



2018

Happy New Year



THE REALITY ABOUT CHANGE

The background of the image is a textured, reddish-brown surface resembling a cave wall. It is covered with numerous faint, dark brown or black prehistoric paintings. These include various animals such as horses, deer, and birds, as well as several handprints of different sizes. The overall tone is earthy and ancient.

CRUDE THEOLOGY



CRUDE

**Constructed in a
rudimentary or
Makeshift way
(Simple or Basic)**

THEOLOGY

**The study of the
nature of God and
religious belief**

The background is a textured, reddish-brown surface resembling ancient rock art. It features numerous faint, dark brown or black drawings of prehistoric animals, including horses, deer, and various birds, scattered across the surface. The texture is uneven with visible cracks and variations in color.

EVOLVING FAITH

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Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed— not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence— continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling

Philippians 2:12

CROOD

THEOLOGY



**"DON'T
EXPERIENCE
JUST DO"**



THE PROBLEM

There is no growth

It's contrary to human nature

Eventually just following
the rules gets old



**FAITH IS NOT
JUST FOLLOWING
THE RULES**



**WE DON'T
THROW THE
RULES OUT**



THE IMPORTANCE OF RULES

They keep us safe

They give us structure

They can give us guidance

They can even teach us



STUMBLING BLOCK

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

Romans 14:13



SEGREGATE OURSELVES

But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Luke 5:30



WE ADD OUR RULES TO GOD'S RULES

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

Mark 7:5



RULES BECOME THE STANDARD

**For I tell you that unless your
righteousness surpasses that of the
Pharisees and the teachers of the law,
you will certainly not enter the kingdom
of heaven.**

Matthew 5:20



HOW MANY
RULES DID
JESUS GIVE?



TWO: MATTHEW 22:37-39

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

v. 40: All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments



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