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WHICH ONE ARE YOU?
“Thirty-six votes are needed, and with this one vote the grand consummation is attained, Johnson is out and Wade in his place. It is a singular fact that not one of the actors in that high scene was sure in his own mind how his one senator was going to vote, except, perhaps, himself. ‘Mr. Senator Ross, how say you?’ the voice of the Chief Justice rings out over the solemn silence....”
“…‘Is the respondent, Andrew Johnson, guilty or not guilty of a high misdemeanor as charged in this article?’ The Chief Justice bends forward, intense anxiety furrowing his brow. The seated associates of the senator on his feet fix upon him their united gaze. The representatives of the people of the United States watch every movement of his features....”
“...The whole audience listens for the coming answer as it would have listened for the crack of doom. And the answer comes, full, distinct, definite, unhesitating and unmistakable. The words ‘Not Guilty’ sweep over the assembly, and, as one man, the hearers fling themselves back into their seats; the strain snaps; the contest ends; impeachment is blown into the air.” (From David Miller Dewitt’s book *The Impeachment and Trial of Andrew Johnson*, pages 552-553)
IMPEACHMENT.

Final Vote in the Senate on the Eleventh Article.

The President Acquitted of the Offences Charged.

Adjournment of the Court.
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John 20:24-29 (ESV): “Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.’ 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’…”
“...27 Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’ 28 Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ 29 Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’ 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”
The Skeptic
John 11:16 (ESV): “So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’”
John 14:5-6 (ESV): “Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ 6 Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”
John 6:40 (ESV): “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”
John 21:1-4 (ESV): “After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore.”
Acts 1:8 (ESV): “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
THE SKEPTIC
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A TRUE SKEPTIC WILL NEVER MIND A CHANGE OF MIND.
Jeremiah 26:19 (NASB): “Did he not fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and the LORD changed His mind?”
Romans 12:2 (NKJV): “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”
“The problem is that science is both dogmatic and skeptical – or rather, neither fully dogmatic nor fully skeptical – a bewildering characteristic that allows science to advance....On the one hand, we are told: ‘The science is settled!’ Question not. On the other: ‘Science is never settled!’ Question all....So skeptics are right that scientific conclusions should always be open to revision on the basis of empirical evidence....”
“...But they are wrong that everything in science is subject to doubt. Scientists deserve leeway in assuming the reliability of their methods – even in accepting some of their findings ‘dogmatically,’ if not immutably. What is required, in other words, is a healthy experimental attitude – equal parts half-hearted dogmatism and half-hearted skepticism.”

(From Dr. M. Anthony Mills’ article *Science is Neither “Settled” Nor “Skeptical”* on realclearscience.com, October 27, 2015)
THE SKEPTIC
John 1:1 (ESV): “That which was from the beginning, which we have hear, which we have seen (horao) with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.”
John 6:64 (ESV): “For Jesus knew (eidos) from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.”
John 20:25-27 (NIV): “So the other disciples told him, ‘We have [eyeballed] the Lord!’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I [know] the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’ 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ 27 Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; [know] my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’”
HOLD THE EVIDENCE AND BEHOLD HIS EXCELLENCE.
“A religion that began with violence cannot lead people to freedom and love. Jesus Christ said, ‘Those who use the sword will die by the sword.’ This really changed my mind.”

(Johannes, an Iranian migrant to Austria, as quoted in Philip Oltermann’s article European Churches Say Growing Flock of Muslim Refugees are Converting, June 5, 2016)
“In Islam, we always lived in fear....[of] God, fear of sin, fear of punishment. But Christ is a God of love.”

(An unnamed migrant in Germany as quoted in Nadette De Visser’s article Why Are So Many Muslim Refugees in Europe Suddenly Finding Jesus? on thedailybeast.com, April 13, 2017)
“I choose Christianity because there is no forgiveness in Islam. In Christianity, there is hope. [The] Lord promises to help each person in this world and in the next.”

(Ahmad, an Afghan migrant to the U.K, as quoted in Sebnem Koser Akcapar’s research article Religious Conversions in Forced Migration: Comparative Cases of Afghans in India and Iranians in Turkey on journals.sagepub.com, January 10, 2019)
“We are like prisoners in Islam and God is like the warden. We are always afraid of God. God will take revenge if you do this or if you do that. What I have learned now is that the relationship between the believer and God should feel like love. We should love him unconditionally and understand him and he will always love us back, show mercy and have passion.”

(Ziya, an Afghan migrant to Norway, as quoted in Sebnem Koser Akcapar’s research article Religious Conversions in Forced Migration: Comparative Cases of Afghans in India and Iranians in Turkey on journals.sagepub.com, January 10, 2019)
2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV): “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.”