A scenic photograph of a large, rustic wooden lodge with a brown roof and a small cupola, situated in a lush green valley. In the background, majestic snow-capped mountains rise against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The lodge is surrounded by tall evergreen trees.

**Twenty-third year!**

# Colorado Christian Writers Conference

**May 15-18, 2019**

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## **AMERICA AT THE CROSSROADS**

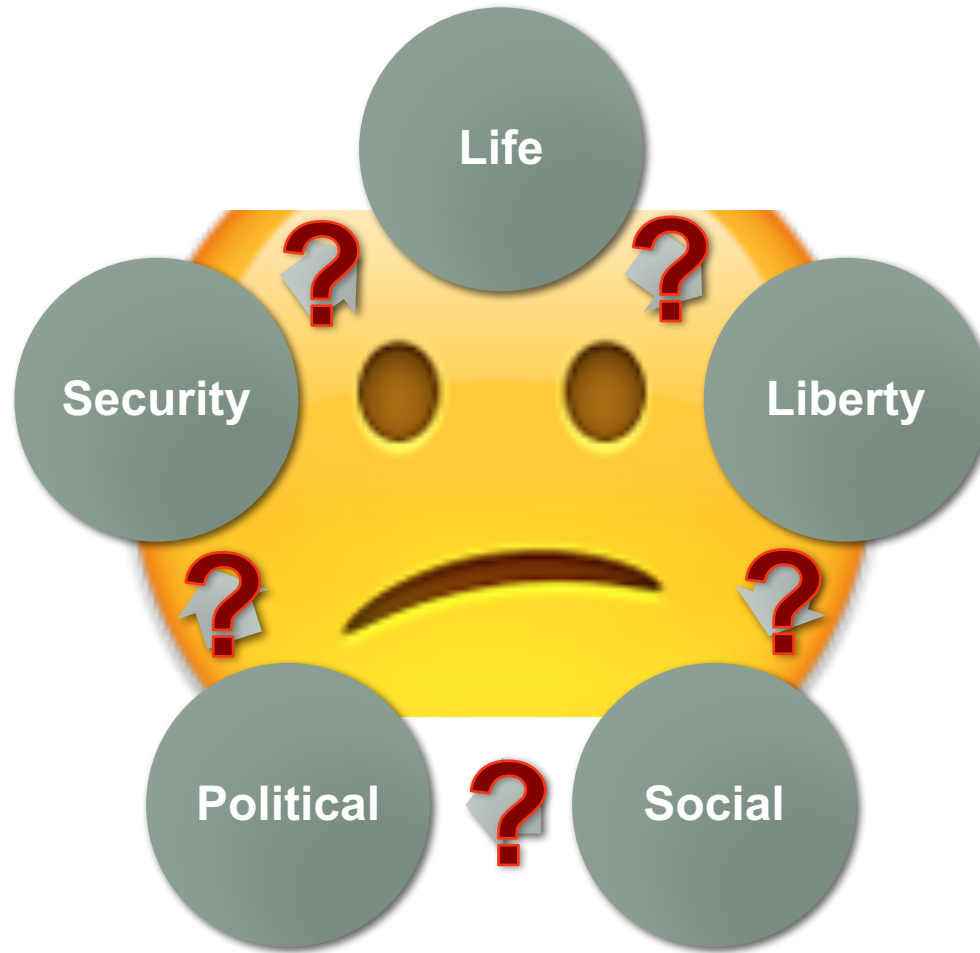
# Conference Objectives

- **Marlene Bagnall, Director, Colorado Christian Writers Conference (CCWC) believes God is raising up an army of Christians to “Write His Answer” to the critical needs facing our nation and the world.**
- **Regardless of what a person writes or has ever written, we want to equip him or her to write about a God who is real, reachable, and changes lives.**

# God's People Want to Know

- Does the Bible address contemporary issues?
- Does the Bible provide solutions?
- Can Christian writers present Biblical alternatives?
- Can we make His answers imaginable and urgent?
- Does Jesus have the best answers to complex matters?

# Issues Surround Us



**Does the Christian Writer Engage?**

# America at the Crossroads

## The American Dream???

### LEFT?

- God Out / Government In
- Understand enemies
- Open borders
- Generation – Socialism
- Dehumanize All
- Tolerance except for Jesus

### RIGHT?

- Restore traditional values
- Identify & fight enemies
- Control borders
- Defend liberty
- Life for all
- Religious freedom

**Are These Our Choices? Is There Another Way?**

# **American Culture & Faith Institute 2015 Research Findings (George Barna) “God’s People Want to Know”**

- Does the Bible Address Contemporary Issues?
- More Than 3,000 Christians Surveyed
- 92% Want Biblical Teaching – 22 Issues
- Top 5:
  1. [Abortion](#) – 91%
  2. Religious Persecution/Liberty – 86%
  3. Poverty – 85%
  4. Cultural Restoration – 83%
  5. Sexual Identity – 82%
- Pastors Surveyed Address 1 & 2 Above but Prefer to Teach Theologically Safe & Predictable Topics



## **How Can Christian Writers Help?**

# Introduce New Ideas / Solutions

**The American Dream???**

**LEFT?**



**RIGHT?**



**Does the World Provide Answers?**

**Is There another Direction?**

# **Make His Answer Your Story**

- **Know Your Audience**
- **Believers, Seekers, Rejecters, or Mix?**
- **Has God Burned an Issue into Your Heart?**
- **Tell Your Story – Understand:**
- **Your Anecdotal Testimony of God Working:**
  - **Salvation**
  - **Restored Relationships**
  - **Power of Forgiveness**
  - **Answered Prayers**
  - **Vision for Future**
- **Back Your Story and Burning Issue with Evidence**
- **Keep It Simple – The Gospel Based on Evidence**

**His Story = His Answer**



# Representatives of The World's Answer

**They Have a Voice. Do We?**



**Rep. Rashida  
Tlaib**



**Rep. Ilhan Omar**



**Rep. Alexandria  
Ocasio Cortez**

**Islamic Infiltration?**

**Democratic Socialists of America**



**Has America Passed the Tipping Point?**

# **American Culture & Faith Institute**

## **2017 Research Findings**

### **Culture verses Christianity**

- **Progressive Goal – Infiltrate the Christian Church, Change its Theology**
- **Church Attending / Practicing Christians Surveyed**
- **Findings:**
  1. **17% – Hold to a Biblical Worldview**
  2. **61% – Agree with & Accept “New Spirituality” (New Age)**
  3. **54% – Resonate with Postmodernist Views (Anti-Founders)**
  4. **36% – Embrace Marxism**
  5. **29% – Believe in ideas based on Secularism**
- **28% Strongly Agree that “All people pray to the same god or spirit, no matter what name they use for that spiritual being.”**

**Do I Know What I Believe?**

# **Sample Topic List**

- 1. Strengthen Families**
- 2. Insist on Learning**
- 3. Renew a Common Culture**
- 4. Expand Charity**
- 5. Expect More of Churches**
- 6. Revive Neighborliness and Civic Duty**
- 7. Rebuild Our Defenses**
- 8. Resist Over-Government**
- 9. Guard US Sovereignty**
- 10. Protect Freedom of Conscience (2019 Update)**

**Responsibility – Heal Our Land**

# Example Discussion Topics

- [Masterpiece Cake Shop](#) (SCOUS vs. SCOCAN), or
- Trump opening our Embassy in Jerusalem, or
- Deep State – Soft Coup d'état, or
- Rise of Socialism vs. Constitutional Republic, or
- Islamic Infiltration and Immigration Reform, or
- Cultural Doctrines – Diversity and Equality

Masterpiece 2019 Update

**Biblical Worldview Application?**

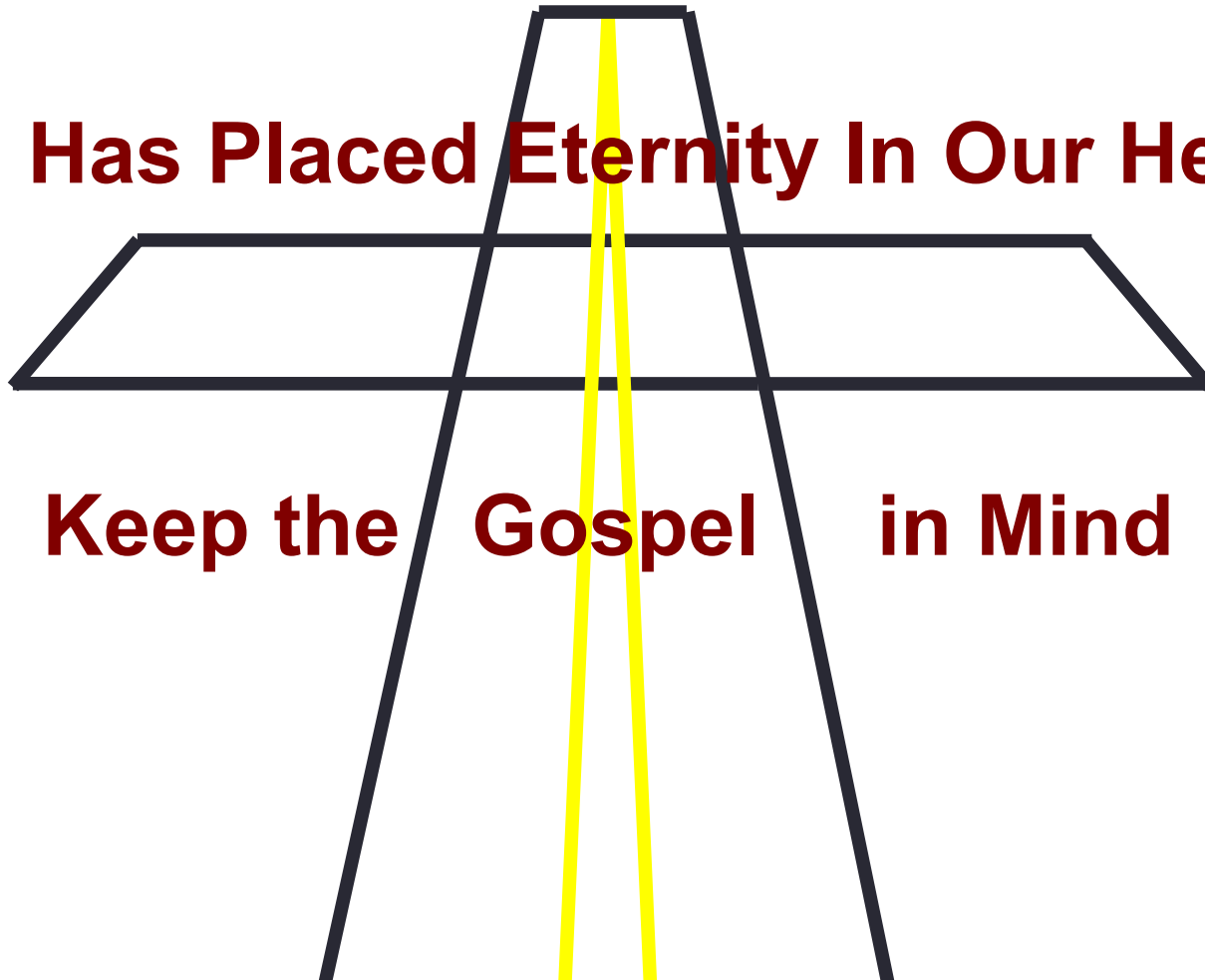
# Tips & Examples

- **Is Your Issue a Hot News Topic or Controversial?**
- **If so, Understand Recent Developments.**
- **Can You Overcome the Emotion of the topic with Facts and Reason?**
- **Must You Be a Subject Matter Expert?**
- **Willing to Confront Lies, False Narratives, Stereotypes?**

**Clarity, Conviction & Courage**

# Seek His Answer – His Vision

**God Has Placed Eternity In Our Hearts**



**Keep the Gospel in Mind**

**Write – Time is Running Out**

# Take Away

- ✧ **The World Has No Answers**
- ✧ **Ask, Knock, Seek His Answers**
- ✧ **Introduce His Ideas, Solutions (not problems)**
- ✧ **Focus Message on His Gospel – Love for Others**
- ✧ **He Demonstrated His Love – Do Likewise & Write**

**Write His Truth in Love**

# Summary

- **Prepare Christian Writers to Write His Solutions to the Problems Surrounding Us.**
- **Write about the One True Living God Who is Real, Reachable, and Changes Lives.**



**Write His Answer with Clarity, Conviction & Courage**