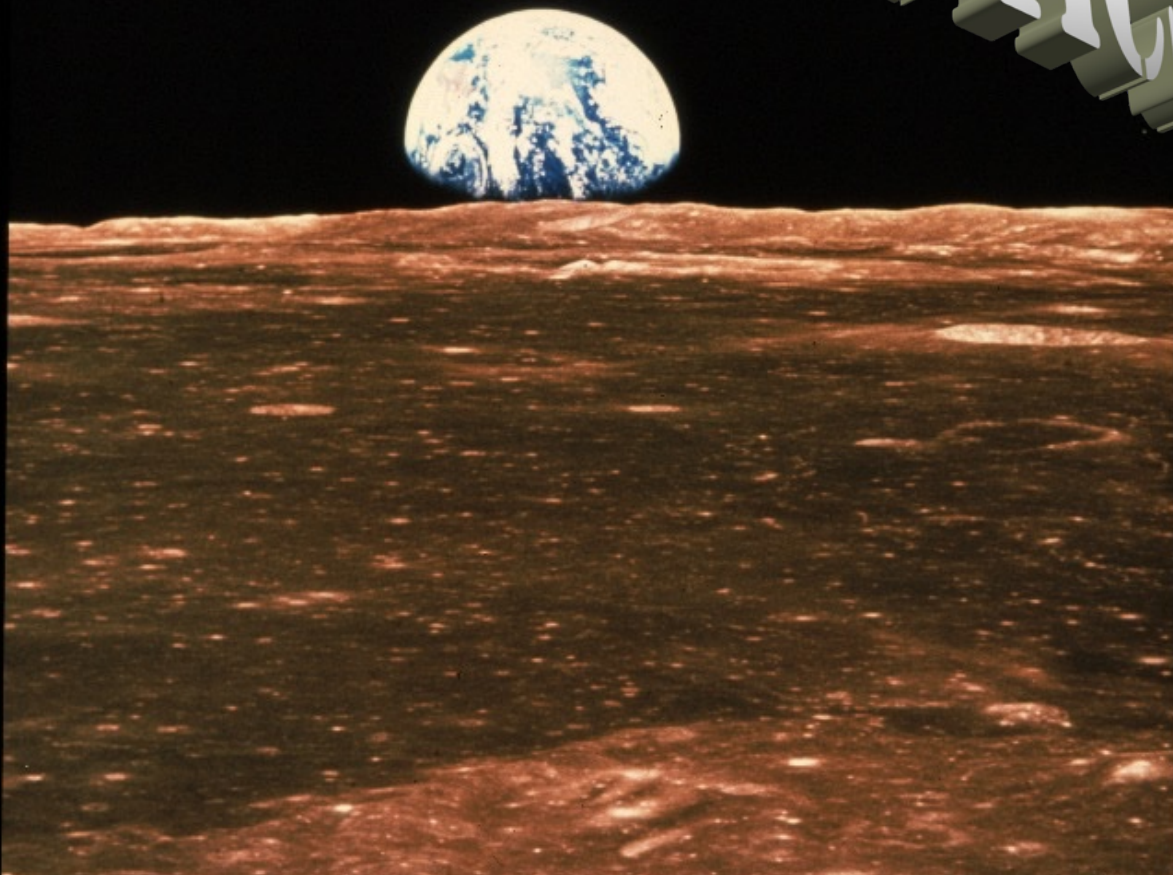


HERMENEUTICS



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

A photograph of a university plaza with large trees, concrete benches, and people walking. The text "THE SCIENCE AND ART OF INTERPRETATION" is overlaid in a pink, serif font with a blue glow.

**THE SCIENCE AND
ART OF
INTERPRETATION**



1. Hermeneutics in General

A black and white photograph of an elderly woman with short, wavy 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



“Let me put it this way; there are really only two ways to interpret the Constitution — try to discern as best we can what the framers intended or make it up. No matter how ingenious, imaginative or artfully put, unless interpretive methodologies are tied to the original intent of the framers, they have no more basis in the Constitution than the latest football scores. ...”

**(Clarence Thomas’s Wriston Lectures
to Manhattan Institute)**

SCIENCE

➤ **Methodological
Naturalism**

➤ **Truth Seeking**

Andromeda

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

A vibrant, colorful illustration of a garden or park. In the foreground, there's a peacock on the right and a basket of fruit. A lion is visible in the middle ground near a pond. The background features various trees, including a large tree with orange fruit on the left, and a bright, sunny sky.

➤ **Fall of Man - Gen 3:1**

“Indeed, has God said ...”

➤ **Peacemakers - Mt 5:9**

**“Blessed are the
peacemakers ...”**



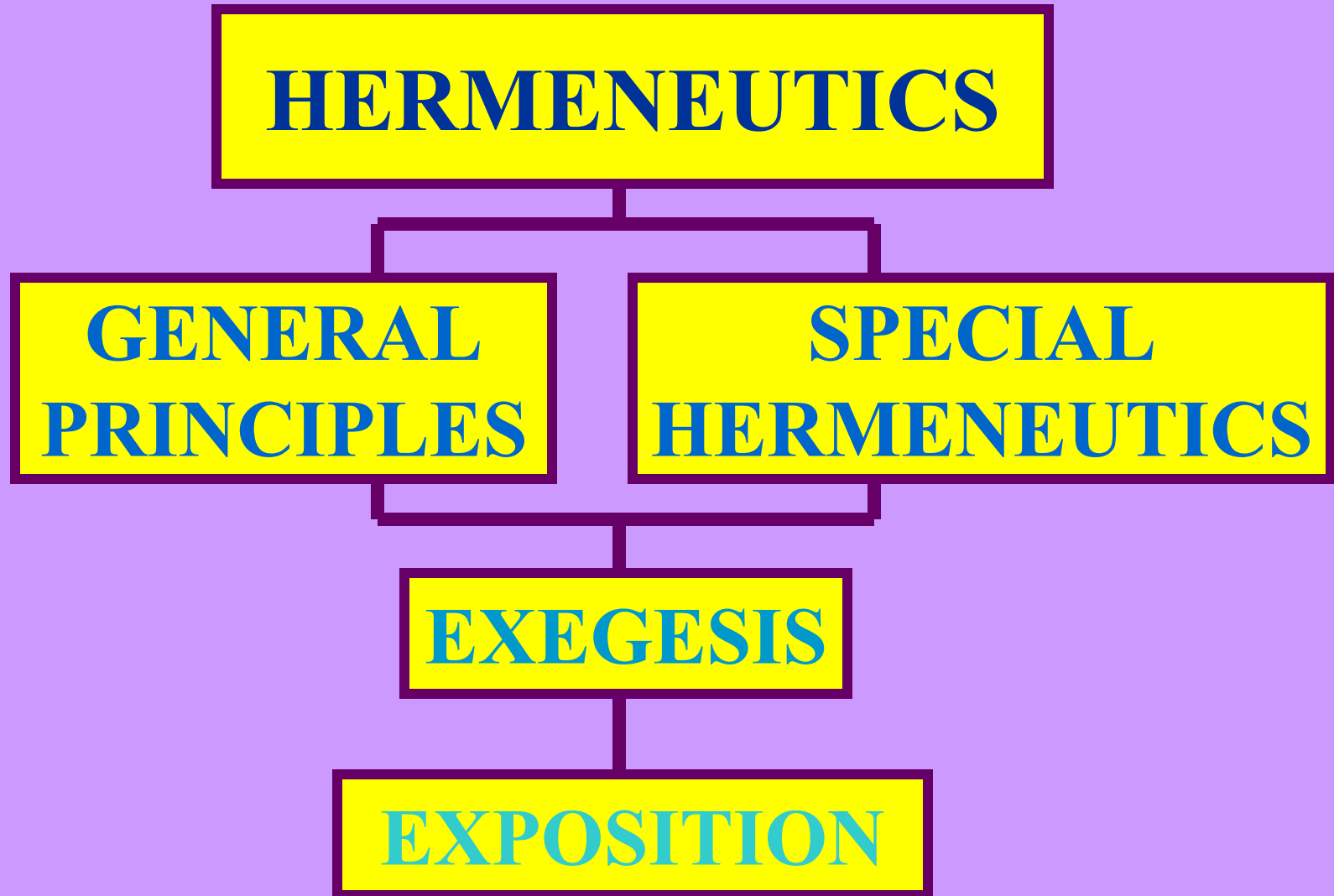
1. Hermeneutics in General

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**



**GRAMMATICAL-
HISTORICAL-
CONTEXTUAL
METHOD**

Or

“Literal Method”

“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



σπουδαζω =

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

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2Tim 2:15

ορθοτομew =

**cut a path in a
straight direction**





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- 3. Purpose**

PURPOSE

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

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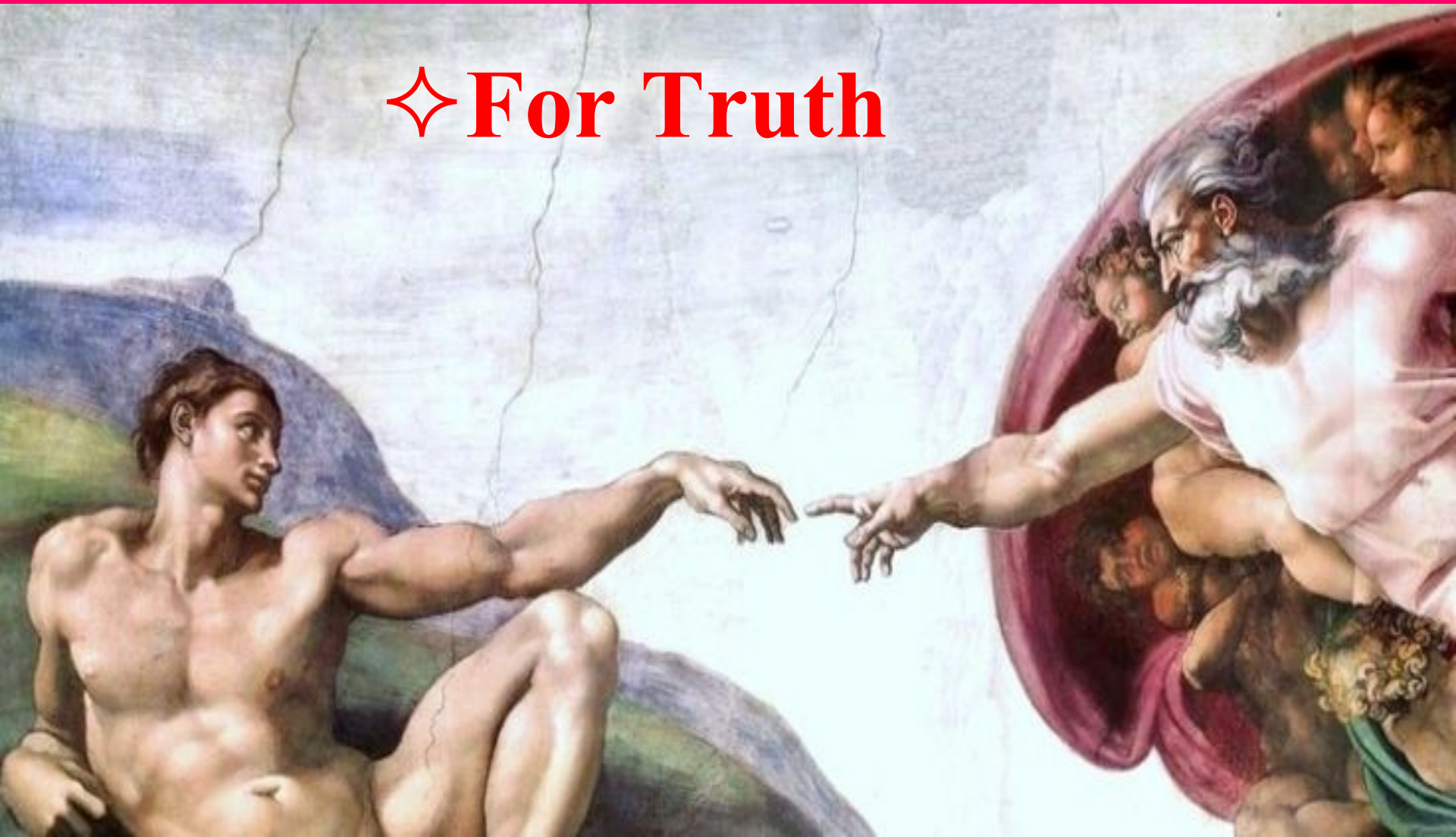
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- **To Develop Skills**
- **To Enjoy Bible Study**
- **To Strengthen Relationship**



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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?

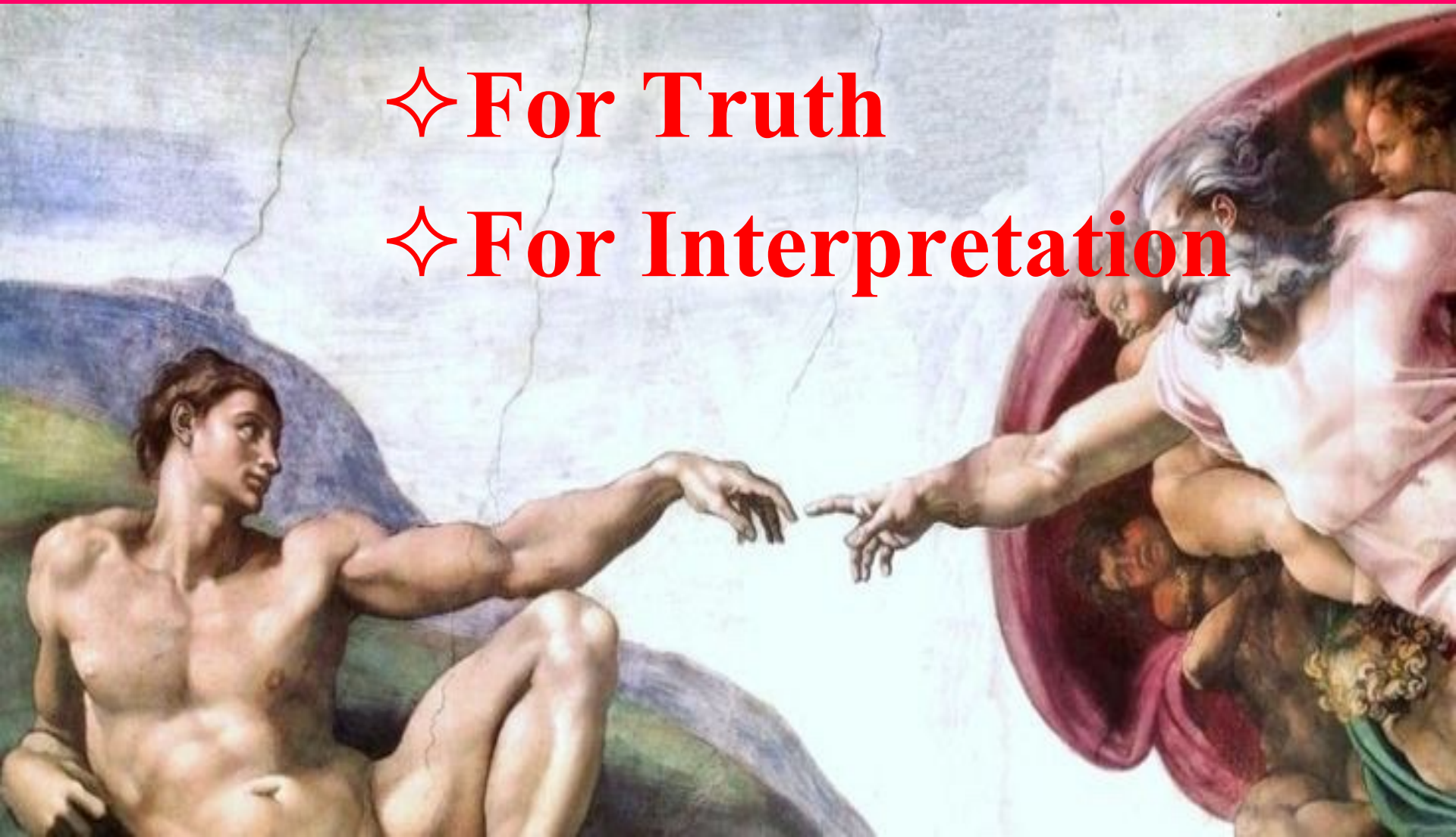


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IMPORTANCE

✧ 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

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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

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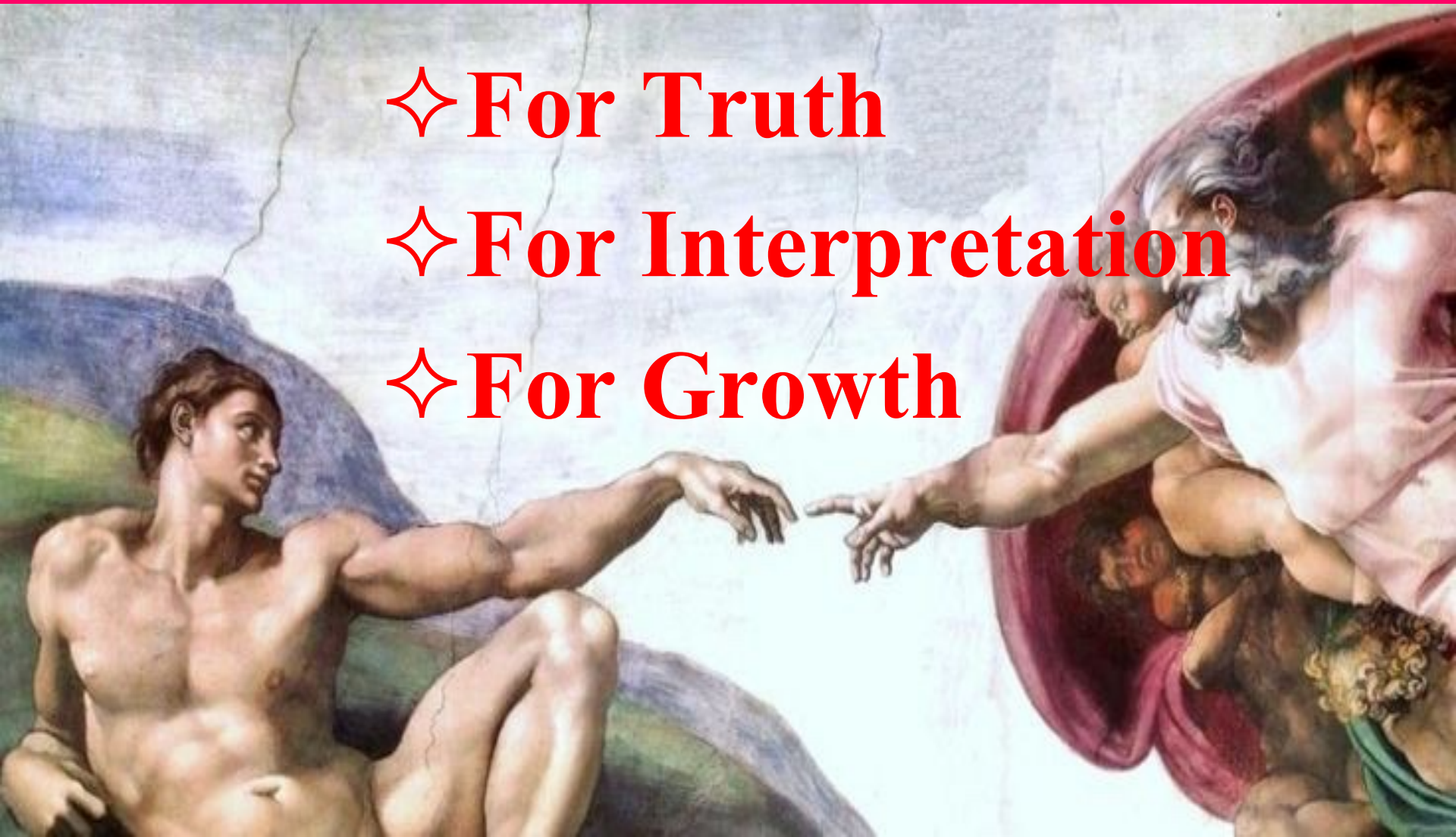
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IMPORTANCE

- ✧ 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

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graph TD; A[LITERAL INTERPRETATION] --> B[Creation Science]; A --> C[Orthodoxy]; A --> D[Eschatology]
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Creation

Orthodoxy

Eschatology

Science

LITERAL INTERPRETATION

Creation Orthodoxy Eschatology

Science

Young
Earth

Universal
Flood

Inspired,
Inerrant

Bible

High
View
of God

Premillennialism
Pretribulation
Rapture

NON-LITERAL INTERPRETATION

Theistic

Deviant

Eschatology

Evolution

Theology

NON-LITERAL INTERPRETATION

Theistic

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**Old
Earth**

**Theological
Liberalism**

Amillennialism

**Local
Flood**

**Lower View
of God**

Postmillennialism

IMPORTANCE

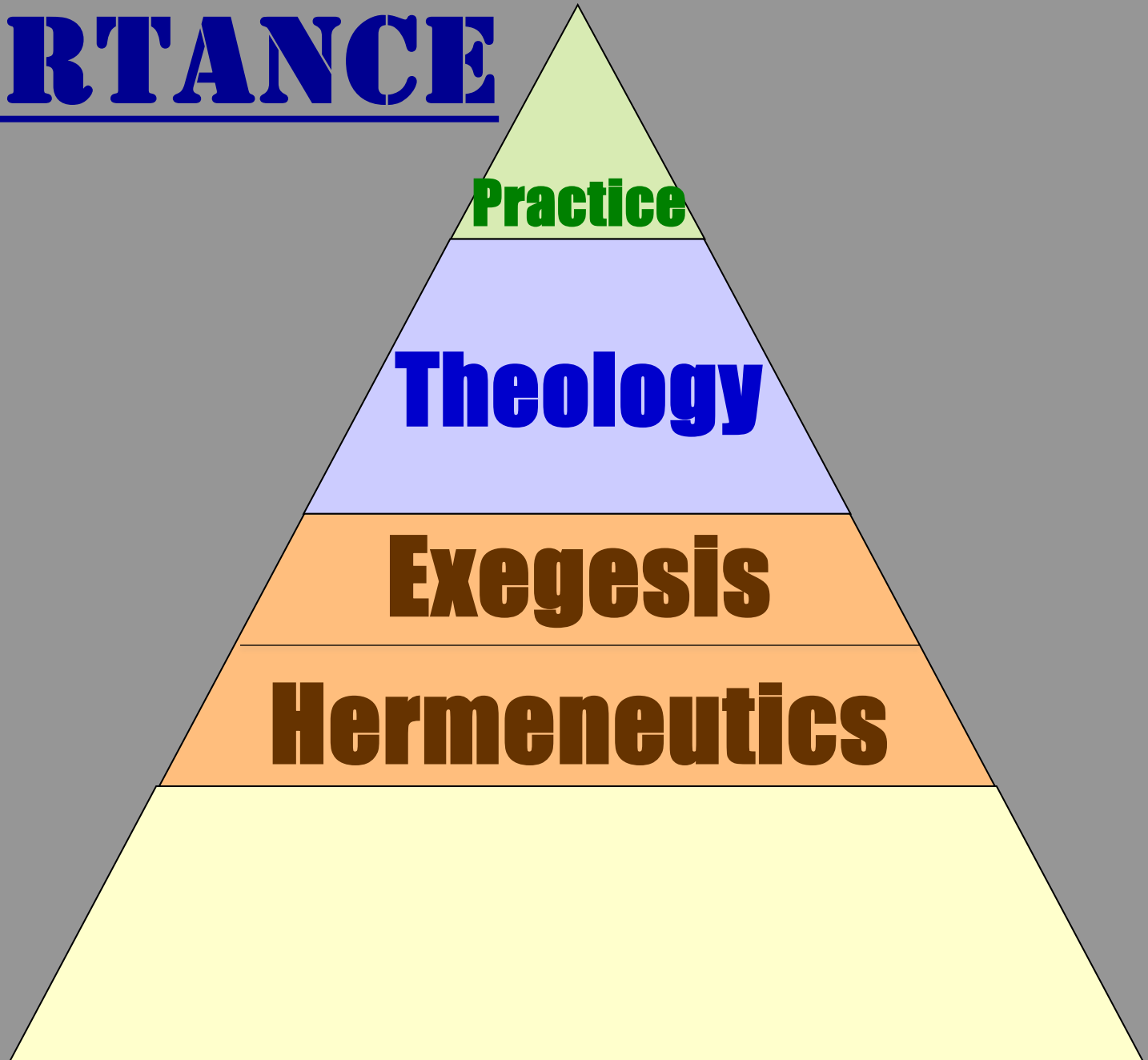
- ✧ For Truth
- ✧ For Interpretation
- ✧ For Growth
- ✧ For Theology
- ✧ For Blessings



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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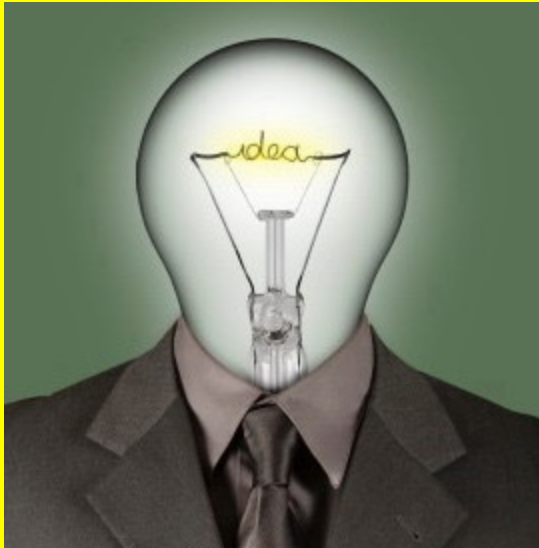
PREREQUISITES

Regeneration

Illumination

Obedience

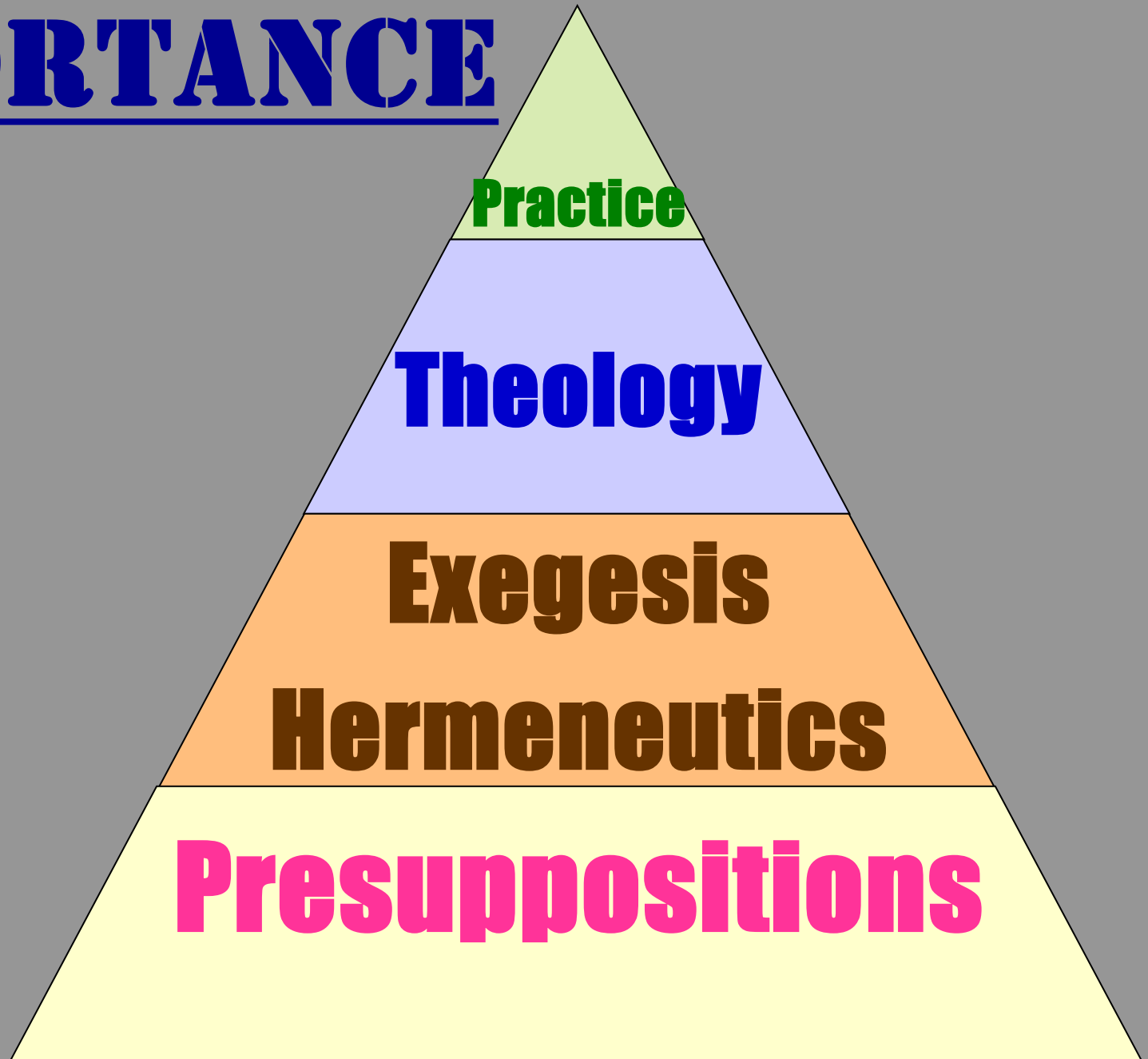
Willingness





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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

