



# LOOSEY-GOOSEY “CHRISTIANS!”

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**TEXT: Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh...**

**5...and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:**

**6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.**

**7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was...**

Proverbs 8:23 I was set up  
from everlasting, from the  
beginning, **or ever** the  
earth was.

**Daniel 6:24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions...and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces **or ever** they came at the bottom of the den.**

"...Verely verely I saye vnto you: **Or euer** Abraham was, I am."

*(Coverdale Bible, 1535)*

John 8:58...Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before** Abraham was, I am.

**Revelation 22:1 And  
he shewed me a pure  
river of **water of life**...**

*...silver cord be  
loosed...*

**Job 30:8 They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.**

**10 They abhor me, they flee far from me...**

**11 Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.**



**Job 36:8** And if they be  
**bound** in fetters, and be  
**holden** in **CORDS** of  
**affliction;**

**Proverbs 6:20 My son, keep thy  
father's commandment, and  
forsake not the law of thy mother:  
21 Bind them continually upon  
thine heart, and tie them about thy  
neck.**

Judges 15:14...the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and **the cords** that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and **his bands loosed** from off his hands.

**Ecclesiastes 4:12 And if one  
prevail against him, two shall  
withstand him; and a  
threefold cord is not quickly  
broken.**

Psalm 118:27 God is the  
Lord, which hath shewed us  
light: **bind the sacrifice with  
cords**, even unto the horns of  
the altar.

**2 Corinthians 5:14 For  
the love of Christ  
constraineth us...**

**Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

**2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

**Psalm 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,**

**3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.**



**John 2:15** And when he had made **a scourge of small cords**, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

**Job 41:1 Canst thou draw  
out leviathan with an hook?  
or his tongue with a cord  
which thou lettest down?**



Isaiah 5:18 Woe unto  
them that **draw iniquity  
with cords of vanity,** and  
sin as it were with a cart  
rope:

**Ecclesiastes 12:6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.**

**1 Corinthians 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you...**

**Hebrews 6:6** If they shall fall away,  
to renew them again unto  
repentance; **seeing they crucify to  
themselves the Son of God afresh,**  
and put him to an open shame.

*WND (5-1-21):*

*"Barna: America infected with Moralistic Therapeutic Deism - 'Water-down, feel-good, fake Christianity' most popular worldview today...Pollster George Barna, chief of research at the Cultural Research Center, has concluded that America is infected with 'Moralistic Therapeutic Deism,' or...'watered-down, feel-good, fake Christianity'...*



**Barna's organization at Arizona Christian University has released a report explaining the beliefs first were identified among teens in the early 2000s, and now as adults, they still embrace them, making MTD 'the most popular worldview in the United States today'...94% of Americans don't hold a biblical worldview...Nearly four in 10 adults, 38%, 'are more likely to embrace elements of MTD' than other popular worldviews, such as Biblical theism...Three out of four accepting MTD, however, still claim to be Christian.**

**But 95% do not consider obedience to God to be success, 91% do not believe people are born into sin and need salvation through Jesus, 88% say they get most of their moral guidance from outside the Bible, and 76% say 'good people' go to Heaven because they are, well, 'good'...**

**'In this distorted version of Christianity the emphasis is on self rather than God, and on emotion rather than truth. Those who adopt MTD views believe in innate human goodness and kindness,' Barna explained. 'They view God as a powerful but dispassionate observer who remains detached from human experience, unless circumstances make Him the solution of last resort...''...''In their view, the local church exists primarily to offer supportive and upbeat community rather than worship, service, holiness, or a genuine relationship with God.**

**And MTD is abundantly pluralistic, encouraging people to do whatever works or feels good rather than that which fits with biblical principles'...Among those who express MTD beliefs, his report noted, 75% do not believe God is the basis of all truth, 74% believe in karma, 73% say having SOME religious faith is more important than WHAT faith, and 71% do not believe the Bible is the true communication from God...in their 2005 book, 'Soul Searching: The Religions and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers'...[they show these teens believe...in a God who remains distant from people's lives...the universal purpose of life of being happy and feeling good about oneself...there are no absolute moral truths...**

**God allows 'good people' into Heaven...God places very limited demands on people...'Other errant beliefs possessed by a majority of adults who are substantially influenced by MTD include that they do not believe in the creation story, reject the existence of absolute moral truth...**

**Among racial and ethnic segments, Hispanics (more than 40% of whom are Catholic) showed the greatest alignment with MTD, with a majority of them (52%) drawing heavily or moderately from MTD perspectives. A significant age gap was evident in the research, as well, as those under age 50 were more than twice as likely as the 50-plus to find MTD appealing, the report said...**

**'Barna contends that MTD is a worldview that is defined and driven by current culture more than by historic religious truths or a comprehensive and coherent doctrine. Consequently, this approach to spirituality asks little of its followers while providing the comfort, convenience, and community that those followers long for'...Barna warned...'Simply and objectively stated, Christianity in this nation is rotting from the inside out'...'**

**Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me **the fountain of living waters**, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.**



**Romans 13:14 But put ye on  
the Lord Jesus Christ, and  
make not provision for the  
flesh, to fulfil the lusts  
thereof.**

**Matthew 5:29** And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

**Song of Solomon 4:12 A  
garden inclosed is my sister,  
my spouse; a spring shut up,  
a fountain sealed.**

**Song of Solomon 8:8 We have a little sister...what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?**

**9 If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, **we will inclose her with boards of cedar.****

**Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently** lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

**16** Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau...