

On old tombstones:

- Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York: Born 1903 – Died 1942. Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.
- In a London, England cemetery: Here lies Ann Mann, who lived an old maid, but died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767
- In a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery: Here lies Johnny Yeast. Pardon him for not rising.
- In a Uniontown, PA, cemetery: Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake, Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.
- A lawyer's epitaph in England: Sir John Strange. Here lies an honest lawyer, and that is Strange.

[from Kathleen Eltrich]

Last Shabbat the theme was that **no one knows** the time of Yeshua's return. There are things in the heavens that point to His coming, but they are for worship. Even a possible Messianic understanding of the signs of the Zodiac! **Anything calculable is celebratory.** So, His **unknown** coming date induces fear of judgment.

But is that all?

[Is there an upside to the unknown date?]



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[One Hebrew word for both.]

Neh-eh-man נֶאֱמָן

loyal, faithful, devoted; reliable, trustworthy; true to

Faithful:	pistos	doulos
	πιστὸς	δοῦλος
	faithful	servant

Definition: faithful, reliable
Usage: trustworthy, faithful,
believing.

[<https://biblehub.com/interlinear/matthew/24-45.htm>]

pistós (an adjective, derived from *peithō*, "persuaded") – properly, faithful (loyalty to faith; literally, fullness of faith); typically, of believing the faith God imparts.

[The root of *pistós*, "faithful" and 4100 /*pisteúō*, "faith," are the same (*pist-*), referring to *persuasion*.] [<https://biblehub.com/greek/4103.htm>]

Ro 4.19-21 **His trust [pistei πίστει] did not waver** when he considered his own body — which was as good as dead, since he was about a hundred years old — or when he considered that Sarah’s womb was dead too. He did not by lack of trust decide against God’s promises. On the contrary, *[Everyone’s trust wavers, if you are honest! Me and Tovia Singer ~1998]*

Mes Jews/Heb 11 **Trusting trust [pistei πίστει] is being confident** of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see.

[Ever drive a long way to a previously unvisited destination, and your GPS says, “Go, turn, go ...”]

You think: It’s just tooooooo long. Can’t be right.

Brian Kaufman, pilot, “Trust your instruments,” apparently works in a 737!

Keep going!

I bought a Garmin, before I upgraded my phone to my Samsung with its built-in Google maps. Sometime, for reassurance, I turn both on to a destination. Then they disagree. What shall I believe?

With G-d’s word, it’s not that way. Except sometimes we get unsteady ...]

Ro 4.19-21 **by trust [pistei πίστει] he was given power** as he gave glory to God, for he was fully convinced that what God had promised he could also accomplish.

^{1 Cor. 4.1-2} **So, you should regard us as the Messiah’s servants, as trustees of God’s secret truths.** Now the one thing that is asked of a trustee is that he be found trustworthy [pistos πιστός].

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Sensible:	kai	phronimos
	καὶ	φρόνιμος
	and	wise

(fron'-ee-mos) : practically wise, sensible, intelligent, prudent
φρόνιμος

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We are in a culture war.



Rally for Proposition 8, an item on the 2008 California ballot to ban same-sex marriage

Daniel 7.24-25 **As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise. Another will arise after them, but he will be different from the previous ones; he will subdue three kings. He will speak words against the Most High, and will continually harass the *kedoshim* of the Most High, and will try to change the appointed times and law.**

Culture war refers to the conflict between

- traditionalist, classical liberal, or conservative values and
- social democratic, progressive or social liberal values in the Western world.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culture_war]

October 9, 2018

NEW YORK — Mayor Bill de Blasio today signed a historic piece of legislation into law, creating for the first time a third gender category on New York City birth certificates.

[<https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/501-18/mayor-de-blasio-signs-historic-legislation-adding-third-gender-category-birth-certificates#0>]

The Gender Marker Bill (Intro 954-A) was put forward by the openly homosexual speaker of the New York city Council, Corey Johnson, in partnership with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

[https://www.onenewsnow.com/culture/2018/10/11/nyc-makes-it-official-theres-a-third-gender?utm_source=OneNewsNow&utm_medium=email&utm_term=16792048&utm_content=323193037843968512&utm_campaign=36541]

The new law also makes it easier for transgender and gender non-binary people born in the City to amend their birth certificates to more accurately reflect who they are by removing medical and administrative barriers. The law will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2019.



The law calls for the creation of a third gender to appear on birth certificates issued by the City of New York. In addition to the “male” and “female” designations, birth certificates will also show an “X,” allowing gender non-binary people who identify neither as men nor women to have a birth certificate that more accurately reflects their identities. **The law also will allow individuals to self-attest their own gender identity** on birth certificate applications, removing the current requirement that medical and mental health professionals first attest to an individual’s gender identity before they are permitted to amend the gender marker on their birth certificate.

[<https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/501-18/mayor-de-blasio-signs-historic-legislation-adding-third-gender-category-birth-certificates#0>]

Your body agrees ~30 trillion times as to what gender you are. XX female or XY male

[<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/318342.php>]

Characteristics of the
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Faithful = persuaded, following the map

Applies to American history?

[A rabbi trail??]

Since the beginning of time, people have been governed by others, politically and spiritually, usually absolutists.

- Emperors
- Kings
- Tyrants
- Roman republic of patricians

[<http://www.drjamesdobson.org/Broadcasts/Broadcast?i=dd10e75d-2af1-46b1-bf22-c7de3c4b1ccf>]

Evolution of political liberty

Magna Carta is a charter of rights agreed to by King John of England at Runnymede, near Windsor, on 15 June 1215

[<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montesquieu>]



[https://www.google.com/search?q=magna+carta&safe=active&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiW_Z6U7IHeAhUPSK0KHW3tDvsQ_AUIESgE&biw=1165&bih=866#imgrc=iTb2dYvG5WkQ7M:]

In the early 1600’s, Magna Carta became increasingly important as a political document in arguments over the authority of the English monarchy. James I and Charles I both propounded greater authority for the Crown, justified by the doctrine of the divine right of kings, and the Magna Carta was cited extensively by their opponents to challenge the monarchy.

Magna Carta, it was argued, recognized and protected the **liberty of individual Englishmen**, made the **King subject to the common law of the land**, formed the origin of the **trial by jury system**.
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magna_Carta#Magna_Carta's_influence_on_English_medieval_law]

John Locke 1632–1704, an English philosopher and physician, widely regarded as one of the most influential of Enlightenment thinkers and commonly known as the "Father of Liberalism"

[Before the American or French Revolution. Liberalism was a good thing then.]

Locke's political theory was founded on social contract theory. Social contract arguments typically posit that individuals have consented ... to surrender some of their freedoms and submit to the authority of the ruler (or to the decision of a majority) in exchange for protection of their remaining rights.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_contract]

Locke believed that human nature allowed people to be selfish...In a natural state all people were equal and independent, and everyone had a natural right to defend his "life, health, liberty, or possessions."

Most scholars trace the phrase "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," in the American Declaration of Independence, to Locke's theory of rights.

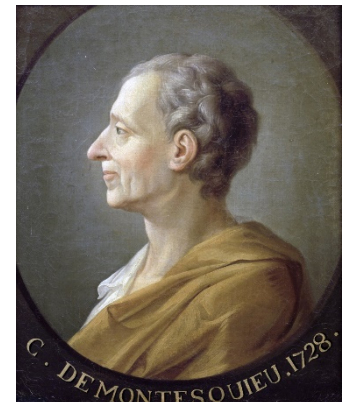
Locke also advocated governmental separation of powers [executive, legislative, and judicial, no absolute monarchy] and believed that **revolution is not only a right but an obligation in some circumstances**. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Locke]

Charles Montesquieu 1689-1755, a French judge, man of letters, and political philosopher.

He is famous for his articulation of the theory of **separation of powers, executive, legislative, judicial**; which is implemented in many constitutions throughout the world. He is known for the classification of systems of government based on their principles.

He is also known for doing more than any other author to secure the place of the word "despotism" in the political lexicon...influencing the Founding Fathers in drafting the United States Constitution.

[<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montesquieu>]



Evolution of spiritual liberty

The Protestant Reformation was a widespread theological revolt in Europe against the abuses and **totalitarian control** of the Roman Catholic Church.

- John Wycliffe: 1300s England, scripture is the standard
- Jan Hus (1369–1415) Bohemia/Czech
- Martin Luther 1500s Germany: salvation by faith
- Ulrich Zwingli in Switzerland

protested various unbiblical practices of the Catholic Church and promoted a return to sound **biblical doctrine**.

[Individual understanding of scripture. Restoration of following the map = faithfulness.]

Evolution of political and spiritual liberty

George Whitefield Preaching in Bolton, UK June 1750



Eric Metaxas on Dobson's Family Talk: He's preaching the purest kind of gospel of grace and people who'd been used to kind of a moralistic sermons, dour, fatiguing, depressing sermons that tell you what a wretch you are, and you've gotta try harder. He was really delivering the sunshine of the gospel of Yeshua.

Thousands would come to hear him. He was preaching four times a day, every single day for decades. Now it's inconceivable to us, thousands would come to hear him and this man did this up and down the 13 colonies all across on horseback for years and years and years and years. So we learn that eventually 80% ... now this is not a typo, and I'm not misspeaking ... **80% of every single person alive in the colonies had heard him in person**, not on the radio.

[The world's first rock star. Maybe Yeshua was the first.]

He wasn't just talking about anything, he was preaching the gospel and at the heart of it, you touched on it before, the message was, we have a direct relationship with the only King, Messiah. **And therefore we can question our earthly leaders and if we're being ruled by a tyrant, we can overthrow that tyranny**, we have no obligation as believers. Whitefield wasn't talking about Montesquieu and John Locke, he was talking right out of scripture.

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Give me liberty or give me death: Freedom to choose what is right. Spiritual and political freedom.]

So when George III despotism got totally intolerable, our founders followed Locke and Montesquieu and scripture.

Evolution of political and spiritual liberty

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —

That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness.

In 1776, you have a bunch of guys getting together and saying that we're going to take this idea of self-government to the extreme, and we're going to create an entire nation, not a little city state,

but an entire nation from Maine to Georgia, and the people will govern themselves. Convention 1787. *[Eric Metaxas transcript]*

The classic 60s definition of freedom as license. It's wrong. Freedom is not freedom to do whatever you like. It's freedom to do what is right. *[To be faithful, follow the roadmap.]*

And so the founders created this, I would say, almost miraculous thing in the Constitution. And Benjamin Franklin exhorted them to pray.

We think of him as secular. He exhorted them to pray. [Franklin was a great friend of George Whitefield.] So they come up with this thing that allows us to have freedom in the true sense of freedom.

Freedom means that I am free to worship God as I see fit, that no one can tell me, no government will tell me what my conscience can tell me. No government will tell me whether to worship God, how to worship God.

The idea of democracy, of self-government, not in the history of the world had this ever existed. People always talk about Greece, Greece invented democracy. These were tiny city states.

Rome was a republic of the patricians.

Os Guinness taught the Golden Triangle of Freedom

[Ravi Zacharias famous line: if morality is relative, give me your wallet.]

- freedom requires virtue [or people will elect a Hitler]
- virtue requires faith,
- and faith, in turn, requires freedom

John Adams said, "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other."

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American exceptionalism is an ideology holding the United States as unique among nations in positive or negative connotations, with respect to its ideas of democracy and personal freedom. There are some themes common to various conceptions of the idea. One is the history of the United States is different from other nations. In this view, American exceptionalism stems from the American Revolution, becoming what political scientist Seymour Martin Lipset called "the first new nation" and developing the American ideology of "Americanism", based on liberty, egalitarianism, individualism, republicanism, democracy, and laissez-faire economics.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_exceptionalism]

Story of Ben Franklin and the woman: A republic, if you can keep it. If there is faith → virtue → freedom → faith. Faith will compete well in the market place of ideas.]

Characteristics of the
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Even in the culture war

[You can be faithful and sensible in America. It was designed that way. But consider Franklin's statement. Being a republic is fragile. Virtue → faith → freedom.]

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[A note on HOW to give food.]

Mishlei/Prov 15.1-2 **A gentle response deflects fury, but a harsh word makes tempers rise. The tongue of the wise presents knowledge well.**

Mishlei/Prov 25.15 **With patience a ruler may be won over, and a gentle tongue can break bones.**
[We who profess to be GIVING, we need to be so careful of our spirit.]

Monday morning quarterback:

If Brett Kavanaugh had said, “Ms. Blasey Ford, I don’t mean to minimize the trauma and pain you’ve experienced. It wasn’t me, but I get it, a bit, the repression of memory, anguish dissociation. I wish you peace.”

Similarly, a message some years ago on the Naqba.

A Jew can say to an Arab, “You are the elder son of Abraham. You’re not the covenant son, but you should have gotten a double portion. Instead you’ve had rejection and fatherlessness.”

Story told me recently of a man and wife who adopted a baby. As his wife and the baby were crossing a street, some drag racing kid hit and killed both wife and baby. He sought revenge and death penalty. Consumed him.

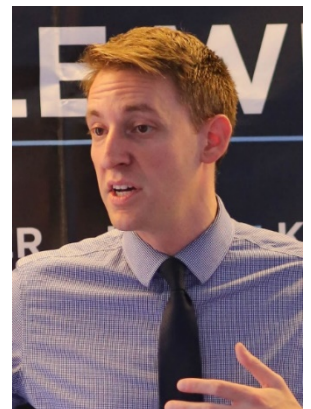
Eventually saw the driver in court. Murakami met Cabezas for the first time, and was surprised at how clean-cut he was. The young man, now 23, broke down in tears, expressing sympathy and remorse for what happened. He said, “For years I cannot close my eyes without seeing the mother and baby.” I’m so sorry.

Broke the revenge

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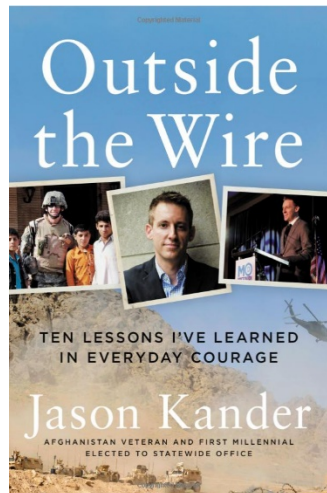
Jason Kander: born 1981. Attorney, author, combat veteran, and politician.

[His father is Jewish, and Kander himself was brought up in a Jewish household which he describes as "Reform but not very observant. 1999 Bishop Miege grad. After the September 11 attacks, he enlisted in the Army



National Guard. law degree at Georgetown University, he earned his commission as a second lieutenant through the University's ROTC battalion. After completing his law degree in 2005, he volunteered for a tour in Afghanistan, where he served as an intelligence officer. While serving, his main responsibilities included investigating groups and individuals suspected of corruption, espionage, drug trafficking, and facilitating Al Qaeda and the Taliban.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jason_Kander]



Recently withdrew from KC, MO mayoral race citing PTSD and depression.
Book: Outside the Wire

- You live your life with your friends and family, not your accomplishments.
- Democracy requires constant attention, devotion, activism.

[Jewish Chronicle review of book.]

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give them their food at the proper time

- Serve one another
- Share Yeshua
- Pray/intercede
- Vote