

SESSION 3

FORMATION IN THE CLASSROOM



Part 1: Why Educate?



West Springfield, VA Moms

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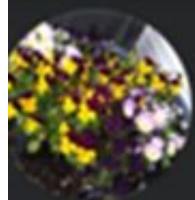
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Hi! We are looking for preschool recommendations for our 2 year old to start in the fall (he will be 2.5 in September and potty trained). Ideally would like at least 3 mornings a week, but open to 2. We will be located near Lake Braddock HS and looking to stay within about a 10 minute drive. Prefer secular but open to some light religion :)

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Laura Tr ★ Rising contributor

Another for St Andrews! They're Episcopal, but we're not religious at all and are very comfortable there. They do a 20 min chapel once a week. Great staff and environment. Feel free to PM me if you have any questions. 😊

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Sharilee

We send our daughter, not super religious and you can opt them out of the religion part. Amazing staff and director

Messiah CEP

6215 Rolling Rd Springfield, VA

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Amanda  Top contributor

Cannot recommend [SUMC Christian Weekday Program](#) enough! We love it! My daughter started at that age. They have options for 2, 3, or 5 days at that age. You can add on things like soccer, dance, lunch, and all day if you need it. Incredibly flexible and an amazing intimate feel. Some truly amazing teachers. It's great that they have flexibility and options because as they get older you can add more days if you want or if you just need a full day here and there, you can just pay for the extended care that one day. Unheard of! Chapel once a month for 15 minutes so light religion. And if you need the care in summer, they are extending their school year to mimic Fairfax and are adding a camp after the normal school year ends. Happy to talk more if you want. You can call and schedule a tour as well!

<https://www.christianweekdayprogram.org/>

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Why send your
child to a religious
school if you are
not religious?

why get an education?

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Education is valuable because it opens doors to better job opportunities, fosters personal growth and critical thinking, and contributes to economic and societal advancement, ultimately leading to a more fulfilling and successful life. [🔗](#)

benefits of private school

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achievement and college preparation, which can lead to higher academic



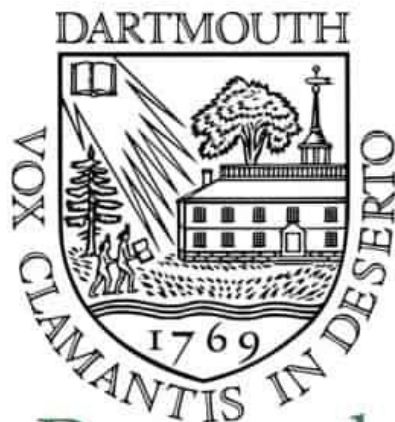
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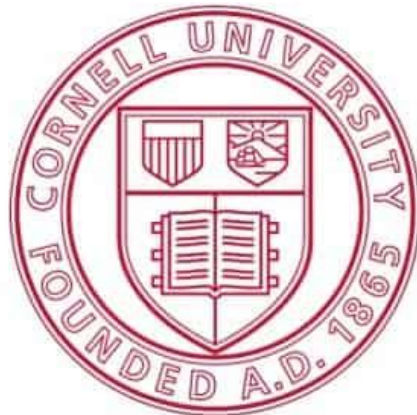
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The New York Times

OPINION

The Moral Deficiencies of a Liberal Education

Oct. 17, 2023



THE MORAL DEFICIENCIES OF A LIBERAL EDUCATION



The American Association of Colleges and Universities described a liberal education as one that ‘empowers individuals with core knowledge and transferable skills and **cultivates social responsibility** and a **strong sense of ethics and values**.’ This certainly is not the full vision, but even with this definition, it is very hard to recognize that what we are now offering as a college education meets even this standard.



THE MORAL DEFICIENCIES OF A LIBERAL EDUCATION



When a coalition of 34 student organizations at Harvard can say that they “hold the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence” and students at other elite universities blame Israel alone for the attack Hamas carried out on Israelis on Oct. 7 or even praise the massacre, **something is deeply wrong at America’s colleges and universities.**



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Option 2

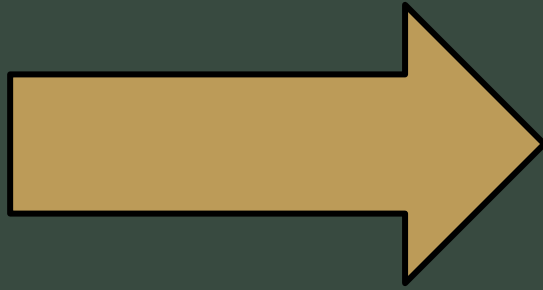
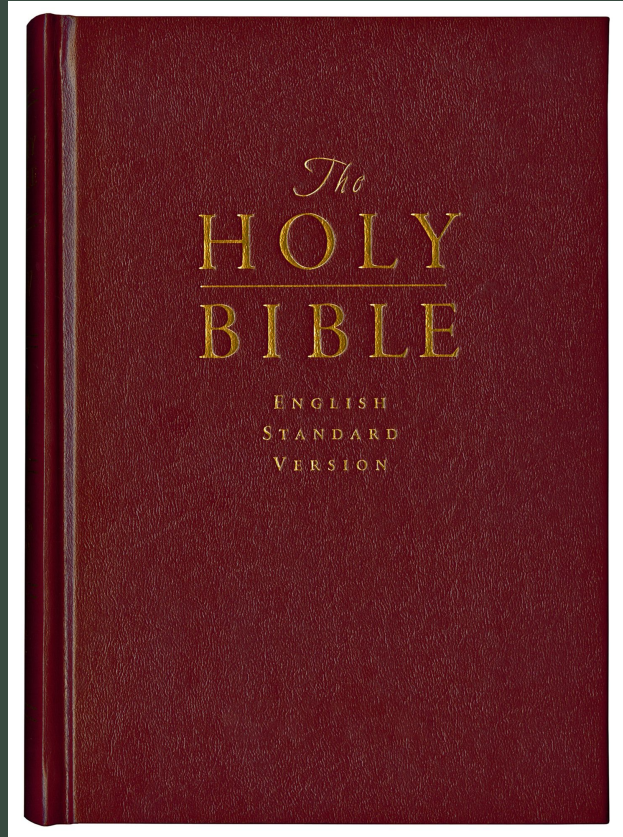


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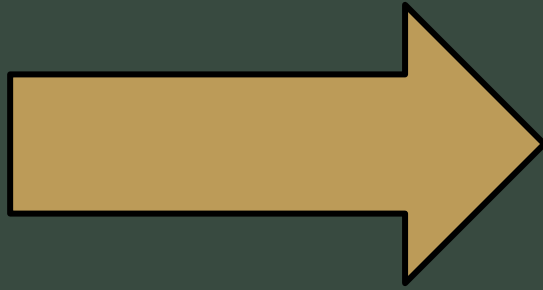
Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet, and a
light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105





Main Point



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What is the main point of the Bible?
Where does the path lead?

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

~ 1 Corinthians 10:31”



Q: WHAT IS THE CHIEF
END OF MAN?

A: Man's chief
end is to glorify
God and enjoy
him forever.

THE
WESTMINSTER
STANDARDS

Containing the
CONFESSION
OF
FAITH

Together with
the SHORTER & LARGER
CATECHISMS

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Q: WHAT IS THE CHIEF
END OF EDUCATION?

A: To educate
students toward the
glorification and
enjoyment of God.

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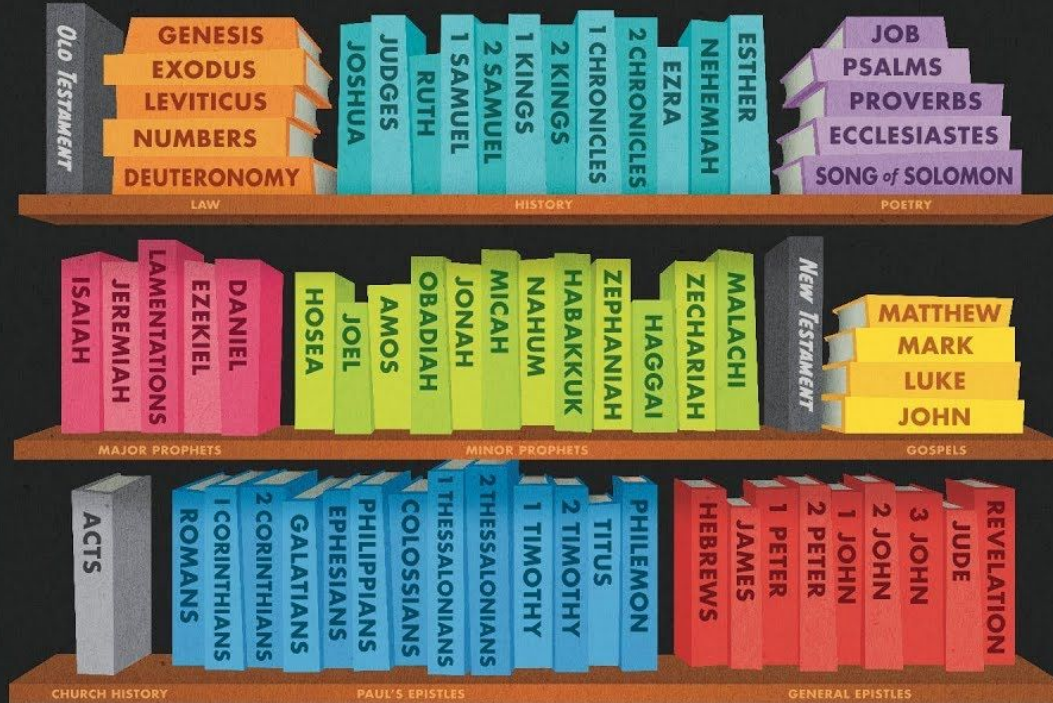
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Part 2: How do we educate?

66 BOOKS IN THE BIBLE



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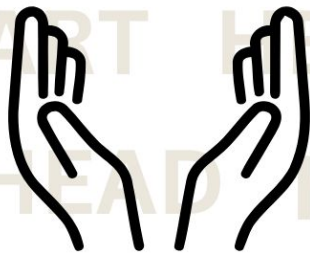




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Mathematics *Standards of Learning* for Virginia Public Schools

2023 Kindergarten

K.NS.1 The student will utilize flexible counting strategies to determine and describe quantities up to 100.

Students will demonstrate the following Knowledge and Skills:

- a) Use one-to-one correspondence to determine how many are in a given set containing 30 or fewer concrete objects (e.g., cubes, pennies, balls), and describe the last number named as the total number of objects counted.
- b) Recognize and explain that the number of objects remains the same regardless of the arrangement or the order in which the objects are counted.



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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your **mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

~ Romans 12:2

”

“

Set your **minds** on things that are
above, not on things that are on
earth.

~ Colossians 3:2

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Have this **mind** among
yourselves, which is yours in
Christ Jesus...

~ Philippians 2:5

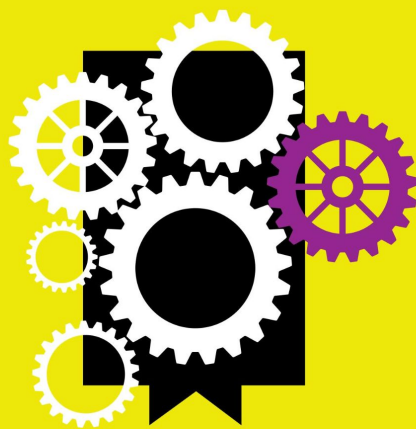
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For to set the **mind** on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

~ Romans 8:6

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BEYOND

BIBLICAL INTEGRATION

IMMERSING YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS
IN A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

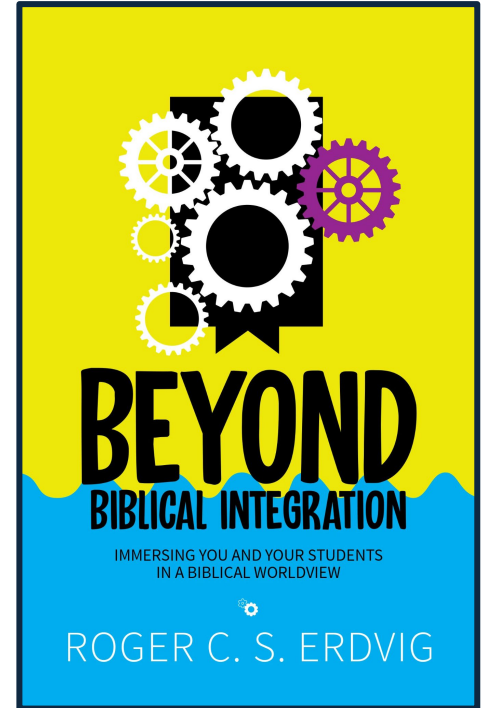


ROGER C. S. ERDVIG



Macro-Propositions

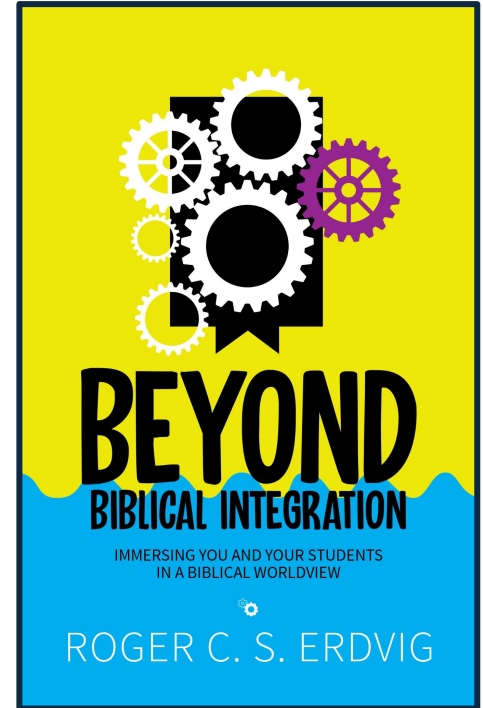
- Who is God?
- What is the nature of the universe?
- Who is the Man?
- How does God relate to Man?
- What is the purpose of Mankind?





Micro-Propositions

Micro-propositions, or secondary propositions, are those truth claims that emerge from the macro-propositions and which relate to more **specific** aspects of the human experience.





Truth Claims (Micro-Propositions) for Biblical Worldview

Immersion

Literature/English/Language Arts:

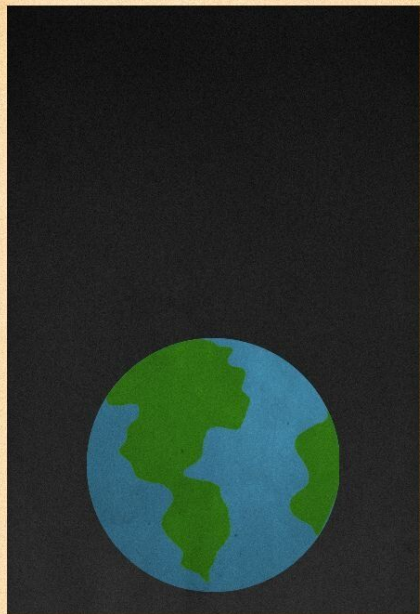
1. "Literature has the serious moral purpose of providing role models that help us to form the ideals and aspirations we live by: it achieves that purpose through concrete images of virtue and vice."¹
2. God created storytelling as a method of communicating truth (Eckel, 2003).
3. God reveals himself in words; becoming skillful with words enables us to more deeply experience God's revelation and share it with others.
4. Studying the etymology and meaning of the words we use is a way to mark the passage of time and to understand how ideas influence human culture.

Math:

1. The precision, accuracy, and exactitude of measurement are rooted in God's perfection (Eckel, 2003).
2. Mathematical patterns are predictable and reliable because a faithful, dependable God established them (Eckel, 2003).
3. Arithmetic enables us to account for reality that manifests through the passage of time.
4. Geometry enables us to account for reality that manifests through physical space.

Science:

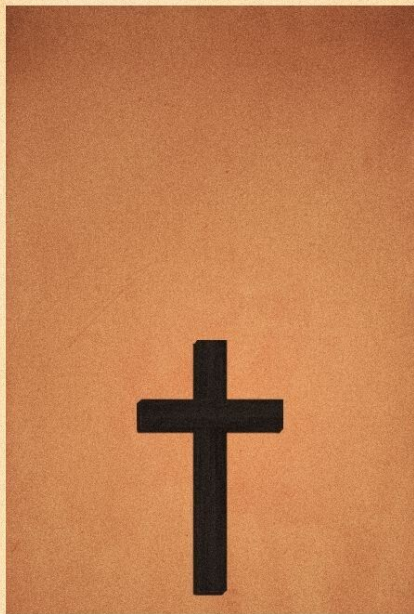
1. "God is the sovereign Lord, Creator and Sustainer of all things that exist" (Eckel, 2003, p. 154).
2. God gave man responsibility to rule over the animals and to develop, cultivate, and protect the earth (Eckel, 2003). This is commonly called the "Creation Mandate."
3. Science can be used to create and cultivate flourishing cultures.
4. God has revealed his eternal power and divine nature through creation (Romans 1:20). Therefore, human beings can learn about God through close exploration of nature.



CREATION



FALL



REDEMPTION



RESTORATION

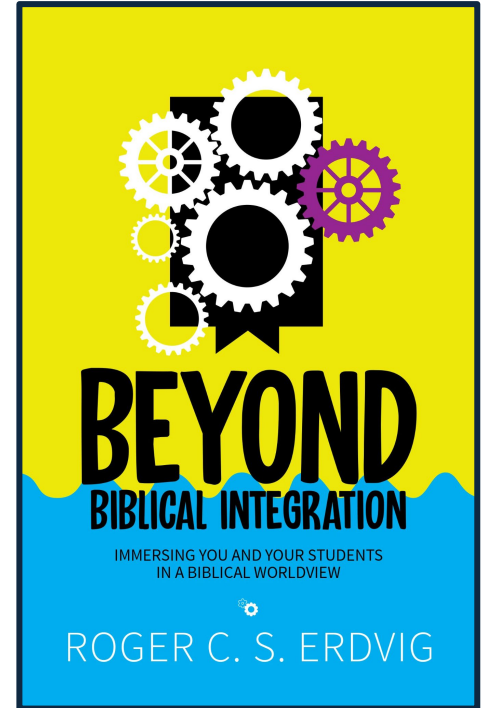


The 4 C's

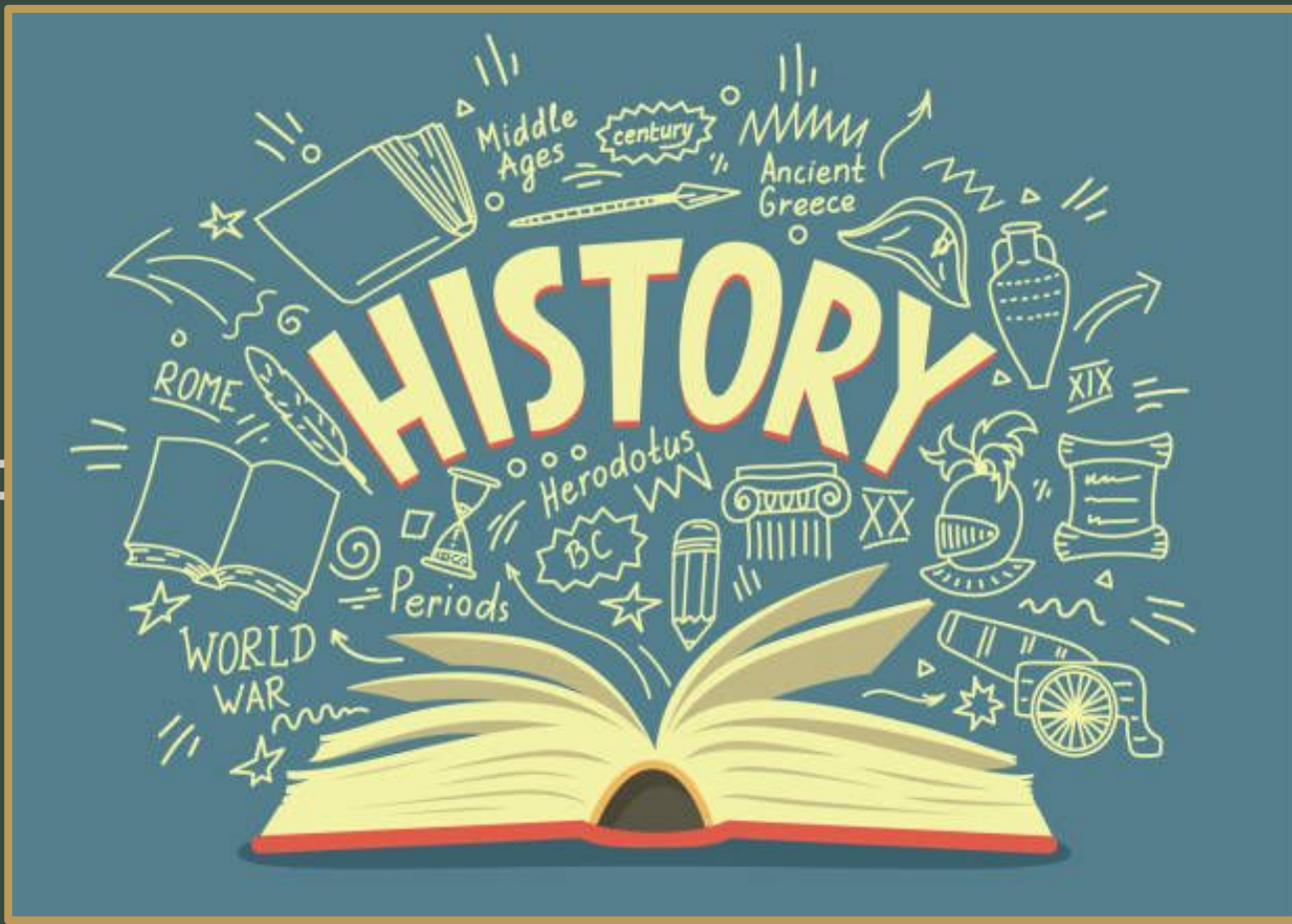


The 4 C's

- What is a good I can *cultivate*?
- What is missing that I can *create*?
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Part 2: Examples





English

A top-down view of a whiteboard with the word "English" written in large, black, cursive script. A thick, horizontal red line is drawn across the middle of the word, starting from the left and ending under the 'g'. Several hands are visible around the whiteboard, some holding markers. A cup of coffee is in the top left, and a pair of glasses is in the bottom center. The entire scene is framed by a thin gold border.



I thought I saw how stories of this kind could sneak past a certain inhibition which had paralyzed much of my own religion in childhood. Why did one find it so hard to feel as one was told one ought to feel about God or the sufferings of Christ? I thought the chief reason was that one was told one ought to. An obligation to feel can freeze feelings. And reverence itself did harm.

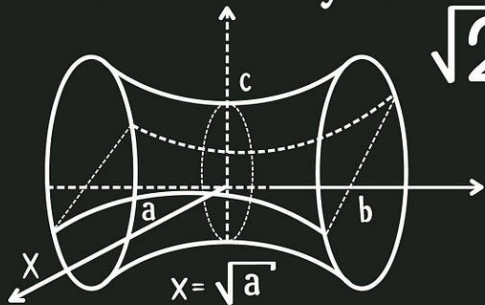


The whole subject was associated with lowered voices; almost as if it were something medical. But supposing that by casting all these things into an imaginary world, stripping them of their stained-glass and Sunday school associations, one could make them for the first time appear in their true potency? Could one not thus steal past those watchful dragons? I thought one could.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ 8x_1 + 3x_3 + 10x_3 = 15 \\ 13x_1 + 5x_2 + 6x_3 = -2 \end{cases}$$

$$1 \frac{b - C^3 \cdot \cos a}{a} \quad b + a$$

$$\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x} \quad 5x^2 + 6y^3 = -1$$



$$\int f(x, y, z) dz$$

$$x \ln x \quad Sa$$

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Math

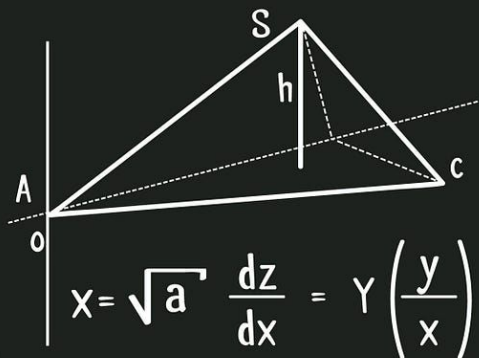
$$\sqrt{2} \cdot \sin 2x$$

$$\frac{b - C \cdot \cos a}{a}$$

$$5x^2 + 14xy + 2y^2 = -18$$

$$\cos x \cdot \arctg$$

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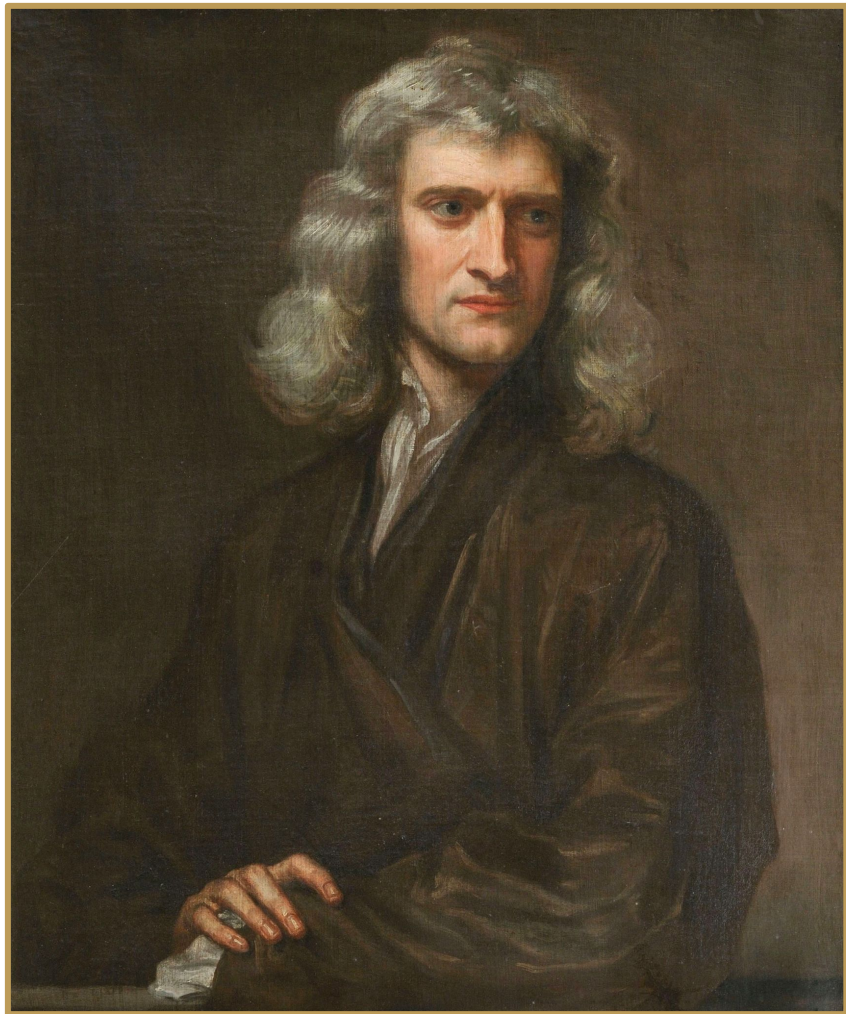
$$a + b \quad \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$$

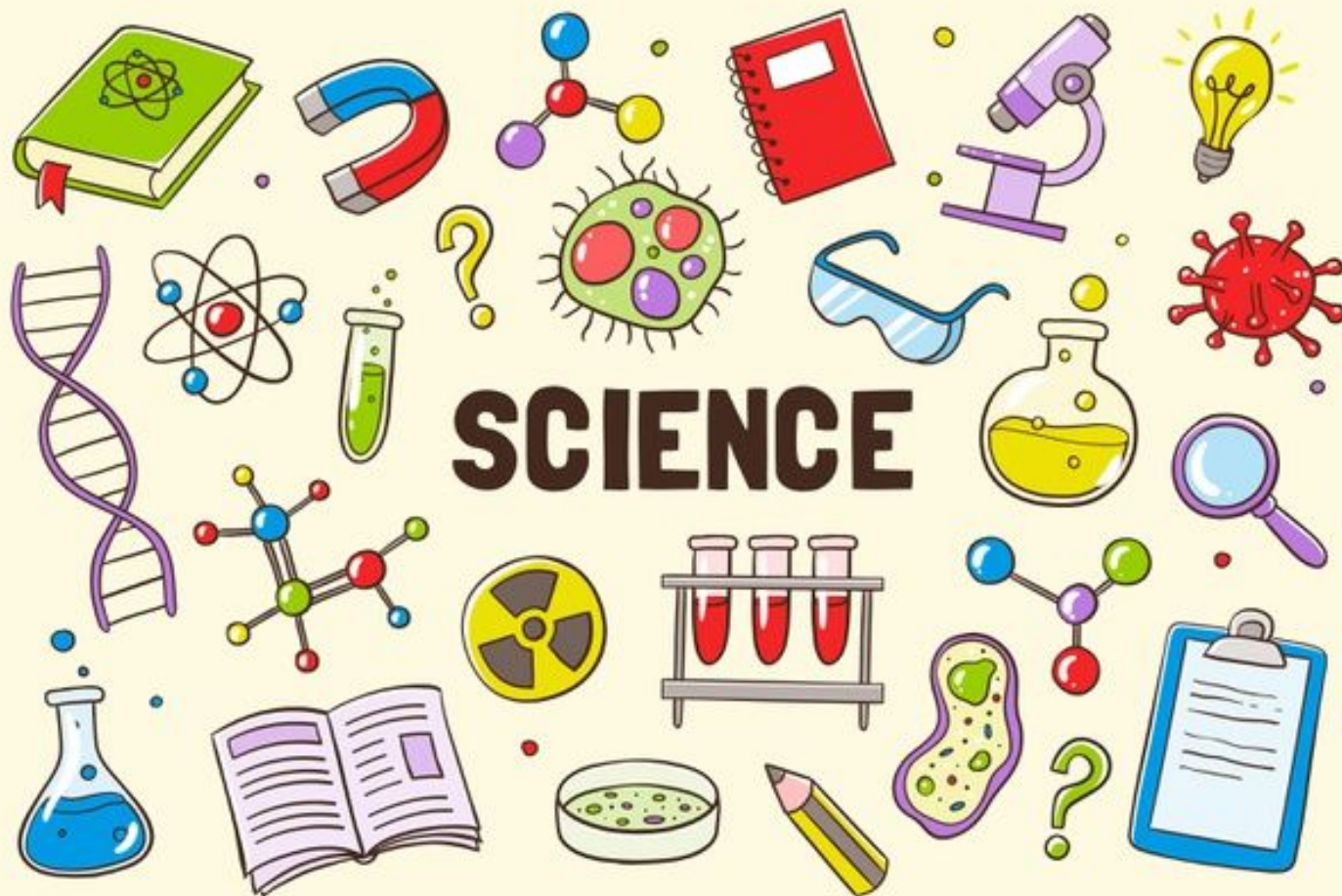
$$5x^2 \quad \frac{b - C^3 \cdot \cos a}{a}$$

$$2 \sin^3 52^\circ = 1$$



This most beautiful
System of the Sun,
Planets, and Comets,
could only proceed from
the counsel and
dominion of an
intelligent and powerful
being.





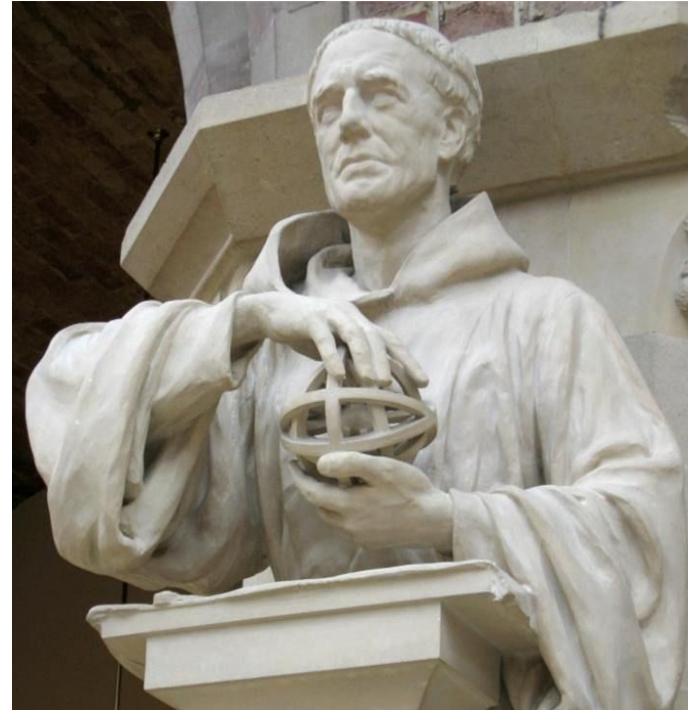


“Men became scientific because they expected law in nature and they expected law in nature because they believed in a lawgiver.”



ROGER BACON (1214-1294)

- » Early advocate and developer of the “empirical” method.
- » Devout Christian. Believed science would lead to *sapientia*, or divine wisdom.





WILLIAM OF OCKHAM (1285-1350)

- » Ockham's Razor - *pluralitas non est ponenda sine necessitate.*
- » "One of the most significant logicians of the Middle Ages."
- » "For Ockham, the only truly necessary entity is God; everything else, the whole of creation, is radically contingent through and through"





FRANCIS BACON (1561-1626)

- » Helped to develop and popularize the scientific method.
- » “It is true, that a little philosophy inclineth man’s mind to atheism; but depth in philosophy bringeth men’s minds about to religion.”



Part 3: Practice

Integration Experiment

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- Develop a biblical worldview.
- Understand God's truth through the subject.
- Apply biblical principles.



Virginia

Skills available for Virginia second-grade social studies standards

2.3 The student will apply history and social science skills to explain how communities honor local and national traditions and recognize designated Virginia holidays, including but not limited to

a Labor Day;

b Columbus Day (Yorktown Victory Day);

c Election Day;

d Veterans Day;

e Thanksgiving Day;

- Thanksgiving (2-G.10)

science skills to **explain** how communities





12.RL.1 Key Ideas and Plot Details

- A. Analyze the development of universal themes (e.g., loss of innocence, coming of age, relationship with nature) prevalent in British literature (e.g., short stories, poems, plays, novels, essays, and literary nonfiction) of different eras.



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A chalkboard with the equation $2+2=4$ written in white chalk. The chalkboard is dark and has a slightly textured surface. The equation is centered and written in a simple, hand-drawn style. The background of the slide is a solid dark green color with two horizontal white lines.

$$2+2=4$$



Which option is more natural
for teachers? Why?

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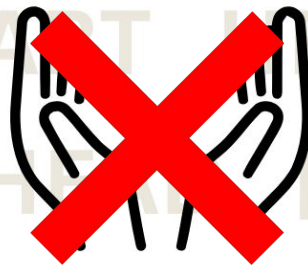
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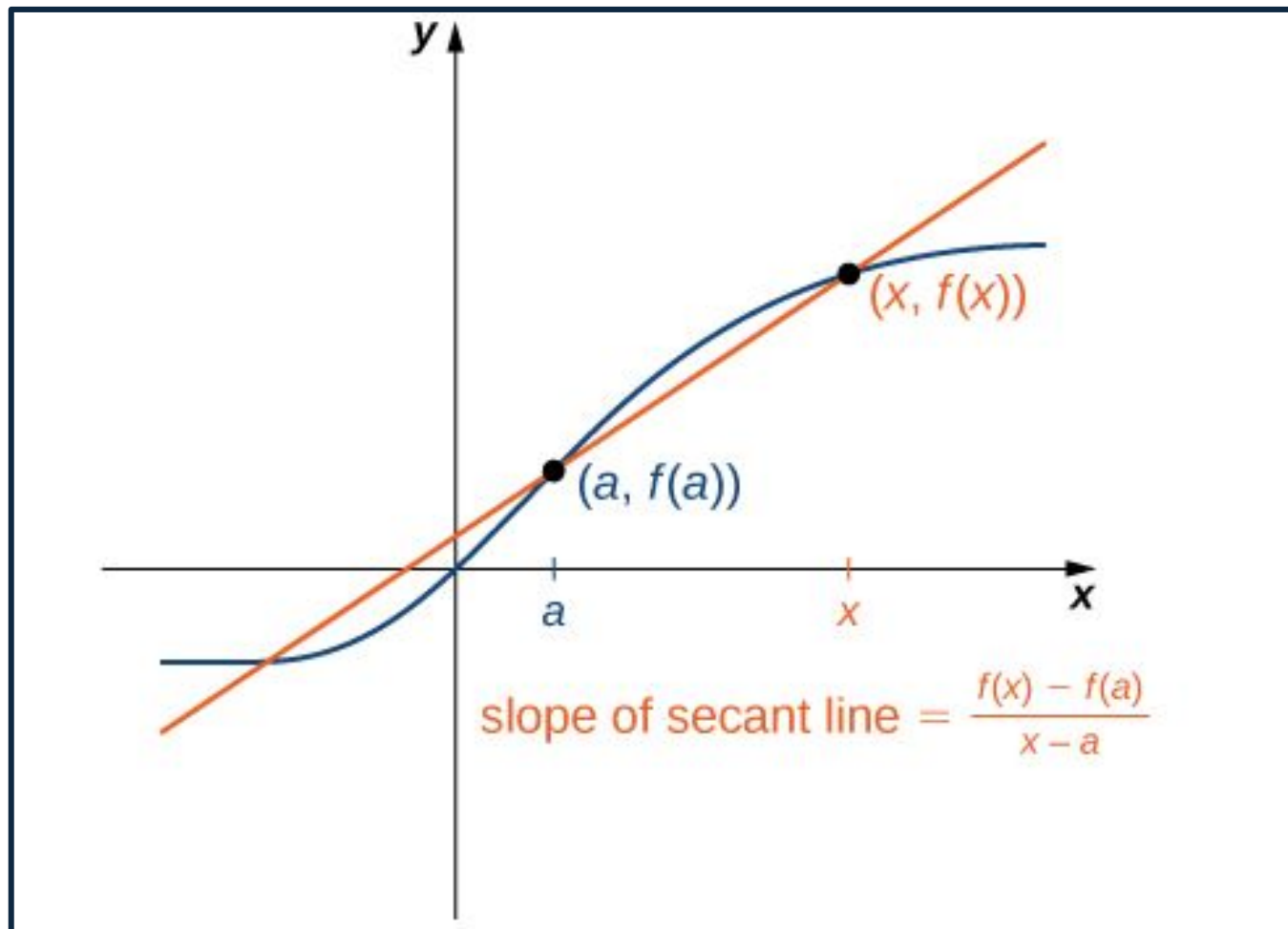
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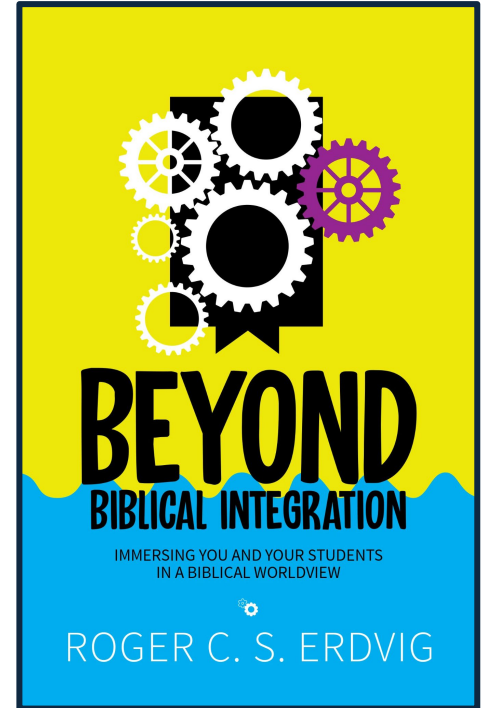


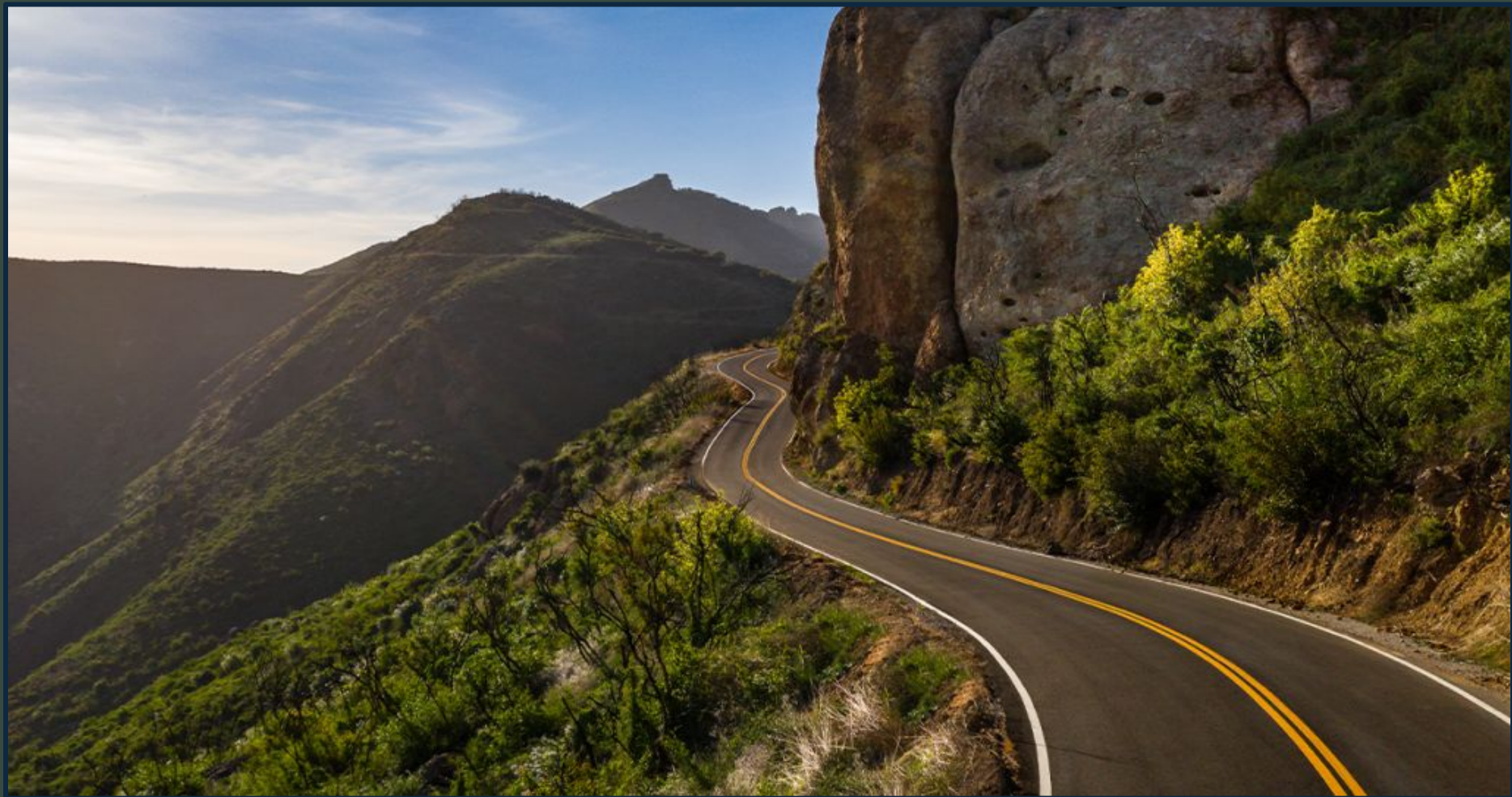




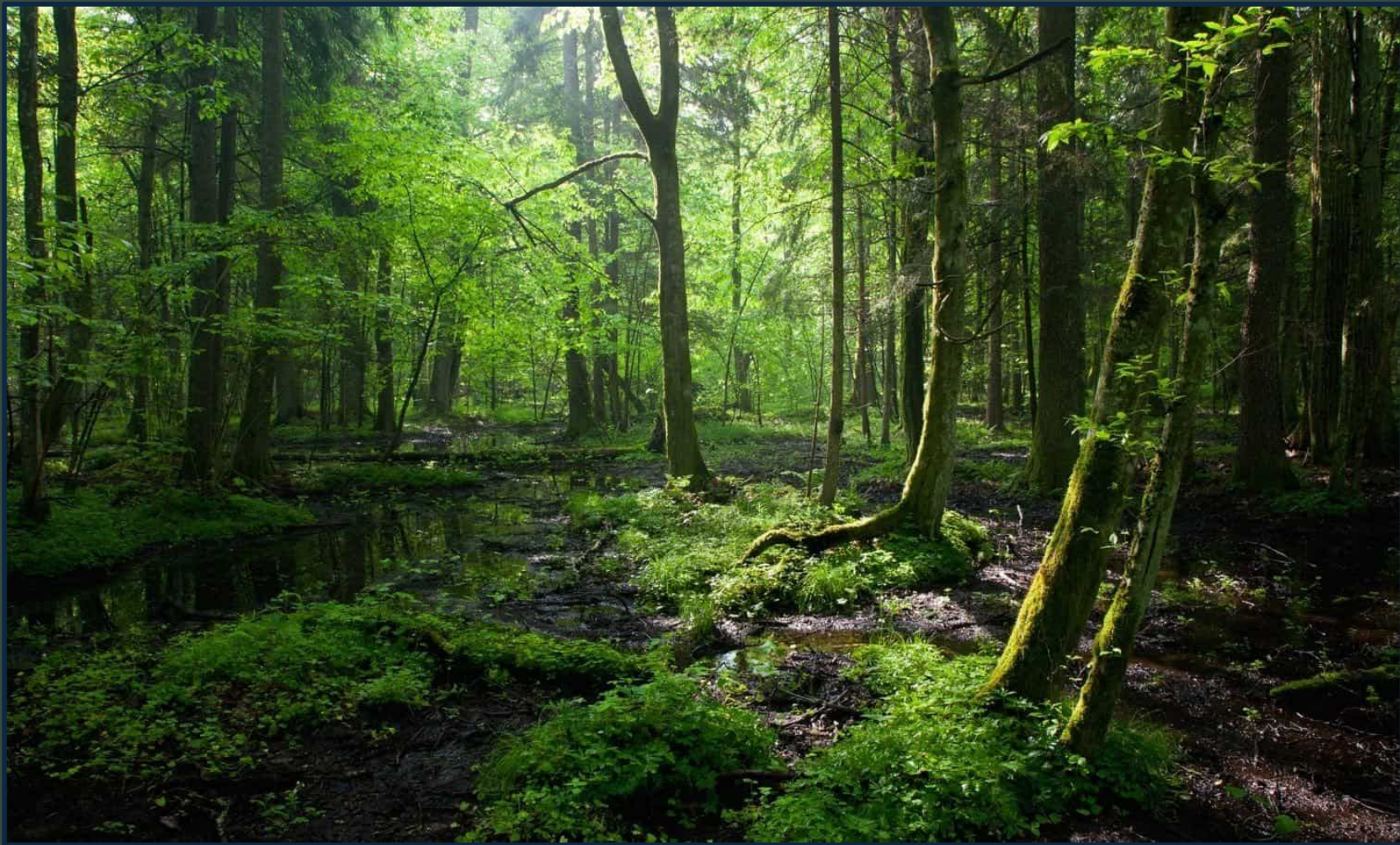
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Stumbling Blocks

The New York Times

Karen Pence Is Teaching at Christian School That Bars L.G.B.T. Students and Teachers



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