

SLEIGHT OF HAND

Since you don't have a constitutional view of "truth," you are free to spin any issue to your own advantage. This is one of the greatest advantages of Kinda Christianity. Observe:

If it...	Helps your case	Hurts your case
Universality of a religious practice or belief	"See? God has called all people of all faiths to pursue _____."	"Obviously, the institutional church stole _____ from Roman religion."
Antiquity of a religious practice or belief	"_____ is ancient and untainted. Let's cut through all the Constantinian baggage and return to the original faith."	"_____ is old, tired, and falling apart. <i>Why</i> do we keep sewing patches on it?"
Acceptability of non-Christian religions	"All religions are equally good. Muslims and Wiccans alike can be reconciled to God without 'becoming Christian.' Let's not resort to calling other religions evil."	"The Reformers worshiped an evil Greek God called 'Theos!' Reject this damnable idol and come out of his wicked Greco-Roman religious system!"