

For the Love of God

'LOVE YOUR ENEMIES'

What Jesus had to say about Violence

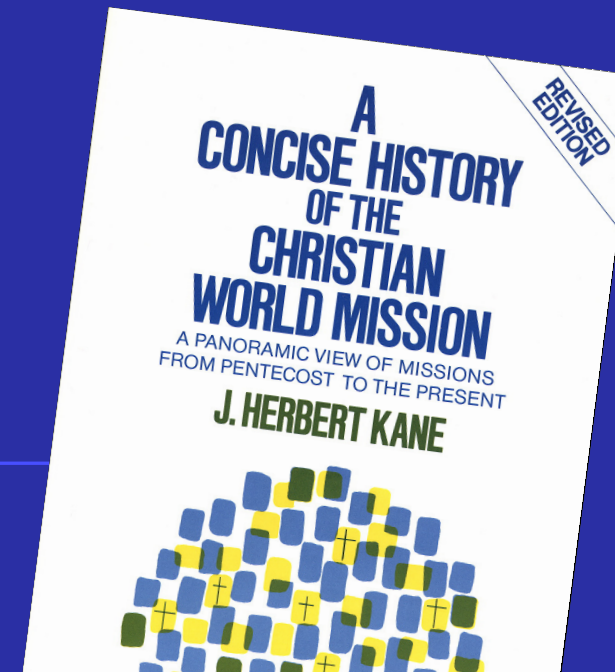
Find & share an image that describes:

**Jesus' attitude
to violence.**



²³...a life for a life, ²⁴ an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot, ²⁵ a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, a bruise for a bruise.

“... Mahatma Gandhi, the most influential person in India ... had close contacts with evangelical Christians in England, South Africa, and India, and his knowledge of Christian doctrine was considerable. His concept of nonviolence (satyagraha), which he used so effectively against the British Raj, he got from the Sermon on the Mount, not the Bhagavad Gita.”







In response to their anger, be gentle; in response to their boasts, be humble; in response to their cruelty, be civilised.

Do not be eager to imitate them. Let us show by our gracious forbearance that we are their brothers and sisters. Let us be eager to be imitators of the Lord.

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The early Christians... would prefer to go to [their] death rather than shed blood, and so the early Christian church is full of martyrs.



Jesus:

“⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those
who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Jesus:

“³⁸ ‘You have heard that it was said, “Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.” ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ ‘You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

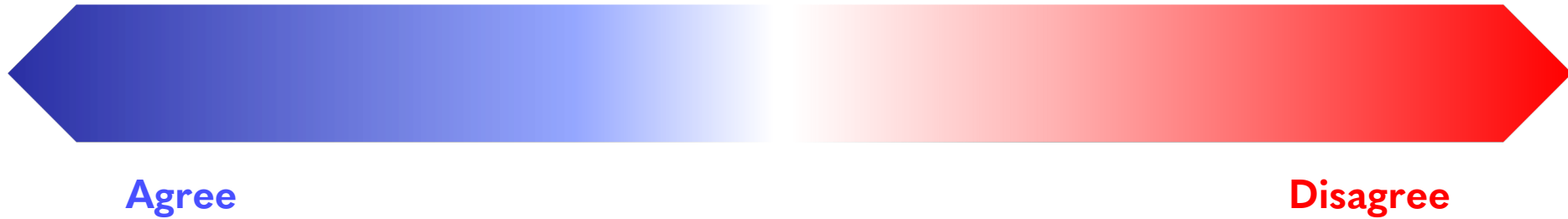
⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!



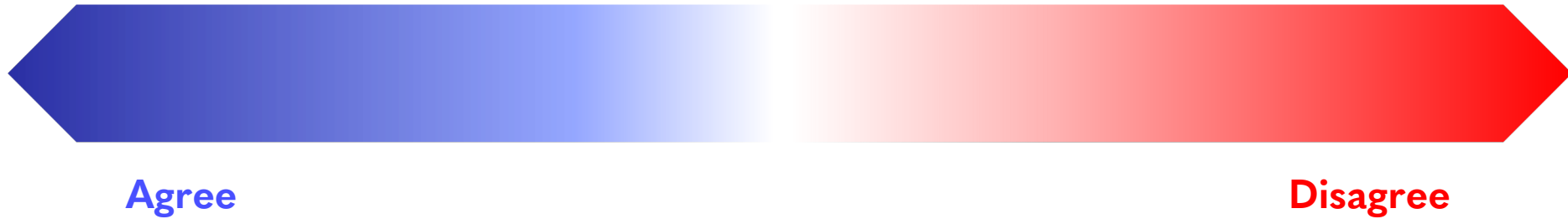
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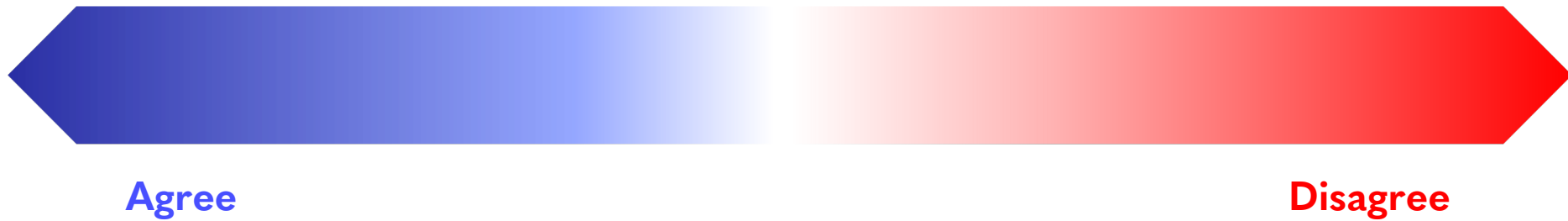
Pineapple should never be found on Pizza



**You can't call chess
a sport**



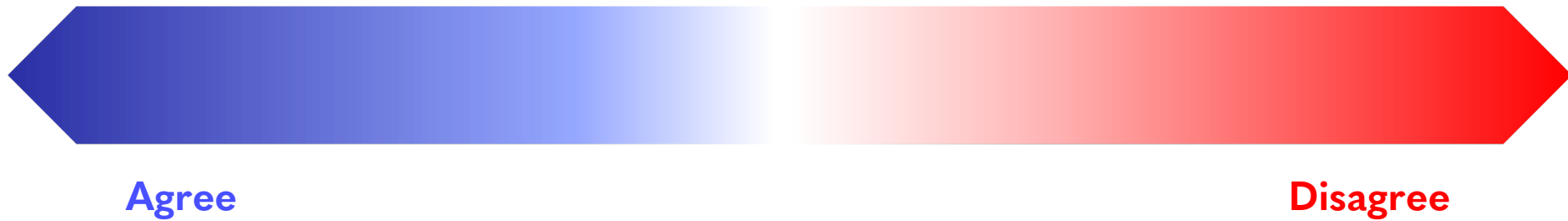
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**Marvel movies are an
insult to our intelligence.**



**People should be able to
'Love their enemy'**

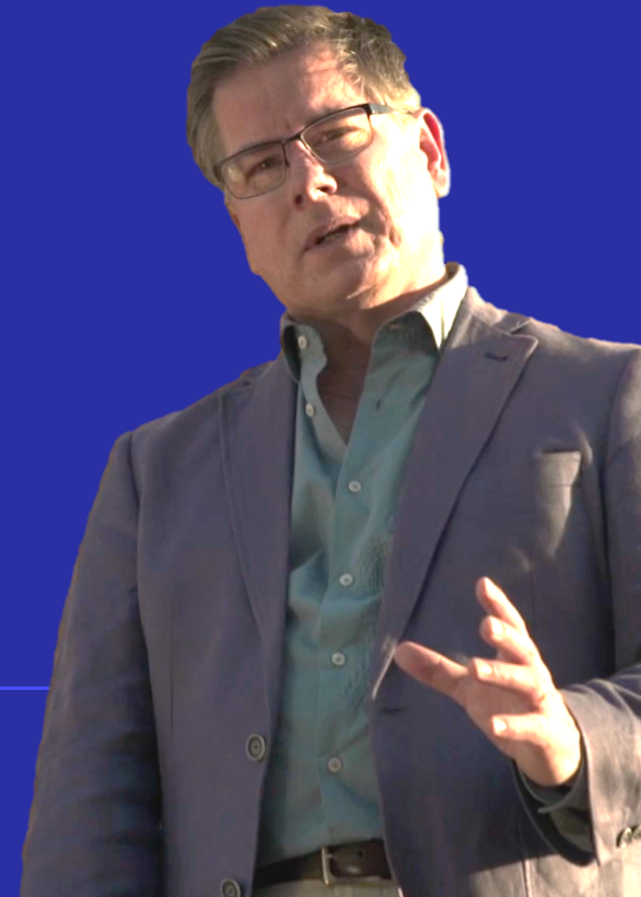


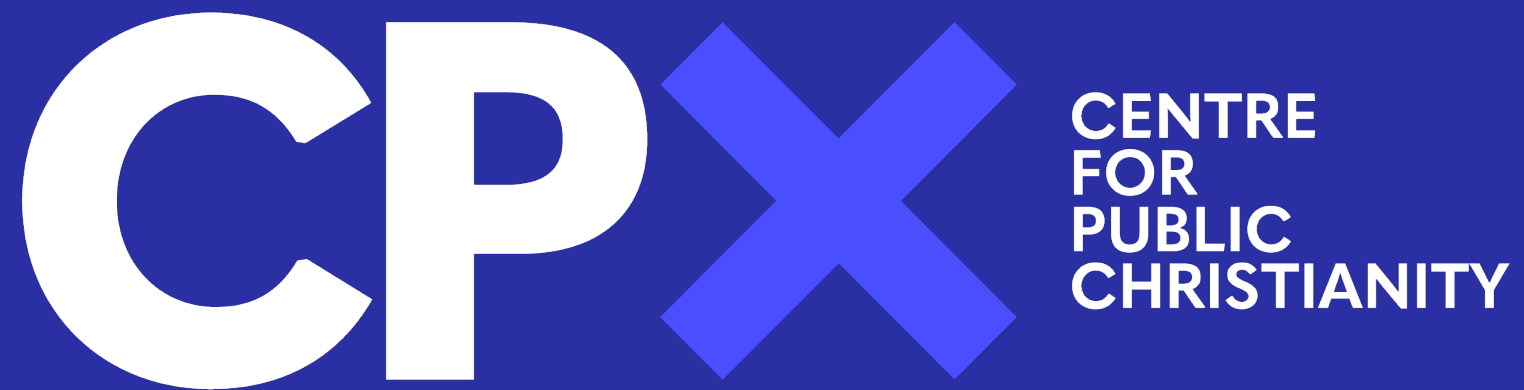
**'Turning the other cheek'
is a recipe for abuse**



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Anyone can tell you that when Christians are violent and imperialistic they are not obeying Jesus but defying him who said “love your enemy and do good to those who hate you.” At best, the criticisms launched by Hitchens, Dawkins and Coulter only prove that Christians haven’t been Christian enough. Believers confess that daily, and look to Christ for mercy and guidance.





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