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**We know more about  
the Milky Way than we  
know about ourselves.**

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# Incarnation

And the Word became flesh and  
dwelt among us...

John 1:14 (ESV)

God the Son becoming truly human and remaining  
truly human while never ceasing to be God.



# How We View Ourselves

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Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)

# How We View Ourselves

The incarnation radically challenges two commonly held beliefs about ourselves:

1. That you're all good.
2. That your worth is based on your accomplishments.

# You're All Good!

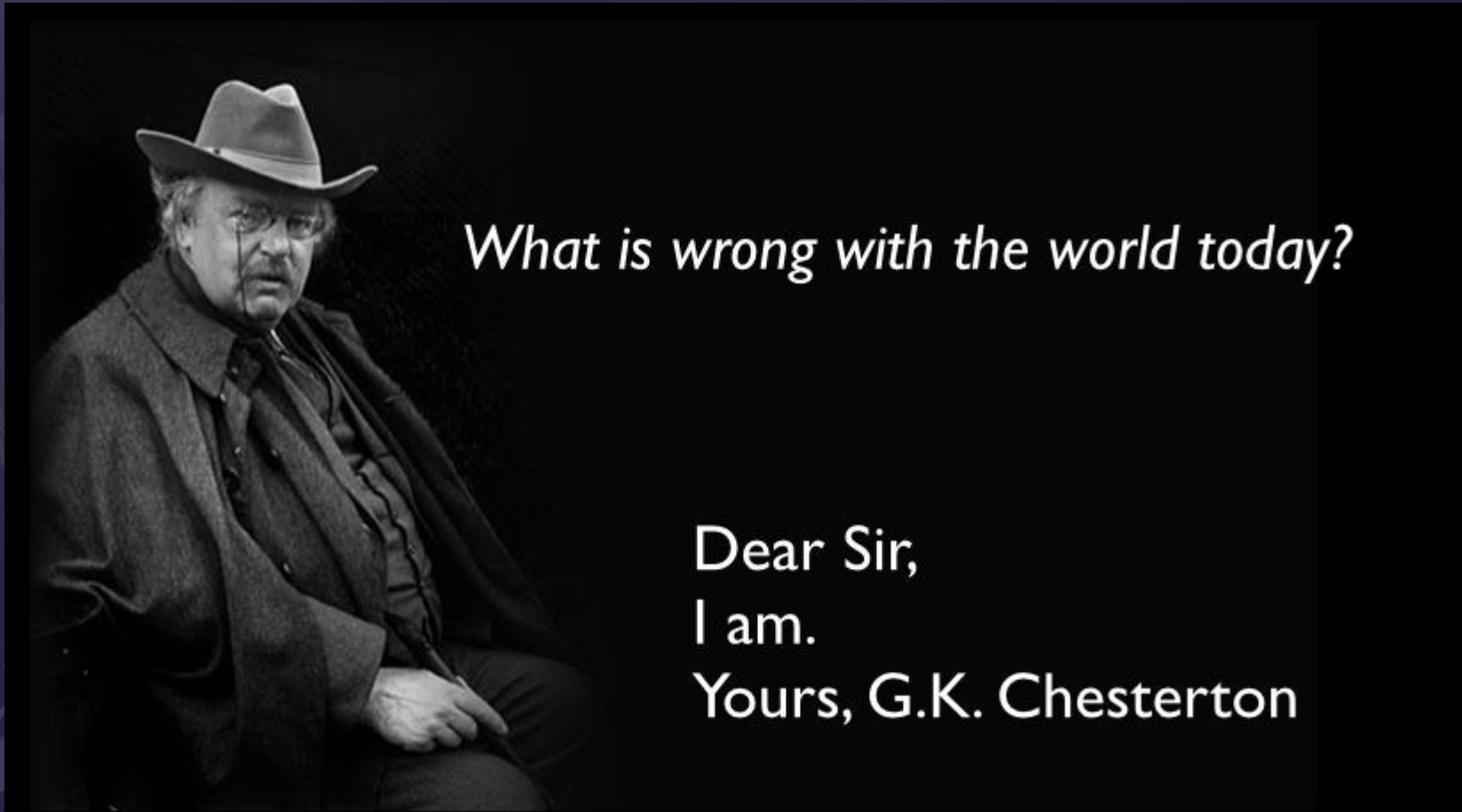
Our culture tells us that everything you need for salvation is already inside of you.

- You are your own hero.
- You do you.
- Follow your heart.
- Live your truth.
- Be your authentic self.



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“Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled... Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die...”

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

“The Son of God, in kindness he came as a friend to the hopeless, the lost, and the lame.”

The First Noel



# You're All Good!

"Long lay the world, in sin and error pining 'till he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices; for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn."

O Holy Night

# You're All Good!

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?  
Jeremiah 17:9

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

Mark 7:21-23



# You're All Good!

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Romans 6:6

# You're All Good!

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 16:24-25

1. Turn from yourself to Jesus
2. Be on guard against imbibing this false message
3. Speak God's truth to yourself



# Your Worth = Your Accomplishments

Our culture tells us that your value is based on what you accomplish.

- Professional success
- Academic achievement
- Athletic ability
- Looks
- Money & possessions
- Popularity
- Religious fervor & good works



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He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous...“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

Luke 18:9-14

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But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:9-14

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But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

# Your Worth = Your Accomplishments

Finding our worth in what Jesus alone perfectly accomplished through his life:

1. Sets us free from pride and despair
2. Empowers us to live a life of humble and confident gratitude



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Next steps

- Ask yourself why you do what you do?
- Examine how you respond when you succeed and when you fail.



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coming