

# Sabbath Marketplace Service

## Biblical World View

### The Battle For Gen Z

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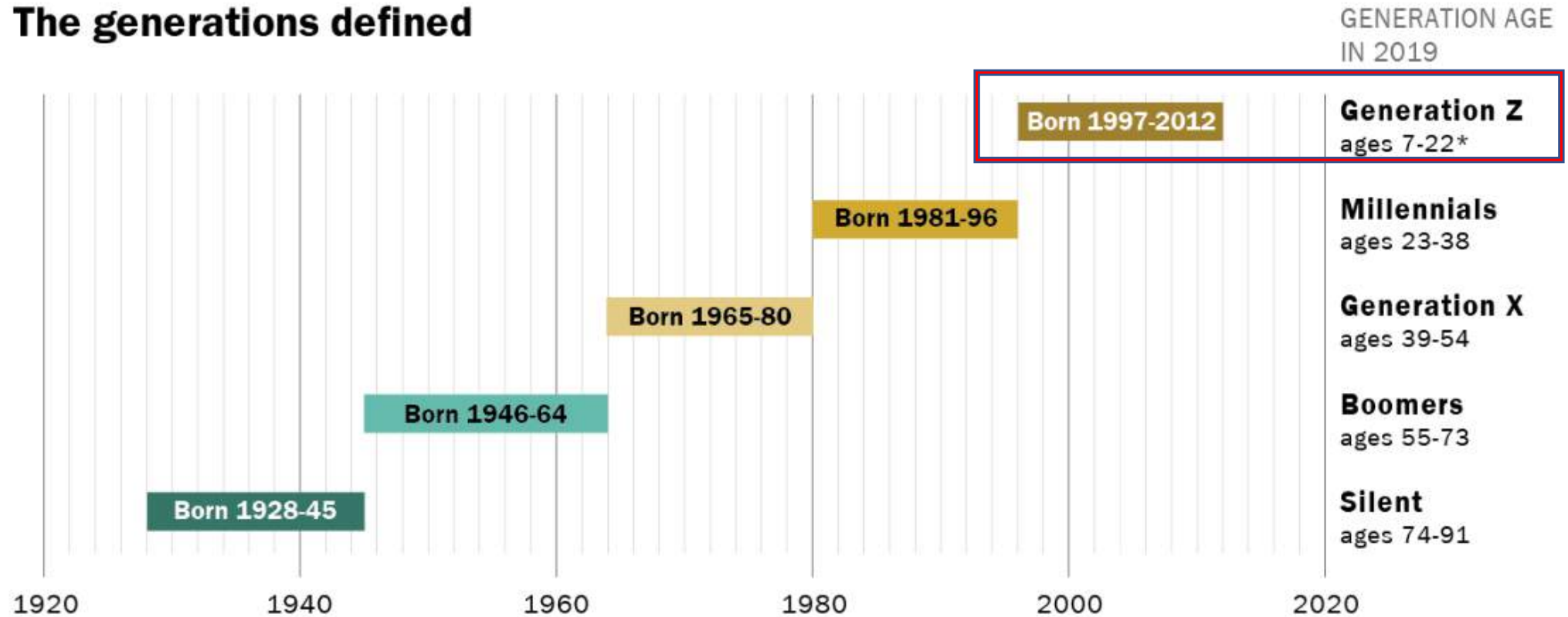
# Who Are Generation Z?

## 1. Post Christian Generation

Anyone born between 1981 and 1996 (ages 23 to 38 in 2019) is considered a Millennial, and anyone born from 1997 onward is part of a new generation.



## The generations defined



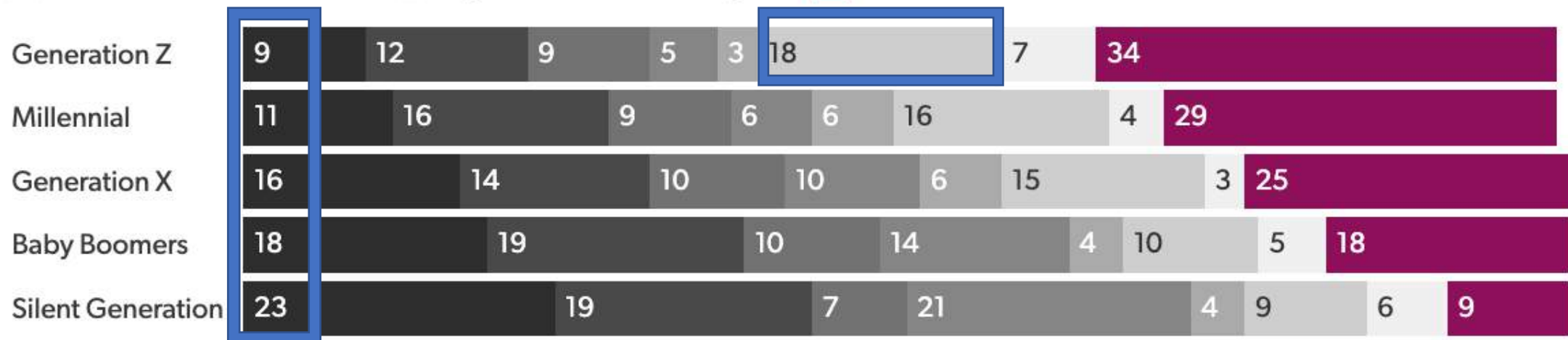
\*No chronological endpoint has been set for this group. For this analysis, Generation Z is defined as those ages 7 to 22 in 2019.

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## More Than a Third of Gen Z Identifies as Religiously Unaffiliated

Percentage of each generation who identify as . . .

■ White Evangelical Protestant ■ White Mainline Protestant ■ Black Protestant ■ White Catholic ■ Hispanic Catholic  
 ■ Other/Non-White Christian ■ Major Non-Christian Religions ■ Unaffiliated



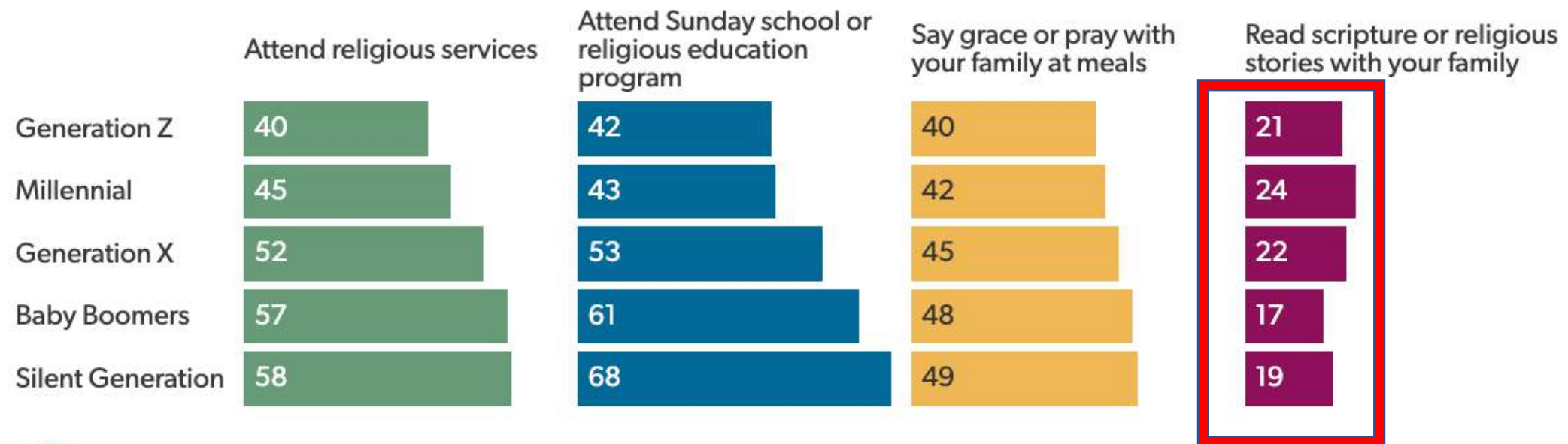
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Source: American National Family Life Survey, December 2021

It's not only a lack of religious affiliation that distinguishes Generation Z. They are also far more likely to identify as atheist or agnostic. Eighteen percent of Gen Z affirmatively identify as either atheist (9 percent) or agnostic (9 percent). In contrast, fewer than one in 10 (9 percent) baby boomers and 4 percent of the silent generation identifies as atheist or agnostic.

## Gen Z Is Less Likely to Have Participated in Religious Services **Growing Up**

Percentage of each generation who say their families did the following weekly or more when they were growing up





Across racial and ethnic groups, women exhibit higher levels of religious engagement than do men. However, despite similar childhood experiences, the gender gap in religious engagement among Black Americans is significantly higher than that of any other racial or ethnic group. About half (51 percent) of Black women report being a member of a church or religious organization, compared to only about one in three (35 percent) Black men. Black women are also nearly twice as likely as Black men are to be a member of a prayer or Bible study group (32 percent vs. 17 percent, respectively).

# Americans Raised in Two-Parent Households More Active in Religion Growing Up

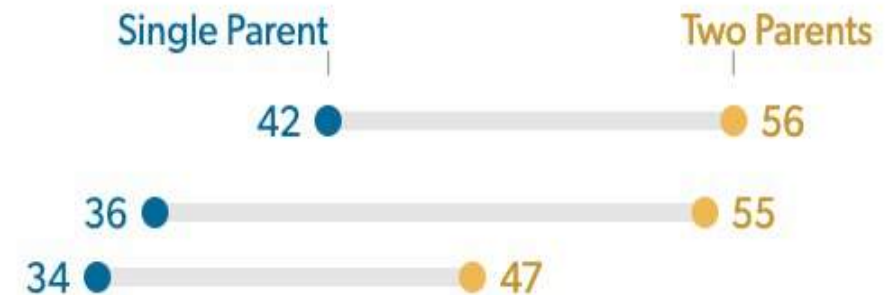
Percentage in each household type that report doing the following activities at least once a week growing up

Attend Sunday school or religious education program

Attend religious services with your family

Say grace or pray with your family at meals

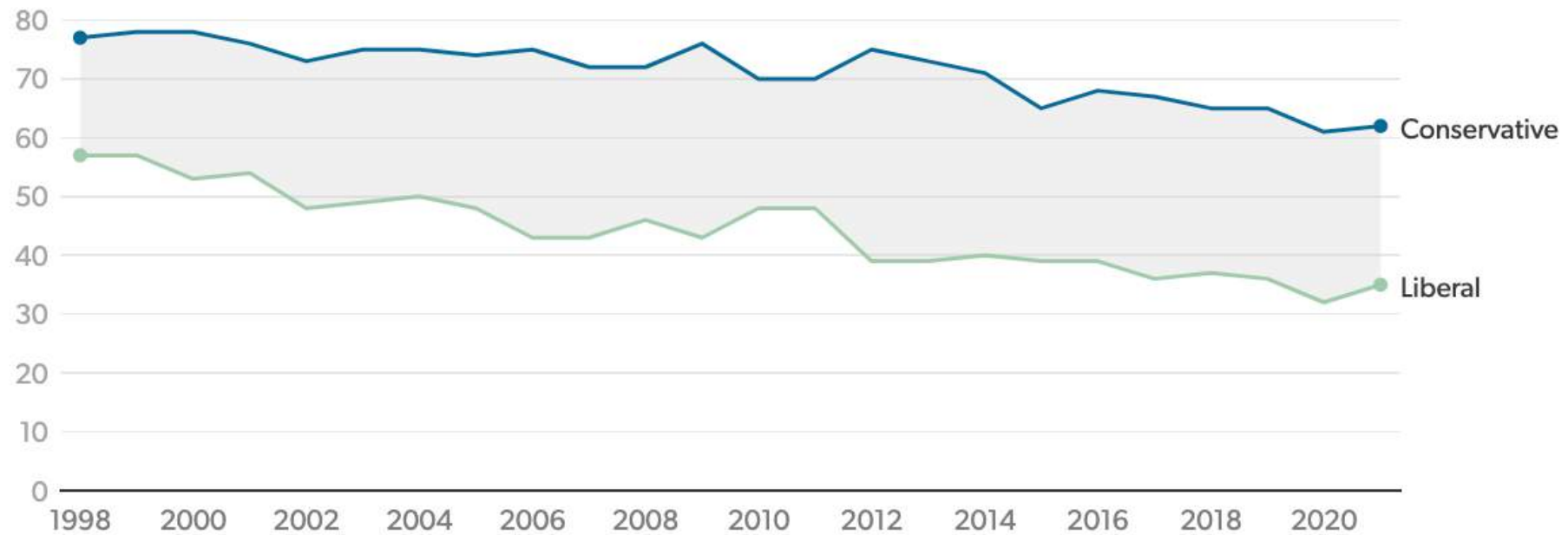
Read scripture or religious stories with your family 20 ● 21



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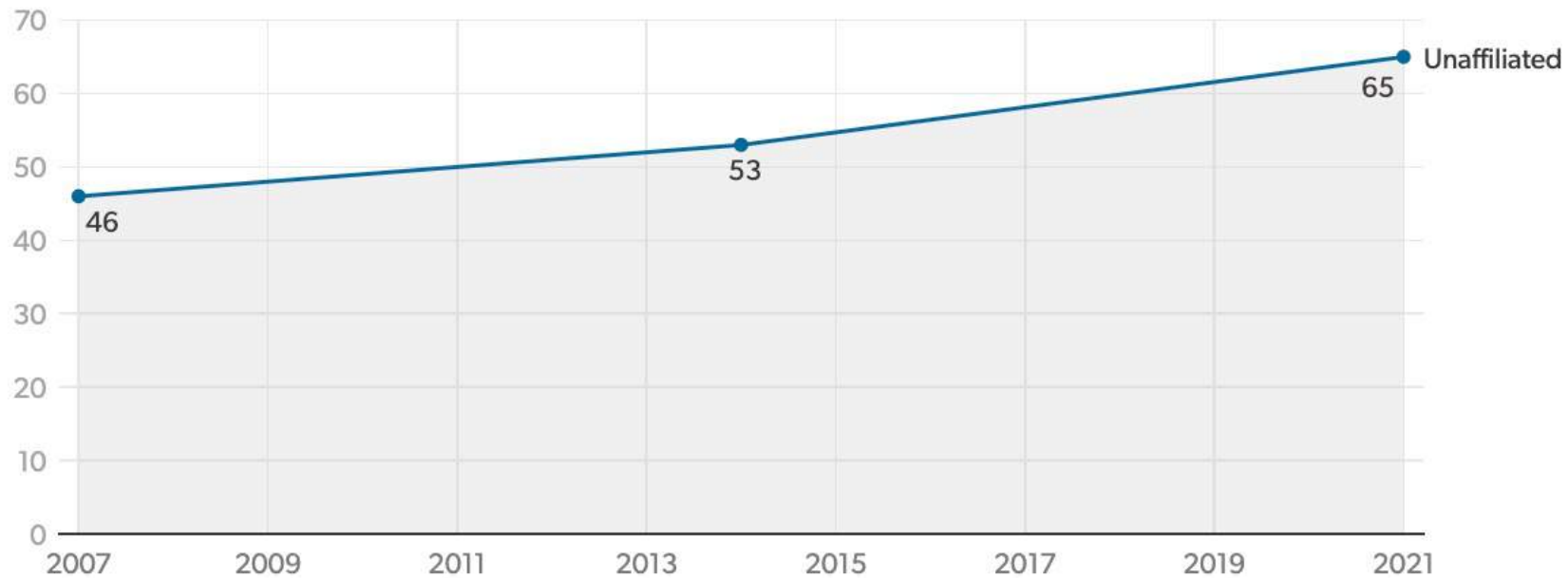
## Liberals Experience a Steeper Decline in Religious Membership

Percentage who report they are a member of a church, synagogue, or mosque



## Rising Retention Rates Among the Unaffiliated

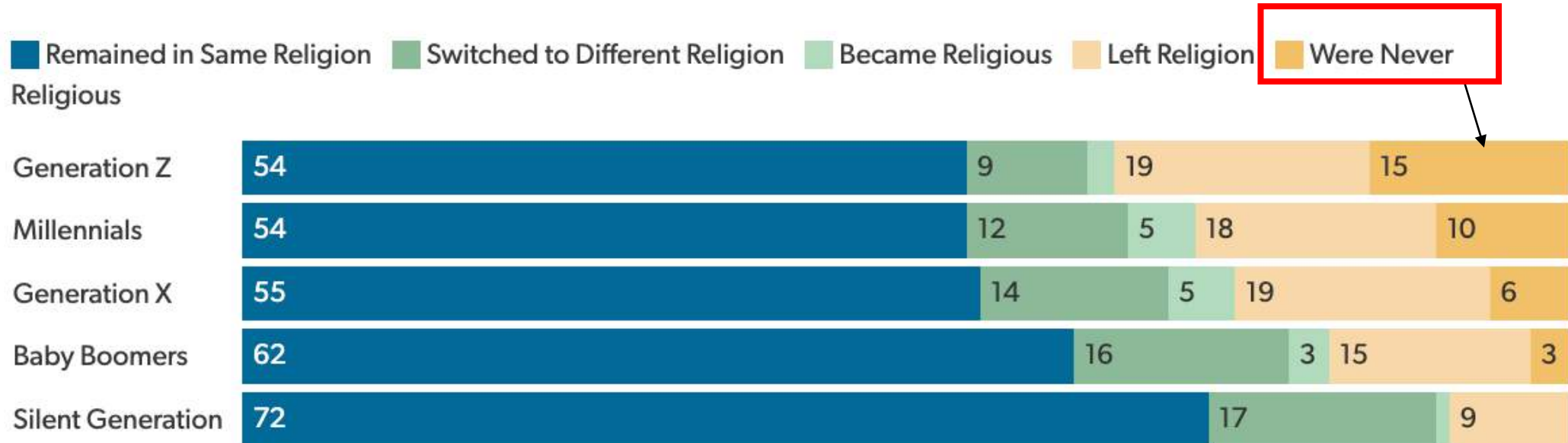
Percentage of Americans who were unaffiliated with a religion in childhood and remain unaffiliated as an adult



Note: Survey of US Adults [N=5,030].  
Source: American National Family Life Survey, December 2021; and Pew Research Center, 2014, 2007.

## Gen Z More Likely to Say They Were Never Religious

Percentage of Americans in each group who . . .

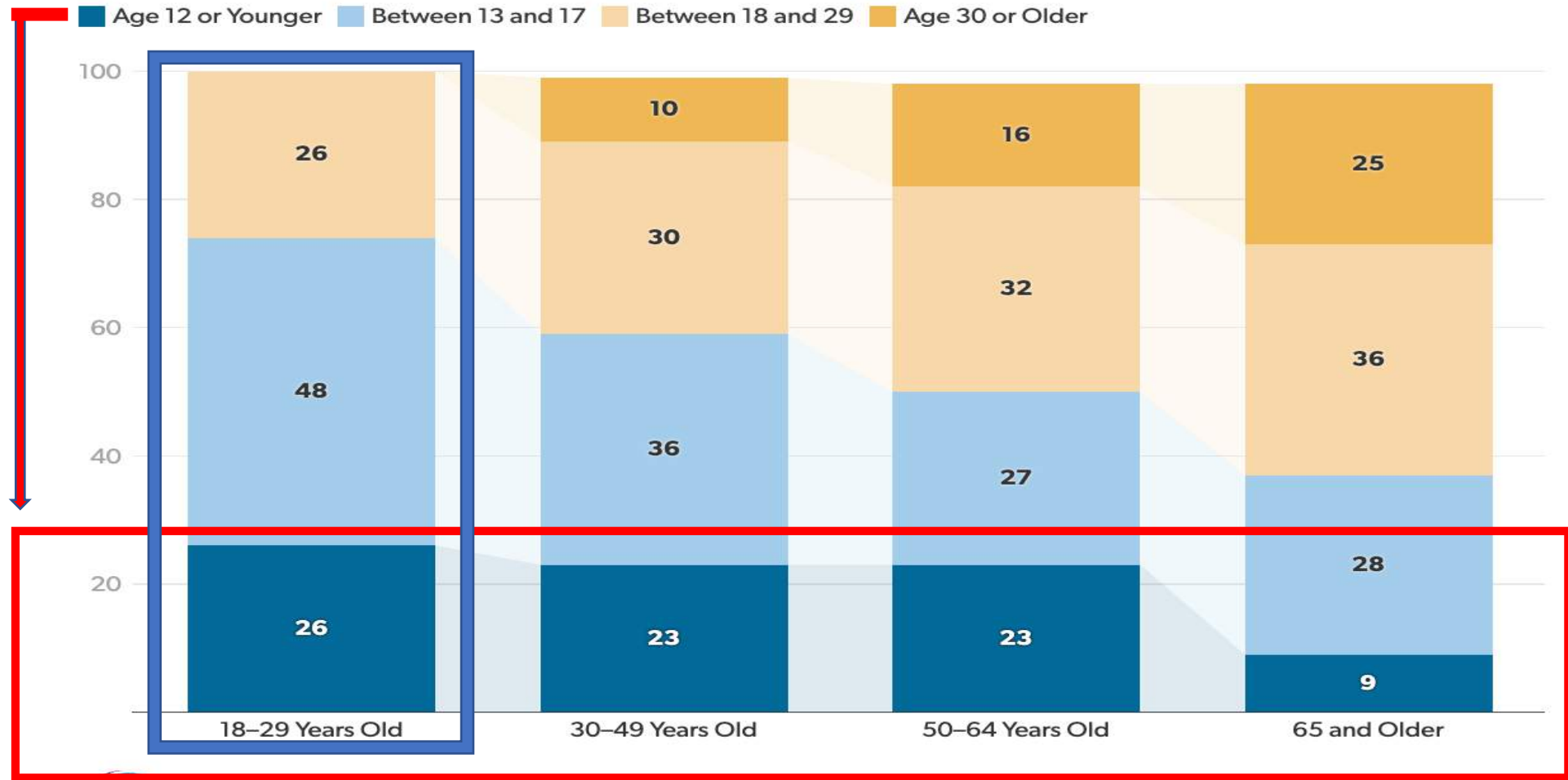


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## Younger Americans Are Disaffiliating Earlier than Older Americans

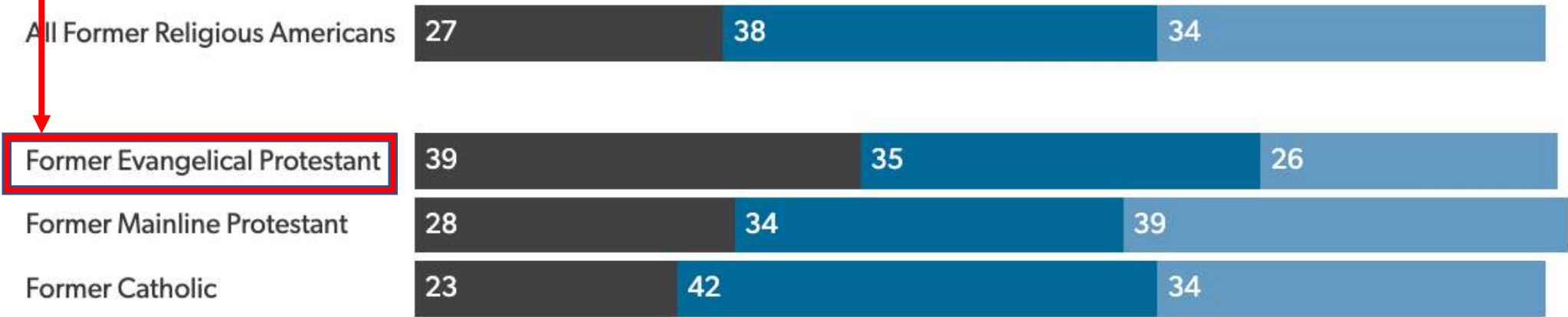
Percentage of Americans by age group who report leaving their childhood religion at the age of . . .



# Americans Who Left Evangelical Christianity Feel More Isolated

Percentage of Americans who report feeling lonely or isolated from those around them . . .

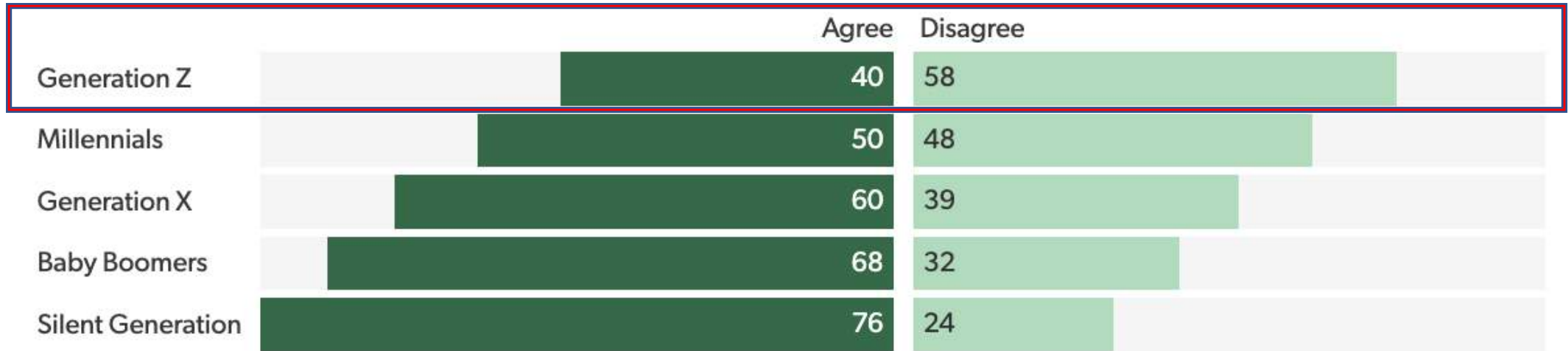
■ All or Most of the Time ■ Once in a While ■ Hardly Ever or Never



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## Most Gen Zers Do Not Believe It's Necessary to Raise Children in a Religion

Percentage who agree or disagree that it is important for children to be brought up in a religion so they can learn good values

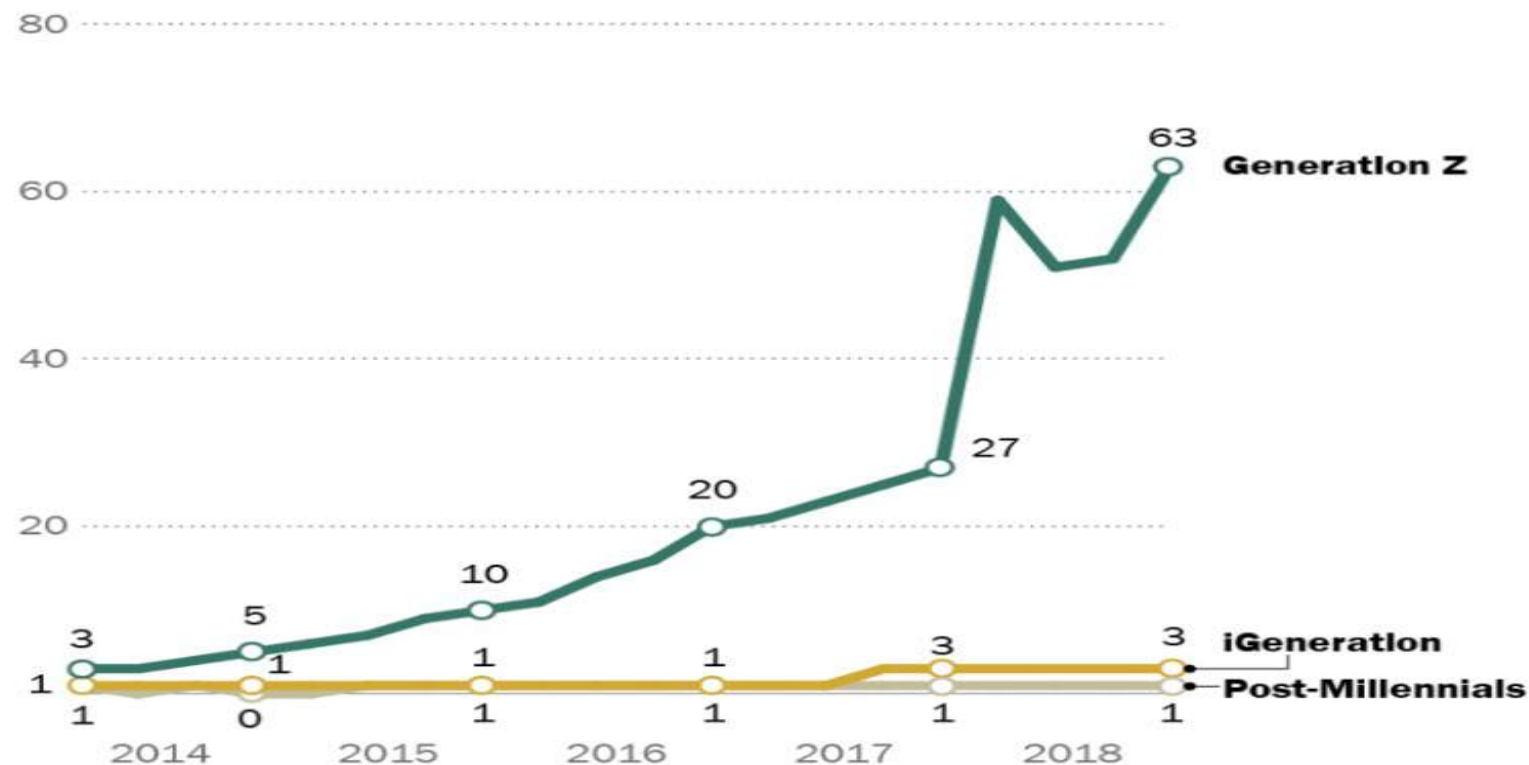


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## Generation Z dominates online searches for information on the post-Millennial generation

*Relative U.S. search volume of generation terms (Google Trends)*



Note: Google Trends data are based on weekly query volume for a given query relative to the highest weekly volume of any queries being compared within the time period and geographic region examined. The maximum relative search volume in the period is 100. The trends above are quarterly averages of weekly relative search volume and include shortened versions of search terms (for example, "Generation Z" also includes "Gen Z"). Values do not reflect the absolute number of searches.

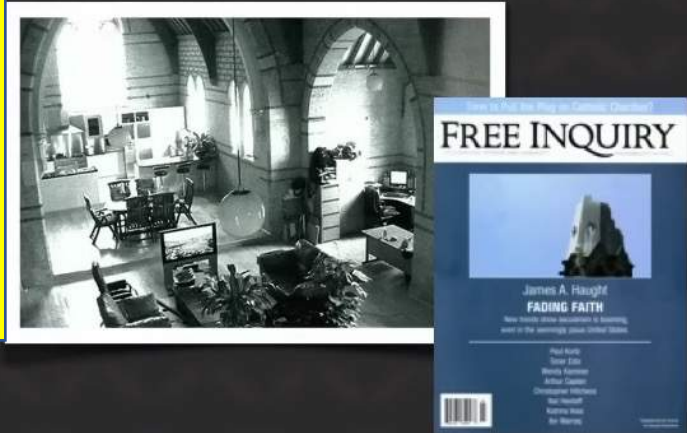
Source: Pew Research Center analysis of Google Trends (accessed Jan. 8, 2019).

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# What Do these Stats Point To?

1. Gen Z are getting more disinterested in religion
2. Gen Z are getting more atheist or agnostic
3. Gen Z less likely to participate in religious services growing up
4. Gen Z more likely to be non-religious
5. Gen Z believe it is not necessary to raise children in a religion
6. Gen Z more engaged in Social Media
7. Children raised in two-parent households more active in religion growing up
8. Liberals experience a steeper decline in religious membership

“A historic transition is occurring, barely noticed. Slowly, quietly, imperceptibly, religion [Christianity] is shriveling in America, as it already has in Europe, Canada, Australia . . . —across the developed world. Increasingly, supernatural faith belongs to the third world. The first world is entering the long-predicted Secular Age, where science and knowledge dominate.”



James A. Haught, “Fading Faith,” *Free Inquiry* 30, no. 2 (February/March 2010): 19.

**“Whatever we once were,** we are no longer just a Christian nation; we are also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, a Buddhist nation, a Hindu nation, and a nation of nonbelievers.”

Barack Obama, *The Audacity of Hope* (New York: Crown Publishers, 2006), 170.



# What?

We need a better  
approach in  
presenting the Gospel

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# A Fresh Approach in Teaching the Gospel

Activate Baby Boomers & Gen X to Disciple...

Go Back to Basic – Genesis 1-11

Address Questions like:

- Darwinism vs God's Creation
- Why marriage as one man with one woman?
- Why we age?
- Are dinosaur real?
- What about inter-space travels?
- Transhumanism in the Bible?

Short YouTube

Tik Tok

## Ken Ham

Speaker, Author, CEO, and Founder of Answers in Genesis



# One Great Resource

- Ps Ken Ham
- Answers in Genesis
- Creation Museum – Ark Encounter
- <https://answersingenesis.org/bios/ken-ham/>



**Return to the Word of GOD**  
**Teach the Word**  
**Share the Word**  
**Love the Word**

# The Gospel

**Consummation  
No More Death**

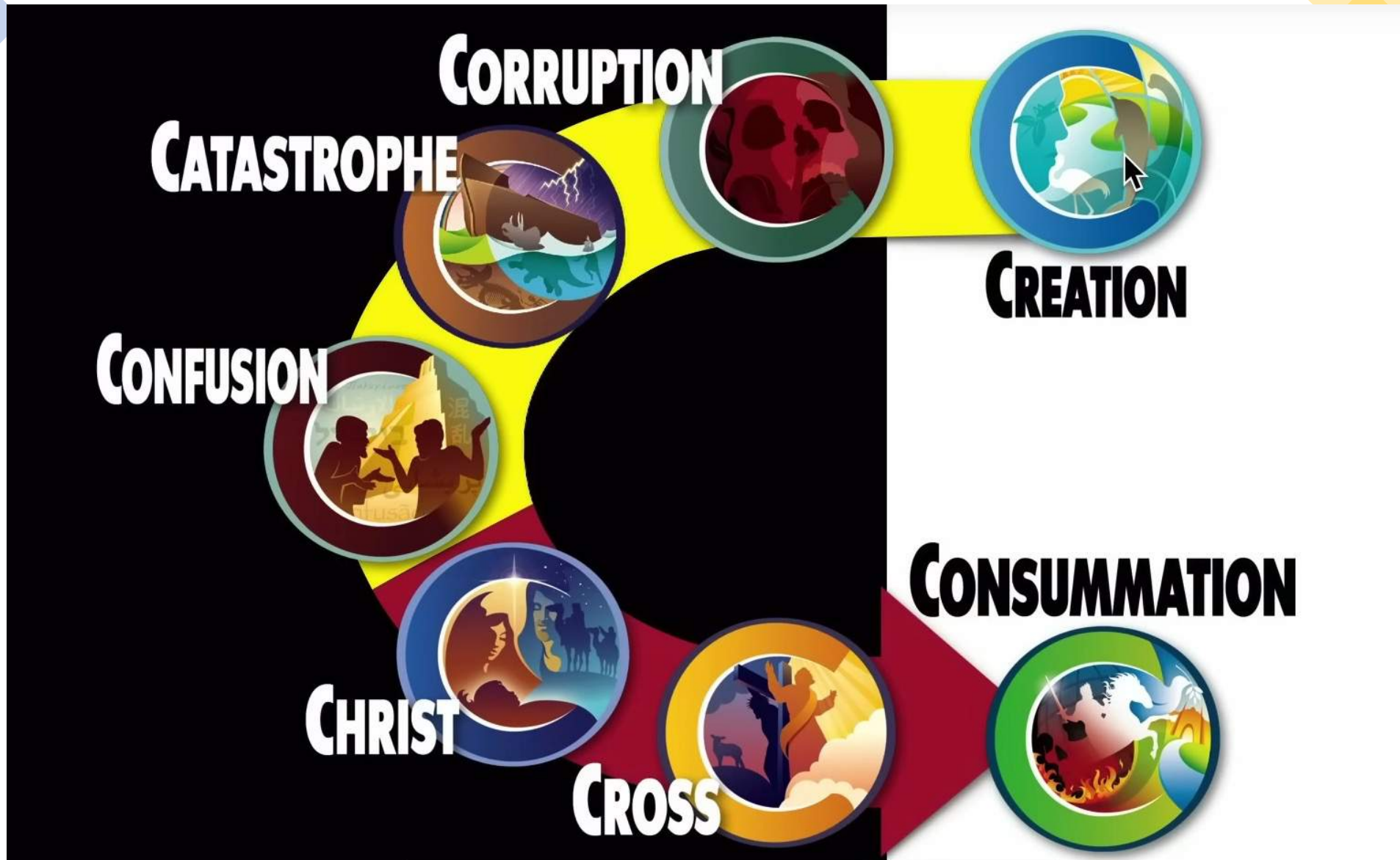
**Jesus Christ  
Crucified & Raised  
from the Dead**

**God / Creation  
Sin → Death**

**Hope**

**Power**

**Foundational  
Knowledge**



# JEWS

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## ACTS 2—PETER

- ☒ God
- ☒ Sin
- ☒ Death
- ☐ Savior

# GREEKS

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## ACTS 17—PAUL

- ☐ Which God?
- ☐ What sin?
- ☐ Why death?
- ☐ Why savior?

I understand.

Repent!  
Jesus died  
for your  
sins!

## The Church

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**God / Creation  
Sin → Death**

**“Jews”**

# **Greeks / Acts 17**

**FOOLISHNESS  
Jesus Crucified  
Resurrection**

**NO UNDERSTANDING  
of One Creator God /  
Fall / Adam & Eve**

**Evolution  
Based**

# ACTS 17:24–25

watch later  
ESV

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<sup>24</sup> The **God who made the world and everything in it**, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

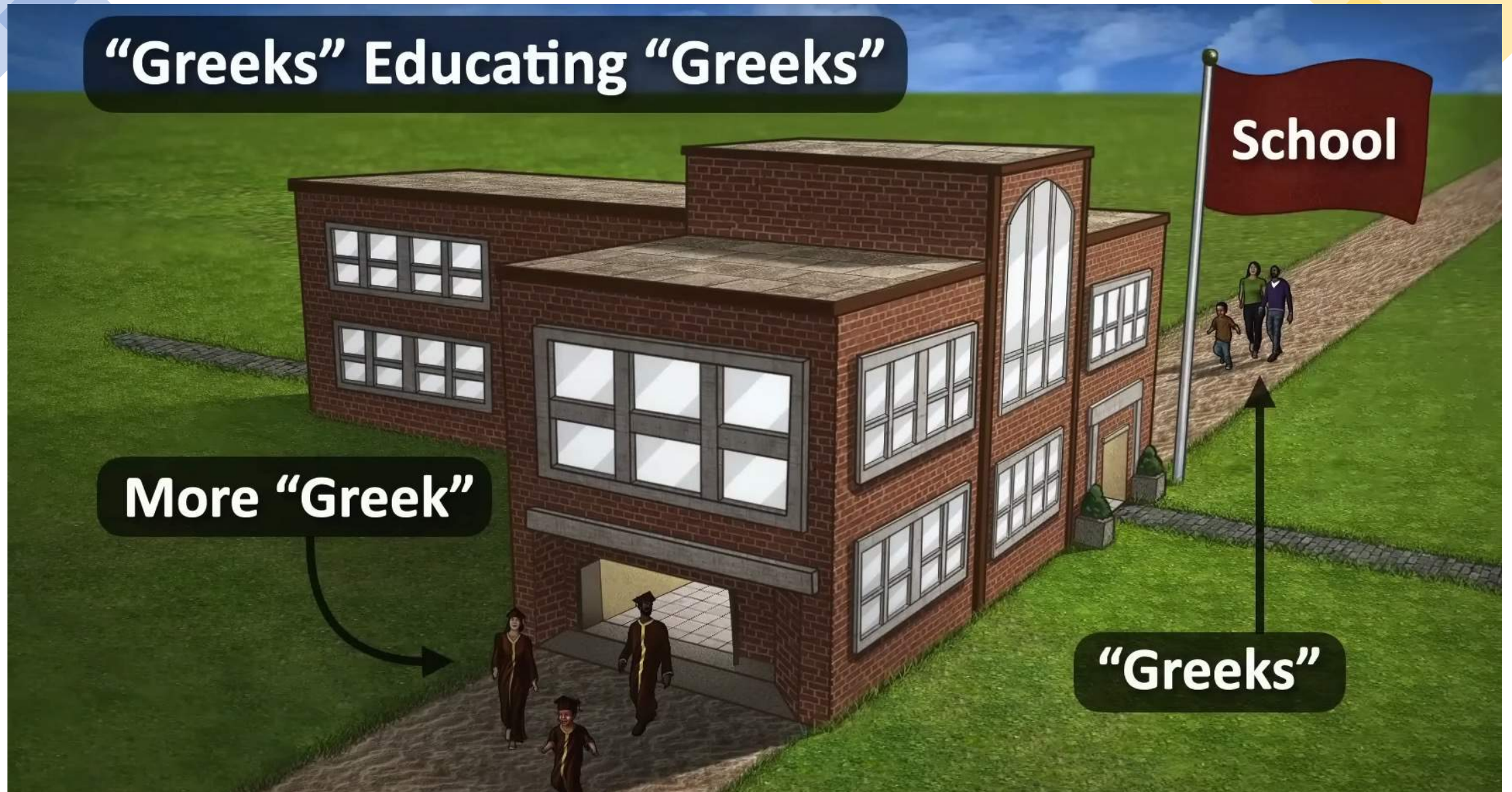
“The present, in this sense, is less about the death of God and more about the birth of many gods.”



Jon Meacham, “The End of Christian America,” *Newsweek*, April 13, 2009, 36.

We are all really  
“GREEK”  
to one degree or another

# **“Greeks” Educating “Greeks”**



**More “Greek”**

**School**

**“Greeks”**



**The World**  
Secular Education

**Real History**



**The Church**

**Bible Stories**



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THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES  
BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION  
OR THE PRESERVATION OF FAVORED  
RACES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

AND

THE DESCENT OF MAN  
AND SELECTION IN RELATION TO SEX

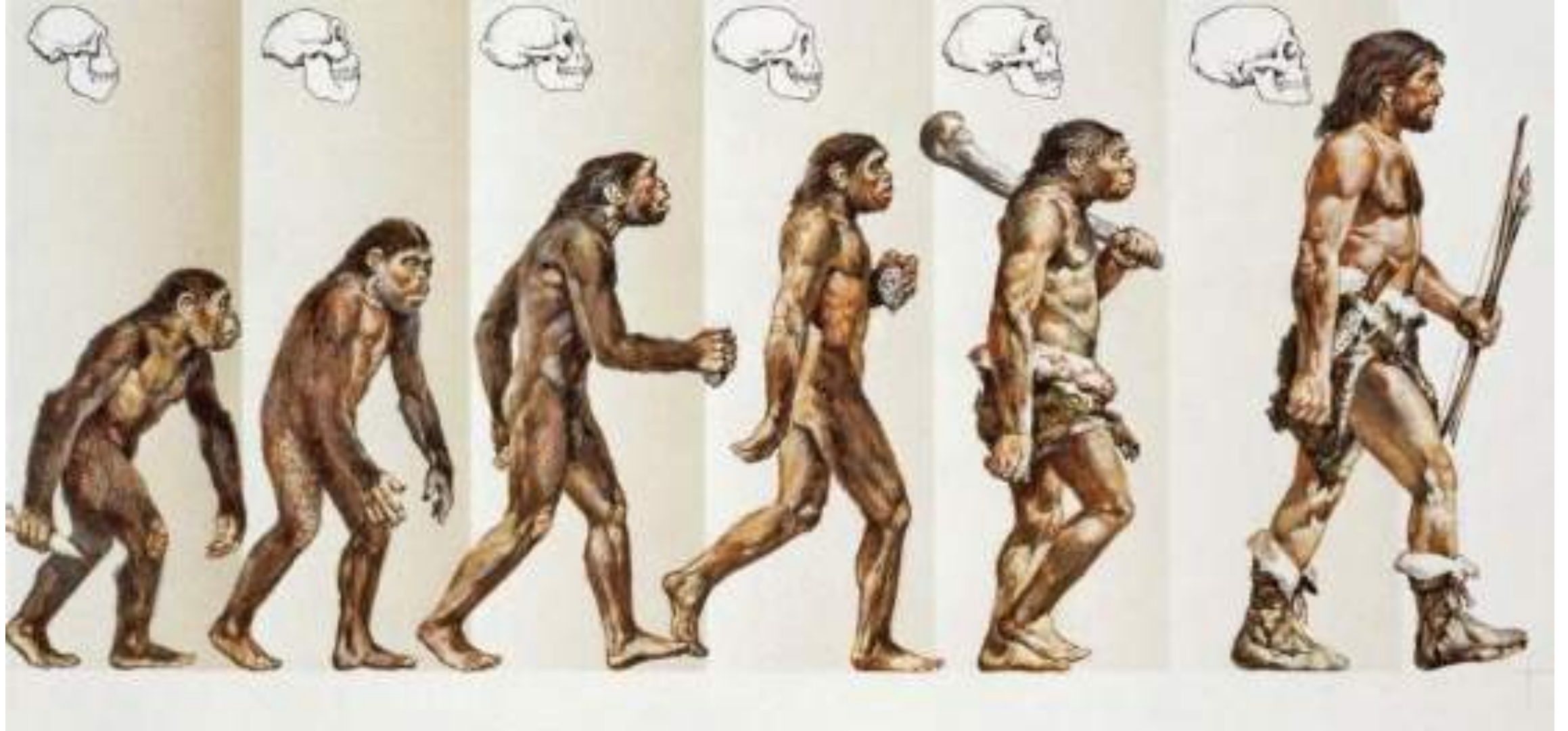
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BY  
CHARLES DARWIN



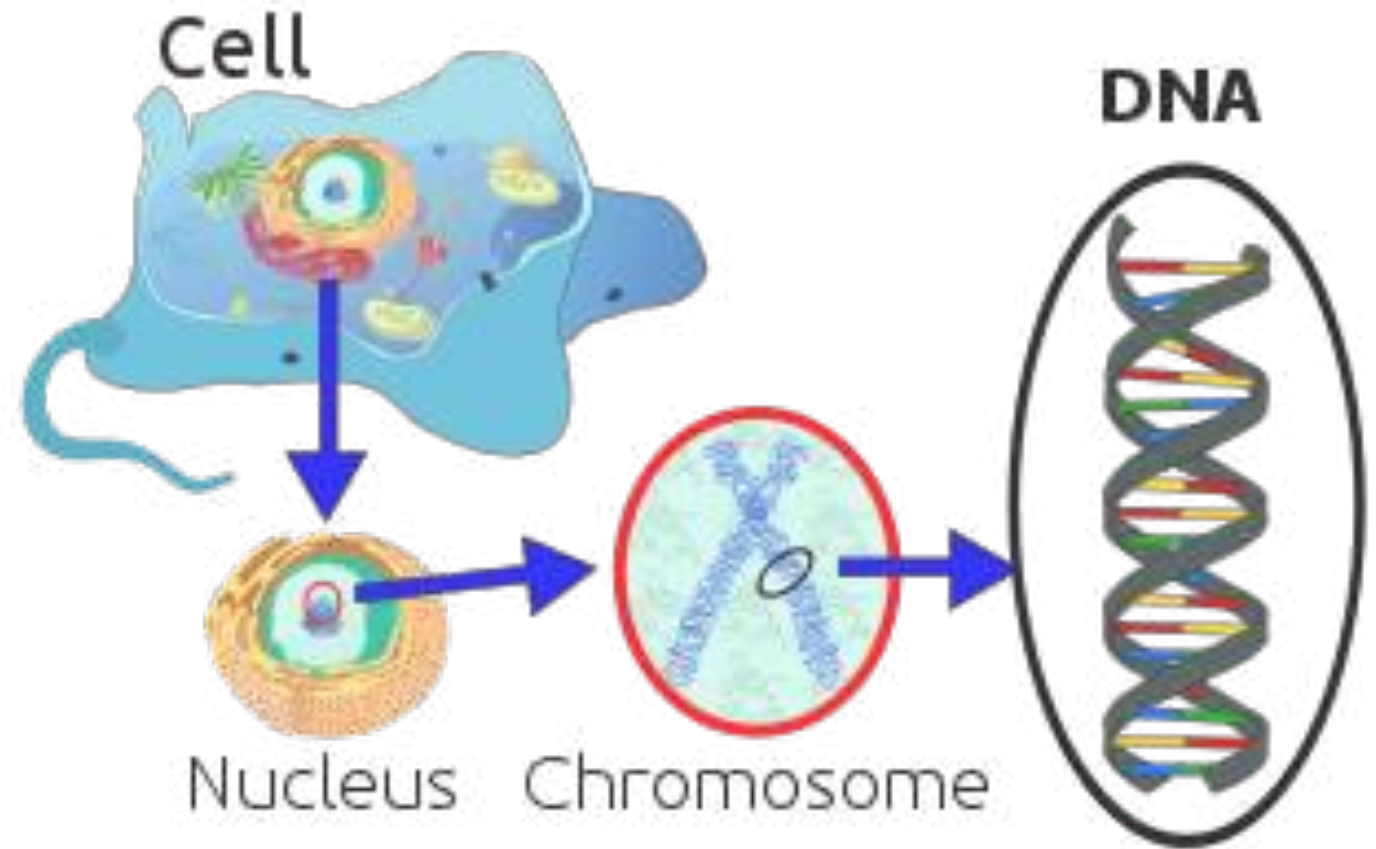
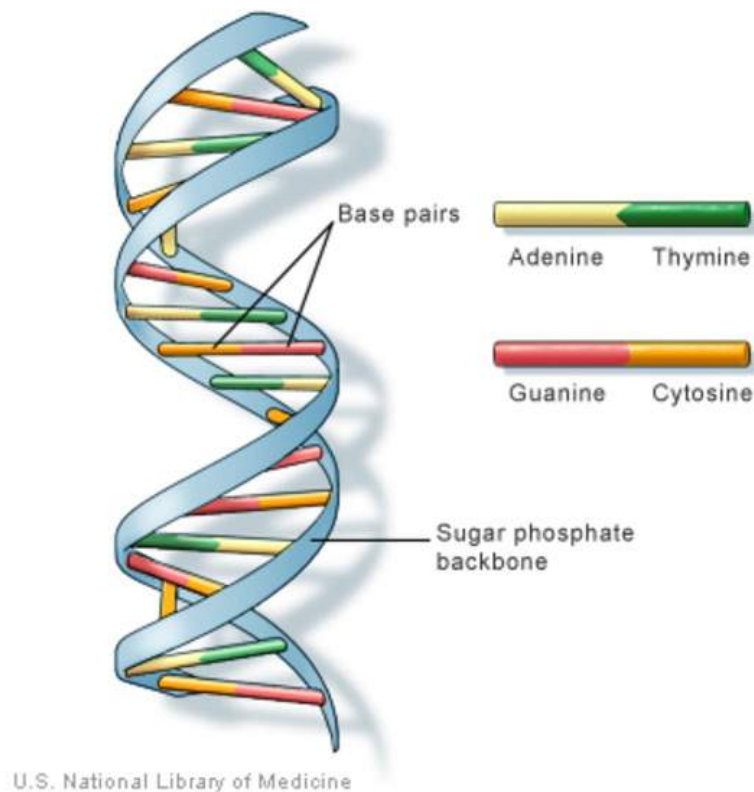
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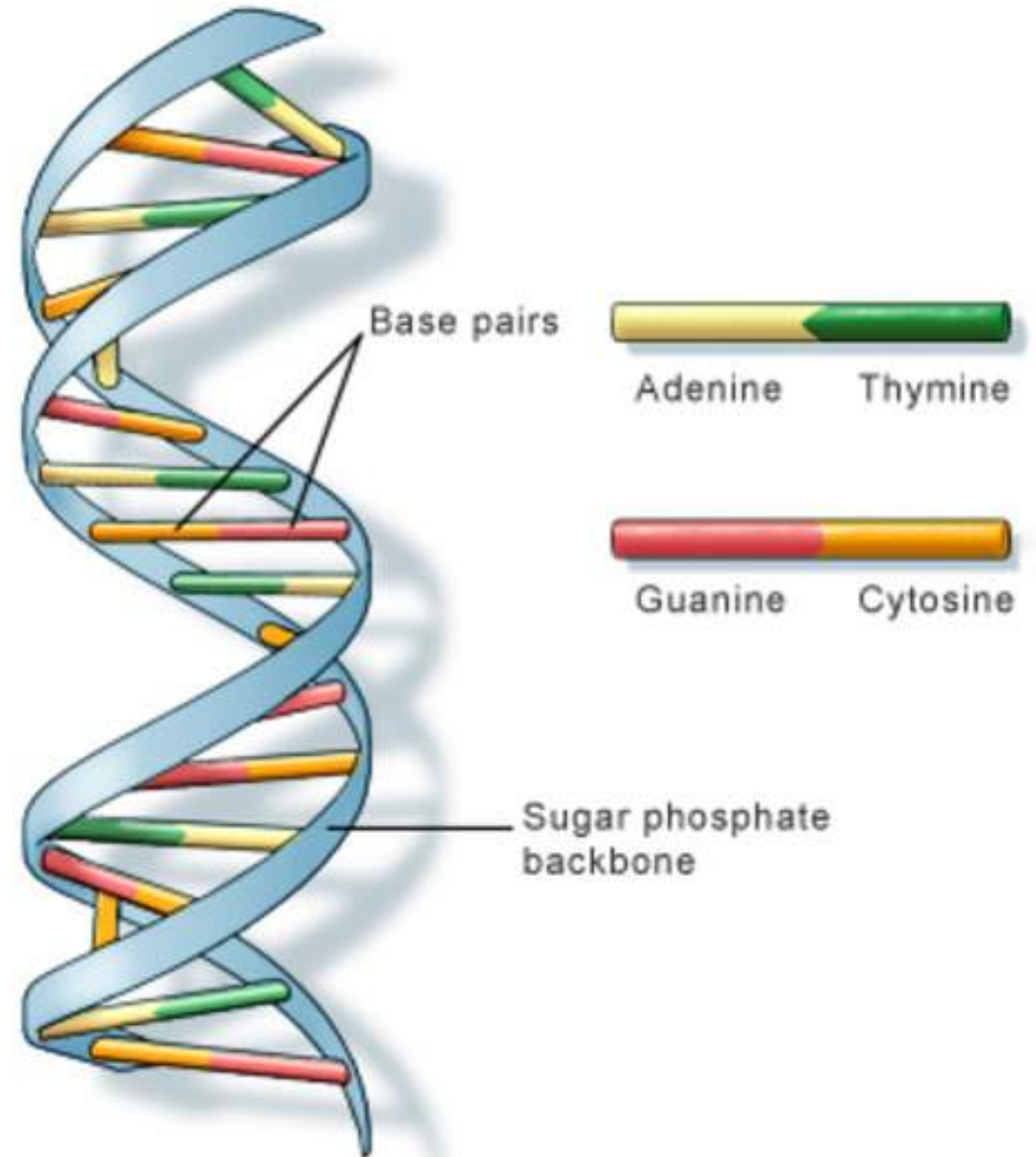
# What Did the Bible Say? Fifth & Sixth Day

- “<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, **according to their kinds**, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.
- <sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures **according to their kinds**: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.”- Genesis 1:20-25



# Darwin Has No Knowledge of Genetics

# DNA carries Information for Cell Reproduction



# Theory of Information on Aging

## – Dr David Sinclair

Dr. Sinclair has long proposed that aging is the result of losing critical instructions that cells need to continue functioning, in what he calls the Information Theory of Aging. “Underlying aging is information that is lost in cells, not just the accumulation of damage,”

Information is stored in our DNA

How long is human DNA all together? ^

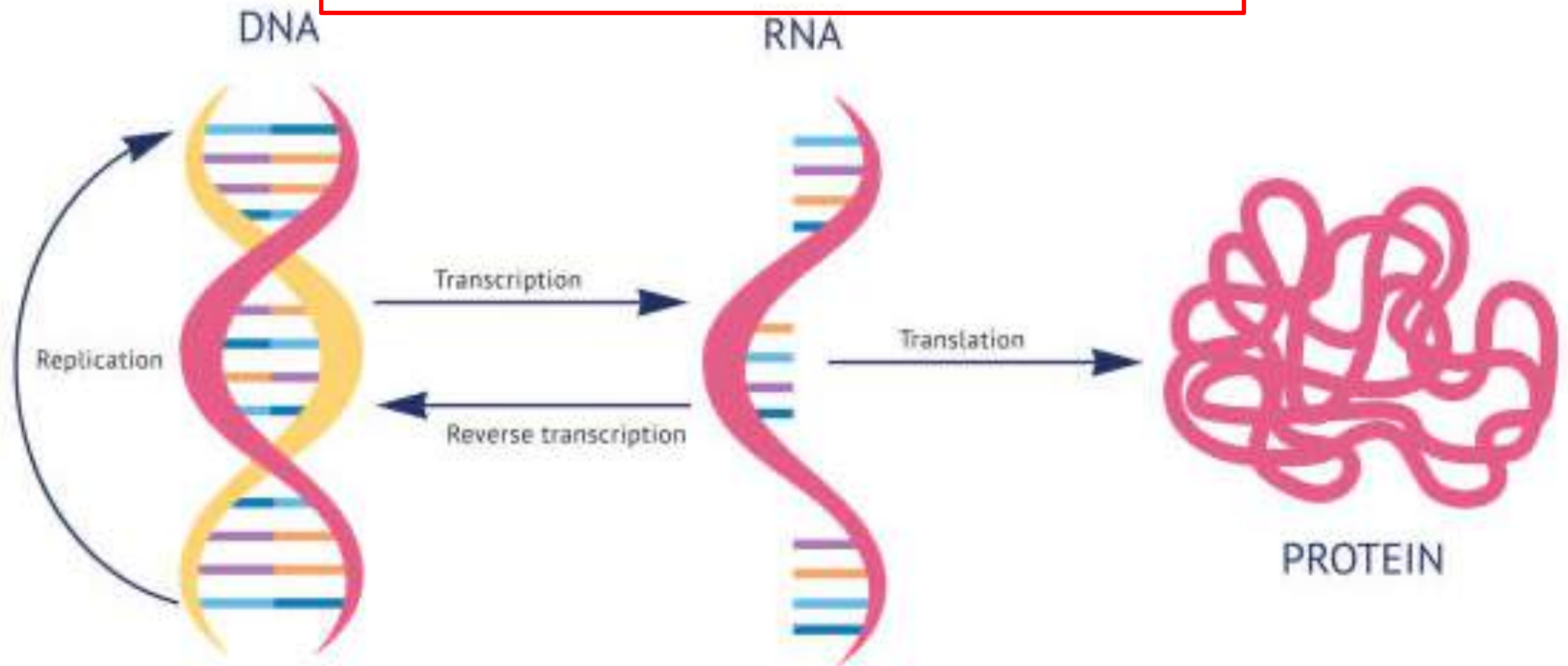
6. That's how many feet long the DNA from one of your cells would be if you uncoiled each strand and placed them end to end. Do this for all your DNA, and the resulting strand would be **67 billion miles** long—the same as about 150,000 round trips to the Moon. 12 Jun 2012



National Institutes of Health (.gov)

<https://nigms.nih.gov> › Inside-Life-Science › Pages ▼

# TRANSCRIPTION AND TRANSLATION



# The Dog Kind

Less Information



Wolf



Coyote



African  
Wild Dog



Collie



Bulldog



Poodle

No New Information Added

# Millions of Years of Death

Millions of  
Years Ago


Present





# NATURAL SELECTION

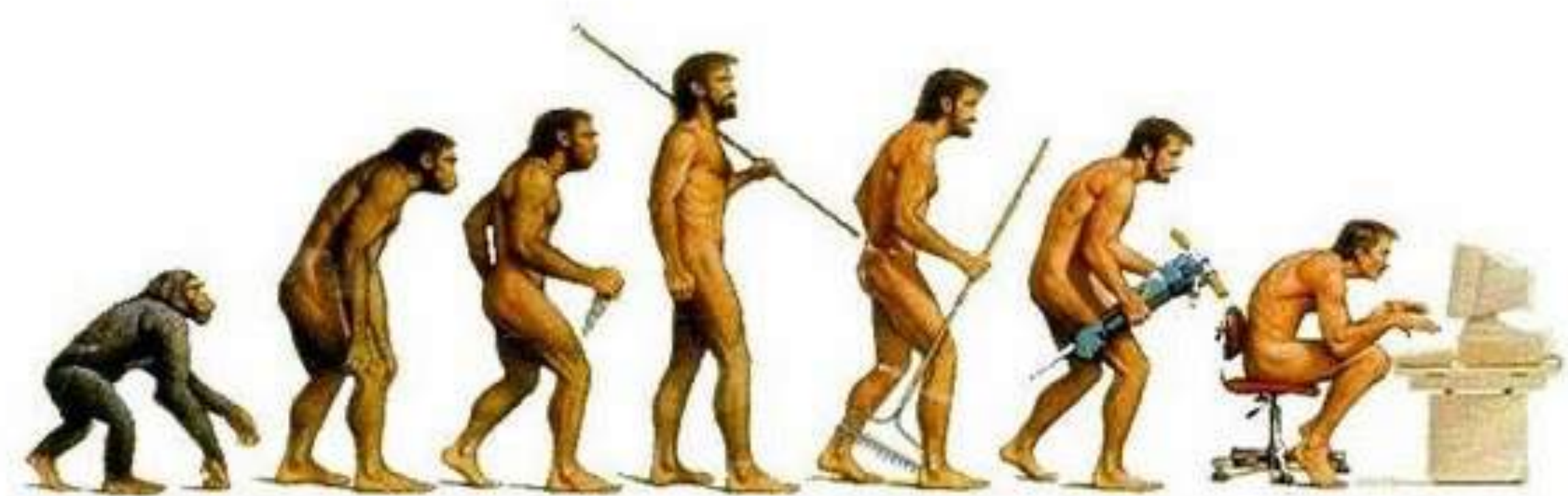
New Combinations  
of ALREADY Existing Information  
Loss of Information  
Conserving information present



No Brand New Information

Opposite of Evolution

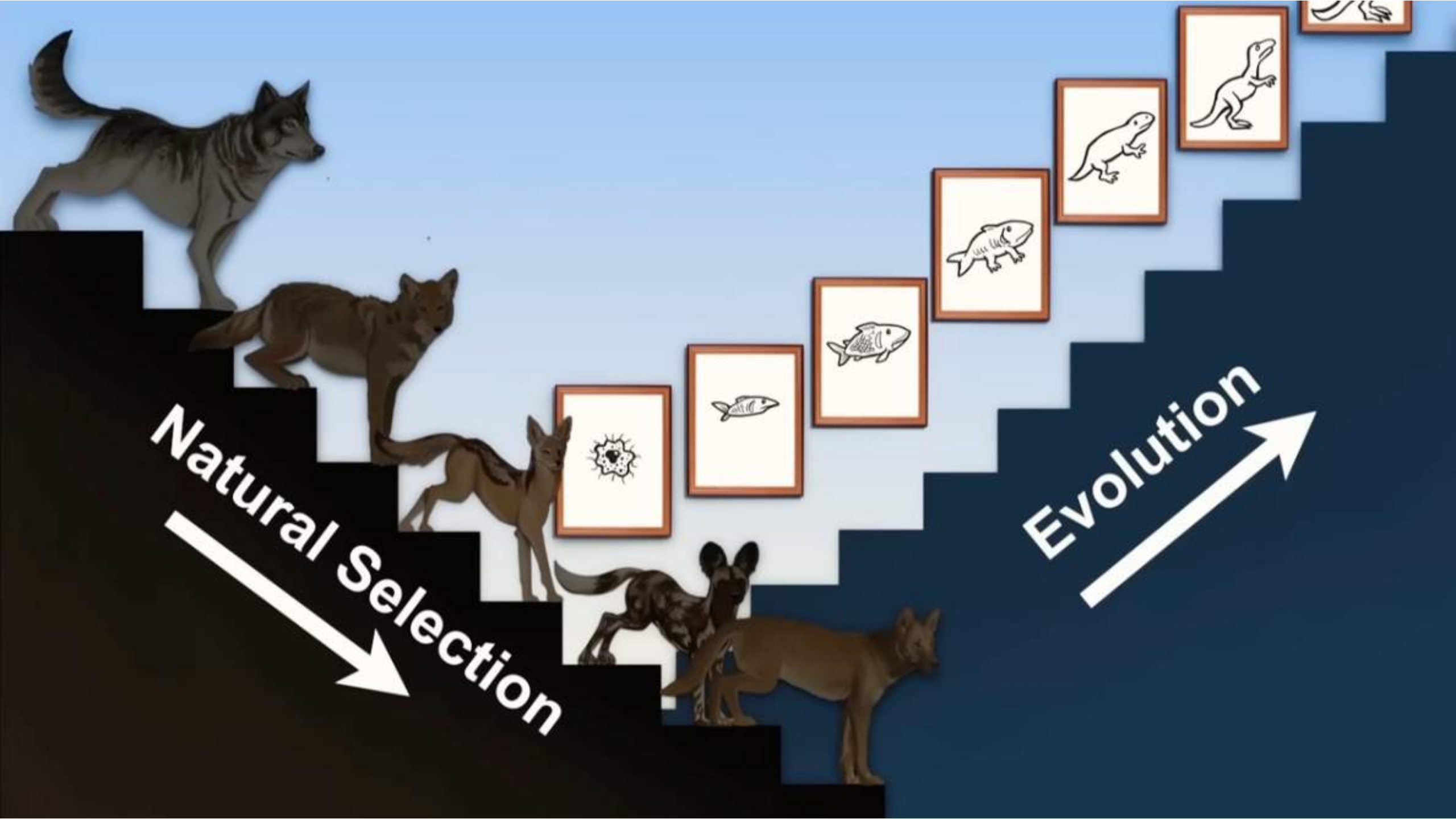




Evolution – Darwinism The theory of evolution is based on the idea that all **species** are related and gradually change over time.

<sup>24</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature **according to its kind**: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, **each according to its kind**”; and it was so.

- Genesis 1:24



# NUMBER OF ATOMS IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE


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$10^{80}$

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NUMBER OF CHILDREN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN COULD HAVE WITHOUT TWO CHILDREN LOOKING THE SAME:

10<sup>2017</sup>[illegible]



You Are  
Uniquely  
Created

“For You formed my inward parts;  
You covered me in my mother’s womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I will praise You, for I am  
fearfully *and* wonderfully made;  
Marvelous are Your works,  
And *that* my soul knows very well.” – Psalm  
139:13-14



Gen X (1965–1983)

Gen Y (1984–1999)

Gen Z (1999–2015)

Greatest (before 1928)

Silent (1928–1946)

Boomer (1946–1964)

SECULARIZED  
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CHRISTIANIZED  
WORLDVIEW



The direction in which they are racing.