



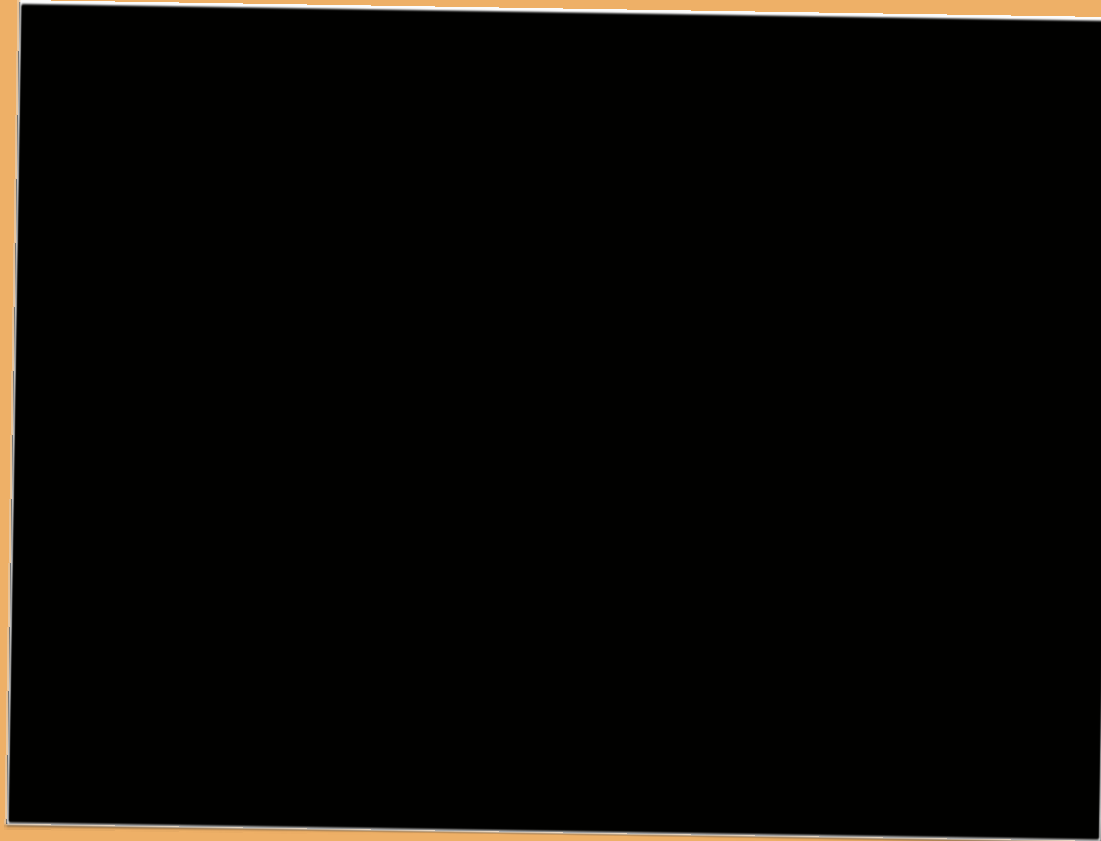
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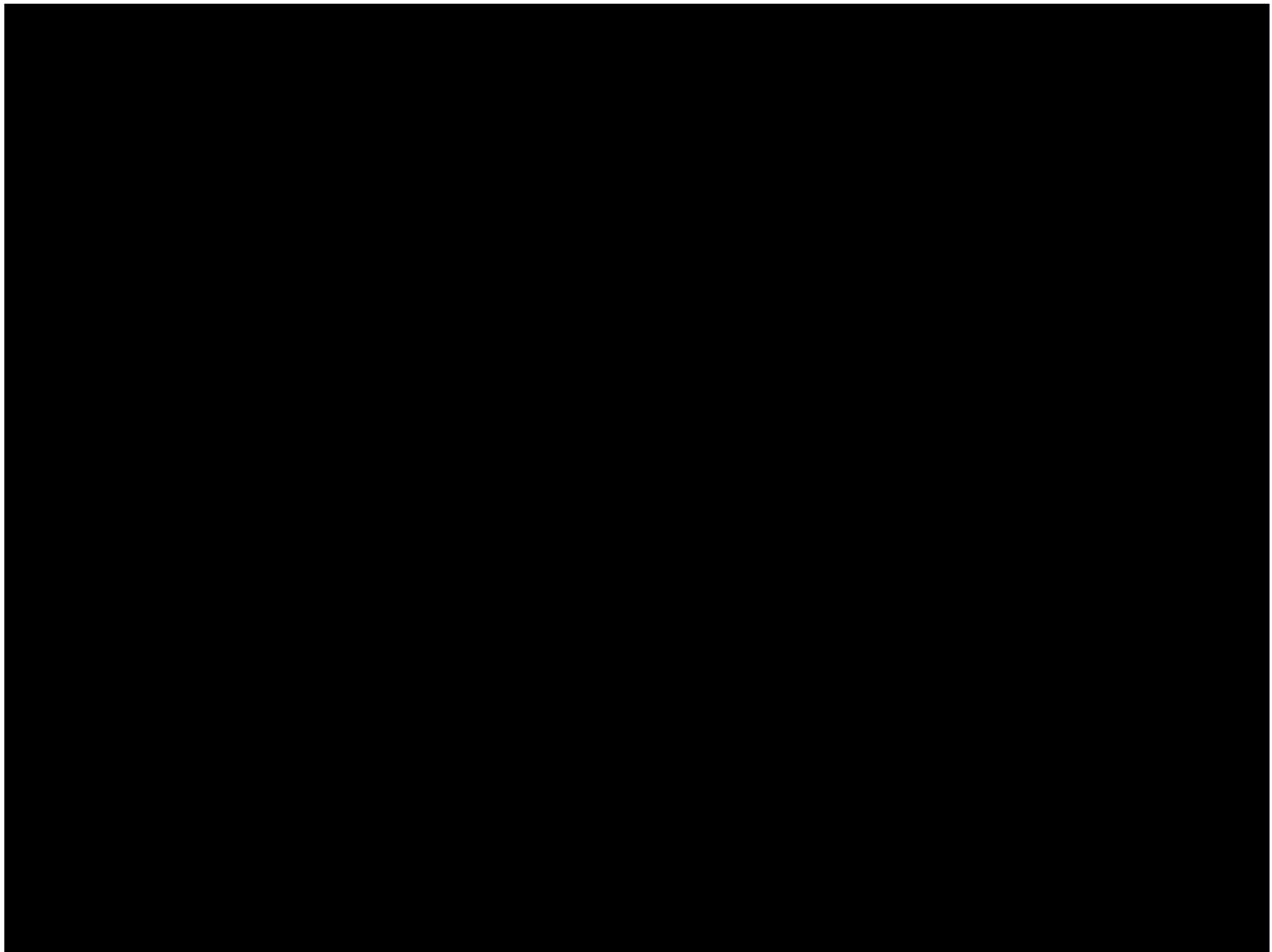
MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY PRESENTS:



"LOVE FOR LIFE"

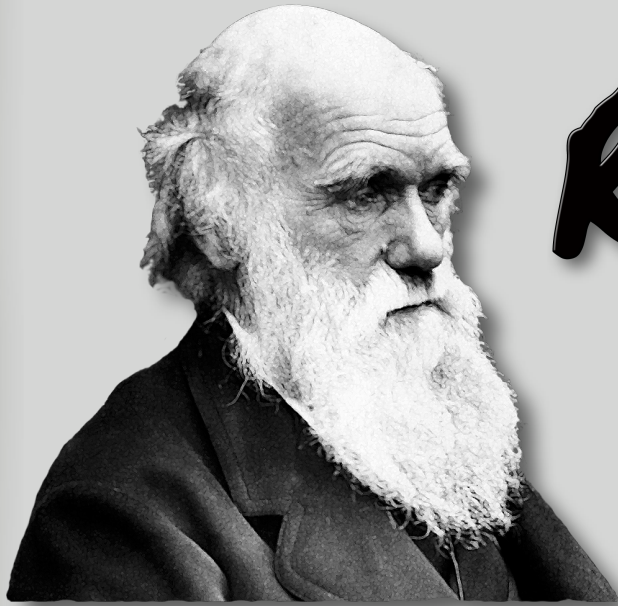
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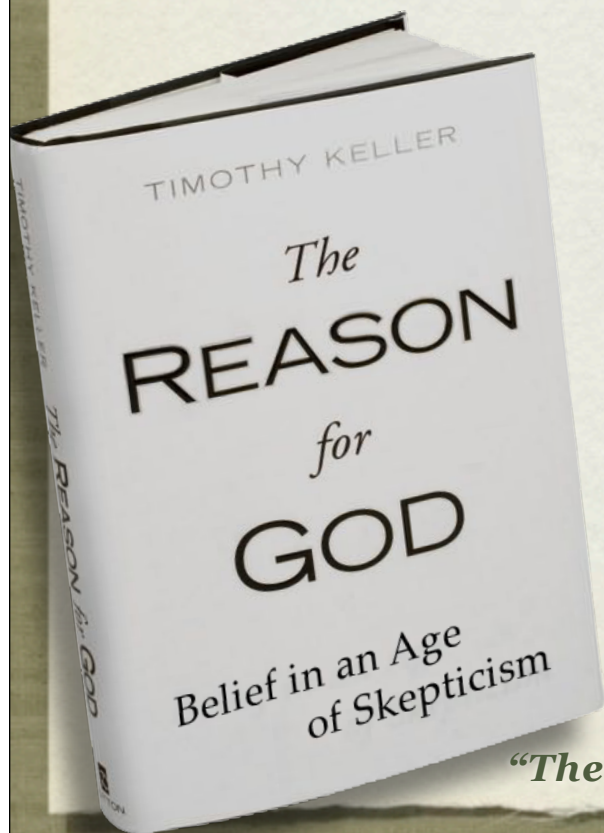
REASONABLE FAITH?

A series exploring *why we believe*,
in an age of great skepticism.

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frequent answers I have heard over the years can be summed up in one word:

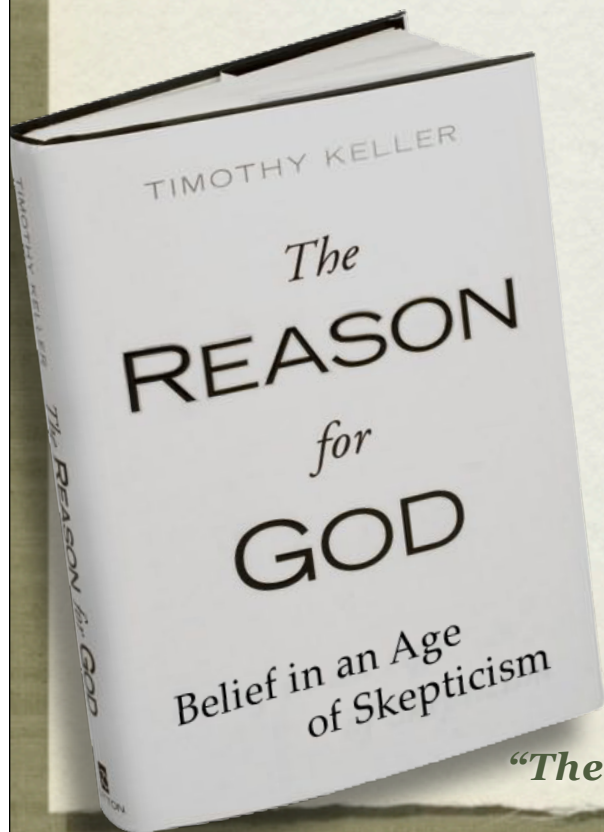
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“there couldn’t possible be *one* way...”

Is Jesus the only way to God?

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

-John 14:6

Is Jesus the only way to God?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

-John 3:16

**Not only way
but also the way of
salvation**

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Addressing the Q of many ways?

Matt. 7:13-14

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In contrast...

Matt. 7:13-14

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“You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me”.

-John 5:39

“All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Jesus OT about me
OT Prophets say way of salvation

-Acts 10:43

Is Jesus the only way to God?

“Salvation is found in no one else”

-Acts 4:12

He was chosen before the creation of the world, ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Peter says “No one else”

Before the foundation of world - plan from the beginning

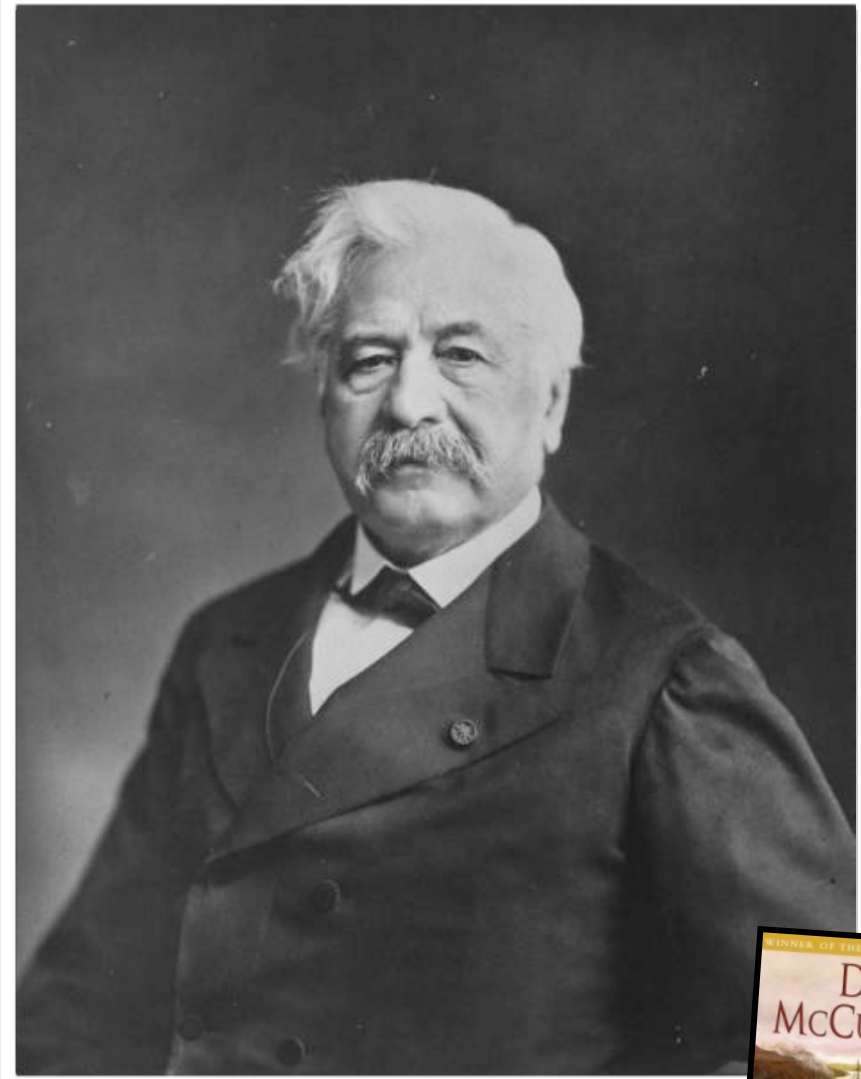
-1Pet. 1:18-21

Aren't all religions the same?

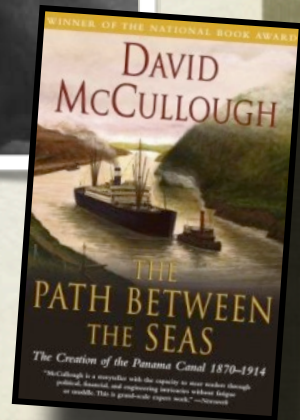
1. Hinduism believes there 330 million gods, Christianity claims one.
2. Islam says Jesus is a prophet, Jesus accepted worship as Savior and Lord.
3. Jesus says that we can personally know God, Agnostics say we can't be sure who or what god is.
4. Some religions teach that you can become one with god, Jesus says we were made for a relationship with God.

**He was
sincere.**

**He was
sincerely
wrong.**



Ferdinand de Lesseps



But you're being judgmental!

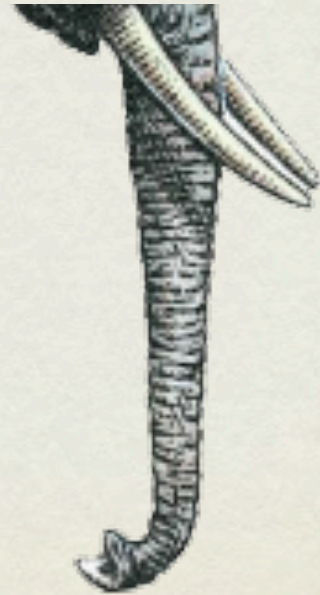
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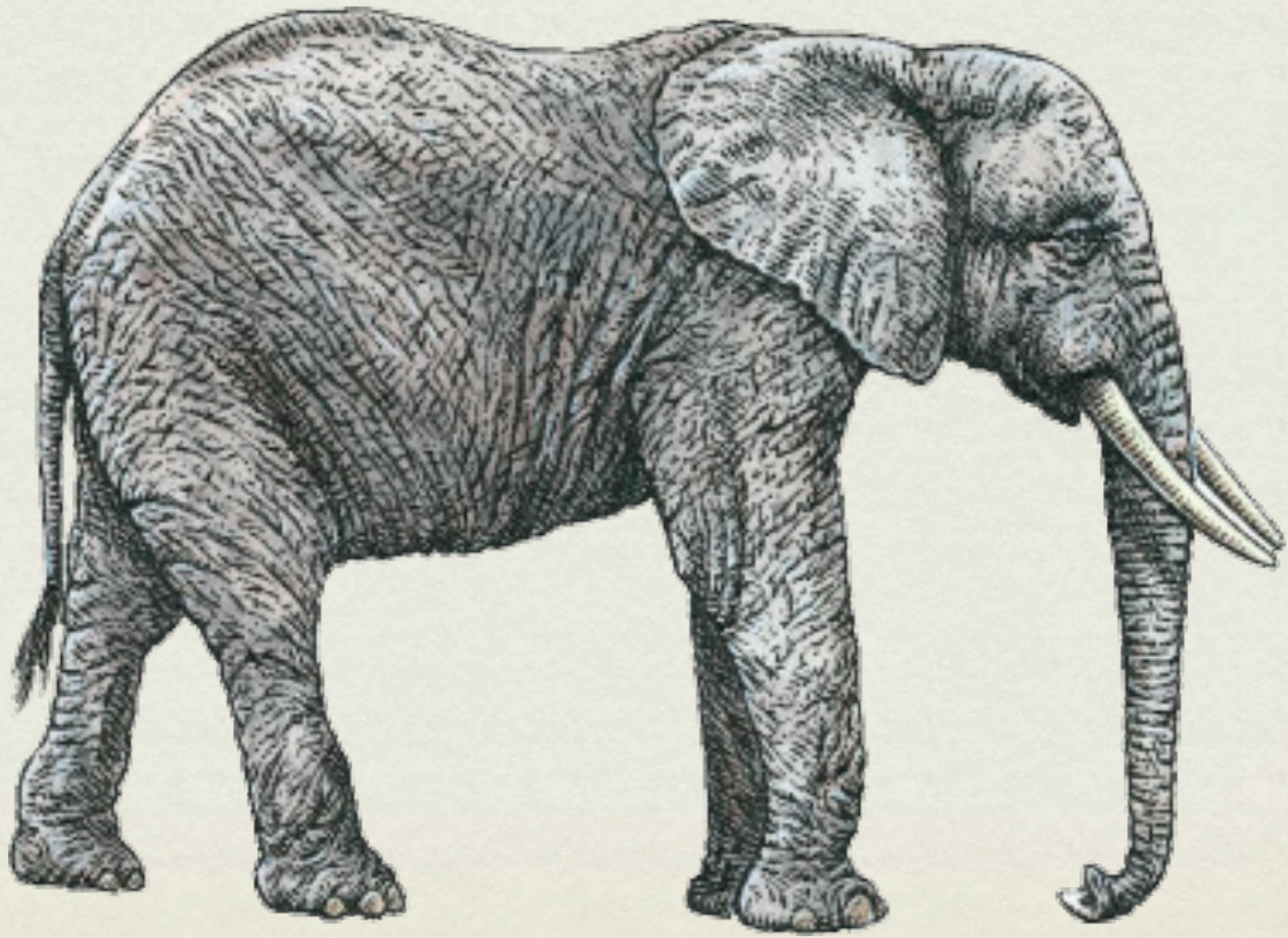
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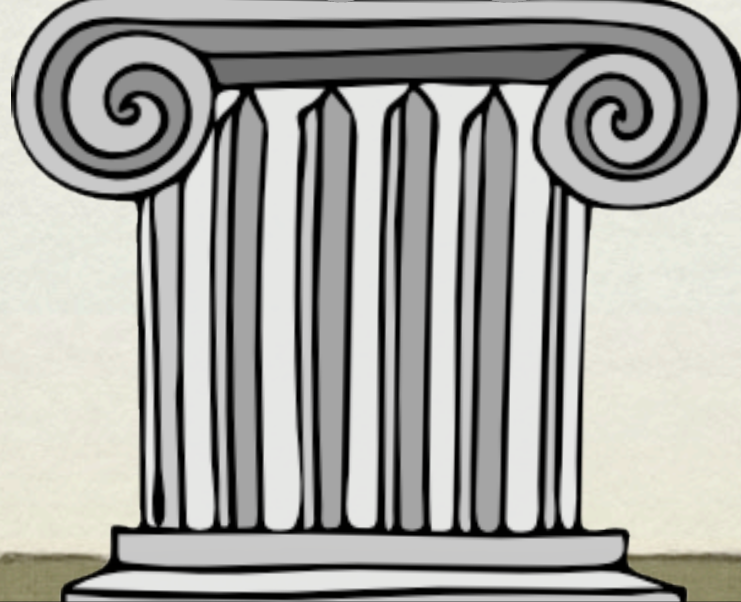
Unknowable

Non-existent

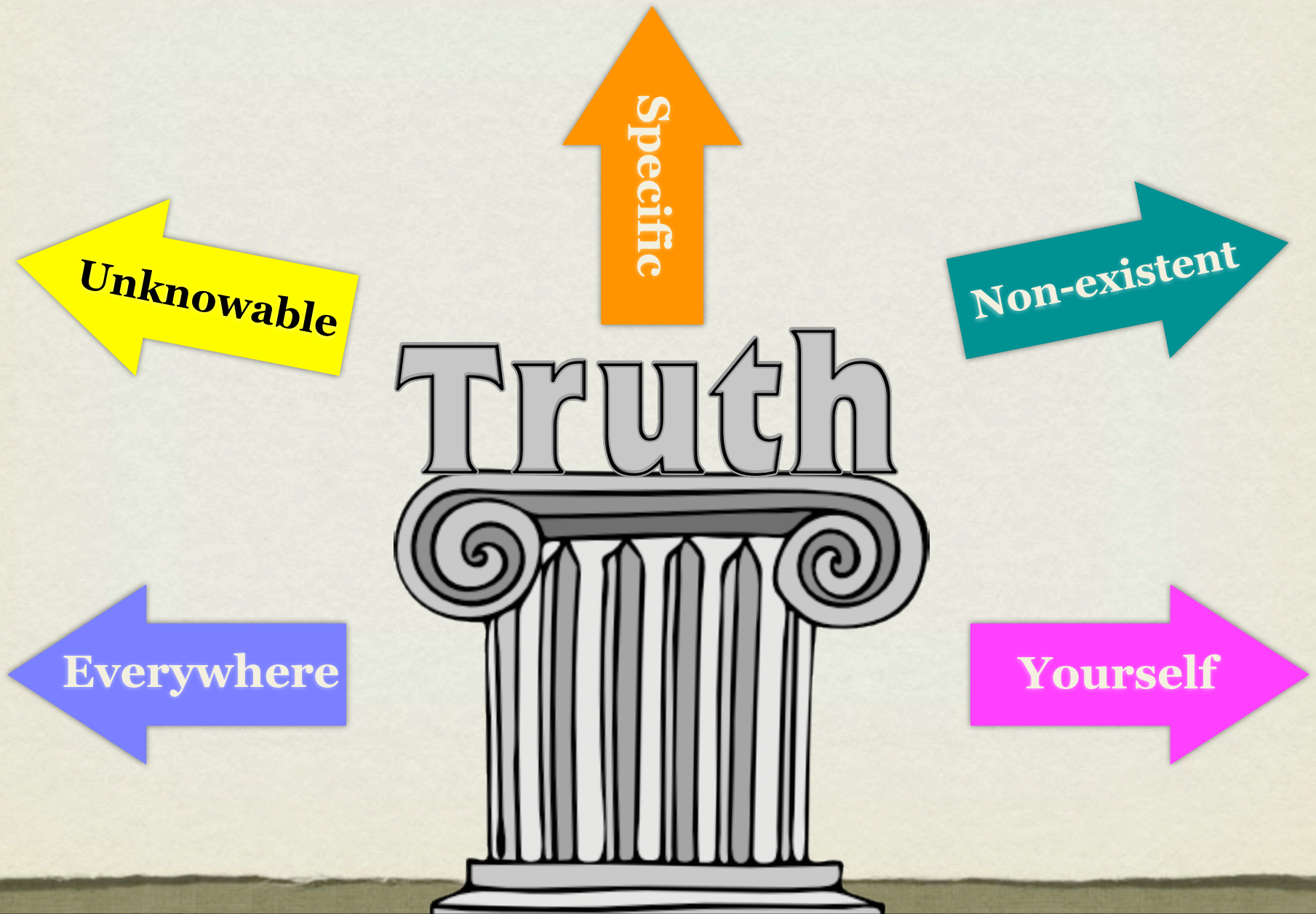
Truth

Everywhere

Yourself

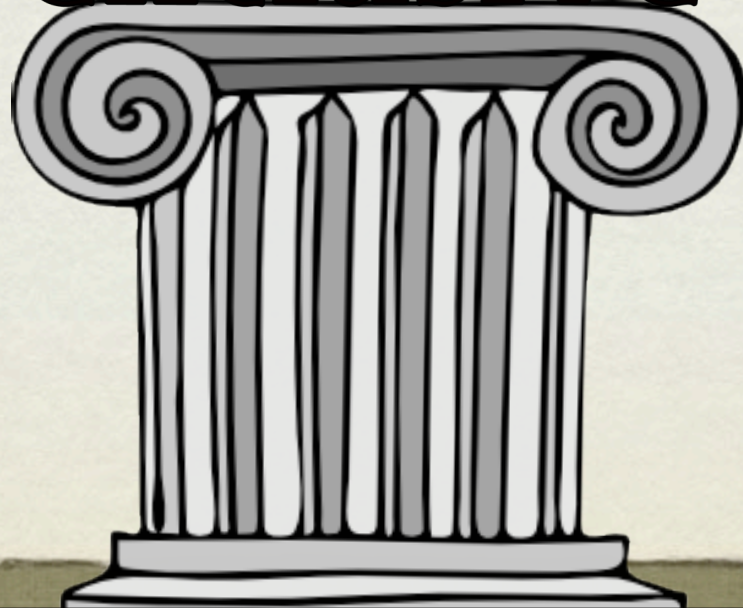


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Truth
is
exclusive



Keys to living exclusively for God.

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1. Know the Truth.

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2. Share the Truth.

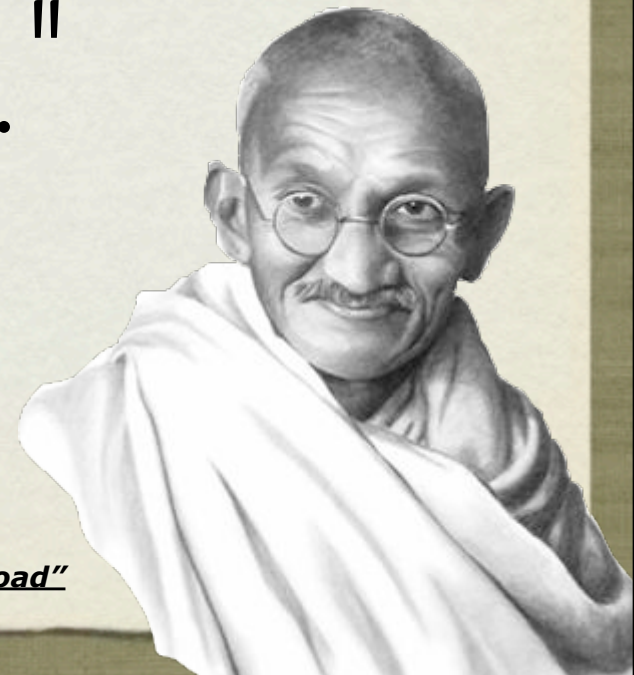
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3. Live the Truth with
HUMILITY.

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"I love your Christ,
but I dislike
your Christianity."

- Gandhi



A 1926 review by the Reverend W.P. King of E. Stanley Jones's "**The Christ of the Indian Road**"

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