

# Jesus & Politics

Wisdomfest 2021

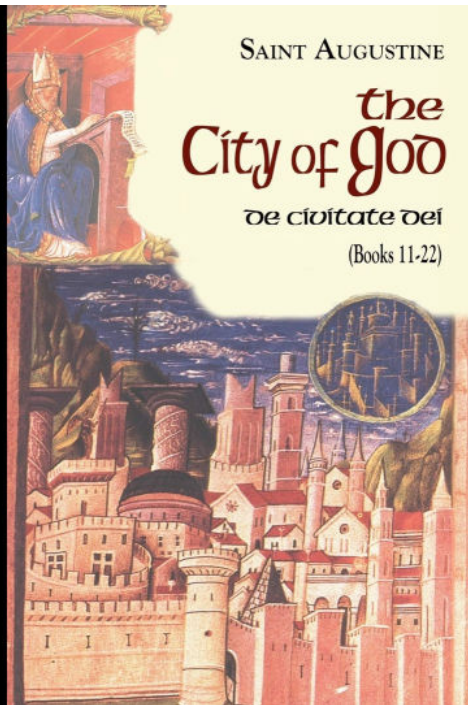


“If Rome can **perish**, what can be **safe**?”

Jerome

“The bright light of all the world was put out ... the whole world perished in one city.”

Jerome



1. The people are **taken away**.

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“So Israel was exiled from their own land to Assyria until this day.” (23)





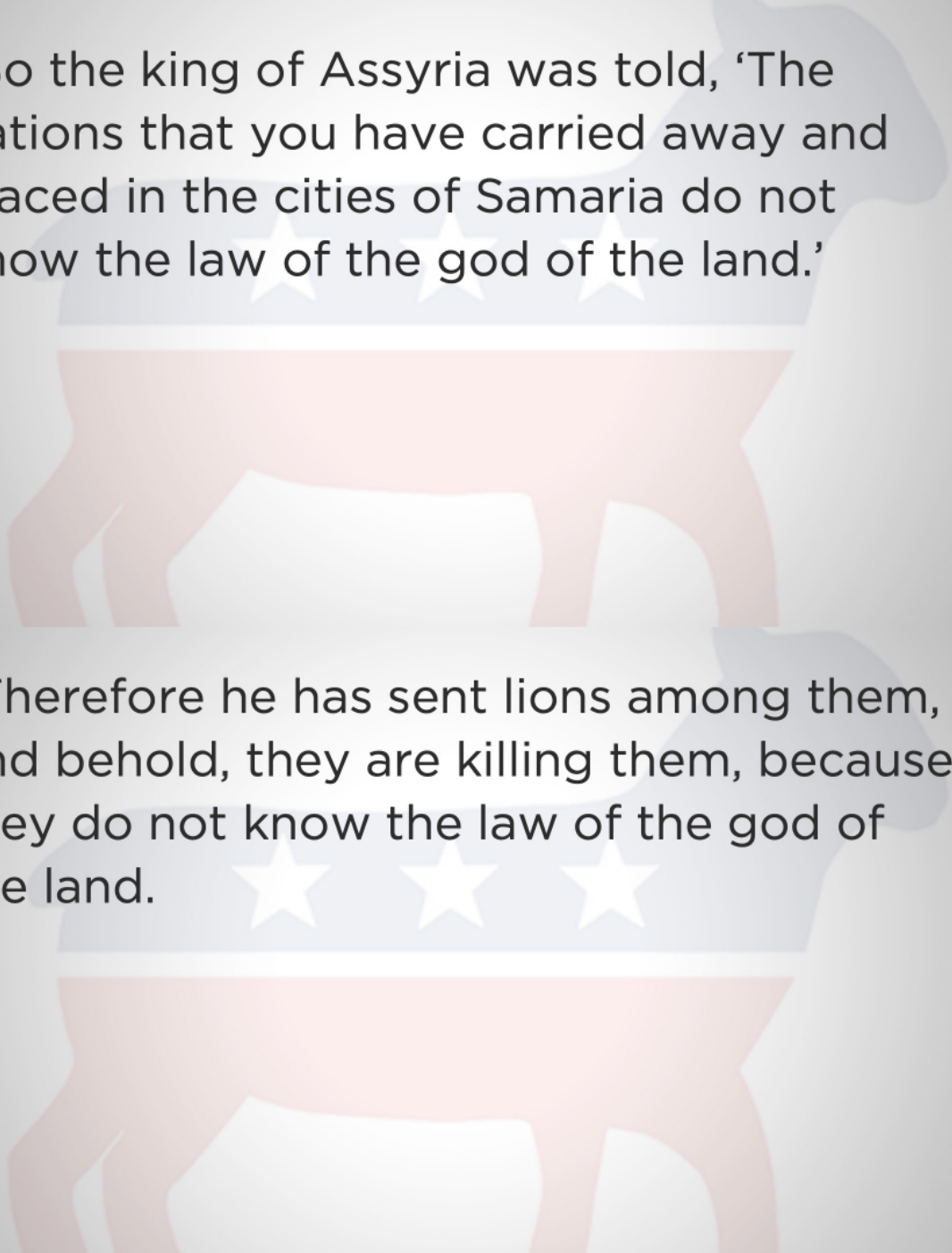
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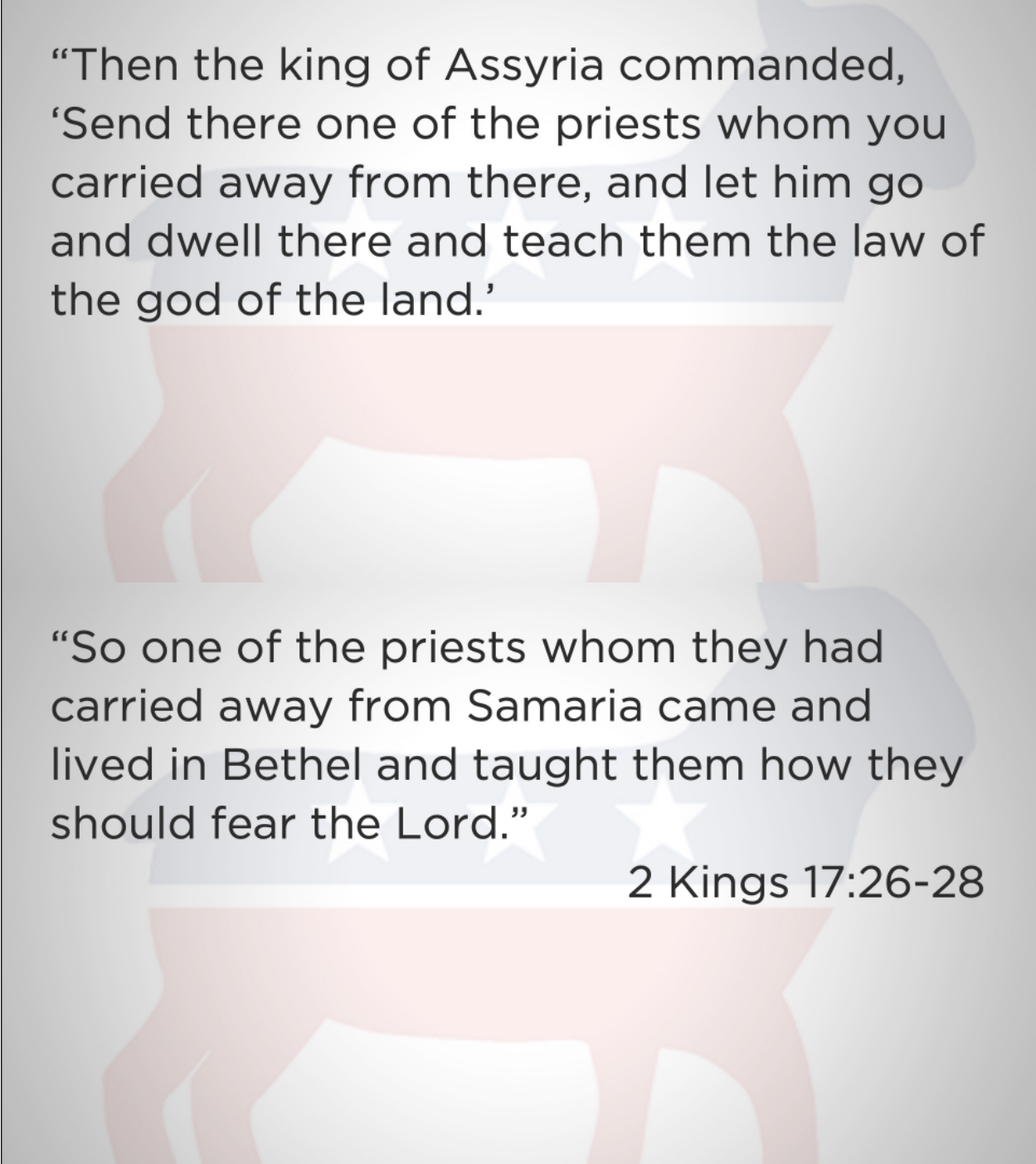
“And at the beginning of their dwelling there, they did not fear the Lord. Therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which killed some of them.” (25)





“So the king of Assyria was told, ‘The nations that you have carried away and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the law of the god of the land.’

“Therefore he has sent lions among them, and behold, they are killing them, because they do not know the law of the god of the land.

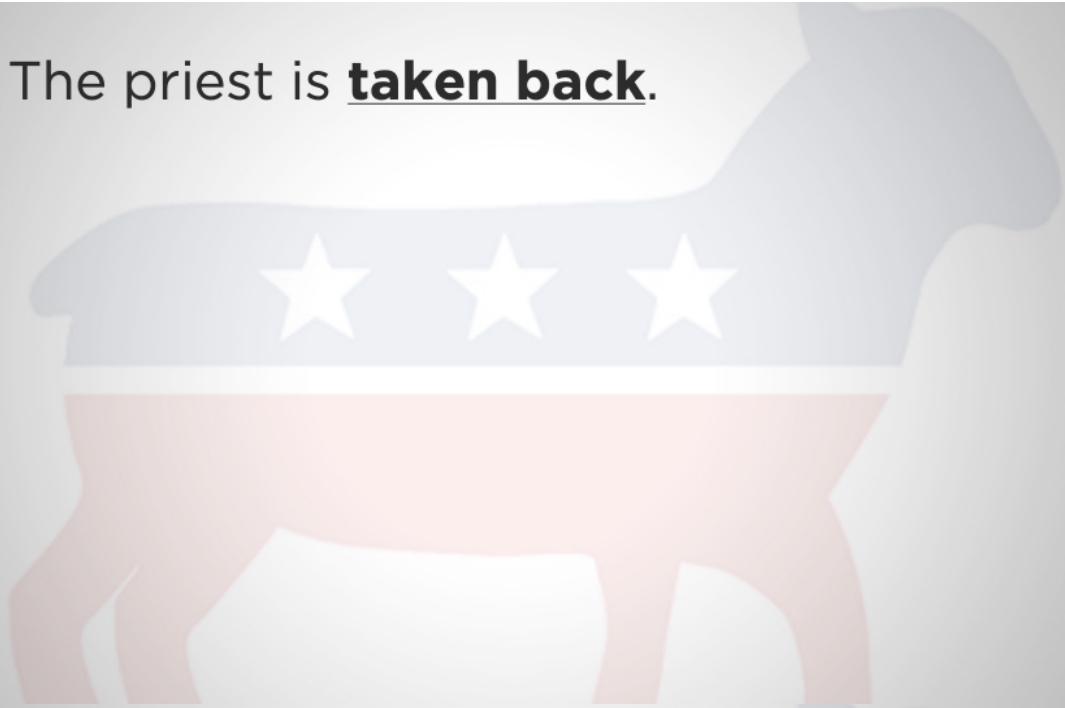


“Then the king of Assyria commanded,  
‘Send there one of the priests whom you  
carried away from there, and let him go  
and dwell there and teach them the law of  
the god of the land.’

“So one of the priests whom they had  
carried away from Samaria came and  
lived in Bethel and taught them how they  
should fear the Lord.”

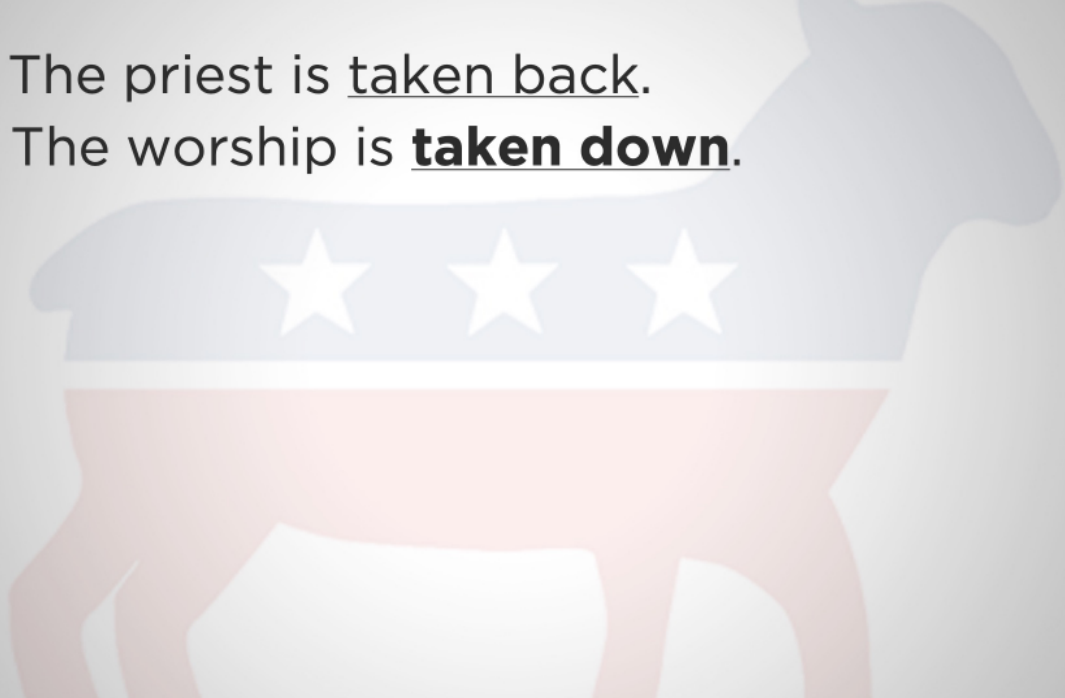
2 Kings 17:26-28

3. The priest is **taken back**.

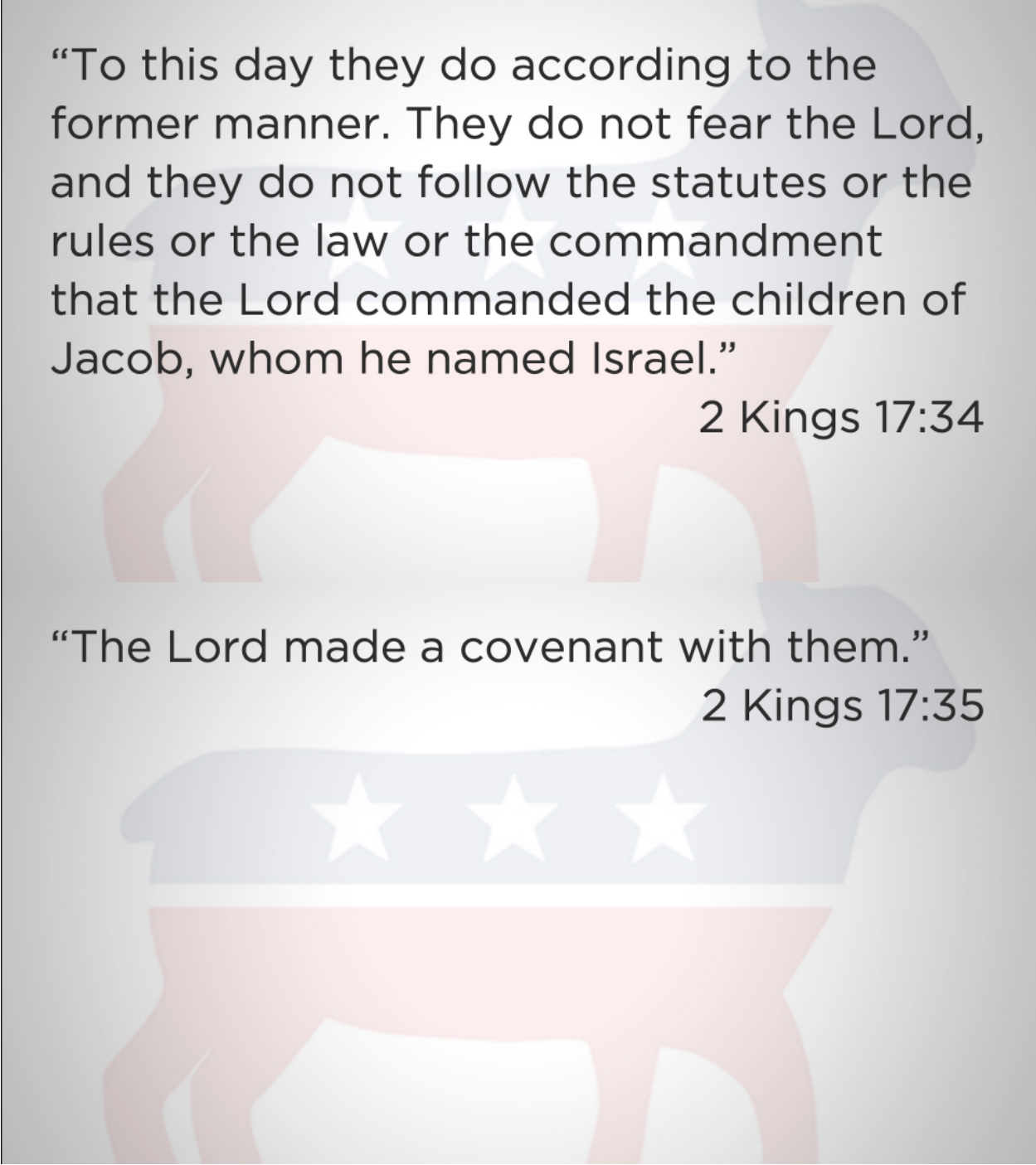


3. The priest is **taken back**.

4. The worship is **taken down**.







“To this day they do according to the former manner. They do not fear the Lord, and they do not follow the statutes or the rules or the law or the commandment that the Lord commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel.”

2 Kings 17:34

“The Lord made a covenant with them.”

2 Kings 17:35



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**fear** other gods



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“So these nations feared the Lord and also served their carved images. Their children did likewise, and their children’s children—as their fathers did, so they do to this day.”

2 Kings 17:41





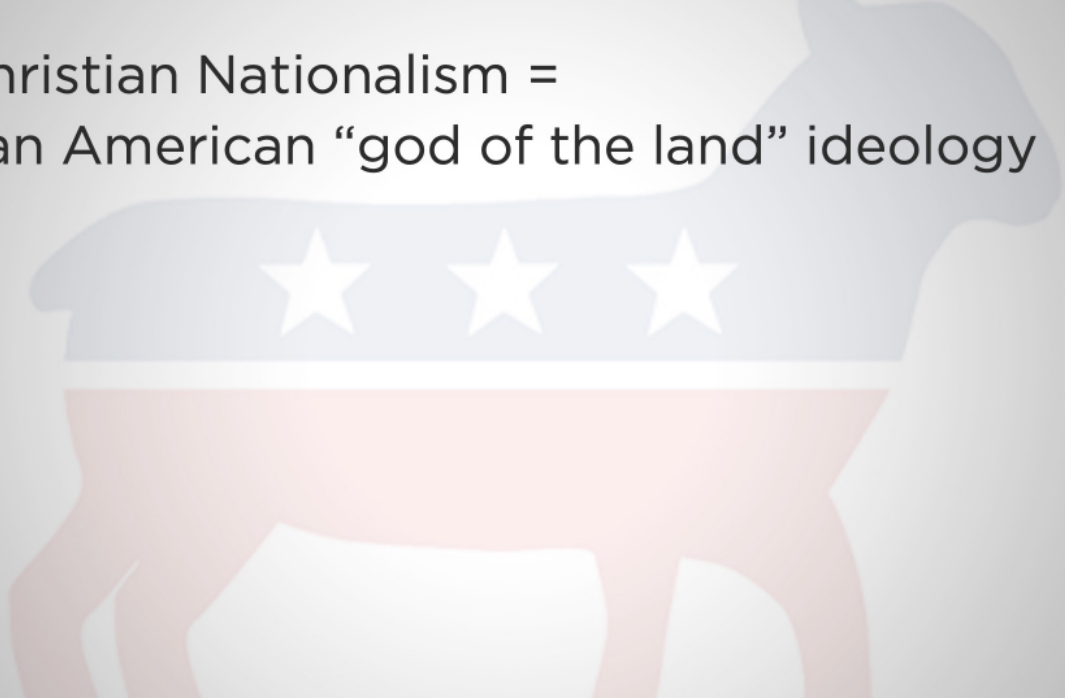




Christian Nationalism =



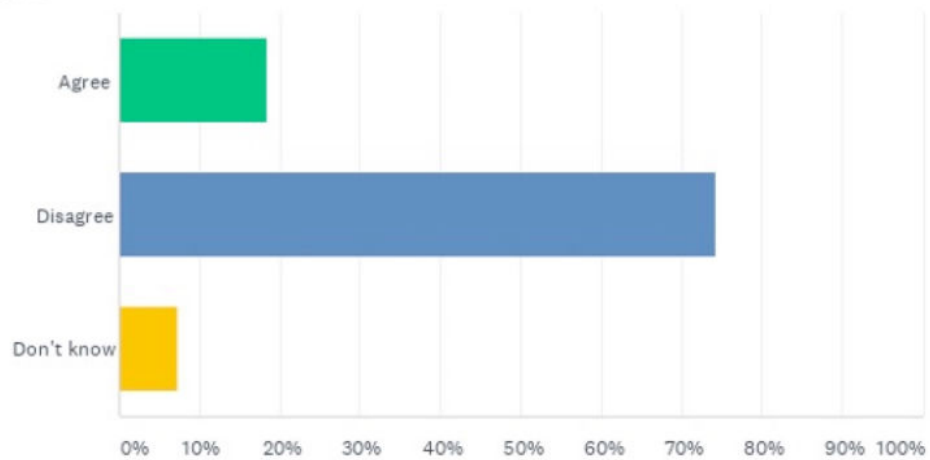
Christian Nationalism =  
an American “god of the land” ideology





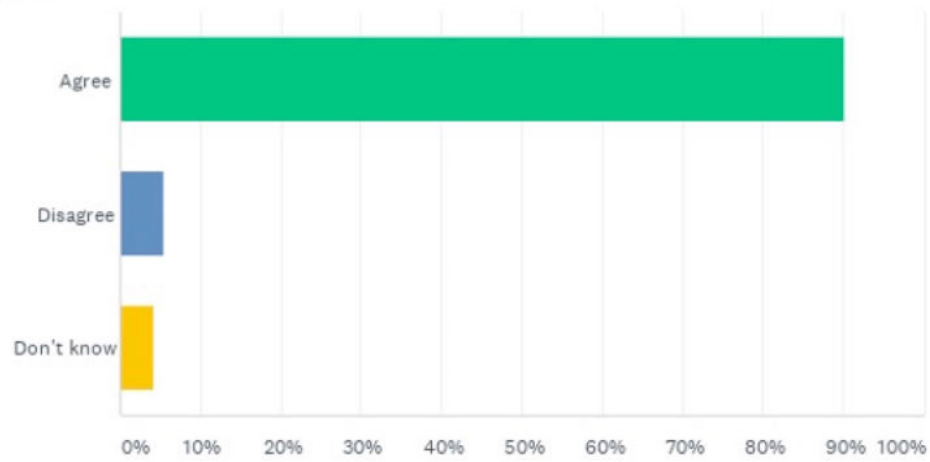
### Q3: The U.S. is a Christian nation.

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#### Q4: The U.S. was founded on many Judeo-Christian principles.

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“My kingdom is not of this world.”

John 18:36



Three kinds of nationalism:



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1. **patriotic** nationalism







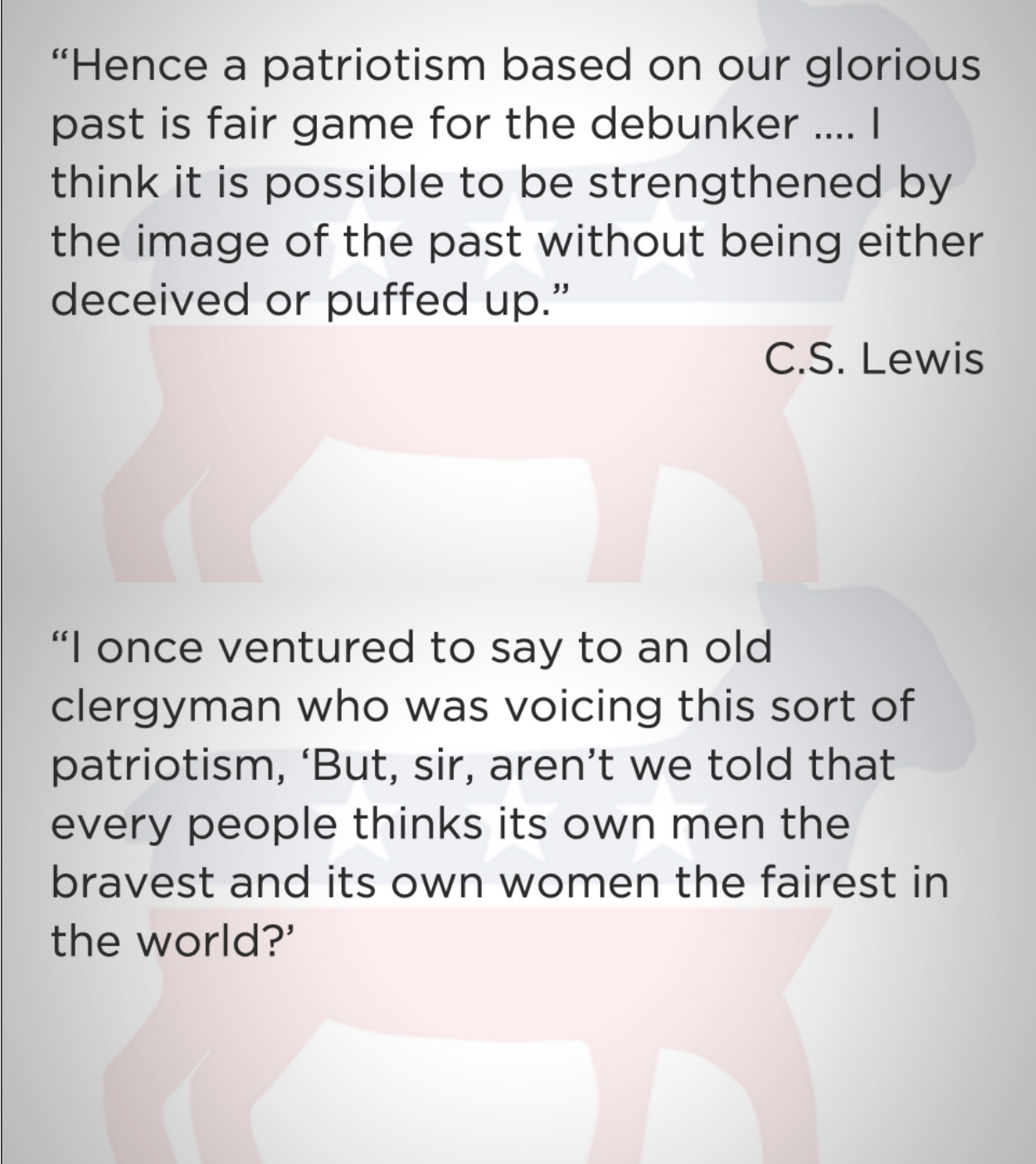






“The actual history of every country is full of shabby and even shameful doings ....

“The heroic stories, if taken to be typical, give a false impression of it and are often themselves open to serious historical criticism.



“Hence a patriotism based on our glorious past is fair game for the debunker .... I think it is possible to be strengthened by the image of the past without being either deceived or puffed up.”

C.S. Lewis

“I once ventured to say to an old clergyman who was voicing this sort of patriotism, ‘But, sir, aren’t we told that every people thinks its own men the bravest and its own women the fairest in the world?’

“He replied with total gravity .... – ‘Yes, but in England it’s true.’

“To be sure, this conviction had not made my friend (God rest his soul) a villain; only an extremely loveable old ass. It can, however, produce asses that kick and bite.

“On the lunatic fringe, it may shade off into that popular Racialism which Christianity and science equally forbid.”

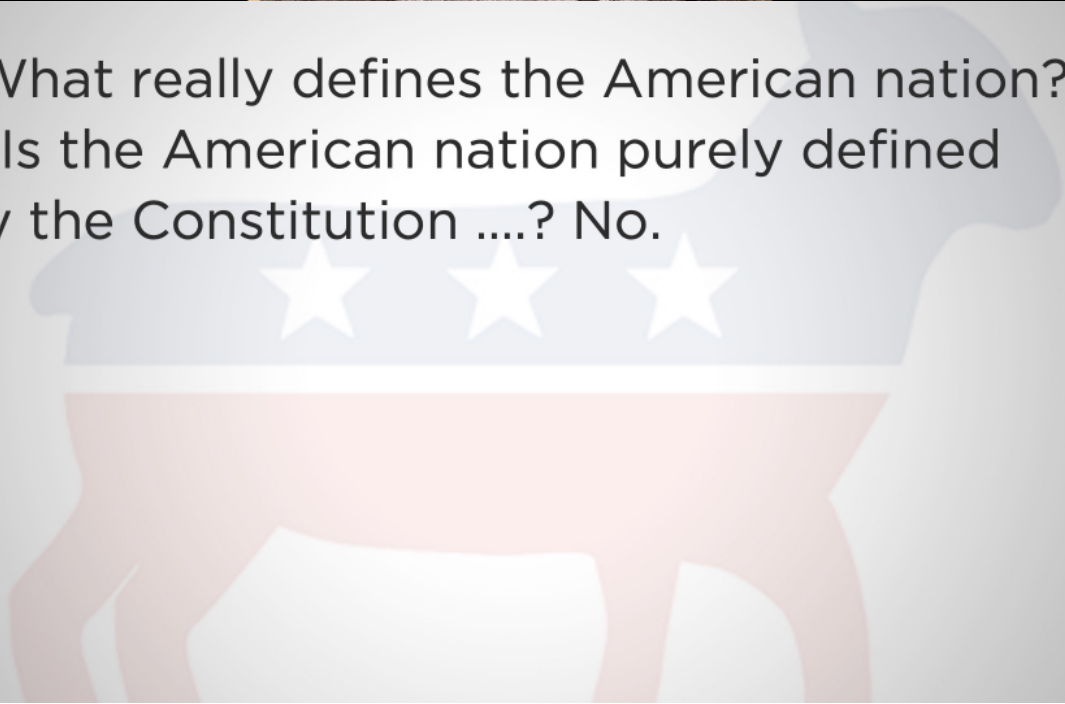
C.S. Lewis

Three kinds of nationalism:

1. patriotic nationalism
2. **racial** nationalism



“What really defines the American nation?  
... Is the American nation purely defined  
by the Constitution ....? No.

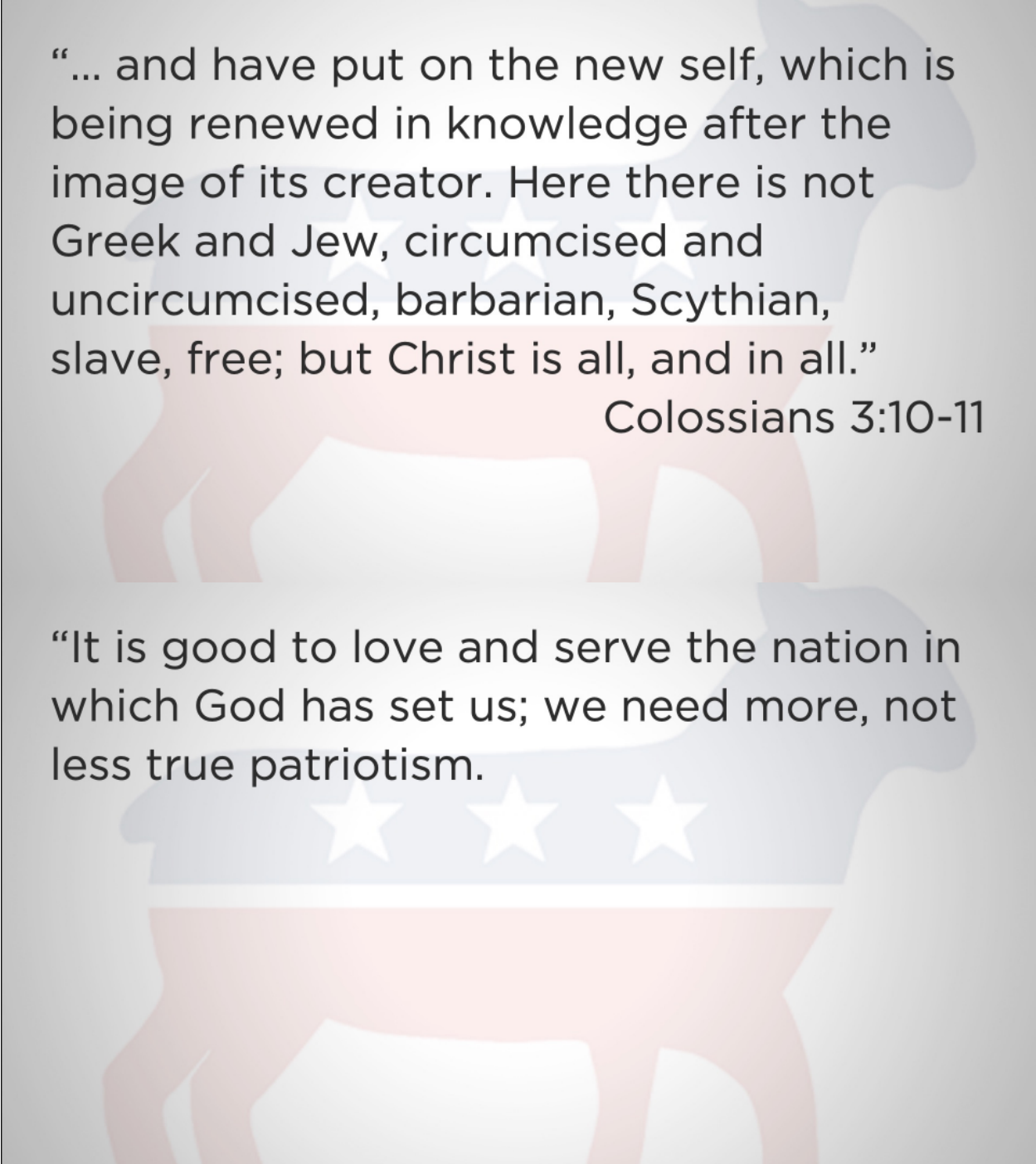


“The American nation is defined by the fact that it is derived from Europe, that European people settled this continent ....

“Which people truly defined what America is? .... Anglo-Saxon protestants were the essential people; they defined it in a way no other people did.”

Richard Spencer

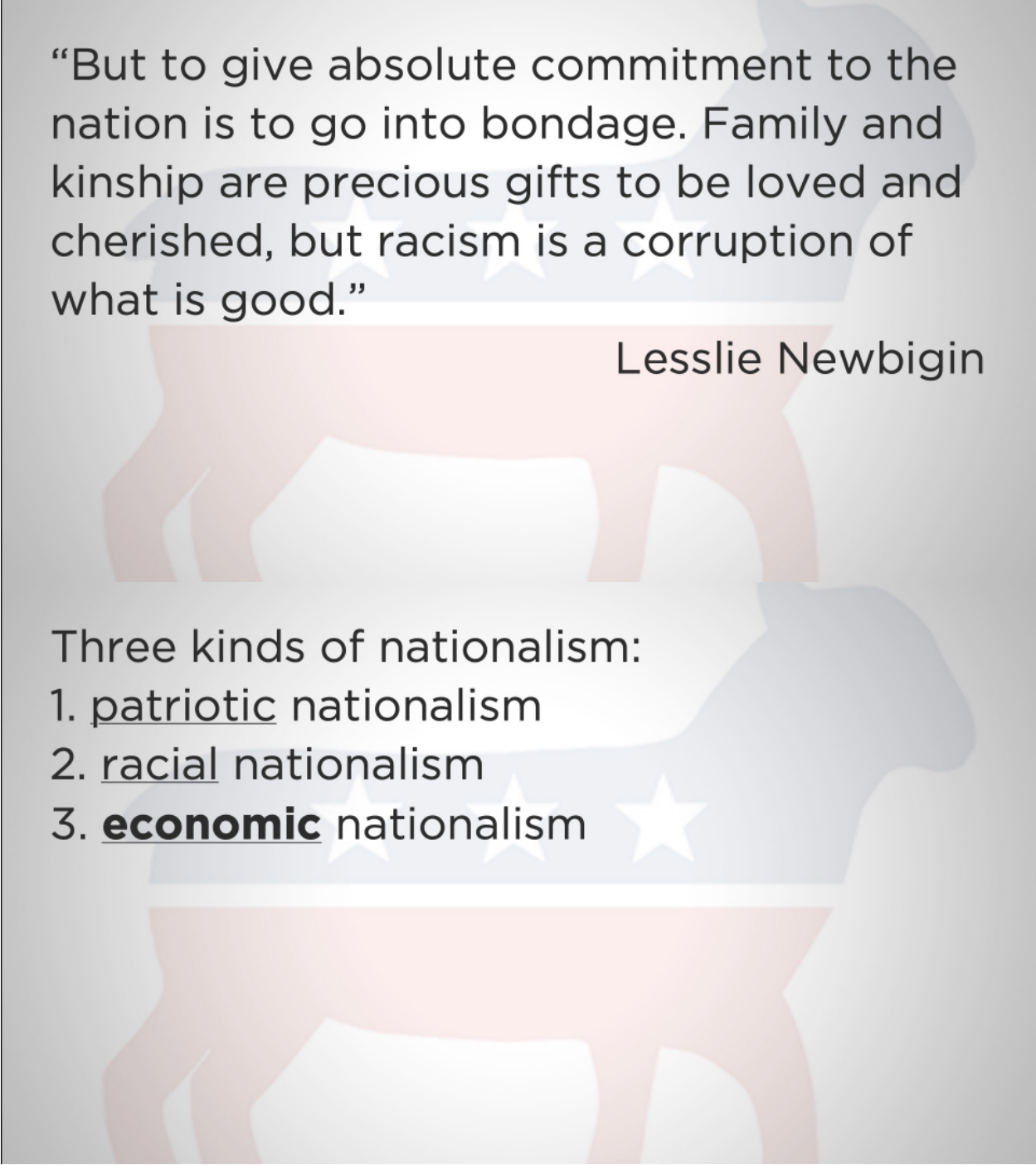




“... and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.”

Colossians 3:10-11

“It is good to love and serve the nation in which God has set us; we need more, not less true patriotism.”



“But to give absolute commitment to the nation is to go into bondage. Family and kinship are precious gifts to be loved and cherished, but racism is a corruption of what is good.”

Lesslie Newbigin

Three kinds of nationalism:

1. patriotic nationalism
2. racial nationalism
3. **economic** nationalism

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers.”

Hebrews 13:2

hospitality - philoxenia

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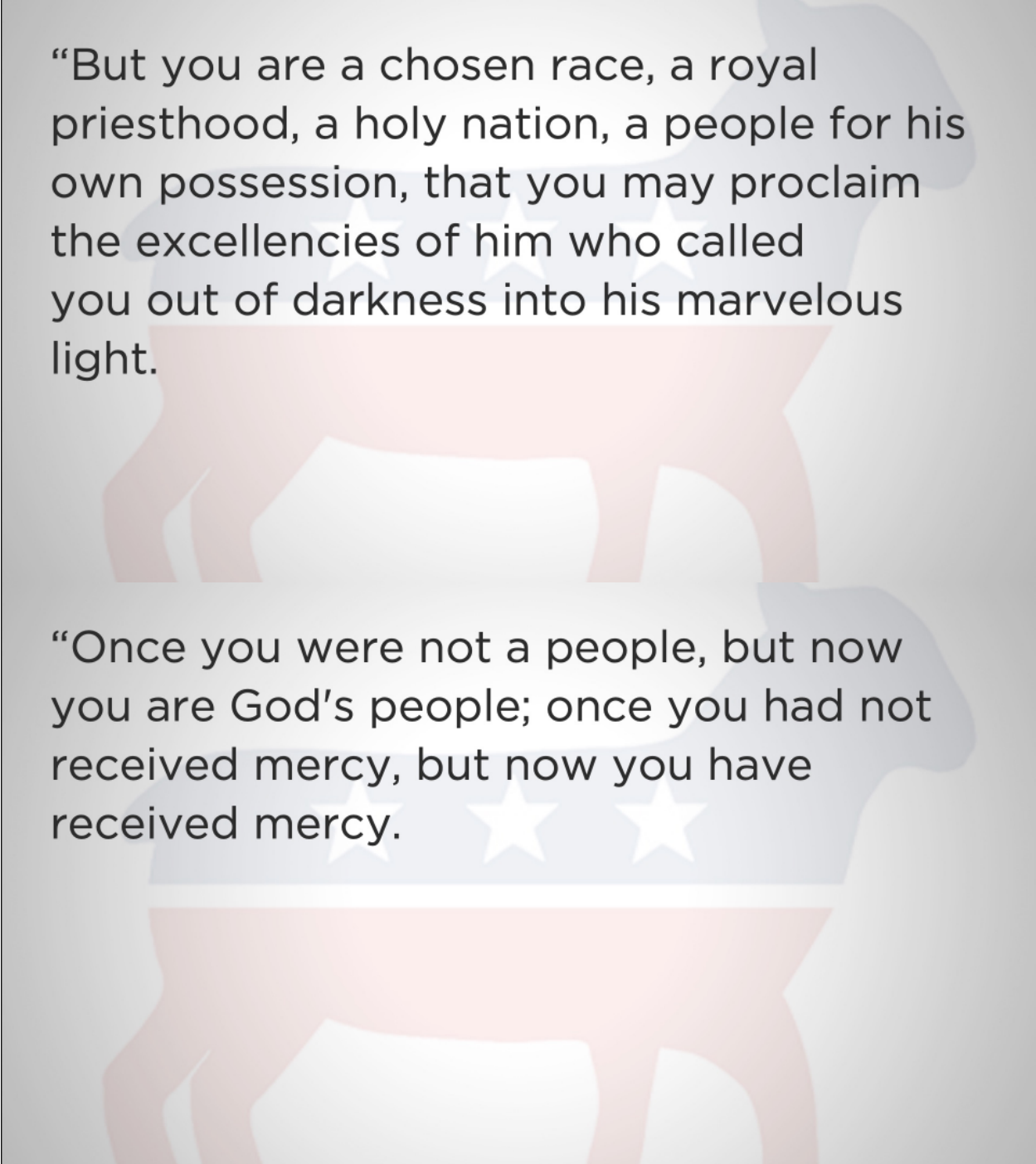
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“Partnership with stranger”

“Fundamental to the building of partnerships with strangers is a community that experiences itself as the guests of God.”

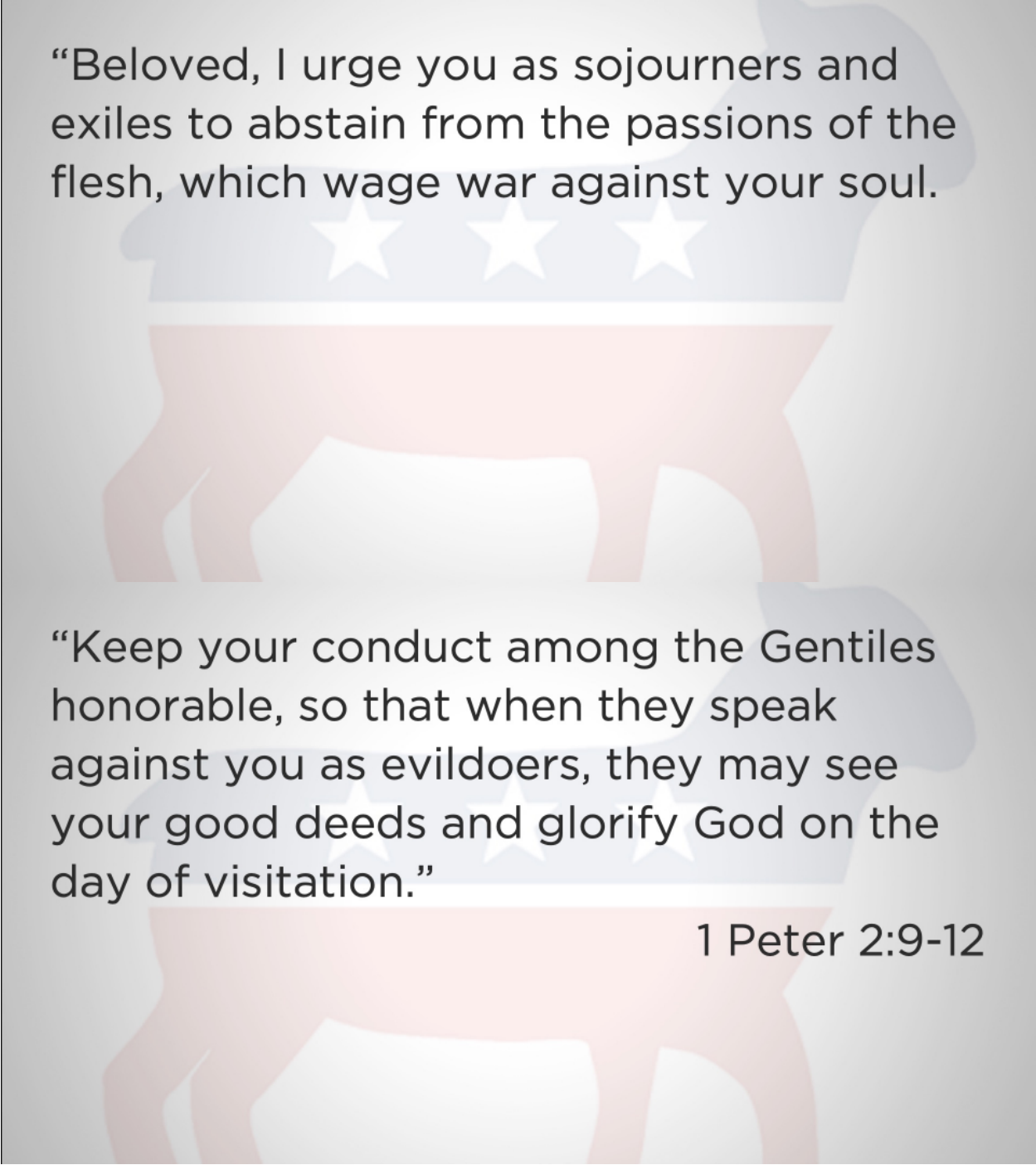
J. Koenig





“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

“Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.


“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”

1 Peter 2:9-12



When my **emotional state** rises and falls  
with **political** events

When I **divide** with other **believers**  
over **political issues**



When I **struggle** to be around people  
**who hold different political perspectives**

When **political news** is shaping my  
political views more than the Bible



When I conflate **political wins** with  
**gospel advancement**

When I seek to protect **my freedoms**  
but not **the freedoms of others**



When I am more passionate about protecting my **way of life** than I am about my **neighbor's wellbeing**







"A way of life had to be preserved."

Alan Cross

