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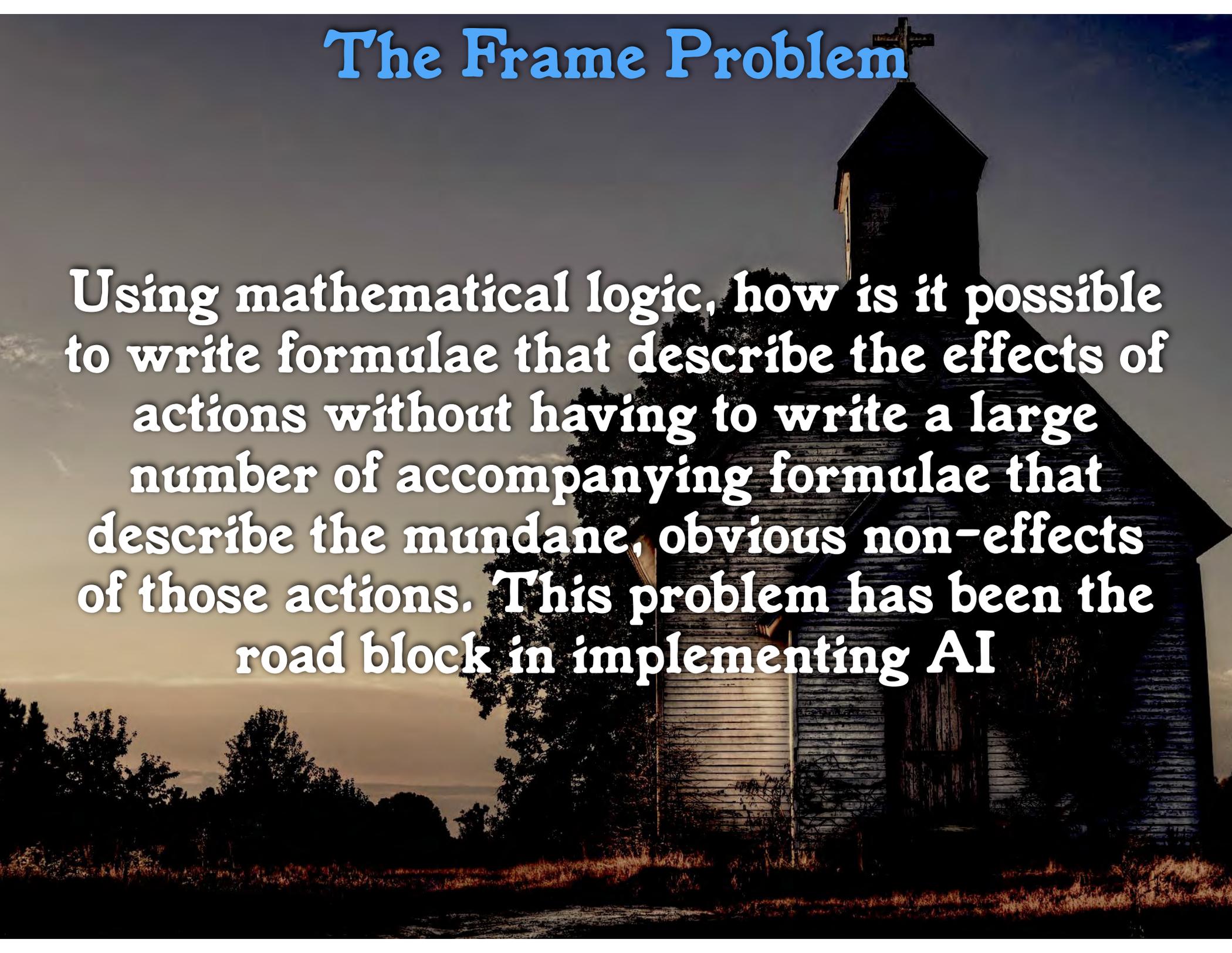
Fake News

Churchy God

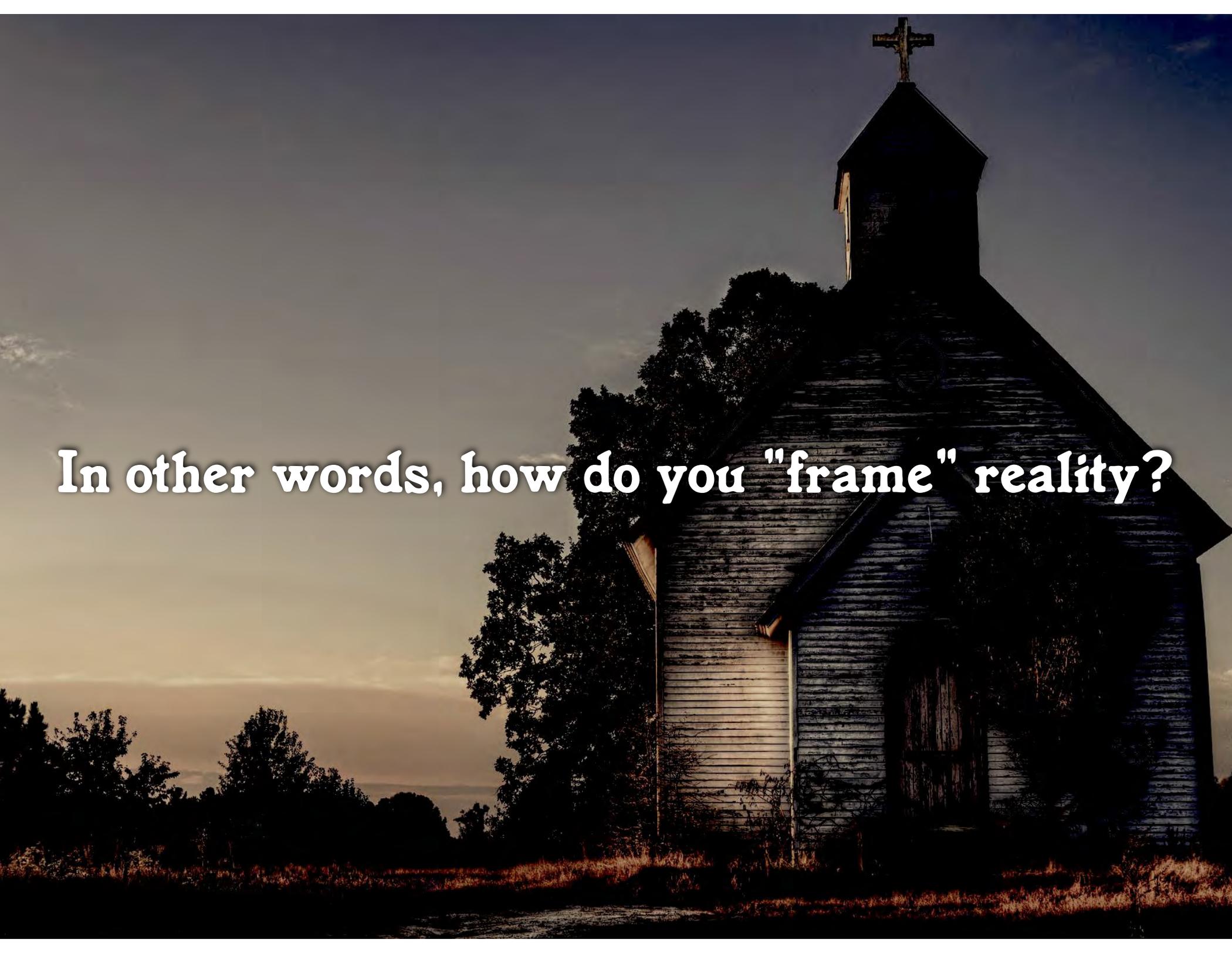


Digital Electronic Universal Computing Engine, was based on Alan Turing's designs and became one of the first commercially produced digital computers in the 1950s.

The Frame Problem

A photograph of a weathered wooden church with a steeple topped by a cross. The church is set against a sunset sky with silhouettes of trees in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

Using mathematical logic, how is it possible to write formulae that describe the effects of actions without having to write a large number of accompanying formulae that describe the mundane, obvious non-effects of those actions. This problem has been the road block in implementing AI



In other words, how do you "frame" reality?

Fake News

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Fake news is frequently used to describe a political story which is seen as damaging to an agency, entity, or person. However, it is by no means restricted to politics, and seems to have currency in terms of general news.

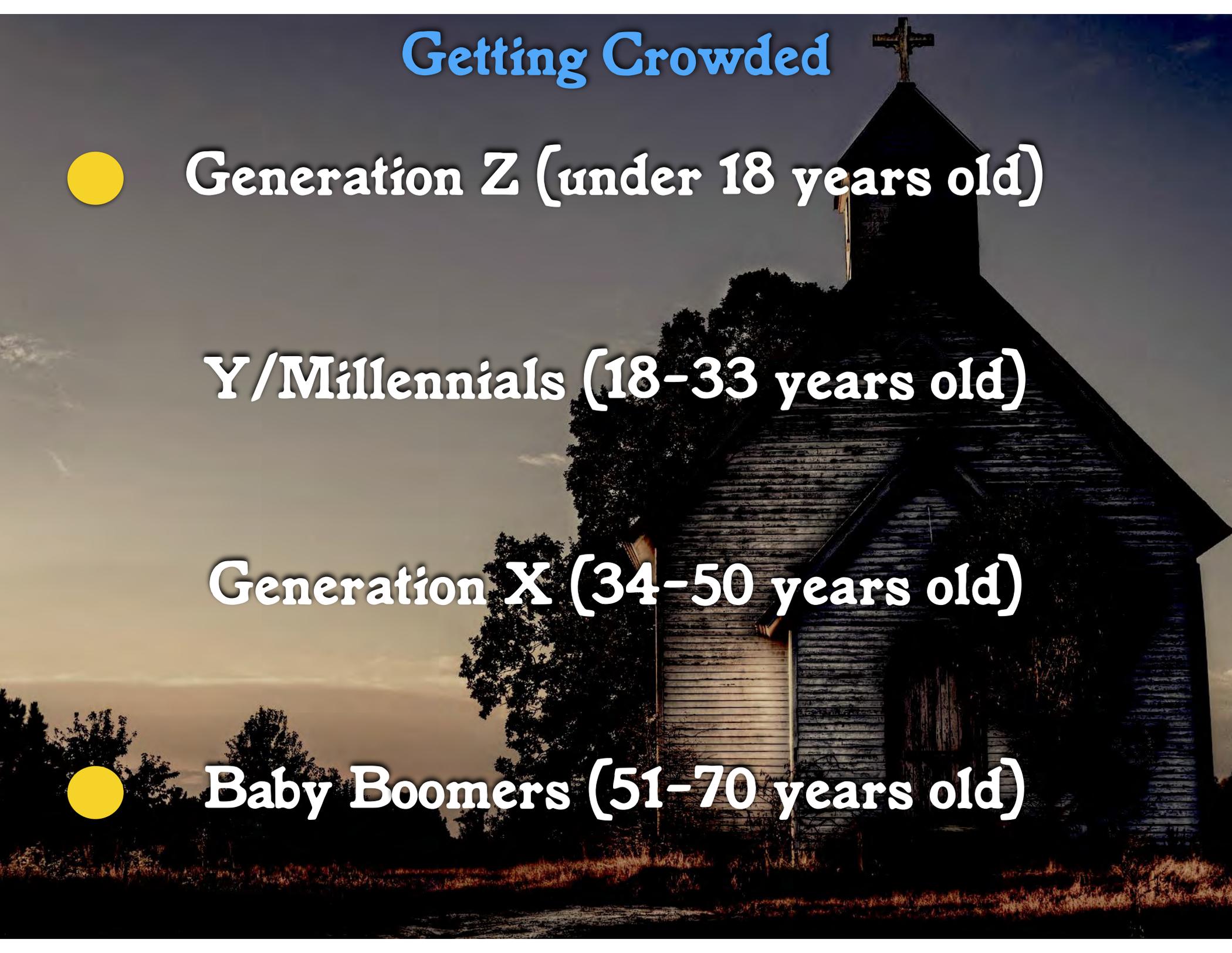
"'Fake News' is a new term. That means it's only about 125 years old."

Merriam-Webster

A photograph of a weathered, dark wooden church with a steeple topped by a cross. The church is set against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with warm light on the horizon and a dark, silhouetted foreground. The church's wood is aged and textured. The text "What use is the 'church' today?" is overlaid in white, bold, serif font across the middle of the image.

What use is the "church" today?

Getting Crowded



● Generation Z (under 18 years old)

Y/Millennials (18-33 years old)

Generation X (34-50 years old)

● Baby Boomers (51-70 years old)

Views of the Church



Church as a toilet



Views of the Church



Church as everything



Views of the Church



**Church as
entertainment**



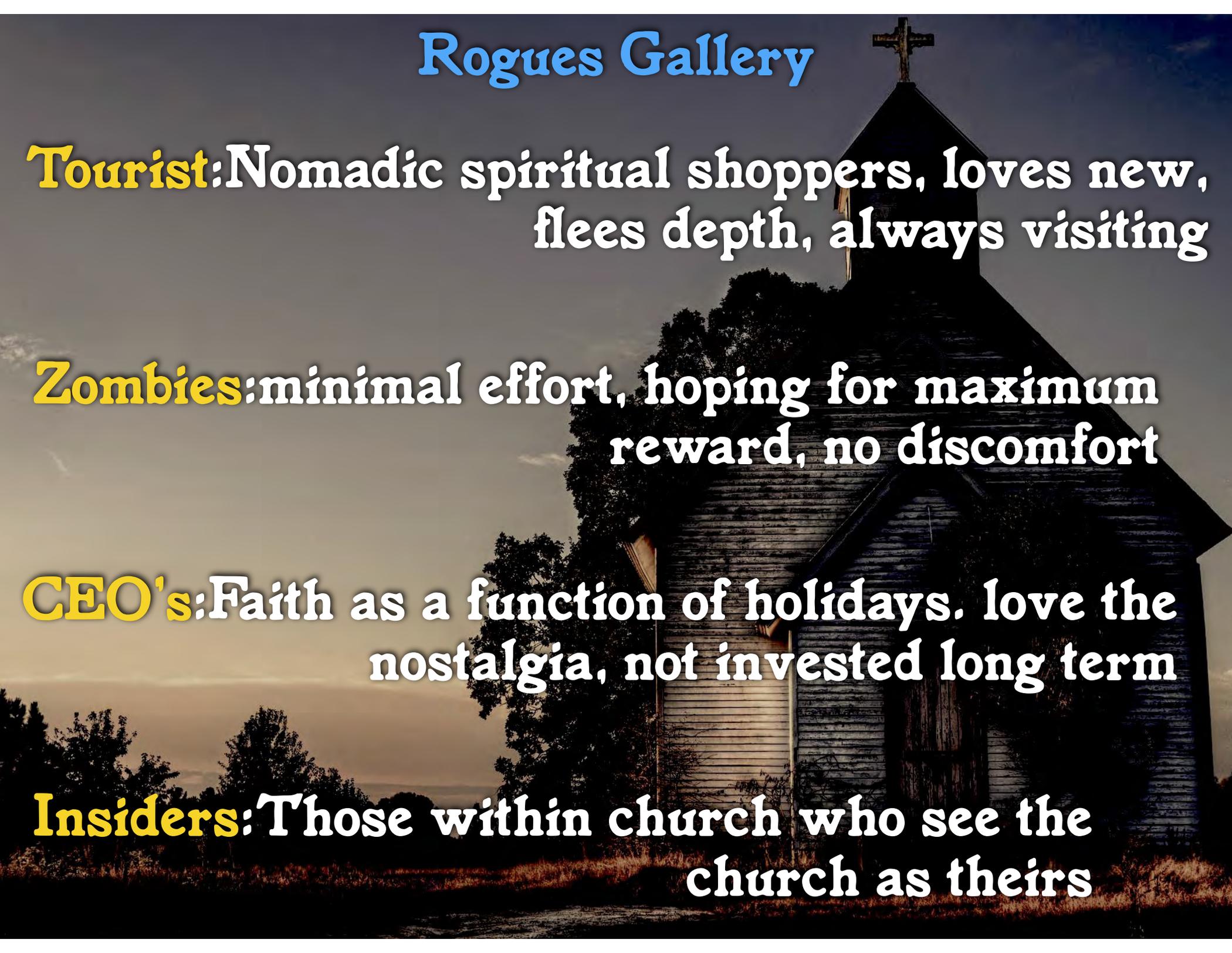
Views of the Church



**Church as
consumer**



Rogues Gallery

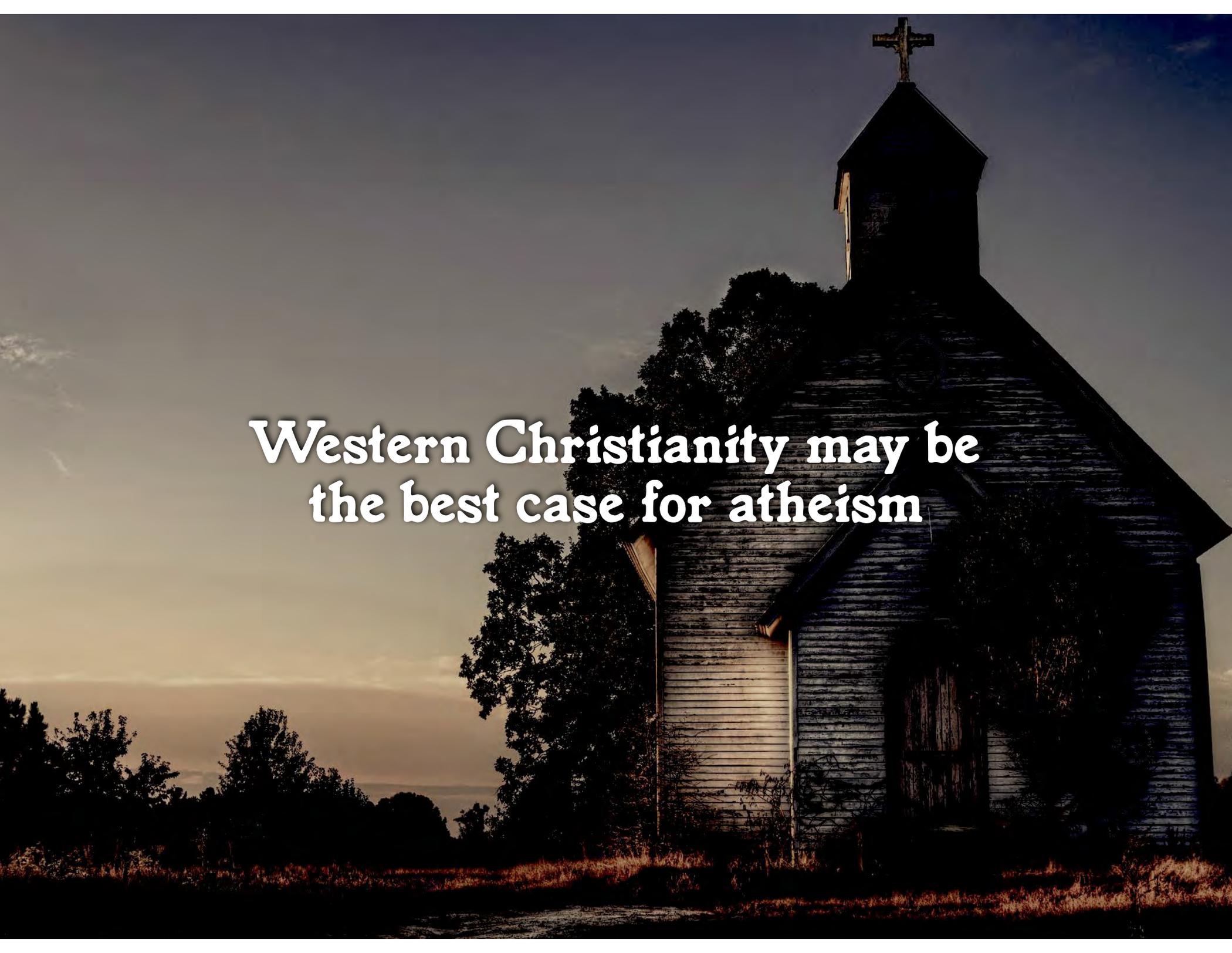
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Tourist: Nomadic spiritual shoppers, loves new, flees depth, always visiting

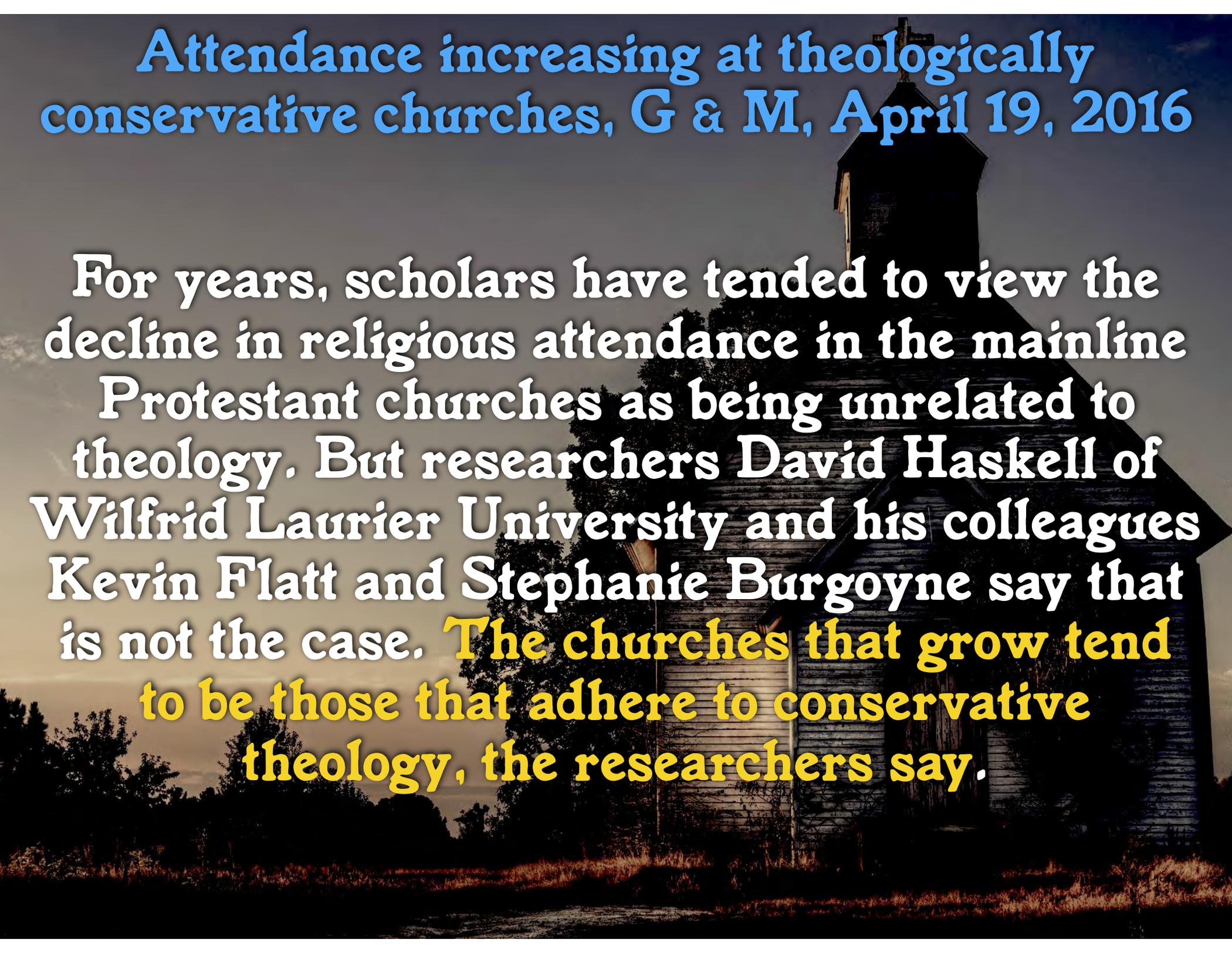
Zombies: minimal effort, hoping for maximum reward, no discomfort

CEO's: Faith as a function of holidays. love the nostalgia, not invested long term

Insiders: Those within church who see the church as theirs



**Western Christianity may be
the best case for atheism**



Attendance increasing at theologically conservative churches, G & M, April 19, 2016

For years, scholars have tended to view the decline in religious attendance in the mainline Protestant churches as being unrelated to theology. But researchers David Haskell of Wilfrid Laurier University and his colleagues Kevin Flatt and Stephanie Burgoyne say that is not the case. **The churches that grow tend to be those that adhere to conservative theology, the researchers say.**

Biblical Pattern

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 14:23

Colossians 3:16

1 Corinthians 16:2

Acts 20:7, 20

Acts 5:42

Form of Early Church Practices

met weekly

sang songs

shared possessions

gave of their resources

communion

had leaders

shared meals



Biblical Images of the Church

Church as a grocery store

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit." **Matthew 12:33**



Biblical Images of the Church

Church as a lego

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **1 Corinthians 12:12**



Biblical Images of the Church

Church as a gym

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, **Hebrews 10:24-25**





China is seeing an "explosion of faith" that could turn the atheist country into the world's biggest Christian nation in less than 20 years, scholars say

the number of Protestants soar from about one million when the communists took power to at least 60 million today

China Aid revealed that a total of 20,000 Chinese Christians suffered religious persecution in 2015, but this only spurred the growth of churches

by 2030 it could become the "world's most Christian nation"

A rustic wooden church with a steeple and cross, set against a sunset sky. The church is made of weathered wood and has a simple, traditional design. The steeple is topped with a cross. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting the time is either dawn or dusk. The church is surrounded by trees and a field of tall grass.

The Church is Jesus

**It is His mechanism to
develop in us His image**

**Our relationship to it directly
reflects our relationship to God**

The Church of One Another

know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another** John 13

Be **devoted to one another** in love. Honour one another above yourselves. **Romans 12**

bearing with one another in love **Ephesians 4**

do not slander one another **James 4**

Therefore let us **stop passing judgment** on one another **Romans 14**

Bear with each other and **forgive one another** **Colossians 3**

Accept one another **Romans 15**

And let us consider how we may **spur one another** on toward love and good deeds **Hebrews 10**

encourage one another **2 Corinthians 13**

serve one another humbly in love **Galatians 5**

speaking to one another with **psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.** **Ephesians 5**

Offer **hospitality to one another** without grumbling **1 Peter 4**