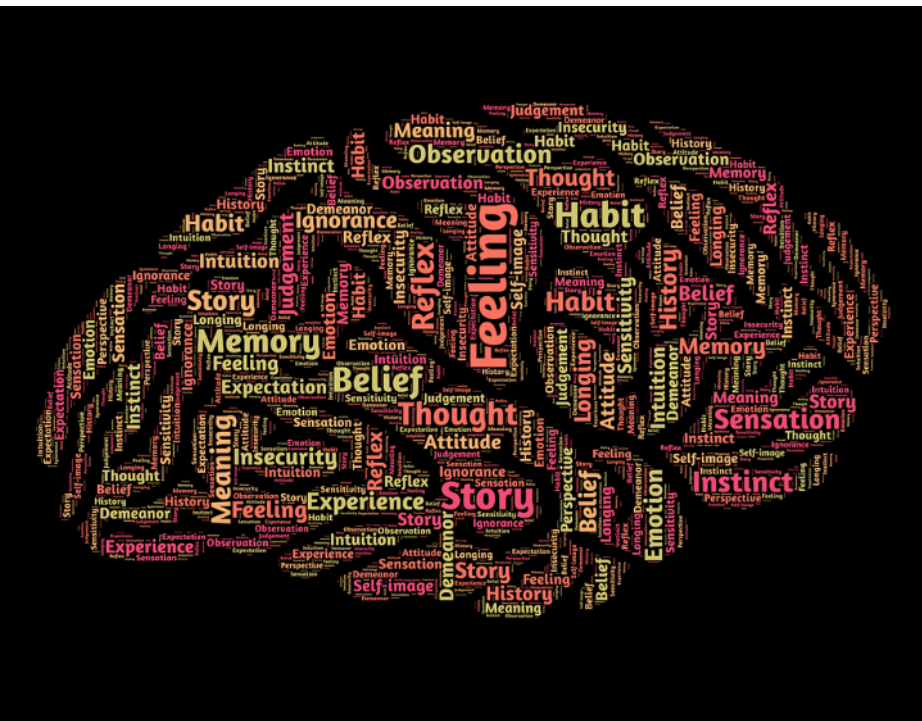
TRANSFORMING  
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**In the next ten  
years  
we see 5 vibrant  
church hubs  
across Sydney  
bringing holistic  
transformation  
to lives and  
communities.**



# 1. Jesus Renews Our Minds



# 2. Trust in God





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difficulties**
- **in His infinite  
wisdom**
- **above ourselves**
- **to break anxiety**
- **through contentment**





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A word cloud centered around the theme of the 'information age' and 'technology'. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern, with varying sizes and orientations. The colors are primarily dark red and brown, with some yellow and orange accents. The largest words are 'information', 'age', and 'technology'. Other prominent words include 'data', 'digital', 'network', 'web', 'communication', 'worldwide', 'science', 'software', 'business', 'code', 'global', 'study', 'education', 'virtual', 'investment', 'design', 'internet', 'system', 'binary', 'tech', 'success', 'modern', 'future', 'space', 'knowledge', 'database', 'college', 'concept', 'transfer', 'collection', 'conceptual', 'grunge', 'computer', 'classic', 'connection', 'security', and 'learn'.

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**“The ability to use your knowledge and experience to make good decisions.”**

**(Cambridge Dictionary)**





**“Wisdom is  
knowledge being  
put to good use.”**

**(Charles Haddon  
Spurgeon)**

## **Proverbs 2:6**

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**God's  
Wisdom**



**The World's  
Wisdom**





- 1. The nature of God's wisdom**
- 2. How does the wisdom of the world differ from God's wisdom?**
- 3. How do we get more of God's wisdom?**



# 1. The nature of God's wisdom

## Proverbs 2:9

<sup>9</sup> Then you will understand what is **right** and **just** and **fair**—every **good** path.

## **James 3:17**

**<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.**





1. **The nature of God's wisdom**
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## Proverbs 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup>Wisdom will save you from the ways of **wicked** men, from men whose **words are perverse**, <sup>13</sup> who have **left the straight paths** to walk in **dark ways**,

## **Proverbs 2:14-15**

**<sup>14</sup> who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, <sup>15</sup> whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways**

## James 3:14

<sup>14</sup> But if you harbour **bitter envy** and **selfish ambition** in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.



## James 3:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Such wisdom does not come down from heaven but is **earthly, unspiritual and demonic.** <sup>16</sup>For where you have **envy and selfish ambition,** there you find disorder and **every evil practice.**



# Personal Identity

## World's Wisdom

- Be proud of who you are.
- Make a name for yourself.
- Tell others about your success.

## God's Wisdom

- When pride comes then comes disgrace.  
(Prov 11:2)
- Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth.  
(Prov 27:2)



# Wealth & Finances



## World's Wisdom

- Get as much money as you can.
- Store up as much as you can for your future as possible.

## God's Wisdom

- Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath.  
(Prov 11:4)
- Don't wear yourself to get rich.  
(Prov 23:8)
- Honour God with your wealth.  
(Prov 3:9-10)



# Family Relations



## World's Wisdom

- If you have fallen out of love with your spouse, move on and get a different one.

## God's Wisdom

- Rejoice in the spouse of your youth.  
(Prov 5:18)
- A person who commits adultery destroys themselves.  
(Prov 6:32)

## **World's Wisdom**

- **I am so often away at work and so when I am with my children, I want to be more of a friend than a disciplinarian.**

## **God's Wisdom**

- **Discipline your children for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.  
(Prov 19:18)**



**Politics**

## World's Wisdom

- We need to be progressive so let us allow all those things considered immoral in the past e.g., abortion, euthanasia etc.

## God's Wisdom

- Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people. (Prov 14:34)



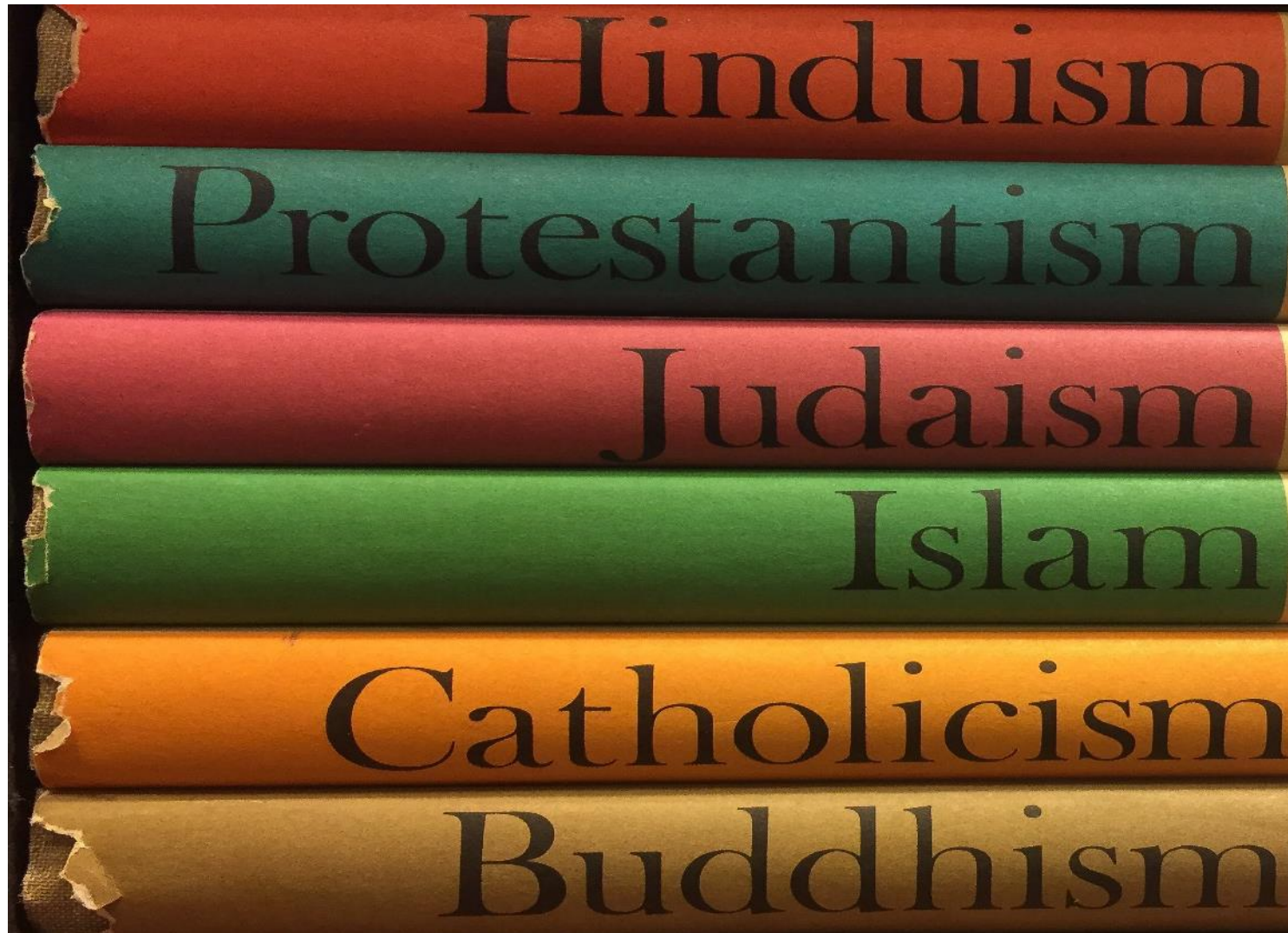
## **World's Wisdom**

- **I have a right to slander the opposition party, it is part of my role to make them look bad.**

## **God's Wisdom**

- **The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbour.  
(Prov 11:13)**

# Religion & Faith



## World's Wisdom

- There is no God.
- It doesn't matter what religion you follow, all paths lead to God.

## God's Wisdom

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Prov 9:10)
- "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."  
(John 14:6)

## Proverbs 14:12

<sup>12</sup> There is a **way** that **appears to be right** to a person, but in the end it leads to **death**.

## **1 Cor 1:25**

<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is **wiser than human wisdom**, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.



## **1 Cor 1:21**

**<sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know Him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.**

## 1 Cor 1:22-23

<sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but **we preach Christ crucified**: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

## 1 Cor 1:24

<sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ** is the power of God and the **wisdom of God**.



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**Ask God**



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## James 1:5

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should **ask God, who gives generously to all** without finding fault, and **it will be given to you.**

## John 14:26

<sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, **will teach you all things** and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

# Ask His Experienced Followers



## **Proverbs 2:1**

**<sup>1</sup>My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you...**

## Proverbs 15:22

<sup>22</sup>Plans fail for **lack of counsel** but with many advisers they succeed.





**Search God's Word**

## Proverbs 2:3-4

<sup>3</sup> indeed, if you call out for insight  
and cry aloud for understanding,  
<sup>4</sup> and if you **look for it** as for silver  
and **search for it** as for hidden  
treasure,

## **Proverbs 2:5**

**<sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.**

## Hebrews 4:12

<sup>12</sup> For the **word of God is alive and active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; **it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> All **Scripture is God-breathed** and is useful for **teaching, rebuking, correcting** and **training in righteousness,** <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



## James 1:22

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.**





# **SOUL**

**TRAINING**

**Every time you see a  
politician in the next week...**

**Ask Jesus to give both you  
and the politician His  
wisdom.**