

A person is sitting and reading a book. They are wearing a grey button-down shirt and dark pants. The background is softly blurred, showing a window with light coming through and a potted plant with green leaves and a brown, textured pot. The overall mood is peaceful and unhurried.

Unhurried Rhythms

Everyday Practices for Everyday People



Pilate said, “So You are a king?”
Jesus responded, “You say I am
a king. Actually, I was born and
came into the world to testify
to the truth. All who love the
truth recognize that what I say
is true.” **“What is truth?”**
Pilate asked.

John 18:37-38



We've turned the other cheek, and I understand, sort of, the biblical reference—I understand the mentality—but it's gotten us nothing. Okay? It's gotten us nothing while we've ceded ground in every major institution in our country.”

-Donald Trump Jr.

John 18:36

“My Kingdom is not of this world.”



- The Washington Post publishes 1,200 stories, graphics, and videos/day.
- NYTimes publishes roughly 150 articles/day, 250 articles/Sunday, 65 blogs/day, 350 graphics/month, 120 interactive templates/month.
- BuzzFeed produces approx. 222 pieces of content/day.



- Fox's television audience isn't just the largest in cable news, it's the largest in conservative media by a factor of 10.
- Online, Fox News' audience is so large that its traffic almost doubles the next 19 right-wing websites combined.



Discerning Truth

1. Is it accurate?

2. Is it good?



"In 2015, the Public Policy Polling Institute surveyed 532 American voters if they would support the bombing of the city of Agrabah. While 54 percent said they weren't sure what should be done, a sizable 30 percent said they supported bombing the city."



“This kind of hatred is cultivated in our politics today by those who channel hatred for their purposes—because people can be organized based on common hatreds...In our political environment everyone feels under attack.



Politicians and our political infrastructure of advocacy groups, corporate interests, highly tailored media outlets, and platform-seeking personalities see to it.



We've long rewarded those who are the most skilled at humiliating our political opponents with witty rhetoric or ostracizing them with vicious, often unfair, attacks."

-Justin Giboney



Discerning Truth - Is it good?

- (1) Who is this telling me to hate?
- (2) Is this calling me to cross-shaped love?
- (3) Is this speaker fair and civil or snarky and emotional?
- (4) Are the emotions I feel as I listen fruit of the Spirit?
- (5) How does the story I'm hearing align with the way of Jesus?



"In Neil Postman's introduction to his book 'Amusing Ourselves to Death', he prophetically contrasts two cultural views: that of George Orwell's 1984 and Aldous Huxley's Brave New World. Orwell's 1984 had looked to the dystopian future and anticipated that books would be banned by the government as a result of censorship.



But Huxley's view was different. In *Brave New World*, Huxley held that books, rather than being banned, would become marginalized by a torrent of new information. One saw the dystopian future in terms of censorship.



The other saw the dystopian future as one marked by access to too much information, where one could not discern falsehood from truth because of too much knowledge and information. Postman writes, 'Orwell feared those who would deprive us of information.'



Huxley feared those who would give us so much information that we would be reduced to passivity and egoism. Orwell feared that the truth would be concealed from us. Huxley feared that the truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance.' ” -**A.J. Swoboda**



- In 2021, Netflix had 213M global paid memberships.
- 41% of users do so without paying.
- In 2020, Netflix had 2.2M minutes of content available.
- Library of over 50,000 titles.
- “Clueless” most popular Netflix movie.



- “13 Reasons Why” the most popular TV series.
- Other top choices: “Squid Game”, “Bridgerton”, “The Witcher.”

Which translation should I read?

Whichever one you'll read.



My Bible



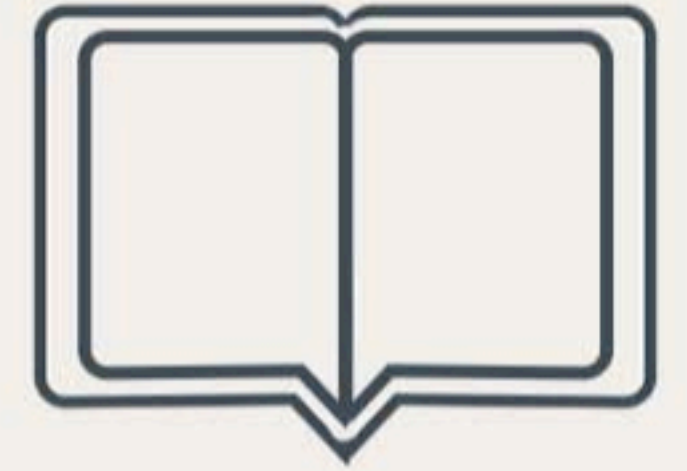
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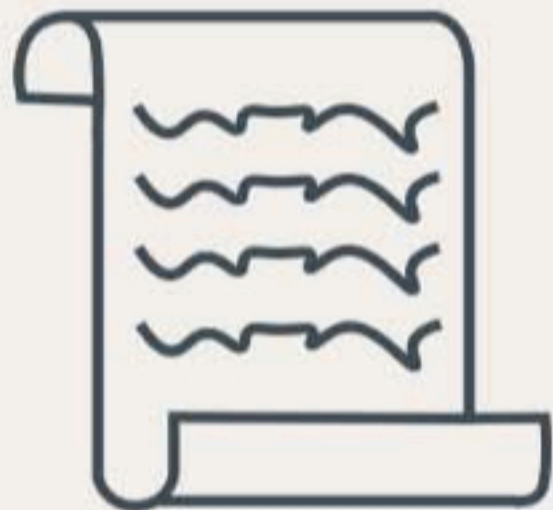
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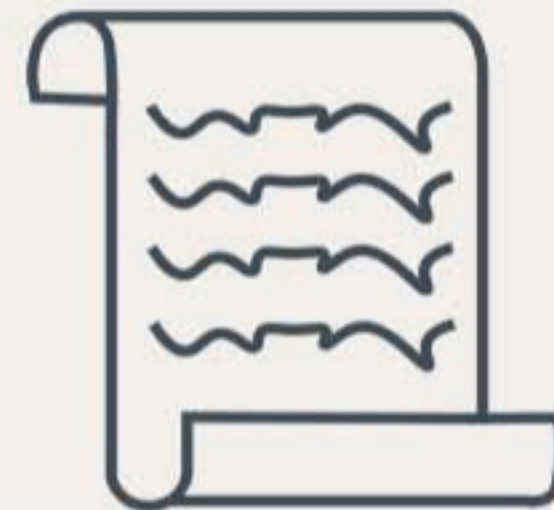
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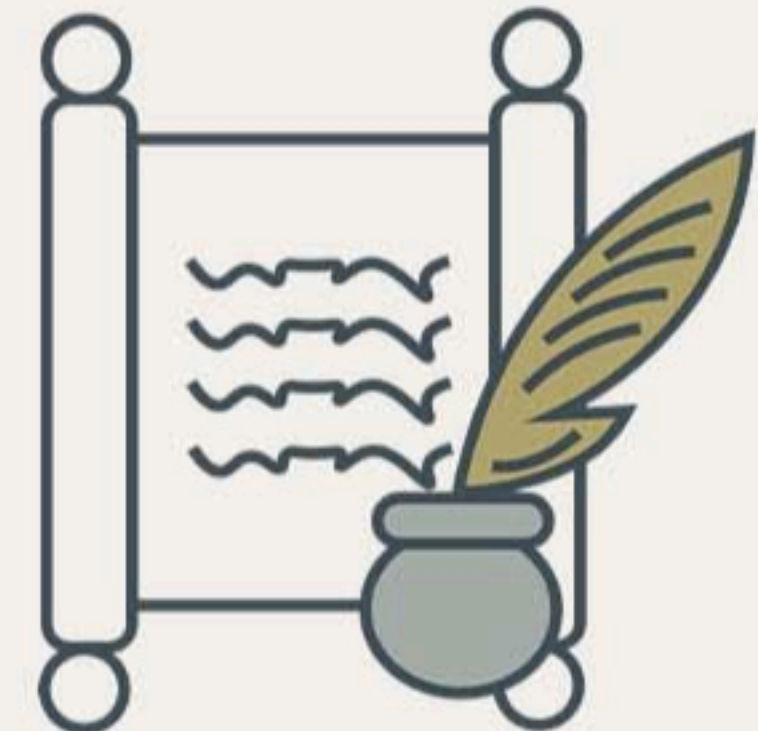
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The Original Autographs



Tacitus' "Annals and Histories"	3
Gaius' "Institutes"	3
Velleius Paterculus' "History of Rome"	1
Josephus' "Jewish War"	50
New Testament	5500+ Greek, 10,000+ Latin, thousands more in Coptic, Syria, Gothic, Ethiopic, Armenian, and more.

How do I read the Bible for all its worth?
In community.



Read the Bible with:

Historic Christianity – The great saints who came before me.

Global Christianity – Christians from countries and cultures not like mine.

Christian Scholars – Christians who are experts in biblical interpretation and Church history.



Read the Bible with:

My Local Church – My Leaders in my Church.

My Inner Circle – Those in Christ walking with me.

What resources will help?



Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.

Psalm 1



Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.

Psalm 1



For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

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