

Project ISSACHAR

Training in
Apologetics and
Biblical Worldview

“Those who had
understanding of the
times, to know what Israel
ought to do...”

1 Chronicles 12:32



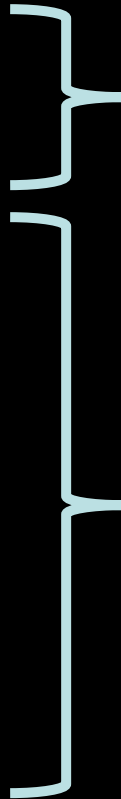
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SESSION 4

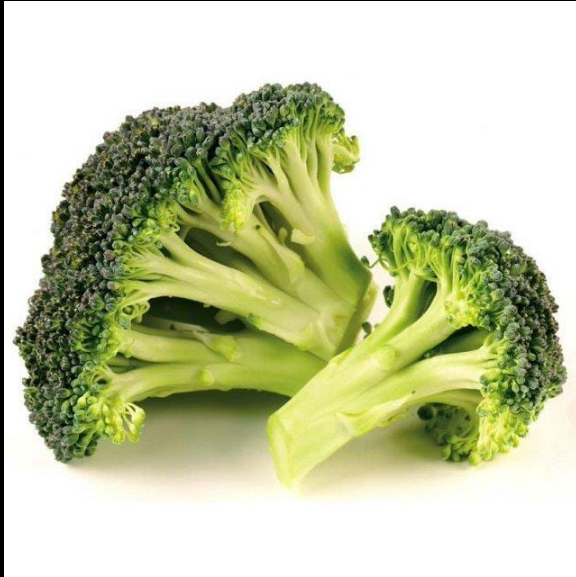
How Can I Know What's Right or Wrong?

Theology
Philosophy
Ethics
Sociology
Law
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Origins

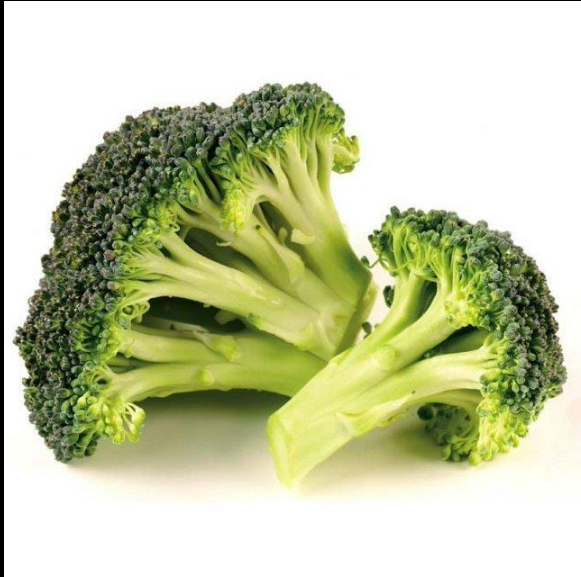


REALITY

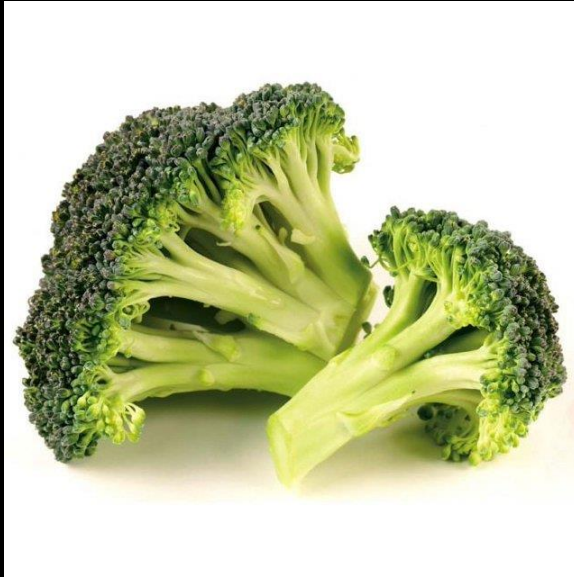
TRUTH



“Broccoli is better than pizza.”



“a preference”



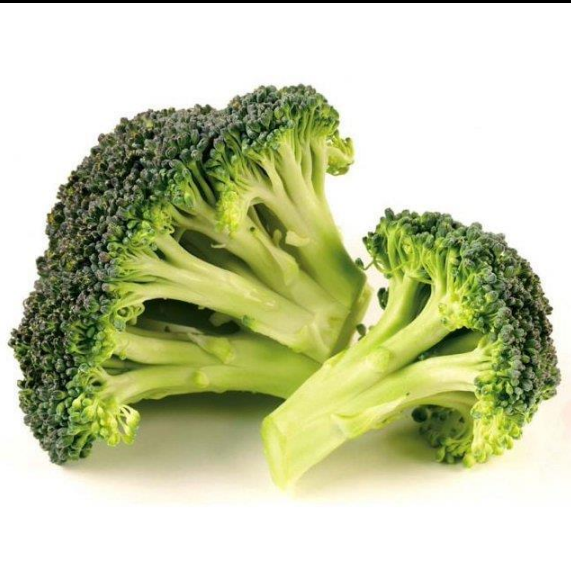
RELATIVE Truth

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“Broccoli is a plant”

ABSOLUTE Truth

Some propositions are
RELATIVELY TRUE...

Some propositions are
ABSOLUTELY TRUE...

RELATIVE?

ABSOLUTE?



Determining what is absolute truth is usually not the problem!

“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light **because their works were evil.**”

John 3:19

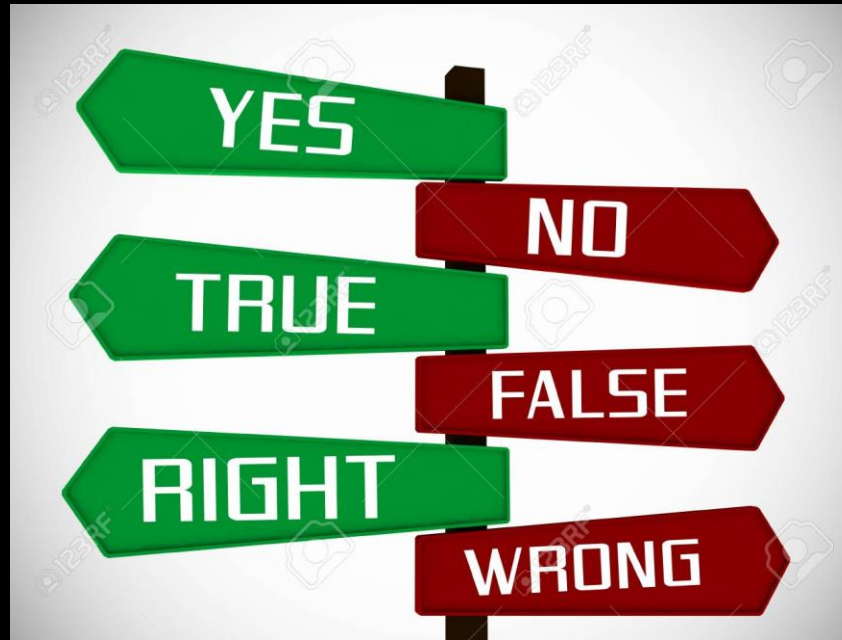
“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the **truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

John 14:6

RELATIVE?

ABSOLUTE?

- Clearly expressed in Scripture
- Church tradition
- Common sense
- Godly mentor



TRUE/FALSE

GOOD/BAD

“Reality”

RIGHT/WRONG

“Ethics”

“The standard that measures two things is something different from either. You are, in fact, comparing them both with some Real Morality, admitting that there is such a thing as a real Right, independent of what people think, and that some people's ideas get nearer to that real Right than others.”

C.S. Lewis



Martin Luther



In contrast to ethical relativism, Christianity sets forth a system of absolute moral values and affirms that God has placed within the very structure of this universe certain moral principles that are fixed and immutable.

AZ QUOTES

Can God's truth change to fit a changing culture?



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“Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens” (Psalm 119:89).

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever” (Isaiah 40:8).

“I the Lord do not change” (Malachi 3:6).

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away” (Matthew 24:35).

“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind.”

Numbers 23:19

The “trueness” of God’s Word
is grounded in His attributes...

omniscience
unchangingness
holiness
goodness
love
justice

“For the law was given through
Moses; grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ.”

John 1:17

“All your words are true...”

Psalm 119:160

Current views of truth...

- There is both RELATIVE and ABSOLUTE truth.
- Opposing views of truth can BOTH be correct.
- There is no such concept as TRUE or FALSE.
- There is no such concept as TRUE or FALSE, except as agreed upon.

Modern status of ABSOLUTE TRUTH?

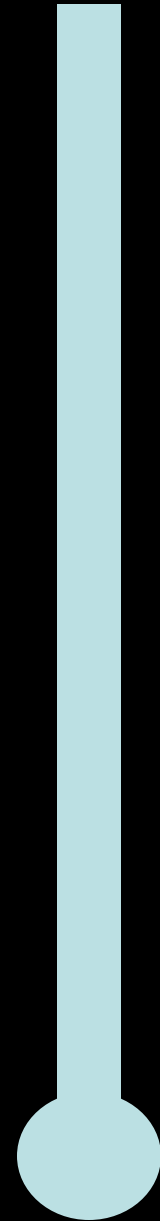
GOD

ISLAM

CHRISTIAN

HUMANIST

NEW AGE



Our current
cultural trend
is to diminish
**ABSOLUTE
TRUTH**



THE INCOHERENCES OF RELATIVISM

THERE ARE NO
ABSOLUTE
TRUTHS

Is that absolutely
true?

ABSOLUTELY!



TOLERANCE IS NOT ACCEPTANCE, YES YOU ARE STILL HOMO/TRANSPHOBIC



Posted by [Lauren Senwo](#)

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I had a discussion with a family member of mine about a week ago, where we discussed queer identities and the journey towards acceptance of LGBTQ+ individuals in our

TOLERANCE or
ACCEPTANCE?

“*Tolerant* has changed its meaning. It used to mean 'I may disagree with you completely, but I will treat you with respect.

Today, tolerant means 'you must approve of everything I do.’”

Rick Warren

~~“You have the right to believe what
you think is true.”~~

“Your truth is as good as my truth.”



*If You Disagree with
Me, You're Being
Intolerant!*

“I am female.”

“I look like a female.”

“God created only males and females.”

“I have two X chromosomes.”

“I think I am female.”

“Genetics determine gender.”

“It’s good to
be alive.”

“The fetus is 3
months old.”

“Free choice is
good.”

“This fetus is
alive.”

“It’s wrong for me to
choose to end my
pregnancy.”

“It’s good to have
the choice of
ending my
pregnancy.”



JUDGE NOT

MATTHEW 7:1-6



**How do the 4
dominant
worldviews
handle
true/false
right/wrong
god/bad?**

CHRISTIANITY

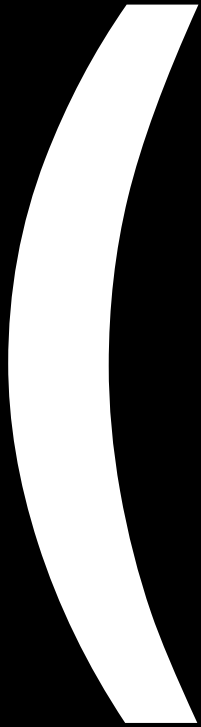
HUMANISM

ISLAM

NEW AGE

Gen Z

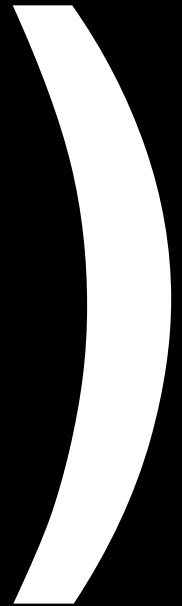
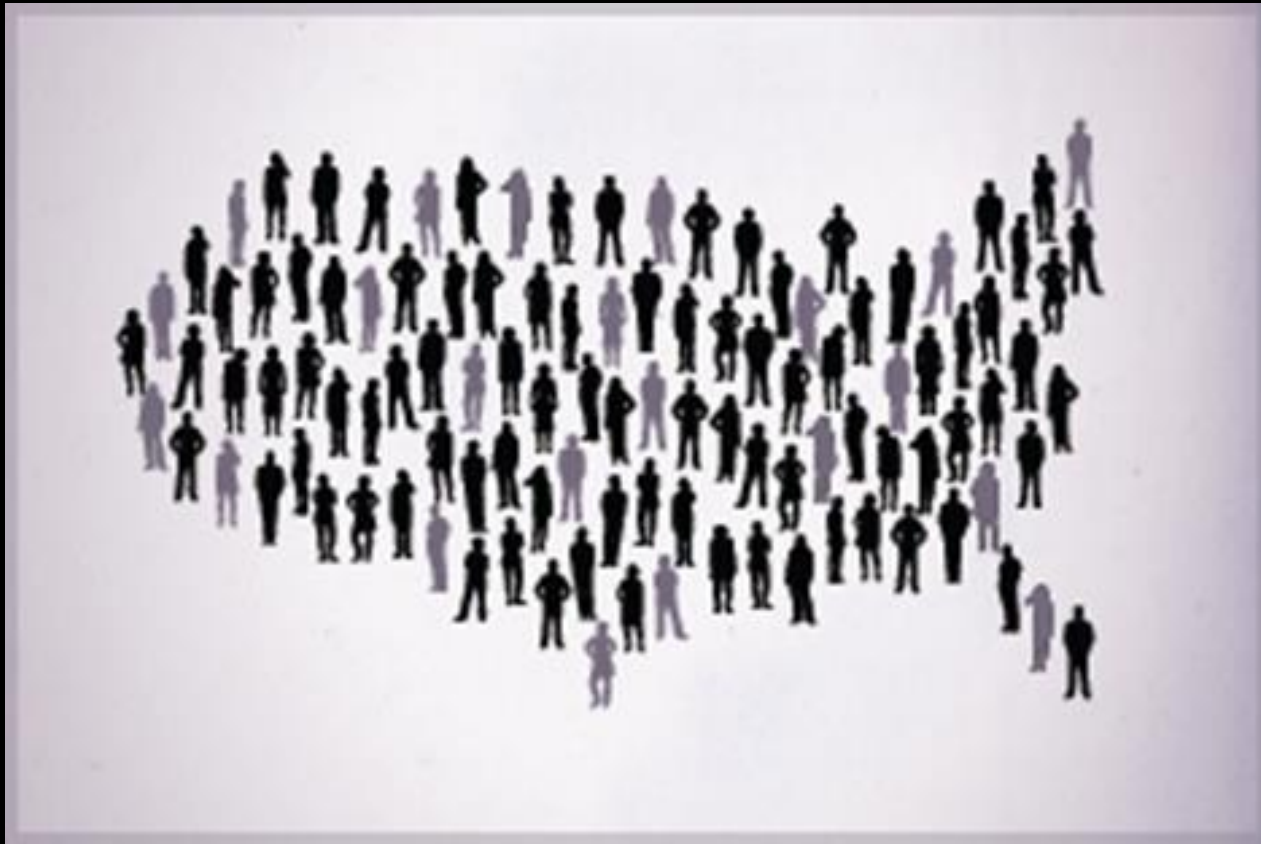
Mosaic worldview





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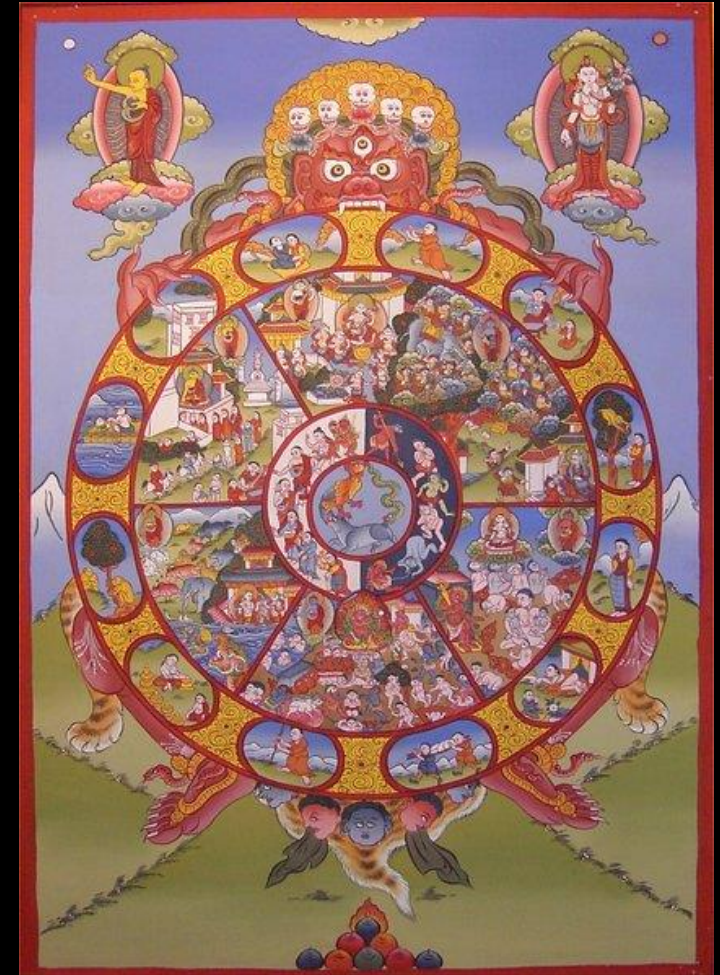
26% of U.S. (1/3 of world)

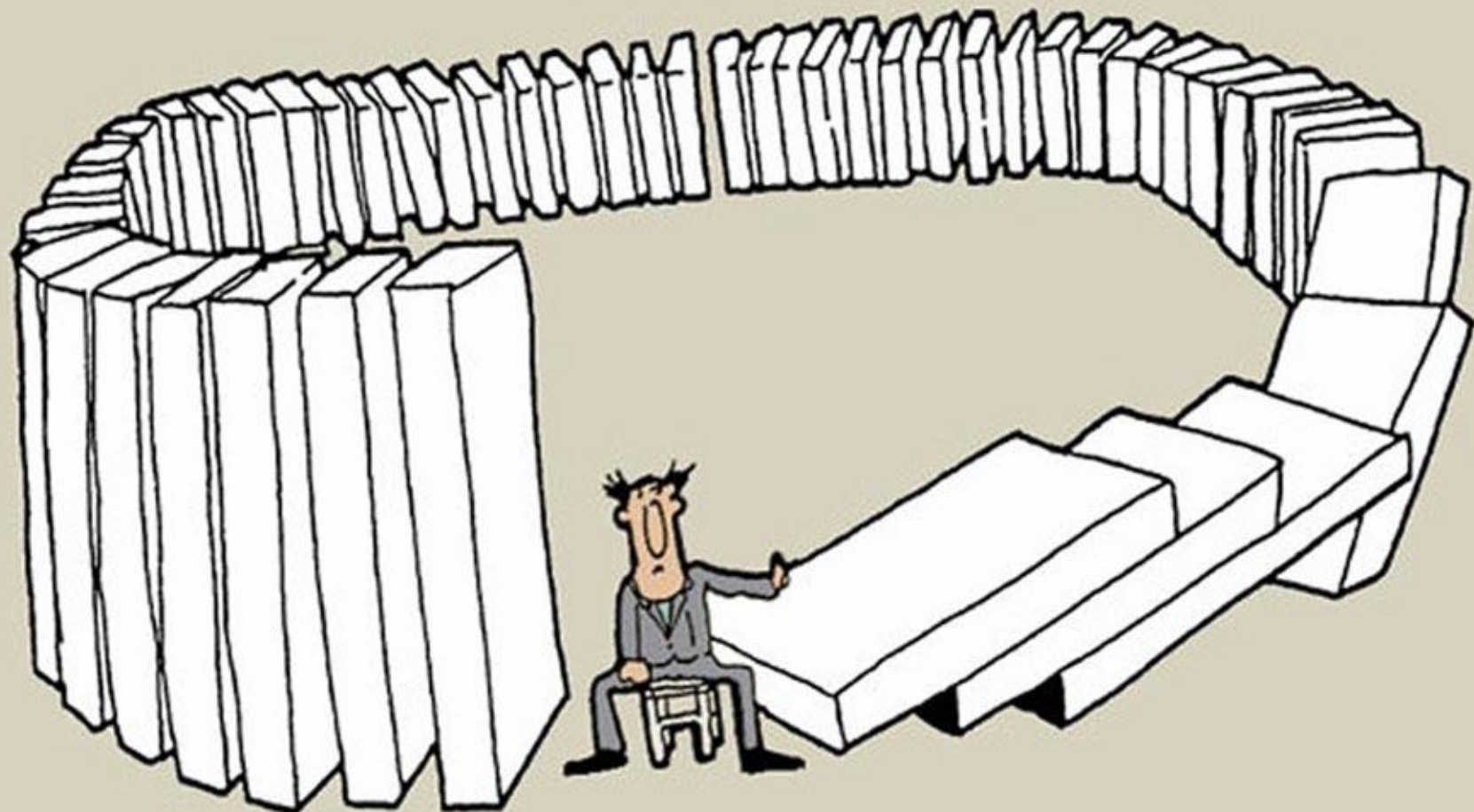


ETHICS

NEW AGE

Karma.
What goes around,
comes around.





Reincarnation...

cycles of rebirth until...





**“It is not possible to judge another’s
truth.”**

Shirley MacLaine



**It is good for you to follow
Hinduism/New Age beliefs.**



ETHICS



Relativism. Those in power decides what is true/false, good/bad.

**“Man is the result of a
purposeless and natural
process that did not have him
in mind.”**

George G. Simpson

For nearly a century, the moral relativism of science has given faith-based religion--that great engine of ignorance and bigotry--a nearly uncontested claim to being the only universal framework for moral wisdom. As a result, the most powerful societies on earth spend their time debating issues like gay marriage when they should be focused on problems like nuclear proliferation, genocide, energy security, climate change, poverty, and failing schools.

Sam Harris

ETHICS

ISLAM

Absolute truth.
Right and wrong
are based on
Koran.



“As for the faithful who do good works and believe what is revealed to Muhammad...He will forgive them their sins...”

Koran, Surah 47:1

ETHICS



Absolute truth. Right and wrong are based on God's standards.

Everyone has the right to believe and practice their (legal) religion.

Yet we will continue to invite them to biblical truth (TOLERANCE).



“Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.”

Jesus, John 7:24

“For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”

Jesus, Matthew 7:2

SOCIOLOGY



“I’m OK, you’re OK...”

“Let’s just all get along.”

“Ascend until we’re all one.”

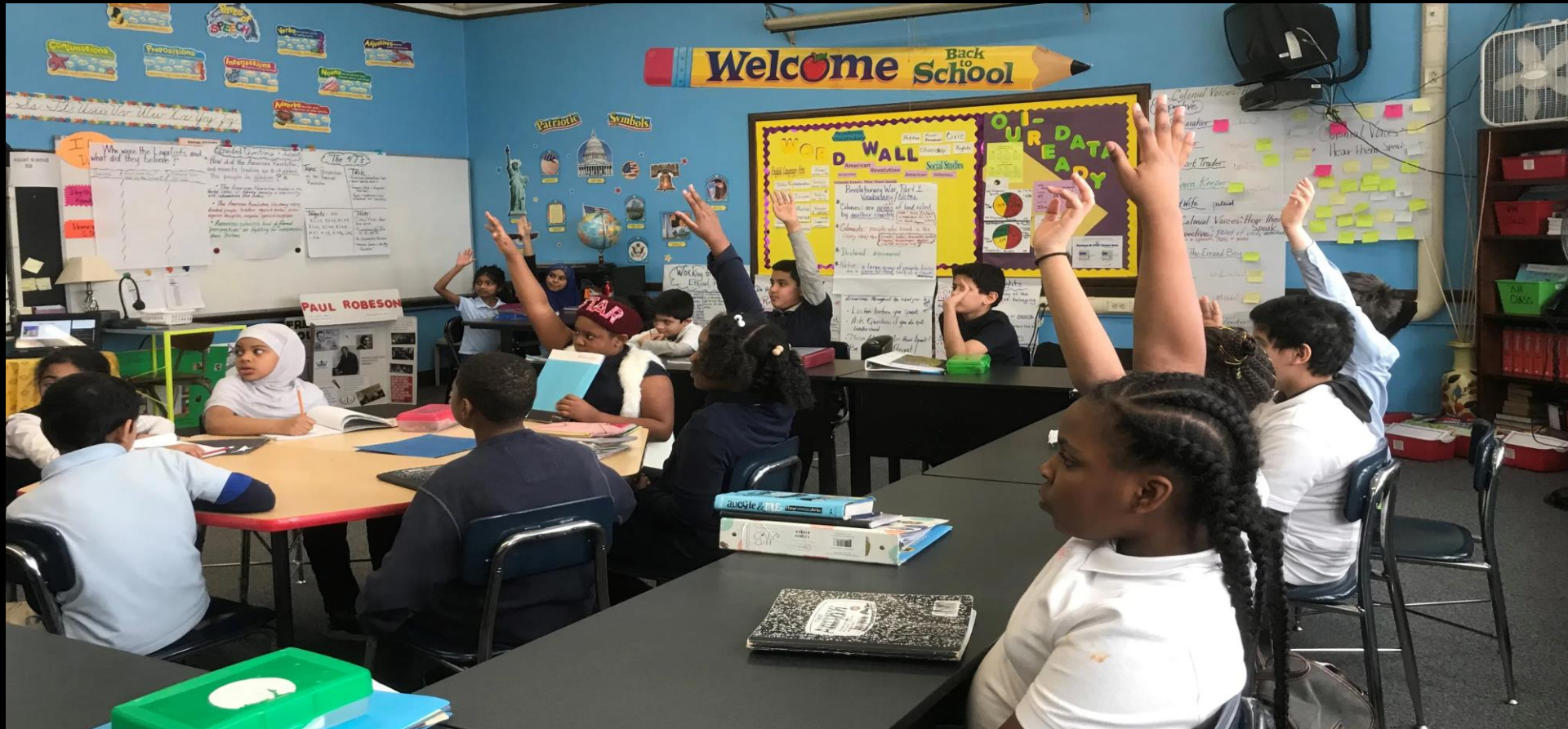
SOCIOLOGY

Community

State

Globalism

“Education is the key.”
(change agents)



SOCIOLOGY

Family

Mosque

Friends to those
who support Islam,
enemies to those
who do not.

ISLAM



“Believers, take neither Jews nor Christians for your friends.”

Koran, Surah 5:51

“Do not make friends with any but your own people...They desire nothing but your ruin.”

Koran, Surah 3:118

SOCIOLOGY

Family

Church

State



LAW



Self-law. Karma. Whatever you believe is law to you.

LAW

**Positive Law –
changes with
society**



LAW

Sharia Law.
Entirely based on Quran and
Hadith.



LAW

Natural and Biblical



GOVERNMENT

NEW AGE



Unity of all spirits.

GOVERNMENT

Socialism
Marxism
Communism
Globalism



GOVERNMENT

Global Islamic State

ISLAM



GOVERNMENT

Maximized freedom and social justice.



HISTORY



Reincarnation.
Never-ending cycles.

HISTORY

Random.

Without intrinsic purpose.

May be deconstructed in order
to change the present and
future.

HISTORY

On-going jihad toward a global Islamic state.

ISLAM



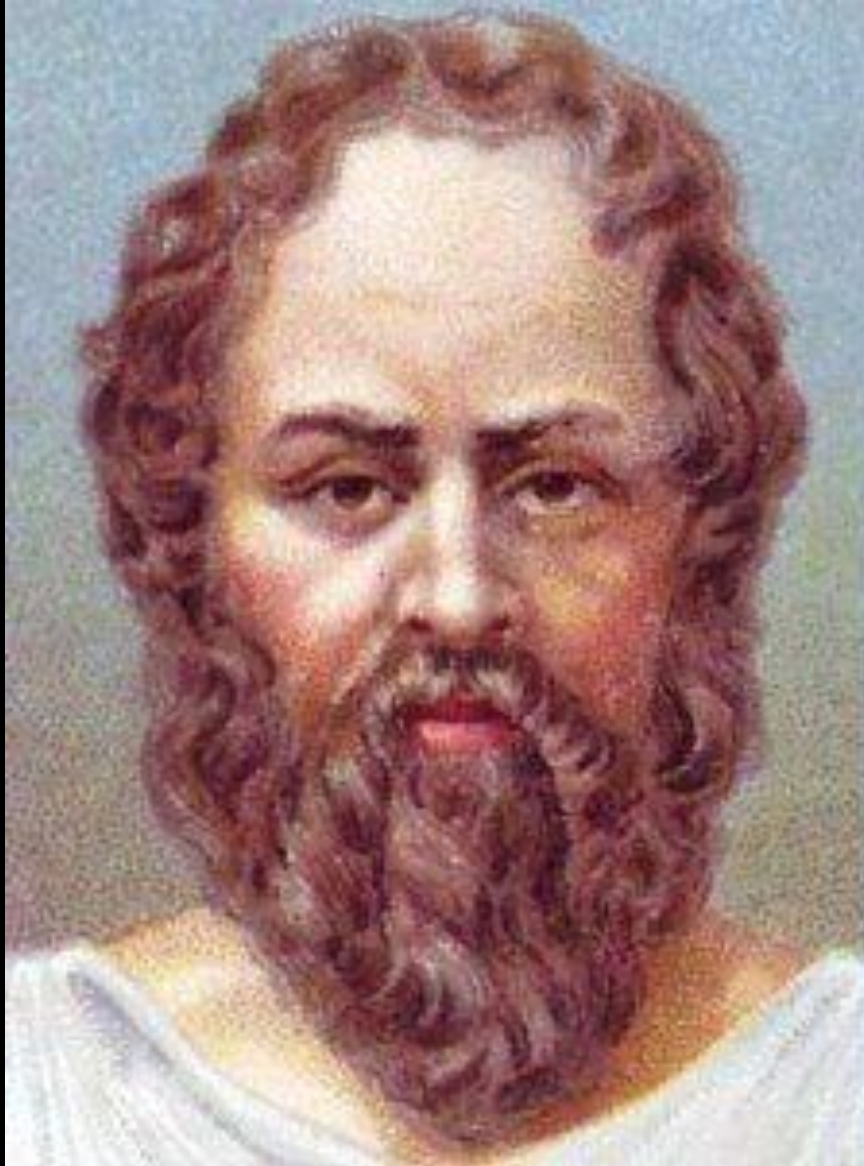
HISTORY

A linear story concluding with God's total redemption of man and earth.





Judge *actions* not *motives*...



"A system of morality which is based on relative emotional values is a mere illusion, a thoroughly vulgar conception which has nothing sound in it and nothing true."

Socrates

