

A scenic landscape featuring a large, rounded mountain peak in the background, partially shrouded in mist. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the sky and the surrounding greenery. A field of tall reeds or grasses sits on the edge of the water, and a few trees are visible on the right side. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and inspiring.

Trust More

Work Harder

King Hezekiah

2 Kings 18:5-6



“He [King Hezekiah] trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him. For he clung to the Lord; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the Lord had commanded Moses.”

– 2 Kings 18:5-6

What to do When Confronted

- King Hezekiah Trusted in the Lord when the King of Assyria came against him
- The Lord Heard his words of Trust.





Never trust sheep.

(Ryan Stiles)

**“How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust,
And has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into
falsehood.”**

– Psalm 40:4

Blessed is the Man

Jeremiah 17:5-8



“Thus says the Lord,
“Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind
And makes flesh his strength,
And whose heart turns away from the Lord.
“For he will be like a bush in the desert
And **will not see when prosperity comes**,
But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness,
A land of salt without inhabitant.”

– *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord
And **whose trust is the Lord.**
“For he will be like a tree planted by the water,
That extends its roots by a stream
And will not fear when the heat comes;
But its leaves will be green,
And it will not be anxious in a year of drought
Nor cease to yield fruit.”

– *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

בַּטַּח - bâṭach

- to trust, be confident or sure: be bold
confident, secure, sure - (A Concise
Dictionary of the Words in the Greek New
Testament, 982)
- Like: בֵּטַח beṭach - a place of refuge; abstr.
safety, both the fact (security) and the
feeling (trust) (A Concise Dictionary of the
Words in the Greek New Testament, 983)



THE GREAT TRUST SHIFT

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מִבְטָח - mibṭâch

- מִבְטָח mibṭâch, mib-tawkh'; from 982; prop. a refuge, i.e. (obj.) security, or (subj.) assurance:—confidence, hope, sure, trust (A Concise Dictionary of the Words in the Greek New Testament, 4009)

You Will Be

- For he will be like a tree planted by the water
- That extends its roots by a stream
- And will not fear when the heat comes
- But its leaves will be green,
- And it will not be anxious in a year of drought
- Nor cease to yield fruit



“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And trust in the Lord.”

– *Ps 4:5*



Sir Walter Raleigh

The Lost Colony

- In 1587, Raleigh dispatched a new group of 115 colonists to establish a colony on Chesapeake Bay. They were led by John White, an artist and friend of Raleigh who had accompanied the previous expedition to Roanoke, and was appointed governor of the 1587 colony. White and Raleigh named 12 assistants to aid in the settlement. They were ordered to stop at Roanoke to pick up the small contingent left there by Grenville the previous year, but when they arrived on July 22, 1587, they found nothing except a skeleton that may have been the remains of one of the English garrison.





The Lost Colony

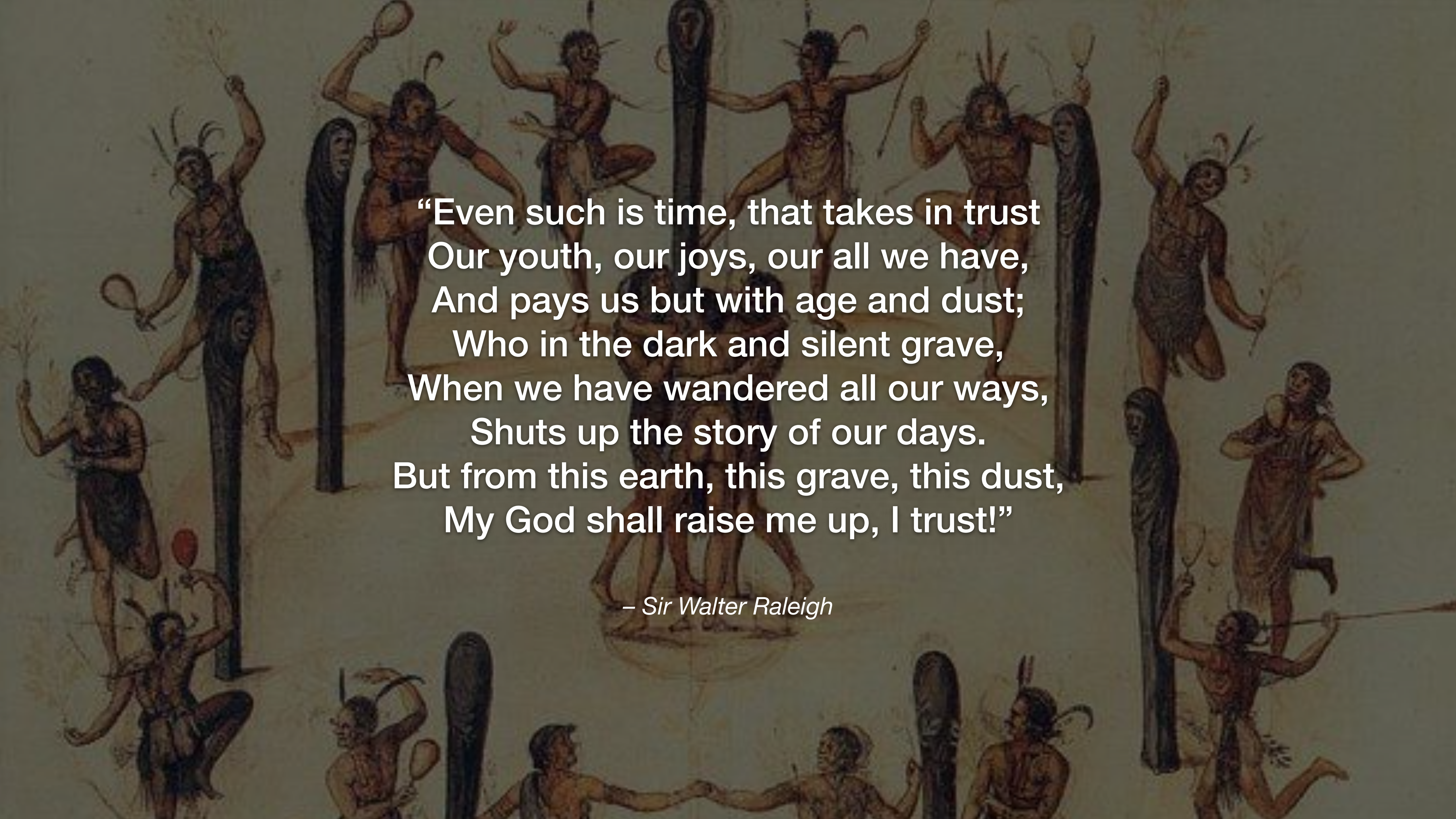
- Governor John White returned to Roanoke in 1590 to find the word "croatoan" carved on a tree.
- It is possible that some of the survivors of the Lost Colony of Roanoke may have joined the Croatan. Governor White finally reached Roanoke Island on August 18, 1590, three years after he had last seen them in Virginia, but he found his colony had been long deserted. The buildings had collapsed and "the houses [were] taken down". The few clues about the colonists' whereabouts included the letters "CROATOAN" carved into a tree.



Croatan

- The Croatan lived in current Dare County, an area encompassing the Alligator River, Croatan Sound, Roanoke Island, and parts of the Outer Banks, including Hatteras Island. Now extinct as a tribe, they were one of the Carolina Algonquian peoples, numerous at the time of English encounter in the 16th century. The Roanoke territory also extended to the mainland, where they had their chief town on the western shore of Croatan Sound. Scholars believe the Algonquians had a total population of 5,000 to 10,000.[1]
- Croatan Indians were a part of the Carolina Algonquians, a southeastern designation of the greater Algonquian source. Agriculture was the Native Americans' primary food source, and the fact that they could feed the colonists as well as themselves demonstrates very effectively the efficiency of their farming. The Native Americans regulated each person's position in society by public marks. The chiefs or leaders, called werowances, controlled between one and eighteen towns. The greatest were able to muster seven or eight hundred fighting men. The English marveled at the great awe in which these werowances were held, saying no people in the world carried more respect towards their leaders. Werowance actually means "he who is rich". Chiefs and their families were held in great status and with respect, but they had to convince followers that action or cause was wise, they did not command. The role of the chief was to spread wealth to his tribe, otherwise respect was lost. [1]



A historical painting depicting a group of Native Americans in a ceremonial dance. The figures are adorned with traditional attire, including feathered headdresses and loincloths. They are arranged in a circular formation, with some holding long poles or staffs. The background is a plain, light-colored wall, and the overall style is that of a 17th-century European colonial painting.

“Even such is time, that takes in trust
Our youth, our joys, our all we have,
And pays us but with age and dust;
Who in the dark and silent grave,
When we have wandered all our ways,
Shuts up the story of our days.
But from this earth, this grave, this dust,
My God shall raise me up, I trust!”

– *Sir Walter Raleigh*

“It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man”

– Psalm 118:9 (The Middle Verse of the Bible)

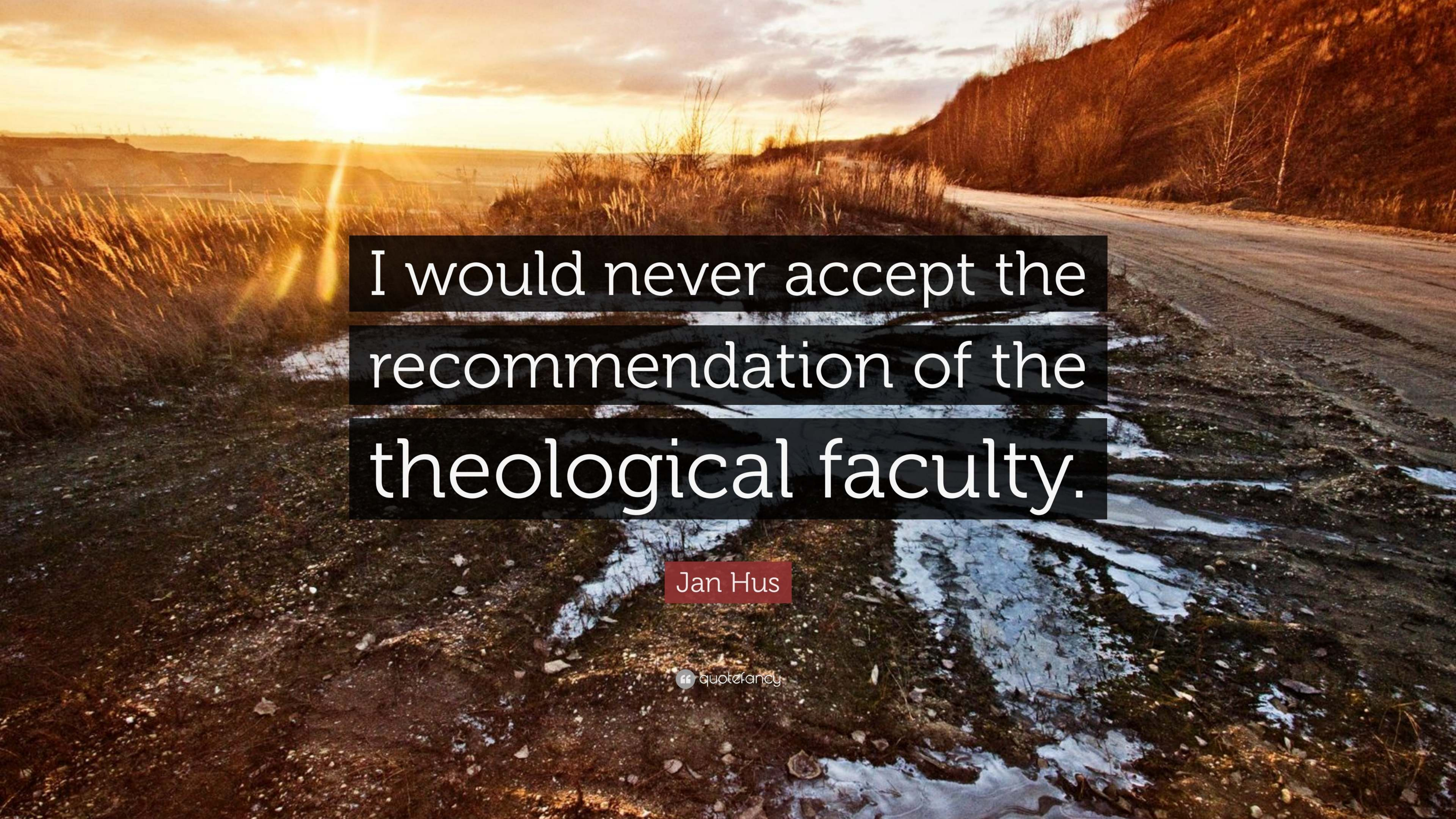


Jan Hus
Bohemian Reformer

John Huss

- The king of Italy and the king of Bohemia promised John Huss safe transport and safe custody. They broke their promises, however, and Huss was martyred. Thomas Wentworth carried a document signed by King Charles I which read, “Upon the word of a king you shall not suffer in life, honour, or fortune.” Shortly afterwards, however, his death warrant was signed by the same monarch. “Put not your trust in princes,” were his last words.





I would never accept the
recommendation of the
theological faculty.

Jan Hus

Trust Leads To . . .

- Being compassed with mercy. Ps 32:10.
- Enjoyment of perfect peace. Isa 26:3.
- Enjoyment of all temporal and spiritual blessings. Isa 57:13.
- Enjoyment of happiness. Pr 16:20.
- Rejoicing in God. Ps 5:11; 33:21



Trust Leads To . . .

- Fulfillment of all holy desires. Ps 37:5.
- Deliverance from enemies. Ps 37:40.
- Safety in times of danger. Pr 29:25.
- Stability. Ps 125:1.
- Prosperity. Pr 28:25.

