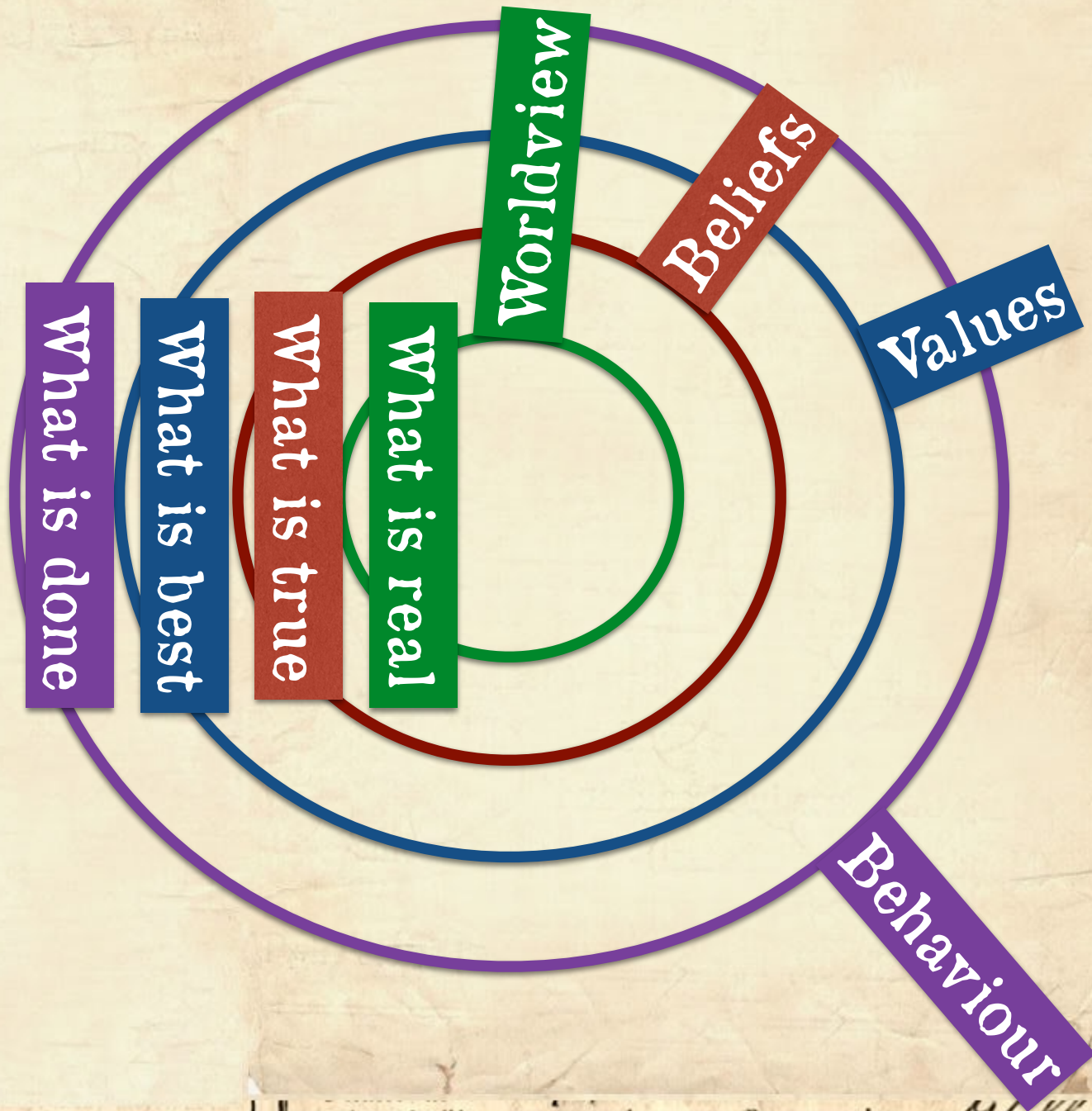


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Angry God

One helpful method to view a change in culture is to behaviourally and visualize several successive layers of real truth needs to happen. Unless understanding, as Christ encounters one [moves from your worldview, observable true Christianity behaviour] into the real heart of the place the culture



Wrath

Intolerant

Gender Roles

True for some

Compassionate

Pacifism

God

Love

Disinterested

Outdated

Blood Thirsty

Angry

Law

We bring to the bible what we are

And if we aren't careful, when we
read it, all we see is ourselves (our
preferences, comfort zones made
holy)

“The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully.”

Richard Dawkins, The God Delusion

One of God's primary attributes is His
justice

God's love and wrath flows from His
justice

“Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the LORD understand it fully.” Proverbs 28:5

“Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!” Isaiah 30:18

“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations.” Isaiah 51:4

“Cursed is the man who withholds justice from the alien, the fatherless or the widow.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” Deuteronomy 27:19

“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.’ Zechariah 7:9

“The wrath of God...is his steady, unrelenting, unremitting, uncompromising antagonism to evil in all its forms and manifestations.” ”

John Stott, The Cross of Christ

When we displace God's anger towards sin, what are we asking God to do? What are we asking Him to overlook? Are we forgetting that sin is the cause of every form of brokenness on this planet, and that in every sin, there is a victim that cries out for justice.

Moloch

The Phoenicians were a loosely gathered group of people who inhabited Canaan (modern-day Lebanon, Syria, and Israel) between 1550 BC and 300 BC. In addition to sexual rituals, Moloch worship included child sacrifice, or “passing children through the fire.” It is believed that idols of Moloch were giant metal statues of a man with a bull’s head. Each image had a hole in the abdomen and possibly outstretched forearms that made a kind of ramp to the hole. A fire was lit in or around the statue. Babies were placed in the statue’s arms or in the hole. When a couple sacrificed their firstborn, they believed that Moloch would ensure financial prosperity for the family and future children.

Moloch

On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. **1 Kings 11:7**

Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the Lord. **Leviticus 18:21**

Moloch

“Say to the Israelites: ‘Any Israelite or any foreigner residing in Israel who sacrifices any of his children to Molek is to be put to death. The members of the community are to stone him. I myself will set my face against him and will cut him off from his people; for by sacrificing his children to Molek, he has defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name. If the members of the community close their eyes when that man sacrifices one of his children to Molek and if they fail to put him to death, I myself will set my face against him and his family and will cut them off from their people together with all who follow him in prostituting themselves to Molek.’ **Leviticus 20:2-5**

Asherah and Baal

Do not set up any wooden Asherah pole beside the altar you build to the Lord your God, and do not erect a sacred stone, for these the Lord your God hates. **Deuteronomy 16:21**

The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord; they forgot the Lord their God and served the Baals and the Asherahs. The anger of the Lord burned against Israel so that he sold them into the hands of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram Naharaim **Judges 3:7-8**

Asherah and Baal

Baal's followers sacrificed their children, apparently the firstborn of the community, to gain personal prosperity

Asherah was worshiped in various ways, including through ritual sex. Although she was believed to be

Baal's mother, she was also his mistress. Pagans practiced "sympathetic magic", that is, they believed they could influence the gods' actions by performing the behaviour they wished the gods to demonstrate.

Believing the sexual union of Baal and Asherah produced fertility, their worshipers engaged in immoral sex to cause the gods to join together, ensuring good harvests. This practice became the basis for religious prostitution

“the Canaanite deities engaged in incest... adultery (temple sex), bestiality, and child sacrifice were also permitted... Let's add to this the bloodlust and violence of the Canaanite deities. Anath, the patroness of both sex and war... drank her victims' blood and sat surrounding by corpses.” **Paul Copan**

Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, **for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods**, and the Lord's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you. This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire. For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. **Deuteronomy 7:3-6**

King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. "

1 Kings 11:1-5

God's law is His love

it's His boundary of protection for
a world that is bent on self
destruction

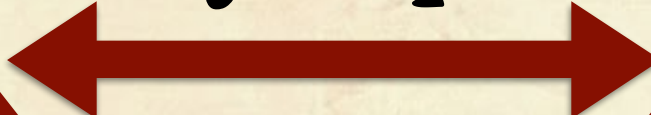
Justice (Holiness)



Law (Wrath)

Love (Grace)

Holy Spirit



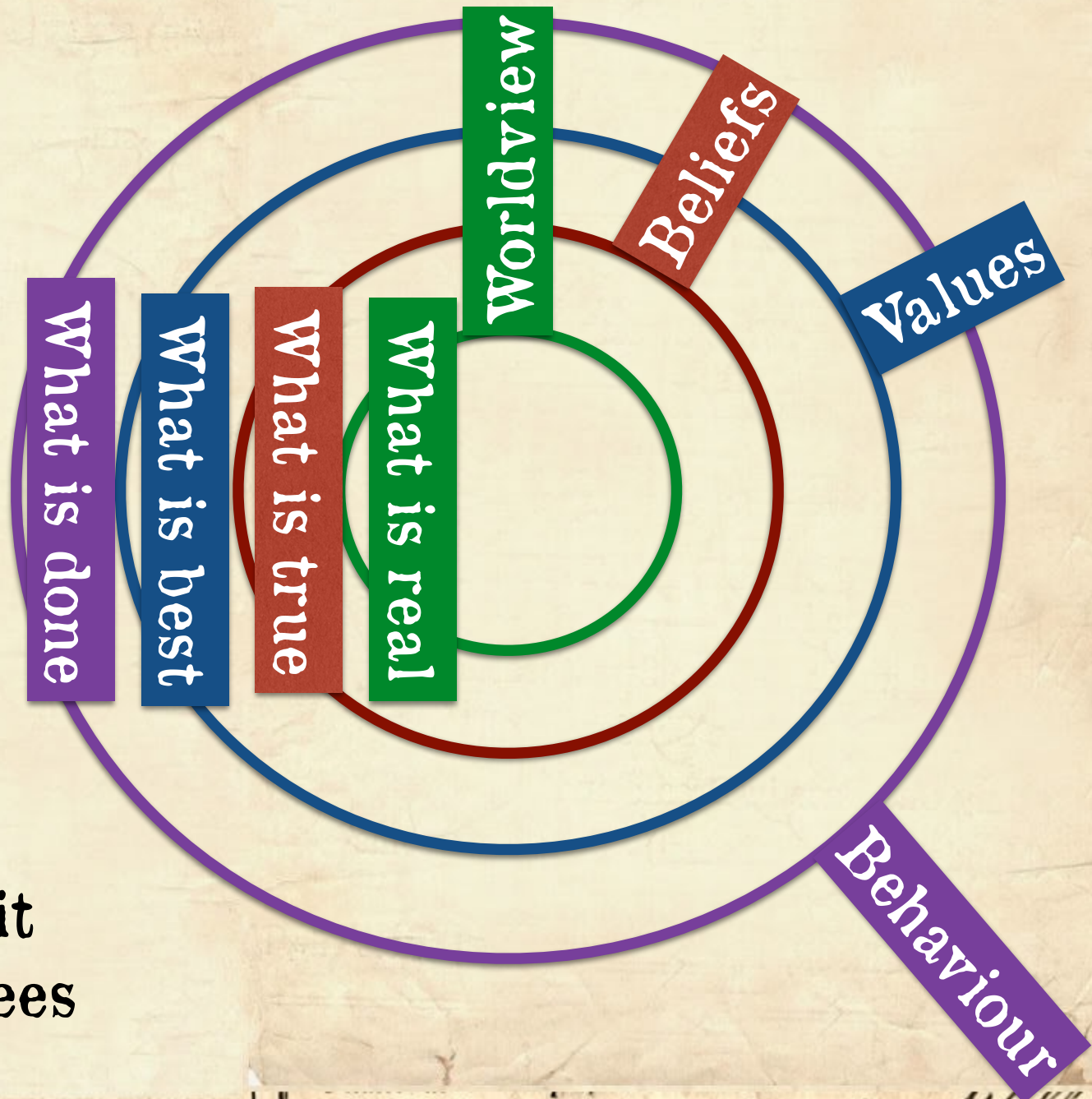
Humanity → Jesus

What is real-God

What is true-
The Bible

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We know that we have come to know him if
we keep his commands.

Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do
what he commands is a liar, and the truth is
not in that person.

But if anyone obeys his word, love for God
is truly made complete in them. This is how
we know we are in him: Whoever claims to
live in him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:3-16