

# 1 CORINTHIANS

The Gospel  
in Community

WHEN FAITH AND LIFE COLLIDE

## Study 20

### THE GOSPEL AND THE RESURRECTION BODY PART 2

I Corinthians 15 b-16

## **RECAP :1 COR 15:1-34**

- The gospel as a historical event
- 500 witnesses, Apostles as witnesses
- Resurrection is fruit fruits
- Plan of God to bring all things under Christ
- Futility of life if there is no resurrection

# FALSE BELIEFS

- Jesus was a man, not God
- Jesus was not physically resurrected
- Jesus was a Jewish prophet with a mission of reconciliation
- Jesus was filled with divine inspiration
- Jesus' life is reflective of the divine potential in all of us

# BODILY RESURRECTION HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?

1 Corinthians 15:35 (ESV) But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”

Can't imagine -Reanimating corpses  
Violation of the laws of nature

Dismiss it out of hand

Recast it in current terms

1 Corinthians 15:36

(ESV) 36 You **foolish**

person! What you sow  
does not come to life  
unless it dies.



# THE ONLY SECULAR WRITINGS ON JESUS RESURRECTION



Emperor Claudius



Nazareth  
Inscription  
AD41

death penalty  
for the stealing  
of dead bodies  
from tombs

# **BODILY RESURRECTION IS BOTH FEASIBLE AND CERTAIN**

1. Analogies from Creation

2. The example of the first and second Adam

3. The need for resurrection

4. The mechanism of resurrection

5. The Spiritual implications for us

Romans 1:18-20 (ESV) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress **Patterns in Creation** about

God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.



# THE LOGIC-DESIGN

Creation



Heavenly

SIN

# ANALOGIES FROM CREATION

Agricultural



Terrestrial flesh



Celestial bodies



# AGRICULTURAL ANALOGY

1. The seed is not made alive unless it dies.
2. The seed planted is not the body that will come up from the ground.
3. God effects the transition between the seed and the plant.

# **RESURRECTION IS COMPLETELY FEASIBLE**

## **A. THERE IS NATURAL DISCONTINUITY**

### **SEED**

1 Corinthians 15:36-37 (ESV) 36 You foolish person!

What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

37. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

# DISCONTINUITY

out of death

new expression  
of life springs  
forth.



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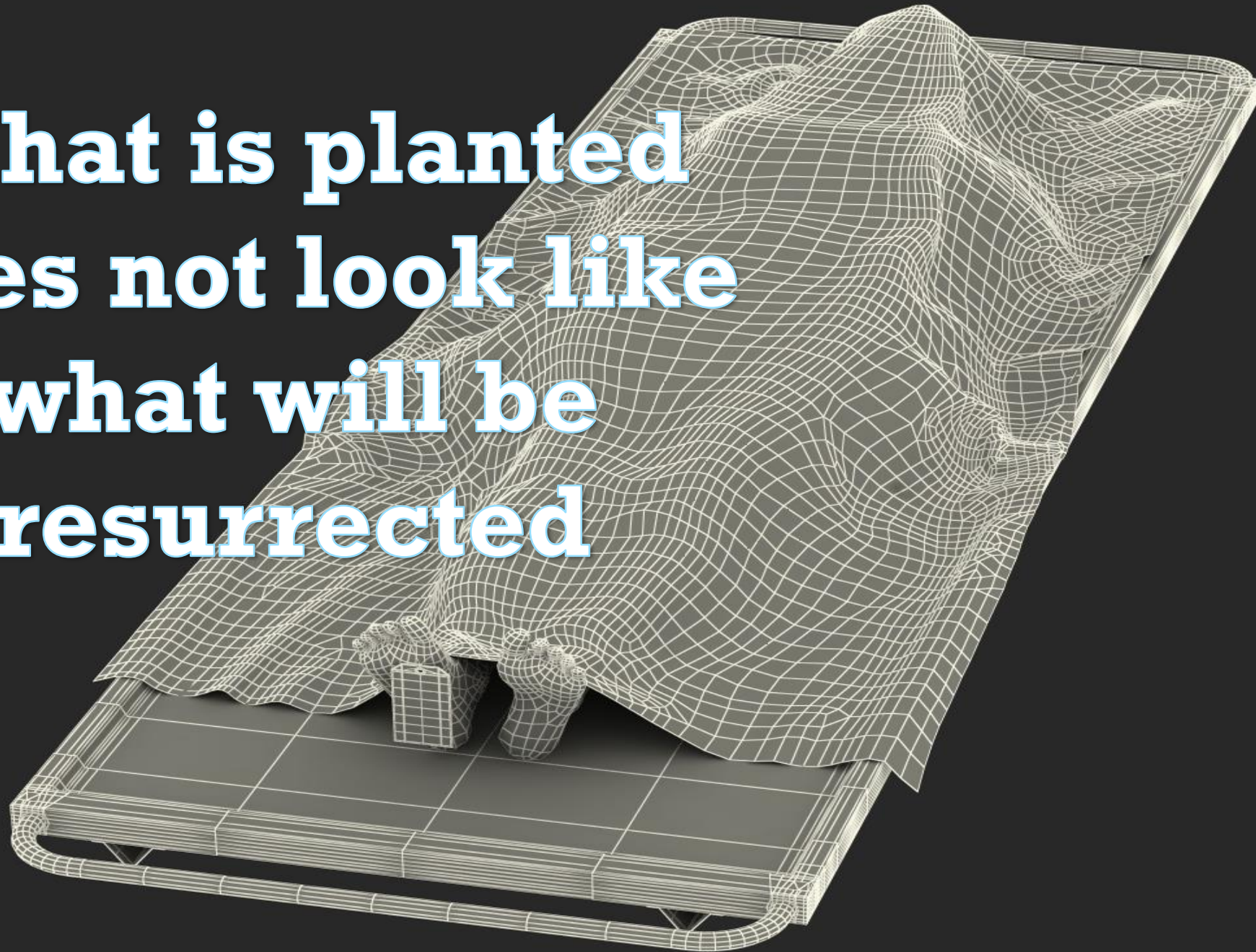
bare kernel  
Perishable  
Dirty  
Puny





**It will look very different**

**What is planted  
does not look like  
what will be  
resurrected**

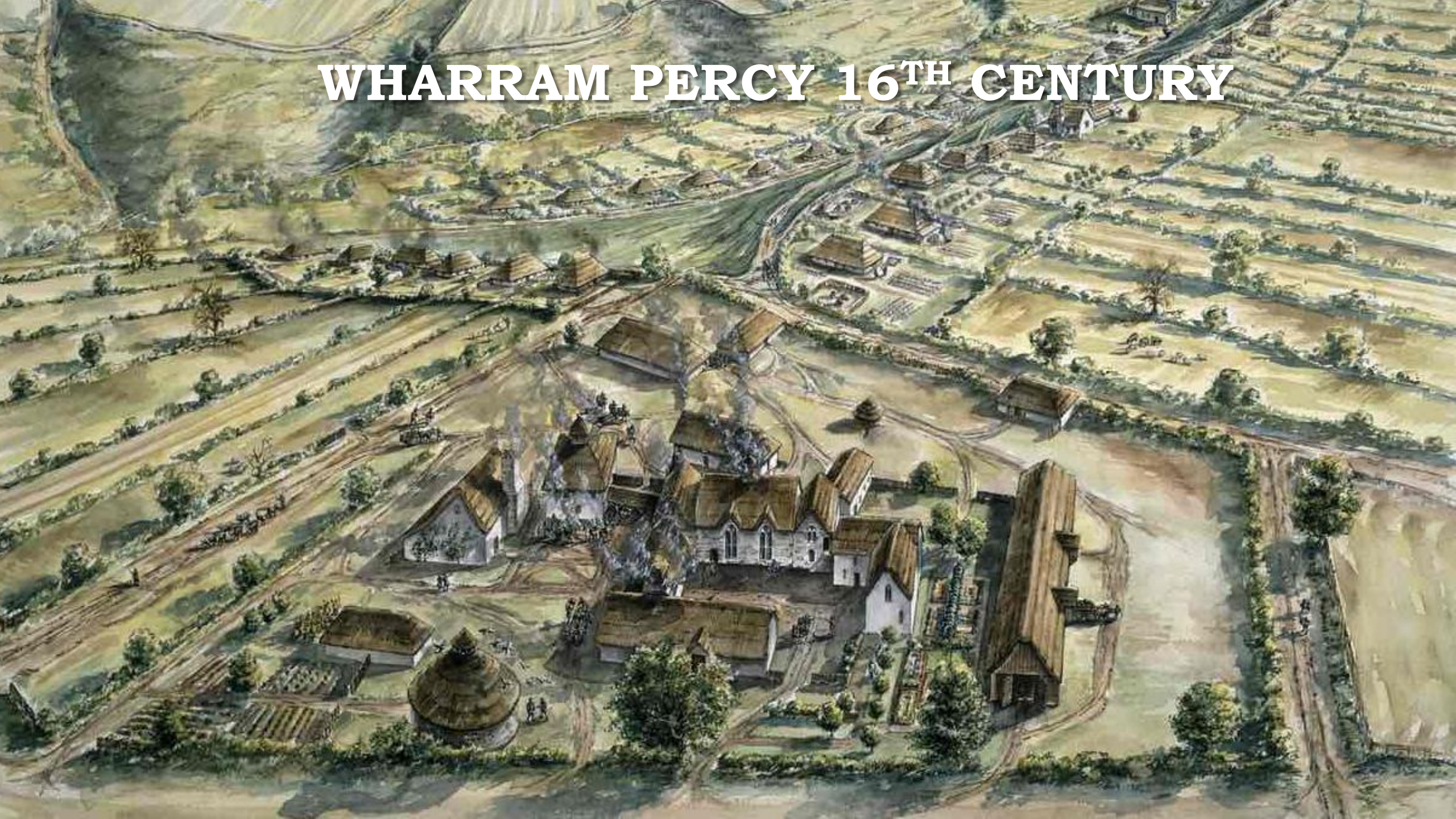


# THE LIVING DEAD

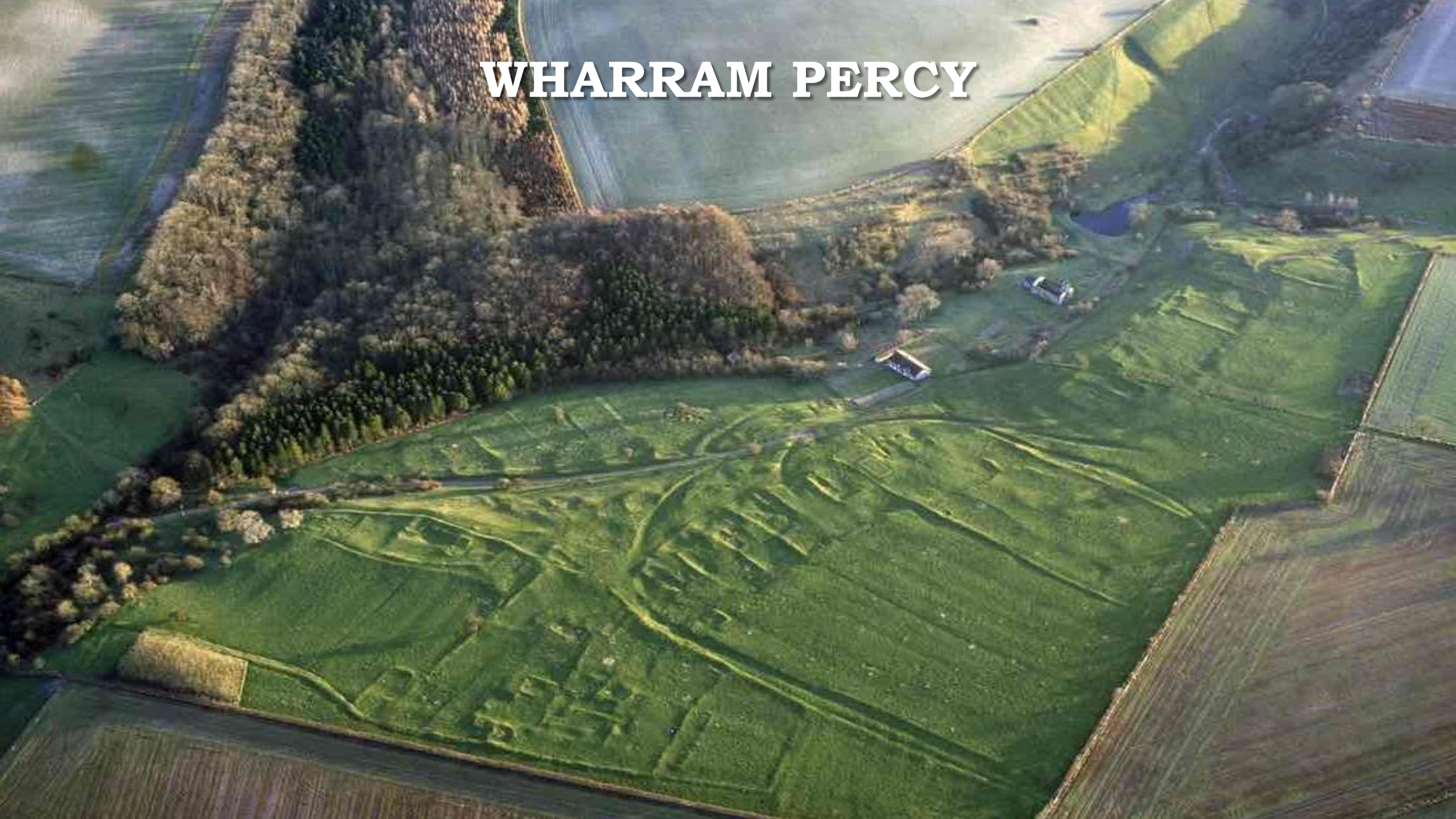
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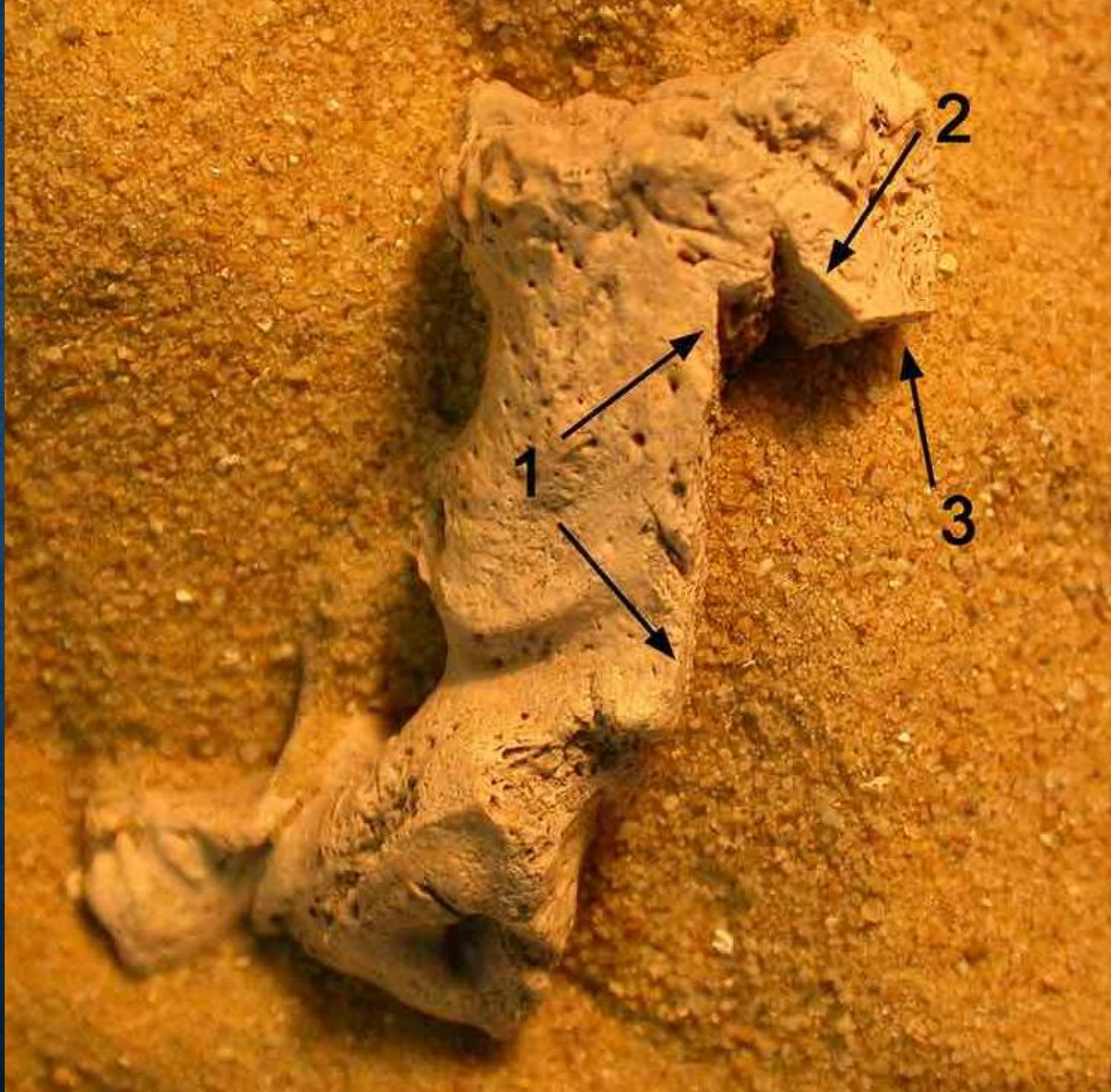


# WHARRAM PERCY 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY



# WHARRAM PERCY





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# GOD EFFECTS THE TRANSITION BETWEEN THE SEED AND THE PLANT.

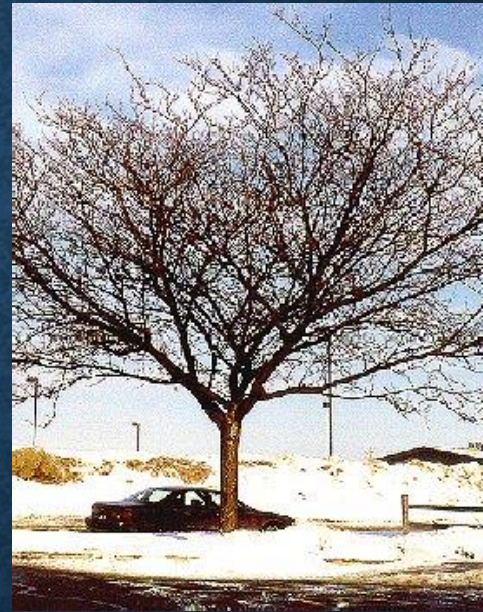
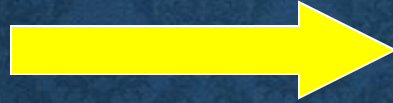
1 Corinthians 15:38 (ESV) But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

God had predetermined what kind of resurrection body



**HONEYLOCUST SEEDS**

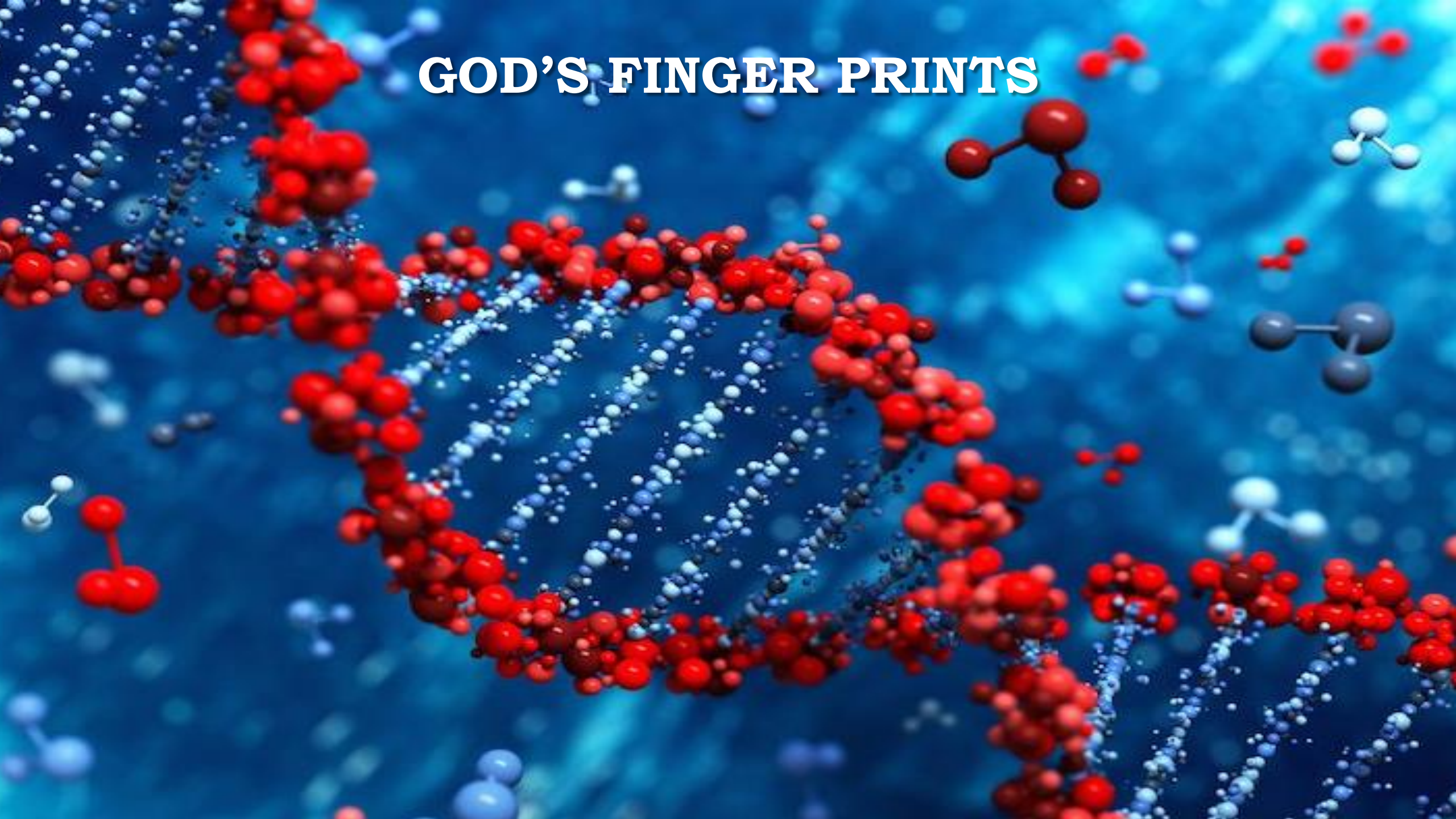
Divinely directed  
correspondance



**HONEYLOCUST FORM**



# GOD'S FINGER PRINTS



# ANALOGIES FROM CREATION

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Terrestrial flesh



Celestial bodies



# TERRESTRIAL LIFE ANALOGY

1 Corinthians 15:39-42 (ESV) For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

# FOR NOT ALL FLESH (EARTHLY BODIES ARE THE SAME

one kind for humans,



another for birds,



another for animals,



and another for fish

# Adapted for its environment



# DNA CONTENT

3.2 billion base pairs



16 billion base pairs

65.5 billion base pairs



149 billion base pairs



# JUNK DNA



98.8 % is known as  
noncoding DNA

# WHAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND IS JUNK



1 Corinthians 15:36

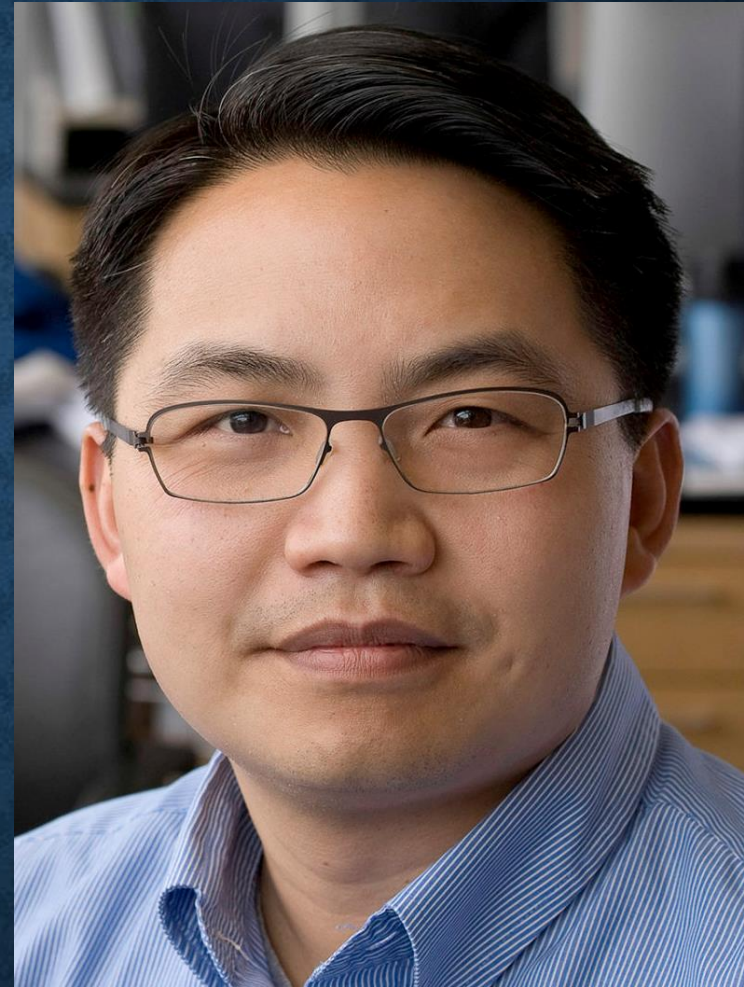
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# DNA NOT JUNK



John Rinn Harvard



Howard Chang Stanford



. “You take away a piece of junk DNA, and the mouse dies,”

John Rinn Harvard





**Bacterial oxidation consumes 99% methane as there is no sunlight or heat under the ice**

## **TERRESTRIAL LIFE ANALOGY**

God has already so arranged the universe that there are bodies of all kinds adapted to their various existences...why can't he do the same for the resurrected body for its eternal existence

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# ANALOGY FROM CELESTIAL BODIES

Glory - brilliance



1 Corinthians 15:40 (ESV)  
There are heavenly bodies and  
earthly bodies, but the glory of  
the heavenly is of one kind,  
and the glory of the earthly is  
of another.

# GLORY OF EARTHLY BODIES



# GLORY OF HEAVENLY BODIES



Fills our lives with light  
Brings life..warmth

# GLORY OF THE SUN





# GLORY OF THE MOON

A full moon is centered in the upper right quadrant of the image, glowing against a dark blue night sky. Wispy, light-colored clouds are scattered across the sky, particularly on the left and right sides, partially obscuring the moon's light. The overall scene is serene and atmospheric.

“It governs the times .. the sign for festal days. . .  
Influences tides

# GLORY OF THE STARS

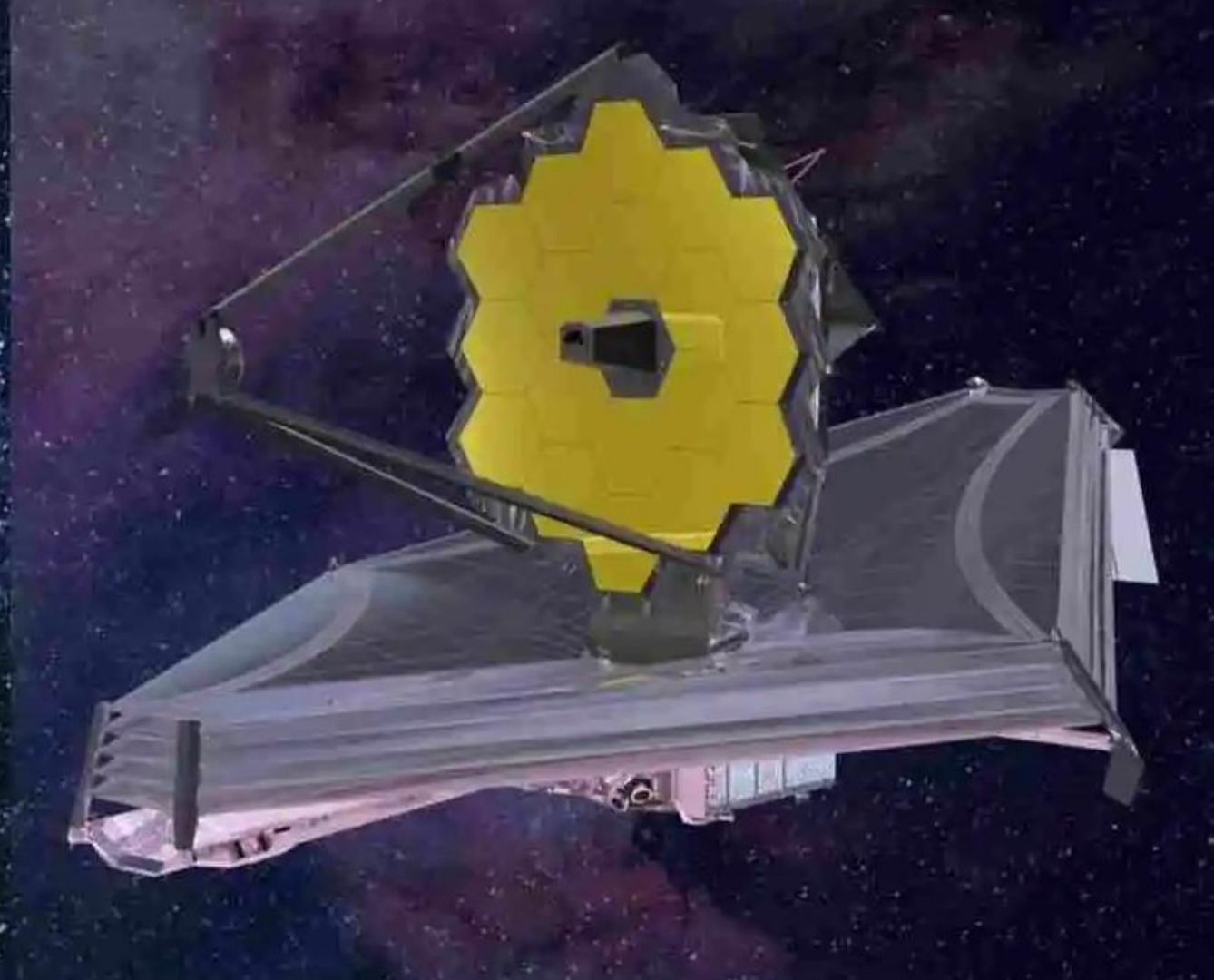
A person is silhouetted against a vibrant, multi-colored Milky Way galaxy in a dark night sky. The galaxy's colors transition from yellow and orange at the bottom to purple and blue at the top. The person stands on a dark, rocky outcrop, looking up at the starry expanse.

Stars - the beauty of  
heaven, a glittering  
array



4.7 billion

Hubble telescope



9.7 billion

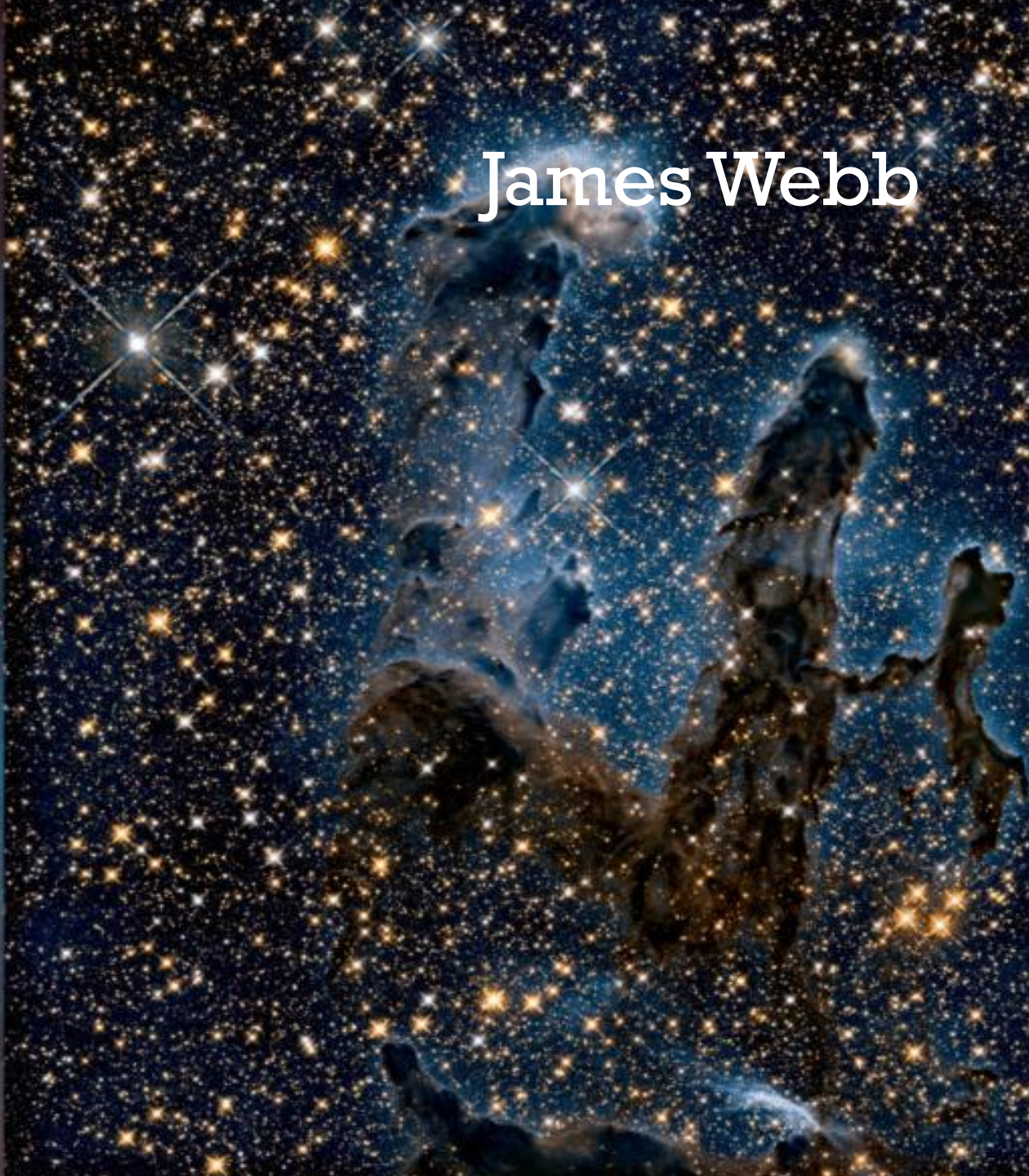
James Webb telescope



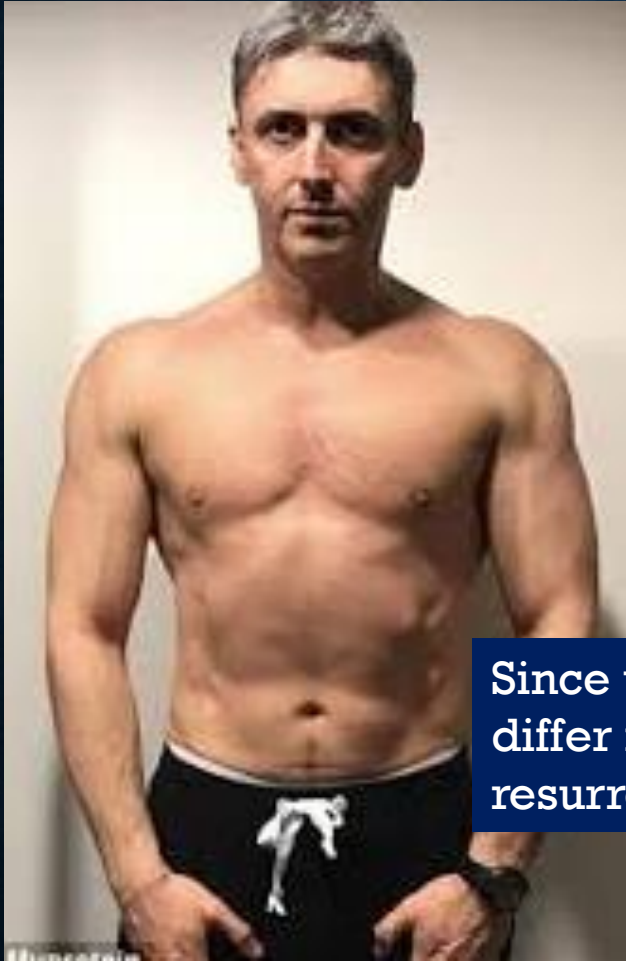
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## Glory of earthly body



Since the Corinthians recognize that heavenly bodies differ from earthly bodies, they should not expect the resurrected body to be a recycled earthly body.

## Glory of heavenly body



**RABBIT BRAIN RETURNS SUCCESSFULLY FROM  
CRYOPRESERVATION  
PUBLISHED FEB 10, 2016 AT 6:02 AM**



A mannequin is lying in a blue cryo-chamber, surrounded by a thick layer of white dry ice. The mannequin is wearing a blue shirt and shorts. A person's hands are visible at the top right, adjusting the mannequin. The chamber is part of a larger apparatus, with a white bucket visible in the foreground. The word "CRYONICS" is overlaid in white text on the mannequin's torso.

# CRYONICS



## **DIFFERENT GLORY**

1 Corinthians 15:41 (ESV) There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.



Emma Marano aged 117  
2 eggs/day  
Never left apartment for 20 years

# **SIR RANULPH FIENNES**

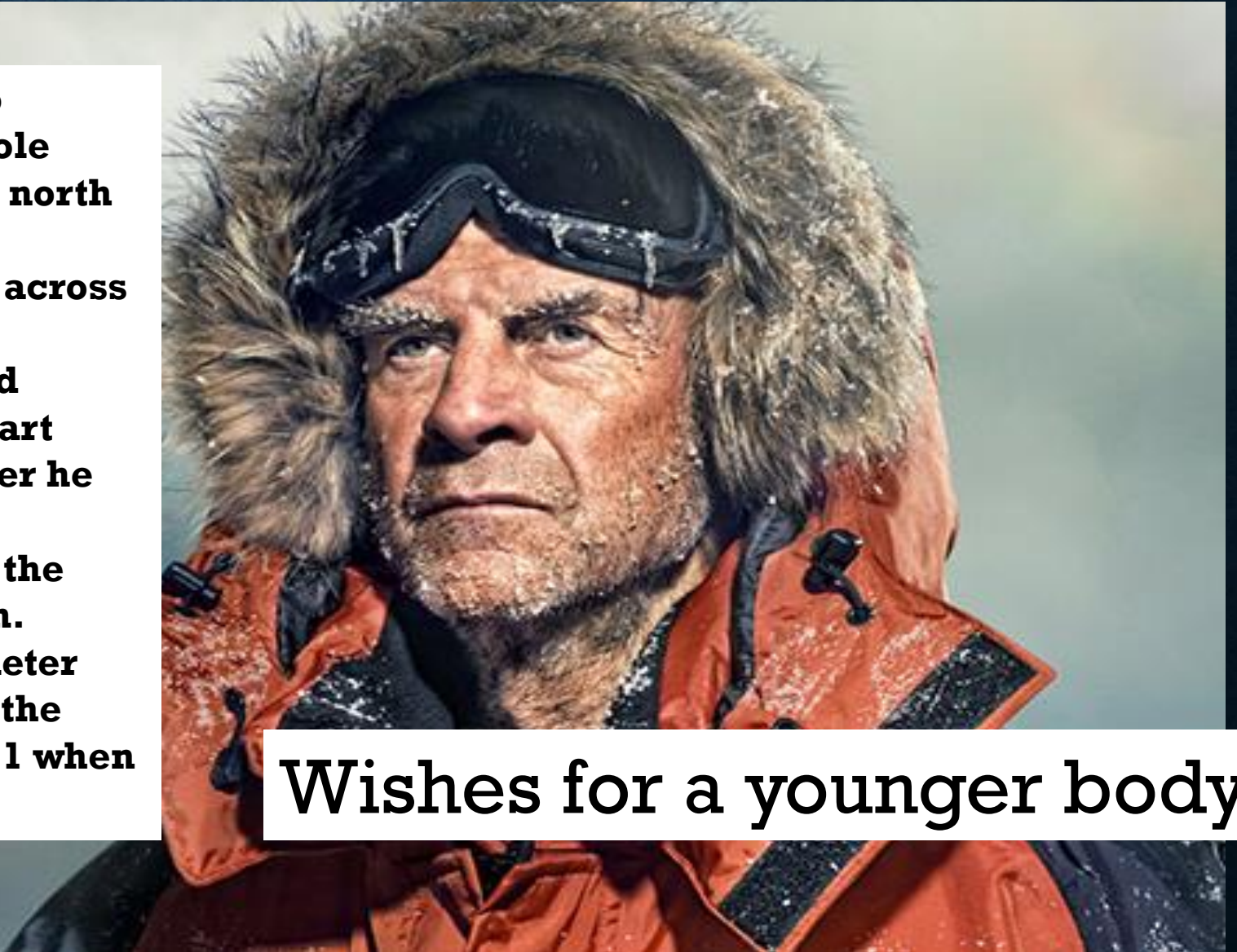
## **“THE WORLD’S GREATEST LIVING EXPLORER”.**

**First and only person to circumnavigate the whole planet through both the north and south pole.**

**1993 first man to WALK across the whole continent of Antarctica, unsupported**

**He suffered a severe heart attack and 4 months later he ran 7 marathons in 7 continents in 7 days for the British heart foundation.**

**He also ran a 156-kilometer ultramarathon through the Sahara desert. He was 71 when he accomplished it.**



**Wishes for a younger body**



Ecclesiastes 3:11 (ESV) He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

# HOW CAN THIS BE RESURRECTED?

The Corinthians have trouble conceiving of the resurrection of the dead because they know the terrestrial body to be

# BACK TO THE SEED ANALOGY



1 Corinthians 15:42 (ESV) So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

# LIKE THE SEED RESURRECTION IS COMPLETELY FEASIBLE.

Earthly Life -Soul

Resurrected  
Heavenly life..Spirit

What is sown is perishable

Life

what is raised is imperishable

What is sown in dishonor

Life

It is raised in glory

What is sown in weakness

Life

It is raised in power

It is sown in a natural body

Life

It is raised in a spiritual body

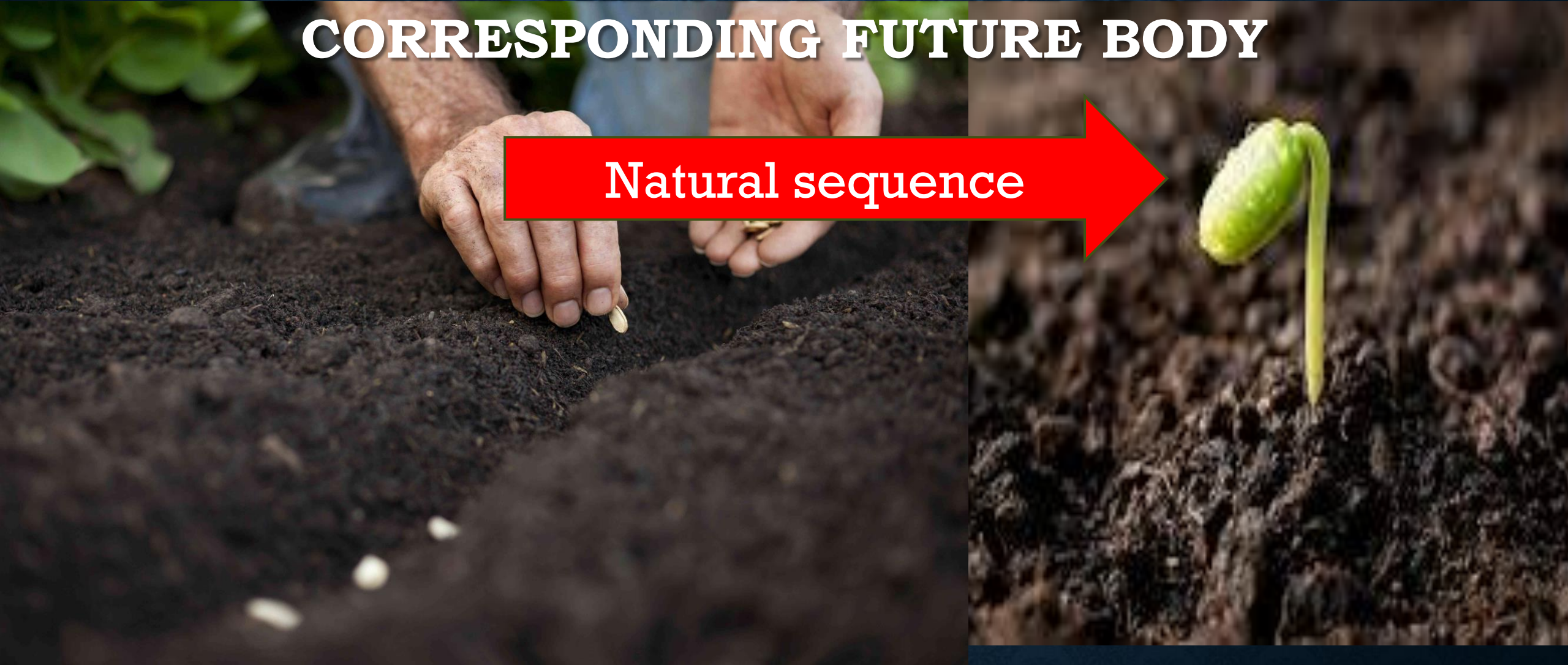


Seed Phase

First

**LIKE THE SEED THERE IS A  
CORRESPONDING FUTURE BODY**

**Natural sequence**



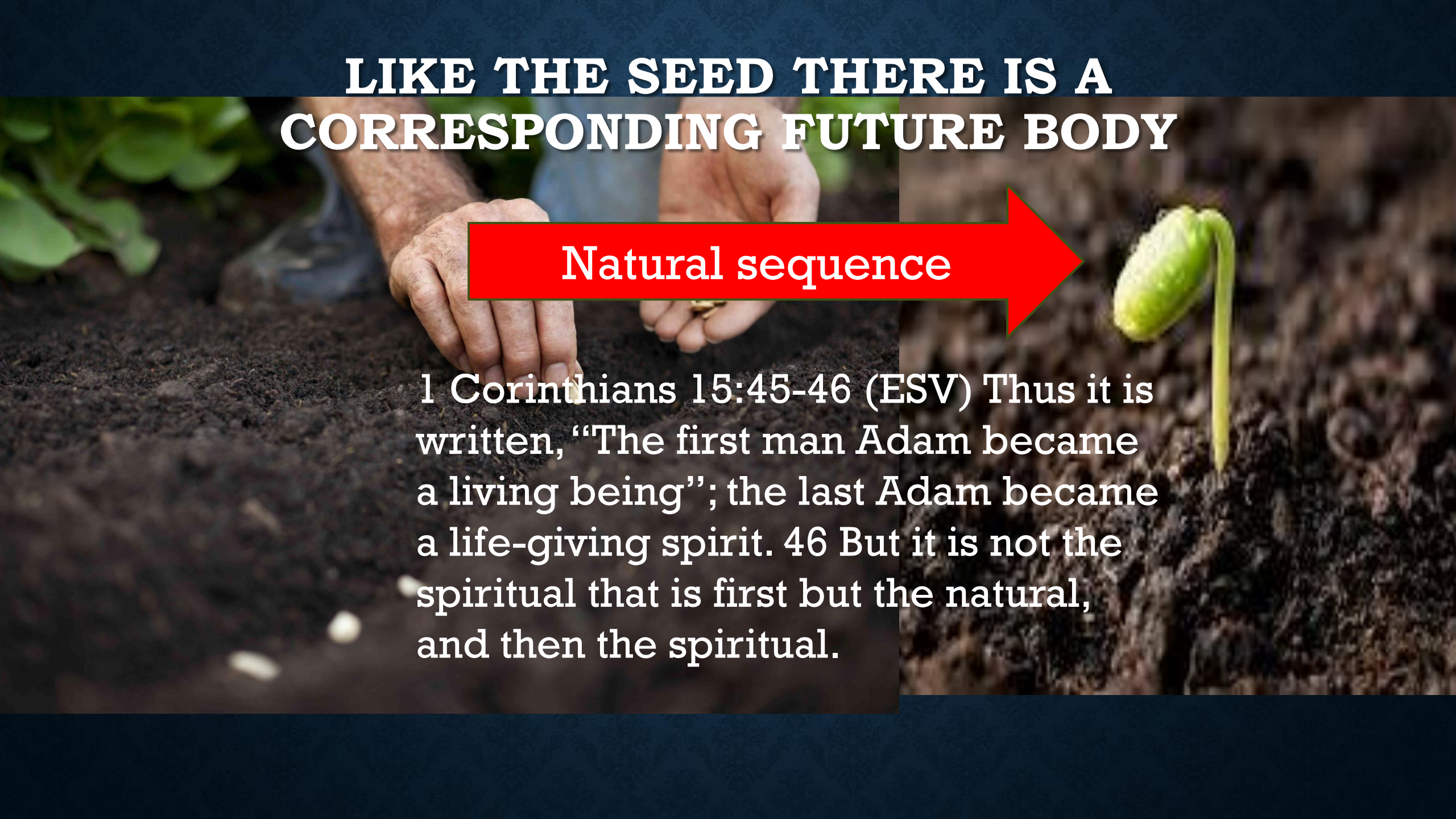
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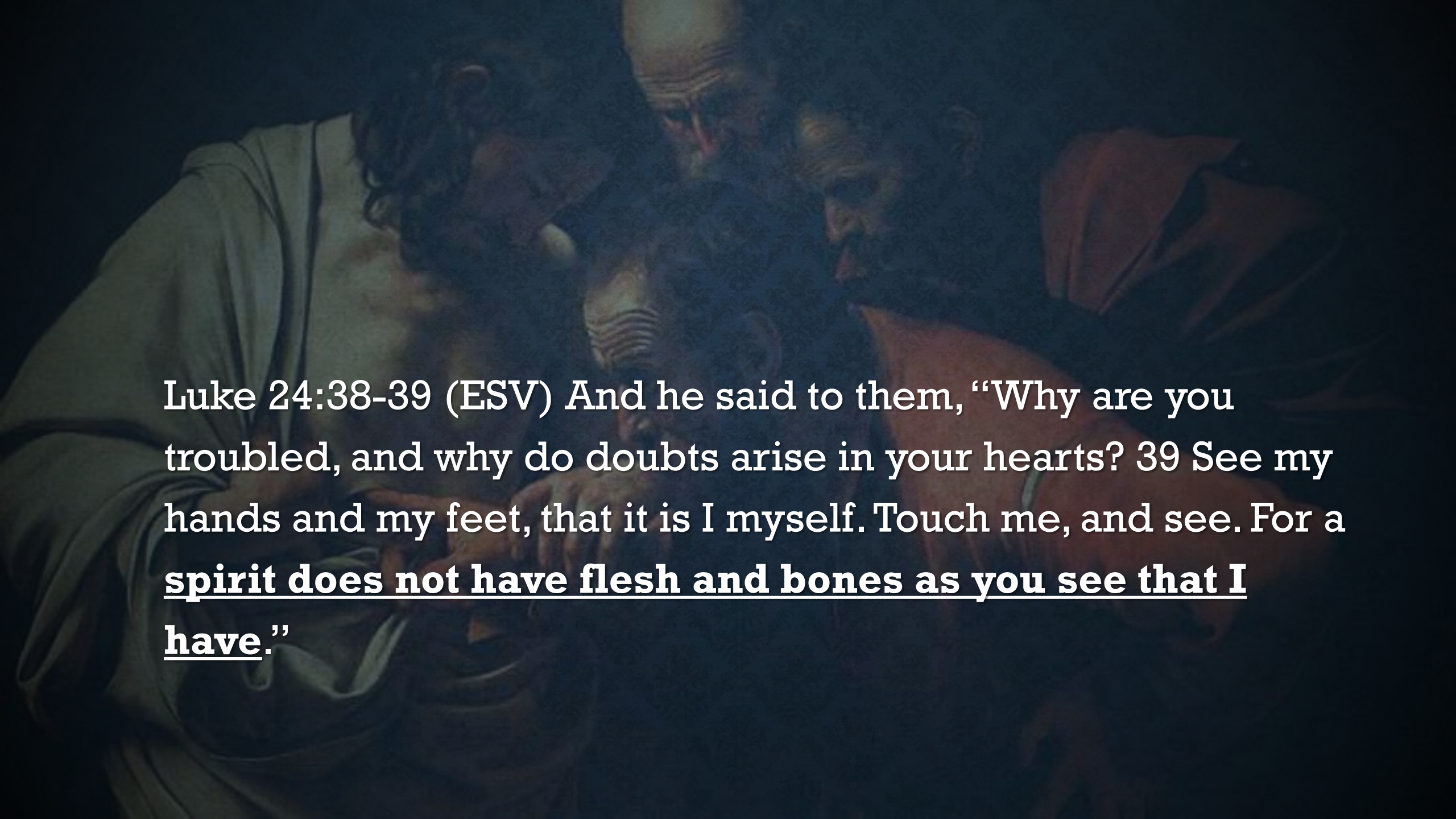


1 Corinthians 15:45-46 (ESV) Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.



# WHAT IS SPIRITUAL BODY

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

A dark, atmospheric painting of the Resurrection. The scene is dimly lit, focusing on the stone rolled away from the tomb and the empty shroud. Several figures are gathered around the tomb, their faces illuminated by a soft, ethereal light. The overall mood is one of mystery and divine presence.

Luke 24:38-39 (ESV) And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

# FIRST AND LAST ADAM ANALOGY BASIS OF BELIEF



Thus it is written,  
“The first man  
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living being”; the  
last Adam became  
a life-giving spirit.



John 11:25-26 (ESV) Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”



# FIRST AND LAST ADAM ANALOGY CHARACTERISTICS

## Rep Fate itative



The first man was from the earth, a man of dust;

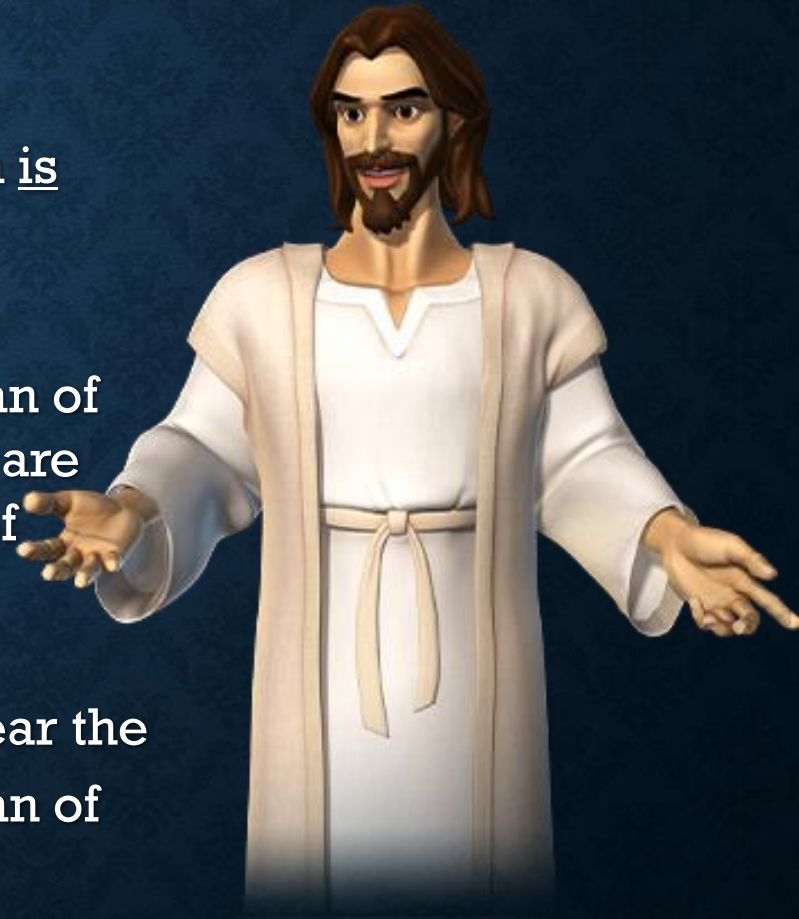
As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust,

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust,

the second man is from heaven.

and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven

we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.



# FIRST AND LAST ADAM ANALOGY CHARACTERISTICS



seeing both Adam  
and Christ in their  
representative  
roles. Where they  
have gone first,  
others followed or  
will follow



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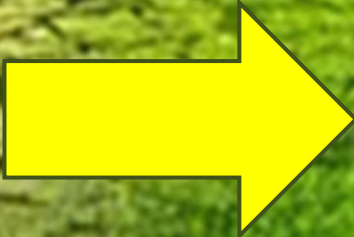


## **NEW BODIES FOR NEW FUTURE**

**1 Corinthians 15:50 (ESV) I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.**



**Temporal**



**Eternal**

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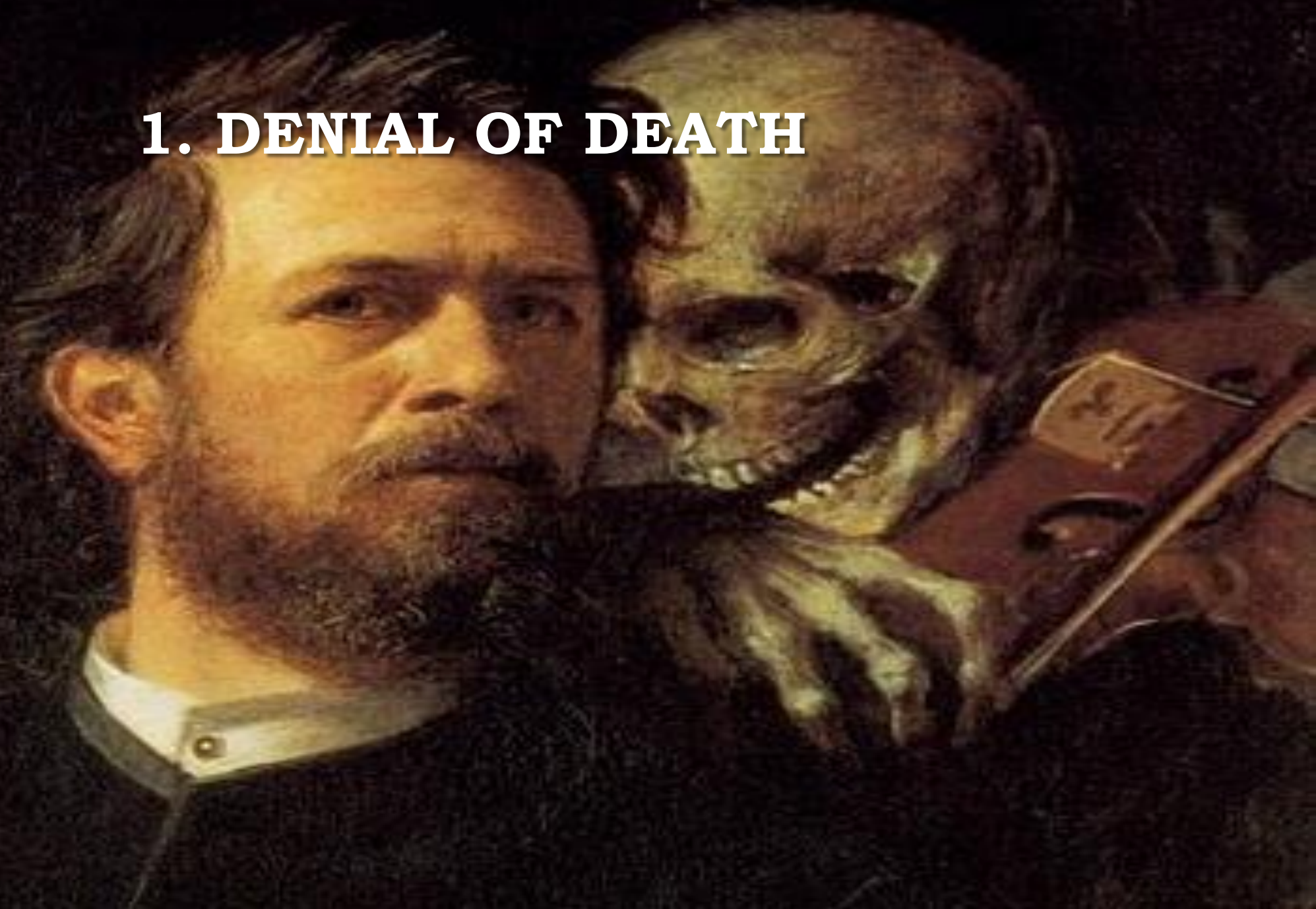
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1 Corinthians 15:51-54 (ESV) Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality.

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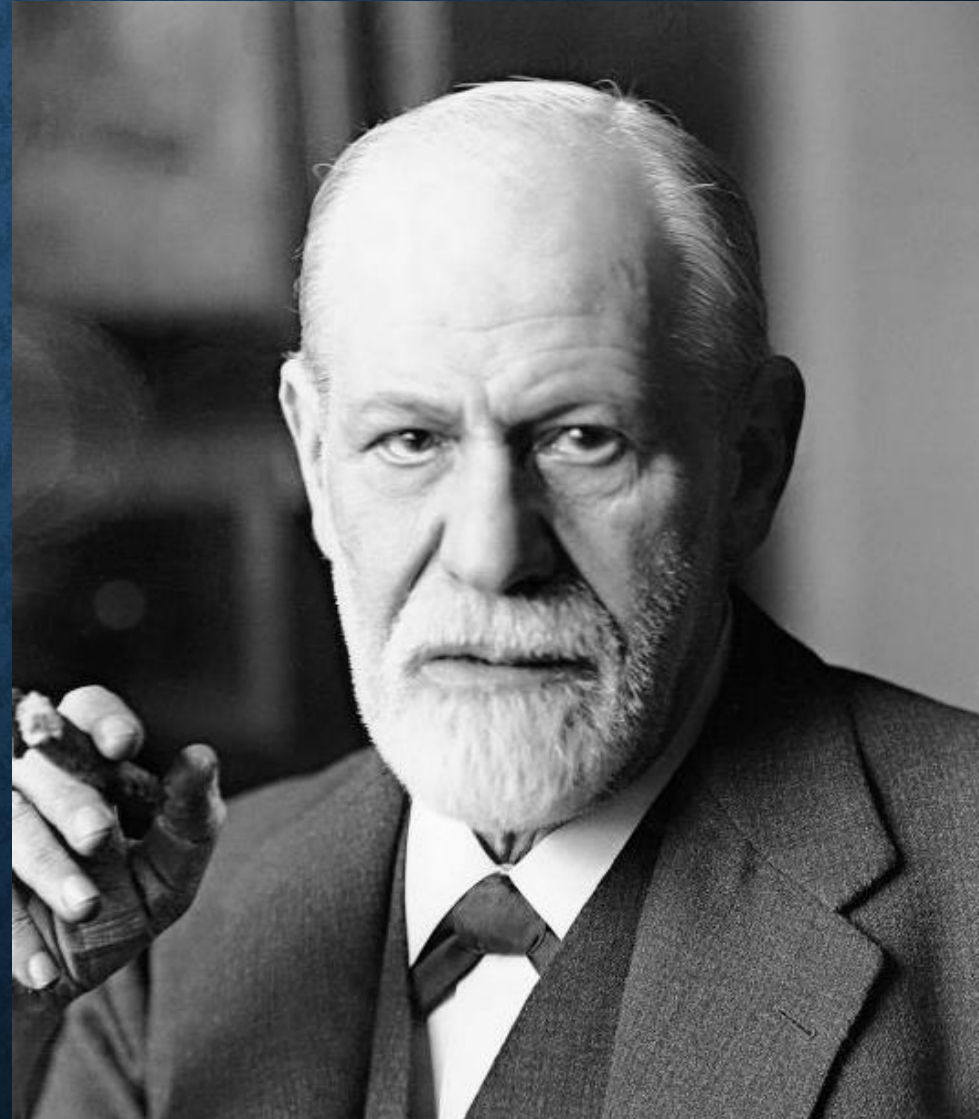
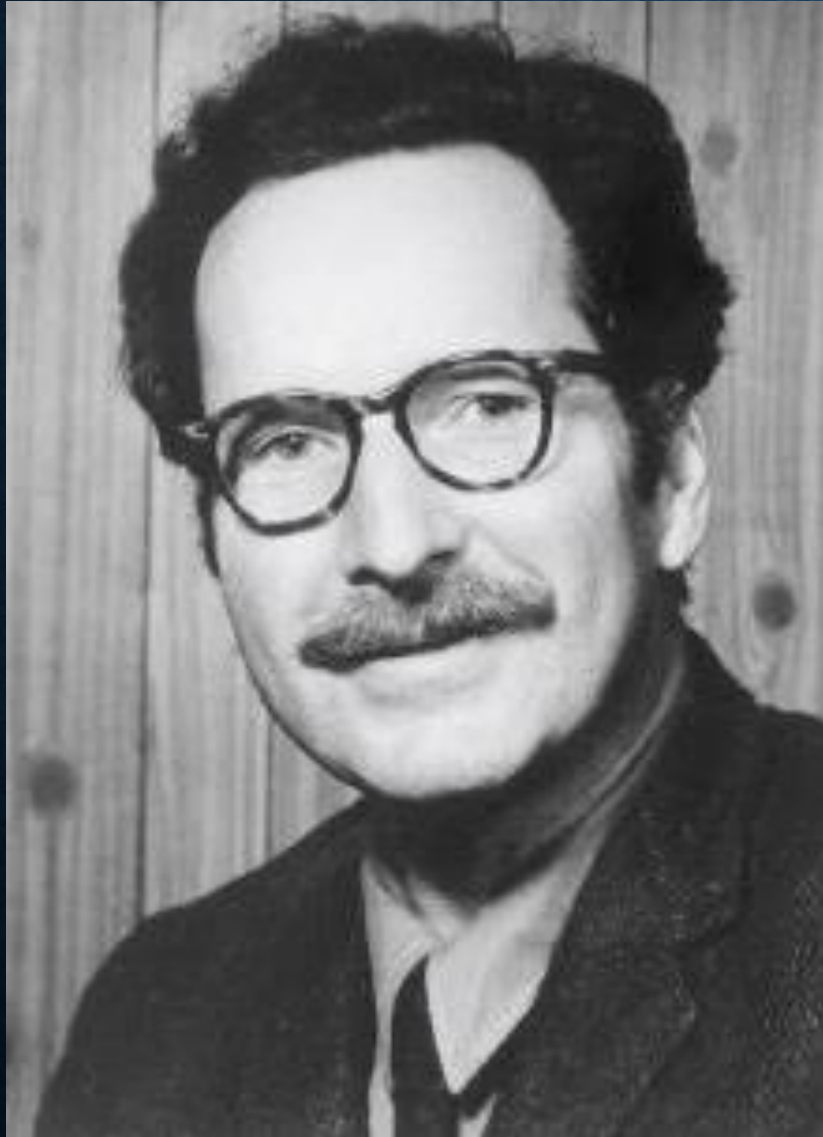
# 1. DENIAL OF DEATH



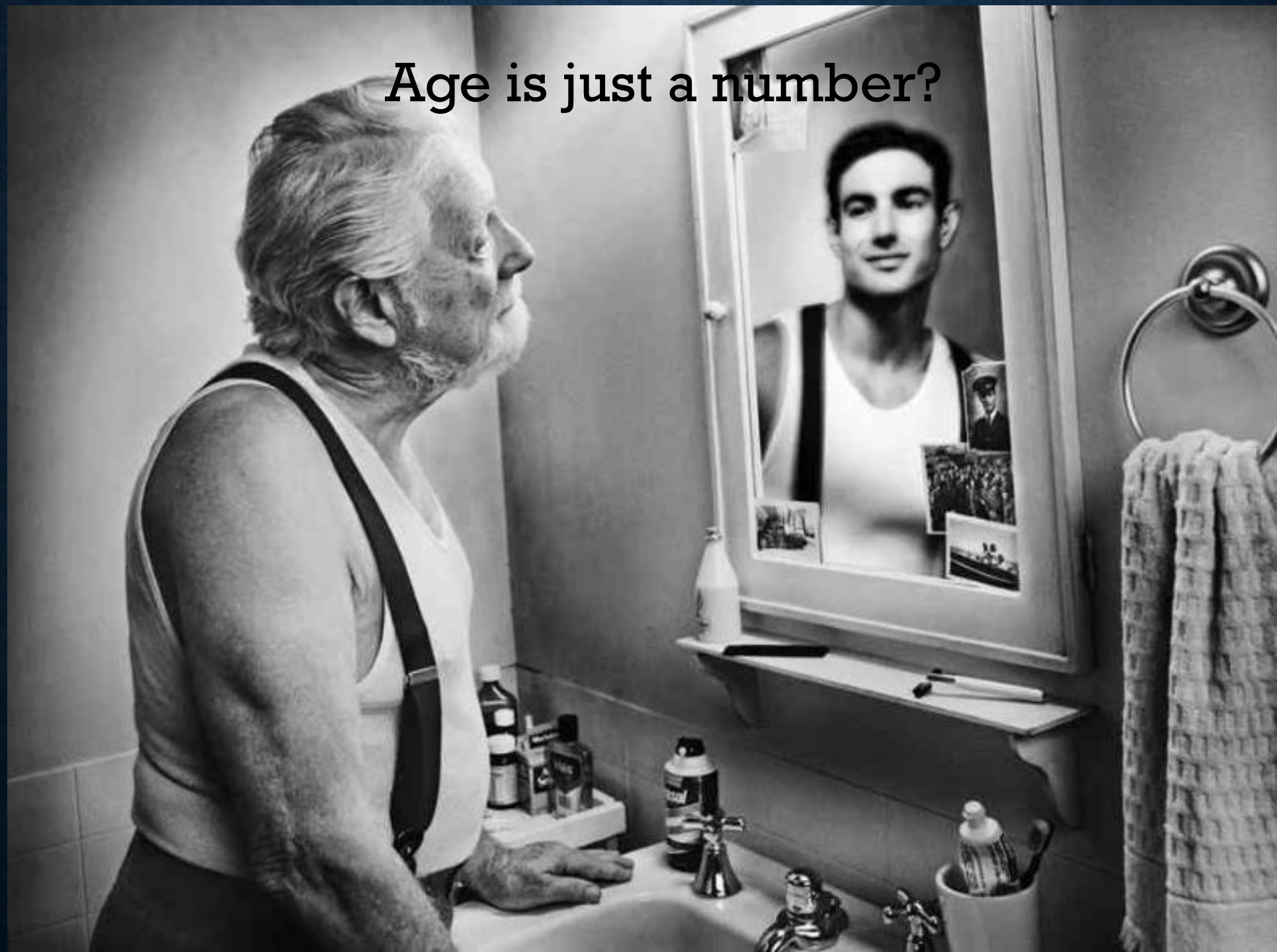
**ERNEST BECK**

**SIGMUND FREUD**

Civilisation is largely a collection of defense mechanisms against the fear of death



Age is just a number?







**Sarah Winchester - 17 room mansion  
150 rooms, 13 bathrooms, 2,000 doors, 47 fireplaces, and  
10,000 windows**

A black and white portrait of Albert Einstein, showing his characteristic wild hair and mustache. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a thoughtful expression. The background is a plain, light color.

# EINSTEIN

*“Our death is not the end if  
we can live on in our  
children for they are us, our  
bodies are only wilted  
leaves on the tree of life”*



1925



1927



1940



1946



1950



1952



1963



1972



1988



1995



2009




2013

# 祝李光耀 老寿星

福如东海、寿比南山；  
日月昌明、松鹤长春；  
身体健康、长命百岁；

万事如意、晚年幸福；  
寿比天高、福比海深；  
生日快乐、后福无疆。

吉祥如意、富贵安康；  
生日快乐、福星高照；  
笑口常开、身体安康。



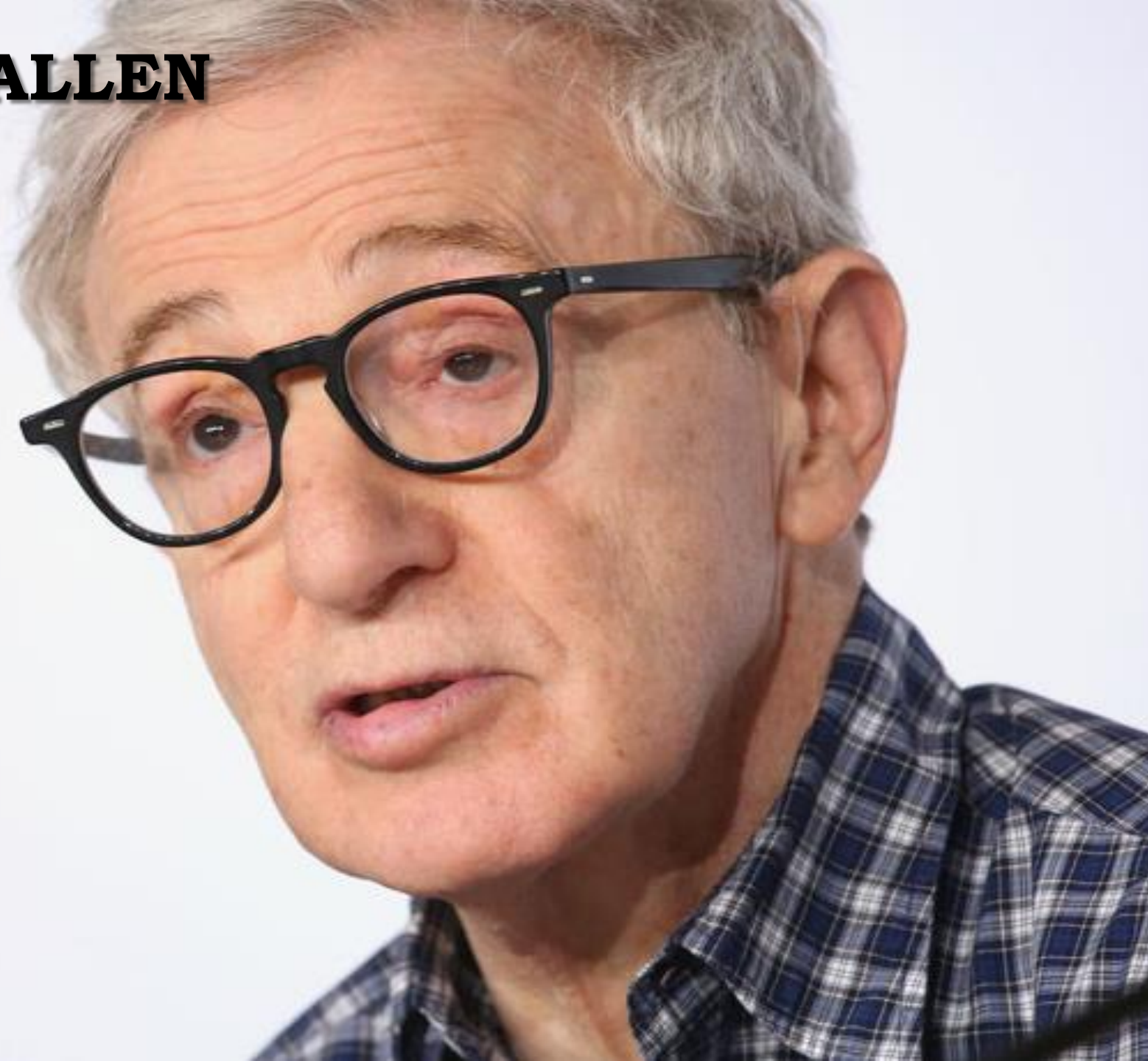
I have no regrets. I have spent my life so much of it ,building up this country. There is nothing more that I need to do. At the end of the day, what have I got ? A successful Singapore. What have I given up? My life.

# THE FEUDING LEES



# WOODY ALLEN

*“I don’t want to live out  
my life in future  
generations I want to live  
in my apartment”*



1 Corinthians 15:54-56 (ESV) When  
puts on the imperishable, and the  
immortality, then shall come to pass  
written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

55 “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the  
law.

Isaiah 25:6-8 (ESV) 6 On this  
mountain the Lord of hosts will  
make for all peoples a feast of  
rich food, a feast of well-aged  
wine, of rich food full of marrow,

Hos 13:14 I shall ransom  
them from the power of  
Sheol; I shall redeem them  
from Death. O Death, where  
are your plagues? O Sheol,  
where is your sting?

Compassion is hidden from  
my eyes.

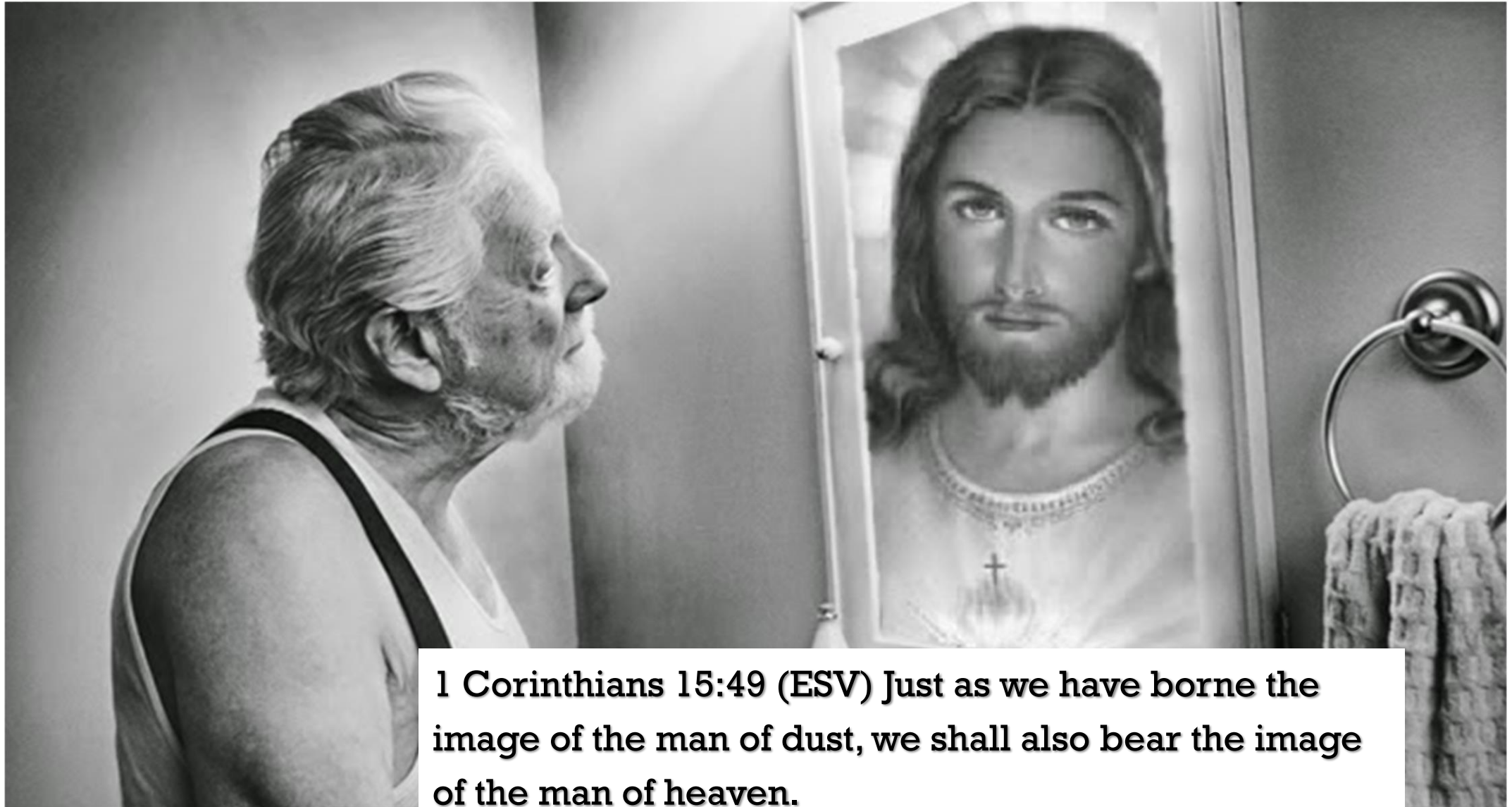
the Lord has spoken

# **THE PROBLEM IS NOT DEATH**

56 The sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the  
law.



1 Corinthians 15:57 (ESV) But thanks be  
to God, who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.



**1 Corinthians 15:49 (ESV) Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.**

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV) Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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# 1 COR 16

- V 1-4 Collection for Jerusalem
- V 5-11 Travel plans to visit them after Macedonia, plans to stay in Ephesus for time being as evangelistic opportunities and opposition
- Welcome Timothy
- V 12-23 Parting instructions