

Romans

September 2

Apostle Paul, c. 1657
by Rembrandt

True Power 1 Salutation & Wrath vs Revelation

Judgement	2	God Judges Heart
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~ 15:14 to 16:27 Paul's Plans & Greetings

Romans 1:17 – KJV
For therein is the Righteousness
of God revealed from faith to faith:
as it is written,
“The just shall live by faith.”



Next Sunday, September 13
We move to the former chapel
ENTER HERE – go straight down
hall to Our New Classroom
Time for a coool change . . .





Jay Vernon McGee Outline

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Pt 2 – Romans 1:18-32

God's Wrath vs Revelation

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34. Aegyptus
35. Creta et Cyrenaica
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Caesariensis
39. Mauretania Tingitana
40. Hispania Baetica
41. Hispania Lusitania
42. Hispania Tarraconensis
43. Sardinia
44. Corsica

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PROVINCES of the ROMAN EMPIRE

DURING THE REIGN OF
SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS

(193-211 CE)

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| 1. Britannia | 16. Moesia Inferior | 31. Syria Phoenice |
| 2. Gallia Lugdunensis | 17. Macedonia | 32. Syria Palaestina |
| 3. Gallia Belgica | 18. Thracia | 33. Syria Arabia |
| 4. Germania Inferior | 19. Epirus Vetus | 34. Aegyptus |
| 5. Germania Superior | 20. Bithynia et Pontus | 35. Creta et Cyrenaica |
| 6. Gallia Aquitania | 21. Achaia | 36. Africa Proconsularis |
| 7. Gallia Narbonensis | 22. Asia | 37. Numidia |
| 8. Alpes Cottiae | 23. Galatia | 38. Mauretania
Caesariensis |
| 9. Raetia | 24. Cappadocia | 39. Mauretania Tingitana |
| 10. Noricum | 25. Armenia | 40. Hispania Baetica |
| 11. Pannonia Superior | 26. Lycia et Pamphylia | 41. Hispania Lusitania |
| 12. Pannonia Inferior | 27. Cilicia | 42. Hispania Tarraconensis |
| 13. Dalmatia | 28. Osroene | 43. Sardinia |
| 14. Dacia | 29. Mesopotamia | 44. Corsica |
| 15. Moesia Superior | 30. Syria Coele | |



on Romans



Reformer Martin Luther, 1483-1546,

“This epistle is really the **chief** part of the New Testament and is truly the **purest** gospel.... Every Christian should know it word for word, by heart ... as the daily bread of the soul.”

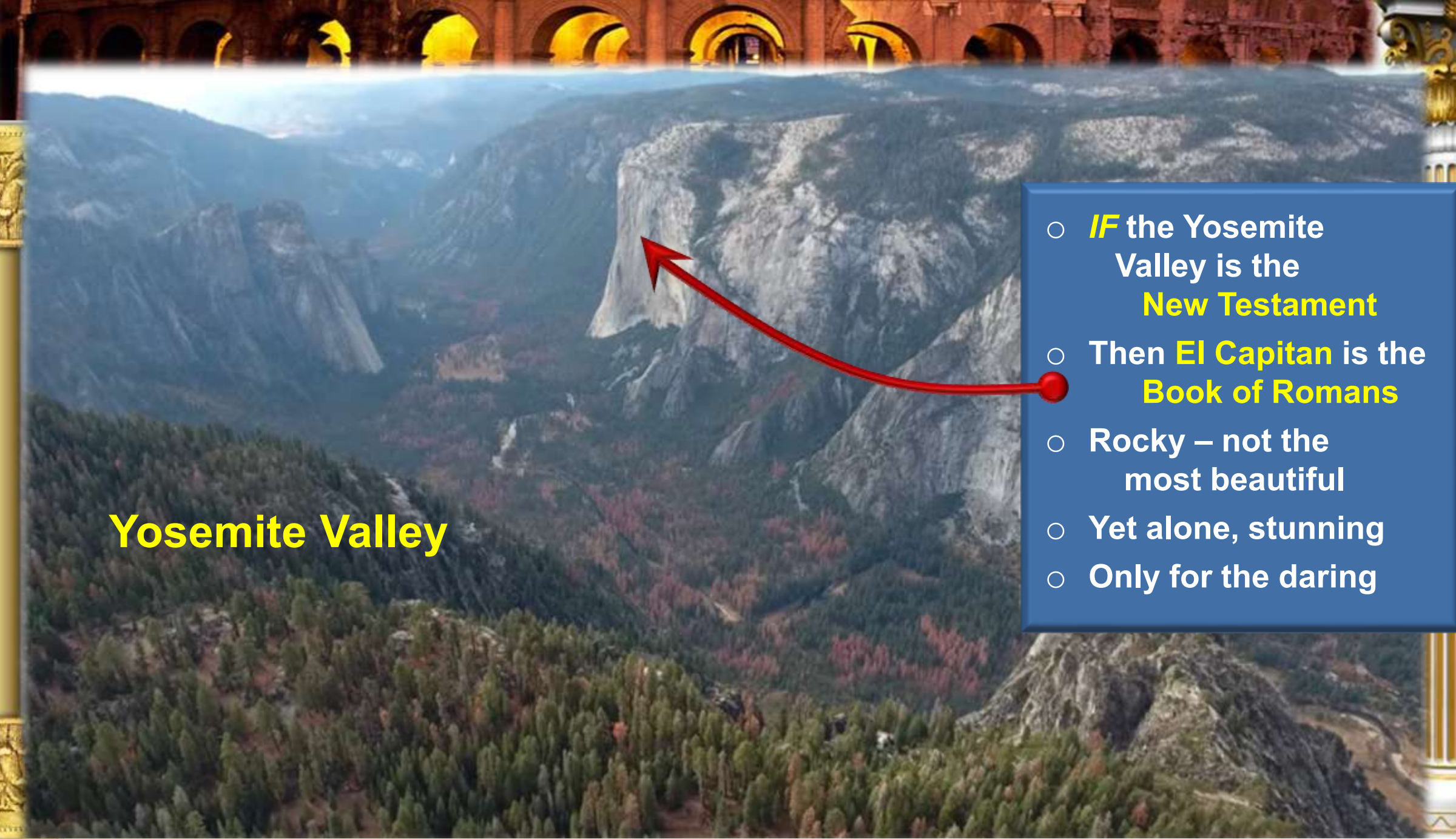


Reformer John Calvin, 1509-1564, said the theme of Romans:

“Man’s only righteousness is the mercy of God in Christ ... received by **FAITH**.... understanding of this Epistle, we have an open door to all the most profound treasures of Scripture.”

Often quoted Puritan Thomas Draxe, d. 1618, said Romans is the

“Quintessence of perfection of saving doctrine”

A wide-angle photograph of Yosemite Valley. In the foreground, a dense forest of green and brown trees covers the valley floor. In the middle ground, a massive, sheer granite cliff face (El Capitan) rises vertically. To the left of the cliff, another large rock formation is visible. The background shows more mountain ranges under a hazy sky. A red arrow originates from a blue text box on the right and points directly at the El Capitan cliff face.

Yosemite Valley

- ***IF*** the Yosemite Valley is the **New Testament**
- Then **El Capitan** is the **Book of Romans**
- Rocky – not the most beautiful
- Yet alone, stunning
- Only for the daring

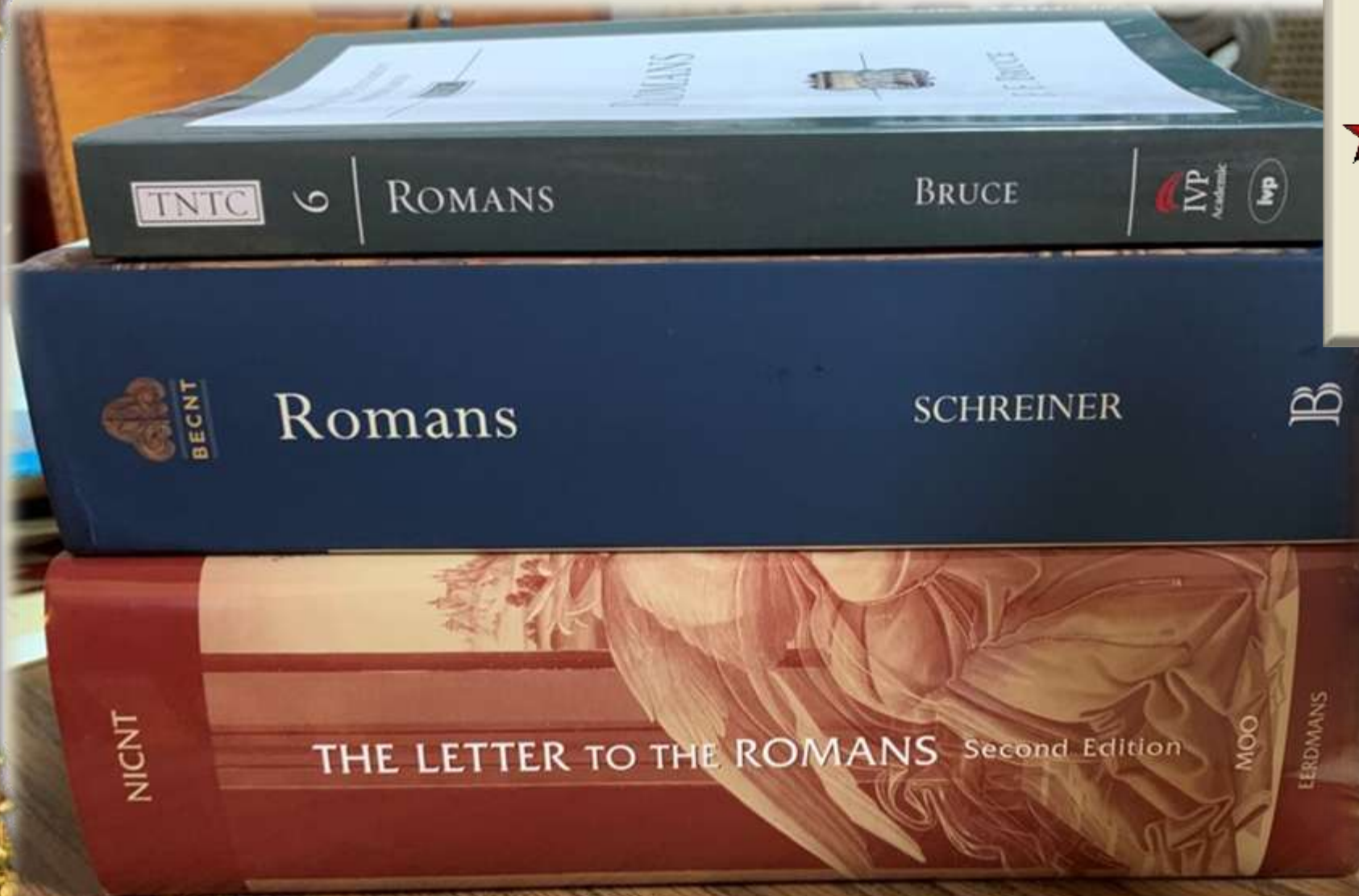
When you see ...



See the WORK ...

When you see ...

Some have
given their
★ **LIVES** ★
to the study
of Romans



Apostle Paul, c. 1657
by Rembrandt

All Roads lead to **Rome** ... *they say*

Romans unprecedented Road Builders until Industrial Age

Large column **Milliarium Aureum** = “**Golden Milestone**”

made marble or gilded bronze

Erected by Emperor Augustus
near the Temple of Saturn
in the central Forum

Called the Marked the spot from
which **ALL the roads** sprung
throughout the Empire

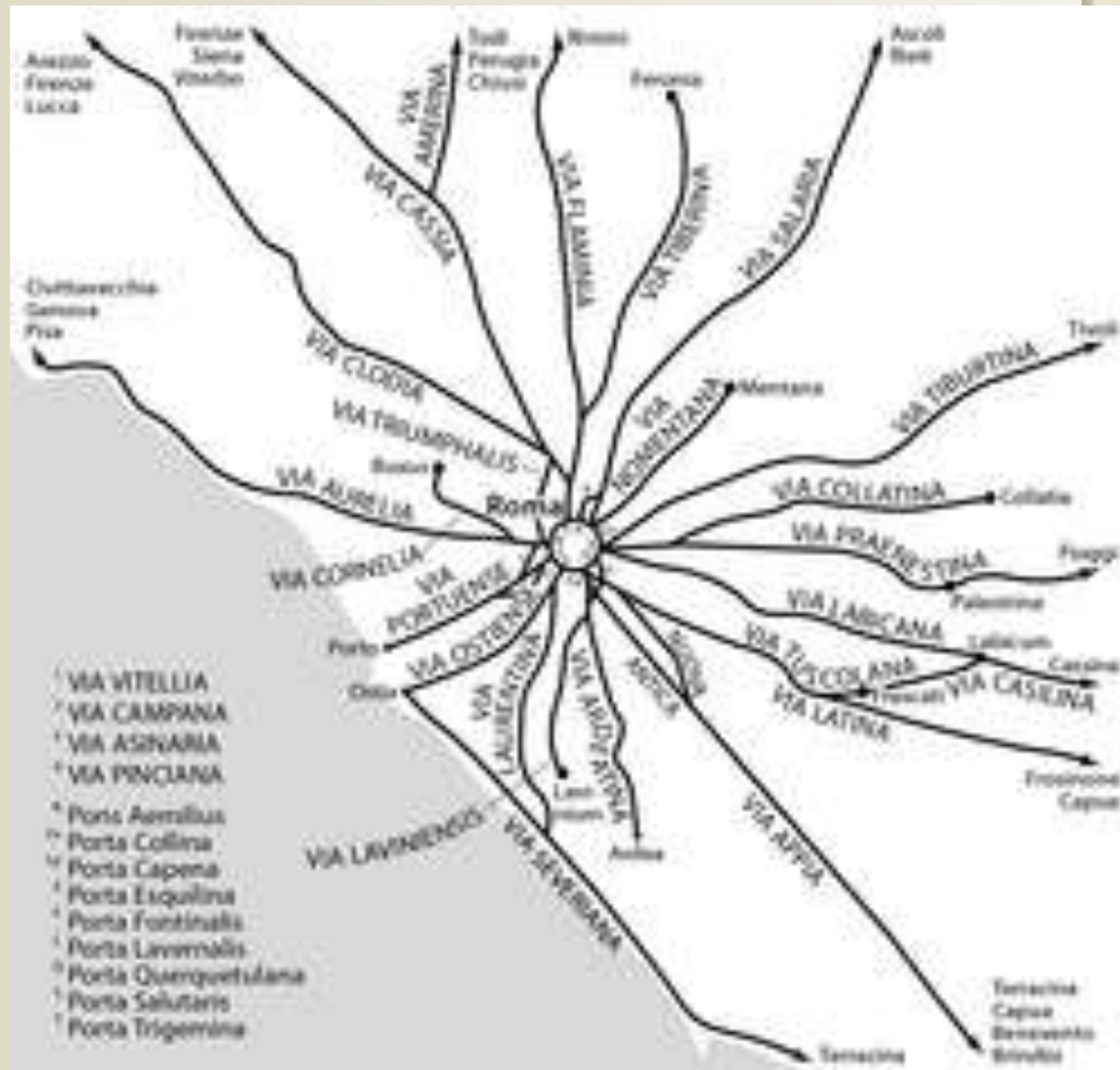
like a vast spider web

185,000 miles of roads



All Roads lead to Rome ... they say

Reconstruction of Milliarium Aureum





0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 km

Roads in the Roman Empire

After:
Ancient World Mapping Centre
Consortium of Ancient World Mappers

All Roads lead to Rome ... they say ...

All of **Book of Romans** leads **to** and **from 3:28**

Romans 3:28

KJV Therefore we *conclude* that a man is justified
by FAITH without the deeds of the law.

NIV For we *maintain* that a person is justified
by FAITH apart from the works of the law.

After this verse ... all look back to this verse

... and how to apply this verse

Where is Romans 3:28

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**El Capitan –
*the Captain – the Chief***

In the Yosemite Valley

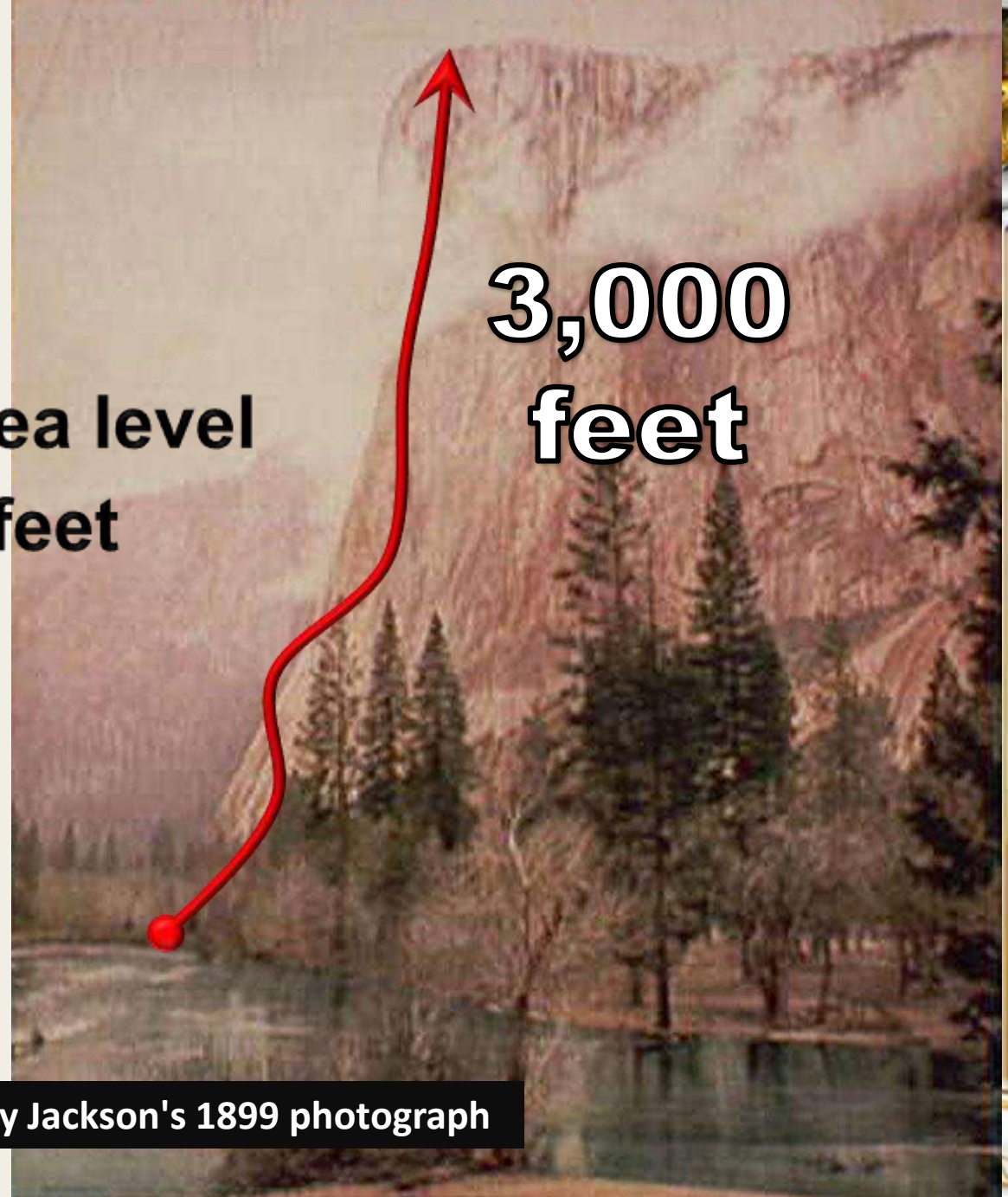
Top is 7,573 feet above sea level

**El Capitan itself is 3,000 feet
above valley floor**

Nearly straight up ^

**3,000
feet**

William Henry Jackson's 1899 photograph





El Capitan

California 95389

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Cliff



Directions



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Nearby



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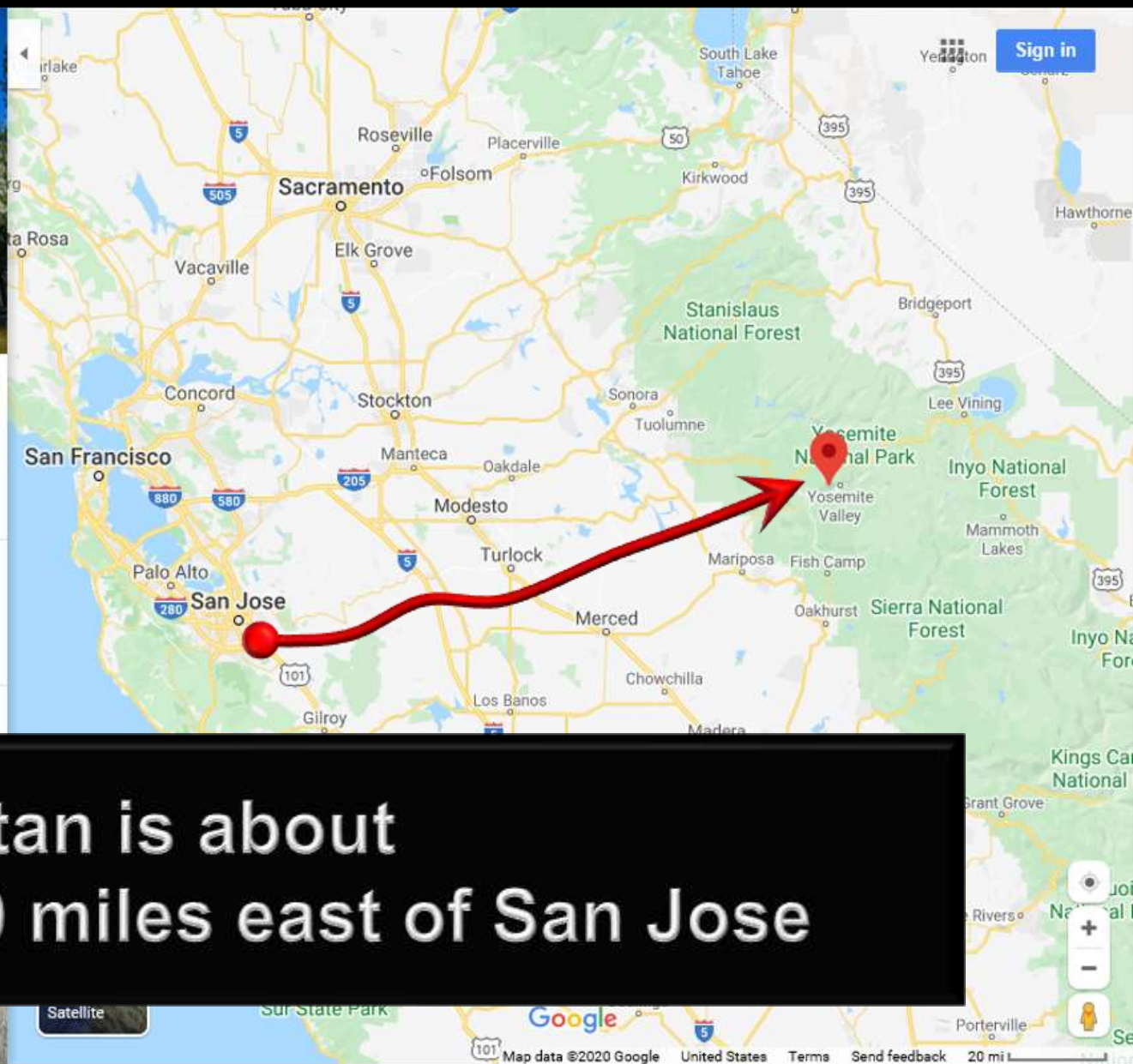
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Iconic glacial rock known for its near-vertical climbing route & sweeping peak views.



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Photos



El Capitan is about
100 miles east of San Jose

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El Capitan

- People climb it
- Paths Names
- “The Nose” is most notable path up
- 47 days in 1958 w ropes
- 1st solo in 1 day was in 1975





from **Star Trek V – The Final Frontier, 1989**



El Capitan at night

- **Climb & Cling & Camp**
- **Coffee on the Cliff**
- **Caffeine for dah Climb**
- **Climbing to Claim Capitan**
- **Curiously Cleft Clinging**
- **Care to Climb Capitan?**

Romans 3:28

El Capitan

- ✓ ***IF*** Romans is El Capitan of the New Testament
 - ✓ Not the most beautiful
 - ✓ But stunning, imposing
- SUMMIT*** of El Capitan is

Romans 3:28

All of Romans leads
to & from 3:28



Simple way to see Romans is *Before & After 3:28*
KJV Therefore we conclude that a man is justified
by **FAITH** without the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:28



**Begin at the BASE of the
Mountain of Romans
Romans 1:17**



KJV – For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written,

“The just shall live by **FAITH.**”

NIV – For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written:

“The righteous will live by **FAITH.**”

Who was Paul writing to?

Paul wrote from Corinth c. A.D. 57 ... on his Third Missionary Journey



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|----|---|
| 50 | First Epistle to the Thessalonians |
| 51 | Second Epistle to the Thessalonians |
| 52 | |
| 53 | Epistle to the Galatians |
| 54 | First Epistle to the Corinthians |
| 55 | Epistle to the Philippians
Epistle to Philemon |
| 56 | Second Epistle to the Corinthians |
| 57 | Epistle to the Romans |

Paul wrote from Corinth c. A.D. 57

Paul wrote the Galatians first, then the Romans

TOUGH on the Galatians – **EASY** on Romans

Paul had not been to Rome yet

Yet his reputation was now far & wide

Same as the gist in Galatians, only Romans is SMOOTHER

Paul is his most diplomatic – careful – kind

Who was Paul writing to?

We see most of WHO in chapters 15 & 16



Romans 15:14-33 ... *Who is Paul writing ...*

14 I myself am convinced ... you're full of goodness

15-18 Yet I have written boldly ... to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus ...

19-21 I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ... ***ALL OVER*** ...

22 This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you...

23-27 *Longs to see them and go to Spain ... via Jerusalem ...*

30-32 I urge you ... to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea.... so I may come to you....

33 The God of peace be with you all. Amen.



Romans 16:1-27 – **WHO?** Greet ... Greet ...

These are dear people to Paul ...

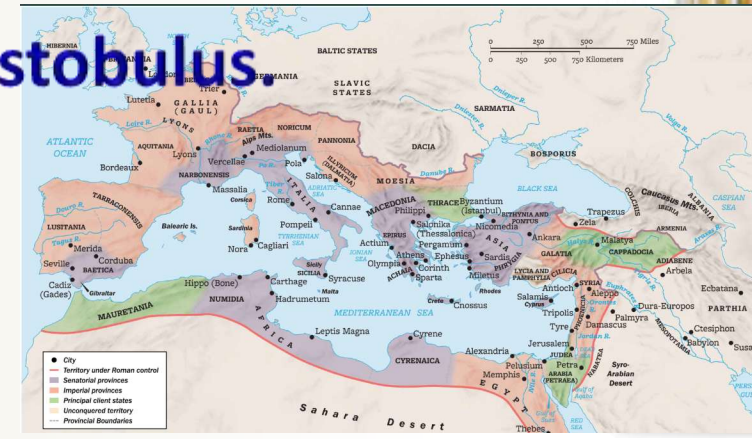
1 ... commend to you our sister Phoebe ...
receive her in the Lord in a way worthy ...

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers ...

Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert
to Christ in the province of Asia.

6-10 Greet Mary ... Andronicus and Junia ... Ampliatus ... Urbanus
... and my dear friend Stachys ... Apelles ...

Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus.



Romans 16:1-27 – Greet ... and Greet ...

- 11-12 Greet Herodion ... household of Narcissus ...
Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa,
those WOMEN WHO WORK HARD in the Lord.
Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman
who has worked very hard in the Lord.
- 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother,
who has been a mother to me, too.
- 14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the
other brothers and sisters with them.



Romans 16:1-27 – Greet ... and Greet ...

15 Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister,
and Olympas and all the Lord's people ...

16 Greet one another with a holy kiss.

All the churches of Christ send greetings.

17-18 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those
who cause divisions.... Keep away from them....

They deceive the minds of naive people.

21-24 Timothy ... Lucius, Jason and Sosipater ... Tertius ... Gaius ...

Erastus, who is the city's director of public works,
and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.

How very precious and dear were those Romans



Romans 16:1-27 – Greet ... and Greet ...

25 Now to him who is able to establish you ...
in keeping with the REVELATION of the
mystery hidden for long ages past,

26 but now REVEALED and made known ... by
the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles
might come to the obedience that comes from

FAITH—

27 to the only wise God be glory
forever through Jesus Christ!
Amen.



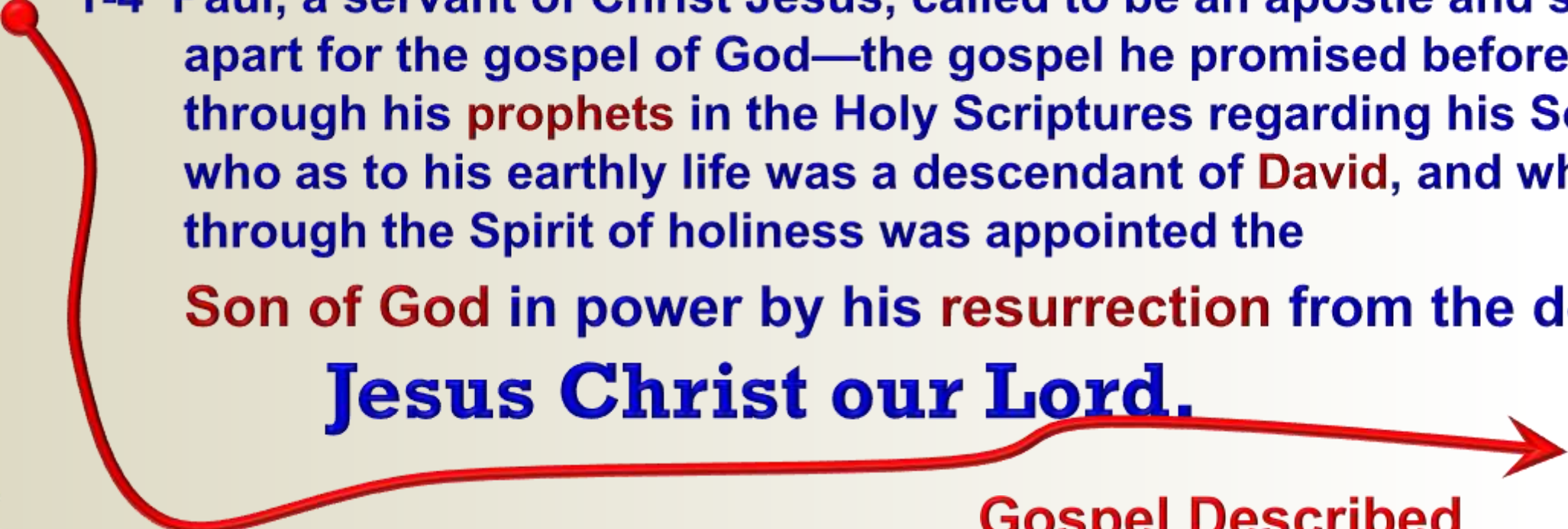
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1-4 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his **prophets** in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of **David**, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the

Son of God in power by his **resurrection** from the dead:

Jesus Christ our Lord.



Gospel Described

Romans 1:1-17 Gospel is Compelling

Romans 1:1-7 Gospel Described – Prophets to Resurrection

5-6 Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from FAITH for his name's sake. And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

**7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and
called to be His holy people:**

**Grace & peace to you from God our Father &
from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Romans 1:1-17 Gospel is Compelling

Romans 1:8-12 Gospel Deference – Faith of Romans Worldwide

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you,
because **your FAITH** is being reported all over the world.

9-10 God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me **constantly I remember you in my prayers** to come to you.

11-12 I long to see you so that I may **impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong**—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's FAITH.

Romans 1:1-17 Gospel is Compelling

Romans 1:13-15 Gospel Debt – Obligated to ALL – Wants to Come

13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I **PLANNED** many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a **HARVEST AMONG YOU**, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

14 I am obligated both to Greeks & non-Greeks,
both to the wise & the foolish.

15 That is why I am so **eager to preach** the gospel
also to you who are in Rome.

Romans 1:16-17 Gospel Declared –

Power of God to ALL Who Believe

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

17 For in the gospel the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God is revealed from FAITH to FAITH, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by FAITH.”

Parallel to 2 Cor. 5:21:

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.

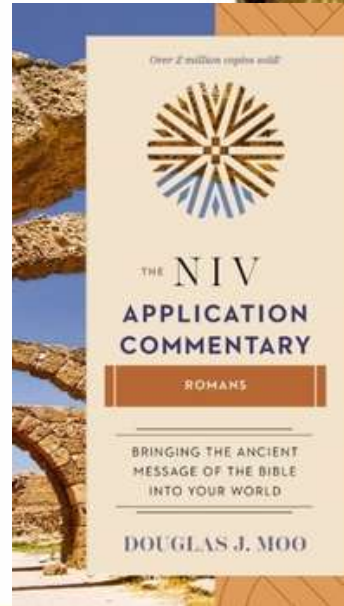
“Righteous of God” scholarship on this is *out-of-this-world* HUGE

Douglas J. Moo in his 1,000-page *NIV Commentary on Romans* divides views into THREE

1. **Attribute of God** – Revealed in Covenant Israel, Faithfulness
2. **Status GIVEN by God** – Gift of to US thru the Cross
3. **Activity of God** – Revealed in the Cross, Saving Grace

Some combination of two or three is —Heart of the Gospel.

17 For in the gospel the
RIGHTEOUSNESS of God is *revealed* from FAITH to FAITH,
just as it is written: “The righteous will live by FAITH.”



We're looking up to El Capitan . . . up to Romans 3:28

KJV Therefore we conclude that a man is
justified by FAITH without the deeds of the law.

By FAITH we have the
RIGHTEOUSNESS of God
Just not yet ...

we have not yet
climbed El Capitan ...
... Not yet ...



Romans 1:1-17 Compelled to Preach Gospel

Romans 1:1-7 DESCRIBED ...

Prophet Promised – Risen – Obedience by FAITH

Romans 1:8-12 DEFERENCE ...

Their FAITH Worldwide – Paul Longs to Enrich Their FAITH

Romans 1:13-15 DEBT – Obligated to ALL

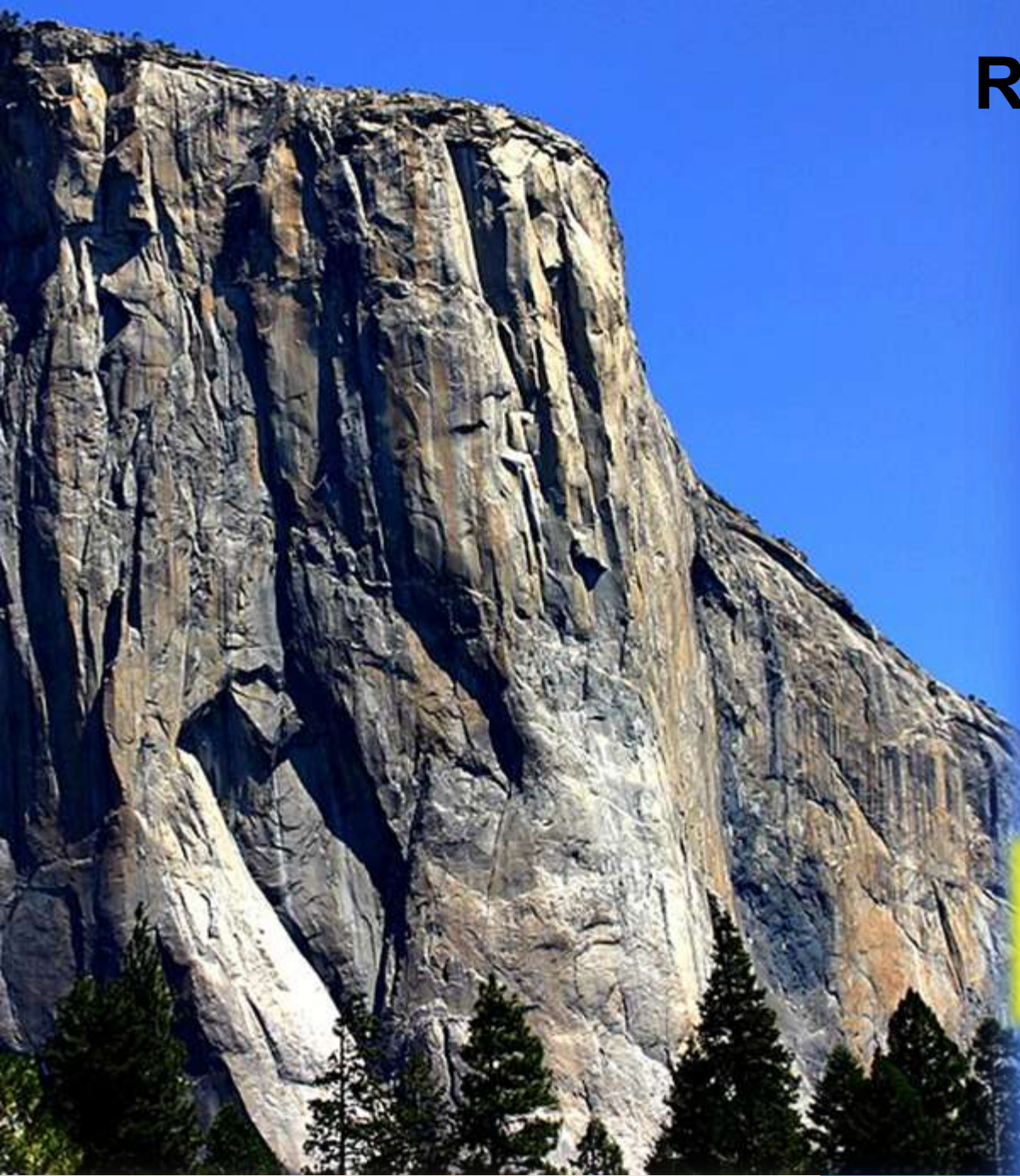
Planned Many Times for Harvest – to Preach to Rome

Romans 1:16-17 DECLARED

Power of God to Everyone Who Believes

RIGHTEOUSNESS of God ... revealed from FAITH to FAITH

Not EASY to climb El Capitan



RIGHTEOUSNESS by FAITH
is not easy to understand

**Not EASY to
climb El Capitan**

Stay Tuned ...

**Paul gives us
much more**



Part 2 – God's Wrath vs Revelation

Romans 1:18-32

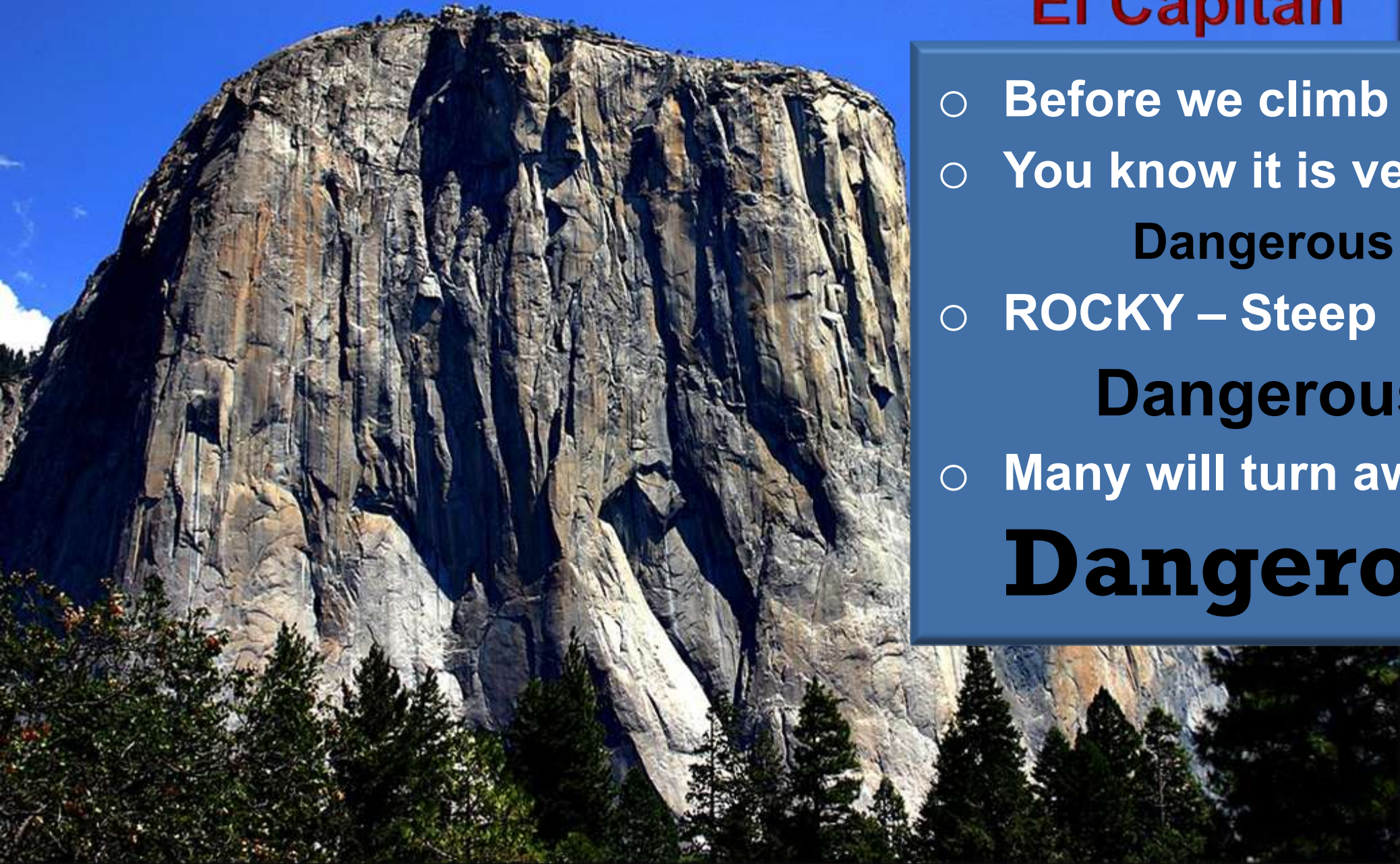
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NOTE “**DESERVING**” does **NOT** mean **KILL**



El Capitan

- Before we climb
- You know it is very
Dangerous
- **ROCKY** – Steep
Dangerous
- Many will turn away
Dangerous



Key Verse on 2nd Part – **God's Wrath vs. Revelation**
Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world
God's invisible qualities
—his eternal power and divine nature—
have been clearly seen, being understood
from what has been made,
so that people are without excuse.





Andromeda Galaxy

Photo Dec. 3, 2009, 11:20pm
through a telescope

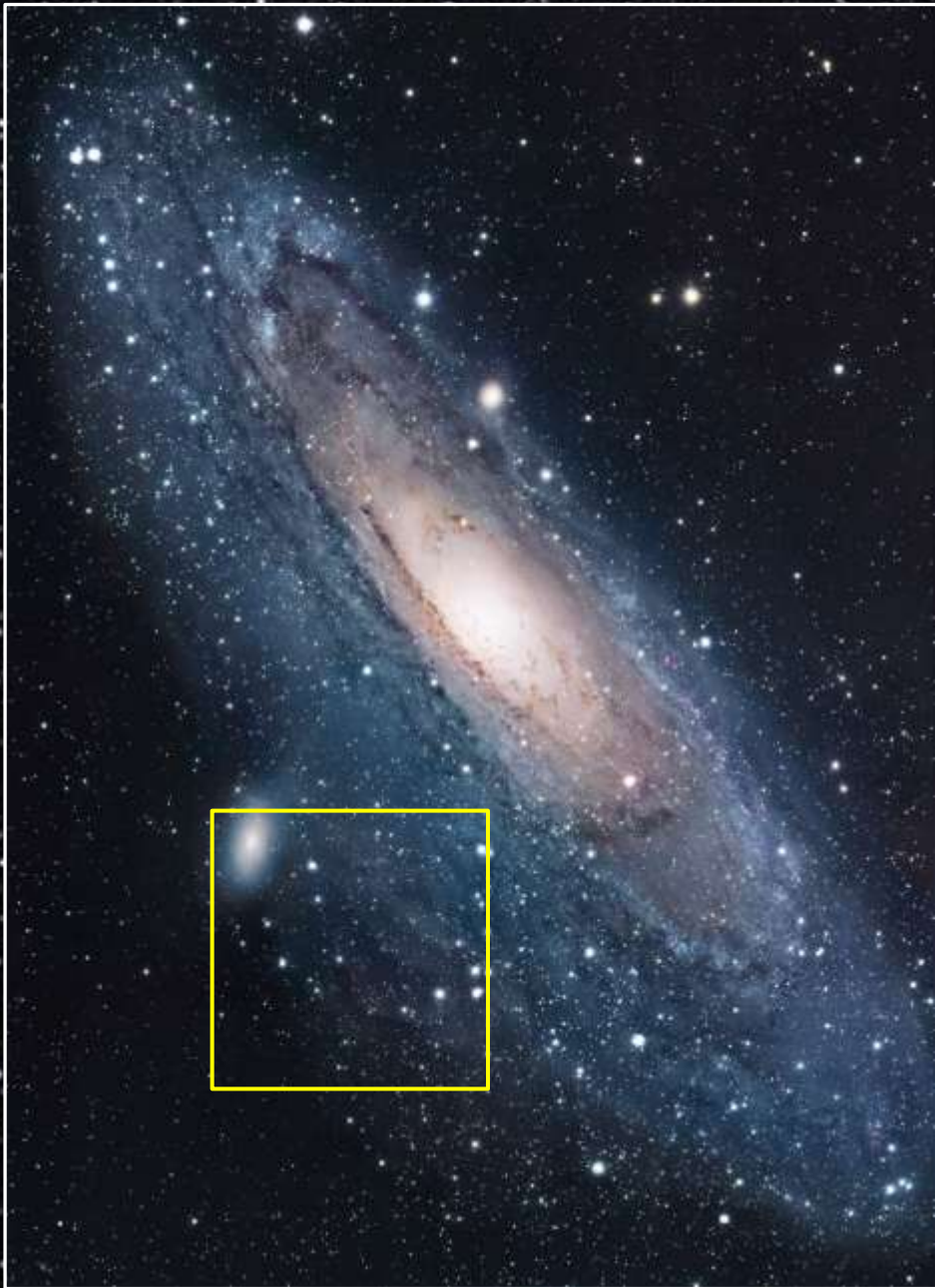
2.4 million Light-Years away

Closer via Webb Telescope 2022

Shakespeare in his play

“As You Like It” said,

**And this our life,
exempt from public haunt,
Finds tongues in trees,
Books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones,
and Good in everything.**



Andromeda Galaxy

Closest Galaxy to us ...

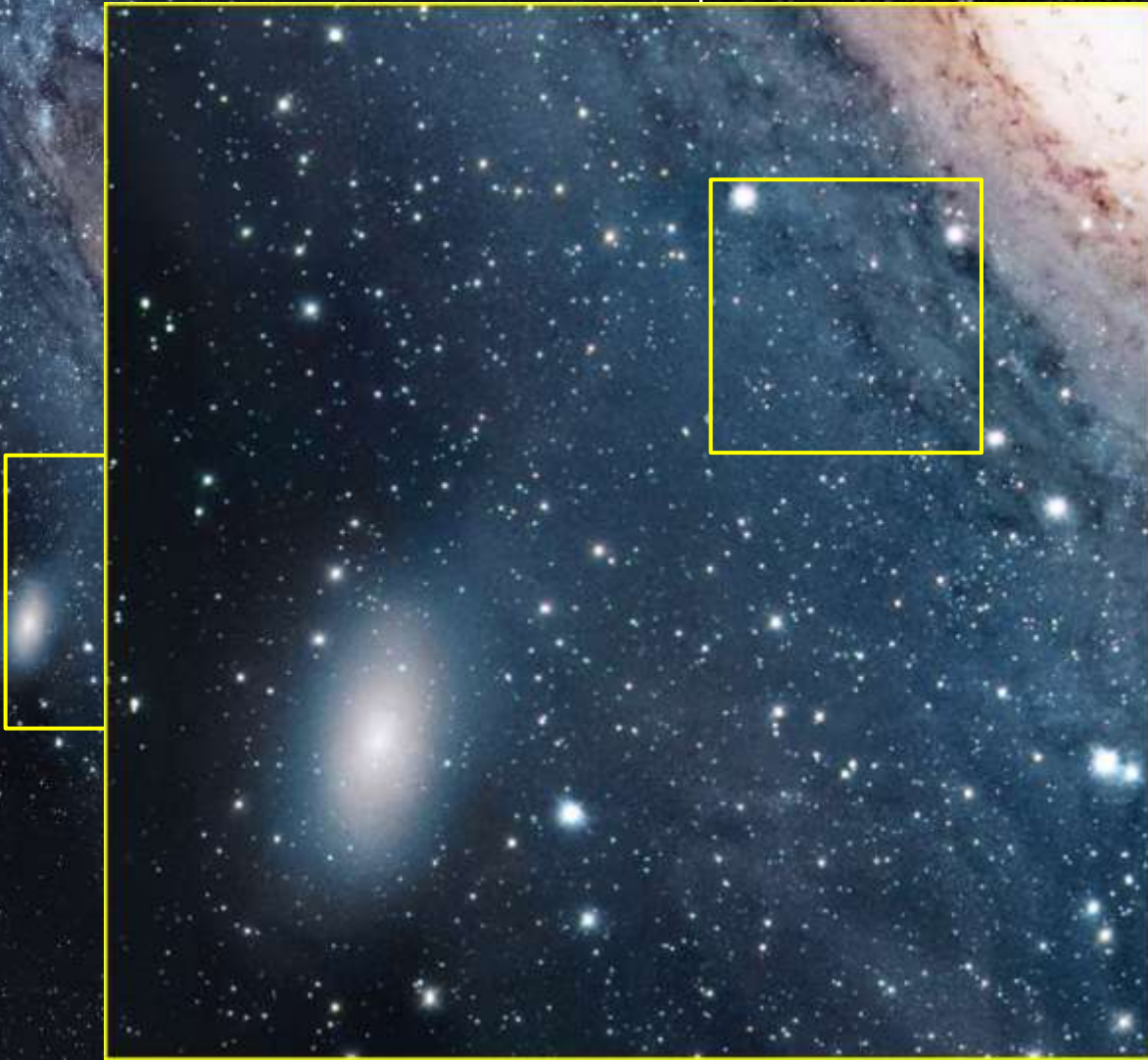
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They est. Andromeda has

1 Trillion STARS

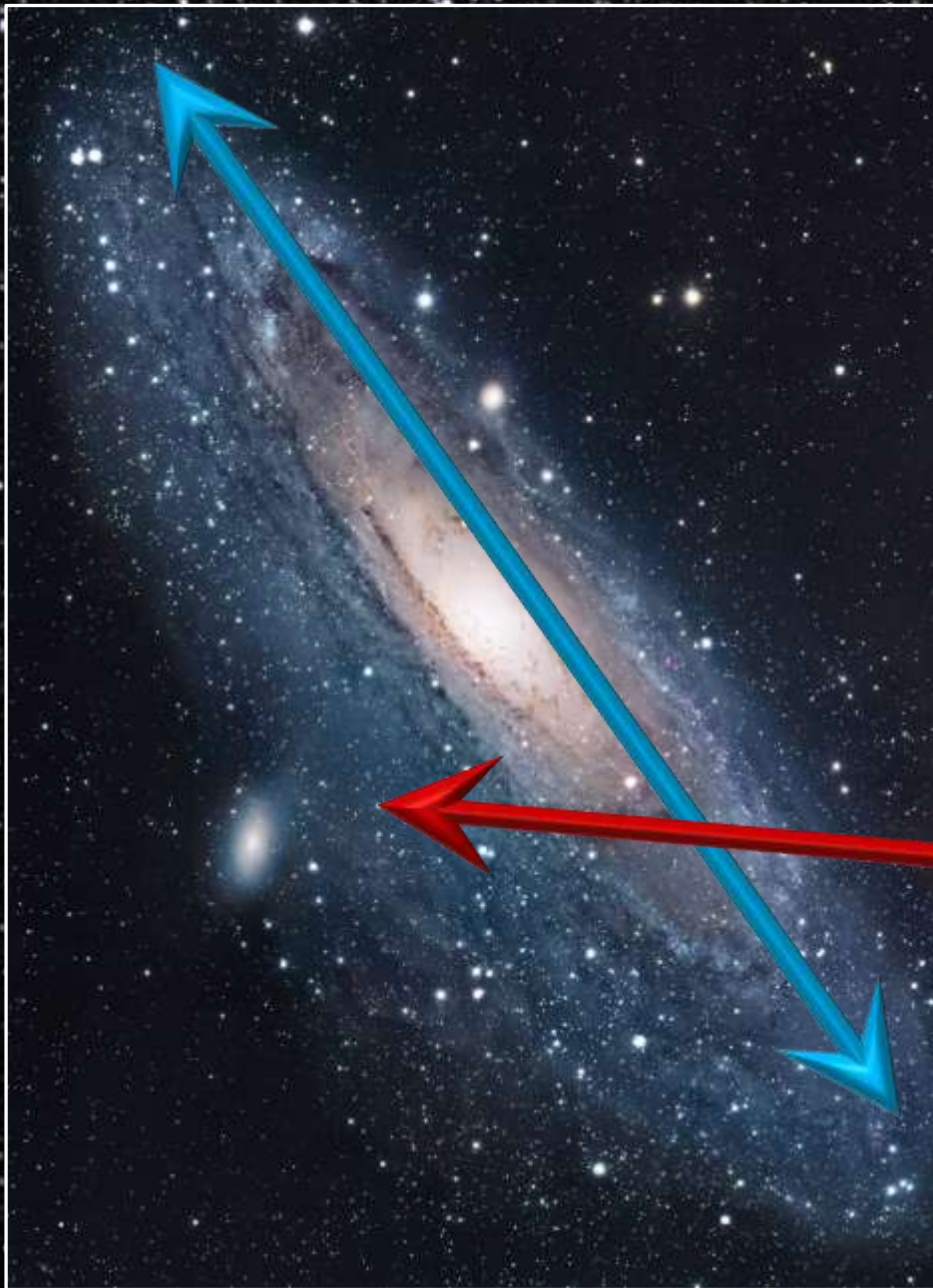
Look Closer

Andromeda Galaxy
Look Closer
Let's Look Closer



Andromeda Galaxy
Look Closer
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Andromeda Galaxy

220,000 Light-Years Across

20% LARGER than our **Milky Way**

Andromeda is on a collision
course with our Milky Way

@ 248,000 MPH

STILL take 2-3 Billion Years to reach us

It's a Spiral Galaxy like our Milky Way

In our Milky Way our SUN & EARTH

are about 1/3 from edge

Closest STAR to our SUN is

Alpha Centauri is 4 Light-Years away

Therefore—Closest Star to our Sun is

LESS than **Pin Prick** apart

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1:18-20 Revealed in Nature –
Eternal Power from Heaven

18 WRATH of God is being REVEALED from HEAVEN
against all the godlessness and wickedness of people,
who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

Before we deal with the **WRATH of God** ...

Recall WHO Paul was writing to – to people DEAR to him

He listed MANY in chapters 15-16

one like a mother to him – MANY very DEAR to him

Plus – Paul was DEAR to them too ...

Paul Loved Them – those he knew & knew NOT



**18 WRATH of God is being REVEALED from HEAVEN
against all the godlessness and wickedness of
people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,**

Most of all – notice a portion of NEXT week's lesson

**Romans 2:1: "You, therefore, have no excuse, you who
pass judgment on someone else ...**

who ... do the SAME things."

Do NOT take these *pre-El-Capitan Climbing* verses out of order

They are typical of Paul's candor and Paul's resoluteness

Very typical of Paul's clarity on cleaning OUT the clutter

There is a LOT of evil in this world AND in the church too



Paul *knows* the meaning of **LIFE IN ROME . . .**

Taylor Caldwell's 1959 *564-page* magisterial book,
Dear and Glorious Physician—A Novel about St. Luke

She wrote 40 novels, many of them best sellers

Many fictional biographies VAST in historical research

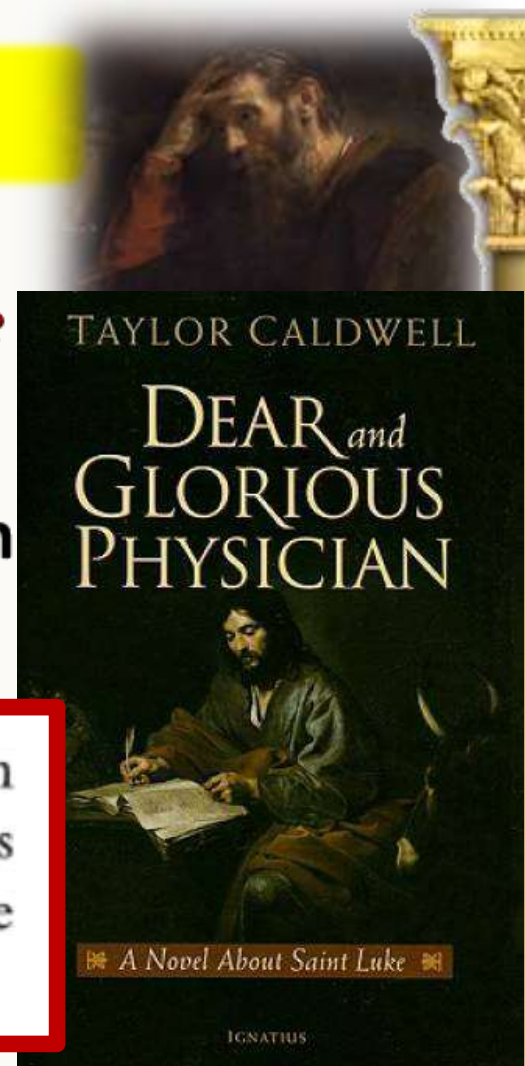
. . . the first sentences of her Foreword go are:

This book has been forty-six years in the writing. The first version was written when I was twelve years old, the second when I was twenty-two, the third when I was twenty-six, and all through those years work did not cease on this book.

She describes the Roman world and training of Dr. Luke ...

Imagine a world of absolute dictatorship ...

Caesar RULES



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Eternal Power from Heaven



18 WRATH OF GOD is being **REVEALED** from **HEAVEN**
against all the godlessness and wickedness of
people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

Did you see that? – **“WRATH OF GOD” ... “REVEALED”**

Recall Rom. 1:1-17 above vs. 18

“Righteousness of God REVEALED”

A play on words – but also a seriously important contrast

MORE God is revealed = **WORSE** humankind appears

Romans is REVEALED Truth from God thru Paul

**1:18-20 Revealed in Nature –
Eternal Power from Heaven**



- 18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,**
- 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because **God has made it plain to them.****
- 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, **SO that people are without excuse.****

WHO has made it CLEAR?

GOD Made it PLAIN to them ... to us.

Now then – **WHAT** was MADE PLAIN?
v. 20 ... His Eternal Power & Divine Nature ...
If such is NOT self-evident to you TODAY ...



As Jeff Foxworthy might say
You just might be a Redneck ...



20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—a powerful – comprehensive – incomparable verse

Reformer John Calvin 1509-1564 said it so eloquently:

It is ... vain that so many burning lamps shine for us in the workmanship of the universe to show forth the glory of its Author. Although they bathe us wholly in their radiance, yet they can of themselves in no way lead us into the right path.



Nature points to God – only Christ can take us to the THRONE

Nature reveals God's glory –

only Christ can reveal God's person



Now then ... what was **MADE PLAIN?**
v. 20 ... His Eternal Power & Divine Nature ...

If such is **NOT** self-evident to you **TODAY ...**
If such is **NOT** obvious – plain – clear – **EASY** to **SEE**
As Jeff Foxworthy might say
You just might be a Redneck ...

God LIVES ...

His Glory is in the delicacy of the Wild Flowers

God LIVES ...



v. 20 ... His Eternal Power & Divine Nature

His Glory is in the infinity of the

Starry Nights



**For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities
—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen**



1:21-23 Replaced by Nonsense – Foolish in Hearts

21 For although they knew God, they neither

neither glorified Him as God
nor gave thanks to Him,

God expects
BOTH

but their thinking became futile and
their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Although they claimed to be wise,

they became fools

23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God
for images made to look like a

mortal human being



Emperor Caligula
A.D. 37-41

22 ... they became fools

23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God
for images made to look like a mortal human being
and birds and animals and reptiles.

Evil of a Pagan Empire ...

Today ... atheistic scientists RULE

Weak MINDS

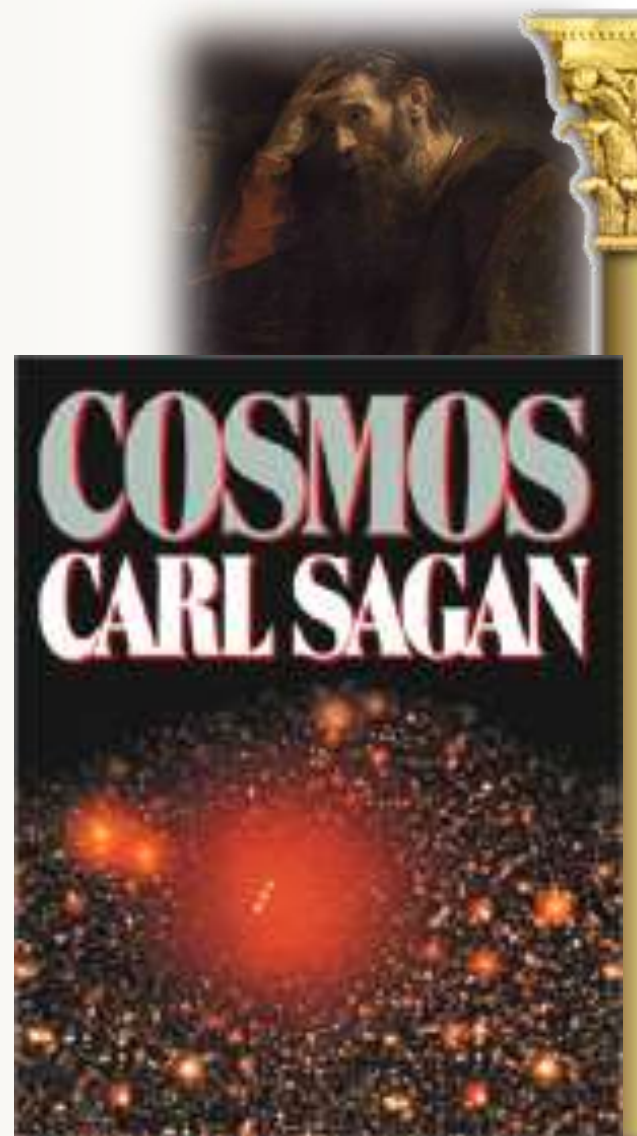
Roman god Jupiter



In 1980, Carl Sagan wrote the book *Cosmos*
13 chapters corresponded to a 13-episode series
50 weeks on *Publisher's Weekly* Best-Sellers List
70 weeks on *New York Times* Best-Seller List
BEST-Selling *science* book of ALL TIME
Sequel in 1994 Sagan published a sequel of sorts >>
Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space
Cosmos – chosen by U.S. Congress one of 100 that
“Shaped America”!¹

“Shaped America” *indeed* ...

¹ <https://www.loc.gov/item/prn-13-005/books-that-shaped-america-on-amazon/2013-01-22/>

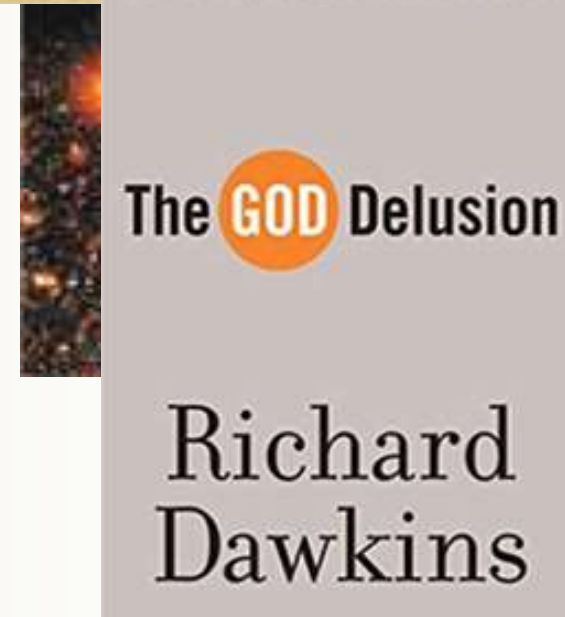
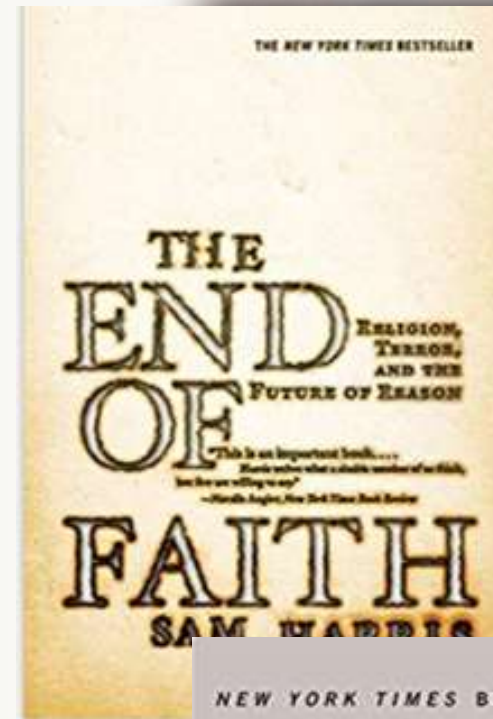


In 1980 ... Carl Sagan's *Cosmos*
“Shaped America” ... became one of the
Most Evangelistic Book for Atheistic Science!
Made Sagan rich and famous ...
Sagan did NOT attack religion DIRECTLY ...

Neuroscientist Sam Harris 2005 *End of Faith*
attacks on “faith” itself came from SCIENTISTS

Scientist Richard Dawkins 2008 *The God Delusion*

These and many more ...



Neuroscientist Sam Harris in 2015 wrote a
New York Times best-seller

Waking Up—

A Guide to Spirituality Without Religion

Evolution as FACT corrects Religion ...

Many scientists are NOT as hostile ...

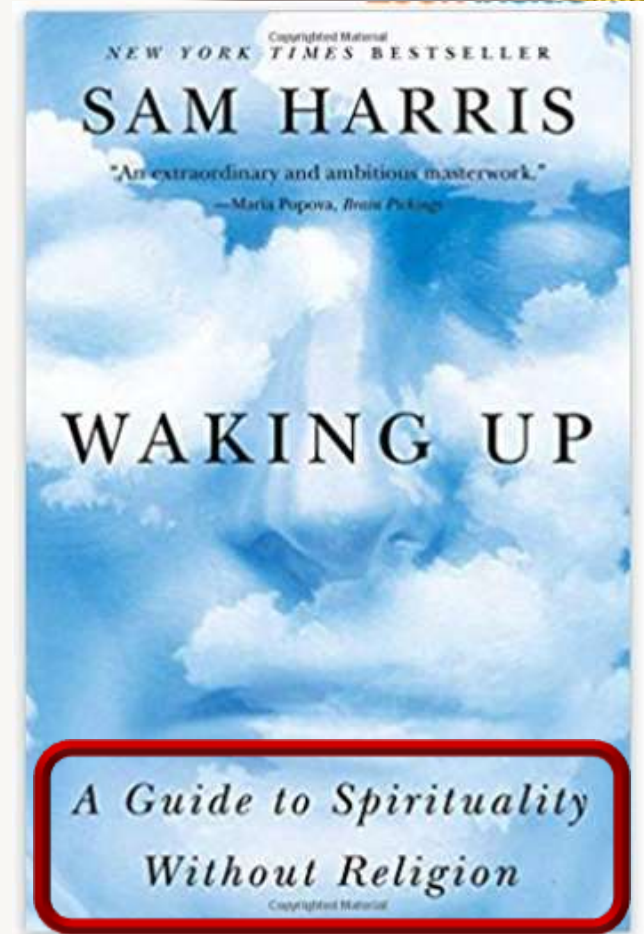
Many ARE like Sam Harris

These SCIENTISTS assault the

Fairy Tale of God

Sam Harris is brutal – “Faith” is a FARCE

Religion is IDIOCY – scam – FOOL’S GAME for the weak



Paul is writing to Christians in ROME
of many rulers of the World today
Paul is writing to us, today ... in the USA



1:24-28 Delivered Over – God Gave them Over

24 Therefore **GOD GAVE THEM OVER** in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.



1:24-28 Delivered Over – God Gave them Over

27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.

Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.



What is going on?

What they do – Paul is crystal clear – Paul **DETAILS**

Against NATURE – homosexuality is against NATURE

Sodom & Gomorrah in ROME

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What is going on?



Paul is contrasting Idolatry with Homosexuality

Worship of Idols **WITH** Worship of Sex/Homosexuality



Turn Nature Upside Down

They **ASSAULT** the Glory of God

1:24-28 Delivered Over – God Gave them Over

28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what OUGHTNOT to be done.

**No peace for a man/woman whom GOD abandons
and certainly ...**

No Peace on Earth



1:29-32 Deserving Death – Evil and Depravity

29-30 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.

They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit & malice.

**They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters,
insolent, arrogant and boastful;**

they invent ways of doing evil;

they disobey their parents;

31 they have NO understanding, NO fidelity,

NO Love, NO Mercy.

Terrible Life



Last . . . but not least . . .

32 Although they know God's righteous decree
that those who do such things *deserve* Death,

Now Paul is *NOT* talking about KILLING everyone

MANY have referred to "penalty of sin is death"

Yet, Paul is talking about the **GOD's Death Penalty.**

Paul is *NOT* talking about *killing* all homosexuals ...

Any more than Paul is talking about *killing* all GOSSIPERS

Yet if one *LIVES ALL* of the ABOVE – God's degree is they

DESERVE Death



32 Although they know God's righteous decree
that those who do such things
DESERVE Death,
they not only continue to do these
very things but also
approve of those who practice them.



Therefore, Lesson today is:

No God = No Peace
NO GOD = NO PEACE