

What Lures You Away - Objections to Christianity

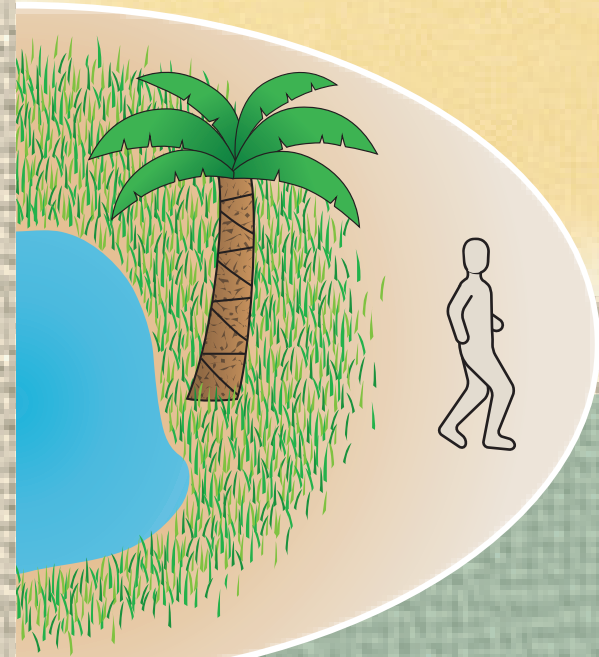
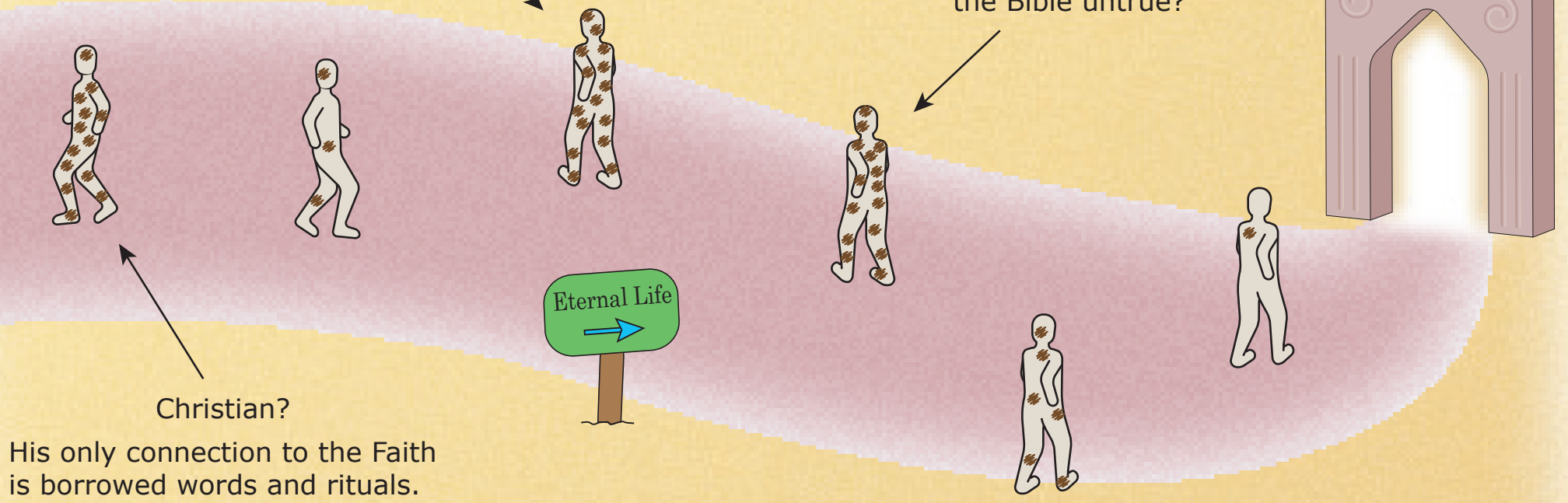
◆ Keep your eyes on the road, not the people. ◆
 . . . and make sure YOU are headed the right direction.

Hypocrites

Are phony Christians a reason to leave the faith?

Will you leave the path of life because of this jerk, letting him decide your eternal destiny?

He makes you mad, but does he make the Bible untrue?



Would you turn your back on God because he shows patience toward fake Christians?

God will punish all false believers at the judgment. Until then, he gives them time to come around. Some do, some don't.

Relative or Absolute

Are religious truths determined by opinion?

Time's up students. Hand in your exams.

That was a tough test.

Don't worry, the right answers are personal preference.

In kindness, I like to believe everyone's answers are correct.

With religion, let everyone believe whatever they want.

Relative truths - true for me only, my opinion
 My favorite food
 Am I attractive



Absolute truths - true for all, one right answer
 Who are my parents
 Does the moon exist



These must be absolute truths
 Existence of God
 Who made the world
 What happens to you at death

Wishful thinking benefits no one.

Right & wrong are personal preference only if:

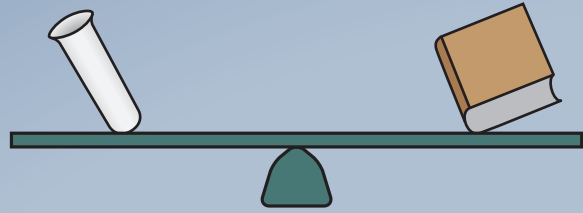
God does not exist

or

He has no moral opinions

Religious truths are not relative just because many around the world carelessly believe contradictory ideas.

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Science
Do science and the Bible disagree?

Science is simply a record of how nature normally behaves.

The bible is a record of exceptions to the norm, called miracles.

Both are valid sources of information.
Neither should be banned.

CONSIDER

Science has no authority to insist that certain biblical events could never have happened.

Science has no basis to dictate that miracles are impossible. Science tells us they are rare, which the Bible agrees with.

Miracles aren't repeated on demand, and neither are tornadoes. We know both exist because others have seen them.

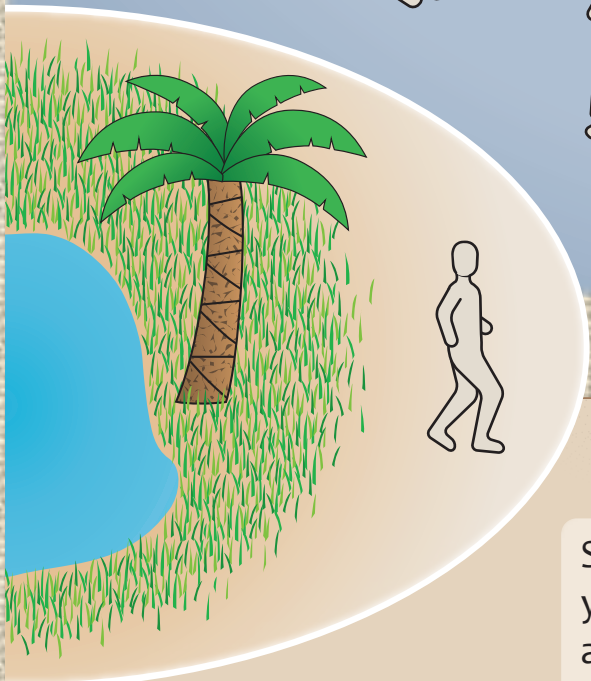
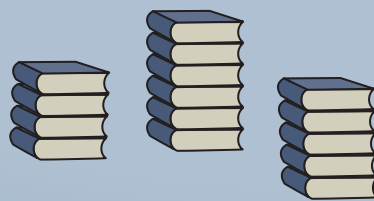


God works outside of natural laws, so it is impossible for science to prove that He did not create the world.

Trust us with your eternity. Here, check our calculations.

But you scientists change your mind every 50 years.

I know we do. But THIS time we are sure we got it right.

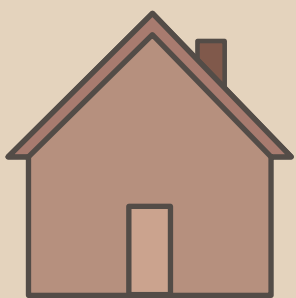
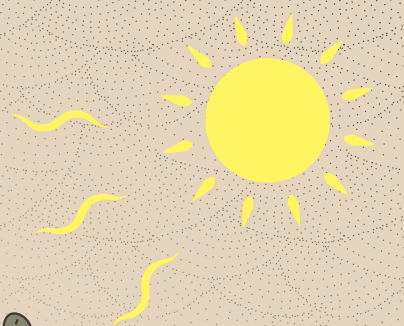


Disappointed

Would you leave God because you think He let you down?

Son, why are you running away from home?

You never gave me what I wanted, when I wanted it.



Jesus submitted to God and died on a cross, followed by resurrection to paradise. Were you expecting a different route for yourself?



God tests us.
Hang in there until the end, and your reward will be very great.

Are you perhaps blaming God or the entire church, for the vile conduct of only a few?

Remember that the Bible lists a number of conditions for our prayers to be answered.

If your expectations of the Christian faith aren't being satisfied, adjust them.

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Exclusivity

Would God speak through only one religion?

I found the exit!
We're saved
from the fire.

EXIT

That wouldn't be fair to those in the other rooms. Therefore, all doors must lead to safety.

I'm sure God wouldn't work through just one religion, because I wouldn't.

My religion teaches the opposite of yours.

God will send us both to heaven.

Uhh, I think he'll still let you in.

My religion doesn't believe in a God or a heaven.

In no field is truth determined by how evenly it's known, and that includes religious truth.

If Christianity is a proven cure, would you refuse it just because it warns of counterfeits?

Could anyone produce evidence that at the final reckoning God will NOT judge each person's unique situation with fairness?

Disagreeable Rules

Would you leave God because of what he asks of you?

Forget it. I like my freedom here.

How could you know more than us?

You homeless boys live in a garbage dump and are very ill. Your only chance is do all I tell you.

Doctor

You boys must also follow my rules to live.

No medical degree

Many rules are invented by men. Follow what God's original messengers gave us.

Eternal life in paradise

What to do?
What to do?

Pick one



Forbidden Fruit
After 3 bites, it's taken from you forever.

CONSIDER

- This world drifted so far from God, that his moral demands seem absurd.
- God isn't dying, we are. So who knows more about healthy living?
- The One who doesn't understand how sick he is, will not swallow bitter tasting medicine.



The Jewish Law?

The Bible's moral standards are for all mankind at all times. God also gave detailed but temporary rules to the Jews while they lived together as a nation.

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Wrath

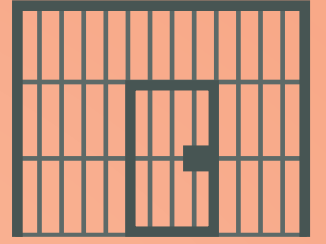
Does God punish unfairly?

How could you possibly know that before it even happens?

I'm positive God will be unfair on the day of final judgment.

I'm sure God unjustly used the death penalty in biblical times.

Did you sit in on the trial and hear every bit of evidence?



Why don't we ever see demonstrators outside prisons, protesting unfair punishment?

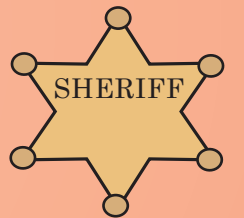
Don't get indignant over someone's embellished but misguided description of hell, beyond what the Bible teaches.

Since each of us would admit to some wrong doing - consider:



Are criminals who are preoccupied with critiquing the legal system really concerned with fairness?

Should the guilty accuse the one offering amnesty?



Some people will never stop doing evil. Unlike gods portrayed by other religions, the true God will NOT allow that to continue indefinitely.

None of us has sufficient intellect, morality, or information to judge God with 100% fairness.

Enemy Tactics

Have clever men tricked you into doubting the faith?

Behold my arguments as to why the forest is at best an illusion.

He speaks with such eloquence.

I'm convinced! I no longer see a forest.

Focus only on this flaw. Ignore everything else.

How do you explain there being no tree here!

These obviously are not trees.

These imperfections make one doubt whether this can truly be a forest.

Persuasive theories on why these probably aren't trees but something else.

A forest of evidence in favor of Christianity

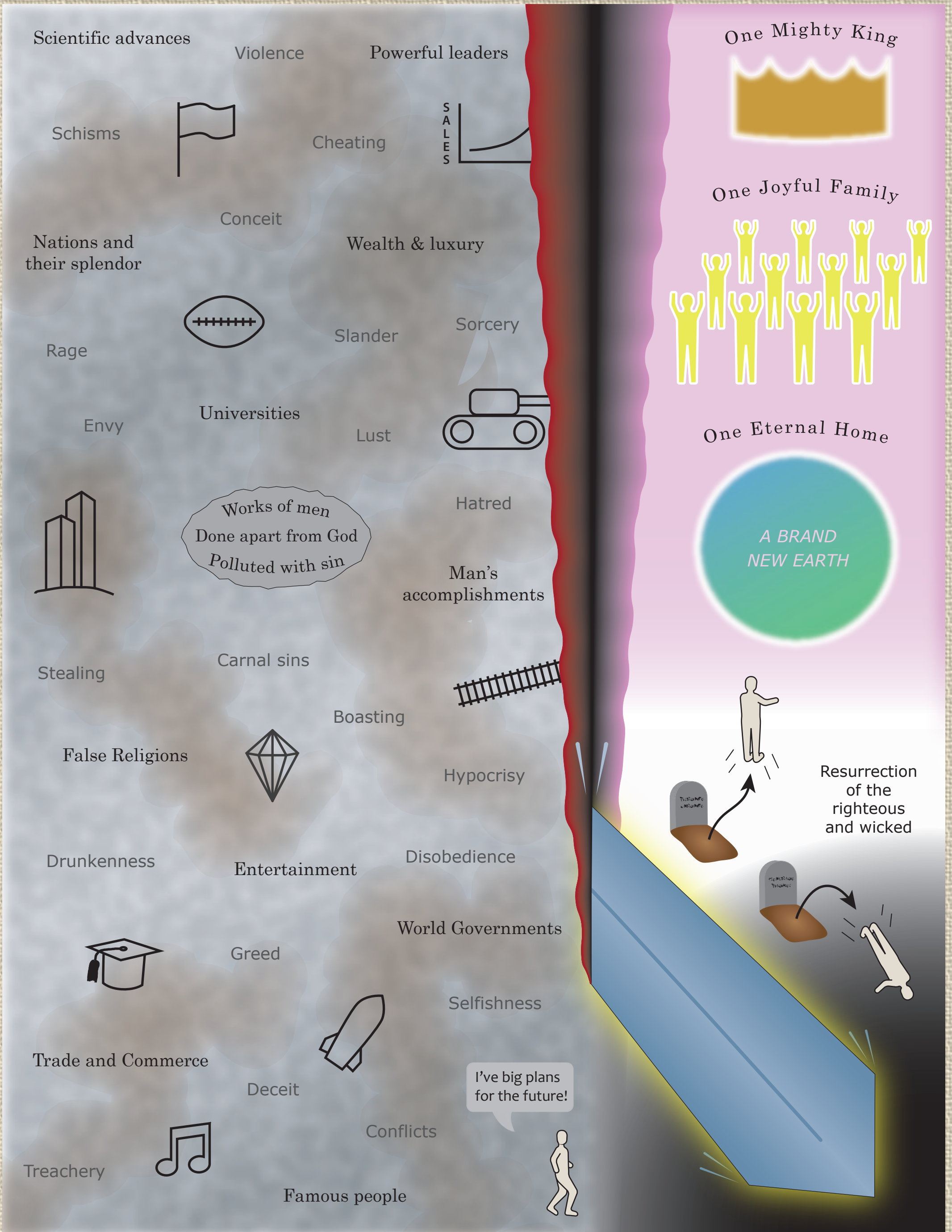
This one's sour experience with the church makes him an easy target for these enemy ploys.

Other schemes used by God's adversaries

- Double standard when comparing secular and biblical history
- Focus on villains with marginal ties to Christianity
- Lump Christianity with false religions that are easy to discredit
- Accuse Jewish nation of spending 2000 years building a hoax

The Great Day

The fate of this planet at the second coming of Jesus Christ.



Present Age

Next Century,
or
Next Week

Age to Come

HISTORY'S TIMELINE

The Promised Kingdom

One day soon, God will unveil a far superior world. Here is what He's said that world will be like.



Evil is banished by a just and good King, one who insures safety, rest and prosperity.

Jeremiah

Shame, deceit & sorrow are replaced by honor, gladness and love from God.

Zephaniah

All gather around God, serving Him. Sin is ended.

Micah



We come home to God, betrothed to him forever. Compassion flows from Him, and all are productive.

Hosea

The kingdom never ends. Its pure citizens shine like the heavens.

Daniel

We all live together, satisfied and enjoying an abundance.

Amos

Healing flows from God. The wicked are no more.

Malachi

God's rule is worldwide, as all worship and obey Him. Prisoners are freed. His children sparkle, thrive, and walk in his name.

Zechariah

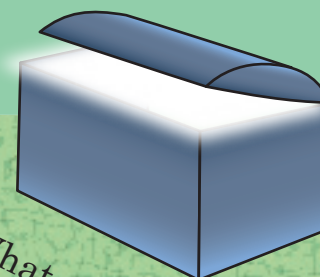
All know God, and everyone has a place to live. Peace and unity prevail, while famines and oppression cease.

Ezekiel

War, violence & weeping make way for beauty, joy, holiness, wealth and feasting. No harm is done to anyone. Death is abolished. God rules over all creation, his loved ones with Him forever in the eternal city.

Isaiah

From New Test: Share God's happiness • In charge of cities • Liberated from decay • Glorious, imperishable body • Be like Jesus • Everything new • No death, crying or pain • God lives with us; we see his face.



What no eye has seen nor ear heard

God gave Israel a land that could be seen and touched. And so will this blessed place be.

No force in the universe could ever prevent this new world from becoming a reality.

THESE WILL BE GONE - FOREVER

war • hospitals • pollution • hunger • prisons • loneliness • cemeteries • felonies • birth defects • blindness
 accidents • injustice • savage animals • cheating • fights • barbed wire • ambulances • violence • hurricanes
 cancer • divorce • padlocks • unemployment • lawsuits • revenge • police • adultery • mold • riots • lunacy
 prejudice • medicine • aging • child abuse • cripples • disease • earthquakes • assassinations • sorrow • evil
 funerals • weapons • murder • massacres • sin • tyranny • demons • addictions • satan • poverty • death