



Truth Perspectives

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Truth??

- 'I am telling you the truth!' - result, many people do not believe
- 'I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.' - result, perjury
- 'Tell a tall tale' - result, many people believe it to be true

Conundrum:

- God has his critics and detractors
- Satan has his admirers and supporters

Jesus and Pilate (John 18)

"You are a king then?" Pilate asked.

"You say that I'm a king," Jesus replied. "I was born for this, and I have come into the world for this: to testify to the **truth**. Everyone who is of the **truth** listens to My voice."

"**What is truth?**" said Pilate.



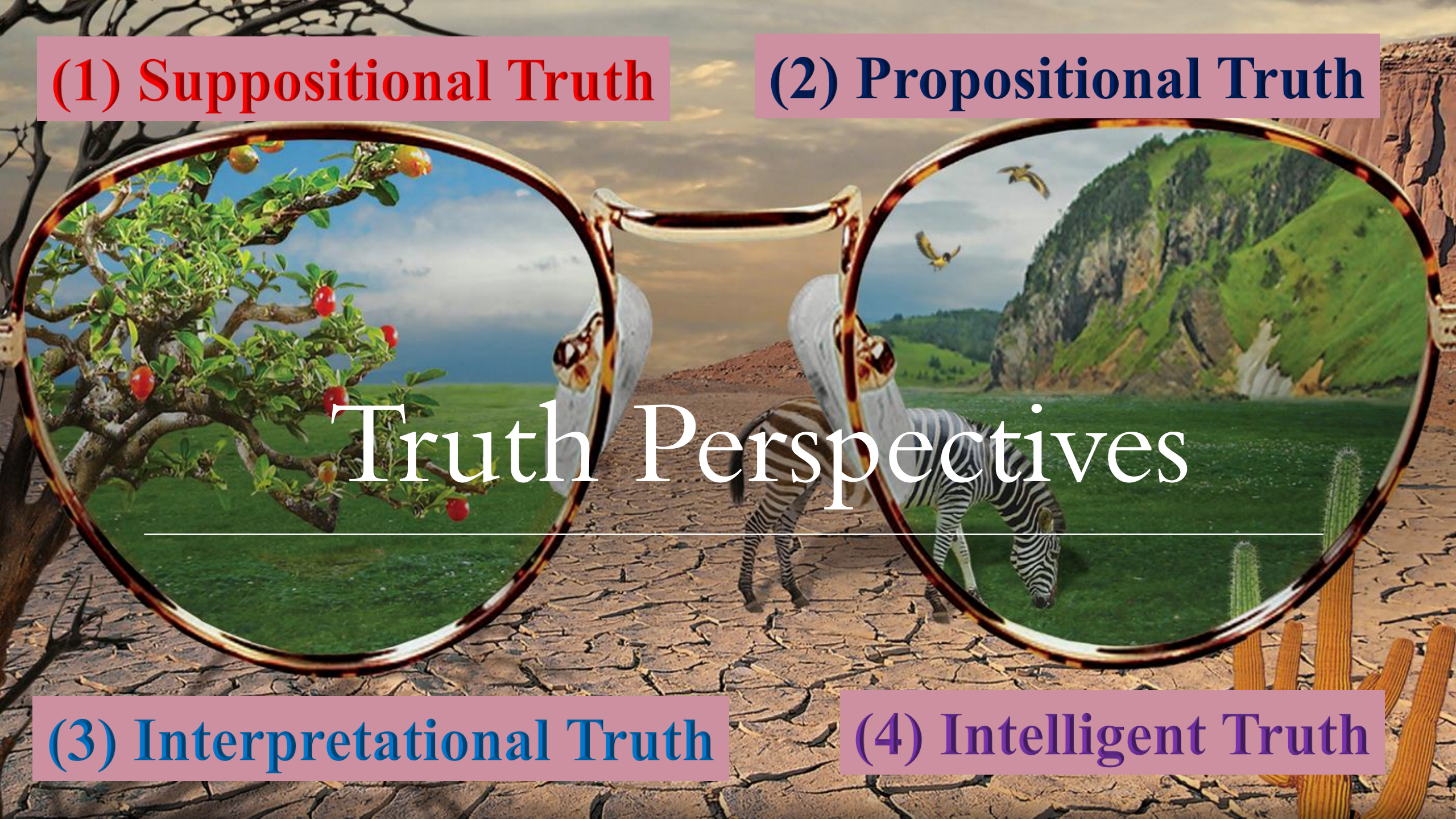
(1) Suppositional Truth

(2) Propositional Truth

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(3) Interpretational Truth

(4) Intelligent Truth



Suppositional Truth

'My mind is made up. Don't confuse me with the facts!'

'A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.'

'It's all about mind over matter. If you don't mind, it don't matter.'

'Since it does not affect me personally, it does not matter.' (Hezekiah, paraphrased)

'Israel, why do you complain that the Lord does not know your troubles?' (Isaiah)



Suppositional Truth

'There is no absolute' (Nietzsche)

Church attendance = spiritual salvation

Salvation is about church affiliation (world view)

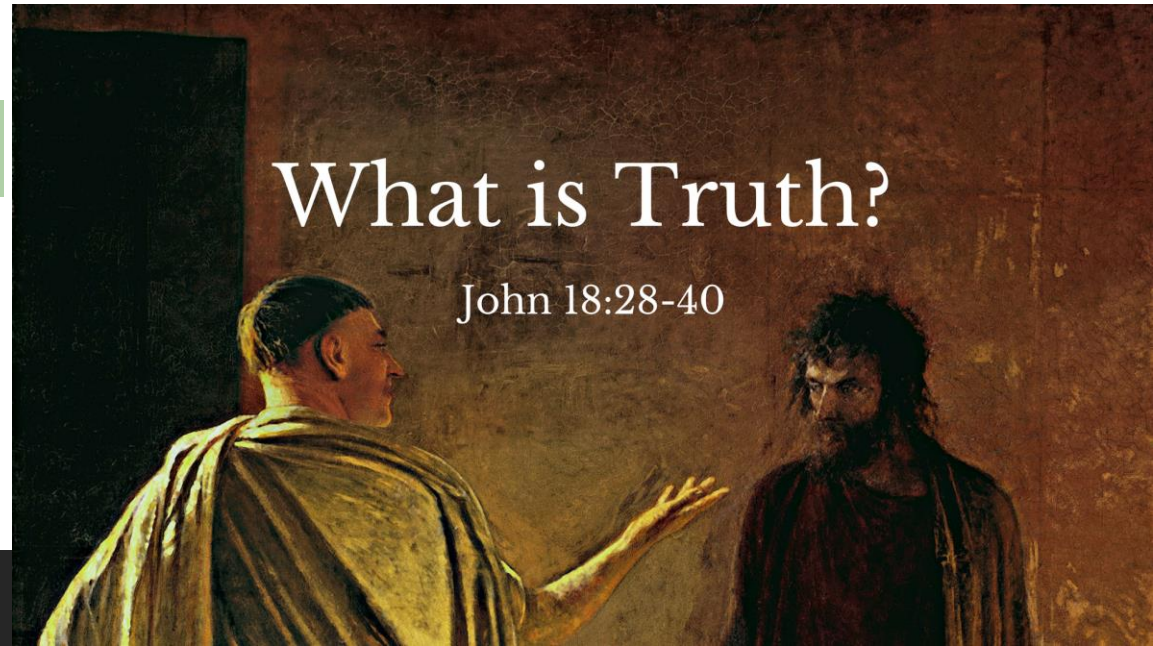
All nature is reinterpreted (world view)

Interpretational Truth

Propositional Truth

'God is dead!' (Nietzsche)

If you don't attend church, you are backsliding



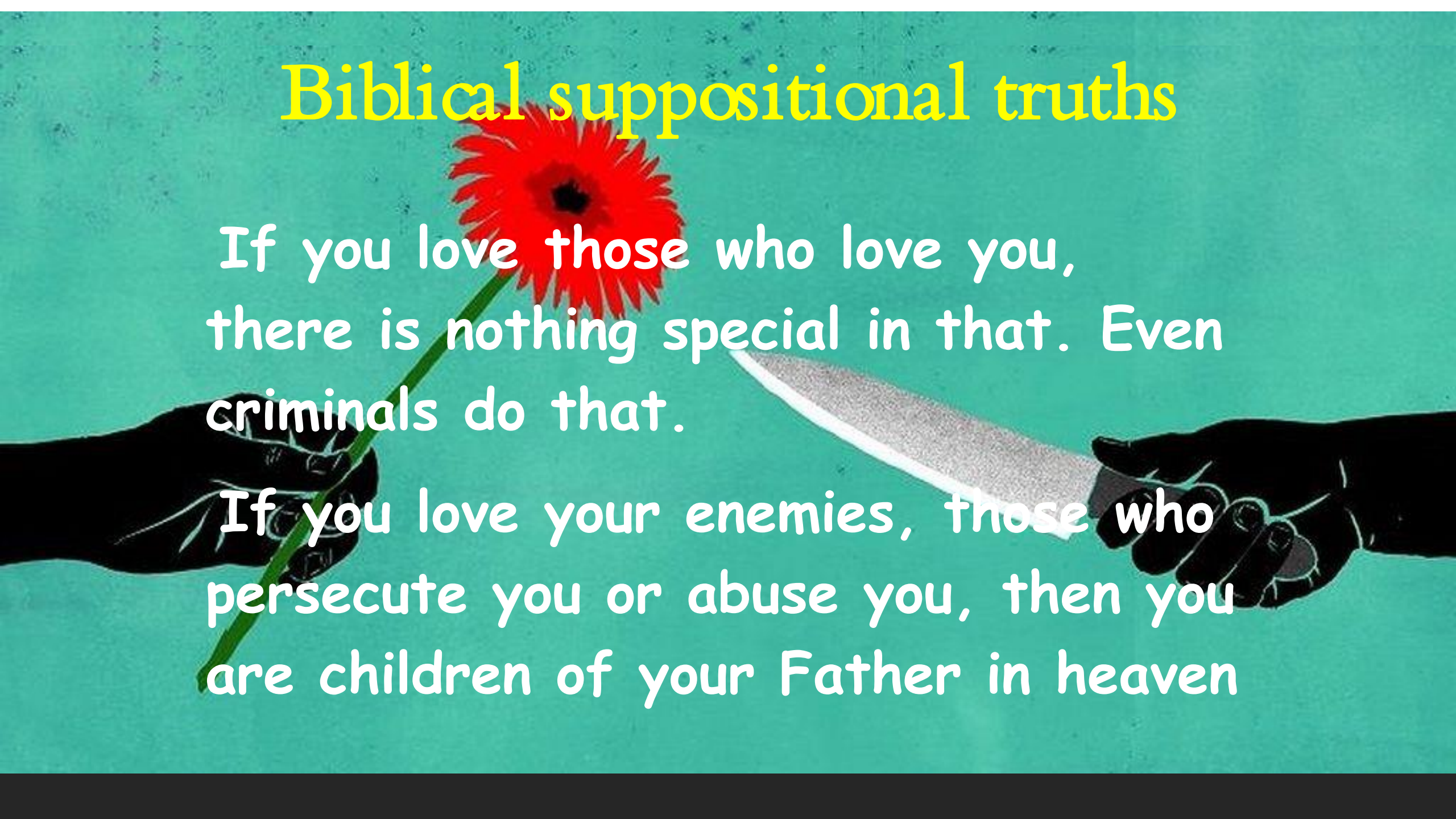
Intelligent Truth

- In HB this is 'hokma' (wisdom) or 'knowing' (da'at)
 - Its start point?
 - 'The fear (yirat) of the Lord (YHWH)' (Prov 1:17)
- 'Fear of Yahweh [is] beginning (reshit) of knowing (da'at), wisdom-knowing (hokma umusar) fools reject'
- Supposition (God) leads to interpretation (knowing, wisdom)

Biblical suppositional truths

If you love those who love you,
there is nothing special in that. Even
criminals do that.

If you love your enemies, those who
persecute you or abuse you, then you
are children of your Father in heaven





Question

What is your
suppositional truth?
The rest follows this!