

# OIC

## Oneness In Christ

*Εἰς μίαν, ἁγίαν, καθολικὴν καὶ ἀποστολικὴν Ἐκκλησίαν*



Stewardship  
Calling

Bill Marianes  
September 2024



**What if I told you  
that you will  
Live Forever?**



“That the end of our lives  
may be Christian, without  
pain, blameless and  
peaceful, and for a  
*good account*  
before the  
awesome  
judgment seat  
of Christ.”

II Corinthians 5:10  
Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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**Christ's  
possible  
very  
difficult  
question**





What did you do,  
for My church and My people,  
under your watch,  
given all of the gifts I gave you ?

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# OIC – Part 1

*Let Us Make Man In Our Image*

**“Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness”**

(Genesis 1:26 NIV)

## OIC – Part 2

“Therefore, **go and make disciples**  
**of all nations, baptizing** them in  
the name of the  
**Father** and of the **Son** and of the  
**Holy Spirit.”**

(Matthew 28:19 NIV)

# OIC – Part 3


“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that all of you agree with one another** in what you say and **that there be no divisions** among you, but that **you be perfectly united** in mind and thought.

# OIC – Part 4

“I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **that all of them may be one, Father,** just as **you are in me and I am in you.**”

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that **they may be one as we are one**”

# OIC – Part 5



“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, **but Christ lives in me.**”

(Galatians 2:20 NIV)

## OIC – Part 6

“For as many of you as were baptized  
**into Christ have put on Christ.**

There is neither Jew nor Gentile,  
neither slave nor free, nor is there  
male and female,

for you are all one in Christ  
Jesus.



# OIC – Part 7

**First Council of Nicaea** (325 A.D.)

**First Council of Constantinople** (381 A.D.)

“Εἰς μίαν, ἅγιαν, καθολικὴν καὶ ἀποστολικὴν Ἐκκλησίαν”

“One, holy, catholic, and apostolic church”

# OIC – Part 8

## Who Are You?

OIC Disciple = Christians who believe, practice, and teach OIC

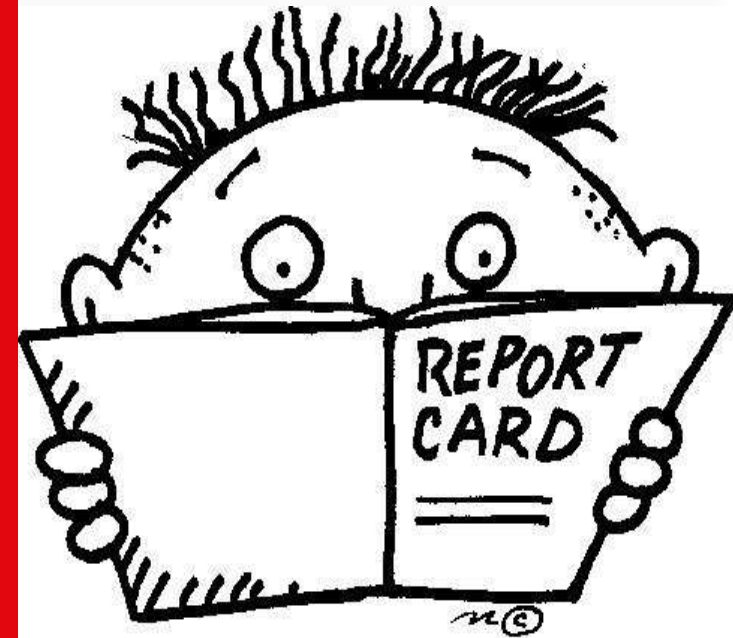
Denominational Disciple = Individuals primarily focused on supporting and promoting their particular Denomination instead of OIC



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DATA**



W. Edwards Deming

# The Global Religious Composition Landscape

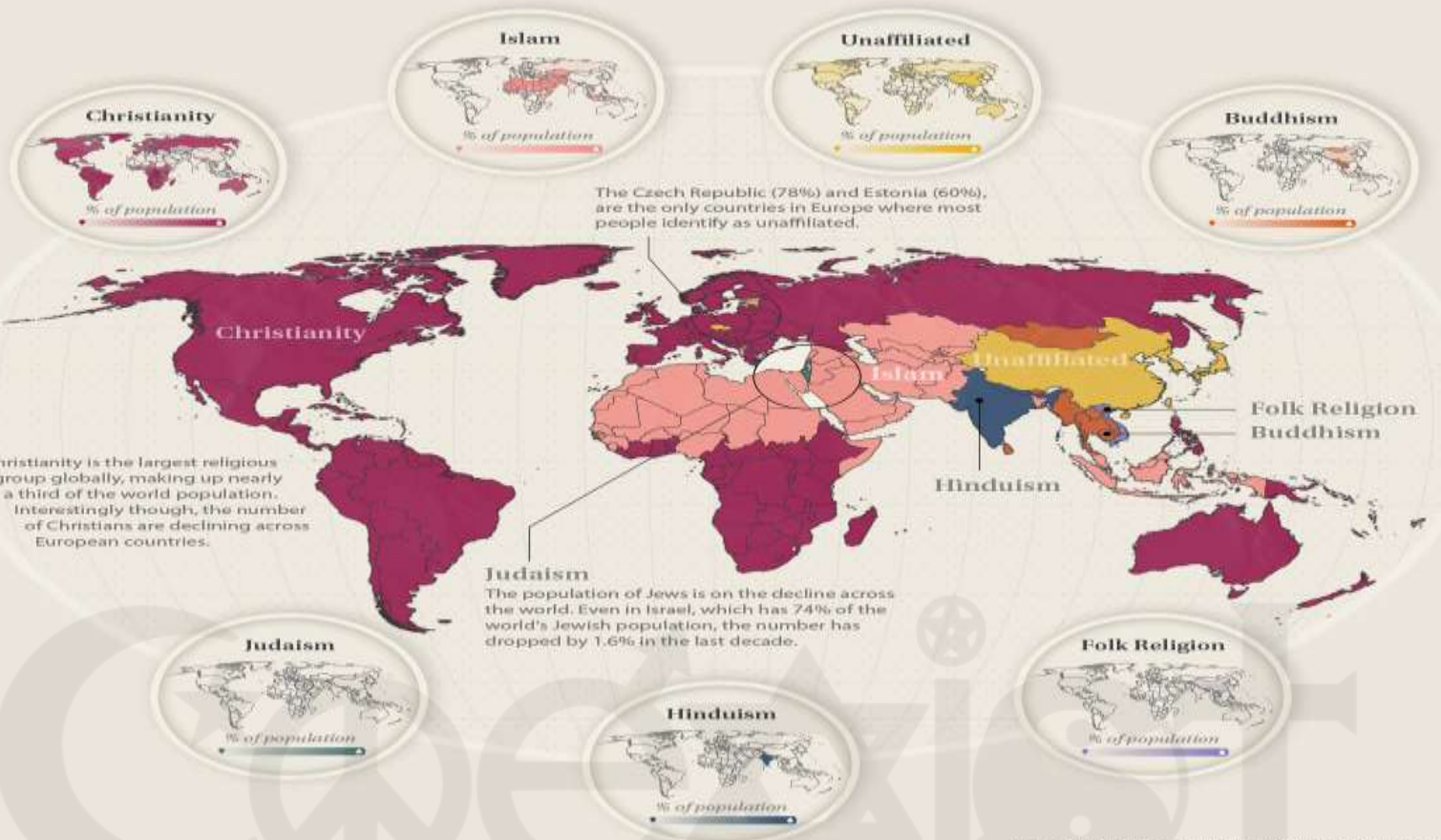
Religion is one of the strongest unifiers prevalent across the globe. Worldwide, nearly 84% of the global population identifies with a religious group.

Faith comes in many forms and varying degrees and is shared by people regardless of their social, political or economic spheres.

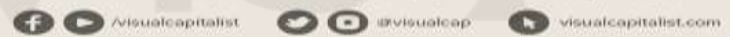
Here's a look at the religious composition of the major religions in every country around the world.

Predominant religion for every country in the world:

- Christianity
- Islam
- Unaffiliated
- Hinduism
- Judaism
- Buddhism
- Folk Religions



Source: Pew Research Center. The breakdown of % population for each religion ranges from 0-100 unless specified otherwise.



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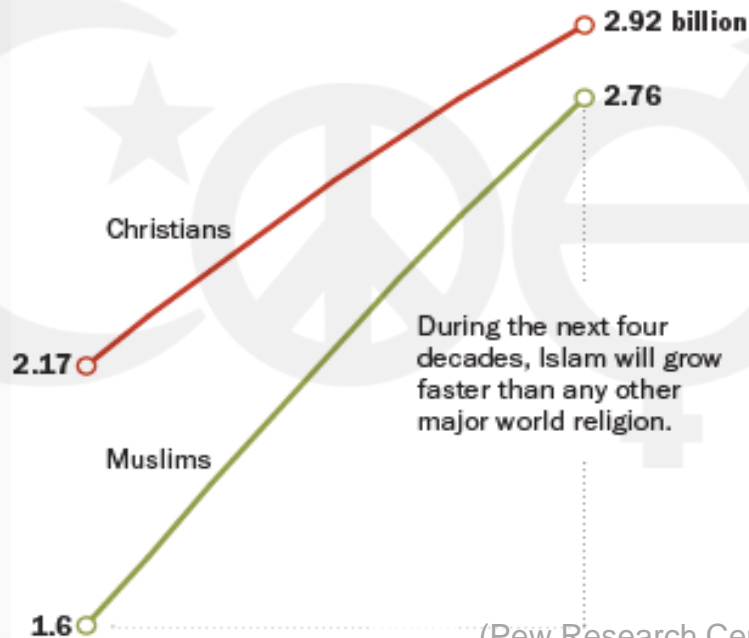
~ Muslims will grow from **23.2%** of global population to grow to **29.7%** by 2025

~ Christians will remain flat at **31.4%** of global population

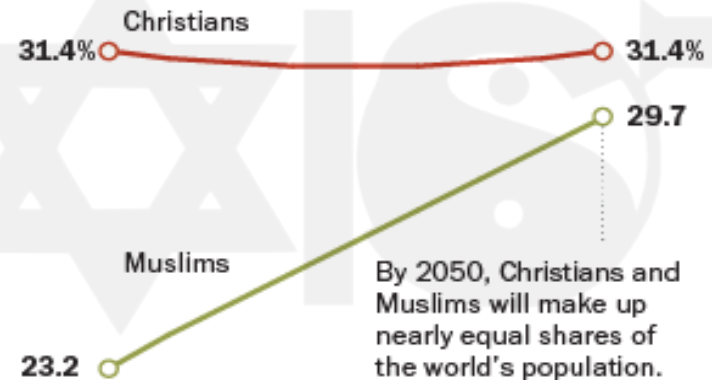
### Projected Change in Global Population

*With the exception of Buddhists, all of the major religious groups are expected to increase in number by 2050. But some will not keep pace with global population growth, and, as a result, are expected to make up a smaller percentage of the world's population in 2010 than they did in 2010.*

Number of people, 2010-2050, in billions

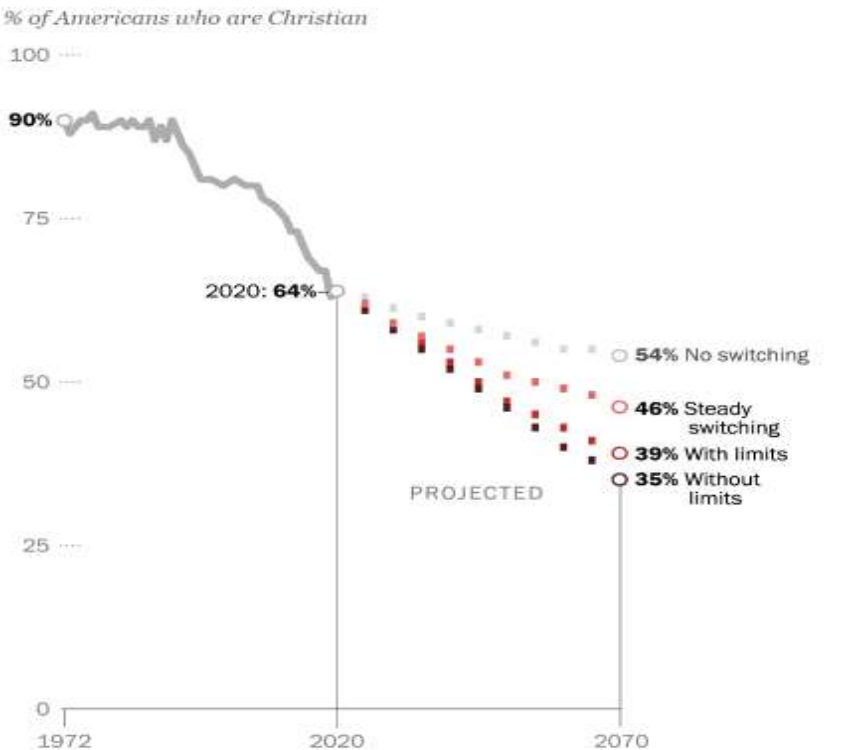


% of global population, 2010-2050



# U.S. “NONES” Become The Majority by 2070

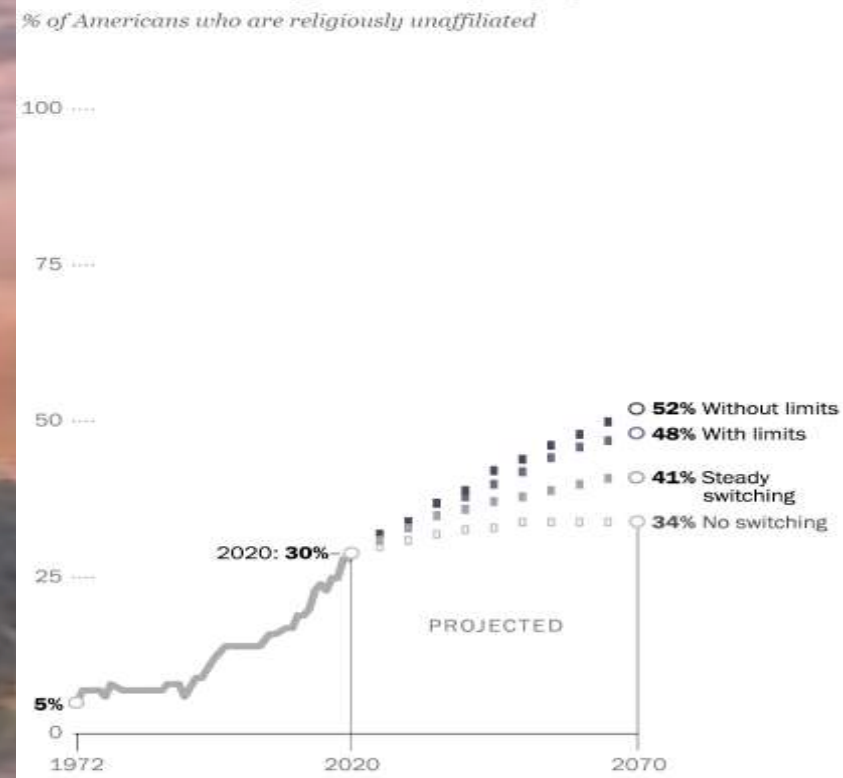
## U.S. Christians projected to fall below 50% of population



Note: Historical data describes trends among U.S. adults based on surveys of adults. The 2020 Americans of all ages. In 2020, we estimate that the religious composition of people of all ages. Sources: General Social Survey (1972-2006), Pew Research Center surveys (2007-2021), Pew "Modeling the Future of Religion in America"

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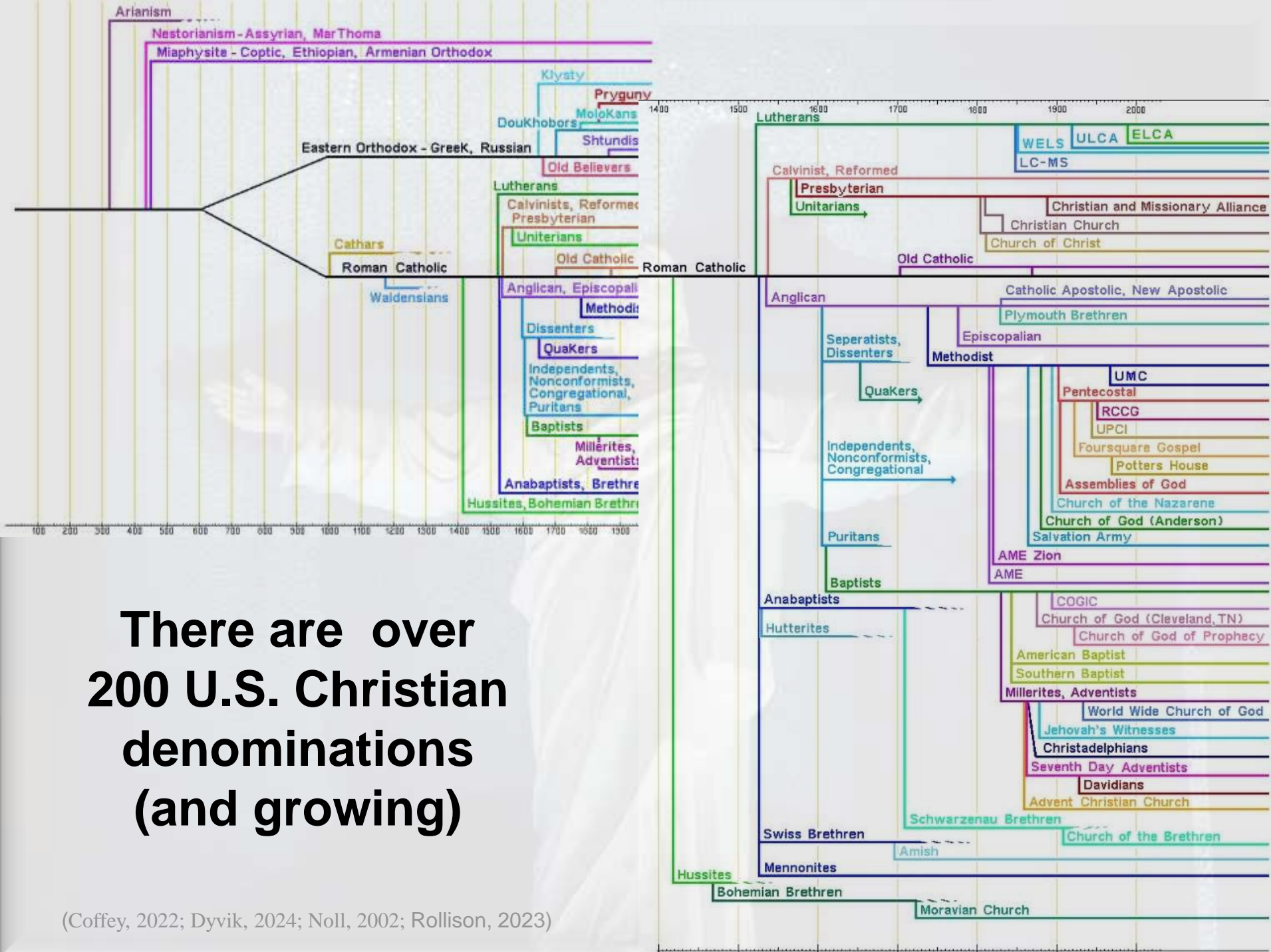
## U.S. 'nones' will approach majority by 2070 if recent s



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**There are over 200 U.S. Christian denominations (and growing)**

(Coffey, 2022; Dyyik, 2024; Noll, 2002; Rollison, 2023)

# Selected Current U.S. Christian Subdivisions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ <b>Historically Black Protestant</b> 6.5%           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Baptist Family (Historically Black Protestant Trad.) 4.0%</li> <li>▶ Methodist Family (Historically Black Protestant Trad.) 0.5%</li> <li>▶ Pentecostal Family (Historically Black Protestant Trad.) 1.0%</li> <li>Holiness Family (Historically Black Protestant Trad.) &lt; 0.3%</li> <li>Nondenominational Family (Historically Black Protestant Trad.) 0.3%</li> <li>Nonspecific Protestant Family (Historically Black Protestant Trad.) 0.4%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ <b>Evangelical Protestant</b> 25.4%           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Baptist Family (Evangelical Trad.) 9.2%</li> <li>Methodist Family (Evangelical Trad.) &lt; 0.3%</li> <li>▶ Nondenominational Family (Evangelical Trad.) 4.9%</li> <li>▶ Lutheran Family (Evangelical Trad.) 1.5%</li> <li>▶ Presbyterian Family (Evangelical Trad.) 0.8%</li> <li>▶ Pentecostal Family (Evangelical Trad.) 3.8%</li> <li>Episcopalian/Anglican Family (Evangelical Trad.) &lt; 0.3%</li> <li>▶ Restorationist Family (Evangelical Trad.) 1.6%</li> <li>▶ Congregationalist Family (Evangelical Trad.) &lt; 0.3%</li> <li>▶ Holiness Family (Evangelical Trad.) 0.7%</li> <li>▶ Reformed Family (Evangelical Trad.) &lt; 0.3%</li> <li>▶ Adventist Family (Evangelical Trad.) 0.6%</li> <li>Anabaptist Family (Evangelical Trad.) 0.3%</li> <li>Pietist Family (Evangelical Trad.) &lt; 0.3%</li> <li>Other evangelical/fundamentalist family (Evangelical Trad.) 0.3%</li> <li>Nonspecific Protestant Family (Evangelical Trad.) 1.5%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ <b>Jewish</b> 1.9%</li> <li>▼ <b>Muslim</b> 0.9%</li> <li>▼ <b>Buddhist</b> 0.7%</li> <li>▼ <b>Hindu</b> 0.7%</li> <li>▼ <b>Other World Religions</b> 0.3%</li> <li>▼ <b>Other Faiths</b> 1.5%           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Unitarians and other liberal faiths in the "Other Faiths" Tradition 1.0%</li> <li>▶ New Age 0.4%</li> <li>Native American Religions &lt; 0.3%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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(Pew Research Center, 2015a, 2015b, 2022),

# Does this look like Oneness In Christ to you ?

**33 A.D. = ONE holy catholic and apostolic church founded and led by Jesus Christ**

**2024 A.D. = over 200 U.S. Denominations and over 45,000 Global Denominations founded and/or led by many different people**



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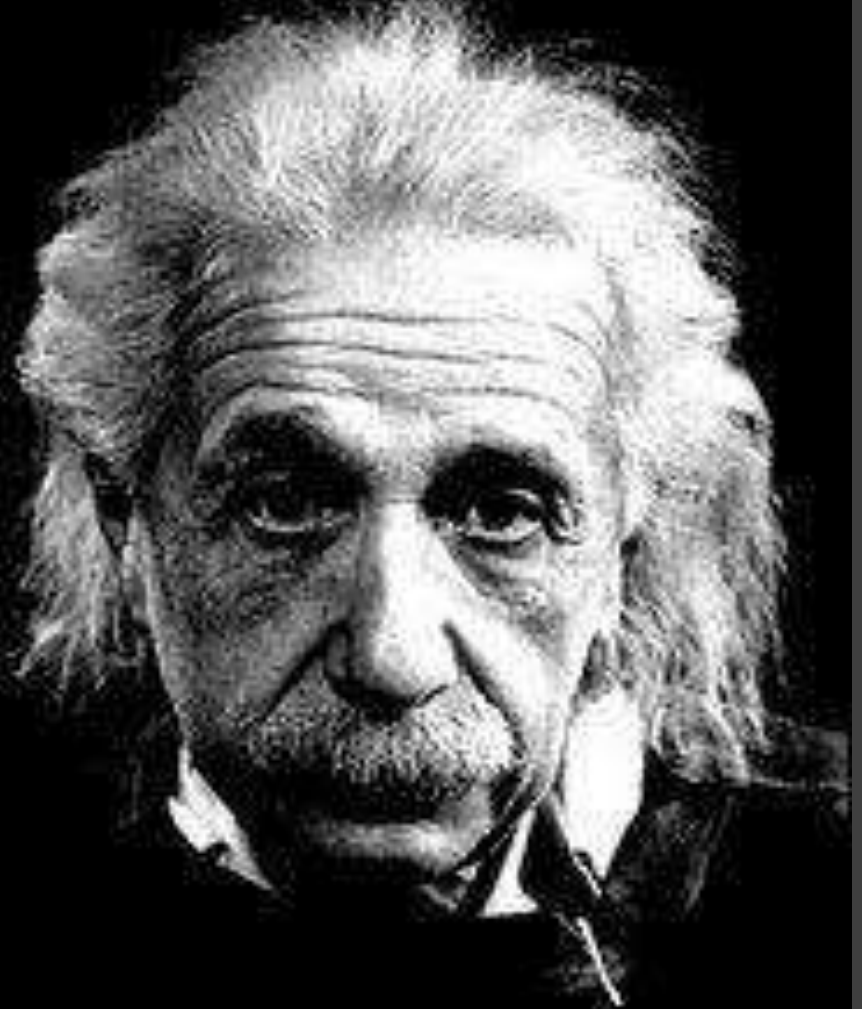
# How Did We Get Divided?

- ~ The Root Cause = a failure of Christian leadership in maintaining OIC
- ~ Division results from **“poor leadership of those seeking to maintain their power and authority”**


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"WE CANNOT  
SOLVE OUR  
PROBLEMS  
WITH THE SAME  
THINKING WE  
USED WHEN WE  
CREATED THEM"



*(The Journal of Transpersonal Psychology, 1969)*

A sunset over a large body of water, likely a lake or sea. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of orange, red, and purple, with the sun low on the horizon. A small, dark island is visible in the distance on the water. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

“The best way to  
predict the future is to  
create it.”

Peter Drucker & Dennis Gabor  
(Cohen, 2009; Gabor, 1964)



# OIC American Christian Church (ACC) Five Step Process

**Step 1**

**Find OICD Transformational Leaders**

**Step 2**

**Determine OIC ACC WHY and Core Values**

**Step 3**

**Reconcile Sacred Beliefs/Practices and  
mere Traditional Rituals**

**Step 4**

**Determine ACC Vision,  
Strategic Goals, and Timelines**

**Step 5**

**Implement**

# OIC American Christian Church (ACC) Five Step Process

## Step 1

### Find OICD Transformational Leaders

- ~ Identify U.S. Christian Denominational leaders (**OICD Leaders**) committed to OIC who gather like the past “Ecumenical Councils” to address differences
- ~ OICD Leaders determine a target **OIC ACC Unity Date**

# American Christian Church (ACC)

## Step 2

### Determine OIC ACC WHY and Core Values

- ~ Within one year, the OICD Leaders reach consensus on an **ACC WHY Statement** and **Core Values**
- ~ **OICD Transformational Leaders** reconcile cultural **collaboration** (clan culture) and encourage **creative alternatives** (adhocracy culture)

# American Christian Church (ACC)

## Step 3

### Differentiate Sacred Beliefs/Practices from Mere Traditional Rituals

- ~ OICD Leaders harmonize **Denominational sacred practices/beliefs** by consensus with the Holy Spirit's assistance
- ~ OICD operational change agents leaders harmonize **operational practices/rituals** by consensus

# American Christian Church (ACC)

## Step 4

### Determine ACC Vision, Strategic Goals, and Timelines

- ~ Trained Christian facilitators lead a **Strategic Planning** process with a diverse cross-Denominational team
- ~ Consensus ACC **Vision, Strategic S.M.A.R.T. Goals** and “low hanging fruit” tactical actions are determined with step-by-step action plans

# American Christian Church (ACC)

## Step 5

### Leave It to the Experts to Implement

- ~ The **Holy Spirit**
- ~ Trained denominationally-diverse professionals (**ACC Implementation Team**) implement the ACC Strategic Plan toward the OIC unity date

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This is your last chance.

You take the **blue pill** - the story ends, you wake up in your bed and believe whatever you want to believe.



You take the **red pills** - and join me working for OIC and we see how far we can go together.



# Balfour Declaration

November 2, 1917

Foreign Office,  
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

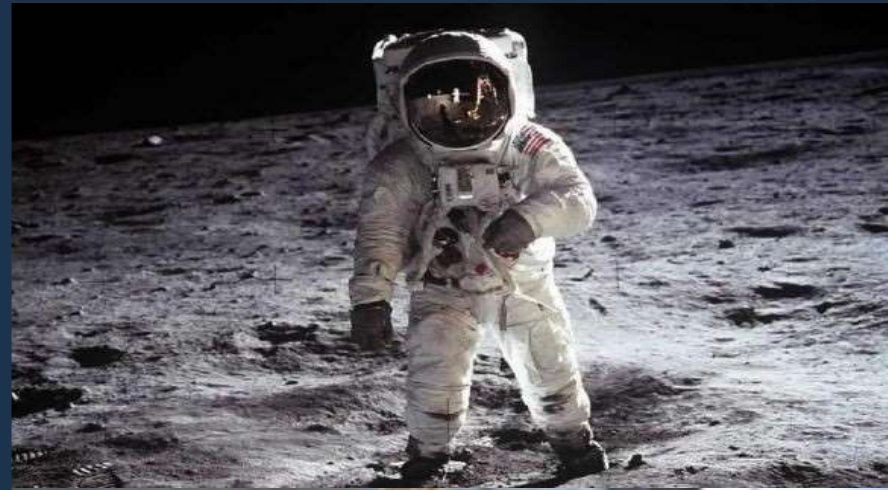
*Y. A. Balfour*



British Foreign Secretary  
Arthur James Balfour

# Kennedy Moon Shot

September 12, 1962



**“God doesn’t call  
the qualified;**

**God  
qualifies  
the called.”**



“The domain of the Leader is the



The work of the leader is change.”



(Kouzes and Posner, 2017)

# **What will you do to be a Oneness In Christ Disciple and a Human Light Bulb “Light of the World?”**

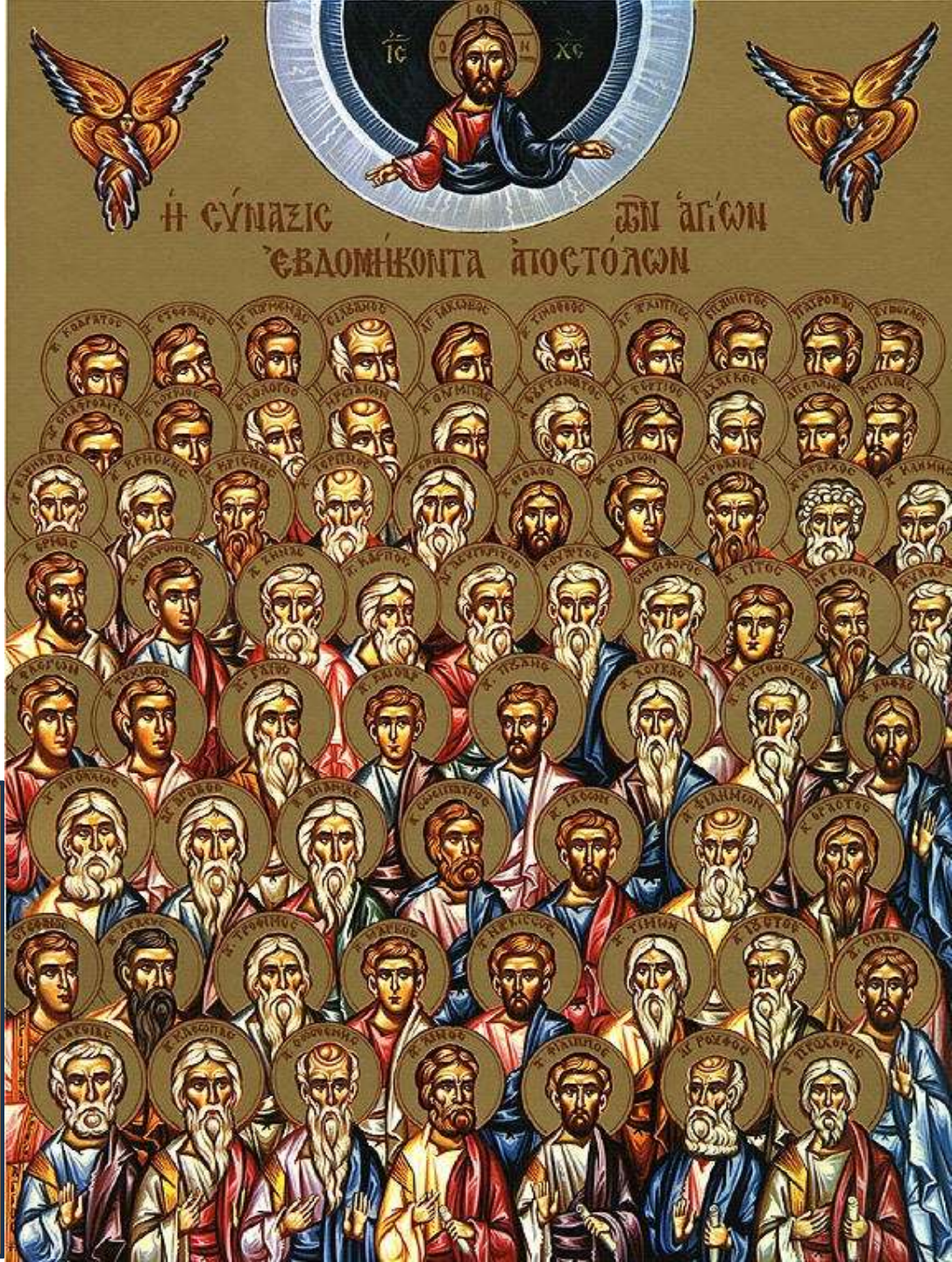
*You are the light  
of the world.  
A city set on a hill  
cannot be hidden.*

Matthew 5:14



**You've been called  
like the 70 Oneness In  
Christ Disciples to  
(Luke 10:1)**

***One, holy, catholic,  
and apostolic  
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Church in America***



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