

Understanding Our Times...

and the Biblical Path Forward

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; Colossians 1:9

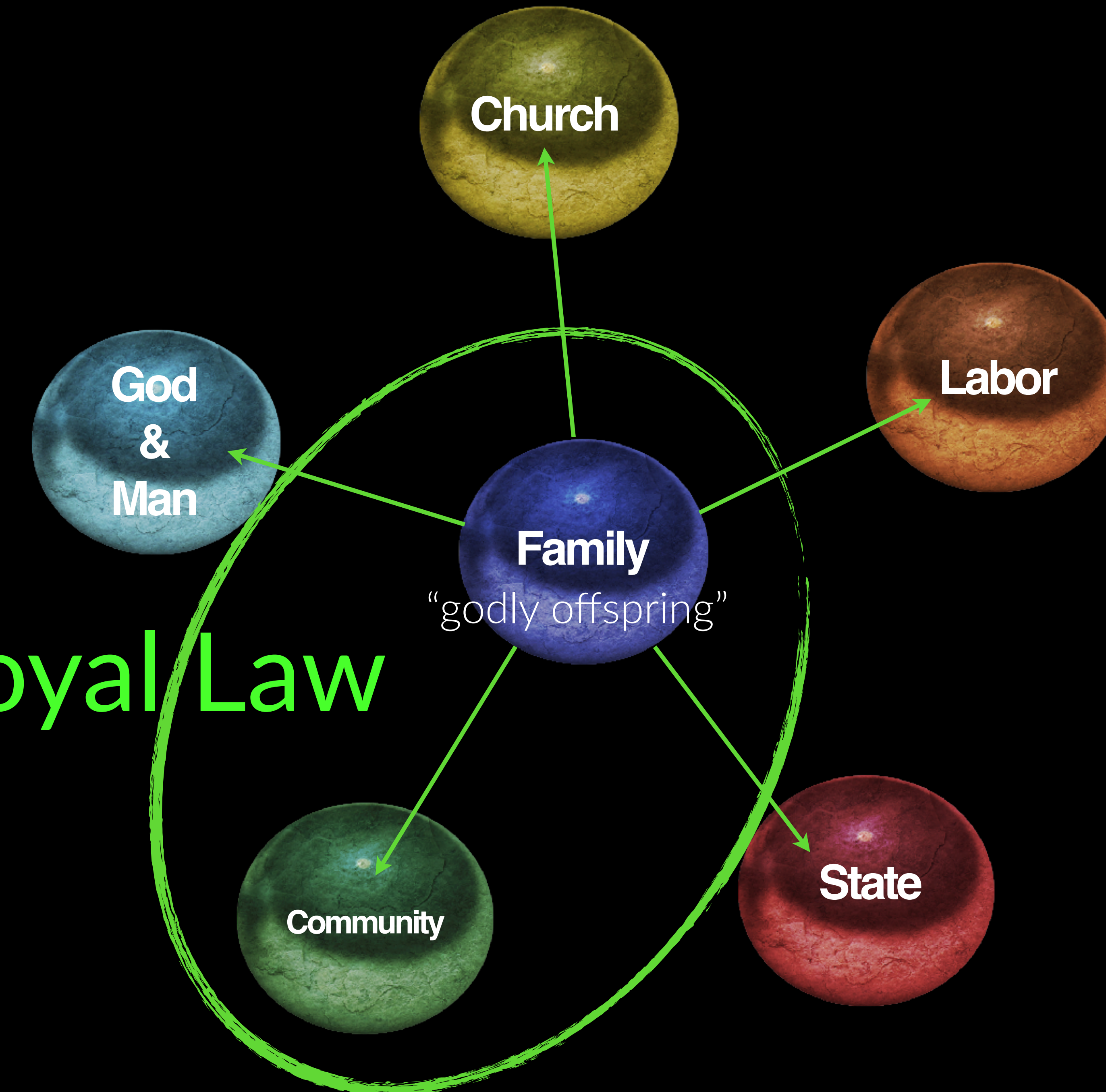
Biblical Worldview Postulate:

the primary work of the Kingdom has been
entrusted to the common, every-day Christian family

God's design for social order

the Biblical family is the “headwaters” for
all of God's social institutions

the Royal Law



the Royal Law
this is stunning!

and, Jesus summed everything up with:
“Love God... and **love your neighbor...**”

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Definitions are critical!

what is “love”?

Agape/Chesed:

love your neighbor

the steadfast, sacrificial zeal that
seeks the **true good** of
an enemy

what is “grace”?

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what is “neighbor”?

neighbor? - ‘plosion’ -one who lives near

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this is **the Royal Law**

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one who lives near



love your neighbor

“a steadfast, sacrificial zeal that seeks the **true**
good of the one who lives near you”

Isn't this just a **general** command?
Isn't this more **philosophical** than **literal**?



C. S. Lewis

“It is easier to be enthusiastic about Humanity with a capital ‘H’ than it is to love individual men and women, especially those who are uninteresting, exasperating, depraved, or otherwise unattractive. Loving everybody in general may be an excuse for loving nobody in particular.”

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A renewed perspective... a **family** perspective

A renewed vision... a **family** vision

The Vision

 80 million committed Christians

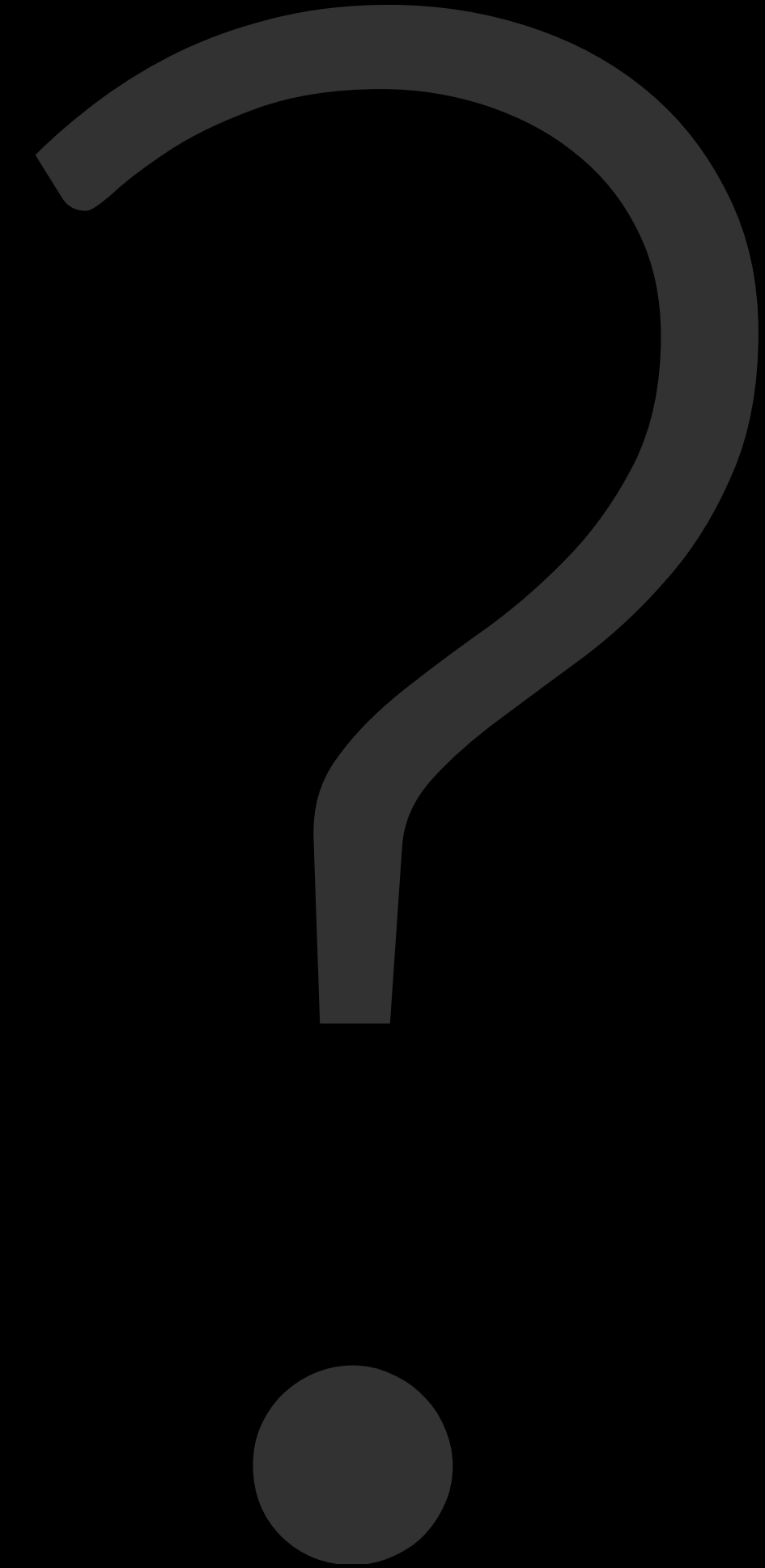
 240 million others

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this is the biblical way forward in our times

It's brilliant!

Engaging with grace and
wisdom and Truth



What does this look like



What if your family had lived next door to Dr. Rosaria Champagne?

Do you really believe God can do this?



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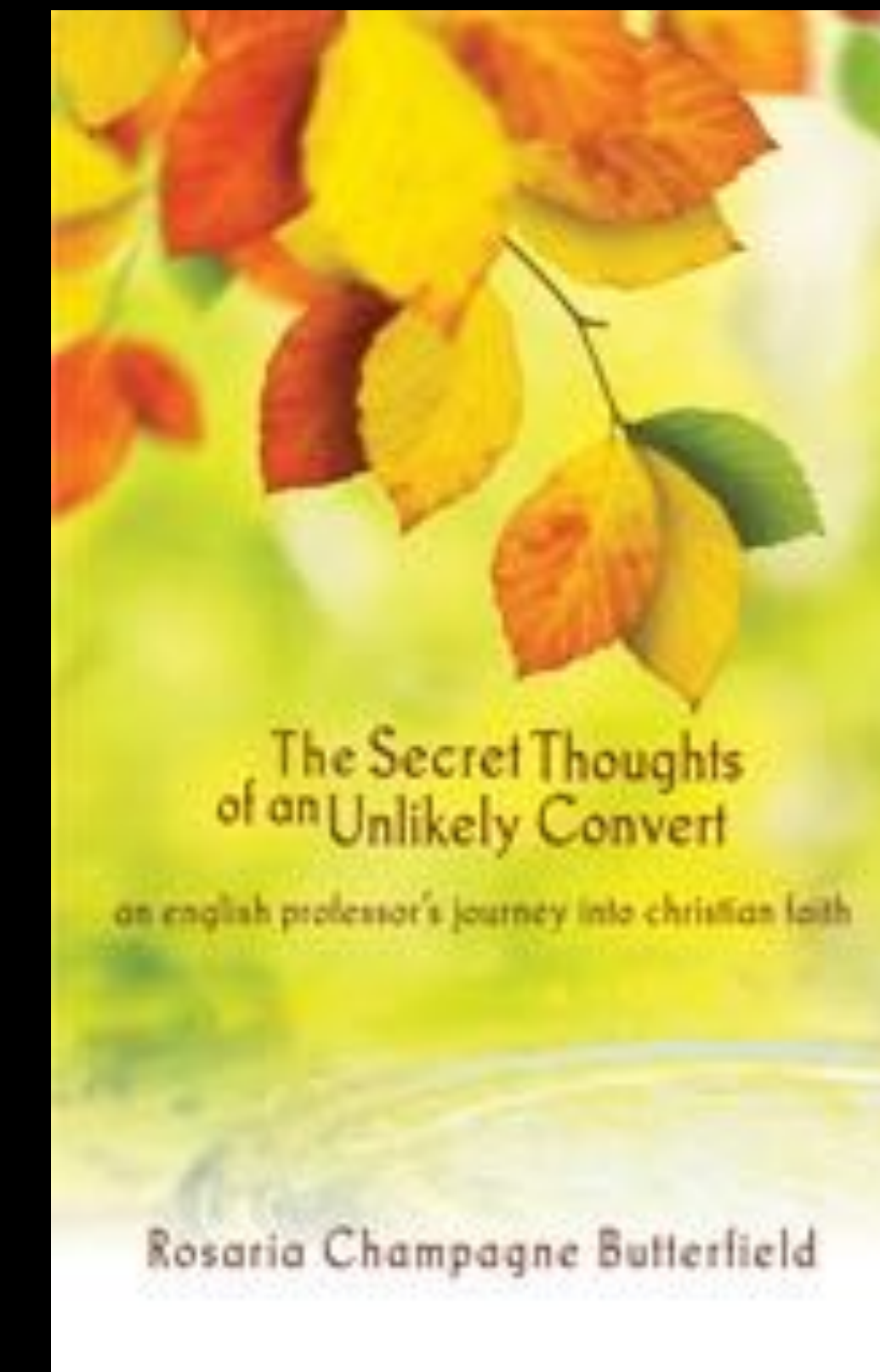
We will build real **relationships**
with those providentially in our Jerusalem,
through **prayer** and action,
with **grace** and **wisdom** and **truth**,
being **attractively winsome**,
tearing down walls, building up trust,
doing the **work of the Kingdom**.

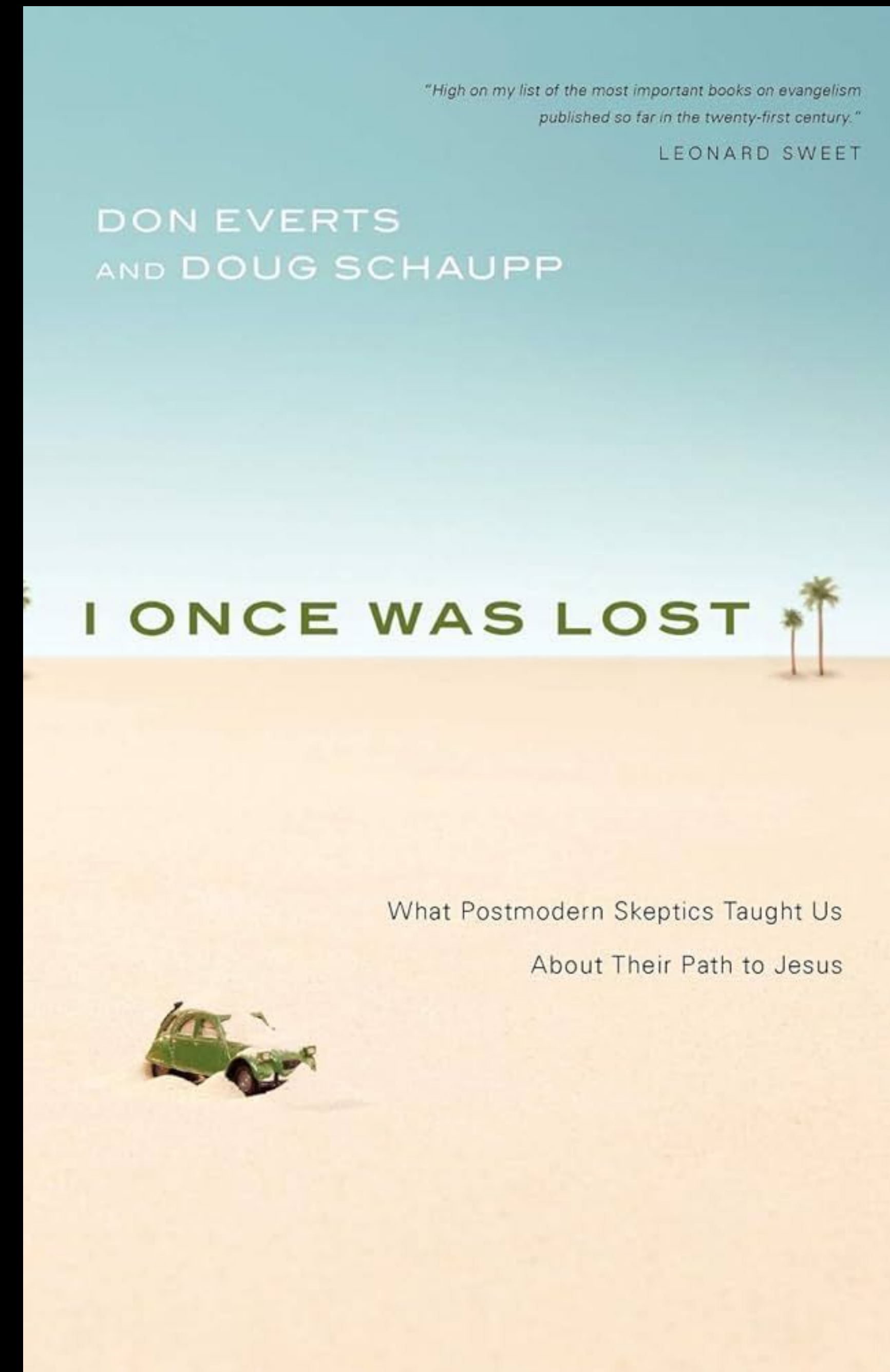
Truth and true agape love
drive us into real relationships

speaking truth is most effective when
done in the context of a significant
relationship



“Ken was wise to know that he could only **spea**
truth as deep as our **relationship** could stand.”





“I Once Was Lost”

“What Postmodern Skeptics Taught Us
About Their Path to Jesus”

DEALING WITH OUTSIDERS IN A HOSTILE WORLD

“Conduct yourselves with **wisdom** toward outsiders,
making the most of the opportunity.
Let your speech always be with grace,
seasoned as it were, with salt,
so that you may
know how you should respond to each person.”

Colossians 4:5-6

the Royal Vision

the Royal Priesthood

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“the vision of priesthood lost”

“the priesthood of every believer”

But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation,
God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of
him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2:9

“you are a priest in the Royal Priesthood”

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why were we given
the Royal Law?

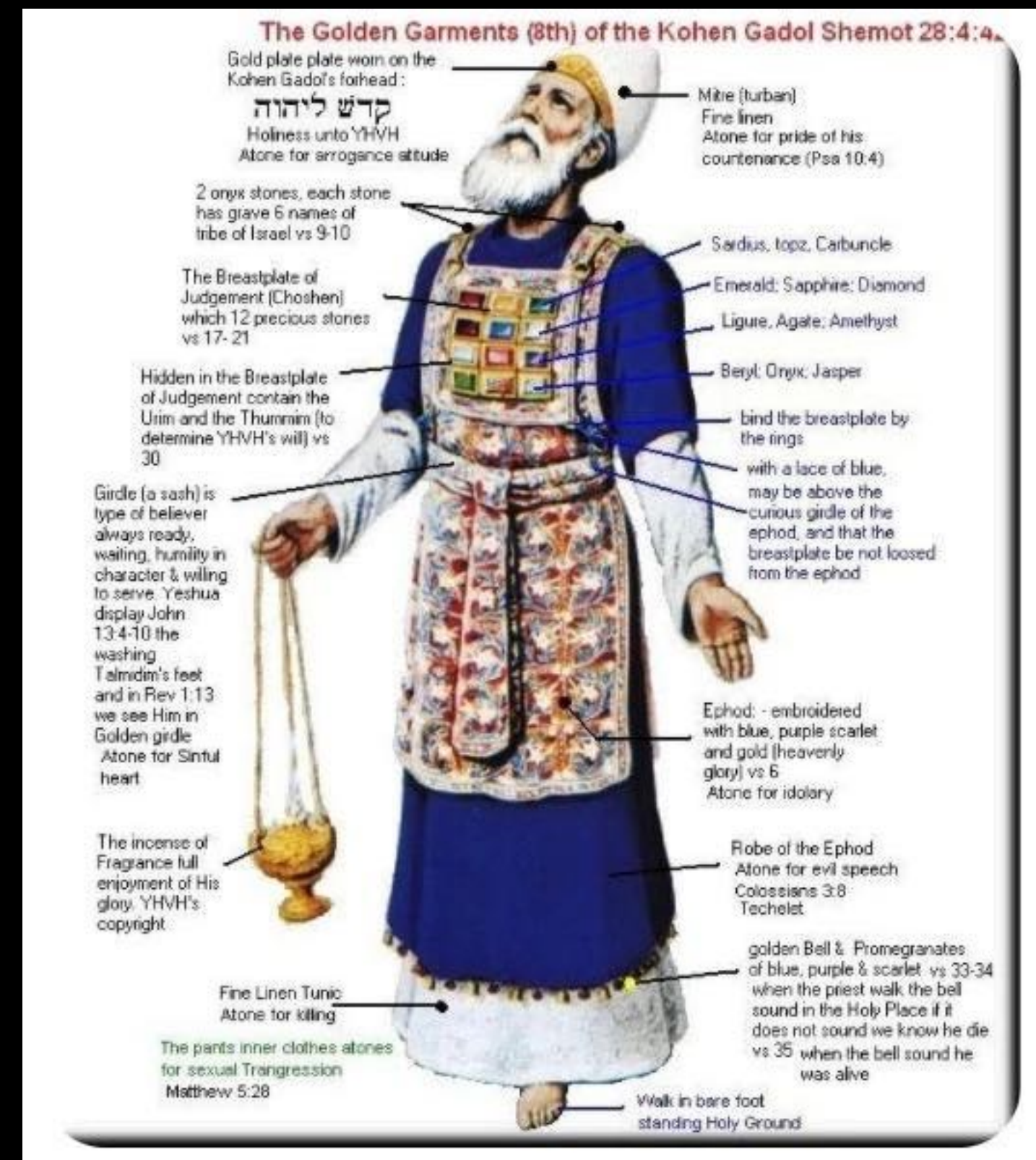
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“you are a priest in the Royal Priesthood”



the Royal Law would lead us to assume...

your neighbor's names are engraved on your ephod

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how healthy is the body of Christ?

Polycarp

69-156 AD

“Fourscore and six years have I served him, and he has never done me injury; how then can I now blaspheme my King and savior?”

“Kill the church leader and his church will die!”

going from the round
to the rectangle

if Jesus Rose from the
Dead...

*50 days of contemplations from
Resurrection to Pentecost*

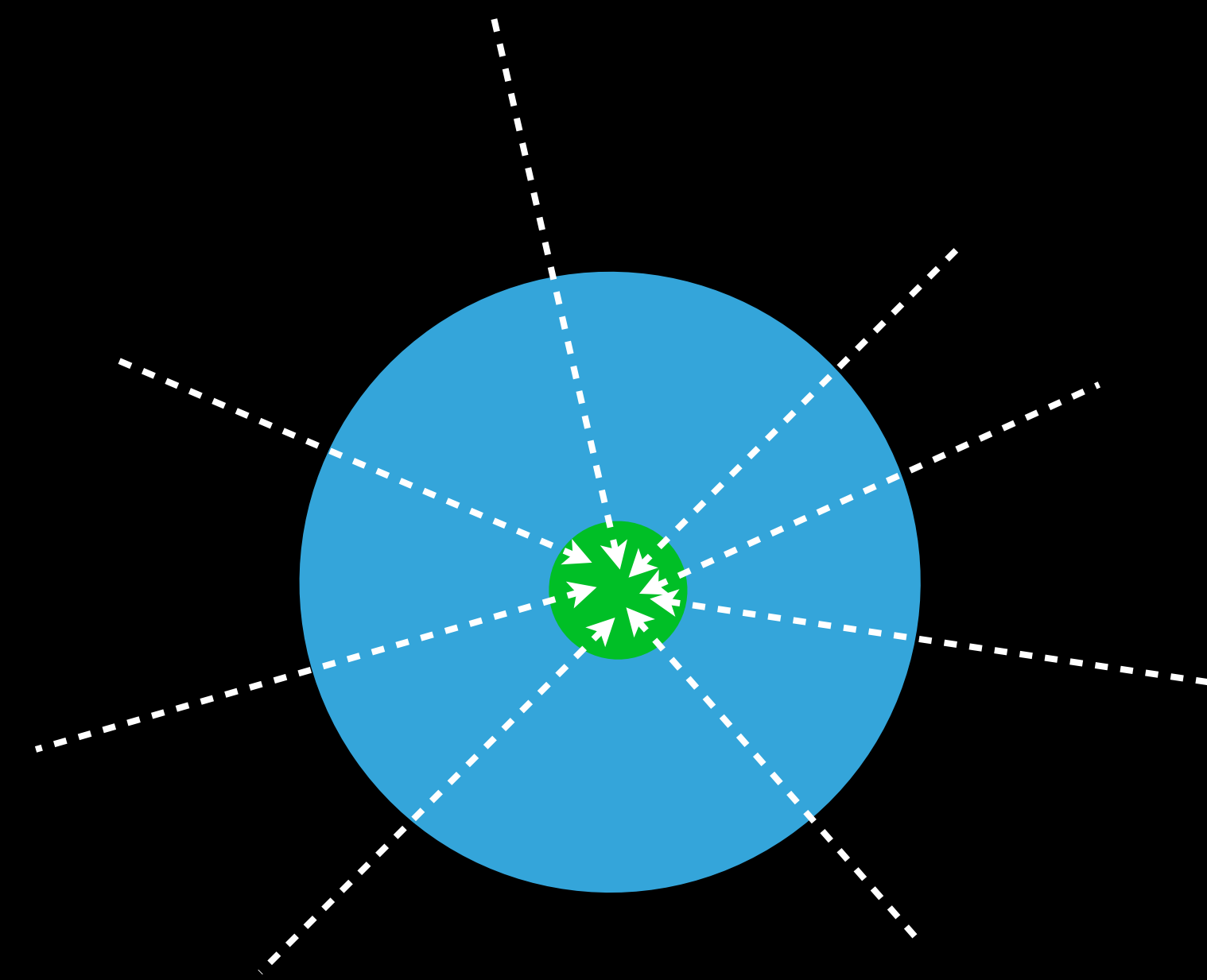
the Footprints of Paul

*contemplations on
the first 300 years of
the Way*

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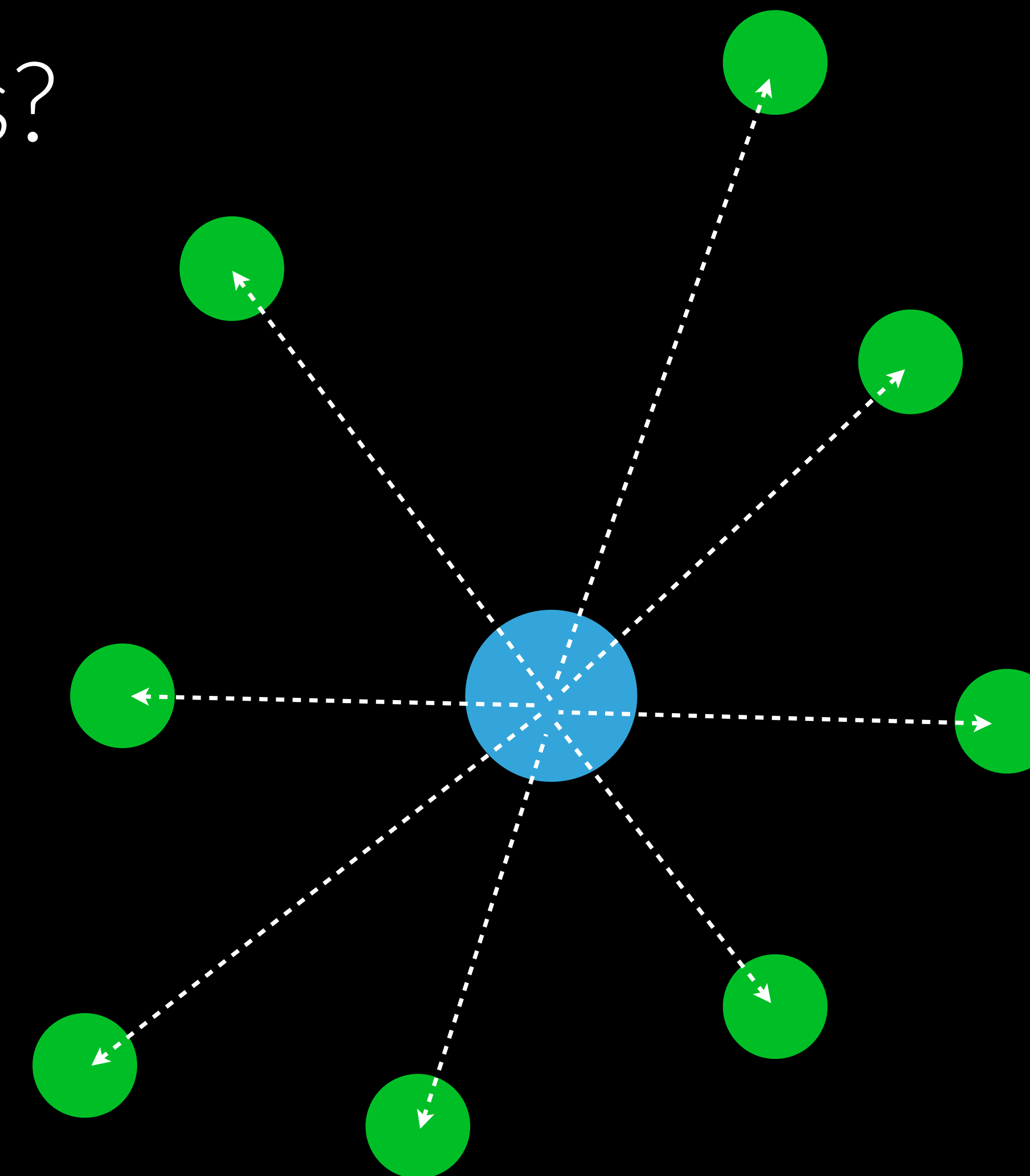


is the church to be this?

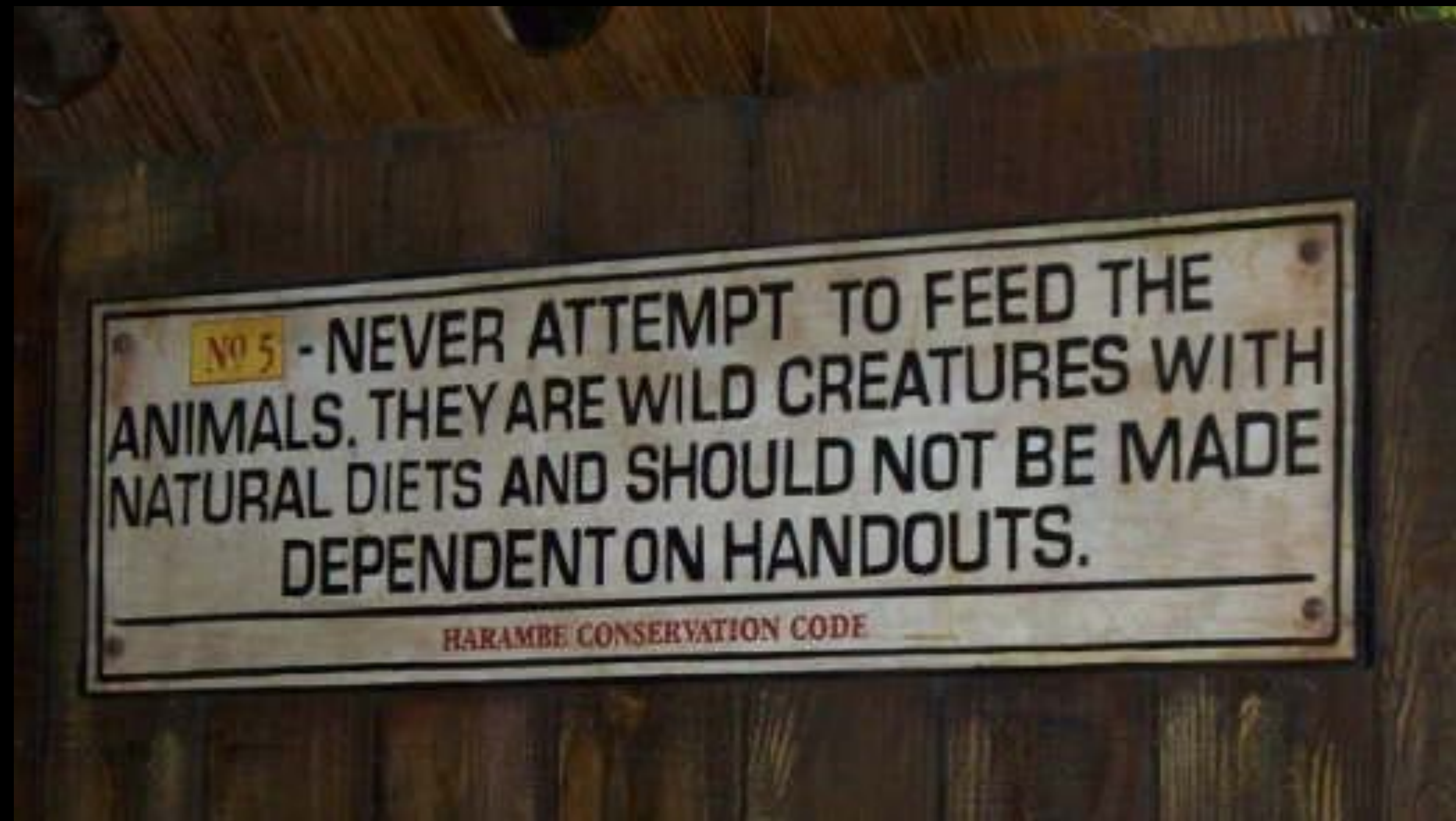


distribution center

or this?



center for disciple-making



making dependents
or
making fruitful disciples

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it is the answer for the rise of homo deus

it is the answer for the rise of the scoffer and the depraved mind

it is the answer for most all of the social pathologies
raging in our culture

you are the human hero of this story

host or join an Engagemement Project
small group

do not think lightly of...

your fragrance

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 2 Corinthians 2:14

your righteous leaven

a pastor/neighbor

Florida, U.S.



are we to think of these things in
terms of a heart that melts...

or the grand opportunity that God is
providing to the Remnant in this land?

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the Divine Meta-Narrative

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