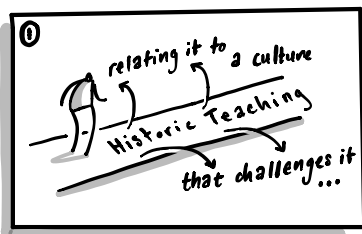
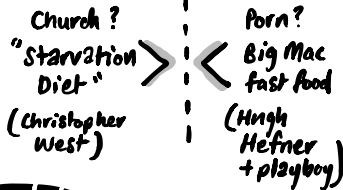


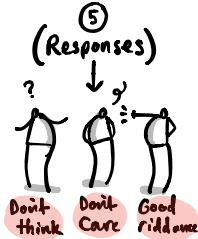
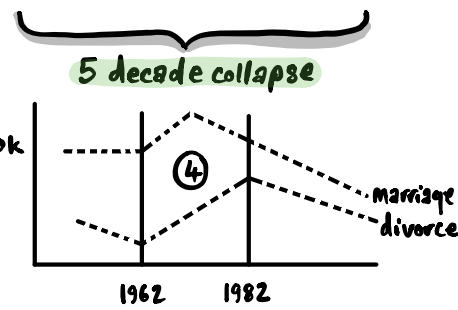
CHRISTIANS & SEX



② Where did we learn about the **EROTIC DESIRES?**



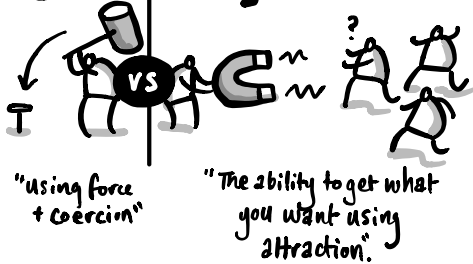
③ **JAILBREAK**
from Authority & Nature
sexual revolution



⑥ What made the Sexual Revolution so attractive?

Joseph Nye: 2 types of **POWER**.

[Hard + Soft]



- 3 forms:
- Ideas
 - Ideals (moral view)
 - Story

⑦ **Ideas**

Martin Luther: change the world? **WRITE IDEAS**

Jason Bourne - skills "who am I?" "what for?" "who are we?"

How to find out answers "Look within yourself"

"Be yourself"

EXPRESSIVE INDIVIDUALISM

rely on myself to identify myself!

(Roots:)
I rely on myself to make something of the world!
UTILITARIAN INDIVIDUALISM (Robert Bellah mid 1980s)

"I identify as..."

⑧ **Ideals**

or 'moral purpose'

Hey! aren't we supposed to be about that?

CHRISTIAN

NOPE! you lot are the ones who are out of this!!

LGBT

freedom
flourishing
fairness

live like this = doing well

DOUBLE JEOPARDY of SHAME...

CHURCH | **OUTSIDE**

⑨ **Story**

emotional Great stories
empathy tears

Romcoms, movies, sitcoms, tunes

⑬ 4 responses to powerful narratives/stories:

conform | deny | legal fight | engage

get with the program | bolt the doors | there is a place for this but... | listen talk

Paul speaks into their questions...

⑭ ACTS 17

⑮ NEVER

May I make a response? NEVER

what about your freedom, flourishing, fairness?

How is it going?

⑯ Posture | CHANGE

⑰ Sorry for Christians who have acted feverishly.

⑱ THANK YOU for challenging our hypocrisy

⑲ PLEASE

With gentleness + respect

or submit the existing story.

⑳ I will never give my lord up - I still welcome you, but...

⑫ **The power of Story:**

- Simplistic - alternative more complex versions are available - Economist philosopher, public health (the pill?)
- Culturally Embedded - e.g. Lloyds Bank advert "He said yes"

not obvious to the Alien outsider but clear to us who live in society

e.g. Hotel Towels - Pick-up = save planet

shared habits + values of society

powerful narratives enter into culture!

we go the other way with our power - we are wrapped in it

The replacement for the Christian Worldview:

(20) **idols** offer us **less and less and less...** (emptiness)

So:

(21) **Is there a better story?**

yes!

e.g. **wax + sirens**
or **Ulysses' harp?**

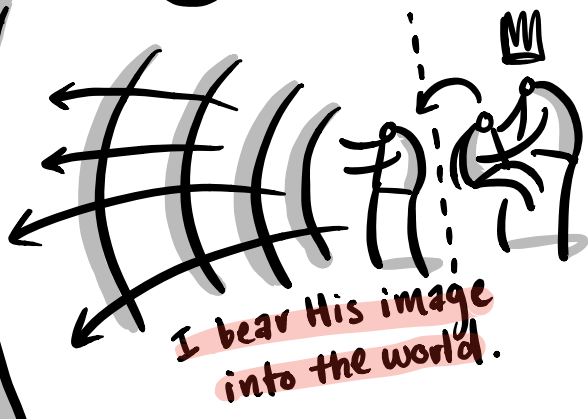
(24) **My greatness doesn't come from my self definition...**

(22) **we didn't find God**

(23) **He found me!**

(25) ... it comes from being His **restored image-bearer.**

(26) So then:
What image do we bear?
What does this Maker reveal Himself to be?



(27) **creative ruler**

husband lover

- protective
- nurturing
- servant

passionate

faithful

EVERYTHING FLOWS FROM HERE: THIS IS WHO I AM.

The **big day** points towards **The Biggest Day!**

God has ETCHED this into Human flesh

we all point to this

- singleness
- saying no to adultery = saying yes to His promises

"I may miss out on the appetiser, but I will be there for the main course"

"profound mystery" Ephesians 5.