

Ephesians Series

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Members of One Another

Ephesians 4:25



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

12 Paragraphs of Eph. 4:1–6:9

WALK IN UNITY

Eph. 4:1–6

Eph. 4:7–16

YOU HAVE ALREADY PUT ON THE NEW MAN

Eph. 4:17–19

Eph. 4:20–24

DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Eph. 4:25–32

WALK IN LOVE (1–8)

Eph. 5:1–2

OLD MAN & NEW MAN

Eph. 2:15; 4:22–24; Col. 3:8–9; Rom. 6:6



**OLD MAN
“IN ADAM”**



**NEW MAN
“IN CHRIST”**



Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,”

Eph. 4:25, “Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another.” ~NKJV

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ἀποτίθημι *apotithēmi*

aorist middle participle masc plur

nom

“to put off, take away; lit. to take off clothes,” fig. “to lay aside or put off” the deeds of the flesh, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, hatred, Col. 3:8. The same word “put off” in vs. 22. The timing of the aorist participle precedes the main verb.

τὸ ψεῦδος *to pseudos*

THE lie

***not* “lying” or
“falsehood”**

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Zech. 8:16, “These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;” ~NKJV

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TRUTH = that which is derived from and is consistent with the teaching of God in the 66 Books of the Bible.

The LIE = The devil’s worldview.

- **Denies the Creator/creature distinction**
- **Autonomy or independence of the creature**
- **Antagonism toward God**

What is the Origin of Truth?

1. God is TRUTH!

Psa. 86:15, “But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.”

Psa. 89:14, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.”

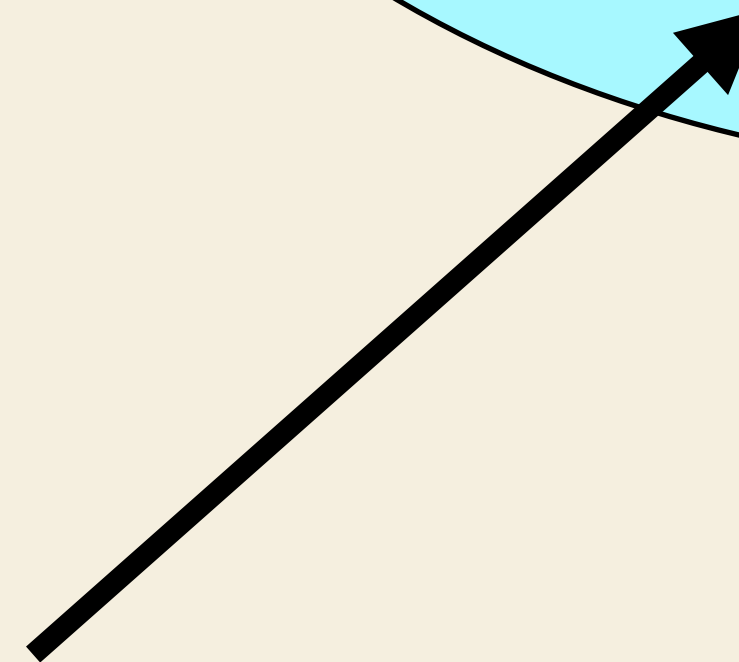
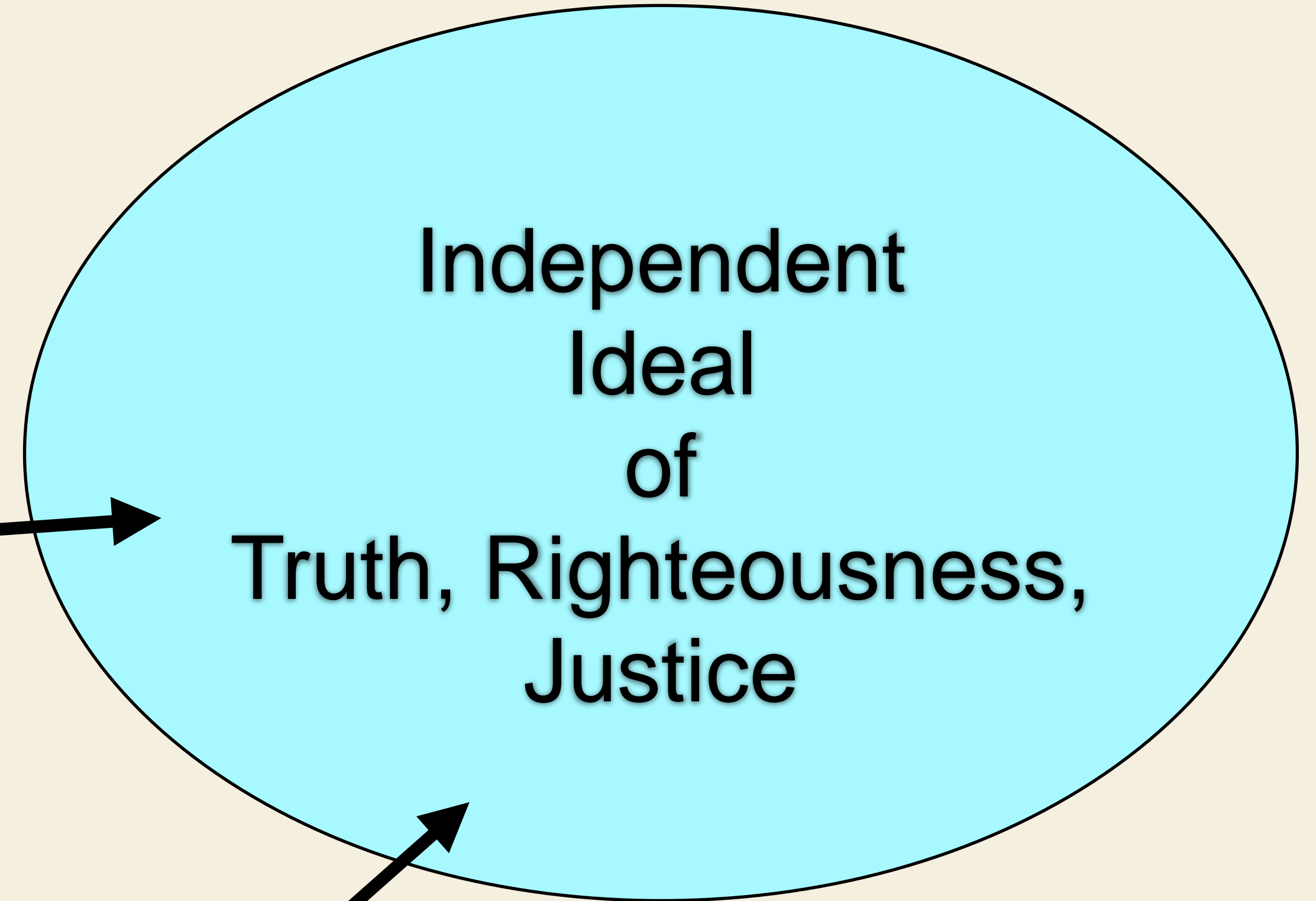
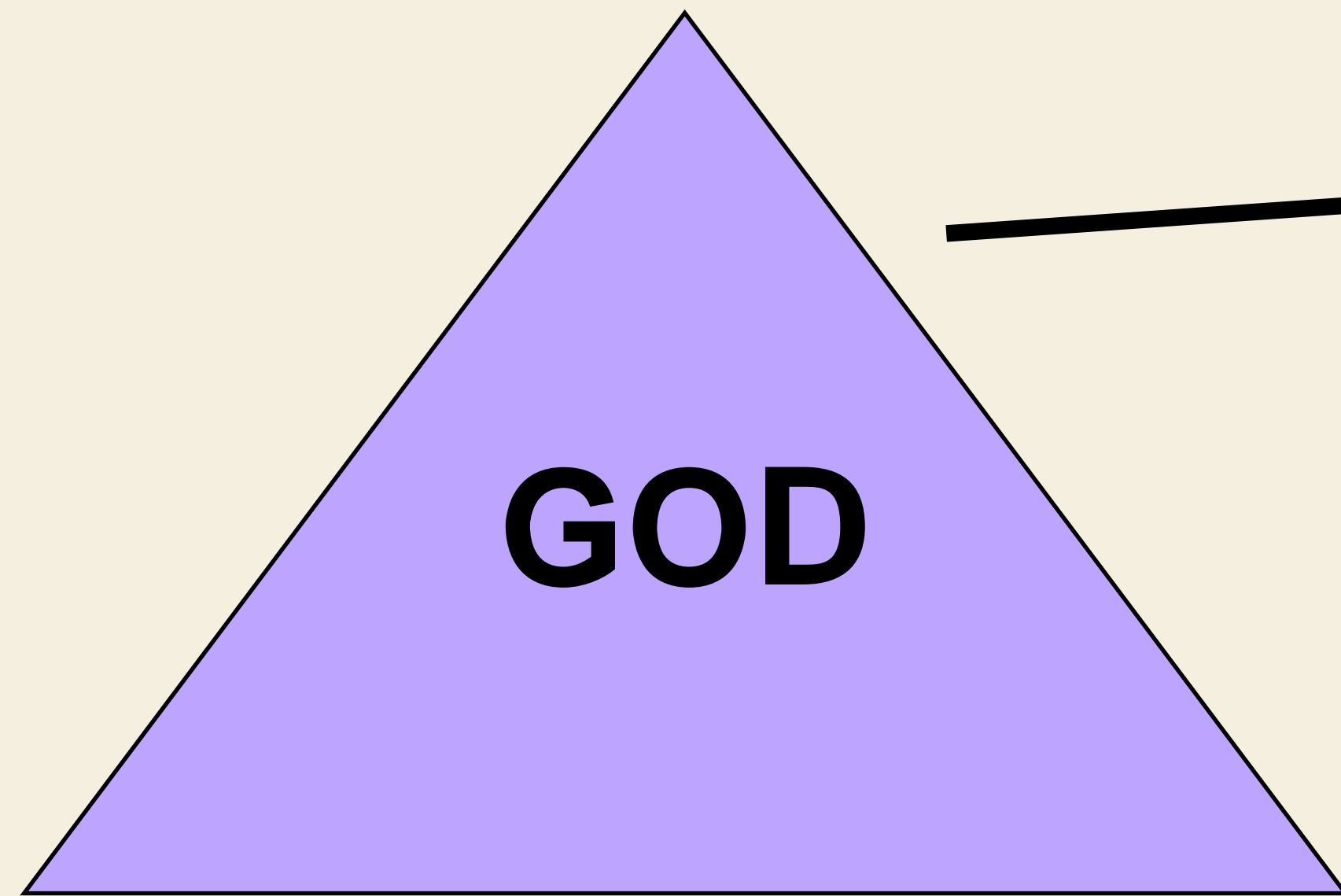
Psa. 100:5, “For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”

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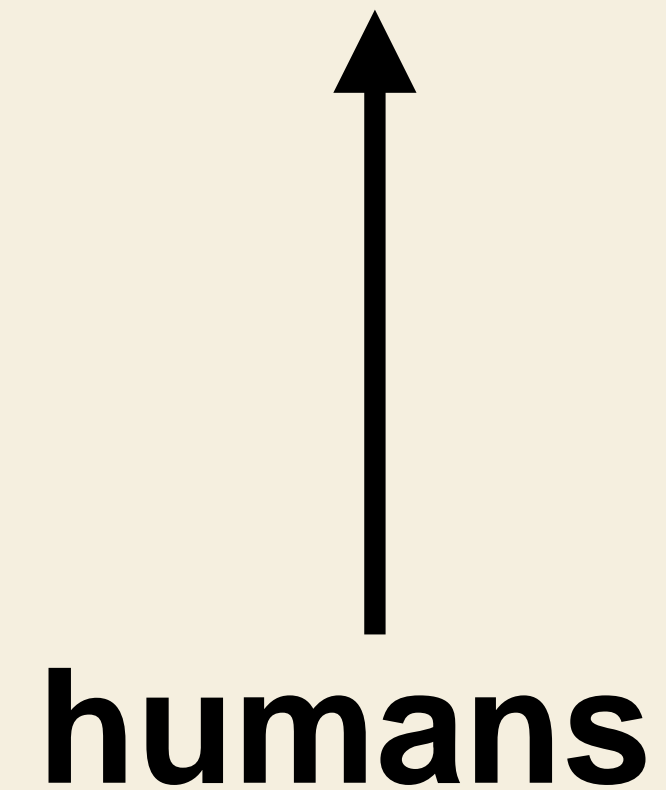
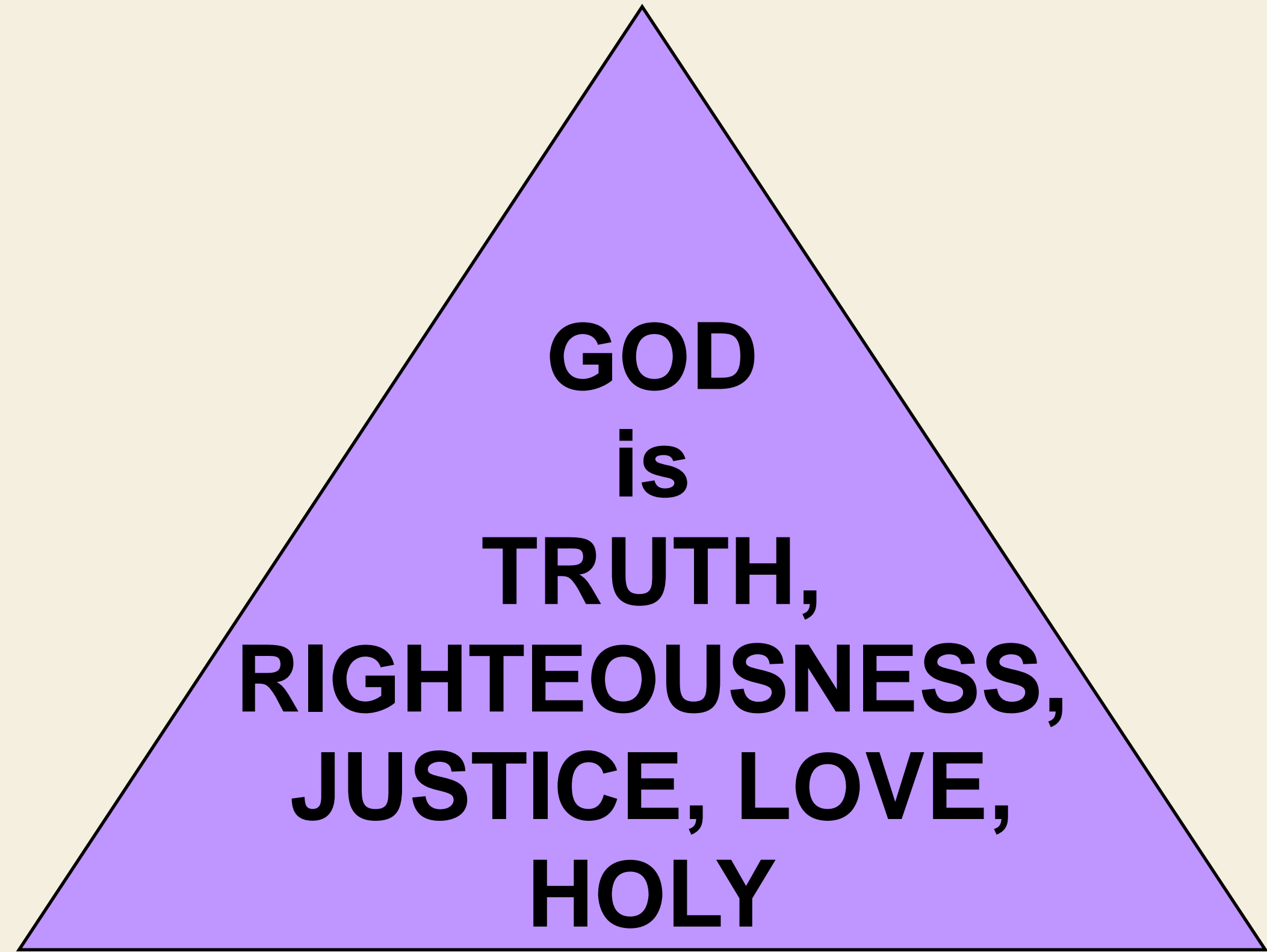
TRUTH therefore is eternal, it is the thinking of God, it is reality as God determines, defines, and describes it.

Human Viewpoint Concept of God's Absolutes



humans

Biblical Concept of God's Absolutes



What is the Origin of THE LIE?

- 1. The Lie is grounded on a rejection of the Creator/creature or Creator/creation distinction. This began with the Fall of *Helel ben Shachar* [*“Lucifer”*]. Isa. 14:13–14; Ezek. 28:15–17**

Arrogance Skills

Self-absorption

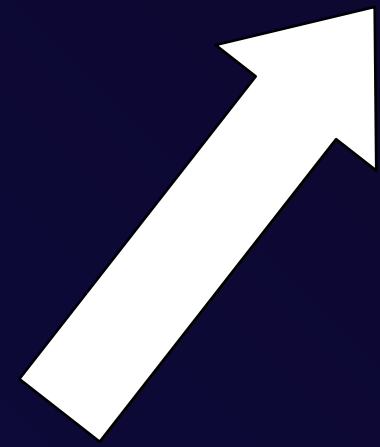
Self-indulgence

Self-Love

Self-deification

Self-justification

Self-deception



John 8:44 [Jesus speaking to the Pharisees]:

“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

What is THE LIE?

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Gen. 3:1, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’ ”

Gen. 3:4, “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.

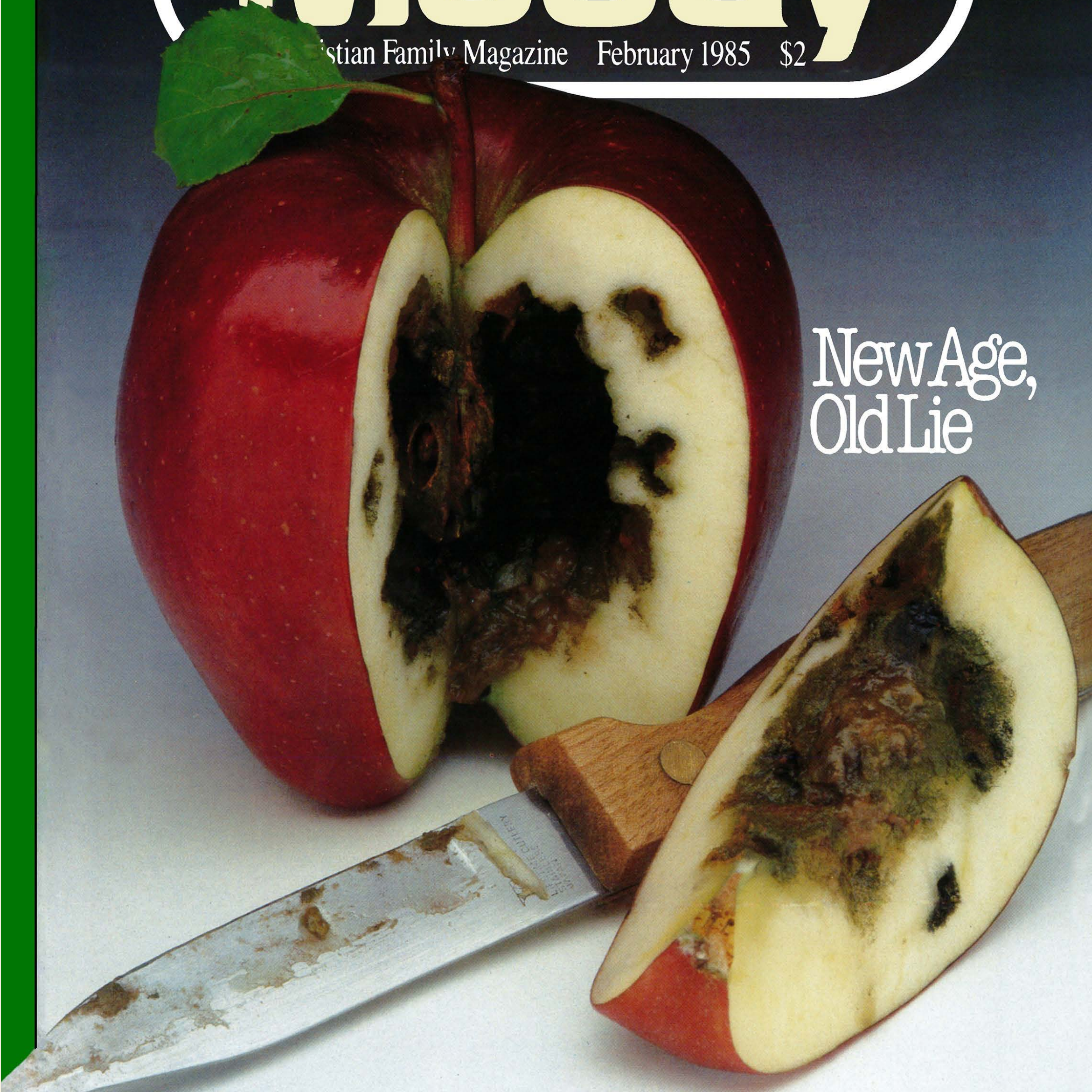
Gen. 3:5, “ ‘For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ ”

Satan's claims:

- 1. God did not tell you the truth; God is a liar.**
- 2. The creature has the right to judge God's statements.**
- 3. The creature has the knowledge to evaluate God's claims.**
- 4. The creature thus must be as intelligent and powerful as God and determine his own reality.**

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New Age,
Old Lie

What is THE LIE?

- 1. The Lie is grounded on a rejection of the Creator/creature or Creator/creation distinction.**
- 2. Rejects Divine authority in place of creaturely authority.**

Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom. 1:22, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

What is THE LIE?

- 1. The Lie is grounded on a rejection of the Creator/creature or Creator/creation distinction.**
- 2. Rejects Divine authority in place of creaturely authority —autonomy, independence from God, arrogance.**
- 3. Hostility toward God.**

The Lie

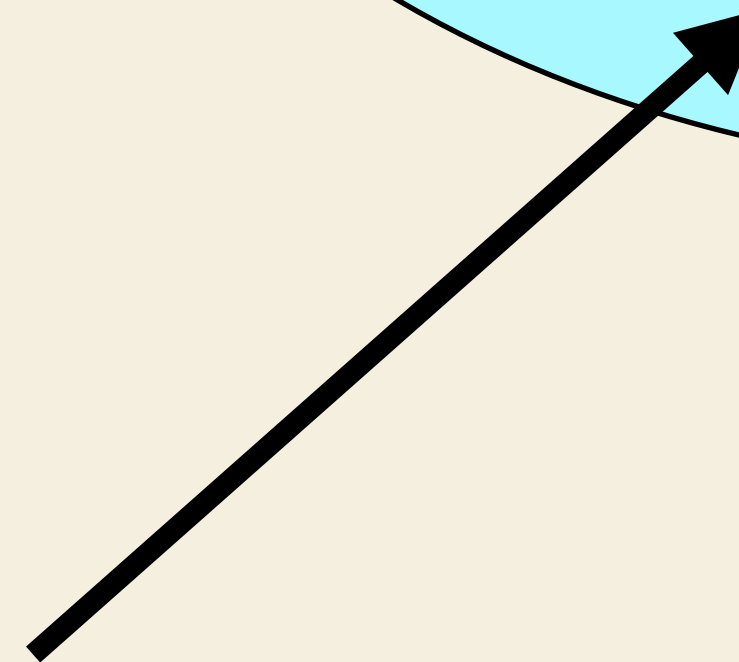
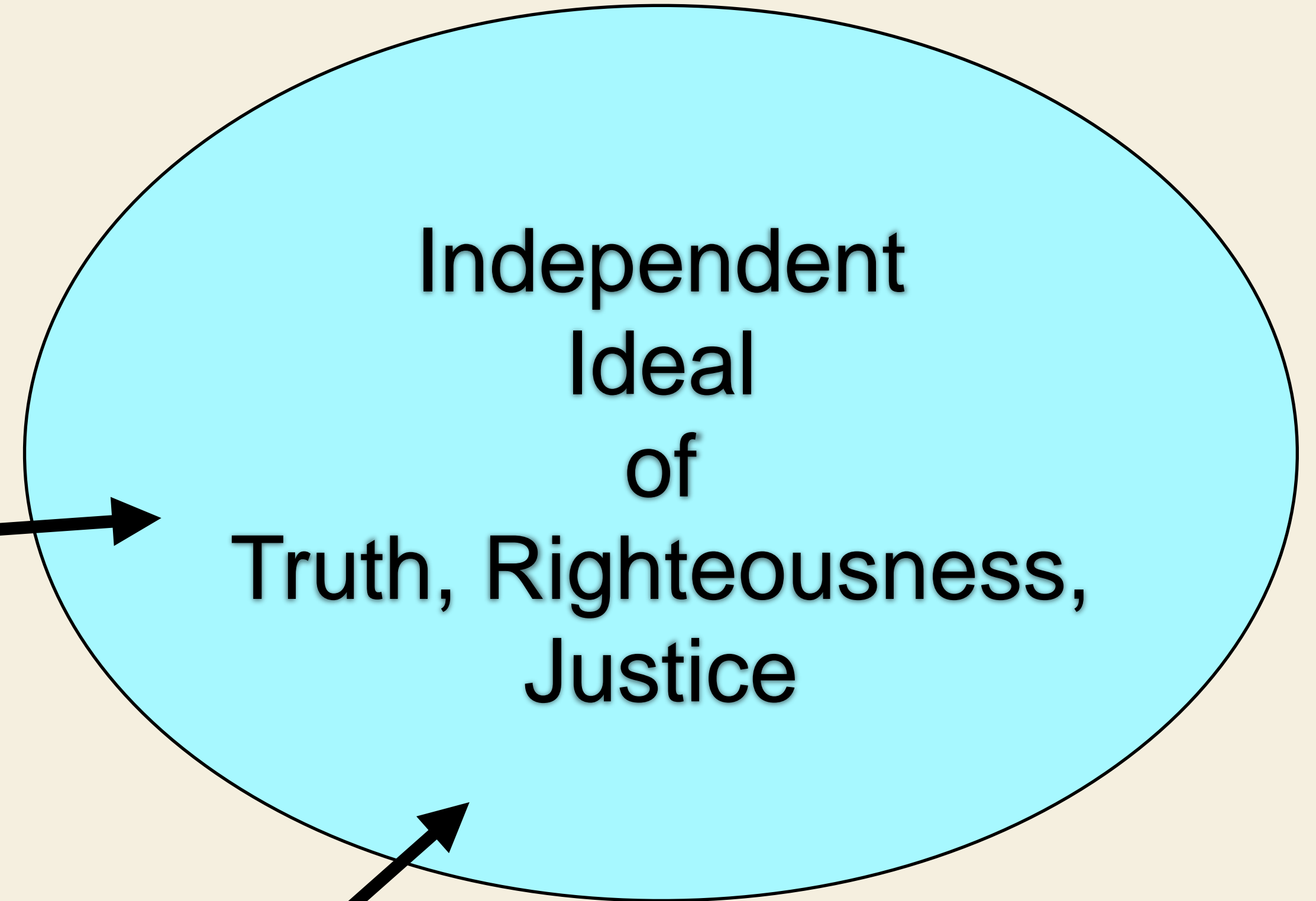
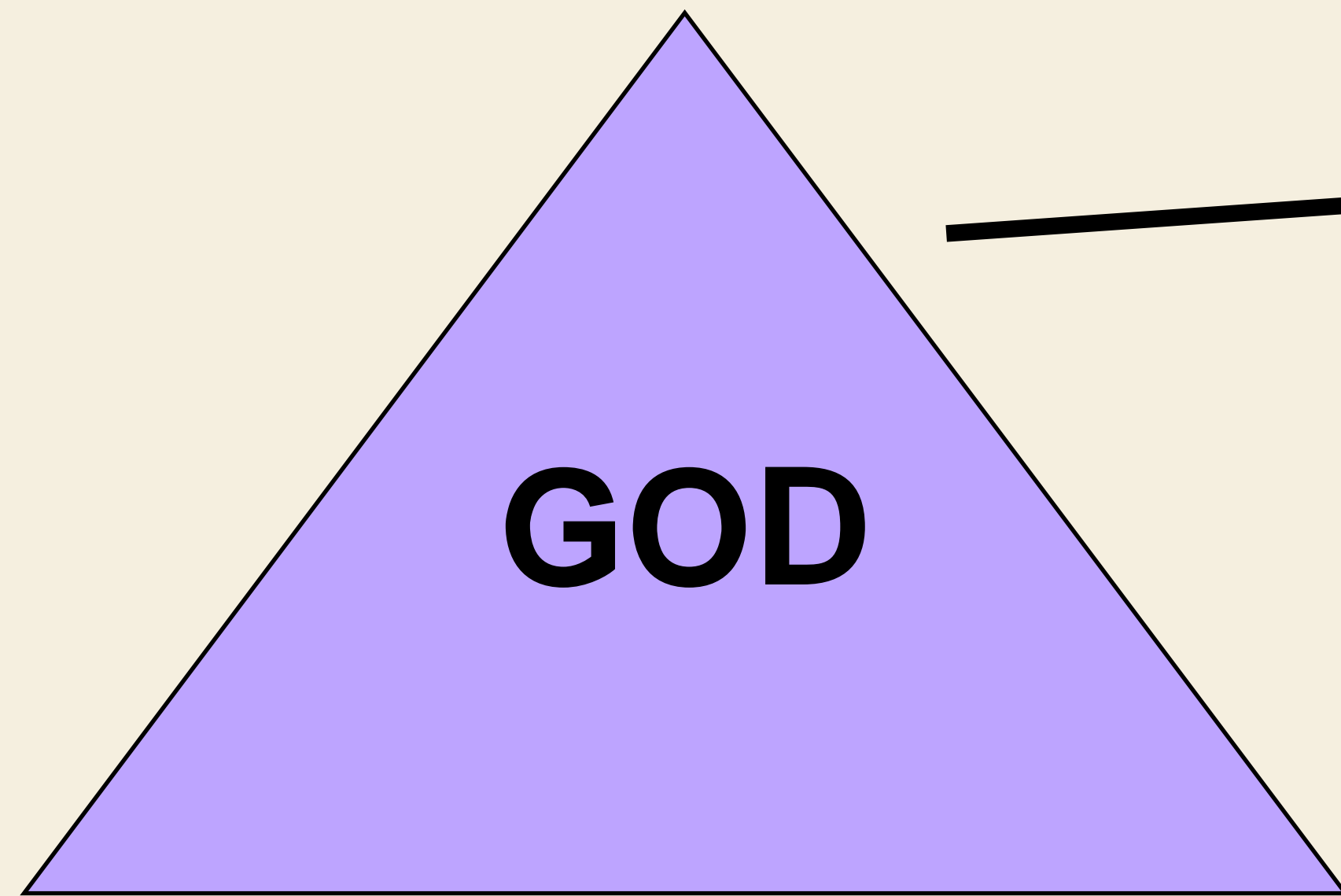
Denies that God—

- 1. Has the power or knowledge to create *ex nihilo*.**
- 2. Has the power or knowledge to reveal Himself objectively.**
- 3. Has the power or knowledge to reveal Himself propositionally or to preserve His revelation.**

The Lie

- 1. There is no distinction between the Creator and His creation.**
- 2. The Creature cannot know God because:**
 - God is a liar;**
 - Humans are smarter than God;**
 - Humans are equal to God.**

**Human Viewpoint Concept
of God's Absolutes**



humans

The result is

- 1. We project our values onto something we then label “god.”**
- 2. Each individual makes up his own rules.**
- 3. The result is each person becomes a little god.**
- 4. Chaos results.**
- 5. Life, liberty, stability, and prosperity only occur under order, not in chaos.**

Modernism and Postmodernism are two forms of “the Lie” that dominate today.

Modernism: belief that man can use his reason and/or experience to arrive at truth independently of special divine revelation.

Everything including humans derived from a physical, material universe, and thus nothing exists beyond what our senses perceive or our reason can accept.

Humans are self-governing and free to choose their own direction.

Humankind is progressing by using science and reason.

~Dennis MacCallum, *Death of Truth*, 21

Postmodernism

Humans are cogs in a social machine. We are primarily social beings.

People are the product of their culture and only imagine they are self-governing.

Reason, rationality, objective truth is a myth.

“Progress” is a code-word used by modernists to justify the domination by European culture of other cultures.

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In contrast, the Bible teaches:

- **Human beings are created in the image of God as spiritual and material beings.**
- **God has granted human beings volition and personal responsibility for the decisions they make.**
- **God gave man the ability to observe and to reason, but this must be under divine authority given through revelation.**
- **The fundamental problems of humans since Adam is spiritual death, sin, and depravity. Thus, humans are not progressing toward a glorious, utopic future. Only Christ's death provides an alternative.**

John 8:32, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Summary of “The Truth”

John 18:37, “Pilate therefore said to Him, ‘Are You a king then?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’

John 18:38, “Pilate said to Him, ‘What is truth?’ And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, ‘I find no fault in Him at all.’ ”

Summary of “The Truth”

John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”

~NKJV

Summary of “The Truth”

John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

John 17:19, “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”

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organization); members of
the body of Christ**

Members of One Another

Eph. 4:15, “but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Eph. 4:16, “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

Members of One Another

Rom. 12:4, “For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

Rom. 12:5, “so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.””

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“members of a human body, never used of animal limbs; members of an organism (not members of an organization); members of the body of Christ

Members of One Another

1 Cor. 12:12, “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

1 Cor. 12:13, “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Cor. 12:14, “For in fact the body is not one member but many.”

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Members of One Another

1 Cor. 12:25, “that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

1 Cor. 12:26, “And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

1 Cor. 12:27, “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”

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What the Bible Teaches About

Our Ministry to “One Another”

