

GENESIS

Why The Beginning Matters

STUDY 3

MAN THE IMAGE OF GOD



GENESIS 1

God v1-2

World v3-26

Mankind v 27-31

PURPOSE AND DESIGN

Location

1

Light

2

Sky/Waters

3

Earth/Sea/Vegetation

Inhabitants

4

Sun/Moon

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Flying ,Swimming creatures

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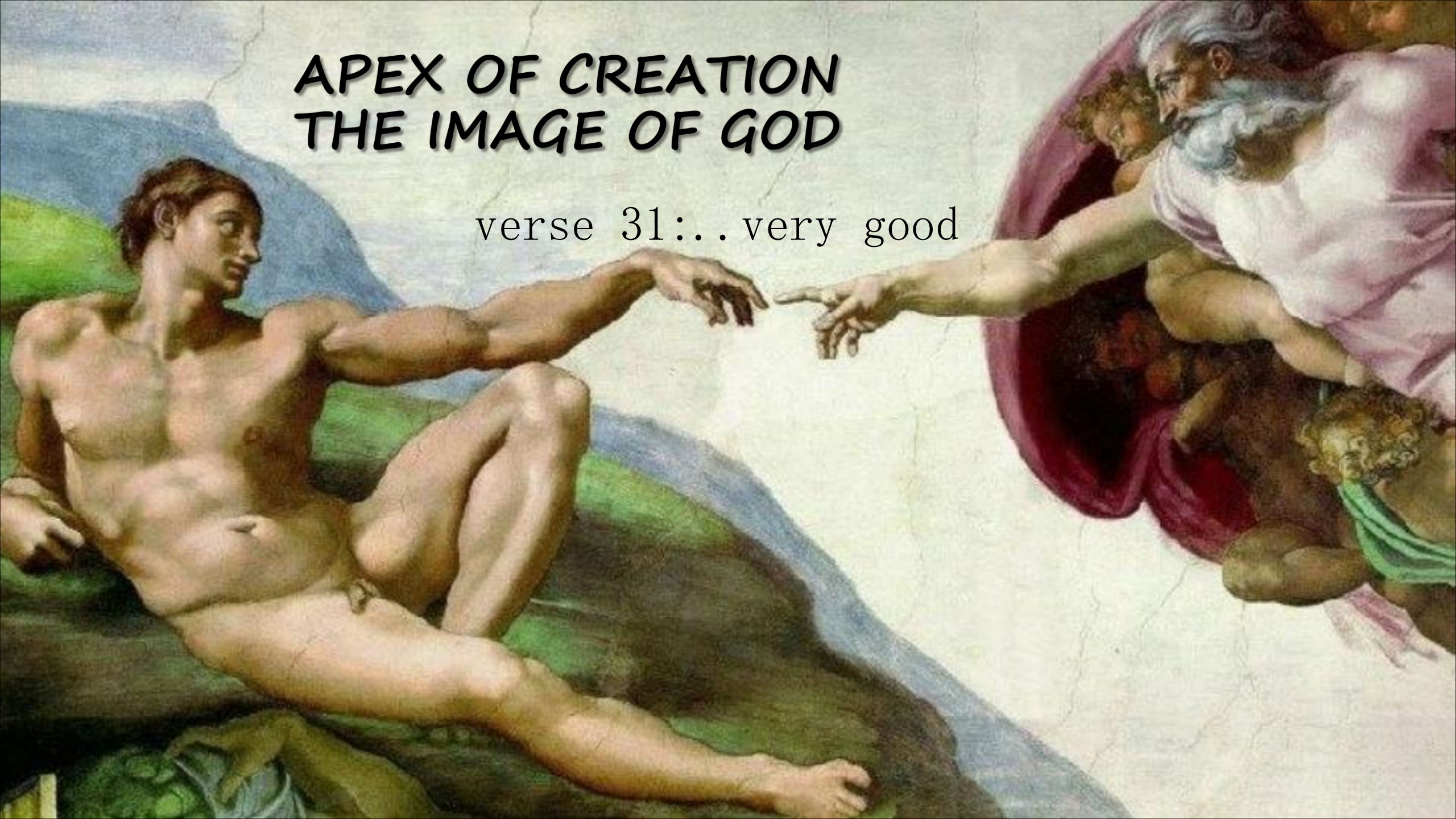
Animal and Man

7

REST

APEX OF CREATION THE IMAGE OF GOD

verse 31:..very good



DESIGN AND PURPOSE

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

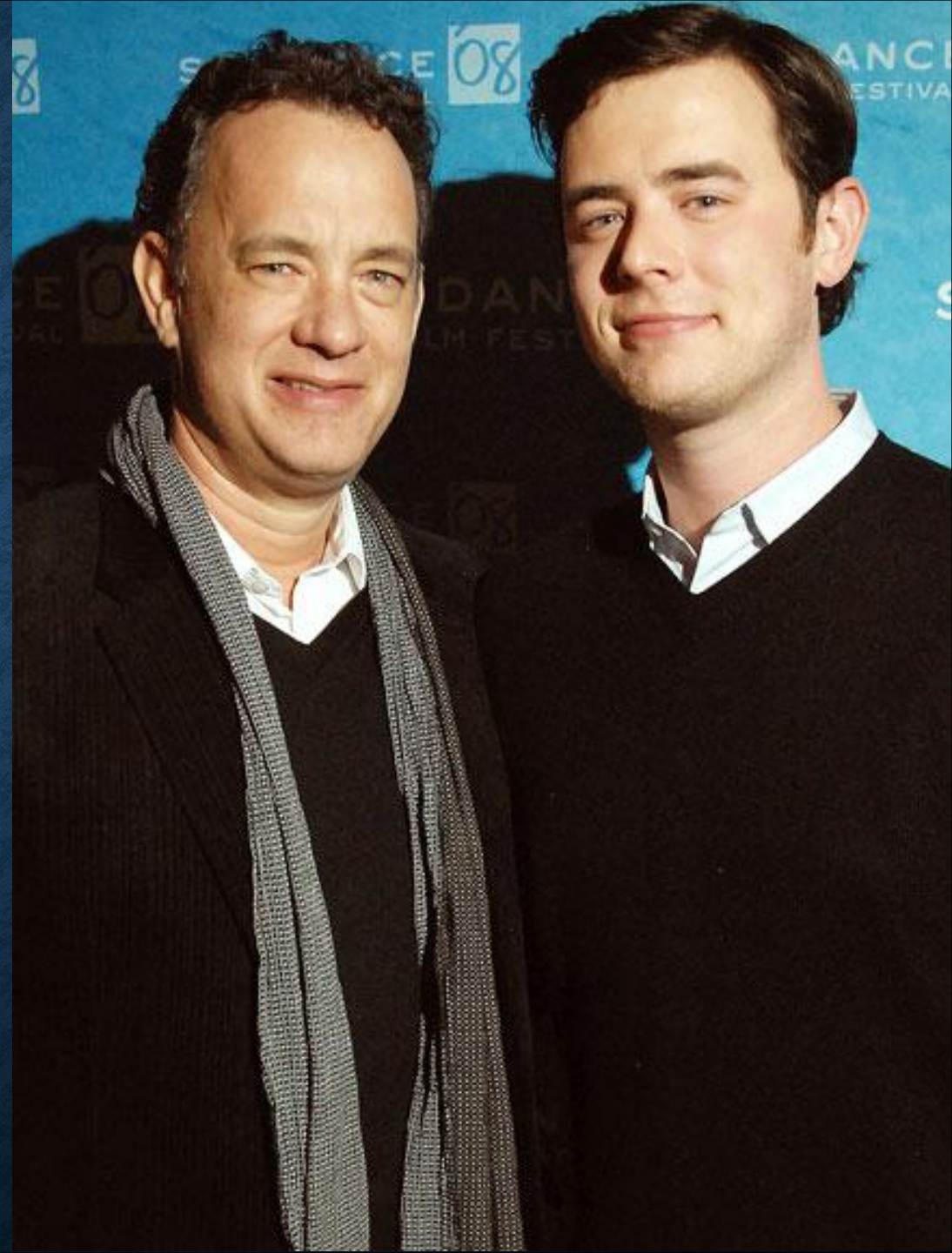
IMAGE OF GOD

1. Reflect
2. Represent
3. Relate



REFLECT SON-RESEMBLE

Gen 5:3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness



OUR PURPOSE

Ephesians 1:4–5 (ESV) even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ,

LIKENESS IS IN ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Ephesians 4:22–24 (ESV) to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

PURPOSE OF CREATION OF MAN

Isaiah 43:6b-7 ... bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made”

Reflective function

we reflect something of
God's nature and character
to the rest of creation

A woman in a white blouse and red skirt stands in a field, holding a large, ornate gold mirror frame. The word "GOD" is written inside the mirror. The background shows a green field and distant hills under a cloudy sky.

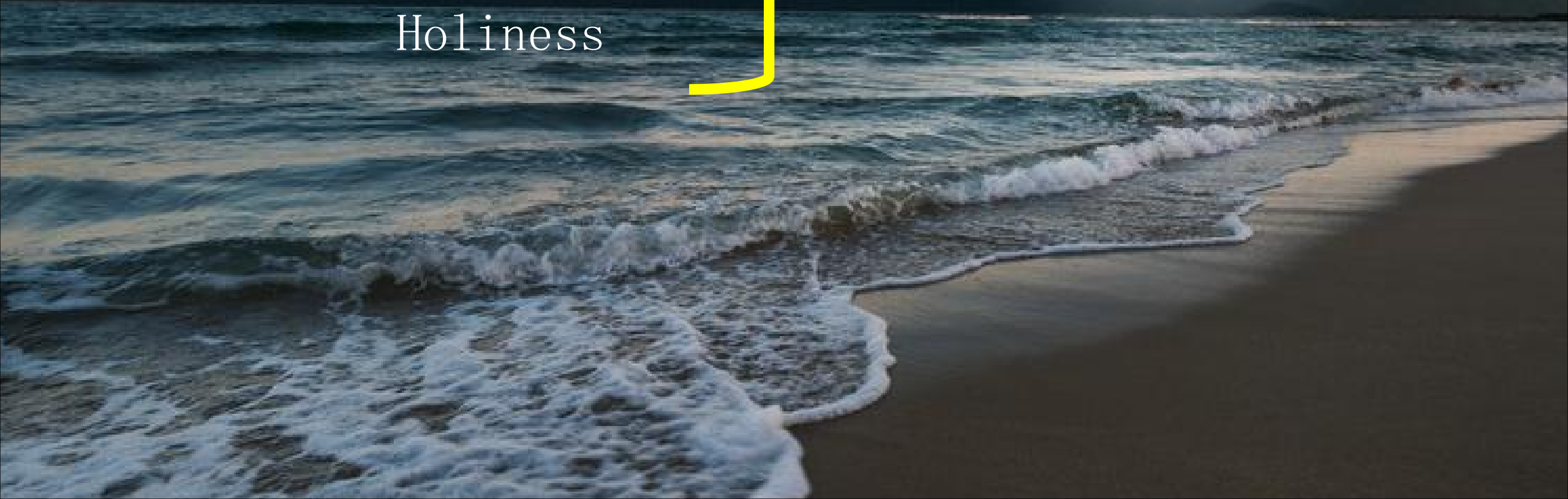
GOD

HUMAN CAPABILITIES THAT ENABLE US TO RESEMBLE GOD

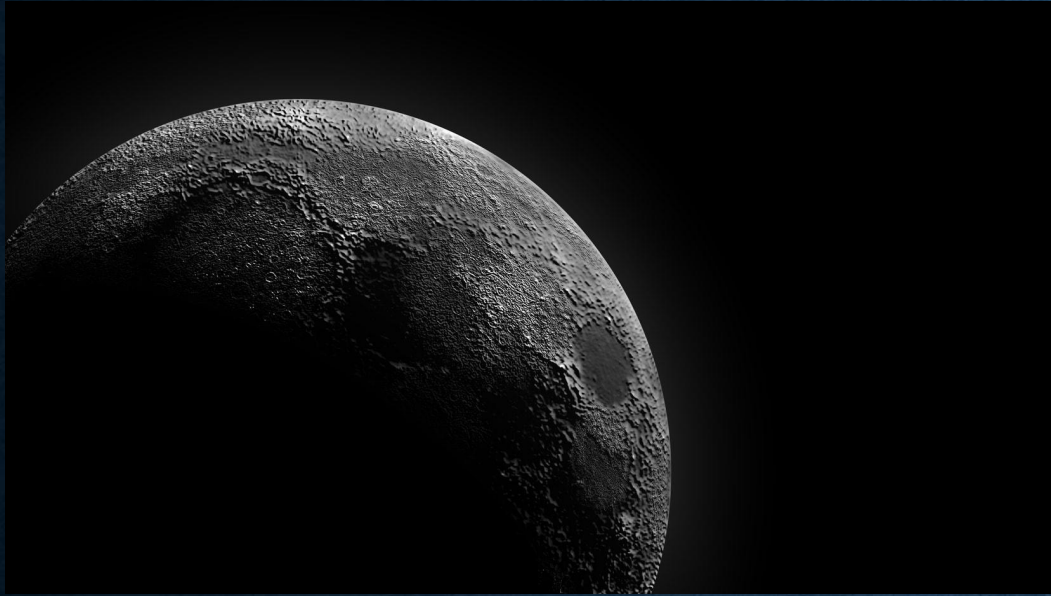
- Character
- Creativity
- Rationality
- Personality
- Memory,
- Understanding
- Will
- Self-awareness
- Moral conscience

Glory of God

- Nature
- Character
- Goodness
- Beauty
- Power
- Holiness



CONCEPT OF GLORY



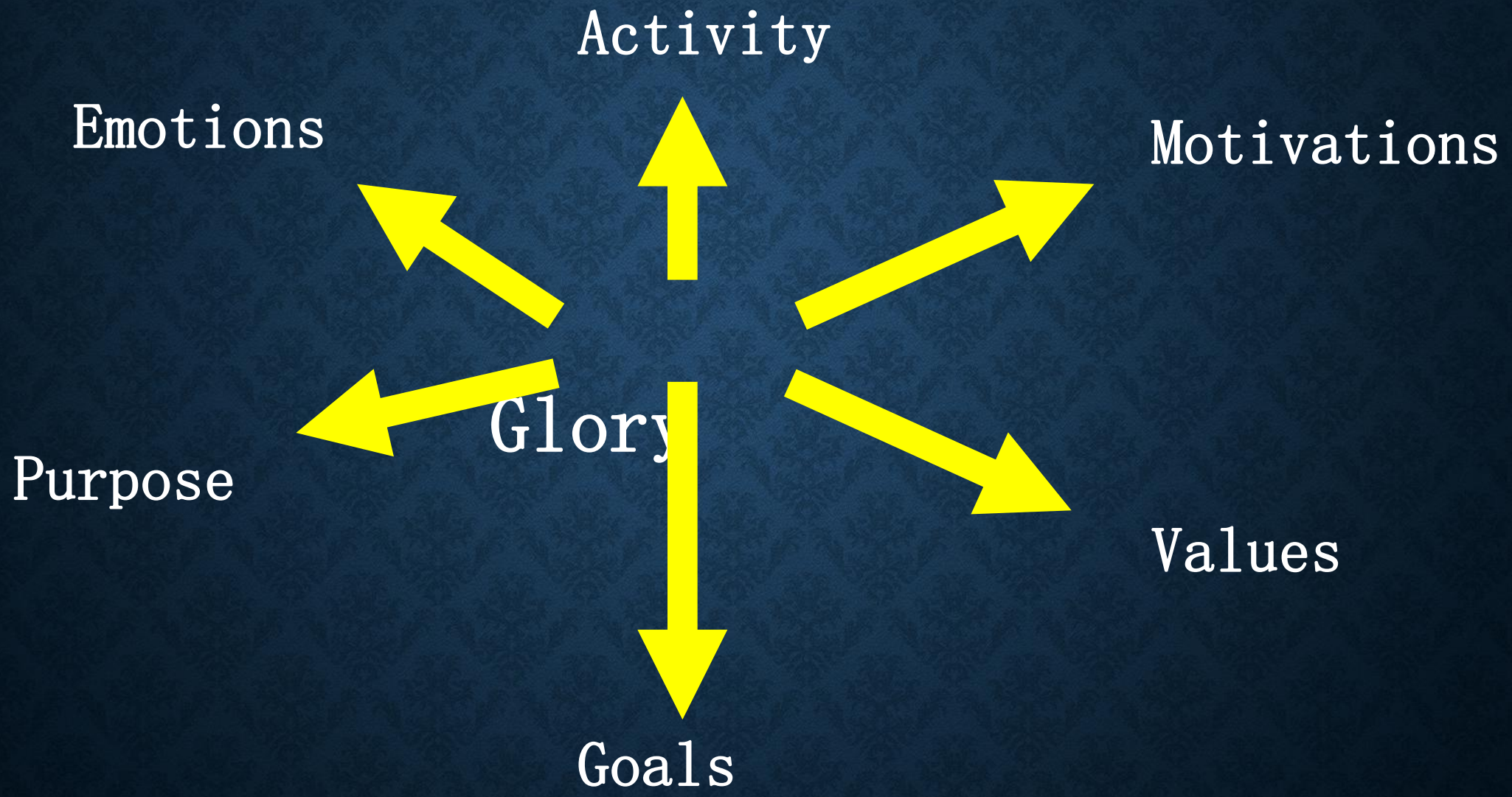
We were made to shine

Kavod... weightiness, Outward luminosity, Fame

The need to matter... be significant

We are all glory deficient and glory hungry... constant struggle

Get it from God or man





EVERYONE FEELS LIKE

MERYL STREEP



I say to myself, ‘I don’t know how to act—and why does anybody want to look at me on-screen anymore?’ . . . Lots of actors feel that way. What gives you strength is also your weakness—your raging

TAYLOR SWIFT

When you are on top the only person you can compare with is yourself



There is so much pressure going in to getting new music out. If I don't beat everything I have done prior, it will be deemed as like a colossal failure.

WHAT DO THEY WANT TO BE?..WHAT
DRIVES YOU?



HUMILIATION AS AN INTENSE EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE: EVIDENCE FROM EEG

We show that humiliation is a potent emotional experience, characterized by negative and positive affective activation that is greater than other emotions of similar valence, in this case anger and shame.

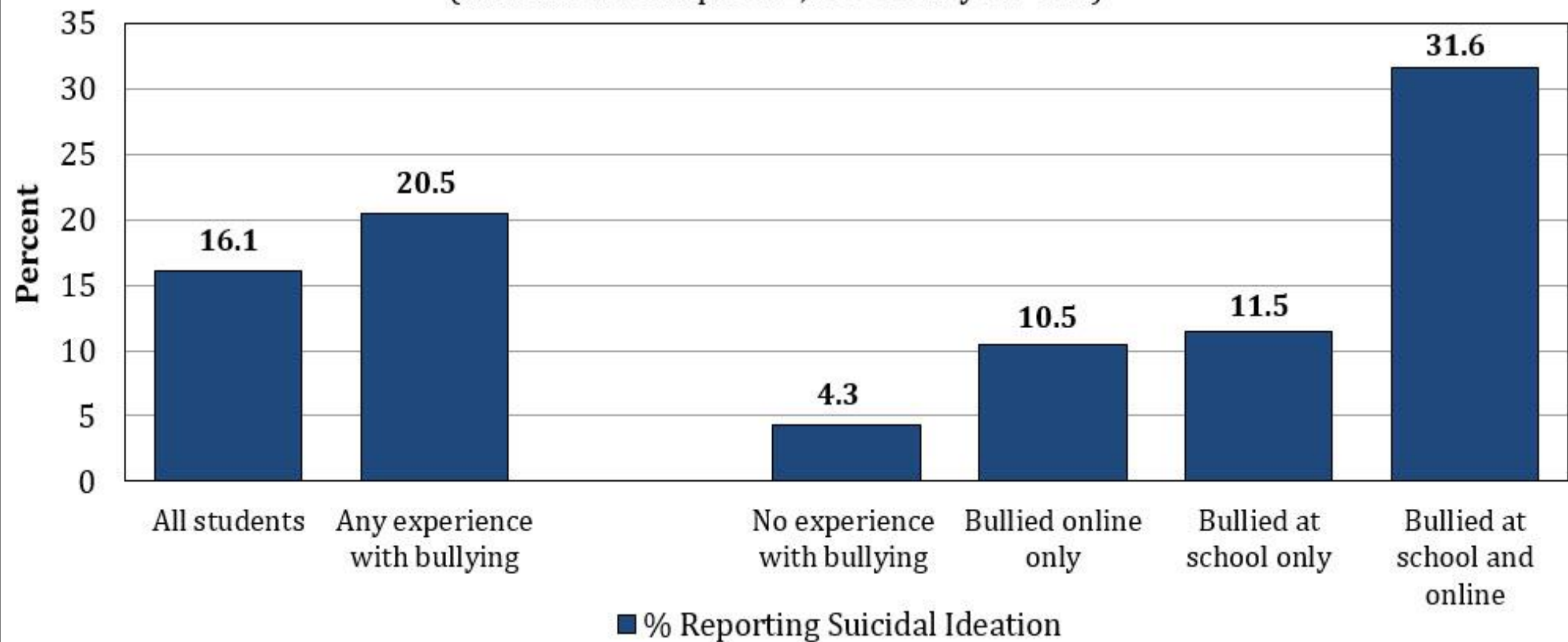
LOSS OF GLORY



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Bullying and Suicide among Middle and High School Students

(national U.S. sample of 2,700 12-17 year-olds)



HE CAN REFLECT THEIR GLORY

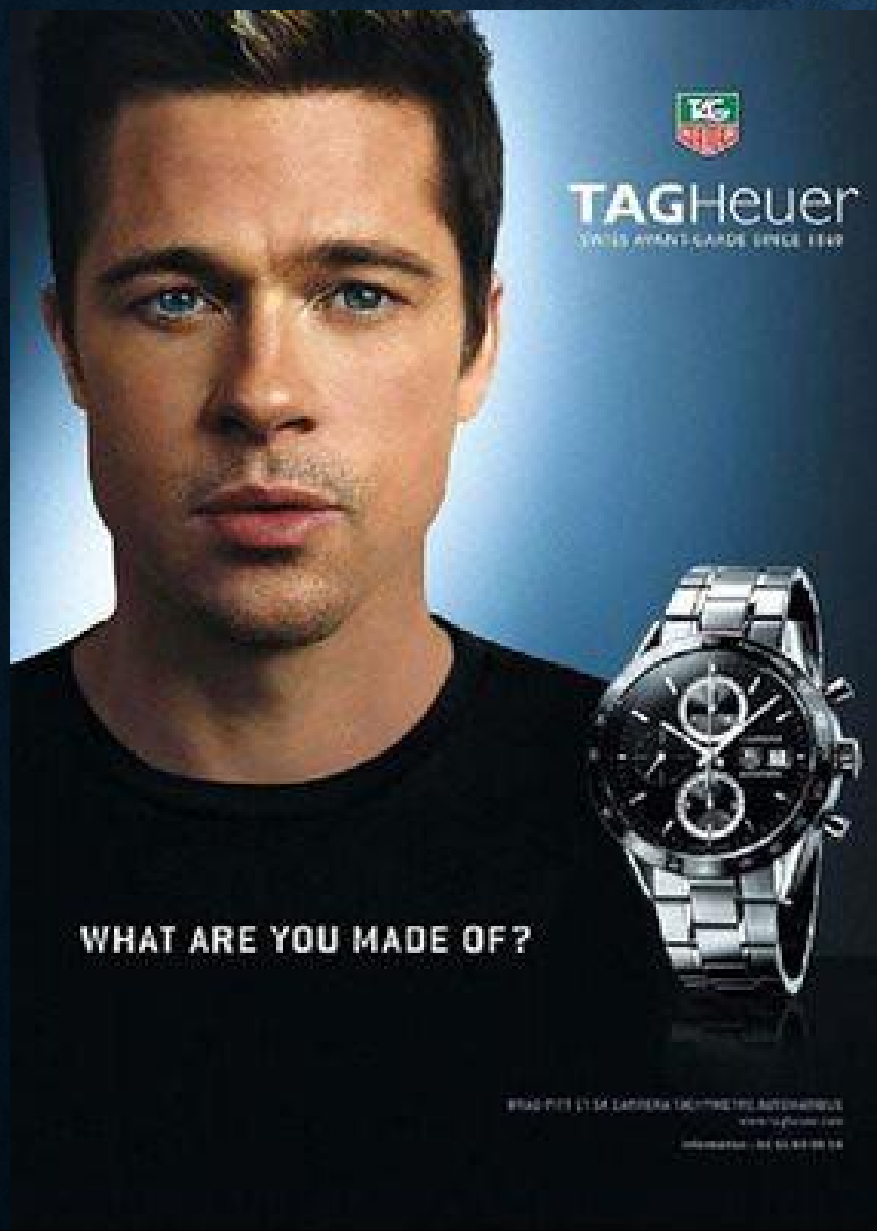


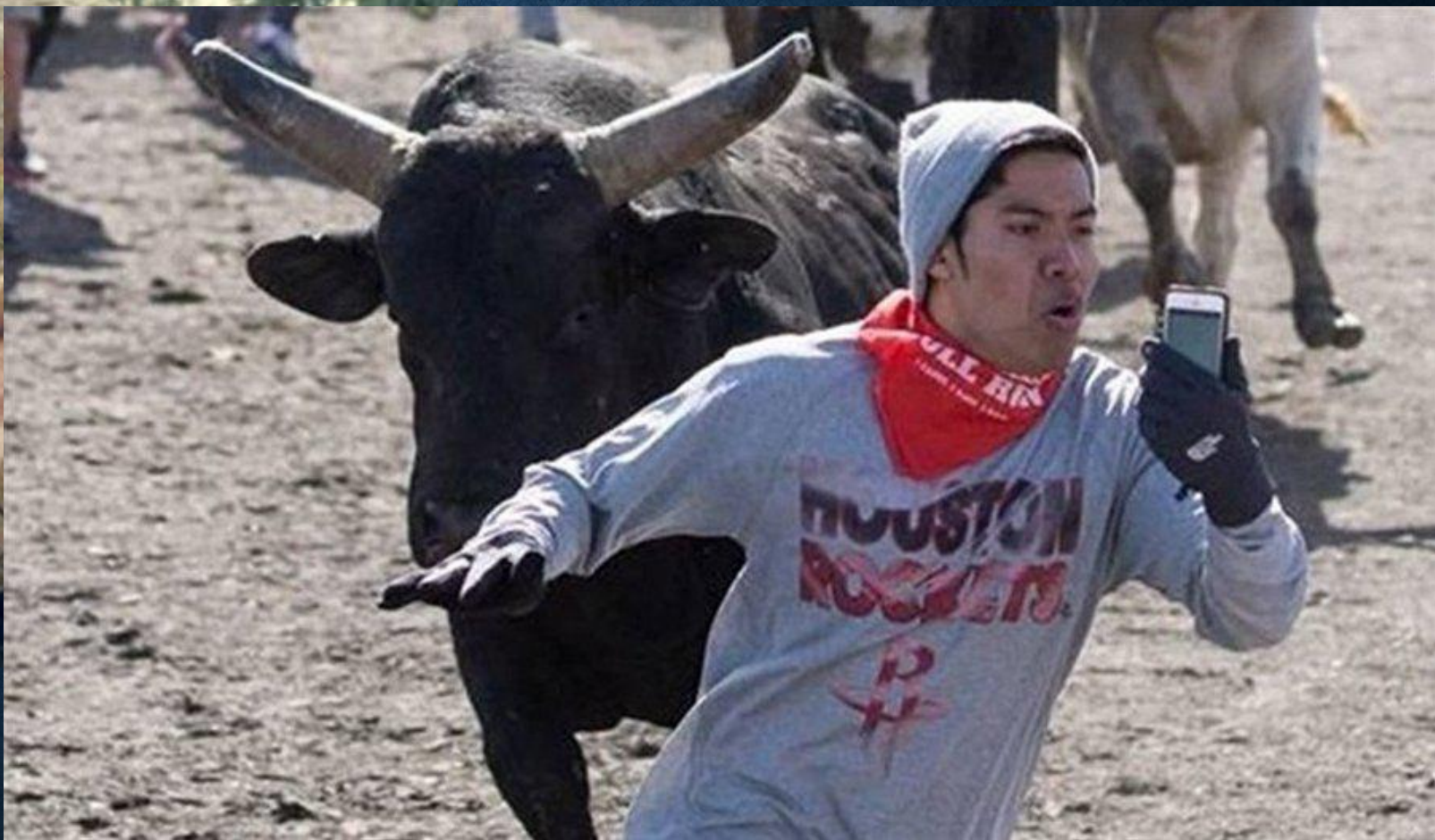
A photograph of Hugh Jackman as Wolverine, wearing a white tank top, standing in a forest. He is holding his claws in both hands and looking towards the camera with a serious expression. The background is a dense forest with tall trees.

HUGH JACKMAN

*“You are stronger than
you think. No matter what
happens, I’ m your friend,
“*

IF YOU CAN'T BE BRAD PITT YOU AT LEAST BUY HIS WATCH







Transactional view of people
Use others for self glory



John 5:44 (ESV)
How can you
believe, when you
receive glory
from one another
and do not seek
the glory that
comes from the
only God?



List of Sumerian gods
written in cuneiform
(2400 BC)



Sumerian idols (Oriental Institute,
Chicago)

we become like what we worship

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Psalms 115:7–8 They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;

and they do not make a sound in their throat.

8 Those who make them become like them;

so do all who trust in them.

THE GENDER IS USED TO REFLECT HIS GLORY

Genesis 1:27 (ESV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them









4 stages

Social

Puberty blockers

Hormones

Gender - reassignment surgery

NICOLA-----JASON
COOPER

GENDER NO

non-binary umbrella

- Genderqueer
- Genderfluid
- Bigender
- Pangender
- Agender
- Neutrois
- Demiboy
- Demigirl
- Genderflux
- Trigender

Non-Binary People can:

- Use any pronouns
- Use any label
- Present any way
- Identify with more than one gender
- Use any language
- Vocally Reject the binary

TIONAL
ARY
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It creates a disconnect between how individuals think and feel and who they actually are





YOU ARE BROKEN BUT
BEAUTIFUL

Integrated whole we are not
simply our bodies, minds or
emotions
Embodied souls

IMAGE OF GOD



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REPRESENTATIVE FUNCTION

- “The rulers of the ancient Near East set up images and statues of themselves in places where they exercised or claimed to exercise authority. The images represented the ruler himself as symbols of his presence and authority...”
- - J.A. Motyer, *Look to the Rock*

GOVERNMENT OFFICES



Statues and reliefs were “a meeting point between the supernatural and this world,



Genesis 9:6 (ESV) Whoever sheds the
blood of man,
by man shall his blood be shed,
for God made man in his own image.

DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY



DOMINION RELATED TO IMAGE

Genesis 1:26 (ESV) Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

HOW TO EXERCISE DOMINION

Genesis 1:28 (ESV) And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

THE DIGNITY OF MAN

Psalms 8:3-4 When I look at your heavens,
the work of your fingers, the moon and the
stars, which you have set in place,
4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

DOMINION OF MAN REPEATED

Psalms 8:5-8 (ESV) Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field.

APPLIED TO JESUS

Hebrews 2:6 It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him, Psalm 8
or the son of man, that you care for him?

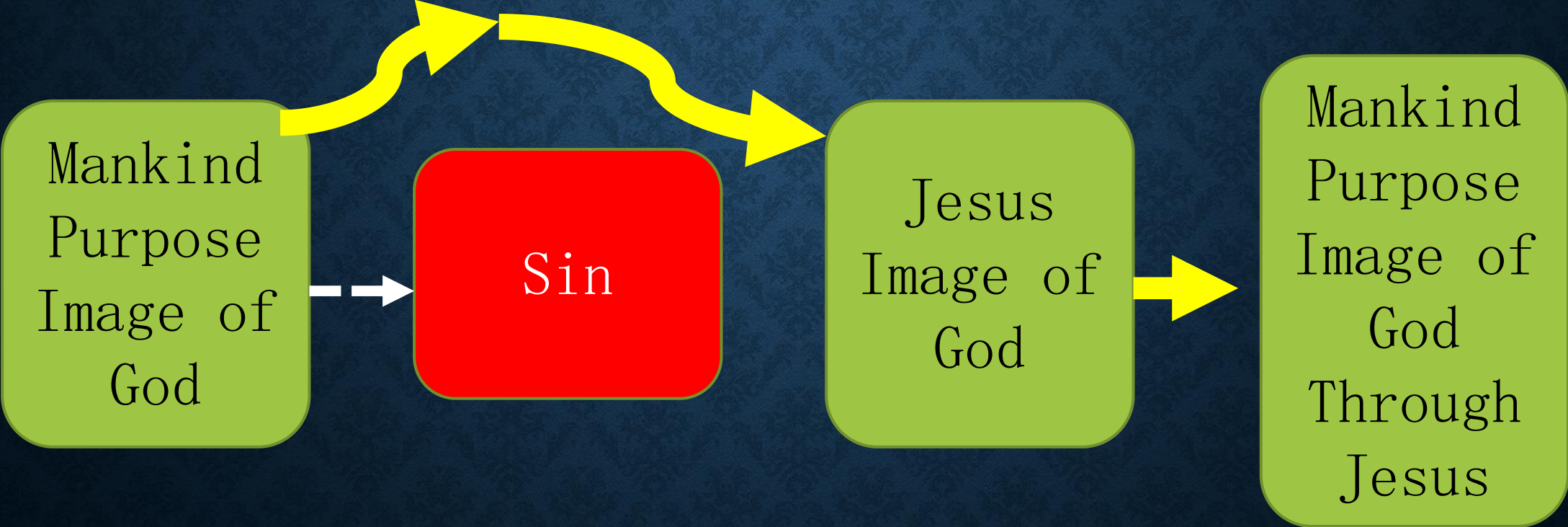
7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

8 putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

NOW APPLIED TO JESUS-SECOND ADAM

Hebrews 2:8-9 (ESV) Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. 9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

THE GRAND VISION



FIRST COMMISSION

Genesis 1:26 And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock

FIRST ADAM

GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

SECOND ADAM



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MADE TO RELATE

Acts 17:26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for “ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’ ;as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed his offspring’

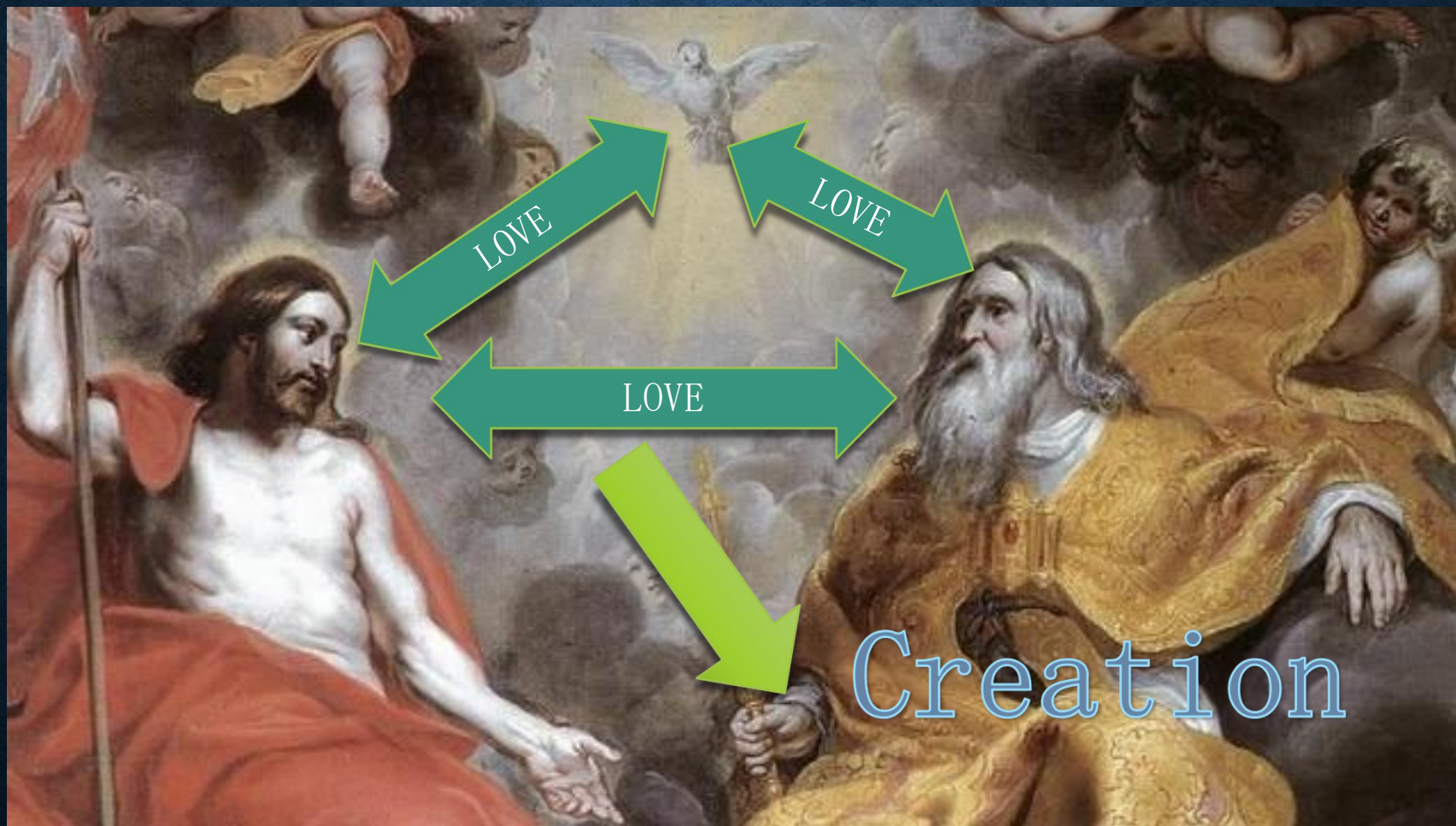
SINGULAR AND PLURAL

Genesis 1:26a Then God said,

“Let us make man in our image,
after our likeness

Love comes first, Gods aim in creation is to give himself, His very self is found in giving, Hence he seeks to share himself and express Himself and goodness

TRIUNE GOD



CLIMAX

- Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness (Genesis 1:26 ESV)
- ... and behold, it was very good (Genesis 1:31)

JEAN PAUL SATRE MEANING

- Life is absurd but you can produce your own meaning
- Like loving others

He is really pretending
there is
meaning.. fooling
himself



CLIMAX OF CREATION

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation

THE SEVENTH DAY

- *It is the rest of achievement, not inactivity, for he nurtures what He creates;*
- God delights in his creation, and enjoys the benefits of a finished achievement.

A biblical scene depicting the harvest of wheat. In the foreground, a man wearing a white tunic and a white head covering is bent over, working in the golden wheat. Behind him, another man in a blue tunic and a head covering is also working. In the center, a woman wearing a blue tunic and a white head covering stands holding a bundle of harvested wheat. The background shows a vast, open field of wheat stretching to the horizon under a clear sky. The overall scene is set in a rural, agricultural landscape.

THE 7 DAY WORK WEEK
(6 CREATIONAL)

EXODUS 20-PARALLEL MAN WITH GOD

8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, ...



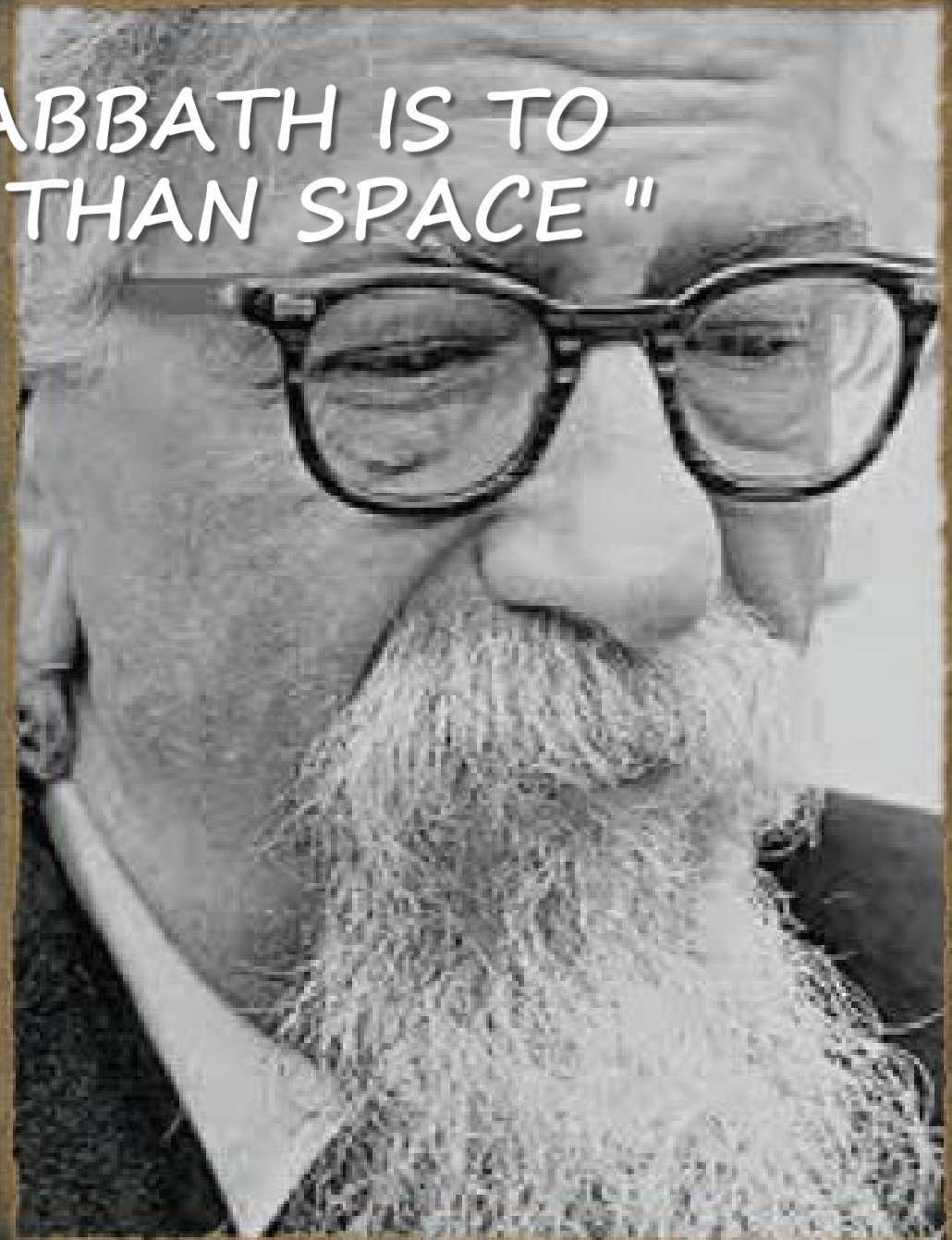
Reason

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

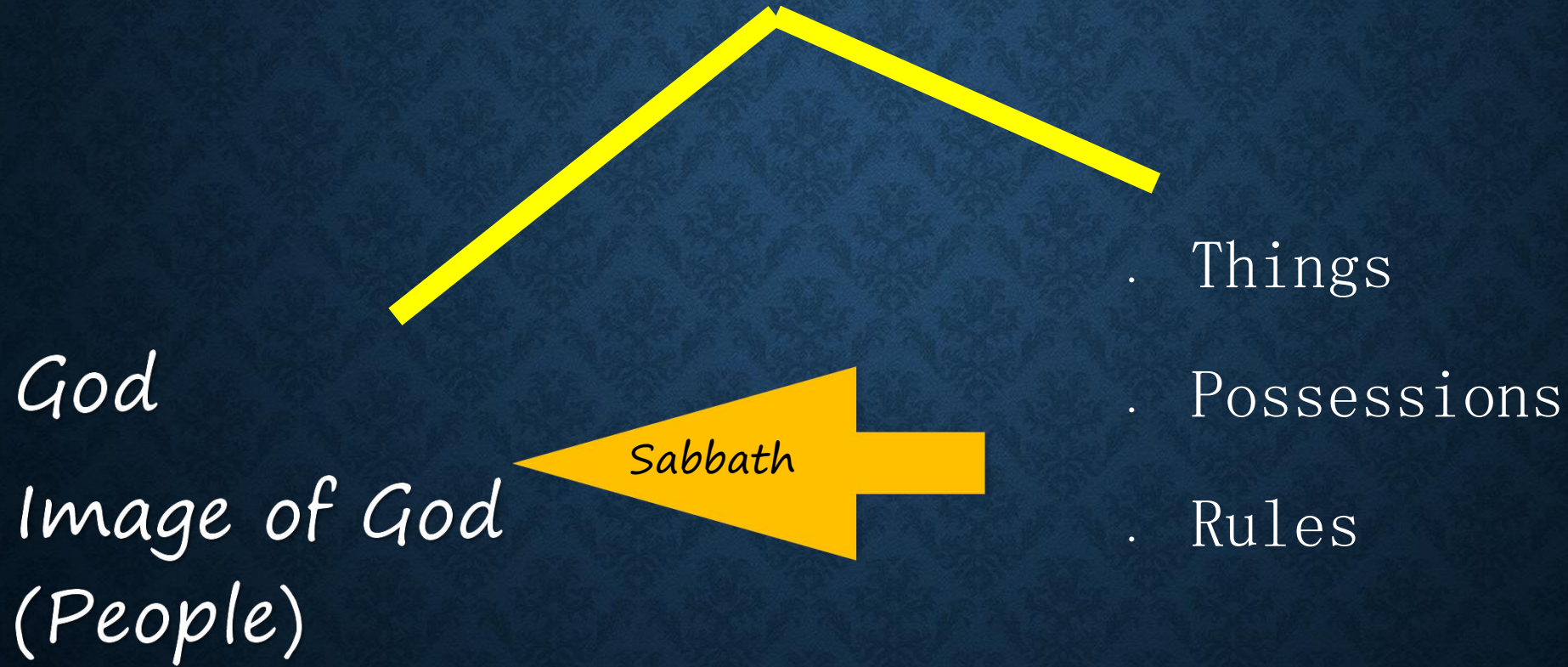
"THE MEANING OF THE SABBATH IS TO
CELEBRATE TIME RATHER THAN SPACE"

*Celebrate the
Creator and not
the creation*

Abraham Joshua Herschel



SABBATH KEEPING..EMBRACE



Time..growth...deeper caring

JESUS HEALINGS-LIBERATION-RESTORATION



- Withered hand (Matt 12)
- Healing of invalid of 38 years John 5
- "it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath" (Matt 12:12)



*Come to me, all who
labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon
you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly
in heart, and you will
find rest for your souls.*

JESUS PROVIDES THE ULTIMATE SABBATH HEB 4:9-11

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. 11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.



- First day of the week pointer to what the last day will look like
- Present gift and blessing to come
- Training ground for eternity

HUMAN REALITY

SPIRITUAL REALITY