

# **A HELPFUL METAPHOR AND MINDSET FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING IN MODERN AMERICA**

**Study # 8 “The Courage and Commitment of an Exile”**

**ambassadors –living here on purpose,**

**His purpose**

**attitude toward our “captors”**



**need for courage and commitment**



**Daniel — a young man**



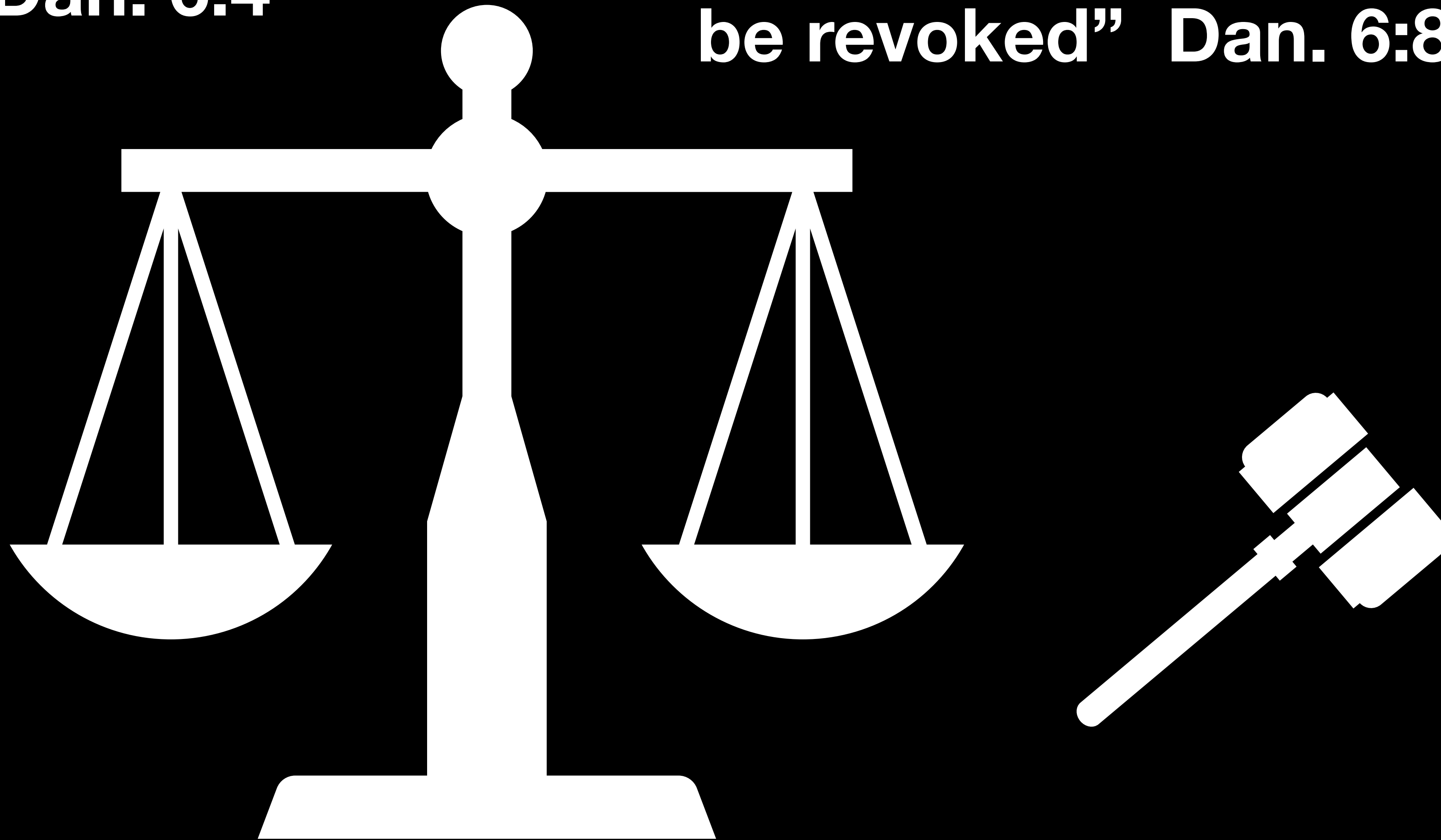
**Daniel - an old man after decades of life lived as an exile**



**Vast Persian Empire . . . 120 satraps . . . 3 . . . Daniel . . .  
King Darius**

**the Law of Daniel's  
God Dan. 6:4**

**“the law of the Medes  
and Persians which cannot  
be revoked” Dan. 6:8, 12, 15**





**He knew the law . . . “he got down on his knees three times a day and he prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously” Dan. 6:10b**



**There is One Lawgiver whose Law overrules the law of the Medes and Persians and He overruled their law in favor of His “lawbreaker.”**

**Rating for this story . . .**



**features themes like civil disobedience and  
martyrdom**





**“Positive law” = man-made law**



**Natural law is  
that which is  
external to us and  
based on conformity  
to God's law.**


**Law of God and laws of Babylon will crash !**



**“We must obey God rather than man.”  
(Acts 5:29)**



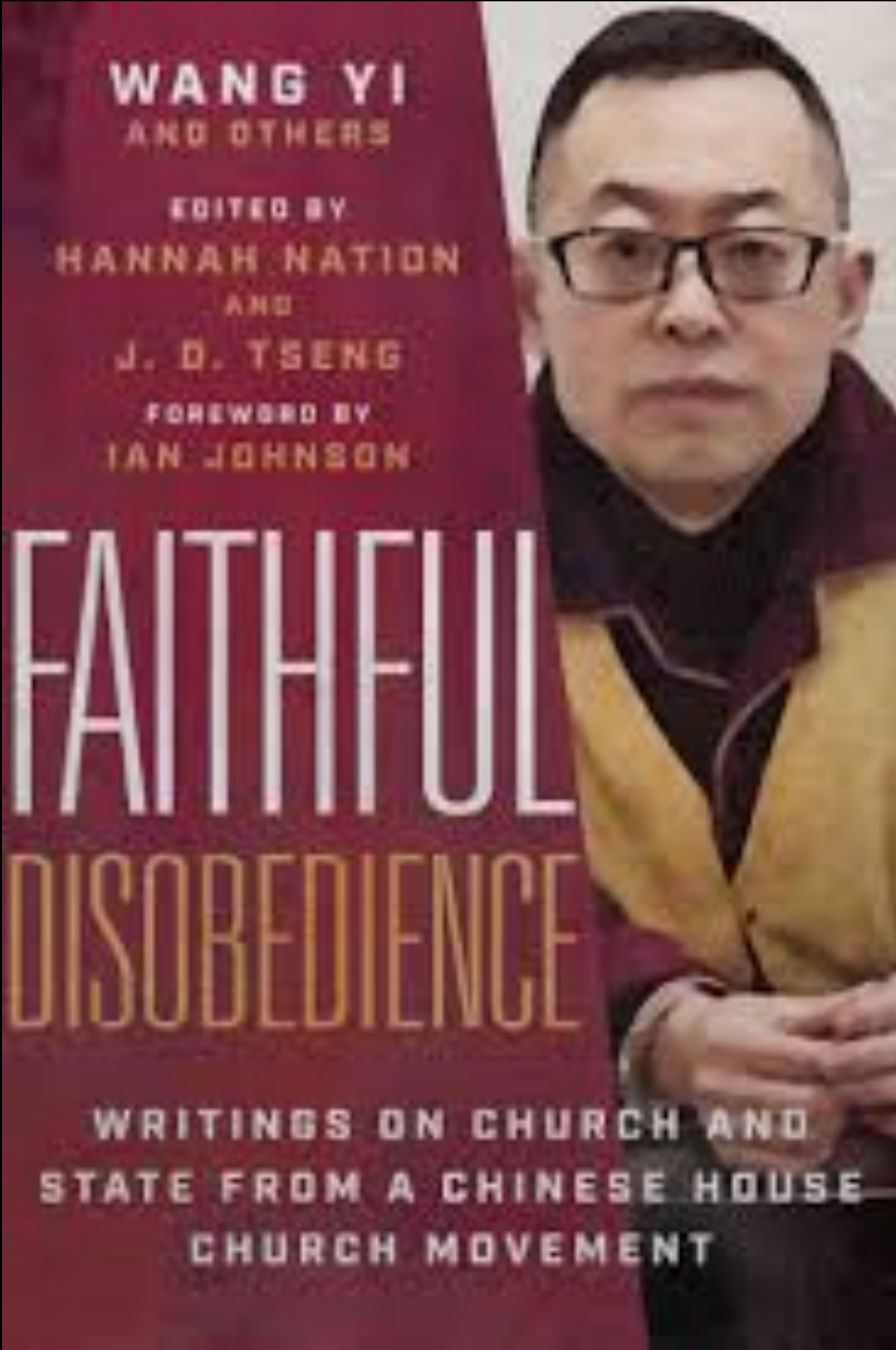
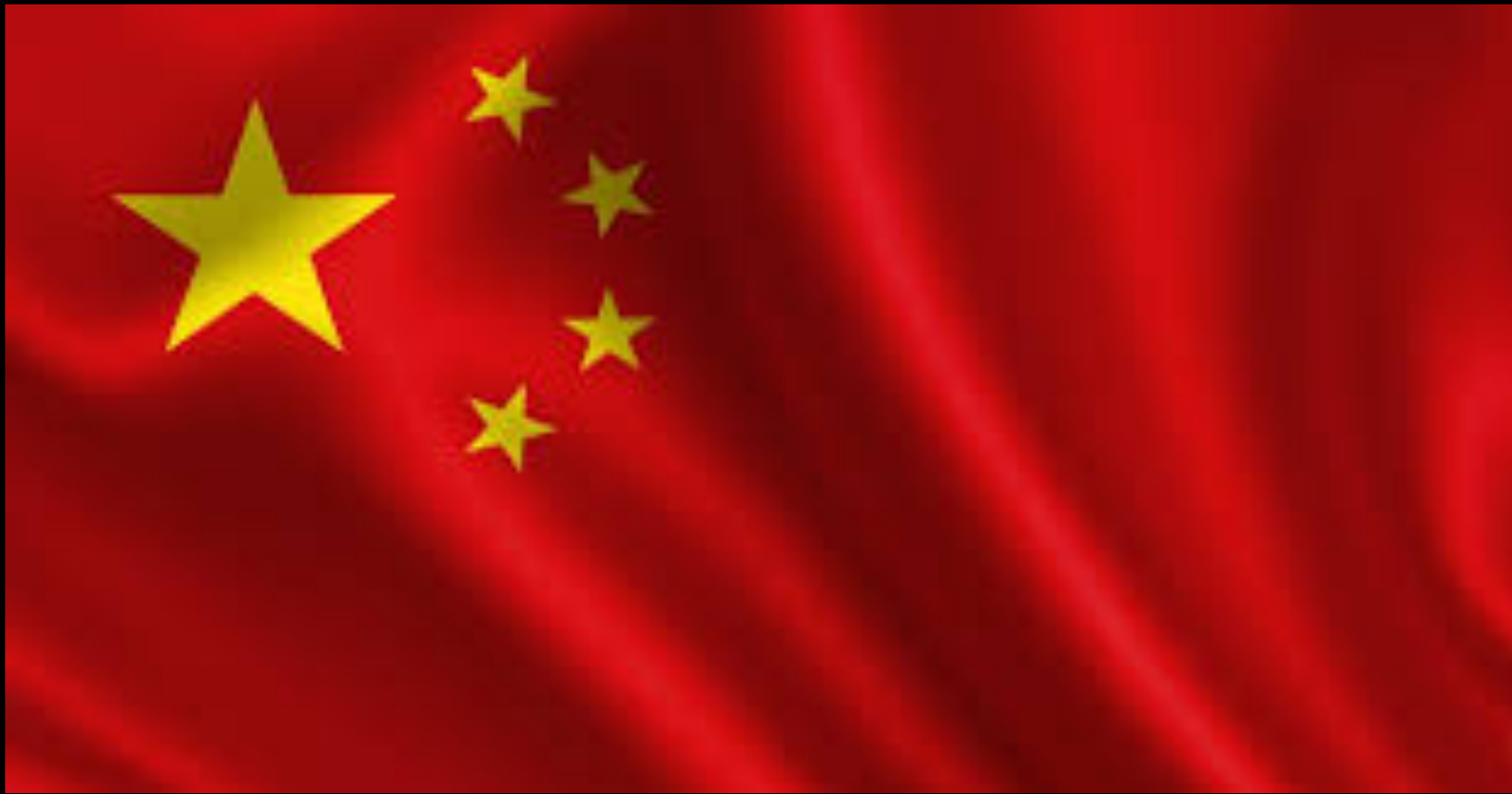
Being a **cognitive minority** puts us on a collision course with majority law.



**“ . . . our God Whom  
we serve is able to deliver  
us from the burning fiery  
furnace, and He will deliver  
us out of your hand, O king,  
but if not . . . Dan. 3:17-18**

**“who through faith quenched the power of fire . . .  
others . . . were killed with the sword . . .  
and all these, though commended through their  
faith, did not receive what was promised . . .”**

**(Heb. 11:33, 36-37, 39)**



**Words from our brother . . .**



The Vicar of Bray

In good King...Charles's gold-en days, When loy-al-ty no harm meant,  
A zealous...High Church-man was I, And so I got pre-fer-ment;  
To teach my flock I nev-er...miss'd, Kings were by...God ap-point-ed,  
And damn'd are...those that do re-sist, Or touch the Lord's a-noint-ed,  
And this is...law that I'll main-tain Un-til my...dy-ing...day, Sir,  
That what-so-ever king may reign, Still I'll be the Vic-ar of Bray, Sir

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

**The vicar of Bray's greatest ambition in life was to live and die as the vicar of Bray.**

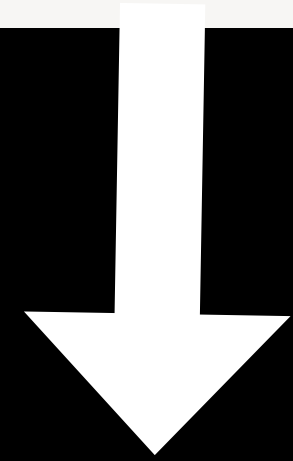
**Each of us is a potential suicide or martyr**







**Sproul and Schaeffer talking about “statism”**



# Statism

**Church effectively  
banished from  
the public square.**

# **HOMEWORK**

**Is there anything for which you are  
prepared to die ?**