

Pentecost

How is it that each of us hears
them in our native language?

Guten Morgen, willkommen in unserer Kirche, wir freuen uns, dass Sie hier sind.

German

Buenos días, bienvenidos a nuestra iglesia, estamos encantados de que estén aquí.

Spanish

Bonjour, bienvenue dans notre église, nous sommes ravis de votre présence.

French

Goeie môre, welkom by ons kerk, ons is bly dat u hier is.

Afrikaans

Bună dimineața, bine ați venit în biserica noastră,
suntem încântați că sunteți aici.

Romanian

Bom dia, seja bem-vindo à nossa igreja, estamos muito felizes por você estar aqui.

Portuguese

Jó reggelt, üdvözöljük templomunkban, örülünk,
hogy itt vagy.

Hungarian

早上好，歡迎來到我們的教堂，我們很高興你在這裡。

Chinese

Good Morning, welcome to our church, we are delighted that you are here.

At one time, the whole Earth spoke the same language. It so happened that as they moved out of the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled down.

They said to one another, “Come, let’s make bricks and fire them well.” They used brick for stone and tar for mortar.

Then they said, “Come, let’s build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches Heaven. Let’s make ourselves famous so we won’t be scattered here and there across the Earth.”

God came down to look over the city and the tower those people had built.

God took one look and said, “One people, one language; why, this is only a first step. No telling what they’ll come up with next—they’ll stop at nothing! Come, we’ll go down and garble their speech so they won’t understand each other.”

Then God scattered them from there all over the world. And they had to quit building the city. That’s how it came to be called Babel, because there God turned their language into “babble.” From there God scattered them all over the world.

Genesis 11:1-9

The Tower of Babel

“An *origin myth* to explain why the world’s peoples speak different languages.”

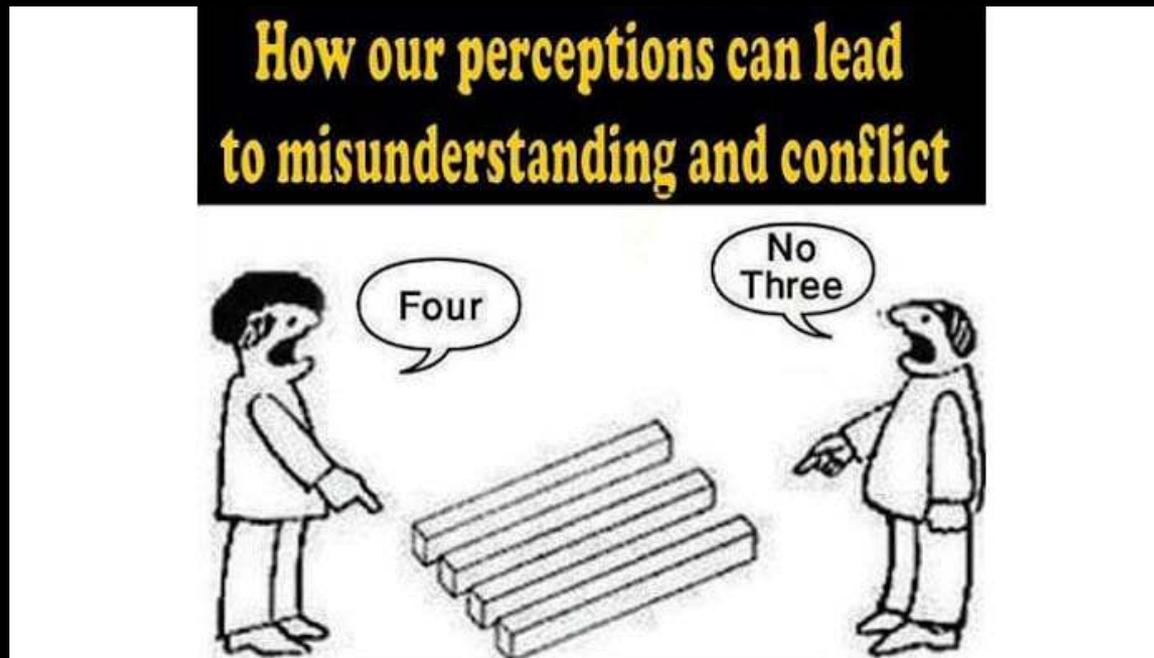
Genesis 1-11 – Pre History

Myth – a traditional story, especially one concerning the early history of a people.



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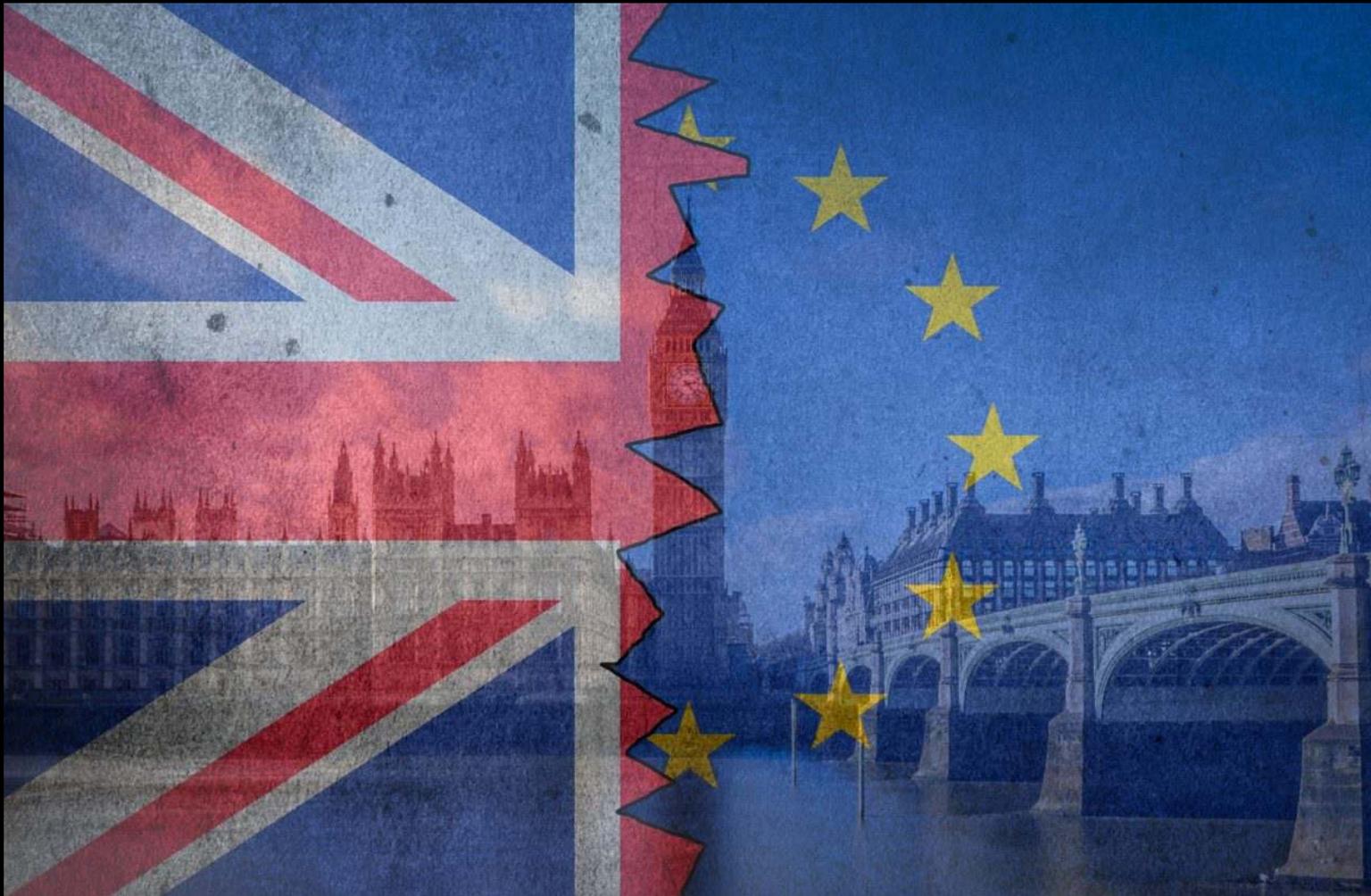
Ich bin ein Berliner



Misunderstanding leads to tribalism



Tribalism



Shavuot – The Feast of Weeks



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When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building.

Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

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There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world.

When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck.

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They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;

Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;

Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;

Even Cretans and Arabs!

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“They’re speaking our languages, describing God’s mighty works!”

Their heads were spinning; they couldn’t make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: “What’s going on here?”

Others joked, “They’re drunk on cheap wine.”

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That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency:

“Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight.

These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning.

This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

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“In the Last Days,” God says,
“I will pour out my Spirit
on all people:

Your sons will prophesy,
also your daughters;
Your young men will see visions,
your old men dream dreams.

When the time comes,
I’ll pour out my Spirit
On those who serve me, men and women both,
and they’ll prophesy.

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I'll set wonders in the sky above
and signs on the earth below,
Blood and fire and billowing smoke,
the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,
Before the Day of the Lord arrives,
the Day tremendous and marvellous;
And whoever calls out for help
to me, God, will be saved."

Acts 2:1-21 (Joel 2:28-32)

Acts 2:6

When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because **all of them heard** the believers talking **in their own languages**.

“I will pour out my Spirit on **all people**.”

Joel 2:28

“And He began to teach and say to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for **all the nations**’?”

Mark 11:17 (Isaiah 56:7)

The end of tribalism...

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, **for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**”

Galatians 3:38

Unity in diversity



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“That all of them may be one.” John 17:21

But how...?

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Learn
to
listen

Active listening...

Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.

Active listening...



THE NARRATIVE
ENNEAGRAM

**ATTENTION IS THE RAREST
AND PUREST FORM
OF GENEROSITY.**

-SIMONE WEIL

THE
EVANGELISM
PROJECT