

Cultivating Our Core

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Futurists in 2000 said these things would change our lives:

- Smart homes
- Retina scans and facial recognition
- Online matchmaking
- Self-driving cars

These are the things that really changed our lives:

1. 911
2. The growth of the internet
3. Social Media
4. Amazon.com
5. Smart phones

There's one more thing that has changed our lives more than we realized it would in 2000:

The shift from modernity to postmodernity

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- The search for the undisputed truth
- Valued progress

Postmodernity - what is it?

The morality of self-fulfillment

And

Evolutionary Truth

The Christian Core: Creation – Fall – Redemption is pessimistic about this age. The emerging culture is optimistic by contrast. What can we do? Learn from Athanasius.

- Who was Athanasius? The Bishop of Alexandria exiled 5 times; the first person to name the 27 books of the NT; one of four church “Doctors”; the father of orthodoxy.

- What did Athanasius believe was important?

The unity of the Trinity

The power of the Incarnation

The hope of the resurrection

The same core we do: Creation / Fall / Redemption

The Big Difference that Athanasius makes?

His view of the Core was very generous.

(Col. 1.15-17; 2 Cor 5.17-19; Phil. 2.6-11; Eph. 1,7-10)

The Point: ~~We~~ Can be generous!