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— A STUDY IN 1 PETER —



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# CAN WE STILL BELIEVE IN THE RAPTURE?

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# THIS IS OUR TIME



Everyday Myths  
in Light of the Gospel

*Foreword by Marvin Olasky*

# What brings Americans happiness?

- 84% of Americans believe, “enjoying yourself is the highest goal in life.”

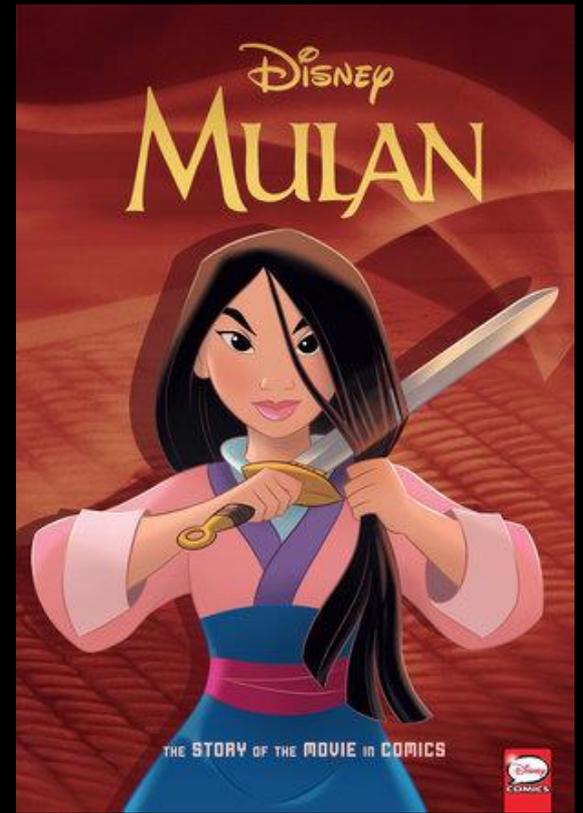
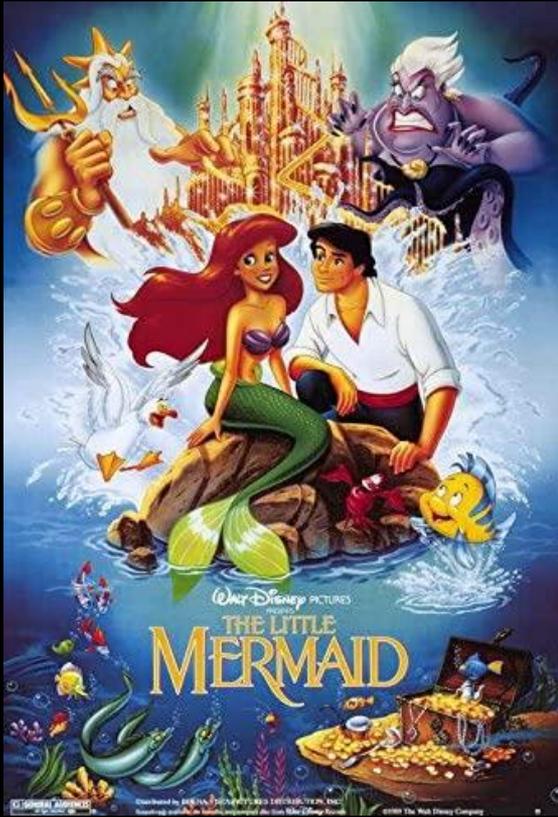
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- 91% affirm the following statement... “to find yourself, look within yourself.”

Most Americans believe the purpose of life is enjoyment that comes from looking deep within to find your true self while pursuing whatever brings you happiness.



Most Christians fulfillment comes when I am “enjoying myself” and finding my true self.



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## 1 Peter 4:13-19

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## 1 Peter 4:13-19

Let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a meddler. But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but let him glorify God in having that name.

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And if a righteous person is saved with difficulty, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?

So then, let those who suffer according to God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator while doing what is good.

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If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you.

John 15: 18-19

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In fact, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3:12

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You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me.

Matthew 5:11

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For you have been given the privilege of serving Christ, not only by believing in him, but also by suffering for him.

Philippians 1:29

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For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18



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**Trolling** is defined as creating conflict on the Internet by starting quarrels or upsetting people by posting inflammatory or off-topic messages in an online community. Basically, a social media troll is someone who purposely says something controversial in order to get a rise out of other users.

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“It’s possible that people may be offended by your faith. It’s also possible that you might just be a jerk.”

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For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, just as a father disciplines the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 3:12

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No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11

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