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FACTS with HOPE

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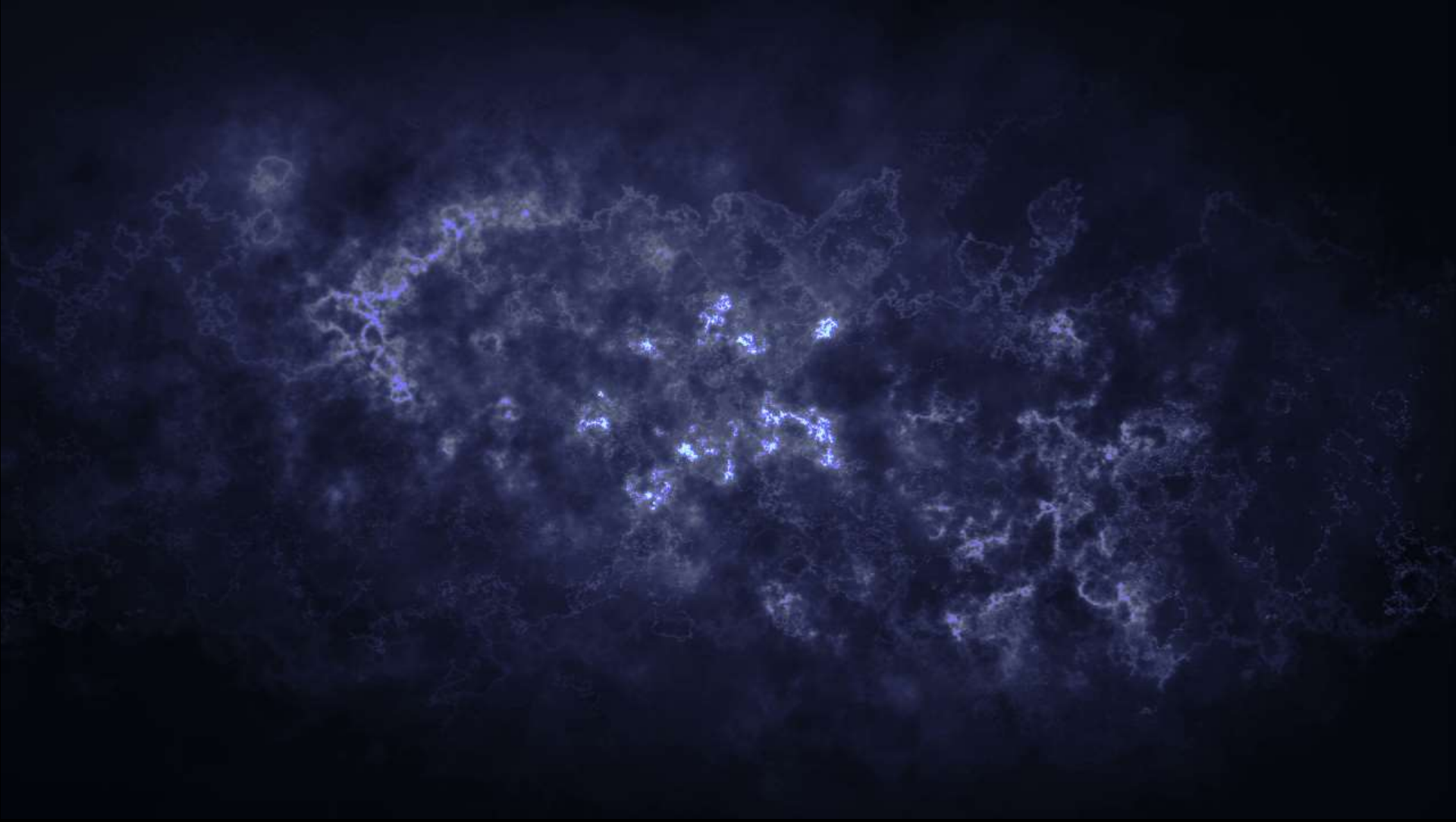

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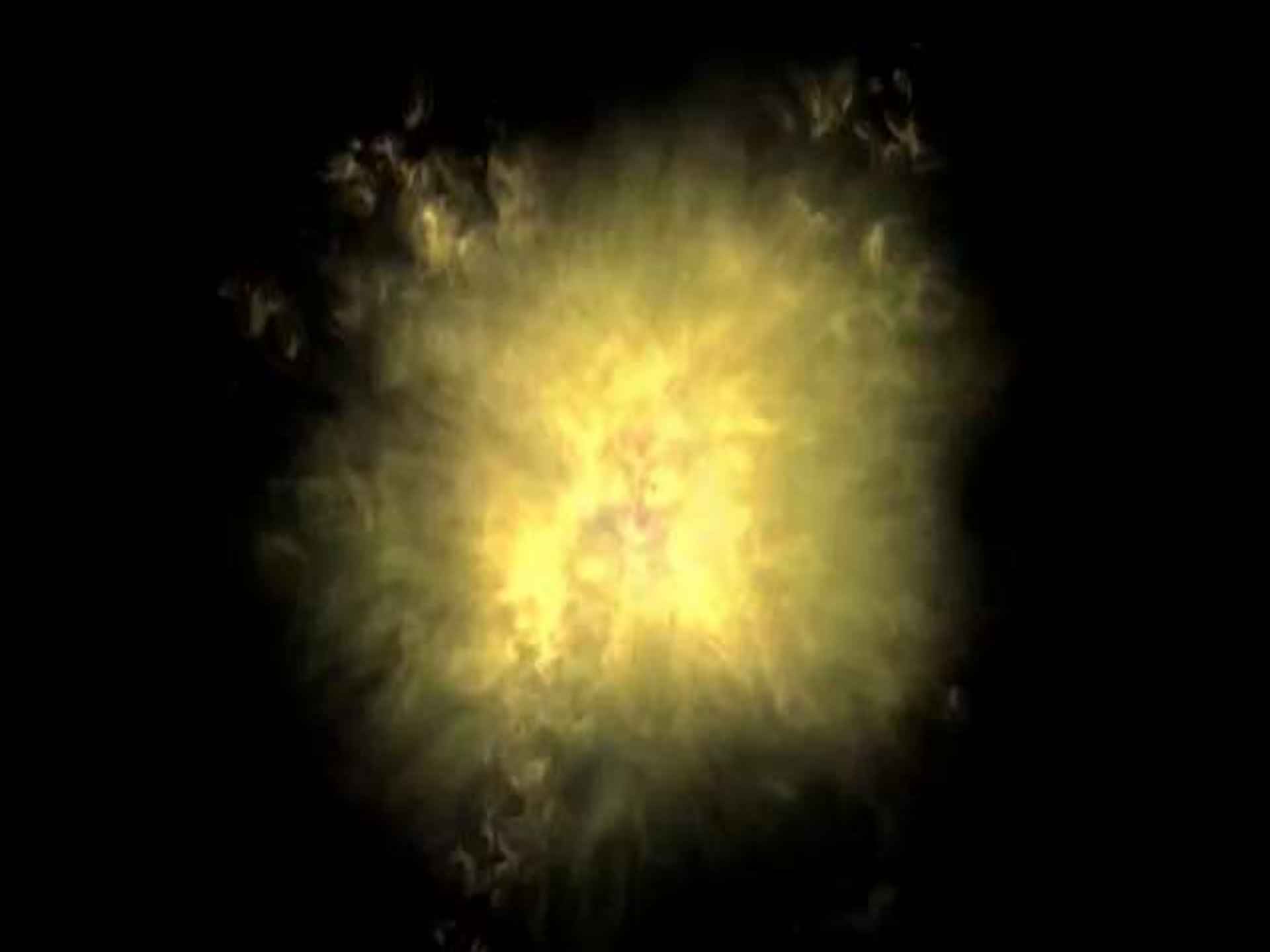
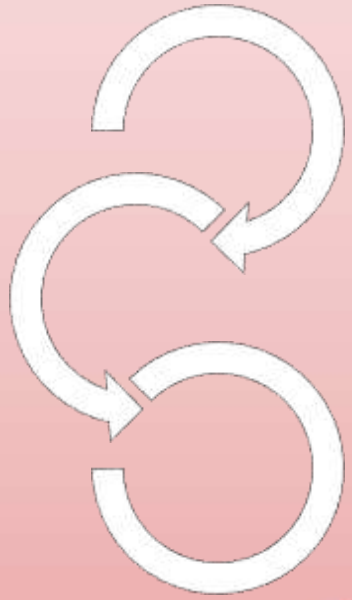


And there was Light

Can you hear me now?!

Providence



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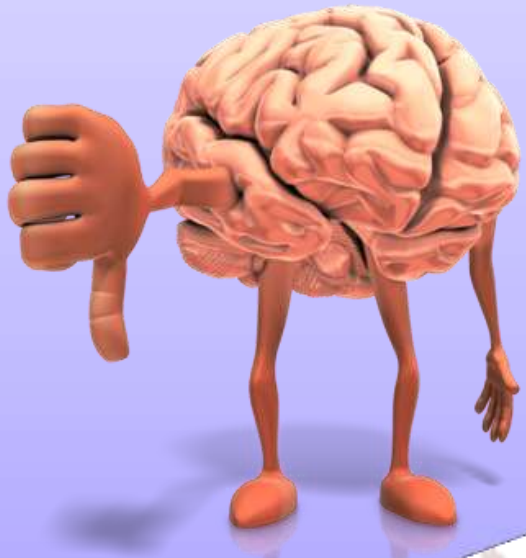
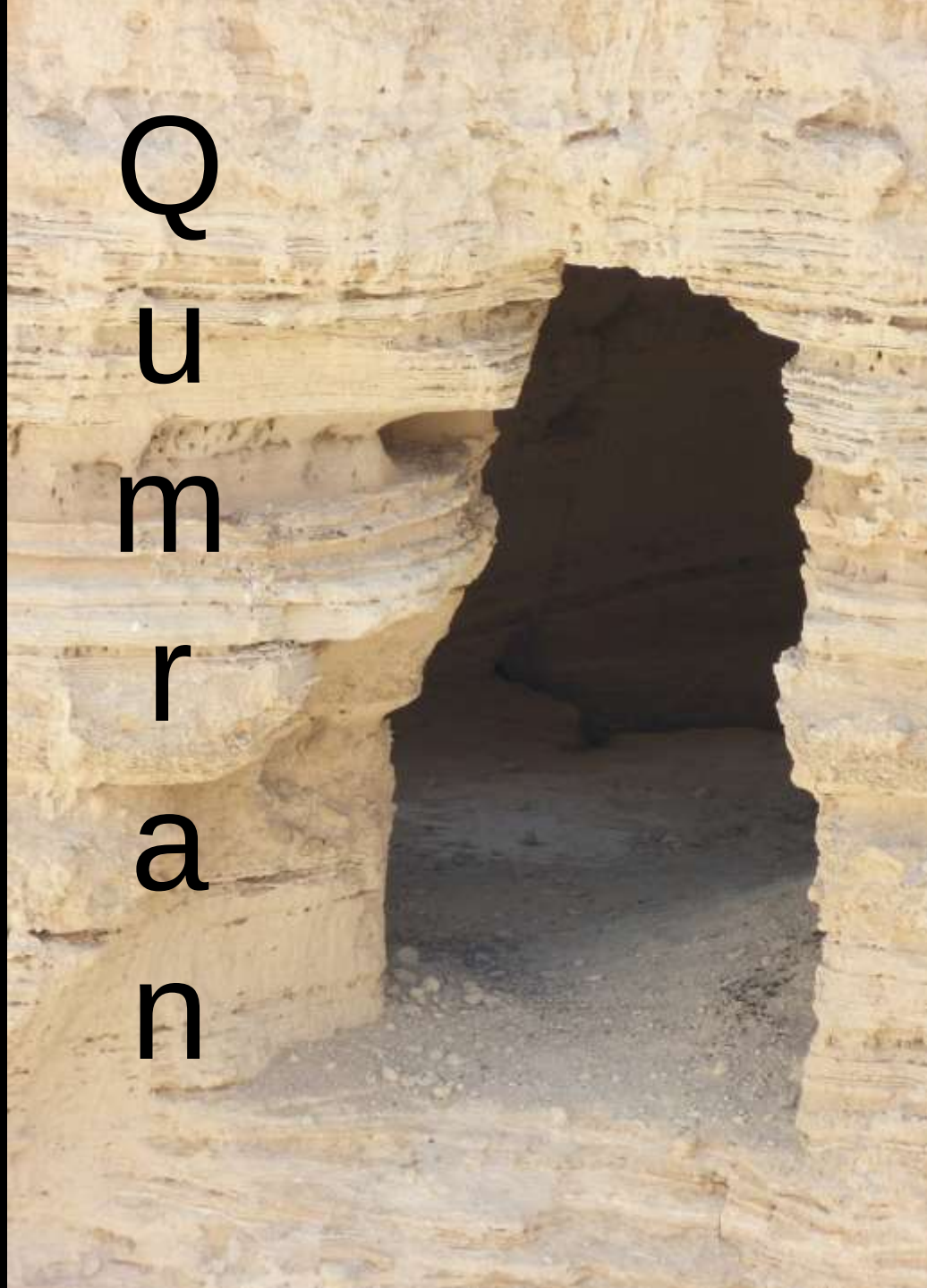


Can you hear me now?!

Archaeology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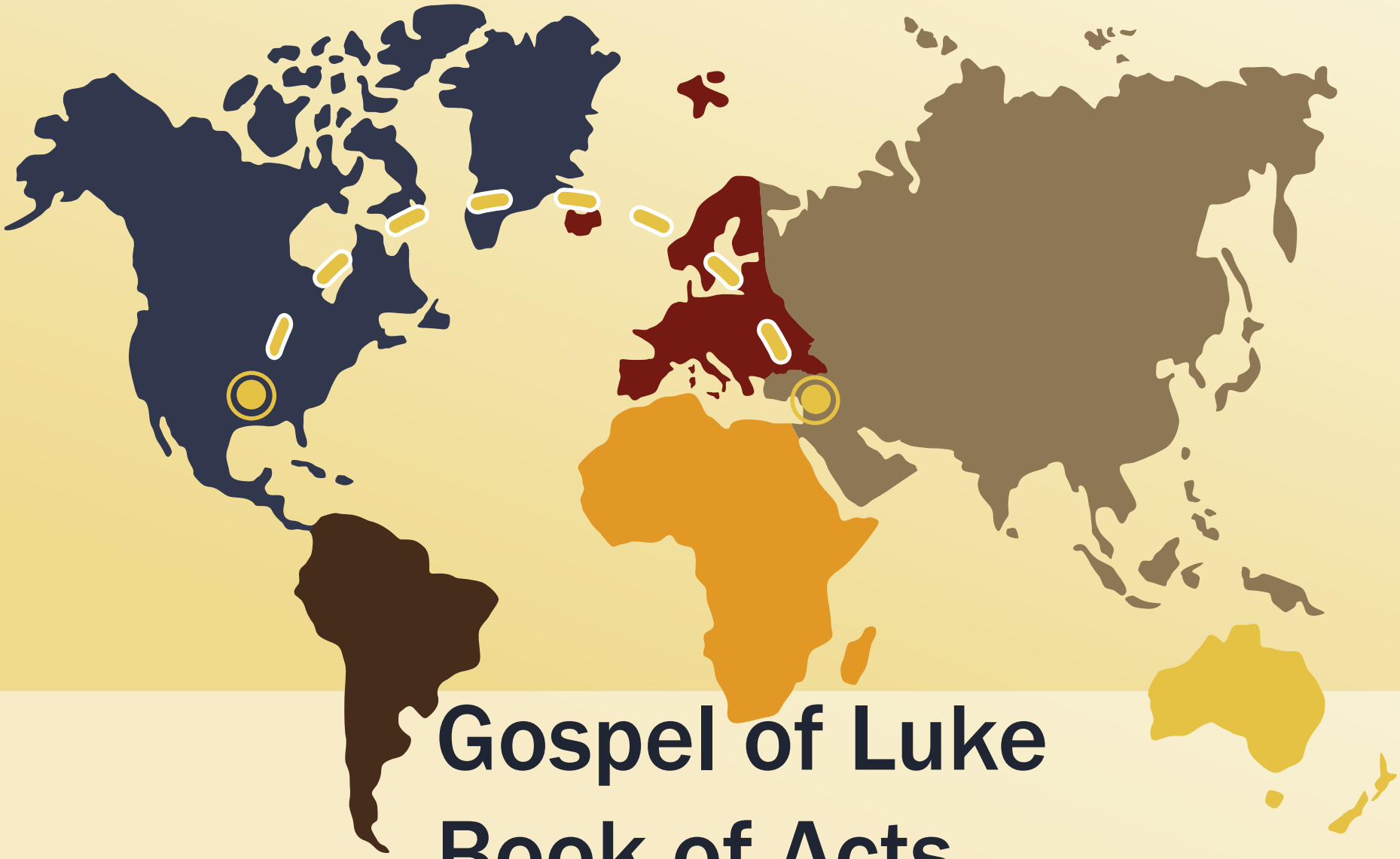
"Your eyes are like the pools in Heshbon"

Song of Solomon 7:4

"וַיִּמְשְׁחוּ־שָׁם אֶת־דָּוִד לְמֶלֶךְ" (שמואל־ב ב: ד)

"And there they anointed David king" (II Samuel 2:4



Gospel of Luke
Book of Acts

32 Countries 54 Cities 9 Islands 0 Mistakes

The New Testament vs Ancient Books

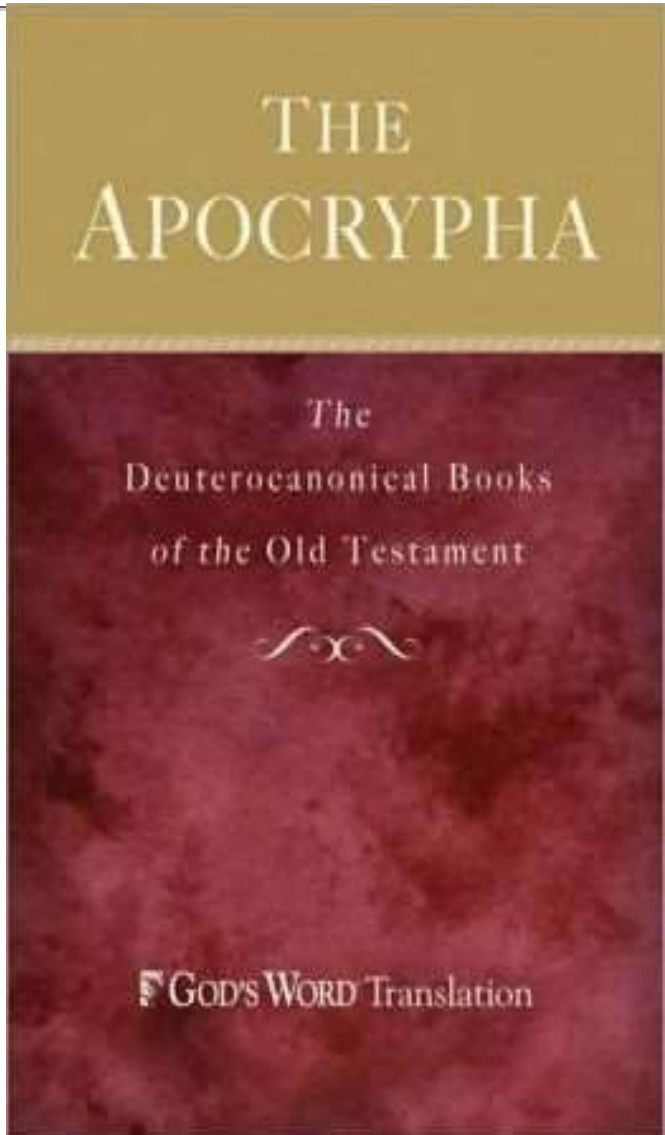
Book/ Author	Original	Earliest Copy	Interval	How many Copies?
"History" Herodotus	450 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,350	8
"Gallic Wars" Julius Caesar	50 B.C.	900 A.D.	950	10
"Annals" Tacitus	100 A.D.	1,100 A.D.	1,000	20
"Natural History" Pliny	100 A.D.	850 A.D.	750	7
New Testament Manuscripts	50-100 A.D.	120 A.D. (Rylands)	1-2 generations	**5,000 50,000**

Authenticity

"We, brothers and sisters, receive Peter and the rest of the apostles as we would receive Christ himself. But those writings that are falsely ascribed with their names, we carefully reject, knowing that no such writings have ever been handed down to us" (Serapion of Antioch, late 2nd c. AD)

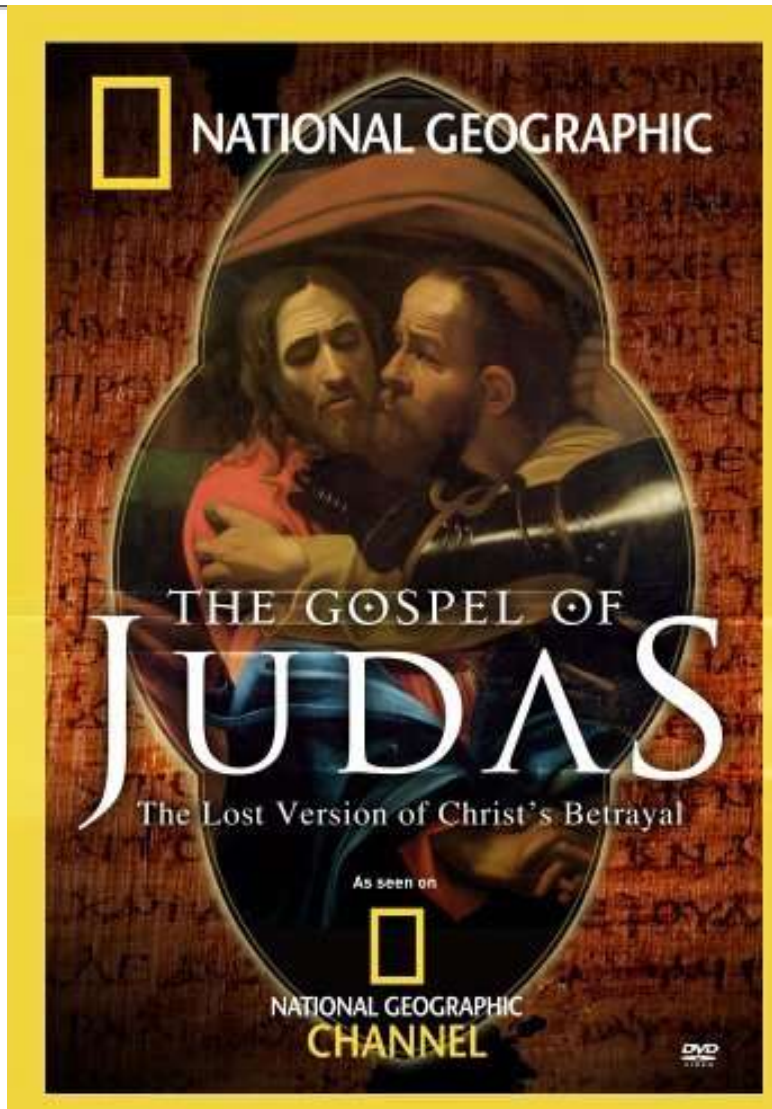
The Apocrypha? ~ "Hidden"

1. wrong time
2. never accepted by Jews
3. never mentioned by Jesus
4. never quoted in New Testament
5. no eyewitnesses
6. doctrinal problems
7. historical issues



Other Gospels?

"So, if anyone who had served the elders came, I asked about their sayings in detail—what Andrew or Peter said, or what was said by Philip or Thomas or James or John or Matthew or any other of the Lord's followers." Papias of Hierapolis, AD 110 (quoted in Eusebius, 3:39)



"Gospel" of Thomas?

"Let Mary go away from us, because women are not worthy of life."

"I shall lead her in order to make her a male, so that she too may become a living spirit, resembling you males. For every woman who makes herself male will enter into the kingdom of heaven."

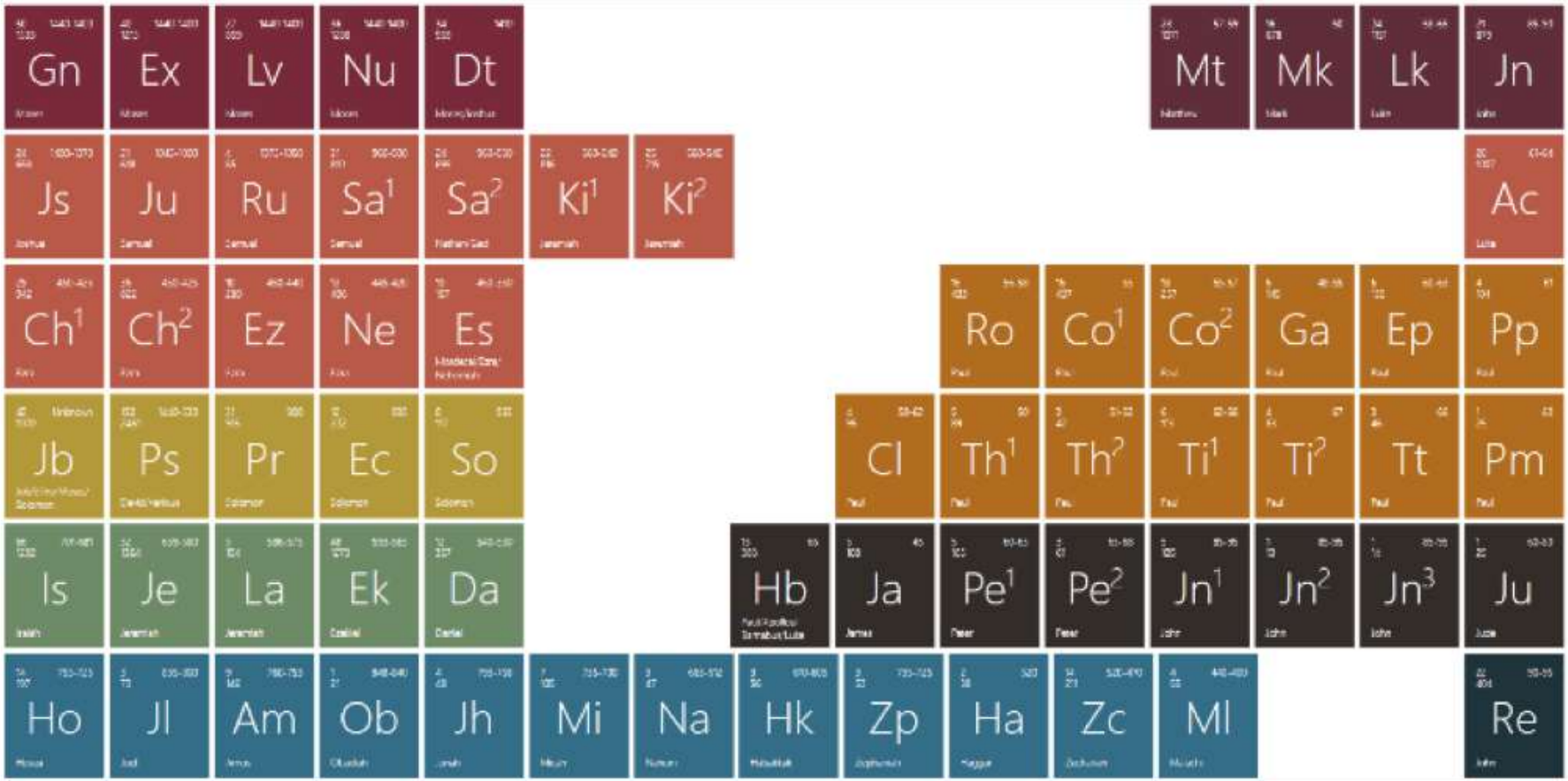
Old & New Testament

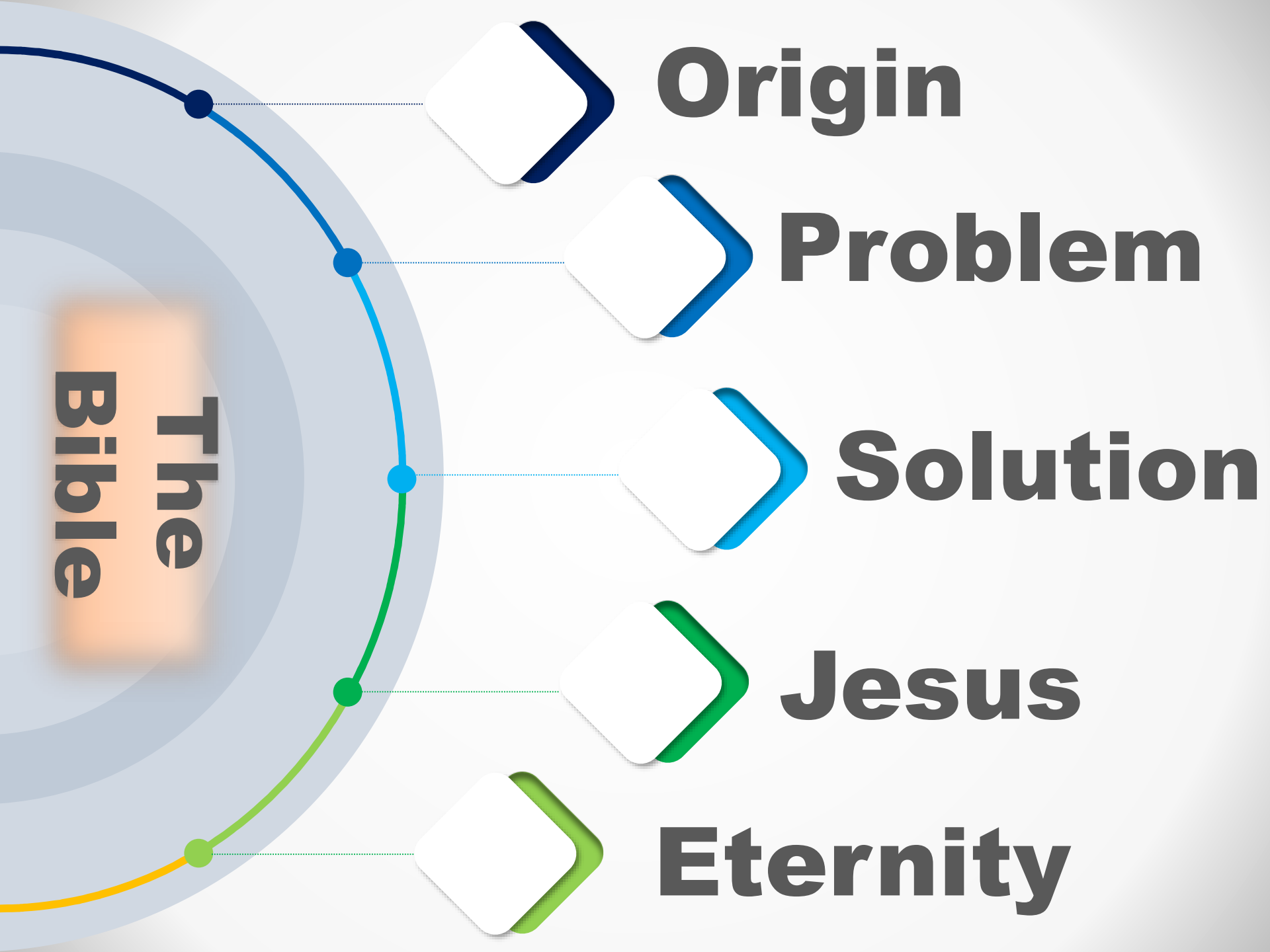
Testament
By the Will of

Jesus Christ

You believe ~ You belong
What's His ~ Is Yours!

The 66 Elements of the Bible

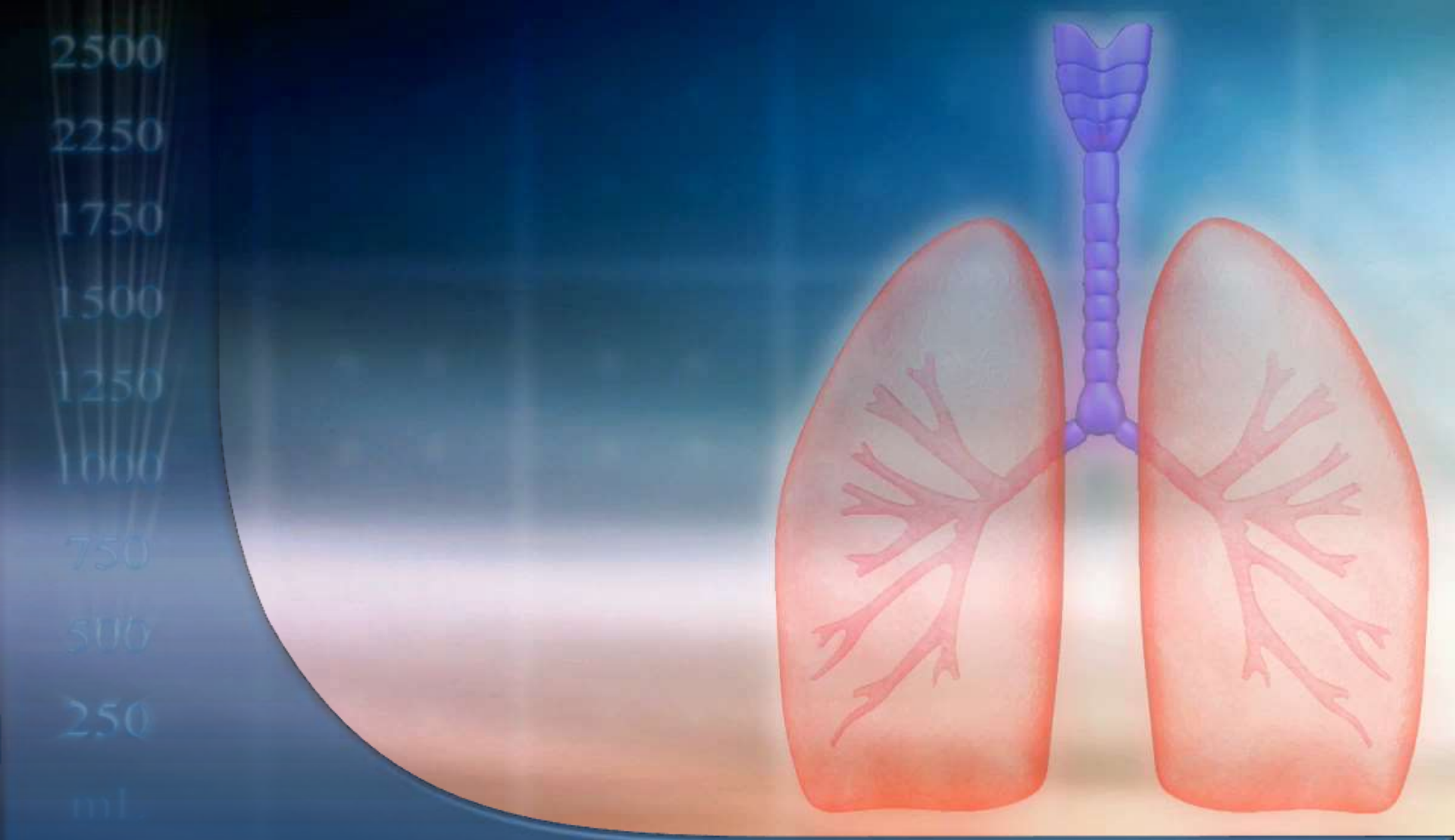



The Bible
Origin
Problem
Solution
Jesus
Eternity

“And God spoke . . . ”

Gen 1:24

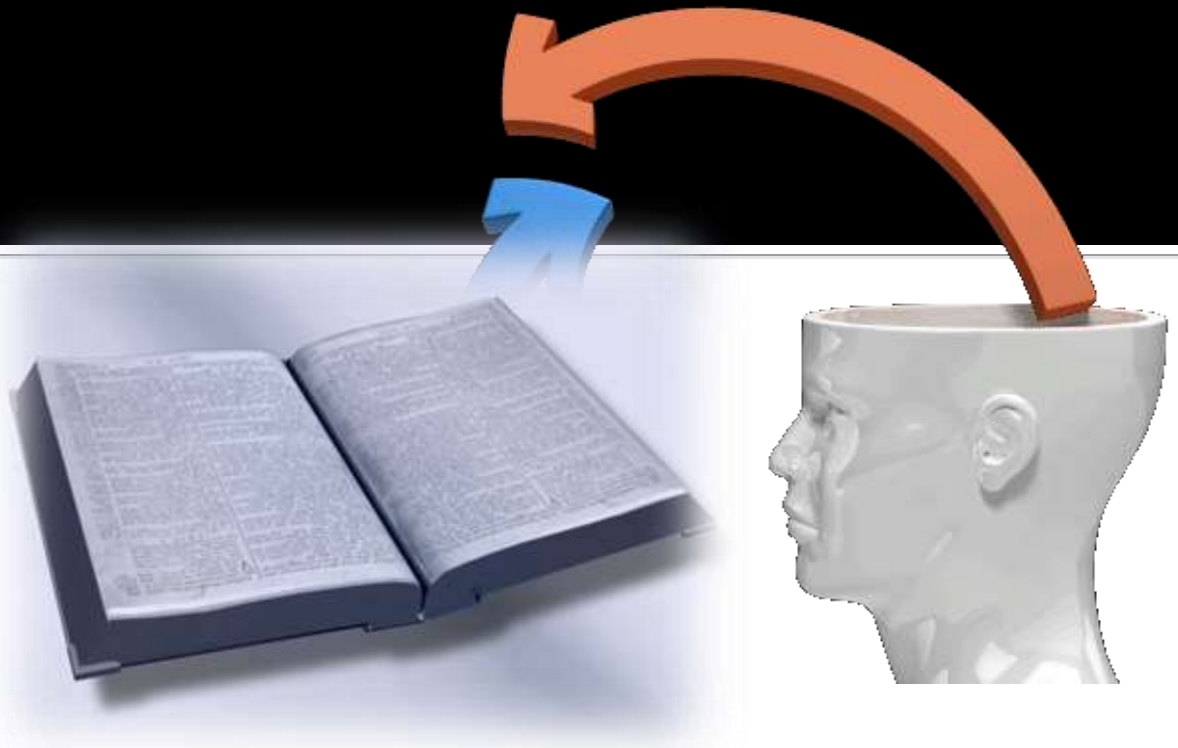
Gen 1:26



"And the Lord God breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of life"

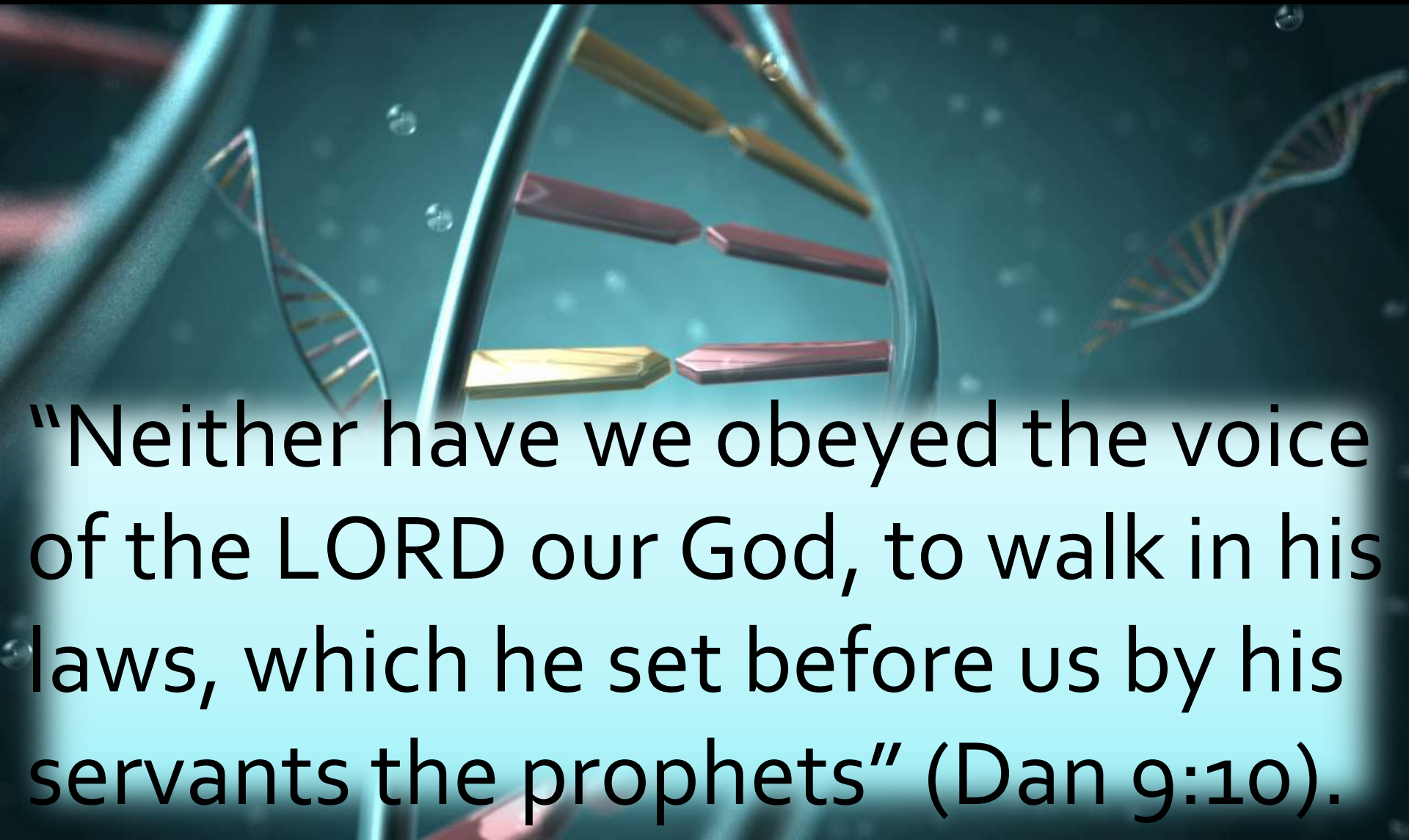
Genesis 2:7

2 Peter 1:21



"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost."

Divine + Human



"Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets" (Dan 9:10).

2 Samuel 23:2

"The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word *was* in my tongue."

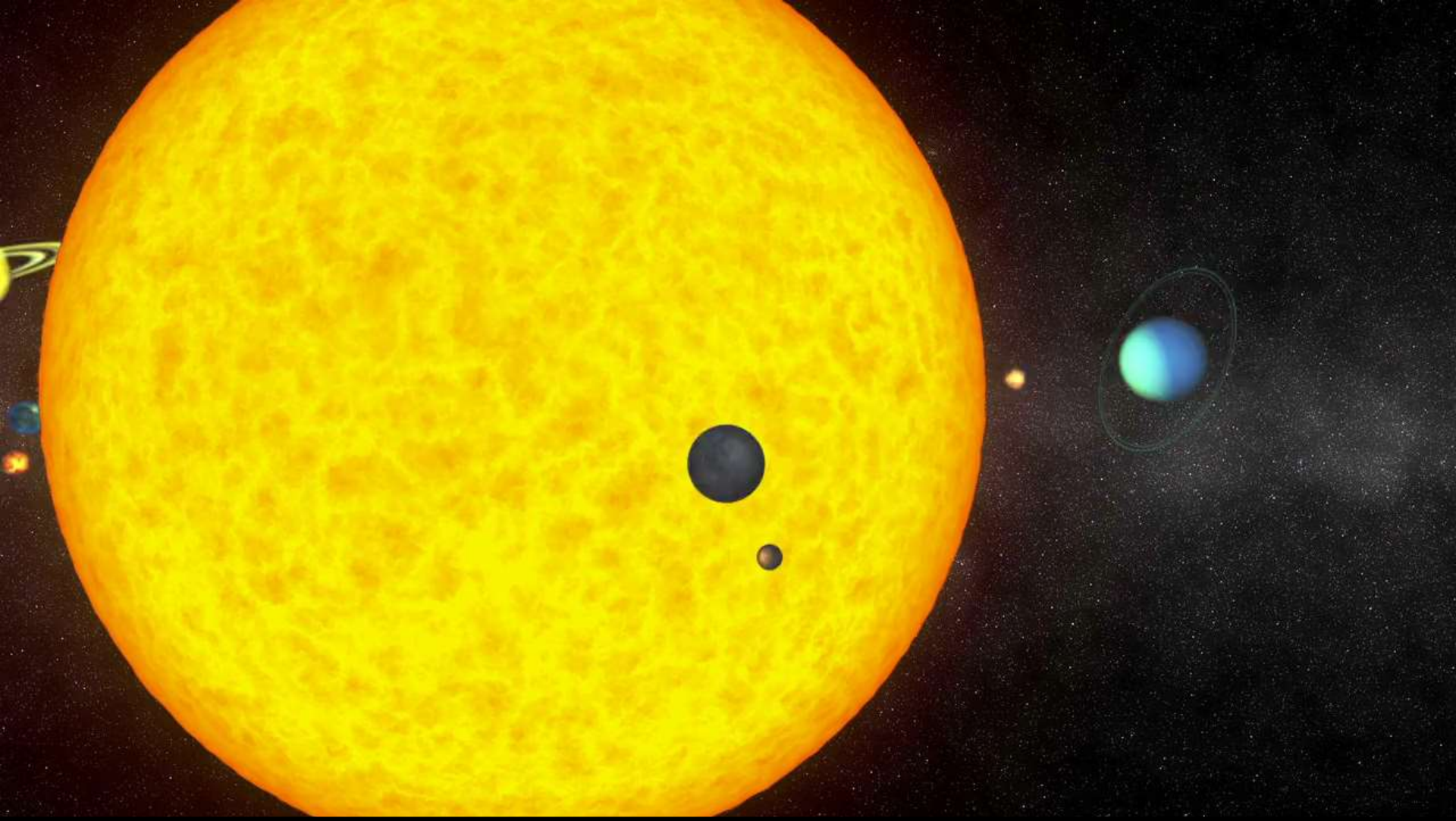
“Who by the mouth of thy servant David has said”

Acts 4:25

Writers

kings, legislators, statesmen, courtiers, herdsmen, fishermen, priests, prophets, physicians, rabbis, tax collectors, etc.

The Human Element: Sunset?!



2 Timothy 3:16-17

Process

Purpose

Product

2 Timothy 3:16-17

"All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable

1. for doctrine,
2. for reproof,
3. for correction,
4. for instruction in righteousness:

Process

Purpose

Product

[17] That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

The Table of Showbread

Matthew 4:4

Hebrews 4:12

"For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and **sharper than any twoedged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Ephesians 6:17

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Woodrow Wilson

"A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of this, a knowledge of the Bible. When you have read the Bible, you will know that it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own happiness, and your own duty."

Martin Luther

"A man's word is a little sound, that flies into the air, and soon vanishes; but the Word of God is greater than heaven and earth, yea, greater than death and hell, for it forms part of the power of God, and endures everlastingly . . . The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."

Voltaire

"If we would destroy the Christian religion, we must first of all destroy man's belief in the Bible."

John Quincy Adams

"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society. I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once every year."

Theodore Roosevelt

"A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."

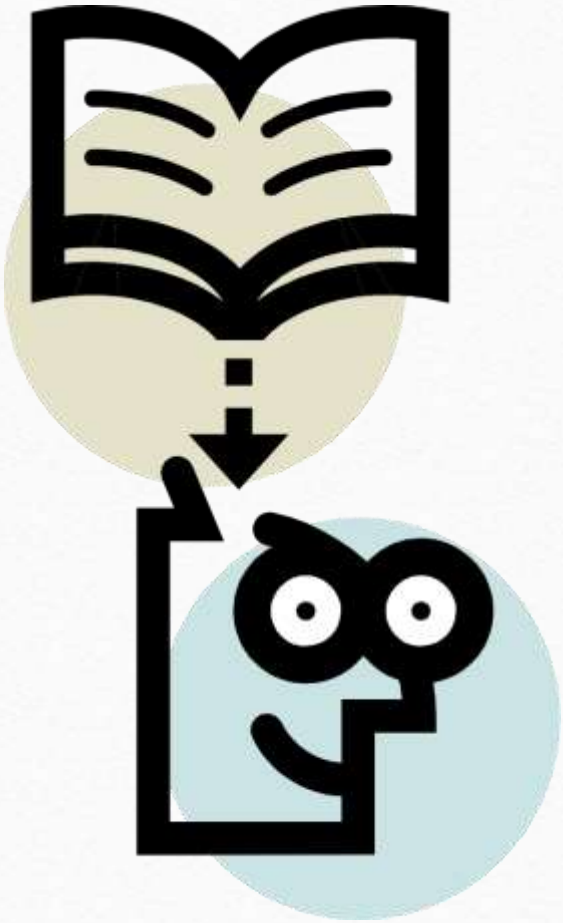
“I visit many good books . . .

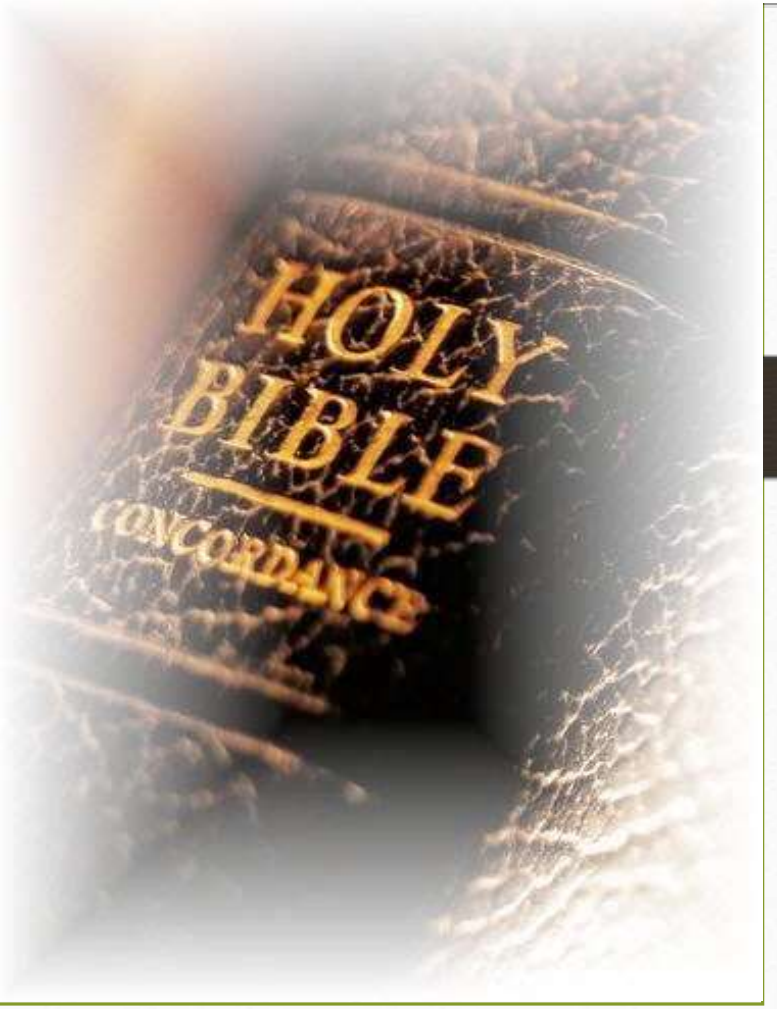
. . . But I live in the Bible”

Spurgeon

Bible. Brain.

Read to Succeed!





Bible Translations

Literal **Dynamic Equivalent** **Paraphrase**

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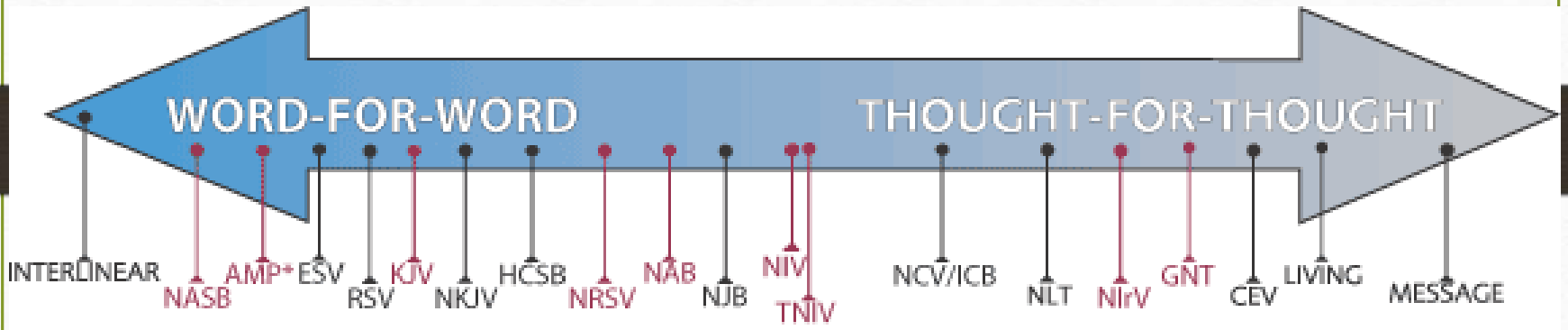
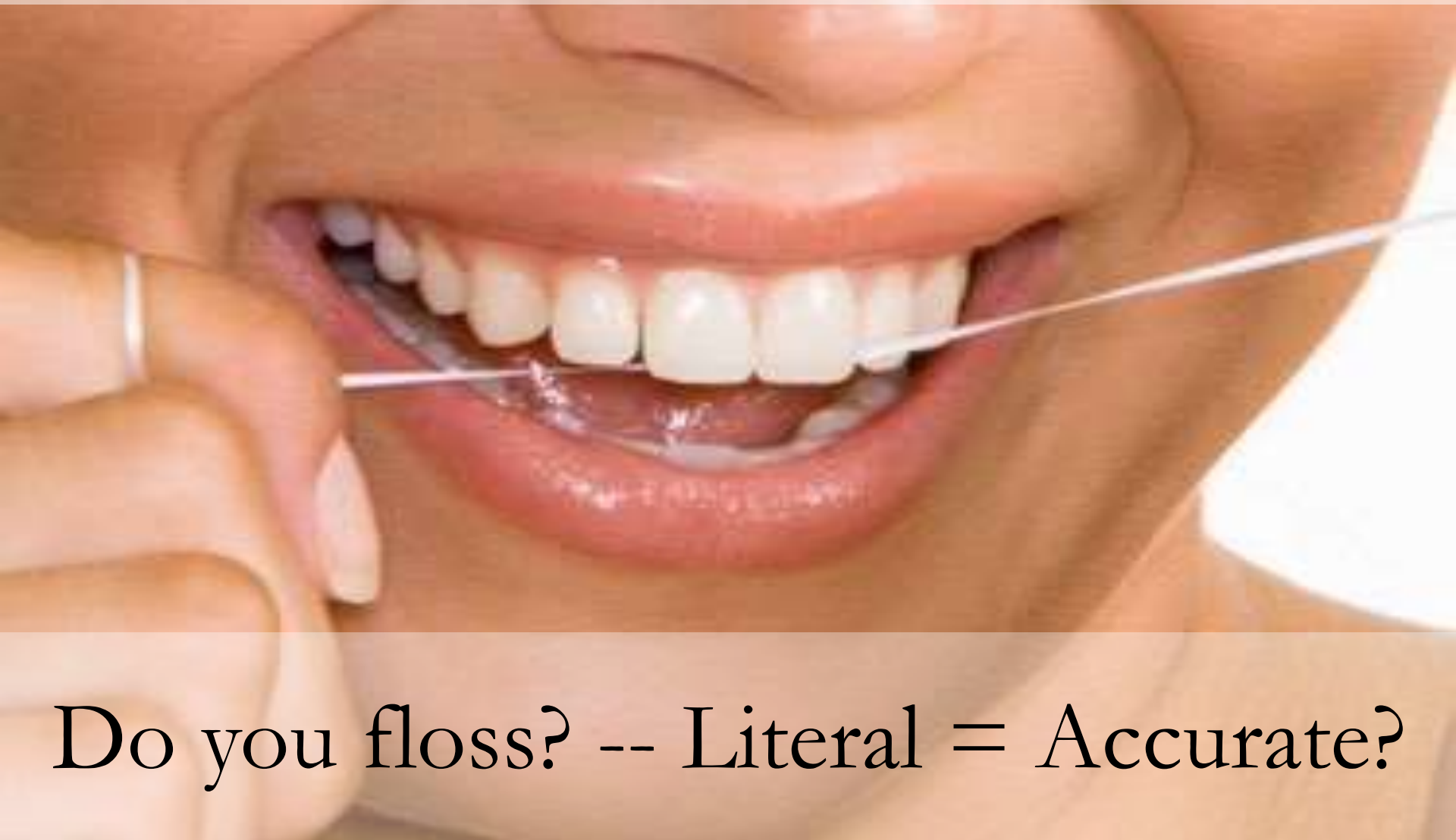


“I have given you cleanness of teeth”
(Amos 4:6 KJV)



Do you floss? -- Literal = Accurate?

You Do the Math . . .

$$1.000 = 1{,}000$$

Memory

Fasting

"No Bible
No Breakfast"

Psalm 119:9-11

"How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

“Is not My word like a fire?”
Jeremiah 23:29

My Bible Commitment

Time:

Place:

Threats: