

An anatomical engraving of the human heart and its major blood vessels. The illustration is detailed, showing the four chambers of the heart and the network of arteries and veins. Labels in Latin identify key vessels: 'SUPERIOR VENA CAVA' at the top left, 'AORTA' in the center, 'PULMONARY ARTERY' on the right, and 'INFERIOR VENA CAVA' at the bottom left. The style is characteristic of 18th or 19th-century medical textbooks.

LIVING AS A BELIEVER IN A

POST-TRUTH

CULTURE

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69-Year-Old Dutch Man Seeks To Change His Legal Age To 49

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"Because nowadays, in Europe and in the United States, we are free people," he told the *Post*. "We can make our own decisions if we want to change our name, or if we want to change our gender. So I want to change my age. My feeling about my body and about my mind is that I'm about 40 or 45."

Oxford Dictionary's 2016 Word of the Year

- Post-Truth:
- Relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.

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**It is interesting that the media,
which flirts with untruths, and
the academy, which never
hesitates to replace absolutes by
postmodern relativism, have
come together to give our culture
a new word.**

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RAVI ZACHARIAS

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Their explanation was not so much that they were coining a new word as that they were affirming a reality—a truth about the way we coddle the lie, the ultimate self-defeating statement.

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Post-Modernism

Denies truth and that there is no objective truth or faith. Does not believe in absolute truth.

Post-Truth

Acknowledges objective truth but personal preferences and feelings are elevated over facts and truth.

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TRUTH IS RELATIVE

VS

TRUTH IS NO LONGER RELEVANT

Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You *say correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” Pilate said to Him, “*What is truth?*” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, “I find no guilt in Him.

John 18:37-38



Confusion has now morphed into a virtue. Those who are confused sexually are labeled heroes. Those who see morality as a fuzzy category are considered progressive. And those who are confused about religious claims—saying that all paths are equally valid roads to God—are considered “tolerant.” But those who are clear on these matters are not treated so charitably. If someone is certain or clear on sexual boundaries, that person is a bigot.

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If a person is clear on the existence of objective moral values and boundaries, that person is regressive. And if someone clearly understands that different religious paths can't possibly all lead to God, that person is considered intolerant. In other words, confusion has become a virtue and clarity has become a sin. The results of this are becoming more and more evident.

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Truth is no longer the standard for our discussions. We're beginning to lose our ability to reason. We're beginning to lose our integrity. And as we elevate ourselves to godhood, we're losing our sense of moral accountability and human value.

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We want to define reality as we see fit, sometimes moment-by-moment. Our culture seems to have embraced confusion as a virtue and shunned certainty as a sin. And why? Because certainty based on objective facts stands in the way of a today's highest ideal: unfettered individual autonomy.

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***We are not immune to this
“Post-Truth” mindset***





***We are called to be effective
missionaries in our culture***




How are we prone to this post-truth mindset?

Tolerance

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Us vs Them



“Our indignation over the deterioration of the culture may be legitimate, but it can lead to sinful bitterness”

Abdu Murray




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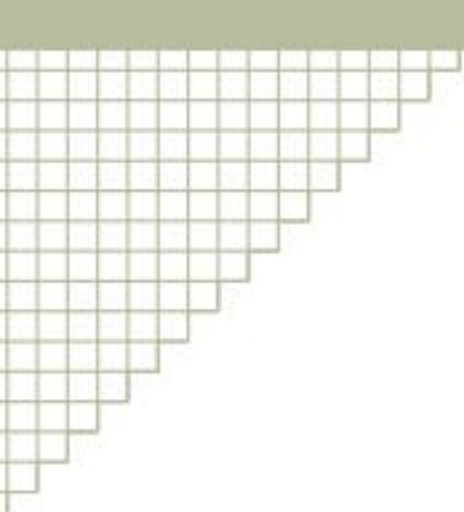
Personal Holiness



“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:6

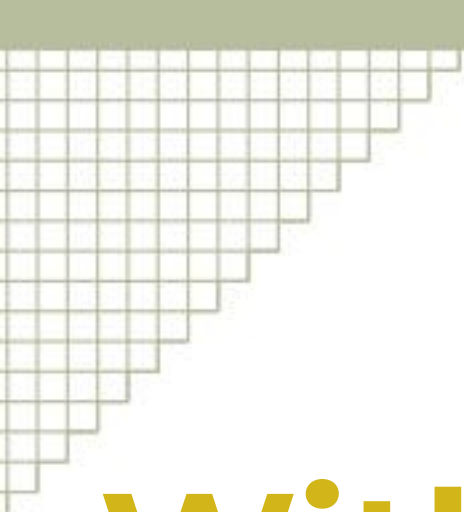




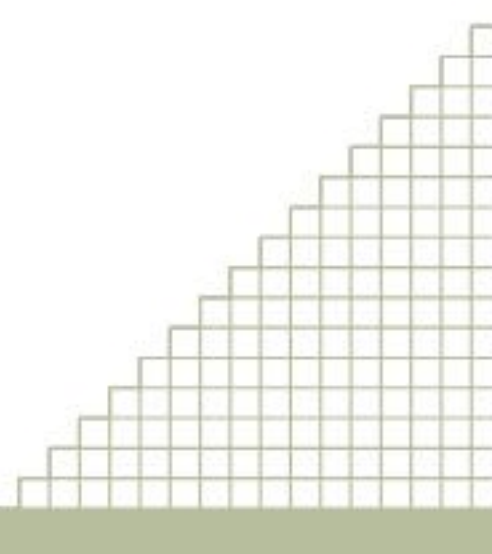
**“Most of what Americans do
in their religion now is done
at the behest of feelings. . . .
The quest for pleasure takes
over the house of God.”**

Dallas Willard





**Without the Word of God we
are worshiping a make belief
Jesus who's character is
based on our feelings
customized to cater to our
desires**




How can we be effective missionaries in post-truth culture?

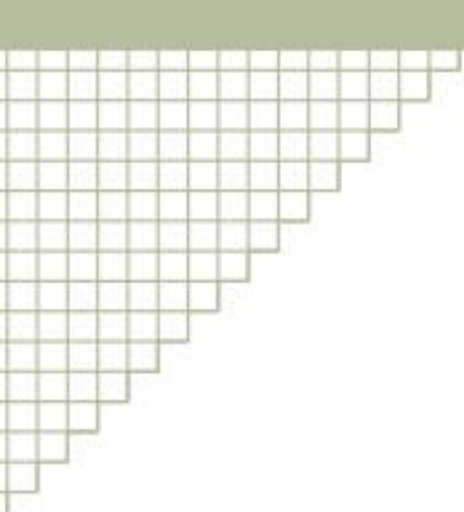
Consequence of Post-Truth



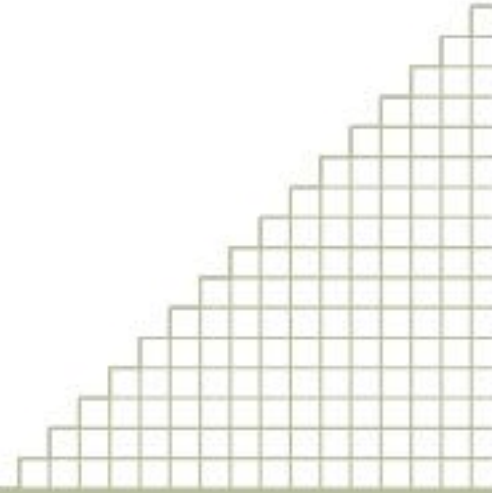
-For second time in three years, American life expectancy dropped according to a November report from the Centers for Disease Control,

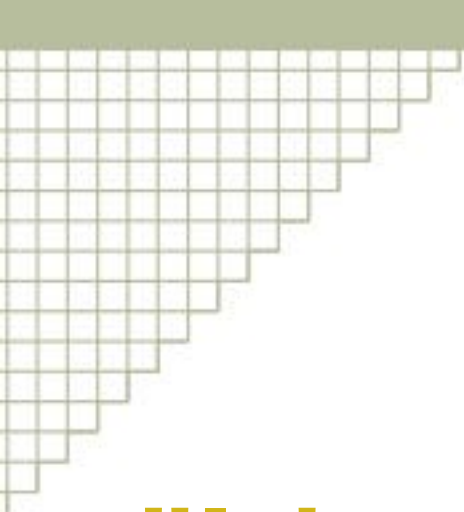
-In 2017, more than 70,000 Americans died from drug overdoses, and approximately 45,000 people intentionally took their own lives.





-Recently, that rise has been partly driven by the opioid epidemic and a sharp uptick in the number of deaths involving synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl — a stunning 45 percent leap in the span of a single year, from 2016 to 2017.





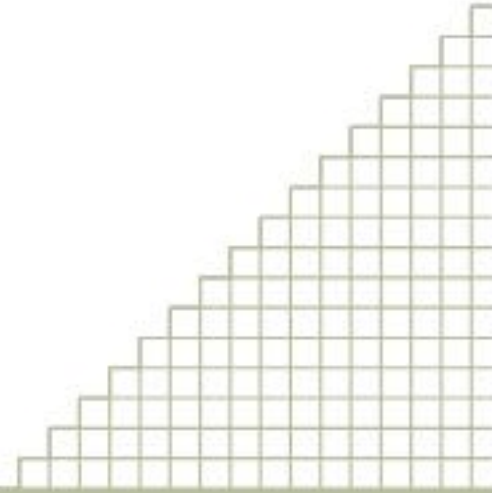
"It's striking to see that there are more people who died of overdose in 2017 than at the peak of the HIV epidemic or the highest rates of traffic fatalities that we've seen in this country,"

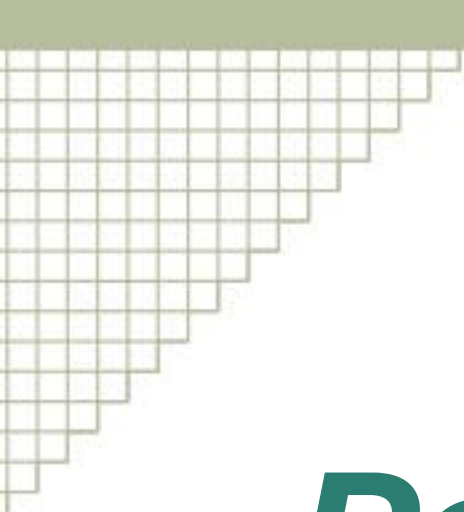
Kathryn McHugh
of Harvard Medical School



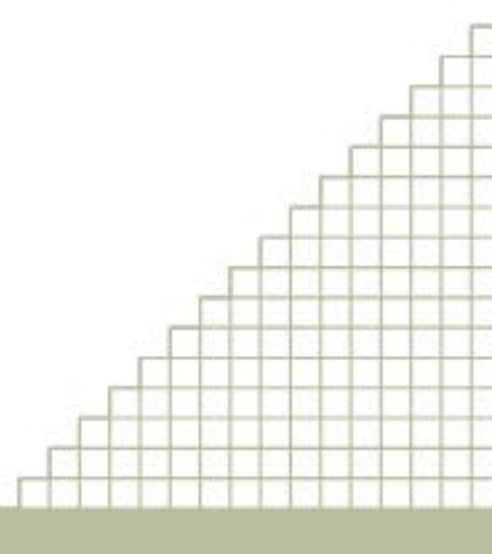


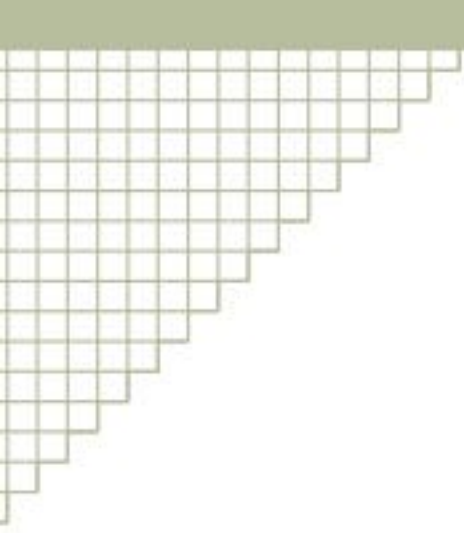
“Suicide is now the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S. — and the second most common cause of death for people ages 10 to 34. That age range dovetails with the data on drug use, which showed people age 25 to 54 dying at higher rates than their older counterparts.



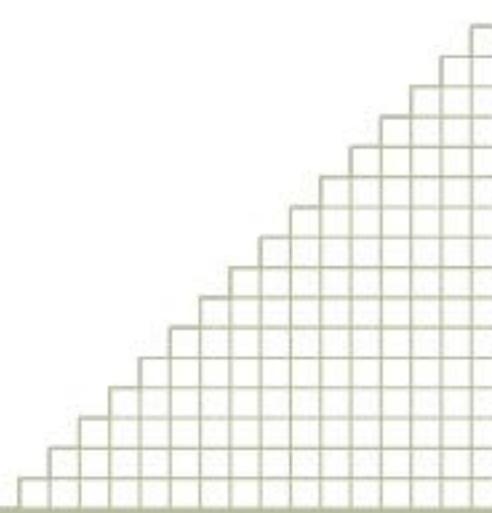


***Post-Truth culture seeks
meaning and fulfillment in
life through personal
preference and personal
pleasure***





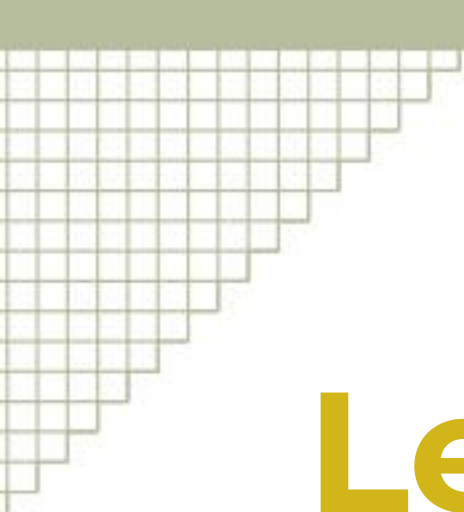
***I have come that they may
have life and have it
abundantly...***



How can we be effective missionaries in post-truth culture?

Consequence of Post-Truth

Engage at the Heart Level



**Let your speech always be
with grace, as though
seasoned with salt, so that
you will know how you
should respond to each
person.**

Colossians 4:6

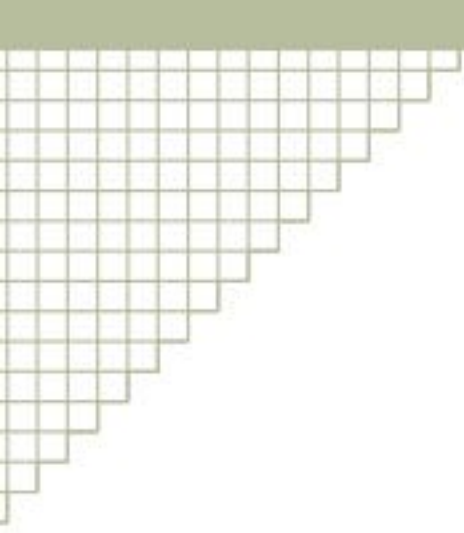


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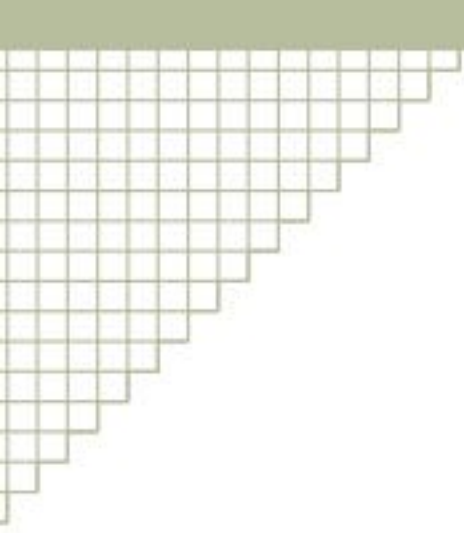
Personal Testimony



So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the **truth**, and the **truth** will make you free.”

John 8:31-36

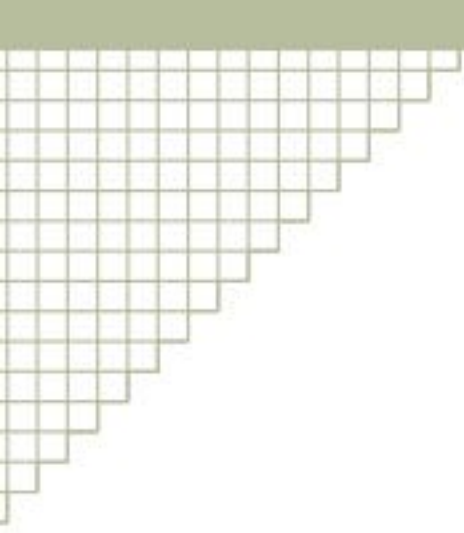




They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become free’?”
Jesus answered them,

John 8:31-36





“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commmits sin is the slave of sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:31-36

