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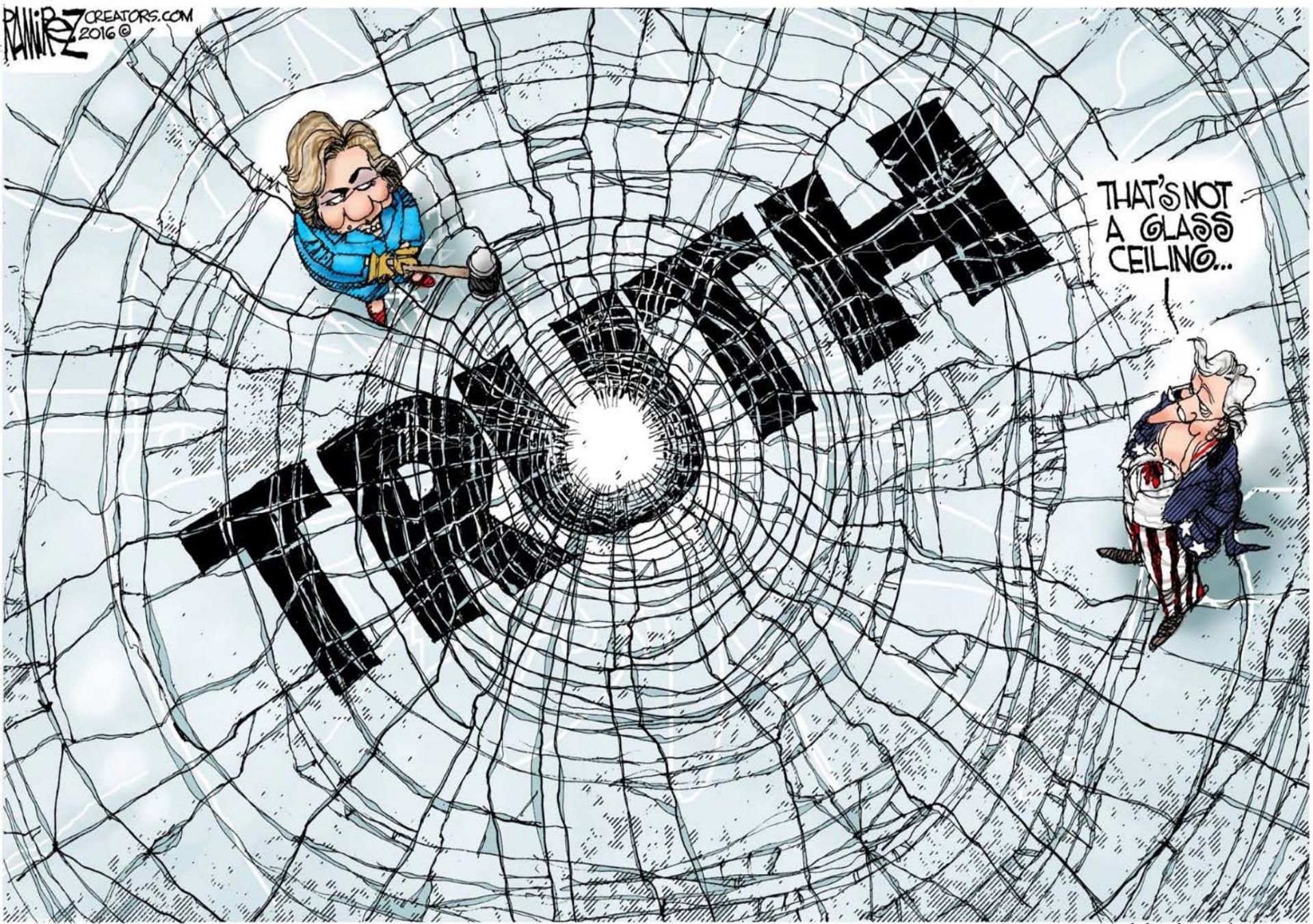
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ROMANS

Suppressors of
Truth - 1:18

Colosseum





THAT'S NOT
A GLASS
CEILING...

Forum Arch of Severus, Temple of Saturn

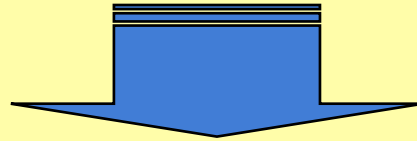


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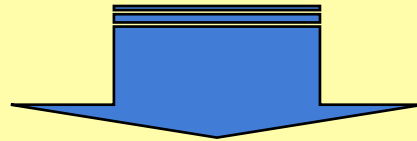
**Man under
God's Wrath**

1:18



**Reasons
For Wrath**

1:19-23



**God Rendering
Wrath**

1:24-32

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a) Revelation of God's Wrath 1:18

(1) Divine Nature of Wrath

(2) Revelation

(3) Present Time

(4) Heavenly Source

(5) Comprehensive Extent

(6) Sinful Objects

(7) Suppression of Truth

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ISSUE OF TRUTH

1. Nature of Truth **Jn 18:37-38**



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1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

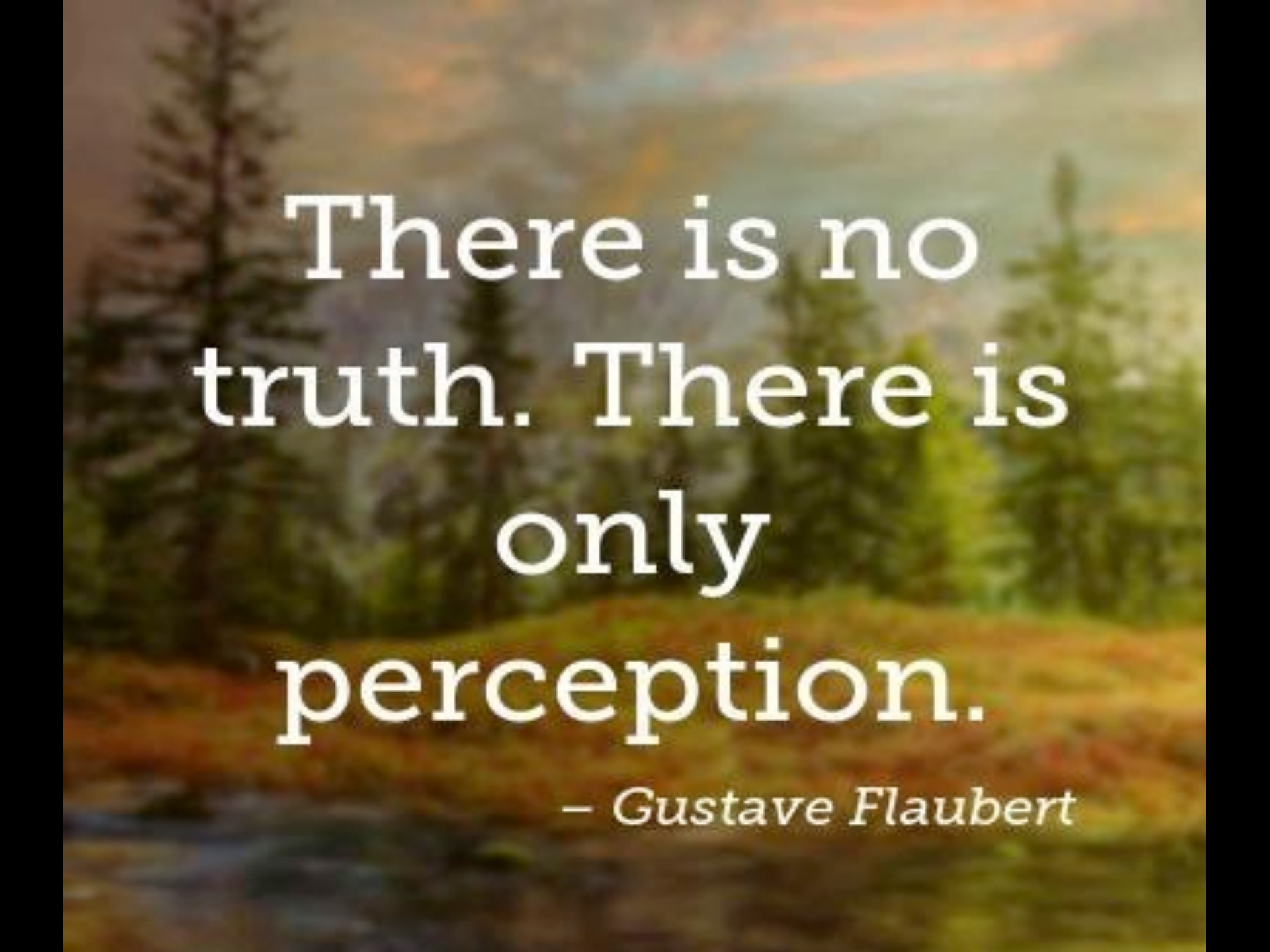
1:21-22 For even though they **knew** God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their **speculations**, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing to be **wise**, they became **fools**,

What is Truth?

➤ Postmodernism



A scenic landscape with a river, trees, and mountains. The text is overlaid on the image.

There is no
truth. There is
only
perception.

– *Gustave Flaubert*

What is Truth?

- Postmodernism
- Relativism



Your truth and
my truth may
not be the
same.

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➤ Biblical -

Real

Objective



IMAGE OF GOD

- 1. He is Omniscient source**
- 2. He Created in His image**
- 3. He structured our minds**

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Revelatory -> absolute



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2. Source of Truth **Jn 3:33**



ABSOLUTE TRUTH

1. Father - "God is true"
2. Son - "I am ... truth"
3. HS - "Spirit of truth"
4. His Word - "... word is truth"
5. Gospel - "... truth of the gospel"

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1. Nature of Truth Jn 18:37-38

2. Source of Truth Jn 3:33

3. Word as Truth Jn 17:17

4. Truth and Satan Jn 8:44

5. Truth and Man Rom 3:4

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revealed from heaven against
all ungodliness and
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unrighteousness,**

SUPPRESS

1. **κατεχω (katecho) - to hold firmly or keep, to hold back, to suppress**
2. **Suppress - detach (avoid), deny, distort, depart, disobey ...**
3. **1:18, 2:8, 2Tim 2:18, 3:7-8, 4:3-4, Jas 3:14, 1Jn 1:6-8**

The human tendency is to believe anything that comforts, and deny what discomforts, so that unpleasant truths are simply ignored.

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SUPPRESSION

- 1. Reality - we are guilty**
- 2. Conscience - senses guilt**
- 3. Accountability - sense judgment**
- 4. Tendency - avoid these truths**
- 5. God & Truth - flee fast**
- 6. Sin & condemnation - suppress**
- 7. Illustration - child**

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- 4. Ability understand truth - 1:19**
- 5. Sin distorts truth**
- 6. Need to renew our minds**

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