

Judges Series

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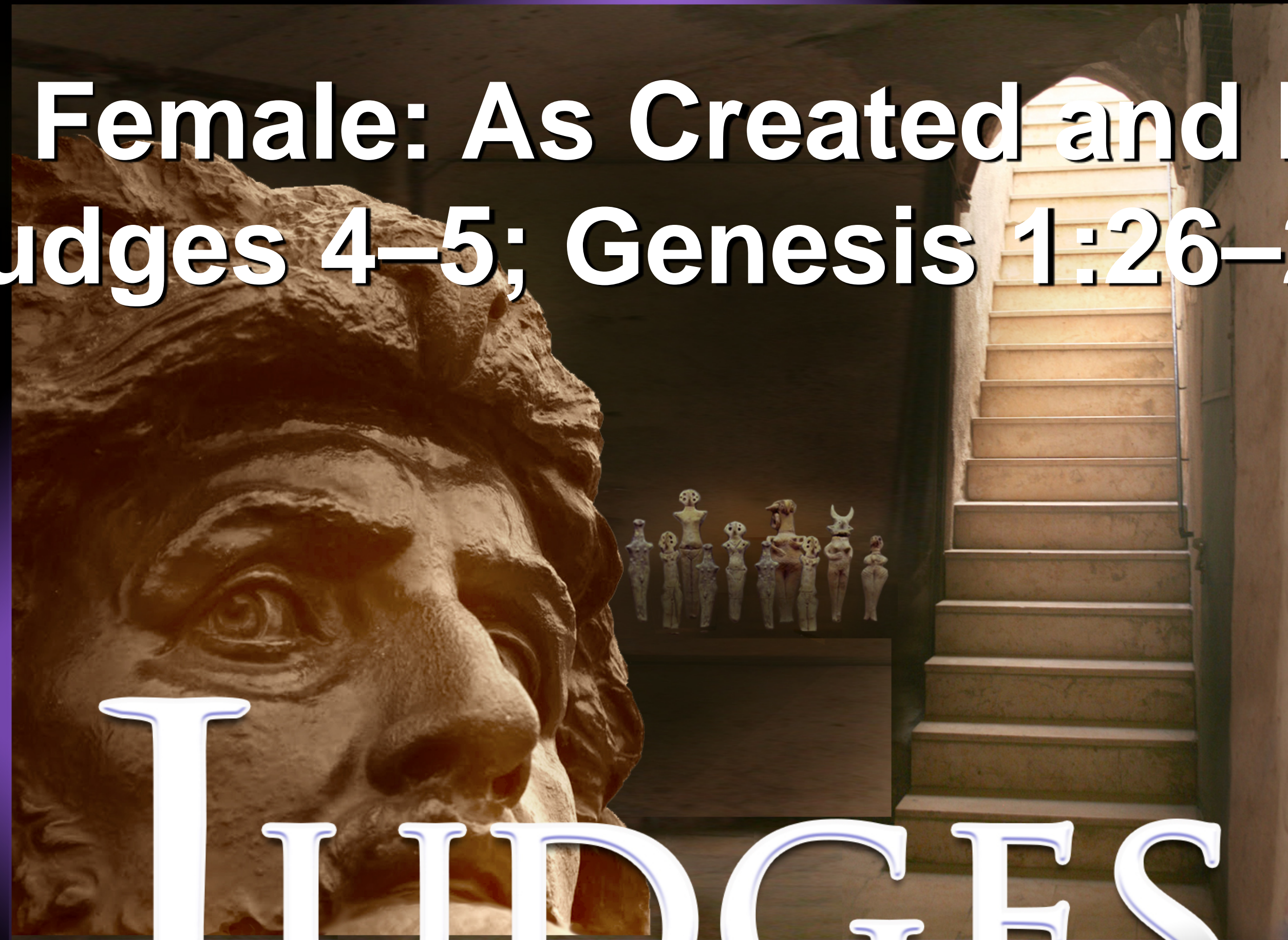
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Male, Female: As Created and Fallen
Judges 4–5; Genesis 1:26–28



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When Chaos Was King

Judg. 21:25, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

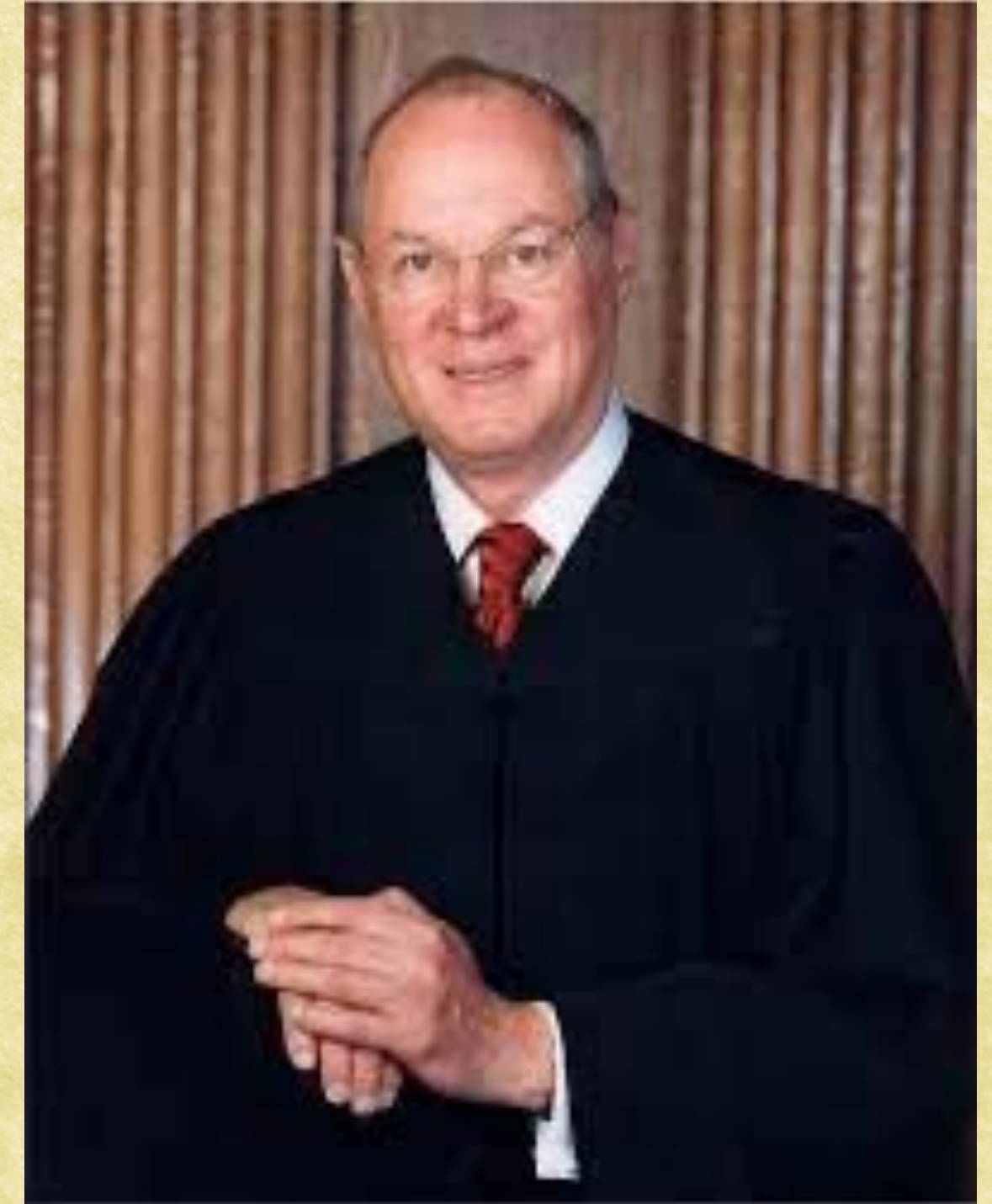
“The ethic of our age has been aptly called expressive individualism. That term suggests not only a desire to pursue one’s own path, but also a yearning for fulfillment through the definition and articulation of one’s own identity. It is a drive both to be more like whatever you already are and also to live in society by fully asserting who you are. The capacity of individuals to define the terms of their own existence by defining their personal identities is increasingly equated with liberty and with the meaning of some of our basic rights, and it is given pride of place in our self-understanding.”



Yuval Levin

“At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.”

1992 decision *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*



**Supreme Court Justice
Anthony Kennedy**

Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25:

**“There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.”**

Bible or Babel?
Jerusalem or Babylon?
Biblical Worldview or Satan's?

Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

1:1–3:6

Introduction

**How Israel went from
spiritual victory
to being worse than
the Canaanites**

Incomplete obedience

Compromise

Failure

Cycles of discipline

3:7–16:31

Paganization of the Leadership

Othniel (the best)

Ehud

Shamgar

Deborah

Gideon

Tola, Jair

Jephthah

Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

Samson (the worst)

17:1–21:25

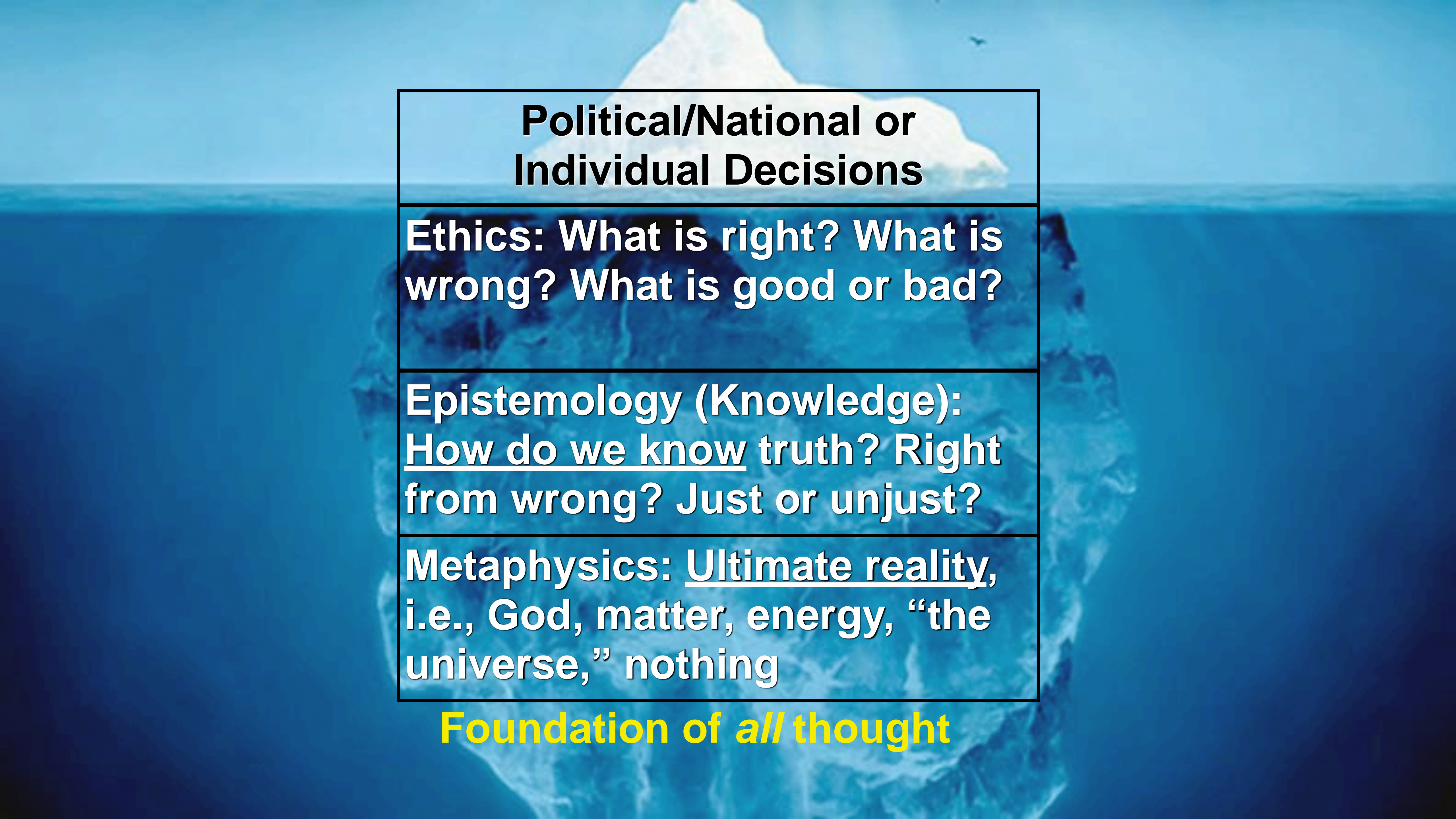
Paganization of the Priests

Chap. 17–18

and the

People

Chap. 19–21

An iceberg floating in a vast blue ocean under a clear sky. The iceberg's tip is visible above the water, while its much larger, jagged base is submerged. The water is a deep, clear blue, and the sky is a lighter, pale blue.

Political/National or Individual Decisions

Ethics: What is right? What is wrong? What is good or bad?

Epistemology (Knowledge): How do we know truth? Right from wrong? Just or unjust?

Metaphysics: Ultimate reality, i.e., God, matter, energy, “the universe,” nothing

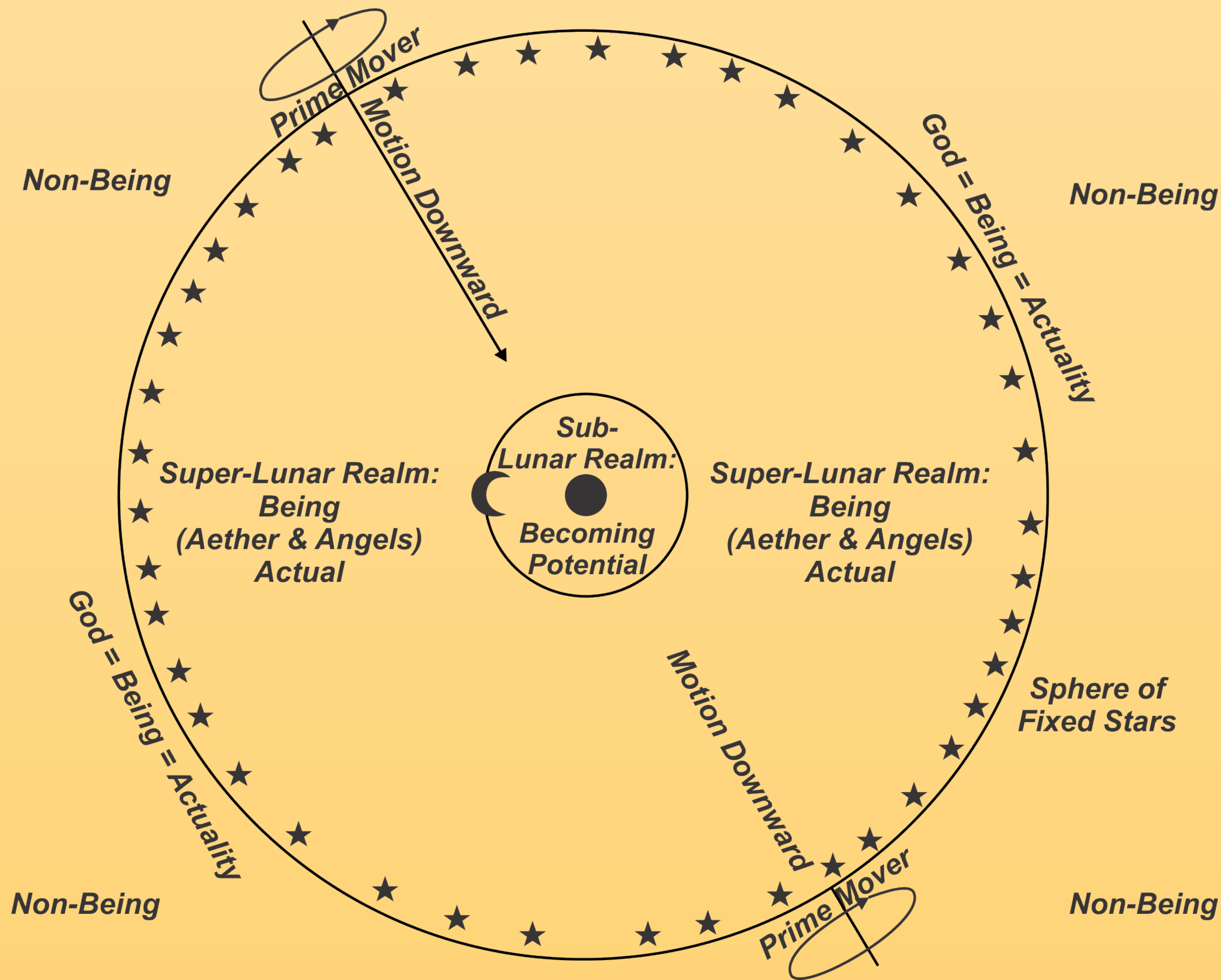
Foundation of *all* thought

Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” ~NKJV

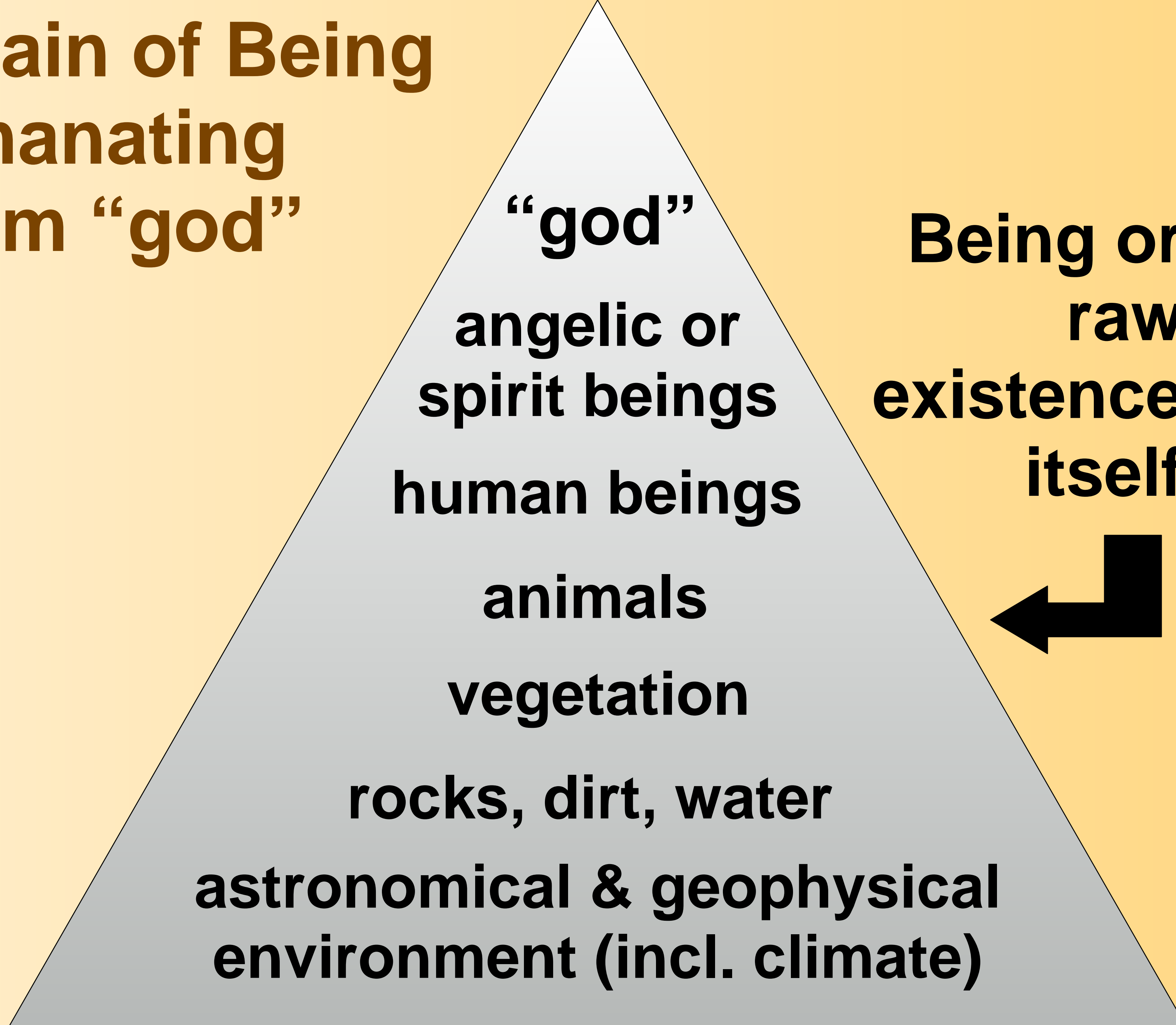
The Great Chain of Being



The Great Chain of Being in History



**Chain of Being
Emanating
from “god”**



In monism, all reality shares the same essence or essential nature or “being” to one degree or another.

Pagan monism denies that real barriers exist.

Biblical Christianity believes that God created the barriers, the kinds, the distinctions. Only biblical Christianity provides the solution for unity and diversity, which is in the Trinity.

GOD

Personal-Infinite

CREATOR

FINITE UNIVERSE

Man

Animals

Vegetation

Matter/Energy

**INFINITE-
IMPERSONAL
Universe**



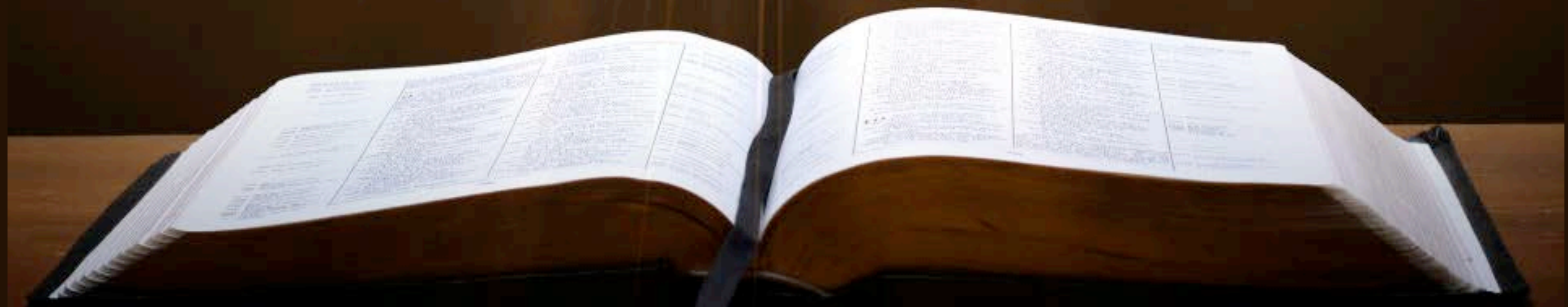
“... under and through each of the great traditions runs a stream ... a single stream that feeds each of these traditions from a single source ... the Perennial Philosophy.”

... a system that “seeks to break down duality (twoness) and return us to the unitive condition [monism], to see that we are already one.”

~Peter Occhiogrosso, *The Joy of Sects*

What the Bible Teaches About

Manhood and Womanhood



1. Review of Genesis 1:26–28.

2. Does “equal” mean “interchangeable”?

**The hidden agenda of interchangeableness
The differences between men and women**

3. What we learn from Genesis 2:16–25.

4. What we learn from Genesis 3:15.

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ ” ~NKJV

Matt. 19:3, “The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?’

Matt. 19:4, “And He answered and said to them, ‘Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning “*made them male and female,*” [Gen. 1:27]

Matt. 19:5, “ ‘and said, “*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*””? [Gen. 2:24]

Matt. 19:6, “ ‘So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.’ ”

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1-צְלֵמֹת *tzelem*- image; The word basically refers to a representation, a likeness. Five times it is used of man as created in the image of God.

“image” describes man’s function and his purpose

דְּמוּת *demut* comm fem sing constr likeness

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1. God specifically made the human race with a binary sexuality and human beings cannot undo that.

2. The human race was made that way for a purpose, so that they could have children to fulfill the purpose stated in the two verses surrounding Gen. 1:27. Creating them in His image related to their purpose to have dominion and to rule over God's creation as His representatives.

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3. The image and likeness in Adam was designed to be passed on to succeeding generations. Even though that image was corrupted by sin, it was not erased.

Gen. 5:1, “This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

Gen. 5:2, “He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.

Gen. 5:3, “And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.”

4. Conclusion: God's desire was a sexually binary human race.

5. On the basis of what we have just seen, what God said of Adam and Eve, the first human beings, was true of all successive generations.

6. Nothing in Gen. 1:26–31 suggests, even remotely, that the woman participates any less in the creation mandate than the male. Women share equally in the image of God and in the creation mandate responsibilities.

7. The progression is that God created the human race in His image so that the human race, male and female, could together exercise dominion over living things. And in addition, He created them male and female so the human race could increase and fill the earth.

8. Genesis 1 does not talk about the roles of male and female, or their differences. However, those who attempt to say that on that basis Genesis 1 does not support differences in roles or the subordination of the woman to the leadership of the male are wrong.

Genesis 1 states the purpose for the human race as a whole.

Genesis 2 gives more details on the creation of male and female so that we can understand that the idea of division of labor was embedded in the original, perfect creation.

2. Does *equal* mean *interchangeable*?

The hidden agenda of interchangeableness.

The differences between men and women.

“Lady Nunburnholme has claimed that the equality of men and women is a Christian principle. I do not remember the text in scripture nor the Fathers, nor Hooker, nor the Prayer Book which asserts it; but that is not here my point. The point is that unless ‘equal’ means ‘interchangeable’, equality makes nothing for the priesthood of women. And the kind of equality which implies that the equals are interchangeable (like counters or identical machines) is, among humans, a legal fiction.”

~C. S. Lewis

“It may be a useful legal fiction. But in church we turn our back on fictions. One of the ends for which sex was created was to symbolize to us the hidden things of God. One of the functions of human marriage is to express the nature of the union between Christ and the Church. We have no authority to take the living and sensitive figures which God has painted on the canvas of our nature and shift them about as if they were mere geometrical figures.”

~C. S. Lewis

When God made humanity, male and female, both were equally in the image and likeness of God, BUT ...

each had a different role, and so male and female were designed physically, soulishly, and spiritually to be adapted for their roles.

Gen. 2:18, “And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ ” ~NKJV

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Gen. 2:20, “So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.”

Deut. 33:29, “Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, and you shall tread down their high places.”

Psa. 70:5, “But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.”

Hos. 13:9, “O Israel, you are destroyed, but your help is from Me.”

The current argument:

- **Men and women are equal and interchangeable.**
- **If they are interchangeable, then they are the same, no barriers exist.**
- **To assert that males and females are equal in the sense of interchangeability, denies that which is of their essence, and thus destroys their significance.**
- **By changing something's essence, you change what it is, and in this case destroy its value.**

Two Key Questions:

- **Are men and women equal?**
- **Are men and women interchangeable?**