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Billy Graham meets with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican, 1993. *Western Christians are commonly distracted by the superficial. There is, for example, scant difference in the fundamental core beliefs and faith in God and understanding of God's moral law between a Billy Graham and a Pope John Paul II. There is a huge gulf of belief and understanding between men such as these and religious leaders and denominations that acquiesce in, or support, cultural trends in the West in defiance of biblical teachings in such areas as homosexual lifestyles, aborticide, lax sexual mores, and materialism. The former stand shoulder to shoulder in affirming the principles of absolute truth and an immutable higher moral law that are not subject to man's interpretation, amendment, or abrogation. The latter reflect the relativistic view. Many Catholics and Protestants often have far more common ground than some Protestant denominations have with one another. Thus denominational or religious labels are of little value and often frustrate efforts to see clearly who is one's ally and who is one's adversary in the eternal struggle over truth, and the contemporary struggle for the soul of a civilization.*

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