

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Boise, Idaho, showing a mix of urban buildings and green spaces. In the background, a large body of water (Lake Boise) is visible under a clear sky. The city is nestled in a valley with rolling hills in the distance.

# Evangelicals, Liberals, and Fundamentalists

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# Where We're Going

- History of Evangelicalism
- Worldview of Evangelicalism
- Dealing with the Problems
- Two Challenges
  - Internal
  - External



# Evangelical Origins

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- Eighteenth Century Anglo Christianity
- Revivals
  - Great Awakening
  - Welsh Revival
  - Evangelical Revival



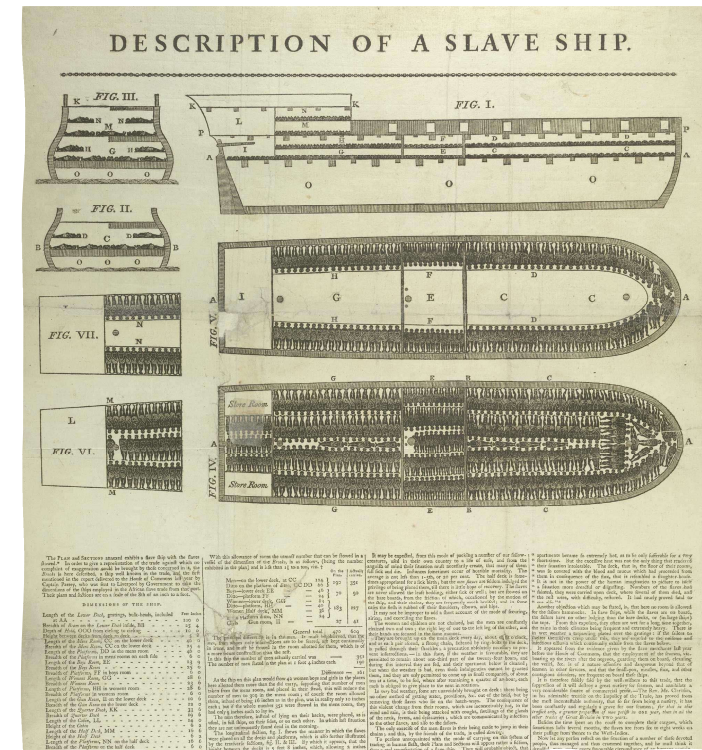
# Characteristics of Evangelicalism\*

- Conversionism
  - From Puritans
- Activism
- Biblicism
- Crucicentrism

\*From historian David Bebbington

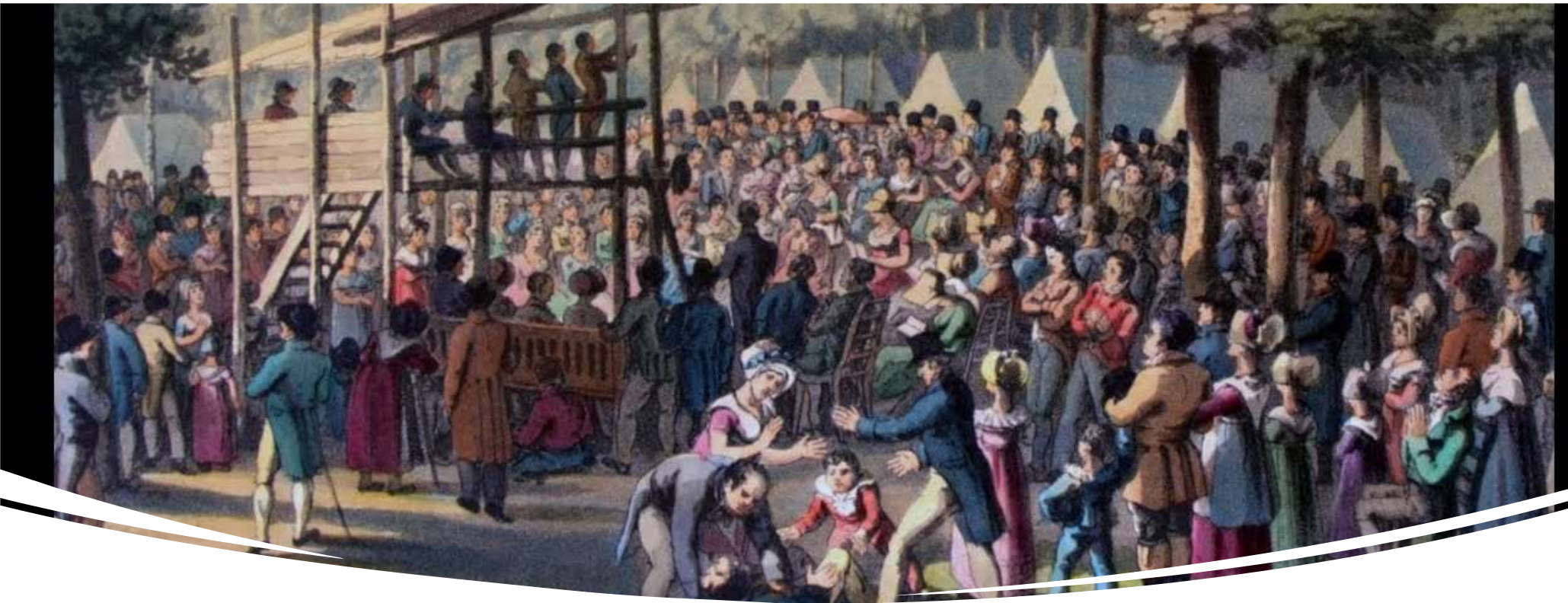






## The Late 18th into the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

- William Wilberforce and the Clapham Sect
  - Abolition of the Slave Trade
  - Reformation of Manners
  - Note Methodology



## The Nineteenth Century

- Second Great Awakening
  - Abolitionism in the U.S.
  - Temperance Movement





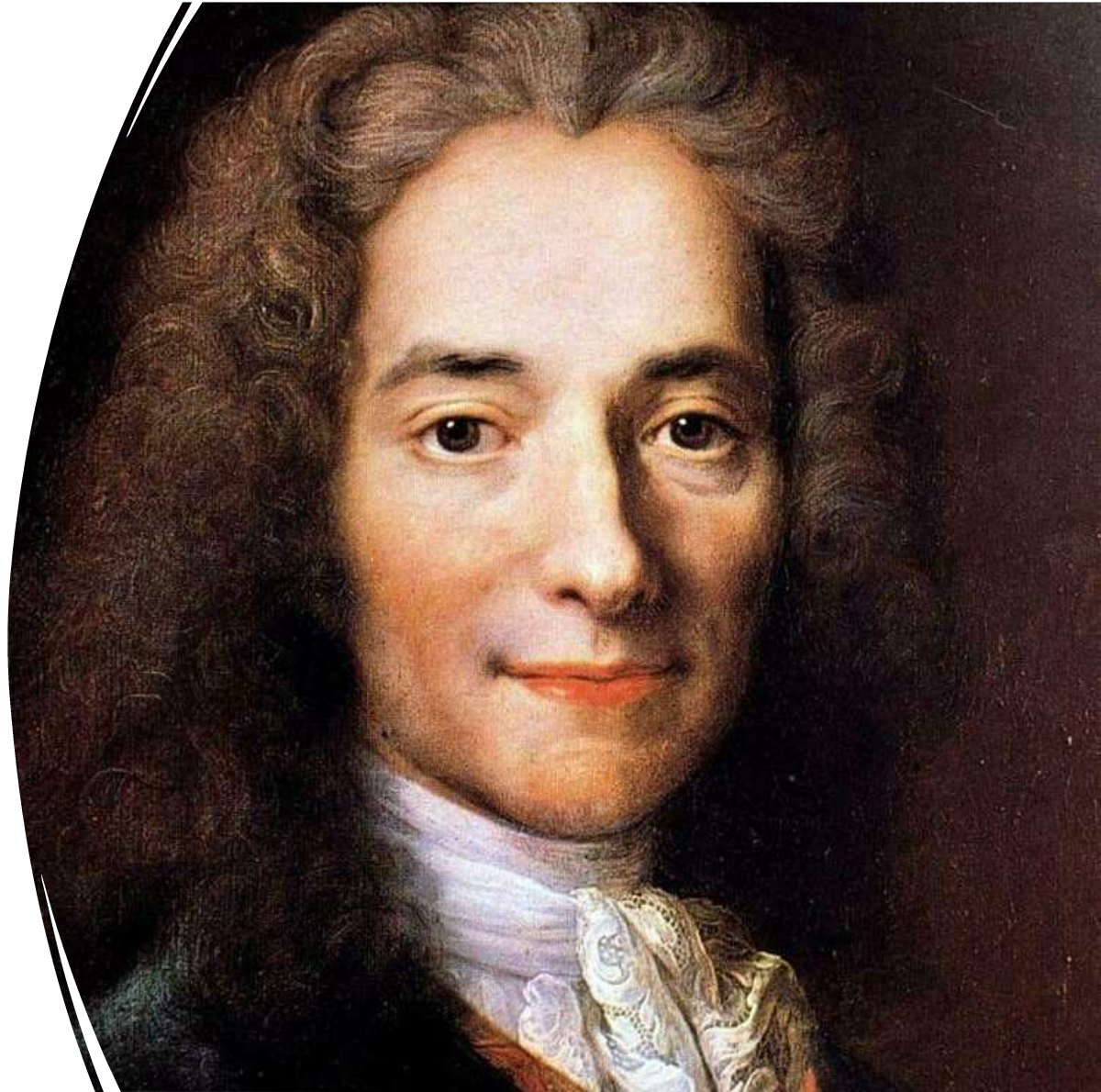
# The Nineteenth Century

- Eschatology
  - Postmillennialism
    - Optimistic about Gospel's Power to Transform Society
  - John Nelson Darby and Dispensationalism
    - Pessimistic about Gospel's Success

# Meanwhile, in Europe ....

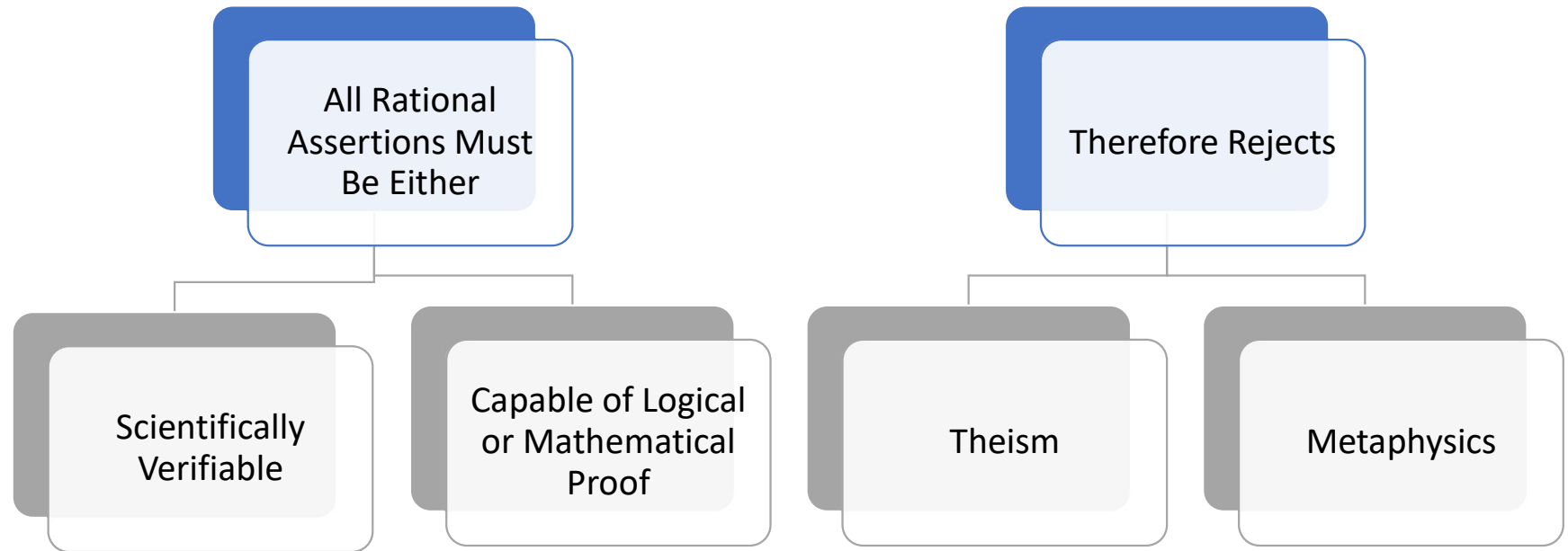
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- The Enlightenment
  - “The Age of Reason”
    - Rationalism
    - Empiricism
  - Anti-Christian
    - Superstition
    - Bigotry
  - Same Period as Evangelical Revivals



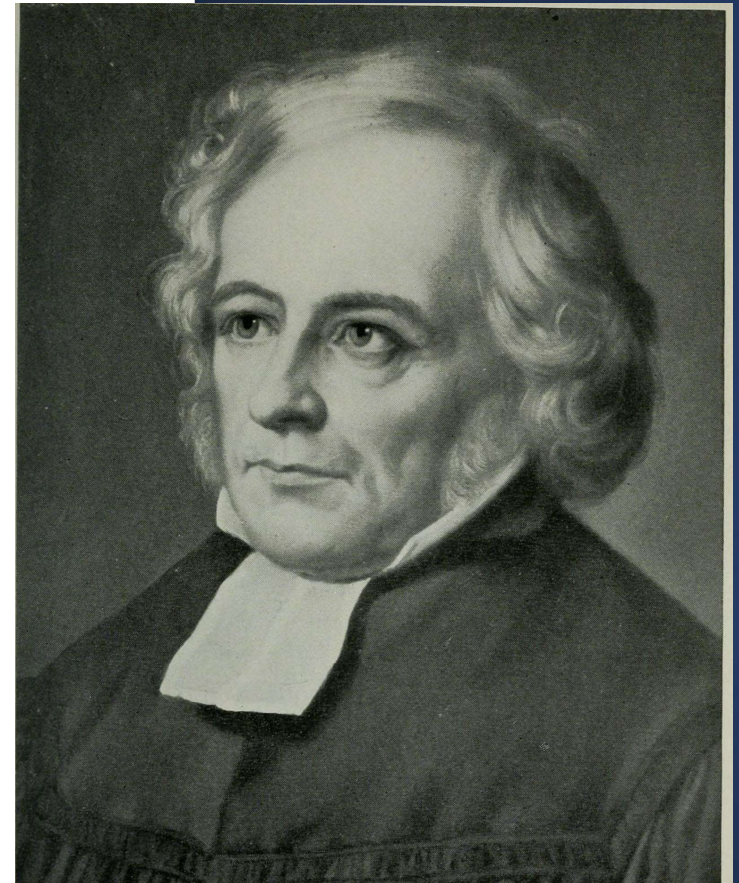


# The Rise of Positivism



# Friedrich Daniel Ernst Schleiermacher (1768-1834)

- *On Religion: Speeches to its Cultured Despisers* (1799)
- Mystical View of Religion
  - Intuitive Knowledge
  - Emotional Experience
  - Desire to be Absorbed into the Infinite

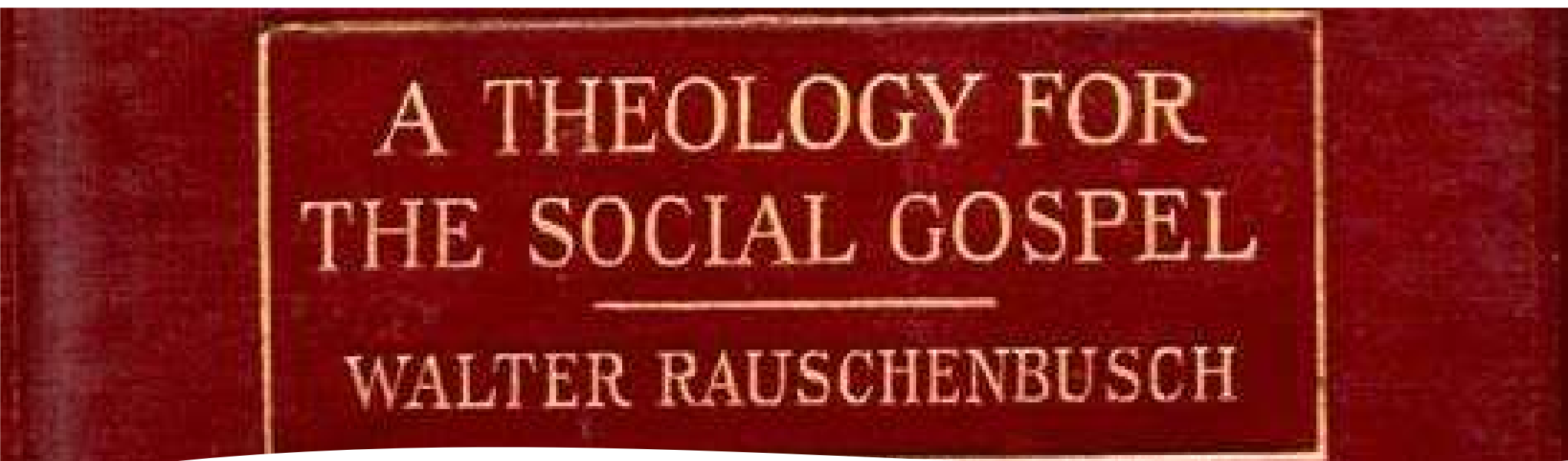






# Scientism

- Scientific explanations are superior to non-scientific explanations.
- Scientific explanations must be purely materialistic.

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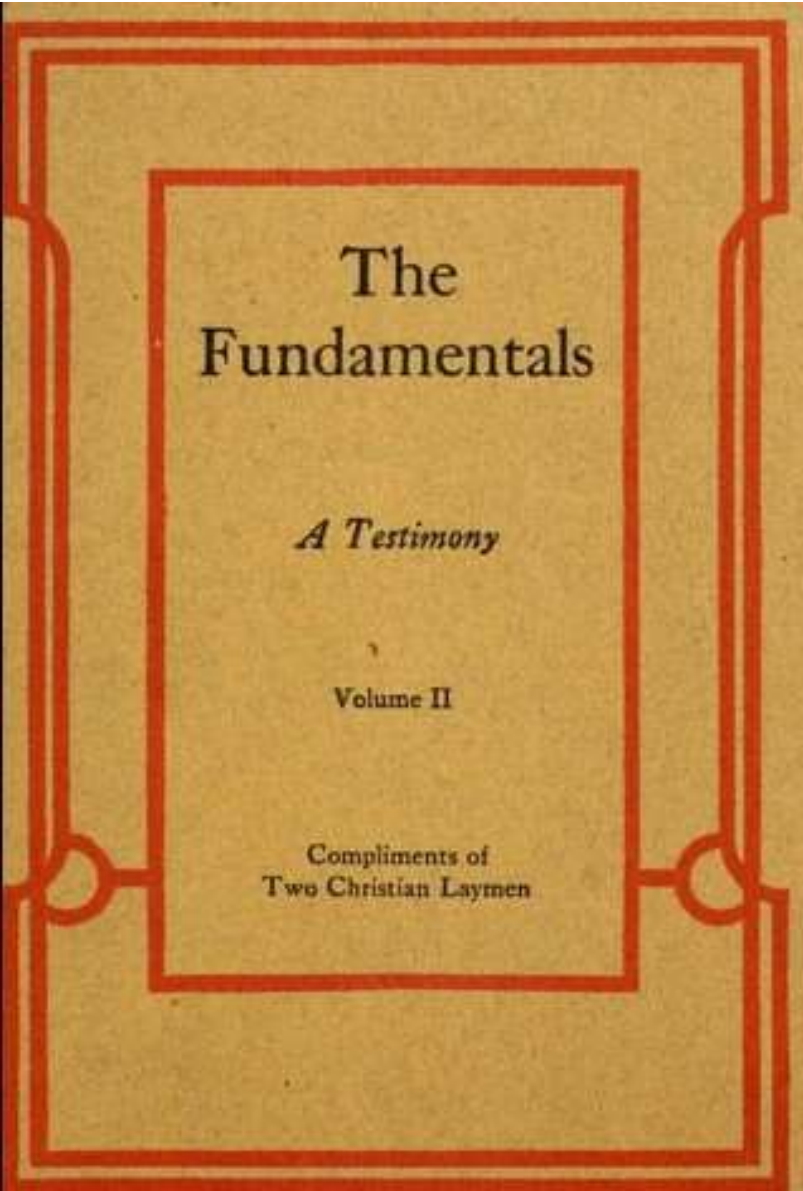
# A THEOLOGY FOR THE SOCIAL GOSPEL

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## The Rise of Liberal Theology

- Alternate Role for Religion: Values
  - People Basically Good
  - Christianity = Social Action
- Result: Bifurcated Christianity
  - Liberals: Social Gospel
  - Reaction: *Solum Evangelium*



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# The Fundamentals

*A Testimony*

Volume II

Compliments of  
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## The Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy

- Bifurcated Christianity Comes to America
- *The Fundamentals* (1910-1915)
- Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (1920s)
  - Spreads to Other Denominations



# The Scopes “Monkey” Trial (1925)

- Background
- William Jennings Bryan
  - Fundamentalism and Evolution
- Clarence Darrow
- H.L. Mencken
- Results
- Aftermath



# The Fundamentalist Retreat

## Liberals Win by 1930s

- Control Denominations
- Control Seminaries and Universities
- Control Publishing Houses

## Fundamentalists Withdraw

- Separate Denominations
- Withdraw from Culture
  - Premillennial Pessimism
  - Privatized Faith
- Abandon Science, Academy, etc.