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"When it comes to how we think of ourselves, we are all expressive individualists now. It is the essence of the world in which we have to live and of which we are a part... Christians today are not opponents of the anticulture. Too often we are a symptom of it... Our social imaginaries... are often too little different from that of the culture around us."

-Carl R. Trueman

The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self



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“Whoever takes a human life shall surely be put to death. Whoever takes an animal’s life shall make it good, life for life. If anyone injures his neighbor, as he has done it shall be done to him, fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; whatever injury he has given a person shall be given to him. Whoever kills an animal shall make it good, and whoever kills a person shall be put to death. You shall have the same rule for the sojourner and for the native, for I am the LORD your God.”

-Leviticus 24:17–22



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Verse	Instance	Attacks my:
v39b	Slap	Pride
v40	Suit	Entitlement
v41	Soldier	Autonomy
v42a	Beggar	Selfishness
v42b	Borrower	Self



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He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

-1 Peter 2:22–24a



[Christ Jesus] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

-Philippians 2:6–8



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What's really going
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For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

-2 Corinthians 5:14-15



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