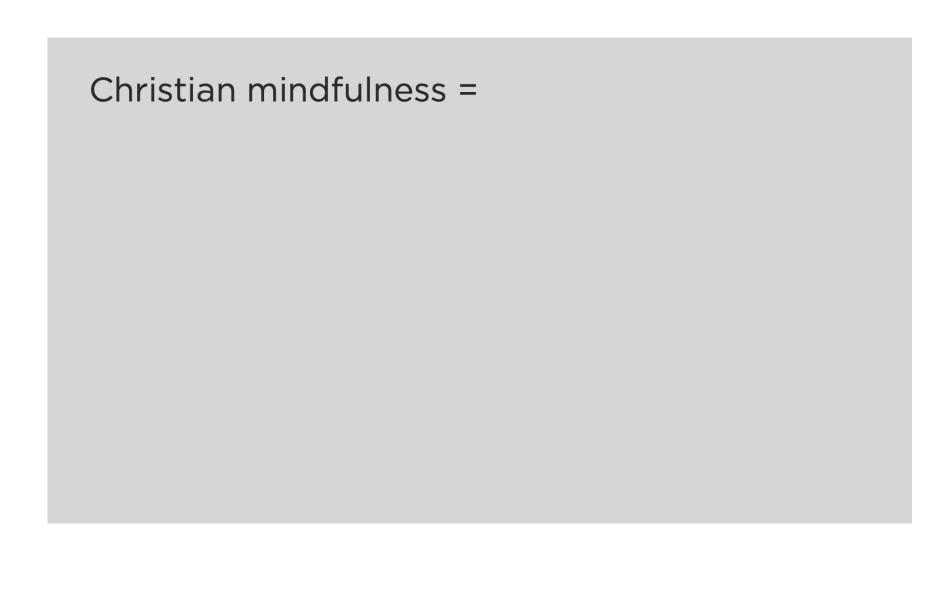


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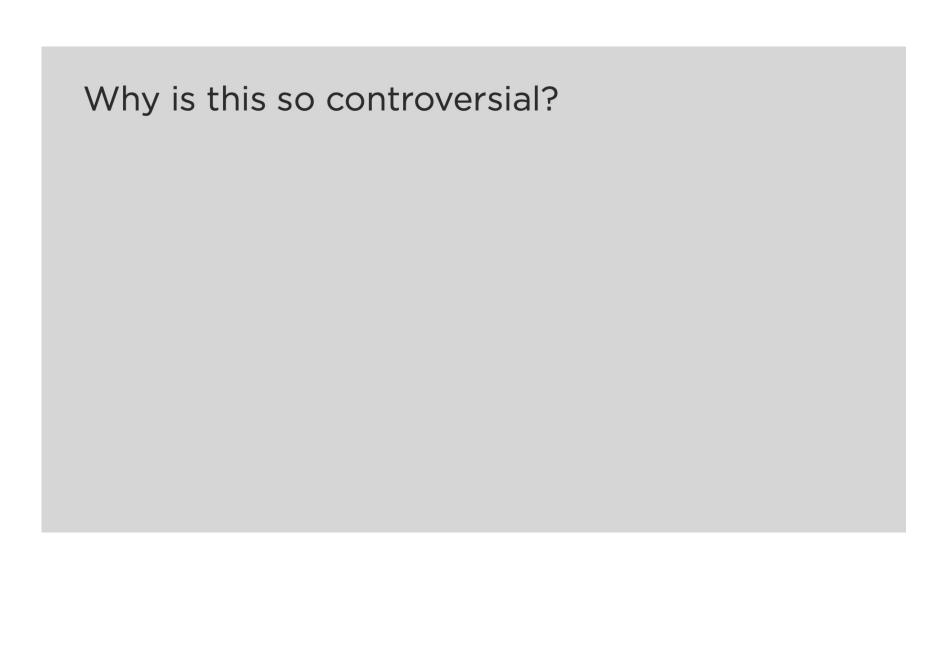
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## **WNEWS**

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By Julia Baird with Hayley GleesonIllustrations by Rocco Fazzari
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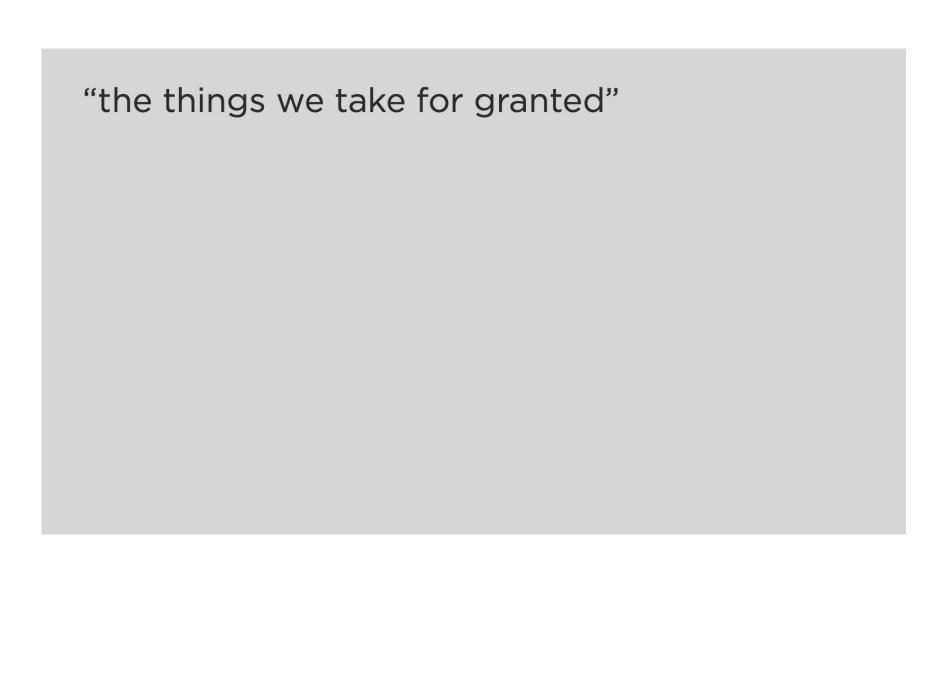
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"Nature herself intimates that it is just for the better to have more than the worse, the more powerful than the weaker .... Justice consists in the superior ruling over and having more than the inferior."

Plato

"Christianity is the most transformative and revolutionary ideology that has ever existed in that in its distinctively western form, it continues to completely saturate the way that people in the west view the world, not just morally or ethically, but on issues as fundamental as the things they take for granted ...."

Tom Holland



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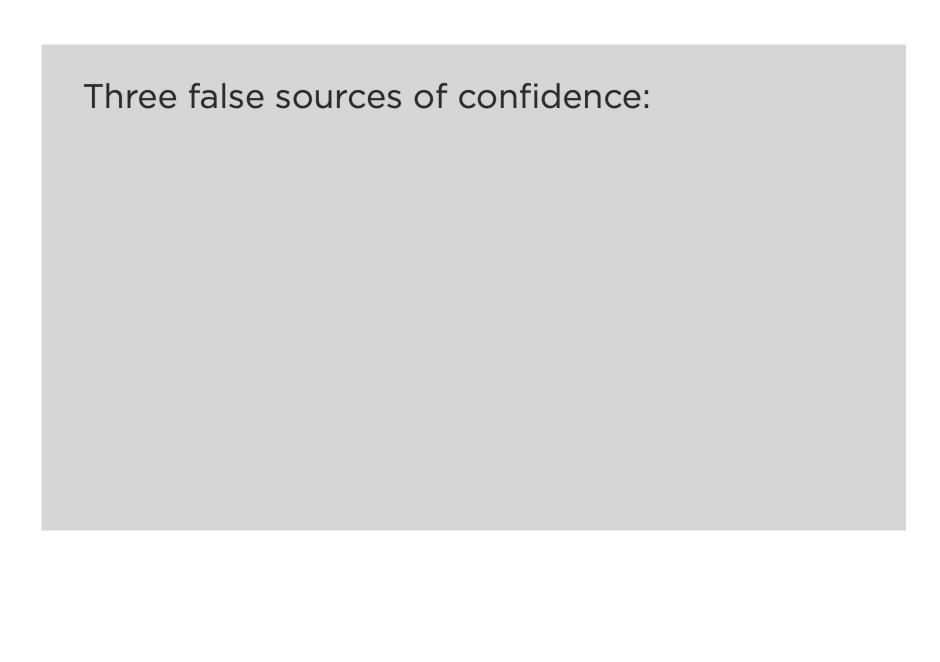
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1 Peter 2:12

"In a masterful move, Peter both upholds and subverts the social order."

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"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the **outside** of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence."

Matthew 23:25

braiding of hair

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"... but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious."

1 Peter 3:4

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aphthartos = indestructible

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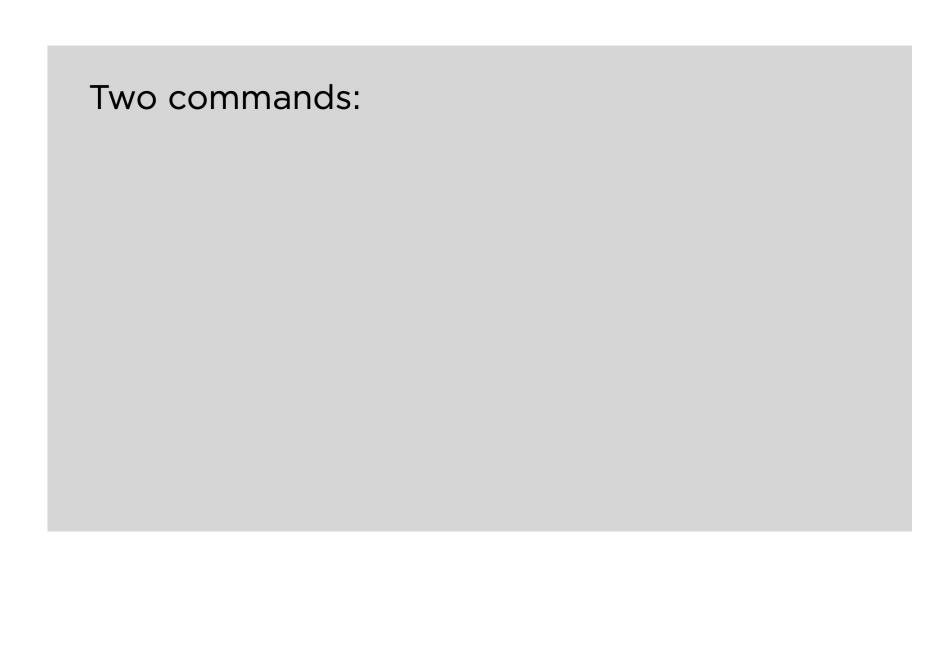
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1 Peter 3:5-6

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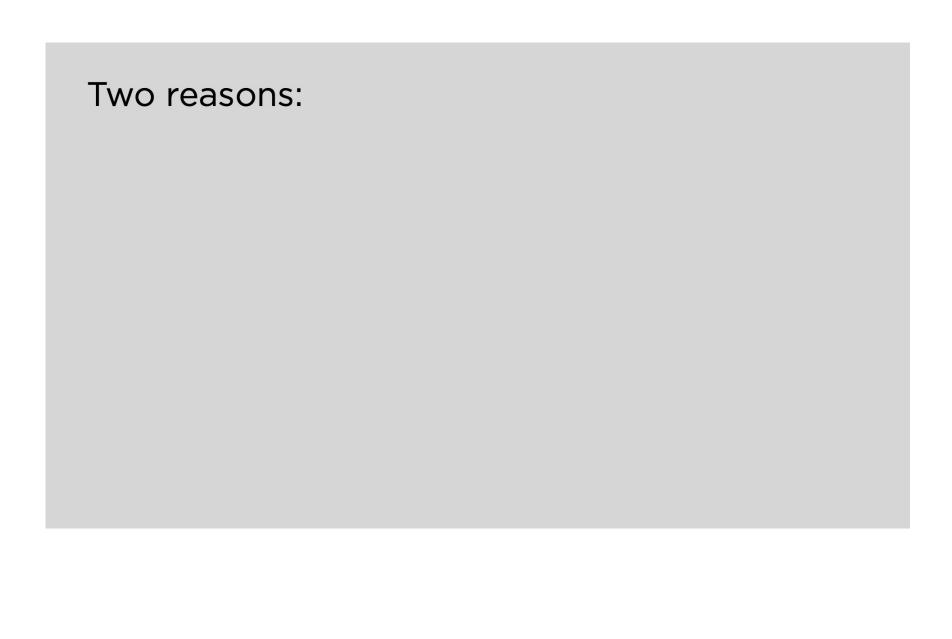
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