



**CONTENDING**

for the

**FAITH**

# Jude

## Part 2 – v17-25: Contending for the Faith

<sup>1</sup> Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James,

To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup> Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

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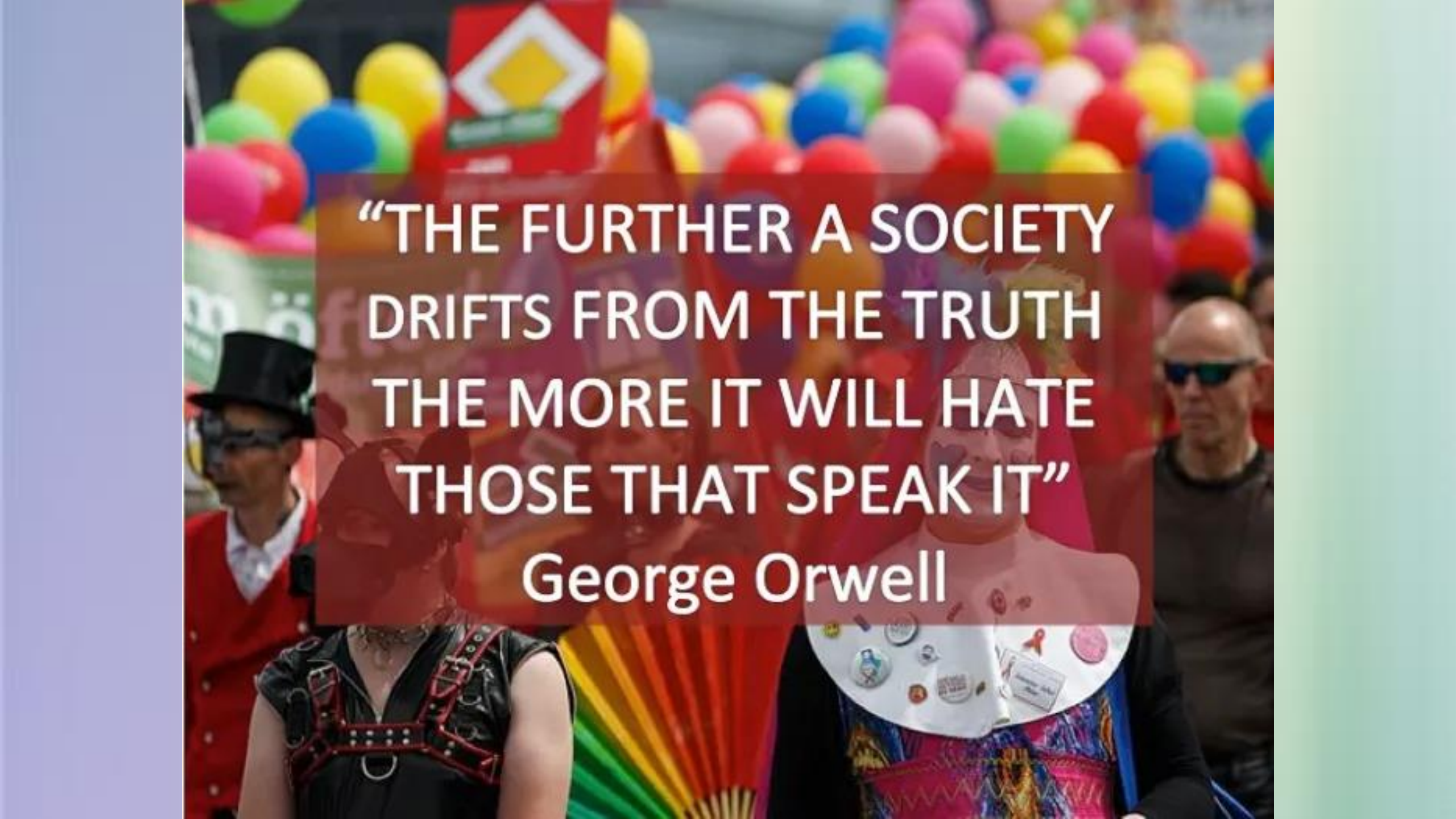
<sup>3</sup> Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. <sup>4</sup> For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

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*Remember the big picture – the spiritual battle*

<sup>17</sup> But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. <sup>18</sup> They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.” <sup>19</sup> These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

A vibrant scene from a pride parade. The background is filled with a dense crowd of people and a sea of colorful balloons in shades of red, yellow, blue, green, and pink. In the foreground, several individuals are visible: on the left, a person in a black top hat and red vest; in the center, a person wearing a black leather harness; on the right, a person in a black shirt and sunglasses. A large, semi-transparent red rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing white text. The text is a quote by George Orwell.

“THE FURTHER A SOCIETY  
DRIFTS FROM THE TRUTH  
THE MORE IT WILL HATE  
THOSE THAT SPEAK IT”

George Orwell

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*Be involved in a community of believers*

<sup>20</sup> But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, ...

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*Rescue the wounded – be merciful*

<sup>22</sup> Be merciful to those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

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*Sola gloria*

<sup>24</sup> To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— <sup>25</sup> to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.