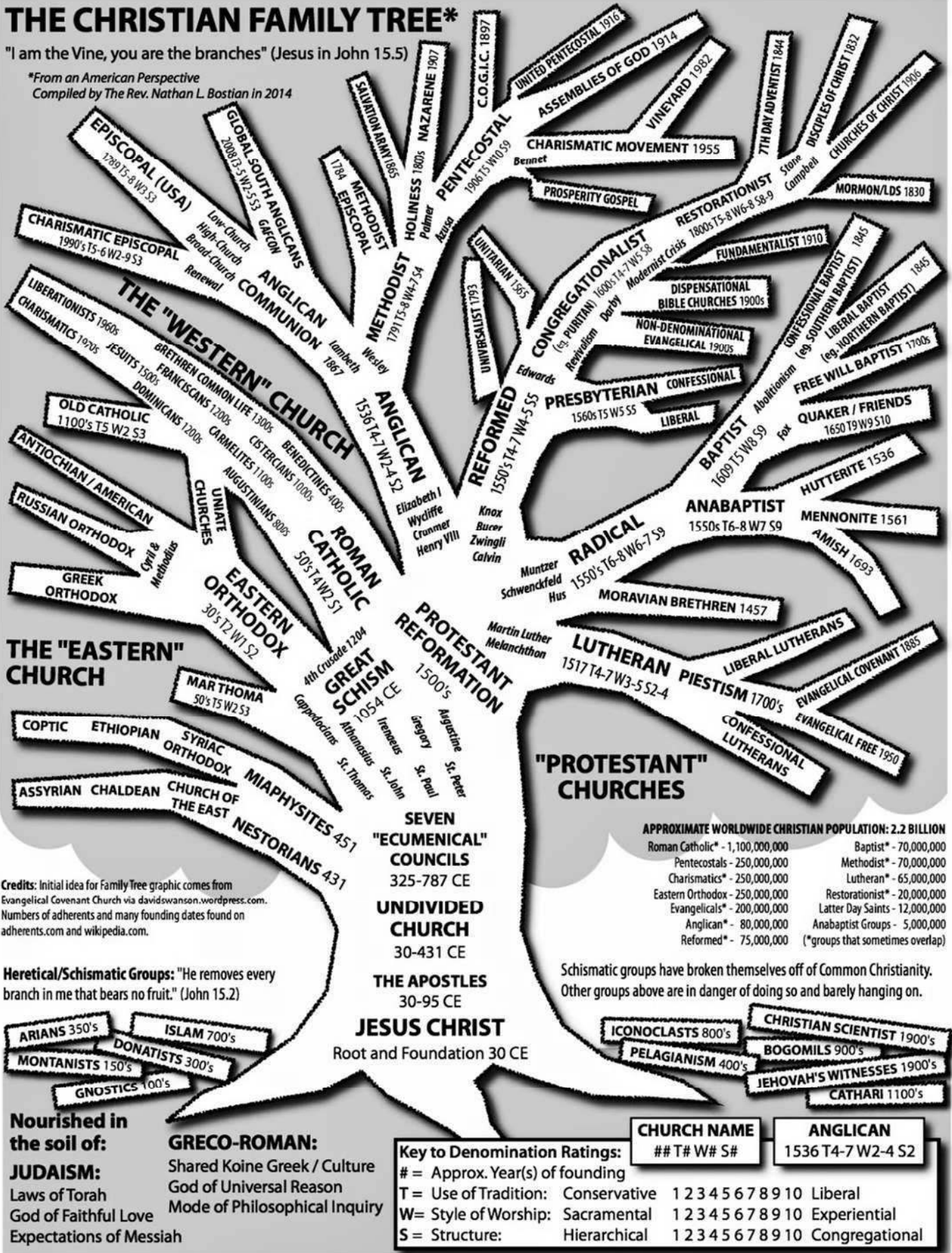


# THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY TREE\*

"I am the Vine, you are the branches" (Jesus in John 15.5)

\*From an American Perspective  
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**Heretical/Schismatic Groups:** "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit." (John 15.2)

- ARIANS 350's
- ISLAM 700's
- MONTANISTS 150's
- DONATISTS 300's
- GNOSTICS 100's

**Nourished in the soil of:**

**JUDAISM:**  
Laws of Torah  
God of Faithful Love  
Expectations of Messiah

**GRECO-ROMAN:**  
Shared Koine Greek / Culture  
God of Universal Reason  
Mode of Philosophical Inquiry

CHURCH NAME	ANGELICAN
1536 T4-7 W2-4 S2	

**Key to Denomination Ratings:**

# = Approx. Year(s) of founding

T = Use of Tradition: Conservative 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Liberal

W = Style of Worship: Sacramental 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Experiential

S = Structure: Hierarchical 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Congregational

**APPROXIMATE WORLDWIDE CHRISTIAN POPULATION: 2.2 BILLION**

Roman Catholic* - 1,100,000,000	Baptist* - 70,000,000
Pentecostals - 250,000,000	Methodist* - 70,000,000
Charismatics* - 250,000,000	Lutheran* - 65,000,000
Eastern Orthodox - 250,000,000	Restorationist* - 20,000,000
Evangelicals* - 200,000,000	Latter Day Saints - 12,000,000
Anglican* - 80,000,000	Anabaptist Groups - 5,000,000
Reformed* - 75,000,000	(*groups that sometimes overlap)

Schismatic groups have broken themselves off of Common Christianity. Other groups above are in danger of doing so and barely hanging on.

- ICONOCLASTS 800's
- CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST 1900's
- PELAGIANISM 400's
- BOGOMILS 900's
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES 1900's
- CATHARI 1100's