

# WORLD TODAY



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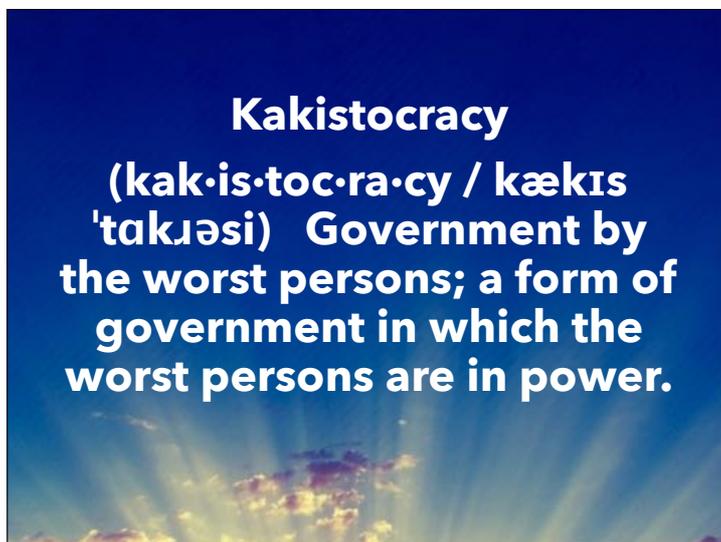
They first earned the ire of Beijing and the Hong Kong authorities by misreading their oaths during their official swearing-in, using expletives and derogatory terms for China.

Since then they have been shut out of parliament pending a judicial review in Hong Kong into whether they should be permanently disqualified.

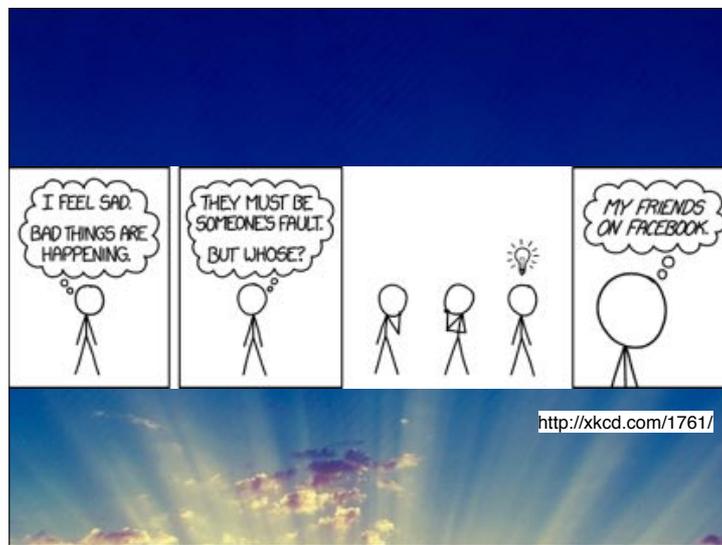




Choi is a friend and informal adviser to South Korean President Park Geun-hye, and she has been described as a Rasputin-like character to the leader.



Kakistocracy



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## SOME PERSPECTIVE



We have a tendency to see things only from our perspective. We struggle to see, not just beyond our borders, but into the scope of history itself. It's why historians, and understanding our history is important, but even in that, we are usually looking for parallels. But we lose sight that perhaps there is a greater narrative.

**HISTORY OF  
CIVILISATION**

**GOD'S UNFOLDING  
HISTORY**

**THE ROMAN EMPIRE  
WAS RAISED UP FOR  
THE COMING OF JESUS**

**Greek learning and  
language established.**

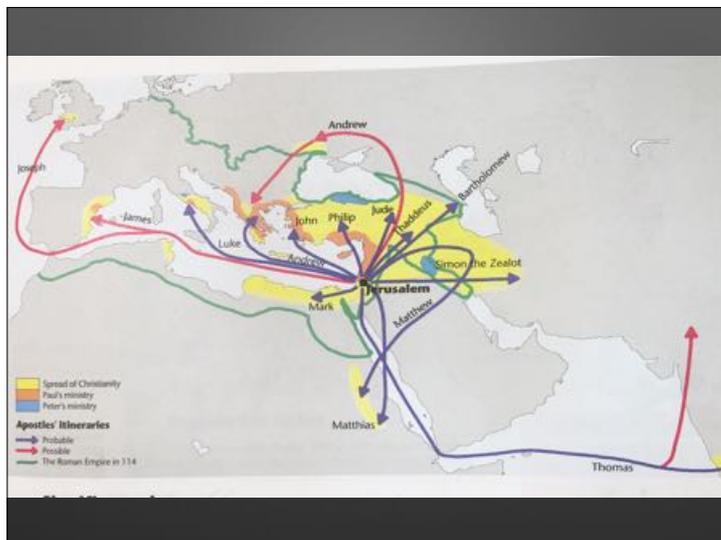
**Stable economy.**

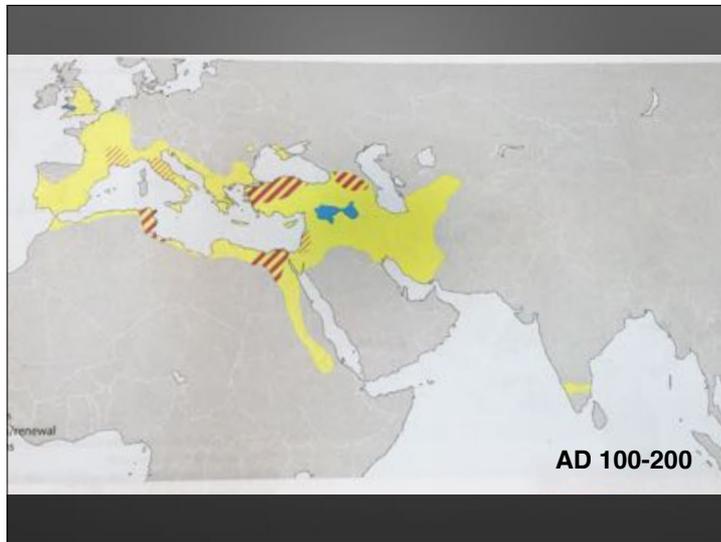
**Religious freedoms and  
new ideas**

**First globalisation**

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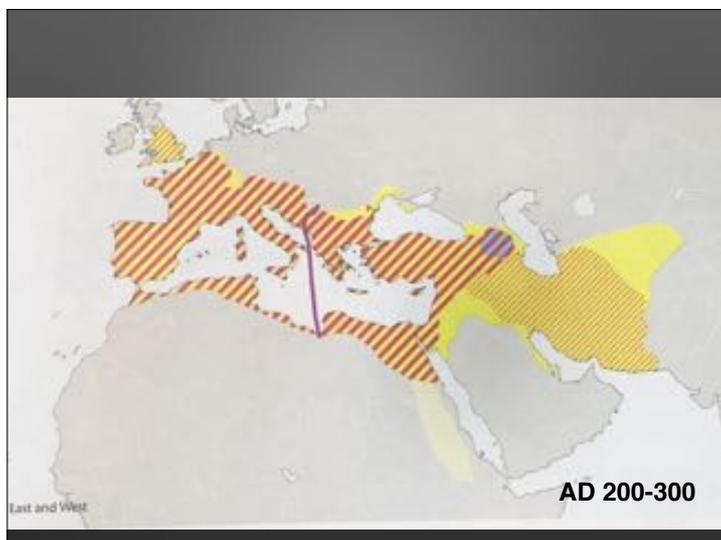




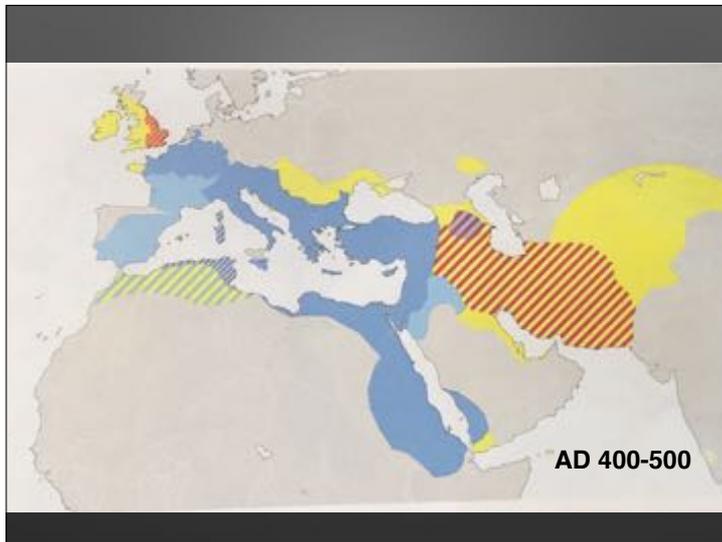
AD 100-200

Today even the most agnostic historian stands amazed that what ' began in a humble stable in Bethlehem of Palestine, a backwater of the Roman Empire, I in less than 300 years was given control of the emperors' palace in Rome. How did it happen? It is a truly incredible story.

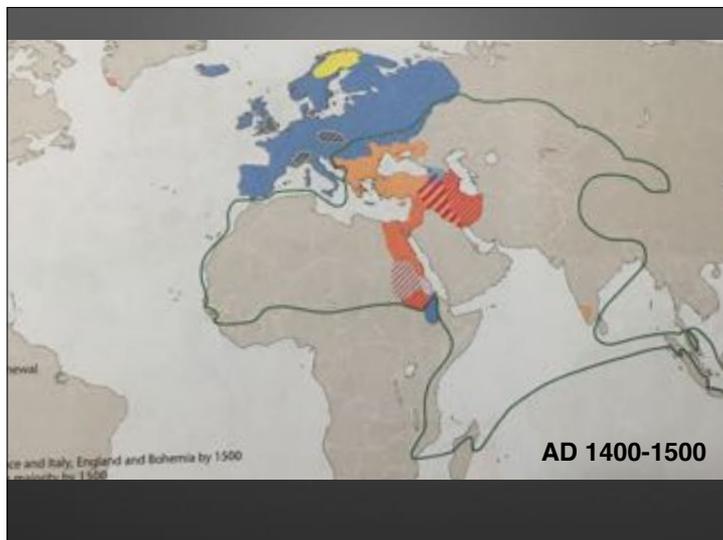
Romans — A government that hated and persecuted Christians, and yet God's story could not be stopped. The Roman Empire could not contain the Kingdom of God.



200-300, Roman Empire beginning to be divided

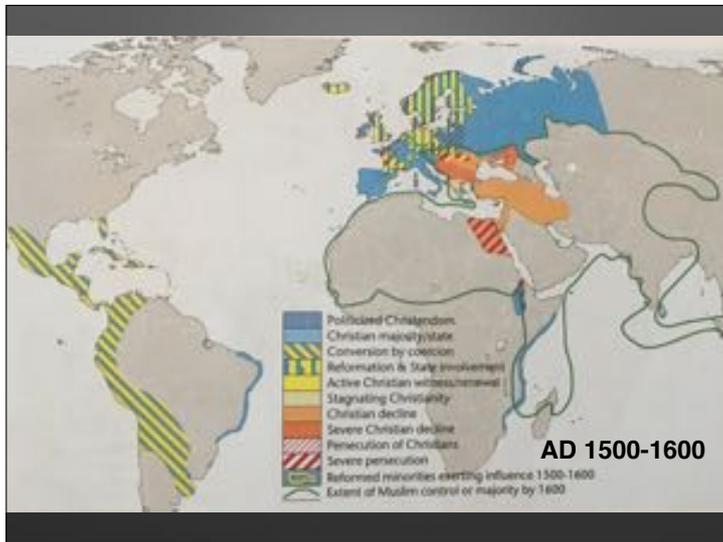


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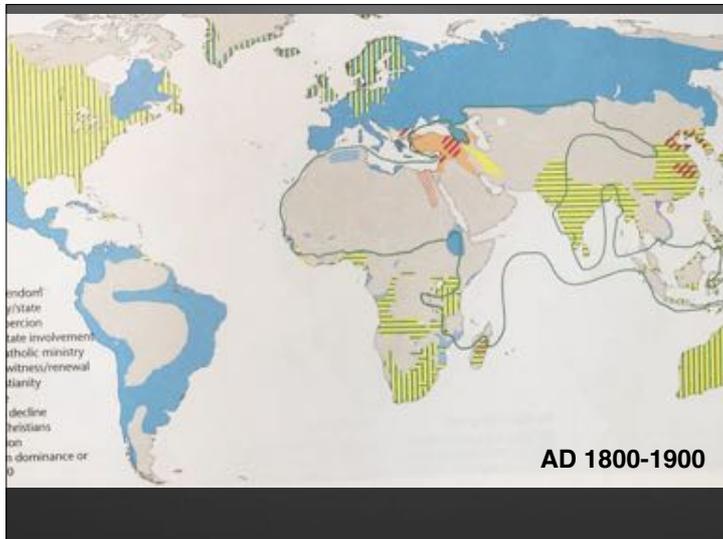


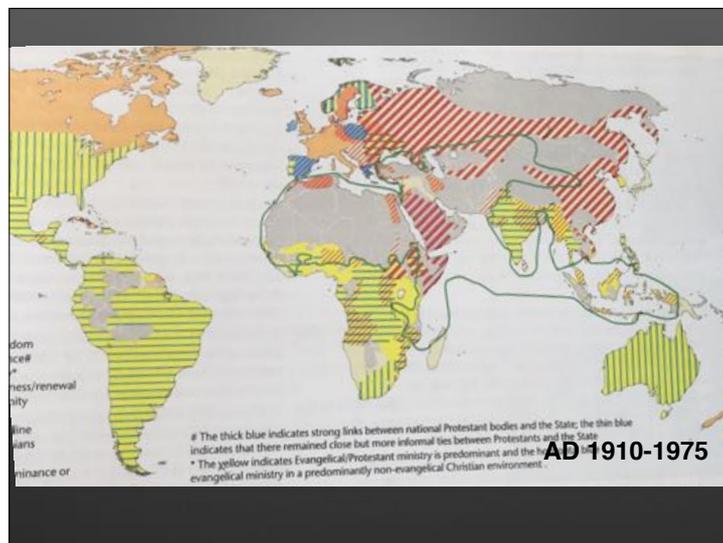
Blue is politicised Christendom // Crusades

Christian imperialism at its worst.



1517, 95 Theses, Reformation — and it made a revolution in politicised Christianity, and began making a new revival





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