



SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH A BIBLICAL JUSTICE LENS

Week 2 Understanding Social Justice

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TWO ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL JUSTICE



MISHPAT:

Rules and laws which uphold Gods ethical and moral standards.

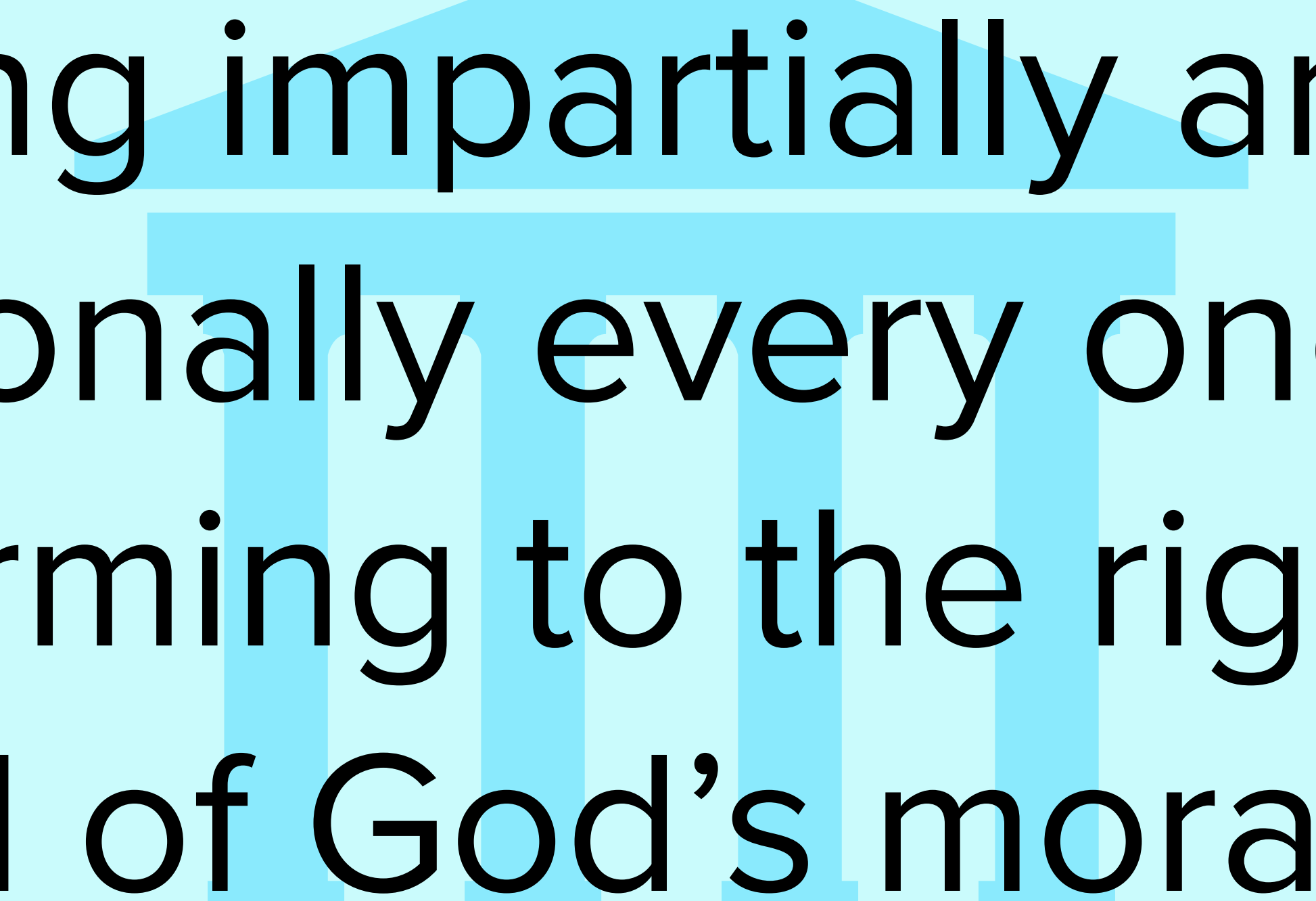


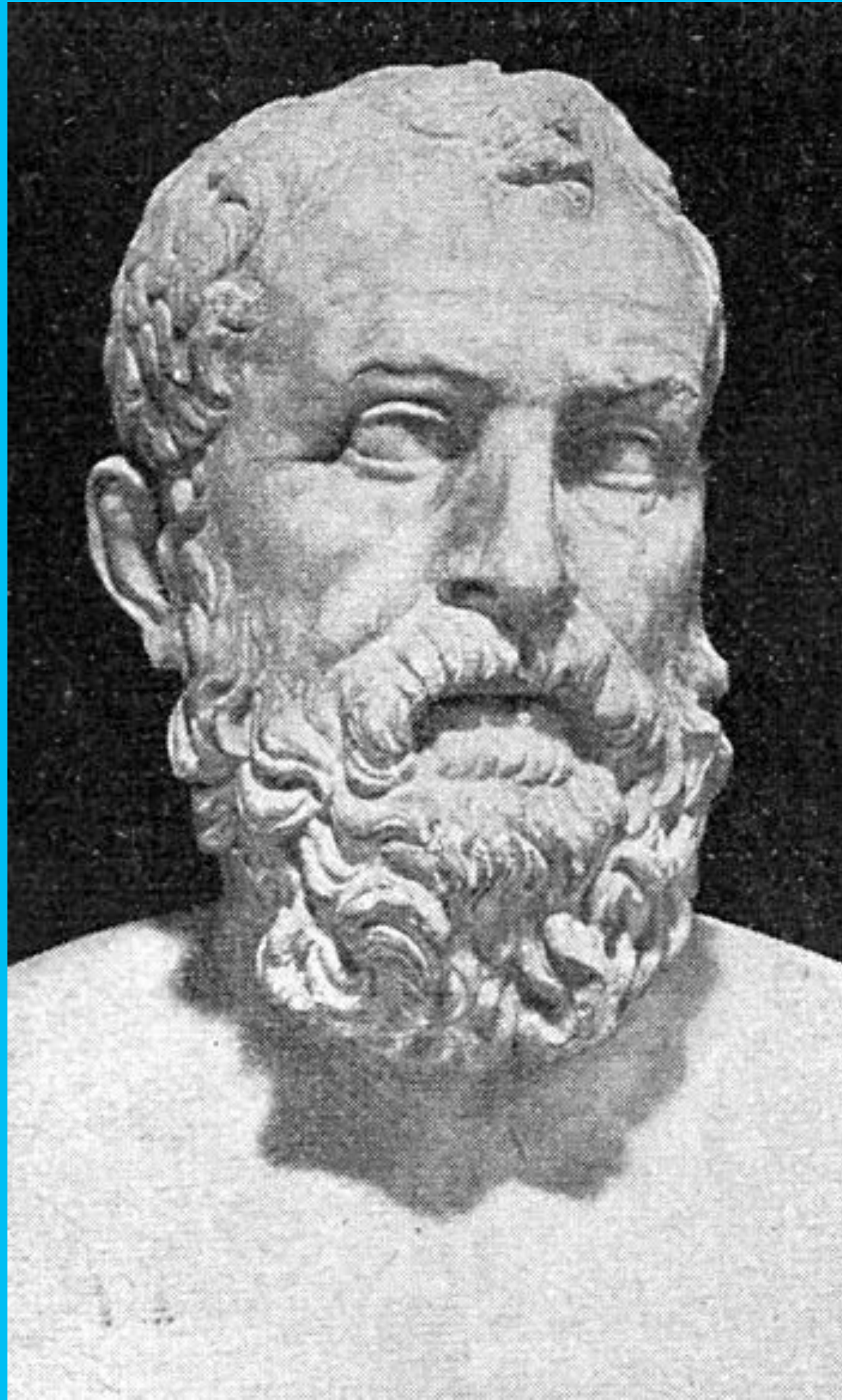
TSEDAQAH:

Living a moral and honorable life, includes loving your neighbor, mercy, forgiveness, and charity.

BIBLICAL JUSTICE :

Rendering impartially and proportionally every one his due in conforming to the righteous standard of God's moral law.





“A HALF TRUTH IS THE WORST OF ALL LIES, BECAUSE IT CAN BE PARTIALLY DEFENDED.”

SOLON, 640 BCE, GREEK STATESMAN

WHAT'S IN YOUR DICTIONARY?

MARRIAGE:

Websters Dictionary, 1828: The act of uniting a man and women for life; wedlock; a civil and religious contract, by which the parties engage to live together in mutual affection and fidelity, till death shall separate them...

Yourdictionary.com: A union of two or more people that creates a family tie and carries legal and/or social rights and responsibilities.

IDEOLOGICAL SOCIAL JUSTICE:

The imbalance of power between people groups based on racial, ethnic, sexual, religious, and gender identities. Seeks equal power and outcomes (equity) between people groups which may require the suspension of individual needs, liberties, or rights.

- CENTER FOR BIBLICAL UNITY

CRITICAL THEORY:



Critical Theory divides the world into oppressed groups and their oppressors along lines of race, class, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical ability, age, weight and a host of other identity markers.

**- ROBIN DI'ANGELO
AUTHOR OF WHITE FRAGILITY**

CRITICAL THEORY BASE BELIEFS

Per Dr. Neil Shenvi

- 1) Oppressor vs. Oppressed groups
- 2) Hegemonic power causes oppression
- 3) Liberation of oppressed
- 4) Feelings trump facts
- 5) Facts can lie
- 6) Intersectionality



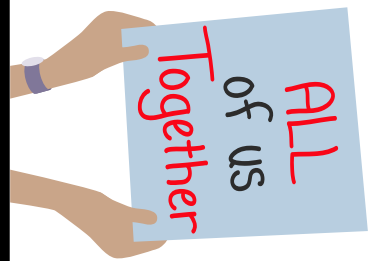
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Diversity



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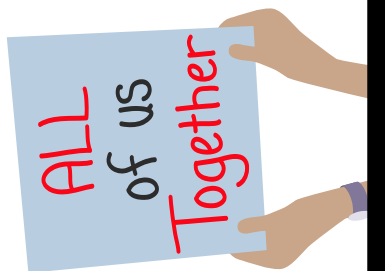
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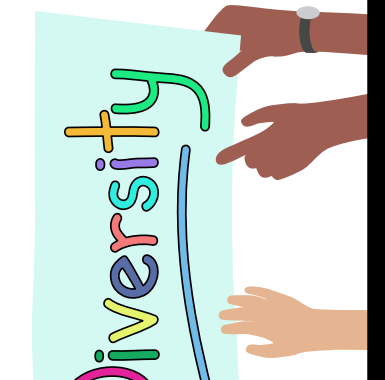
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Diversity

ARE YOU AN OPPRESSOR OR OPPRESSED?

**YOUR IDENTITY IS DETERMINED BY
THE GROUPS CRITICAL THEORY
ASSIGNS.**

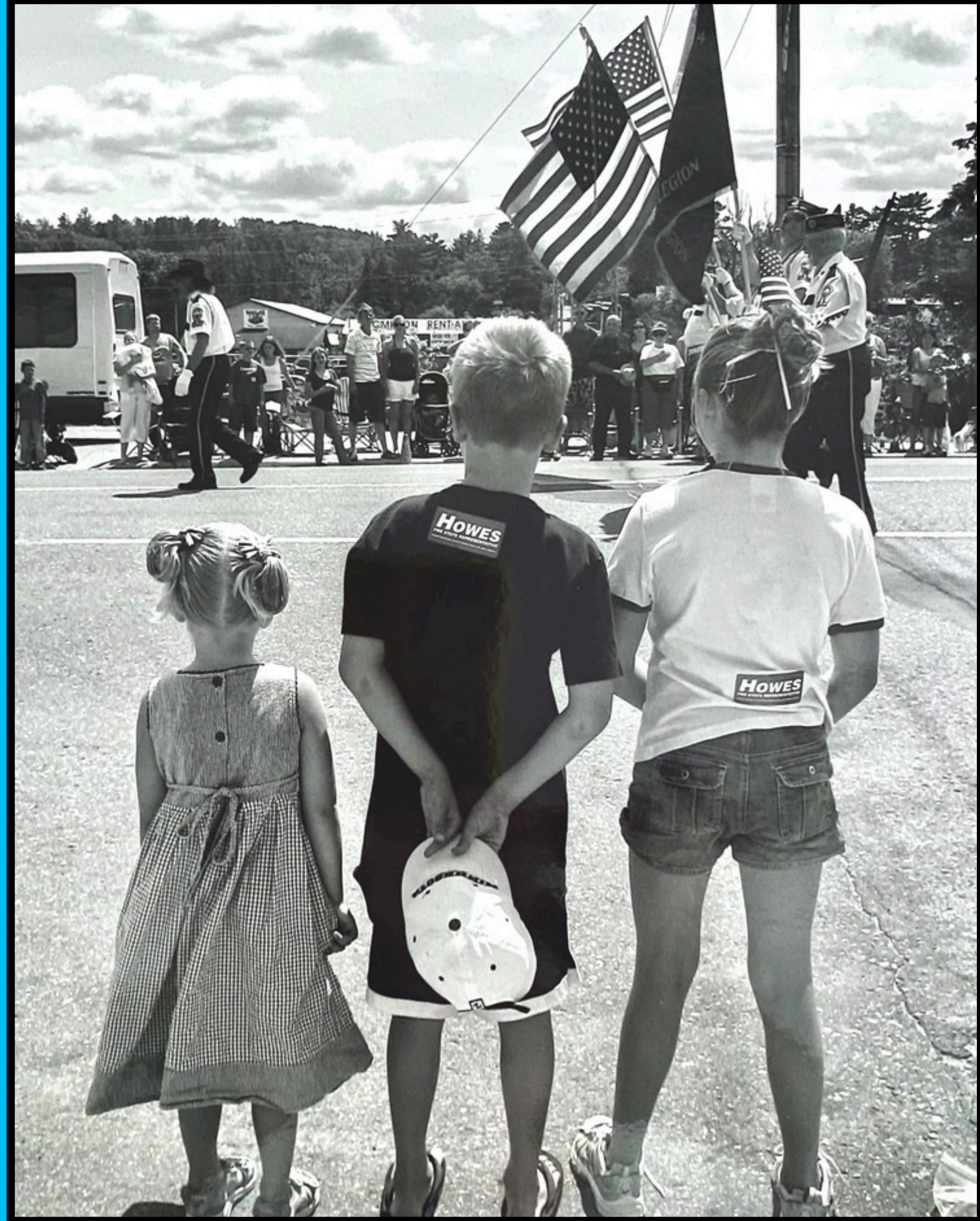
**SIMILAR TO THE ANCIENT HINDU
CASTE SYSTEM.**

**NEITHER KINDNESS, CHARITY, NOR
GOOD WORKS CAN CHANGE YOUR
IDENTITY MAKERS**



HEGEMONIC POWER

The social, cultural, ideological, or economic influence exerted by a dominant group in establishing what is considered normal.



LIBERATION OF OPPRESSED

**WE SHOULD ALL WORK TO
LIBERATE ANY OPPRESSED
PERSON.**

**ALL AUTHORITY SYSTEMS
MUST BE DEMOLISHED,
FAMILY, POLICE, CHURCH,
PRISONS.**

**THE END JUSTIFIES THE
MEANS, SO VIOLENCE MAY BE
ACCEPTABLE.**



FEELINGS OVER FACTS

**OPPRESSED PEOPLE DO NOT
NEED TO PROVIDE ANY
EVIDENCE OF OPPRESSION.
WHAT IS FELT IS TRUE.**

**OPPRESSED PEOPLE HAVE
SPECIAL INSIGHT INTO TRUTH
NOT AVAILABLE TO
OPPRESSORS.**

**SIMILAR TO THE HERESY OF
GNOSTICISM IN 1-3 CENTURIES.**



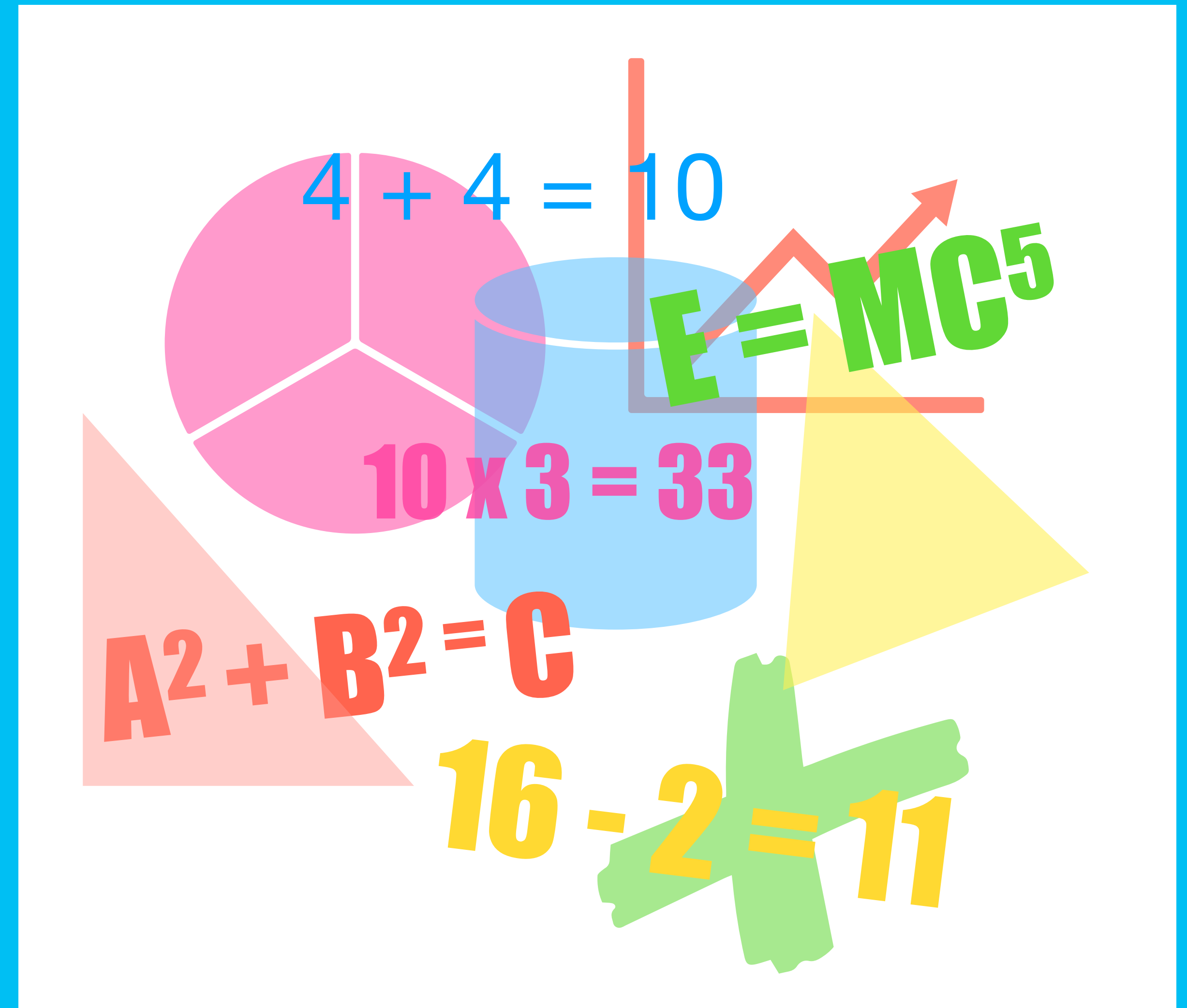
FACTS CAN LIE

POSTMODERNISM, THERE IS NO TRUTH

$2 + 3 = 6$ OR 7 OR WHATEVER

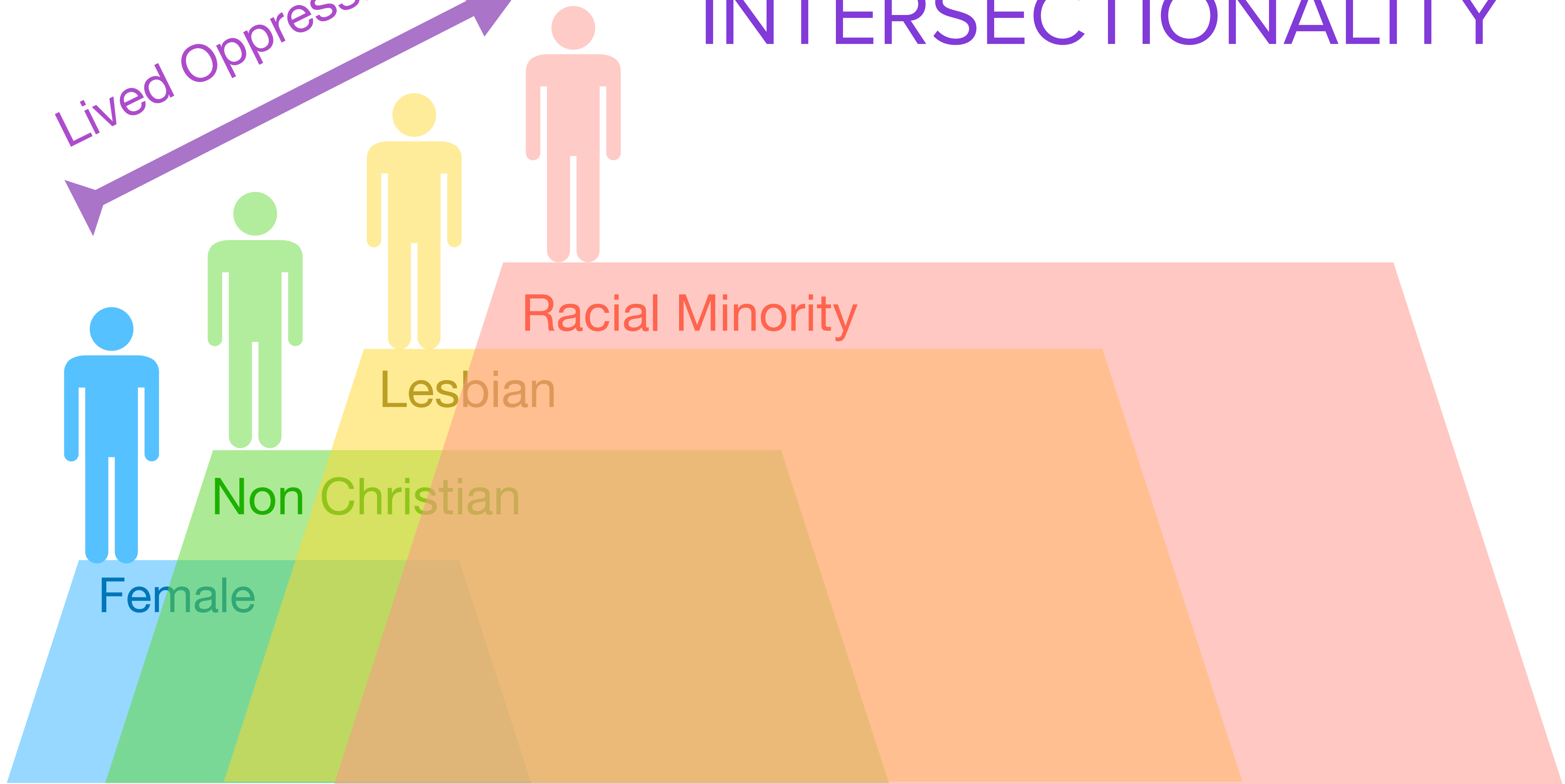
OPPRESSORS CLAIMING TO DO GOOD ARE ACTUALLY TRYING TO JUSTIFY THEIR POWER AND PRIVILEGE.

DEFEATS THE BLESSING OF GOODNESS, CHARITY AND MERCY TO A FELLOW IMAGE BEARER.



INTERSECTIONALITY

Lived Oppression



Oppressor Blindness: Oppressors are unable to understand any oppressed story.

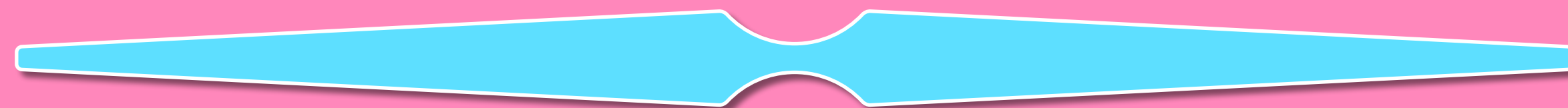
Oppressed Blindness: Oppressed people claiming not to have experienced oppression.



METHODS AND GOALS...

*If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing
finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf
of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your
light will rise in the darkness and your night will become like
the new day.*

Isaiah 58:9-10



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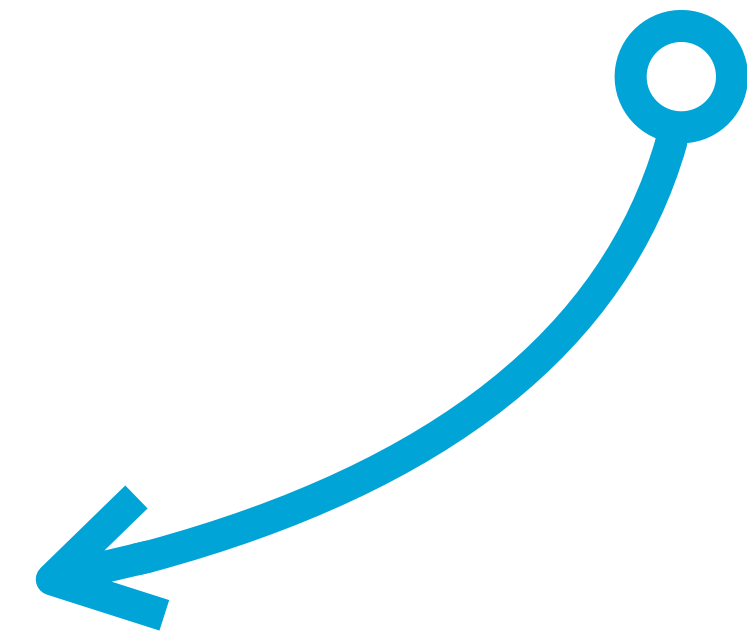
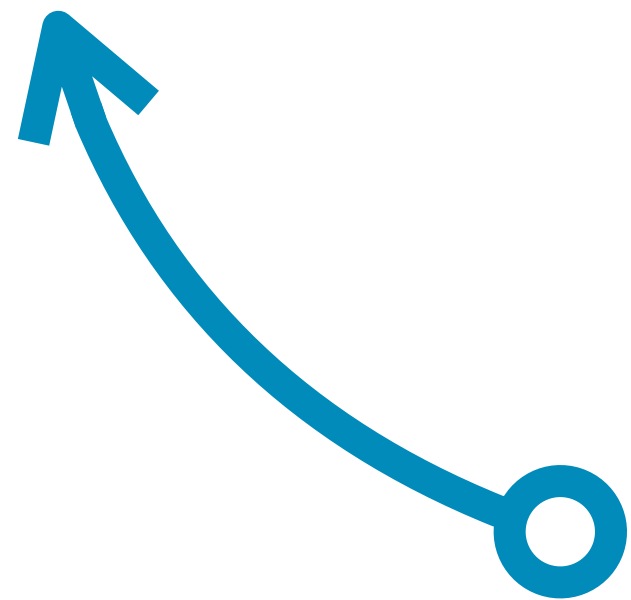
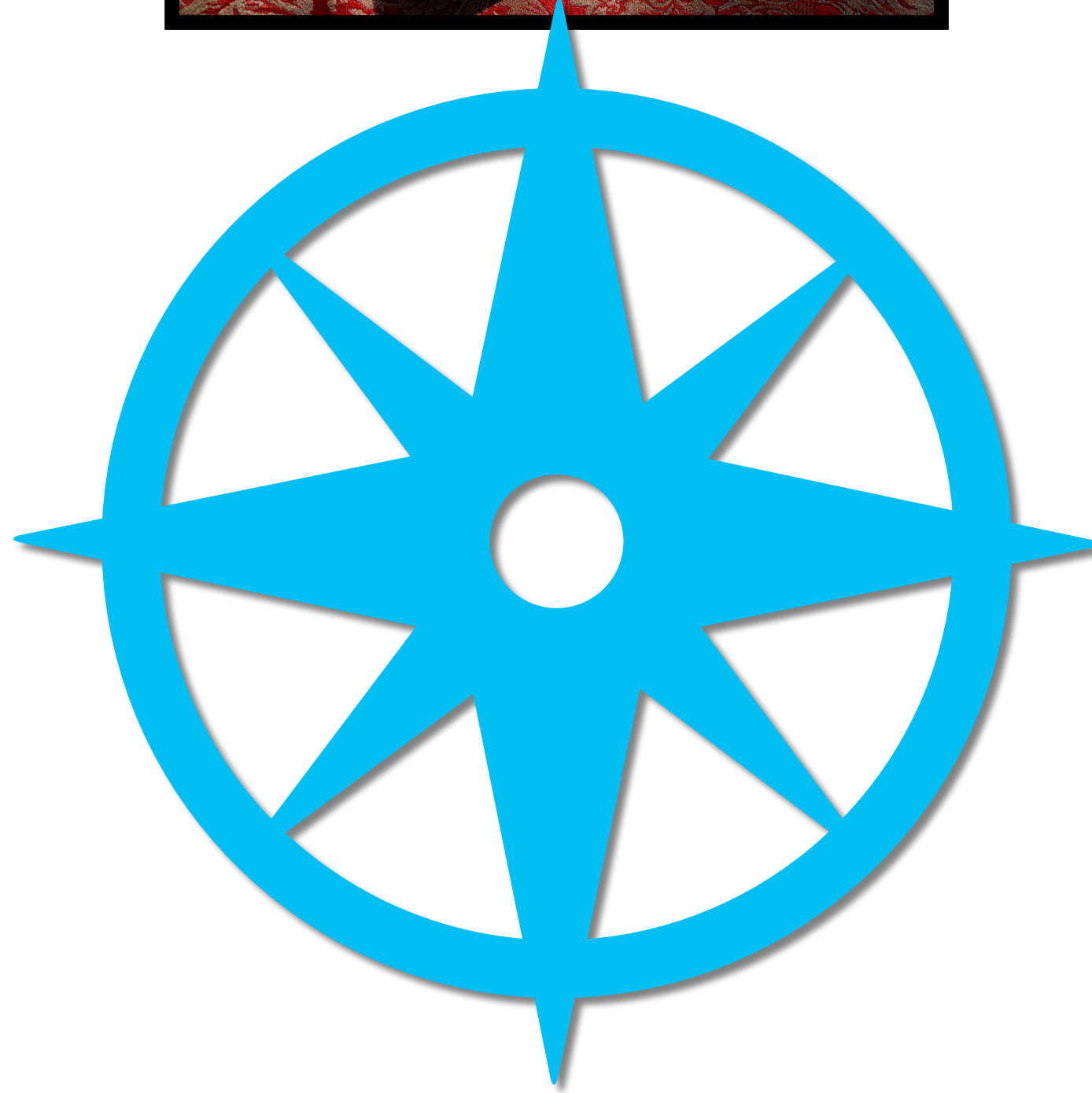
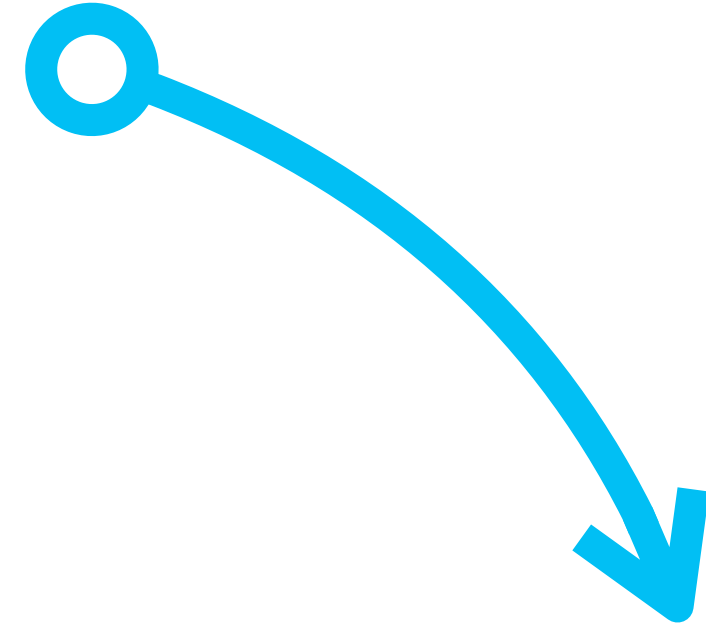
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MATTHEW 25: 14

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS:

AGAIN, IT WILL BE LIKE A MAN GOING ON A JOURNEY, WHO CALLED HIS SERVANTS AND ENTRUSTED HIS WEALTH TO THEM. TO ONE HE GAVE FIVE BAGS OF GOLD, TO ANOTHER TWO BAGS, AND TO ANOTHER ONE BAG, EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY.



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THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO

BY KARL MARX, (PAGE 23)

“THE THEORY OF COMMUNISM MAY BE
SUMMED UP IN THE SINGLE SENTENCE:

“ABOLITION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.”

BIBLICAL JUSTICE

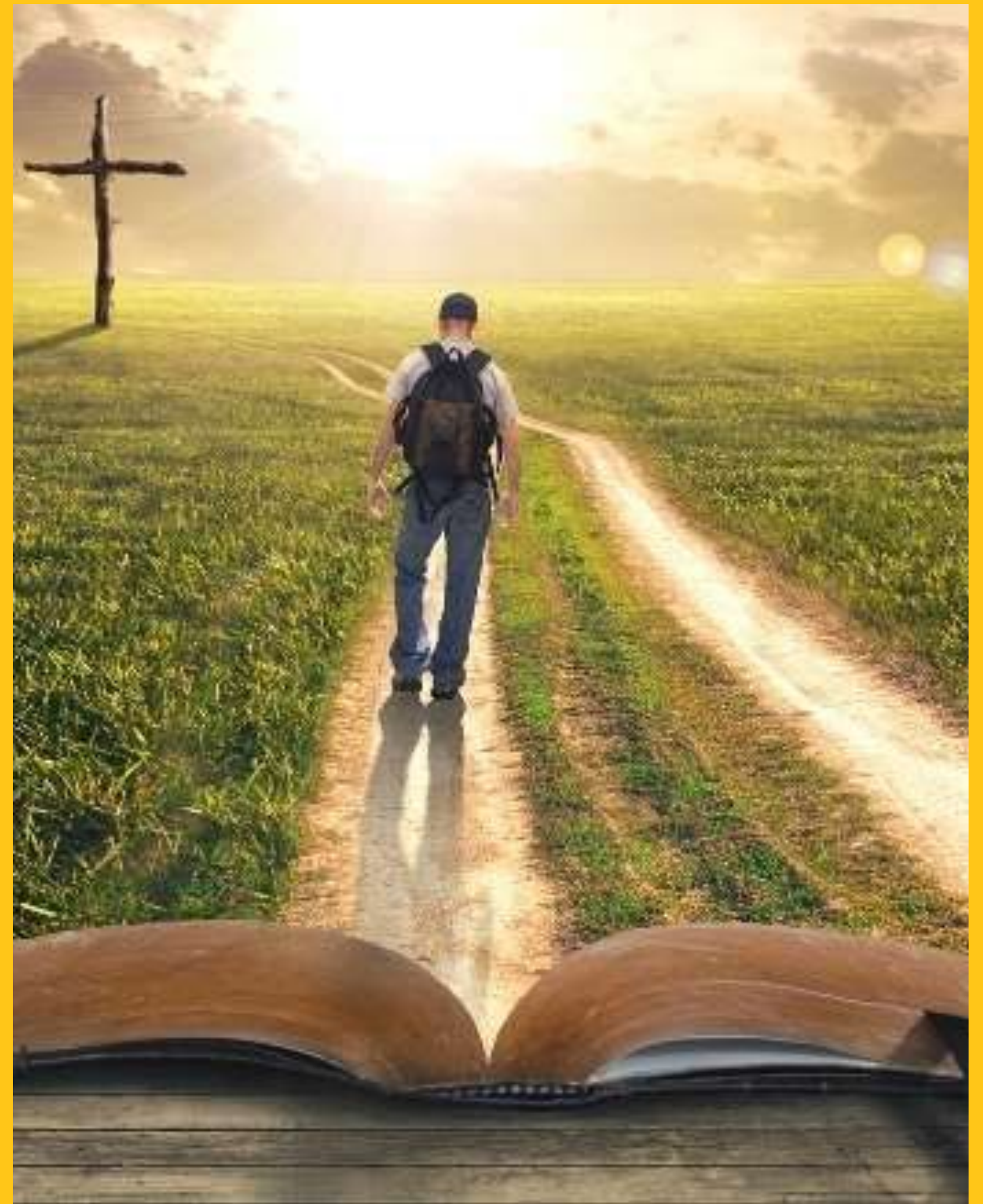
1. IMPARTIAL

2. PROPORTIONAL

3. EACH HIS DUE

4. AGREES WITH GOD'S

MORALS



CRITERIA	BIBLICAL JUSTICE	SOCIAL JUSTICE
Impartial	Rules, punishments, and rewards are the same for all people. Duet. 16:19, James 2:1	Rules, punishments, and rewards based on tribe(s) affiliation.
Proportional	Punishment fit the crime. Lev. 24:20	The greater number of oppressive tribes you belong to the greater the punishment.
Each his due	You reap what you sow, good or bad. Fair trials to present evidence and witnesses. 1 Cor 3:8	Everyone ends up with the same possessions, regardless of work.
Follows God's Moral Standards	Love your neighbor as yourself. Unchanging standards. Mt. 22:39, Heb. 13: 8	Liberation of oppressed, more moral than honesty, love, and mercy. Standards change based on who is in power.



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