

# RISEN

*THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION*





WHAT ABOUT  
OBJECTIONS TO THE  
RESURRECTION CLAIM?

While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’”

**MATTHEW 28:11-15**

And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

**MATTHEW 28:11-15**

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time,

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-8**

most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

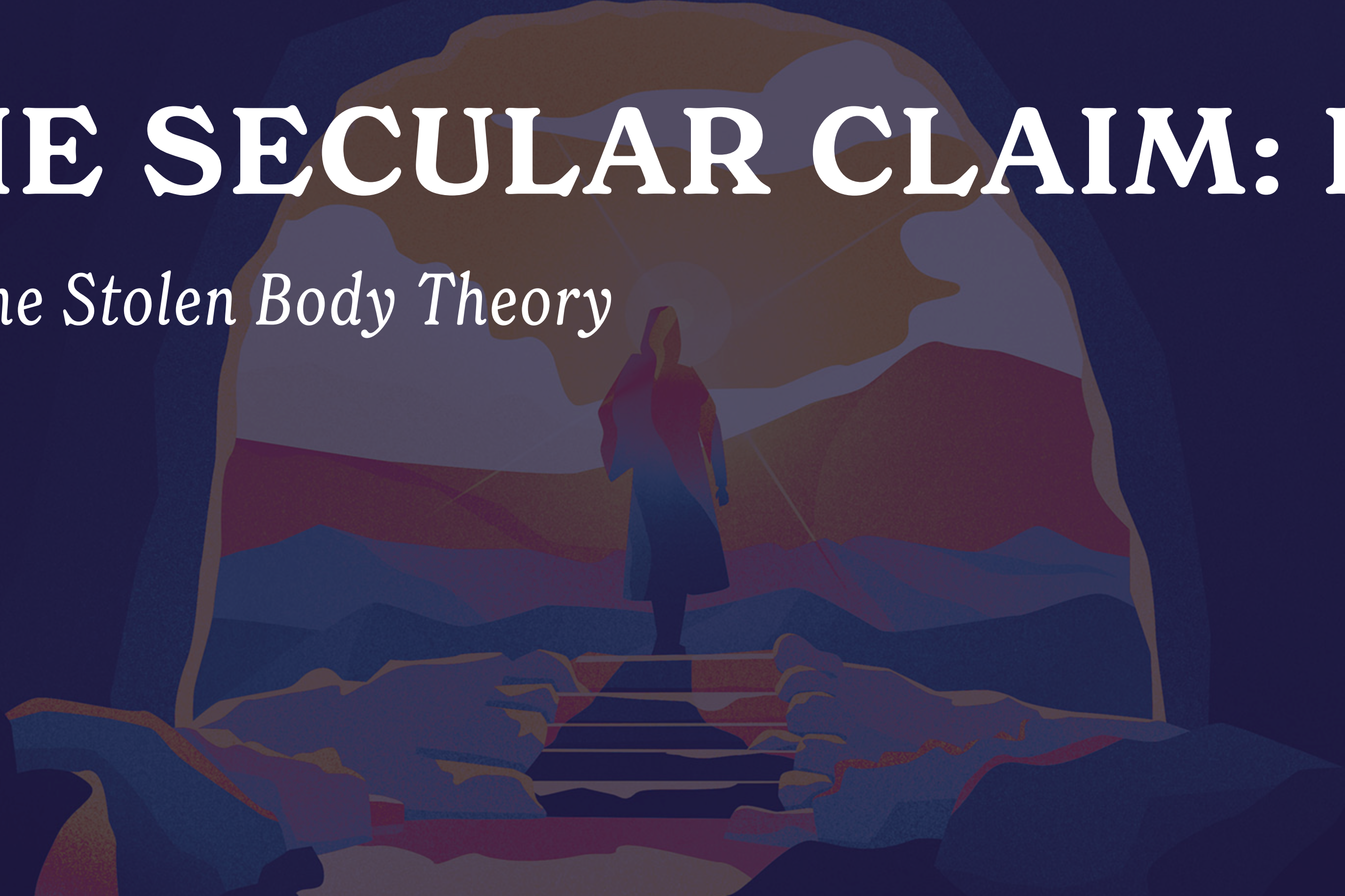
**1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-8**

A stylized illustration of a woman in a red dress standing in a tomb. The tomb is a dark, cavernous space with a large, light-colored stone rolled away from the entrance. The woman is standing on a set of steps leading up to the entrance. The background is a dark, textured wall with some light-colored, abstract shapes. The overall color palette is dark with some warm tones from the woman's dress and the stone.

# THE MIRACLE OF THE RESURRECTION

# THE SECULAR CLAIM: NO

## 1. *The Stolen Body Theory*



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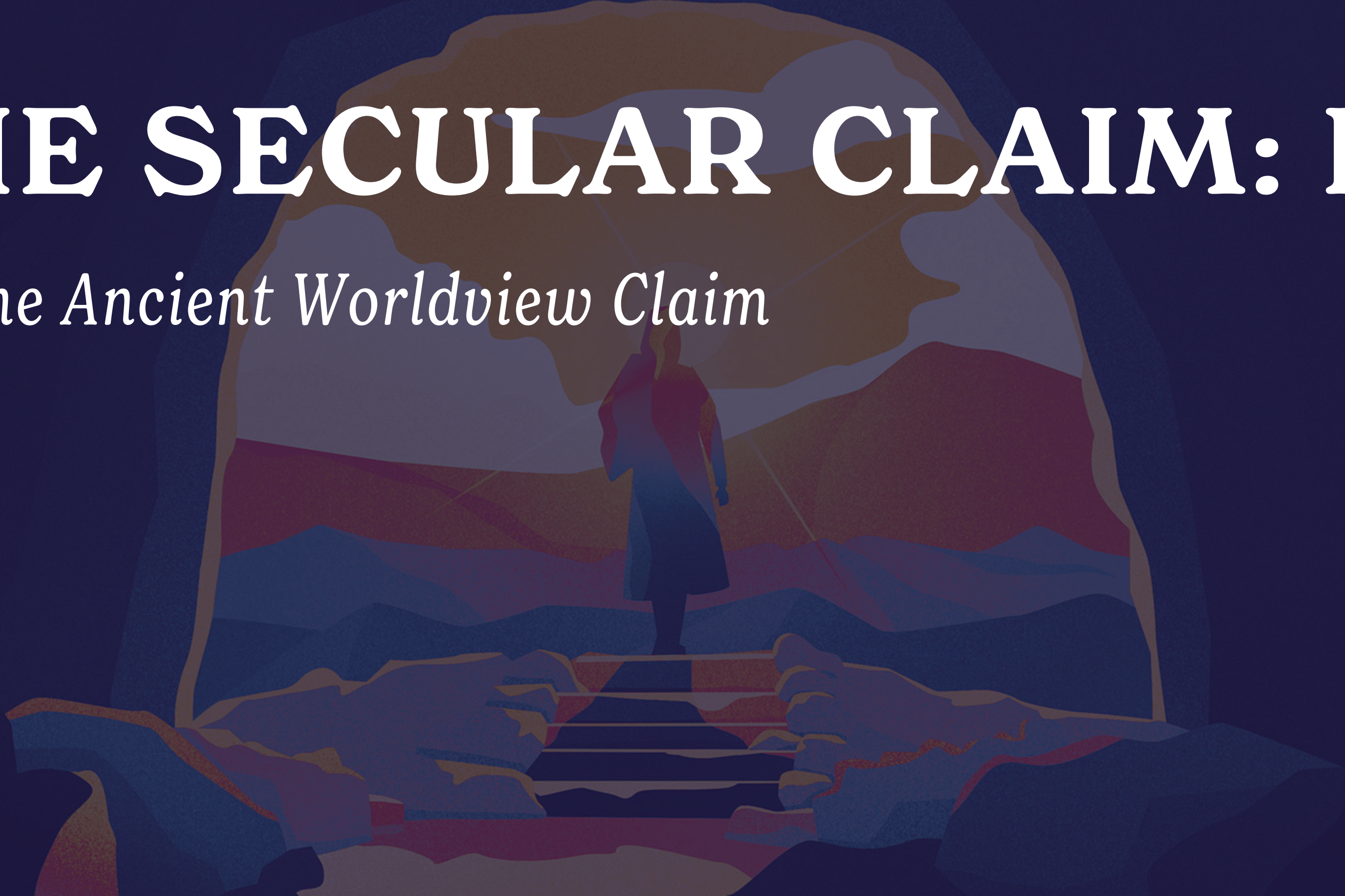
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*And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.”*

*— Acts 26:24*

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## *2. The Ancient Worldview Claim*



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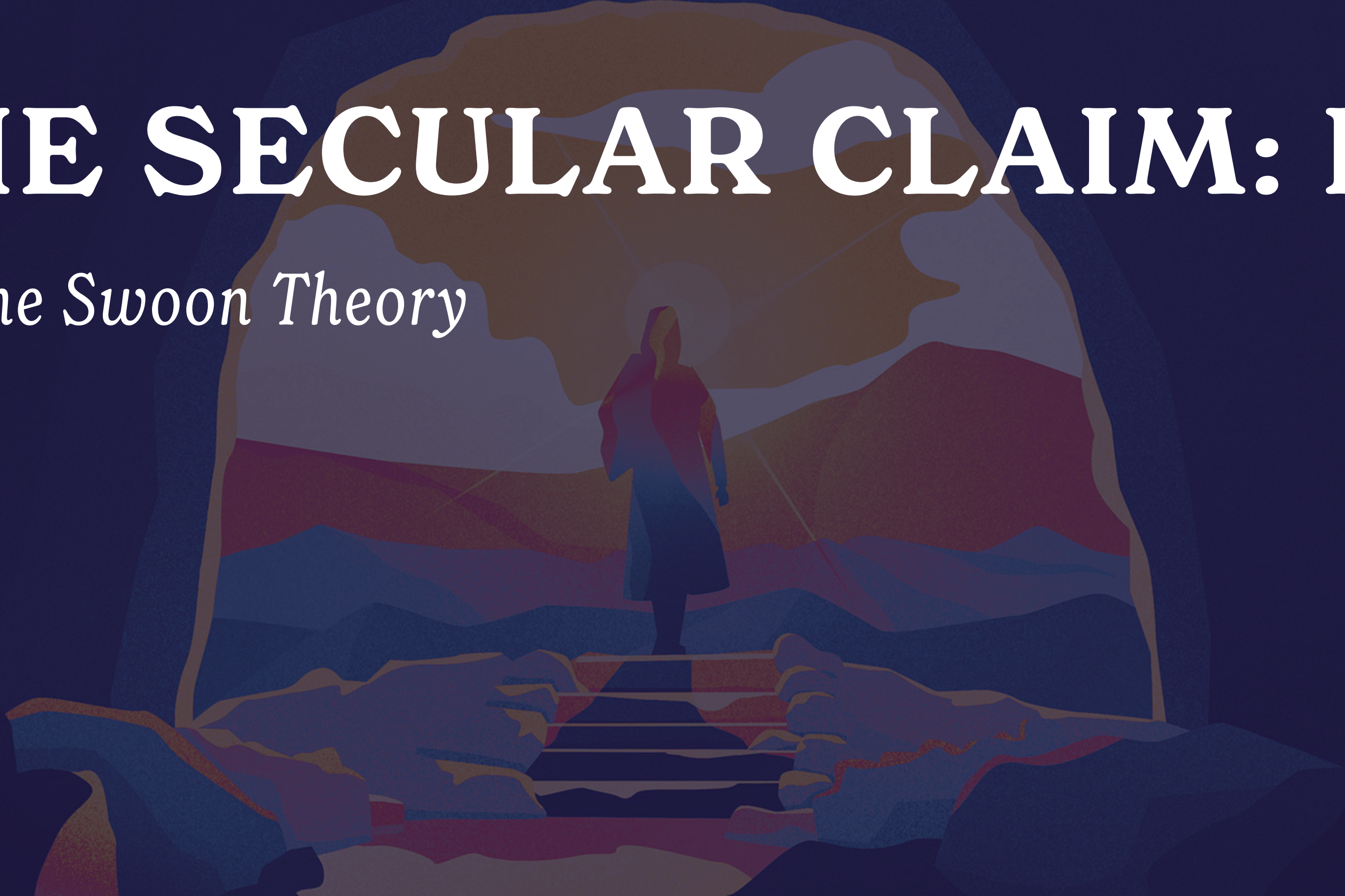
## *2. The Ancient Worldview Claim*

*Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.*

*— Luke 24:10-11*

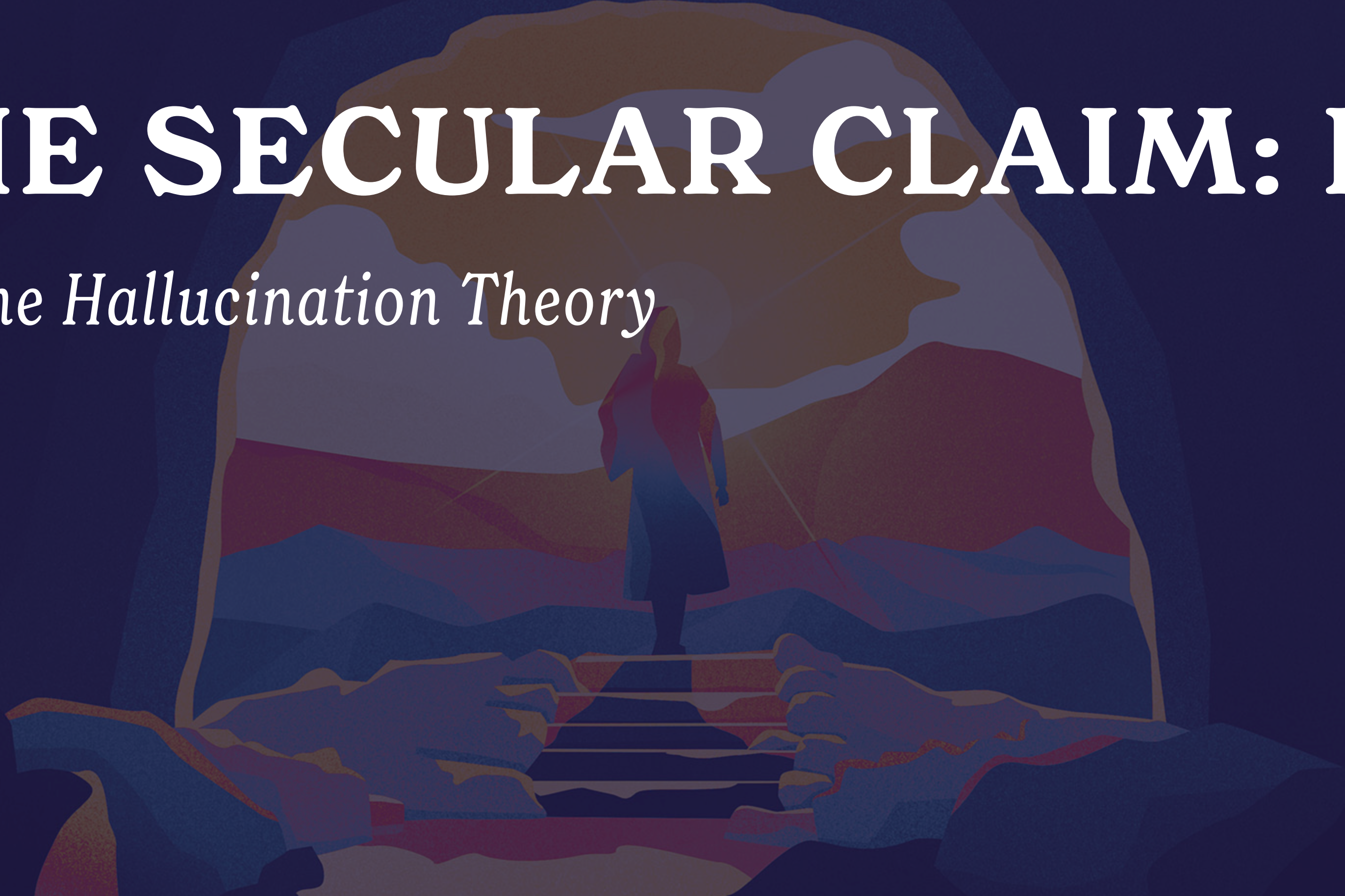
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## 3. *The Swoon Theory*



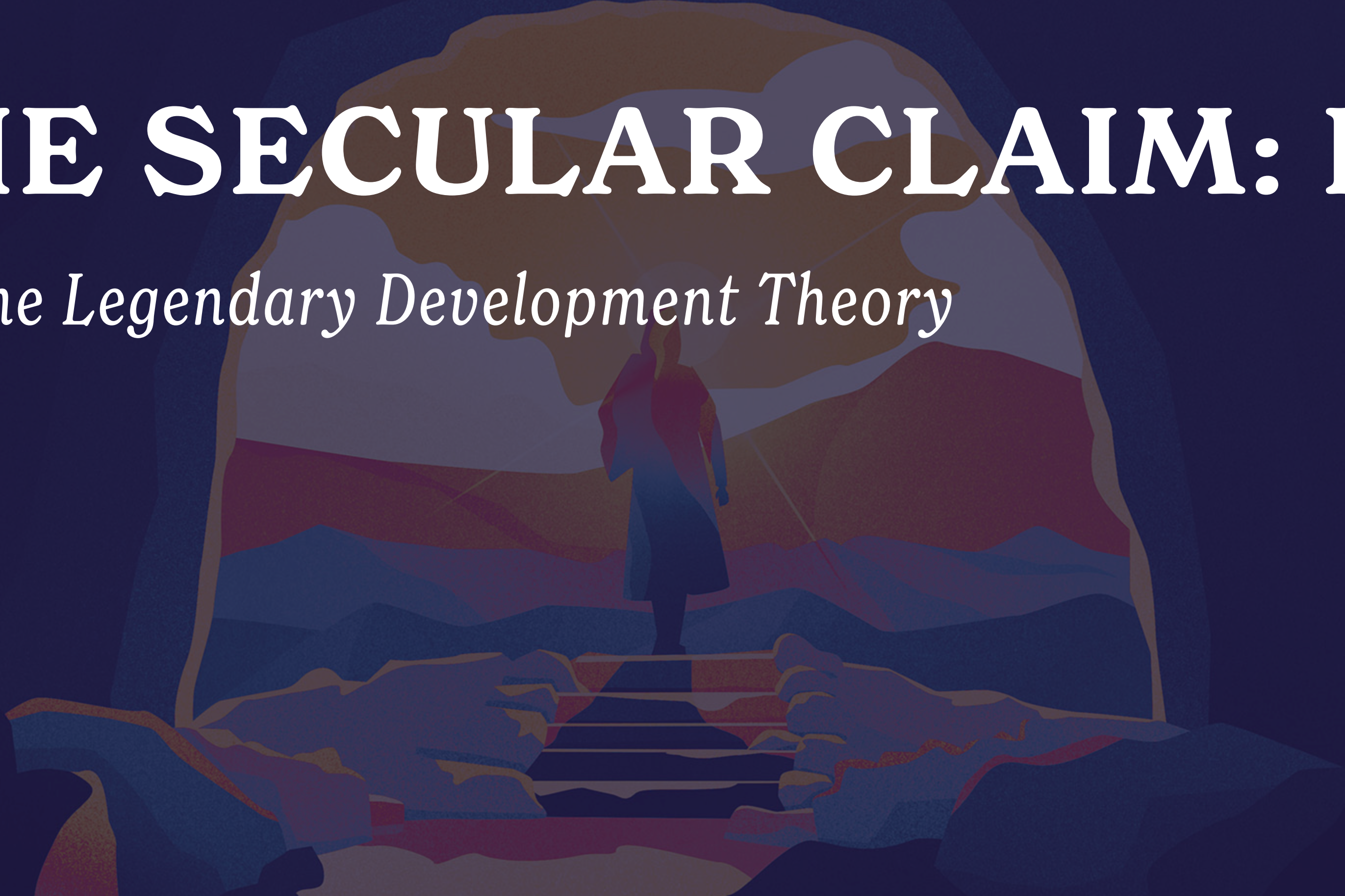
# THE SECULAR CLAIM: NO

## 4. *The Hallucination Theory*



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## *5. The Legendary Development Theory*

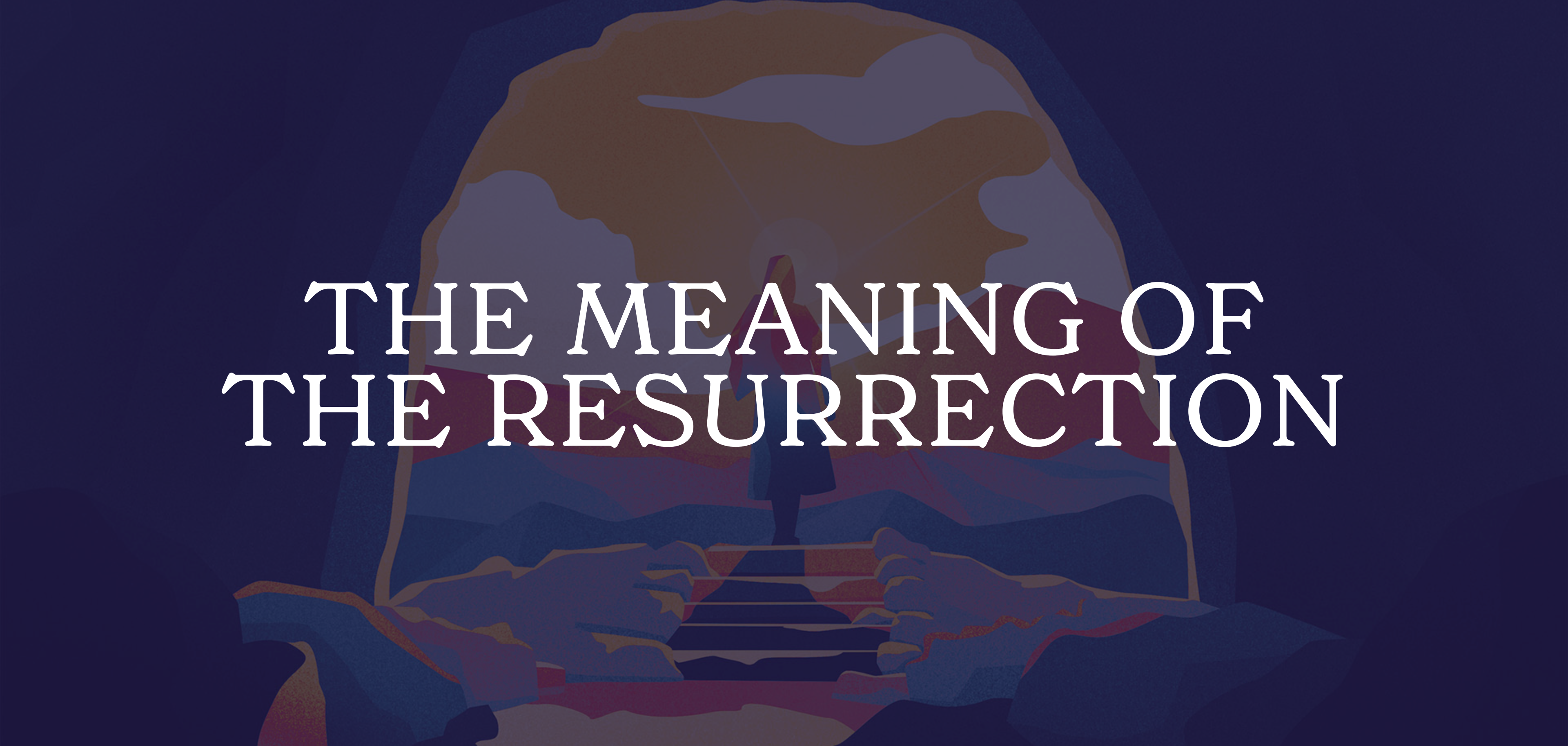


# THE JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE

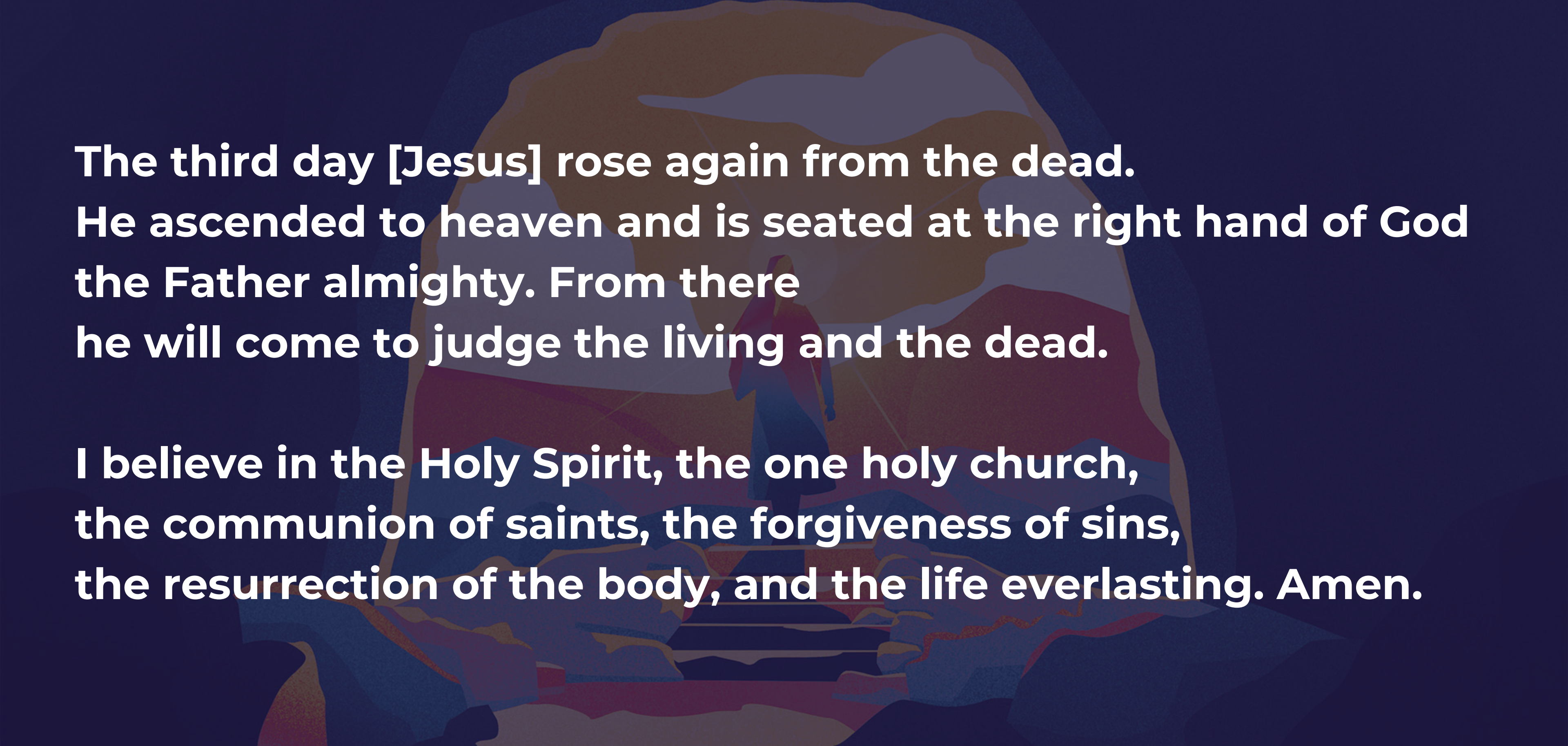
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# THE MEANING OF THE RESURRECTION



**The third day [Jesus] rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty. From there  
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” 36 You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38**





So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; **what is raised is imperishable.** 43 It is sown in dishonor; **it is raised in glory.** It is sown in weakness; **it is raised in power.** 44 It is sown a natural body; **it is raised a spiritual body.** If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit...

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:42-45**

47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 **Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.**

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:47-49**



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“My future body is to my current body what an oak tree is to an acorn: identifiably the same, and with the life of the new emerging from the corpse of the old, but at the same time greater to an unimaginable degree...When I consider the resurrection body of Jesus—his transformed physicality, whereby he could appear in a locked room and would never die, but could still hug his friends and enjoy a barbecue on the beach—I start to get quite excited about that. Teleporting looks a distinct possibility. Perhaps even flying is not off the table.”

ANDREW WILSON



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“Bodily resurrection is not just one odd bit of [our] hope. It is the element that gives shape and meaning to the rest of the story we tell about God’s ultimate purposes. If we squeeze it to the margins...we don’t just lose an extra feature, like buying a car that happens not to have electrically operated mirrors. We lose the central engine, which drives it and gives every other component its reason for working.”

N.T. WRIGHT, *SURPRISED BY HOPE*

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied...If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:17-19, 32B**

“On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. **7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever;** and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.”

**ISAIAH 25:6-8**