

MEGASIS





**THE SCIENCE AND
ART OF
INTERPRETATION**

EXEGESIS



INTERPRETATION

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**Seeking the Author's
Willed Meaning**

INTERPRETATION

1. Text

2. Word Studies

3. Structural Analysis

Thinking God's Thoughts

OUTLINE

- **Grammar Dictates Outline**
- **Outline Reflects Structure**
- **Paragraphs -> Main Points**
- **Sentences or Clauses -> Sub Points**
- **Clauses or phrases -> Lesser Points**

MAIN IDEA

➤ Main Idea Should Summarize Content of Outline



OUTLINES

I. Division Main Idea or Title

A. Subdivision Main Idea or Title

1. Section Main Idea or Title

a. Subsection Main Idea or Title

1) Paragraph Main Idea or Title

a)

b)

2)

b.

2.

B.

II.

MAIN IDEA

➤ Main Idea Should Summarize Content of Outline

➤ Outline should be Expansion of Main Idea

OUTLINES

I. (should summarize A., B., C., ...)

A. (should summarize 1., 2., 3., ...)

1. (should summarize a., b., c., ...)

a. (...)

1) (...)

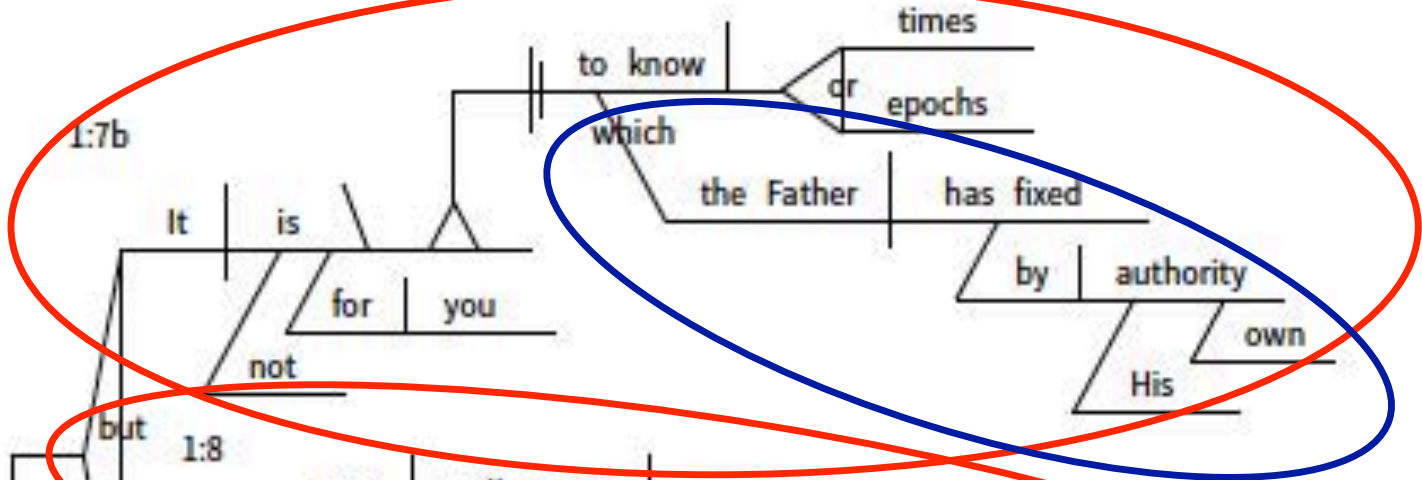
a) (...)

(1) (...)

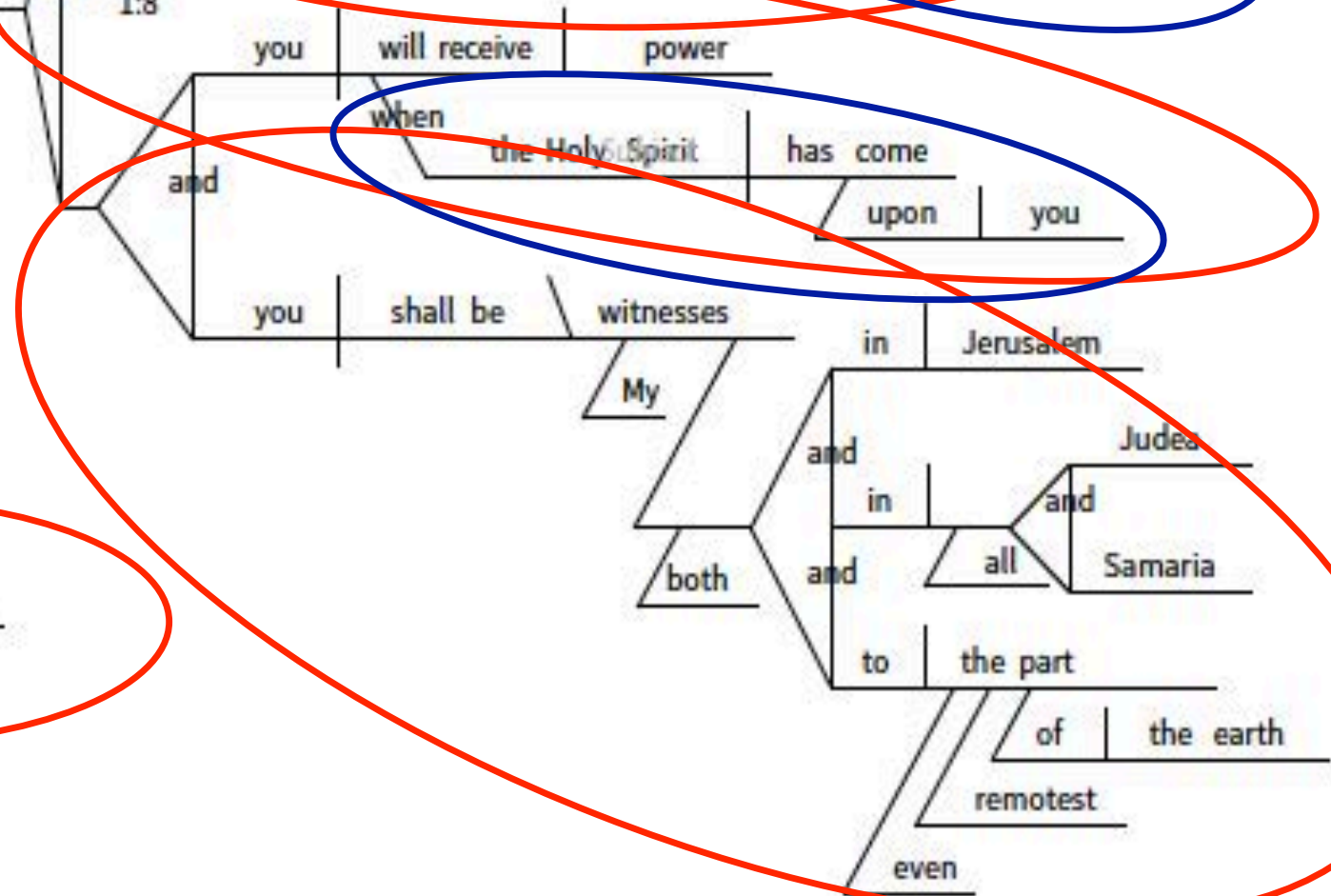
(a) (...)

Acts 1:7-8

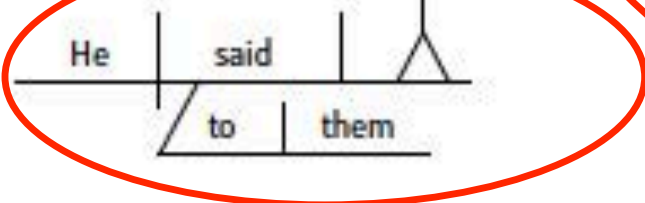
1:7b



1:8



1:7



Acts 1:7-8

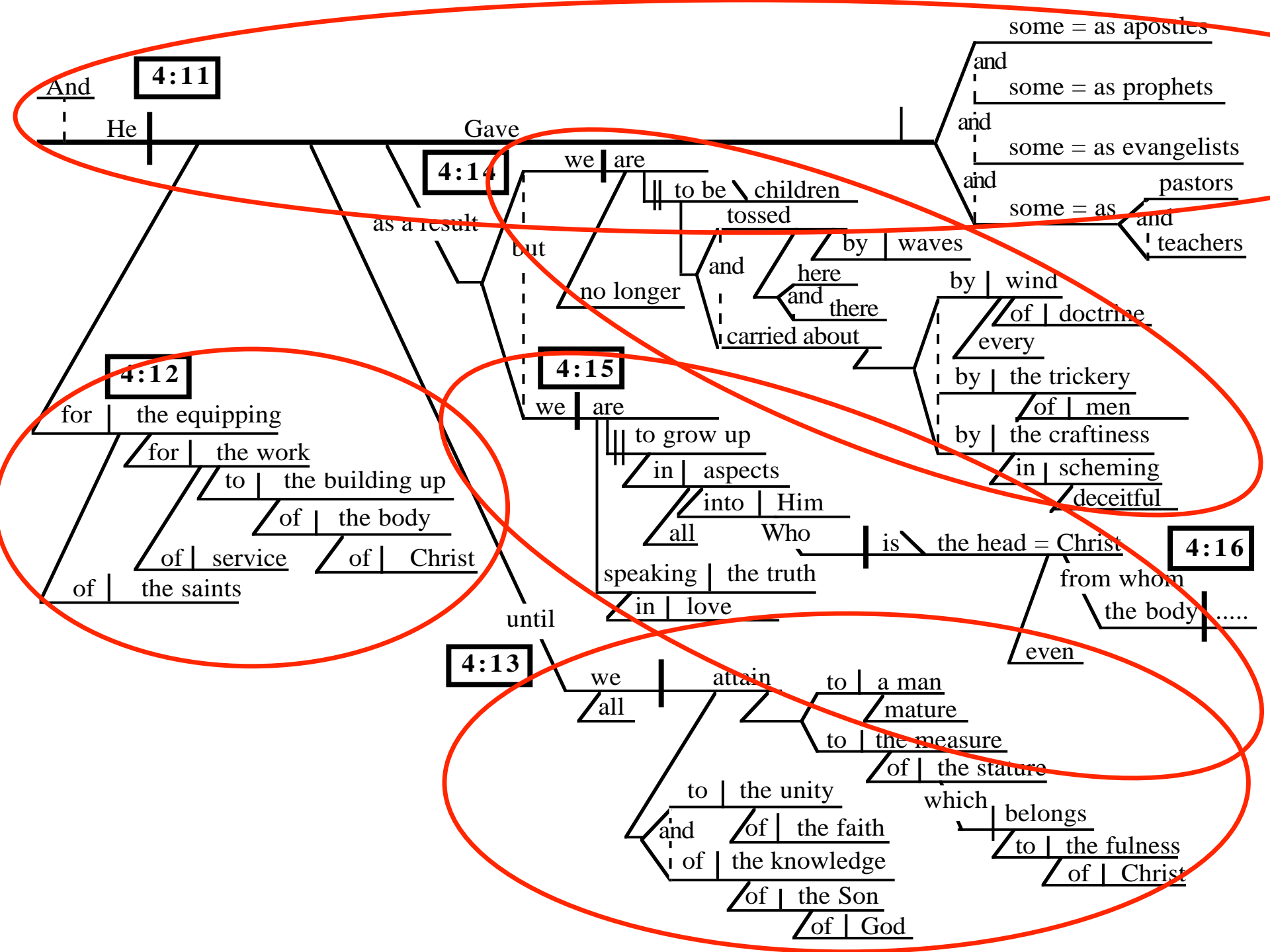
- I. Introduction** **1:1-11**
 - A. Aftermath of Resurrection** **1:1-5**
 - B. Ascension with Instructions** **1:6-11**
 - 1. Anticipation of Kingdom** **1:6**
 - 2. Advisement for Ministry** **1:7-8**
 - a. Area of Inattention** **1:7**
 - 1) Denial of Knowing**
 - 2) Times of Interest**
 - 3) Providence of Father**

Acts 1:7-8

- 2. Advisement for Ministry** **1:7-8**
 - a. Area of Inattention** **1:7**
 - b. Area of Attention** **1:8**
 - 1) Power Available**
 - 2) Power Source**
 - 3) Predicting Witness**
- 3. Ascension into Heaven** **1:9**
- 4. Angels with Explanation** **1:10-11**

MAIN IDEA - 1:7-8

**Jesus' final ascension advice
concerning future kingdom
and immediate ministry**



INTERPRETATION



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4. History/Culture

PARTICULARS

- **Author - personal situation**
- **Readers - circumstances**
- **Writing - occasion**
- **Issues - in passage**

SOURCES

➤ **Book**

➤ **NT or OT**

➤ **Reference Works -**

Bible Dictionary,

Encyclopedias, Introductions,

Commentaries, etc

CULTURE

The background of the slide is a photograph of an ancient archaeological site. In the foreground, several tall, weathered stone columns stand on a paved area. The ground is covered with many smaller stone blocks and ruins. In the background, there is a large, rocky hillside under a clear blue sky.

- Areas
- Particulars
- Abuse
- Limitations

INTERPRETATION

A photograph of a basketball court with red bleachers and a scoreboard in the background. The court floor is light wood with a large logo in the center. The scoreboard shows 20:00 and 35. The text 'Bank of America' and 'Bank of America' is visible on the bleachers.

1. Text

2. Word Studies

3. Structural Analysis

4. History/Culture

5. Other

OTHER CONCLUSIONS

- **Grammatical**
- **Structural**
- **Theological**
- **Genre**
- **Purpose**



INTERPRETATION

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5. Other

6. Verification



SCIENTIFIC METHOD



SCIENCE

EXEGESIS

1. Observation

Nature

Text

2. Generalization

Hypothesis

Interpretation

3. Verification

Testing

Substantiation

4. Utilization

Engineering

Application

Construction

Exposition

COMMENTARIES

- 
- **Substantiation**
 - **Verification**
 - **Correction**
 - **Illumination**

INTERPRETATION

1. Text
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3. Structural Analysis
4. History/Culture
5. Other
6. Verification
7. Summarization

SUMMARIZATION

1. Conclusions



CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Reasons for Conclusions**
- 2. Evidence based on Text**
- 3. Account for Details**
- 4. Weakness of Others**
- 5. Weight of Conclusions**

SUMMARIZATION

The background image shows a modern, multi-story building with large glass windows and a concrete walkway. A tall, dark tree stands in the foreground. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is a well-maintained campus or office building.

1. Conclusions

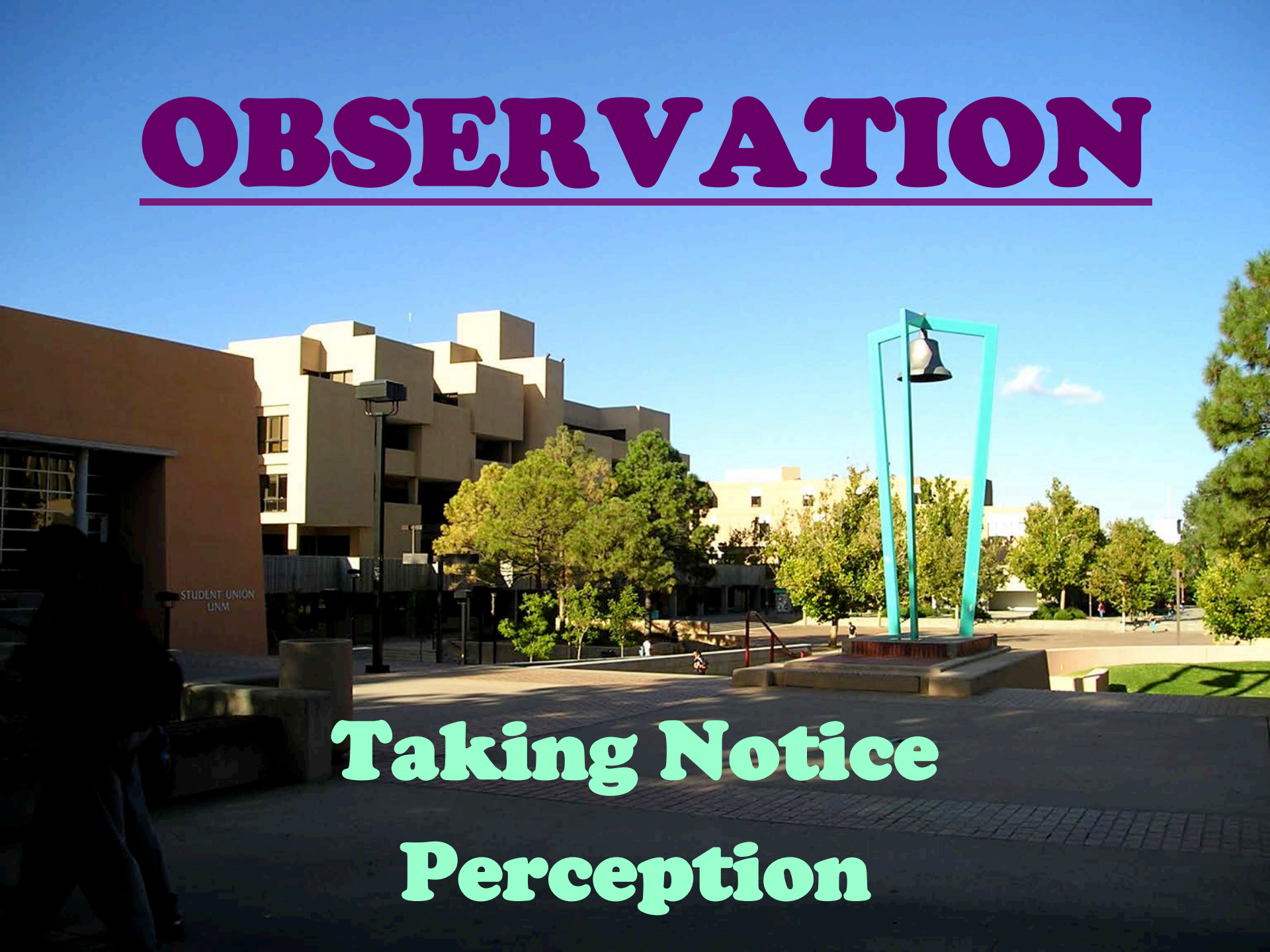
2. Main Idea

3. Outline

4. Particulars

5. Organize Notes

OBSERVATION



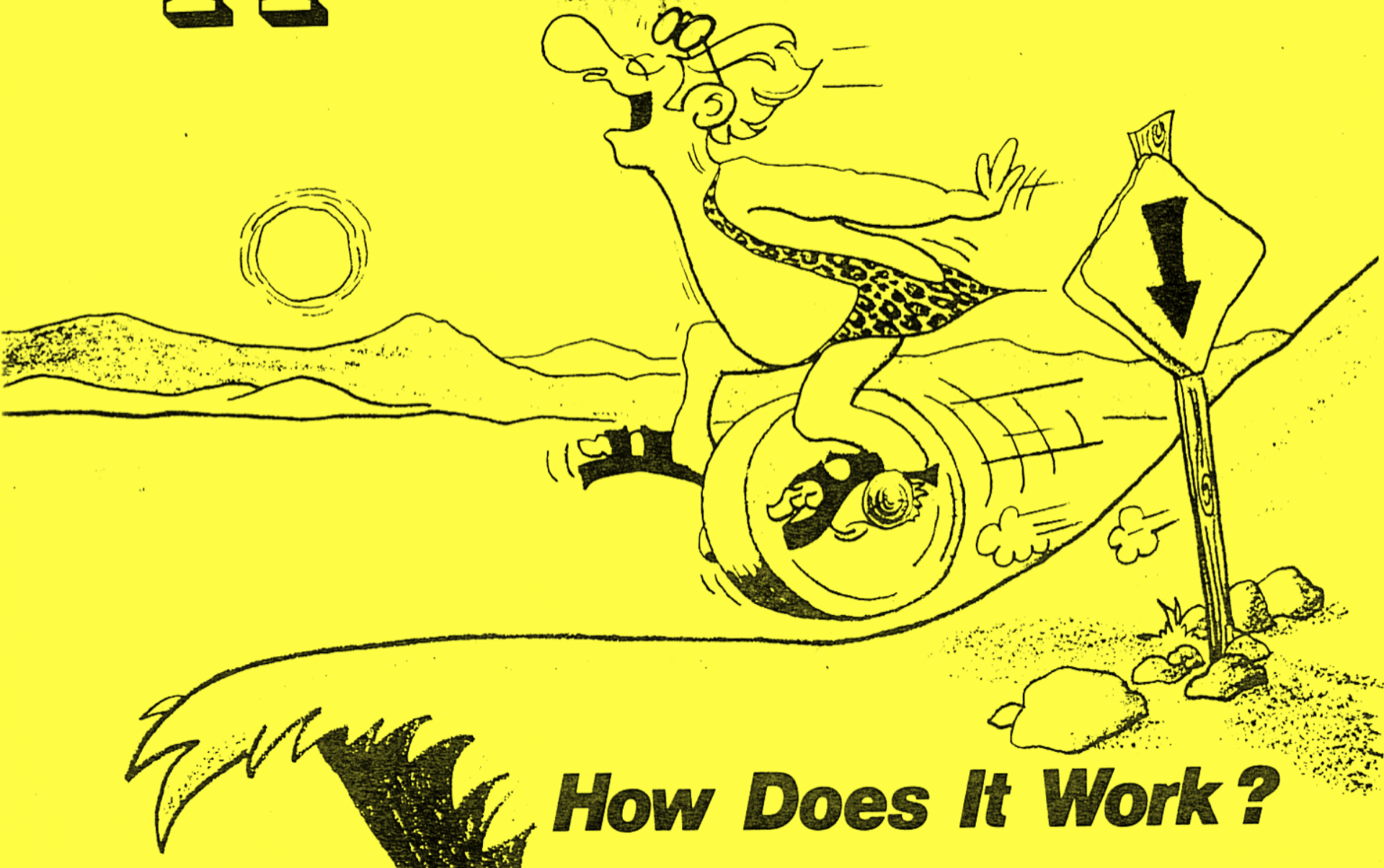
Taking Notice
Perception

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Application



How Does It Work?