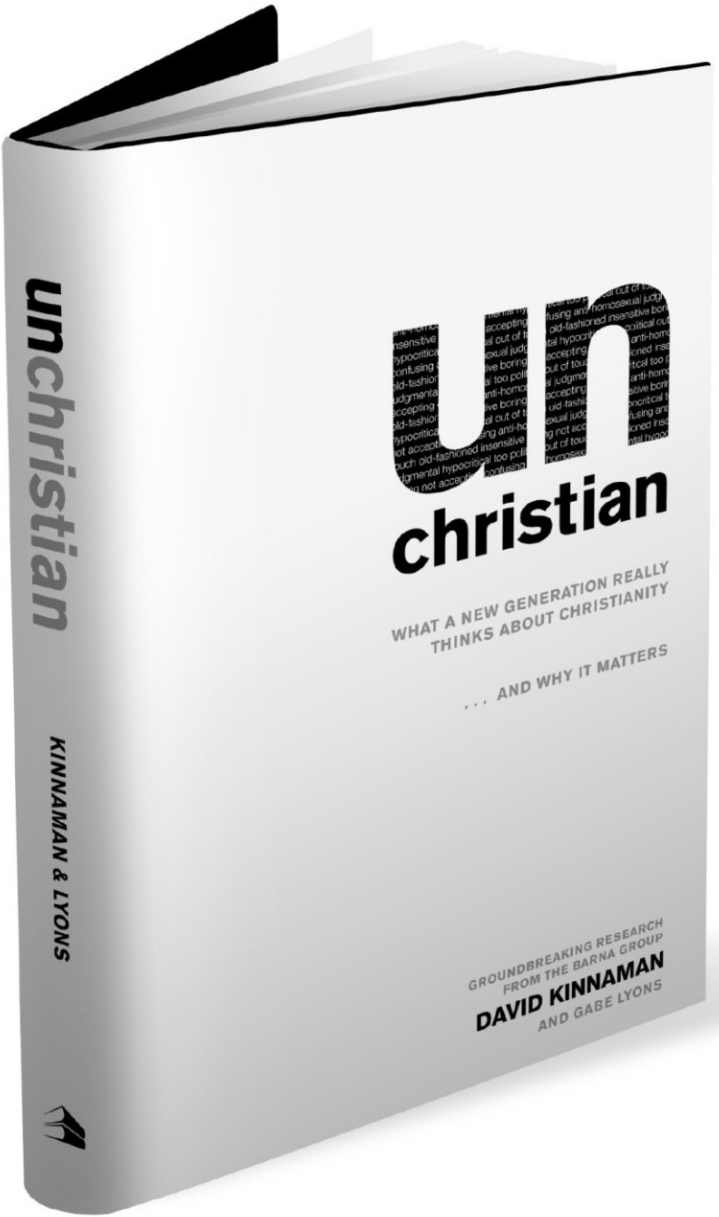


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WHAT A NEW GENERATION REALLY
THINKS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

... AND WHY IT MATTERS

GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH
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A WAKE-UP CALL

- If we don't deal with unchristian faith, we will have missed our chance to bring a deep spiritual awakening to a new generation.

The Perceptions of Christianity

Perception	Outsiders, 16 to 29
Antihomosexual	91%
Judgmental	87%
Hypocritical	85%
Sheltered (old-fashioned, out of touch with reality)	78%
Too political	75%
Proselytizers (insensitive to others, not genuine)	70%

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**CHRISTIANS ARE VIEWED AS BEING
SHELTERED.**

PERCEPTION: Christians are **boring, unintelligent, old-fashioned**, and out of touch with **reality.**

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Why Does This Perception Exist?

Out of Tune

Lacking Spiritual Vitality

Insulated From Thinking

Living in their own World

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PERCEPTION: Christians are boring, unintelligent, old-fashioned, and out of touch with reality.

NEW PERCEPTION: Christians are engaged, informed, and offer sophisticated responses to the issues people face.

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How Do We Do This?

Engaging our Culture

1Peter 1:15

¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

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How Do We Do This?

Engaging our Culture

Phil. 4:8

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

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How Do We Do This?

Accepting Responsibility

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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How Do We Do This?

Not Being Fearful

1 John 4:18

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...

2 Timothy 1:7

⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

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How Do We Do This?

Not Being Offended

John 16:33

³³ “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

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How Do We Do This?

Helping the Desperate

Matthew 9:12-13

Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice. ’For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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How Do We Do This?

Being Prepared

Daniel 1:4

⁴ ...young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace.

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How Do We Do This?

Being Prepared

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ ...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

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How Do We Do This?

Keeping a Balance

John 17:14-18

¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

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**CHRISTIANS ARE VIEWED AS BEING
HYPOCRITES.**

PERCEPTION: Christians **say** one thing, but **live** entirely different.

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Matthew 23:1-15

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ² “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. ³ So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴ They tie up heavy loads and put them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

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Matthew 23:1-15

⁵ “Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶ they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷ they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them ‘Rabbi.’

⁸ “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. ⁹ And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called ‘teacher,’ for you have one Teacher, the Christ. ·

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Matthew 23:1-15

¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

¹³ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

¹⁵ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

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Matthew 23:23-33

²³ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. ²⁴ You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

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Matthew 23:23-33

²⁵ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶ Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

²⁷ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean. ²⁸ In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

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Matthew 23:23-33

²⁹ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. ³⁰ And you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ ³¹ So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. ³² Fill up, then, the measure of the sin of your forefathers!

³³ “You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?

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HYPOCRITES.

PERCEPTION: Christians say one thing, but live entirely different.

NEW PERCEPTION: Christians are transparent about their flaws and act first, talk second.

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Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

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