

WHAT

STORY

DO YOU

LIVE

IN?

Good vs. Evil



Fate vs. Choice

Brain vs. Brawn

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We all live in stories. Stories where we make an impact on the world around us. Stories about where the world is heading or should be heading. Perhaps even stories with a happy ending.

The purpose of this reflection is to help identify which larger story (if any) you live in, and to ask certain questions: What problem is your story grappling with? Is there hope for resolution? How do concepts of God fit in? What is our purpose? How well does this story explain reality? And so on.

Just as we often enjoy comparing movies, we can compare stories. Lets proceed!

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

What do you think the root problem is?
What problem is your story trying to solve?



**Imperialism, oppression
and injustice**



**Non-democratic
governments**



**Separation from God,
fallen human nature**



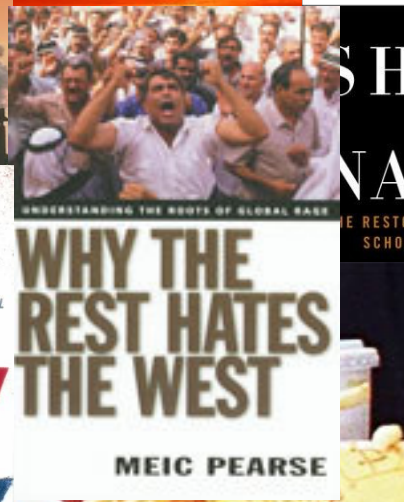
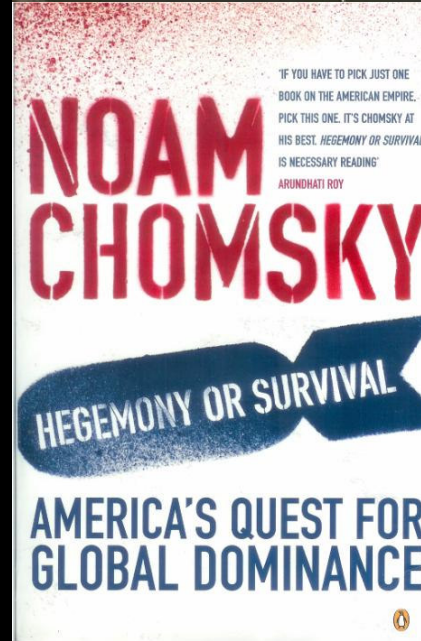
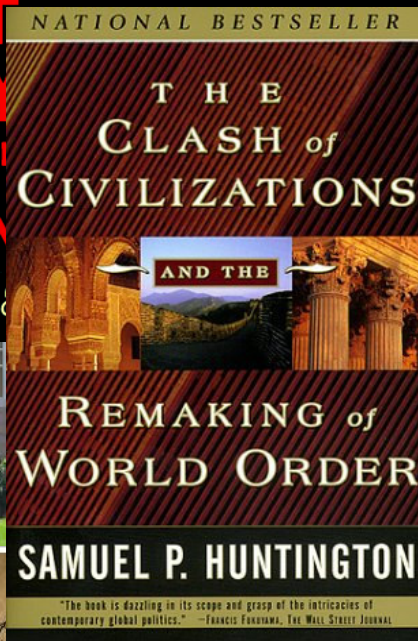
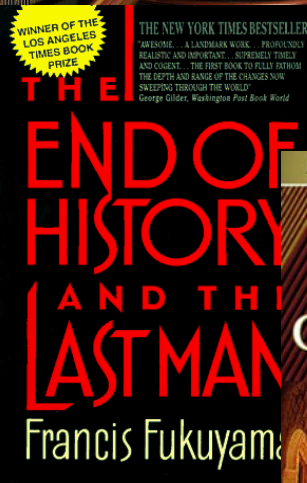
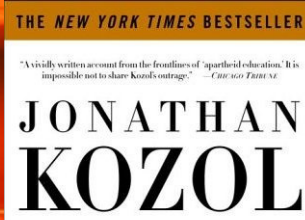
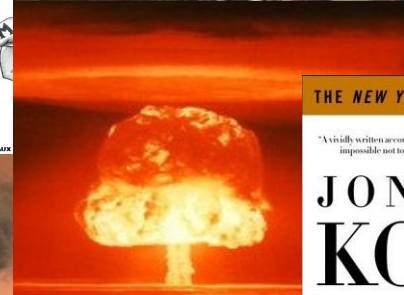
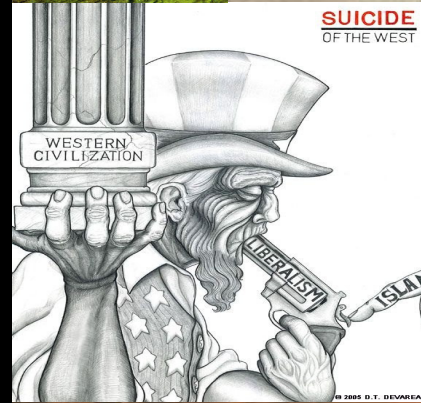
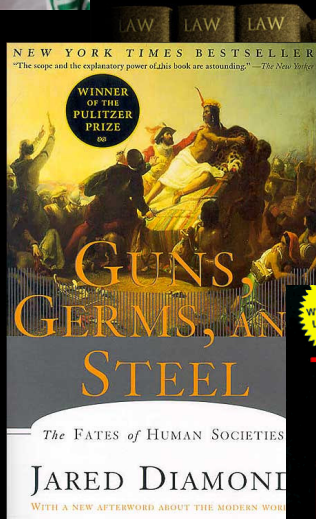
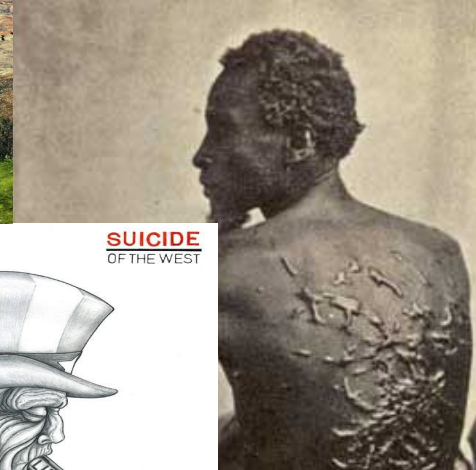
**Refusal to adhere to
divine laws**



My pain or boredom



There is no problem

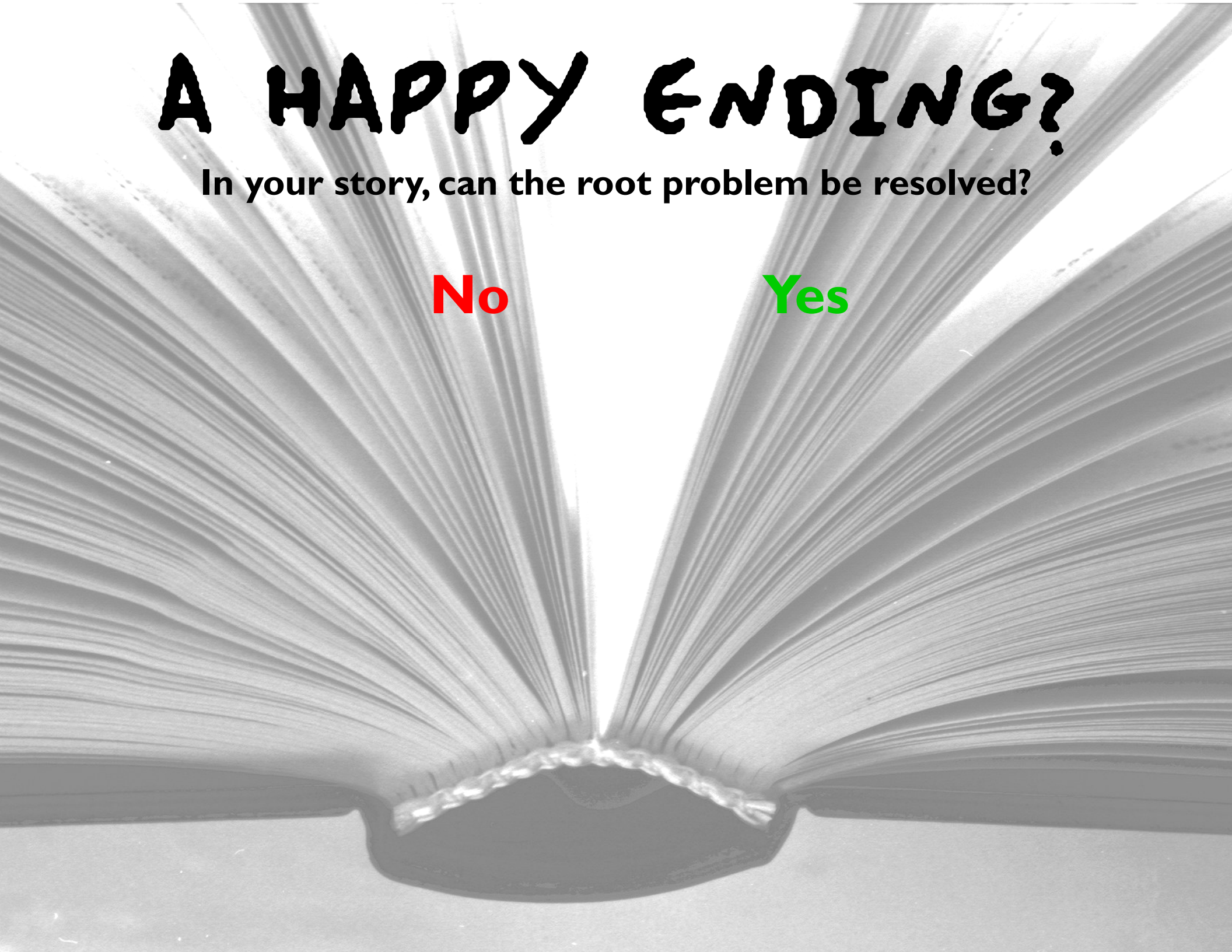


A HAPPY ENDING?

In your story, can the root problem be resolved?

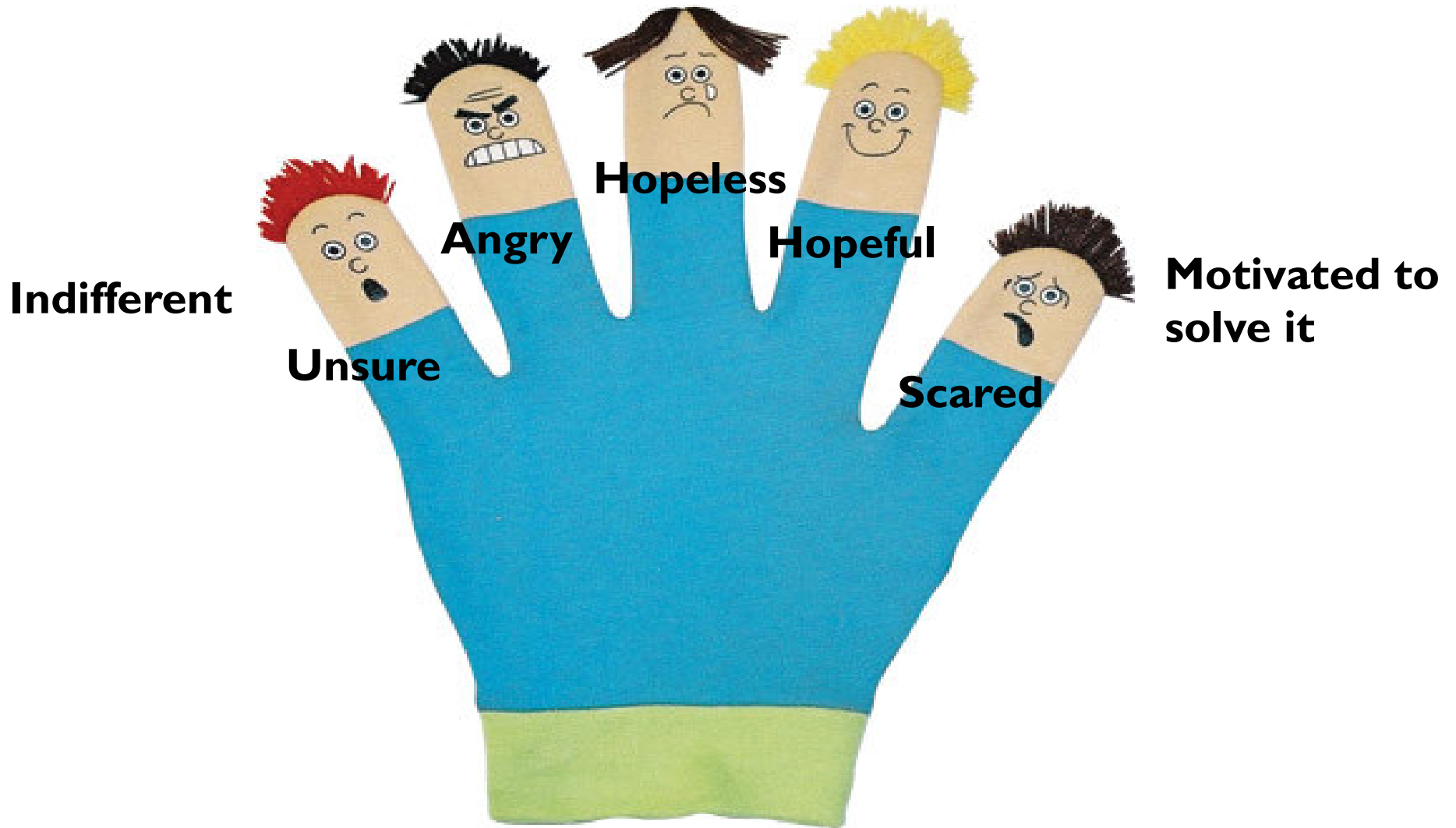
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Yes



AND YOU FEEL...?

How do you feel about the root problem?



CAN GOD HELP?

In your story, is there a higher power?
What does this "God" do?



Yes, by restoring the relationship between God and humanity and changing human nature.

Yes, by giving us divine laws to follow.

No. Belief in God causes ignorance, conflict, and war. We need to strip out religion and prejudice from people.

Yes, by naming our individual rights. On top of that, we can build democracy, liberty, and freedom.



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"I'm being followed by a woman's voice."

Maybe, by giving me inner peace or just making me happy. In my private life, but not really beyond that.

WHAT DO WE DO?

What is our main responsibility?

Advance individual rights,
democracy, and liberty.

Educate people about diversity
and push secular liberal
education.

Receive the divine laws; perhaps
implement them in the political
arena.

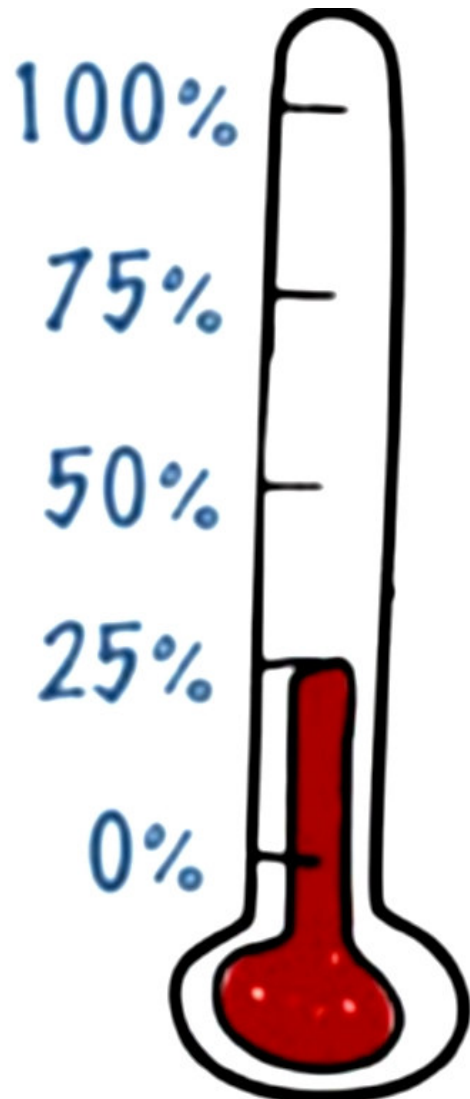
Advise people to live out the
motto "just do whatever makes
you happy."

Be transformed by God, and invite
others into this same
transformation.

Nothing. It is not our problem
to fix.

YOUR STORY & YOU

How much of your life is lived in this story consistently?



My story informs everything I do

Sure my story is nice, but its not practical

A GOOD STORY?

According to your story, what are the most positive things that have happened?

I have more
choices

Increased wealth and
prosperity

More holiness

Freedom from religion

People have been
reconnected with God

Minorities get
more justice

Democracy is spreading

The world is safer

Other

AN ACCURATE STORY?



What problems does your story leave unexplained/unresolved?

Western imperialism

Corrupt market

**Faith-based
social change**

Global warming

Educated bigots

Increased poverty

**Desire to live in
a bigger story**

Corrupt religion

**Whether we can
really know God**

EVER LIVE IN ANOTHER STORY?



**No, I have
always thought
this way**



**Yes, my old
story was
challenged**



**Yes, I am always
testing stories**

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR STORY?

I want to live in a
better story

I'm considering
a better story

I'm satisfied with
my story

