



“An open mind is a good thing, as is an open mouth, but as Chesterton pointed out, the point of both is to close on something solid. The purpose of seeking truth is to find it. The point of the pilgrimage is that we are actually going somewhere. And contrary to Seel’s vision of the Christian out on the open road just hitchhiking alongside other seekers, each on an individual quest for happiness, Jesus’s parables lay out two paths—and they diverge. Yes, we’re pilgrims on the road, but the road either leads to everlasting happiness or eternal destruction.”

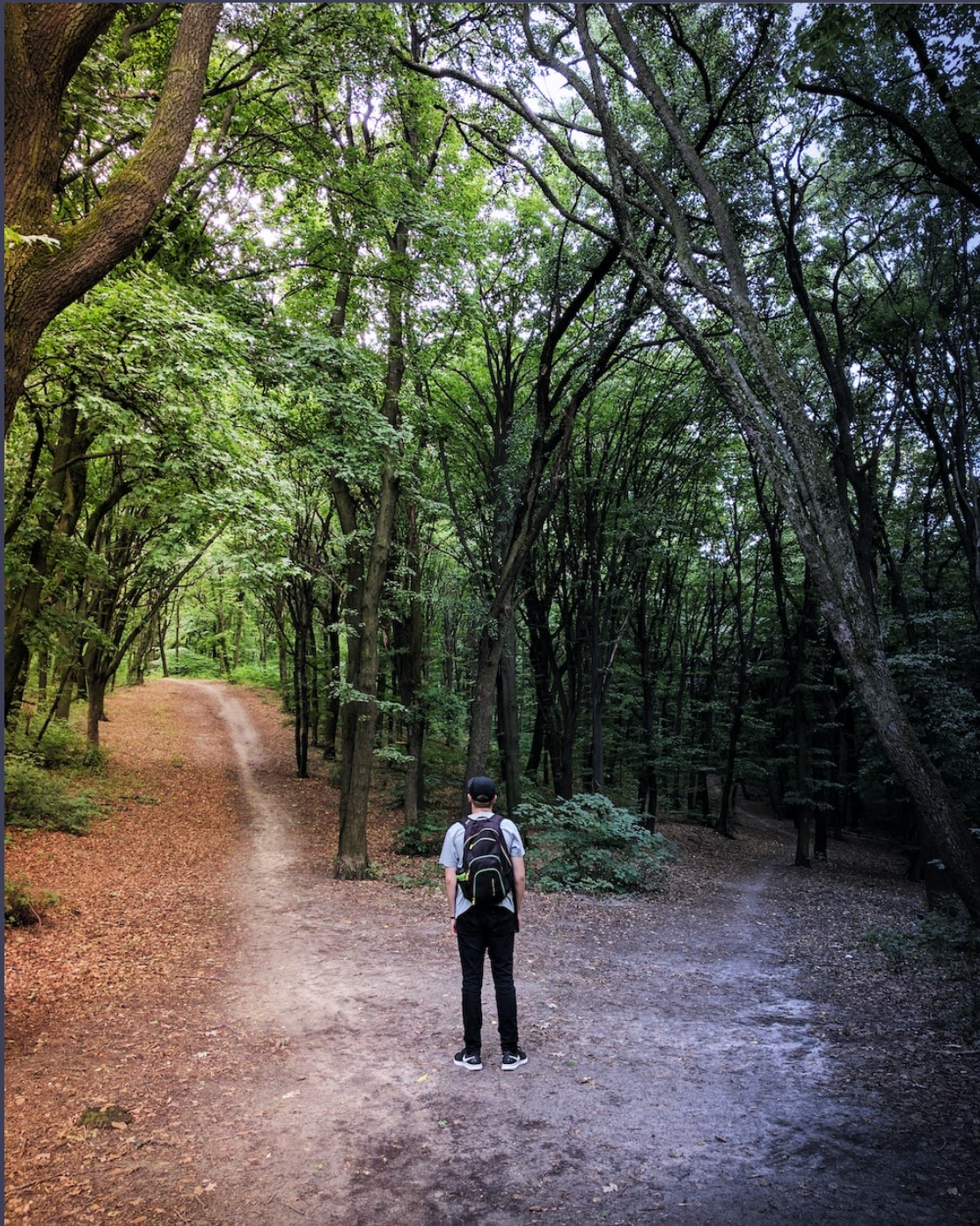
Trevin Wax, “The Foolishness of the Gospel for the Survival of the Church,”
www.thegospelcoalition.org

Which Way Will You Take?

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

Matthew 7:13-14





Which Way
are you
Following?



ALIEN

Living in a Chaotic World

1 & 2 PETER



“Celestial Beings/Angelic Majesties/Glorious Ones”

Doxai – “Glories”

1. Humans in positions of high authority, especially church leaders (e.g. apostles like Peter)
2. Good angelic beings
3. Evil angelic beings

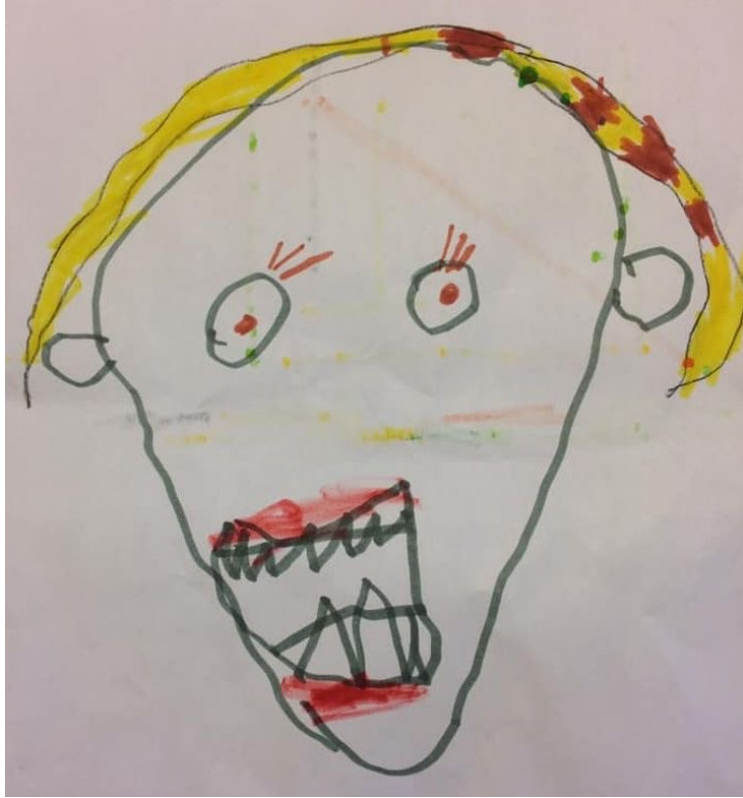


Slandering Celestial Beings

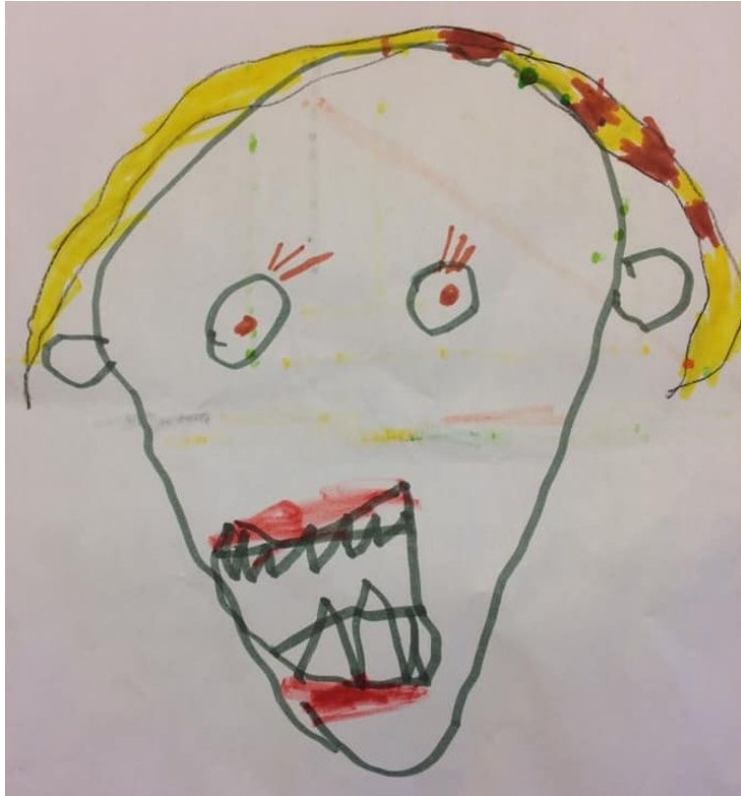
“But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, “The Lord rebuke you!””

Jude 1:9





Value is in the Artist, Not the Art



Pleasure

ἡδονή

hedone

“state or condition of experiencing pleasure, delight, enjoyment, pleasantness.”

BDAG Greek Lexicon

“(By the NT times), word meant ‘sensual joy, sexual pleasure.’”

Exegetical Dictionary of the NT

Pleasure (Hedone): Three Biblical Images

Conflict: “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?”

James 4:1

Slavery: “At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.”

Titus 3:3

Thorns: “The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.”

Luke 8:14

“Eyes Full of Adultery”

“You can’t defeat porn by simply having a husband transfer his lust and objectification to a ‘safe’ source – his wife. You defeat porn by rejecting the kingdom of darkness view of sex, that it is only about taking and using someone to meet your needs and adopting a kingdom of heaven view of sex: that it’s about a mutual, passionate knowing and sacrificial serving. God never meant for women to be men’s sexual methadone.”

Sheila Wray Gregoire, *The Great Sex Rescue*



The Way of Balaam

“The angel of the Lord asked him, “Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me.”

Numbers 22:32



The Straight Way

“Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls.

But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”

Jeremiah 6:16



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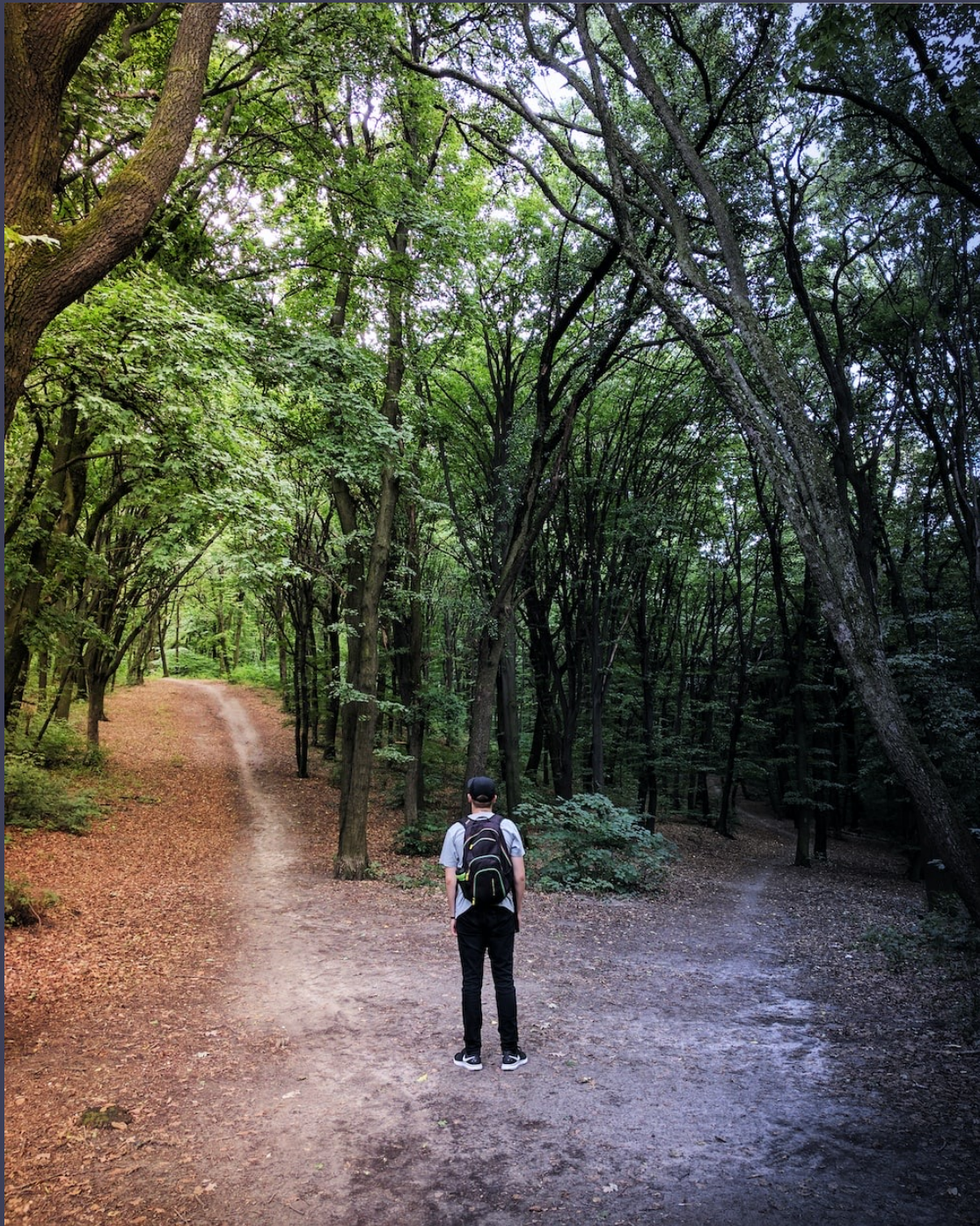
πλανάω

planao

“to be misled (deceived); to be or become misled from a proper belief or course of action.”

Logos Bible Lexicon





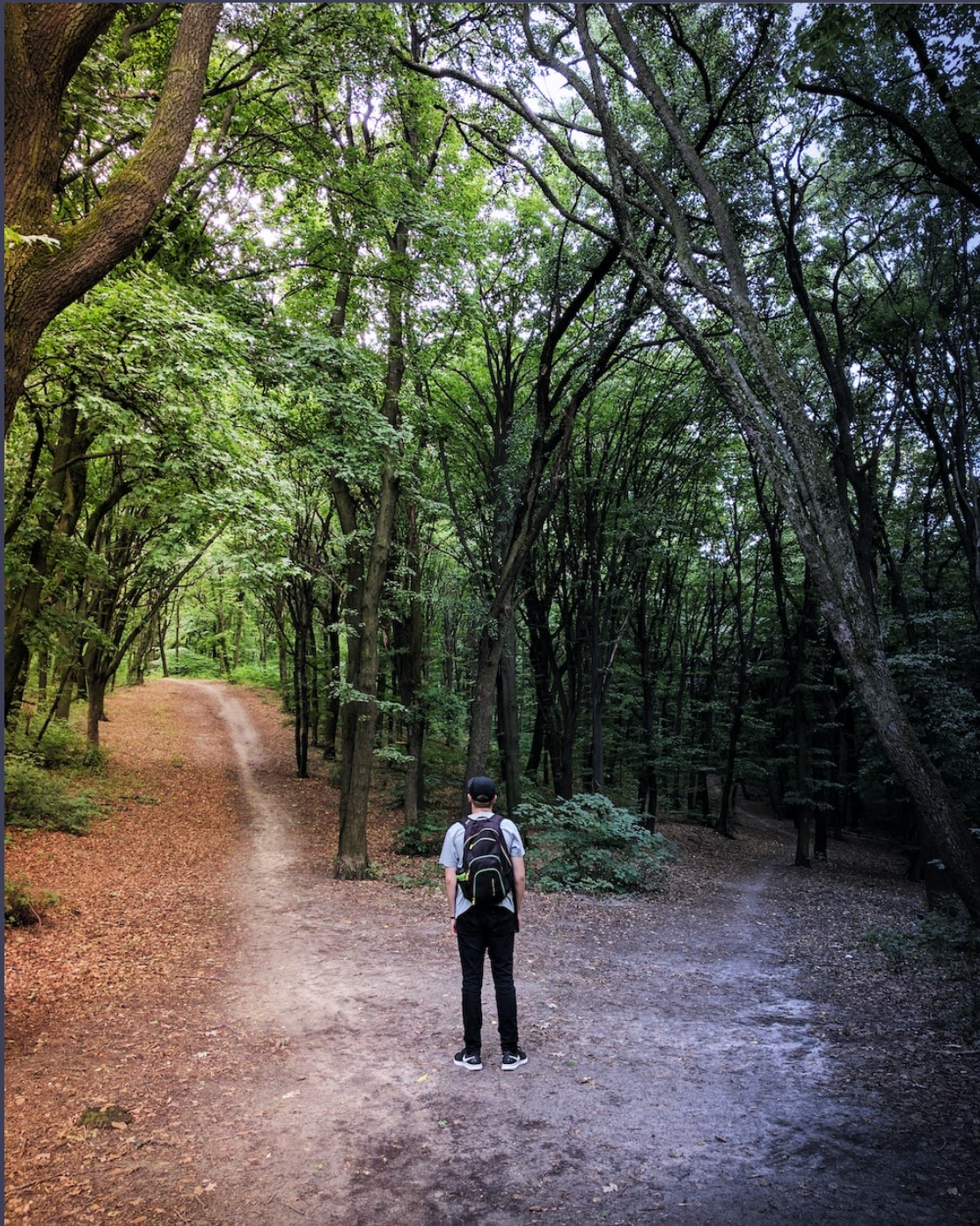
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Jesus the Only Way

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

John 14:6





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Which Way?

“The voice of one crying in
the wilderness,
‘Make ready the way of the
Lord,
Make His paths straight!’”
Matthew 3:3

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