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The trouble with some of us is that we have been inoculated with small doses of Christianity which keep us from catching the real thing.

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Transformation occurs
“when things fall apart.”

This chaos and disruption
gives the Self an opportunity
to listen and see at a deeper
level.

“As one of Pema Chödrön’s grateful students, I have been learning the most pressing and necessary lesson of all: how to keep opening wider my own heart.”—Alice Walker

WHEN THINGS FALL APART

HEART ADVICE *for*
DIFFICULT TIMES



PEMA CHÖDRÖN

SHAMBHALA
CLASSICS

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The old is not working
anymore.

The efforts used to avoid or
deny this are causing further
damage.

We wait for
intervention.

God waits for
collaboration.

Reality is my God.

Evidence is my Scripture.

Big history is my Creation Story.

Ecology is my theology.

Integrity is my Salvation.

A just and healthy future for all is my
Mission.

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The “fundamentals”

The Bible is the literal, inerrant word of God.

Jesus was literally born of a virgin.

Substitutionary atonement is the meaning of Jesus death on the cross.

The miracles in the New Testament literally happened.

Jesus rose physically from the grave, literally ascended into heaven and will return someday in the “second coming.”

Torah - 8 - 6 B.C.

“Q” and Thomas - late 40’s

Paul - 50’s

Mark - 70

John - 90

New Testament finalized - 397

LOST SCRIPTURES

Books that Did Not Make It
into the New Testament



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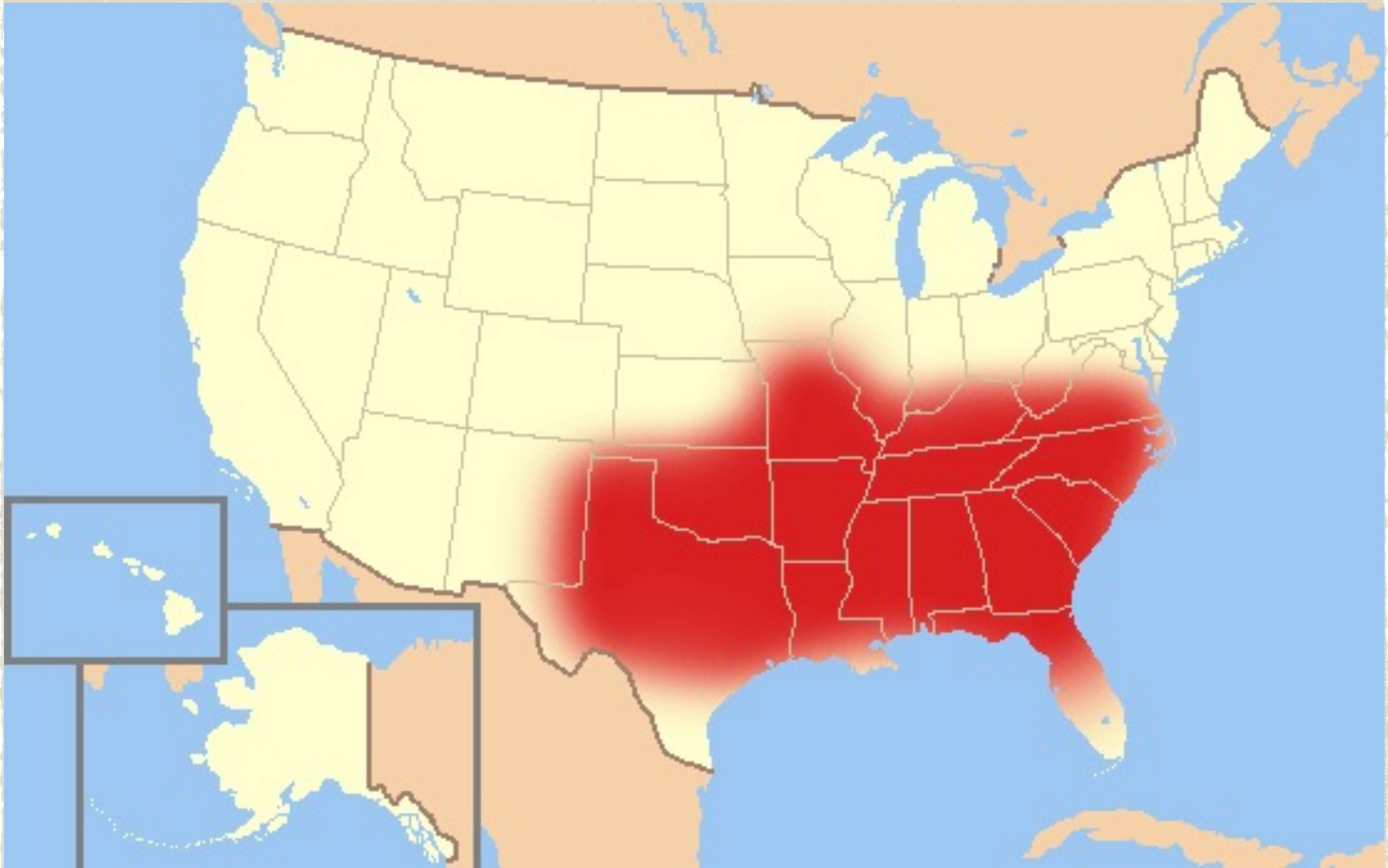
LOST CHRISTIANITIES

The Battles for Scripture and
the Faiths We Never Knew

A photograph of a fragment of an ancient Greek manuscript with visible text in a cursive script. The text is written on a piece of parchment that is heavily damaged and charred at the edges. The script is a form of early Greek cursive, likely from a New Testament text. The fragment shows several lines of text, including the words 'ΠΡΕΥΔΕΙΣ' and 'ΠΚΑΤΑ ΘΩΜΑΣ'.

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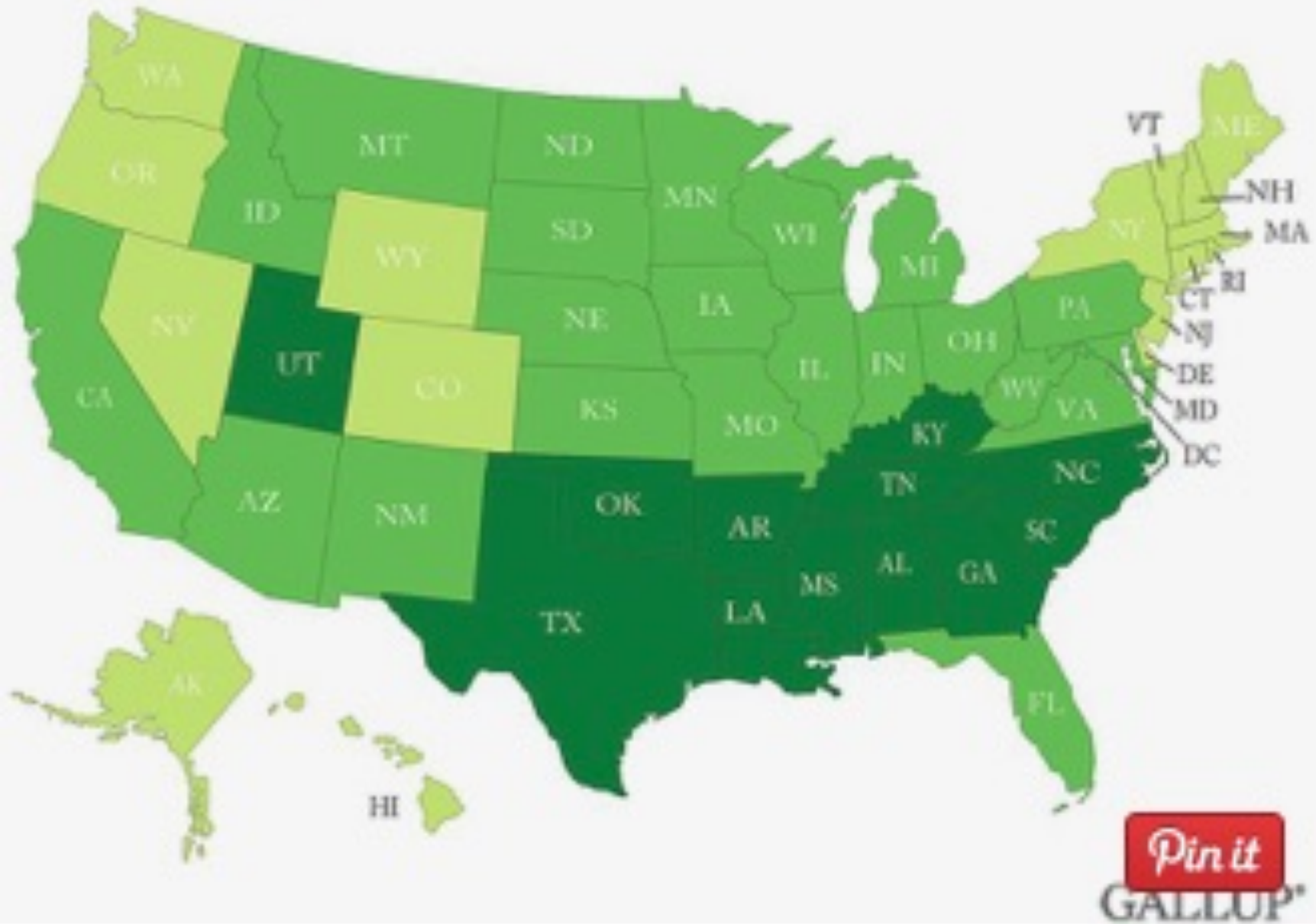
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become bitter
divisiveness.



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Religiosity, 2011

■ Above average ■ Average ■ Below average



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325 - New Testament is created

400? - Jerome translates the Vulgate

1282 - John Wycliffe translates the
Vulgate into English

1524 - William Tyndale translates
the Bible into English

1455 - Gutenberg invents the printing press

1492 - Columbus comes to America

1534 - Martin Luther translates the Bible into German. Reformation began in 1517

1543 - Copernicus

1615 - Galileo

1630 - John Winthrop - “a city set upon a hill”

1776 - Declaration of Independence

1861 - The Civil War

1834 - Biblical scholarship develops

1863 - Emancipation Proclamation

1910 - Term “Fundamentalism” first used

1985 - Founding of the Jesus Seminar

2013 - Defense of Marriage Act Struck
Down



“...to point at the moon a finger is needed, but woe to those who take the finger for the moon...”

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