

HERMENEUTICS



**The most
IMPORTANT
course you
take!!!!!!**

A bright, sunny outdoor plaza with large trees and people sitting on benches. The scene is filled with green foliage and dappled sunlight on the paved ground. The text is overlaid in a bold, pink, stencil-style font.

**THE SCIENCE AND
ART OF
INTERPRETATION**



1. Hermeneutics in General

A black and white photograph of an elderly woman with short, curly hair, wearing a dark jacket and a pearl earring. She is sitting and reading a newspaper. The background is dark and out of focus.

LITERATURE

- **Post-modern Interpretation**
- **Author's Intent**

GOVERNMENT & LAW

- Living Document
- Framers's Intent



SCIENCE

➤ **Methodological
Naturalism**

➤ **Truth Seeking**

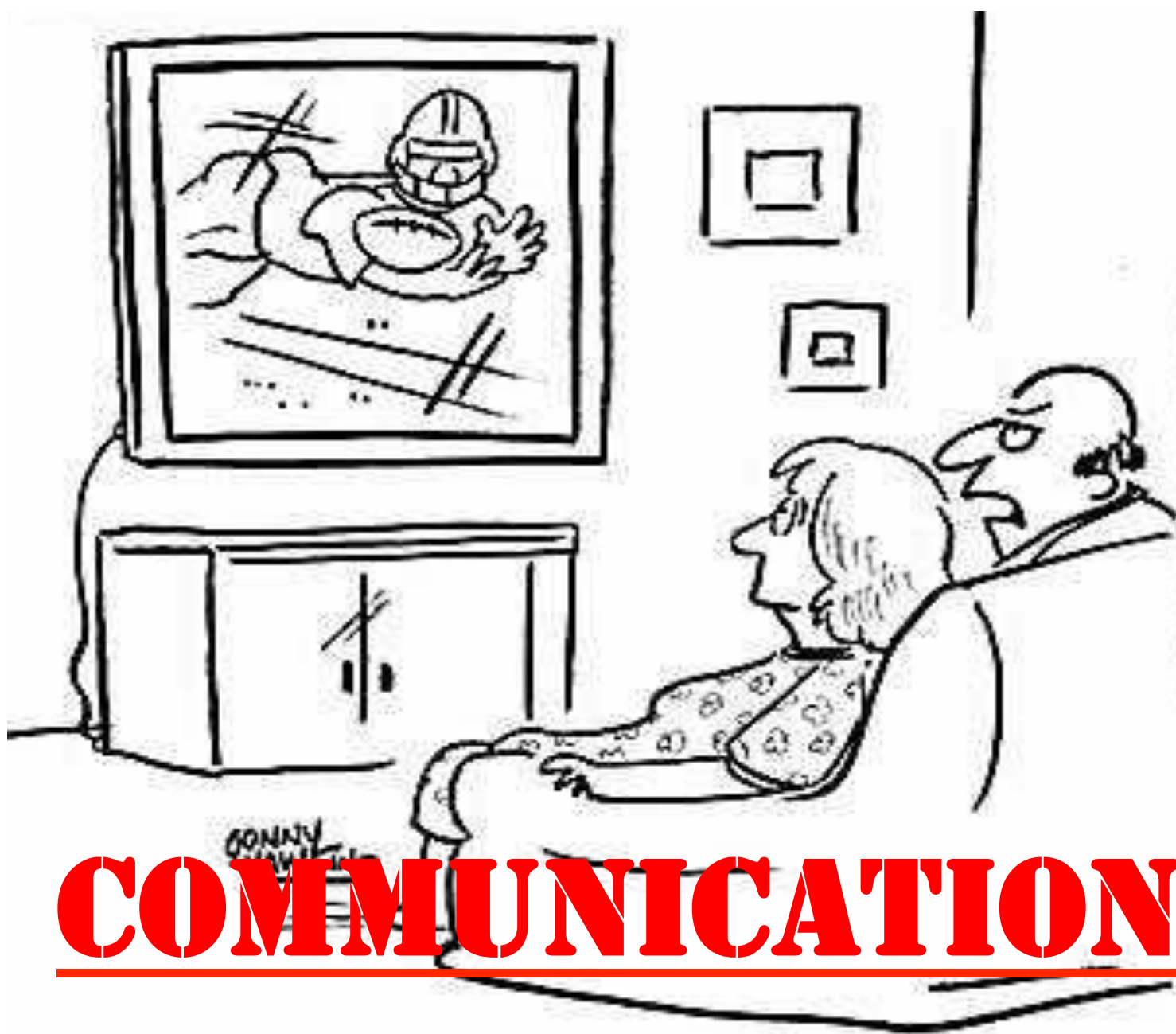
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HISTORY

- Data = Traces of Events
- Interpretation of Events

Robinson's Arch



COMMUNICATION

“He’s the ‘receiver’, not the ‘receptionist’.”

MARRIAGE

YOU ALWAYS
INSIST ON HAVING
THE LAST
WORD!

SORRY!





**Will this
Course
Save your
Marriage?**

SPIRITUAL



➤ **Fall of Man - Gen 3:1**

“Indeed, has God said ...”

➤ **Peacemakers - Mt 5:9**

**“Blessed are the
peacemakers ...”**



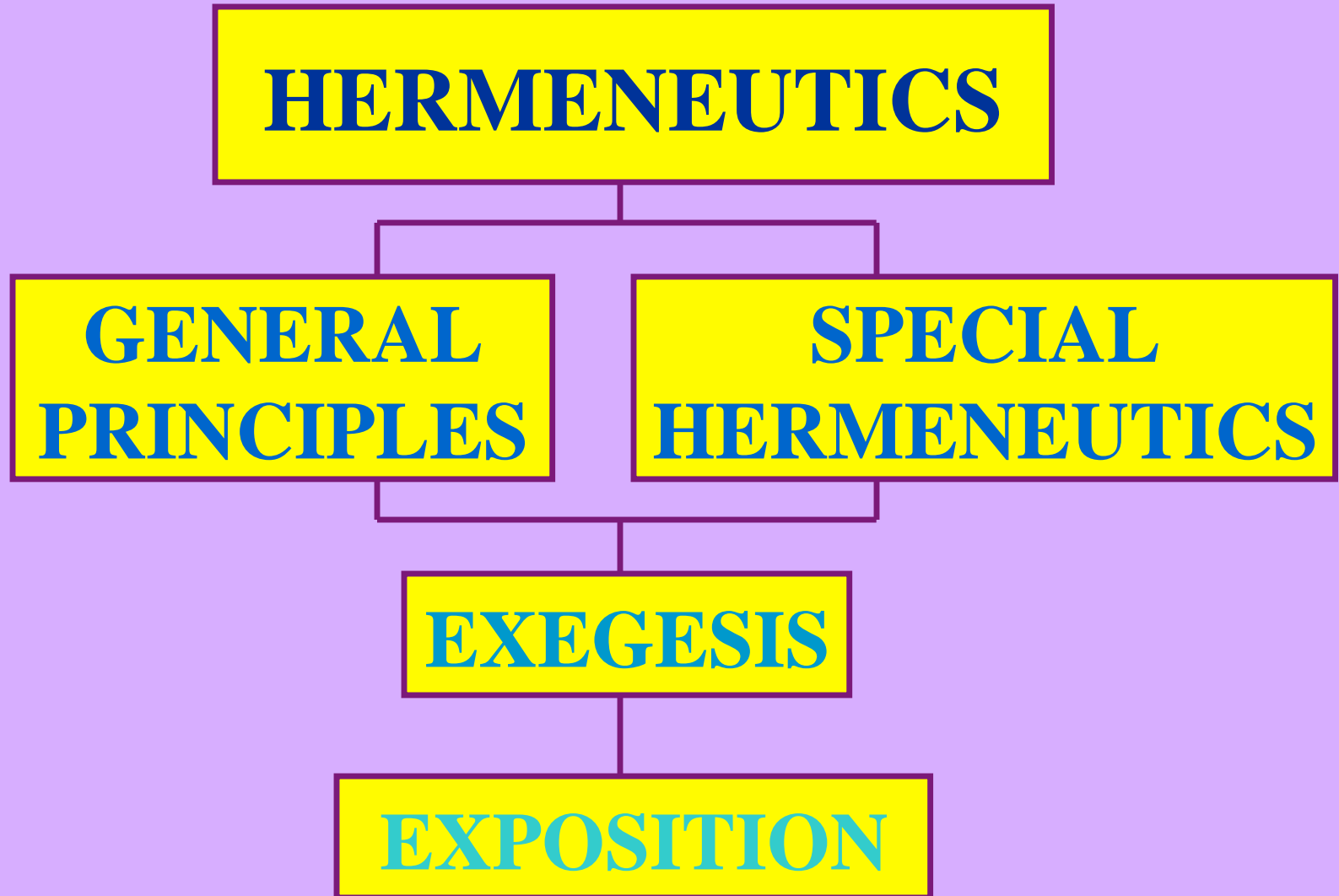
1. Hermeneutics in General

2. Scope

DEFINITIONS

- **Hermeneutics** - Principles for interpretation
- **Exegesis** - Implementation of sound hermeneutical principles
- **Meaning** - Truth as intended by an author
- **Interpretation** - Understanding of a truth intended by an author

BIBLE HERMENEUTICS



“... to find out the meaning of a statement for the **author and for the **1st hearers or readers**, and thereupon to transmit that meaning to modern readers.”**

Mickelsen



**The Author's
Willed Meaning**

DETERMINE MEANING:

- **Laws of Grammar**
- **Facts of History**
- **Framework of Context**



“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.”

2Tim 2:15

A dense forest of tall, thin trees, likely pines or cypresses, with a thick undergrowth of green ferns. The lighting is soft, suggesting a shaded forest environment.

σπουδαζω =

**be zealous or eager,
take pains,
make every effort**

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.”

2Tim 2:15

ορθοτομew =
cut a path in a
straight direction





1. Hermeneutics in General

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3. Purpose

PURPOSE

- **To Lay a Foundation**
- **To Develop Skills**

PURPOSE

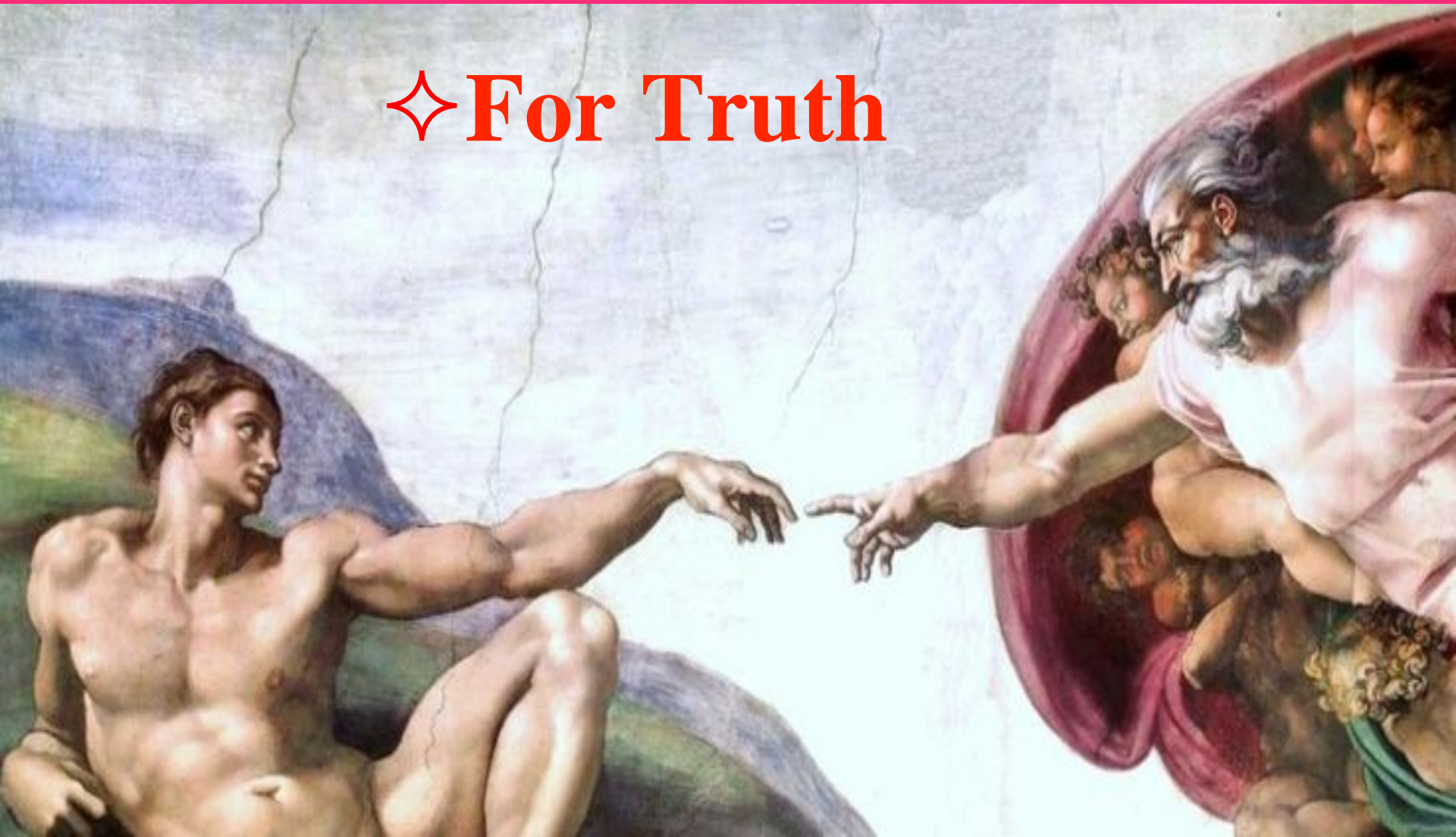
- **To Lay a Foundation**
- **To Develop Skills**
- **To Enjoy Bible Study**
- **To Strengthen Relationship**



- 1. Hermeneutics in General**
- 2. Scope**
- 3. Purpose**
- 4. Importance**

IMPORTANCE

✧ For Truth



Ex 20:22, Deut 4:36, 5:24, 26

Jebel Musa



Ex 20:22 When the LORD said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘You yourselves have seen that **I have spoken to you from heaven.**’”

Deut 5:24 “You said, ‘Behold, the **LORD** our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we **have heard His voice** from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that **God speaks with man, yet he lives.**”

Neither of these tablets comes with apps?

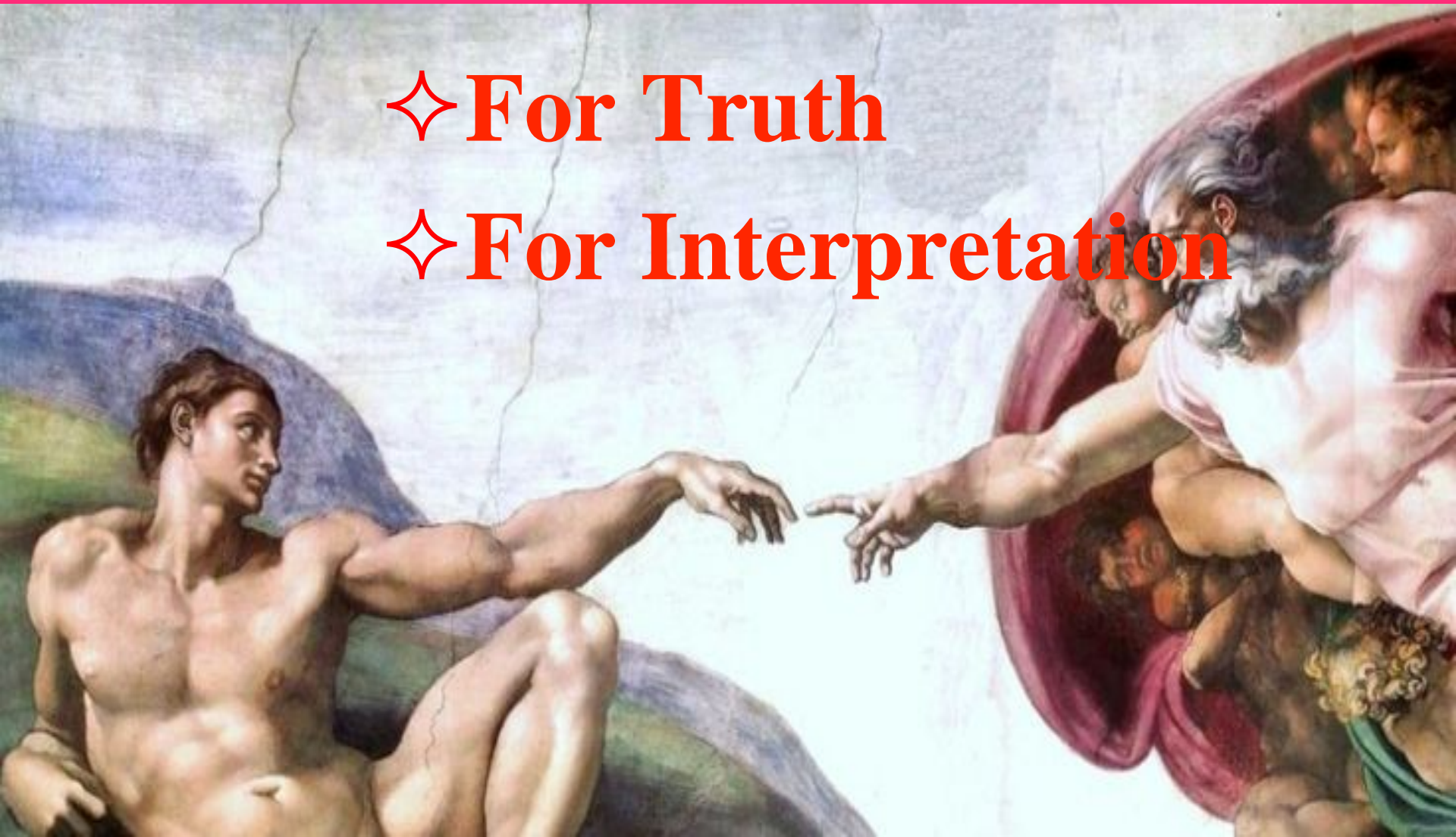


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IMPORTANCE

✧ For Truth

✧ For Interpretation



INTERPRETATION

- **Recent changes in Hermeneutics**
- **Differences in Churches**
- **Different Hermeneutical approaches**
- **Different from Cults**

ATHEIST VIEW of LIFE

I will live my life according to these beliefs

God does not exist

It is just foolish to think

That there is a God with a cosmic plan

That an all powerful God brings redemption/healing to pain & suffering in world

Is a comforting thought, however

It

Is only wishful thinking

People can do as they please without eternal consequences

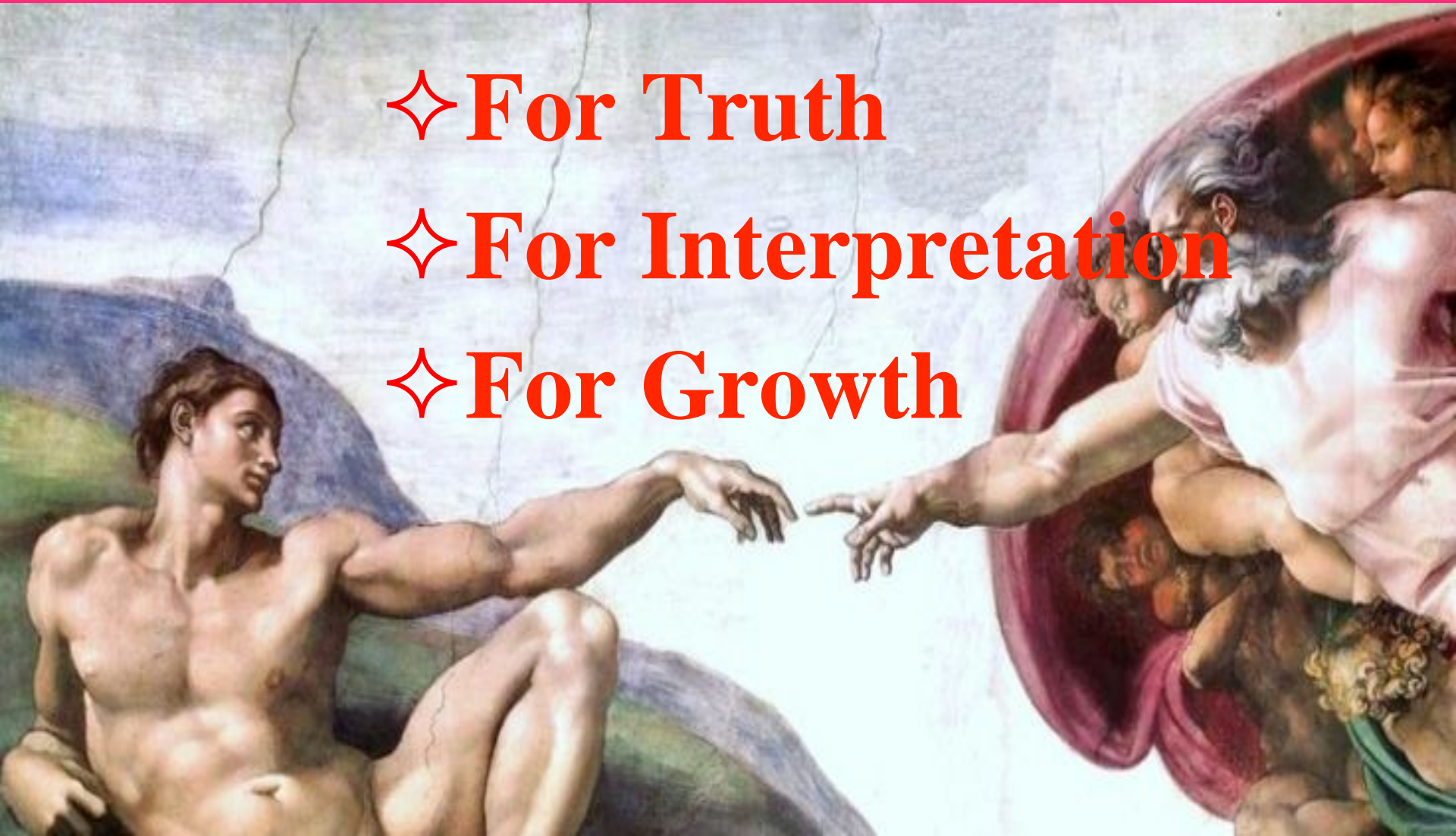
The idea that

The idea that
I am deserving of Hell
Because of sin
Is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power
“The more you have, the happier you will be”
Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose
In a world with no God
There is freedom to be who I want to be
But with God
Everything is fine
It is ridiculous to think
I am lost & in need of saving

CHRISTIAN VIEW of LIFE

IMPORTANCE

- ✧ For Truth
- ✧ For Interpretation
- ✧ For Growth



STAGES OF GROWTH

- 1. Birth**
- 2. Infancy**
- 3. Spirituality**
- 4. Maturity**

IMPORTANCE

- ✧ For Truth
- ✧ For Interpretation
- ✧ For Growth
- ✧ For Theology





“I’m gonna Learn to fly when I grow up, so I won’t be scared later when I become an Angel.”

LITERAL INTERPRETATION

Creation

Orthodoxy

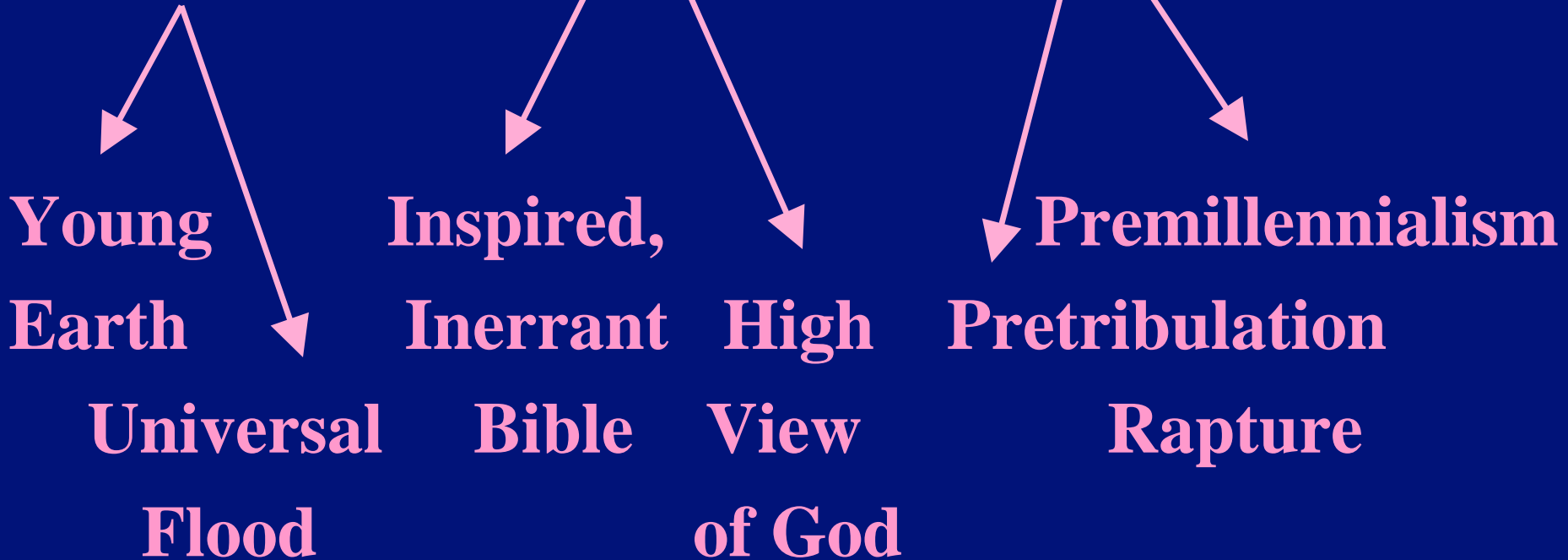
Eschatology

Science

LITERAL INTERPRETATION

Creation Orthodoxy Eschatology

Science



NON-LITERAL INTERPRETATION

Theistic

Deviant

Eschatology

Evolution

Theology

NON-LITERAL INTERPRETATION

Theistic

Deviant

Eschatology

Evolution

Theology

Old

Liberalism

Amillennialism

Earth

Local

Lower View

Postmillennialism

Flood

of God

IMPORTANCE

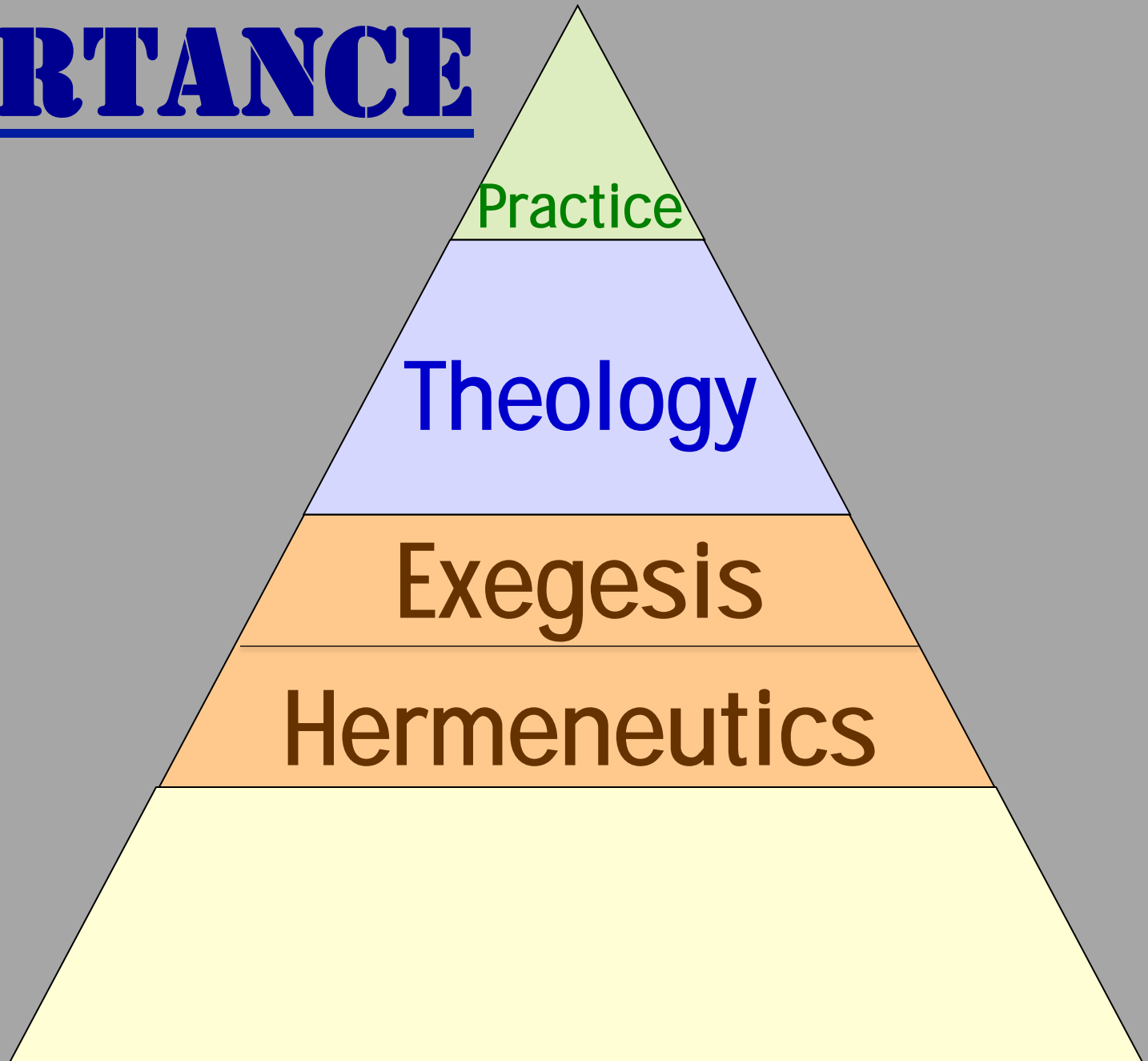
- ✧ For Truth
- ✧ For Interpretation
- ✧ For Growth
- ✧ For Theology
- ✧ For Blessings



BLESSINGS

- Assurance - 1Jn 5:13
- Strength - 1Jn 2:14
- Power in prayer - Jn 15:7
- Sanctification - Ps 119:9
- Joy - Jn 15:11
- Peace - Jn 16:33
- Guidance - Ps 119:105
- Other

IMPORTANCE



RETENTION

- ✓ Hearing - 10%
- ✓ Seeing & Hearing - 50%
- ✓ Seeing, hearing, & Doing - to 98%



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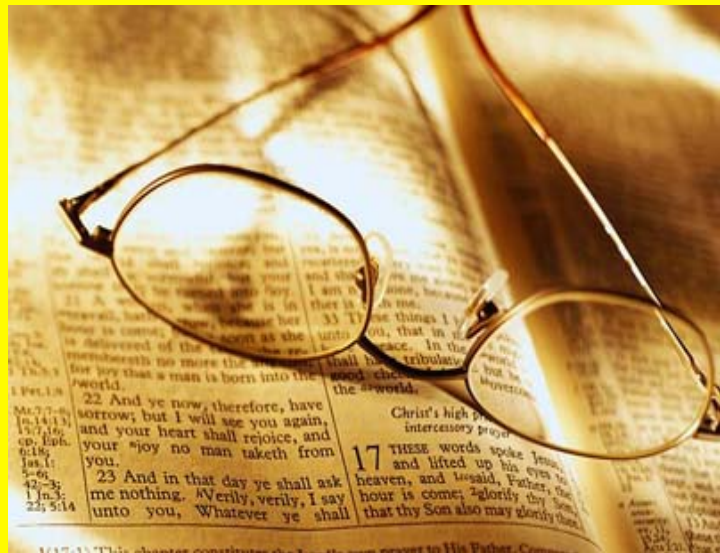
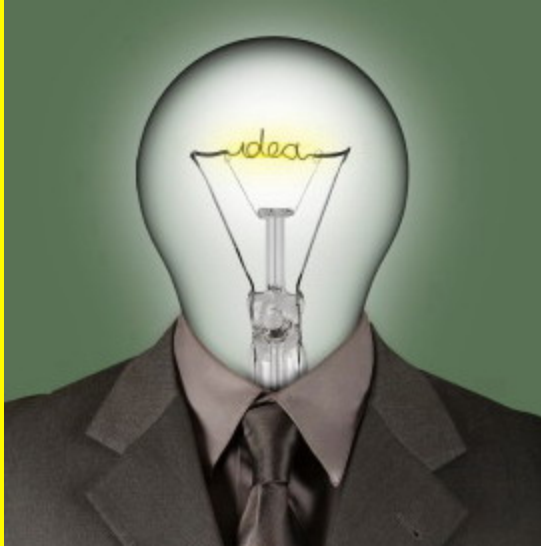
PREREQUISITES

Regeneration

Illumination

Obedience

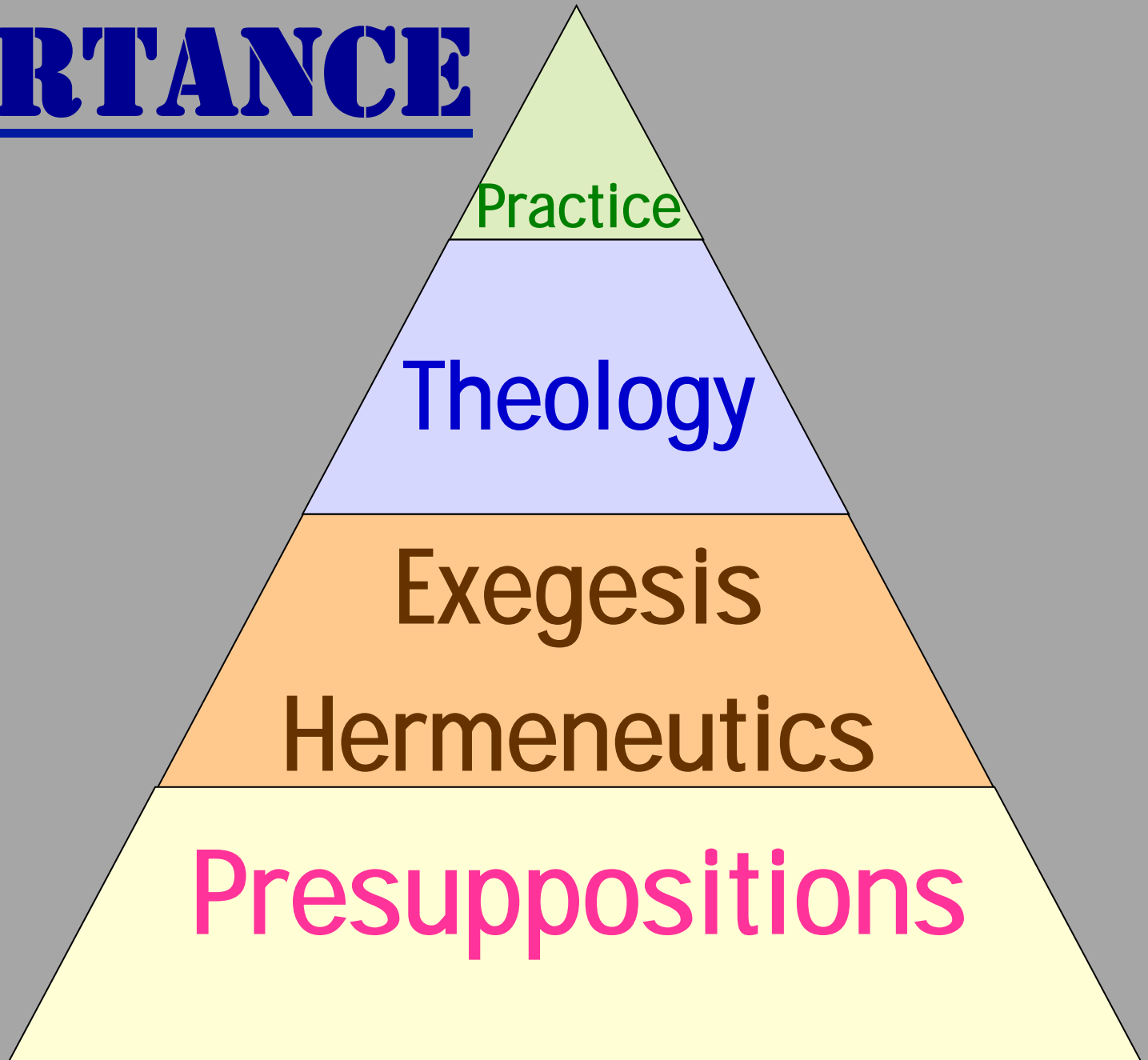
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- 6. Nature of Scripture**

IMPORTANCE



PRESUPPOSITIONS

1. **God of the Bible**
2. **God has spoken clearly**
3. **His Word is Inspired,
Inerrant, & Canonized**
4. **Man is depraved**

NATURE OF SCRIPTURE



➤ **Unique**

UNIQUENESS

- ❖ Authority
- ❖ Diversity



DIVERSITY of SCRIPTURE

✧ Time





➤ **1st Book -**

Job - Patriarchal

Genesis - ~1445 BC

➤ **Last Book -**

Revelation - 95 AD

➤ **>1500 years**

DIVERSITY of SCRIPTURE

✧ Time

✧ Authors



AUTHORS

✓ **Prophets**

✓ **Kings**

✓ **Scribes**

✓ **Priests**

✓ **Historians**

✓ **Apostles**

✓ **Shepherds**

✓ **Statesmen**

✓ **Scholars**

✓ **Doctor**

✓ **Fishermen**

DIVERSITY of SCRIPTURE

✧ Time

✧ Authors

✧ Setting



SETTINGS

➤ **Pre-Flood**

➤ **Palestine**

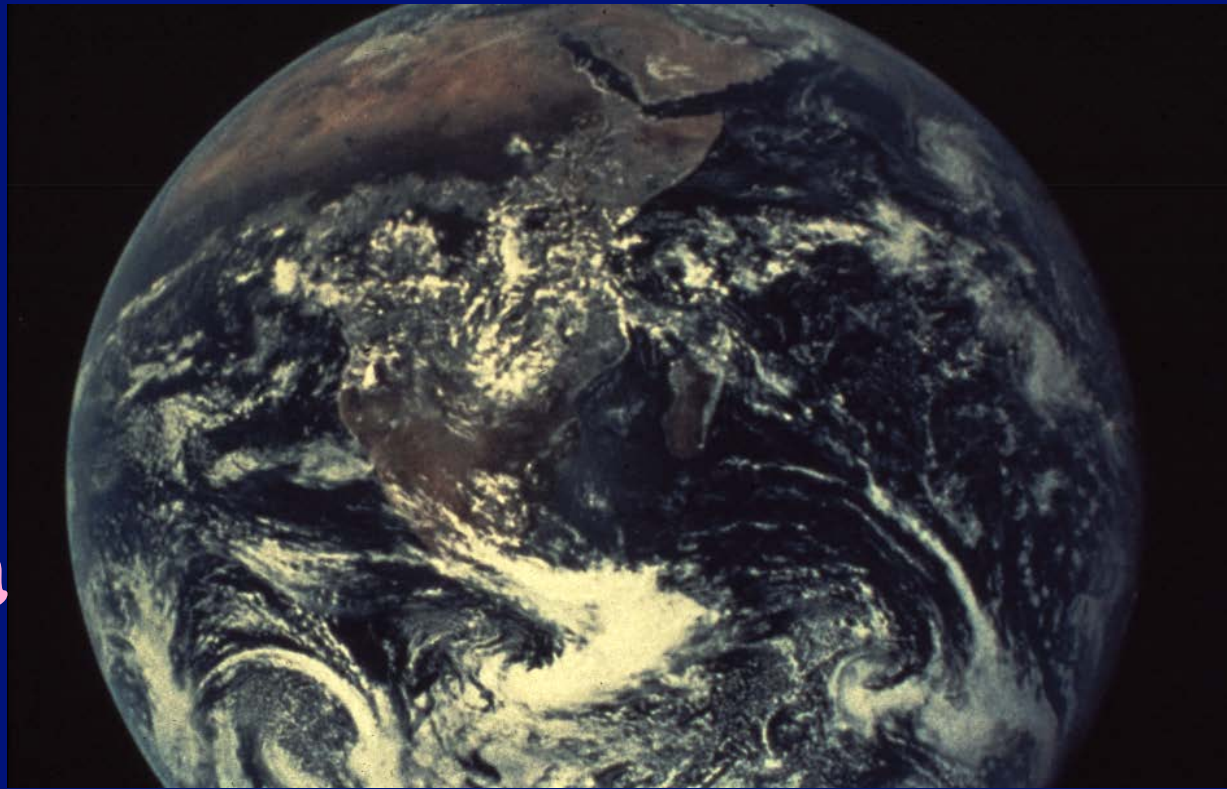
➤ **Egypt**

➤ **Assyria**

➤ **Babylonia**

➤ **Persia**

➤ **Mediterranean**



DIVERSITY of SCRIPTURE

✧ Time

✧ Authors

✧ Setting

✧ Cultures

✧ Languages

✧ Purposes



PURPOSE

✓ Kings -> Chronicles

✓ 4 Gospels

✓ History -> Epistles

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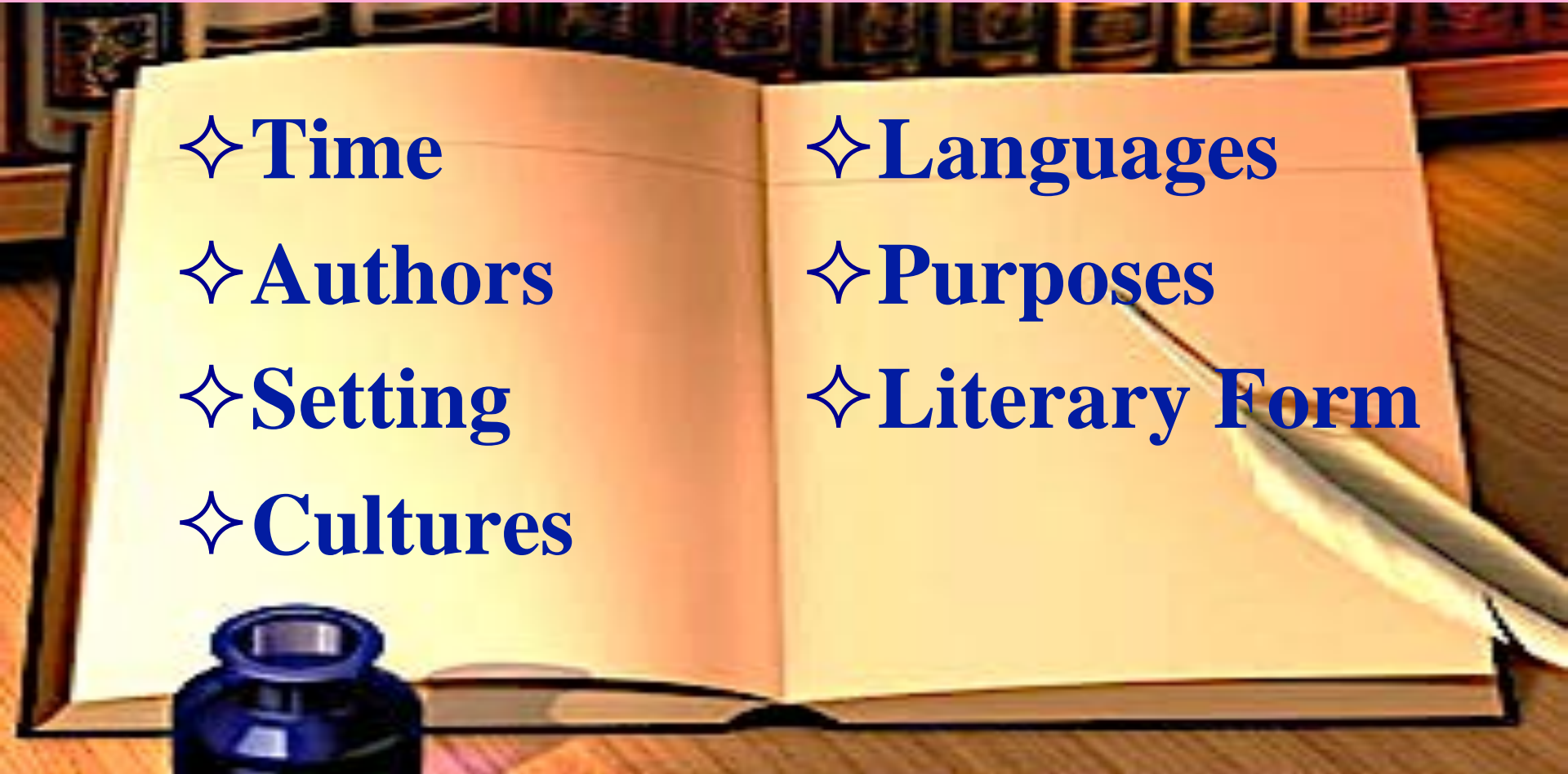
✧ Setting

✧ Cultures

✧ Languages

✧ Purposes

✧ Literary Form



LITERARY FORM



1. Narrative
2. Poetry
3. Discourse
4. Prophetic
5. Parabolic
6. Other

DIVERSITY of SCRIPTURE

✧ Time

✧ Authors

✧ Setting

✧ Cultures

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✧ Purposes

✧ Literary Form

✧ Topics

UNIQUENESS

- ❖ Authority
- ❖ Diversity
- ❖ Unity



UNITY

- **Nature of God**
- **Nature of Man**
- **Way of Salvation**
- **Plan of History - metanarrative**

UNIQUENESS

- ❖ Authority
- ❖ Diversity
- ❖ Unity
- ❖ Survival
- ❖ Objectivity



NATURE OF SCRIPTURE



➤ **Unique**

➤ **Literary**