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Grad students in a variety of fields:
biology, history, education, economics, law,
politics, religion, theology, healthcare,
engineering, business, etc..

Were asked this question:
How many of you have cheated?
50% admitted to cheating.

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Latin: Culture

20th century definition:

Reordering the shared beliefs, values and social practices of a society to express meaning.

Highlighting what is the good, important, real, and true things.

Culture: rearranging raw materials to express meaning.

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The Question Everyone Must Ask:
Where does my morality come from?

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Romans 2:14-15

¹⁴ For whenever the Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature the things required by the law, these who do not have the law are a law to themselves.

¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is written in their hearts, as their conscience bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or else defend them,

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1 Peter 2:11-12

¹¹ Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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2 Corinthians 2:15-16

¹⁵ For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶ to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.

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Liberal values? Conservative Values? Christian Values!

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Ephesians 4:14-15

So we are no longer to be children, tossed back and forth by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching by the trickery of people who craftily carry out their deceitful schemes.

¹⁵ But practicing the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head.

A dark, atmospheric street view of a city, likely New York City, with tall buildings lining the street. A yellow horizontal bar is positioned behind the text. In the foreground, a bus is visible with the number 156 and the word LASALLE on its destination sign.

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