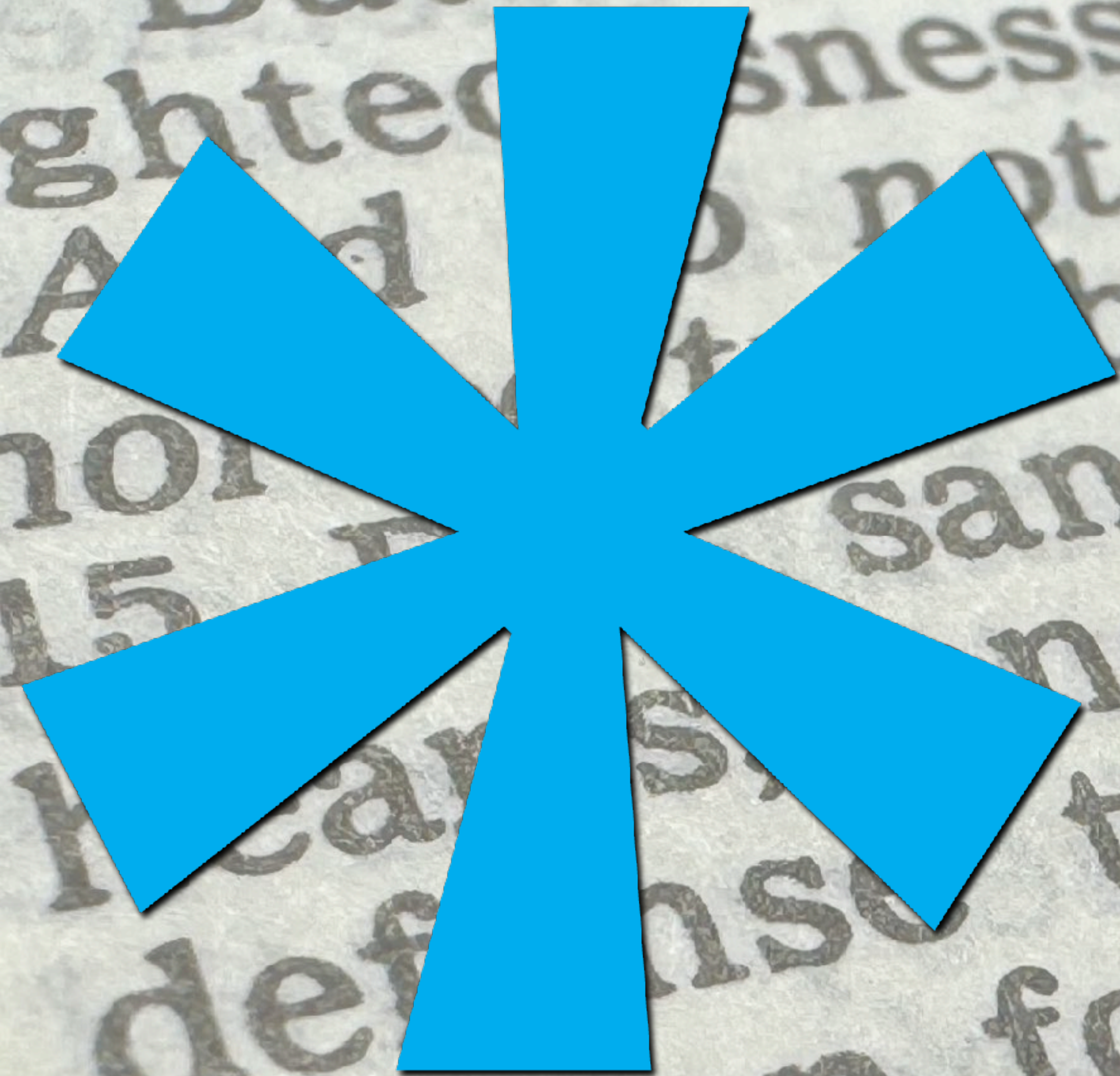


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A discussion on gender with Bruce Jenner *reasons for* **hope** *



Ephesians 4:14-15

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ

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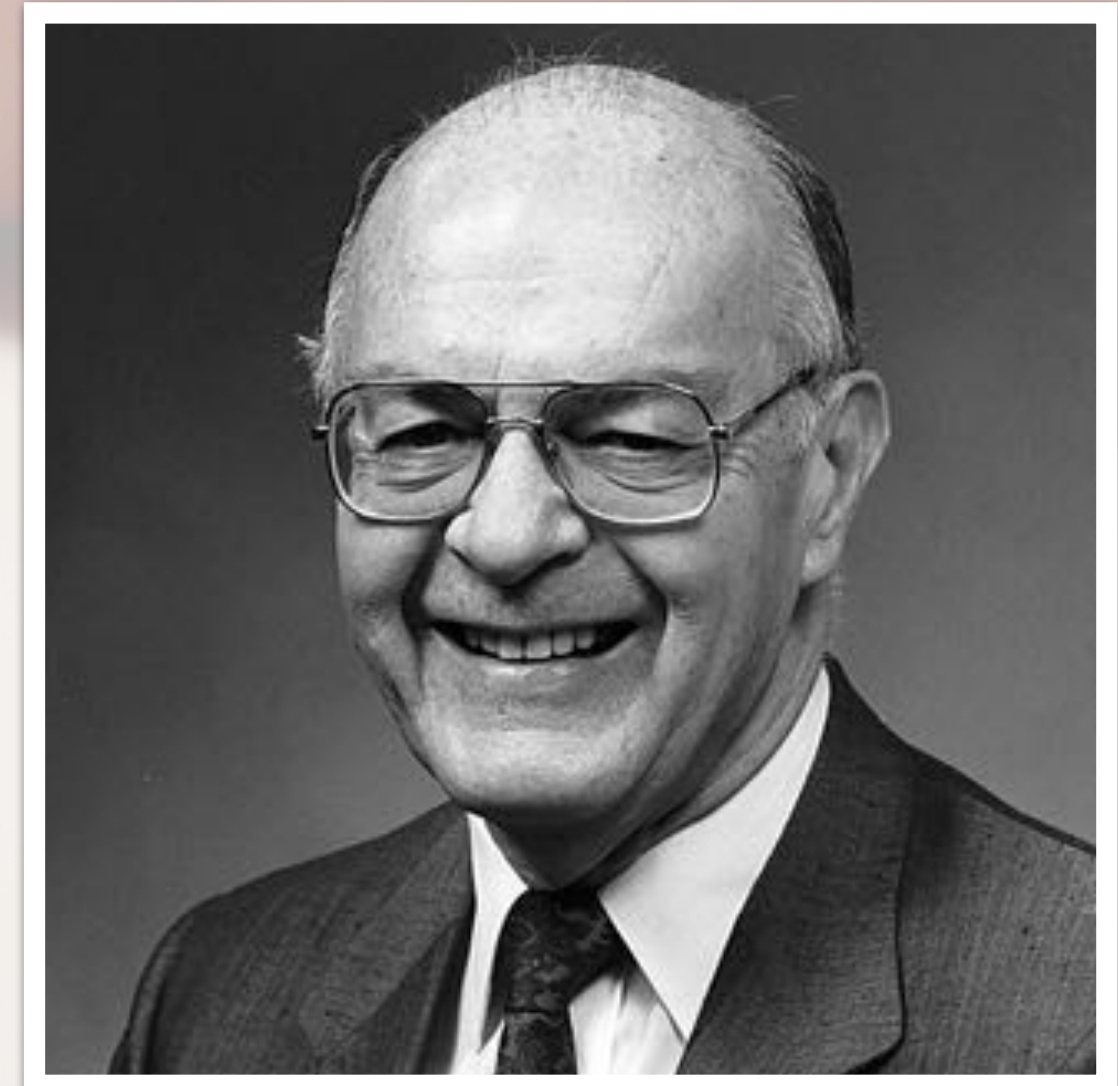
TRUTH
in LOVE!

Preferred Pronouns

Worth & Value

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“People do not care what you know until they know how much you care.”



Howard Hendricks



Bruce Jenner

Caitlyn Jenner





I want to take some time today and break down Bruce's explanation statement by statement and apply **the Truth of God's Word** to what he said.



“I would say I’ve always been very confused with my gender identity since I was this big.”

7 months . . .

Infants can begin to tell the difference between male and female voices. Infants can tell the difference between their mother's and their father's voices. They will often turn their heads toward mother or father when he or she is talking.

12 months . . .

Infants begin to tell the difference between male and female faces. Infants will also spend more time looking at their mother and/or father than other less familiar people. At this age, infants will turn to a woman's face if they hear a woman speaking. They will look at a man's face if they hear a man talking.

2 years . . .

Toddlers begin to use gender stereotypes in their play. Young girls begin to play with “female toys,” and young boys play with “male toys.” Parents also may treat their children differently. Many young girls are dressed in “pretty” clothing and treated very delicately. Young boys are often dressed in “cute” clothes that are easy to move around in. Boys are often encouraged to be active and strong.

2-3 years . . .

At this age, young children are developing “gender identity.” This means that they begin to label themselves and others as male or female. They can use words to label friends, family, and themselves as a boy or a girl.

3-4 years . . .

Children at this age begin to use “gender typing.” They like putting things in categories, and gender is one way to do that. For example, a three-year-old child may think that trucks are male toys, because boys usually play with trucks.

4-6 years . . .

Children at this age begin to understand and use “gender scripts.” This is another way to put things in categories. Instead of grouping things, they put events or activities in groups related to gender. For example, a five-year-old child may think that a person putting on make-up has to be a female. That child may also think that only males lift weights, so everyone lifting weights must be a male.

6-7 years . . .

Before this age, boys might think that they will grow up to be women. Girls might think they will be daddies when they are older. By age 6 or 7 though, most children understand and believe that a person's gender is constant. They know it will not change throughout life. Most children this age also know that a man is still a man, even if he dresses like a woman.

**But there are things that
can heavily influence this
growth stage . . .**

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Parents

Siblings

Friends/Children of like age

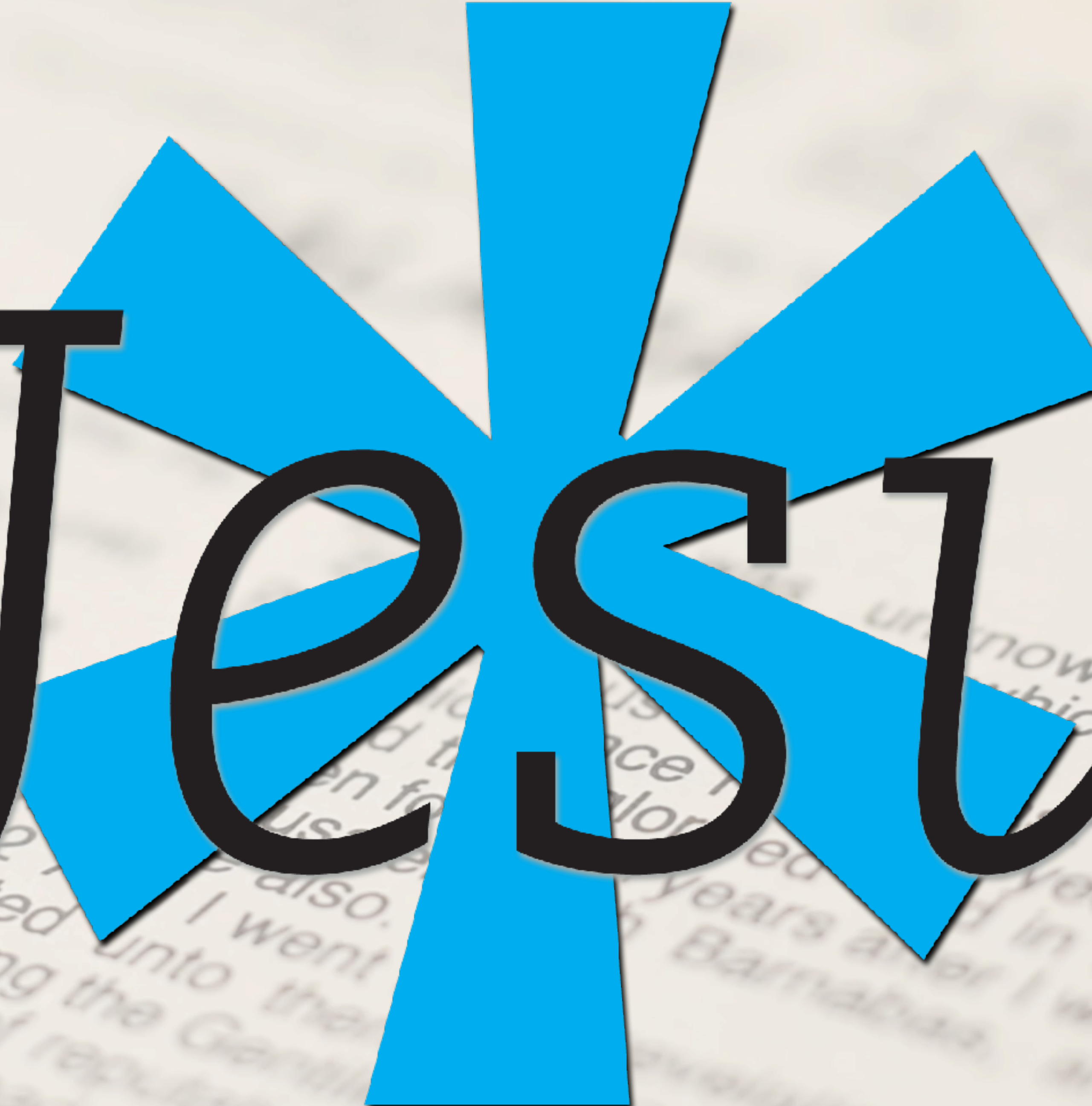
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**Do we notice something
that was left out?**



Since **GOD'S WORD** is
AUTHORITATIVE, and it is
TRUE, and it is **APPROPRIATE**
for every thing in life, we **MUST**
bring the **BIBLE** into the
conversation!



JESUS



Genesis

The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was a formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called

²⁰And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky."

²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³And there was

**So let's look at how
God's Word addresses
some of Bruce Jenner's
comments . . .**



“God’s looking down making little Bruce.”



Omnipresent!

Jeremiah 23:24

Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?” says the LORD; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.

Psalm 139:7-10

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

Psalm 139:13

**For You formed my inward parts; You covered me
in my mother's womb.**

Job 34:21

**“For His eyes are on the ways of man, And He sees
all his steps.**

Hebrews 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

**God did not have to “look
down” to see Bruce being
created**

**HE IS THE CREATOR AND
HE WAS THERE!**



“He’s looking down and He says, “Okay . . . What are we going to do with this one?””

Omniſcient!

Isaiah 46:9-10

**Remember the former things of old, For I am God,
and there is no other; I am God, and there is none
like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And
from ancient times things that are not yet done,
Saying, “My counsel shall stand, And I will do all
My pleasure,”**

Job 21:22

“Can anyone teach God knowledge, Since He judges those on high?”

Psalm 139:1-3

**O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
You know my sitting down and my rising up; You
understand my thought afar off. You comprehend
my path and my lying down, And are acquainted
with all my ways.**

Psalm 139:15-16

**Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written, The days
fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of
them.**

Psalm 147:4-5

He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

God is never at a loss for
what He is going to do . . .

HIS WAYS ARE SURE

AND PERFECT!



““Make him a smart kid. Very Determined.” And He gave me all these wonderful qualities.”

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**Giver of
talents!**

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I Agree

1 Peter 4:10-11

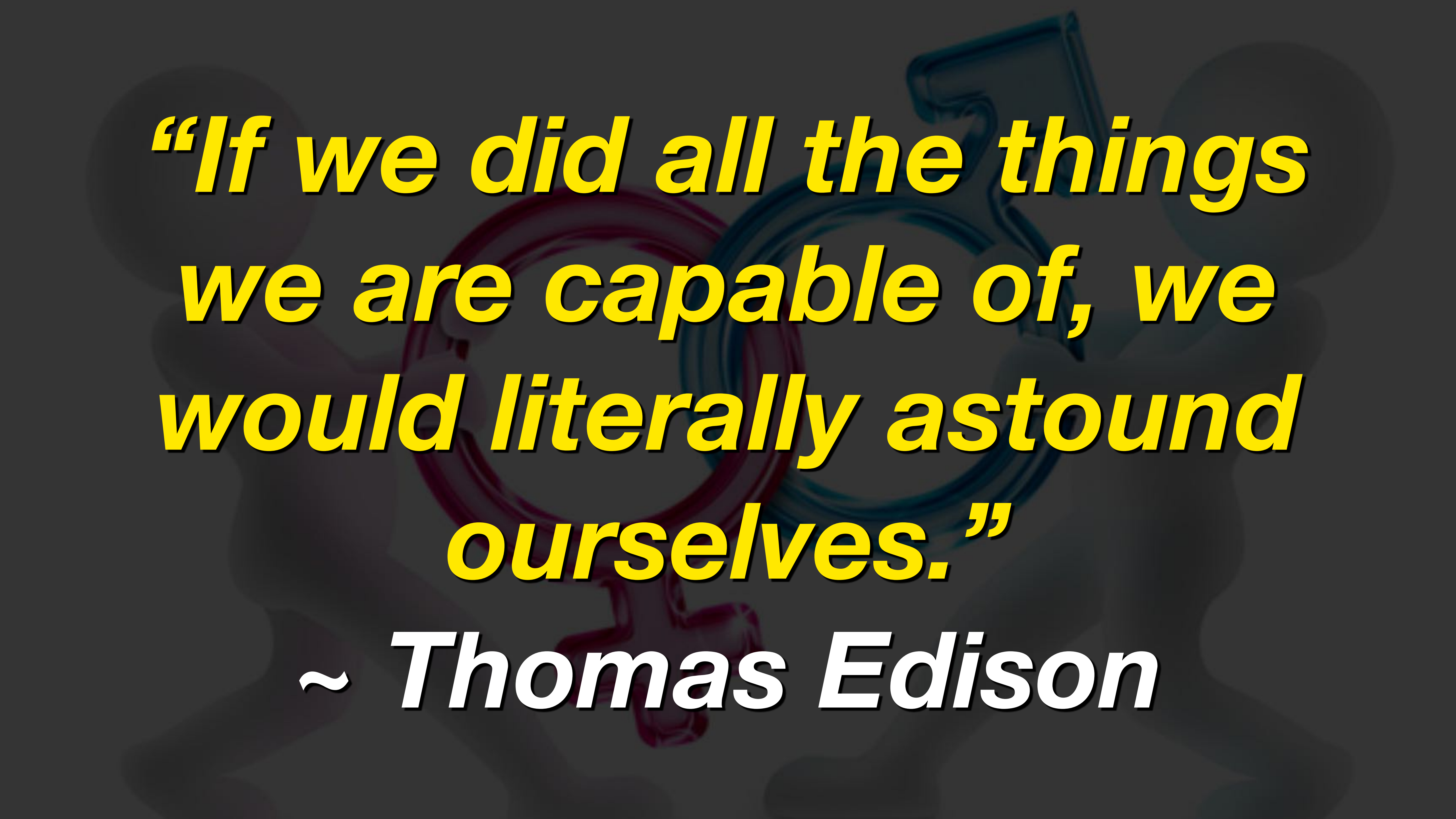
As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Romans 12:6-8

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

John 15:5

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.



***“If we did all the things
we are capable of, we
would literally astound
ourselves.”***

~ Thomas Edison

***“Your talent is God’s gift
to you . . . What you do
with it is your gift back to
God.”***

~ Leo Buscaglia

God is the giver of all talents...

SO WE MUST

**ACKNOWLEDGE THIS AND
USE OUR TALENTS TO GIVE
HIM THE GLORY!**



“And then at the end when He’s just finishing, He goes, “Wait a second . . . We gotta give him something. Everybody has stuff in their life that they have to deal with, you know. What are we going to give him?””

God is good!

James 1:13-15

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

1 John 1:5

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Genesis 1:31

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Romans 8:28

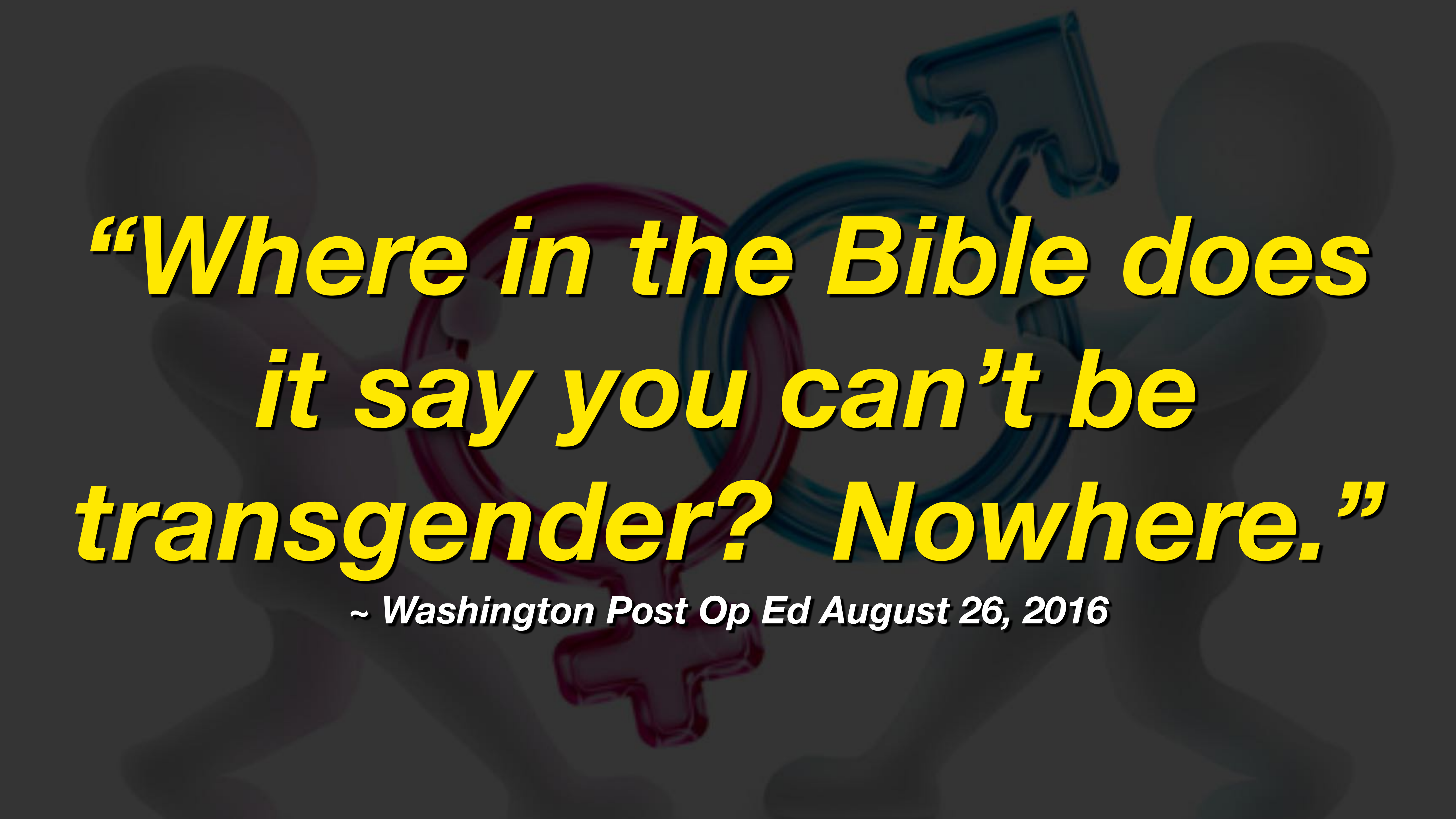
And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

God is good and holy . . .
**THEREFORE HE DOES
NOT DO EVIL OR TEMPT
PEOPLE WITH EVIL!**



**“And God looks down and chuckles a little bit and goes you know, “Hey .
.. Let’s give him the soul of a female.””**

**God does not
distort!**



***“Where in the Bible does
it say you can’t be
transgender? Nowhere.”***

~ Washington Post Op Ed August 26, 2016

**Once again, they are
wrong . . .**

**SO LET'S EXAMINE WHAT
THE BIBLE SAYS . . .**

Leviticus 18:22

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Deuteronomy 22:5

“A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 2:18-22

And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 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.

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

Genesis 5:2

He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.

**GOD REVEALS THIS
EVEN IN THE ANIMAL
KINGDOM!**

Genesis 6:19

And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

Genesis 7:3

also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth.

Genesis 7:9

two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

Genesis 7:16

**So those that entered, male and female of all flesh,
went in as God had commanded him; and the
LORD shut him in.**

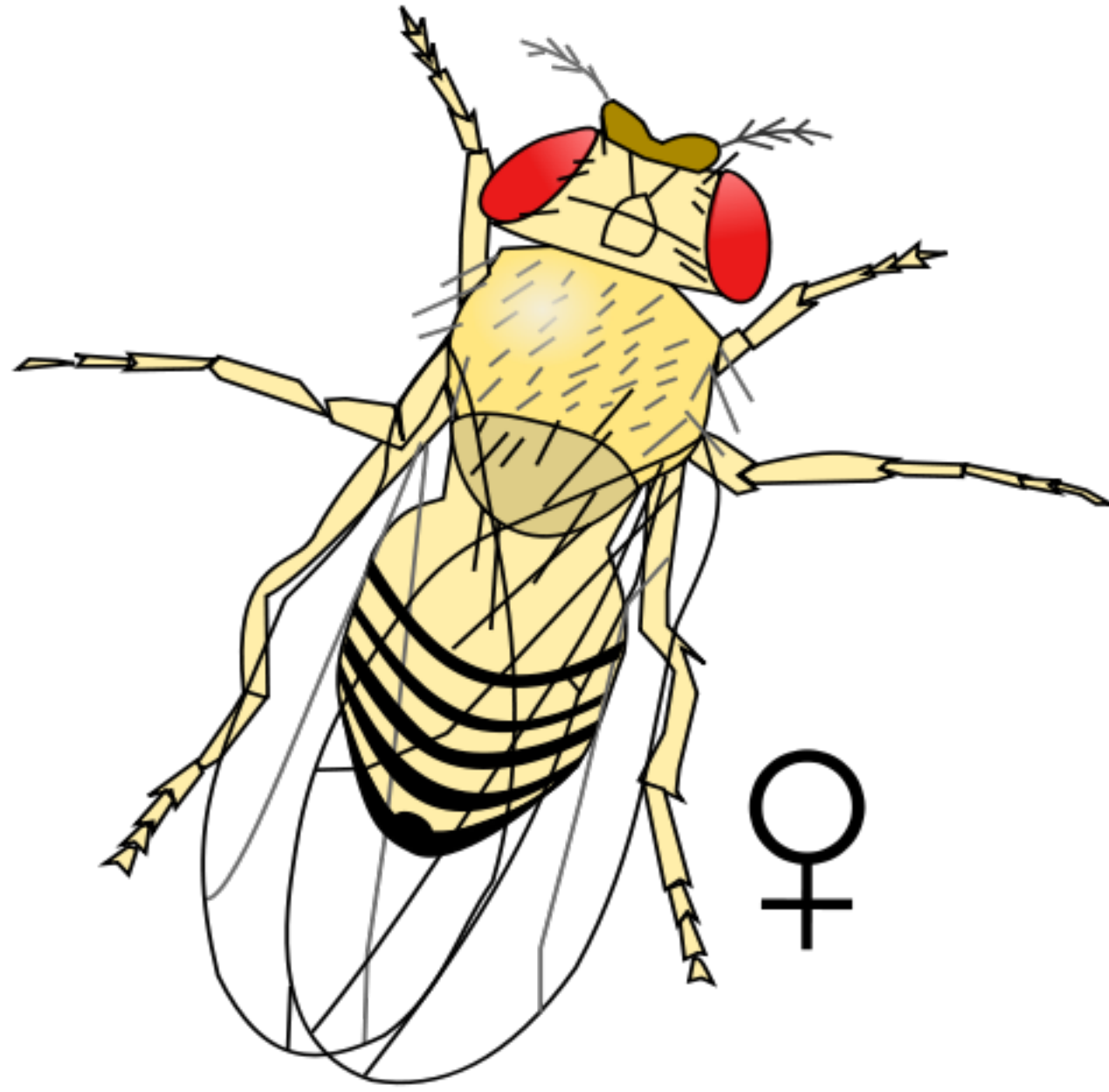
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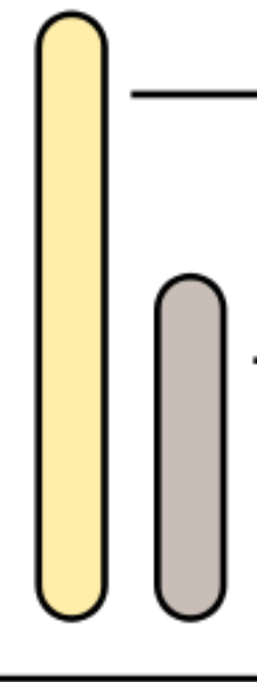
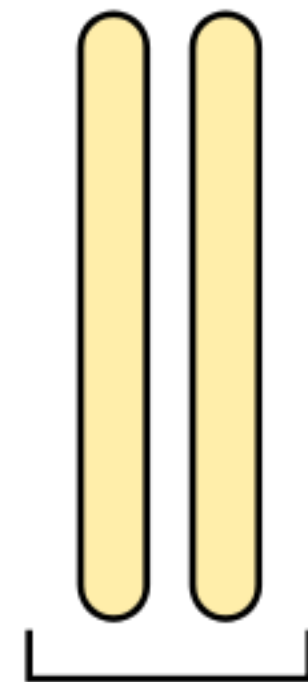
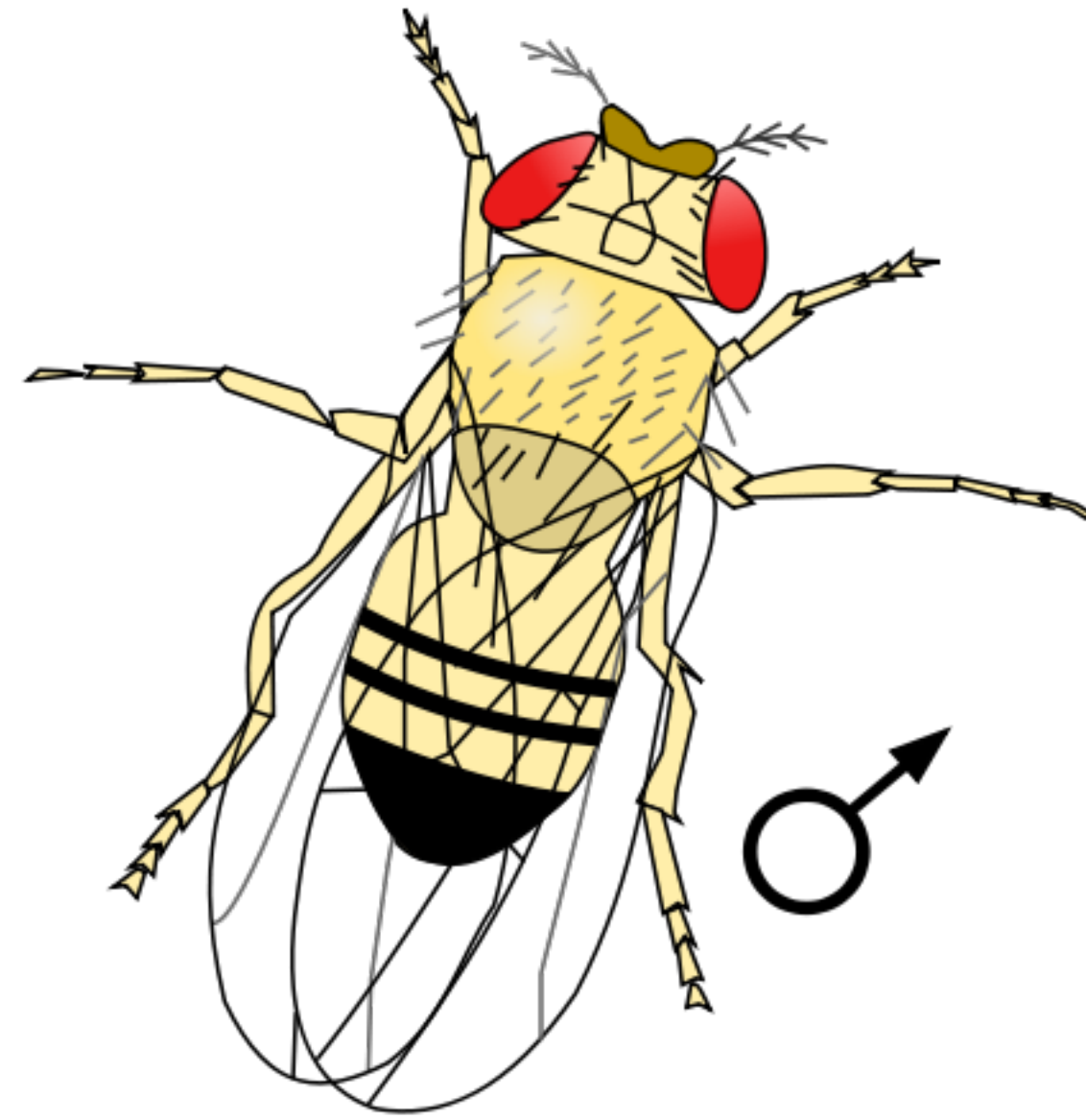
“Genetic Female”

**An individual with a
normal female karyotype,
including two X-
chromosomes.**

Female



Male



X chromosome

Y chromosome

Sex chromosomes





***But what about
abnormalities and
genetic mutations?***



Difference of Sex Development

**A person is born with
reproductive or sexual
anatomy that is not typical
of female or male.**

DSD

- Atypical or ambiguous genitalia
- Testes and ovaries nonfunctioning
- Unusual chromosomal patterns
- Malfunctioning reproductive organs
- Some don't know it until puberty
- Unable to reproduce w/o assistance

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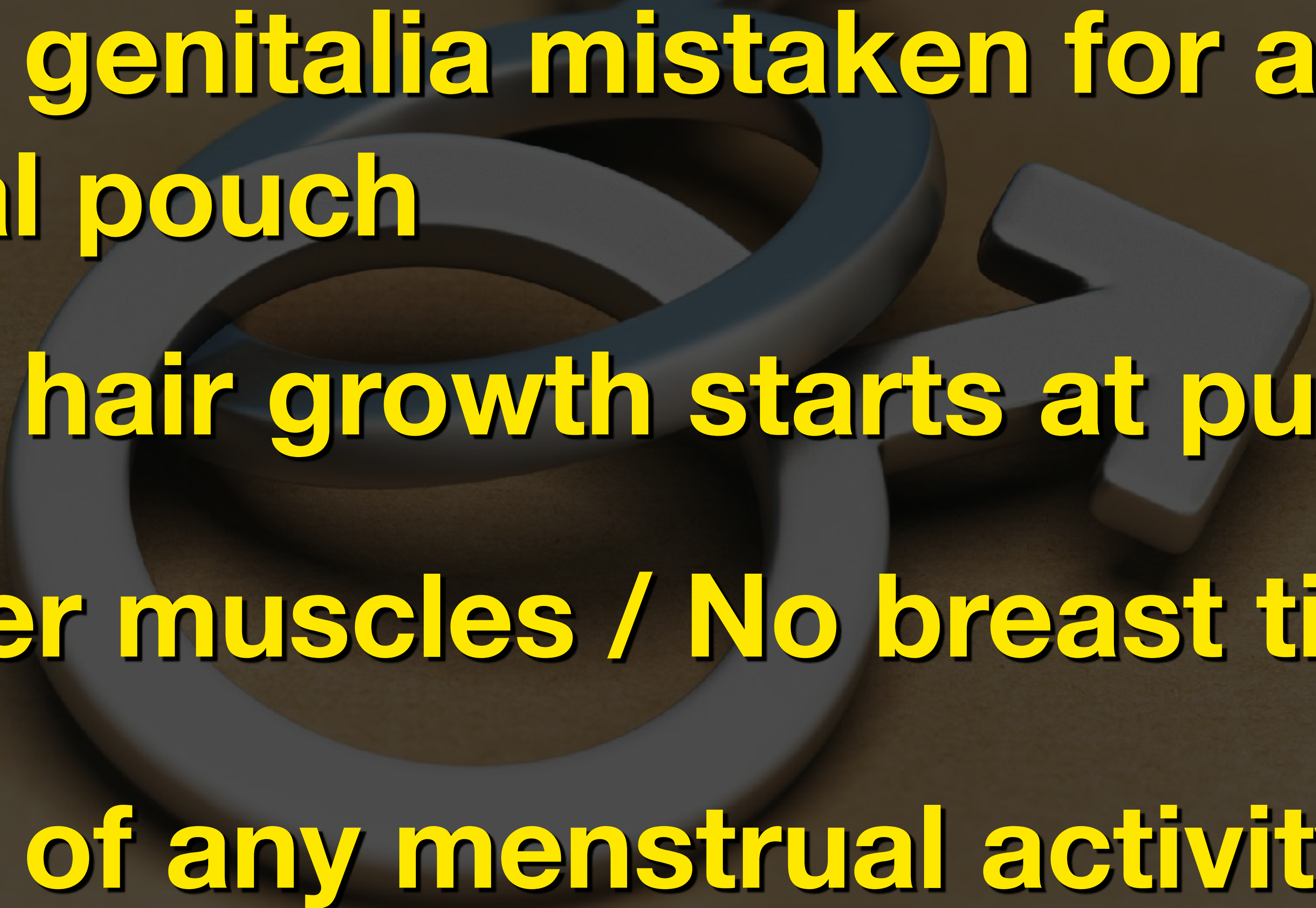




5-Alpha Reductase *Deficiency*

**A sexual organ disorder
that is only found in males.**

5-Alpha Reductase Deficiency

- **Male genitalia mistaken for a vaginal pouch**
 - **Male hair growth starts at puberty**
 - **Larger muscles / No breast tissue**
 - **Lack of any menstrual activity**
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Other Mutational Abnormalities

Klinefelter Syndrome

An individual with a an
abnormal **XXY-**
chromosomes.

Klinefelter Syndrome

- **Reduced Muscle Mass**
- **Longer legs and broader hips**
- **Less facial and body hair**
- **Other more “feminine” features**
- **Lower testosterone levels**
- **Unable to reproduce w/o assistance**

Swyer Syndrome

An individual with XY-chromosomes but may exhibit female genitalia.

Swyer Syndrome

- XY male chromosome genetic male
- Female genitalia present
- Outward genitals function
- Ovaries and testicals never develop
- False puberty due to no sex glands
- Unable to reproduce w/o assistance

True Hermaphrodite

A person is born with **both** **ovarian and testicular** **tissue is present in the** **same individual.**

True Hermaphrodite

- Both testicular and ovarian tissue
- Sometimes referred to as intersex
- Unusual chromosomal patterns
- Only 1 functioning set of functioning reproductive organs
- Female function may get pregnant

(11 cases since 1974 worldwide)



Abnormal Mutations



““And let’s see how he deals with that.””

**God doesn't
cause confusion!**

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Jeremiah 17:9

**“The heart is deceitful above all things, And
desperately wicked; Who can know it?”**



Gender Identity . . .

Gender Dysphoria

Psychological distress that results from an incongruence between one's sex assigned at birth and one's gender identity.

Psychopathia Transsexuialis



(American Psychiatric Association 1949)

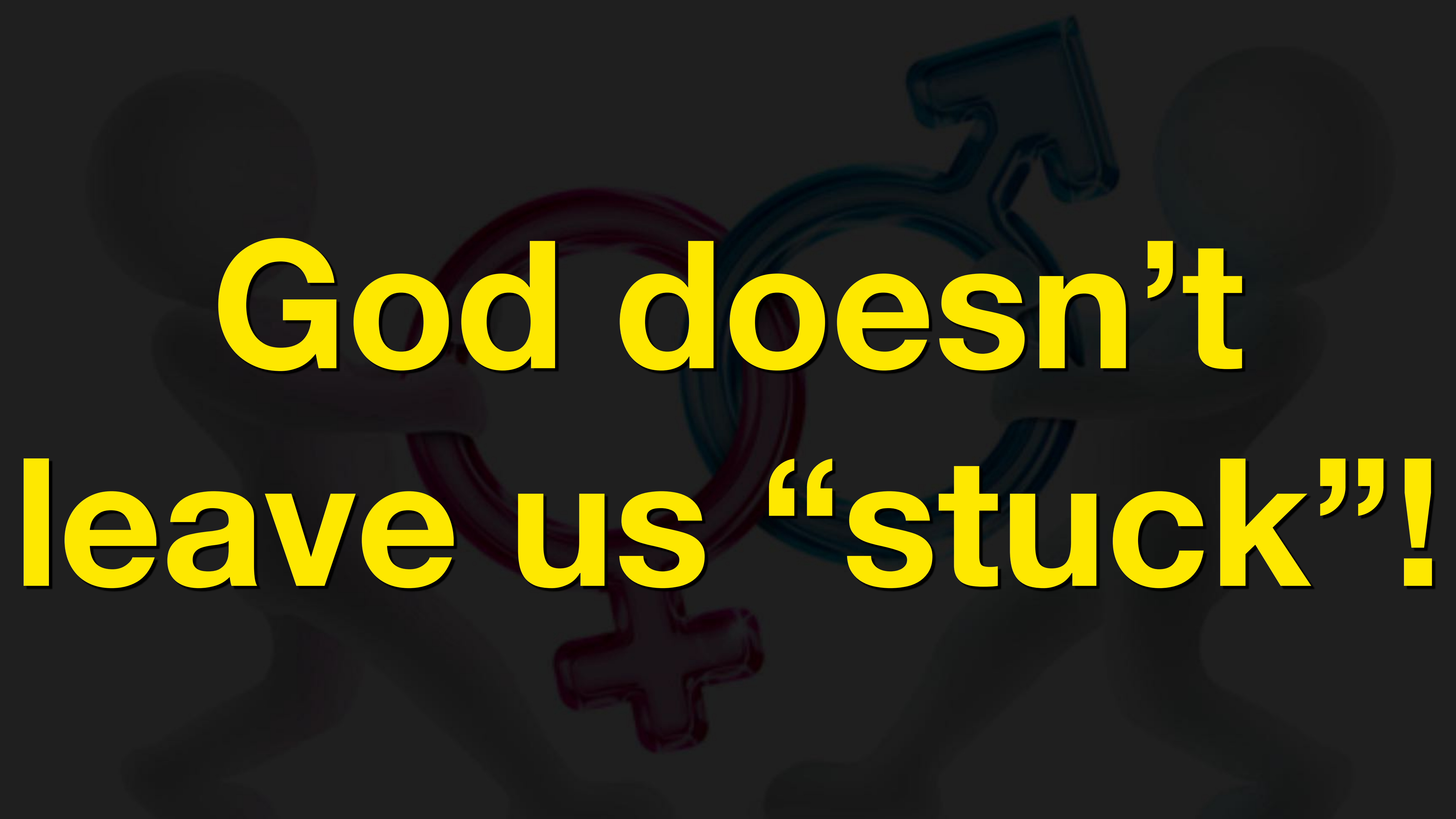
**Bruce may be confused
but we have to remind him**

...

**GOD IS NOT THE
AUTHOR OF CONFUSION!**



“So here I am, stuck.”



**God doesn't
leave us “stuck”!**



Isaiah 43:18-19

“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Psalm 119:4-5

**You have commanded us To keep Your precepts
diligently. Oh, that my ways were directed To keep
Your statutes!**

Hebrews 10:26-27

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

God sent his Son to free us from
sin . . .

**AND SINCE JESUS DEATH
FORGIVES ALL SIN, IT WOULD
BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR A PERSON
TO REMAIN STUCK IN SIN!**



“My brain is much more female than it is male. It’s hard for people to understand that, but that’s what my soul is.”

**God made our
body!**

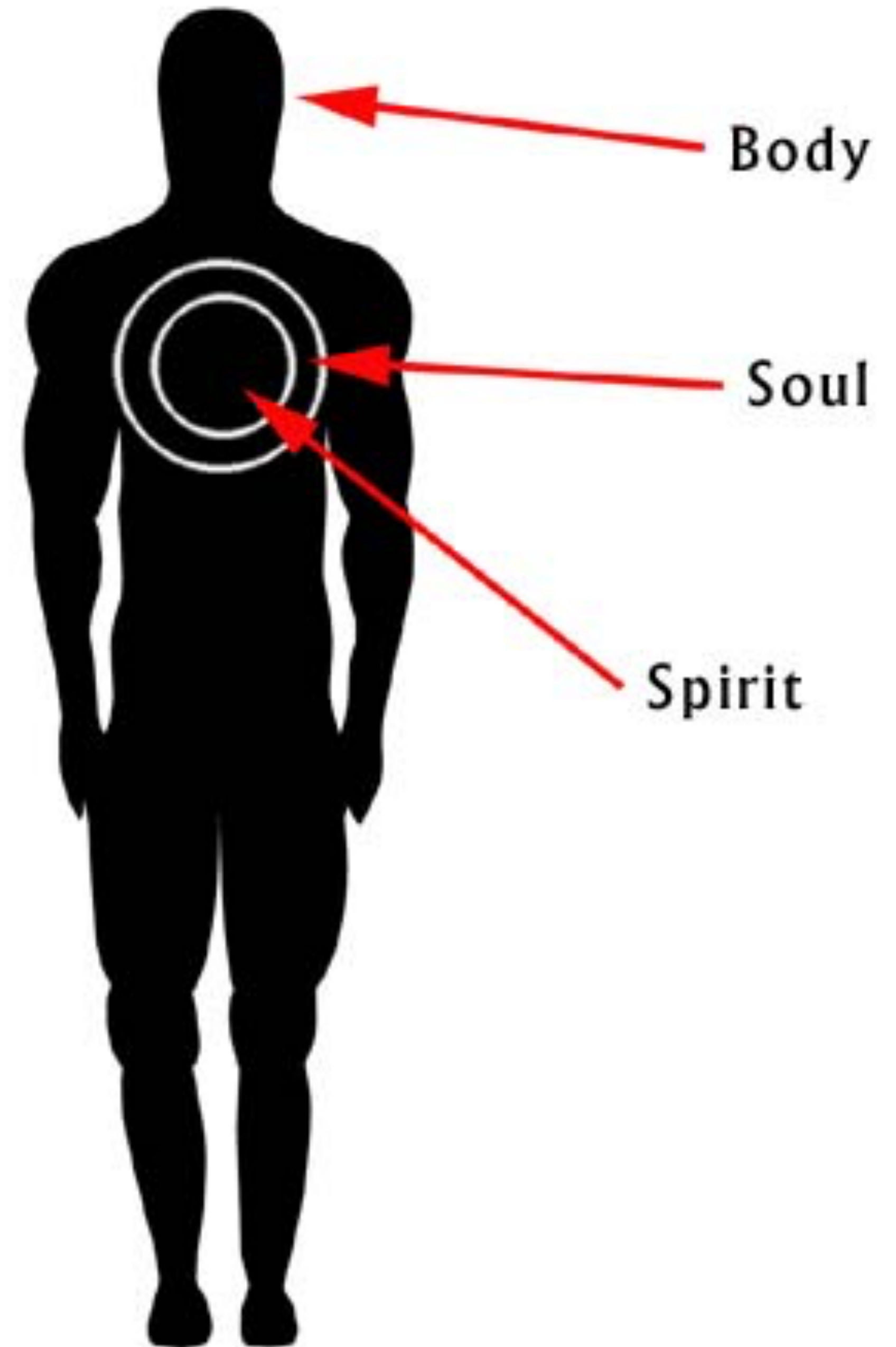
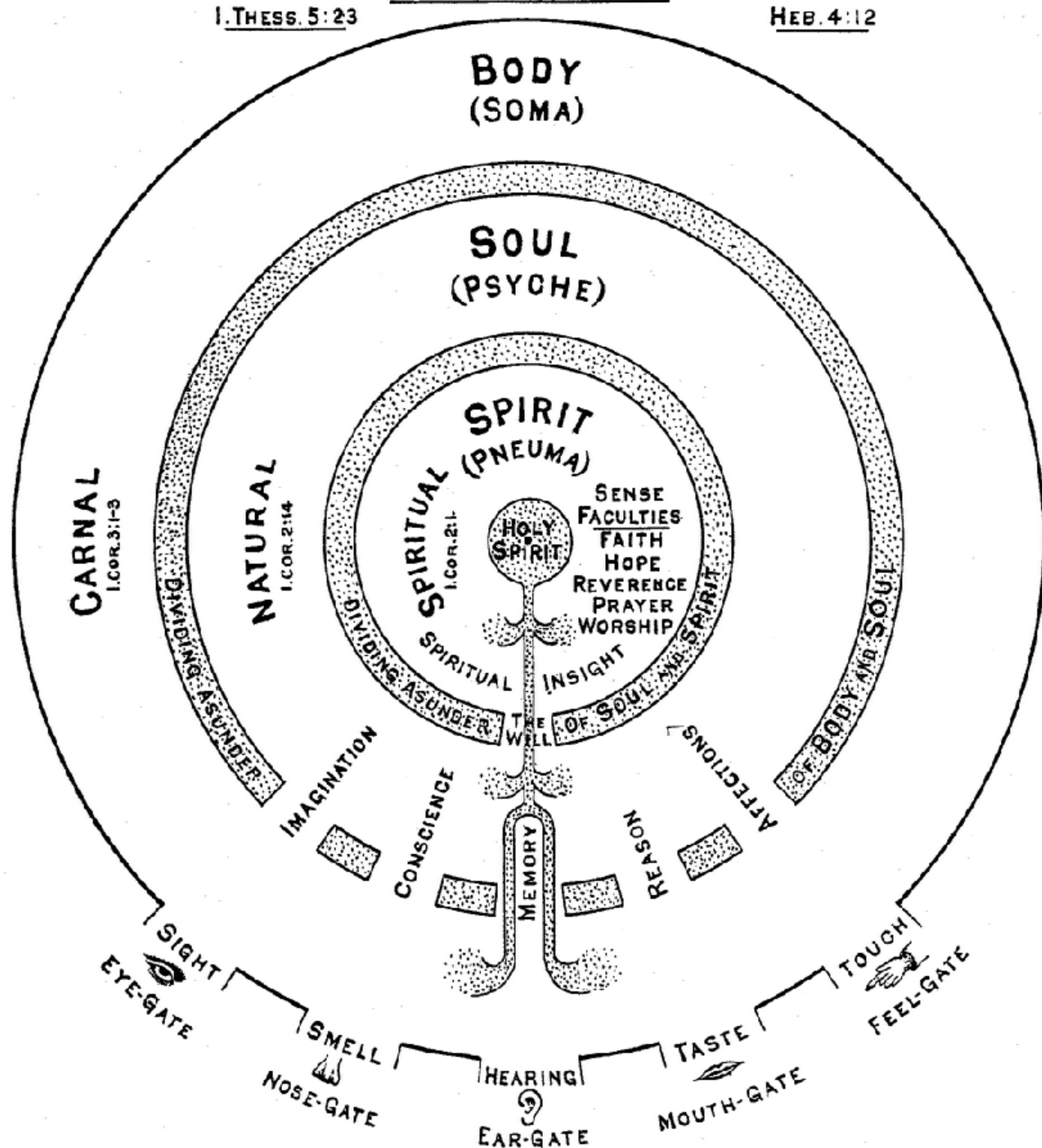
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**Our “brains” and our
“souls” ARE DIFFERENT!**

THE THREEFOLD NATURE OF MAN

1. THESS. 5:23

HEB. 4:12



Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

“breath”

נֶפֶשׁ *nepesh*

Life. Life force. Soul.

***The immaterial part of a
person.***

Matthew 10:28

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Therefore, if Bruce has a
male body . . .**

**HE WILL ALSO HAVE A
MALE BRAIN!**



“Bruce . . . Always telling a lie. He’s lived a lie his whole life about who he is. And, um . . . I can’t do that any longer.”

God is Truth!

1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Psalms 36:1-4

An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flatters himself in his own eyes, When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates. The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit; He has ceased to be wise and to do good. He devises wickedness on his bed; He sets himself in a way that is not good; He does not abhor evil.

Jeremiah 17:9-10

The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

Galatians 6:3

For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

1 John 1:6

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

**Man is full of lies,
BUT GOD IS FULL OF
TRUTH!**

John 3:33

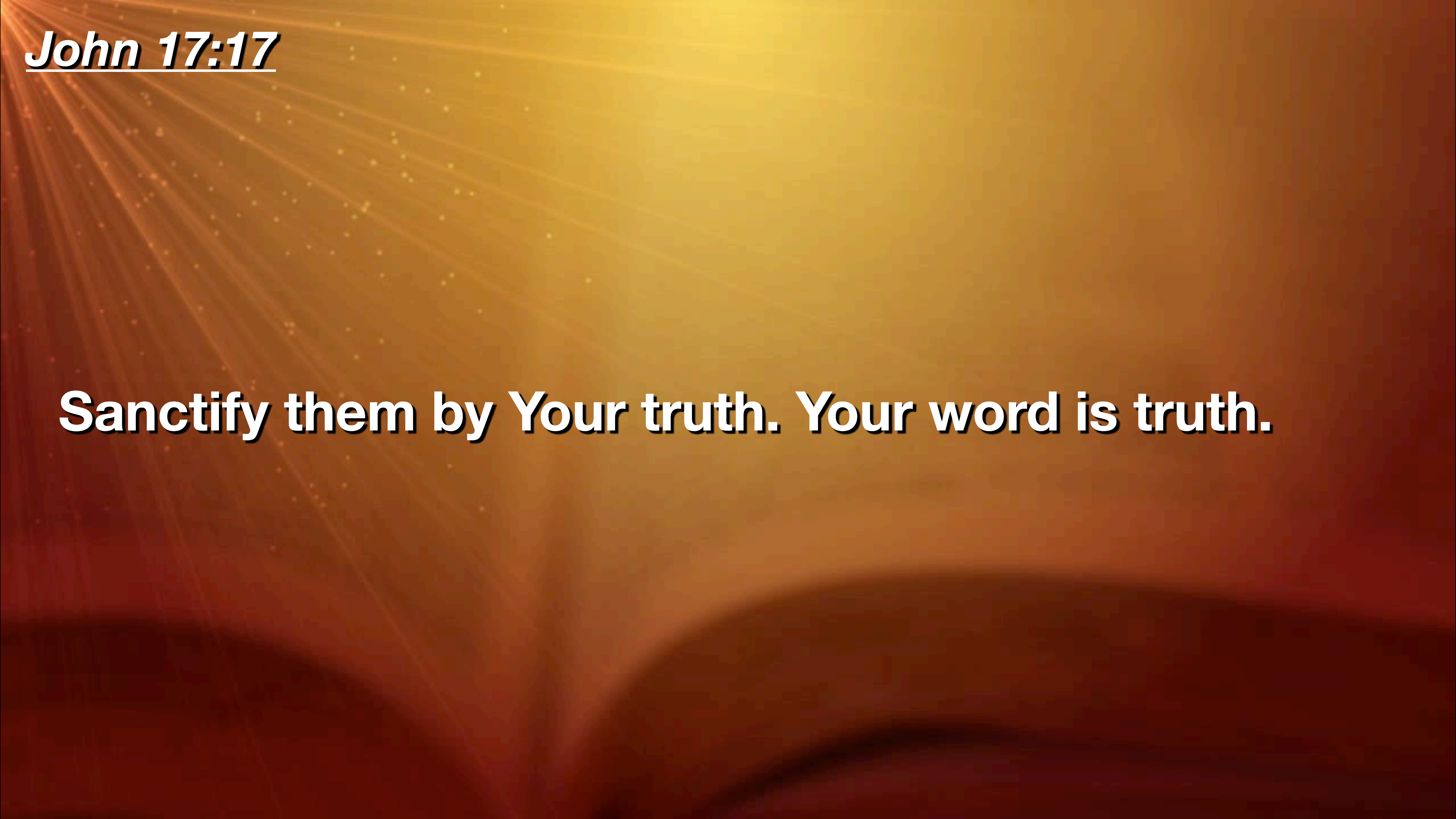
**He who has received His testimony has certified
that God is true.**

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.



John 17:17

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

**We constantly lie to
ourselves . . .**

**THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO
INVOLVE GOD'S WORD SINCE
IT IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF
ABSOLUTE TRUTH!**



A few reminders



Transgender

... An individual with an incongruence between the mind and the body.

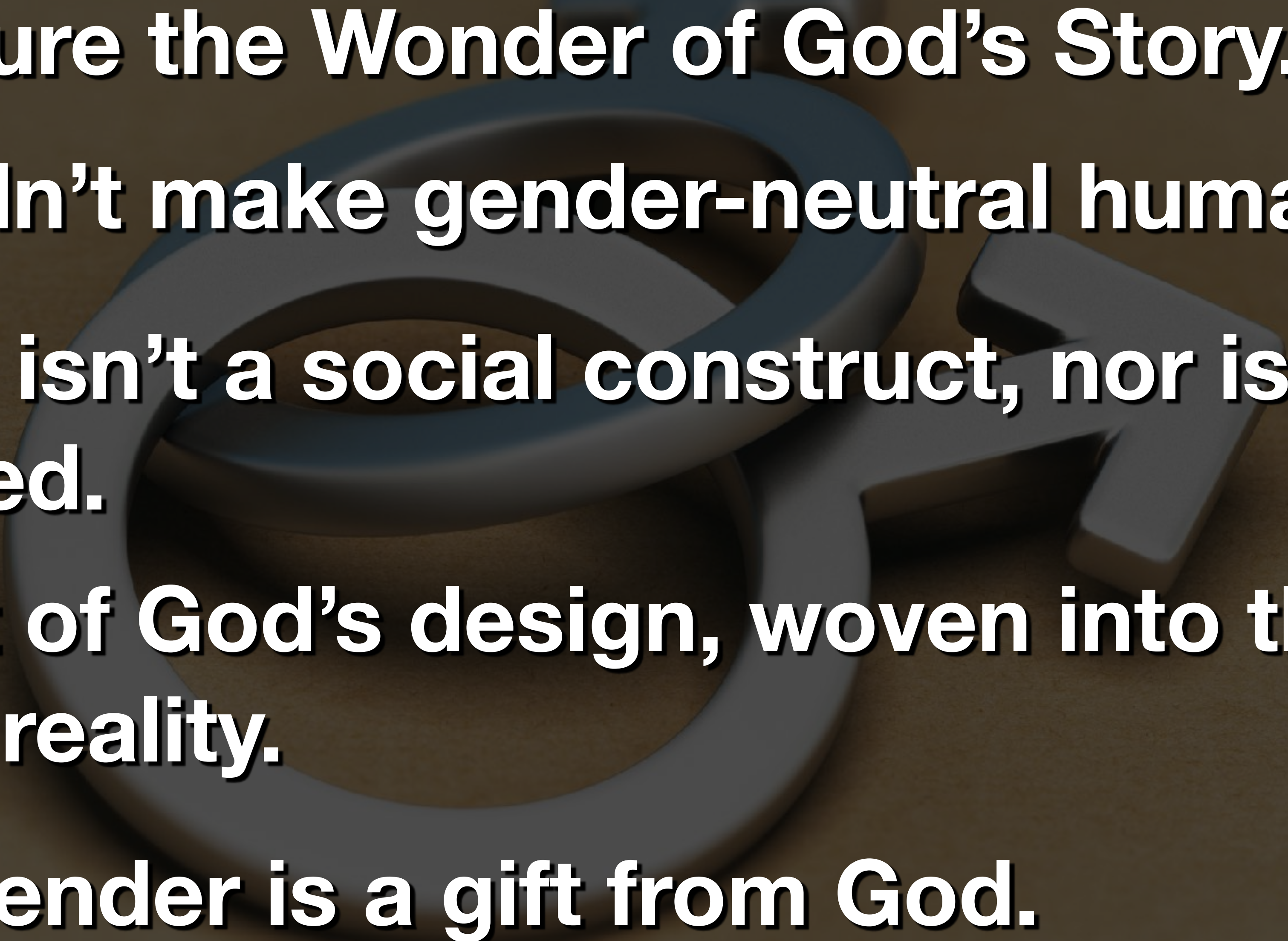
Intersex

... A person born with atypical feature in their sexual anatomy or chromosomes.

Transgenderism

... An ideology that aims to transform cultural understandings of sex and gender. This ideology is being promoted through media, education, law, health care, etc.

Godly Counsel

- Recapture the Wonder of God's Story.
 - God didn't make gender-neutral humans.
 - Gender isn't a social construct, nor is it assigned.
 - It's part of God's design, woven into the fabric of reality.
 - Thus, gender is a gift from God.
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More Godly Counsel

- Both male and female are made in the image of God!
- Both have equal and inestimable worth in the sight of God.
- Human wholeness comes not by denying reality but by conforming to it.
- For the person struggling with gender identity, God's Story offers not only an accurate diagnosis but also the singular cure.



Moved to Compassion

**Let God move you to compassion
for men and women who struggle
with gender-identity issues.**

Broken and Hurting

41% percent of transgender men and women attempt suicide. That's a staggering statistic in light of the rate among the general population, which is less than 1%.

Talk to your kids about Gender

Parents, from the beginning cultivate warm and loving relationships with your sons and daughters. Give your kids the three As—attention, affection, and affirmation—and evaluate yourself regularly. Affirm your son's masculinity and your daughters femininity.

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COMPASSIONATE

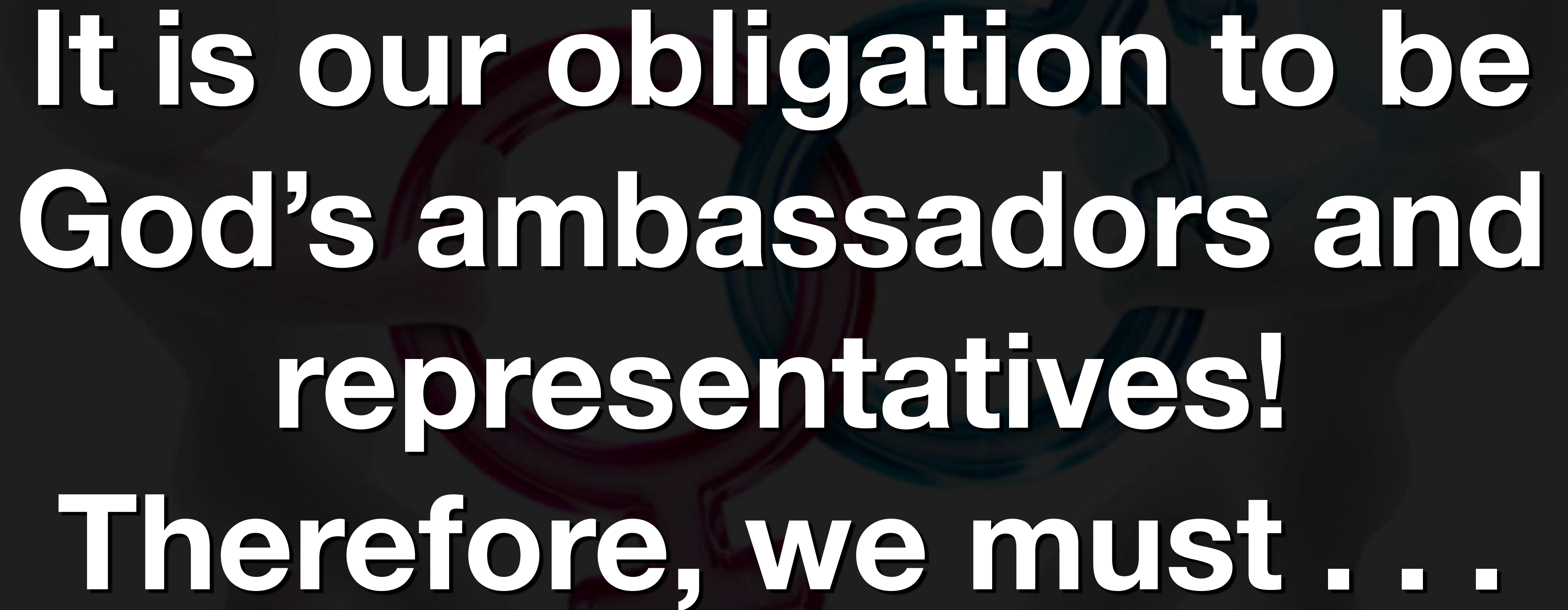
ACCURATE

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**In Jesus we gain a new
identity and freedom to
live in God's world God's
way for God's glory!**

2 Corinthians 5:16-19

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.



**It is our obligation to be
God's ambassadors and
representatives!
Therefore, we must . . .**



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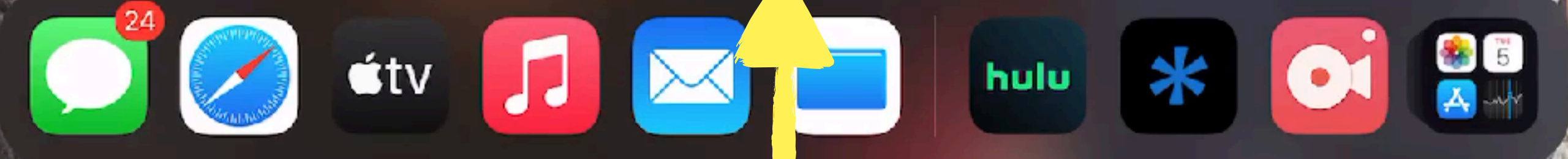
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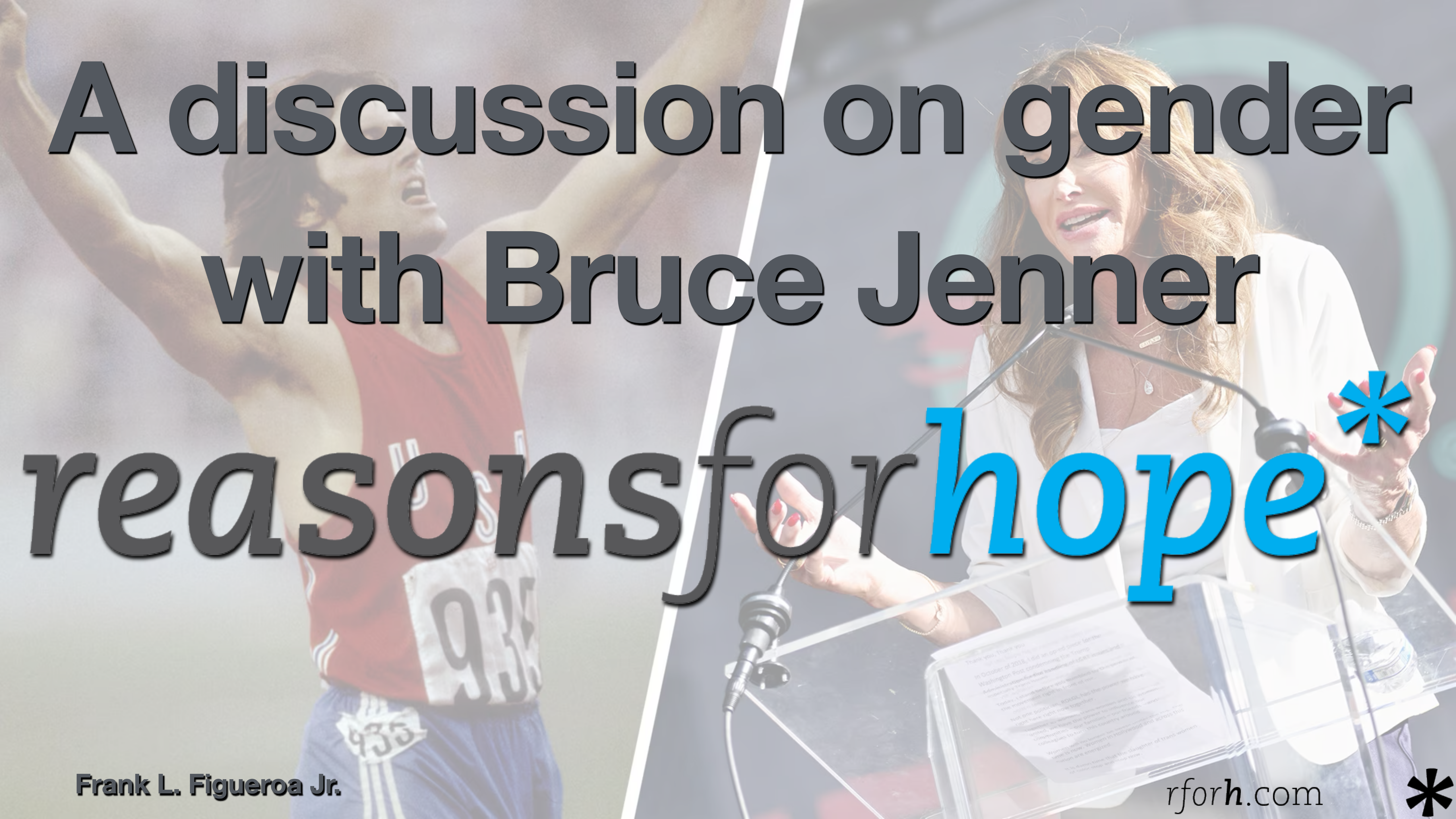
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