

HERMENEUTICS



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



THE SCIENCE AND ART OF INTERPRETATION



1. Hermeneutics in General

A black and white photograph of Agatha Christie, an elderly woman with short, curly hair, wearing a dark jacket and a pearl earring. She is sitting and holding an open book, looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and out of focus.

LITERATURE

- **Agatha Christie (d.1976)**
- **Mystery novels - 2 billion**
- **Management of daughter**
- **Management of grandson**

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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



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✧ **OBSERVATIONAL SCIENCE →**

Observations in **Present**

✧ **HISTORICAL SCIENCE →**

Traces of Past

✧ **DATA =**

Traces left by Event



✧ **HISTORICAL FACT =**

Data + **Interpretation**

SCIENCE

➤ **Methodological
Naturalism**

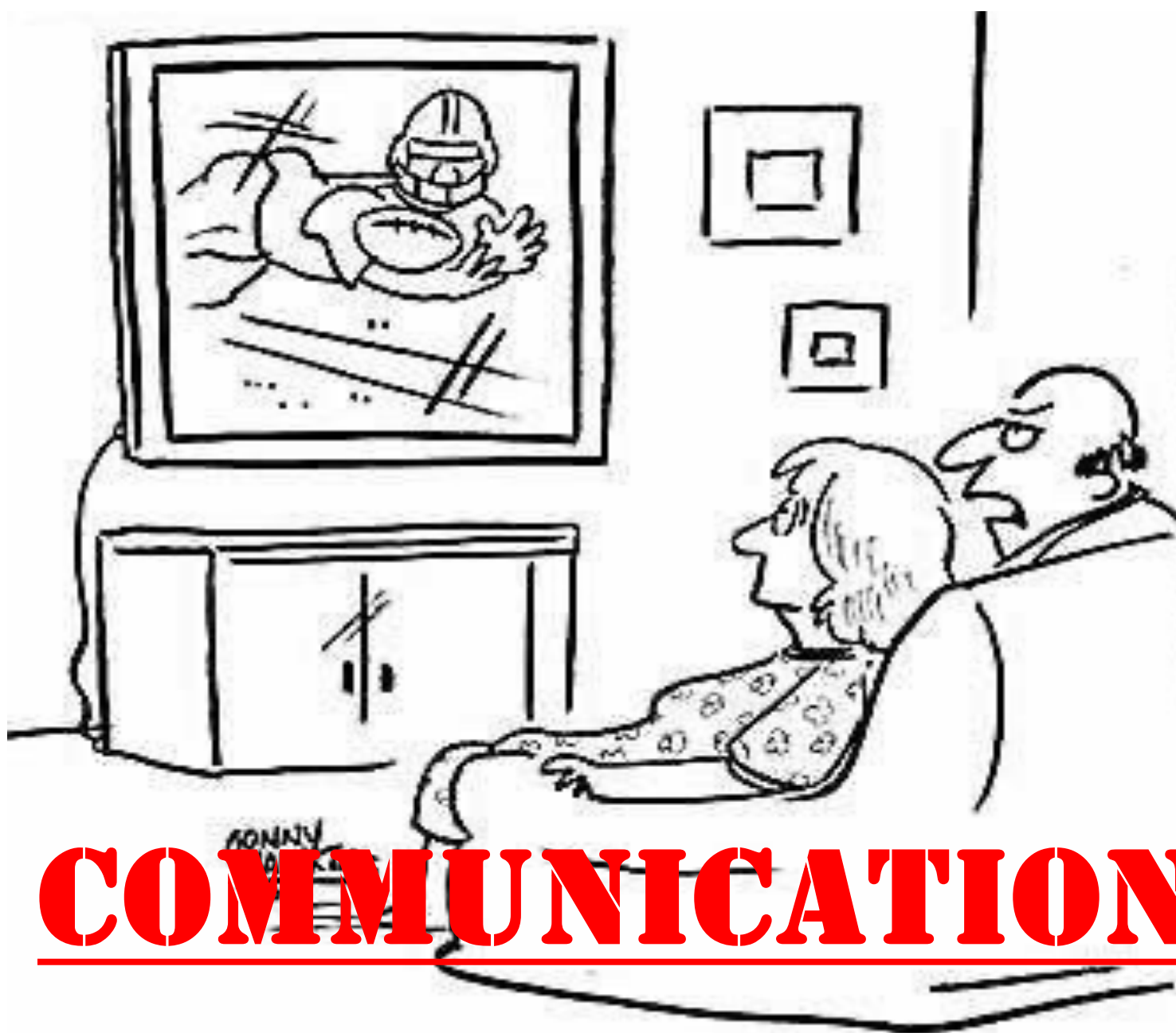
➤ **Truth Seeking**

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HISTORY

- Data = Traces of Events
- Interpretation of Events

Robinson's Arch



COMMUNICATION

“He’s the ‘receiver’, not the ‘receptionist’.”

MARRIAGE





**Will this
Course
Save your
Marriage?**



SPIRITUAL

➤ Fall of Man - Gen 3:1

“Indeed, has God said ...”

➤ Peacemakers - Mt 5:9

“Blessed are the
peacemakers ...”



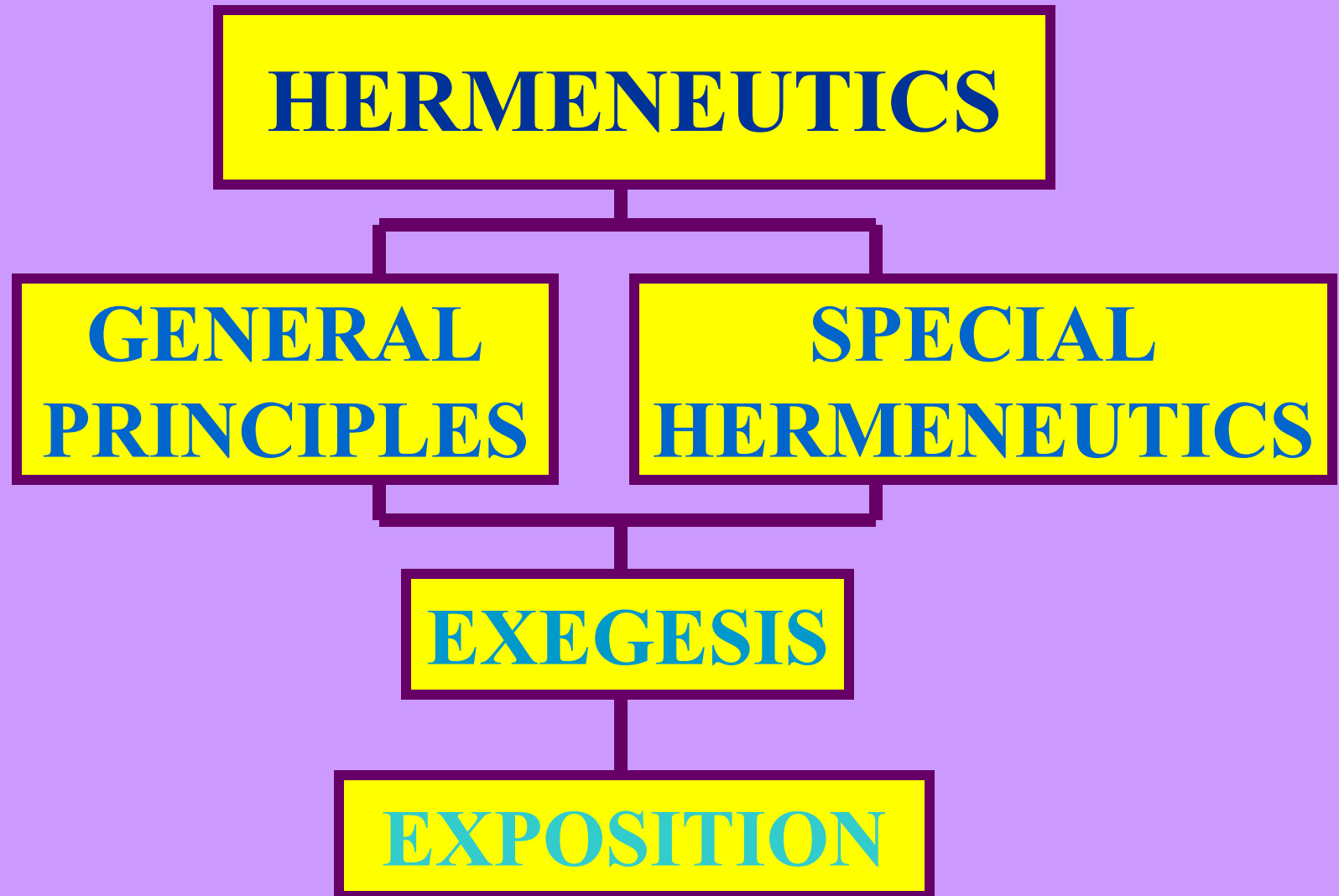
1. Hermeneutics in General

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”

“Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers.”

2Tim 2:14

**“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



σπουδάζω =

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

**“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

A photograph of a multi-lane highway with traffic, taken from an elevated perspective. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of sunset or sunrise. The road curves gently to the right. Several cars are visible in both directions of travel. The background shows a line of trees and a hazy sky. The overall mood is serene and scenic.

ὀρθοτομέω =

cut a path in a
straight direction



- 1. Hermeneutics in General**
- 2. Scope**
- 3. Purpose**

PURPOSE

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



**No just knowing the mechanics but
developing the skill through
repetitive practice**

PURPOSE

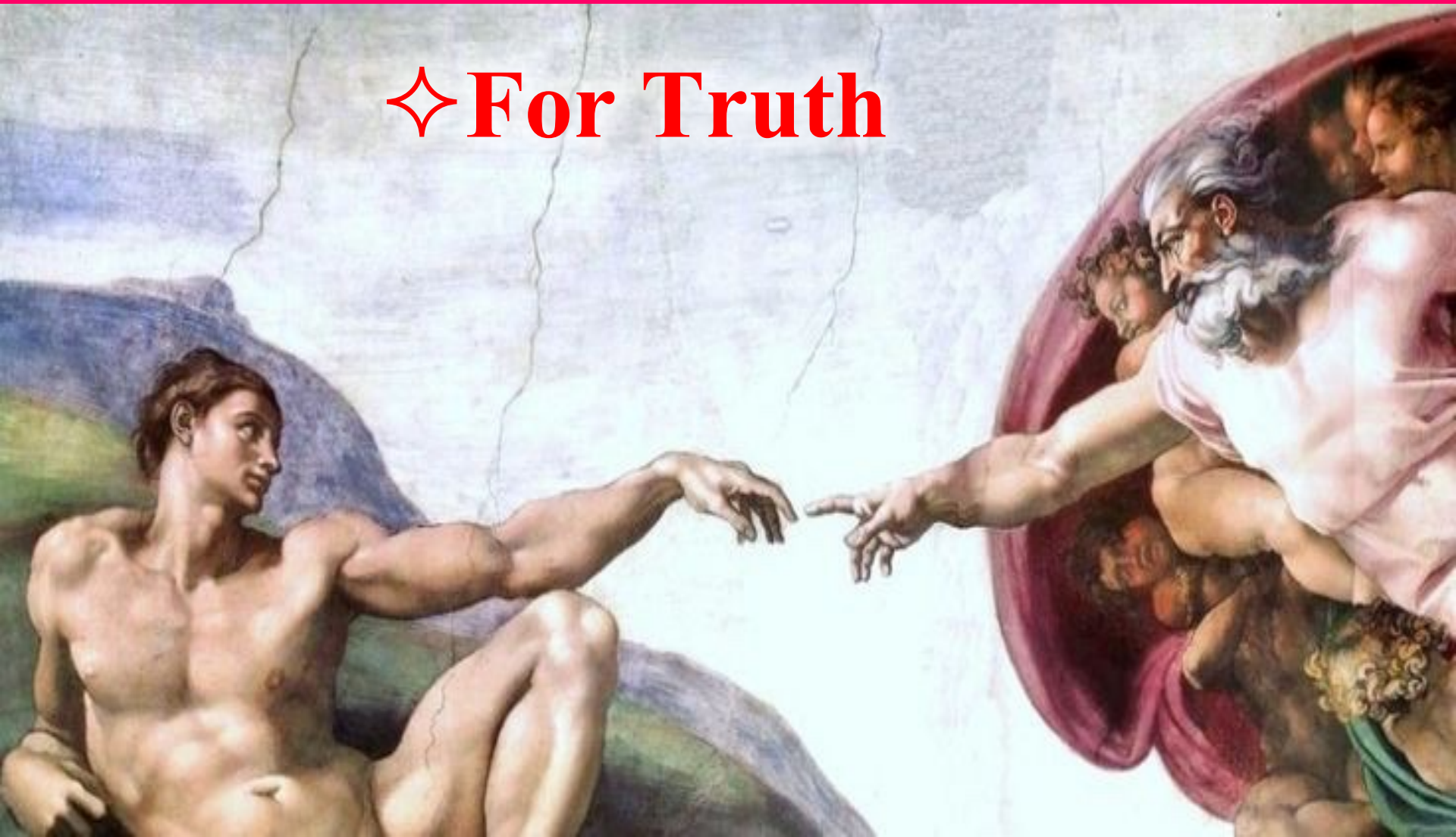
- **To Lay a Foundation**
- **To Develop Skills**
- **To Enjoy Bible Study**
- **To Strengthen Relationship**



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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?

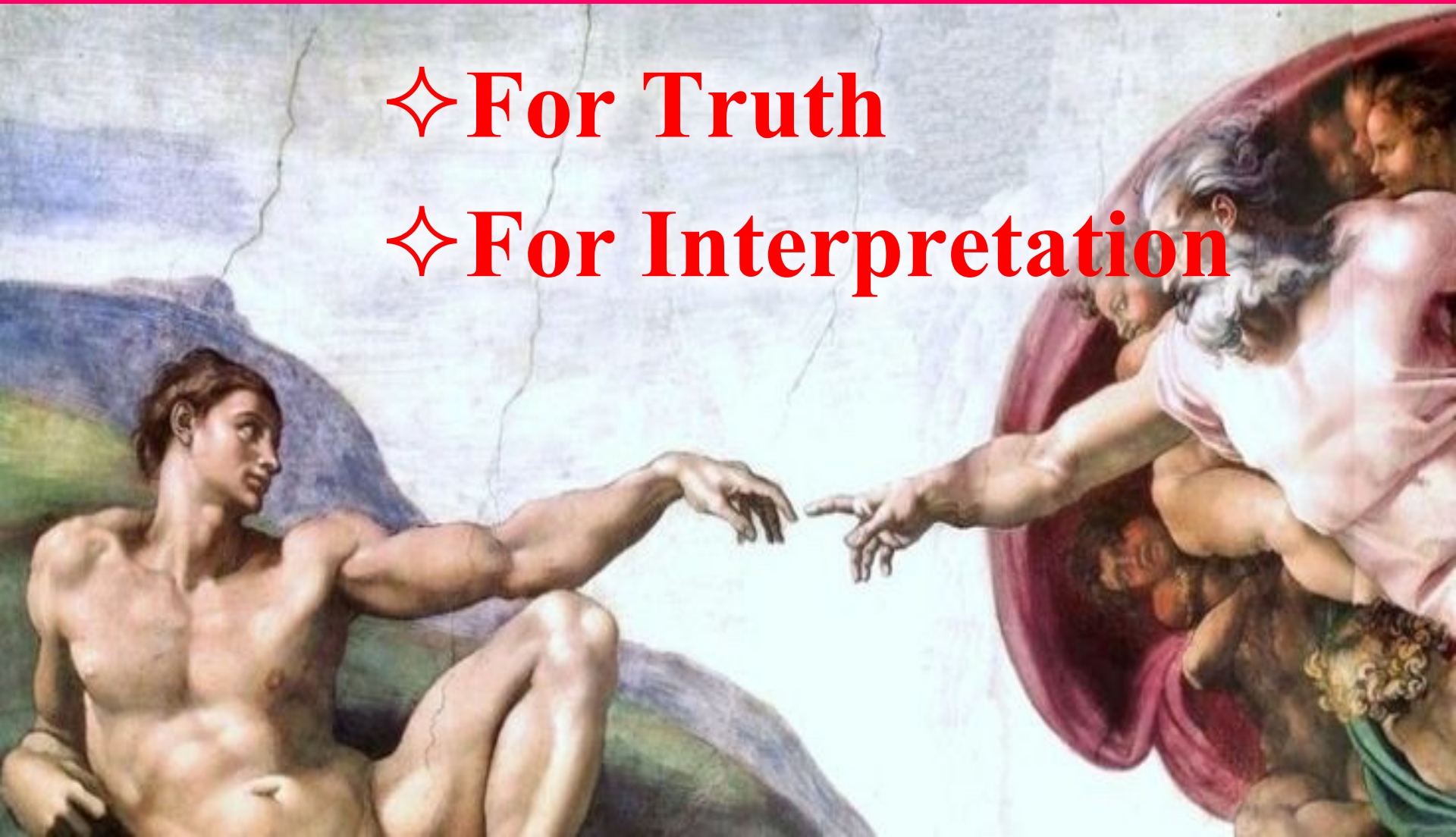


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IMPORTANCE

✧ For Truth

✧ For Interpretation



INTERPRETATION

- **Recent changes in Hermeneutics**
- **Differences in Churches**
- **Different Hermeneutical approaches**
- **Different from Cults**
- **Different Worldviews**



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

**The idea that
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.**

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CHRISTIAN VIEW of LIFE

I will live my life according to these beliefs.

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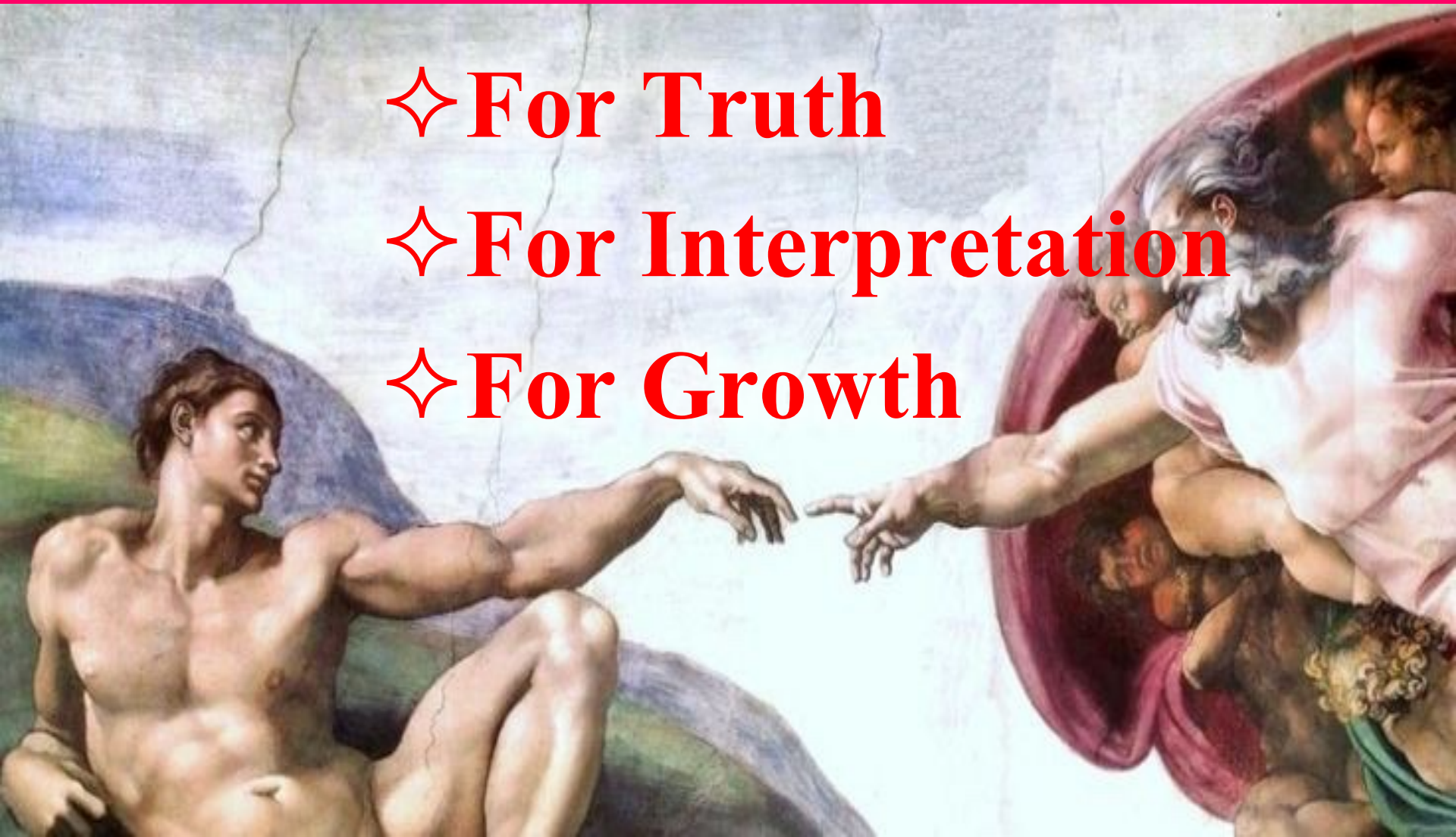
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IMPORTANCE

- ✧ For Truth
- ✧ For Interpretation
- ✧ For Growth



STAGES OF GROWTH

- 1. Birth**
- 2. Infancy**
- 3. Spirituality**
- 4. Maturity**

**2Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture is
inspired by God and profitable
for teaching, for reproof, for
correction, for training in
righteousness; 17 so that the
man of God may be adequate,
equipped for every good work.**

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

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



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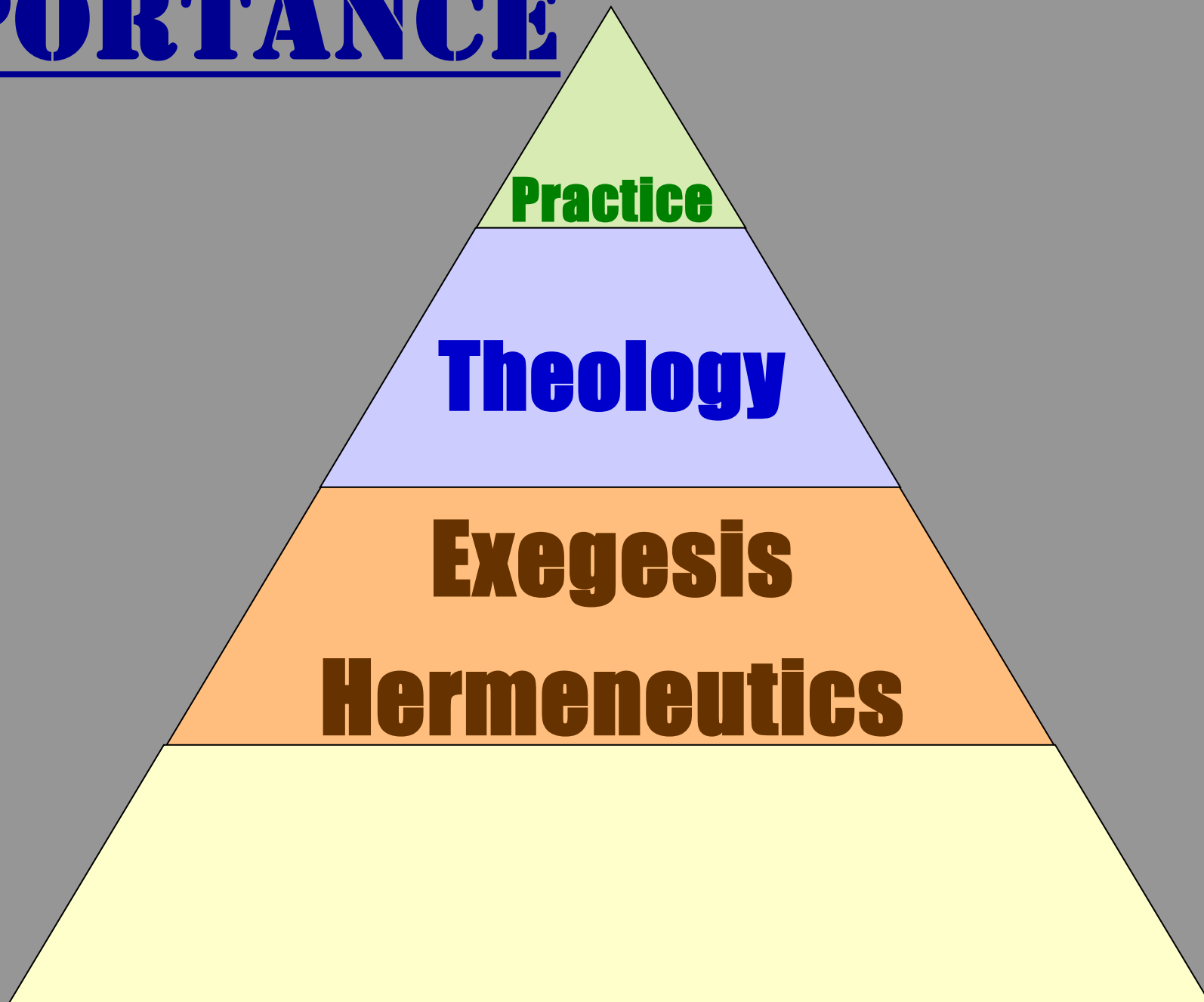
- ✧ **For Truth**
- ✧ **For Interpretation**
- ✧ **For Growth**
- ✧ **For Theology**
- ✧ **For Blessings**



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

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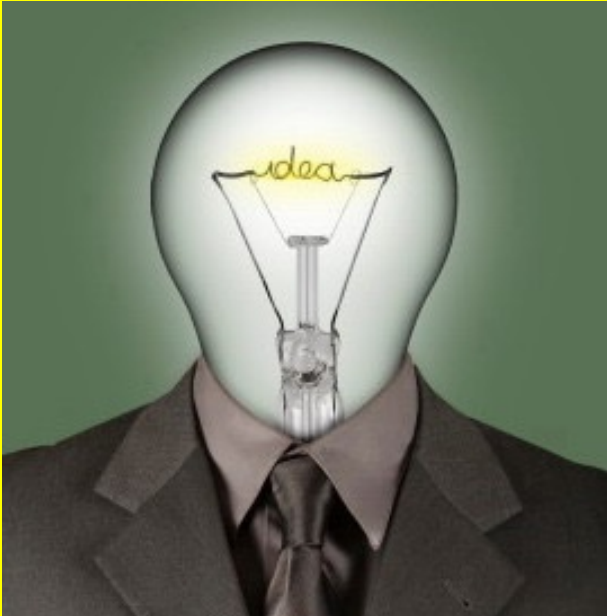
RETENTION

- ✓ Hearing - 10%
- ✓ Seeing & Hearing - 50%
- ✓ Seeing, hearing, & Doing - to 98%



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PREREQUISITES



Regeneration

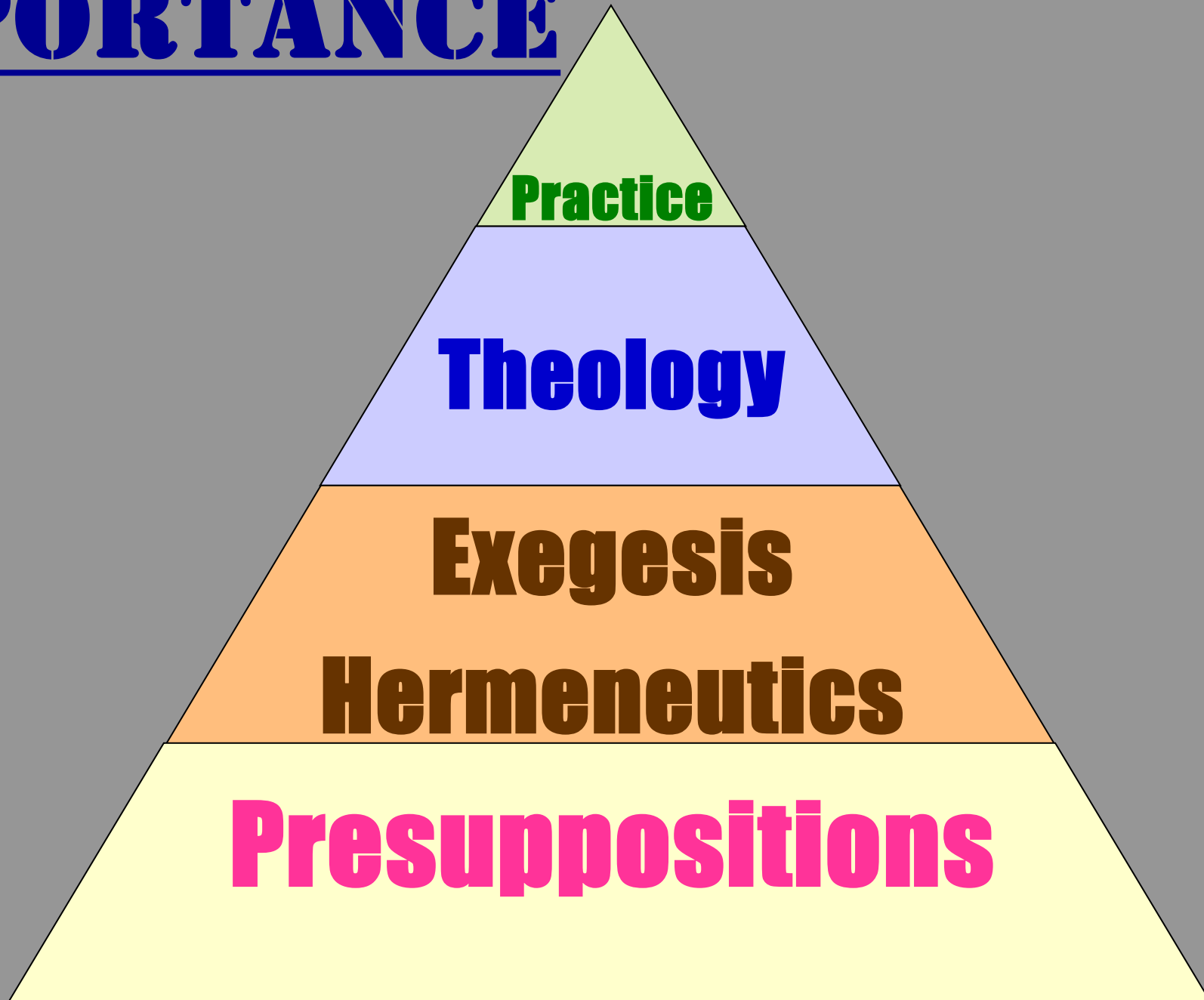
Illumination

Obedience

Willingness



IMPORTANCE



PRESUPPOSITIONS

- 1. God of the Bible**
- 2. God has spoken clearly**
- 3. His Word is Inspired,
Inerrant, & Canonized**
- 4. Man is depraved**
- 5. Biblical Worldview**



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- 6. Nature of Scripture**