

# Christians living In the “Grey” area!



A collage of luxury items including a silver mask, a crocodile-patterned handbag, and a watch.

*Fifty  
Shades  
of Grey*

*July*

ANYONE, THEN,  
WHO KNOWS THE GOOD HE OUGHT TO DO  
AND DOESN'T DO IT,

SINS

JAMES 4:17

## **PRECEPT**

a law intended to regulate behavior or thought.

## **PRINCIPLE**

a moral rule or belief that helps you know what is right and wrong and that influences your actions.

# Matthew 23:23

[23] “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.



## **HOLISTIC**

Being concerned about how my actions affect others and not just myself.

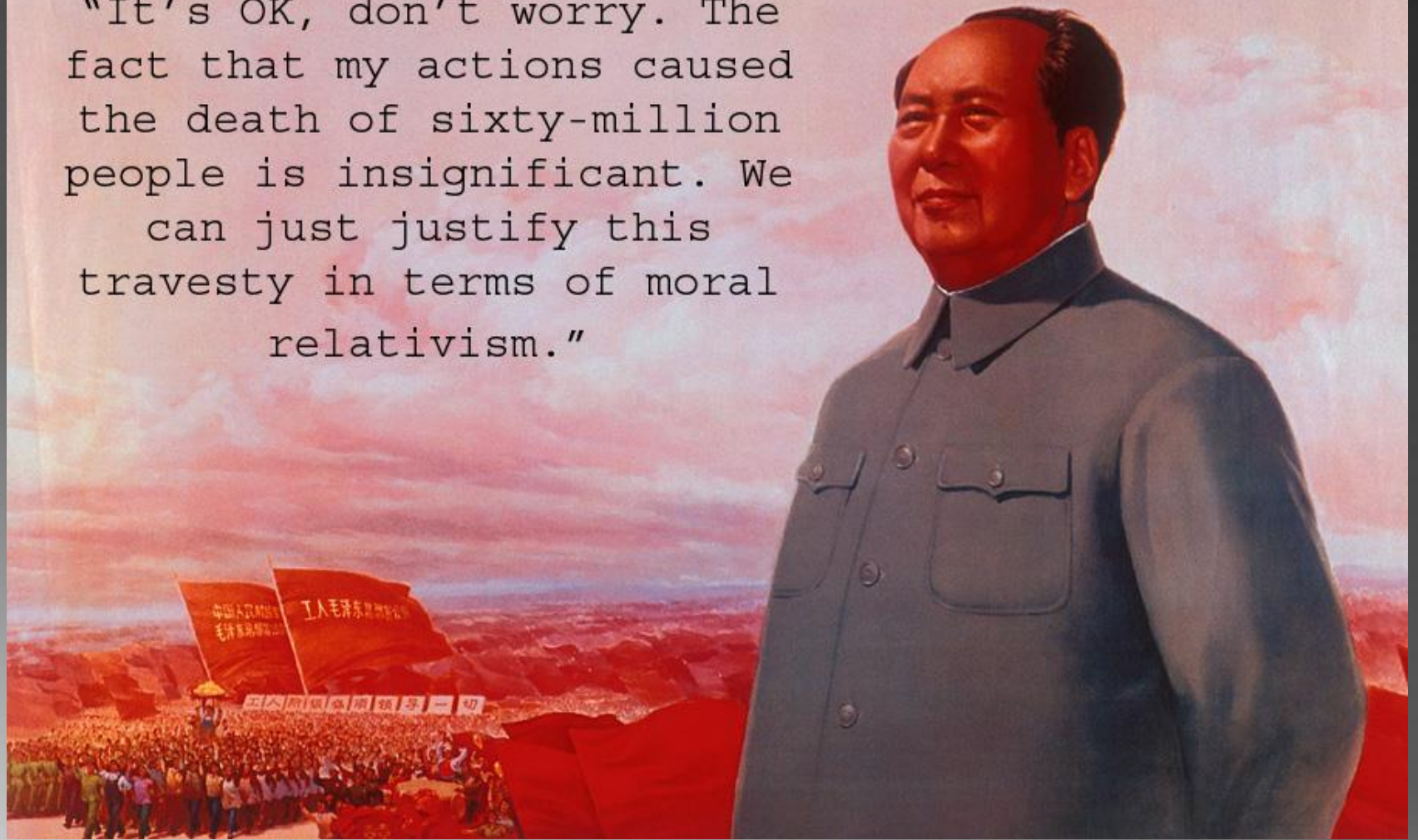
## **EGOCENTRIC**

Having little or no regard for anyone other than self.

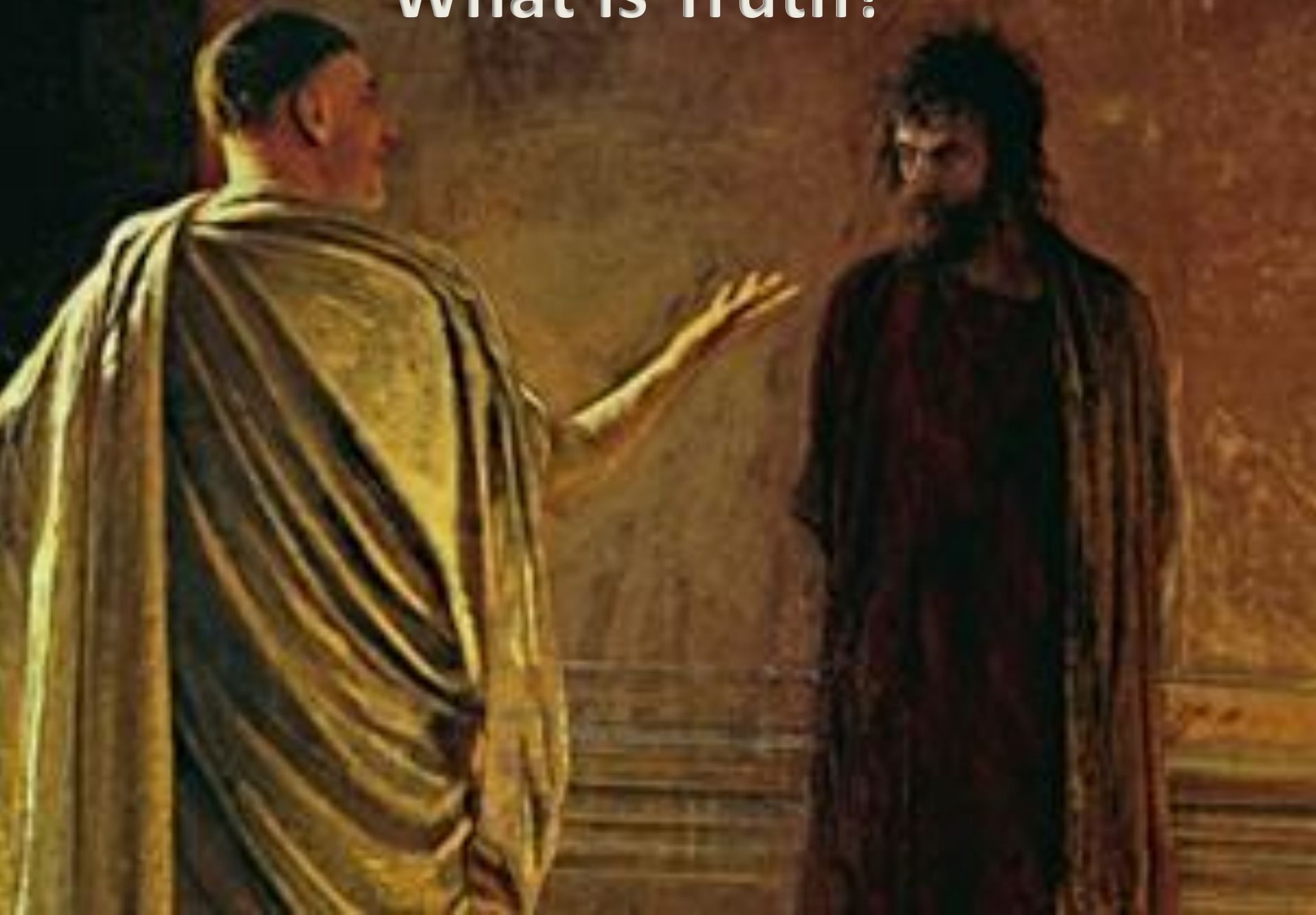
**MY  
LIFE  
MY  
BODY  
MY  
RULES**



"It's OK, don't worry. The fact that my actions caused the death of sixty-million people is insignificant. We can just justify this travesty in terms of moral relativism."



What is Truth?



The only thing certain  
is death and taxes.

*Benjamin Franklin*

# SITUATION ETHICS

Ethical decisions should follow flexible guidelines rather than absolute rules, and be taken on a case by case basis.

# SUBJECTIVISM

Everything is interpreted through experience

# RELATIVISM

There are no fixed rules

“Love the Lord Your God  
with all your heart  
and with all your soul  
and with all your strength  
and with all your mind  
and love your neighbor as  
yourself.”

~ Luke 10:27

LOVE DOES NO WRONG TO A NEIGHBOR – Romans 13:10

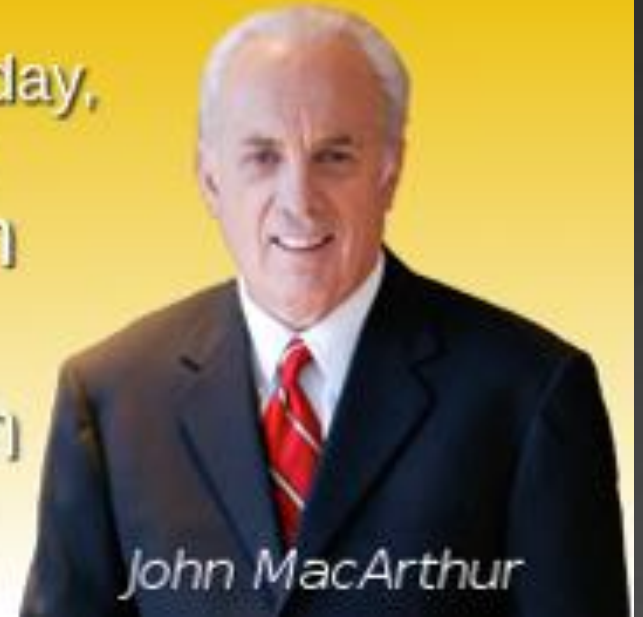
# Agape

- Agape speaks of the most powerful, noblest type of love: sacrificial love.
- Agape love is more than a feeling—it is an act of the will.
- This is the love that God has for his people and that prompted the sacrifice of his only son, Jesus, for our sins. Jesus was agape love personified.



**GRACE**  
*to You*

Monday-Friday,  
Sunday  
8:30am  
AND  
8:30pm  
Eastern



## Will it benefit me spiritually?

“All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify?” 1 Corinthians 10:23



## Will it bring bondage?

“All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything” 1 Corinthians 6:12

## Will it defile God's temple?

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.  
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

## Will it cause anyone to stumble?

<sup>8</sup> But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

<sup>9</sup> But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. 1 Corinthians 8:8-9 (NKJV)

# Will it further the cause of evangelism?

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<sup>32</sup> Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,  
<sup>33</sup> just as I also please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved. 1 Corinthians 10:32-33 (NKJV)

## Will it violate my conscience?

<sup>23</sup> But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does not eat* from faith; for whatever *is not from faith* is sin.

Romans 14:23 (NKJV)

## Revelation 3:15-16 (NKJV)

**<sup>15</sup> I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.**

# 1 John 1:7

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But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

**Those who love the Lord will love  
His followers, will live among them,  
interact with them, encourage  
them, motivate them to do good.**

**1 John 2:9-10**



## Hebrews 10:23-25 (HCSB)

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not staying away from our [worship] meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

# 1 Corinthians 10:23-24

everything is  
PERMISSIBLE

**but not**

everything is  
BENEFICIAL

everything is  
PERMISSIBLE

**but not**

everything is  
CONSTRUCTIVE

No one should seek their own good **but** the good of others!

## **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (NLT)**

**<sup>3</sup> God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. <sup>4</sup> Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor— <sup>5</sup> Not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways.**

**<sup>6</sup> Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. <sup>7</sup> God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these principles is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.**

## **Ephesians 5:1-6 (HCSB)**

**<sup>1</sup> Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as the Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God. <sup>3</sup> But sexual immorality and any impurity or greed should not even be heard of among you, as is proper for saints. <sup>4</sup> Coarse and foolish talking or crude joking are not suitable, but rather giving thanks.**

**<sup>5</sup> For know and recognize this: Every sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, who is an idolater, does not have an inheritance in the kingdom of the Messiah and of God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for God's wrath is coming on the disobedient because of these things.**



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