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설교제목 (SERMON TITLE): 정체성
IDENTITY

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Matthew 5:13–15

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

마태복음 (Matthew 5:13-15)

13 너희는 세상의 소금이니 소금이 만일
그 맛을 잃으면 무엇으로 짜게 하리요 후에는
아무 쓸 데 없어 다만 밖에 버려져 사람에게
밟힐 뿐이니라 14 너희는 세상의 빛이라
산 위에 있는 동네가 숨겨지지 못할 것이요
15 사람이 등불을 켜서 말 아래에 두지
아니하고 등경 위에 두나니 이러므로
집 안 모든 사람에게 비치느니라

Who am I ? Explicitly?

“Some may answer in terms of...

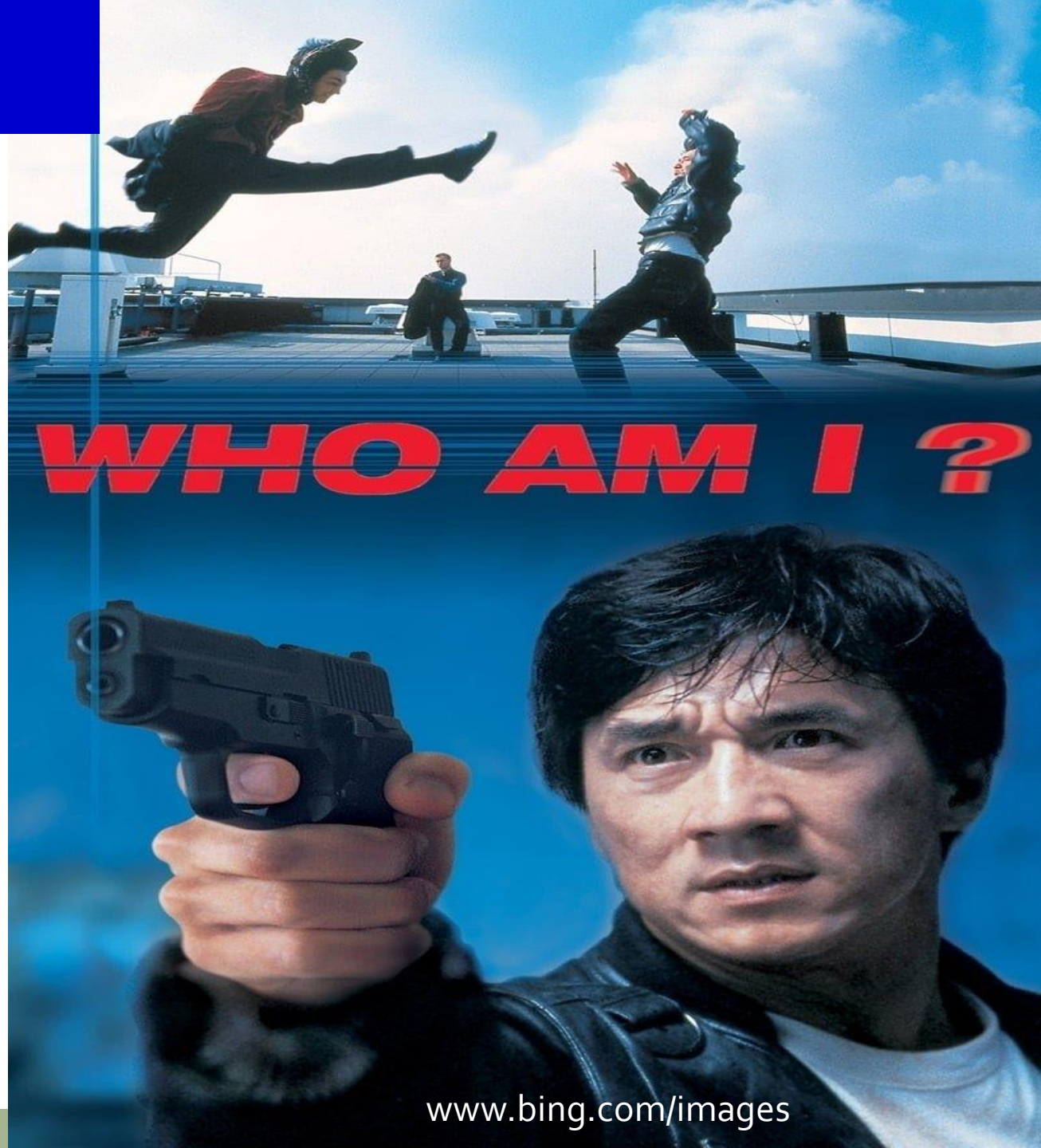
- **Relationship: a parent, a spouse...**
- **Personality: funny, neurotic, uptight...**
- **Careers: a lawyer; a dental hygienist...**
- **Hobbies: a cyclist; a woodworker...**
- **Personal background: a Canadian...**
- **Groups we affiliate with: a feminist...**
- **Achievements: a championship athlete”**

Who am I ? Implicitly?

“You are the person you spend the most time with and think of most often...

**through the decisions we make
the actions we take,
the ways we spend our time
the people we choose...
what we consider to be most
meaningful...”**

Who am I ?



Who am I ?

I am a flying woman!



Our Identity ?

“Ted Parrotman Richards (57) has transformed into a parrot”

Daily **Mail** 2016



“...admits he spends his pension money on tattoos and surgery to look like his favourite bird...”

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3859680/Human-parrot-57-admits-spends-pension-money-tattoos-surgery-look-like-favourite-bird-having-EARS-chopped-off.html>

“'Catwoman' Jocelyn Wildenstein's changing face...”

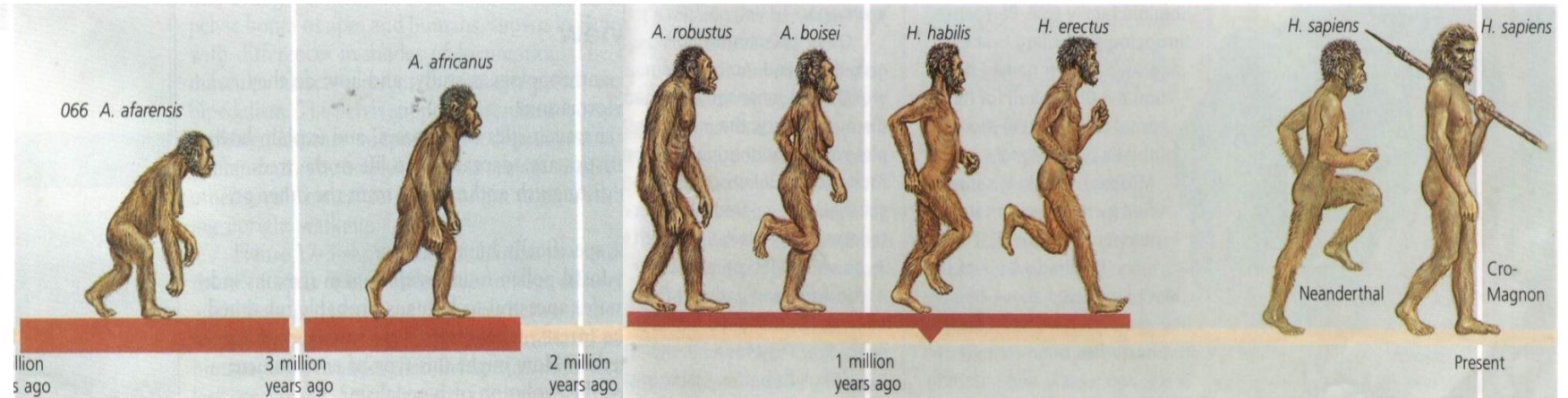
IRISH Mirror 2016



“Once a fresh-faced model... became obsessed with her lavish lifestyle and big cats, and decided to merge to two together... dropped upwards of \$4 million on cosmetic surgery...still not done”

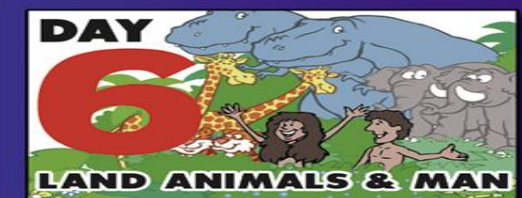
<https://www.irishmirror.ie/showbiz/celebrity-news/story-behind-changing-face-catwoman-9423633>

Our Identity ?



Modern Biology, Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 1993

DAYS OF CREATION IN GENESIS ONE



“College Graduates Less Likely to Believe in Active, Involved Deity”

April, 2018

NET Believe in God, higher power or spiritual force: 84%

Don't believe in God/higher power

Believe in God as described in Bible

Believe in other higher power/spiritual force

Unclear

College graduate



Unclear/refused: <1

NET: 90

Some college



NET: 94

High school or less



<1

Note: Figures may not add to 100% or to subtotals indicated due to rounding.

Source: Survey conducted Dec. 4-18, 2017, among U.S. adults.

“When Americans Say They Believe in God, What Do They mean?”

Beliefs of Students (2010)

Higher Education Research Institute (at UCLA)

**“After 3 years in college,
the number of students who frequently
attend religious services drops by 23 %,
36% rate their spirituality *lower* after 3 yr.”**

**Freshmen who checked the “born again”
category... 4 years later,
59% no longer..**

Men's Wisdom said...



**William B.
Provine
(1942-2015).**

**Charles A. Alexander
Professor of Biological
Sciences.**

**Cornell University
(Origins Research
16(1/2), p.9, 1994).**

“...my views on what modern evolutionary biology...I must say these are basically Darwin's views. There are **No gods... No life after death. When I die, I am certain that I am going to be completely dead...**No ultimate foundation for ethics, No ultimate meaning in life, and No free will for humans...**”**

Q: Where is Death really from?

Where is Death from?

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, in this way death came to all men, because all sinned

Death → Sin → One Man → World

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Death → Evolution → World

Death came through Adam's Sin!!

*NOT by Millions of Years of
Random Evolution!!*

“The “Born that Way” Hypothesis”

**“From
the twin
studies...”**

Lawrence S. Mayer,
Ph.D,
Dept of Psychiatry at
the Johns Hopkins U.

Paul R. McHugh, M.D.
psychiatry and
behavioral sciences at
the Johns Hopkins U

“There is virtually no evidence that anyone, gay or straight, is “born that way” if that means their sexual orientation was genetically determined. But there is some evidence... that certain genetic profiles probably increase the likelihood the person later identifies as gay or engages in same-sex sexual behavior”

“Adverse Childhood Experiences (2013)”

“...Psychologist Judith A. & colleagues compared differences in adverse childhood experiences, (including dysfunctional households; physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; and parental discord), among self-identified homosexual, heterosexual, and bisexual adults.

“Adverse Childhood Experiences among Gays/Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Heterosexuals”

Sexual Abuse (%)		
GLs	Bisexuals	Heterosexuals
29.7	34.9	14.8
Emotional Abuse (%)		
GLs	Bisexuals	Heterosexuals
47.9	48.4	29.6
Physical Abuse (%)		
GLs	Bisexuals	Heterosexuals
29.3	30.3	16.7

A 2010 Study on PTSD

by prof. of social sciences Andrea Roberts & colleagues

“Examined sexual orientation and risk of post-Traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) using data from... a survey of nearly 35,000 adults.”

Q: Childhood Exposure to Maltreatment or Interpersonal Violence? (before Age 18)

Women	Men
49.2% of lesbians	31.5% of gays
51.2% of bisexuals	Approximately 32% of bisexuals
40.9% of heterosexuals with same-sex partners	27.9% of heterosexuals with same-sex partners
21.2% of heterosexuals	19.8% of heterosexuals

Identity from the Bible

“You are the salt... the light of the world...” Matt. 5: 13-14

“...We are children of God... we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him...” 1 Jn 3:2

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us...” 1 Jn 1:9.

“If you remain in me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” Jn15:7.

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ” Php 3:20.

Identity from the Bible

**1 The LORD is
my Shepherd,
I shall not
want.**

**2 He makes me
lie down
in green
pastures...
-Psalms 23:1-2-**

**We all, like sheep,
have gone astray,
each of us has
turned to our own
way; and the
LORD has laid on
Him the iniquity
of us all. -Isa 53:6-**

What the Bible says:

□ 성경에는 정체성에 대한
답이 있습니다.

□ **There are Answers
for Identity in the Bible**