

Equipping: Part 2

Idolatry

Review

Matthew 28:18-20 – The mission

Ephesians 4:11- Leaders equip the body

- **Works-based religion**
- **Easy-believism**
- **The Prosperity gospel**
- **The Progressive gospel**

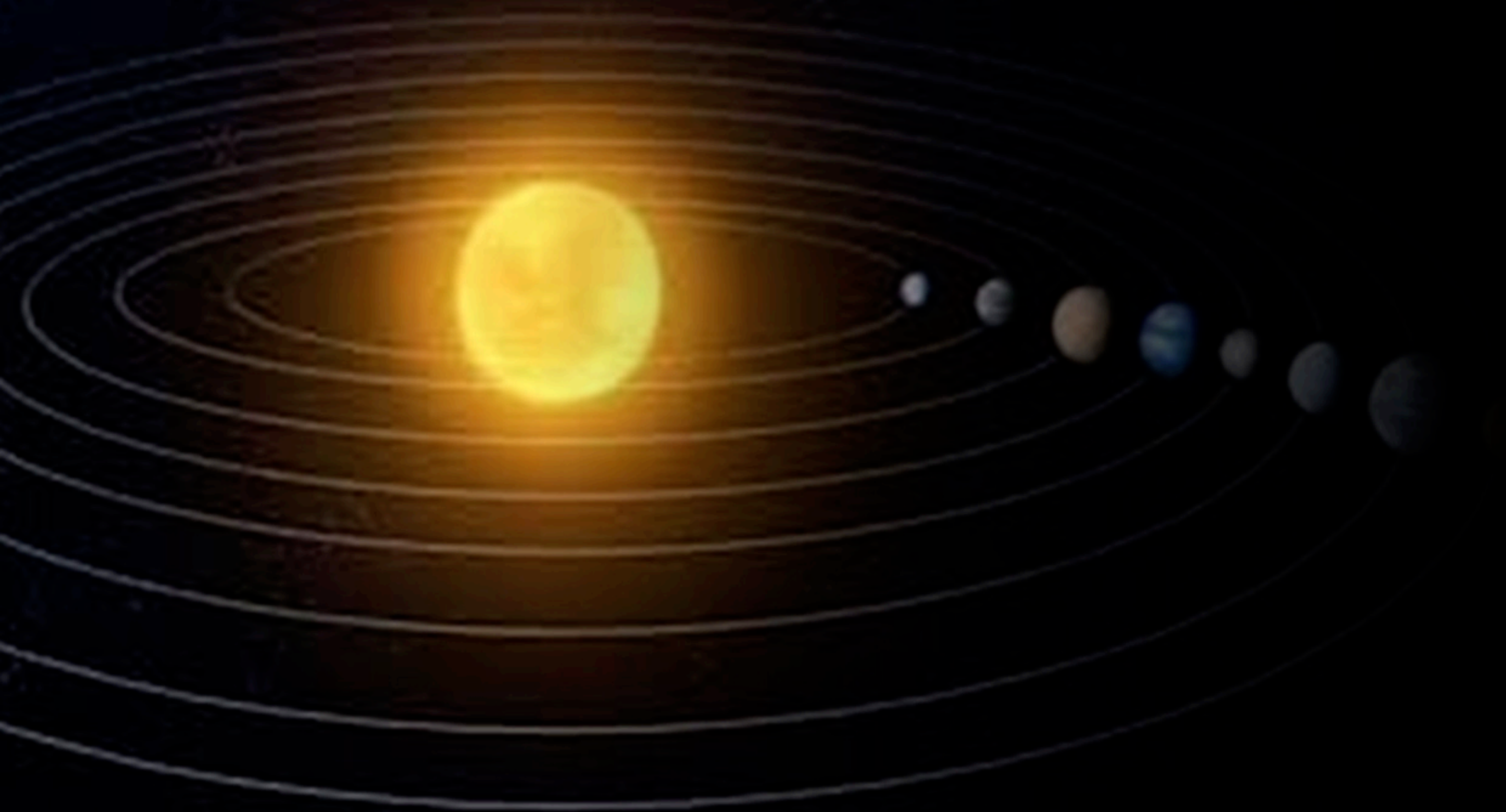
Exodus 20:2-6

² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Idols



Exodus 20:2-6

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Idols are hard

Recognizing them in ourselves

Talking about them

Getting rid of them

Genesis 3:1-5

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said,

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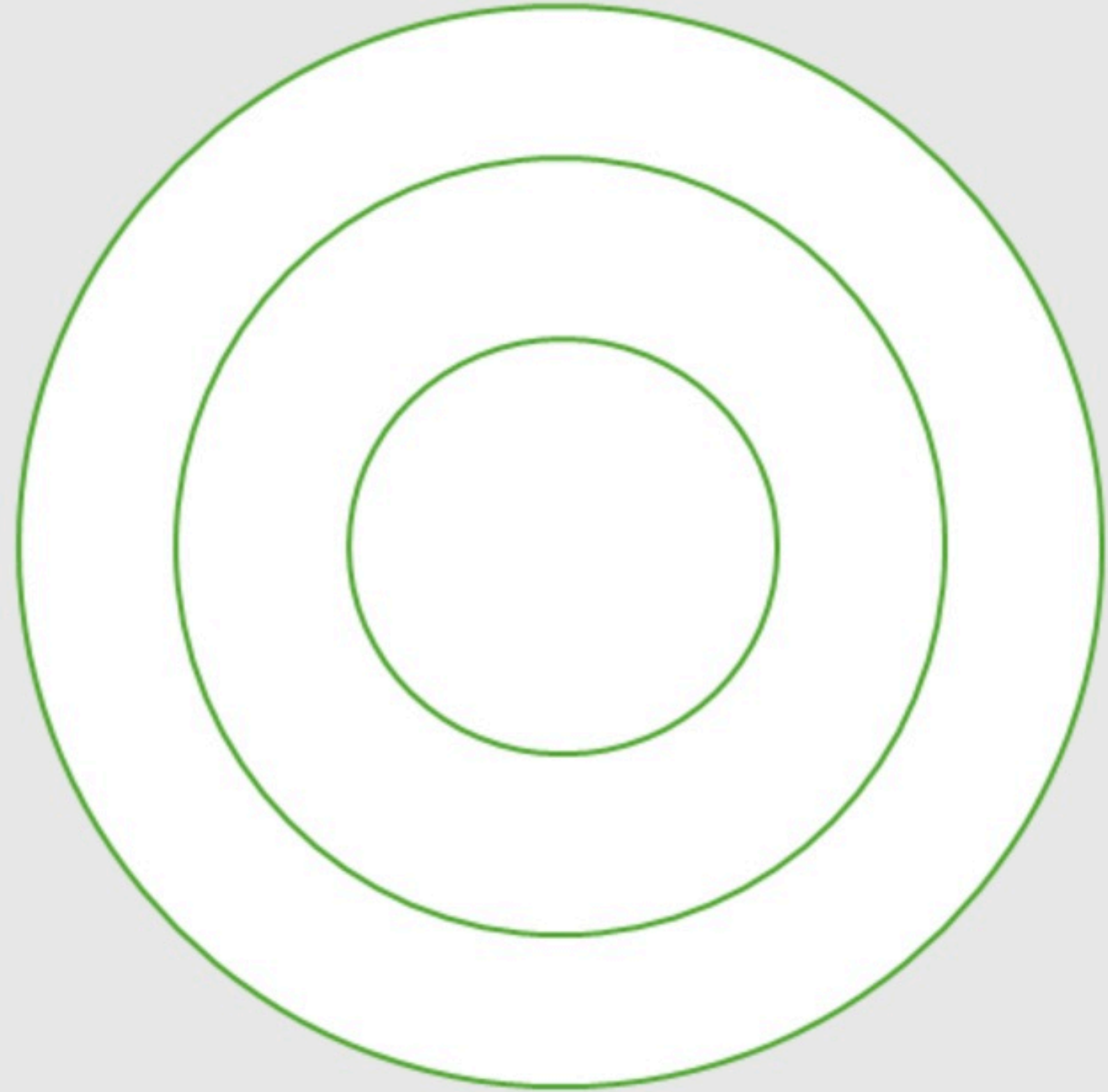
‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Romans 1:21-23

²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Popular Idols

- **Self**
- **Tribe**
- **Humanity**



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Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (MTD)

- **Moralistic:** Be good.
- **Therapeutic:** Feel good.
- **Deism:** God is real and out there, you can ask for help if you have a crisis

MTD

God just wants you to ...

- Be happy**
- Love everyone**
- Be your best self**
- Follow your dreams**

Questions

What is most important to me?

What are my biggest problems?

What am I most passionate about?

Why do I pray? What do I pray about?

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- **Moralistic Therapeutic Deism**
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Nationalism

Most important: The nation

Biggest Problems: Policies, armies, people

Passions: Convictions on problems and solution

Hope: That the nation would be paradise

Prayer: God bless/save our nation

Nationalism

Identity

Home

Moral Duty

Hope

Evangelism

Special knowledge for judgment

Honor for service/sacrifice

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(Secular) Humanism

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Meaning

Identity

Morality

(Secular) Humanism

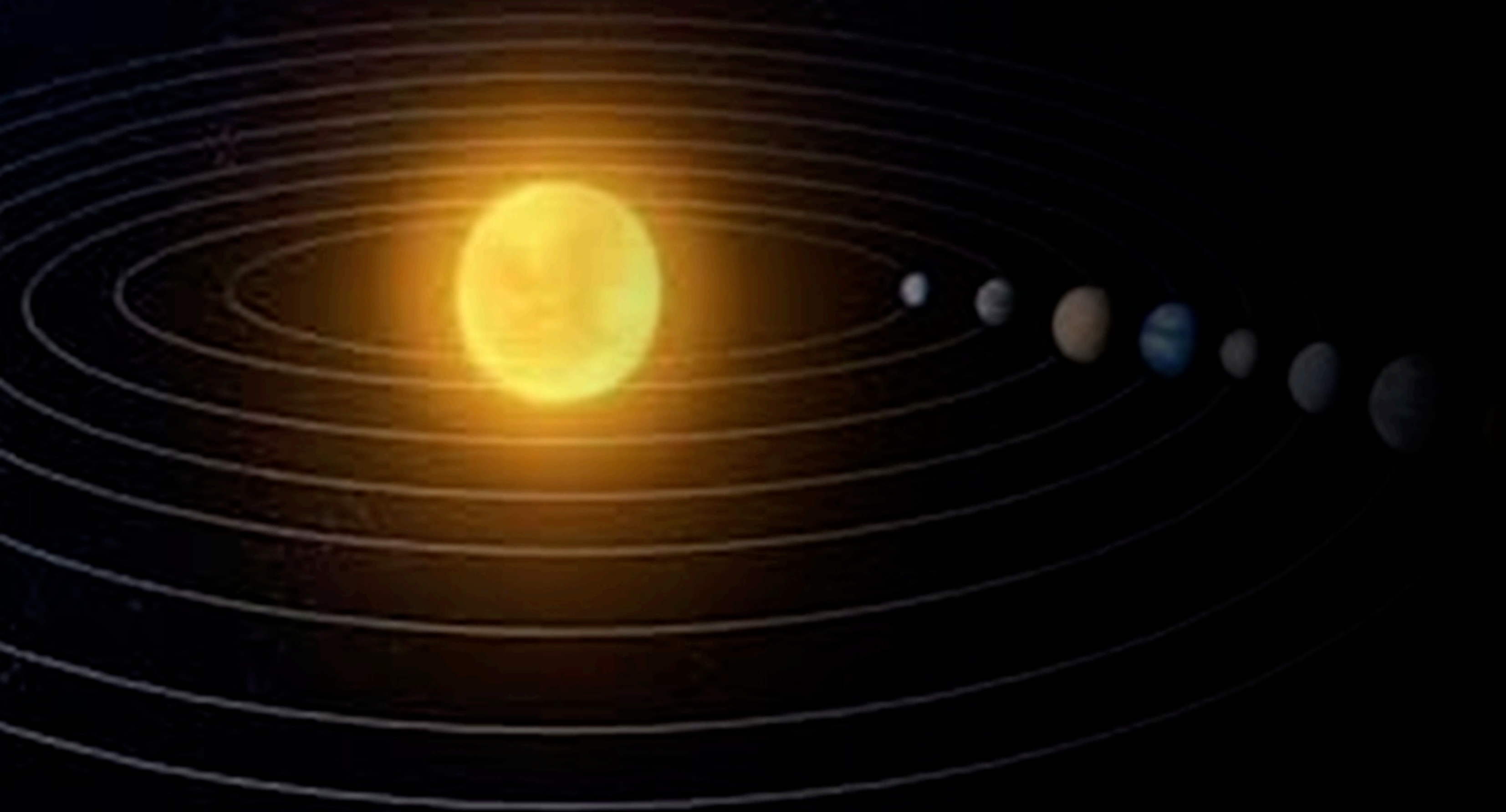
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Meaning – We create meaning

Identity – We choose our identity

Morality – Do no harm to others (people)

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