

Chafer Teaching Pastor's Conference 2016



African Tribal Religion and
its influence on Western
Culture and the Western
Church



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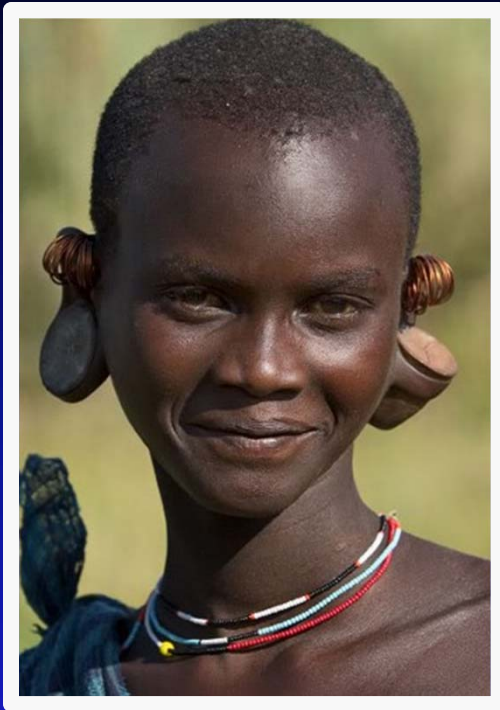


AFRICA & EUROPE

African Tribal or Traditional Religion

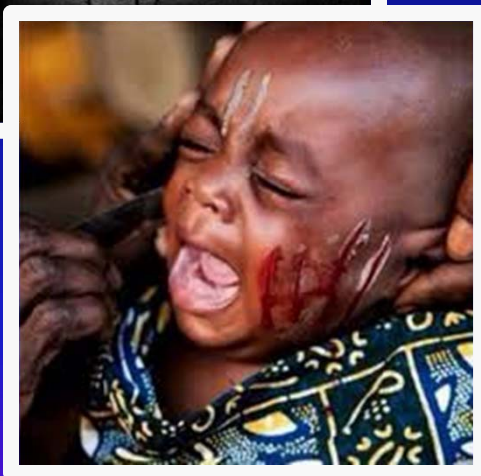
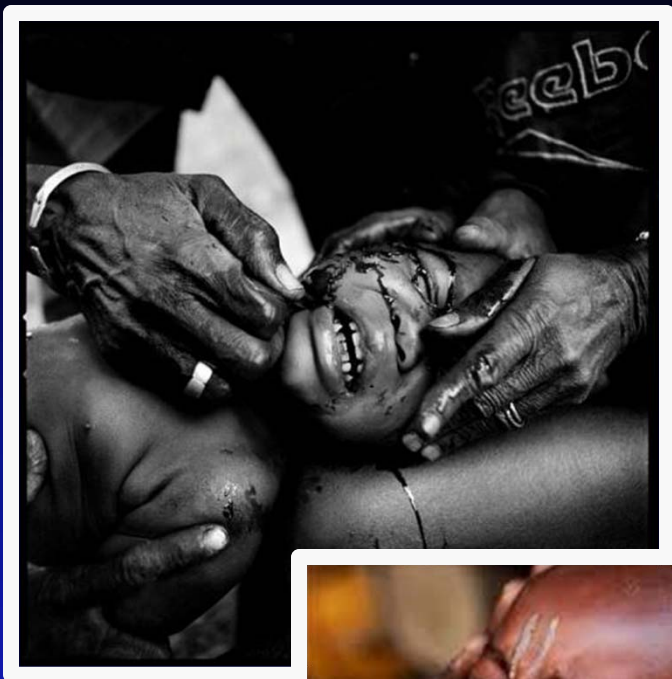




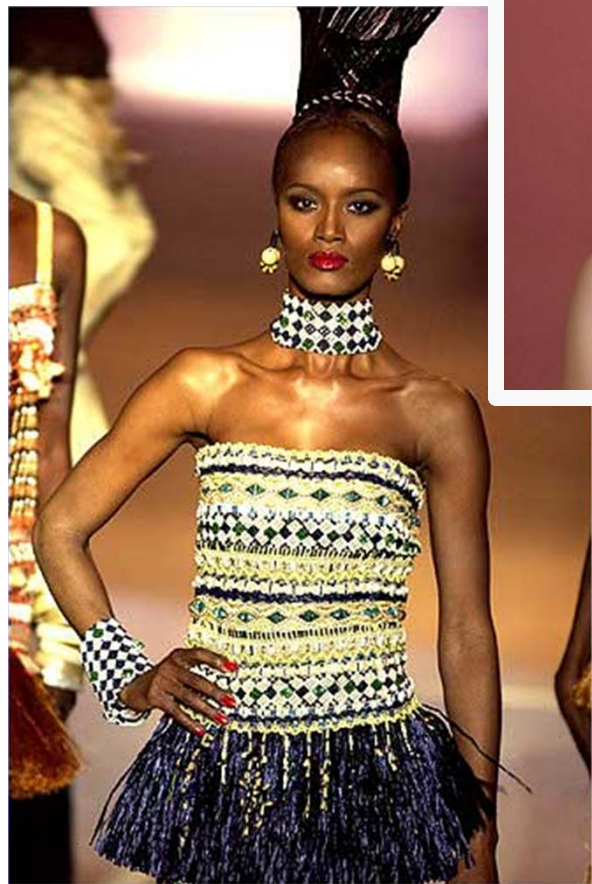












Two Ways of Thinking

Two World Views

**Our World View Influences
our Culture**

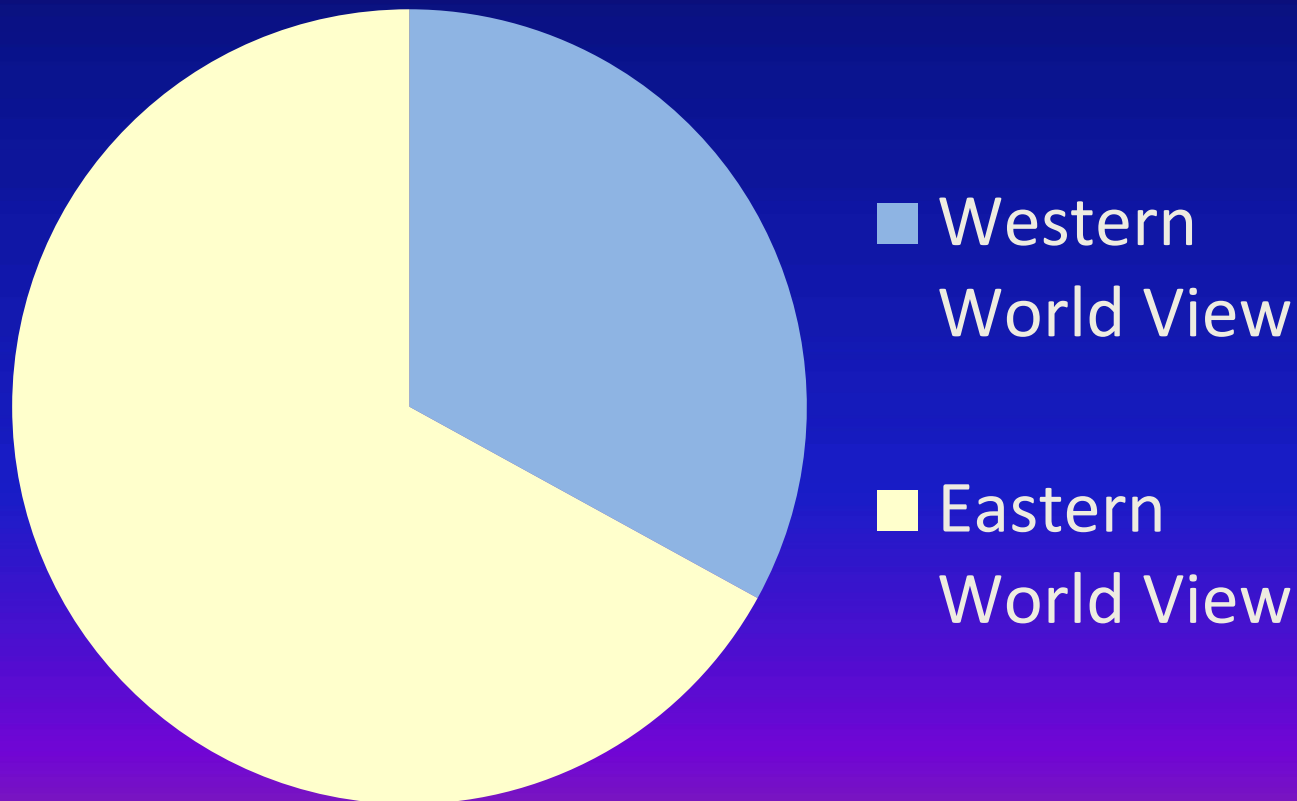
**Our World View Influences
our Thinking**

**Our World view Influences
how we Think about God**

Understand how the rest of the world thinks so differently than you, will help you in dealing with:

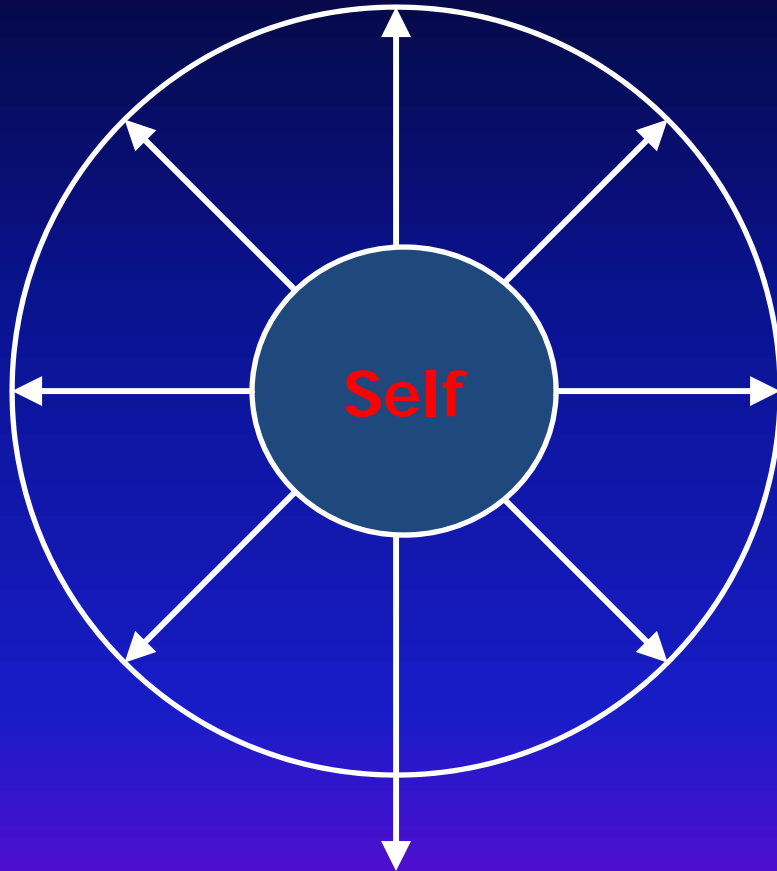
- **Missiology**
- **Cross-Cultural Mission**
- **Immigrants**
- **Refugees**
- **Influences in your Church**
- **Non-Grace thinking, programs, actions**
- **Millennials**

**The way you and I think is not the way
most of the people of the world think . . .
More than two-thirds of the world do not
think like you and me.**



Conflict of World Views

Western



Logical Reasons

Eastern



Spirit's Working

ATR Beliefs:

- Few holy books, but more important beliefs passed down from generation to generation
- No conversion or proselytizing, thus mostly tolerant and accepting of other beliefs
- God is distant and not actively involved, man cannot reach out directly to him
- Man must deal through priests with spirits, nature gods, ancestor spirits, tribal intercessors
- There are spirits of both good and evil
- Spirits are everywhere, in persons, trees, rivers, animals, rocks, mountains, and even in automobiles and other personal effects

- **Idolatry in the form of spirit and ancestor worship**
- **Priests, zoes and medicine men can bestow power and wealth or a hex (curse) on others**
- **Sacrifice involves the slaughter of an animal**
- **Holy men are able to foretell the future**
- **Traditional healers who use magic and incantations to heal**
- **Prohibitions, called taboos, are cultural moral violations**
- **A holy man can bring a curse upon others**
- **Talisman represent ancestors, animals, and other powers**

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

I John 4:4 clearly teaches us

*. . . greater is He who is in you
than he who is in the world.*

Tribalism

Animism

Fatalism

Syncretism

Church tribalism develops when people identify themselves more by their relationship to their tribe or their relationship to their customs and traditions than by their relationship to Christ and to the mission of the church.

Tribalism in the church results in turning inward, exclusivity, arrogance towards those outside, indifference towards outreach and missions, the thinking that they are right and everyone else is wrong, and an absence of grace thinking.

Animism

Animisms is the belief that there is a spiritual world and a physical world. One can control or affect the physical world through the spiritual world. It is a mechanical system that believes if one says or does certain things (prayers, incantations, sacrifices, curses and charms), then the spirit world is impacted and this has direct effect on the physical world.

Kenneth Hagin wrote: *Then the Lord Jesus Himself appeared to me and said, if anybody, anywhere will take these steps, he will always receive whatever he wants from Me or from God the Father.*

He later added: No matter what your relationship is with Christ, apply the law of faith and you will have the results. It is a formula into which everyone can put everything they want: health, a new job, a house, a car, everything you want!





Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.



You see, at the centre of all religions is the idea of Karma . . . And yet, along comes this idea called Grace . . . Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I've done a lot of stupid stuff . . . I'd be in big trouble if Karma was going to be my judge. I'd be in deep s**t. It doesn't excuse my mistakes, but I'm holding out for Grace. I'm holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the Cross because I know who I am, and I hope I don't have to depend on my own religiosity.



Bono went on to say:

The point of the death of Christ is that Christ took on the sins of the world so that what we put out did not come back to us, and that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. That's the point. It should keep us humbled. It's not our good works that get us through the gates of heaven . . .

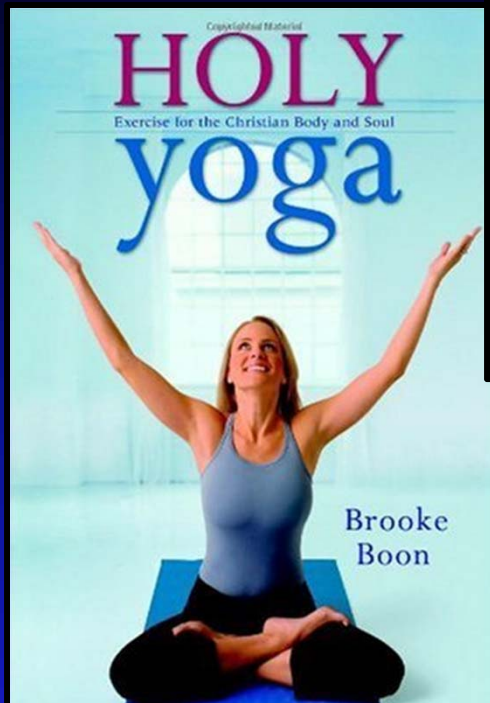
Question

How come an Irish Catholic background rock star with a humanitarian heart gets it and so many pastors do not?


Syncretism is the combining together of two belief systems to create a new system that is supposedly more acceptable than either of the previous systems alone



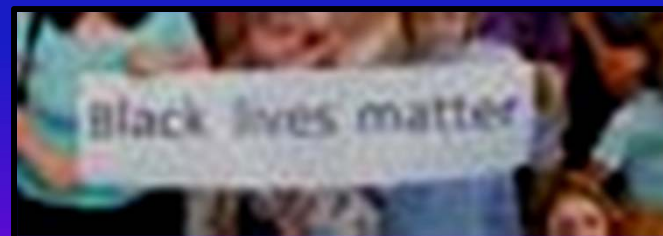


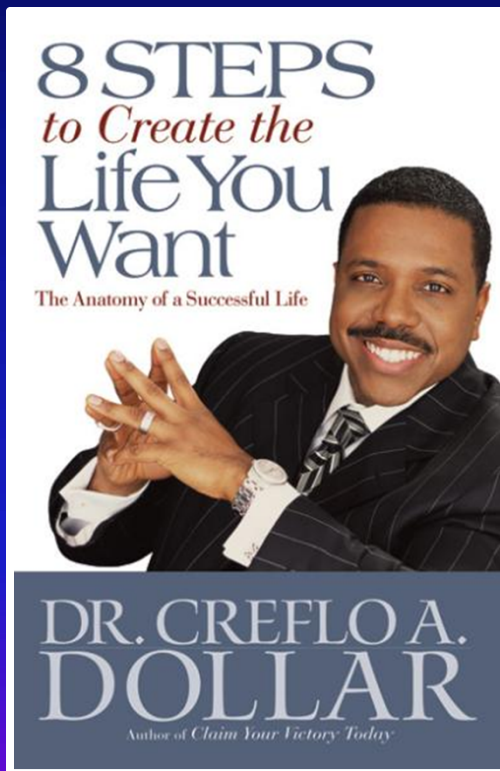


Every Monday @7pm
Right here at the church
For Men & Women



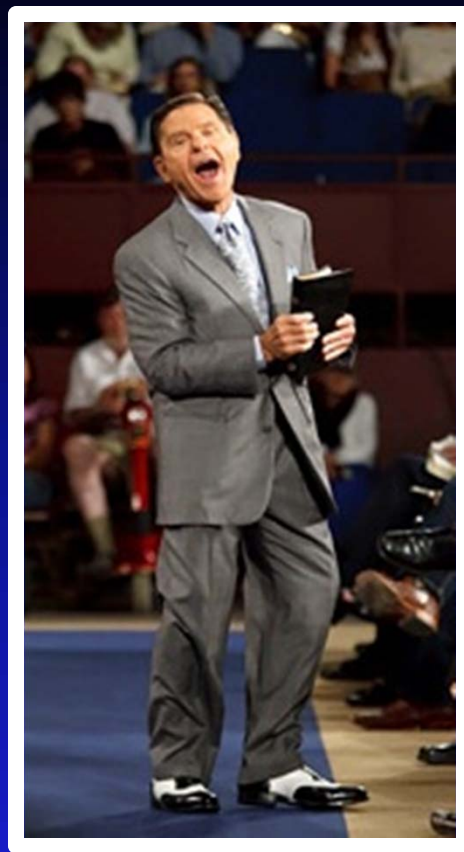
Journey Into FREEDOM







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**Teach GRACE, teach it, teach it again,
teach it again and again and again.**

**If we understand the greatness of the
grace of God and what grace truly is
we will be able to detect the leaven of
error before it begins to leaven the
whole loaf.**

Mark 7:8-9

Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men. You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.

I Corinthians 11:2

Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.

II Thessalonians 2:15

So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us.

Leviticus 18:1-5

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. *You shall not do what is done in the land of Egypt where you lived, nor are you to do what is done in the land of Canaan where I am bringing you; you shall not walk in their statutes.* You are to perform My judgments and keep My statutes, to live in accord with them; I am the LORD your God. So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the LORD.