

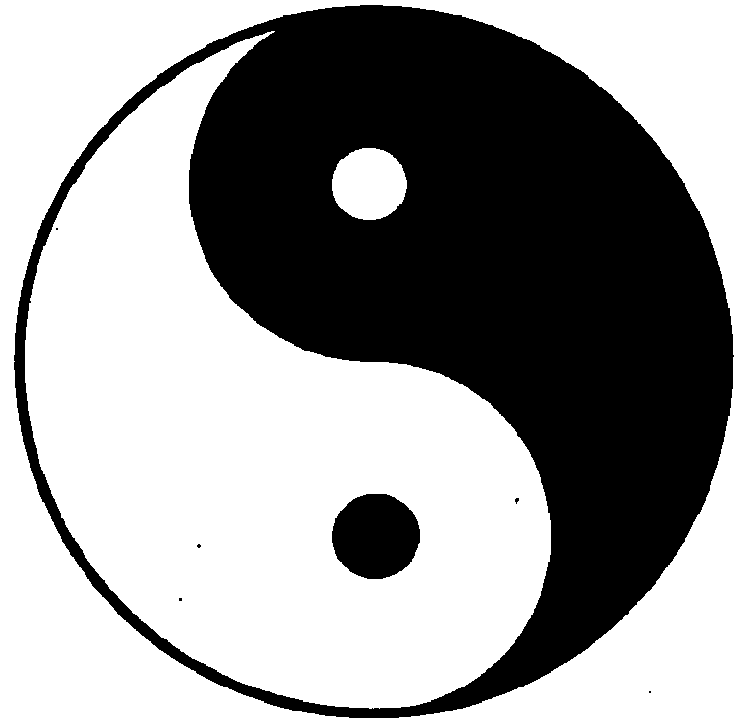
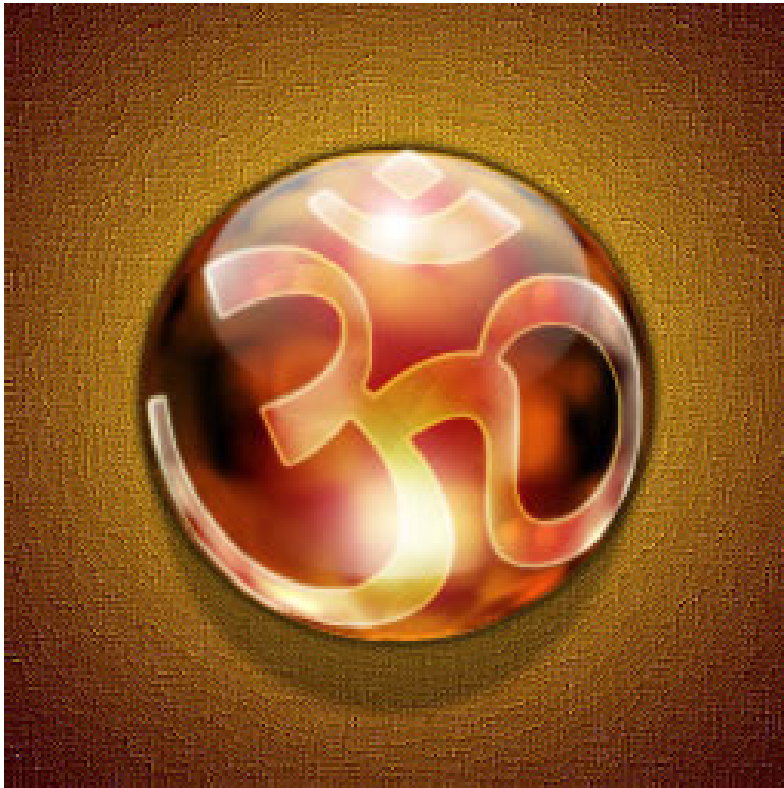
What Story Do You Live In?

Comparing Bigger Stories

The Hero Story: Good Will Ultimately Defeat Evil (A Linear Narrative)



Circular Stories:
Good and Evil are Eternal
(No Happy Ending, No Ending, Fatalistic)





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Problem of evil in Hinduism

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Hindu answers to the problem of evil are different from most answers offered in Western [philosophy](#), partly because the [problem of evil](#) within [Hindu](#) thought is differently structured than Western traditions, mainly [Abrahamic](#) traditions.

In the [Hindu](#) tradition the problem of evil is phrased as the **Problem of Injustice**. This problem can be considered in the following manner:

God is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Just. Yet injustice is observed to persist in the world. How is this possible?

In the [Advaita](#) school of [Vedanta](#), this problem is dealt with in detail by [Sankara](#) in his commentary on the [Brahma Sutras](#), 2.1.34-36:

***Brahma Sutra 2.1.34:** "No partiality and cruelty (can be charged against God) because of (His) taking other factors into consideration."*

[Sankara's](#) commentary explains that God cannot be charged with partiality or cruelty (i.e. injustice) on account of his taking the factors of virtuous and vicious actions ([Karma](#)) performed by an individual in previous lives. If an individual experiences pleasure or pain in this life, it is due to virtuous or vicious action ([Karma](#)) done by that individual in a past life.

***Brahma Sutra 2.1.35:** "If it be argued that it is not possible (to take Karma into consideration in the beginning), since the fruits of work remain still undifferentiated, then we say, no, since the transmigratory state has no beginning."*

The opponent now argues that there could have been no "previous birth" at the very beginning of creation, before which [Karma](#) could not have existed. [Sankara](#) replies that it is not so, for the number of creation cycles is beginningless, vide the next verse:

***Brahma Sutra 2.1.36:** "Moreover, this is logical, and (so) it is met with (in the scriptures)."*

[Sankara](#) provides references from the [Vedas](#) concerning the beginninglessness of Creation: "The Ordainer created the sun and moon like those of previous cycles" ([Rig Veda](#) 10.190.3). This shows the existence of earlier cycles of creation, and hence the number of creation cycles is beginningless.

Thus [Sankara's](#) resolution to the Problem of Injustice is that the existence of injustice in the world is only apparent, for one merely reaps the results of one's moral actions sown in a past life, which is compatible with the Justness of an Omniscient and Omnipotent God.

On the higher level of Existence, however, there is no evil or good, since these are dependent mainly on temporal circumstances. Hence a [jnani](#), one who has realized his true nature, is beyond such dualistic notions.

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The Jesus Story & Other Hero Stories:

	CHANGE HUMAN NATURE
WHO believes this?	CHRISTIANS
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GOD'S ROLE? How does God help us?	CLEANSE THE HUMANITY OF JESUS by Jesus cleansing sin completely out of himself. God can join us spiritually to the resurrected, God-drenched Jesus to heal us.
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The Original Messianic Story: A Hero with Global Impact

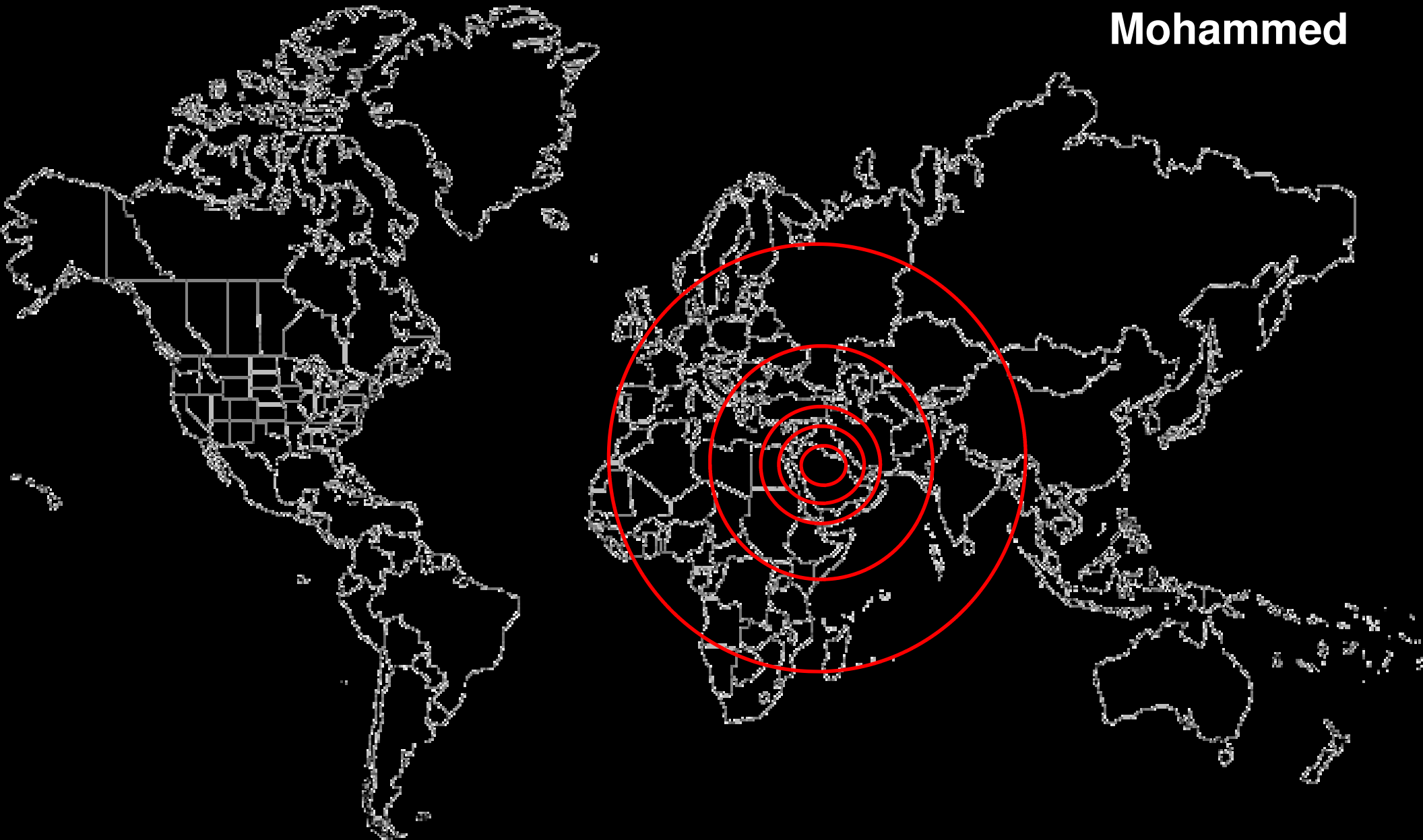


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The “True Story” of God’s Law & Peace

Mohammed

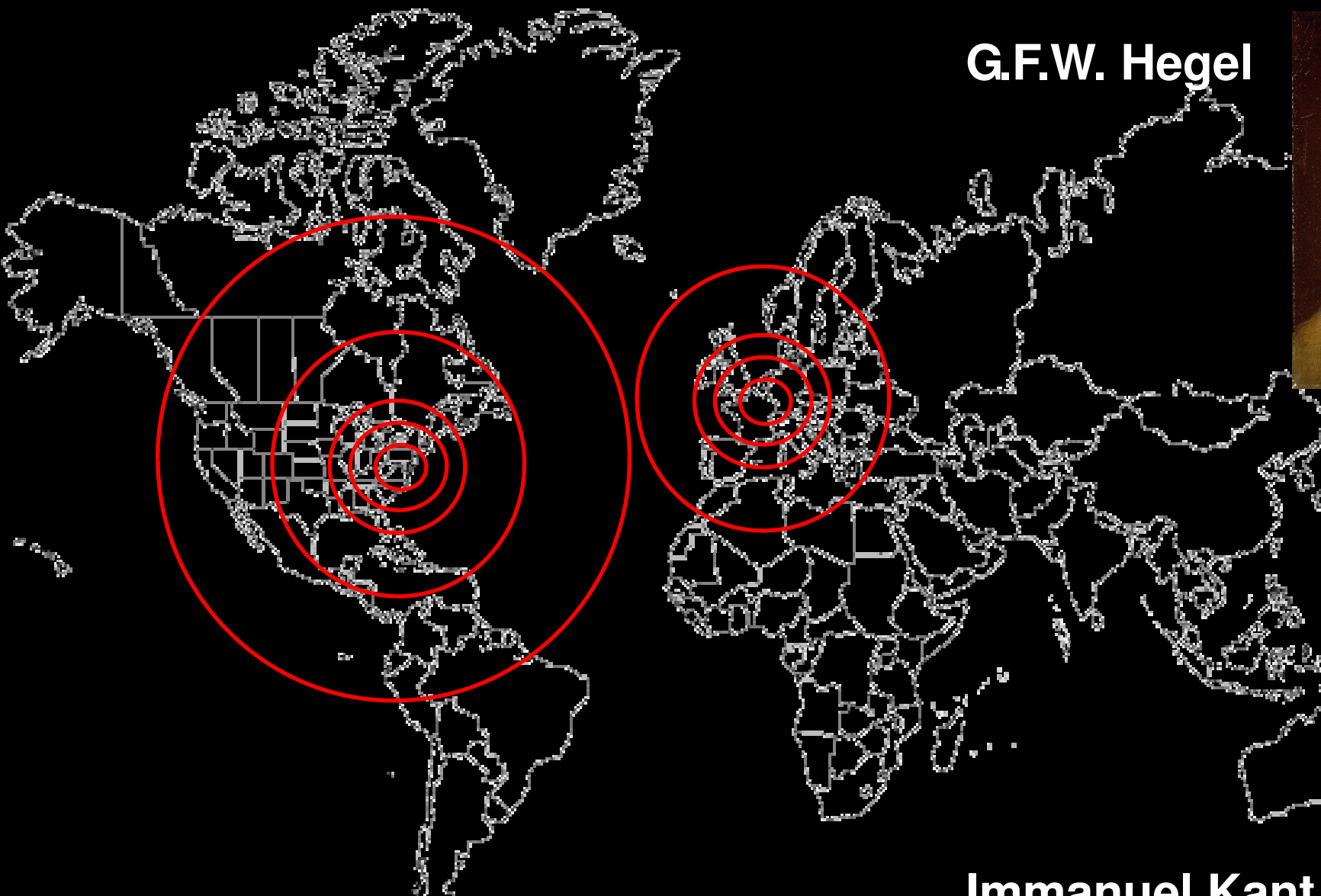


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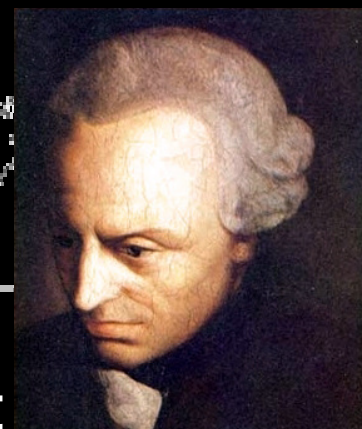
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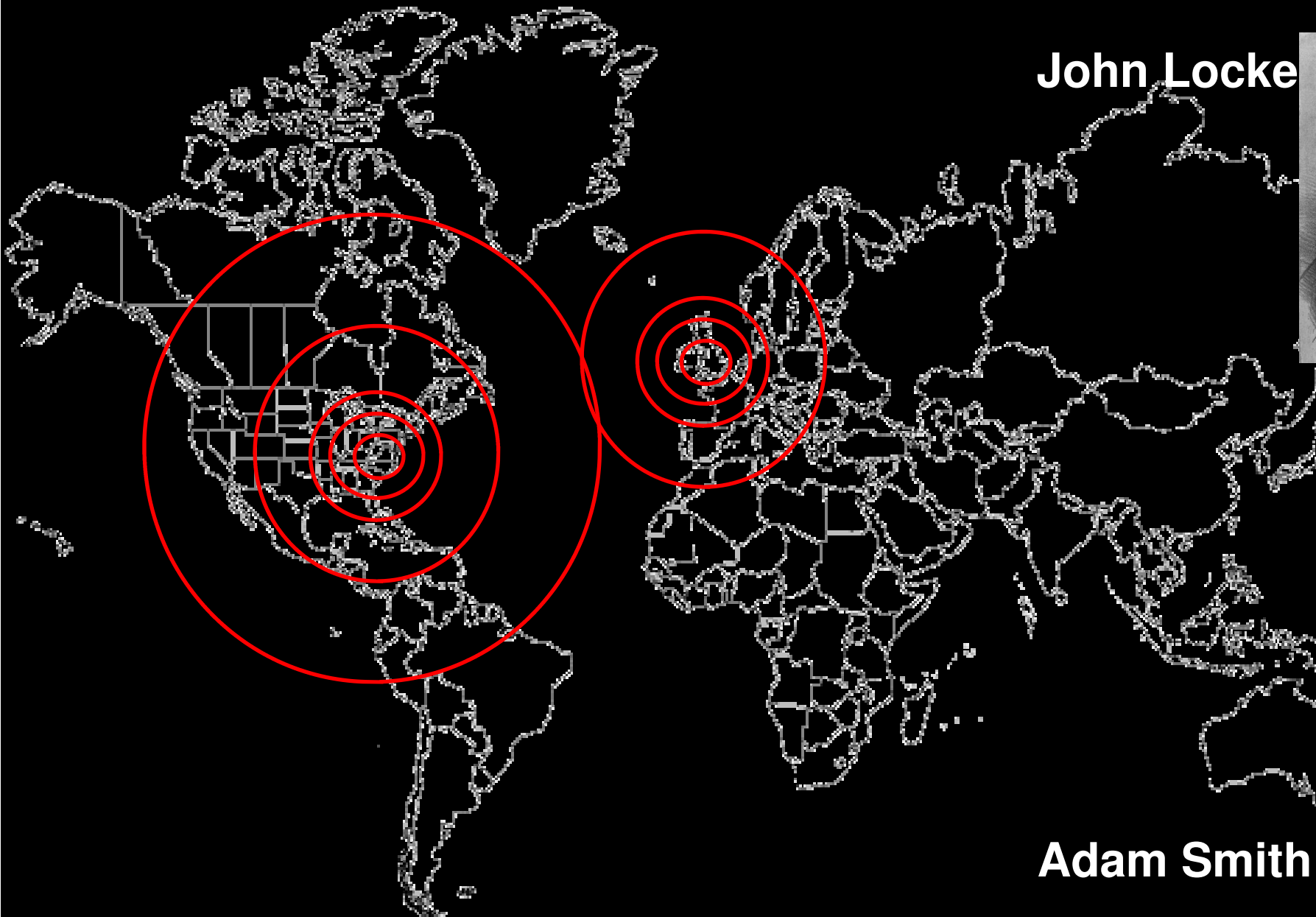
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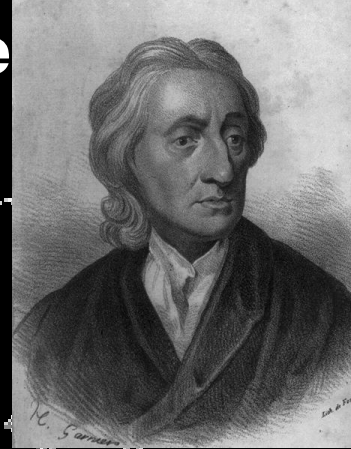
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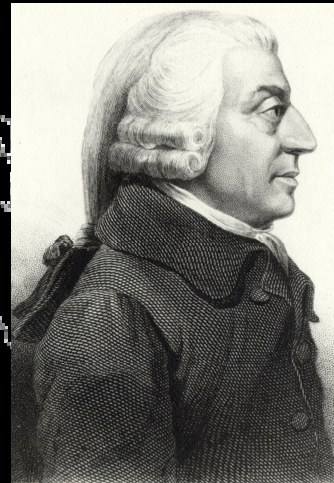
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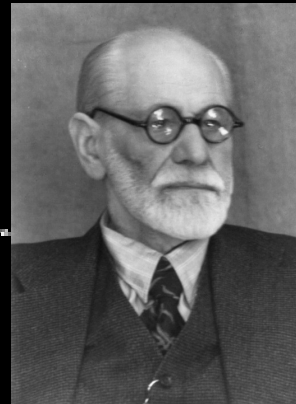


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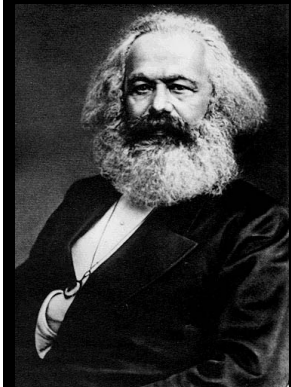
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The "True Story" of Atheism: Triumph over Superstition & Religion

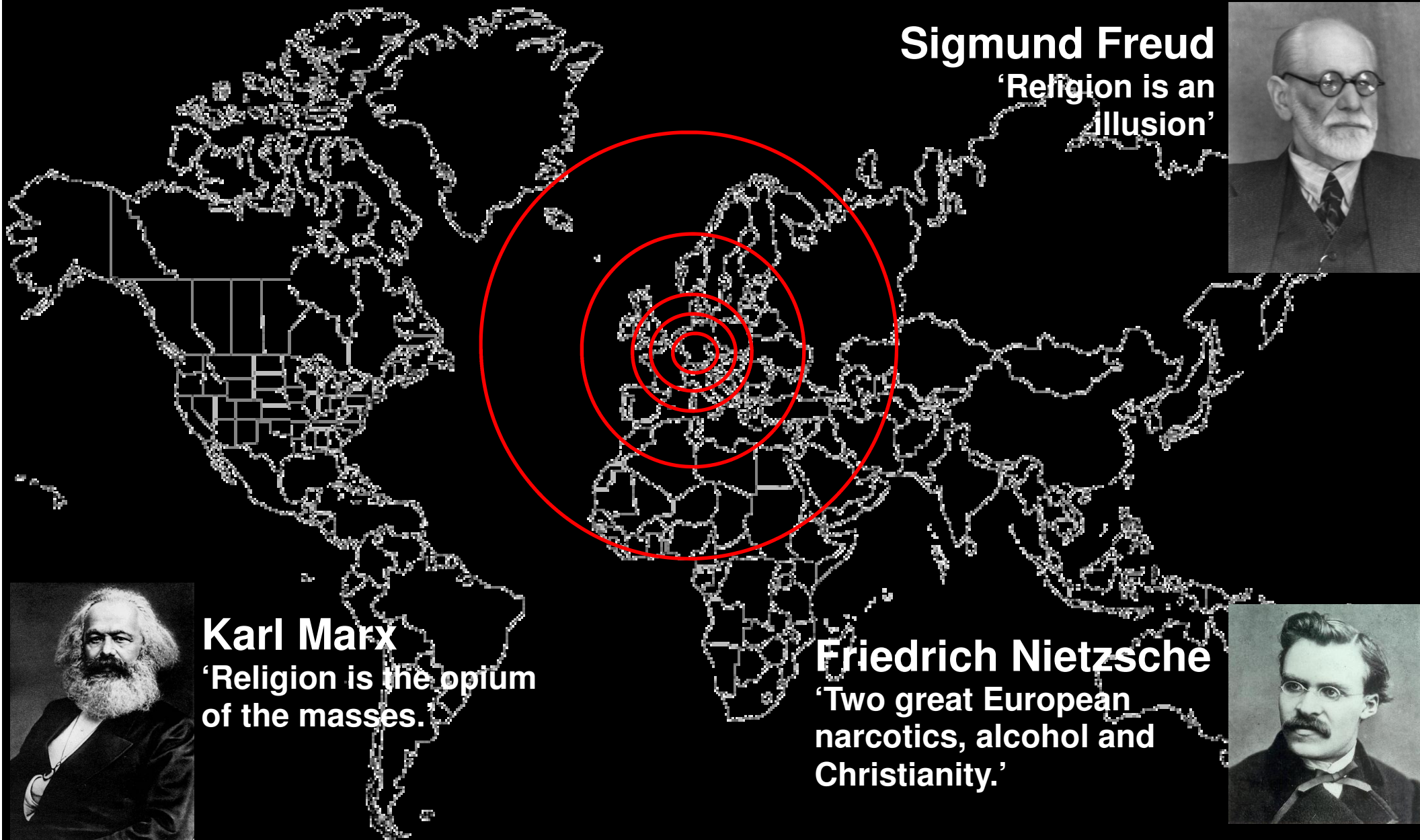
Sigmund Freud
'Religion is an
illusion'



Karl Marx
'Religion is the opium
of the masses.'



Friedrich Nietzsche
'Two great European
narcotics, alcohol and
Christianity.'



The Jesus Story & Other Hero Stories:

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Though there are aspects of overlap in practice, at the fundamental level, which view is the most realistic?

Which view is the most "arrogant"?

What are you an "evangelist" for?

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What are some major OBJECTIONS to this story?	<p>Who exactly was Jesus? How do we know?</p> <p>What about the mistakes of the church?</p>	<p>Who exactly was the Prophet Mohammed?</p> <p>What about his army and young wives?</p> <p>What does the Qur'an really teach?</p> <p>How can Quranic laws apply outside of medieval Arab culture?</p> <p>What is the character of Allah?</p>	<p>Democracy doesn't solve our problems. Hitler was democratically elected. Hezbollah was democratically elected. Racial segregation was maintained democratically. Democracy is just a process. It doesn't change people, our hearts, our values.</p>	<p>Does the liberal campus really address race?</p> <p>Can you value every person without a God who values every person?</p> <p>If you put people in a perfect environment, they'd be only good to each other?</p> <p>What about Christian faith helping heal racial oppression in South Africa and elsewhere?</p> <p>Or the black church in the U.S.?</p>	<p>No one else will ever be as committed to you as you are. So you're setting yourself up to be disappointed and pissed off at everyone else.</p> <p>Can you have meaning without being part of a larger story?</p> <p>So if your kids grow up to be spoiled and arrogant, then what?</p> <p>"I don't want to just survive. I want to live!"</p>