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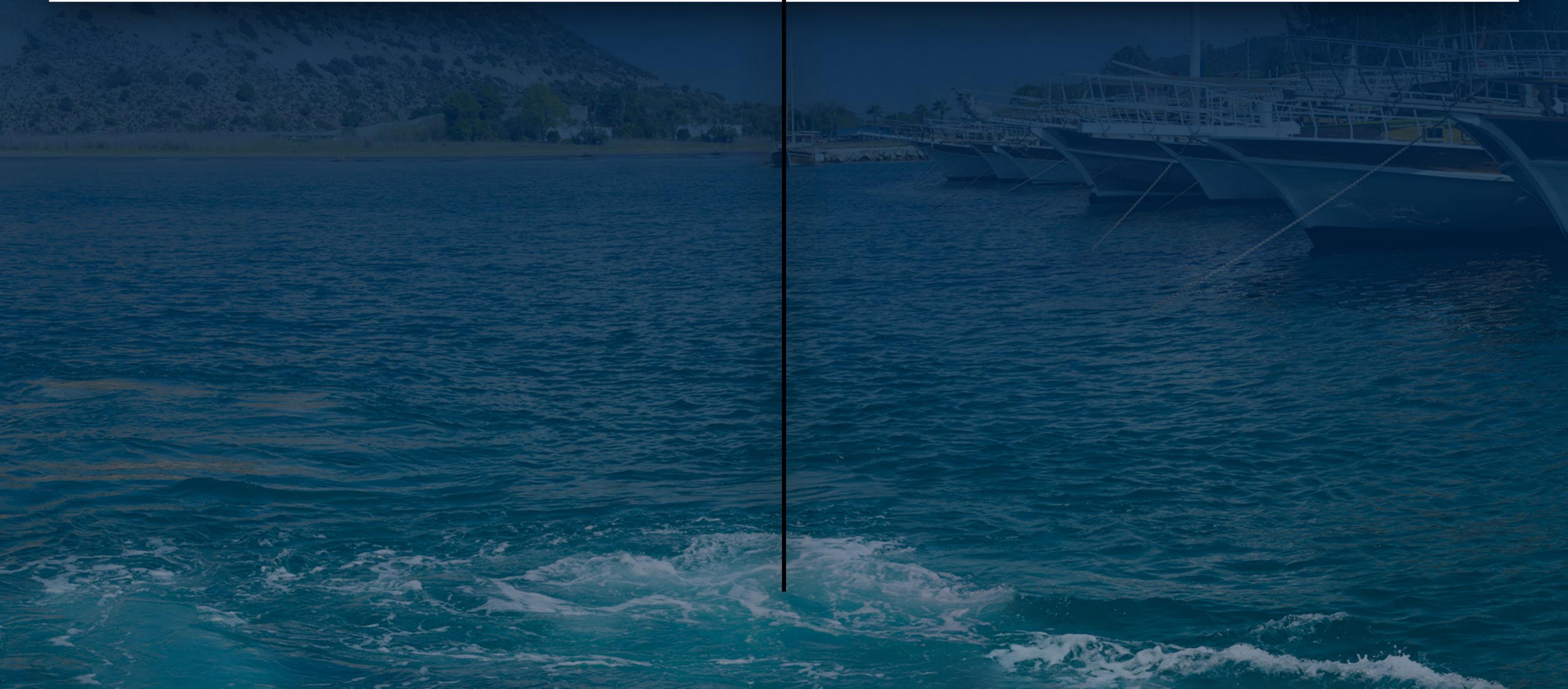
The Cultural Context:
The Novelty of New
Knowledge (17:21)

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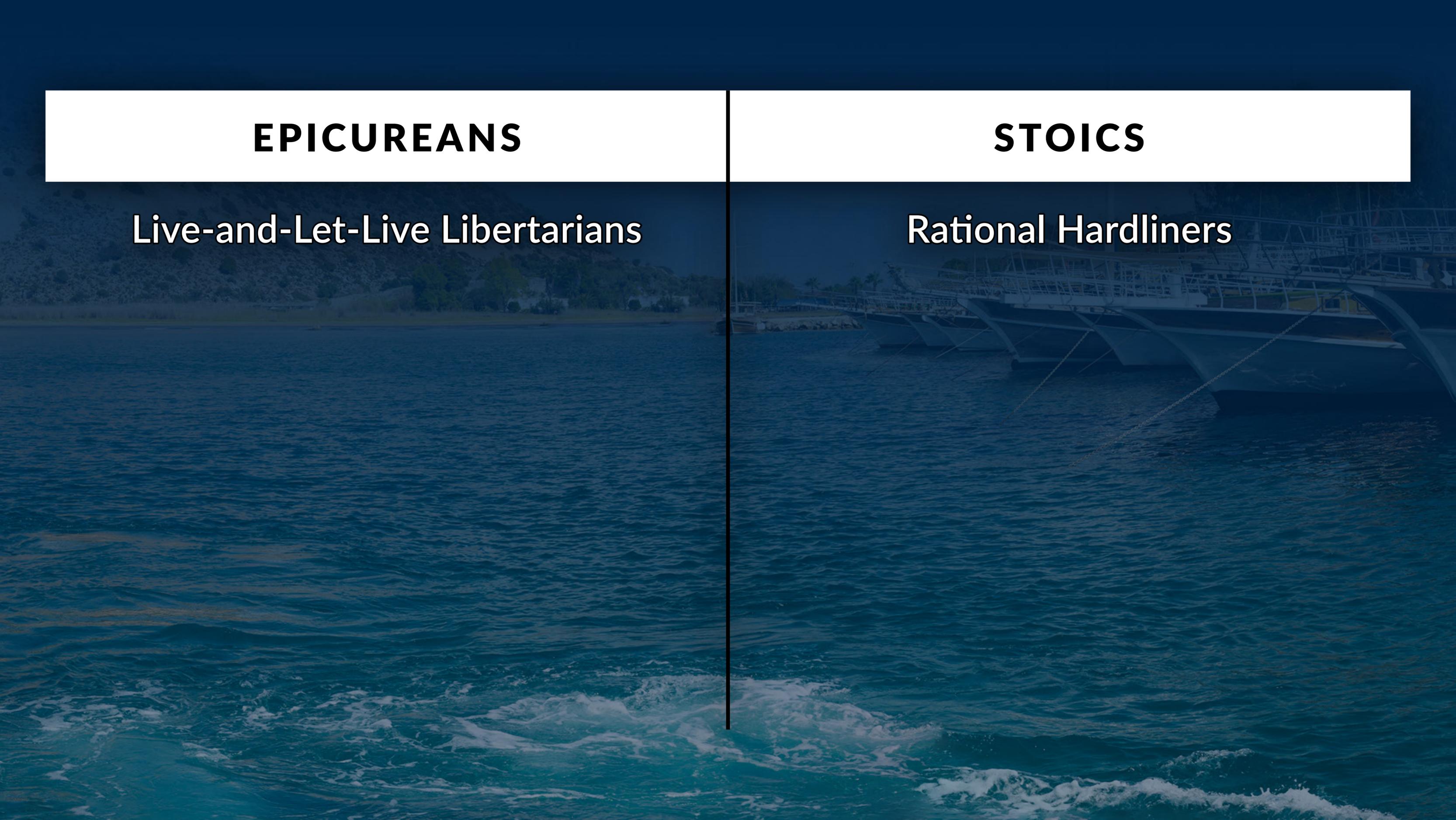


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The Ideological
Reality: The
Foreignness of the
Gospel (17:20)



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“It would be pointless to preach Jesus as Lord if He were merely to be thought of as an addition to the already-overcrowded pantheon. His whole significance depended on His being the manifestation of the One True God.”

MICHAEL GREEN



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“Paul was dealing not with people who...had no worldview, but with people who vociferously argued for various competing and powerful worldviews...”



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“In the First Century, philosophy referred to an entire way of life, almost what we mean by worldview.”

D.A. CARSON



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“Don’t you have a saying,
‘It’s still four months until
harvest’? I tell you, open your
eyes and look at the fields!
They are ripe for harvest.”

JOHN 4:35



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The Personal
Question: The
Intrigue of a True
Believer (17:19)



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“When you are brought
before synagogues, rulers
and authorities, do not worry
about how you will defend
yourselves or what you will say,

LUKE 12:11



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“for the Holy Spirit will teach you
at that time what you should say.”

LUKE 12:12



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“But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of My name.

LUKE 21:12



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“And so you will bear
testimony to Me.

LUKE 21:13



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“But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves.

LUKE 21:14



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“For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.”

LUKE 21:15



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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8



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His ongoing witness was both a bizarre enigma and wonderfully appealing.



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Paul came not with a cookie-cutter approach but presented the Gospel in a tailor-made, personal way to each context and audience.



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**Maximum Impact =
High Potency
+ Close Proximity
+ Clear Communication**

MARK MITTELBERG



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**And you also were included
in Christ when you heard
the message of truth, the
Gospel of your salvation
(Ephesians 1:13).**





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