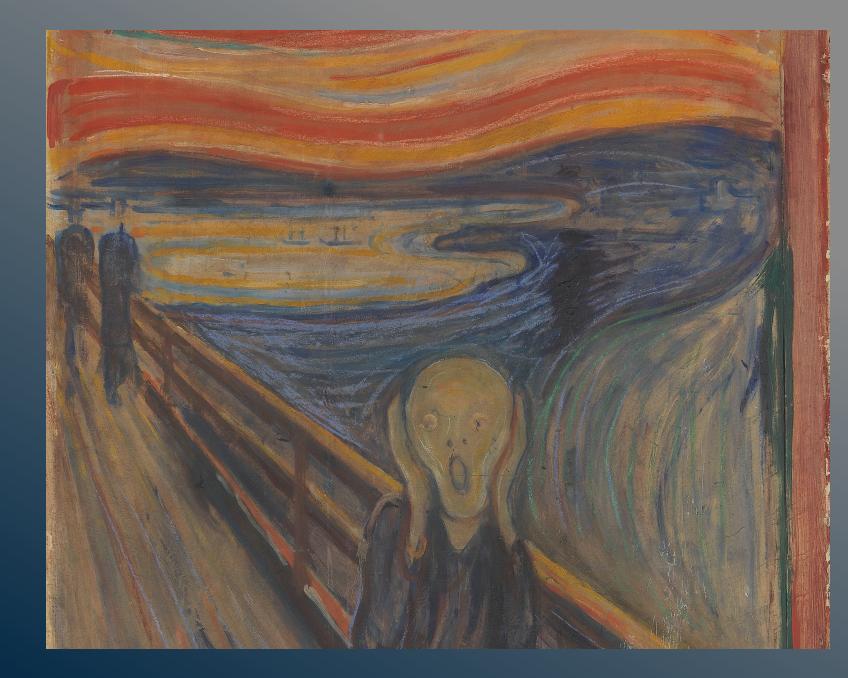
Despair: The complete loss of hope.

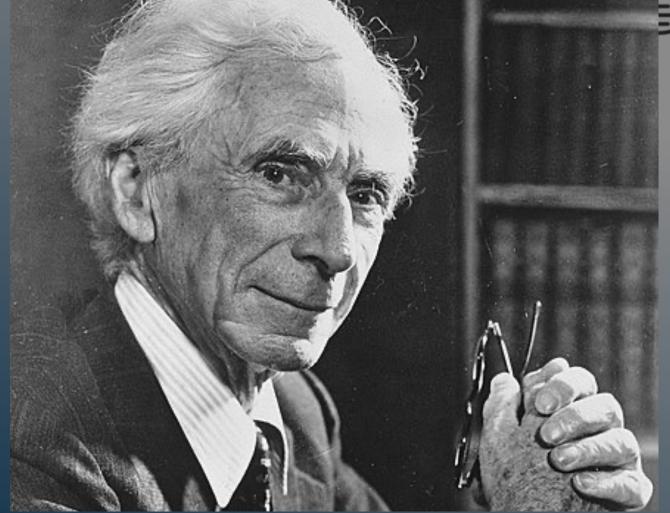


We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. *Romans* 8:22-25



We must understand the emptiness of life apart from Christ...If we are to rejoice in the empty tomb of Christ.





We are the outcome of accidental collocations of atoms. **Bertrand Russell**



Ideas have consequences in the actual lives of people.



"It is finished" -Jesus-

"He is not here, he has risen" -Angel at the empty tomb-



"In the beginning, God..."



Since you call on a Father who judges each ones work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.

1 Peter 1:17

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

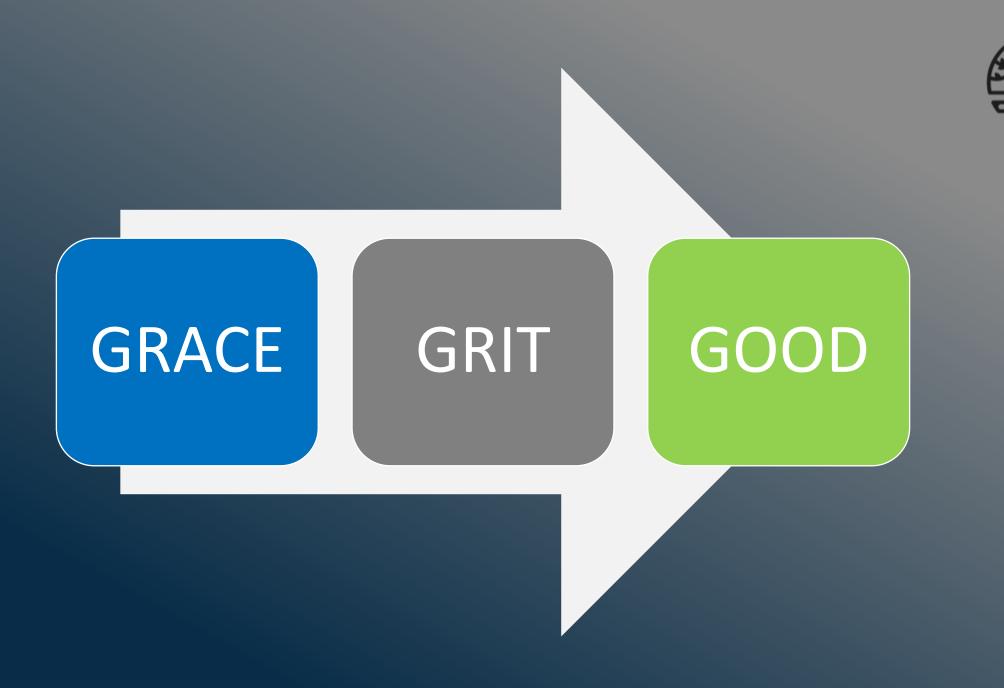
1 Peter 1:18-19



When God gave his Son as an atonement for sins, "It was to show his righteousness, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." Romans 3:26

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WHY?

HOW?



RELATIVISM= my truth vs. THE truth



Demanding



Who will you trust?

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:23-25



None of us are essential.

All of us are responsible.