

Oneness In Christ (OIC)

*Εἰς μίαν, ἁγίαν, καθολικὴν καὶ
ἀποστολικὴν Ἐκκλησίαν*



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Who's Your Tour Guide Tonight?



44+ Years As A Lawyer To Atone For

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1,600 lawyers in 33 global offices



McGuireWoods

1,100 lawyers in 23 global offices

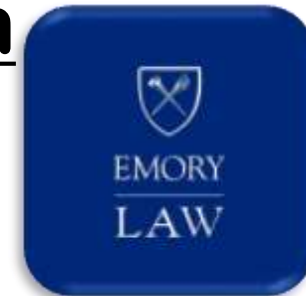
11+ Years of Education

**B.A.
Psychology**



**Northwestern
Kellogg**
School of Management

**Graduate
Leadership
Certificate**



**Juris
Doctorate**

**Masters in
Business
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**Doctorate in
Strategic
Leadership**

A journey ...

... 455,000+ airlines miles 25+ years

*...presentations to over 1,000 Parishes of
all Orthodox jurisdictions*

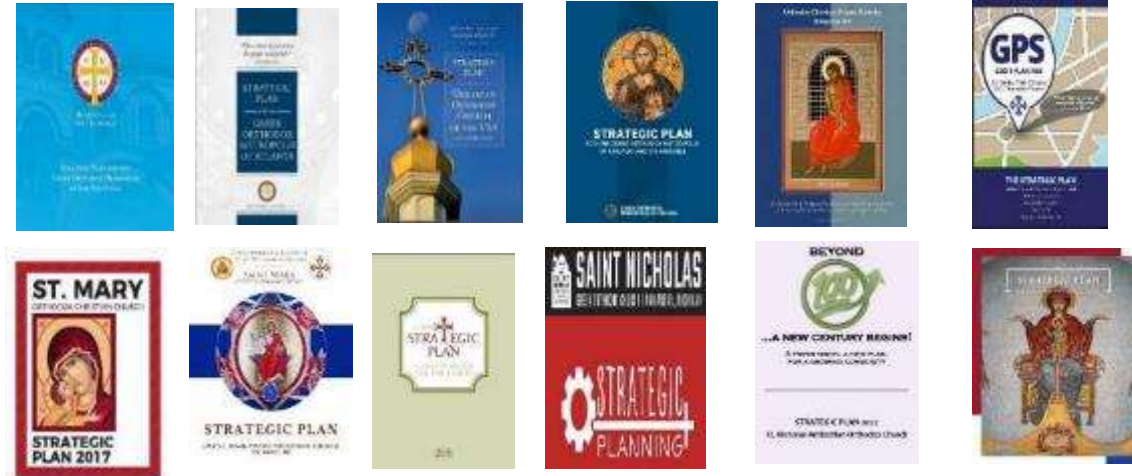
*...financial stewardship analysis for 275+
Parishes*

...Effective Parish Assessment for 40+ parishes



Strategic Plans completed for

over 26% of Orthodox Christians



- St. John The Divine (Jacksonville FL)
- St. Mary (Wichita, KS)
- St. John The Baptist (Beaverton, OR)
- St. Nicholas (Ann Arbor, MI)
- St. Nicholas (Grand Rapids, MI)
- Holy Trinity (Grand Rapids, MI)
- St Nicholas (Lexington, MA)
- St. Demetrios (Warren, OH)
- St. Raphael (Iowa City, IA)
- St. Sophia (Jefferson, PA)
- St. Demetrios (Saginaw, MI)
- Holy Trinity (Indianapolis, IN)
- St,. Luke (E. Longmeadow, MA)
- Holy Trinity (Concord, NH)
- Christ the Saviour (Harrisburg, PA)

- GOA Metropolis of San Francisco
- Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
- GOA Metropolis of Atlanta
- OCA Diocese of New England
- GOA Metropolis of Chicago
- OCA Diocese of Midwest
- Sts. Mark, Mary, Philopater Coptic (Troy, MI)
- Annunciation Cathedral (Atlanta, GA)
- Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene (Cumming, GA)
- Dormition of the Theotokos – (Sommerville, MA)
- Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

(Many more currently in progress, including Orthodox Church of Uganda, and St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary)



A Roadmap for American Churches and People of Faith: W.W.J.D. (What Would Jesus Do?)

**Preface and Chapters 1-2: Setting the stage
and relevant facts, figures and data**

Chapters 3-5 & 8: Leadership Best Practices

Chapter 7: Strategic Planning

**Chapters 9-11: Stewardship & Engagement
Best Practices**

**Chapters 12 & 14: Spiritual Formation,
Religious Education Best Practices, and
Seminary Strategic Foresight**

**Chapters 15-18: Oneness in Christ, Orthodox
Unity in America, Orthodox/Roman
Catholic Unity, Conclusion**



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Today's Roadmap

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- 4. One OIC Roadmap**
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What if I told you
that you will
Live Forever?



***“...and for
good account
before the
awesome
judgment seat
of Christ.”***

II Corinthians 5:10
Orthodox Divine Liturgy



**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...that all of you agree with one another ...that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united...”

OIC – Part 4

“I pray also ... 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 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

Which One Are You?

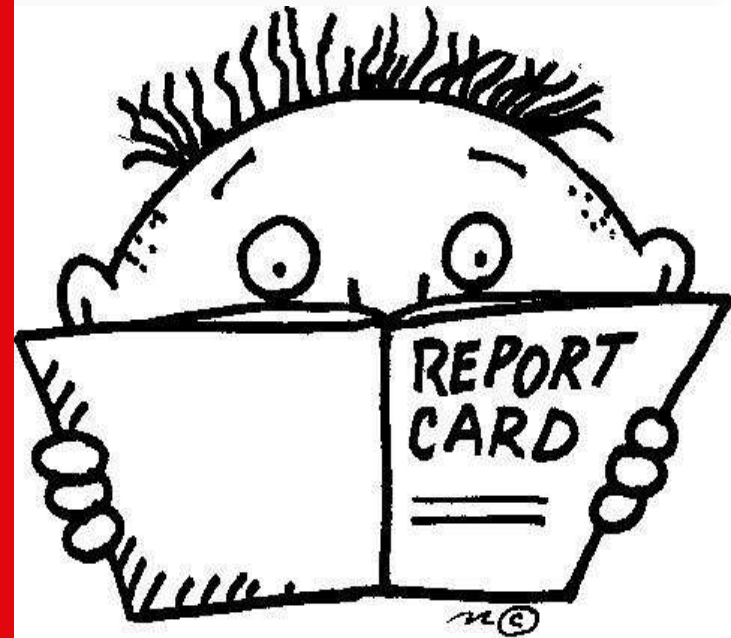
OIC Disciple = Christians who believe, practice, and teach OIC

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

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**IN GOD
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ALL OTHERS
MUST BRING
DATA**



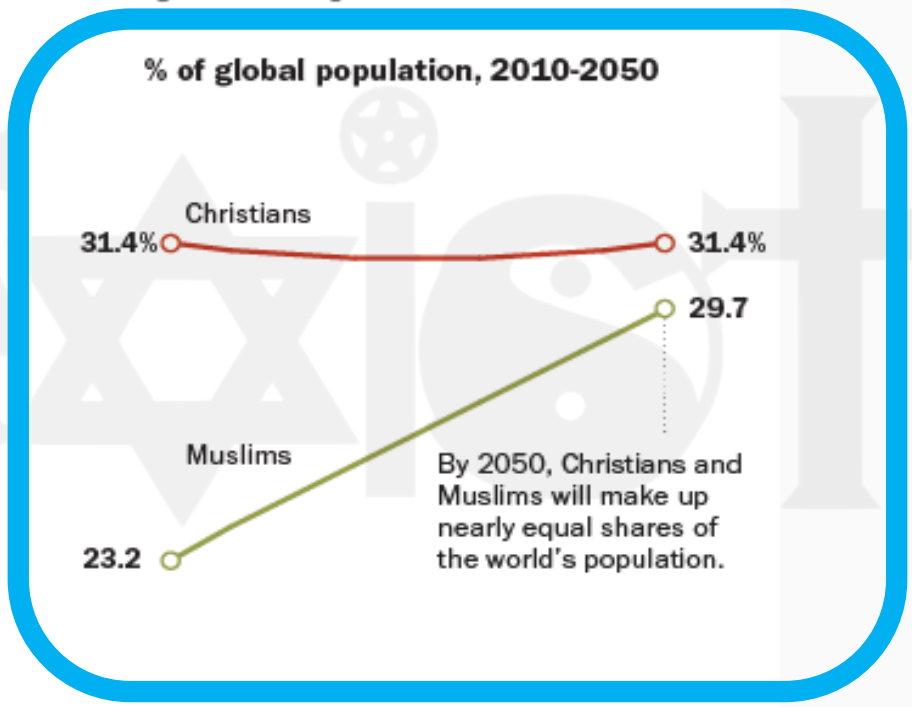
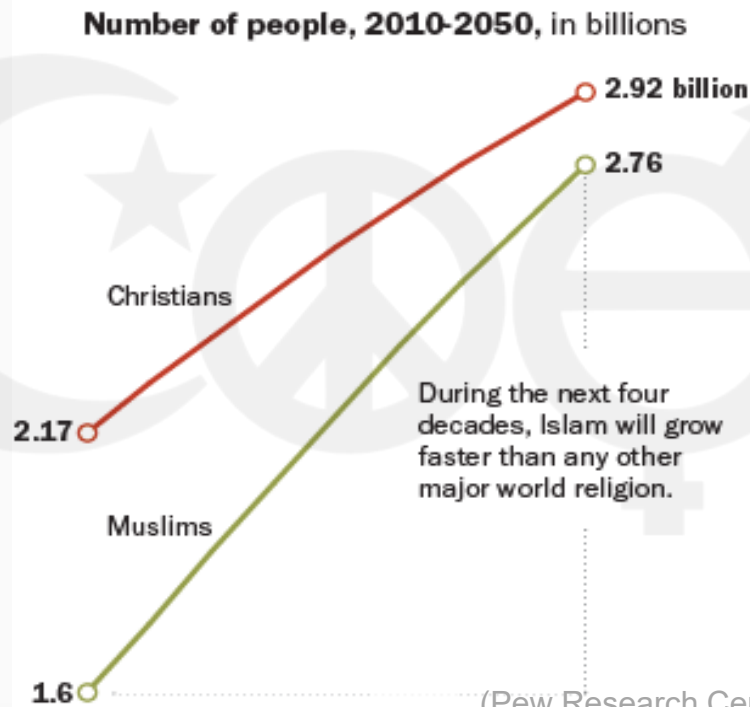
W. Edwards Deming

~ 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

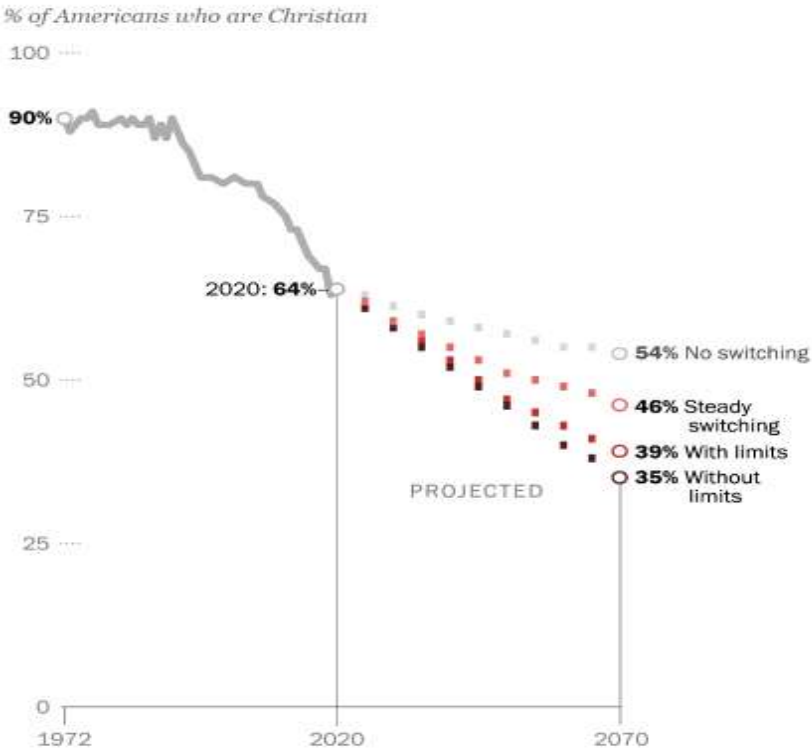
With the exception of Buddhists, all of the major religious groups are expected to increase in number by 2050. But some will not keep pace with global population growth, and, as a result, are expected to make up a smaller percentage of the world's population in 2010 than they did in 2010.



(Pew Research Center, 2015a, 2015b).

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

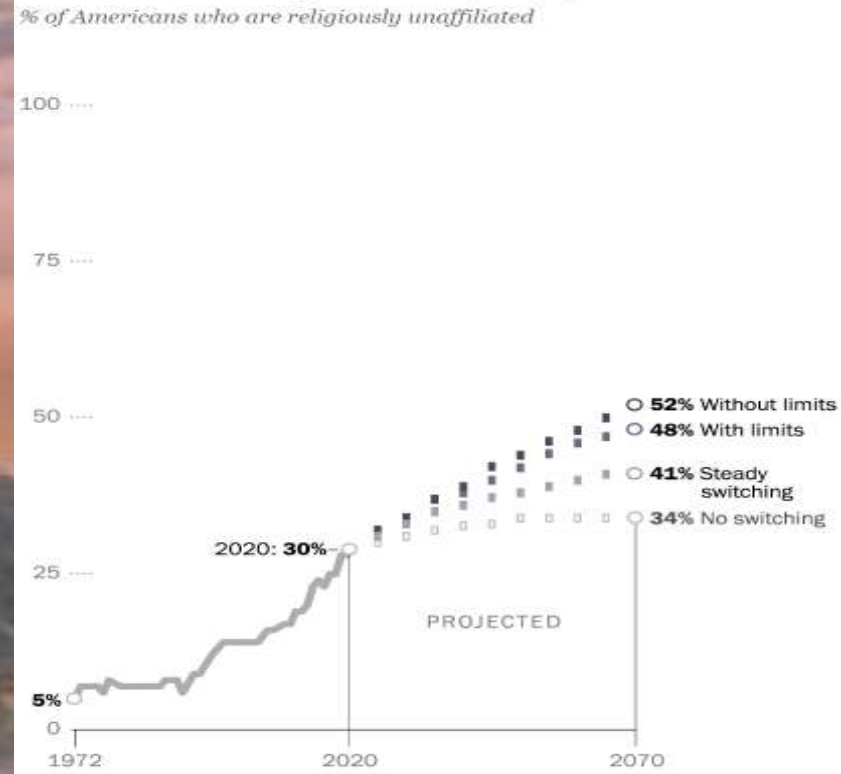
U.S. Christians projected to fall below 50% of population



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



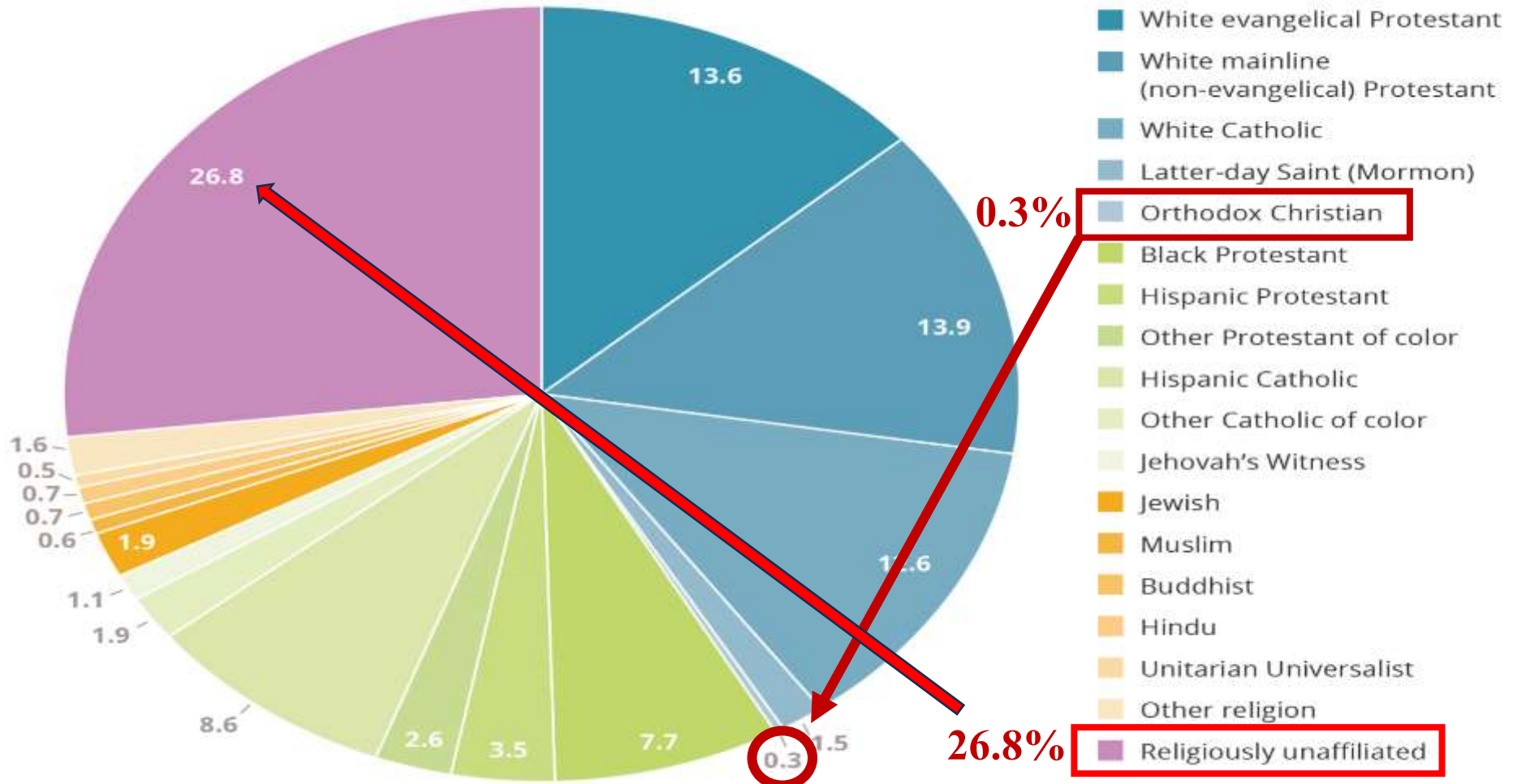
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Orthodoxy – A Rounding Error In The American Christian Landscape

FIGURE 1. The American Religious Landscape in 2022

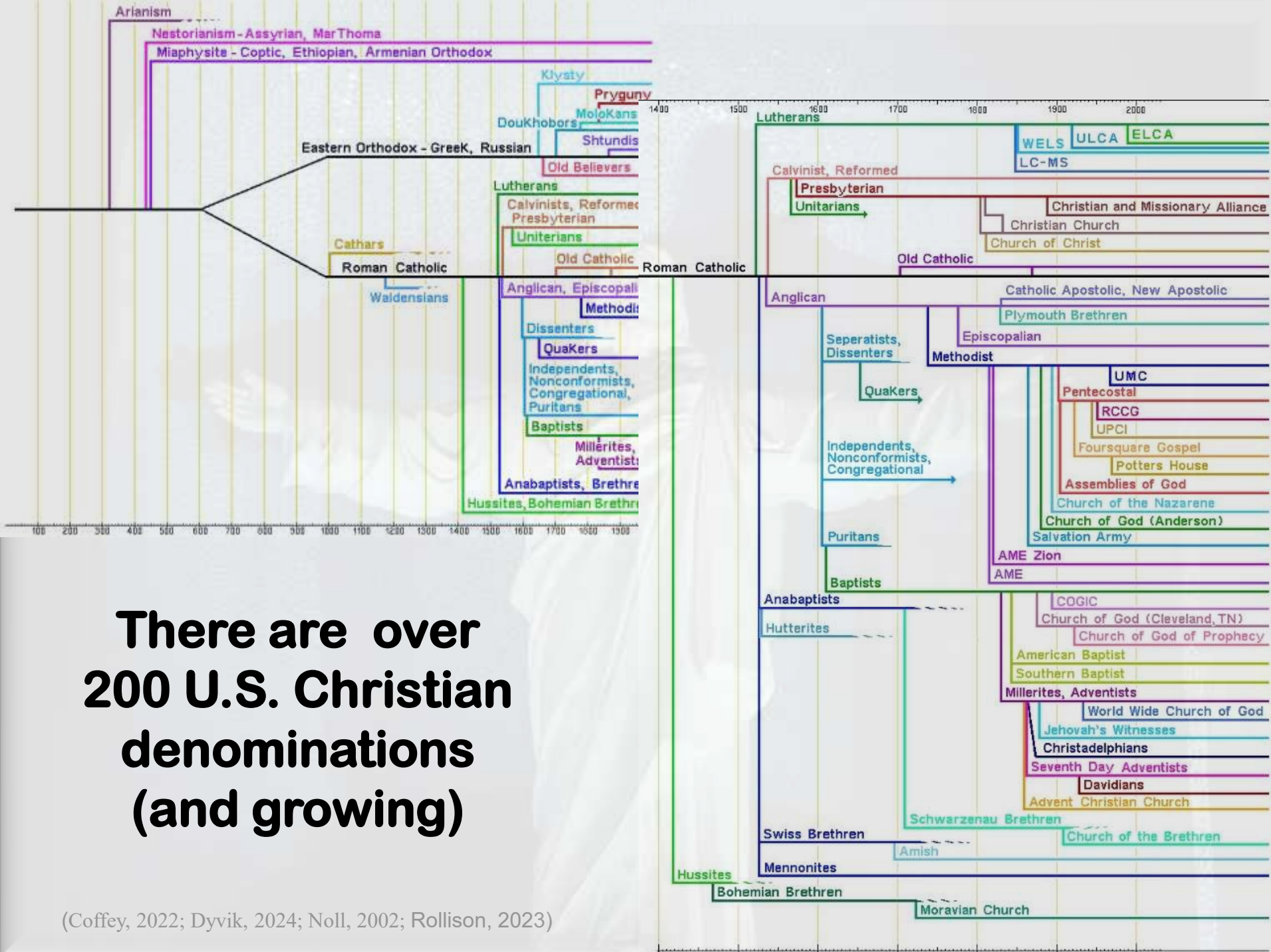
Percent who identify as:



Source: PRRI 2022 American Values Atlas.

0.5% 100 years ago

26.8%



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

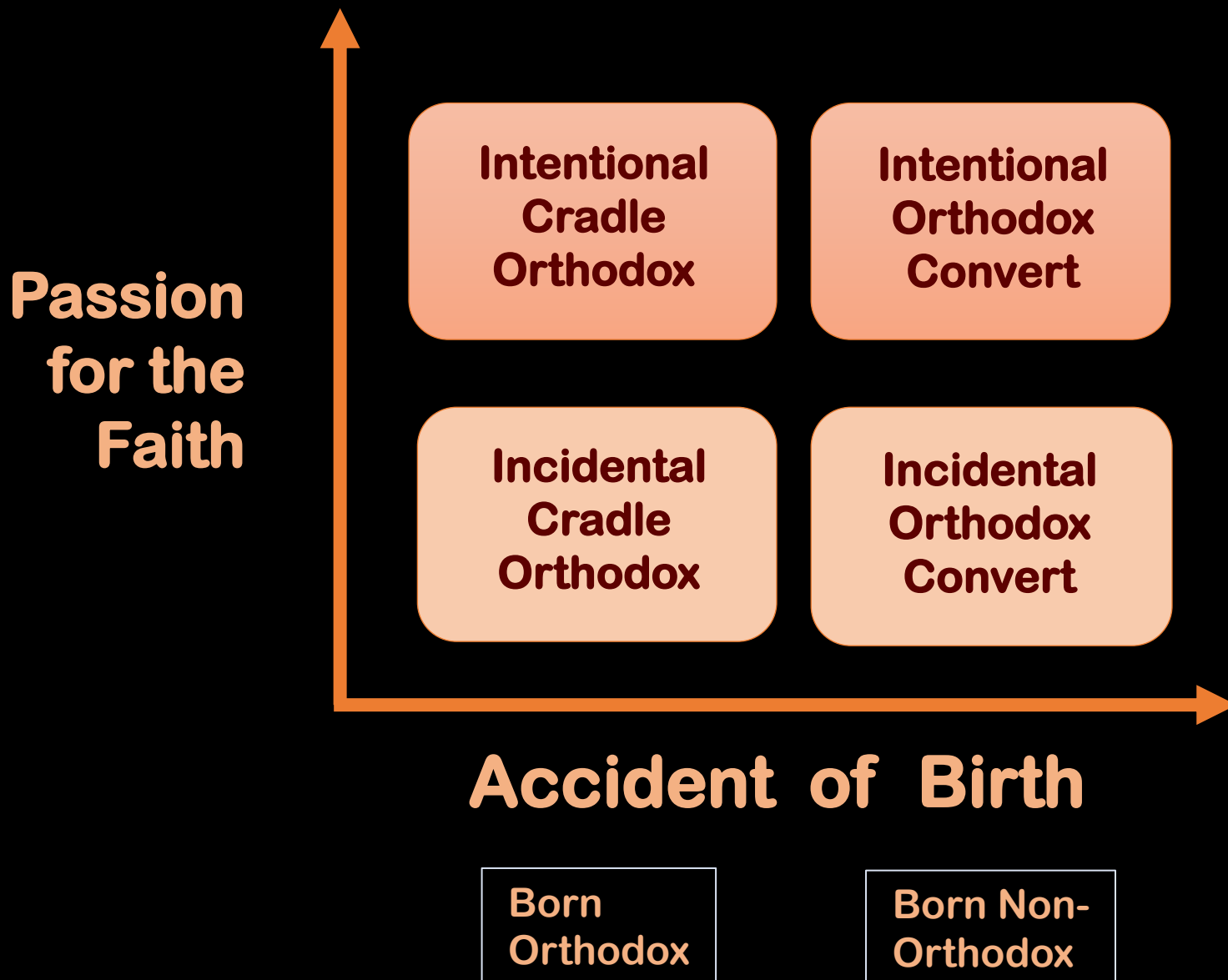
(Coffey, 2022; Dyyik, 2024; Noll, 2002; Rollison, 2023)

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

4 Kinds of U.S. Orthodox Christians






The messenger
requests that he
please not be shot.

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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A sunset over a body of water with a small island in the distance. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of orange, red, and purple, with the sun low on the horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky. A small, dark island is visible in the middle ground.

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

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

What About An “AOC” American Orthodox Church

A Roadmap for American Churches and People of Faith: W.W.J.D. (What Would Jesus Do?)

Chapters 15-17: Oneness in Christ, Orthodox Unity in America, Orthodox/Roman Catholic Unity



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EASTERN ORTHODOX JURISDICTIONS

A. Under The Ecumenical Patriarchate:

1. Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
2. American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA
3. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
4. Albanian Orthodox Diocese

B. Under The Patriarchate of Antioch

5. Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

C. Under The Patriarchate of Moscow

6. The Moscow Patriarchal Parishes in the USA
7. Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

D. Under The Patriarchate of Serbia

8. Serbian Orthodox Church in North, Central and South America

E. Under The Patriarchate of Romania

9. Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas

F. Under The Patriarchate of Bulgaria

10. Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada, and Australia

G. Under The Patriarchate of Georgia

11. Georgian Apostolic Orthodox Church in North America

H. Claiming Autocephaly from the Moscow Patriarchate

12. Orthodox Church in America

The Players

ORIENTAL ORTHODOX JURISDICTIONS

1. Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria
2. Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch
3. Armenian Apostolic Church
4. Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
5. Ethiopian Orthodox Church
6. Eritrean Orthodox Church

Metropolitan Filaret of Moscow

**“I dare not to
call as false
any church
which
believes
Jesus is
Christ”**



(1782 – 1867)

ETHNOPHYLETISM



THE EVIL OF ETHNOPHYLETISM

Ethnophyletism”

(from the Greek:
ἔθνος (nation) and
φυλετισμός (clannish))

The practice of
conflating one’s country
and church traditions.

(accelerated in the 18th and 19th
centuries as mass migration
occurred in the United States
and Europe)

The 1872 Orthodox Great Local Synod in Constantinople

officially condemned
ethnophyletism in the
Orthodox Church

(Nevertheless, U.S. Orthodox
ethnic churches proliferated
creating another Canonical
Anomaly for the AOB to address)



An American Orthodox Church Roadmap

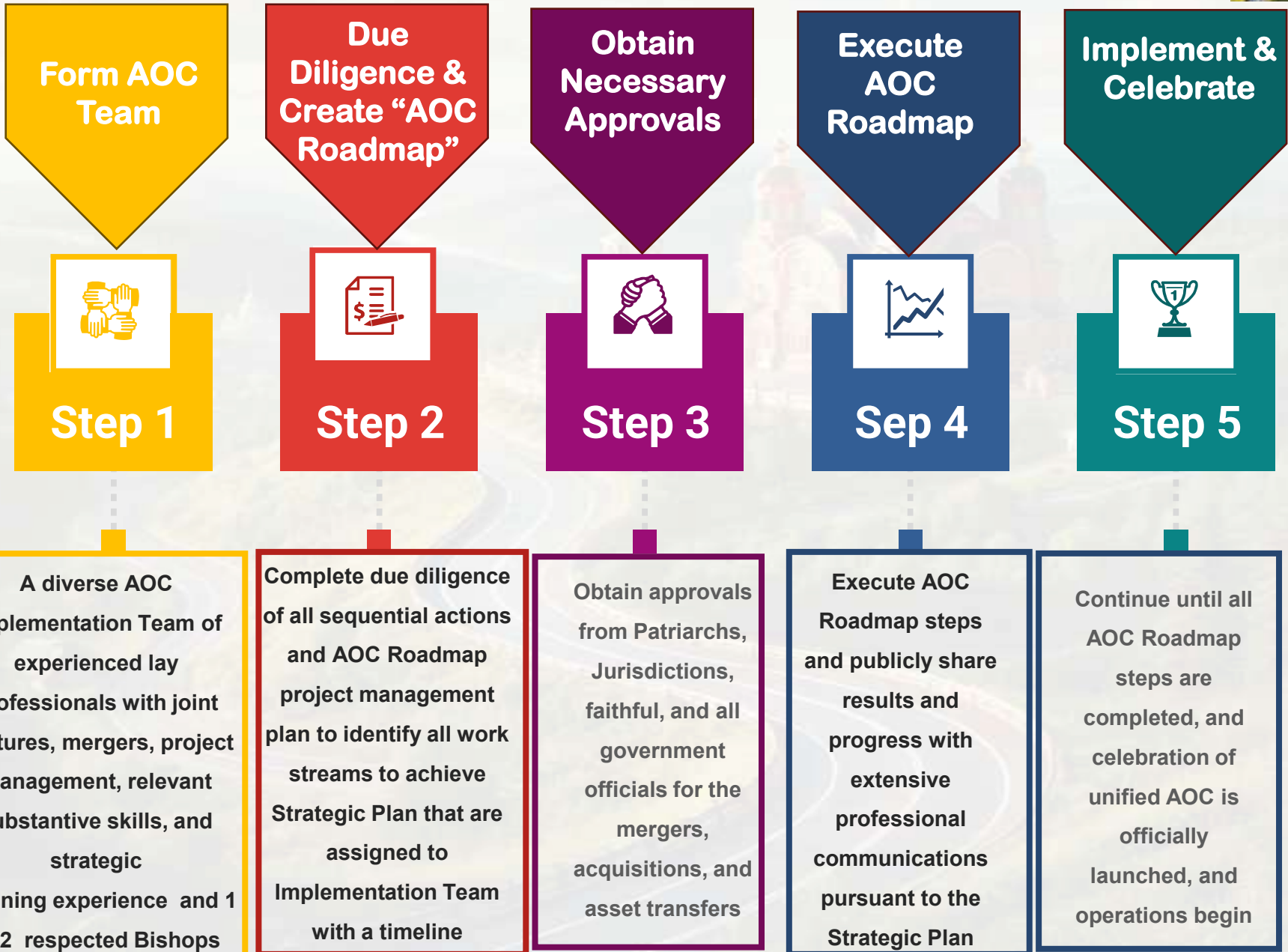
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An American Orthodox Church Roadmap

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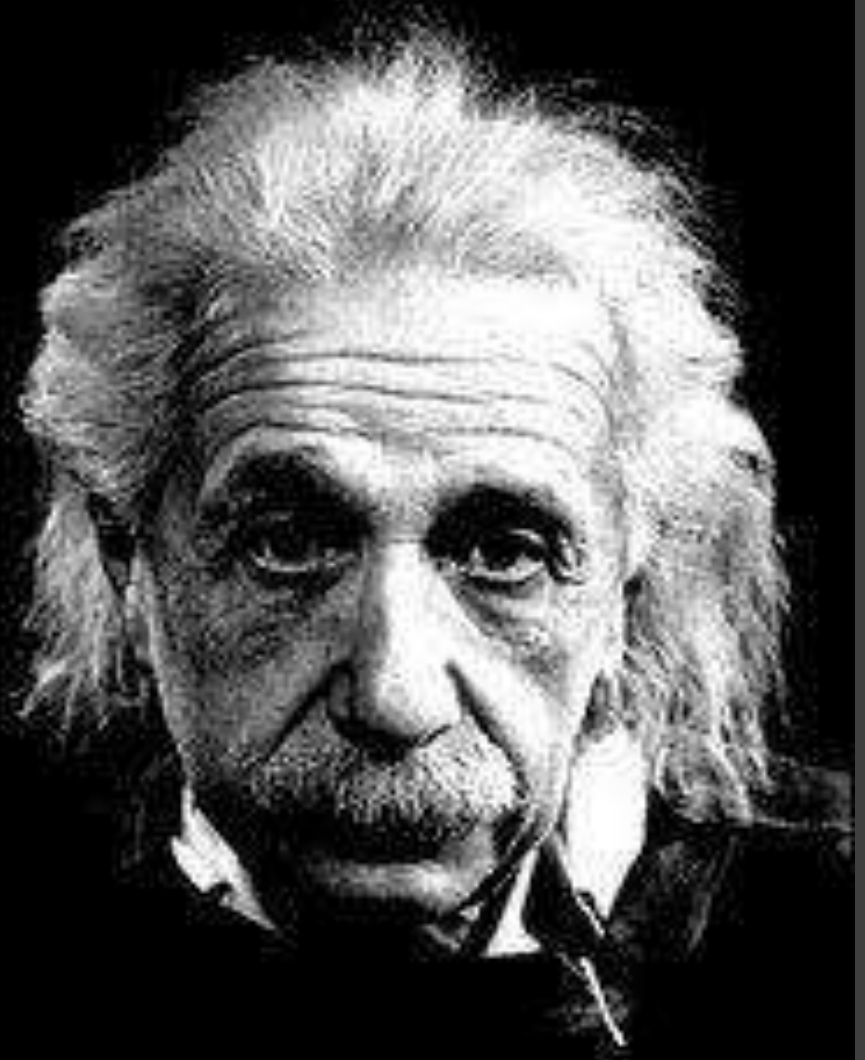
Some AOC Challenges

1. Control Issues - The “E Gene”
2. What’s In A Name?
3. Unity-Destroying (Ethnic/Linguistic) Debates
4. Financial Issues - The “\$ Gene”
5. “Lack Of Commitment” - The “LOC Gene”

My Five Failure Truths in mergers/consolidations:

1. Those uncommitted to the WHY or Vision will ignore it
2. If it’s is everyone’s job, it’s no one’s job
3. Busy people asked to work voluntarily on something uninspiring and unrelated to job/family, rarely do
4. Nothing gets done without deadlines.
5. What gets funded gets done

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



(The Journal of Transpersonal Psychology, 1969)

It Is Time To Think Differently

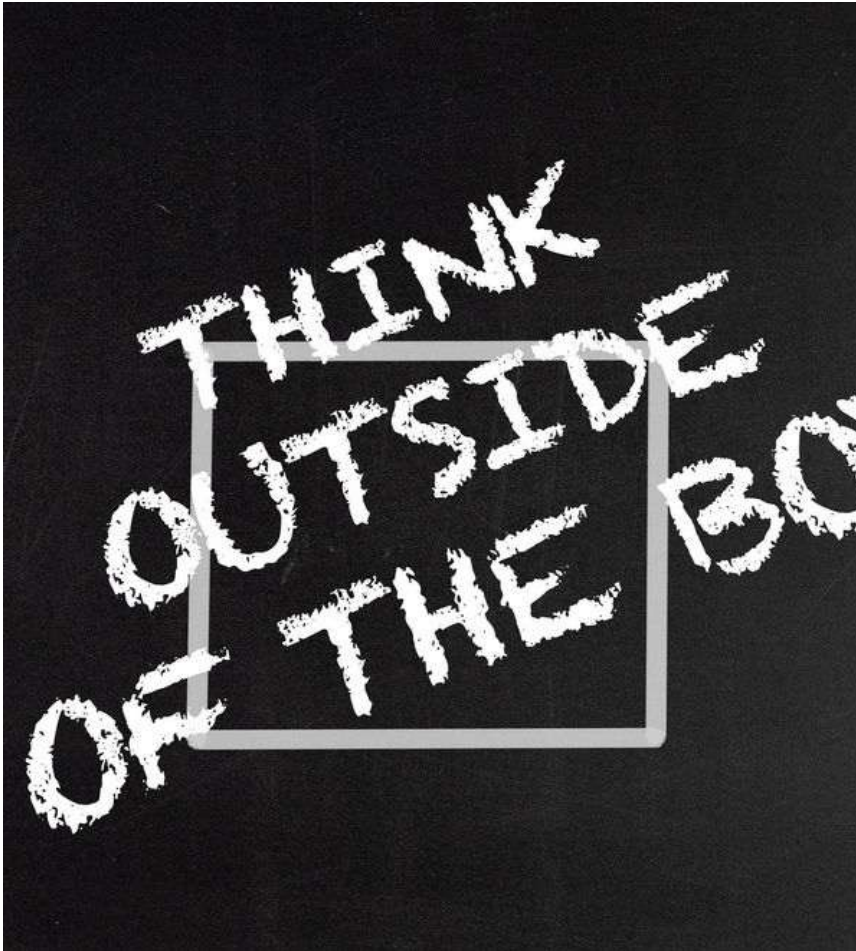
Autonomy (literally, "self-ruled") the presiding Hierarchy within an Orthodox jurisdiction must be confirmed by one of the autocephalous self-governing Orthodox Churches.

- (Six current autonomous Orthodox churches include the Churches of Sinai, Finland, Japan, Ukraine, Estonia, and China (not every Patriarchate recognizes each of the above.)

Autocephaly (literally "self-headed") presiding Hierarchy of a local Orthodox church does not report to any higher-ranking bishop or Patriarch.

- (Autocephaly has been typically granted within the global Orthosphere by an Ecumenical Council or a Patriarch/Primate releasing a church under their jurisdiction in a different area from its material obligations to that higher authority while maintaining the full communion with the bishops of that area.)

My New Concept Of
"Affiliated Independence"



Selected Elements of Affiliated Independence

- 1. Common Orthodox theology, practice, and witness**
- 2. Bishop and leader self-selection by consensus**
- 3. Supportive affiliation/communications with historical Patriarchates (without foreign control)**
- 4. Achieve measurable excellence in S³ (Servant leadership, Stewardship & engagement, and Spiritual formation and religious education)**
- 5. Celebrate all ethnicities of parishioners**
- 6. Continuous improvement adapting to changing realities while remaining true to timeless Orthodox teachings**

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It's Time To End The Insanity

Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.



How's what you're doing working for you?

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. in
Arthur James Balfour

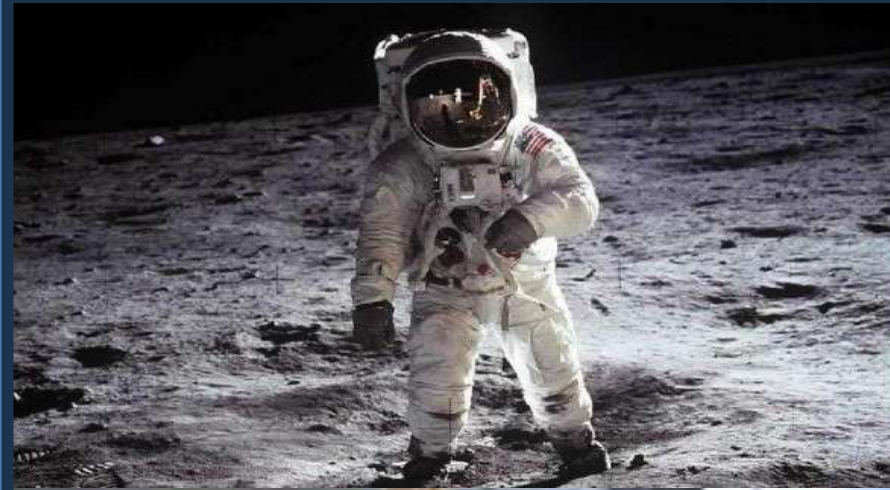


British Foreign Secretary
Arthur James Balfour



Kennedy Moon Shot

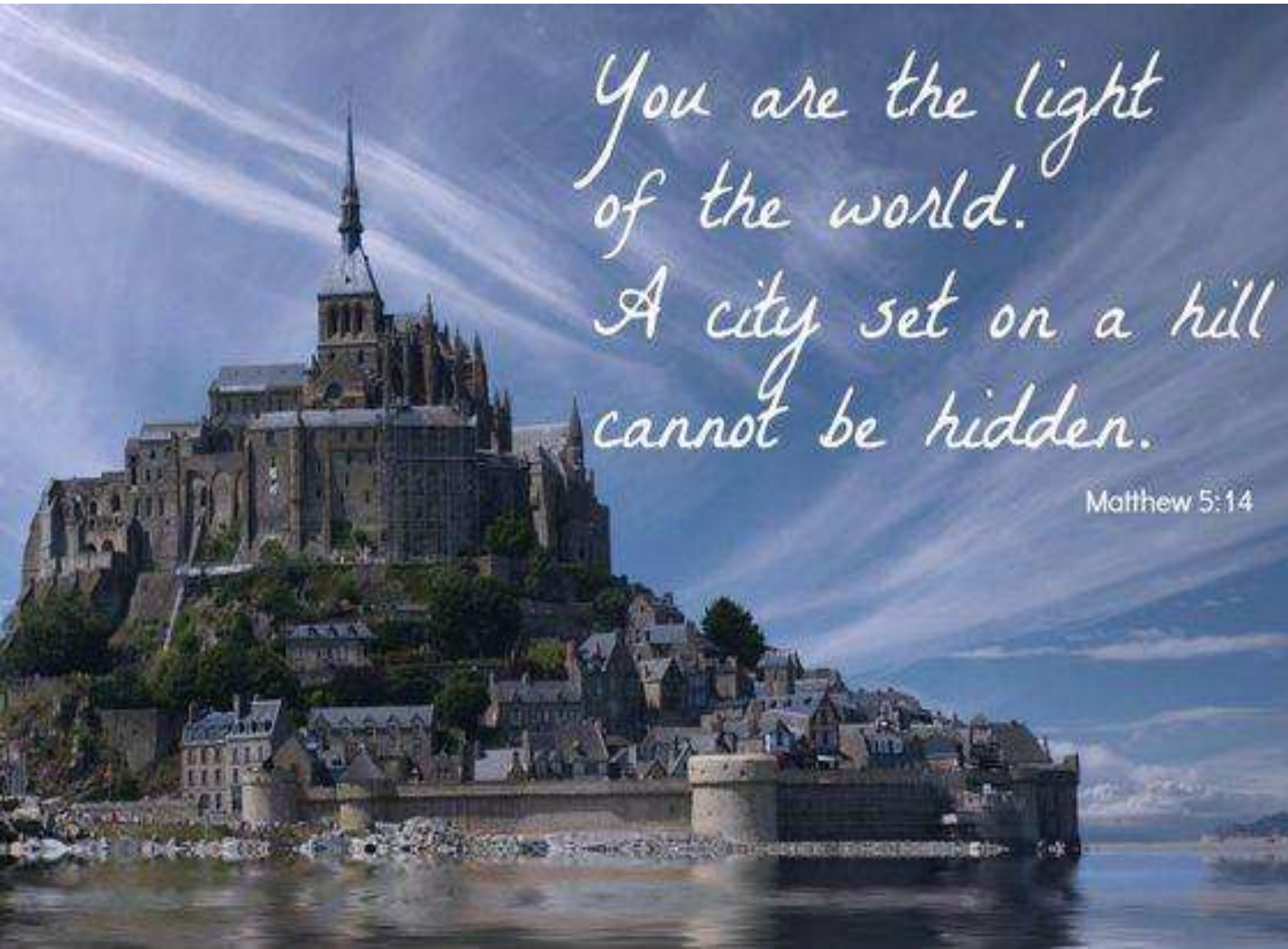
September 12, 1962



**“God doesn’t call
the qualified;
God
qualifies
the
called.”**



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



It's Your Choice

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.

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

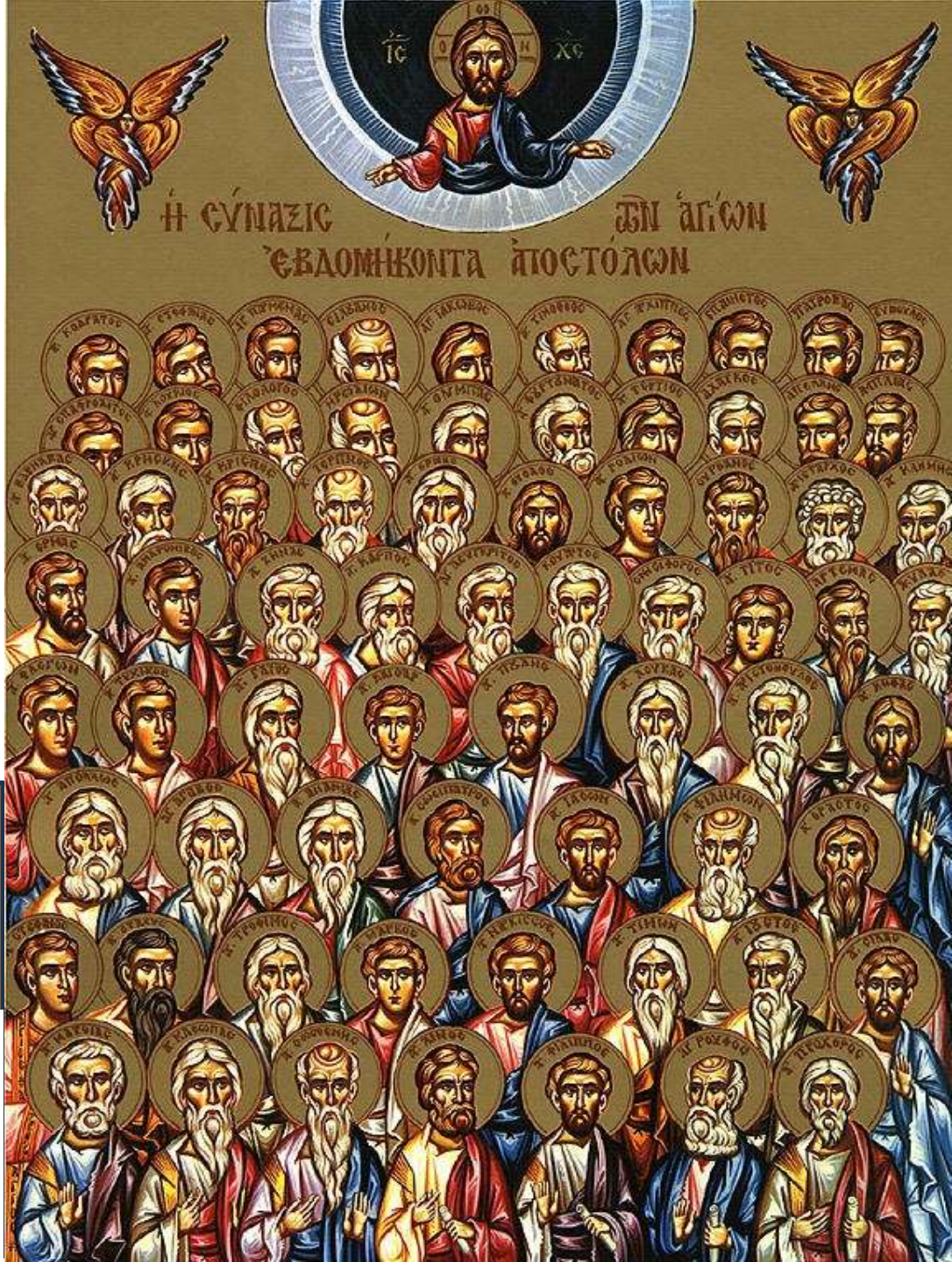
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QUESTIONS
ANSWERED
HERE
EVEN THE
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Any Questions?

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