

**1 CORINTHIANS 3:11**

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# **FOUNDATIONS**

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**BACK TO THE BASICS OF FAITH**

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**THE GATHERING  
WORSHIP**



**No one can lay any foundation  
other  
than the one already laid, which is  
Jesus Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 3:11**







**<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before Me. <sup>4</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them.”**

**Exodus 20:3-5a**

**<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.**

**John 4:5-6**



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**7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give Me a drink?” 9 The Samaritan woman said to Him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can You ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)**

**John 4:7, 9**



# Judaea Province in the First Century







## On “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism” as U.S. Teenagers’ Actual, Tacit, De Facto Religious Faith<sup>1</sup>

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**M**y book *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*, coauthored with Melinda Lundquist Denton, follows over hundreds of pages a variety of topical trains of thought and sometimes pursued diversions and digressions. But what does the bigger picture of the religious and spiritual lives of U.S. teenagers look like when we stand back and try to put it all together? When we get past what we discovered about adolescent inarticulacy regarding religion, systematically sort through the myriad stories and statements about religious faith and practice, and pull apart and piece back together what seem to be the key ideas and relevant issues, what did we conclude?

Here we resummmary our observations in venturing a general thesis about teenage religion and spirituality in the United States. We advance this thesis





**<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.**

**<sup>13</sup> Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”**

**John 4:10, 13-14**

**What shocks you?**



**What shocks you?**

***Who* shocks you?**





**19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” 21 Jesus declared, “Believe Me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.**

**John 4:19-24**

**22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.**

**24 God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”**

**John 4:19-24**



**#1**

**Who you  
worship  
matters.**

**“You Samaritans worship what  
you do not know; we worship  
what we do know.”**

**John 4:22**

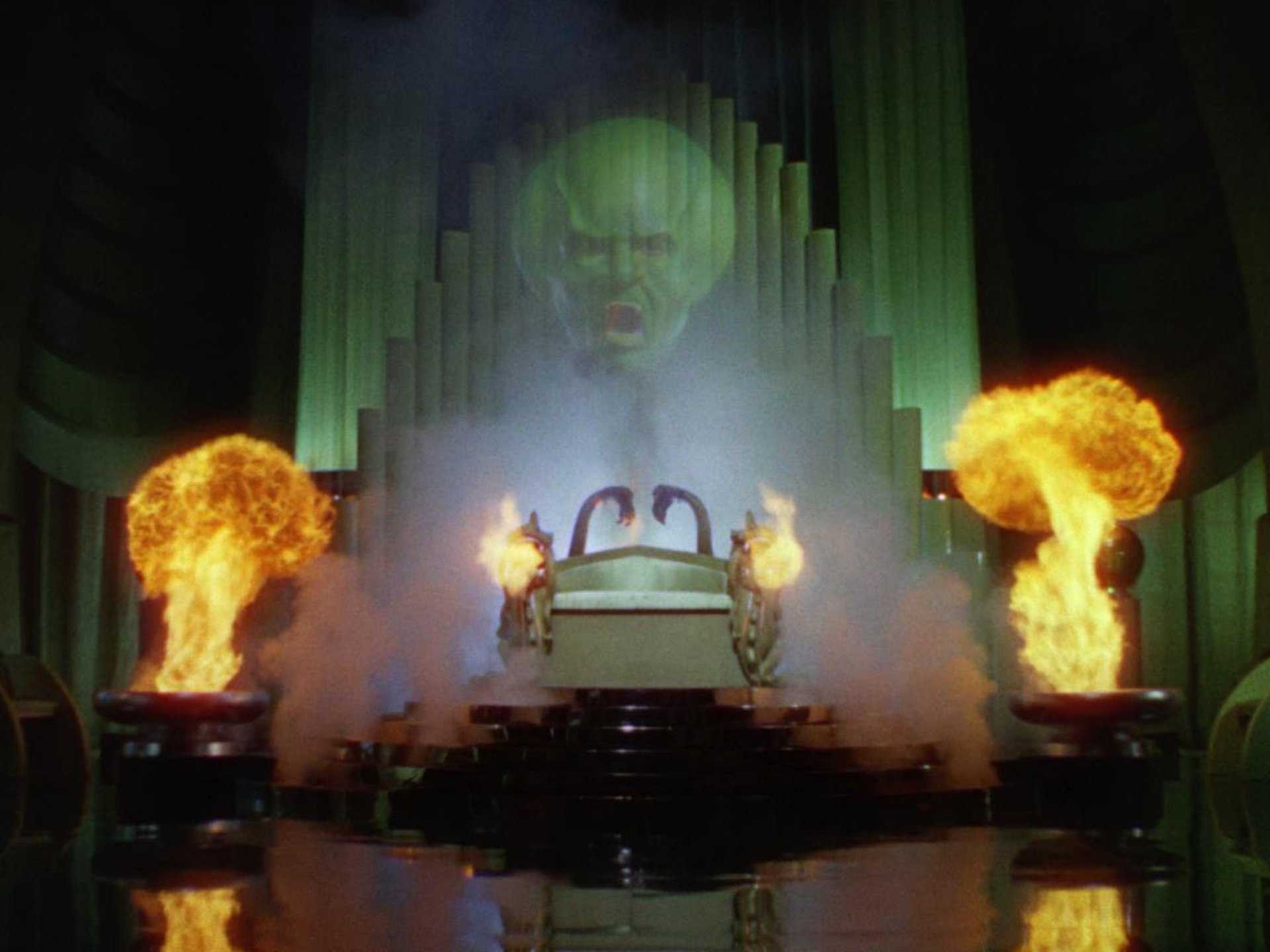


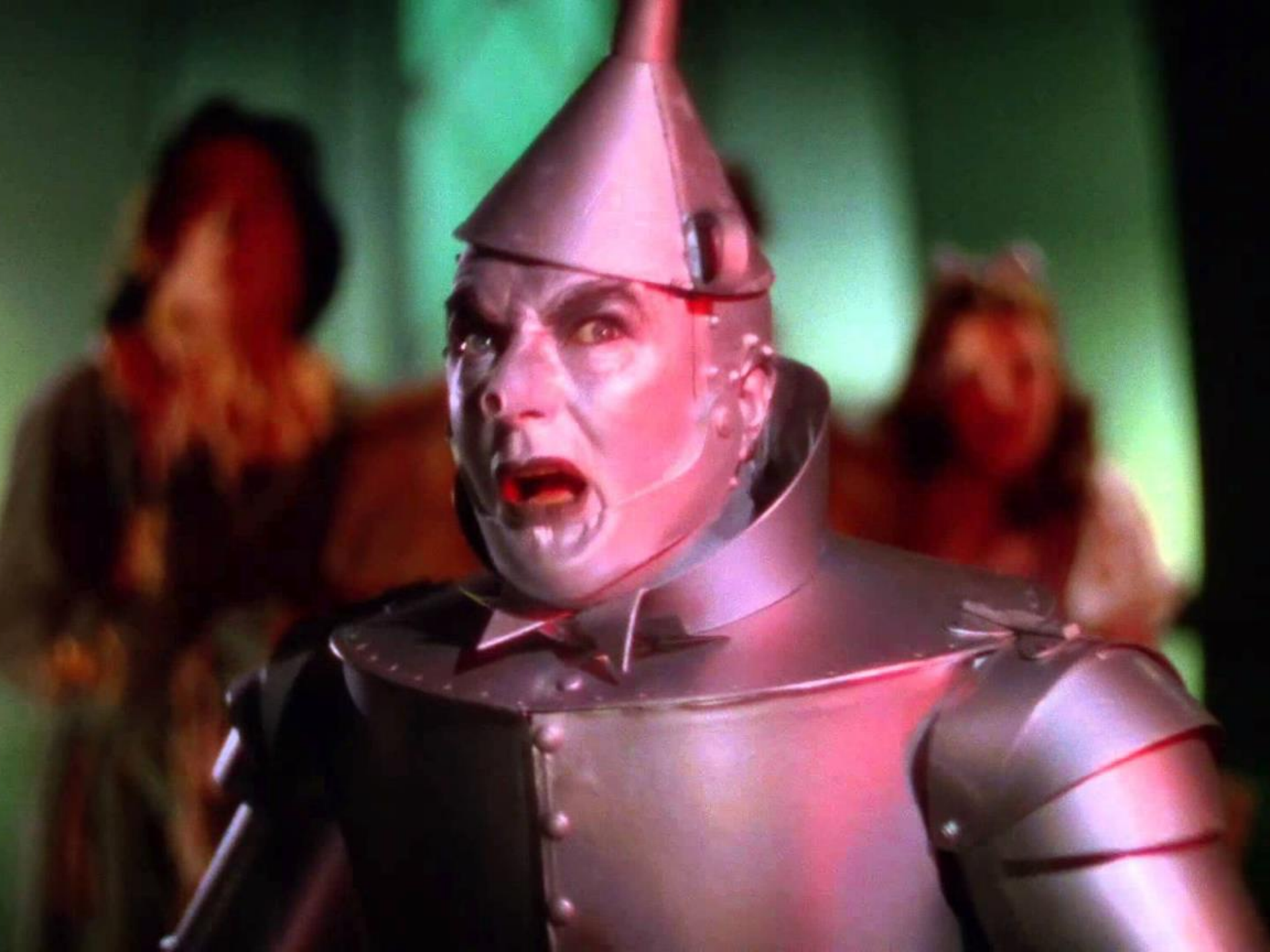
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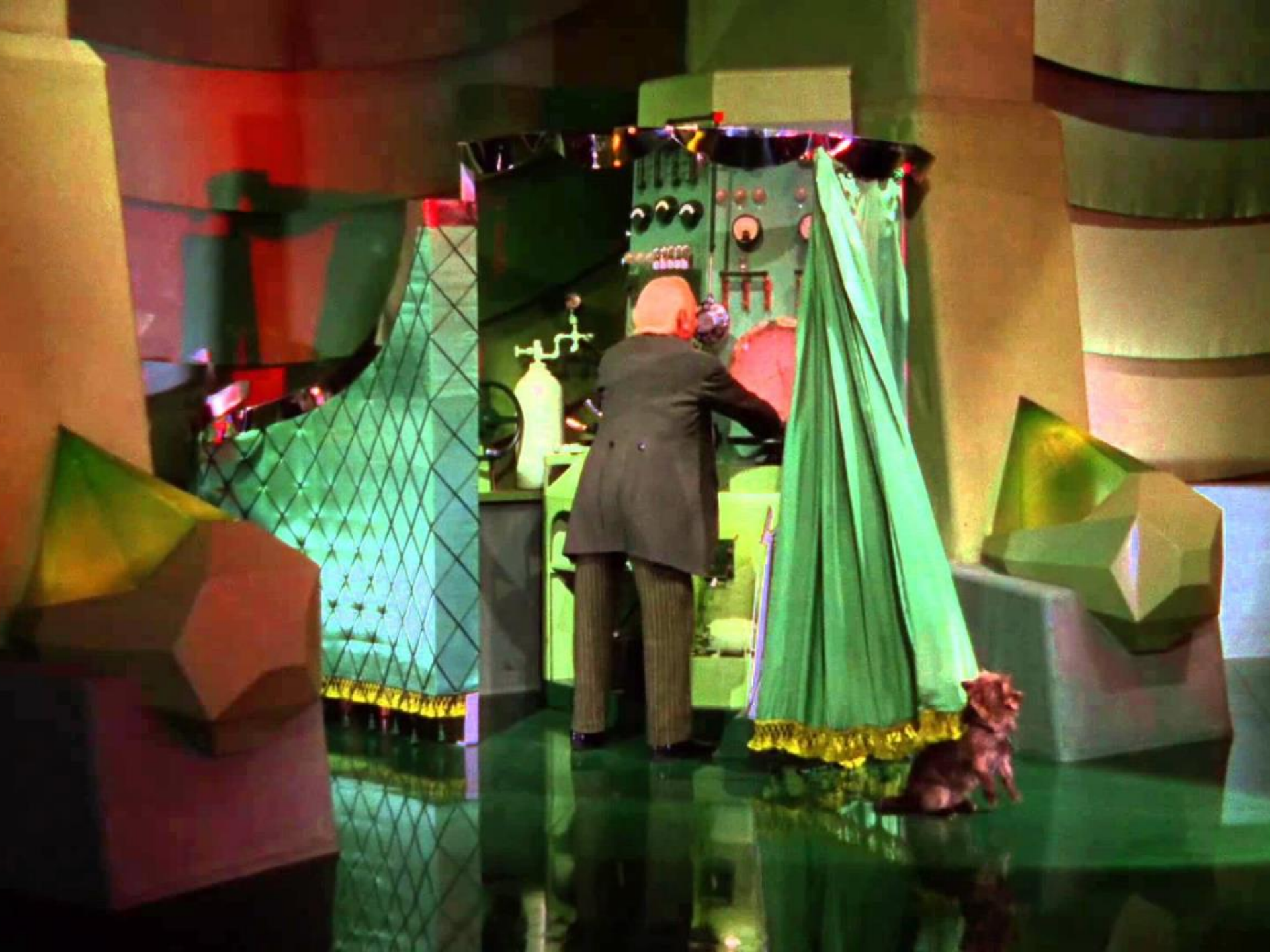
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**#1**

**Who you  
worship  
matters.**

**#2**

**Where you  
worship does  
not matter.**



**“Believe Me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.”**

**John 4:21**

**The earth is the LORD's, and  
everything in it, the world, and all  
who live in it...Who may ascend  
the hill of the LORD? Who may  
stand in His holy place?**

**Psalm 24:1, 3**



# Where do you worship?



**Where do you worship?**

**What do you  
use to worship?**









**#3**

**How you  
worship is a gift.**



**“God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”**

**John 4:24**

**“God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in **the Spirit** and in truth.”**

**John 4:24** (NIV 2011)



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# **The Big Question**

**How will your worship  
be your witness?**