

remember all the commands
But remember the LORD your God
remember that you were
LORD of the earth
the whole world
I remember how in your prayers
remember from your
the whole world

TIME & HISTORY

whose **Story?**

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WHOSE STORY IS THIS?

"Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do."

Isaiah 46:9-11

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GOD'S PLAN UNFOLDING

But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Galatians 4:4-5 (NAS)

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GALATIANS 4:4

the **plan** of God unfolding...
the **promise** of God fulfilled...

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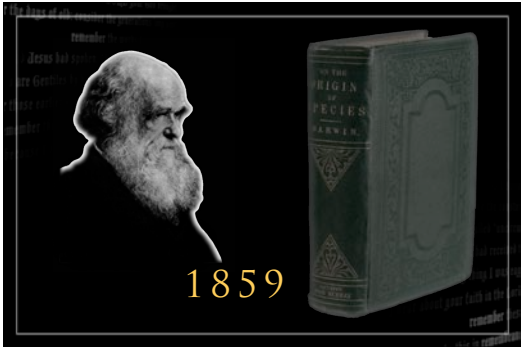
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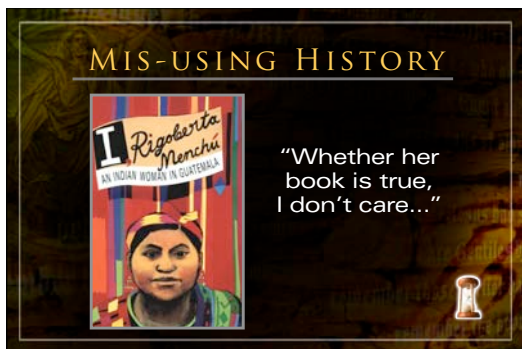
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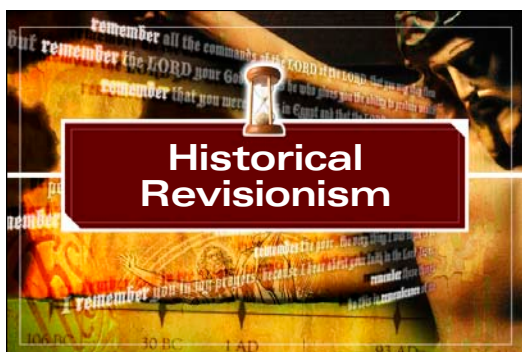


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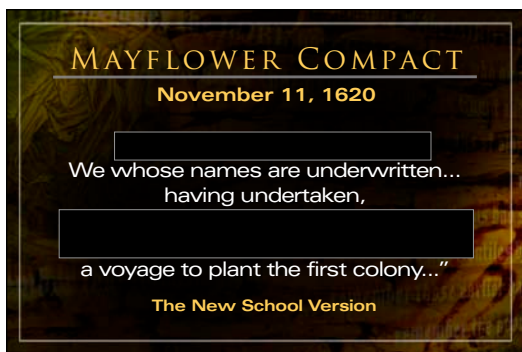


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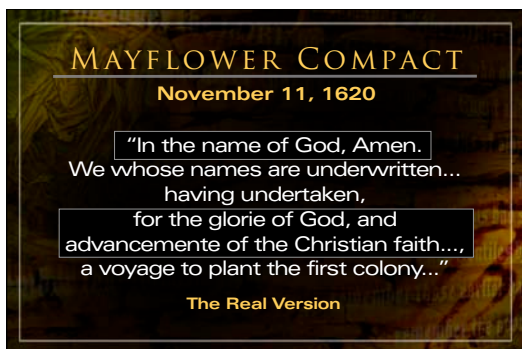


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Mayflower Compact, The (1620). November 11.




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THE CONTEXT OF HISTORY

IF I CAN CHANGE YOUR HISTORICAL CONTEXT, I CAN CHANGE THE WAY YOU VIEW THE PRESENT

this is the **power** of historical revisionism



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THIS IS NOT NEW...

lies about history:

- creation
- Jesus' life
- fall
- Jesus' death
- Jesus' resurrection
 - Matthew 28:11-15
 - 1 Corinthians 15:14-19




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LIES ABOUT HISTORY

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened.

Matthew 28:11-15 (NKJV)




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LIES ABOUT HISTORY

When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.'"

Matthew 28:11-15 (NKJV)




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LIES ABOUT HISTORY

And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

Matthew 28:11-15 (NKJV)




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VERACITY OF GOD'S WORD

do you **believe** in Plato?

Ancient works and their oldest manuscripts:

Homer's Iliad	500 yrs
Julius Caesar's Gallic Wars	1,000 yrs
Pliny's History	750 yrs
Thucydides' History	1,300 yrs
Herodotus' History	1,300 yrs
New Testament	25 yrs




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VERACITY OF GOD'S WORD

Number of early manuscripts:

Homer's Iliad	643
Julius Caesar's Gallic Wars	10
Pliny's History	7
Thucydides' History	8
Herodotus' History	8
New Testament	>24,000



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HISTORICAL POWER

"He who controls the past, controls the future."

George Orwell




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Orwell, George (1949). *1984*. London: Everyman's Library, pt. 1, ch. 3.

HISTORICAL POWER

"A people without a heritage are easily persuaded."

Karl Marx



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God's Mandate to Remember

Memorial Stones
Joshua 4:1-7

How did they do?
Judges 2:6-15



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God's Mandate to Remember

Other Memorial Stones

Tassels
Numbers 15:38-39, Deuteronomy 22:12

Passover
Exodus 12:24-27, Deuteronomy 4:9,
Deuteronomy 6:4-12, & more...

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remembering
what we should forget

OUR PROBLEM

forgetting what we should
remember

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OS
GUINNESS

"Those who don't know history have
no sense of identity, and no sense of
wisdom as they explore where
they're going to go.

Without History we're lost."

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When you have eaten and are satisfied,
praise the LORD your God for the good
land he has given you. **Be careful** that
you do not forget the LORD your God,
failing to observe his commands, his laws
and his decrees that I am giving you this
day. Otherwise, when you eat and are
satisfied, when you build fine houses and
settle down, and when your herds and
flocks grow large and your silver and gold
increase and all you have is multiplied...

Deuteronomy 8:10-20

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...then your heart will become **proud**
and you will **forget** the LORD your God,
who brought you out of Egypt, out of the
land of slavery...You may say to yourself,
"**My** power and the strength of **my**
hands have produced this wealth for
me." But remember the LORD your God,
for it is he who gives you the ability to
produce wealth, and so confirms his
covenant, which he swore to your
forefathers, as it is today...

Deuteronomy 8:10-20

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If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. Like the nations the LORD destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 8:10-20


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THE BATTLE AGAINST THE NATURE OF GOD

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4




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THE BATTLE AGAINST THE NATURE OF GOD

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, **and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**

2 Corinthians 10:5



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PROVIDENCE AT WORK

The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Psalms 33:10-11

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PROVIDENCE AT WORK

...for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

Acts 4:27-28 (ESV)

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remember all the commandments which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may fear the LORD your God.

1 KINGS 22:28-34

Ahab & the Sovereignty of God

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ANTINOMY & PARADOX

first - last

weak - strong see - yet blind

rich - yet poor alive - yet dead

to live - must die

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The Providential View of History

God's Providence

Creation

Birth of Christ

Today

Fulfillment

God's Sovereign Rule

Eph 1:11
Isa 46:10-11
Prov 16:9-10
Acts 17:24-26

Time

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JEAN-FRANCOIS LYOTARD

“Simplifying to the extreme, I define postmodern as incredulity towards metanarratives.”

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Lyotard, Jean-Francois (1984). (G. Bennington & B. Massumi, Trans.). *The postmodern condition: A report on knowledge*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, p. xxiv.

A “metanarrative” is any “large story” that pretends to give an all-encompassing explanation of anything, especially an over-arching story of **history** and life in attempt to legitimize some **version of truth**.

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THE BATTLE OVER HISTORY

Truth Reality VS **Lie Illusion**

history is His Story Providence no meta-narrative history is a tool

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the Larger story

remember all the commands of the LORD your God

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THE LARGER STORY

natural **myopia**

Elisha's servant (2 Kings 6:8-18)

God's **photo** album

The Fall Sorcerer Simon

The Saints (Hebrews 11) The Pilgrims

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Stepping stones

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Ferris, J. L. G. (1907). *Return of the Mayflower*. Unknown gallery portrait.

THE PILGRIM'S PROVIDENTIAL VIEW OF HISTORY

"But these things did not dismay them (though they did sometimes trouble them) for their desires were set on the ways of God, and to enjoy His ordinances; **but they rested on His Providence and knew whom they had believed.**"

William Bradford, Of Plymouth Plantation

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Bradford, William (1909). Cited in Valerian Paget, *Bradford: History of the Plymouth settlement Rendered into modern English*. New York, NY: John McBrick Co.

STEPPING STONES

"Last and not least, they [the Pilgrims] **cherished a great hope and inward zeal of laying good foundations**, or at least of making some way towards it, for the propagation and advance of the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in the remote parts of the world, even though they should be but **stepping stones** to others in the performance of so great a work."

Bradford's History of the Plymouth Settlement, 1608-1650

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