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  - *Modern Empire-Building (part 2)*





# *The Modern Age*

- Funky little teaching moment—

- Remember what's been going on in the world over the past couple of years...
- The Spanish-American War, when we took the Philippines away from the Spanish
- The Philippine-American War, when we took the Philippines away from the Filipinos
- The Samoan Civil War, when we took Samoa away from the Samoans (and half of it from Germany)
- The Second Boer War, when Britain took South Africa away from the South Africans (killing 6,000 soldiers... and 50,000 civilians...)
- The Boxer Rebellion, when the European powers tried to carve up China
- The Perdicaris Incident, when the United States stretched its “police the world” muscles in Morocco
- In short, there's been a lot of Western people doing a lot of nasty things to conquer a lot of non-Western people...

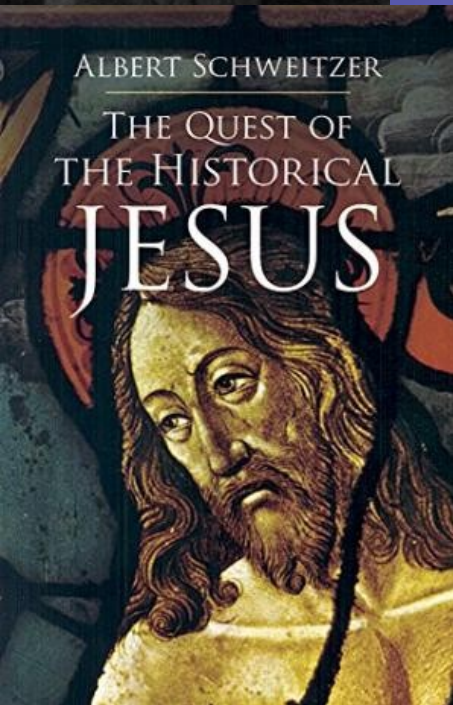


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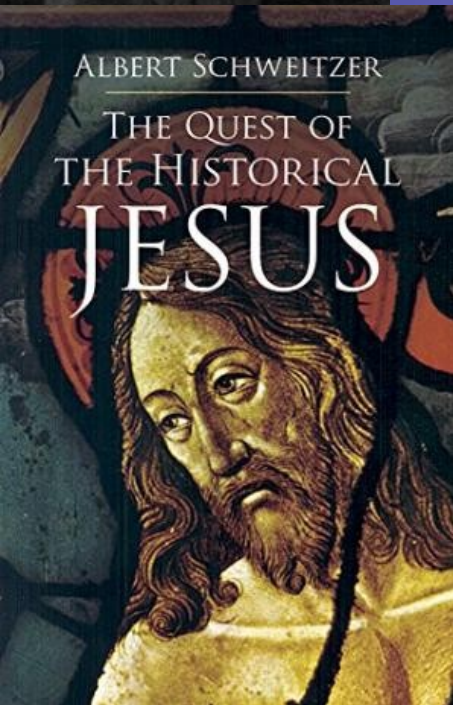
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    - Thus, since the world obviously *didn't* end back in the day, then Jesus had clearly been *wrong*... which means that He wasn't actually *infallible*... which means that He obviously wasn't *Divine*, but rather just a really nice guy who loved God, loved people, and was willing to give of Himself to serve others
      - Therefore, that's what being a "Christian" must be all about





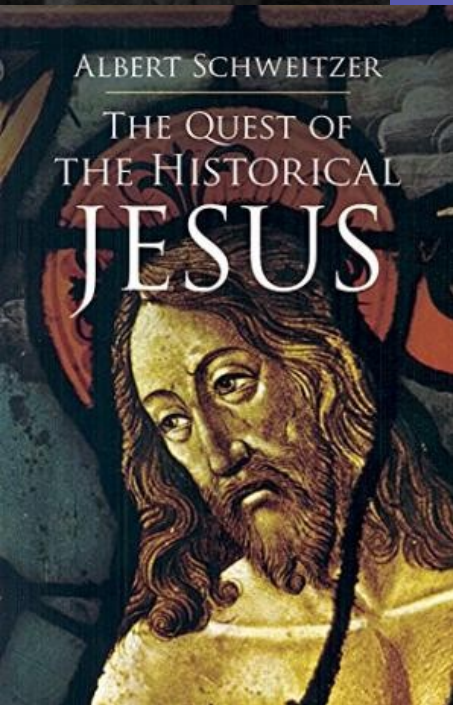
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    - Therefore, everything that the modern church believes about Jesus being some sort of a "Messiah" who died for sins and who instituted God's Kingdom on Earth is clearly a total fabrication, built up over the centuries
      - Theologians have mixed the *real, historical* Jesus with the later mysticism of guys like Paul, and then added whatever else they felt like adding to retroactively "prove" their own, personal doctrinal points and priorities



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(given what we've seen even just today, you can see why he might think that was important in the world as it stood in his day)



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“I let the Africans pick all the fruit they want. You see, the Good Lord has protected the trees. He made the Africans too lazy to pick them bare.”

(he did care for the African people, but as part of his core, “reverence for life” philosophy—he considered them the most in need of his help because he saw them as the most savage of people, barely a step above the jungle animals)

“The negro is a child, and with children, nothing can be done without the use of authority. We must, therefore, so arrange the circumstances of daily life that my natural authority can find expression. With regard to the negroes, therefore, I have coined the formula: “I am your brother, it is true, but your *elder* brother...”



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  - Nonetheless, in the name of living out the selfless love of Christ, Schweitzer spent six decades actively working to bring about physical health and social peace not only in Africa, but around the world—for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1952
  - In his later years, he used his notoriety to speak out against colonialism, warfare (particularly nuclear), the eating of meat, and even against Gandhi (arguing that even *passive* resistance against evil is still *resistance*, and thus functionally equivalent to *active* resistance)





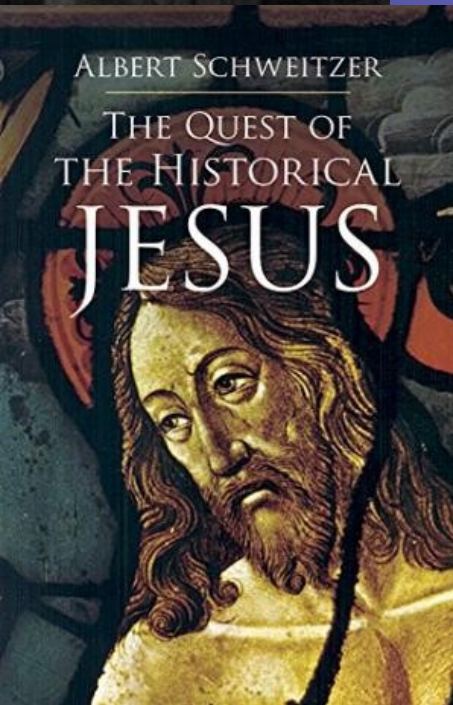
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- Between his writings and his life's work of helping others, Schweitzer influenced the past 100 years of good people, encouraging them that *being good is itself* what Christianity is all about..
- How do we see that in modern America's perception of the church (both by Christians and non-Christians)—and what are the ripple effects of that perspective?



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      - He became a pastor, and studied (briefly) with other pastors like Charles P. Jones in Mississippi and Charles Parham in Houston, Texas





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      - (NOTE: Parham believed that speaking in tongues “sealed” your salvation and made it firm in God's eyes)
      - (NOTE<sup>2</sup>: Other groups such as the Quakers and the Moravians had been practicing *glossolalia* for centuries already)





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  - Seymour discarded most of Parham's wackier ideas but latched onto the idea of speaking in tongues, because he saw it so clearly in Scripture
    - Both men taught that the Holy Spirit can break over a Christian and fill them to overflowing—supersaturating them, so to speak
    - According to Seymour, the initial manifestation of being so “filled” was speaking in tongues
      - Taking a nod from Acts 1:5, he called the moment when the Holy Spirit first “fills” someone like this “baptism in the Spirit”



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    - After his first Sunday message in California, the church padlocked the door to prevent him from preaching there again
    - So Seymour began preaching at a family's home nearby, and of people from every ethnicity and social stratum started listening
      - After a month of these daily services—and a three-day fast—Edward S. Lee finally spoke in tongues... and then others did... and then Seymour did...





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- Other papers were more concerned, noting the “disgraceful intermingling of the races” (since the movement continued to cross racial, gender, and economic boundaries) and concluded that the congregation were all “mad, mentally deranged, or under a spell”
- Local churches called for the police to shut the group down, denouncing Seymour as an illiterate lunatic

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- Within a few years, the revival itself just kind of fizzled, as revivals often do**

- But by then, the phenomenon had caught on, both in sending out Pentecostal missionaries of their own, and in influencing and inspiring those who visited from other churches across the country and Pentecostalism remains the fastest-growing segment of Christianity to this day—with well over 500 million Pentecostals in the world today





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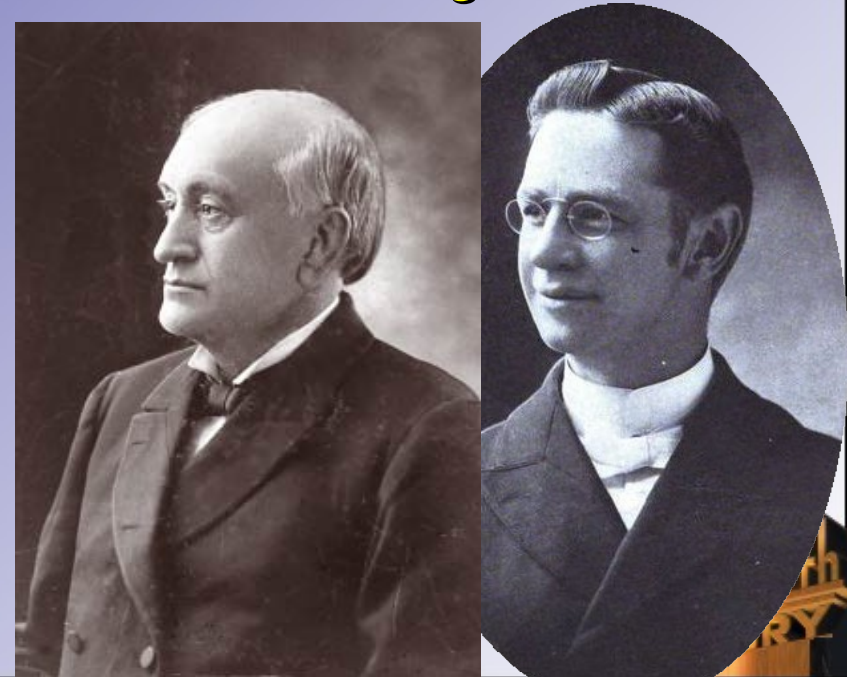
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  - Evangelists such as Charles Finney emphasized the kind of perfectionism that we saw growing in America during the Second Great Awakening
    - That is, that if you're really, *truly* saved, you should get to the point where you will no longer sin
    - He thus embraced the doctrine within the Methodist Church's “Holiness Movement” of a “second work of grace” that *cements* salvation (which Augustus Toplady had written about in his first draft of *Rock of Ages*)  
(i.e.; the idea that there's a “double cure” that first saves you from God's wrath, but then, secondly, saves you from *sin itself*, ultimately leading Christians to “entire sanctification”—or being “completely holy”)



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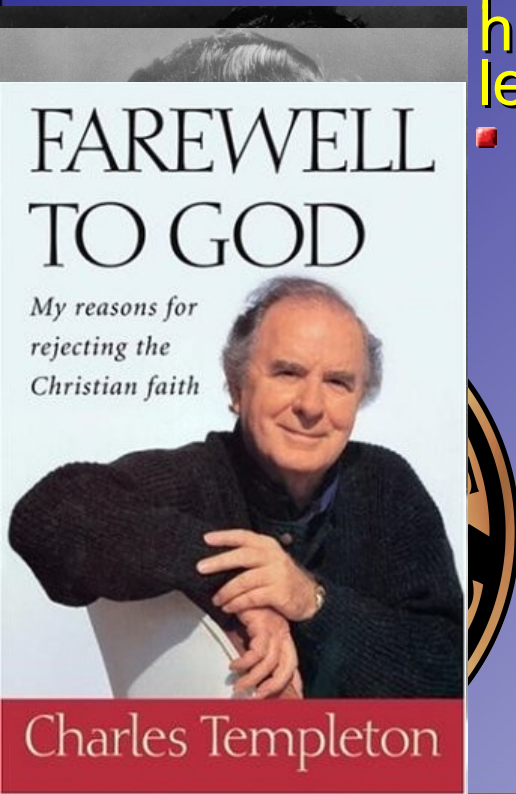
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  - Famous members (and former members) of the Church of the Nazarene include Dr. James Dobson, Gospel singer Bill Gaither, Bob Pierce, and Charles Templeton  
(evangelist and founder of *Youth for Christ*)  
(who later went to liberal Princeton Theological Seminary and ultimately lost his faith)



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- In 1906, Jones sent Mason to Azusa Street to investigate what was going on with Seymour and Mason was baptized in the Holy Spirit which Jones didn't actually appreciate
- The two amicably went their separate ways, with Mason keeping the name "Church of God" and turning the group into a Pentecostal church—making the Church of God in Christ thus the first legally chartered Pentecostal body incorporated in the United States





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- **Mason remained actively involved with the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) until his death in 1961, at the age of 97**



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  - For instance, Mason became known for digging up and examining gnarled roots as a means of discerning God's will—which was only part of how he intertwined his Pentecostal theology with his family's earlier voodoo mysticism  
(an intertwining applauded by former Church of God in Christ minister—now Unitarian minister—Carlton Pearson, who recently preached alongside Rev. Al Sharpton and affirms Mason's syncretism as a valid means of upholding African identity within a dominant white religion)



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    - Another controversy erupted in 2014, when COGIC Superintendent Earl Carter gave a message where he decried gay men as “sissies” and declared, “You want to feel like a girl? I wish God would give you the monthly of a girl. I wish He had you bleeding out of your butt.”
      - Carter was censured by current Bishop Charles E. Blake, but categorically refused to apologize for his words
      - In fact, he started his own YouTube channel so that he could give weekly updates about widescale corruption within the COGIC—even though he's still a Superintendent in the denomination

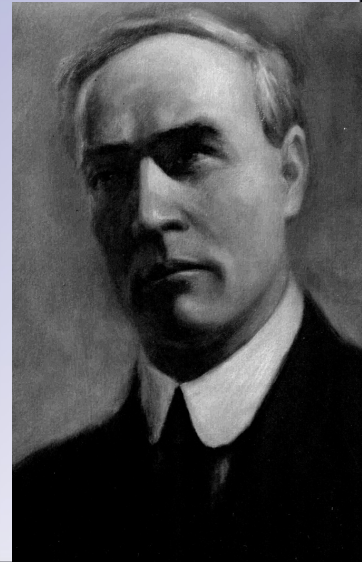


**ECM NEWS** Corruption Widespread Among COGIC Leadership: PAYOFFS, BRIBES, THREATS, RIGGED ELECTIONS, EXTORTION & SEXUAL SINS  
CHARLES BLAKE TURNS COGIC INTO 'THE SOPRANOS' STARRING DERRICK HUTCHINS, PA BROOKS, JERRY MACKLIN & JOHN SHEARD



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  - In related news, Italian missionary Luigi (AKA Louis, AKA Luis) Francescon (who had become a Pentecostal through the ministry of William Durham, pastor of the North Avenue Full Gospel Mission in Chicago) (NOTE: Durham is worth noting because he actively disagreed with the three-stage salvation process that was being preached by most Pentecostals—i.e.; that we're saved from God's wrath, then *saved* saved from sinning, then *saved saved* saved through baptism in the Holy Spirit—and instead taught that baptism in the Holy Spirit comes *after* one has been given the Holy Spirit as part of one's genuine, complete, punctiliar conversion which has become the orthodox view among most modern Pentecostals) (NOTE<sup>2</sup>: For instance, when the Assemblies of God was founded later on in 1914, they used Durham's theological model, even though many of the pastors were coming out of the Church of God in Christ...)





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    - In related news, Italian missionary Luigi (AKA Louis, AKA Luis) Francescon felt called by God to found Pentecostal churches across the United States, but also in Europe and South America
    - Thus, in 1910, he started the *Congregação Cristã no Brasil* (the Christian Congregation in Brazil), thus founding the first Pentecostal church in South America
- (in the spirit of full disclosure, their main church building in São Paulo here has always reminded me of the Hall of Justice from the old *Superfriends* cartoon)





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- He led the children of his Sunday School class on a parade, carrying little American flags but then later saw liquor dealers using the same American flags as well

- “He was at once struck by the thought that a distinctive emblem was needed which might be symbolic of Christianity... An army without its colors is inconceivable: then why not equip the army of the Lord with a flag appropriate to its mission?”

(from an article in the *De Ruyter Gleaner*)





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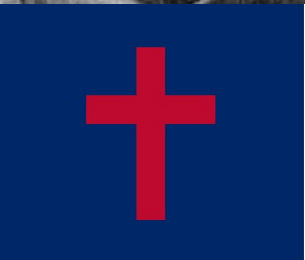
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- According to the 1909 *Christian Advocate*,  
“The ground is white, representing peace, purity and innocence. In the upper corner is a blue square, the color of the unclouded sky, emblematic of heaven, the home of the Christian; also a symbol of faith and trust. In the center of the blue is the cross, the ensign and chosen symbol of Christianity: the cross is red, typical of Christ's blood.”

- Fanny Crosby even wrote a hymn to the flag, called “The Christian Flag”



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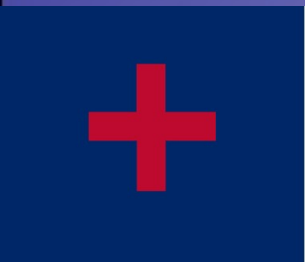
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- **Today, the Christian flag is flown in churches across the country (and increasingly, overseas), usually next to the nation's flag**

- However, most Catholic churches are usually uncomfortable making use of a flag that they see as basically just a Protestant invention though the Eastern Orthodox Church has come up with their own version of the Christian flag to fly in their sanctuaries...





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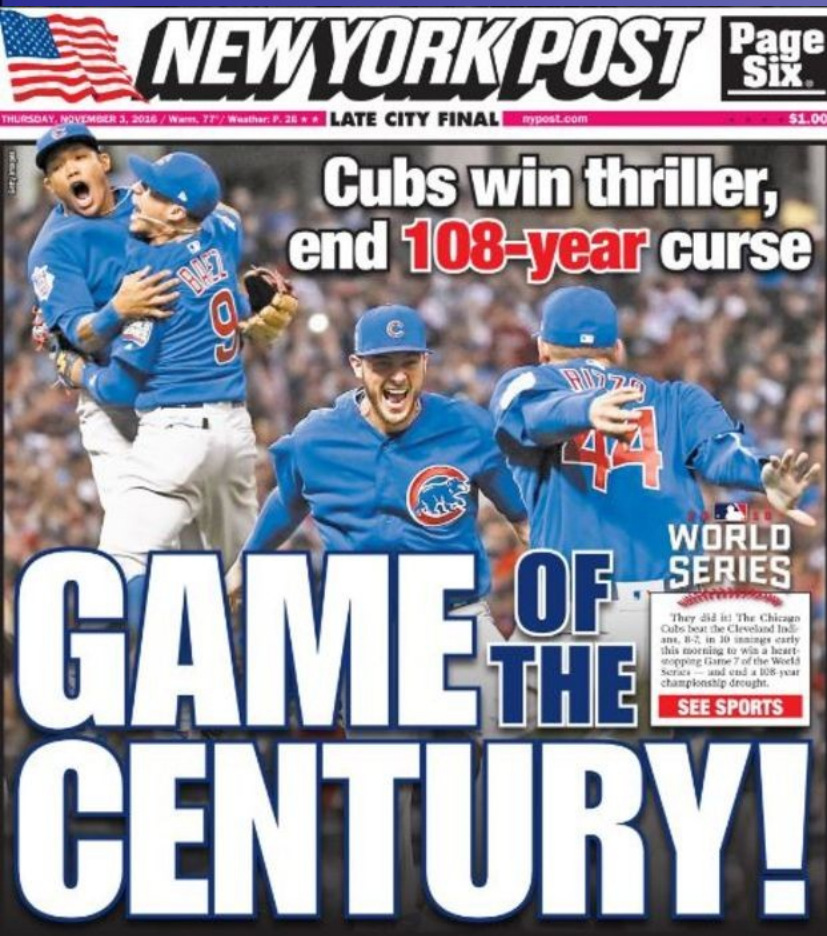
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    - In 1908, the Cubs were on fire
      - They had set the record for most consecutive World Series played (1906, 1907, and 1908) *and* set the record for most World Series victories (in 1907 and 1908)
      - They came *back* to the Series again in 1910 and then in 1918, 1929, 1932, 1935, 1938, and finally in 1945, but couldn't get another victory until 2016





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  - So take a lesson from ancient Rome and remind yourself (pretty much in every aspect of life) that “This too shall pass...”—don't ever lose hope, but don't ever get cocky (and recognize the absolutely crucial importance of the “base hits” of life, instead of always judging by the home runs and strike-outs...)





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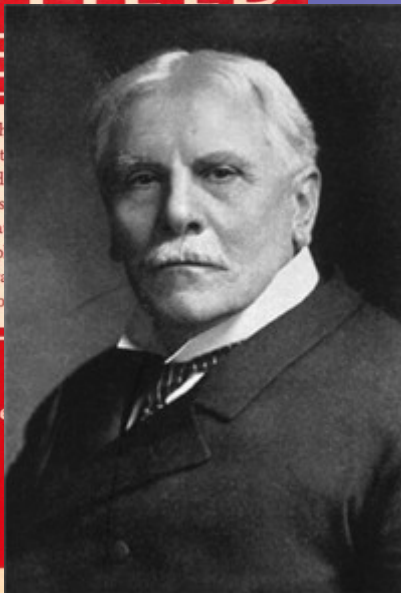
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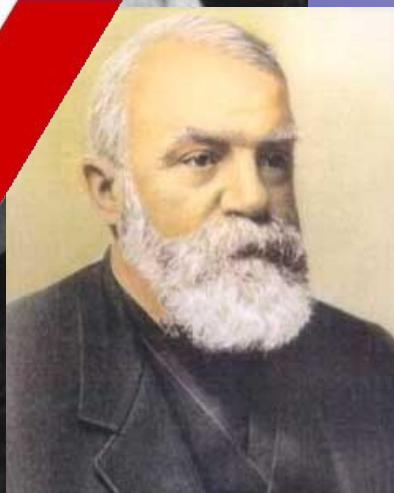
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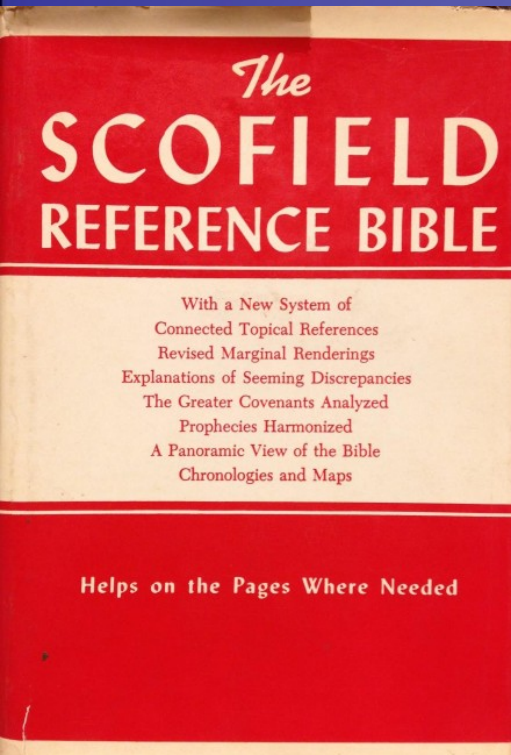
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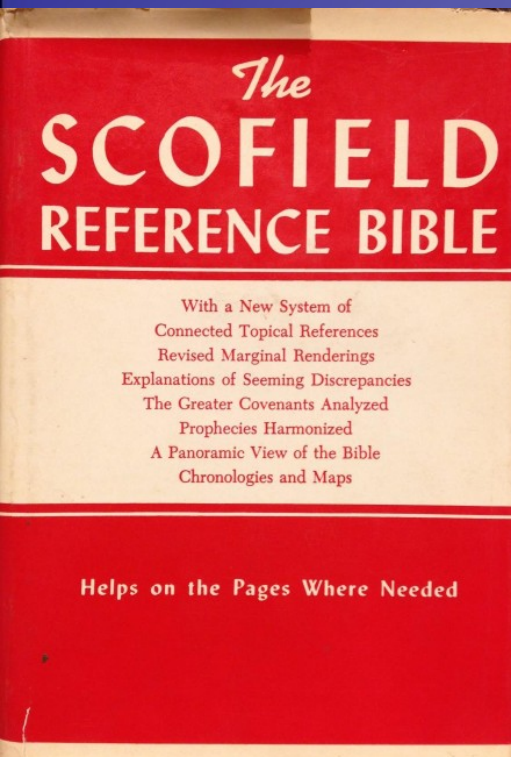
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- But today, Scofield is best known for his work in developing a reference Bible for the everyday Christian...



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[1192] ROMANS 1:16

ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

16 For I am not ashamed of the <sup>a</sup>gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto <sup>b</sup>salvation to every one that <sup>b</sup>believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is <sup>c</sup>the righteousness of God revealed from faith to <sup>d</sup>faith: as it is written, <sup>e</sup>"The just shall live by faith."

*Part I. The guilty world.*

(1) *The wrath of God revealed.*

18 For <sup>f</sup>the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who <sup>g</sup>hold the <sup>h</sup>truth in unrighteousness;

(2) *The universe a revelation of the power and deity of God.*

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him <sup>i</sup>from the creation of the <sup>j</sup>world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, <sup>k</sup>even his eternal power and <sup>l</sup>Godhead; so that they are <sup>m</sup>without excuse:

(3) *The seven stages of Gentile world apostasy.*

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified <sup>n</sup>him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their <sup>o</sup>imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be <sup>p</sup>wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the <sup>q</sup>"uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

(4) *The result of the Gentile world apostasy.*

24 Wherefore <sup>r</sup>God also gave them up

A.D. 60.

<sup>a</sup> Gospel vs. 1, 9, 15, 16; Rom. 2:16; (Gen. 12:1-3; Rev. 14:5.)

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<sup>e</sup> Hab. 2:4; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38.

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<sup>n</sup> Isa. 19:11, 12; Acts 7:22.

<sup>o</sup> 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:15, 16.

<sup>p</sup> vs. 26, 28; Psa. 81:12; Acts 7:42; Eph. 4:18, 19.

<sup>q</sup> 2 Thes. 2:11, 12.

<sup>r</sup> For that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than, etc.

<sup>s</sup> refused to have. I.e. did not approve God.

<sup>t</sup> Eph. 5:4.

<sup>u</sup> insolent, haughty, boastful.

<sup>v</sup> Rom. 2:2.

<sup>w</sup> also consent with them that practise them.

<sup>x</sup> Rom. 1:20; 3:19.

<sup>y</sup> 2 Sam. 12:5-7; Mt. 7:1-5; John 8:9.

to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 <sup>z</sup>"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they <sup>aa</sup>did not like to retain God in <sup>ab</sup>their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things <sup>ac</sup>which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, <sup>ad</sup>despiteful, proud, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who <sup>ae</sup>"knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but <sup>af</sup>have pleasure in them that do them."

CHAPTER 2.

(5) *The Gentile pagan moralizers no better than other pagans.*

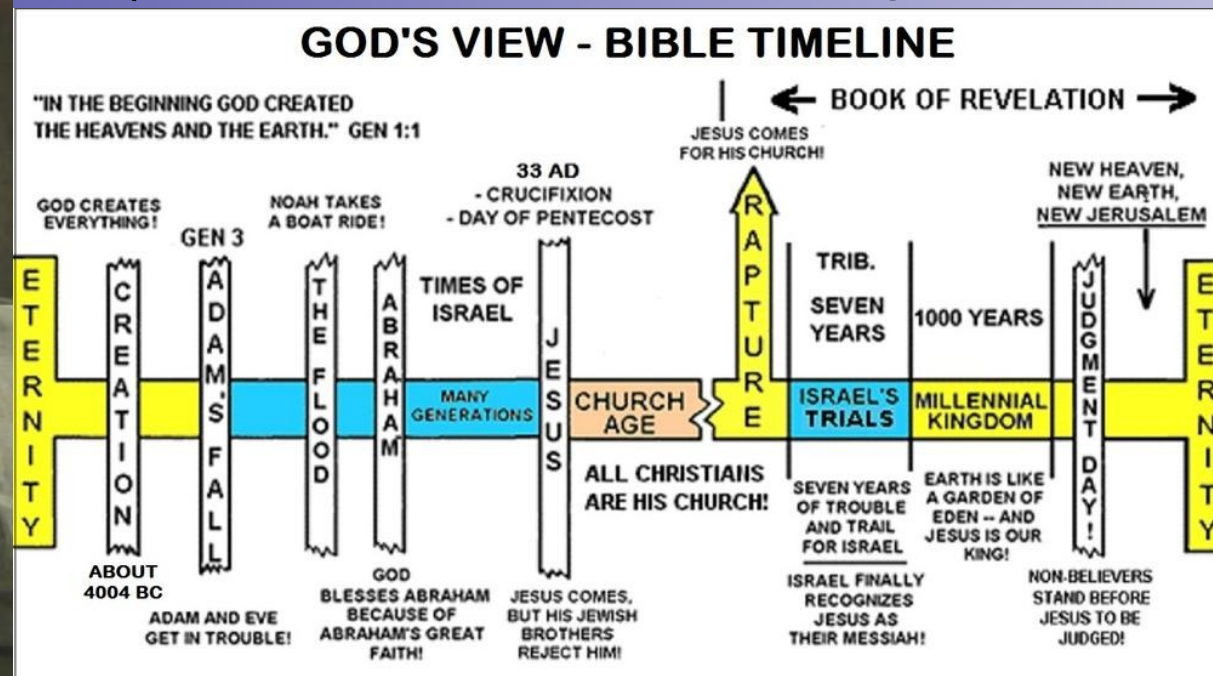
Therefore thou art <sup>ag</sup>inexcusable, O <sup>ah</sup>man, whosoever thou art that judgest: <sup>ai</sup>for wherein thou

<sup>1(1:16)</sup> The Heb. and Gr. words for salvation imply the ideas of *deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness*. Salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts and processes: as *justification, redemption, grace, propitiation, imputation, forgiveness, sanctification, and glorification*. Salvation is in three tenses: (1) The believer *has been* saved from the guilt and penalty of sin (Lk. 7:50; 1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 2:15; Eph. 2:5, 8; 2 Tim. 1:9) and is *safe*. (2) The believer is *being* saved from the habit and dominion of sin (Rom. 6:14; Phil. 1:19; 2:12, 13; 2 Thes. 2:13; Rom. 8:2; Gal. 2:19, 20; 2 Cor. 3:18). (3) The believer is *to be* saved in the sense of entire conformity to Christ (Rom. 13:11; Heb. 10:36; 1 Pet. 1:5; 1 John 3:2). Salvation is by grace through faith, is a free gift, and wholly without works (Rom. 3:27, 28; 4:1-8; 6:23; Eph. 2:8). The divine order is: first salvation, then works (Eph. 2:9, 10; Tit. 3:5-8).



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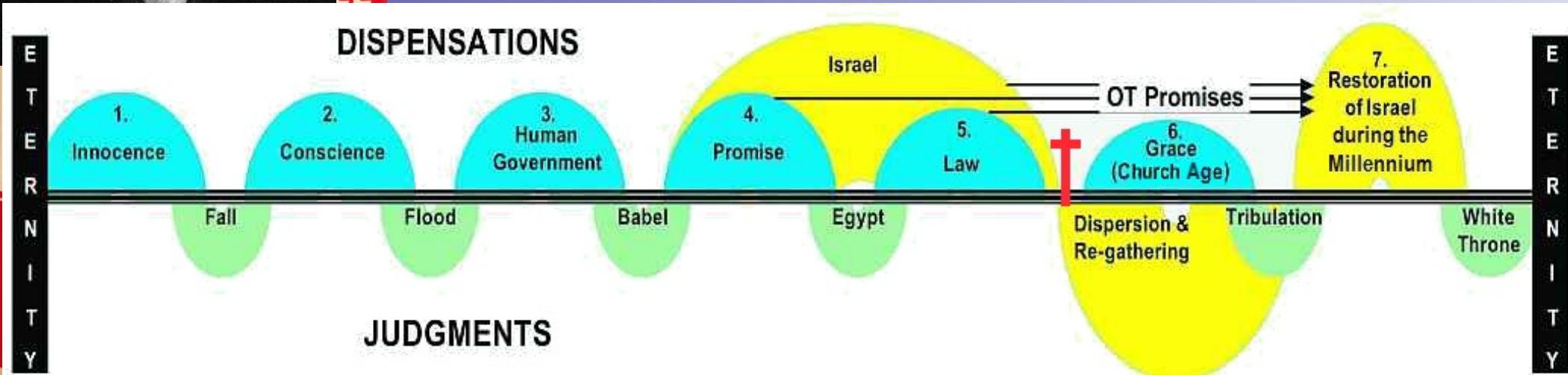
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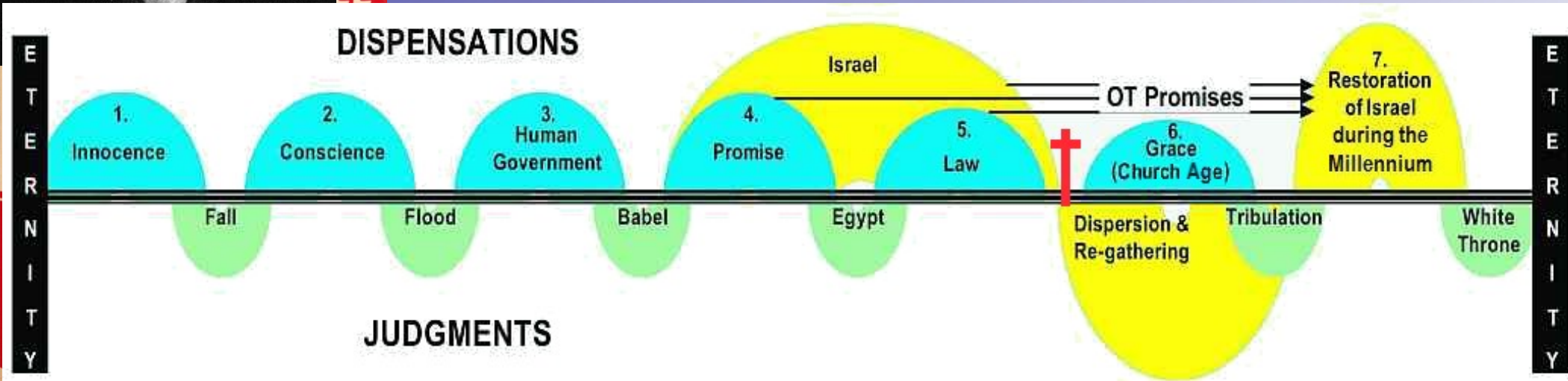
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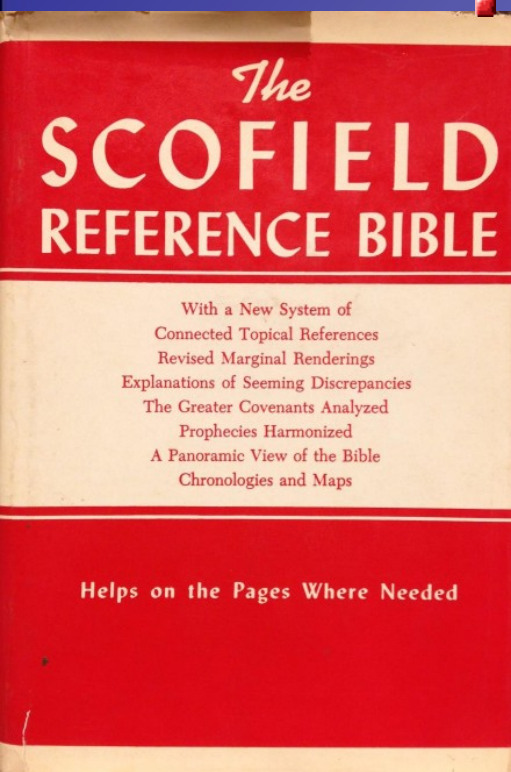
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- *Prior to the publication of the Scofield Bible*, all of that just sounded to most people like gobble-de-gook believed by fringe groups like the Plymouth Brethren

- But *after* its publication, Dispensationalism became almost literally *Gospel* to most Bible-believing American Christians

Soon, there was a growing divide—even amongst laypeople—between those who saw Christianity as devoutly following the Bible (i.e.; the Scofieldians) and those who saw it as essentially just being really nice to one another (i.e.; the Schweitzerians)

- Suddenly, being “Biblical” (i.e.; conservative) was being equated with agreeing with the only Bible that most common folk really knew—Scofield’s Dispensational Study Bible





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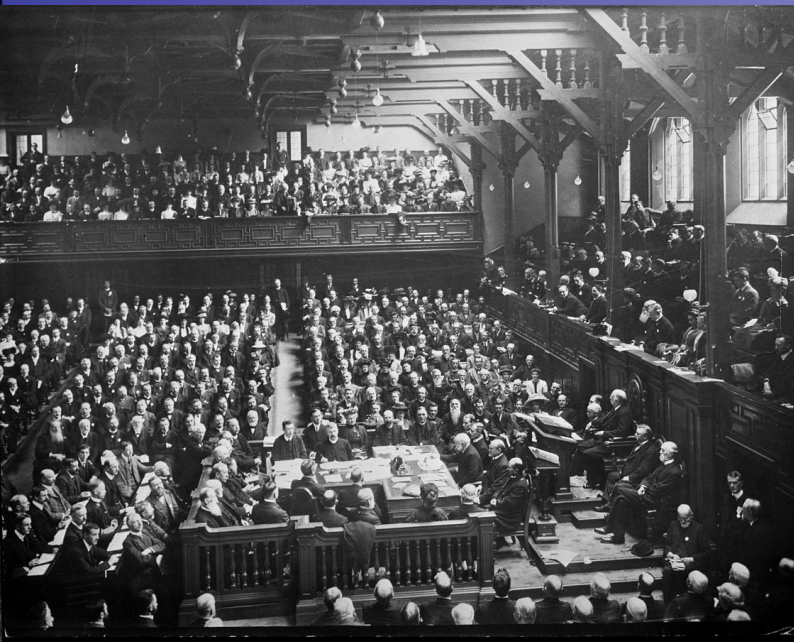
NOTE: The term “Ecumenical” comes from the Greek phrase, “οἰκουμένη γῆ” (“*oikouménē gē*” or “the inhabited world”), which was used by the Romans in much the same way that we would use the phrase, “the whole civilized world”

- The early church councils between Rome and Constantinople used the term to mean “all the churches coming together from everywhere” and the bishops in Constantinople began calling themselves the “Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople” to reflect their universality (which annoyed the heck out of Rome, so the Pope demanded that they stop it, since only Rome is *truly* Ecumenical)



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      - The Conference pulled together all of the combined experiences and research done over the past century of missionary work across the globe, presenting documented, extensive studies in eight special sessions
      - Not only did this help to systematize and organize missions work worldwide, but it also was the first major attempt for multiple Protestant denominations to come together in a common religious effort





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- In 1925, Swedish Archbishop Nathan Söderblom convened the World Conference of Life and Work, focused on churches coming together to work on social issues around the world
- In 1948, the World Council of Churches convened in Geneva  
(and this is their adopted logo)

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  - The Catholic Church fought against being part of anything for an extended period of time, since to Rome, the only true Ecumenicalism would be for all of the world's churches to become Catholic
  - Eastern Orthodox Churches were slow to join because to them, the most important thing was for everyone to be on the same page theologically—particularly with regard to the sacraments
  - Devoutly Biblical Protestant denominations (Baptists, Pentecostals, etc.) were uncomfortable with the lean toward liberalism and social Gospel ministries instead of basing activities squarely on conservative Protestant doctrine





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  - The World Council of Churches attempted to help everyone to work together by rounding off the edges of doctrine, focusing on being “Christian” in its least offensive, most ambiguous, and most socially-oriented sense, and work primarily on socio-political issues
    - Catholics were happy to be part of having a political voice on the world scene again, post-war
    - Eastern Orthodox Churches were fine with that, so long as deep, theological issues were neither discussed nor assumed
    - Devoutly Biblical Protestant denominations (Baptists, Pentecostals, etc.) became even more uncomfortable with all of this and refused to attend leaving the only American representation up to the “mainline” denominations such as the Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, etc.
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