







Why do we need this  
conference?

One of my mentors said ...

“Your system is perfectly  
designed to yield the results you  
are now getting.”

Let's think of the results we are  
now getting in terms of ...



church attendance

interest of younger generations

ability to change with times

collaboration across denominational barriers

agreement on agenda

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now getting in terms of ...



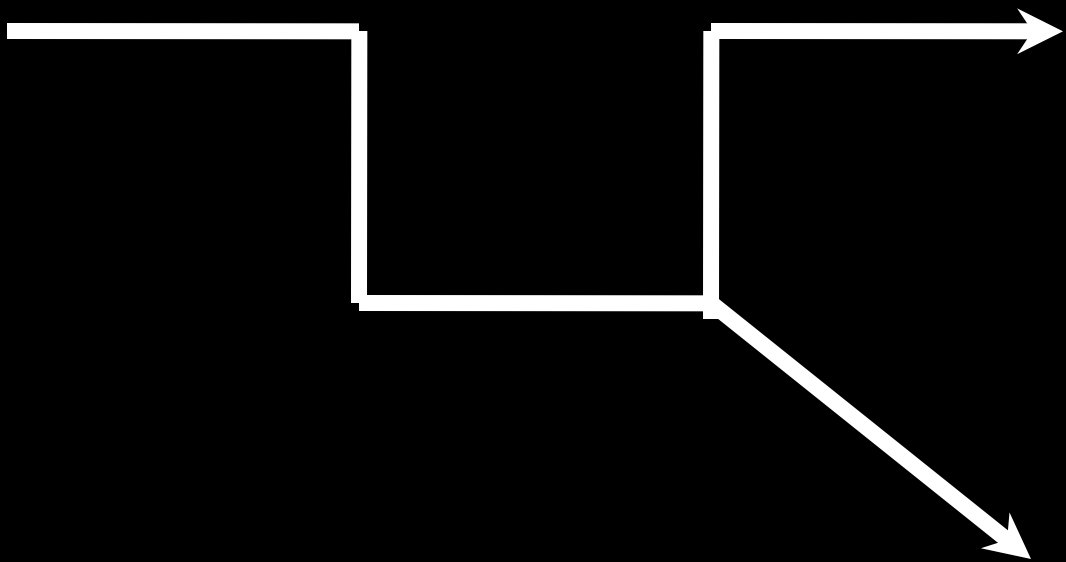
- the health of the planet
- the well-being of the poor and vulnerable
  - the amount of peace, well-being, safety, reconciliation, and security felt by all people (especially children)

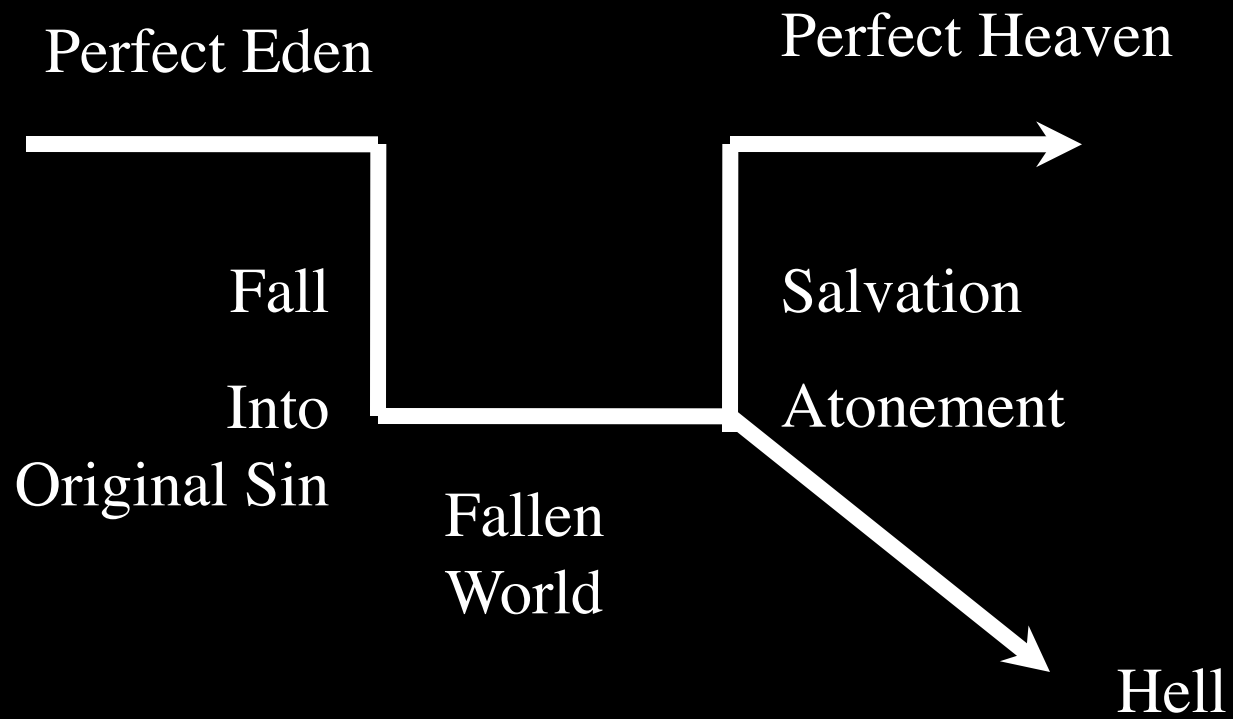
If we want better results,  
instead of saying, “Try harder,”  
let’s look at our system design.

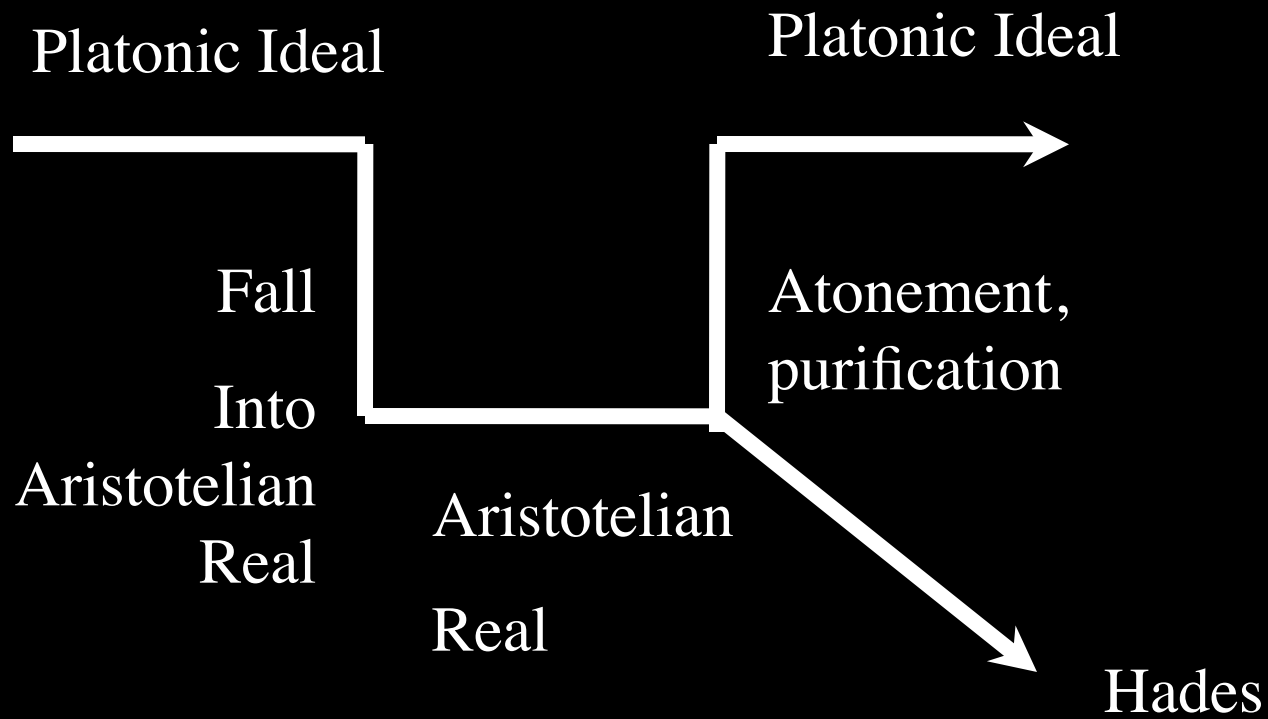


At the core of our  
system is a story ...









Pax Romana

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rebellion

civilization

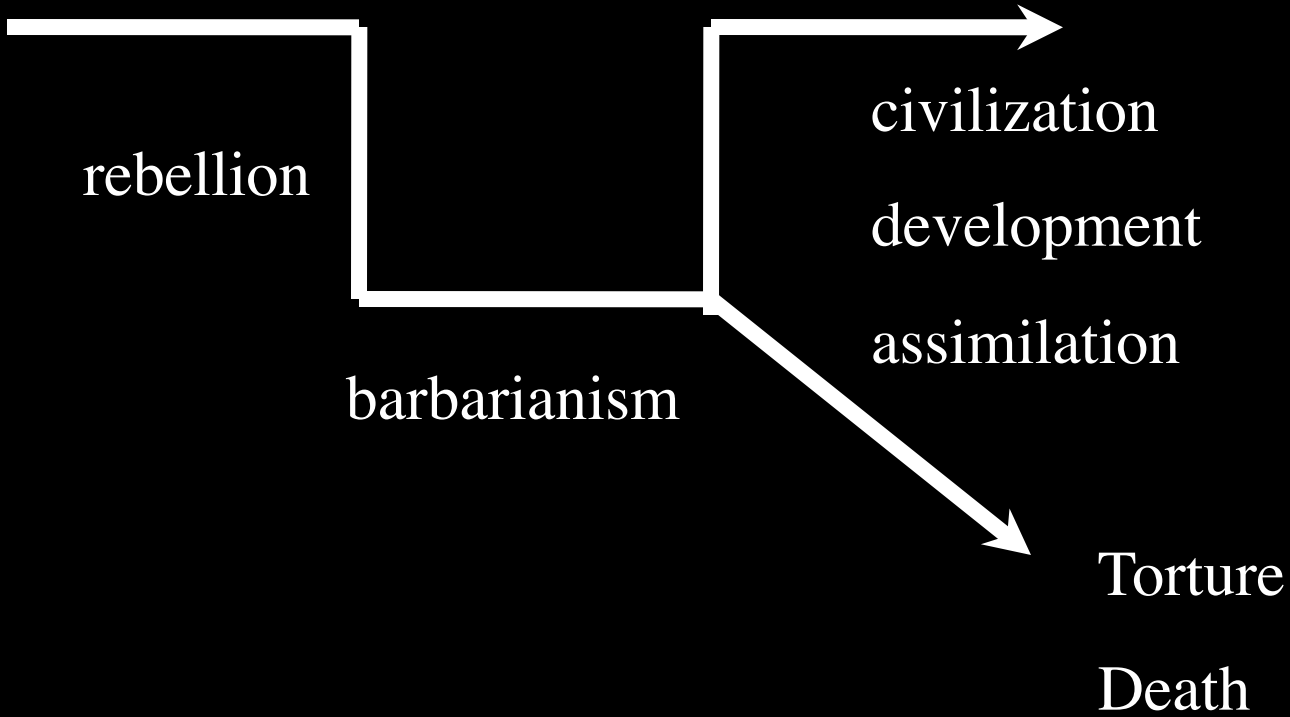
development

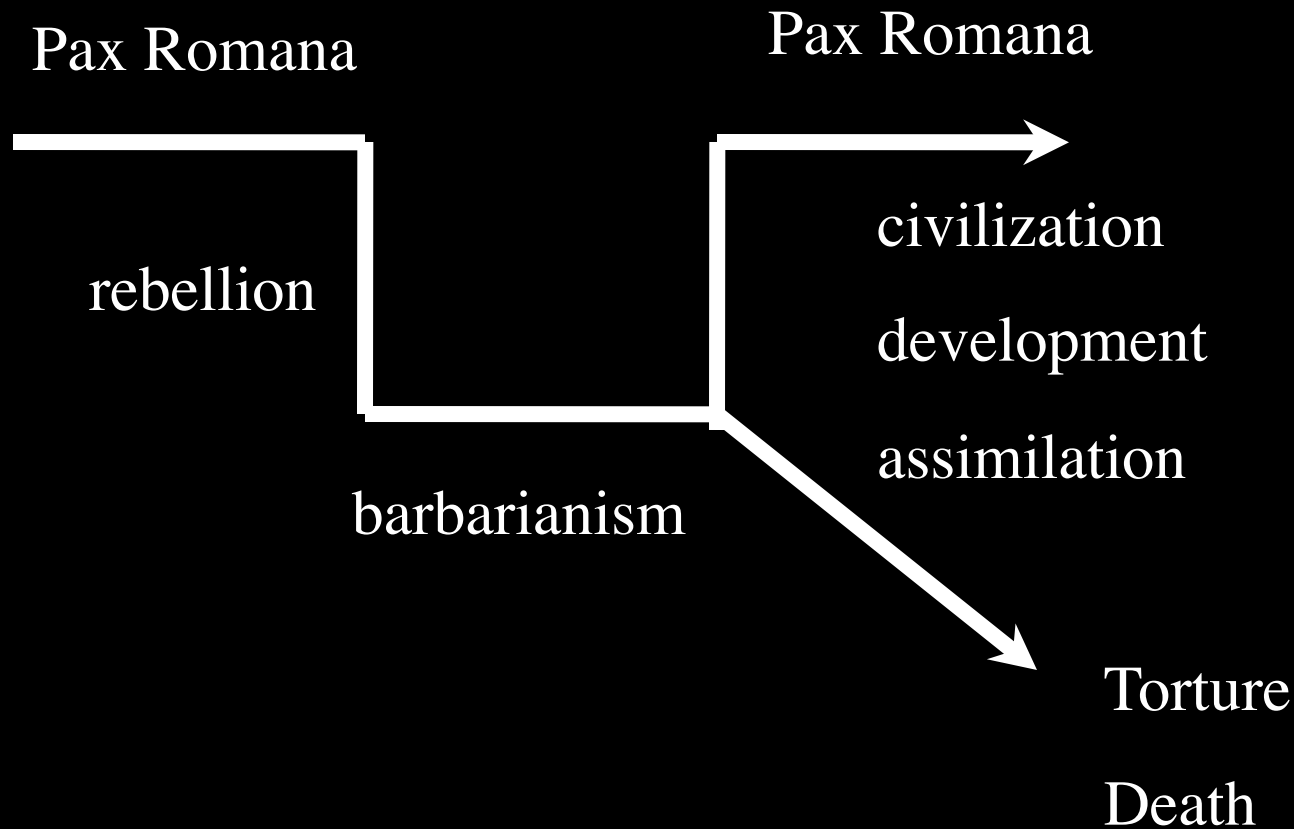
assimilation

barbarianism

Torture

Death





This is a “totalizing metanarrative” - an us-them story that legitimates domination, supremacy, racism, enslavement, exploitation, colonization, genocide.

Christendom

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rebellion

salvation/atonement/redemption

conquistadores, colonization

civilization, culture war

barbarianism

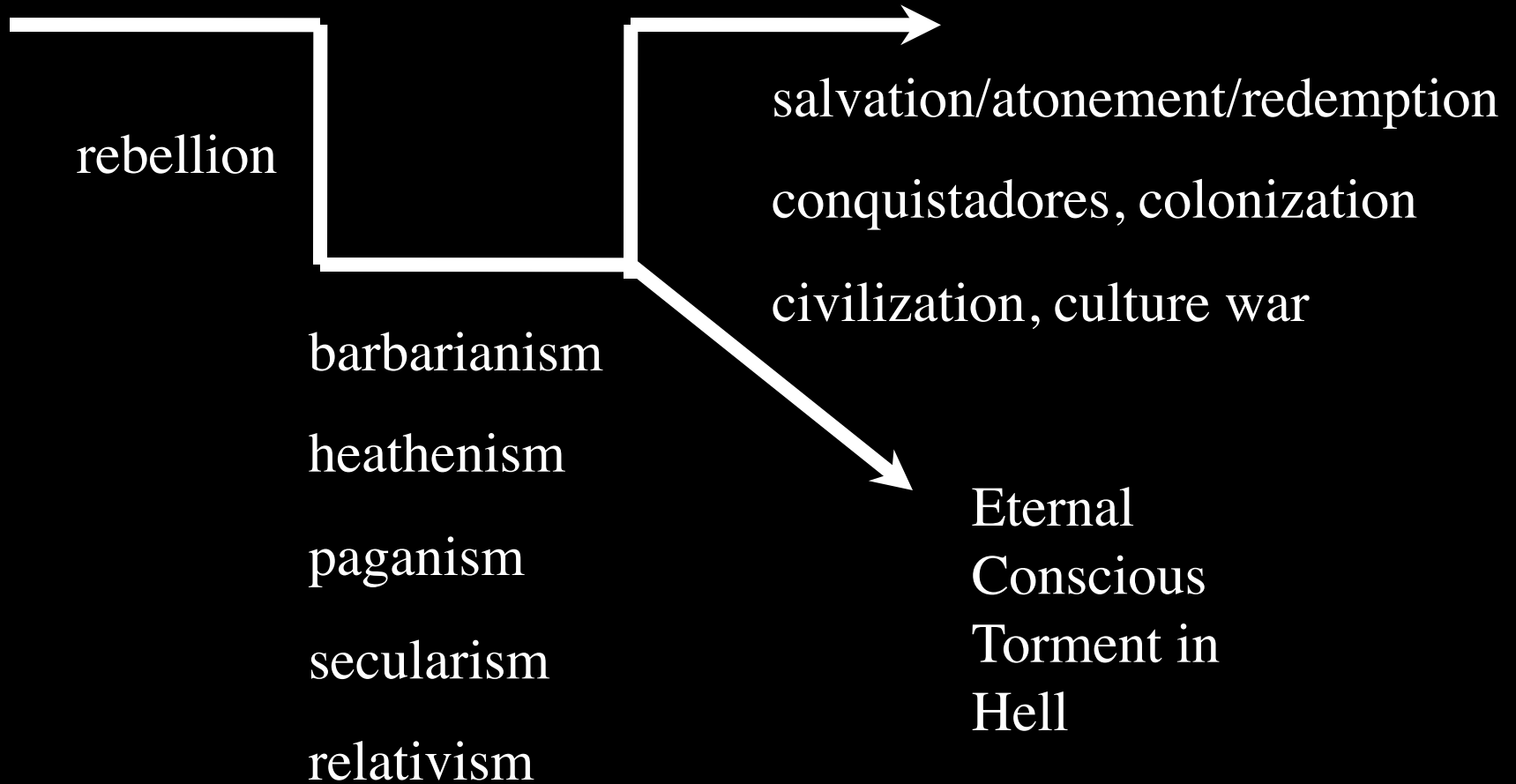
heathenism

paganism

secularism

relativism

Eternal  
Conscious  
Torment in  
Hell



is there an alternative way of  
understanding our story?

# sdrawkcab gnidaer

Rick Warren, Billy Graham, Charles Finney, John Wesley (or Calvin), Luther, Aquinas, Augustine, Paul, Jesus



# reading forwards

Adam, Eve, Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Moses, David, Isaiah, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Mary, Jesus ----- >



# Exodus: Liberation & Formation

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Genesis: Creation and Reconciliation

Isaiah: Peaceable Kingdom - Justice and  
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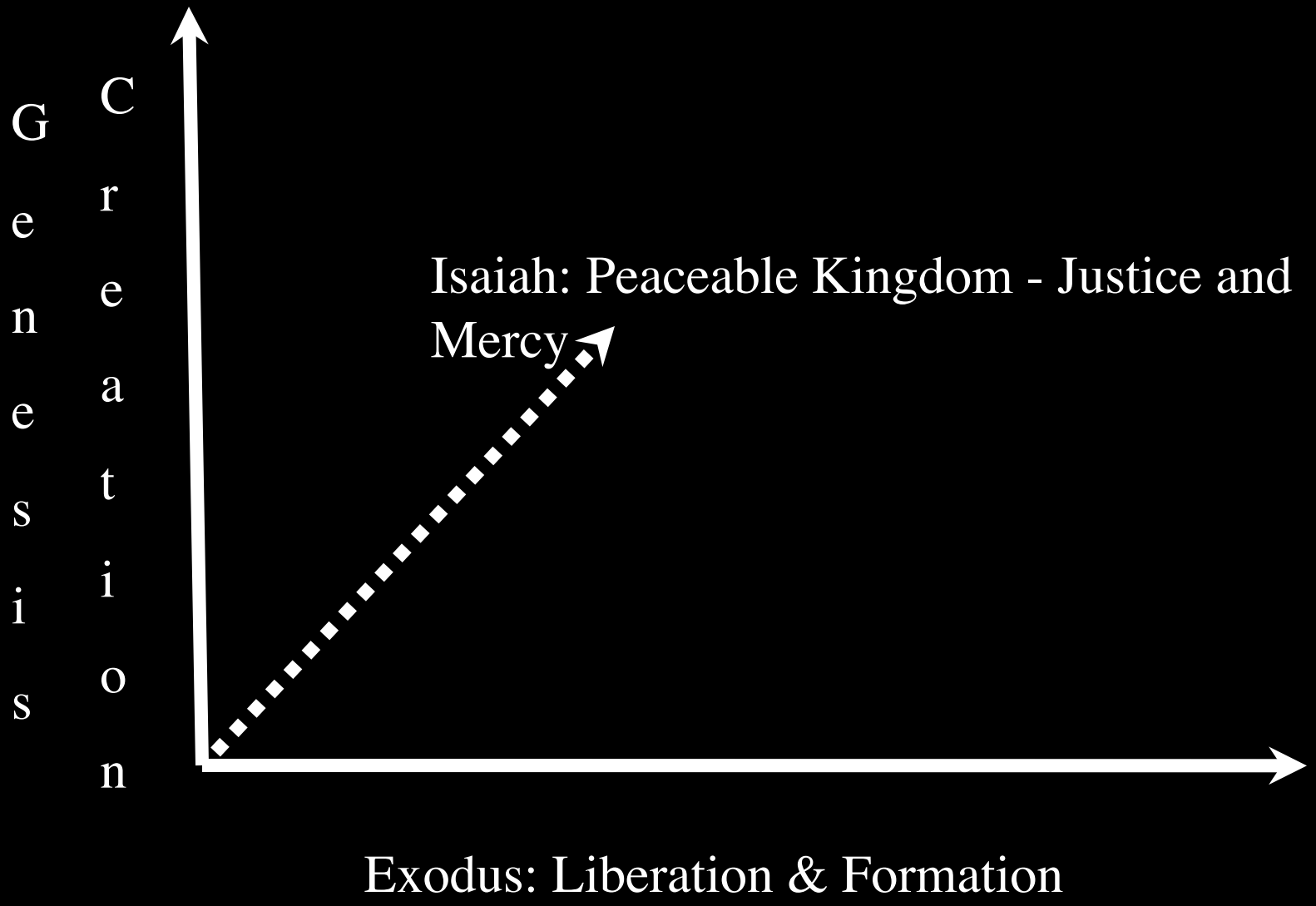
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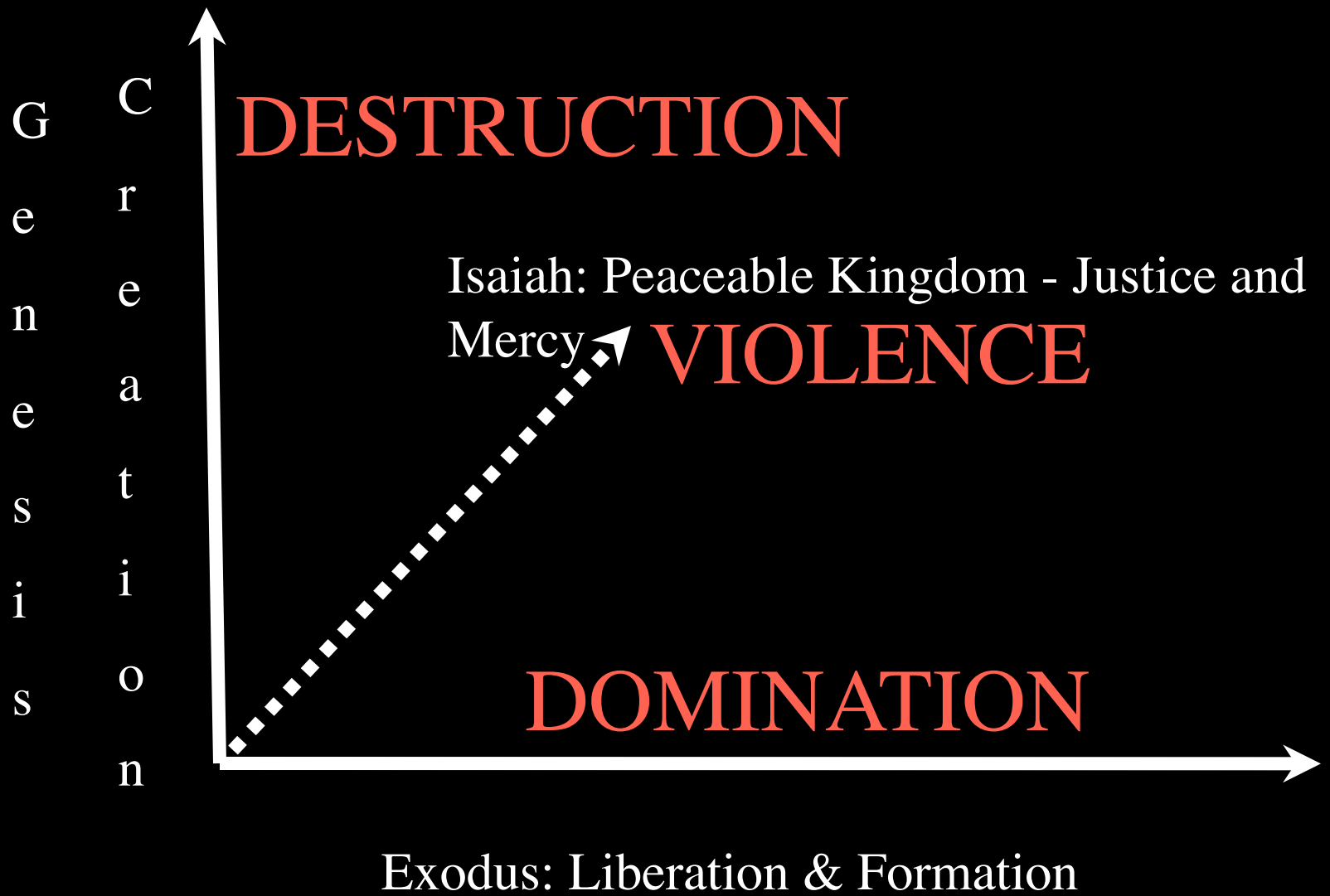
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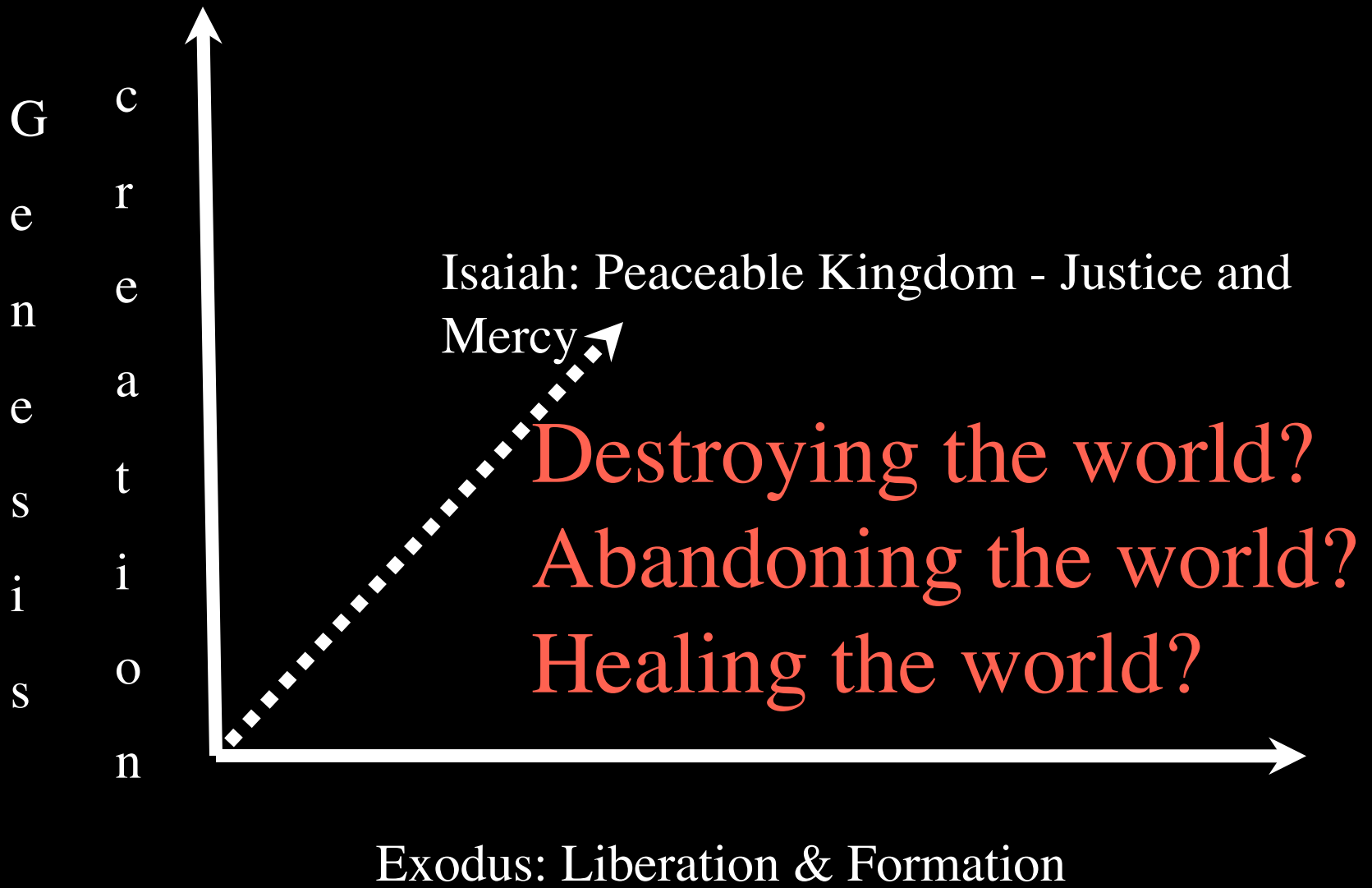
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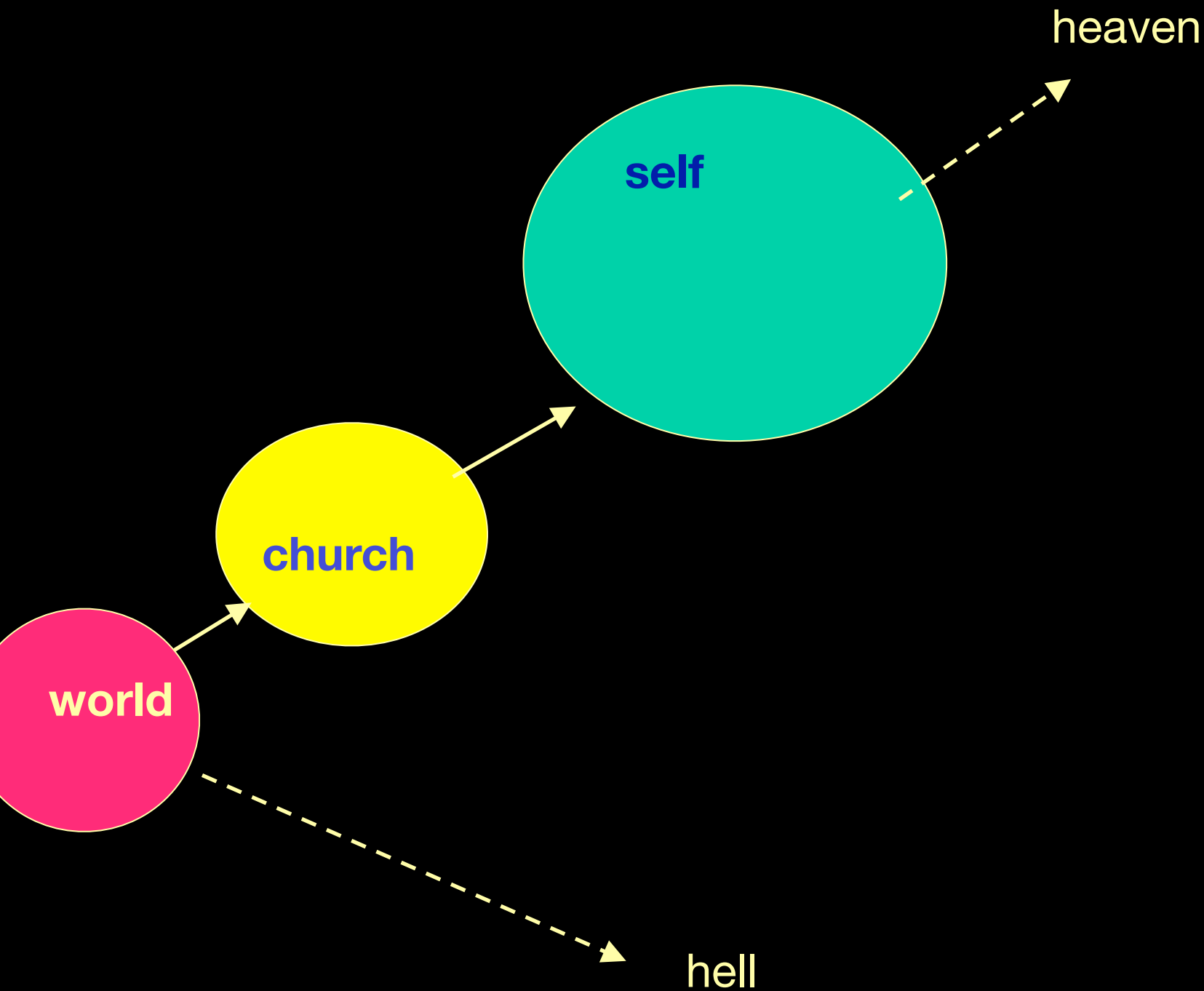
Not a “totalizing metanarrative”-

But a “multi-narrative” that creates a story-space (not a story-line) in which a million good stories can emerge.

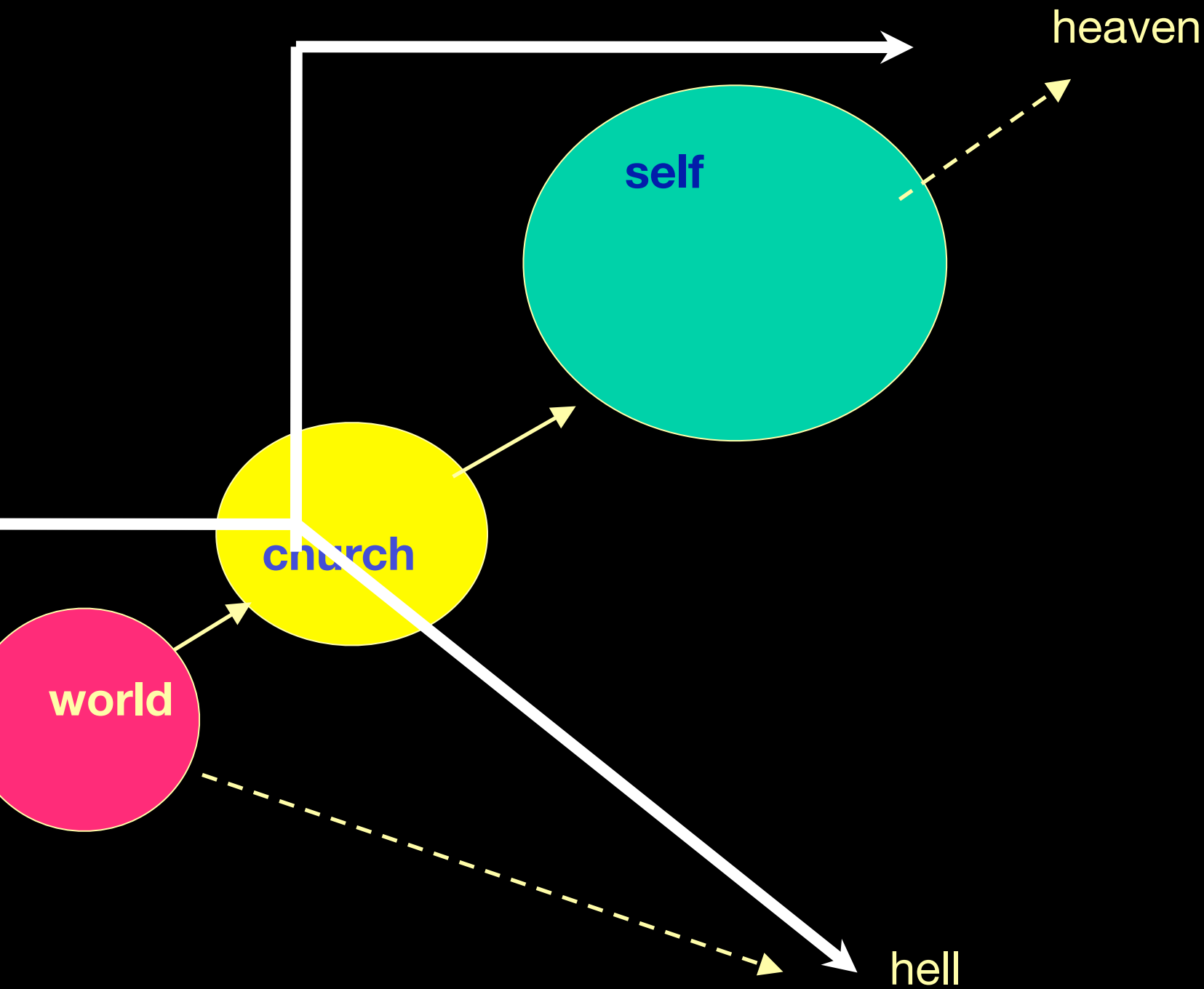


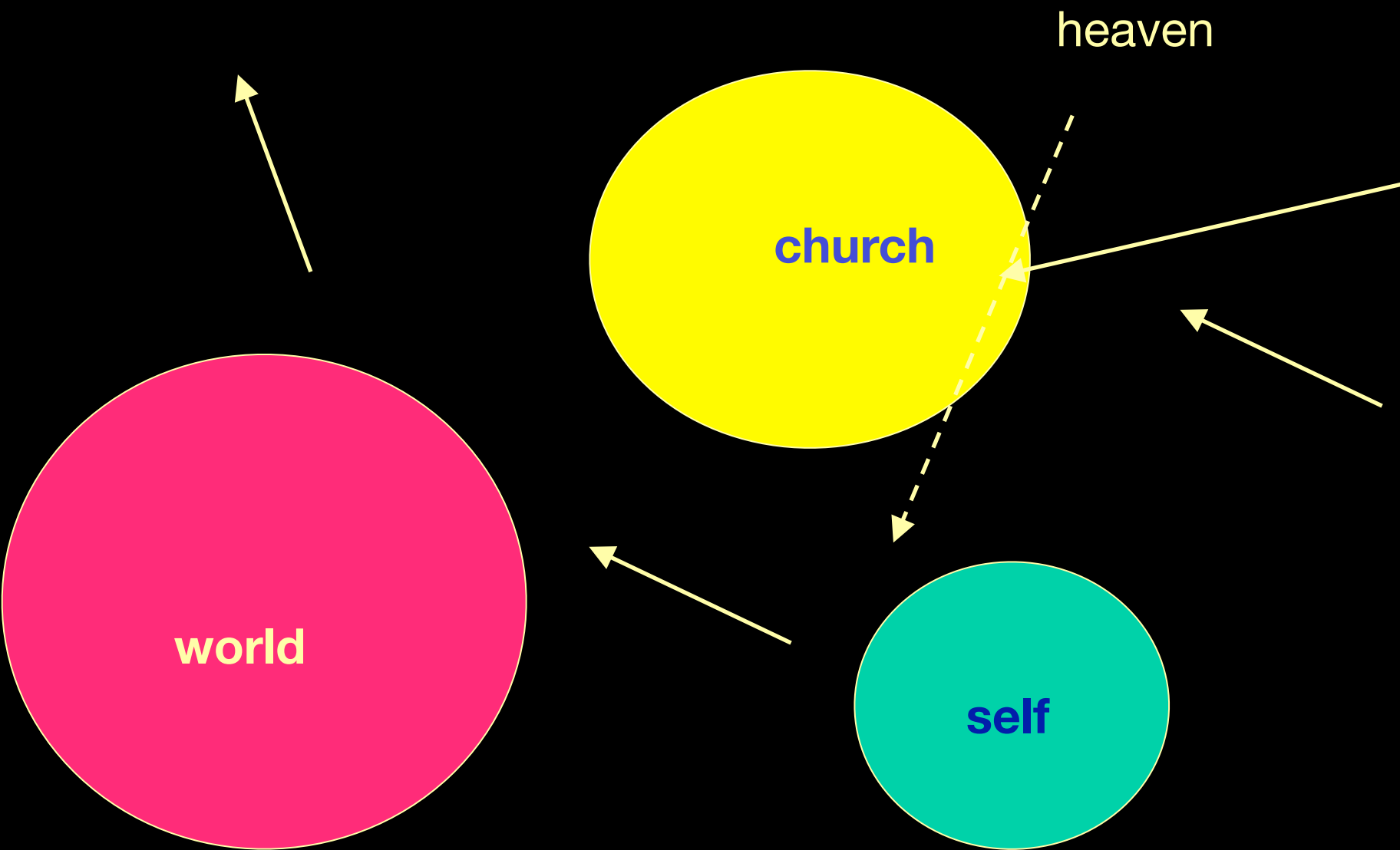








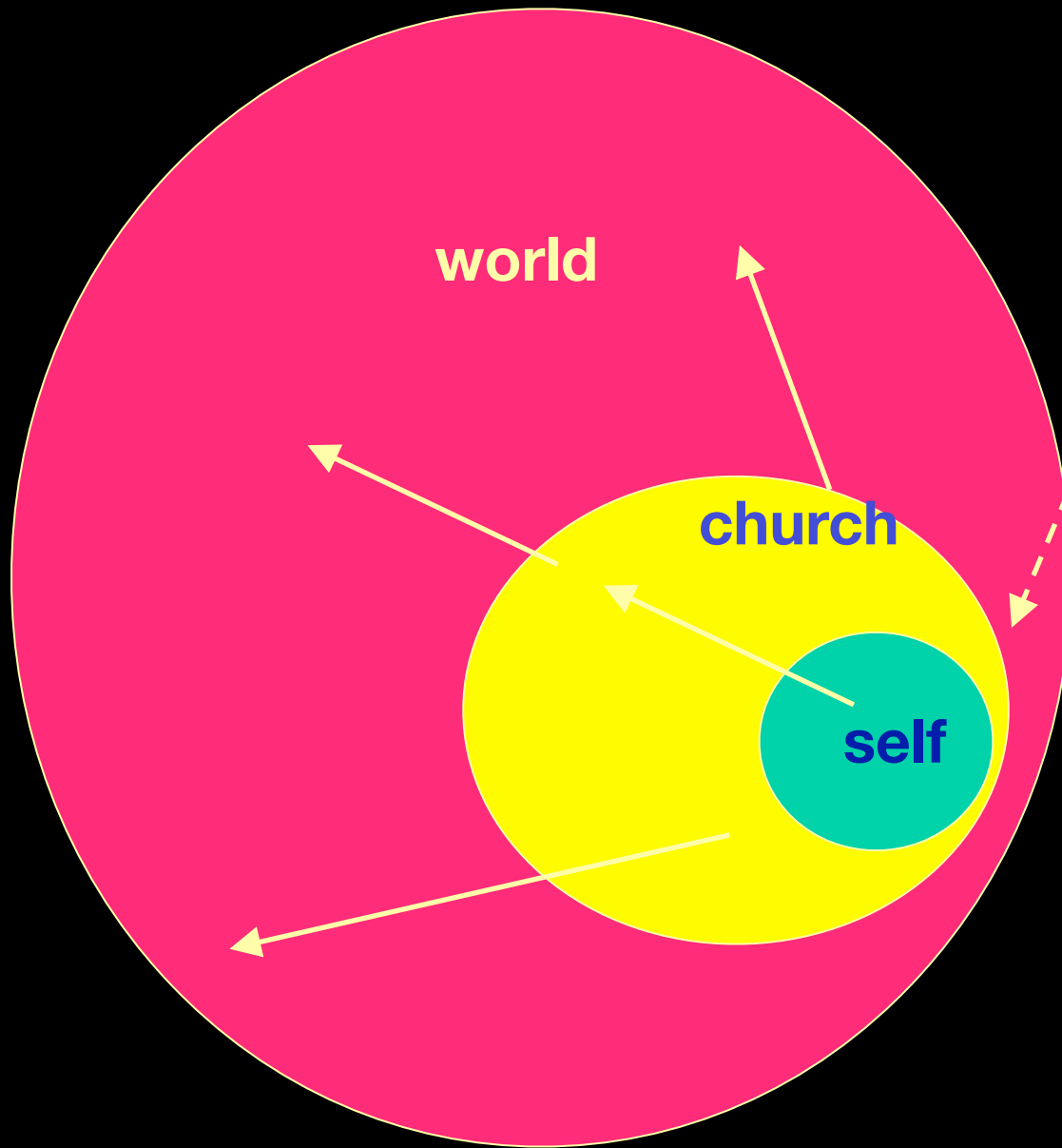


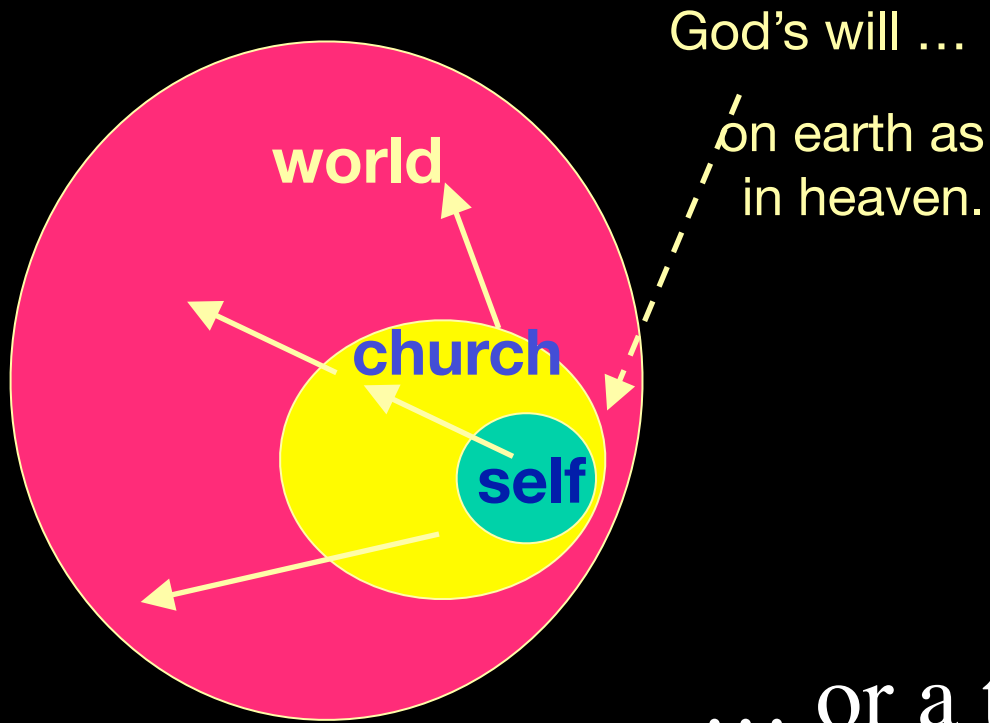


God's will ...

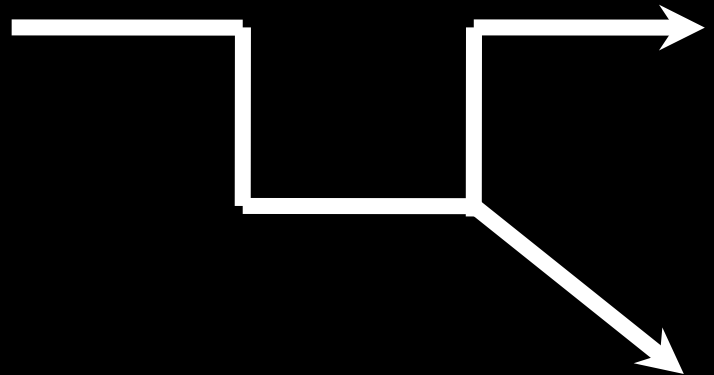
on earth as in  
heaven.

God's beauty,  
goodness, truth,  
justice, peace, joy





Was Jesus' message  
an evacuation plan  
... or a transformation plan?



Here's how to go to heaven when  
you die ...

or

Here's how to join God in the healing  
of the world?



**After John was put in  
prison, Jesus went into  
Galilee, proclaiming the  
good news of God.**

**The time has come, he  
said. The kingdom of God  
has come near. Repent and  
believe the good news! ...**

**Follow me!**

**Mark 1:15 ff**

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of the world?

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everything  
must  
change

**Jesus, Global Crises,  
and a Revolution of Hope**



# 2 questions:

*From Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a  
Revolution of Hope*

**What are the top global  
problems?**

**What does the message of Jesus  
say to those problems?**

**Top Global Problems:**

**High Noon (20)**

**United Nations University (15)**

**Copenhagen Consensus (10)**

**Millennium Development Goals (8)**

**PEACE plan (5)**

# United Nations University: The State of the Future

## Top Fifteen Challenges: How can ...

1. ... **sustainable development** be achieved for all?
2. ... everyone have sufficient **clean water** without conflict?
3. ... **population growth** and resources be brought into balance?
4. ... **genuine democracy** emerge from authoritarian regimes?
5. ... policymaking be made more sensitive to **global long-term perspectives**?
6. ... the global convergence of **information and communications technologies** work for everyone?
7. ... ethical market economies be encouraged to help reduce the **gap between rich and poor**?

8. ... the threat of new and reemerging **diseases** and immune micro-organisms be reduced?
9. ... the **capacity to decide** be improved as the nature of work and institutions change?
10. ... shared values and new security strategies reduce **ethnic conflicts, terrorism, and the use of weapons of mass destruction**?
11. ... the changing **status of women** help improve the human condition?
12. ... transnational **organized crime networks** be stopped from becoming more powerful and sophisticated global enterprises?
13. ... growing **energy demands** be met safely and efficiently?
14. ... **scientific and technological breakthroughs** be accelerated to improve the human condition?
15. ... **ethical considerations** become more routinely incorporated into global decisions?

## 8 Millennium Development Goals:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
4. Reduce child mortality.
5. Improve maternal health.
6. Combat HIV/AIDs, malaria, and other diseases.
7. Ensure environmental sustainability.
8. Develop a global partnership for development

# Copenhagen Consensus Top 10 Global Problems

1. Hunger and malnutrition
2. Climate change
3. Conflicts
4. Financial Instability
5. Water and Sanitation
6. Subsidies and Trade Barriers
7. Population/Migration
8. Communicable Diseases
9. Education
10. Governance and Corruption

# Rick Warren's PEACE Plan

1. Plant churches to combat spiritual emptiness
2. Equip servant leaders to combat corrupt leadership
3. Assist the poor through humanitarian aid (poverty)
4. Care for the sick to combat disease
5. Educate the next generation to combat ignorance



On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of goals to **end poverty**, **protect the planet** and **ensure prosperity for all** as part of a **new sustainable development agenda**. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years.





**SPIRITUAL EMPTINESS   CORRUPT LEADERSHIP  
POVERTY   DISEASE   IGNORANCE   HUNGER  
AND MALNUTRITION   CLIMATE CHANGE  
CONFLICTS   FINANCIAL INSTABILITY   WATER/  
SANITATION   SUBSIDIES/TRADE BARRIERS  
POPULATION/ MIGRATION   COMMUNICABLE  
DISEASES   EDUCATION   GOVERNANCE/  
CORRUPTION   HUNGER   EDUCATION  
GENDER INEQUALITY   CHILD MORTALITY  
MATERNAL HEALTH   ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY   ETHNIC CONFLICTS  
TERRORISM   WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION  
ORGANIZED CRIME NETWORKS   ENERGY  
DEMANDS   CLEAN WATER   POPULATION  
GROWTH   AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES**



# OUR GLOBAL CRISES

SPIRITUAL EMPTINESS CORRUPT  
LEADERSHIP POVERTY DISEASE  
IGNORANCE HUNGER AND  
MALNUTRITION CLIMATE  
CHANGE CONFLICTS FINANCIAL  
INSTABILITY WATER/SANITATION  
SUBSIDIES/TRAP BATTERS  
POPULATION/MIGRATION  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
EDUCATION CORRUPTION/  
CORRUPTION HUNGER  
EDUCATION GENocide  
INEQUALITY CHILD MORTALITY  
MATERNAL HEALTH  
ENVIRONMENTAL INSTABILITY  
ETHNIC CONFLICTS TERRORISM  
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION  
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ENERGY DEMANDS CLEAN WATER  
POPULATION GROWTH  
AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES

4 Crises:

**P**lanet

**P**overty

**P**eace

**P**eople

**P**lanet - we're sucking out resources faster than the planet can replenish them, and we're pumping out toxins faster than the planet can detoxify them.

**P**overty

**P**eace

**P**eople

**Planet**

**Poverty** - a smaller and smaller percentage of people are accumulating a larger and larger share of the world's wealth and opportunities, leaving more and more people farther and farther behind.

**Peace**

**People**

**Planet**

**Poverty**

**Peace** - an unstable planet and growing gap between rich and poor intensify tensions between races, religions, nations, parties, regions, etc., with catastrophically dangerous weapons in play.

**People**

**Planet**

**Poverty**

**Peace**

**People - In times of stress, humans scapegoat vulnerable people to vent their frustrations and fear, leading to suffering and genocide.**

**Planet**

**Poverty**

**Peace**

**People**

What if the purpose  
of faith  
is to join God  
to heal the planet  
to care for the poor  
to make peace  
for the common good of all people,  
no exceptions?



That would be a Faith 365!

Sundays would matter ...

to equip us for Monday through  
Saturday:

families ... neighborhoods ... jobs ...  
professions ... politics ... social  
media ... recreation ... education ...  
buying, saving, investing, spending ...  
affecting all of life, every day!

**Faith for the Planet**

**Faith for the Poor**

**Faith for Peace-making**

**For for the common good of all People**







WHAT WOULD THAT  
LOOK LIKE?

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# **Faith for the Planet**

**Sundays:**

**Mondays - Saturdays:**

# **Faith for the Poor**

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# **Faith for Peace-making**

**Sundays:**

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**For for the common good of all People**

**Sundays:**

**Mondays - Saturdays:**



Our God, whose love  
makes us one family,

May your unspeakable  
Name be revered.

Here on earth may your  
commonwealth come...

On earth, as in heaven, may your  
dreams come true.



Give us today our bread for  
today.

Forgive us our wrongs as we  
forgive.

Lead us away from the perilous trial,  
Liberate us from the evil.



For the kingdom is yours and yours alone,  
the power is yours and yours alone, the glory  
is yours and yours alone,  
Now and forever. Amen.





Living God, we honor the original inhabitants of this land, from the Cahokia Mound Builders of pre-colonial times, to the Missouri and Osage tribes, to the Cherokees who passed through this region on the Trail of Tears.



We lament the injustice done to them  
by French, English, and American  
colonizers.





We seek to learn and cherish the unique story of this place - in war and peace, in disease and resilience, in struggle and celebration.



We honor the struggle of all people seeking justice and peace, and we seek the courage and wisdom to heal the wounds of the past and build a better future together. Guide and empower us in this healing work, living God. Amen.





