



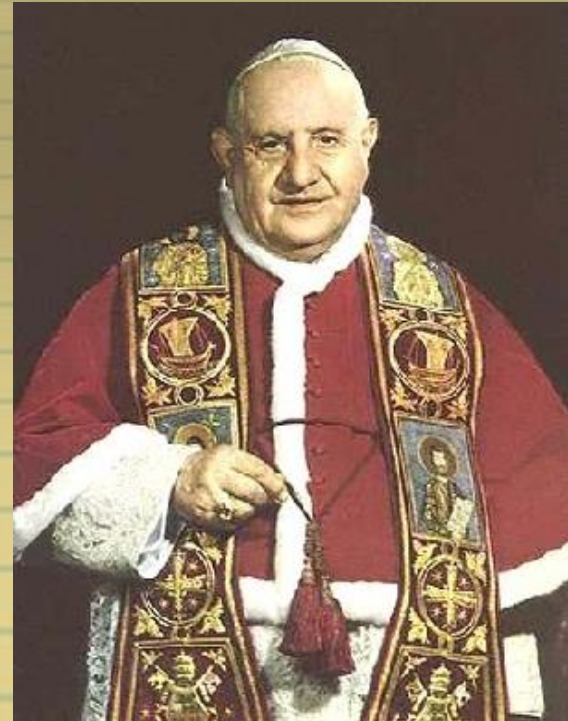
Vatican II

Quick Start-Up

- ✓ Pius XII dies in 1958
- ✓ Angelo Roncalli is elected as the new pope .He is seen as a moderate
- ✓ He takes the name John XXIII
- ✓ John XXIII believed in the goodness of the world and in the possibilities of progress

Pope John XXIII

- ✓ He also believed that the divisions of the church brought about in history were a scandal.
- ✓ Vatican Council II was to be different...not condemn but to build up and renew!



Key word

- ✓ “aggiornamento”
- ✓ To bring up to date.
- ✓ The essential teachings of the church must be communicated in a way that is helpful for real people living in the real world.





The Council Meetings

- ✓ 4 sessions from 1962-1965
- ✓ All bishops from around the world+advisors
- ✓ Observers were welcomed from Protestant, Eastern Orthodox churches along with lay observers.



The Council Meetings

- ✓ Opens with 2,500 participants
- ✓ John XXIII died in June of '63 between the first and second sessions
- ✓ Paul VI continued the work and spirit of the council.

P.Paul VI



- ✓ Pope from 6/1963 to 8/1978
- ✓ Family name: Giovanni Montini
- ✓ First pope to travel around the world by airplane

Topics

✓ The most important topic was clearly the church itself

This was NOT a council debating the person of Jesus or the meaning of salvation or the number of sacraments: rather the focus was on the meaning and role of the church itself.

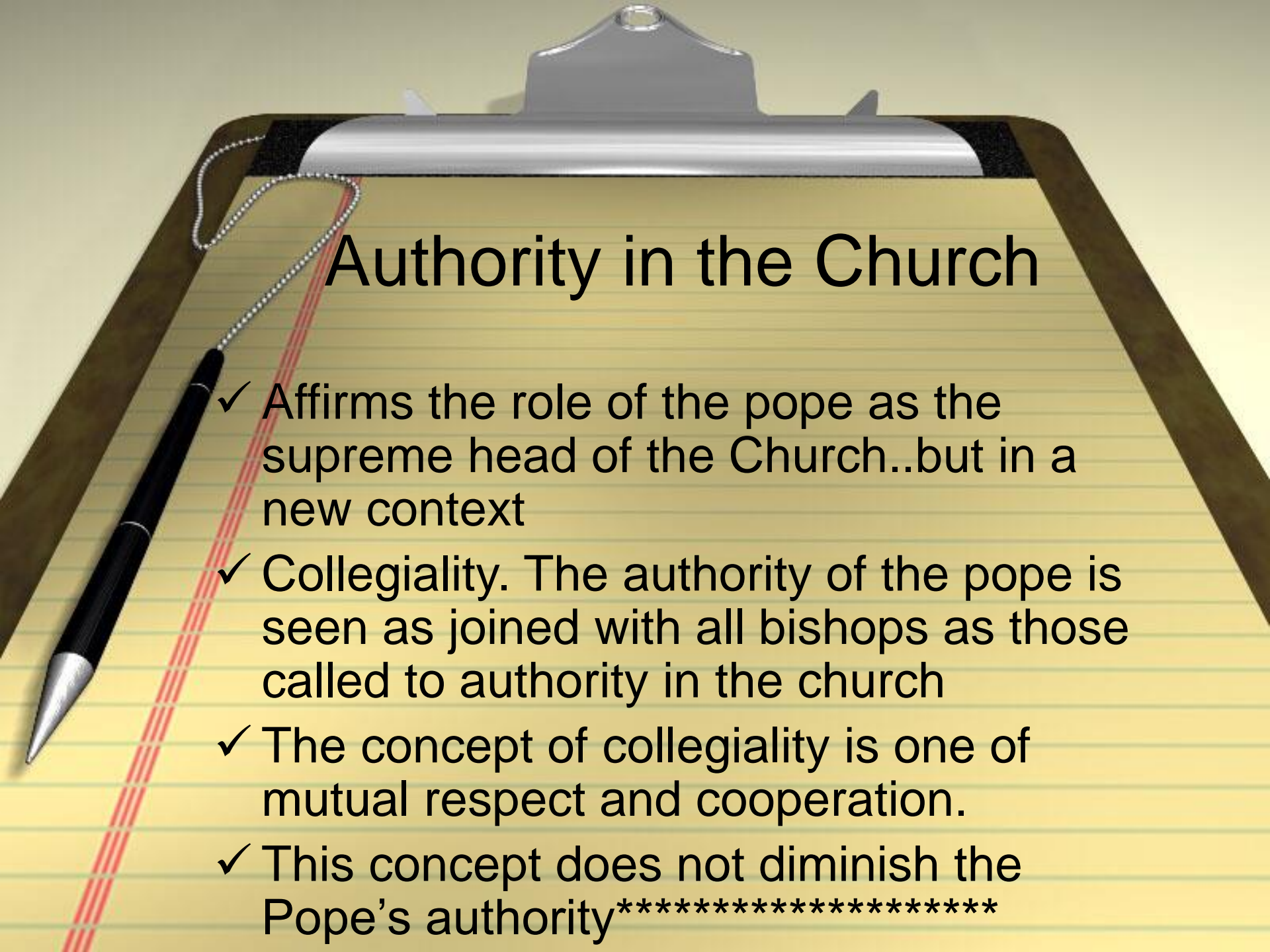


Focus areas of Vatican Council II

- ✓ The Church
- ✓ Authority in the Church
- ✓ Ecumenism
- ✓ Non-Christian Religions
- ✓ The Church and the World
- ✓ The Church and the Bible
- ✓ The Liturgy
- ✓ Religious Freedom
- ✓ The Laity

The Church

- ✓ The Dogmatic constitution on the Church(Lumen Gentium)
- ✓ Church NOT defined as the hierarchy but defined as MYSTERY
- ✓ And as the PEOPLE of GOD
- ✓ Holiness is the vocation of all Christians
- ✓ The hierarchy gains their meaning from the entire people of God and the mystery of God's love.*****



Authority in the Church

- ✓ Affirms the role of the pope as the supreme head of the Church..but in a new context
- ✓ Collegiality. The authority of the pope is seen as joined with all bishops as those called to authority in the church
- ✓ The concept of collegiality is one of mutual respect and cooperation.
- ✓ This concept does not diminish the Pope's authority*****

Ecumenism

- ✓ Ecumenism: The movement within the church that works toward greater unity among all Christians
- ✓ The Decree on Ecumenism: States that the church was not limited to the Catholic Church and that the reasons for the divisions between Christians came from both sides of the division.



The Church and the World

- ✓ Very Important > *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)*
- ✓ From “fortress mentality” > defensive and over protective . Like a fortress the Church wanted to preserve itself and protect us from the evils of the world.



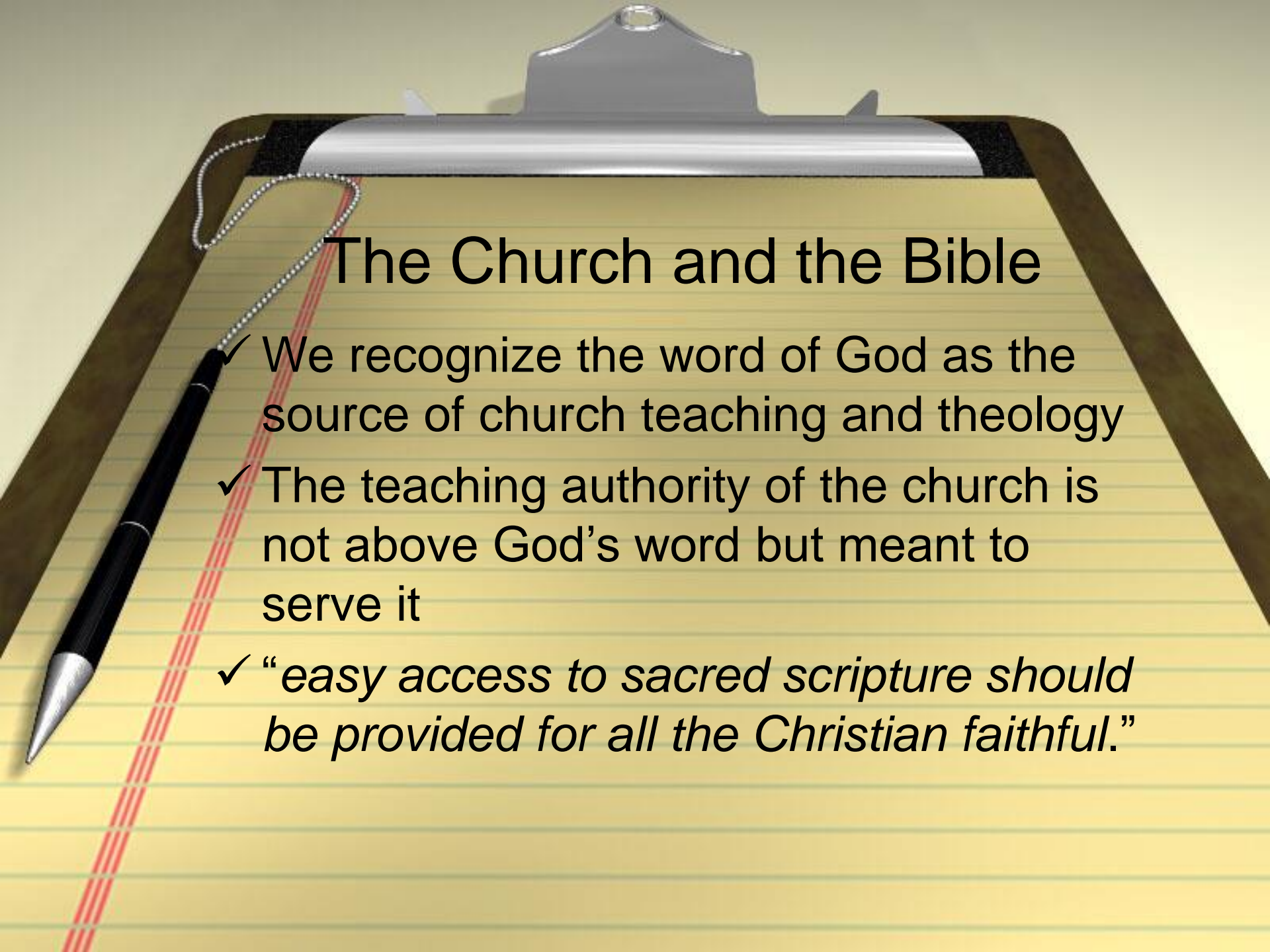
The Church and the World

- ✓ Aggiornamento > to update
- ✓ The church seeks to UNITE itself with humanity rather than separate itself from humanity.
- ✓ The church must show how faith should affect the way that Christians live in the world.



The Church and the World

- ✓ The church recognizes the importance and dignity of individual conscience.
- ✓ It recognized the advances of science and culture and taught that such advances need not threaten the church.
- ✓ It encourages a human solidarity in search of justice and peace on earth.



The Church and the Bible

- ✓ We recognize the word of God as the source of church teaching and theology
- ✓ The teaching authority of the church is not above God's word but meant to serve it
- ✓ *“easy access to sacred scripture should be provided for all the Christian faithful.”*

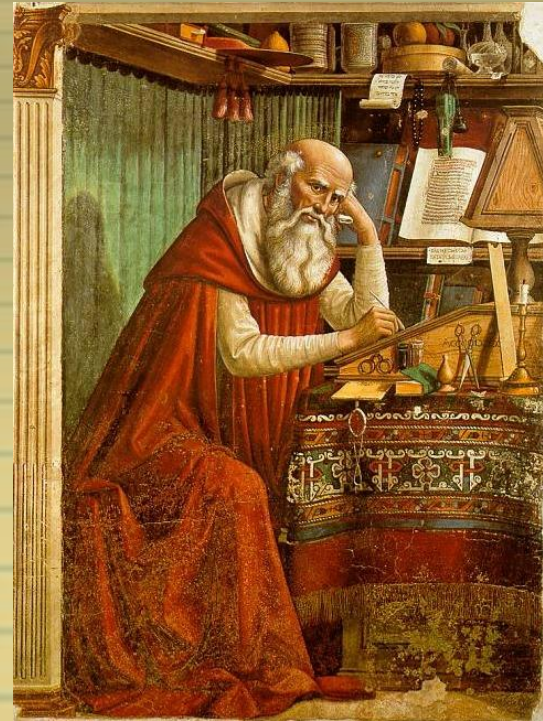


The Church and the Bible

- ✓ The church encourages Scriptural scholarship
- ✓ Scholars are to present their findings to church authority for guidance and approval
- ✓ This new embrace of scripture has and will continue to renew the spirituality of the church.
- ✓ Through scripture we understand more fully the Lord.

St. Jerome

✓ “Ignorance of
the Bible is
ignorance of
Christ”





Non-Christian Religions

- ✓ The church encourages dialogue with them and respect for their religious and cultural values.
- ✓ This document also addresses the church's relationship with Judaism.
- ✓ It seeks to eliminate any mentality among Christians which perpetuates anti-Semitism



Non-Christian Religions

- ✓ The church rejects nothing that is good and true in other religious faiths.
- ✓ Encourages dialogue in the search for spiritual and moral values
- ✓ Special respect and understanding should be given to the Jews; they are not to be blamed for the death of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ All kinds of persecution and discrimination are condemned




The Liturgy

- ✓ In an effort to help the faithful more fully understand the importance of scripture and Sacrament the church brought about a renewal in the area of liturgy.

The Liturgy

- ✓ Now celebrated in the vernacular of the people.
- ✓ The priest faces the congregation
- ✓ Congregation is encouraged to participate in all facets of celebration.
- ✓ Greater flexibility in meeting the needs of special groups.(teen retreats, children's liturgy etc.)
- ✓ Flexibility in terms of music.



VATICAN II 50 years
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✓ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fChaVnDjNDw>