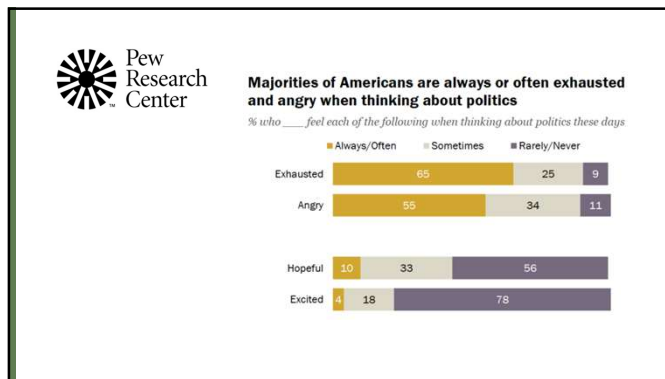


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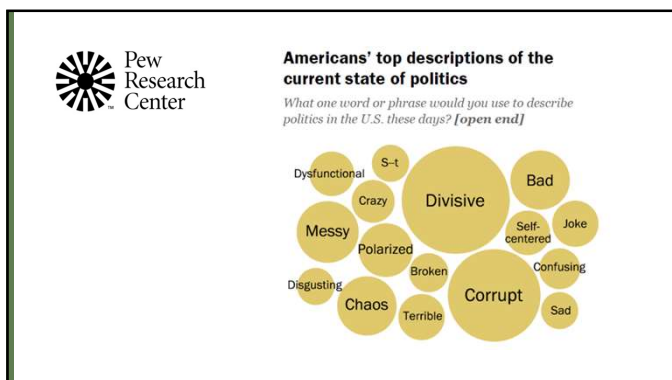
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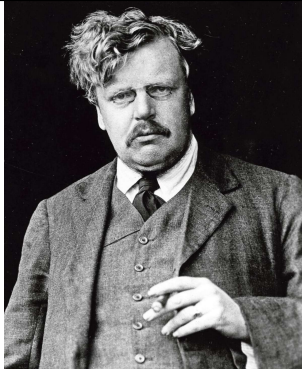


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## “WORLD STATE” GK CHESTERTON



Oh, how I love Humanity,  
With love so pure and pringlish,  
And how I hate the horrid French,  
Who never will be English!

The International Idea,  
The largest and the clearest,  
Is welding all the nations now,  
Except the one that's nearest.

This compromise has long been known,  
This scheme of partial pardons,  
In ethical societies  
And small suburban gardens—

The villas and the chapels where  
I learned with little labour  
The way to love my fellow-man  
And hate my next-door neighbour.

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## CHURCH = ECCLESIA

“Ecclesia essentially refers to a group of people who had been called out from the general population to serve in the parliament, congress, or counsel of the community in order to establish the governance, guidelines, rules, and regulations for the broader citizenry.”

-Dr. Tony Evans

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## TONY EVANS



“To be a part of the church of Jesus Christ, as Jesus defined it, is to be a part of a spiritual legislative body tasked to enact heaven’s viewpoint in hell’s society.”

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**MATTHEW 16:13-19**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”  
 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

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**MATTHEW 16:13-19**

“But you,” He asked them, “who do you say that I am?”  
 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!”  
 And Jesus responded, “Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father in heaven.”

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**MATTHEW 16:13-19**

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.  
 “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth is already bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth is already loosed in heaven.”

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**FIVE APPROACHES TO CULTURE IN JESUS’ TIME**

1. Herodians: pretended to be religious but do everything necessary to seek power and maintain it. (model: Herod)
2. Sadducees: avoided any actions that would compromise the wealth and status they had gained as the “spiritual elite.” (model: Zadok)
3. Essenes: isolated themselves from the “sons of darkness,” meaning anyone who didn’t agree with them. (model: John the Baptist)
4. Zealots: insisted on a radical overthrow of all secular rule. (model: Elijah).
5. Pharisees: ignored culture and adhered to a complicated system of religious practices based on seemingly righteous traditions. (model: Jeremiah).

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**THREE TRUTHS**

- Wherever the world worships, that is where Jesus intends to build His church.
- Nothing that issues forth from the underworld will overpower God’s plan.
- The church is the conscience of the culture.

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