

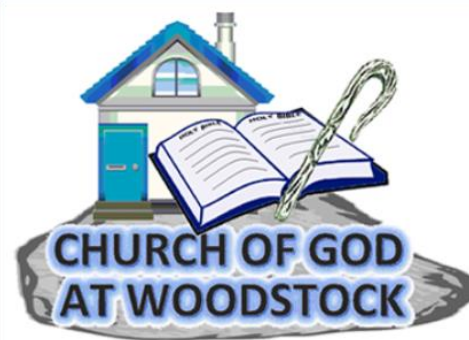
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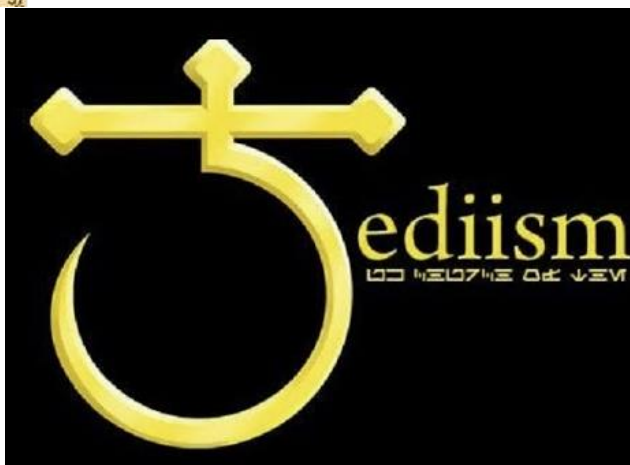
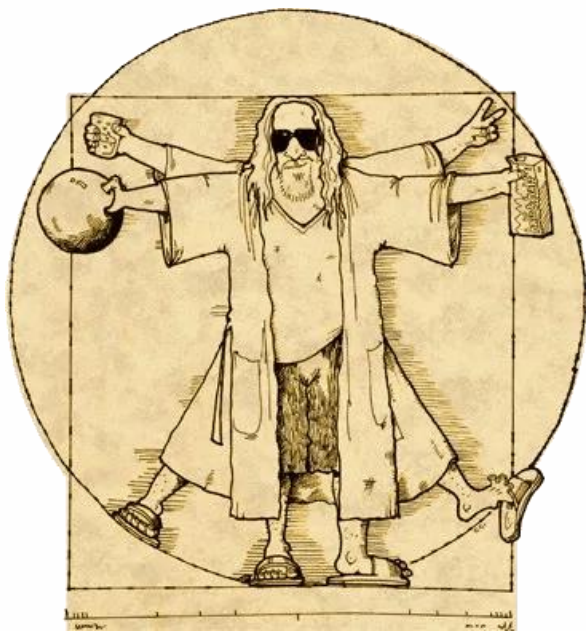
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UNIVERSALISM: A HERETICAL DOCTRINE

The defining theology of Universalism is universal salvation;

Universalists believe that a “God of love” would not create a person knowing that person would be destined for eternal damnation. **They** concluded that all people must be destined for salvation.

Some early Universalists believed that after death there is a period of reprobation in Hell preceding salvation. Other Universalists denied the existence of Hell entirely.



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1 Timothy 4:10

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the **Saviour of all men**, especially of those that believe.



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2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance.

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Matthew 7:13–14

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Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.



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Romans 9:22–23

What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering **the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction**: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the **vessels of mercy**, which he had afore prepared unto glory,



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Revelation 20:11 ... 15

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away ... I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life ... **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**





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Hebrews 10:28–31

He that despised Moses' law **died** without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of **how much sorer punishment**, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

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Matthew 25:31–33

When the Son of man shall **come in his glory**, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered **all nations**: and he shall **separate them** one from another, as a shepherd divideth his **sheep from the goats**: And he shall set the sheep on his **right hand**, but the goats on the **left**.



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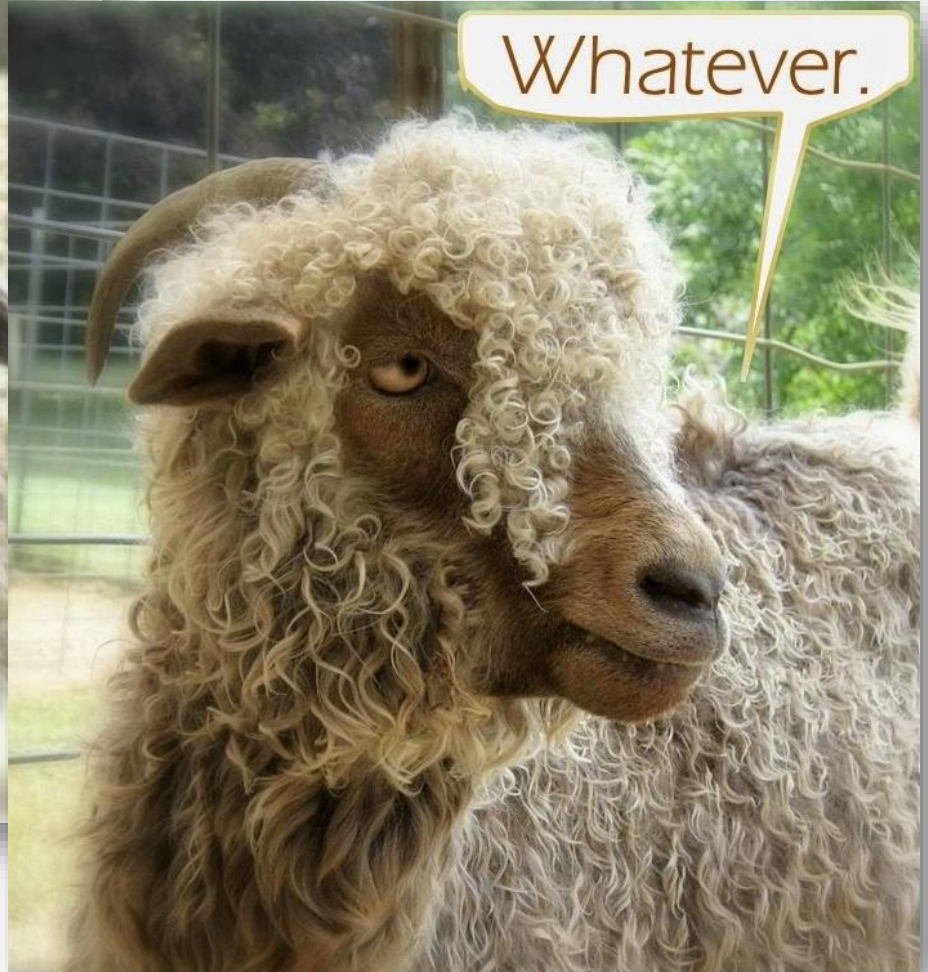


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2 Samuel 7:18–19

Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, **Who am I, O Lord GOD?** and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?





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HOW DOES GOD CHOOSE? [Two common doctrines]

- **Election / Predestination**

God decides – no effective action by individuals.

- **Free will**

God 'provides' – each individual is given the choice to accept or reject.

Includes two main divisions:

1. Salvation cannot be lost
2. Salvation can be lost





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GOD'S CALLING: REQUIRED?

Jeremiah 31:1–3

At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore **with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.**





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John 6:44

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John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**





GOD'S CALLING: REQUIRED?

YES





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GOD'S CALLING: WHO?

Romans 10:11–15

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is **rich unto all that call upon him**. For **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved**. **How then shall they call on him** in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!



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SUB TITLE

Matthew 22:13–14

Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and **cast him into outer darkness**; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but **few are chosen**.





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GOD'S CALLING: WHO?

Acts 17:25–27

Neither is *[God]* worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of **one blood all nations of men** for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; **That they should seek the Lord**, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from **every one of us:**





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GOD'S CALLING: WHO?

Acts 17:30–31

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth **all men every where** to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will **judge the world** in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto **all men**, in that he hath raised him from the dead.





GOD'S CALLING: WHO?

**ALL
MANKIND**





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ELECTION / PREDESTINATION: A HERETICAL DOCTRINE

This is a doctrine that states God has only called some people, that Jesus' sacrifice is not sufficient for the entire world, but only for a portion of the world, only for the elect.

It may be born out of a struggle to reconcile the question 'Why Me?', but it is not Scriptural and brings about many heretical twists to Scripture that can cause many to reject the grace of God



ELECTION / PREDESTINATION: A BIBLICAL DEFINITION

Romans 8:28–30

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For **whom he did foreknow**, he **also did predestinate** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he **also called**: and whom he called, them he **also justified**: and whom he justified, them he **also glorified**.





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1 Peter 1:1–2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **Elect according to the foreknowledge of God** the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.





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Acts 14:15–17

And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: Who in times past suffered **all nations** to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that **he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.**





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Ephesians 3:9

And to make **all men see** what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:





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2 Corinthians 5:14–15

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God calls all, and God knows who will receive His gift and who will not.

Our 'fate' was predestined/known before the foundation of the world not by God's forcing His will upon us (that ALL should be saved), but by His providential enablement to all and foreknowledge of what choice each of us would make.

We contribute nothing to our salvation other than our acknowledgment that we need it and a willingness to accept it.



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2 Peter 2:20

For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, **and overcome**, the latter end is **worse with them** than the beginning.



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1 Corinthians 9:25–27

And every man that striveth for the mastery is **temperate in all things**. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, **I myself should be a castaway**.



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Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;**

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Hebrews 6:4–6

For it is impossible for those who were **once enlightened**, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **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.

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Colossians 1:21–23

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in his sight: **If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled,** and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and **which was preached to every creature** which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;



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1 Timothy 1:12–15

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: **but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.** And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.





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Romans 2:3–4

And thinkest thou this, O man, **that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?** Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?





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CAN A TRUE BELIEVER LOSE SALVATION?

YES





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1 John 4:9–10

In this was manifested the **love of God toward us**, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, **but that he loved us**, and **sent his Son** to be the propitiation for our sins.





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Ephesians 1:12–14

That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first **trusted in Christ**. In whom **ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also **after that ye believed**, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.





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Ephesians 2:8–10

For **by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which **God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**





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Lamentations 3:21–24

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of **the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed**, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. **The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.**



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