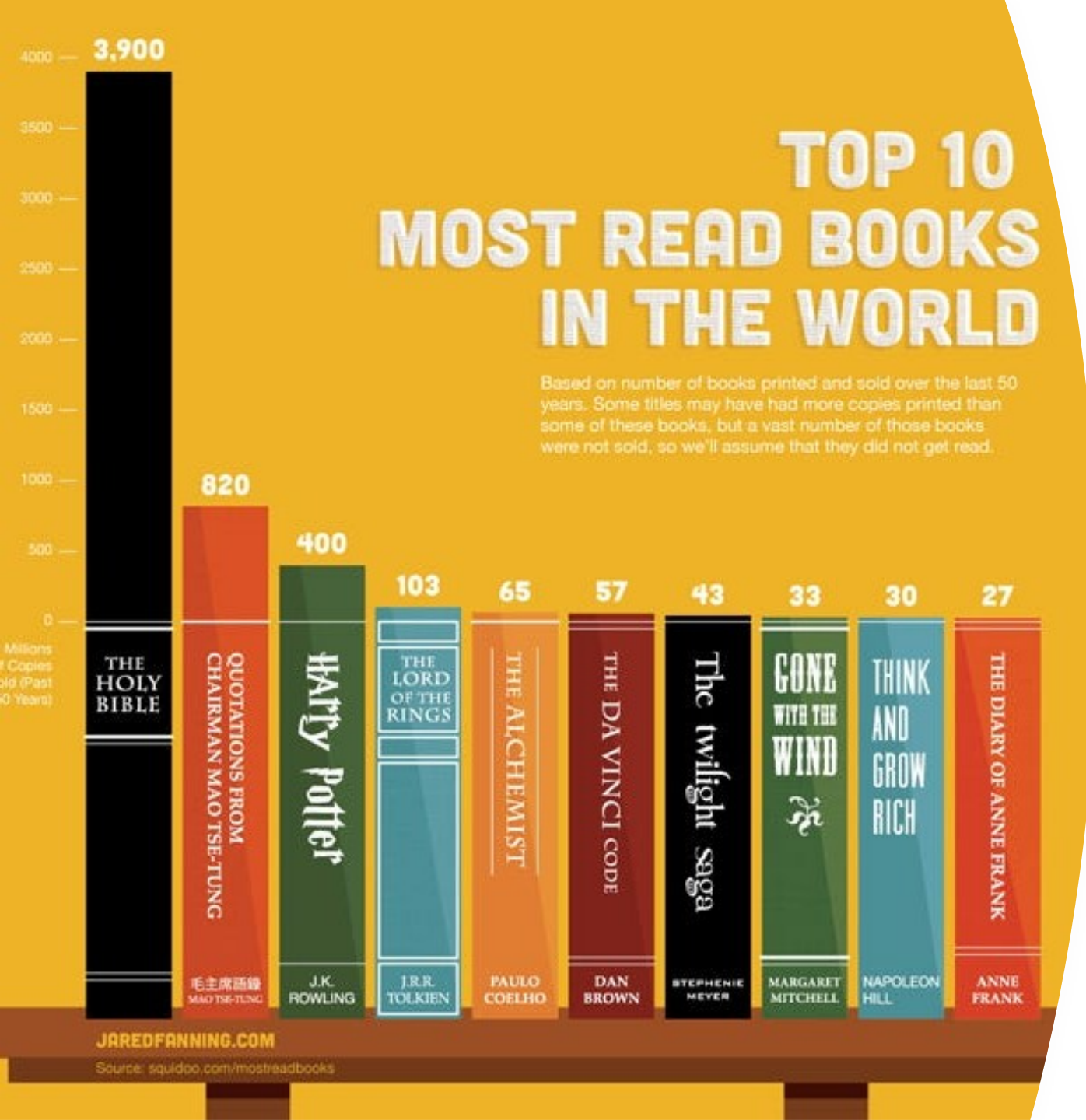


# The Bible

God's Inspired Word





## The Bible

- Collection of 66 books written by more than 40 authors over more than 2,000 years.
- Jerome assembled the book as we know it around AD 400.

# More than half of Canadians are Christians, but three-in-ten are unaffiliated

*% who say their current religion is ...*

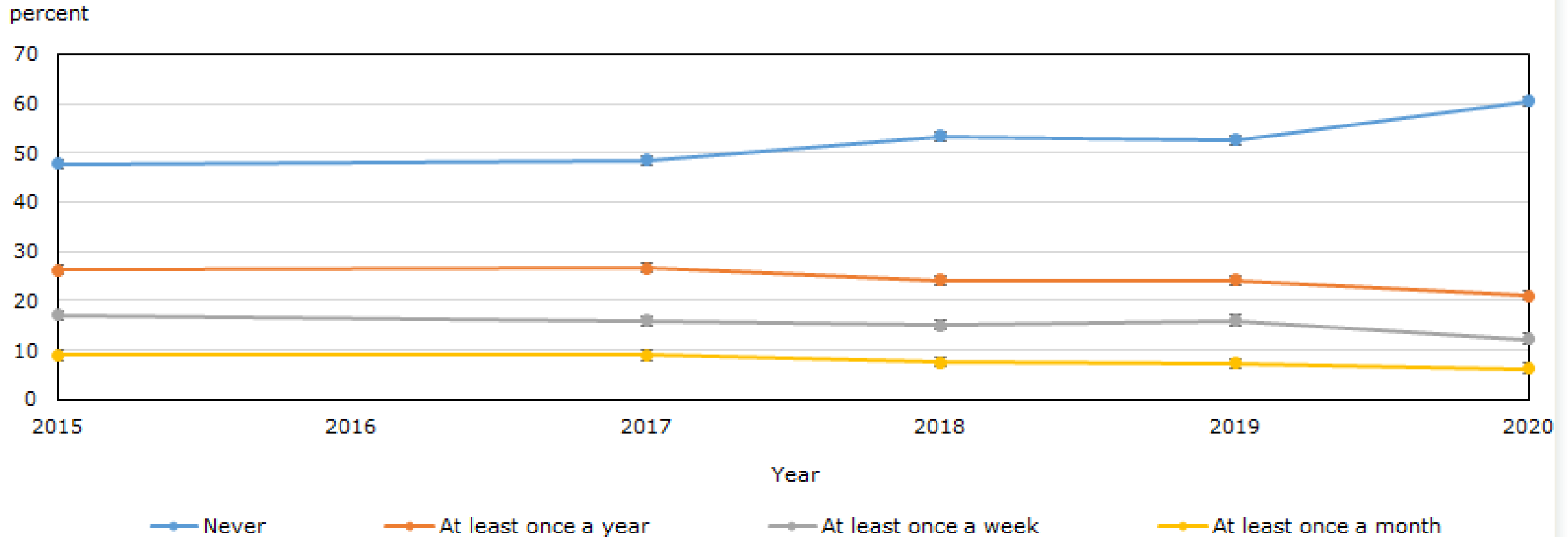


Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey.

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### Chart 1

## Frequency of participation in group religious activities, population aged 15 years and older, Canada, 2015 to 2020



**Note:** This line graph represents the frequency of participation in group religious activities for the population aged 15 years and older in Canada from 2015 to 2020. The y-axis shows the percentages of the frequency of participation in group religious activities. The x-axis axis shows the years of data collection.

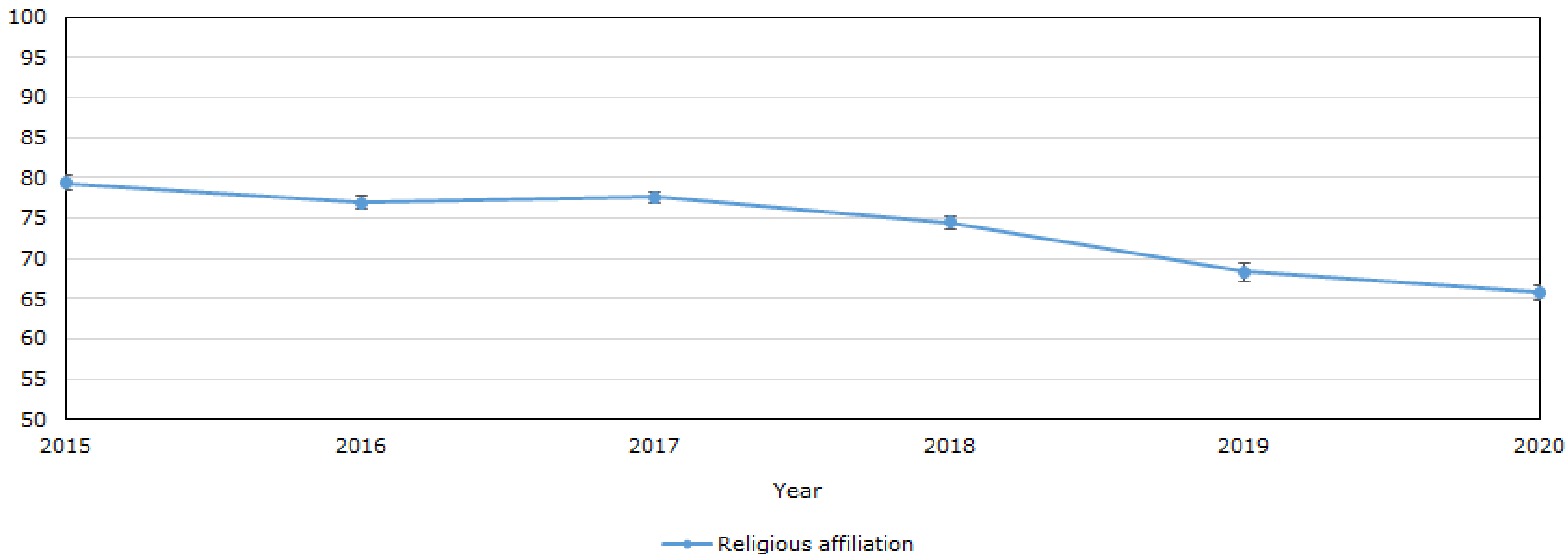
**Source:** Statistics Canada, General Social Survey, cycles 29 (2015) to 35 (2020).



### Chart 3

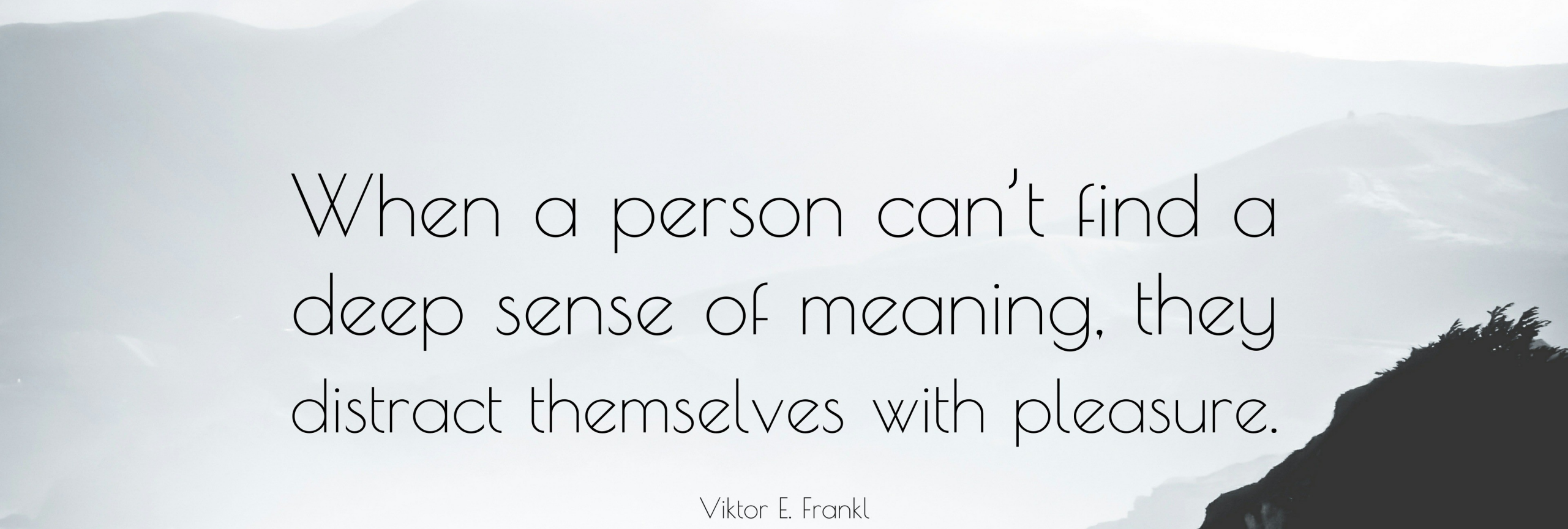
## Religious affiliation, population aged 15 years and older, Canada, 2015 to 2020

percent



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When a person can't find a deep sense of meaning, they distract themselves with pleasure.

Viktor E. Frankl

## Where to Find Meaning (Inspiration)?

Is meaning relative? Or is there an authority that we can inquire at?

**Ourselves**

or

**Another**

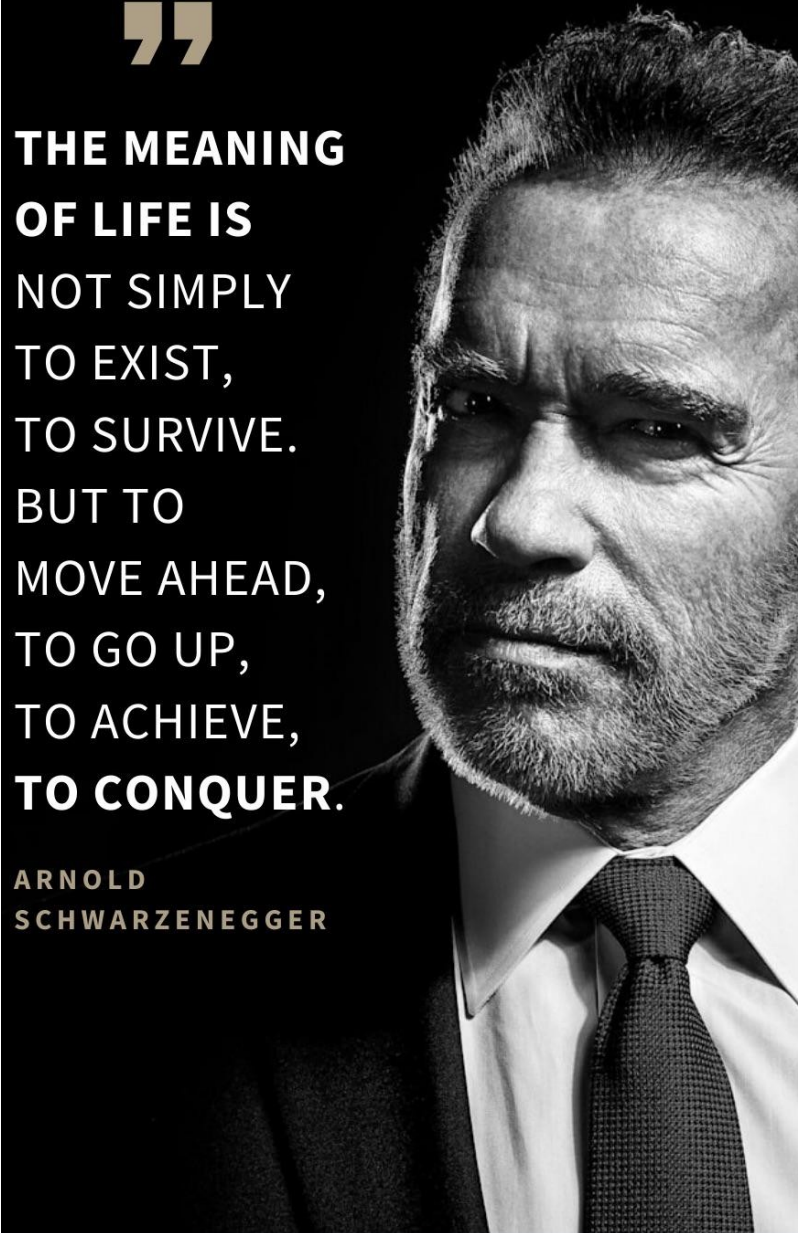


CREATE INSPIRATION

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**THE MEANING OF LIFE IS NOT SIMPLY TO EXIST, TO SURVIVE. BUT TO MOVE AHEAD, TO GO UP, TO ACHIEVE, TO CONQUER.**

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER



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WHY?

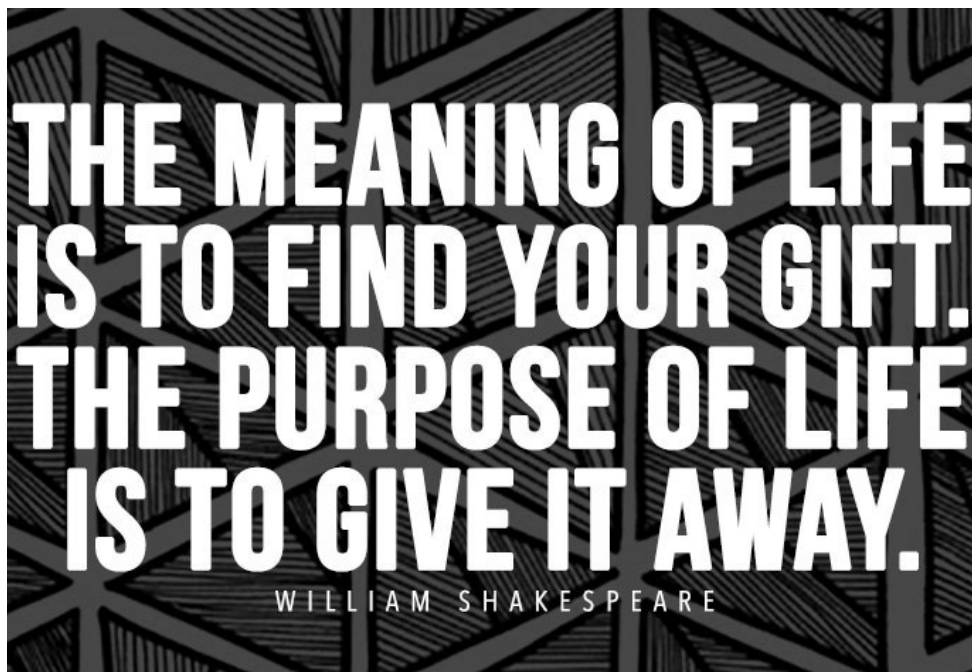


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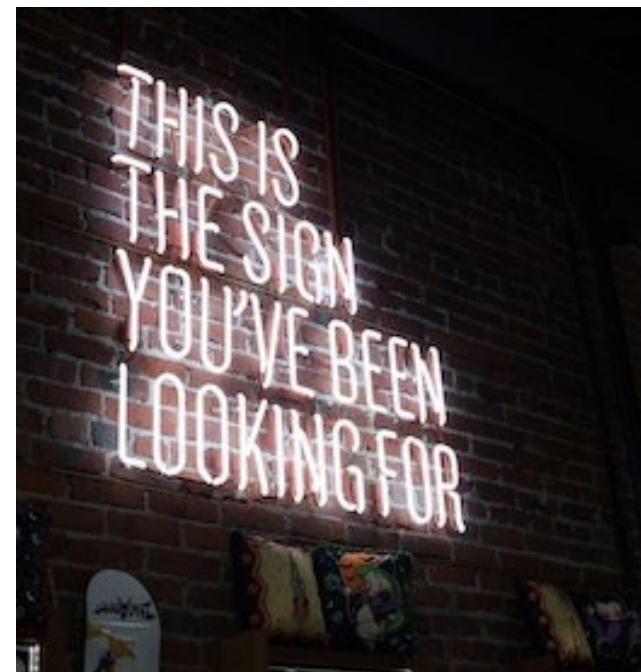


THE MEANING OF LIFE  
IS TO FIND YOUR GIFT.  
THE PURPOSE OF LIFE  
IS TO GIVE IT AWAY.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



THIS IS  
THE SIGN  
YOU'VE BEEN  
LOOKING FOR



# Inseparable

Inspiration  
n

Meaning  
of Life

# Inspiration



Authority



Motivatio  
n



Life  
Giving

# Inspiration - Authority



Commitment



Confidence



Clarity



Evidence



Defense

# Inspiration - Motivation



Plan, Structure



Meaning



Energy, Drive



Understanding



Perseverance



# Inspiration – Life Giving



Outcome



Satisfaction, Contentment



Joy, Peace



Purpose, Hope



Salvation




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# Looking for Inspiration


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- The most read book in the world
- Likely the most influential books in the world
- Provides guidance, instruction
- Provides evidence, aligns with reality (debated)
- Provides purpose
- Promises beneficial results




1 I thought about these things. Then I understood that God has power over everyone, even those of us who are wise and live right. Anything can happen to any of us, and so we never know if life will be good or bad. 2 But **exactly the same thing will finally happen to all of us**, whether we live right and respect God or sin and don't respect God. Yes, **the same thing will happen** if we offer sacrifices to God or if we don't, if we keep our promises or break them. 3 It's terribly unfair for **the same thing to happen to each of us**. We are mean and foolish while we live, and **then we die**. 4 As long as we are alive, we still have hope, just as a live dog is better off than a dead lion. 5 We know that **we will die**, but the dead don't know a thing. Nothing good will happen to them—they are gone and forgotten. 6 Their loves, their hates, and their jealous feelings have all disappeared with them. **They will never again take part in anything that happens on this earth.**

Ecclesiastes 9:1-6 (CEV)




7 Be happy and enjoy eating and drinking! God decided long ago that this is what you should do. 8 Dress up, comb your hair, and look your best. 9 **Life is short**, and you love your wife, so enjoy being with her. This is what you are supposed to do as you struggle through life on this earth. 10 **Work hard at whatever you do. You will soon go to the world of the dead, where no one works or thinks or reasons or knows anything.**

Ecclesiastes 9:7-10 (CEV)



11 Here is something else I have learned: The fastest runners and the greatest heroes don't always win races and battles. Wisdom, intelligence, and skill don't always make you healthy, rich, or popular. We each have our share of bad luck. 12 None of us know when we might **fall victim to a sudden disaster** and find ourselves like fish in a net or birds in a trap. 13 Once I saw what people really think of wisdom. 14 It happened when a powerful ruler surrounded and attacked a small city where only a few people lived. The enemy army was getting ready to break through the city walls. 15 But the city was saved by the wisdom of a poor person who was soon forgotten. 16 So I decided that **wisdom is better than strength**. Yet if you are poor, no one pays any attention to you, no matter how smart you are. 17 Words of wisdom spoken softly make much more sense than the shouts of a ruler to a crowd of fools. 18 Wisdom is more powerful than weapons, yet one mistake can destroy all the good you have done.

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18 (CEV)



13 Everything you were taught can be put into a few words: **Respect and obey God!** **This is what life is all about.** **God will judge everything we do,** even what is done in secret, whether good or bad.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (CEV)






**Authority**

**Motivation**

**Life Giving**






6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and **beside me there is no God.**

Isaiah 6:4 KJV

"Because **I the LORD don't change**; therefore you children of Jacob, aren't destroyed."

Malachi 3:6 ISV



16 All Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be perfected, thoroughly furnished to every good work.

2Timothy 3:16-17 (MKJV)

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Num 23:19 ESV



The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

2Samuel 23:2 KJV

19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2Peter 1:19-21 ESV



Buy the **truth**, and sell it not; also **wisdom**, and **instruction**, and **understanding**.

Proverbs 23:23 KJV

The simple believeth every word: but the **prudent** man looketh well to his going.

Proverbs 14:15 KJV

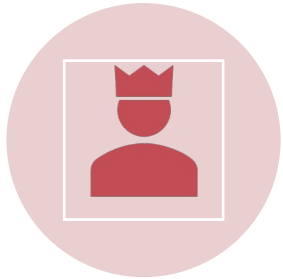
**Prove all things**; hold fast that which is good.

1Thessalonians 5:21 KJV

To the **law and to the testimony**: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Isaiah 8:20 KJV

# The Bible Claims



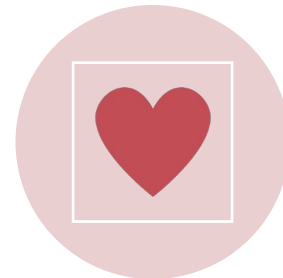
A single all-powerful, all-knowing creator




A consistent message



Full inspiration




Blessing or curse based on our response



And as **the people were in expectation**, and all men mused in their hearts concerning John, lest perhaps he was the **Christ**,


Luke 3:15 MKJV



1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning **Judah and Jerusalem**. 2 It shall come to pass in the **latter days** that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, 3 and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” **For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem**. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall **beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

Isaiah 2:1-4 ESV






The LORD thy **God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren**, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Deuteronomy 18:15 KJV


Act 3:20 And **he shall send Jesus Christ**, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which **God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets** since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, **A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren**, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. 24 Yea, and **all the prophets** from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

Act 3:20-24 KJV




24 **Seventy weeks** are decreed as to your people and as to your holy city, to finish the transgression and to make an end of sins, and to make atonement for iniquity, and **to bring in everlasting righteousness**, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going out of the command to restore and to build **Jerusalem**, to **Messiah the Prince**, shall be **seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks**. The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in times of affliction. 26 And after **sixty-two weeks** **Messiah** shall be cut off, but not for Himself. And the people of the ruler who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. And the end of it shall be with the flood, and ruins are determined, until the end shall be war. 27 And he shall confirm a covenant with many for **one week**. And in the **midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and on a corner of the altar desolating abominations, even until the end. And that which was decreed shall be poured on the desolator.

Daniel 9:24-27 MKJV



1 And at that time shall **Michael** stand up, the **great prince** which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to **everlasting life**, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars **for ever and ever**.

Daniel 12:1-3 RV




But all this was done, **that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled**. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

Matthew 26:56 KJV


Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man who is My companion, says Jehovah of Hosts; strike the Shepherd, and **the sheep shall be scattered**. And I will turn My hand on the little ones.

Zechariah 13:7 KJV




9 For **the zeal of thine house** hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are **fallen upon me**. 20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but **there was none**; and for comforters, but **I found none**. 21 They gave me also **gall** for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me **vinegar to drink**.

Psalm 69:9, 20-21 KJV



28 After this Jesus, knowing that all things are now finished, that **the scripture might be accomplished**, saith, I thirst. 29 There was set there a vessel full of **vinegar**: so they put a sponge full of the **vinegar upon hyssop**, and brought it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus therefore had received the **vinegar**, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.


John 129:28-30 RV



21 But now a righteousness of God has been revealed apart from Law, **being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets**; 22 even the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ, toward all and upon all those who believe. For there is no difference, 23 for **all have sinned and come short of the glory of God**, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; 31 Do we then make the Law void through faith? Let it not be! But **we establish the Law**.

Romans 3:21-24, 31 (MKJV)





17 Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy **but to fulfill**. 18 For truly I say to you, Till the **heaven** and the **earth** pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any way pass from the Law **until all is fulfilled**.


Matthew 5:17-18 (MKJV)

The image features a stack of books with colorful spines (purple, green, blue, red, yellow, orange) at the bottom. On top of the stack is an open book with aged, yellowish pages. The background is dark with a light gradient at the top. The text 'Authority' is in a large, semi-transparent white font at the top. 'Motivation' is in a large, solid white font in the middle. 'Life Giving' is in a large, semi-transparent white font at the bottom. A small red vertical bar is on the left side.

Authority


Motivation

Life Giving



13 All these people died having faith. **They did not receive the things that were promised**, yet they **saw them in the distant future** and welcomed them, acknowledging that they were strangers and foreigners on earth. 14 For people who say such things make it clear that they are **looking for a country** of their own. 15 If they had been thinking about what they had left behind, they would have had an opportunity to go back. 16 Instead, they were longing for **a better country**, that is, **a heavenly one**. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he has prepared **a city** for them.

Hebrews 11:13-16 (ISV)




It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; **he will not leave you or forsake you.** Do not fear or be dismayed.”

Deuteronomy 31:8 (ESV)


5 Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, **I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee.** 6 So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?

Hebrews 13:5-6 (RV)



38 For **I am persuaded** that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to **separate us from the love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.


Romans 8:38-39 (MKJV)



16 For this cause we do not faint; but though our outward man perishes, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For the lightness of our **present affliction** works out for us a far more **excellent eternal weight of glory**, 18 we not considering the things which are seen, but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are not lasting, but the things which are not seen are **everlasting**.


2Corinthians 4:16-18 (MKJV)





1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us **run with endurance** the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who **for the joy** that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.


Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)



Eph 2:1 And you were **dead in the trespasses and sins** 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we **were dead in our trespasses**, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 7 so that **in the coming ages** he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that **we should walk in them**. 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the **commonwealth of Israel** and strangers to the covenants of promise, **having no hope and without God** in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:1,4-5,7-10,12-13 (ESV)






He who **believes** and is **baptized** will be **saved**, but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:16 (MKJV)



Author  
Motivation

**Life Giving**



And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground,  
and breathed into his nostrils the **breath** {**inspiration**} of life;  
and man became a living soul.


Genesis 2:7 (KJV)

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the  
host of them by the **breath** {**spirit**} of his mouth.

Psalms 33:6 (KJV)


And when he had said this, he **breathed** on them, and saith  
unto them, Receive ye the **Holy Ghost**:

John 20:22 (KJV)




Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the **eternal life** to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1Timothy 6:12 (ESV)




32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah; also David, and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the strangers. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again, and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, **that they might obtain a better resurrection.** 36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings; yes, more, of bonds and imprisonments. 37 They were stoned, they were sawed in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented. 38 The world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains and dens and caves of the earth. 39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, **did not receive the promise,** 40 for God had provided some better thing for us, **that they should not be made perfect without us.**

Hebrews 11:32-40 (MKJV)



19 I call **heaven** and **earth** to witness against you today, that I have set before you **life** and **death**, **blessing** and **curse**. Therefore choose **life**, that you and your offspring may **live**, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your **life** and length of days, that you may **dwell in the land** that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”


Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (ESV)



8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But **the day of the Lord will come** like a thief, and then the **heavens** will pass away with a roar, and the **heavenly** bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the **earth** and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 11 Since all these things are thus to be **dissolved {unbind}**, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 **waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God**, because of which the **heavens** will be set on fire and dissolved, and the **heavenly** bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for **new heavens and a new earth** in which **righteousness dwells**.

2Peter 3:8-13 (ESV)





17 “For behold, I create **new heavens and a new earth**, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create **Jerusalem** to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. 19 I will rejoice in **Jerusalem** and be glad in my people; **no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress**. 20 No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 They shall **build houses** and **inhabit them**; they shall **plant vineyards** and **eat their fruit**. 25 **The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,**” says the LORD.

Isaiah 65:17-21, 25 (ESV)



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# What **Inspires** You?

The entrance of **God's Words** gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:130