

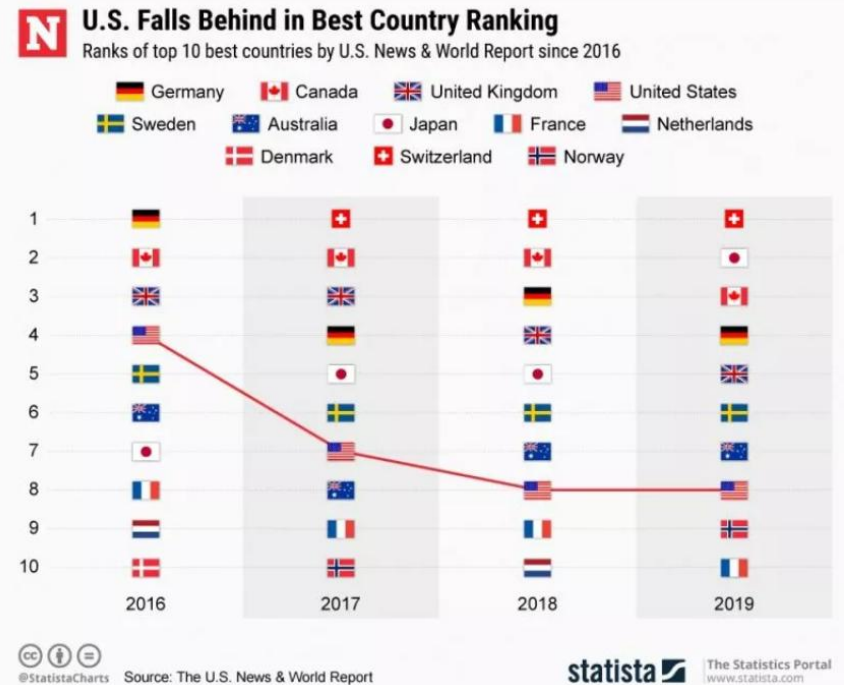
AMERICA'S RANKING AMONG NATIONS

A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE UNITED STATES IN GRAPHIC DETAIL

MICHAEL D. DULBERGER



Is America the greatest?



WORLD

These Are the World's 'Best' Countries—and the U.S. Isn't Even in the Top Five

BY TOM O'CONNOR ON 1/23/19 AT 12:10 AM EST

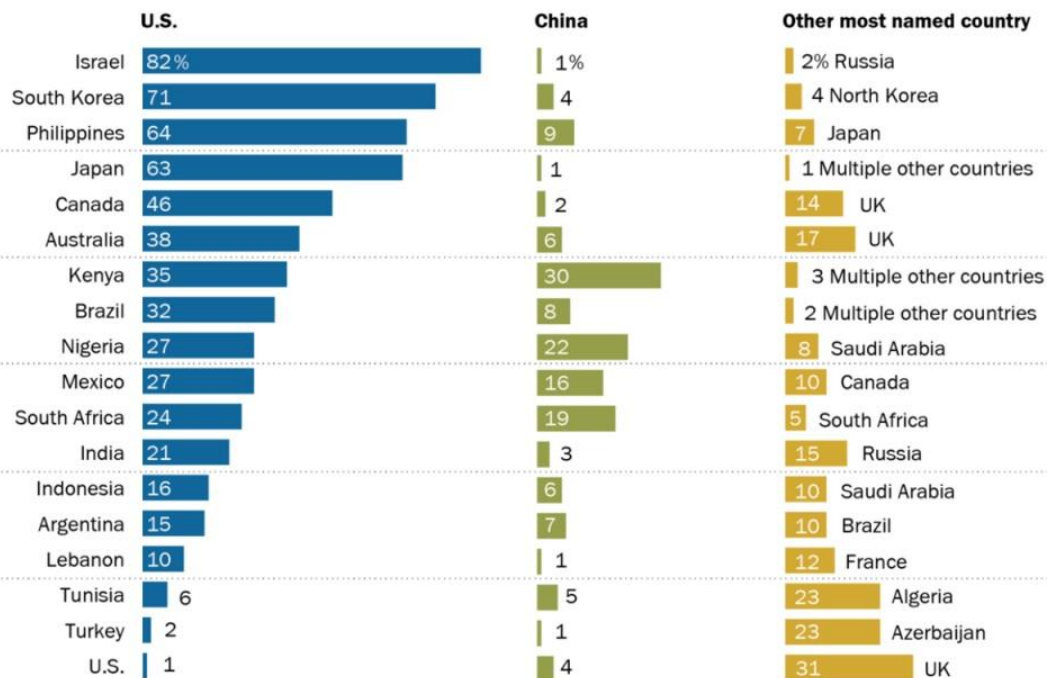
Personal Freedom Rankings, 2014

Rank	Country
1	New Zealand
2	Norway
3	Australia
4	Iceland
5	Canada
6	Sweden
7	Netherlands
8	Uruguay
9	Denmark
10	United Kingdom
11	Ireland
12	Switzerland
13	Belgium
14	Germany
15	Costa Rica
16	Finland
17	France
18	Austria
19	Malta
20	Portugal
21	United States
22	Spain
23	Hong Kong
24	Slovenia
25	Trinidad & Tobago

Source: The 2014 Legatum Prosperity Index

Many see U.S. as their country's top ally

% who say their country can most rely on ___ as a dependable ally in the future



Note: Figures represent results of an open-ended question, where interviewers selected from a precoded list. Other countries named not shown.
Source: Spring 2019 Global Attitudes Survey, Q22.

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How Americans view their country and identity



PBS NewsHour ✓

3.67M subscribers

What does it mean to be Americans?




4TH
OF JULY

Kingdomtide

The colour for this season of Kingdomtide is green, indicating a time of growth. We are reminded to plant our roots deep into the heart of God's sustaining Presence and Word, as we stretch out our arms in hospitality to the world.

"Celebrating Interdependence Day"

1. IN GOD'S IMAGE, JUNE 4
2. OUT OF THE GROUND, JUNE 11
3. ALL ABOARD IN NOAH'S WORLD, JUNE 18
4. INTERDEPENDENT ARE WE, JULY 2
5. KEEP ALL COCREATURES HOLY, JULY 9
6. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, JULY 16
7. ON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN, JULY 23
8. MAKE ALL THINGS NEW, JULY 30



sermon series during kingdomtide 1

THE MILKY WAY DISCIPLES

Matthew 13:24-30

A Man with Good Seed



A Church w. Good People

THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN
IS LIKE A MAN WHO
SOWED GOOD SEED
IN HIS FIELD.

MATTHEW 13:24



*Otter Creek Reservoir
Antimony, UT*



Matthew 13:24-30

The Enemy with Wheat-like Weeds

Matthew 13:25-26 (NIV) – “While everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.”

ζιζάνιον *zizanon*

darnel, a weed resembling wheat

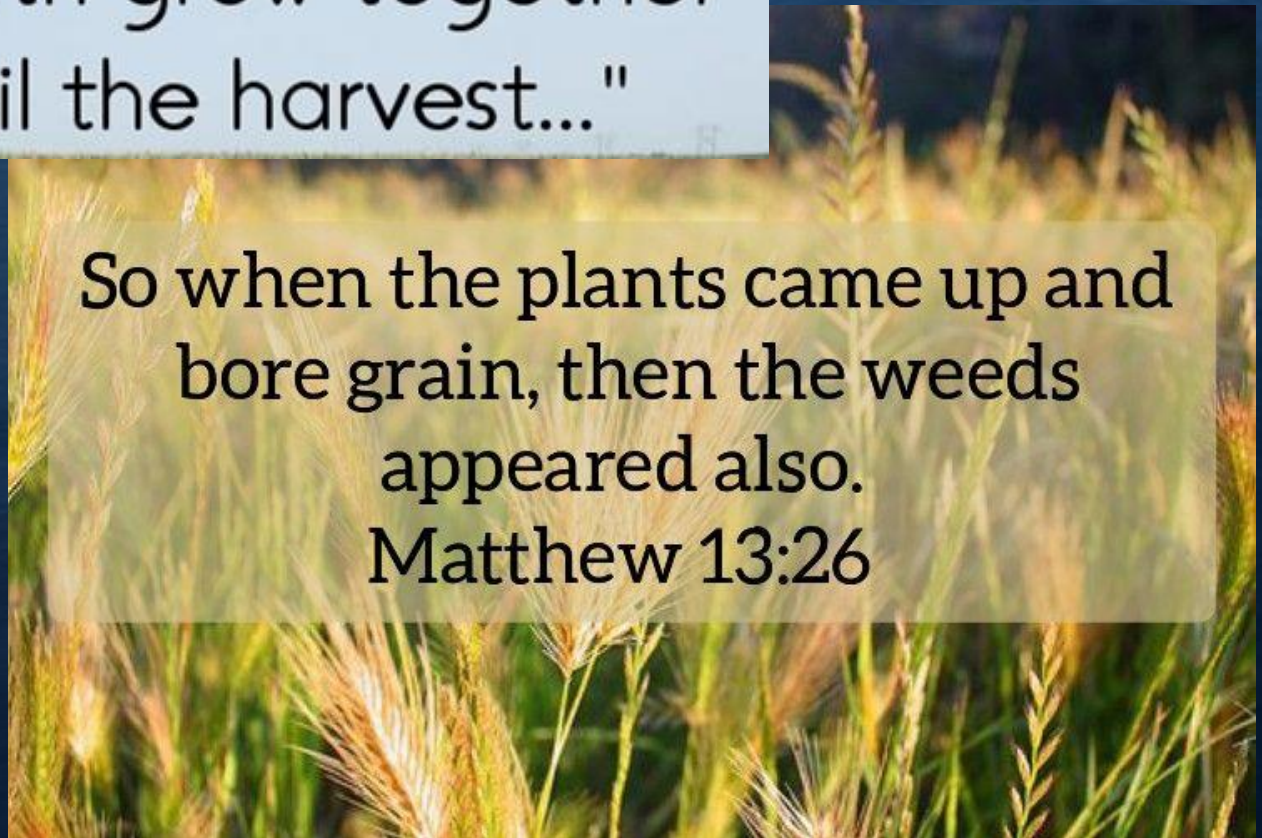
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Wheat and Weeds in the Kingdom

"Let both grow together
until the harvest..."

So when the plants came up and
bore grain, then the weeds
appeared also.

Matthew 13:26



Matthew 13:24-30

The Fate of the Wheat-like Weeds



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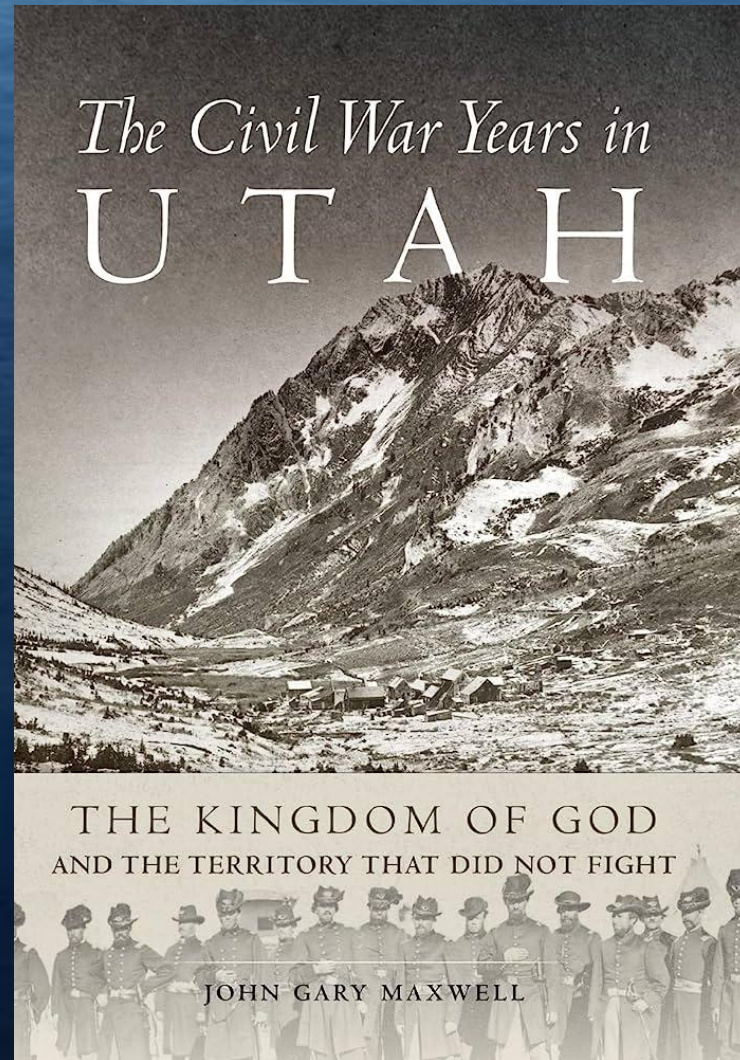
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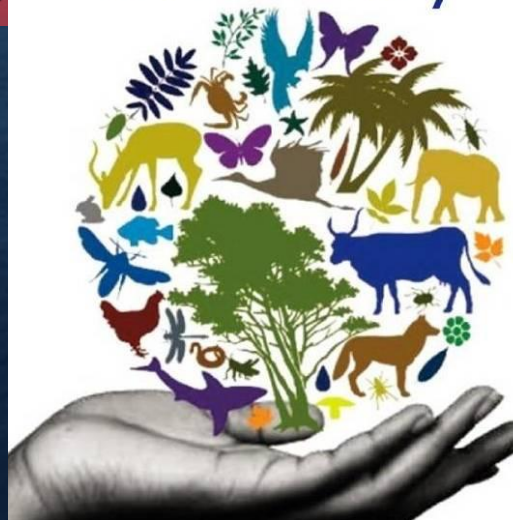
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ἐχθρός *echthros*

- ❖ The enemy (Gk: *echthros*) is meaning 'who hate'. It refer to all hatred, enmity, opposition, rivalry.
- ❖ The 'weeds' are always happening by the fruit of enmity.
- ❖ Bad and useless things arise or the fruit of hostility and hatred.

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(Matthew 13:28-30)

God Waits for Final Salvation.

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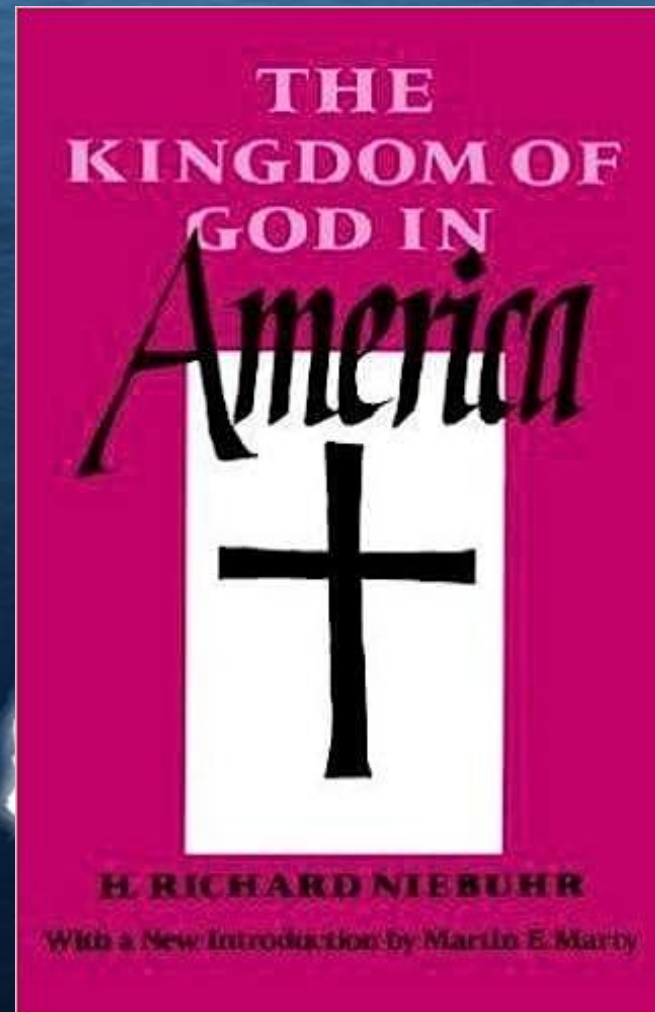
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“The Kingdom of God in America is the American Kingdom of God. ..

It is not individualization of an universal idea, but the universalization of the particular.

Gospel! The use and adaptation of the gospel by the new society for its own purposes...”

(p. 9)

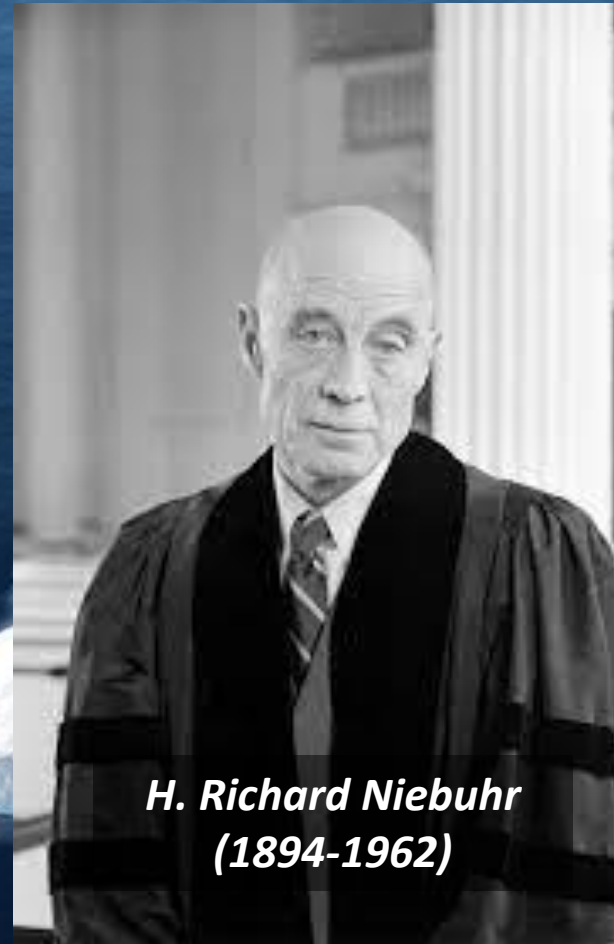


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*American Christianity/
American Culture cannot be
understood at all save on the
basis of faith in a sovereign,
living and loving God.*

*Apart from God and
His forgiveness, Christianity
will be **destructive** rather than
creative.*



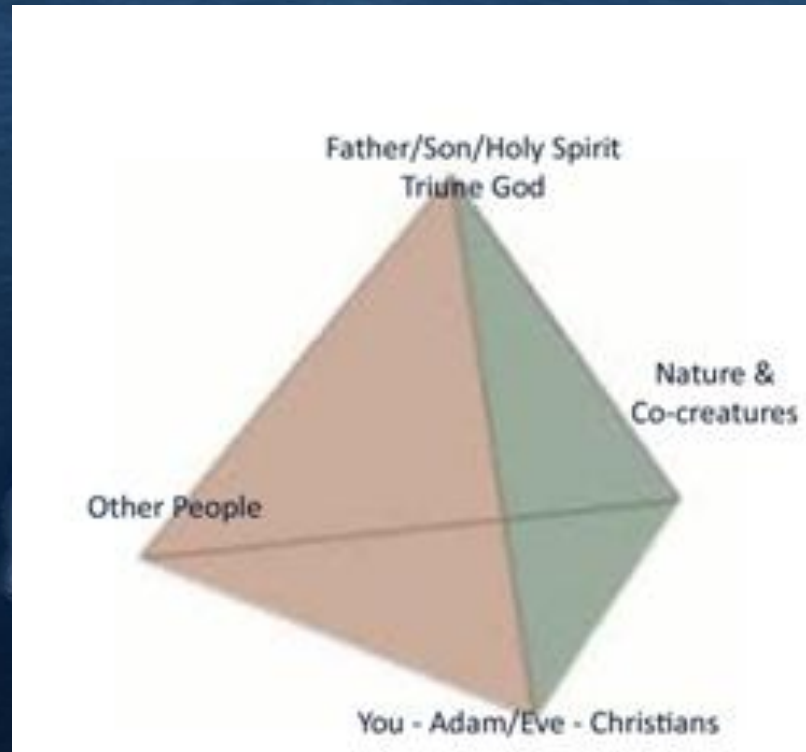
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(1894-1962)*

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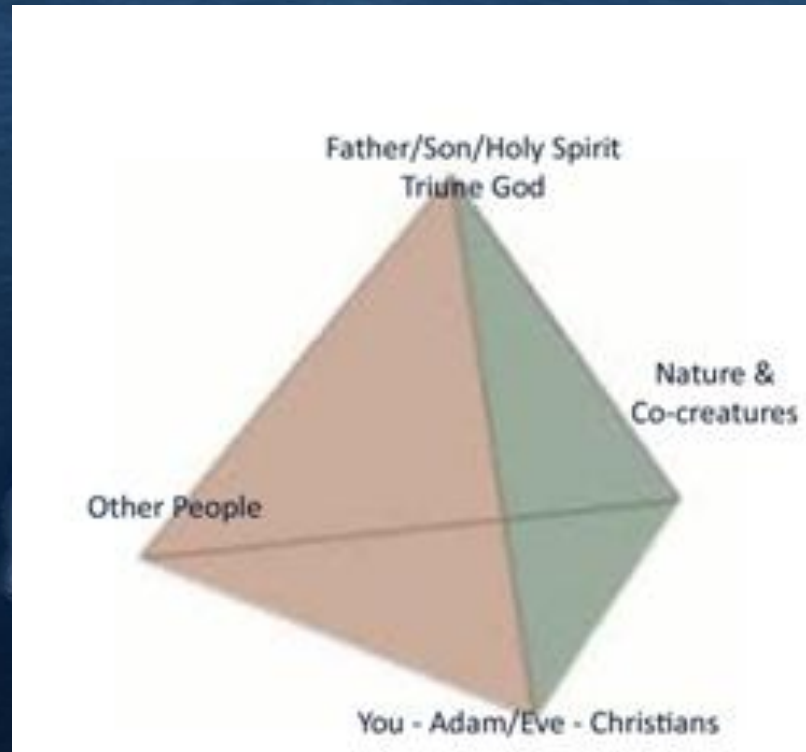


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