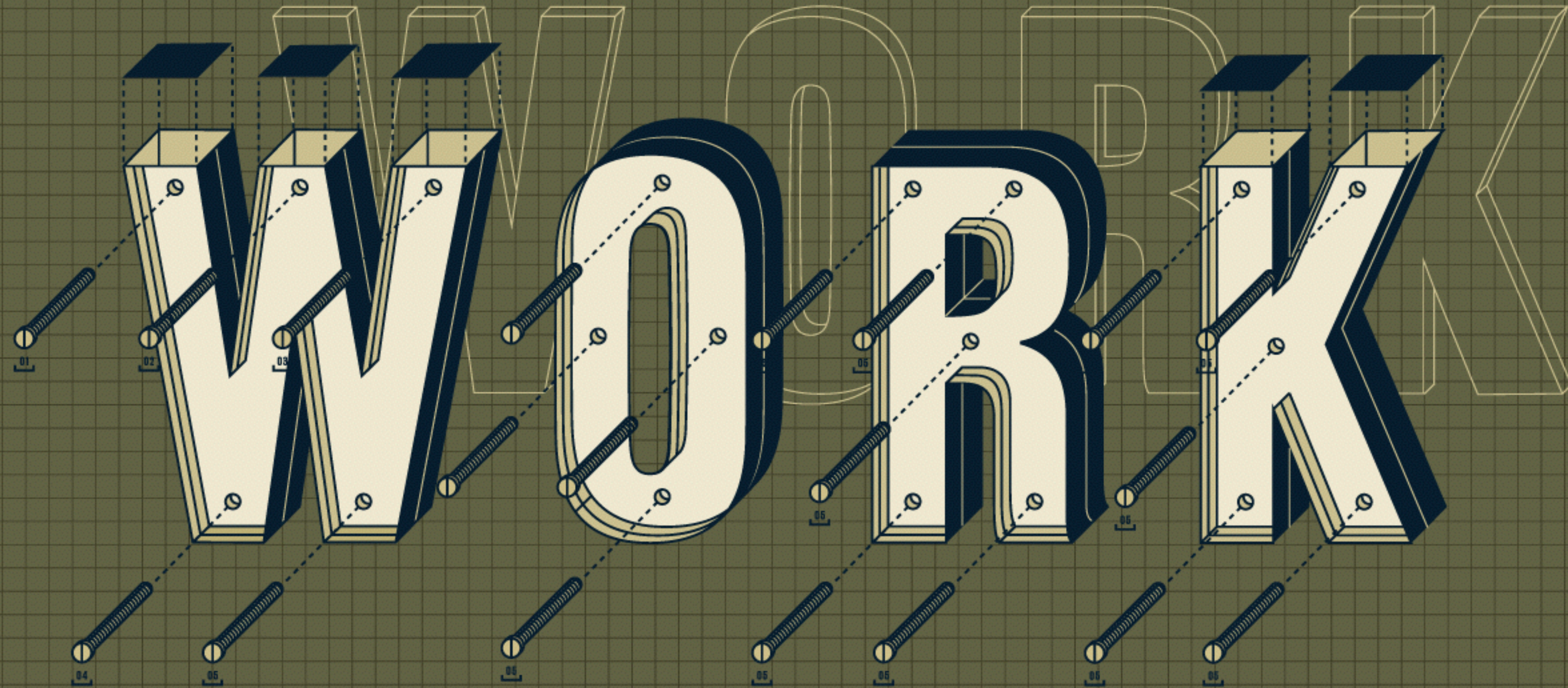


NOW THE WHOLE EARTH HAD ONE LANGUAGE AND THE SAME WORDS. AND AS PEOPLE MIGRATED FROM THE EAST, THEY FOUND A PLAIN IN THE LAND OF SHINAR AND SETTLED THERE. AND THEY SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, "COME, LET US MAKE BRICKS, AND BURN THEM THOROUGHLY." AND THEY HAD BRICK FOR STONE, AND BITUMEN FOR MORTAR. THEN THEY SAID, "COME, LET US BUILD OURSELVES A CITY AND A

**GENESIS 11:1-4**

TOWER WITH ITS TOP IN THE HEAVENS, AND LET US  
MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELVES, LEST WE BE  
DISPERSSED OVER THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH.”

**GENESIS 11:1-4**



GOD'S PURPOSE IN OUR LABORS

# GENESIS 11

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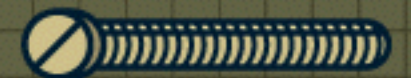


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**“WORK IS WHERE  
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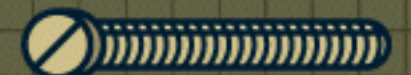
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**WHEN WE REJECT OUR  
GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY,  
WE WILL ALWAYS TRY  
TO CREATE AN IDENTITY  
FOR OURSELVES.**





FOR MY PEOPLE HAVE COMMITTED TWO EVILS:  
THEY HAVE **FORSAKEN ME**, THE FOUNTAIN OF  
LIVING WATERS, AND **HEWED OUT CISTERNS FOR  
THEMSELVES, BROKEN CISTERNS** THAT CAN HOLD  
NO WATER.

**JEREMIAH 2:13**



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THE ECONOMISTS OF THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY DID NOT FORESEE THAT WORK MIGHT **EVOLVE FROM A MEANS OF MATERIAL PRODUCTION TO A MEANS OF IDENTITY PRODUCTION**. THEY FAILED TO ANTICIPATE THAT, FOR THE POOR AND MIDDLE CLASS, WORK WOULD REMAIN A NECESSITY; BUT FOR THE COLLEGE-EDUCATED ELITE, **IT WOULD MORPH INTO A KIND OF RELIGION, PROMISING**

**DEREK THOMPSON**



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**IDENTITY, TRANSCENDENCE, AND COMMUNITY.**  
CALL IT **WORKISM**. THE DECLINE OF TRADITIONAL  
FAITH IN AMERICA HAS COINCIDED WITH AN  
EXPLOSION OF NEW ATHEISMS. SOME PEOPLE  
WORSHIP BEAUTY, SOME WORSHIP POLITICAL  
IDENTITIES, AND OTHERS WORSHIP THEIR  
CHILDREN. BUT **EVERYBODY WORSHIPS**  
**SOMETHING**. AND **WORKISM IS AMONG THE**

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**MOST POTENT OF THE NEW RELIGIONS  
COMPETING FOR CONGREGANTS. WHAT IS  
WORKISM? IT IS THE BELIEF THAT WORK IS NOT  
ONLY NECESSARY TO ECONOMIC PRODUCTION,  
BUT ALSO THE CENTERPIECE OF ONE'S IDENTITY  
AND LIFE'S PURPOSE...**

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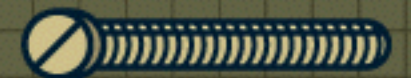


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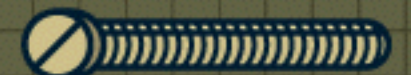
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