



# THE TIMES OF THE SIGNS



## 1 Corinthians 11:17-19

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17. But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse.
18. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part,
19. for there must be factions among you in order that ... or ... SO THAT ... those who are genuine among you may be recognized.



The background of the slide features a large, ornate clock face with numbers 45, 55, and 60 visible. Overlaid on the clock face are silhouettes of many people with their arms raised in celebration or praise. The overall color scheme is dark with golden-yellow highlights.

**verse 19** (Amplified Bible)

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For doubtless there have to be factions or parties among you in order that they who are genuine and of approved fitness may become evident and plainly recognized among you

**verse 19** (Tree of Life Bible)

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for there must be factions among you, so that those among you who are tried and true may be evident.



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**verse 19** (Kenneth Wuest N/T Translation)

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For it is a necessity in the nature of the case also for factions to be among you, in order that also those who have been put to the test and have met the specifications and have been approved might become identified as such among you.



## **Christian Worldview**

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The **CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW** (also called a **BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW**) refers to the framework of ideas and beliefs through which a **CHRISTIAN** individual, group or culture interprets the world and interacts with it. The **CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW** is based on belief in God, in His Word and in His sovereignty.



## As born again followers of Jesus ...

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- our value systems
  - our belief systems
  - our understandings
  - our convictions
  - our perceptions
  - our choices
  - our morality
  - our lifestyles
  - the way we think
  - the way we live
  - things which define us as people
  - what we see as right or wrong
  - how we relate to the world
  - how we relate to the unsaved
- should **ALL** be **shaped by** ...  
& should **ALL** flow out of ...  
our **biblical, Christian worldview**



We should **live** – & **understand** – & **think** – & **perceive** – & **choose**  
from the standpoint of a **BIBLICAL, CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW**

- what we believe about God
- what we understand from His Word
- as consequence of our relationship with Him

**NOT** from the standpoint of the prevailing worldview around us

**NOT** according to the value systems of this world

**NOT** according to the belief systems of this world

**NOT** on the basis of the wisdom of this world

**NOT** according to what society holds as valuable & important



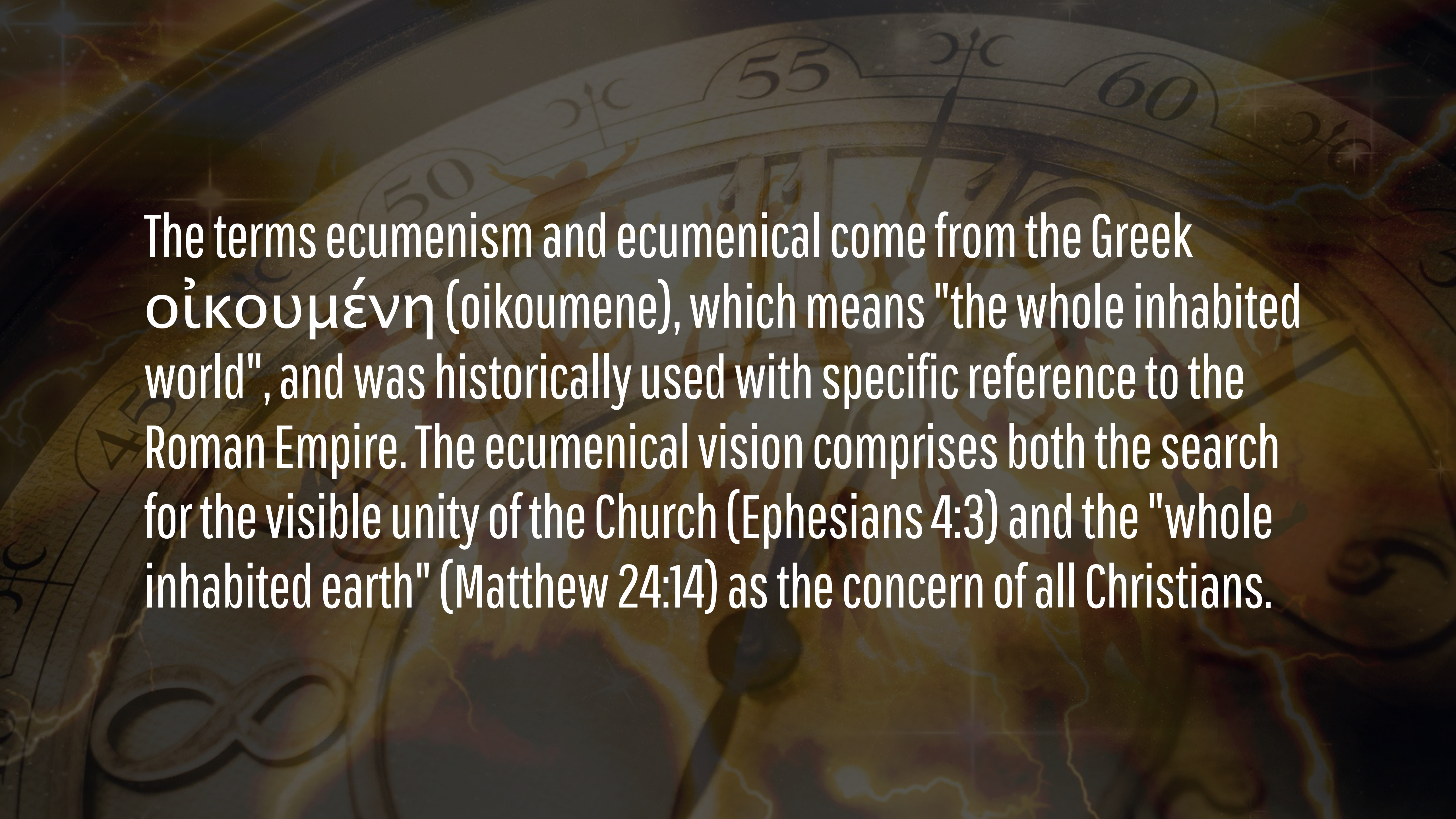
A large, ornate clock face with a mural of people celebrating inside the numbers. The clock face is dark with gold-colored numbers and hands. The mural depicts a group of diverse people in various poses of joy and celebration, with some raising their arms. The background of the mural is a warm, golden-yellow color with stylized clouds and a bright light source. The clock hands are positioned to show a time around 10:10.

We are redefining in practical terms the immutable  
ideals that have guided us from the beginning.

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Bill Clinton (1997): President of United States of America  
– at a Human Rights Campaign Dinner





The terms ecumenism and ecumenical come from the Greek οἰκουμένη (oikoumene), which means "the whole inhabited world", and was historically used with specific reference to the Roman Empire. The ecumenical vision comprises both the search for the visible unity of the Church (Ephesians 4:3) and the "whole inhabited earth" (Matthew 24:14) as the concern of all Christians.



# One World, One Church

First Ecumenical Assembly, Amsterdam, 1948

## World Council of Churches

*Inspiring the worldwide fellowship of churches  
to work together for unity, justice and peace.*



Unity

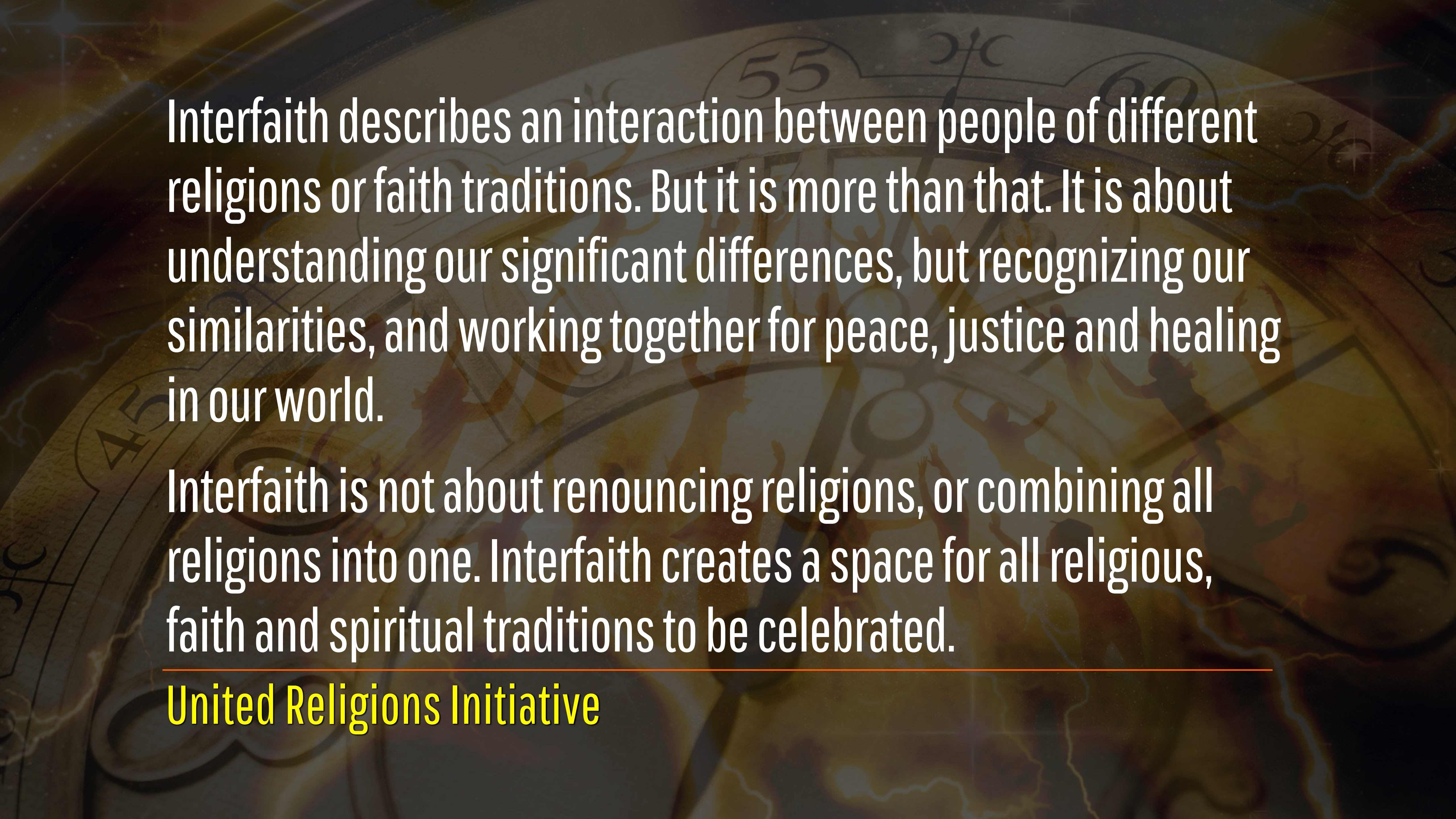


Justice



Peace





Interfaith describes an interaction between people of different religions or faith traditions. But it is more than that. It is about understanding our significant differences, but recognizing our similarities, and working together for peace, justice and healing in our world.

Interfaith is not about renouncing religions, or combining all religions into one. Interfaith creates a space for all religious, faith and spiritual traditions to be celebrated.

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**United Religions Initiative**



# Evangelicals & Catholics Together: March 29, 1994

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## Evangelical Signatories

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Canadian theologian, Anglican & Reformed traditions



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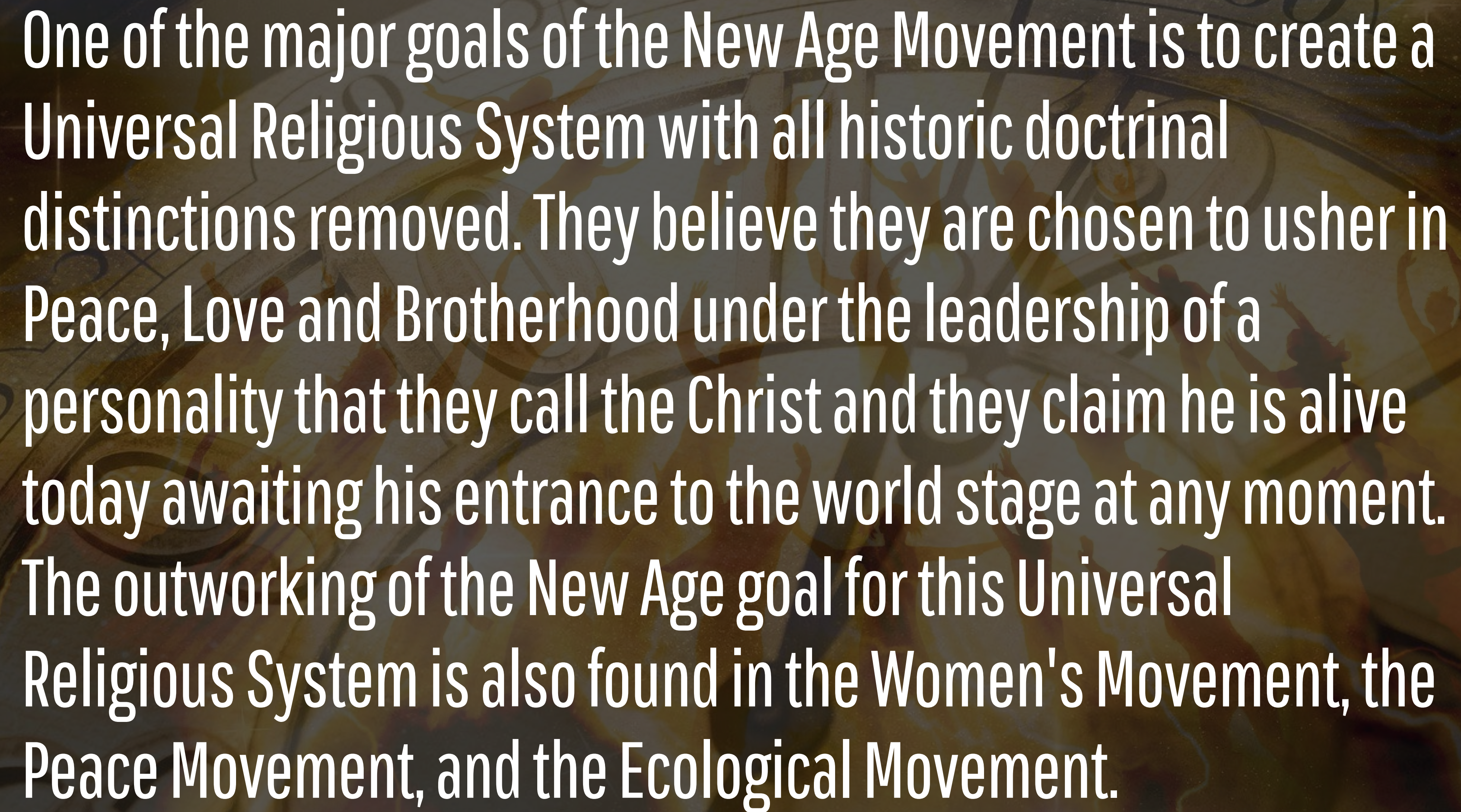
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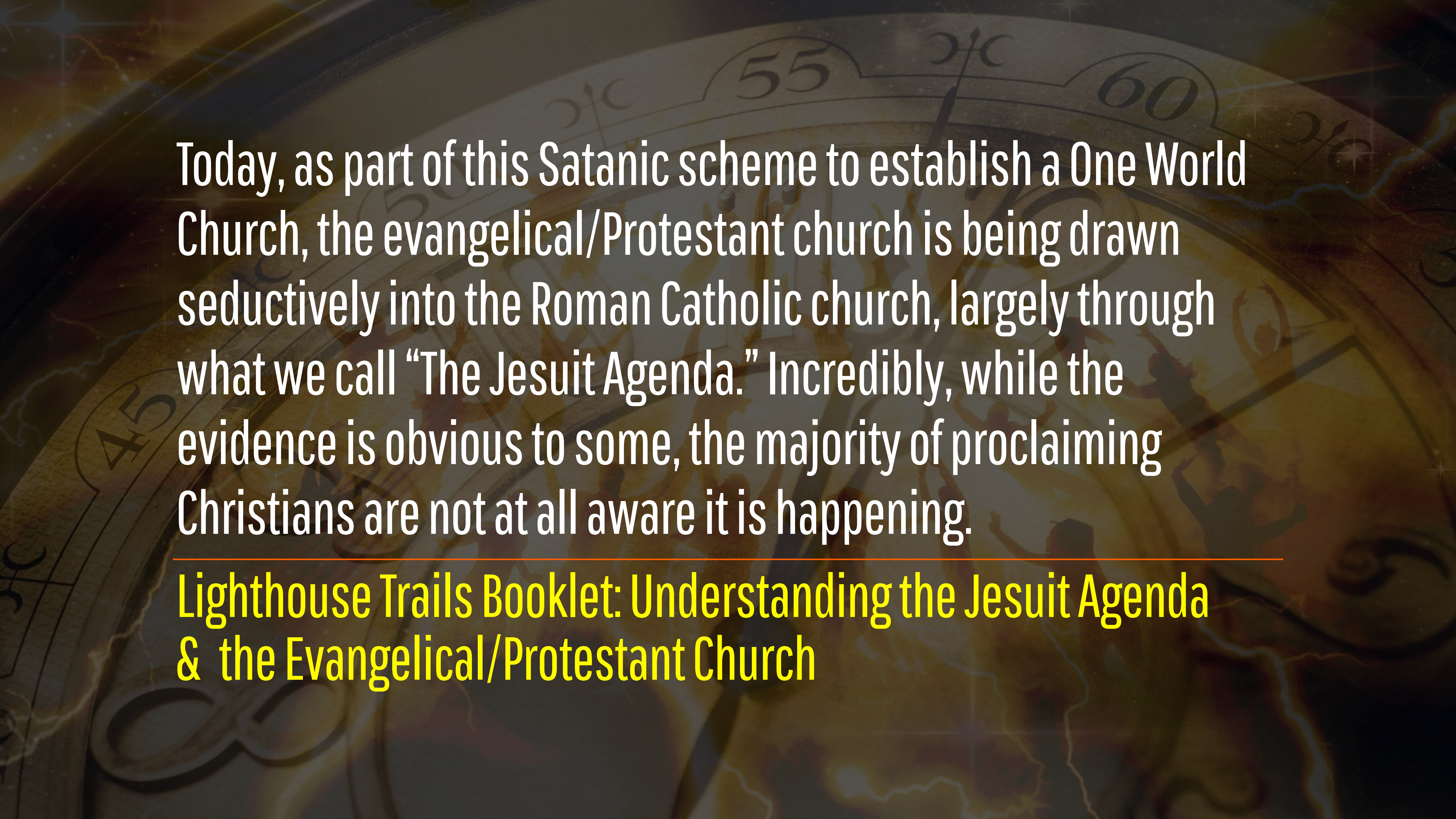
Pat Robertson: Regent University and The 700 Club



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One of the major goals of the New Age Movement is to create a Universal Religious System with all historic doctrinal distinctions removed. They believe they are chosen to usher in Peace, Love and Brotherhood under the leadership of a personality that they call the Christ and they claim he is alive today awaiting his entrance to the world stage at any moment. The outworking of the New Age goal for this Universal Religious System is also found in the Women's Movement, the Peace Movement, and the Ecological Movement.





Today, as part of this Satanic scheme to establish a One World Church, the evangelical/Protestant church is being drawn seductively into the Roman Catholic church, largely through what we call “The Jesuit Agenda.” Incredibly, while the evidence is obvious to some, the majority of proclaiming Christians are not at all aware it is happening.

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**Lighthouse Trails Booklet: Understanding the Jesuit Agenda  
& the Evangelical/Protestant Church**



The undiluted preaching from God's Word and an authoritative stand on truth seem to be on the decline. What we're seeing instead is a broadening of the gospel, a redefining of what it means to be a Christian, and a growing emphasis on inclusion and tolerance. Ecumenism has come to mean "reducing all elements of faith to the lowest common denominator. God's Word is neglected, experience is valued above truth, a false and selfish "faith" is promoted, and sound doctrine and correction are despised as "divisive" and "unloving."

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[jesus-is-savior.com](http://jesus-is-savior.com)



## John 4:23-24

23. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.
24. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.



## 2 John 9-11 (Complete Jewish Bible)

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9. Everyone who goes ahead and does not remain true to what the Messiah has taught does not have God. Those who remain true to his teaching have both the Father and the Son.
10. If someone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, don't welcome him into your home. Don't even say, "Shalom!" to him;
11. for the person who says, "Shalom!" to him shares in his evil deeds.



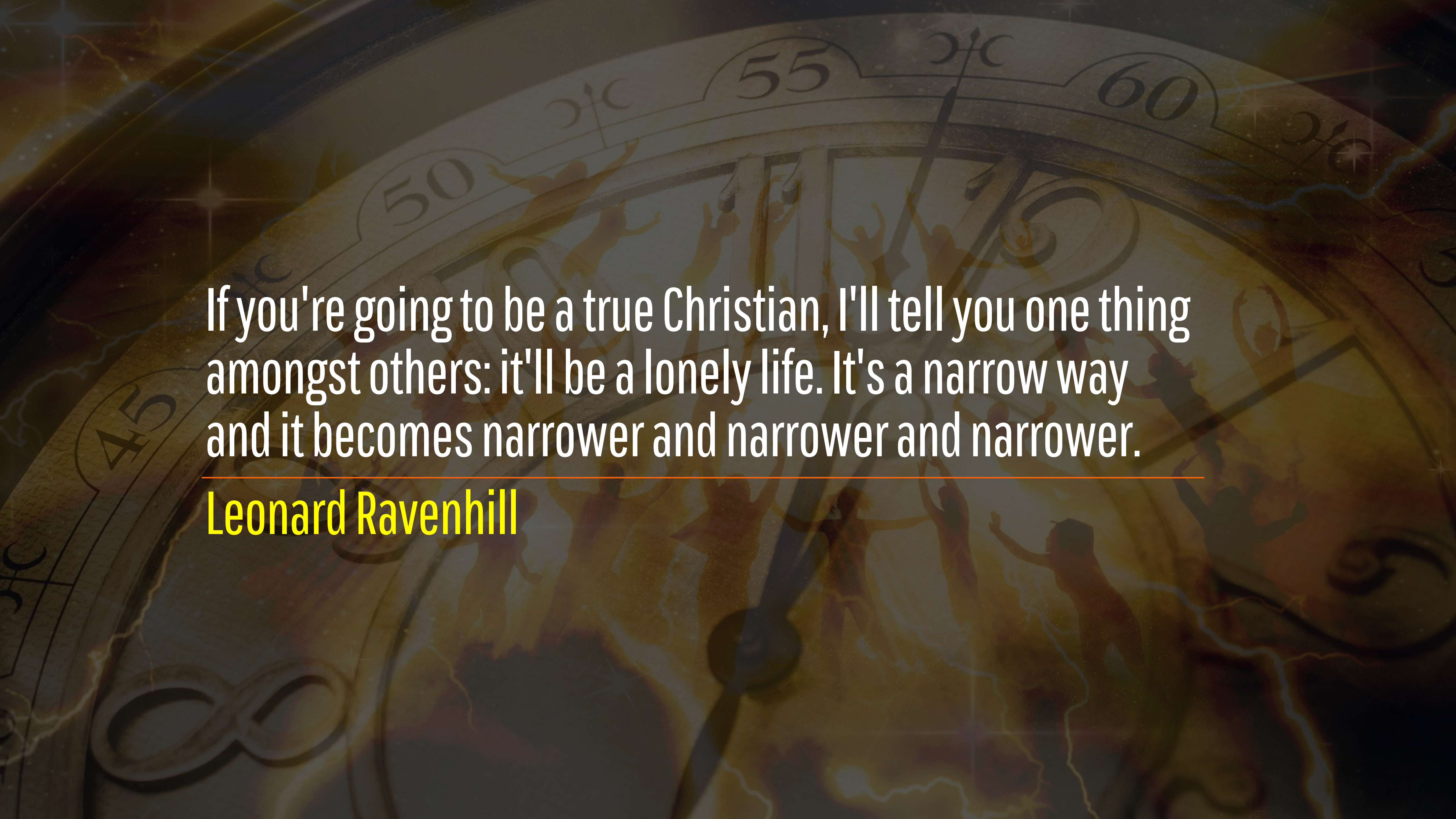
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## **Hebrews 4:12**

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For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



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If you're going to be a true Christian, I'll tell you one thing amongst others: it'll be a lonely life. It's a narrow way and it becomes narrower and narrower and narrower.

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**Leonard Ravenhill**



