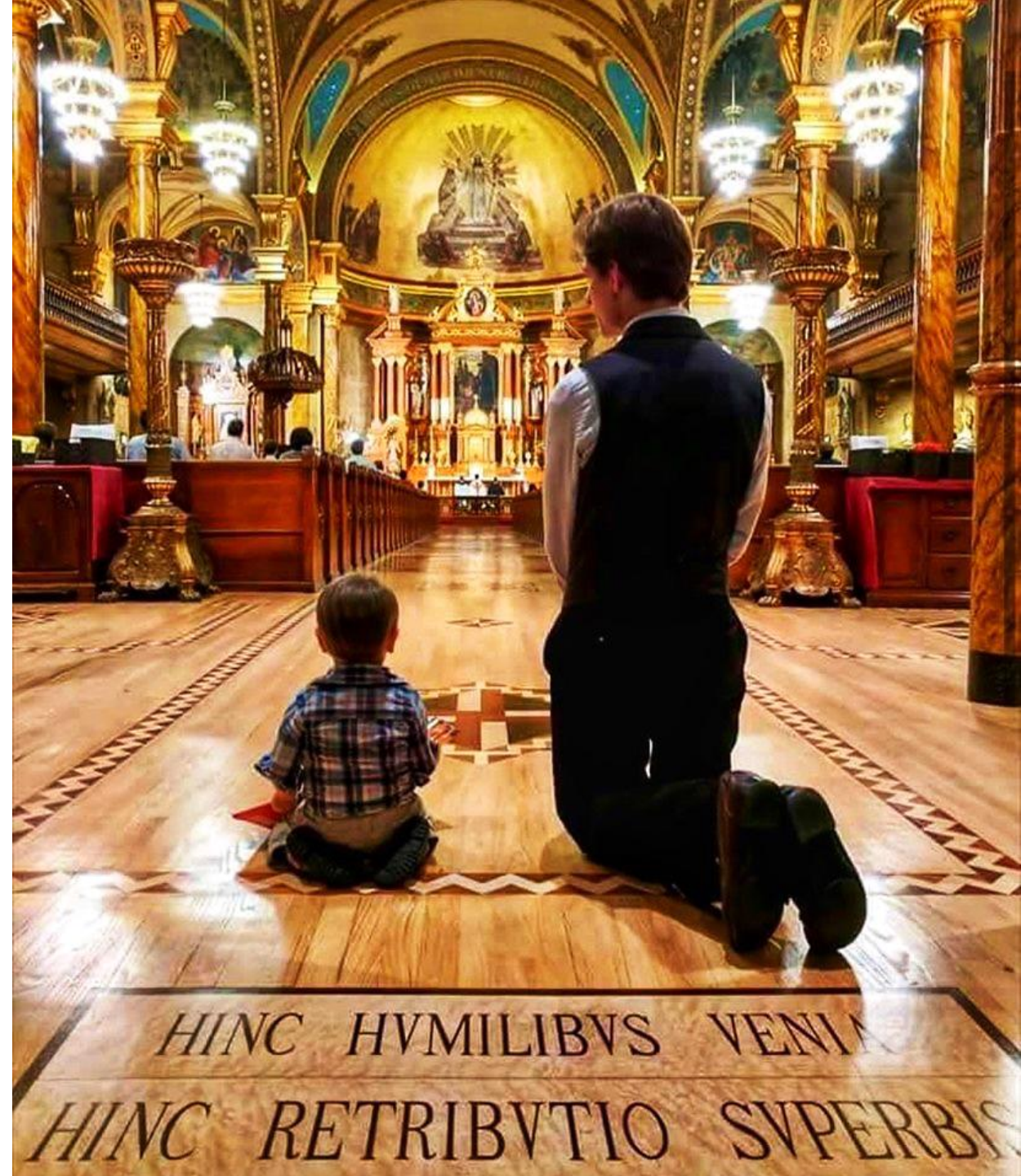


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JUST A CLICK AWAY

**Morality for Gen Z:
Offering the Formation of
Good Conscience and Virtues**

- It is a matter of **HOW** to engage Gen Z
- Not a moral assessment of this Generation and its problems.
- **Methodology:**
 - Analyzing the worldview of the Gen Z and its impact on them
 - Presenting some moral problems as challenges
 - Offering moral method to approach, help and empower Gen Z



OUTLINE

- **Two Different Worldviews**
- **Massive Influence of Information Technology**
- **Some Moral Issues**
- **Offering Formation of Good Conscience and Virtues**

Classical Worldview





Material

Efficient

Formal

Final



**Becoming:
moving towards a purpose**



Sense of Purpose

- **The return of the Lord (Rule 24)**
- **Visio beatifica (Rev 22: 3-5)**
- **Journey to the center of interior castle**
- **Ascent of Mount Carmel**
- **Becoming love in the heart of the Church**
- **The vision and indwelling of God**
- **A Journey of Transformation**



Against Objective Reality/Truth

Against Metaphysics

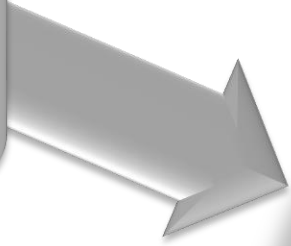
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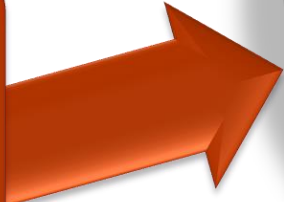
Human Nature: Socially constructed

Ethical Relativism

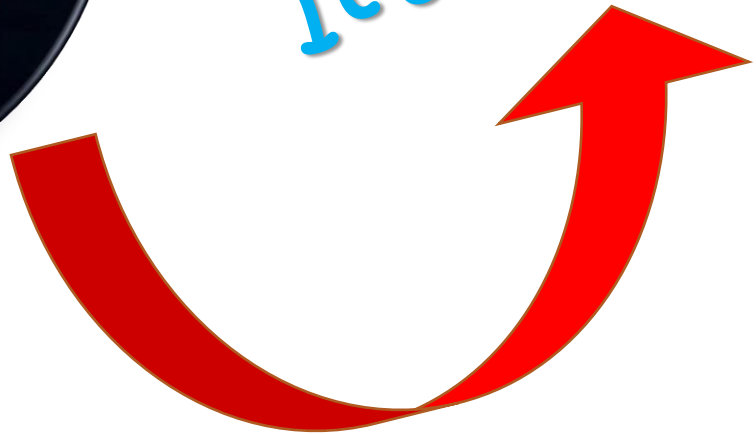
Material



Efficient



It's FLUID



WORLD



EMOTIVISM



**Create
what you
wanna be**

**Do what
you
wanna do**



Different Product of Arts



Japan Harajuku Style



TRUTH: according to me, post truth era

GOOD: my good?

VALUE: my values

BEAUTY: according to me?

**ETHICS: what I
determine to be right!**





**NO RATIONAL
MORAL ARGUMENTS**

**DISCRIMINATION
PHOBIA
HATE SPEECH**

Other Problems faced by Gen Z

- **Domestic violence: broken home**
- **Violent neighborhood**
- **Poverty: social-economical gap**
- **Human trafficking**
- **Migration**
- **Racism**
- **Repressive or total freedom ideology**

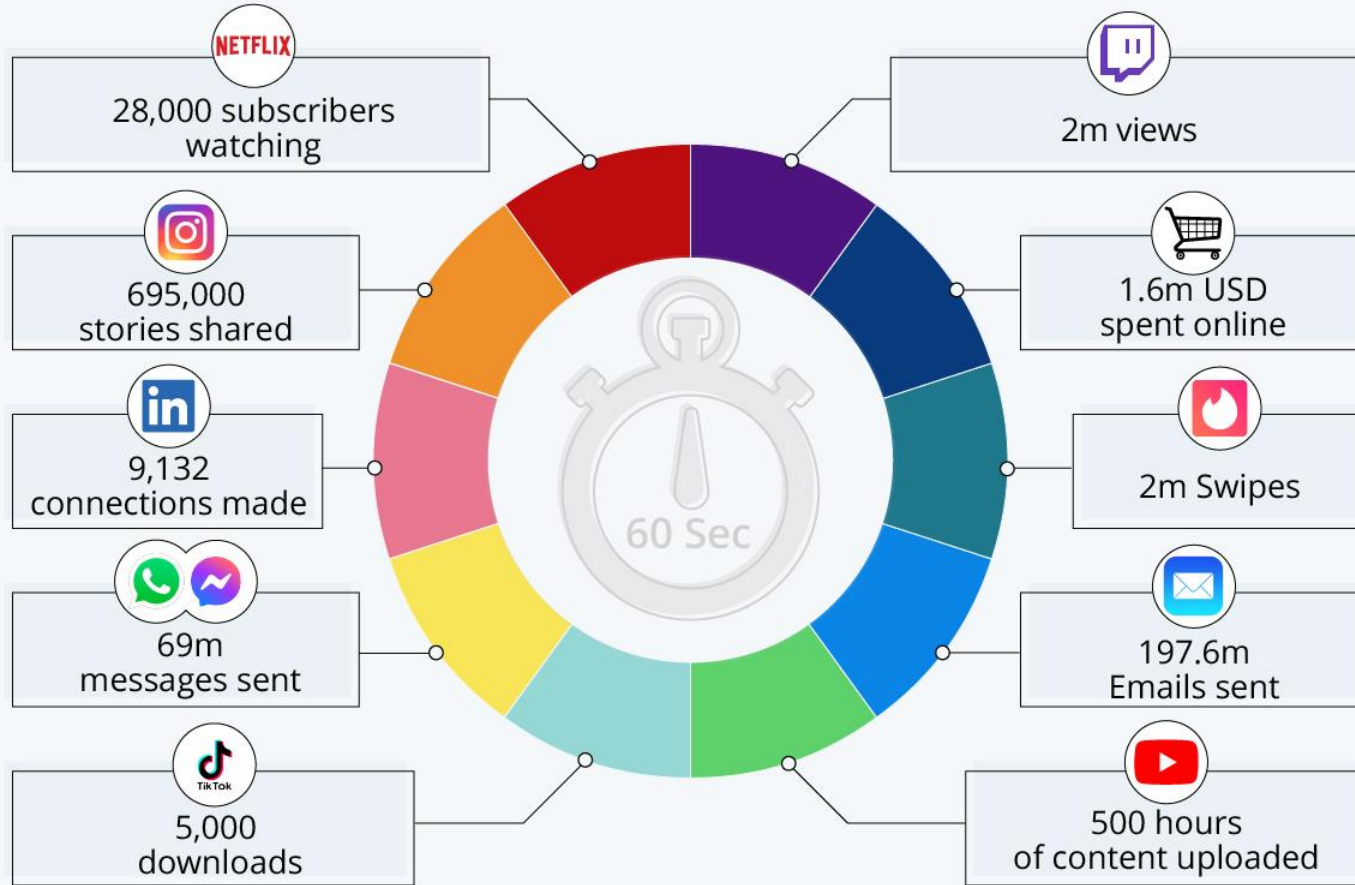


Massive Influence of Information Technology



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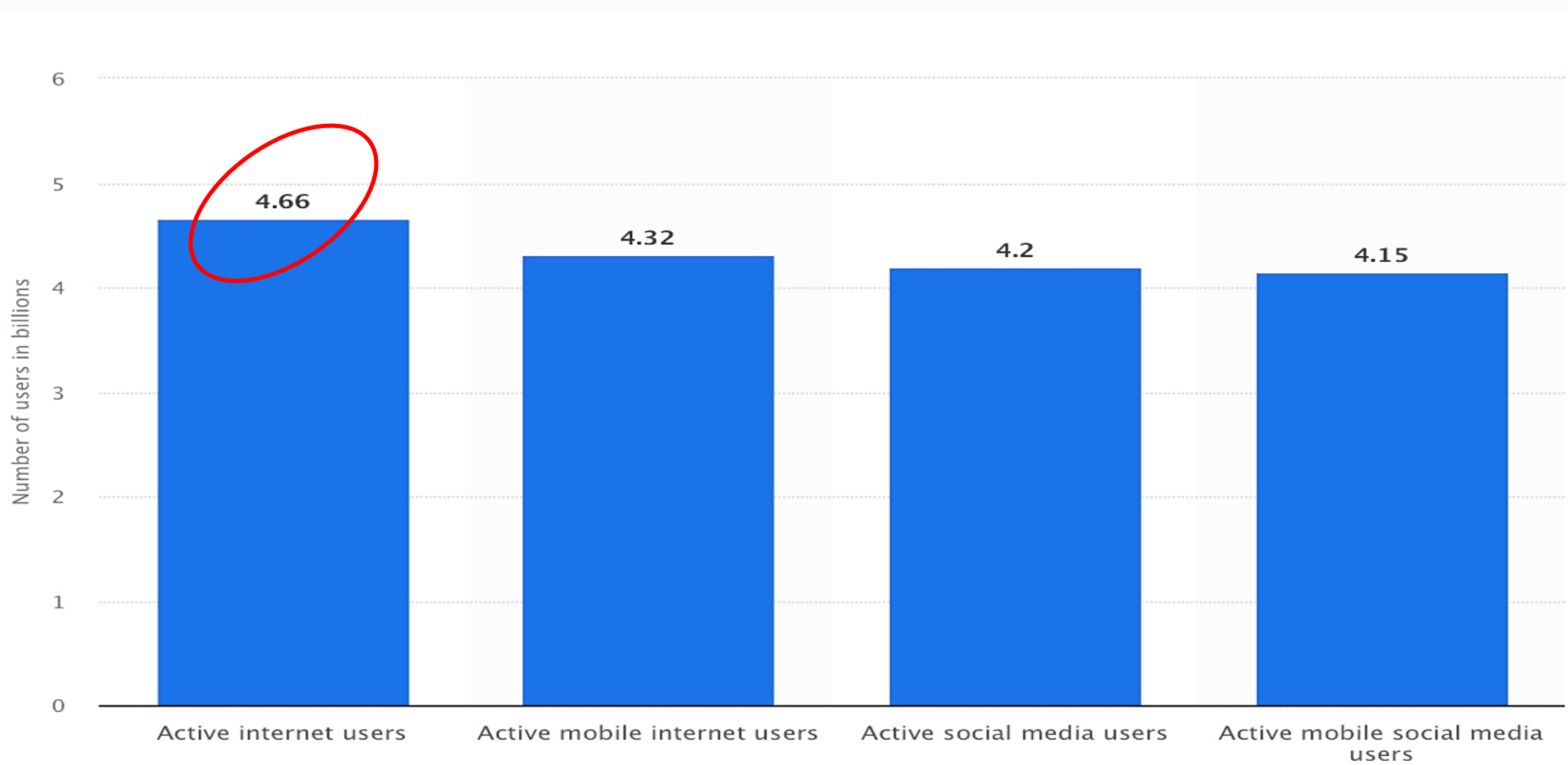
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FUTURE

MY FOCUS: AS I-GEN

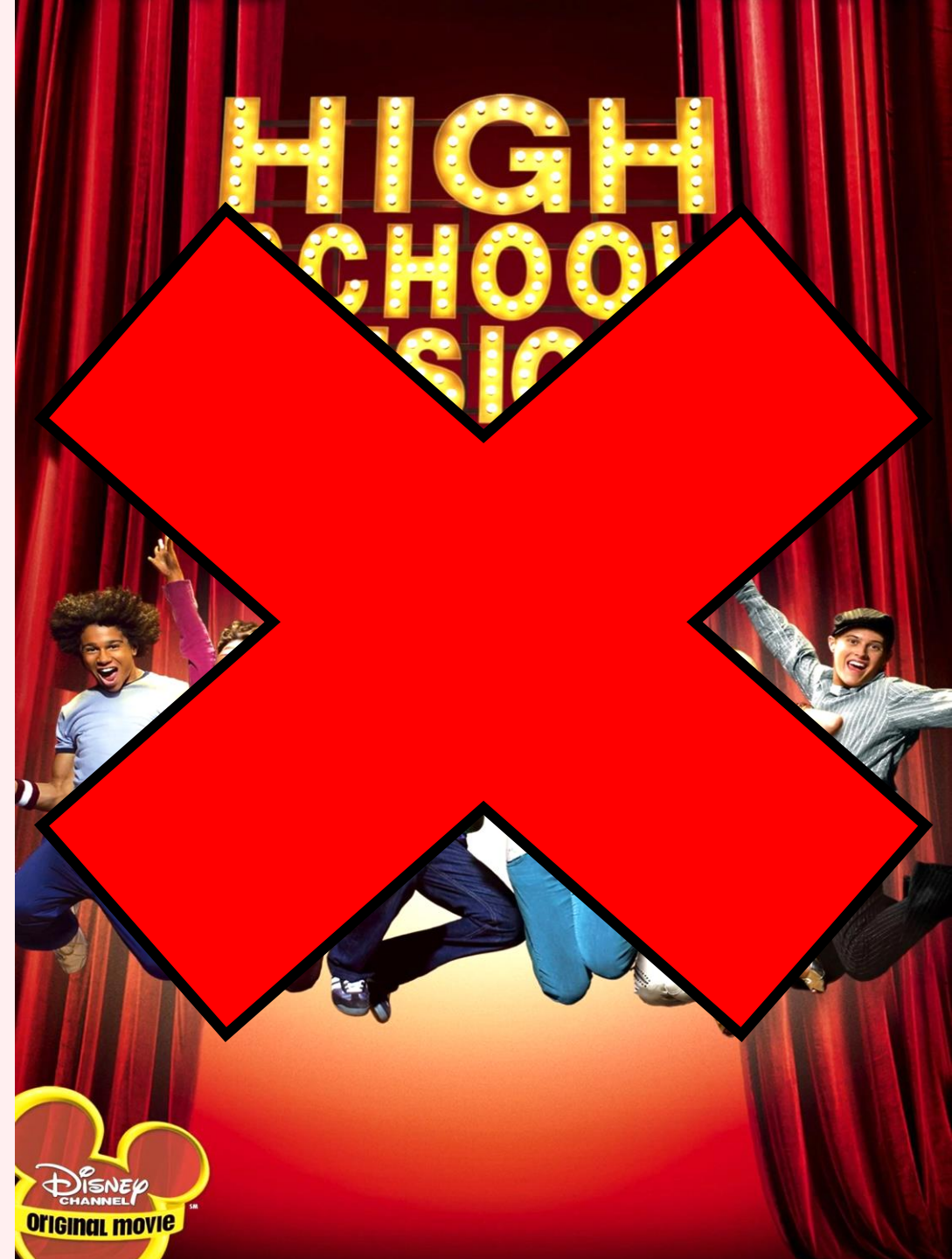
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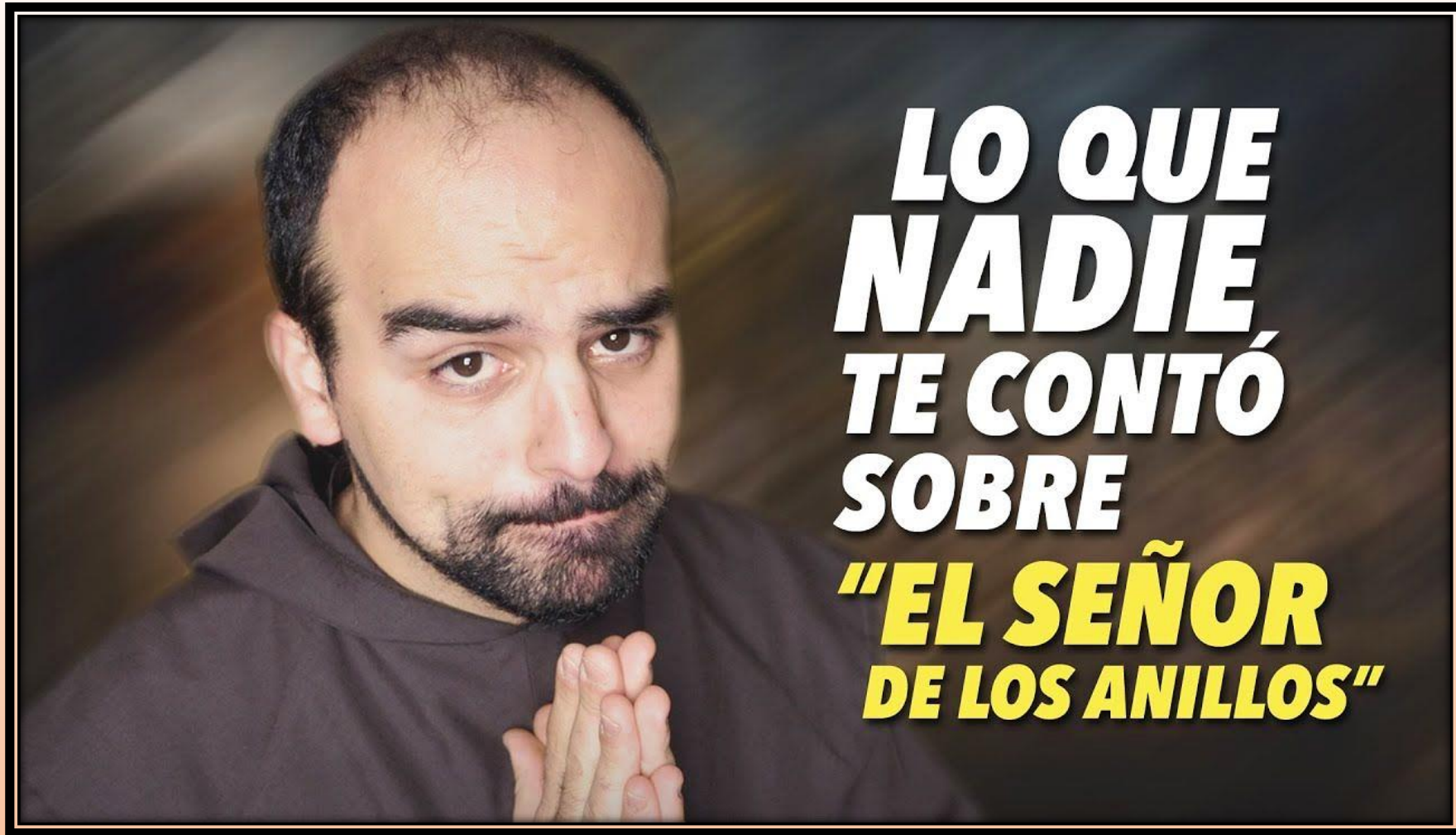
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Diary of a Pakistani schoolgirl

Private schools in Pakistan's troubled north-western Swat district have been ordered to close in a Taliban edict banning girls' education. Militants seeking to impose their austere interpretation of Sharia law have destroyed about 150 schools in the past year. Five more were blown up despite a government pledge to safeguard education, it was reported on Monday. Here a seventh grade schoolgirl from Swat chronicles how the ban has affected her and her classmates. The diary first appeared on BBC Urdu online.

THURSDAY JANUARY 15: NIGHT FILLED WITH ARTILLERY FIRE

“The night was filled with the noise of artillery fire and I woke up three times. But since there was no school I got up later at 10 am. Afterwards, my friend came over and we discussed our homework. Today is 15 January, the last day before the Taliban's edict comes into effect, and my friend was



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Withdrawal from reality (CV. 88)

**ARE
WE
THERE?**

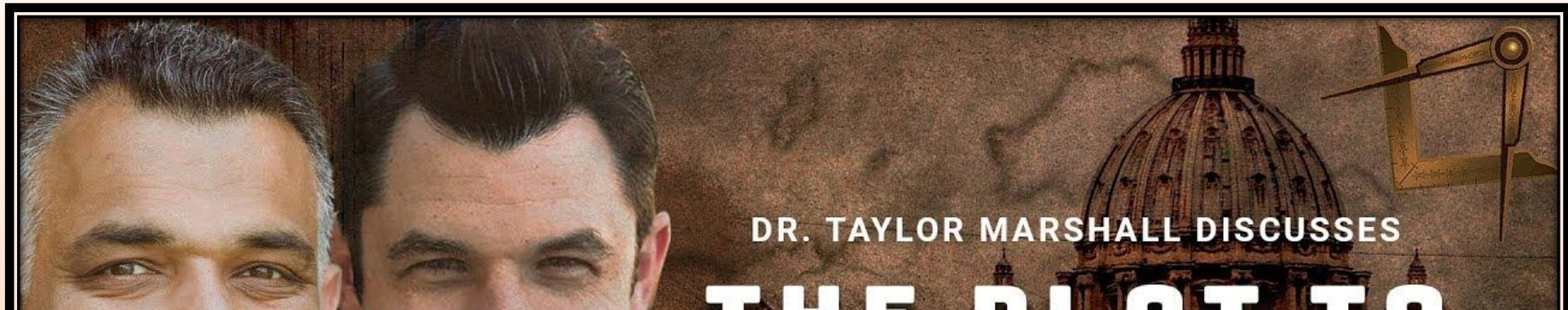


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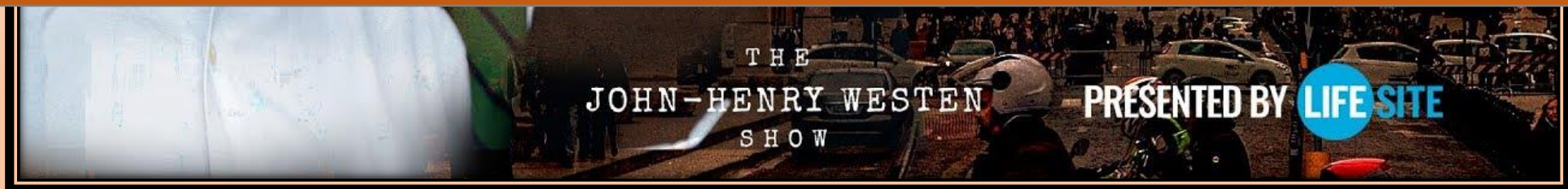


Religious Fanatism



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I am a podcast who covers Traditional Catholicism, the current crisis in the Catholic Church: Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Sankt Gallen Mafia, Second Vatican Council, etc.



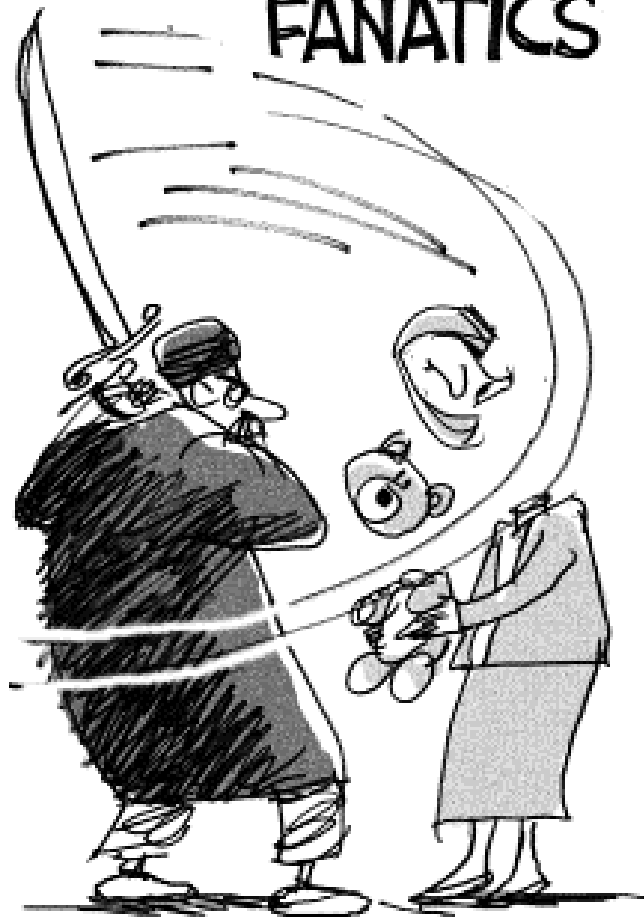
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Religious Radicalism

In every religion.....

THEIR RELIGIOUS
FANATICS



OUR RELIGIOUS
FANATICS



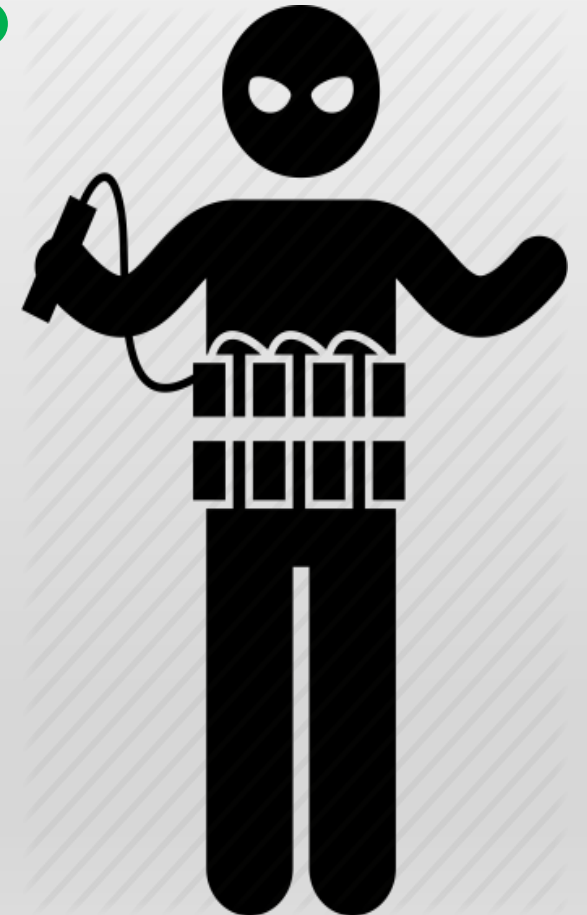
Radicalization in the Digital Era

The Rand Europe (2013)

- Internet creates more opportunity to become radicalized ●
- acts as an «echo chamber» ●
- accelerates the process of radicalization ●
- allows radicalization to occur without physical contact ●
- increase opportunities for self-radicalization ●

Sarlito W. Sarwono «Terrorism in Indonesia»

- **Target: Gen Z (15 – 25 yo)**
- **Terrorist's claim of velocity: 2 hours**





Fanaticism

Clericalism

PORN

Shift

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Just a click away....

Gigantic Bussiness

- ◆ NBC News 2015 : “Globally, porn is a \$97 billion industry, according to Kassia Wosick, from New Mexico State University. At present, between \$10 and \$12 billion of that comes from the United States.”
- ◆ 2021: \$100,000,000,000 world wide?



INFLUENCES of PORN



AFFECTS THE
BRAIN



AFFECTS THE
HEART



AFFECTS THE
WORLD

A man with a beard and short hair is shown in profile, looking intently at a computer monitor. His hands are clasped together and are bound to the monitor with thick metal chains. The scene is lit with a cool blue light, with a red glow on the right side of the man's head. The overall mood is one of obsession and helplessness.


Addiction to Pornography

PORN: THE NEW DRUG

A NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED PRESENTATION


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Sexual Fluidity

LGBTQIA+

- **Lesbian**
- **Gay**
- **Bisexual**
- **Transgender**
- **Queer-Questioning**
- **Intersex**
- **Asexual**
- **+**

«Born that way»

change

Sexual Fluidity-Plasticity

Lisa M. Diamond. *Sexual Fluidity*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008.



Sexual fluidity does not mean

Sexual Fluidity



Formation of personal – sexual identity

MASS MEDIA

**POST
TRUTH**

TRUTH

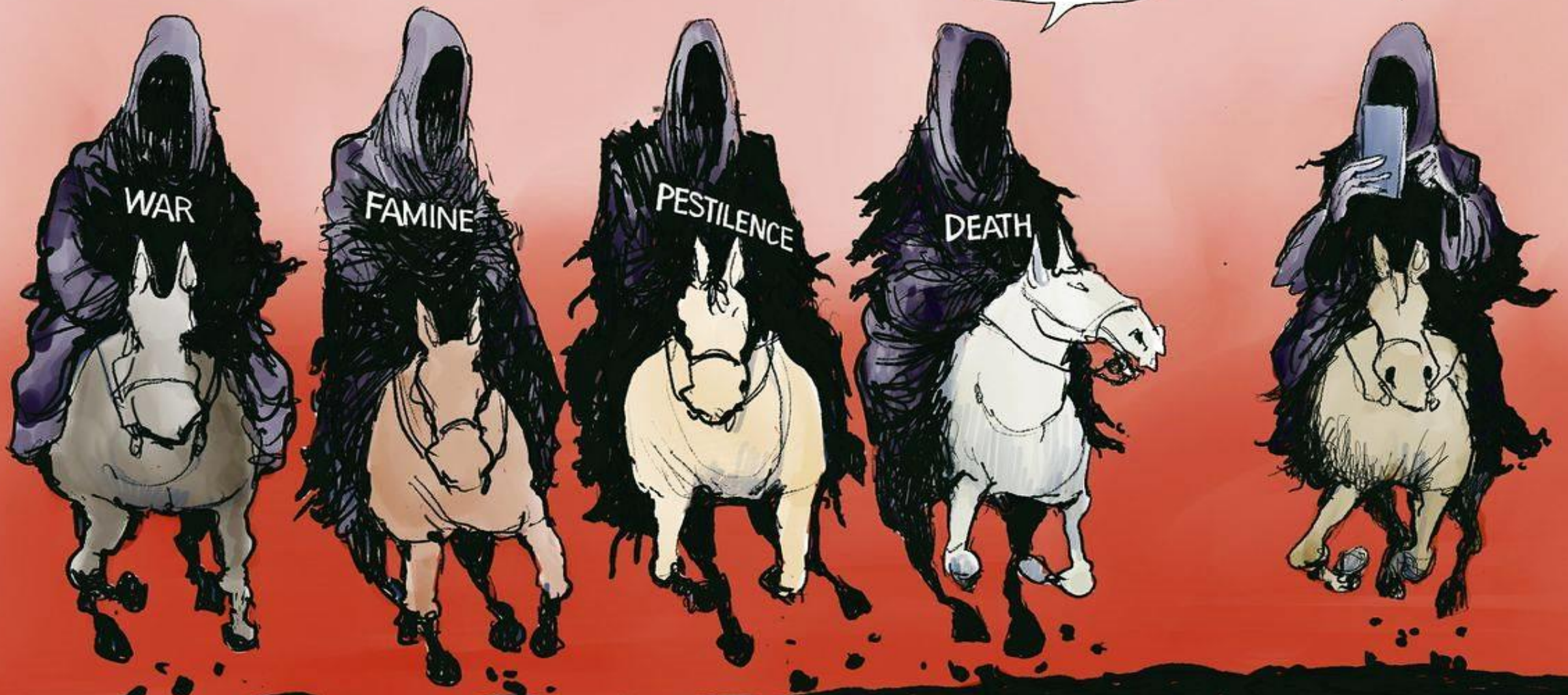


Truth: Inconvenient Fact

Threatening

My own belief





AND
YOU
ARE...?

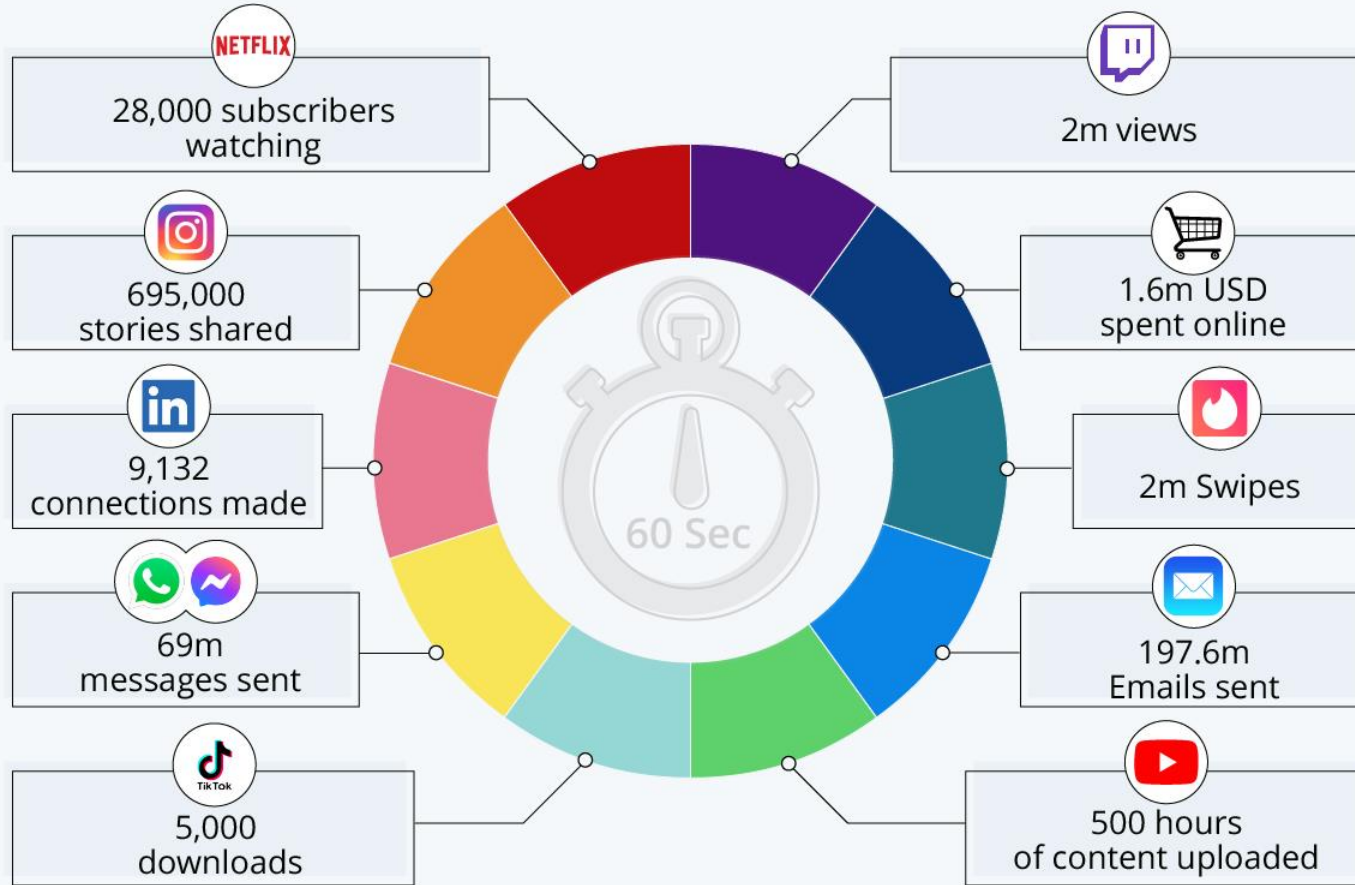
MISINFORMATION



**Lethargy of seeking
the truth**

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**How to approach,
help & empower GEN Z ?**



A high-angle, close-up photograph of a surfer riding a massive, curling wave. The surfer is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, leaning forward on a white surfboard with pink and blue graphics. The wave's face is a deep, vibrant blue, while the breaking crest is a bright, frothy white. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The overall composition is dynamic and emphasizes the power and beauty of the ocean.

**Surf
the Wave !**

**BE
THERE !**

**BE
INFLUENCERS !**



PRAY FOR THEM





Your child, however, o Lord, has understood Your divine light, and she begs pardon for her brothers...

May all those who were not enlightened by the bright flame of faith one day see it shine. **O Jesus!** If it is needful that the table soiled by them be purified by a soul who loves You, then I desire to eat this bread of trial at this table until it pleases You to bring me into Your bright kingdom.



**Form them to have
a good conscience**

Rule 2, Cons. 135



Synderesis
Mystical Life

GOOD CONSCIENCE

Syneidesis
Excellent
Practical Reason





WHY CONSCIENCE ?

“I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but **I have called you friends**, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.”

John 15:15

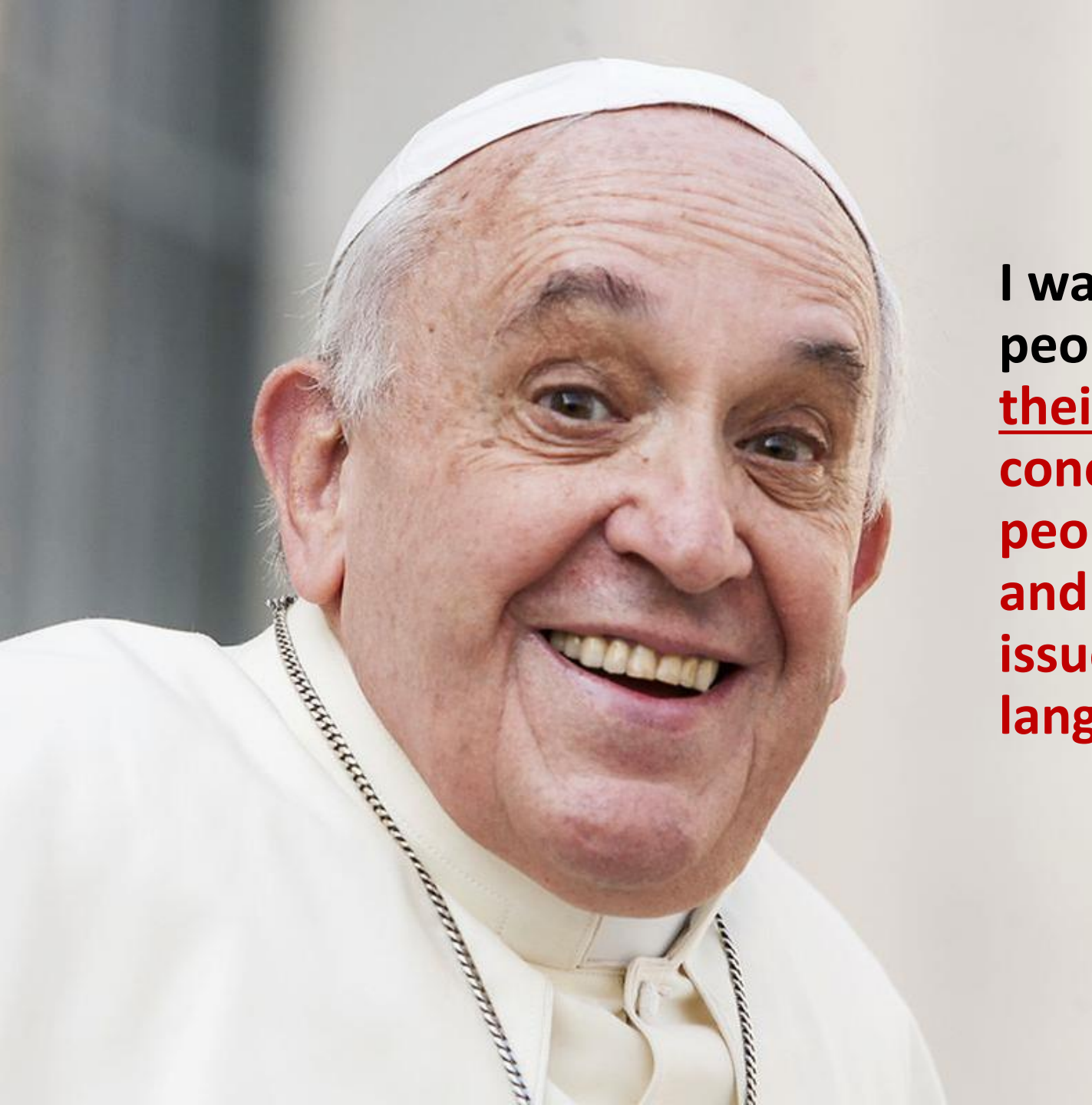
MY BEST FRIEND



WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?

- The Responsibility of the STUDENTS!
- Cons. 132: axis of students - formators – community.
- The seniors (formators, teachers, etc.) serve as **older brothers**: help, support, and train well.

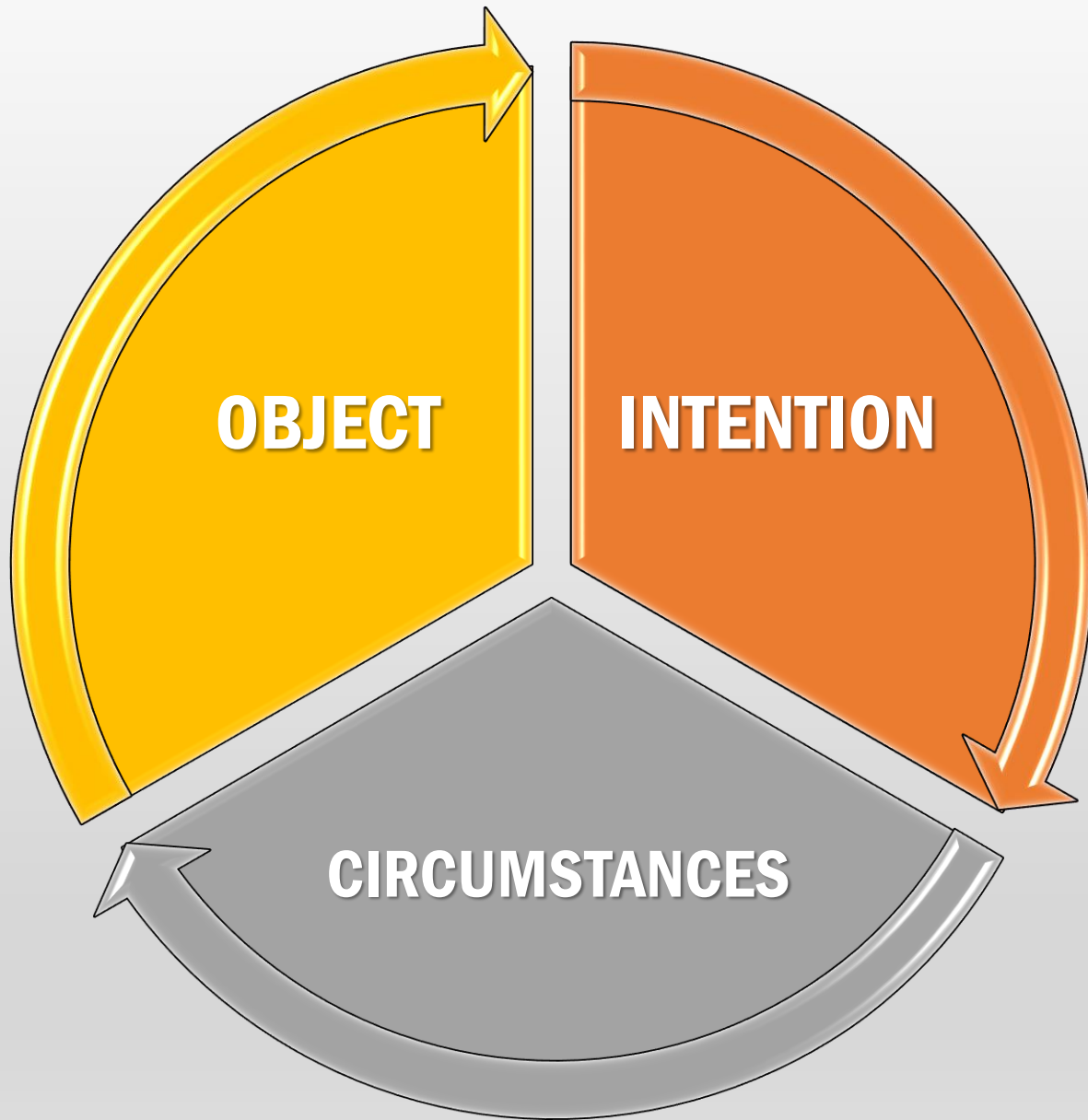




I want to state clearly that young people themselves are agents of their own formation.... I am more concerned with helping young people to use their insight, ingenuity and knowledge to address their own issues and concerns ... in their own language.

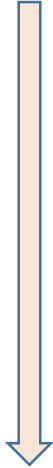
Christus Vivit, 203

Sources of Morality

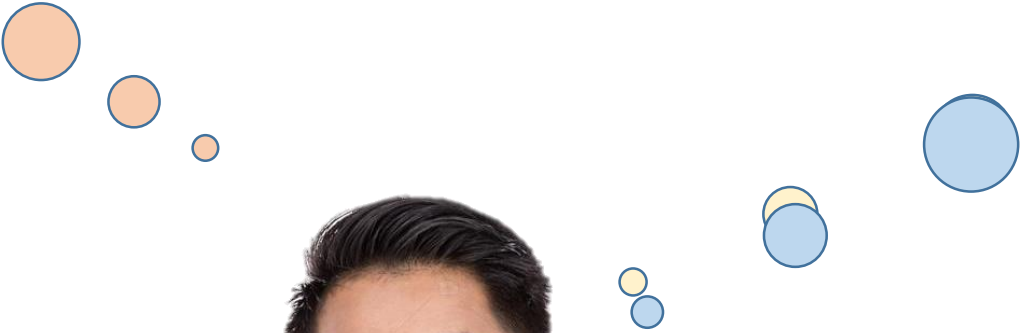


**GOOD
CONSCIENCE**

Syneidesis



Concrete Moral Action





What kind of morality could we offer?

Morality much Misunderstood

MORALITY ≠ LAW

Morality shows how God's presence makes whole, divinizes and makes us happy altogether.

Wojciech Giertych, O.P.



LAW



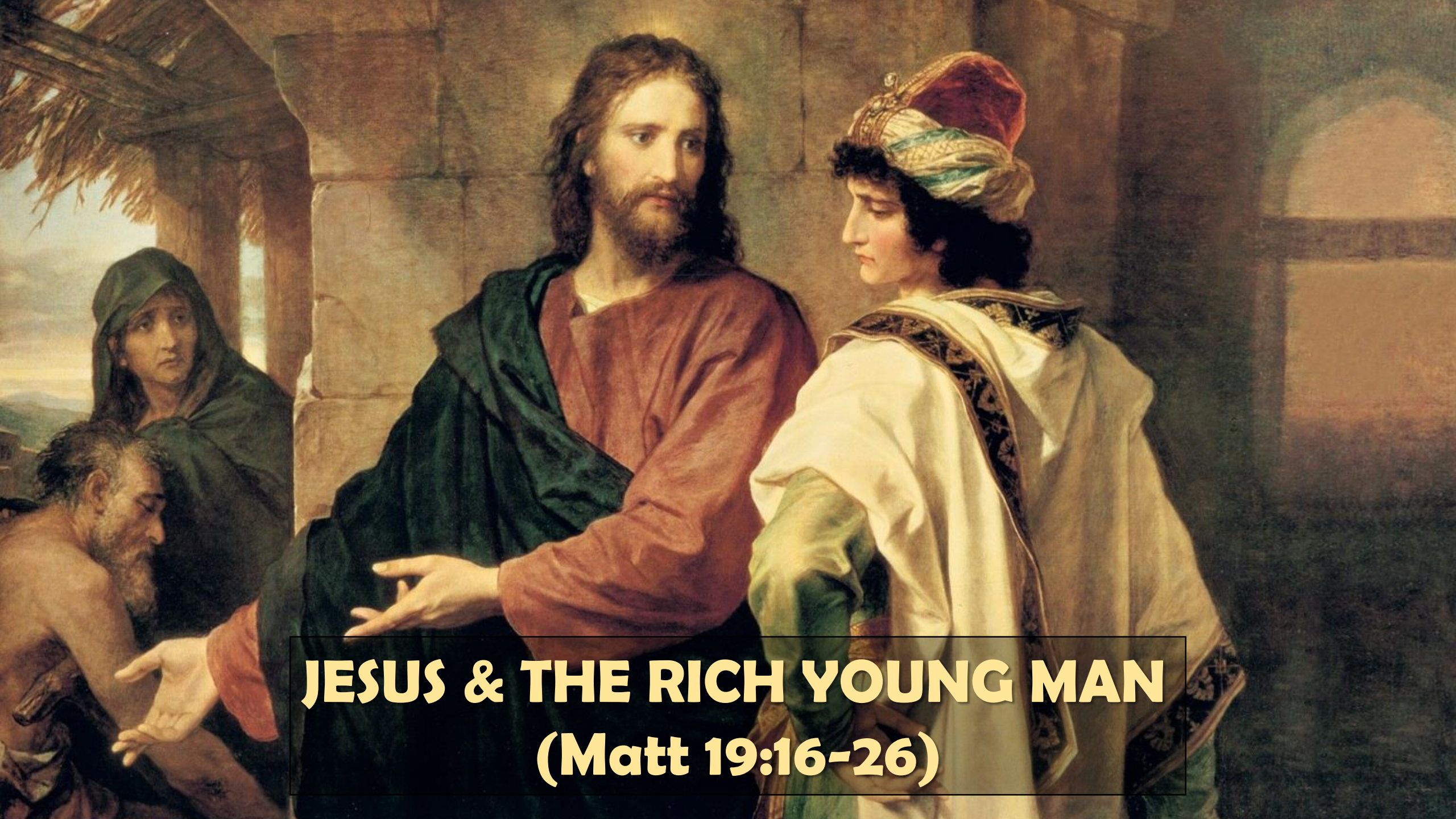
HAPPINESS



Happiness ≠ Pleasure



**FINDING TRUE
HAPPINESS IN GOD**



**JESUS & THE RICH YOUNG MAN
(Matt 19:16-26)**

Pope Francis (2019)

A young man... approaches Jesus and asks if there is more that he can do; in this, he demonstrates that youthful **openness of spirit** which **seeks new horizons and great challenges**. Yet his spirit was not really that young, for he had already become attached to riches and comforts..... He had given up his youth.

Christus Vivit, 18

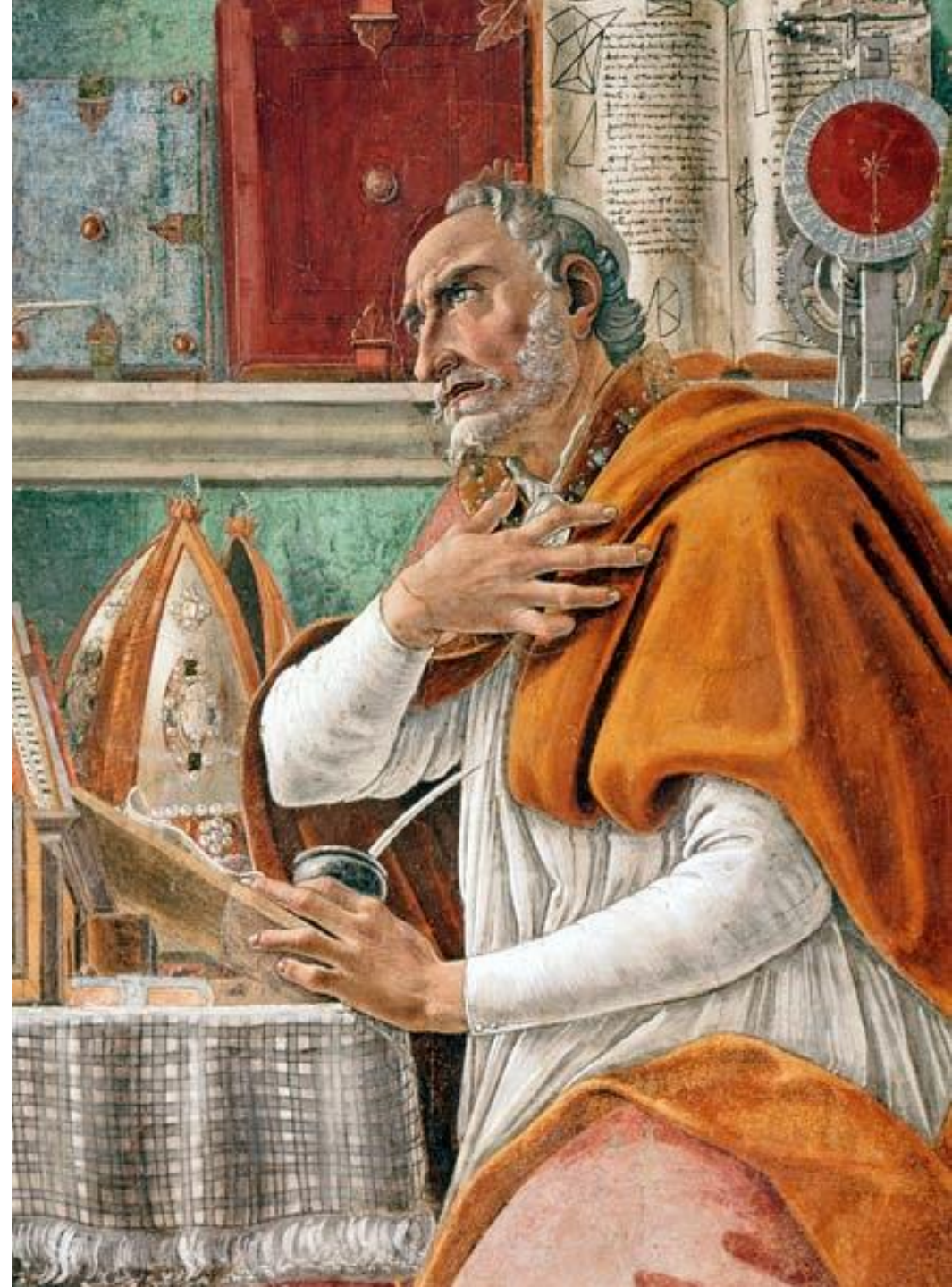


So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Cor 5:17)

**A happiness that challenges one
to get out from egocentrism,
be transformed
and grow!**

**“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and
our hearts are restless until
they rest in you.”**

St. Augustine





**A kind of ethics which helps to
empower them to get out of
themselves and grow**



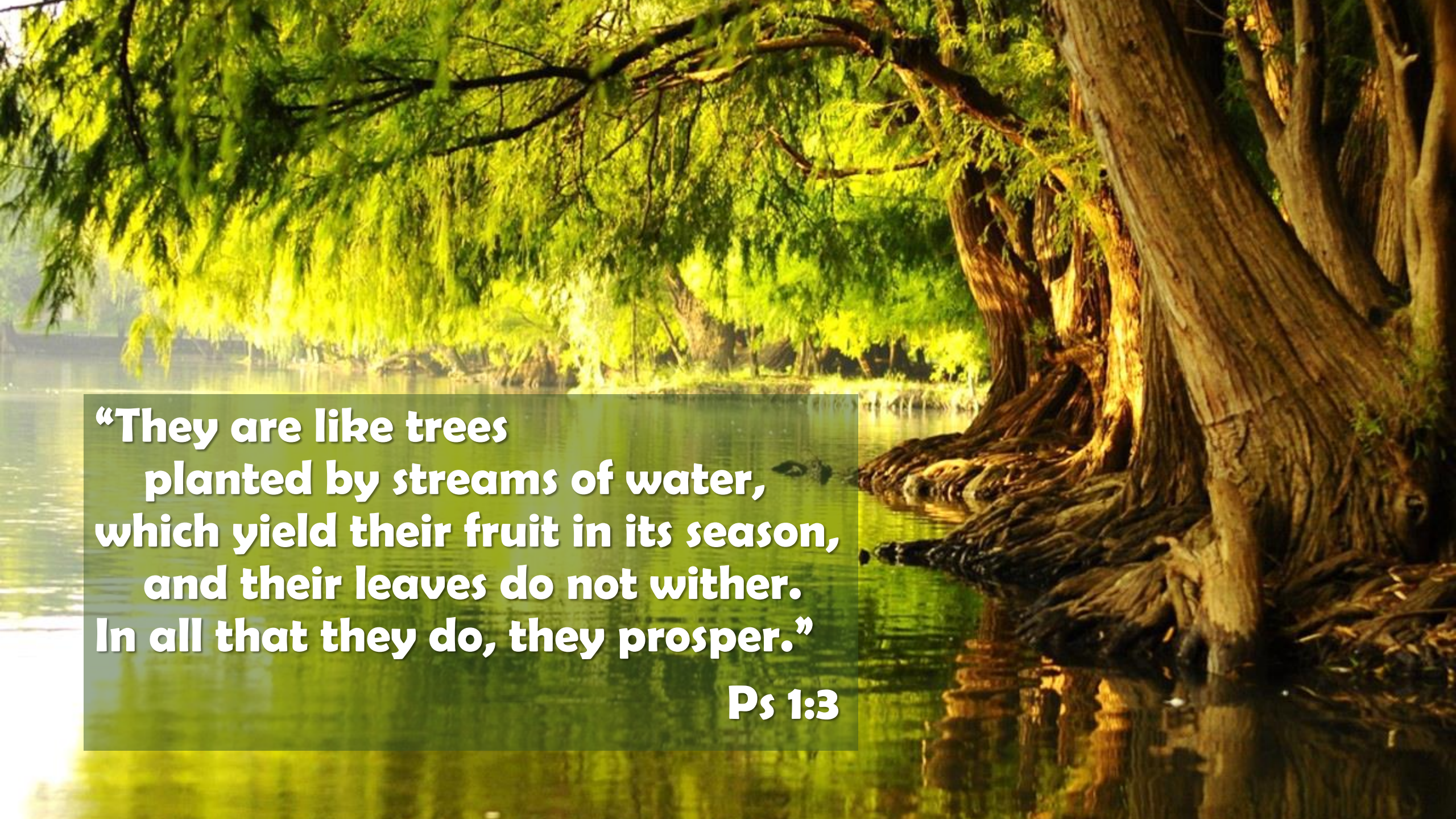
VIRTUE ETHICS

VIRTUE

**“A habitual and firm disposition
to do the good.**

**‘The goal of a virtuous life is to
become like God’
(St. Gregory of Nyssa)**

Compendium CCC, 377

A serene landscape featuring a calm body of water in the foreground, reflecting the sky and the surrounding greenery. On the right side, several large, ancient trees with thick, gnarled trunks and dense, vibrant green foliage stand prominently. Their branches hang over the water, and their reflections are clearly visible in the still surface. The background shows a continuation of the lush forest along the riverbank, creating a sense of depth and tranquility. The overall lighting is soft and natural, suggesting a peaceful time of day like dawn or dusk.

**“They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.”**

Ps 1:3



The Perfection of the Image of God

Kinds of Virtues

Moral Virtues (acquired)

- Prudence
- Justice
- Fortitude
- Temperance

Theological Virtues (infused)

- Faith
- Hope
- Charity

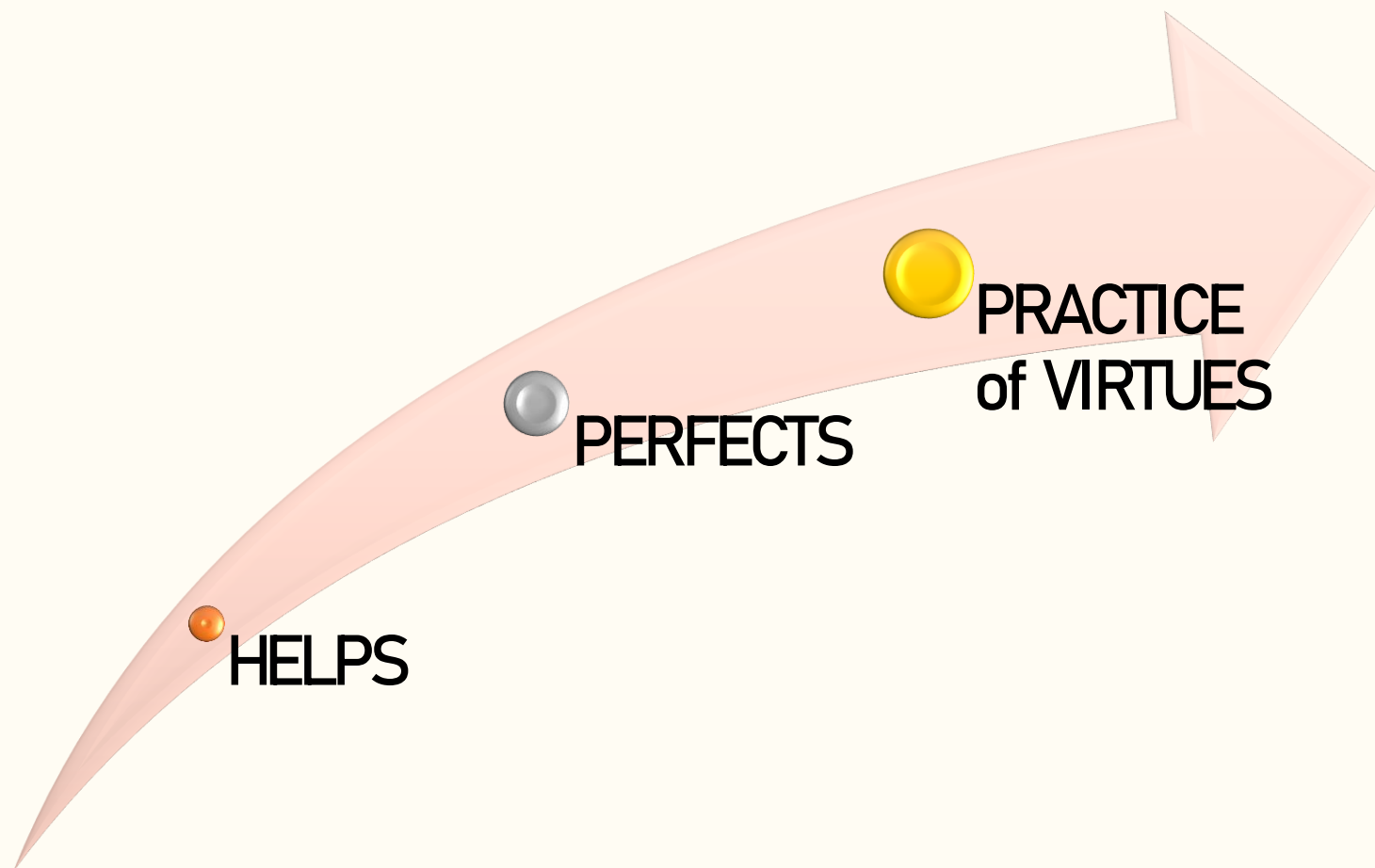


**Man needs to
develop virtue
in giving
response to
GRACE**

**PRACTICE
OF VIRTUES**



GRACE

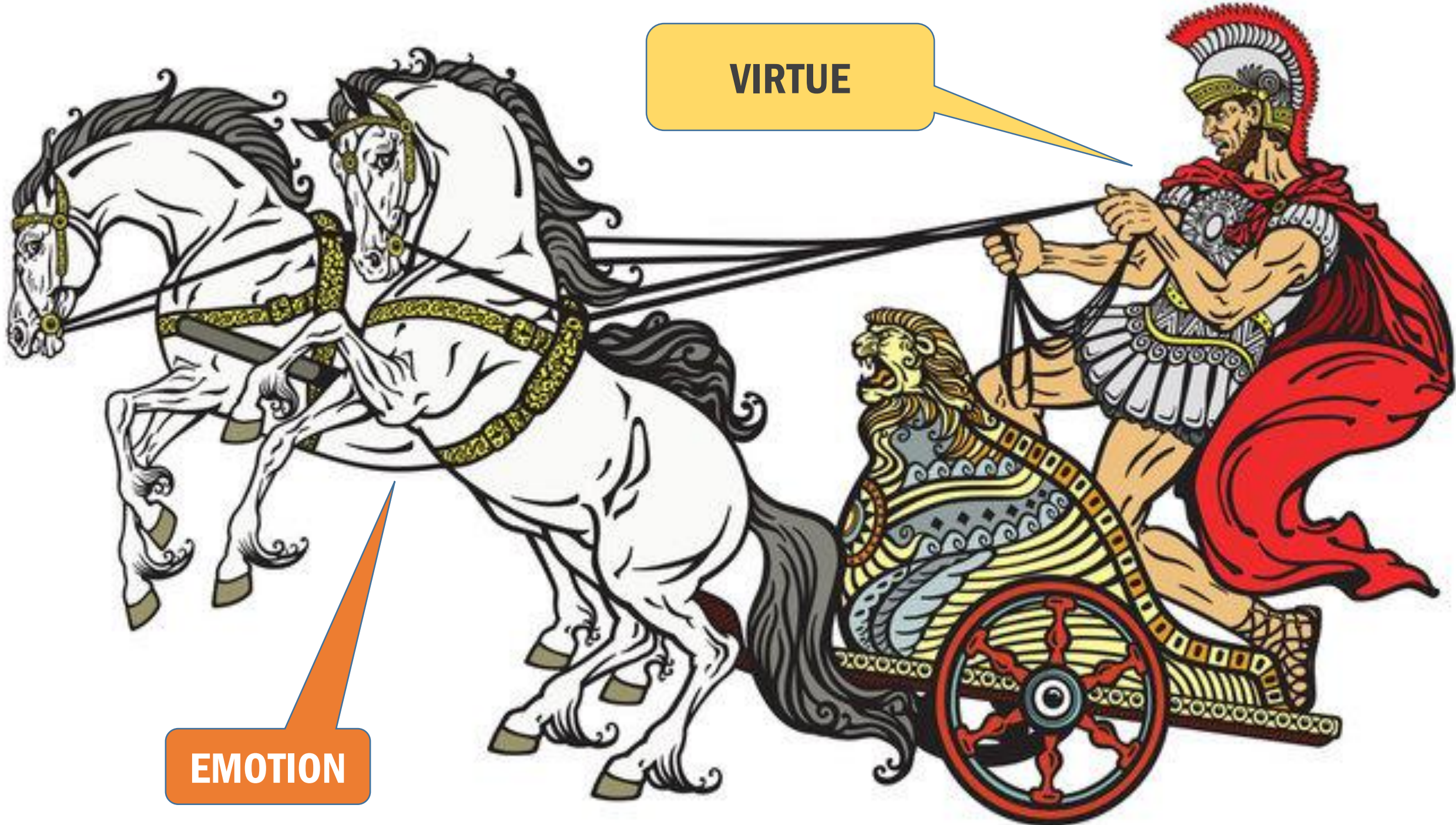


GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Function of Virtues

**BUILDING UP
CHARACTER**

**CONTROLLING
EMOTIONS
(PASSIONS)**



VIRTUE

EMOTION

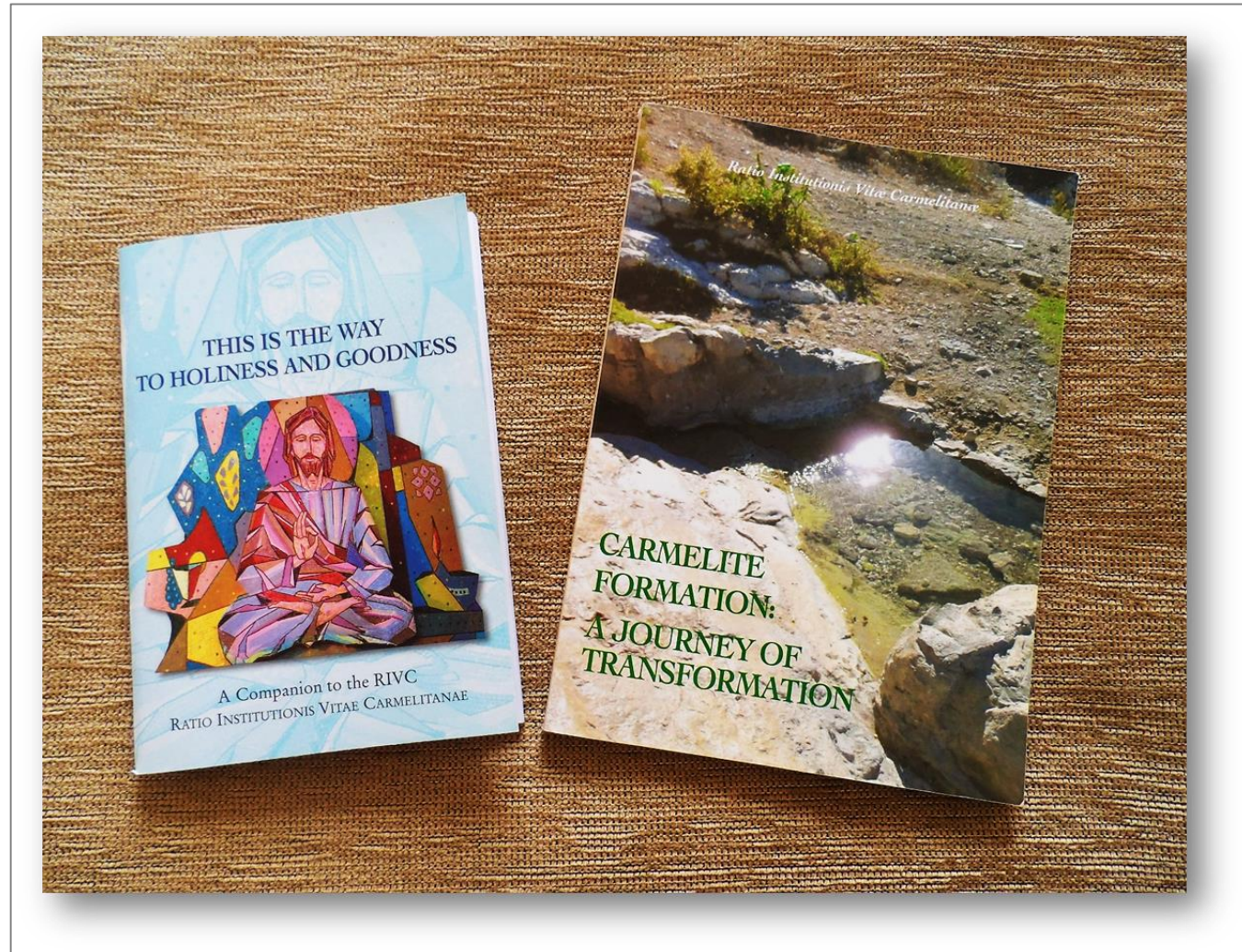
VIRTUE ETHICS

- **What should I do in this particular situation?**
- **Considering:**
 - **What is the purpose of my life and my action?**
 - **What kind of character that I want to be?**
 - **Am I truly happy in doing it?**
 - **What would the virtuous men do in the same situation?**



Foundation

- **Depositum fidei,**
- **Carmelite tradition,**
- **Saints,**
- **Rule,**
- **Constitutions, RIVC**



Developing & Training the **Five Dimensions**



Human, Carmelite-spiritual, intellectual, practical, service (RIVC, appendix)

How to Train Virtues?



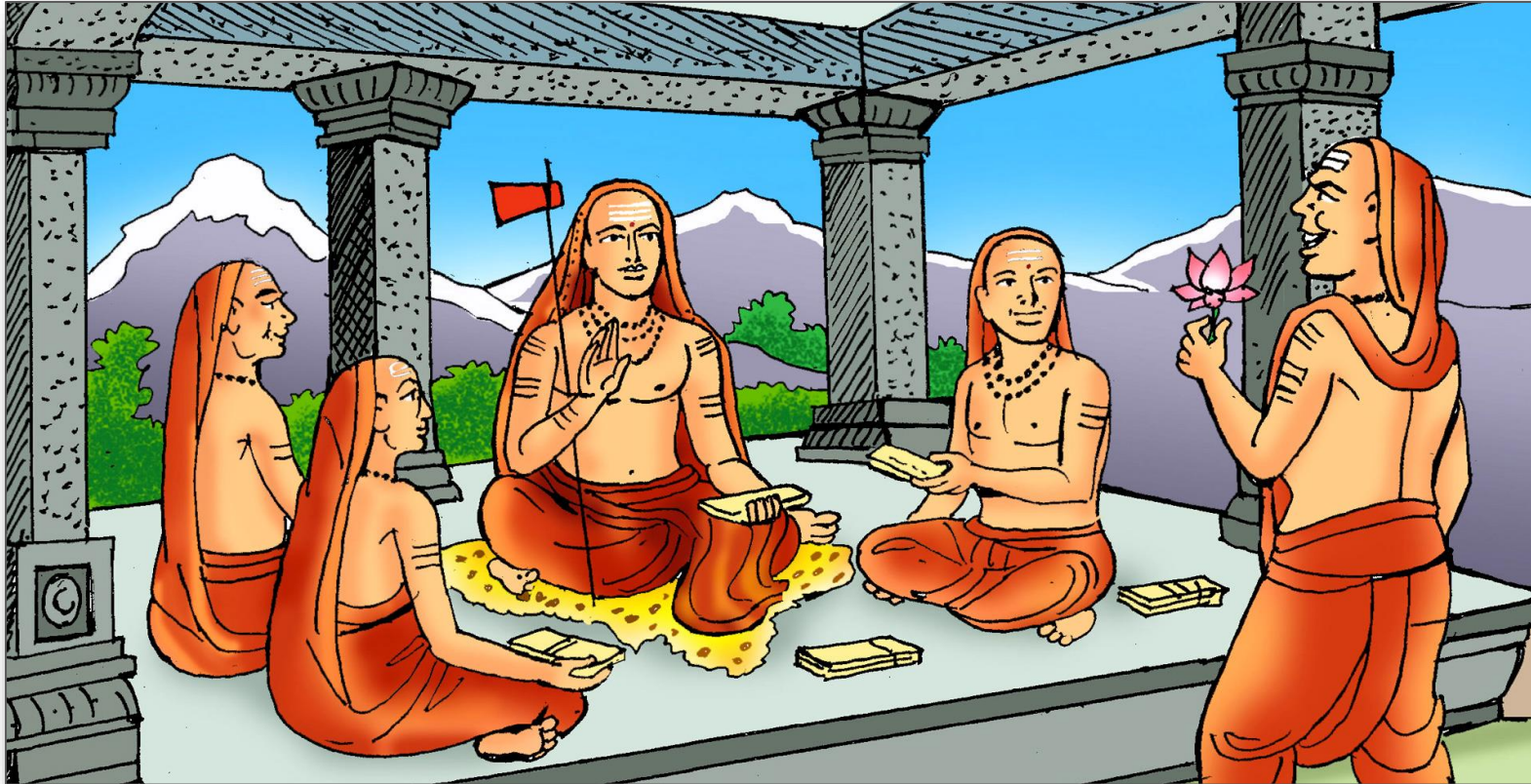
FORMATION

Rational

supports

Mystagogical

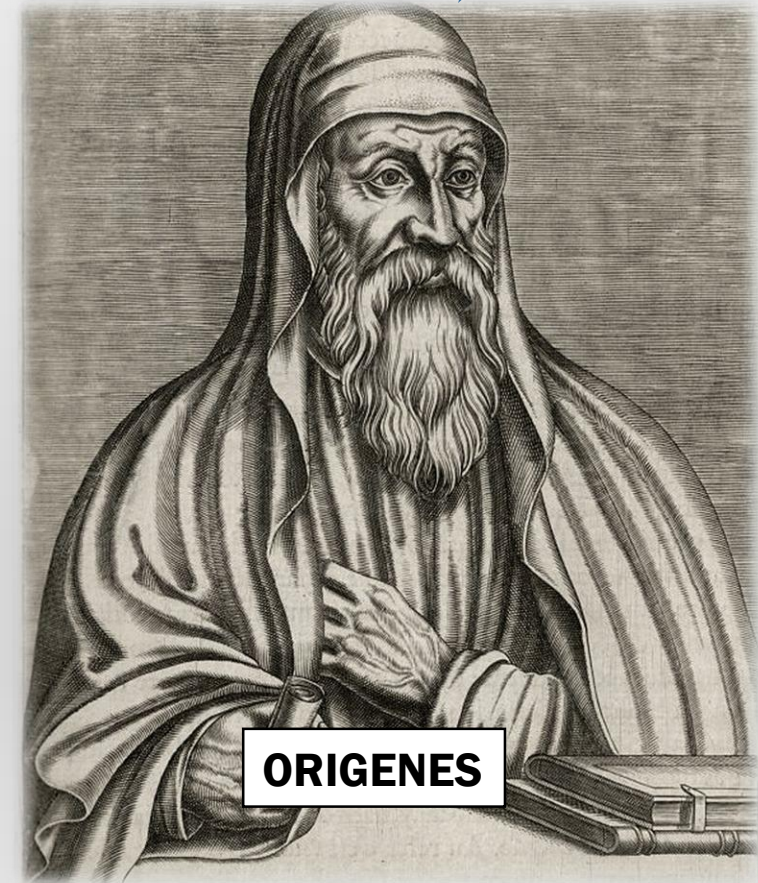
Mystagogical Formation



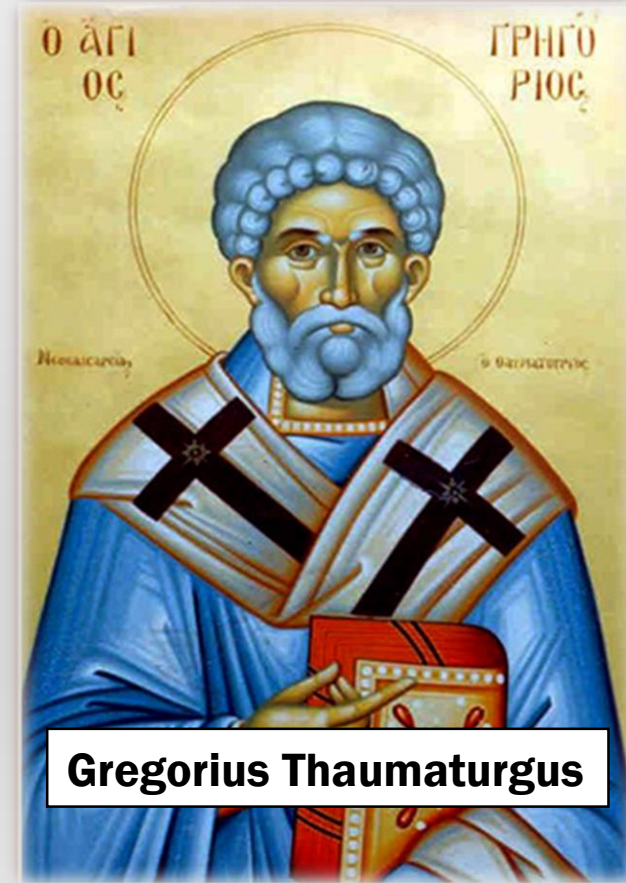
A formation which **initiates** another into mystery, so that one can **enter and experience** the mystery, and finally one can **teach or share** this mystery with others.

Come live with us, experience our lives, and then you will comprehend our doctrines.

Teach me your Christian doctrines!



ORIGENES



Gregorius Thaumaturgus

Reviving GURUS

- Guru = Rabbi = Teacher
- **Const. 10:** Over the centuries the Order and the Church found these features to belong to Carmelites, especially because of the **teachers of spiritual life** whom God raised up in the Order.



“The real guru has personal authority, not something inherited or the possession of the privileged caste, but a clear indication that **this man has himself experienced the Divine. He knows. He has entered the presence of God.”**

Kees Waaijman



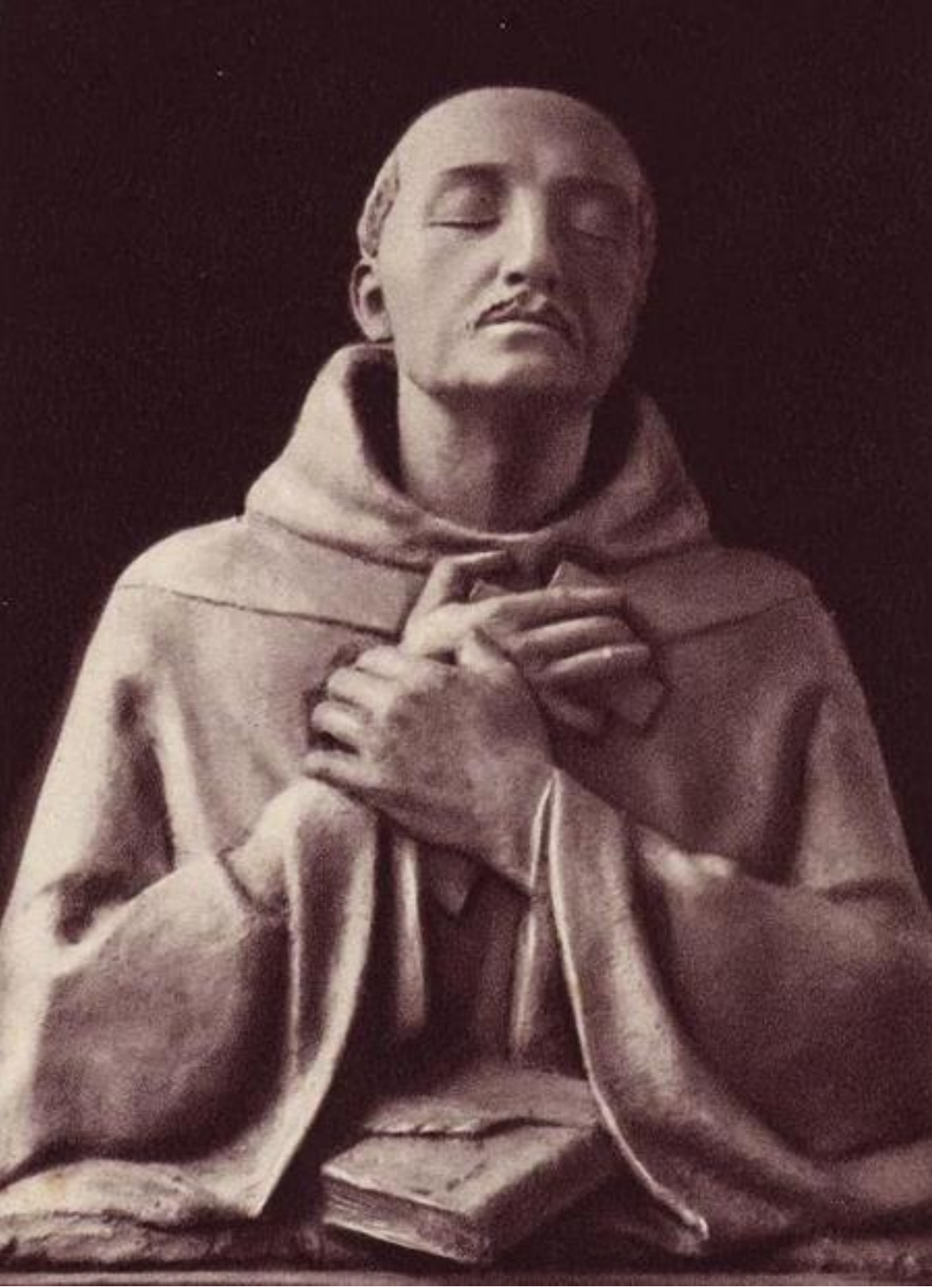


“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.”

Evangelii Nuntiandi, 41

- In order to be a *guru*, one should first be a disciple.
- This is the genius of the Carmelite spirituality to put discipleship as the basic value.
- It is best summed up:
in obsequio Iesu Christi (Rule 2)
- This presupposes ups and downs, successes and failures, help from the Holy Spirit.





The formative process can never be said to be completed: growth to human, spiritual, religious and Carmelite maturity progresses along with the unfolding of the lives of those who, having encountered Christ, answer his call and follow him in the Carmelite life, allowing themselves to be grasped and transformed by his love.

RIVC 19

A GURU who is also an OLDER BROTHER



Developing Friendship & Fraternity



FRIENDSHIP Nichomachean Ethics

More than good will

Philia

For the goodness of others
(not for usefulness or pleasure)

Reciprocal



FRATERNITY Cons. 19

Contemplative

Discover the presence of God
in others

Care, dialogue, reconciliation





Carmelite formation takes place in the context of good community life as candidates experience the charism of the Order through the community in which they live. A formation community must therefore ... aware of their responsibility called as they are to be models of Carmelite life.

Cons. 129



**House of Formation:
Perfect Place**



Dear Mother,

The life in the monastery is providing more joy to me than any feast might do. I am completely happy here in my cell and among the other brethren as is expected of me. I believe that God has called me here.



• **HOLY SPIRIT**



• **GURUS**
• **COMMUNITY**



• **PRACTICE**
• **VIRTUES**

**Having good
conscience**



Synderesis



Moral Problems



Syneidesis

Concrete Moral Action





GEN Z
FORMED IN
GOOD CONSCIENCE



THANK
YOU



NOTES

GEN Z = I-GEN

Magdalena Graczyk-Kucharska & G. Scott Erickson,
“A Person-Organization Fit Model of Generation Z: Preliminary Studies,”
Journal of Entrepreneurship, Management and Innovation vol 16/4, 2020: 149-176

Individuals in this generation have never known life without the Internet, part of their experience from an early age, and treated as an evident presence (Roblek et al., 2019). Ubiquitous use of the Internet was already recognized by Prensky in 2001 (2001a, 2001b), and those trends have only accelerated. This generation is constantly in touch with friends (Lazanyi & Bilan, 2017) and has a higher number of friends than in previous generations. They are capable of effectively multitasking yet find it difficult to focus on a single activity. They are materialistic, want everything, and want it immediately and yet are also realistic. They are creative and ambitious. They learn mainly from online sources, often creating ideas themselves without reference to traditional sources of existing knowledge. They share freely through digital media (Lazányi & Bilan, 2017). They also interact through online games (Perez, 2016). In terms of the workplace, Gen Z is comfortable with modern recruitment tools (Dalessandro, 2018; Derous & De Fruyt, 2016) and prefers flexible working arrangements (Lazányi & Bilan, 2017).

The Logic of Terrorism

- **Shallow religious belief: violence & chaos accelerate the coming of the Messiah**
- **Imaginative evil enemy in a cosmic war: good & evil**
- **Theatrical act of terror (massive, horrifying) as symbolic message of conquering evil**



Psychological Conditions of Terrorists

- Sane and smart
- Monolythic-rigid way of thinking
- Disoriented, unstable, isolated
- Brainwashed by intellectual actors



Homosexuality: Causes?

- Inconclusive
 - Genetic?
 - Hormonal?
 - Sosio-psychological?
- Nature & nurture

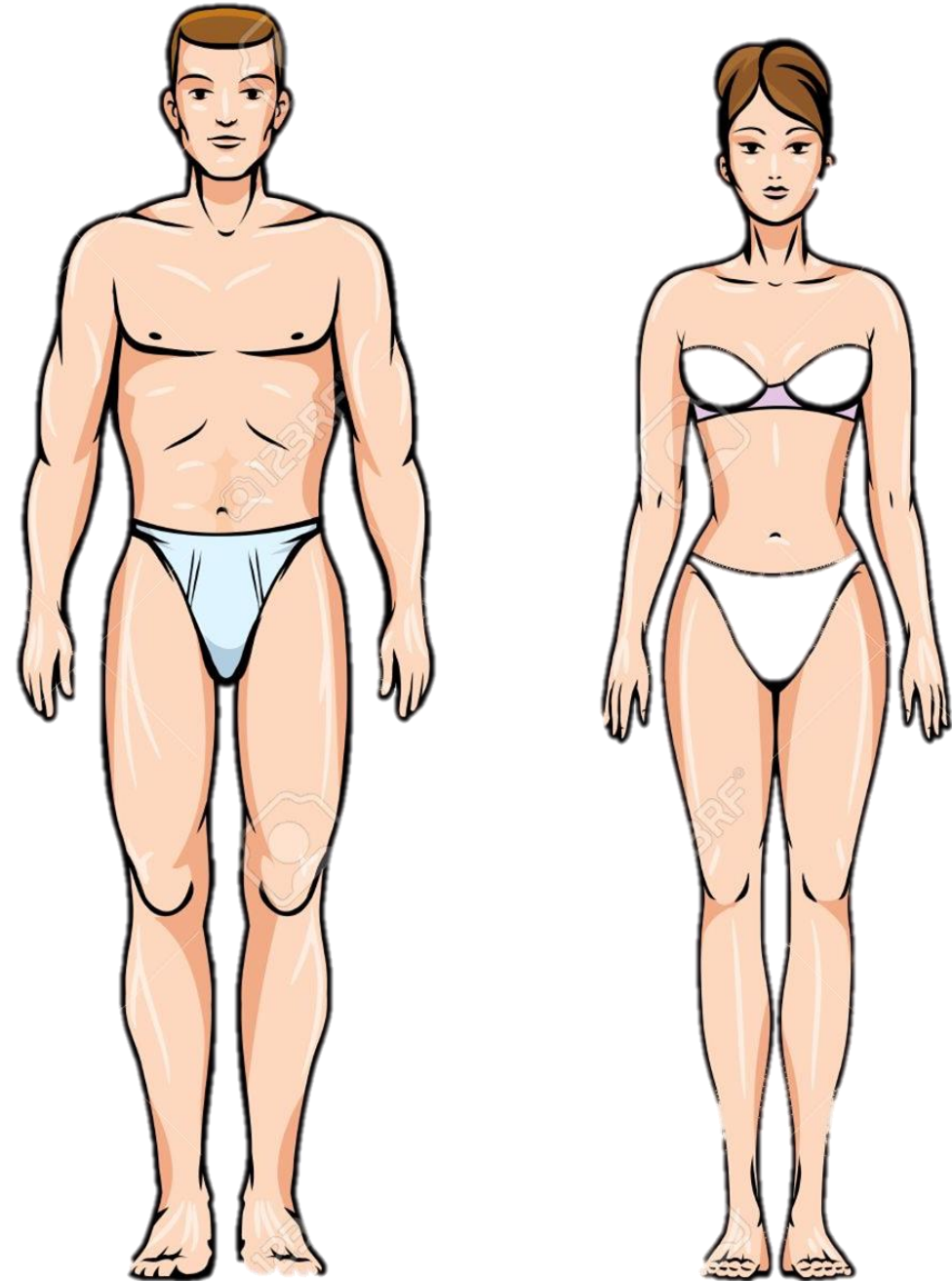


DSM: Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

- **The Holy Bible of Psychology**
- **DSM-3 (1973) not pathology**
- **WHO (1990) removal from the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10).**
- **DSM-5 (2013) retains transexualism-transgenderism as gender dysphoria**

Has biology anything to say?

- Biological sex is innate
- Gender Identity is an elusive concept



VISIO BEATIFICA

CREATION

HONOR

HEALTH

PLEASURE

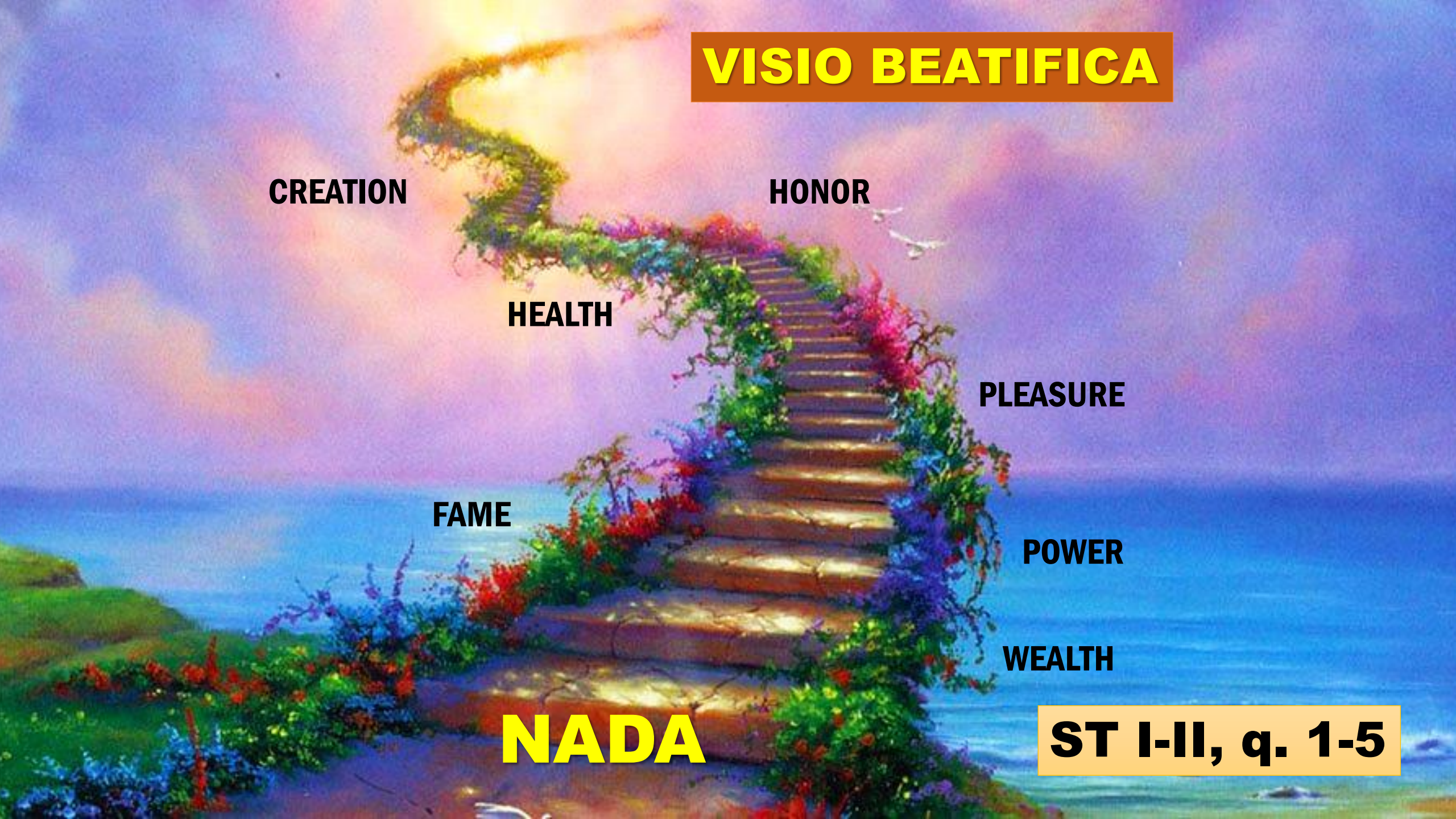
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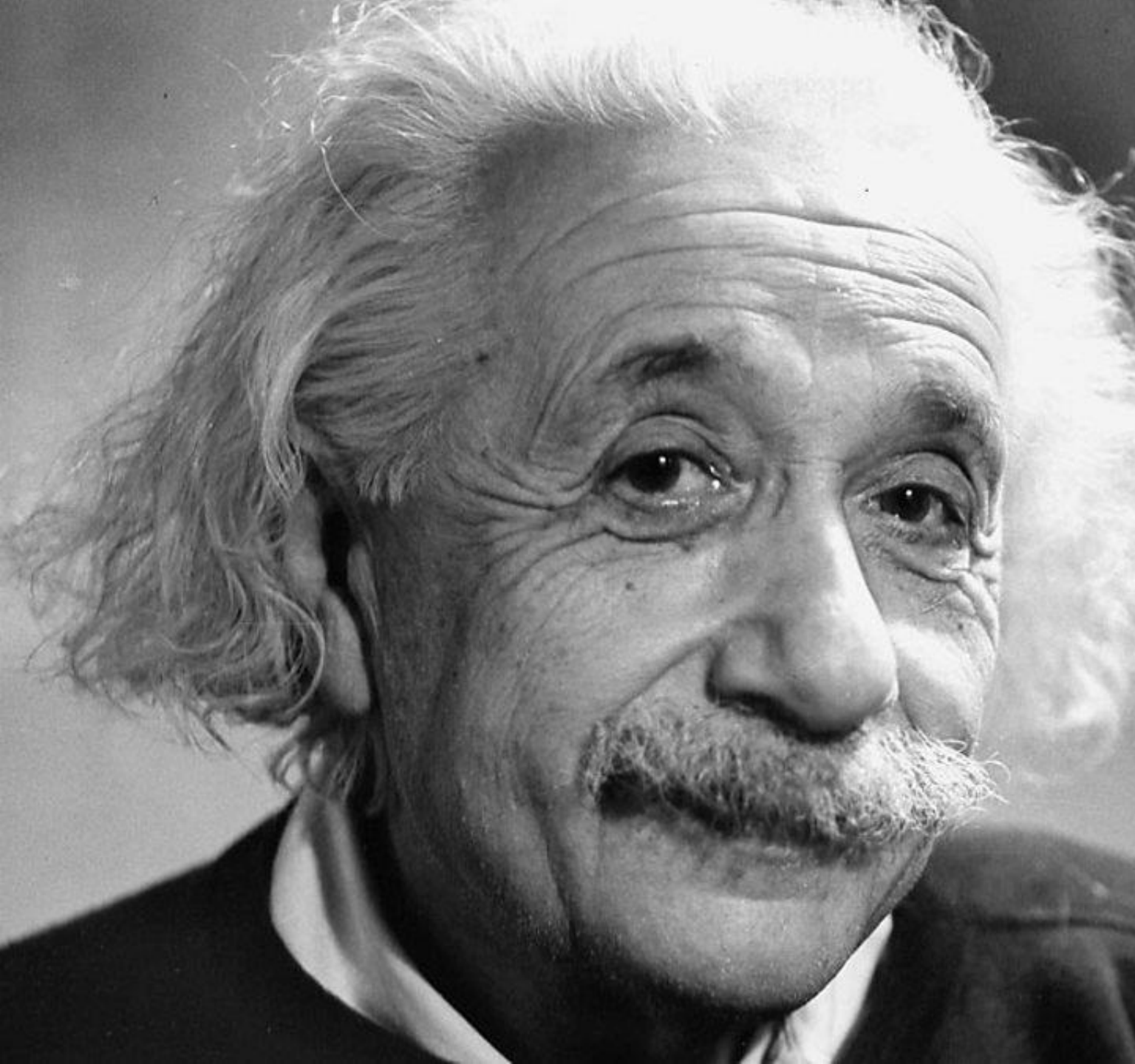
WEALTH

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MORAL IMAGINATION

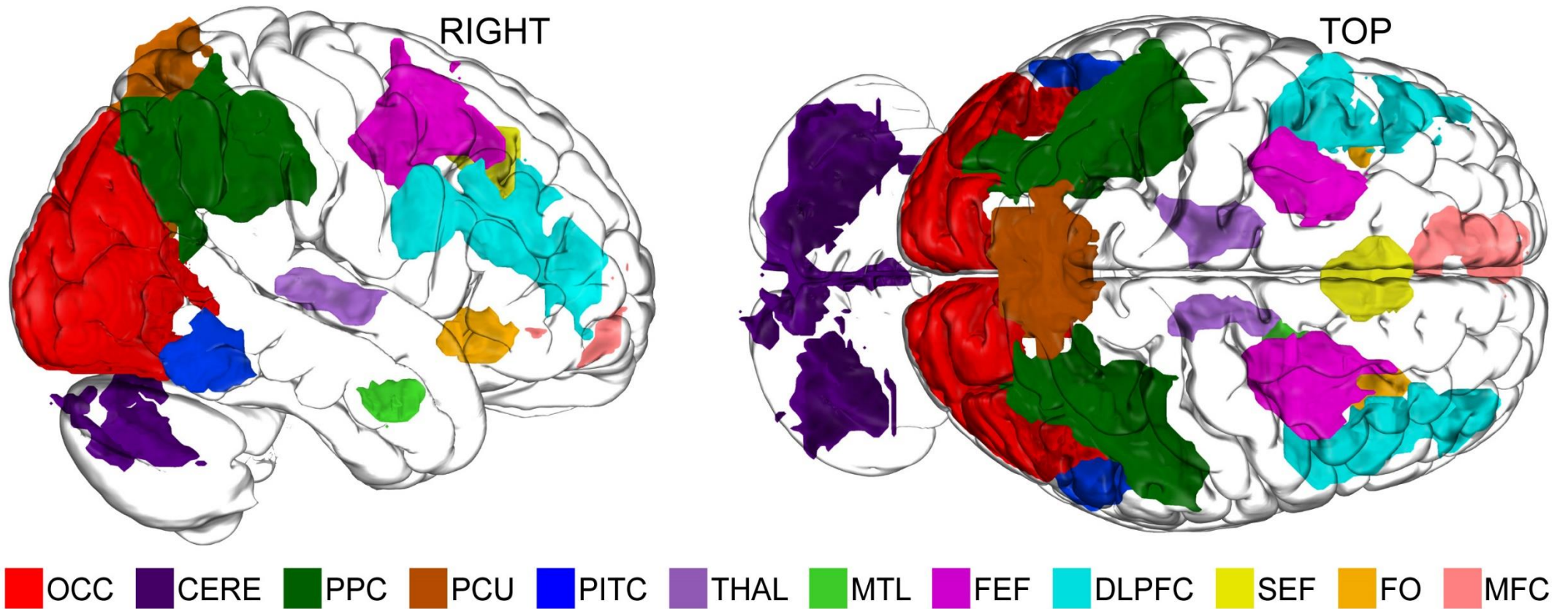


Albert Einstein

I am enough of the artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world. *Saturday Evening Post* 26 October 1929

Brain's Activity

When we are imagining something



Why do we use Stories?

With facts we use two parts of the brain. With Stories we use multiple parts including our senses.

Stories are highly effective because the brain processes the imagination the same way as reality.

Stories help produce Dopamine which is connected to Pleasure as well as oxytocin [Rewards] and serotonin [Well-Being]

Stories trigger neural coupling which means similar brain patterns happen between the storyteller and the listener



Story and Moral Molecules

We have identified oxytocin as the neurochemical responsible for empathy and narrative transportation. My lab pioneered the behavioral study of [oxytocin](#) and has proven that when the brain synthesizes oxytocin, people are more trustworthy, generous, charitable, and compassionate. I have dubbed oxytocin the “[moral molecule](#),” and others call it the love hormone. What we know is that oxytocin makes us more sensitive to social cues around us. In many situations, social cues motivate us to engage to help others, particularly if the other person seems to need our help.

Imagination moves moral act



MISSION IN ASIA: TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS

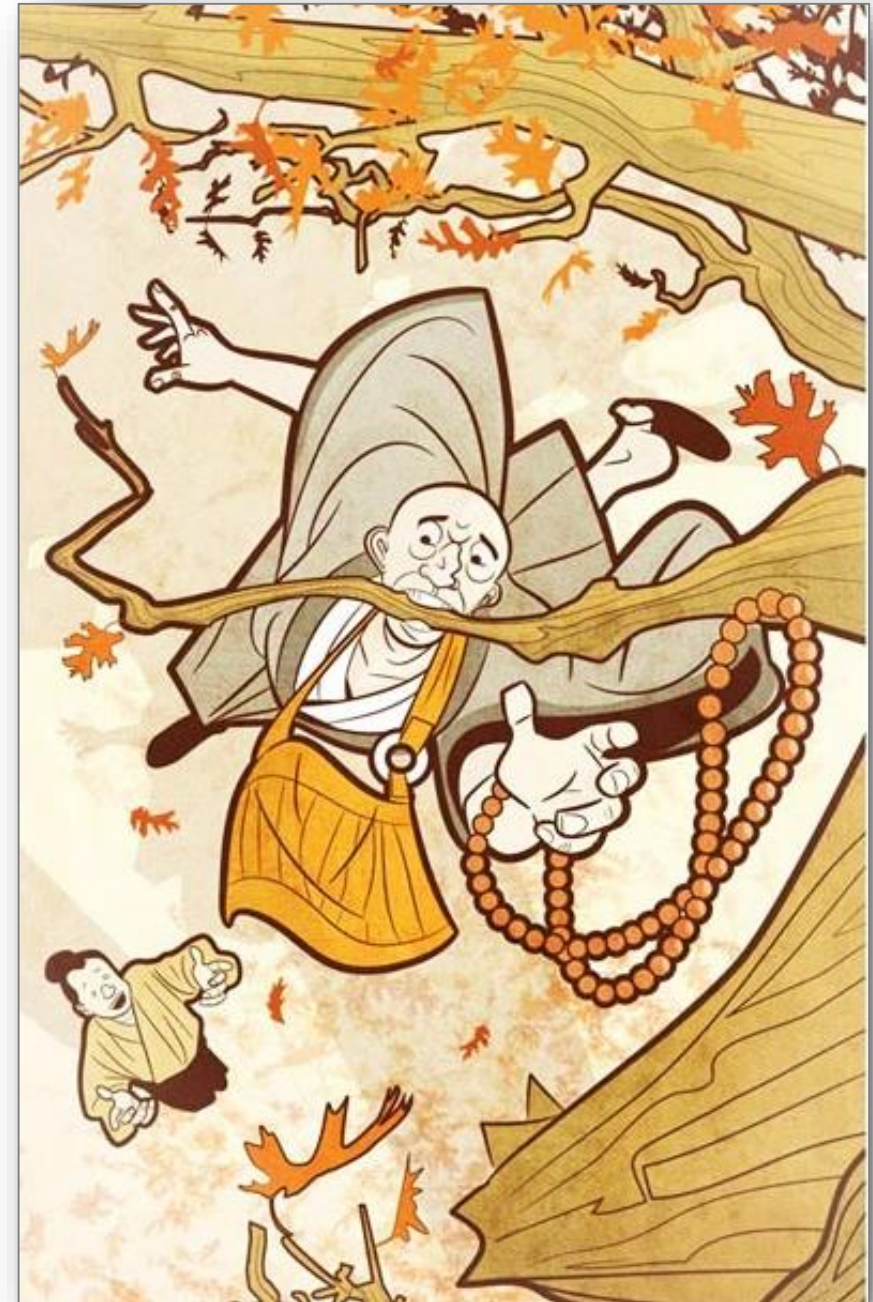


- **The Church tells the story of Jesus from its experience of Jesus**
- **The Story of Jesus provides meaning to the Church's symbols of faith.**
- **The Story of Jesus generates the Church.**
- **A listening Church tells the Story of Jesus.**

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle

Great Asian Epics

- **Ramayana**
- **Mahabharata**
 - **Baghawat Gita**
- **Parables in the Gospel**
- **Zen Koan**



DETACHMENT





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LORD OF THE RINGS
THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING

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Synodia: community walking together

CV 29. In fact, “Jesus did not grow up in a narrow and stifling relationship with Mary and Joseph, but readily interacted with the wider family, the relatives of his parents and their friends” ... when he returned from his pilgrimage to Jerusalem, ... as a twelve-year-old boy (cf. *Lk 2:42*), he was wandering freely among the crowd, even though they did not see him for an entire day.... Jesus was there, mingling with the others, joking with other young people, listening to the adults tell stories and sharing the joys and sorrows of the group. Indeed, the Greek word that Luke uses to describe the group – *synodía* – clearly evokes a larger “community on a journey” of which the Holy Family is a part. Thanks to the trust of his parents, Jesus can move freely and learn to journey with others.

Withdrawal from real life

CV 88. The digital environment is also one of loneliness, manipulation, exploitation and violence, even to the extreme case of the 'dark web.' Digital media can expose people to the risk of **addiction, isolation and gradual loss of contact with concrete reality, blocking the development of authentic interpersonal relationships.** New forms of violence are spreading through social media, for example cyberbullying. The internet is also a channel for spreading pornography and the exploitation of persons for sexual purposes or through gambling.

Experince of Healing

CV 109. If you are young in years, but feel weak, weary or disillusioned, **ask Jesus to renew you. With him, hope never fails.** You can do the same if you feel overwhelmed by vices, bad habits, selfishness or unhealthy pastimes. Jesus, brimming with life, wants to help you make your youth worthwhile. In this way, you will not deprive the world of the contribution that you alone can make, in all your uniqueness and originality.

Help from the Holy Spirit

131. Ask the **Holy Spirit** each day to help you experience anew the great message. Why not? You have nothing to lose, and **he can change your life, fill it with light and lead it along a better path.** He takes nothing away from you, but instead helps you to find all that you need, and in the best possible way. Do you need love? You will not find it in dissipation, using other people, or trying to be possessive or domineering. **You will find it in a way that will make you genuinely happy.** Are you seeking powerful emotions? You will not experience them by accumulating material objects, spending money, chasing desperately after the things of this world. They will come, and in a much more beautiful and meaningful way, **if you let yourself be prompted by the Holy Spirit.**

FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS

- 154. Friendship with Jesus cannot be broken. He never leaves us, even though at times it appears that he keeps silent. When we need him, he makes himself known to us (cf. Jer 29:14); he remains at our side wherever we go (cf. Jos 1:9). He never breaks his covenant. He simply asks that we not abandon him: “Abide in me” (Jn 15:4). But even if we stray from him, “he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself” (2 Tim 2:13).
- 155. With a friend, we can speak and share our deepest secrets. With Jesus too, we can always have a conversation. Prayer is both a challenge and an adventure. And what an adventure it is! Gradually Jesus makes us appreciate his grandeur and draw nearer to him. Prayer enables us to share with him every aspect of our lives and to rest confidently in his embrace. At the same time, it gives us a share in his own life and love. When we pray, “we open everything we do” to him, and we give him room “so that he can act, enter and claim victory”. [81]

Reconciliation

165. Hurts you have experienced might tempt you to withdraw from others, to turn in on yourself and to nurse feelings of anger, but never stop listening to God's call to forgiveness. The Bishops of Rwanda put it well: **“In order to reconcile with another person, you must first of all be able to see the goodness in that person, the goodness God created him with... This requires great effort to distinguish the offence from the offender; it means you hate the offence the person has committed, but you love the person despite his weakness, because in him you see the image of God.”**

Language in Outreaching the Youth

CV 211. In this outreach, we need to use above all **the language of closeness, the language of generous, relational and existential love that touches the heart, impacts life, and awakens hope and desires.** Young people need to be approached with the grammar of love, not by being preached at. The language that young people understand is spoken by those who radiate life, by those who are there for them and with them. And those who, for all their limitations and weaknesses, try to live their faith with integrity. We also have to give greater thought to ways of incarnating the *kerygma* in the language of today's youth.

Growth - Experience of God

CV 212. As for *growth*, I would make one important point. In some places, it happens that young people are **helped to have a powerful experience of God, an encounter with Jesus that touched their hearts**... Rather than being too concerned with communicating **a great deal of doctrine**, let us first try to **awaken and consolidate the great experiences that sustain the Christian life**. In the words of Romano Guardini, “when we experience a great love... everything else becomes part of it.”

Elitism in Youth Group

CV 232. Similarly, especially in the case of young people who do not come from Christian families or institutions, and are slowly growing to maturity, we have to encourage all the good that we can. Christ warned us not to see only the good grain (cf. *Mt* 13:24-30). **At times, in the attempt to develop a pure and perfect youth ministry, marked by abstract ideas, protected from the world and free of every flaw, we can turn the Gospel into a dull, meaningless and unattractive proposition. Such a youth ministry ends up completely removed from the world of young people and suited only to an elite Christian youth that sees itself as different, while living in an empty and unproductive isolation. In rejecting the weeds, we also uproot or choke any number of shoots trying to spring up in spite of their limitations.**

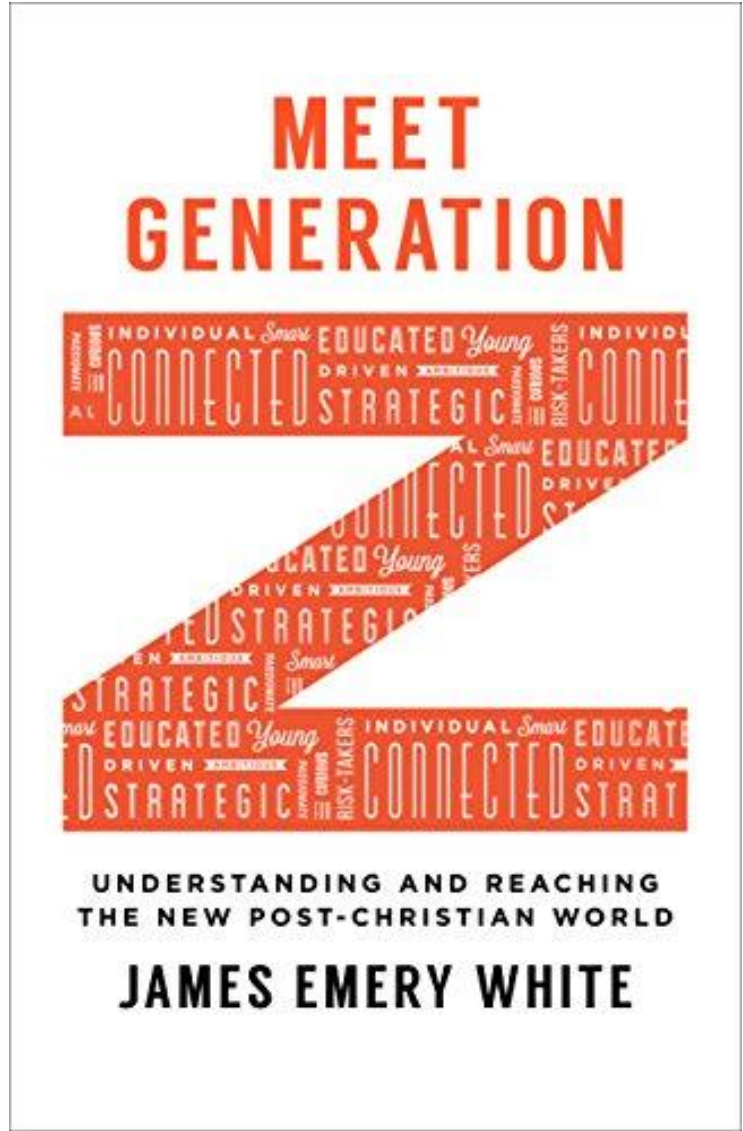
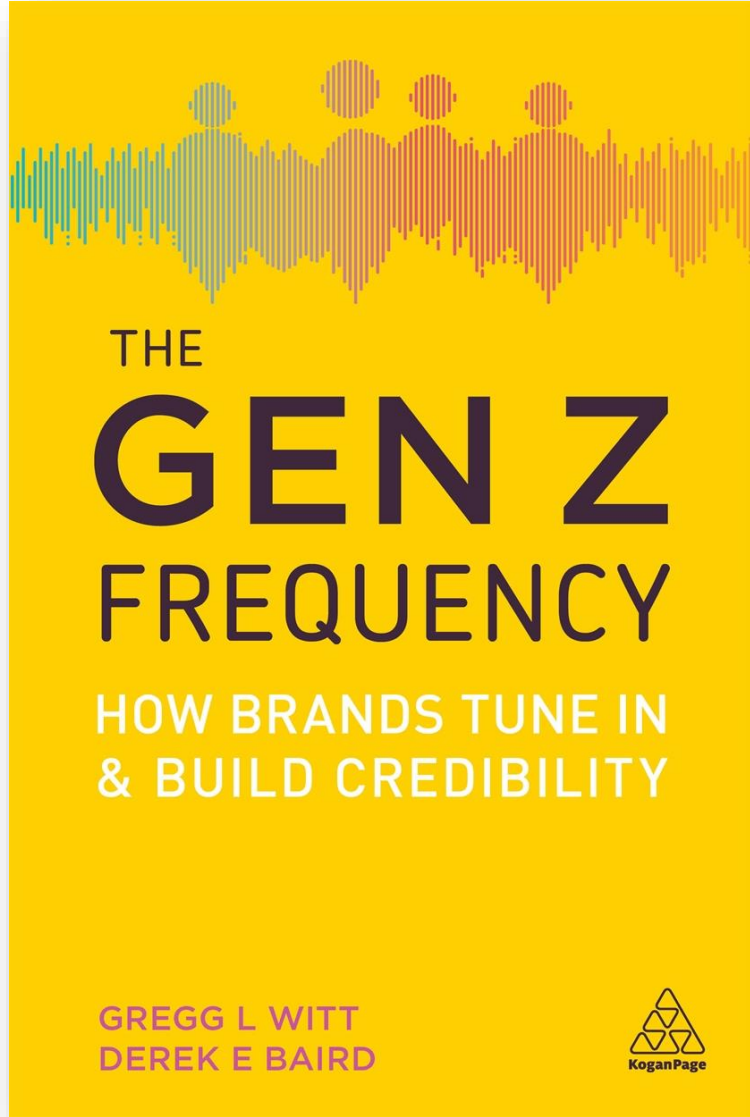
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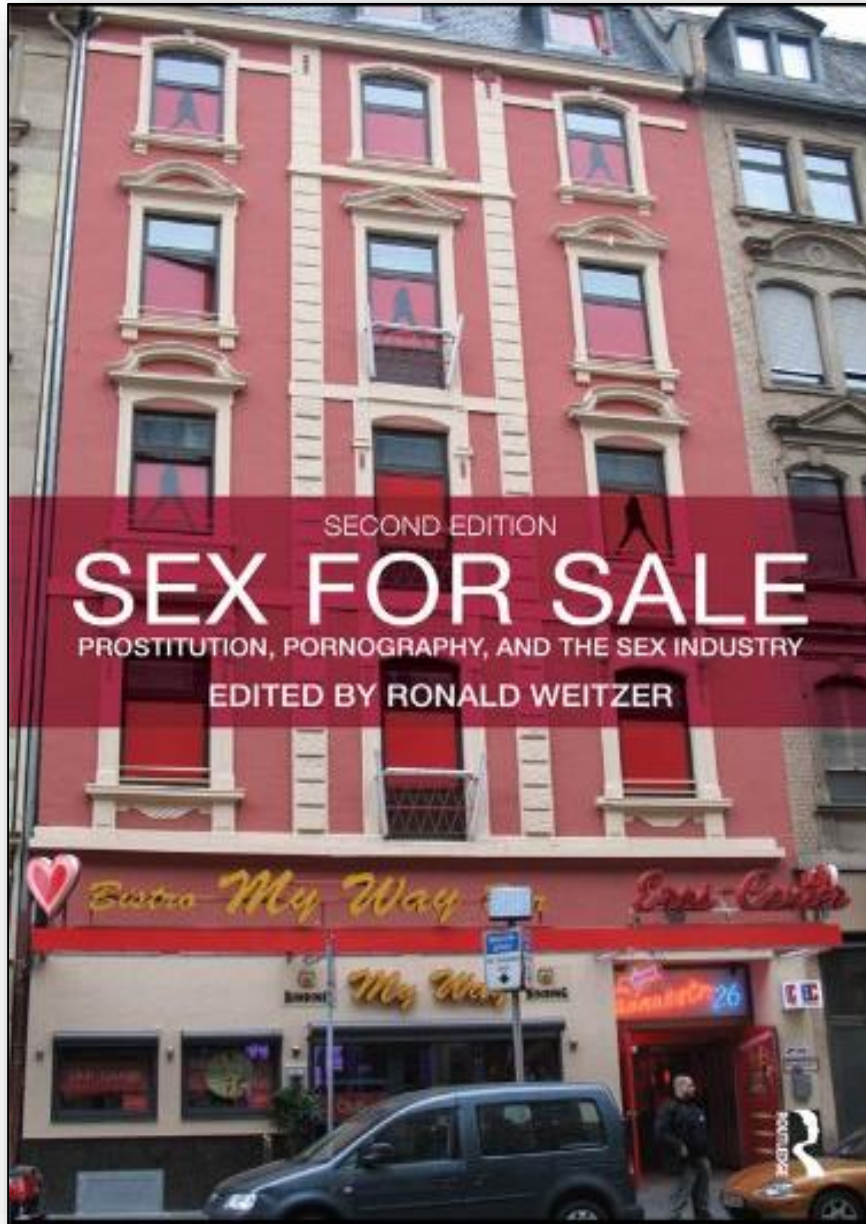
- **Good GURU (human and divine: Holy Spirit), cf. Paul VI, Ev. Nuntiandi (teacher as witness)**
- **Good community (institution, school, Order, Church)**
- **Good character (internal perfection of knowledge & practice/training)**
- **Good action (practice: application)**

Carmelite spirituality offers

- **Intimacy with God:**
 - deep sense of belonging
 - being loved
 - Bonum supremum: larger than my bonum, by participation
 - Union with God
- **Non law centered: back to the essentials**
- **Practical: loving, not discussing about love (Therese, Titus Brandsma)**
- **A long life journey within to freedom and happiness**
 - **Transformative journey: climbing the mountain, towards the center of the castle, adventure.**

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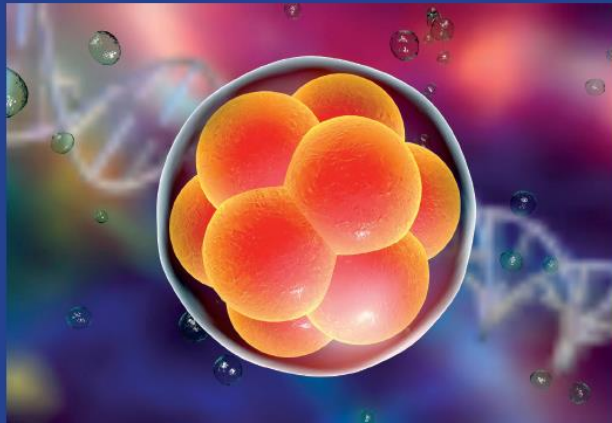


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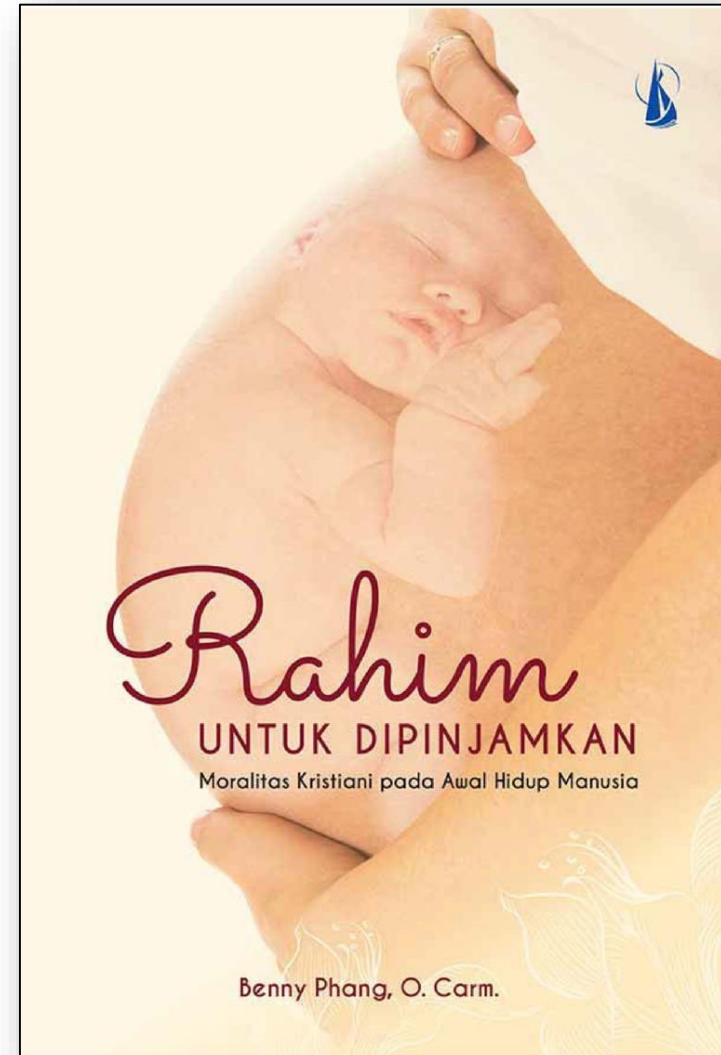
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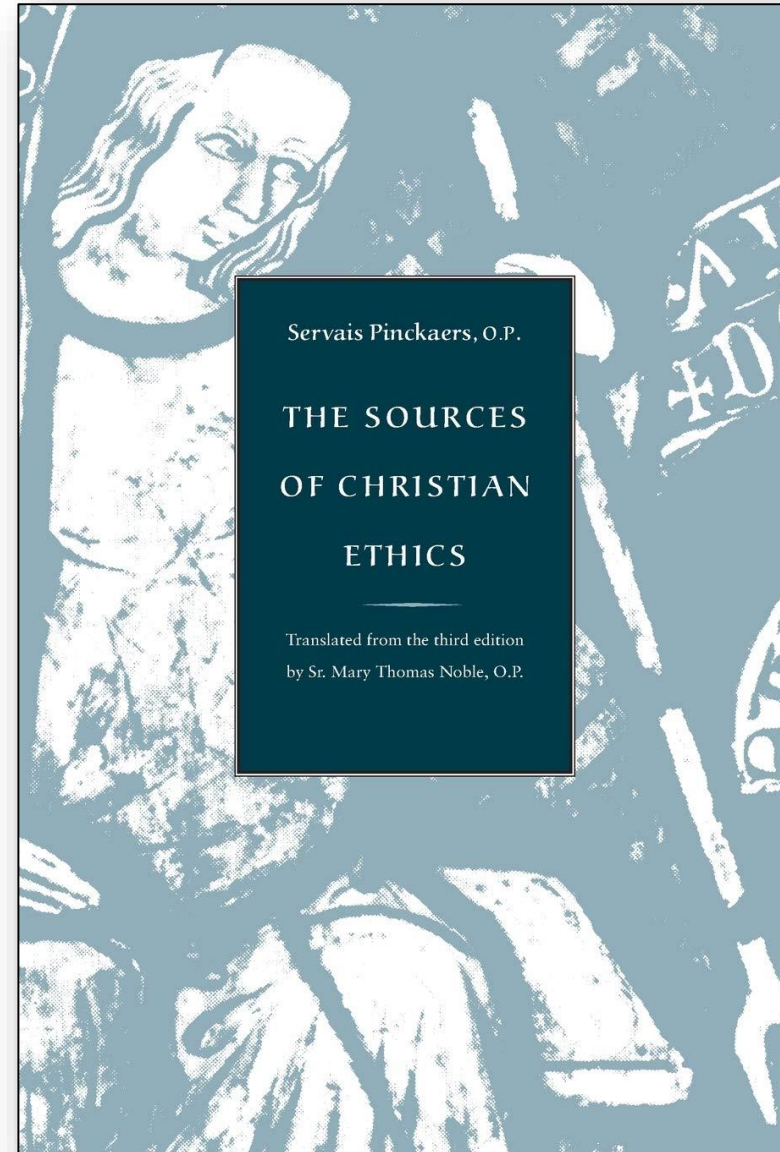
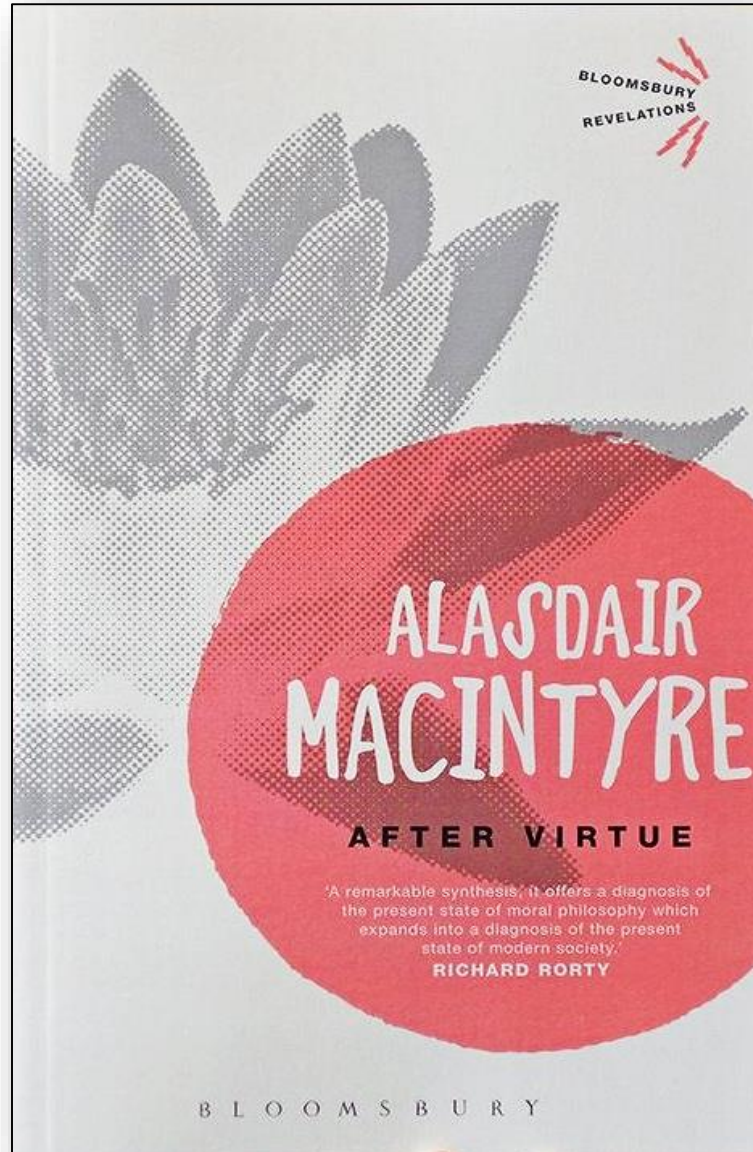


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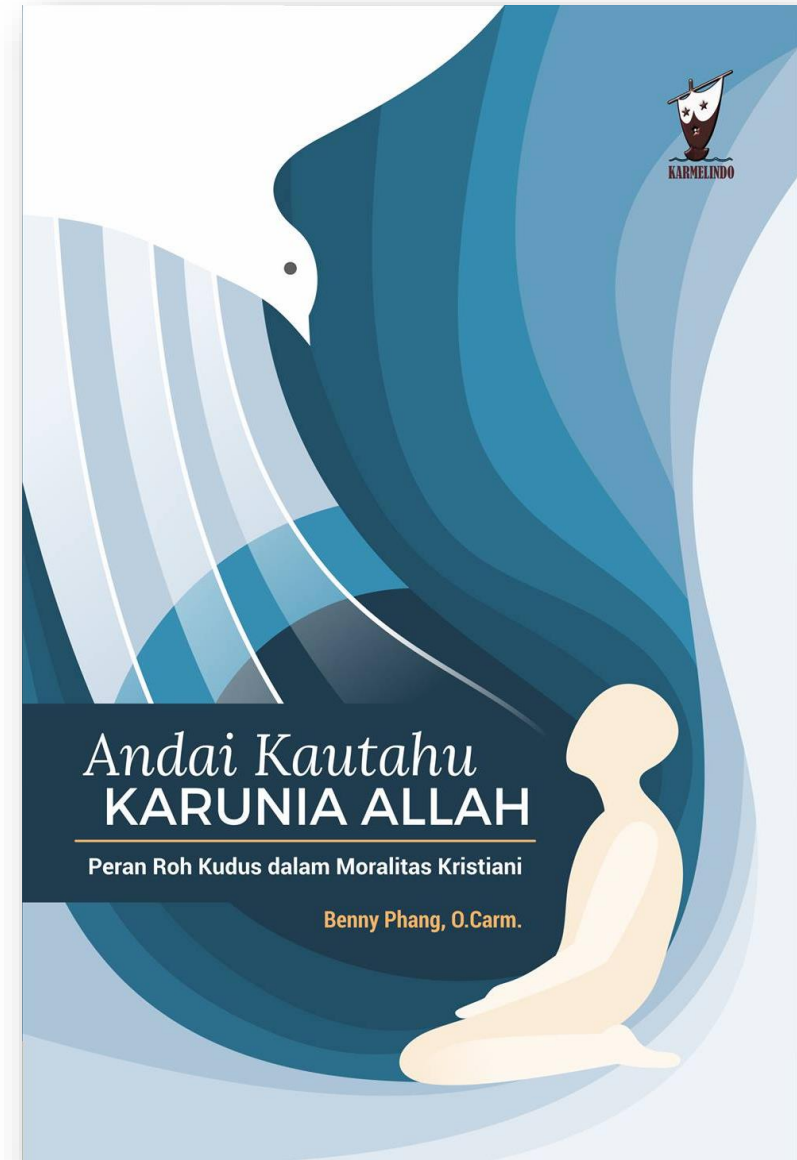


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