

Interlocked Series

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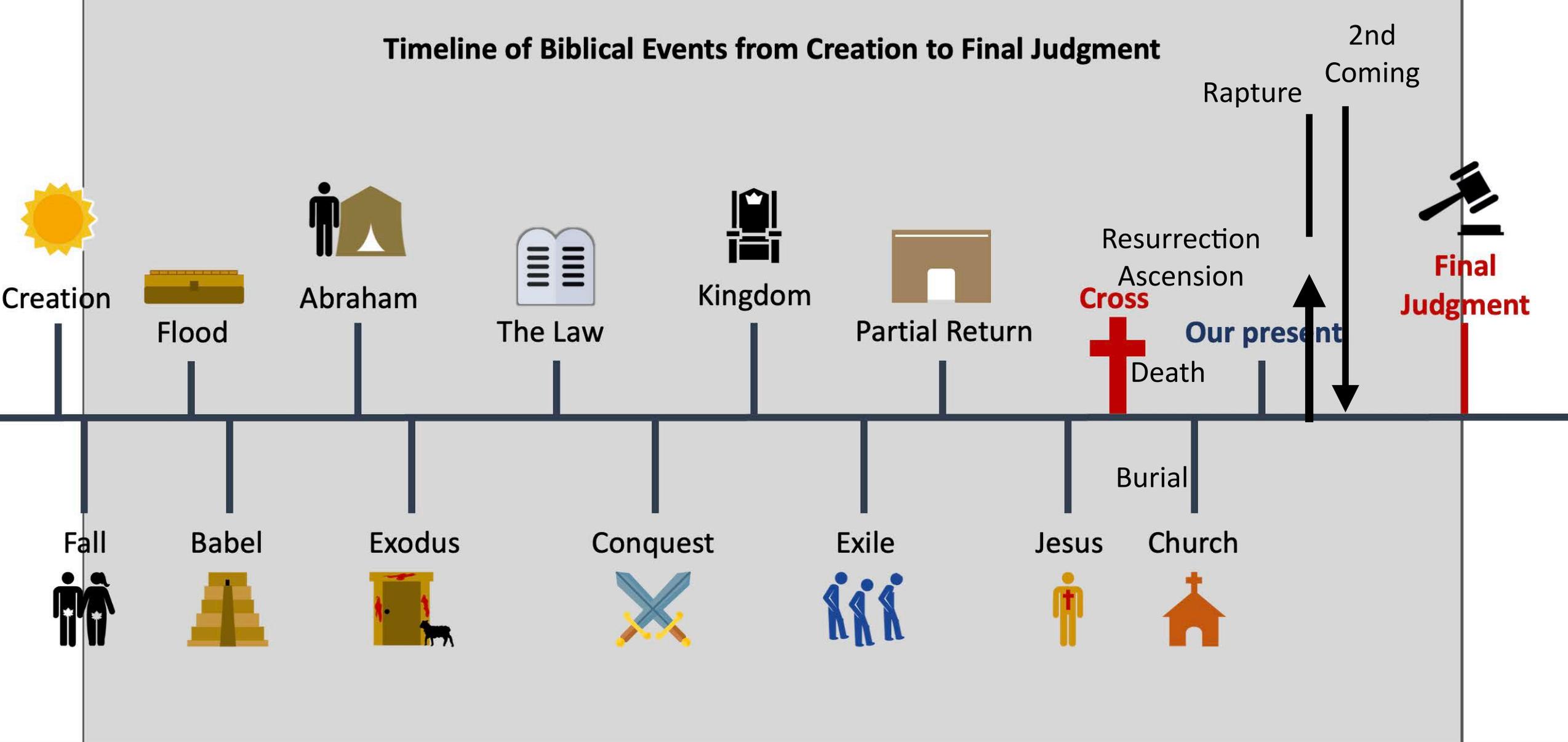
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Lesson 1, Part 1: The Creator God

Lesson 1:
Origin of the Divine Institutions

Timeline of Biblical Events from Creation to Final Judgment



Old Testament



Creation Flood Abraham Law Kingdom
Fall Babel Exodus Conquest Exile Partial Return

New Testament



Jesus' Birth Death Burial Resurrection Church Age Rapture 2nd Coming Messianic Kingdom

Old Testament



Creation → Flood
Fall → Babel → Abraham → Law → Kingdom
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New Testament



Jesus' Birth → Death → Burial → Resurrection → Church Age → Rapture → 2nd Coming → Messianic Kingdom

- 1. The focus of this lesson, broken into two sessions, is on God's Creation, but especially in relation to the human race, i.e., in the social structures which God created.**
- 2. The first lesson will focus on the Creation and the Creator.**
 - Out of nothing**
 - Creator-creature distinction**
 - The unique design of man**
- 3. The second lesson will focus on the social structures God created.**

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1. Out of Nothing, *ex nihilo*

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God created everything out of nothing! Before God created there was nothing, not even empty space! not even invisible air!

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Gen. 1:3, “Then God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.

Gen. 1:4, “And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.

Gen. 1:5, “God called the light ‘day’ and the darkness ‘night.’ And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.” [NLT]

Psa. 33:6, “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.”

Psa. 33:7, “He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.”

Psa. 33:8, “Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.”

Psa. 33:9, “For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.”

Jer. 32:17, “O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!”

Psa. 139:7, “I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

Psa. 139:8, “If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.

Psa. 139:9, “If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

Psa. 139:10, “even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.

Psa. 139:11, “I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—

Psa. 139:12, “but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.”

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign/Creator

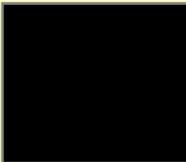
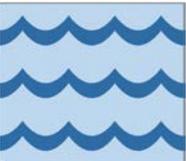
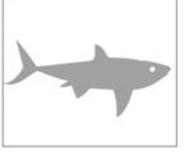
Omnipresent

Omnipotent

So what was it that God used to create everything?

Rev. 4:11, “You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.”

Six-Day Pattern

First 3 Days: Domains	Second 3 days: Occupants
  <p>Domain of light and darkness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun for day • Moon and stars for night  
  <p>Domain of sea and atmosphere</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish for sea • Birds for atmosphere  
 <p>Domain of land</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals for land • Man to rule fish, birds, animals  

**Ex. 20:11, “For in six days the LORD made the heavens,
the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the
seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD blessed the
Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.”**

1 Chron. 16:26, “... the LORD made the heavens!”

What Have We Learned

- 1. So far we have learned that God is the Creator of everything. Nothing was made apart from God creating it.**
- 2. We learned that God is different from His creation. He did not make it out of His own body, or out of something else.**
- 3. We learned that God must be all-powerful.**

Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Distinction

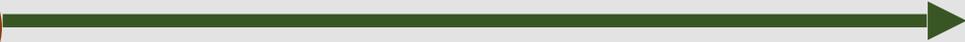
1st level

INFINITE PERSONAL CREATOR



2nd level

Creation event



nature, man

2. Creator-Creature Distinction

- 1. At the first level there is God, who is an infinite, personal Creator.**
- 2. At the second level there is created man and nature.**

GOD

Personal-Infinite

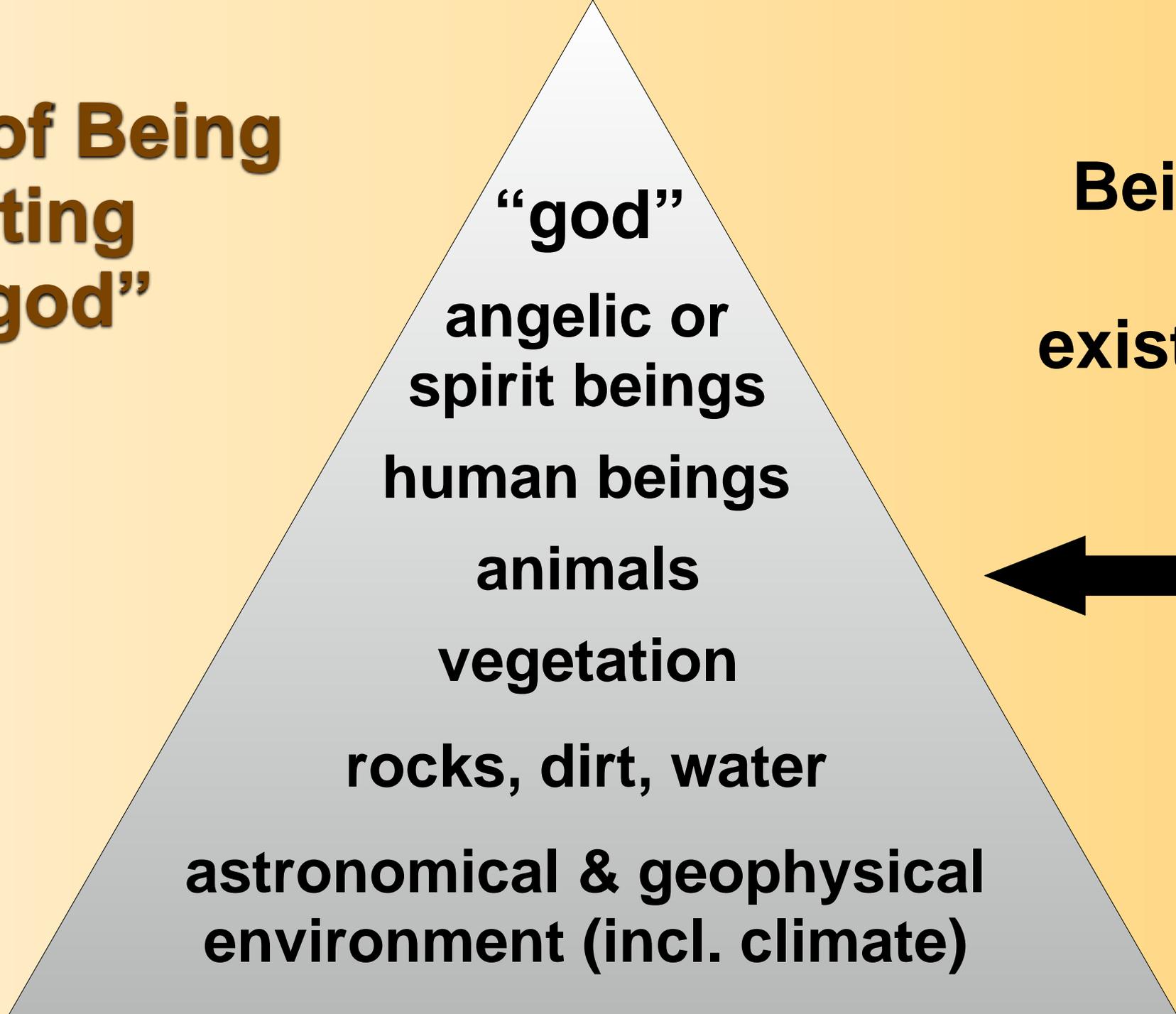
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IMPERSONAL
Universe

FINITE UNIVERSE

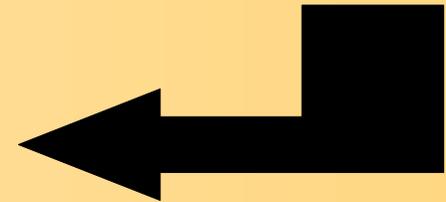
Man
Animals
Vegetation
Matter/Energy



**Chain of Being
Emanating
from “god”**



**Being or
raw
existence
itself**



ESSENCE OF GOD

**HOLY
INFINITE**

Sovereign/Creator

Omniscient

Righteous

all knowing

Just

Omnipresent

Love

present everywhere

Eternal Life

Omnipotent

all powerful

Psa. 50:12, “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it.

Psa. 50:13, “Do I eat the meat of bulls? Do I drink the blood of goats?”

Acts 17:24, “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples,

Acts 17:25, “and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.”

Isa. 44:24, “This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer and Creator: ‘I am the LORD, who made all things. I alone stretched out the heavens. Who was with me when I made the earth?’ ”

Isa. 46:9, “Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me.”

“One of a kind” means unique, or distinct. Another word for this is HOLY.

Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level

CREATOR (Yahweh)

Infinite

All-loving

All-knowing

All-powerful

Holy

2nd level

creature (man)

finite

limited
in love

incomplete,
imperfect
knowledge and
understanding

limited in
ability

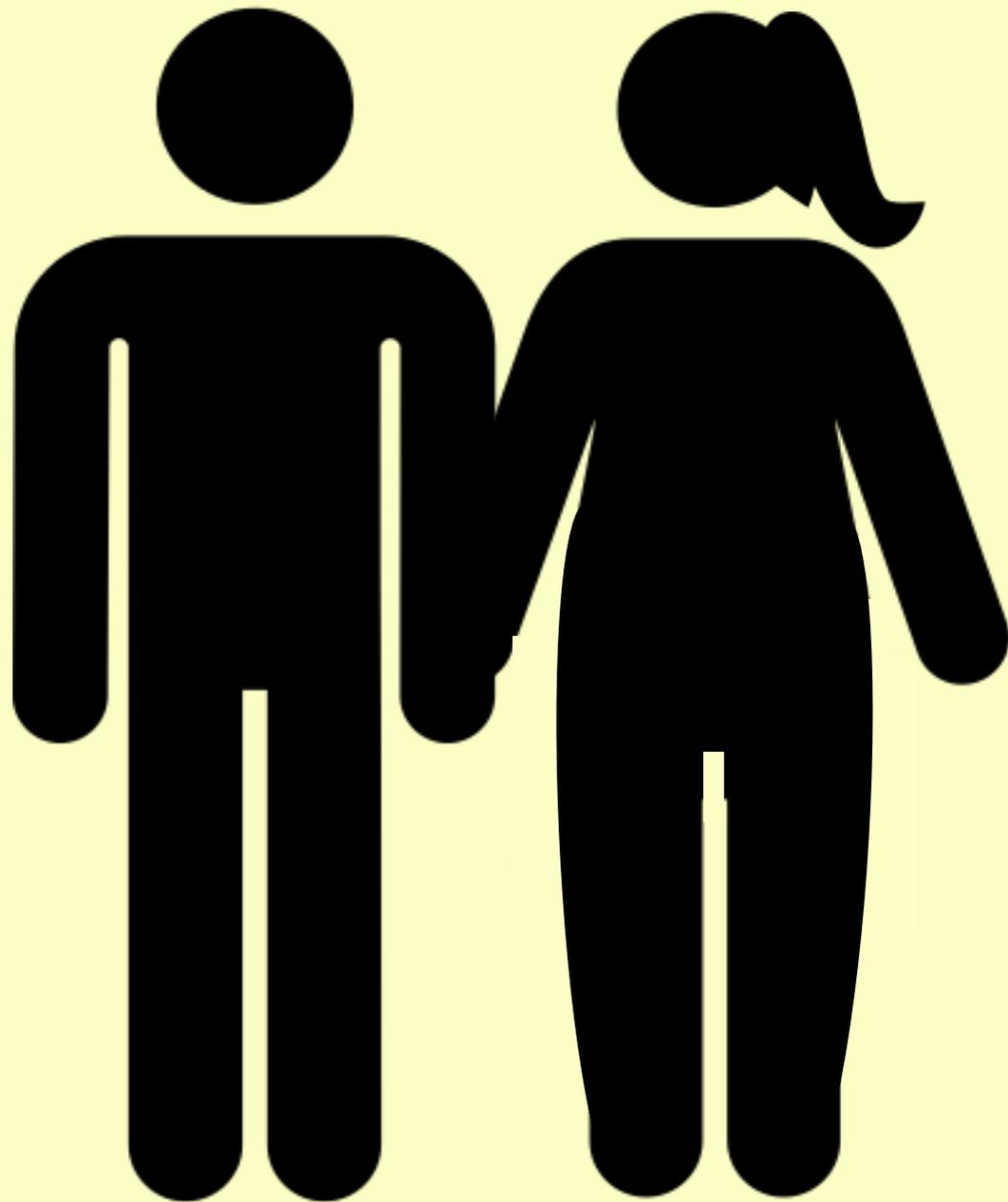
conscience
must be tied
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Creator-God

The Unique Design of Man

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Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.’

Gen. 1:27, “So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”



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FINITE MAN



INFINITE GOD



Infinite. Never Runs Out.

Psa. 119:160, “The very essence of your words is truth; all your just regulations will stand forever.”

Num. 23:19, “God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?”