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WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?





THE SITUATION TO WHICH JOHN IS WRITING IN 1 JOHN

1. False teachers have emerged within the congregation
2. False teachers have explained a theology that is false
3. False teachers have entered into a systematized way of thinking



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They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not of us.

— 1 John 2:19

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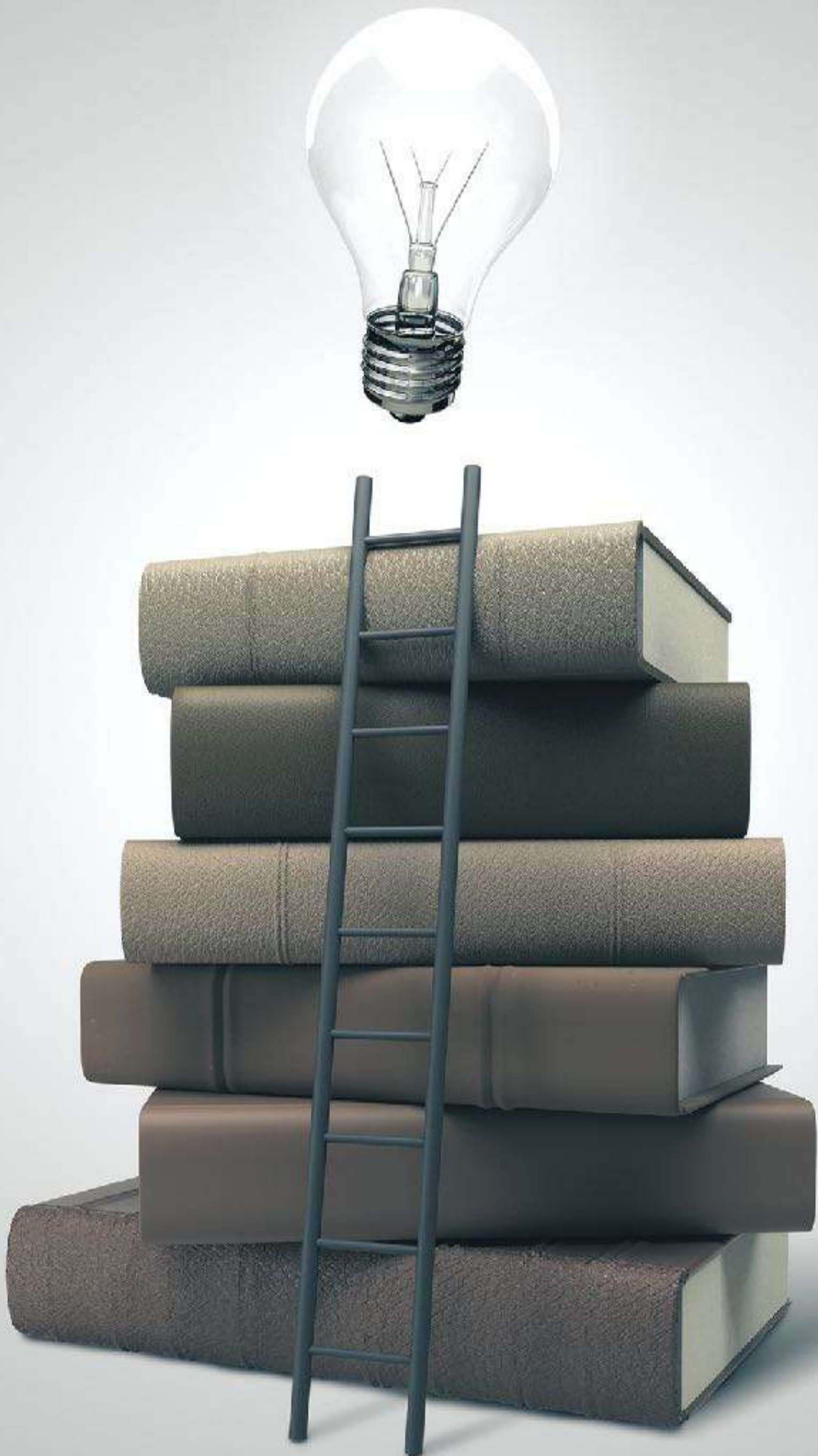


DEFINITION OF THE HERESY IN 1 JOHN:

These false teachers were teaching a knowledge of God which bypassed faith in the Divine Son and were offering to those who followed them a Christianity without fears, without sufferings, and without demands.

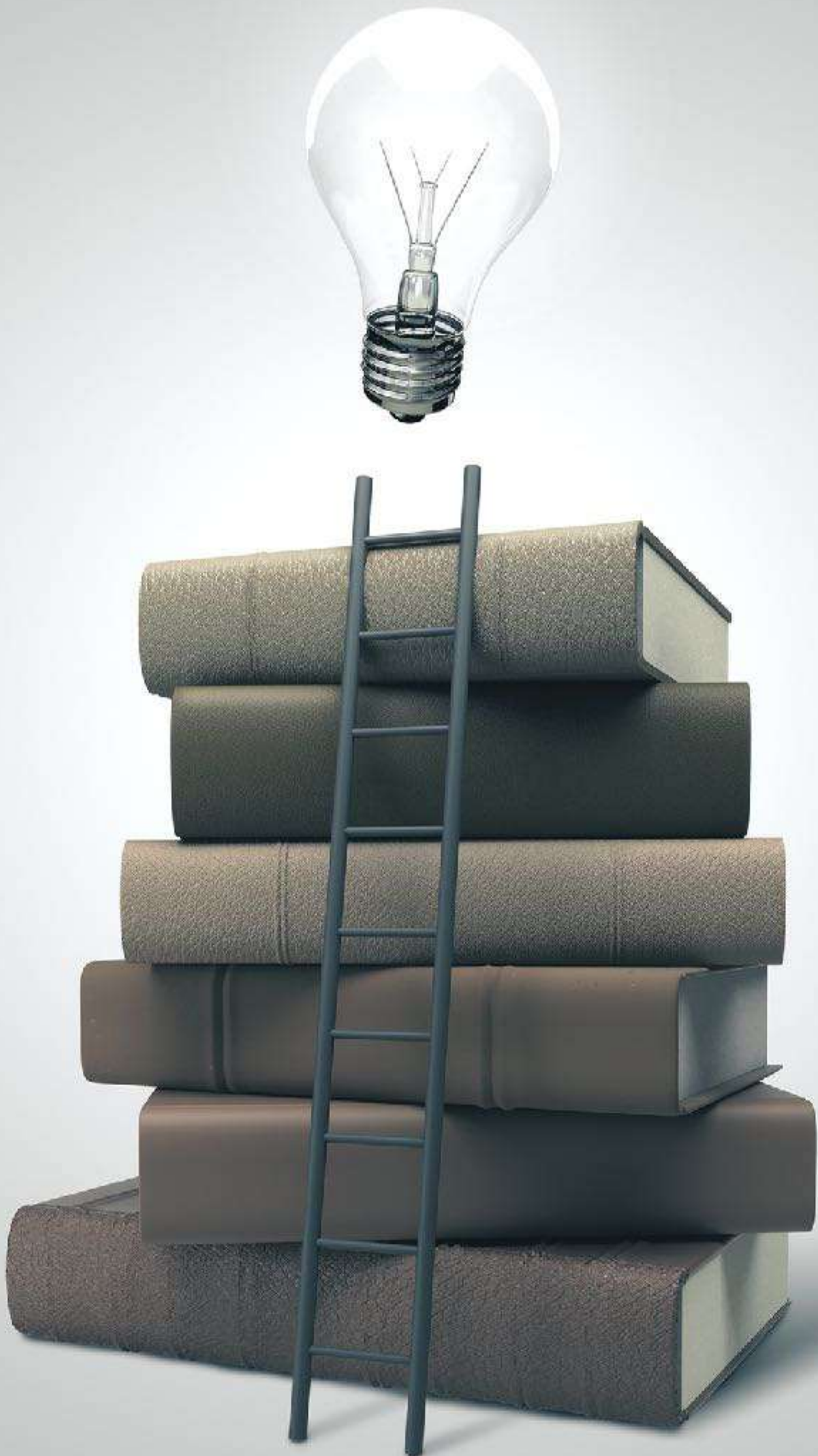


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- "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

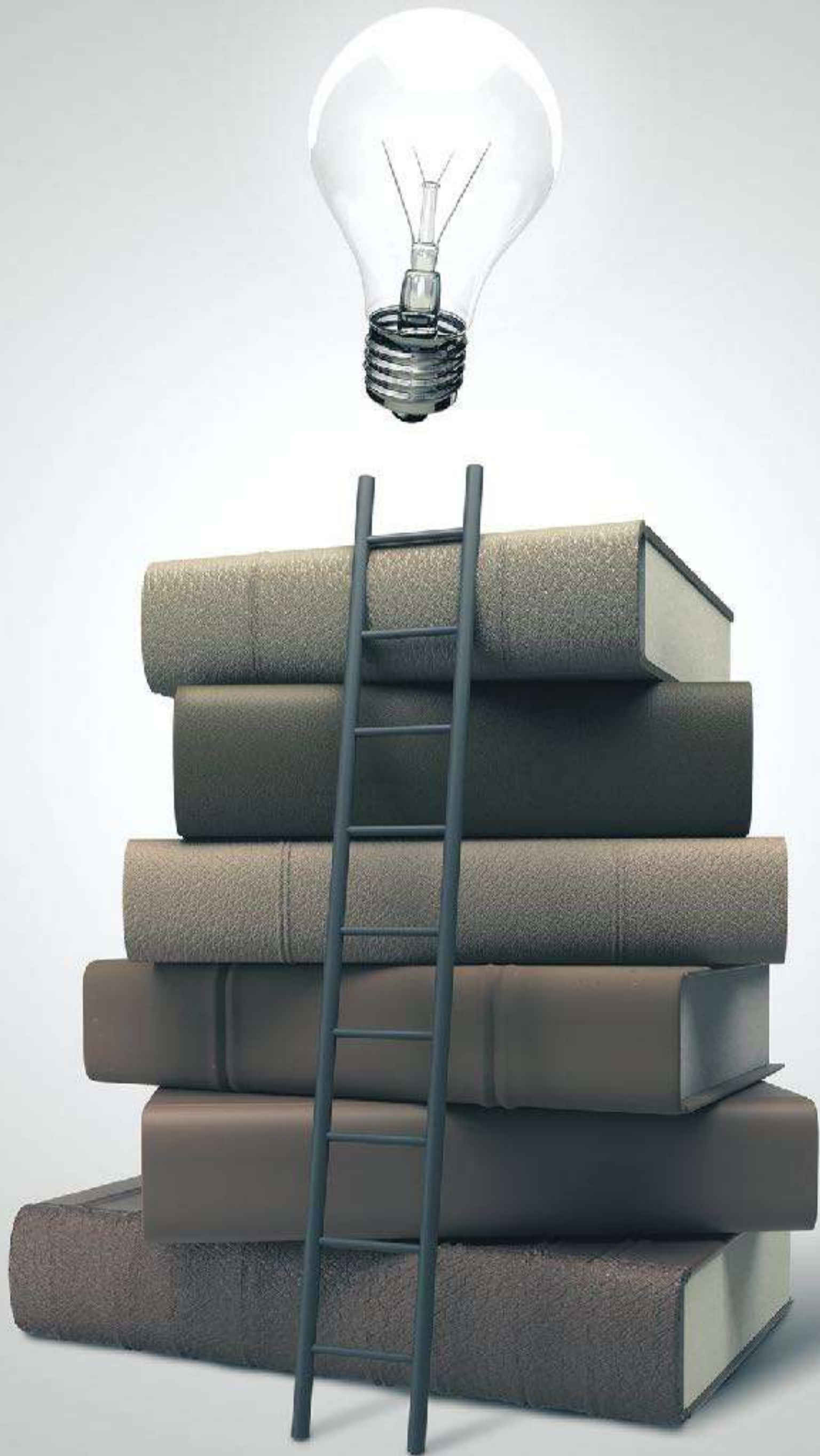


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1. The reason that we open our Bibles each week at church is not because that what we're supposed to do
2. The reason we open our Bibles each week at church is because the Scriptures are all that we have to reveal to us the fullness of Christ and what it means to know Him, follow Him, and tell others about Him

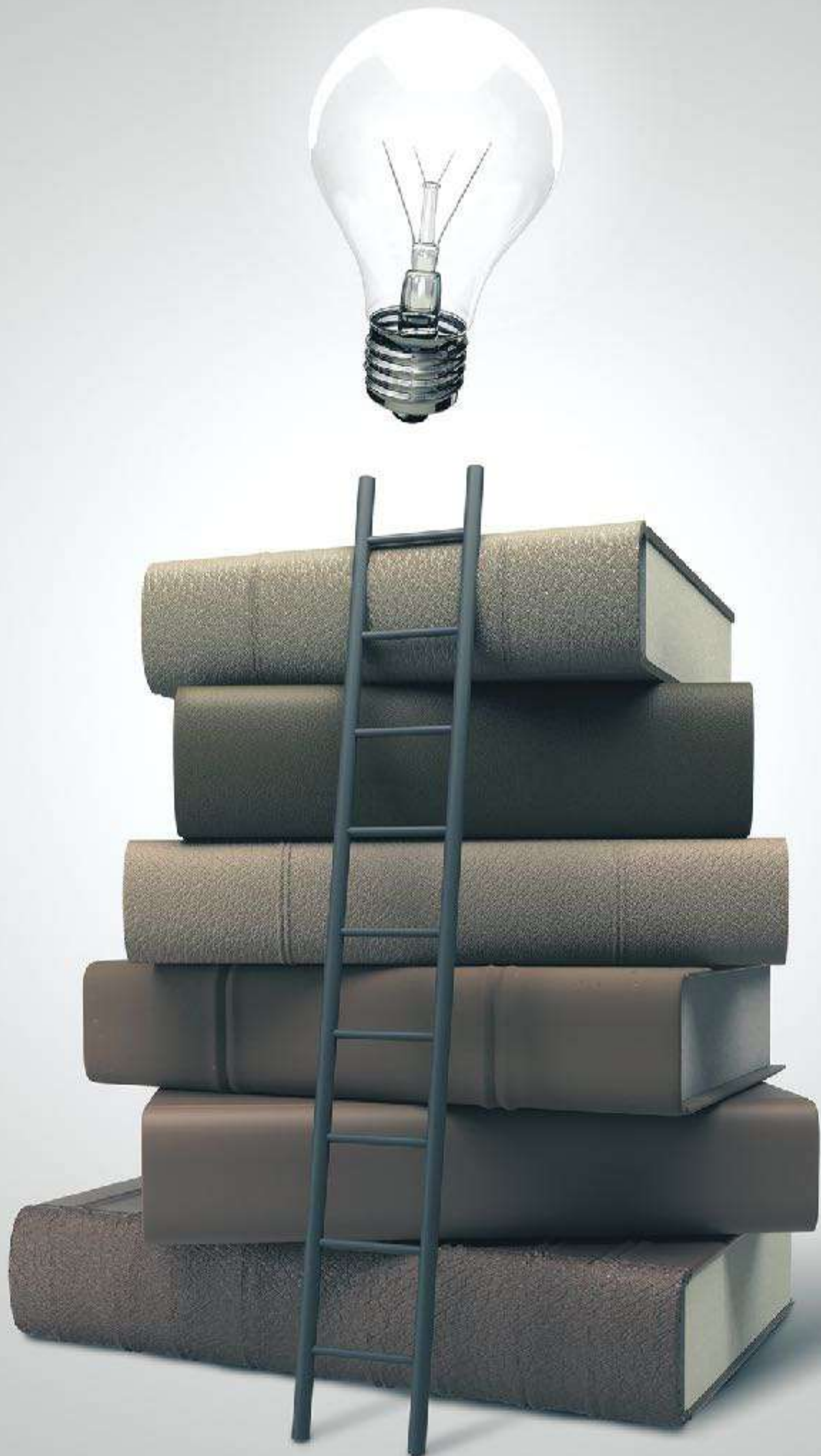


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WE STUDY 1 JOHN BECAUSE IT IS FELLOWSHIP FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- 1 John is *not* a diatribe against those who are saying it wrong
- 1 John *is* a word of encouragement for those who are saying it right



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1. The writings of 1 John should produce **joy** in the saint
2. The writings of 1 John should produce **holiness** in the saint
3. The writings of 1 John should produce **assurance** in the saint

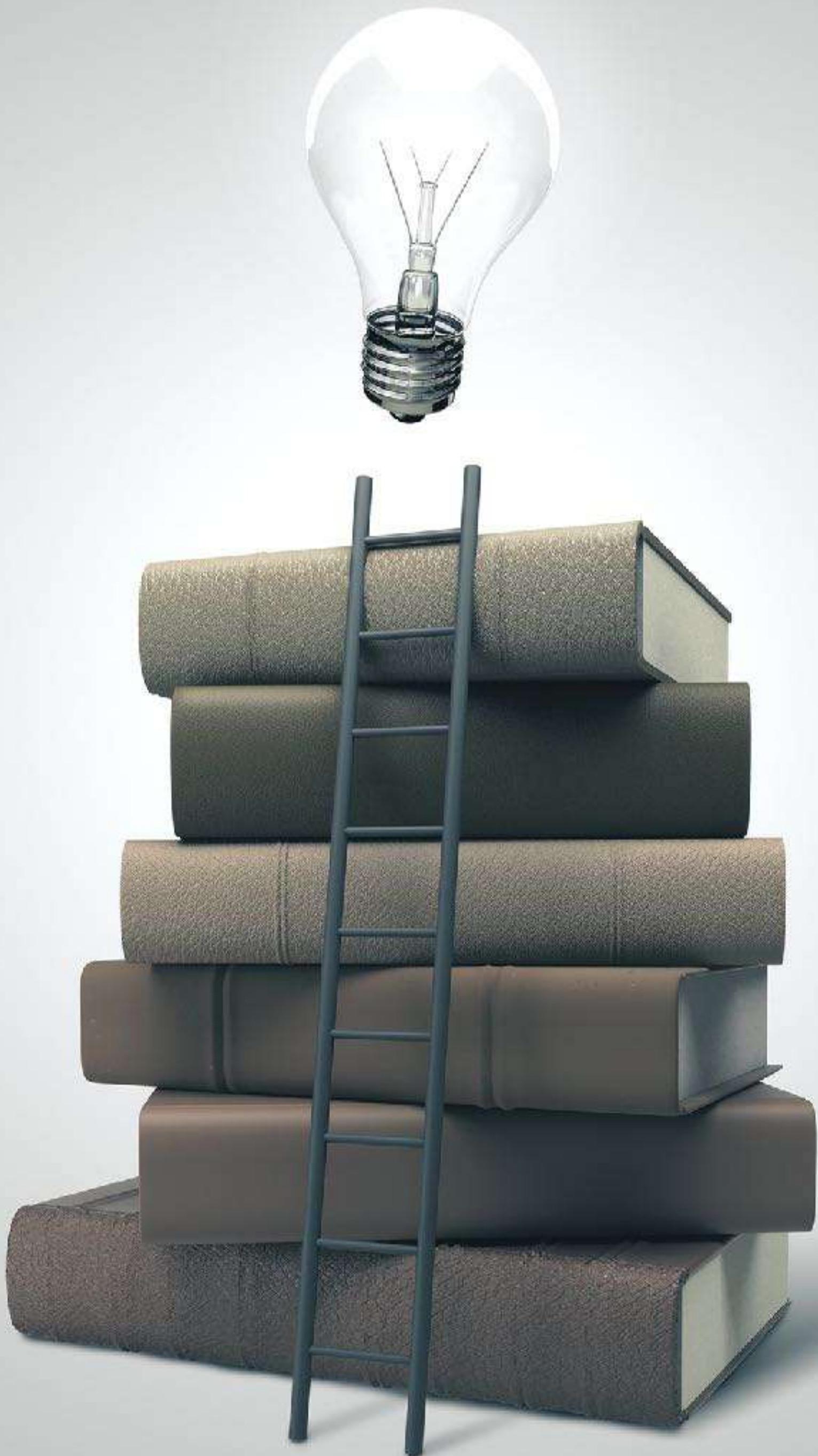


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WHY STUDY 1 JOHN?

You must understand who you are in Christ and what you believe about Christ if you are to stem the tide of false teaching in this age.



WE STUDY 1 JOHN BECAUSE IT ANSWERS FATAL QUESTIONS

1. Does it matter what one believes?
2. Can God be known apart from Jesus Christ?
3. Does it matter if you have Jesus and a little bit extra?
4. Does it matter if you have Jesus and a little bit less?



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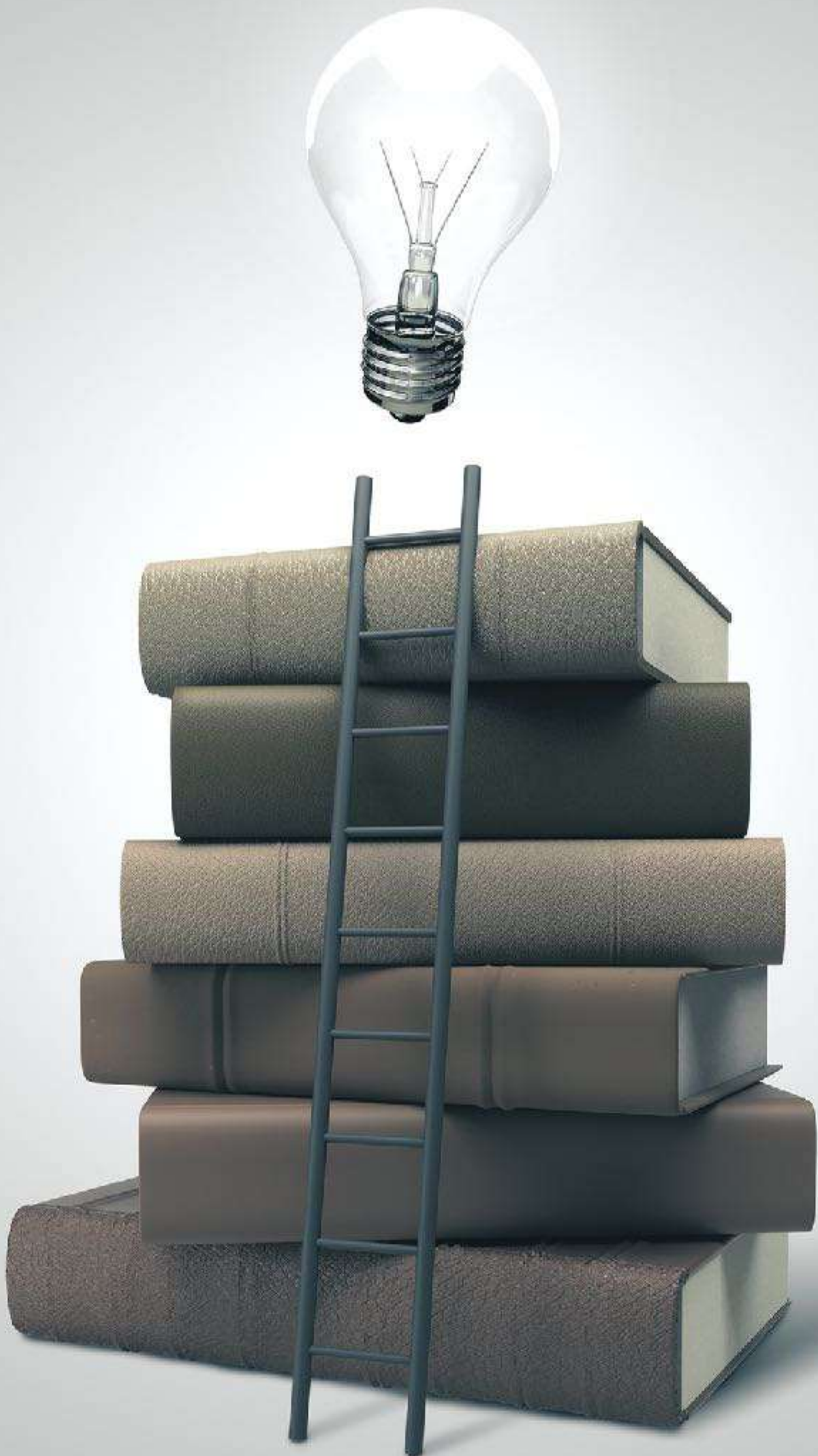
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Today there is not black or white

Only shades of gray

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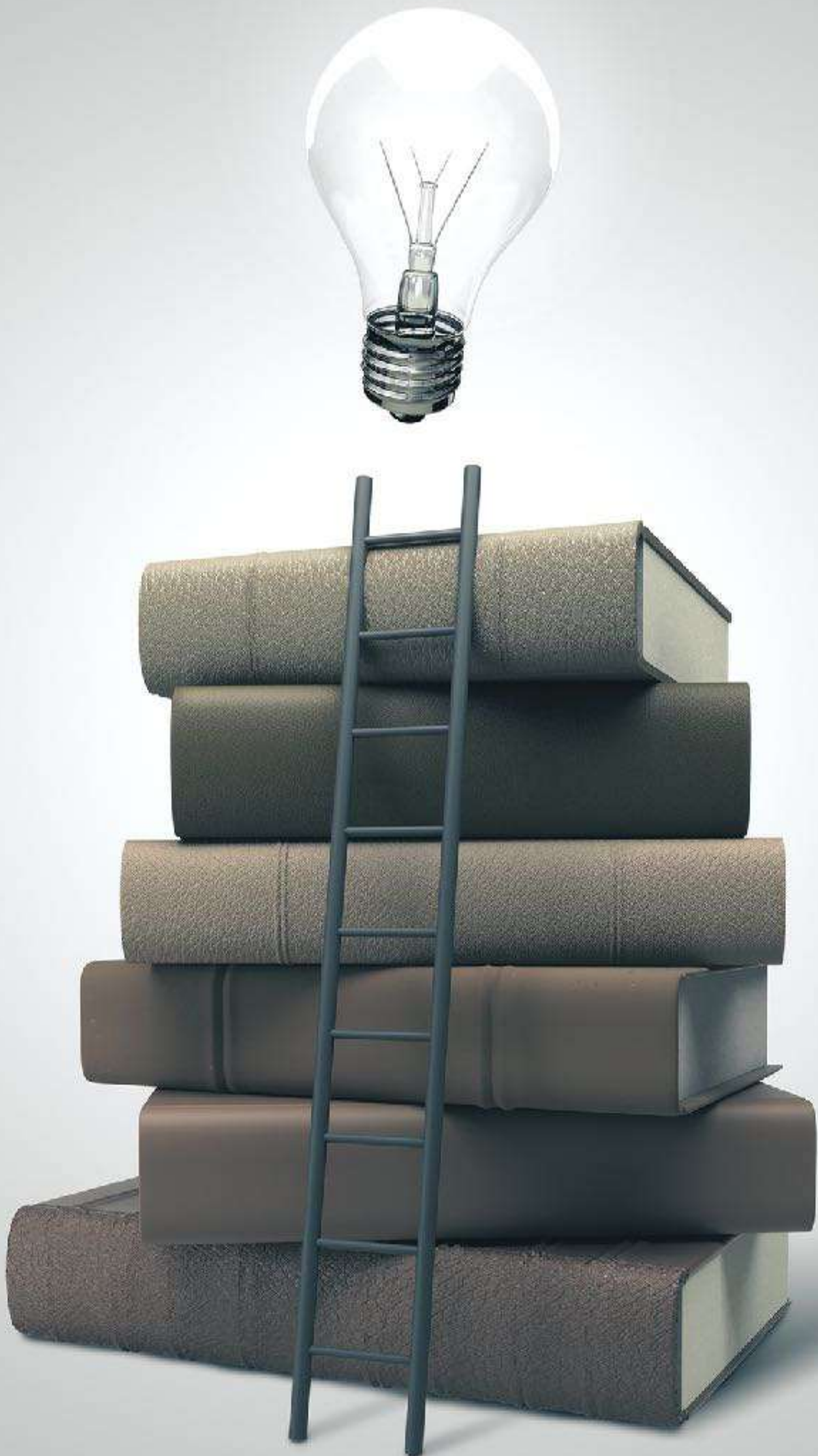


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WE STUDY 1 JOHN BECAUSE IT GIVES FIRMNESS TO OUR VAGUENESS

1. This is an objective firmness
2. This is a subjective firmness

The object of our faith

The proof of our faith



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WE STUDY 1 JOHN BECAUSE IT GIVES FOUNDATIONAL HALLMARKS OF TRUE FAITH

1. The test of true believe - *"Theological Test"*
2. The test of true obedience - *"Moral Test"*
3. The test of true love - *"Social Test"*



“

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

— *1 John 5:13*

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