

James 1
Listening to Scripture



1. Living and Active
2. Strengthens us to love
3. Discerning ways to read
4. Disagreeing with love
5. Vision

Listening Is an Act of Love

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“Somewhere we know that without silence words lose their meaning, that without listening speaking no longer heals, that without distance closeness cannot cure.”

- Henri Nouwen

“The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. It is God’s love for us that He not only gives us His Word but also lends us His ear.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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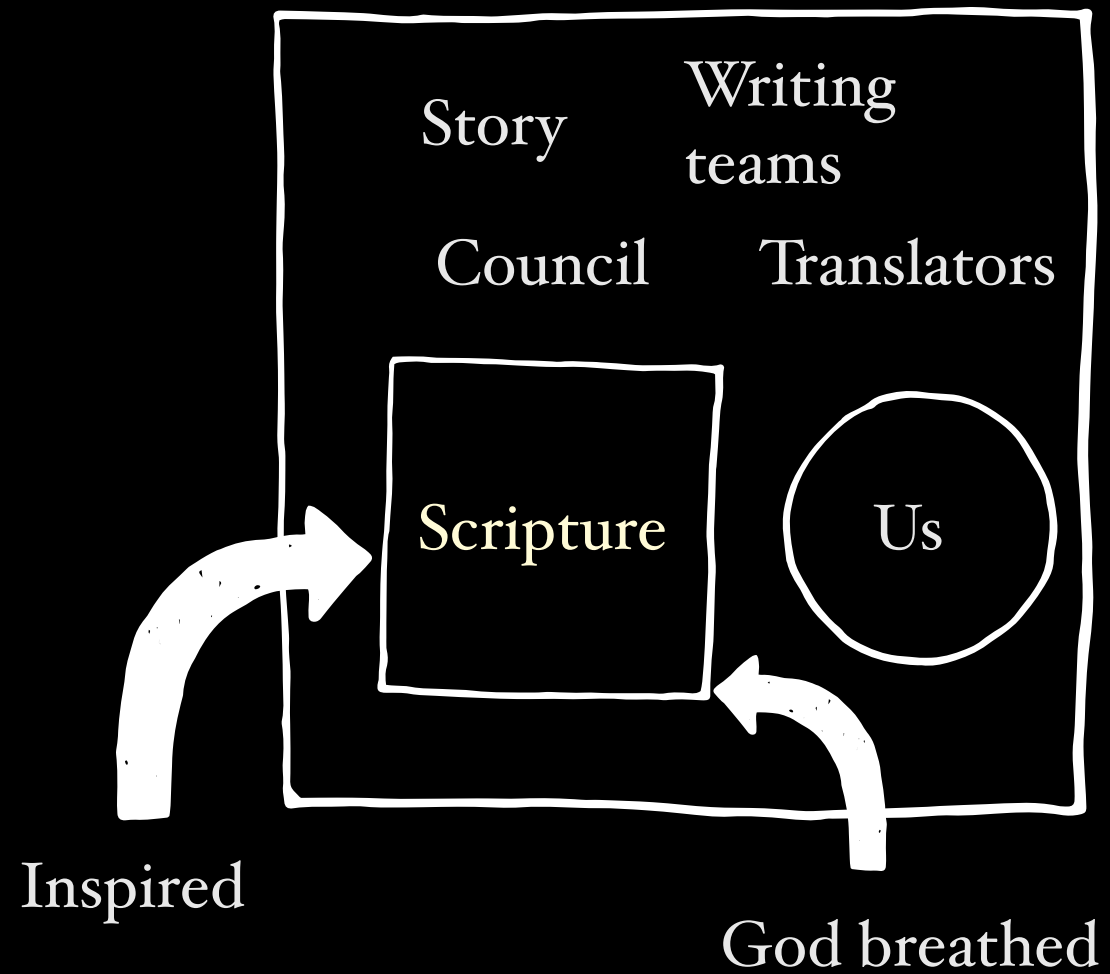
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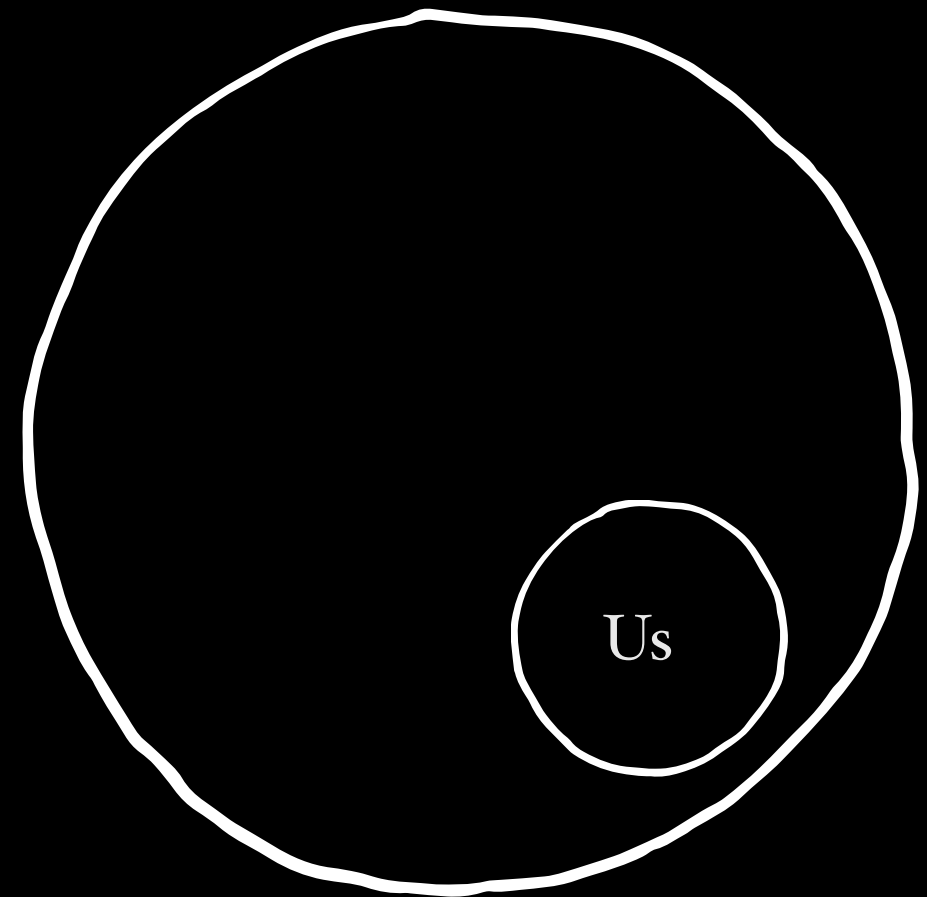
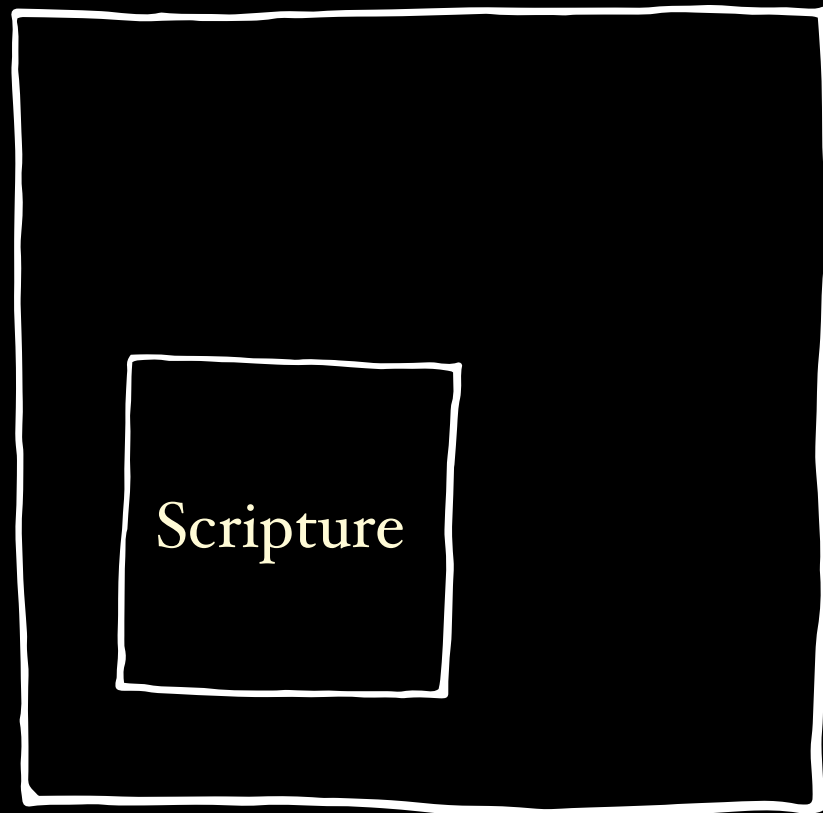
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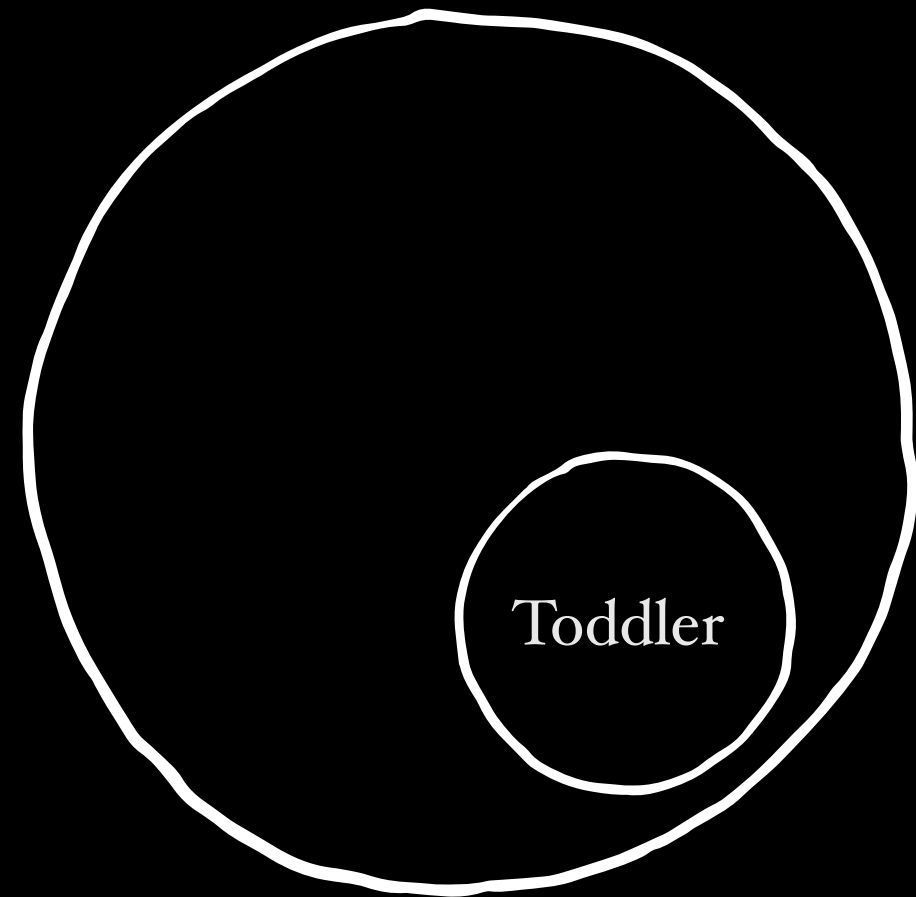
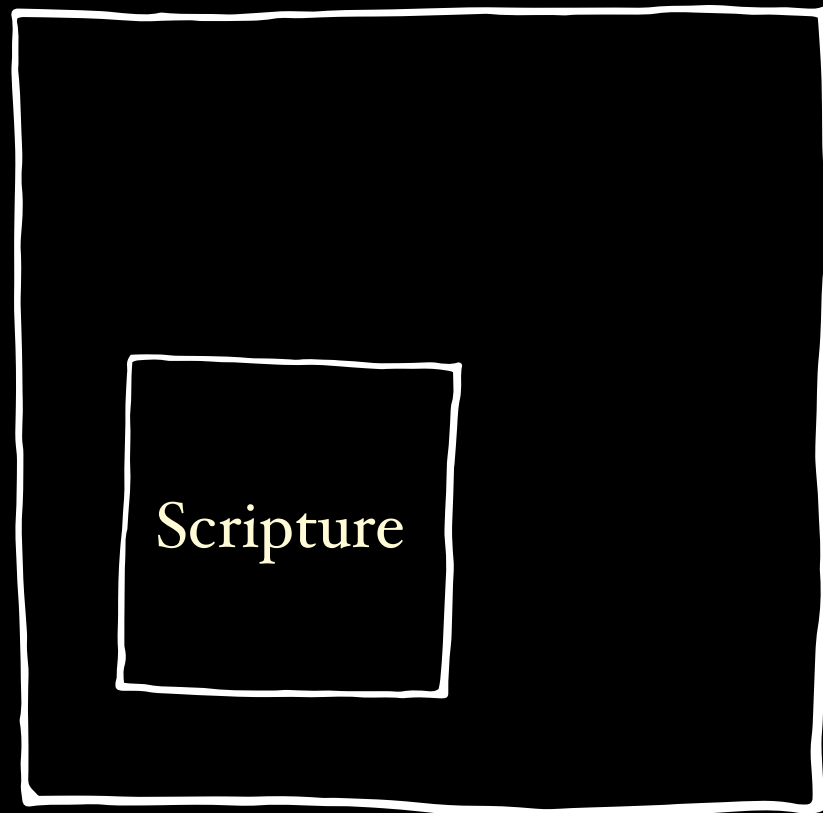
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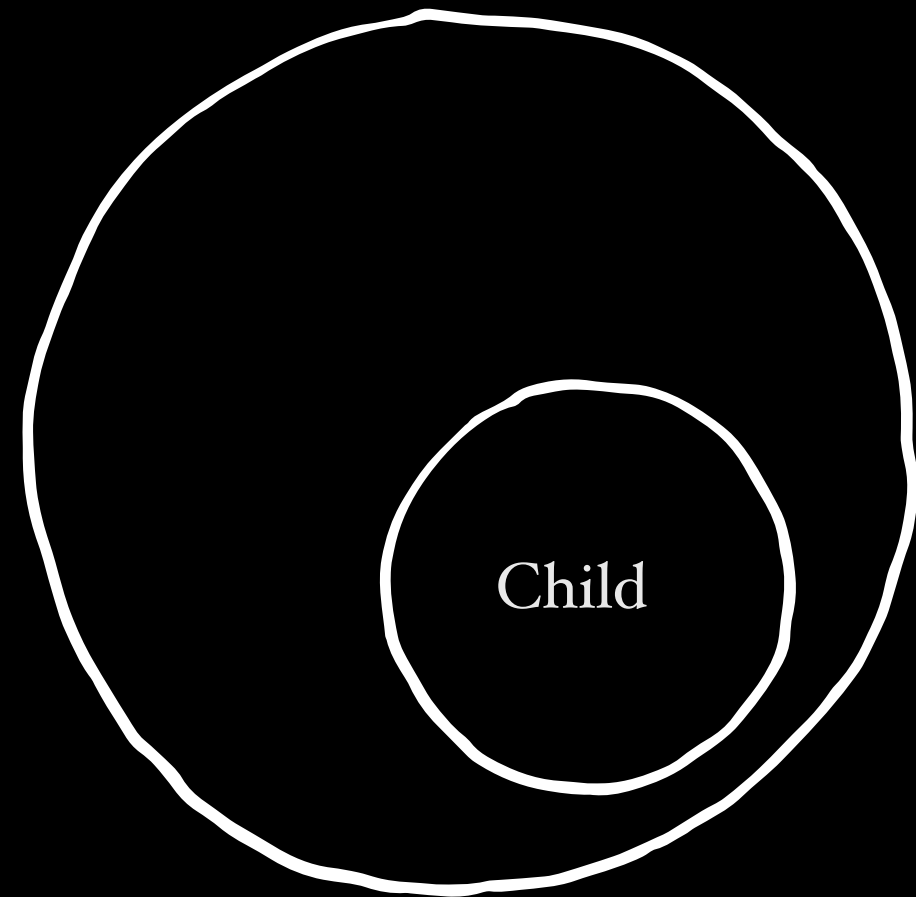
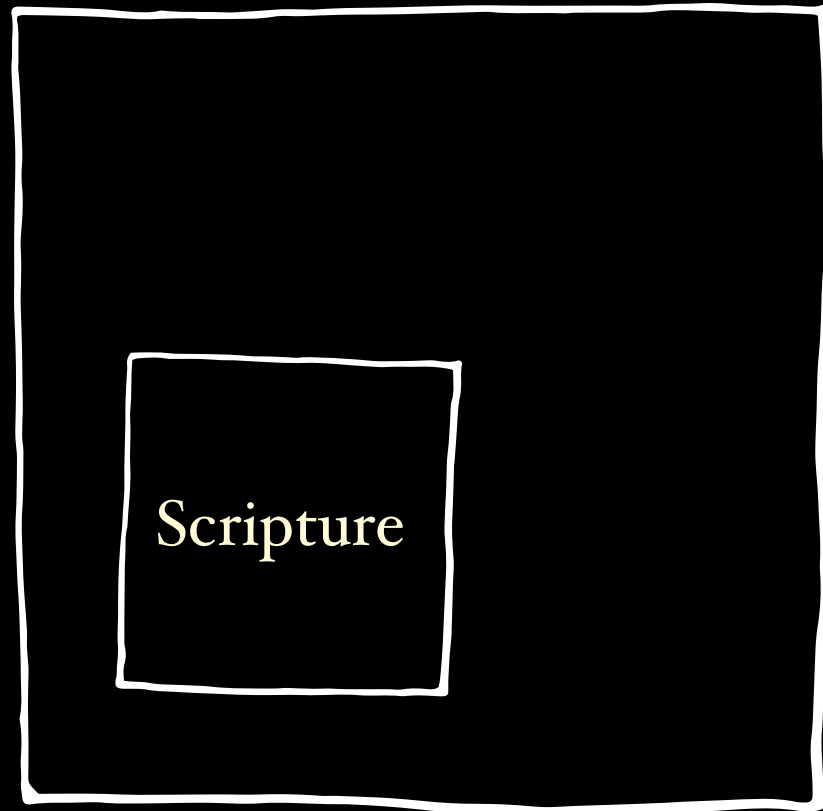
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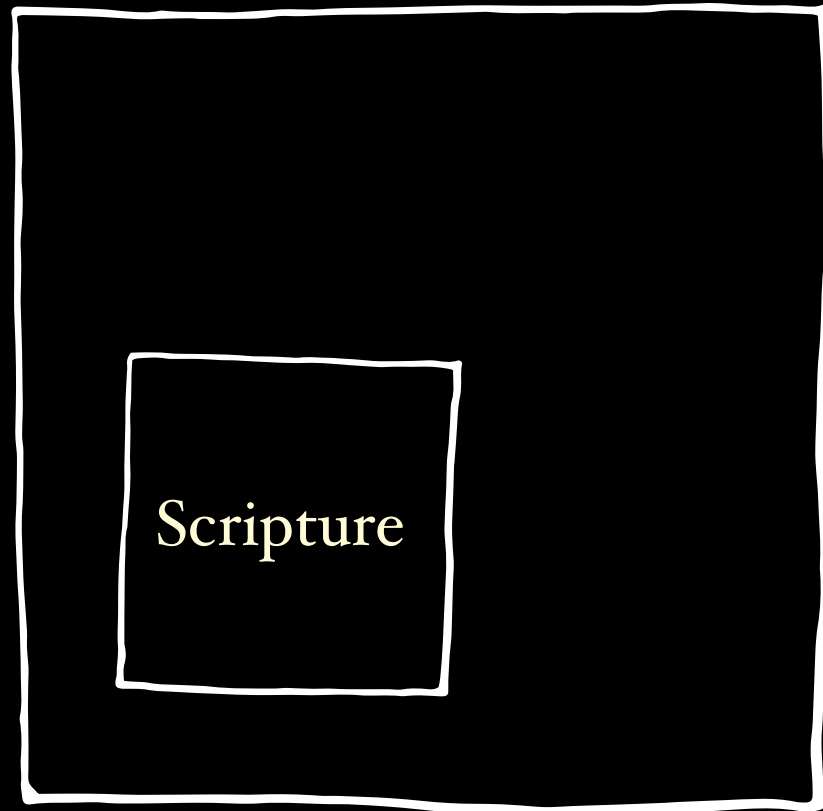
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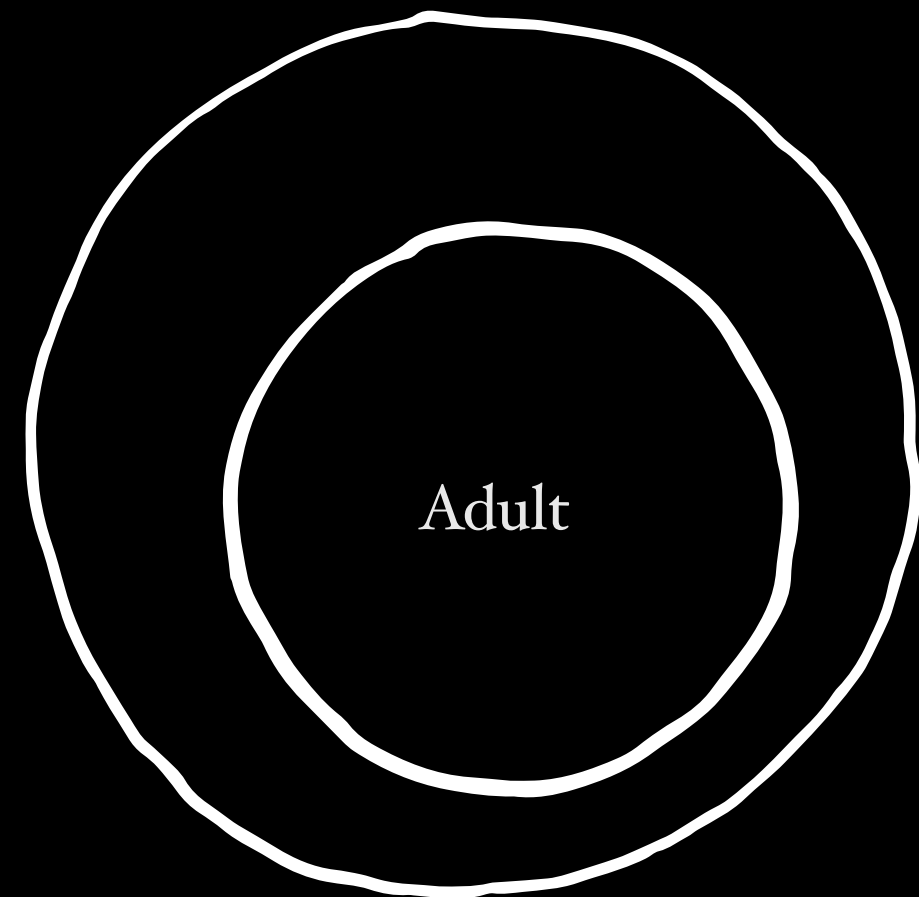
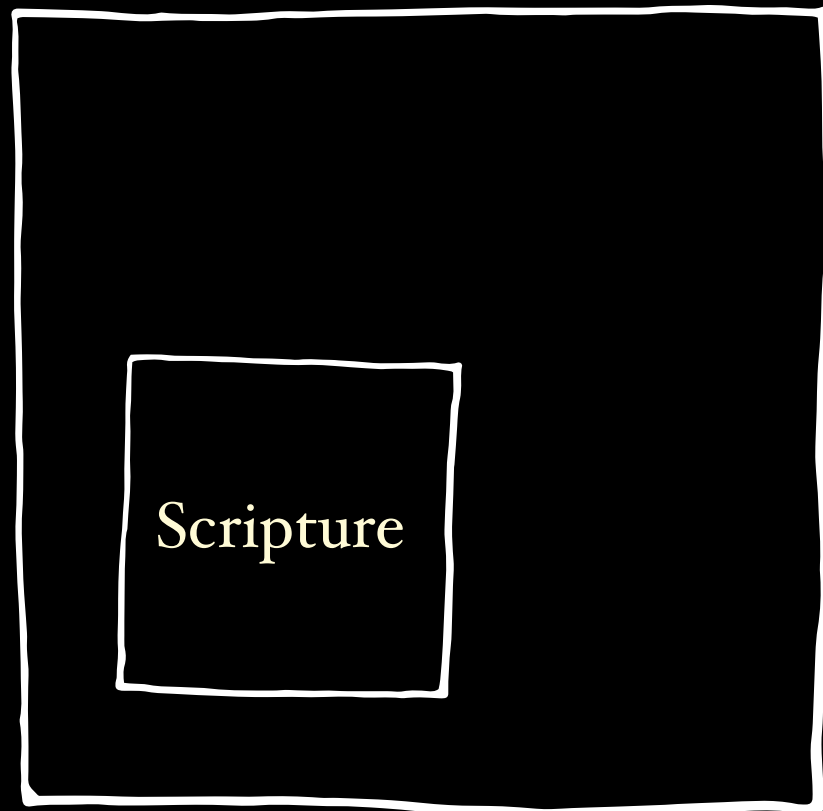
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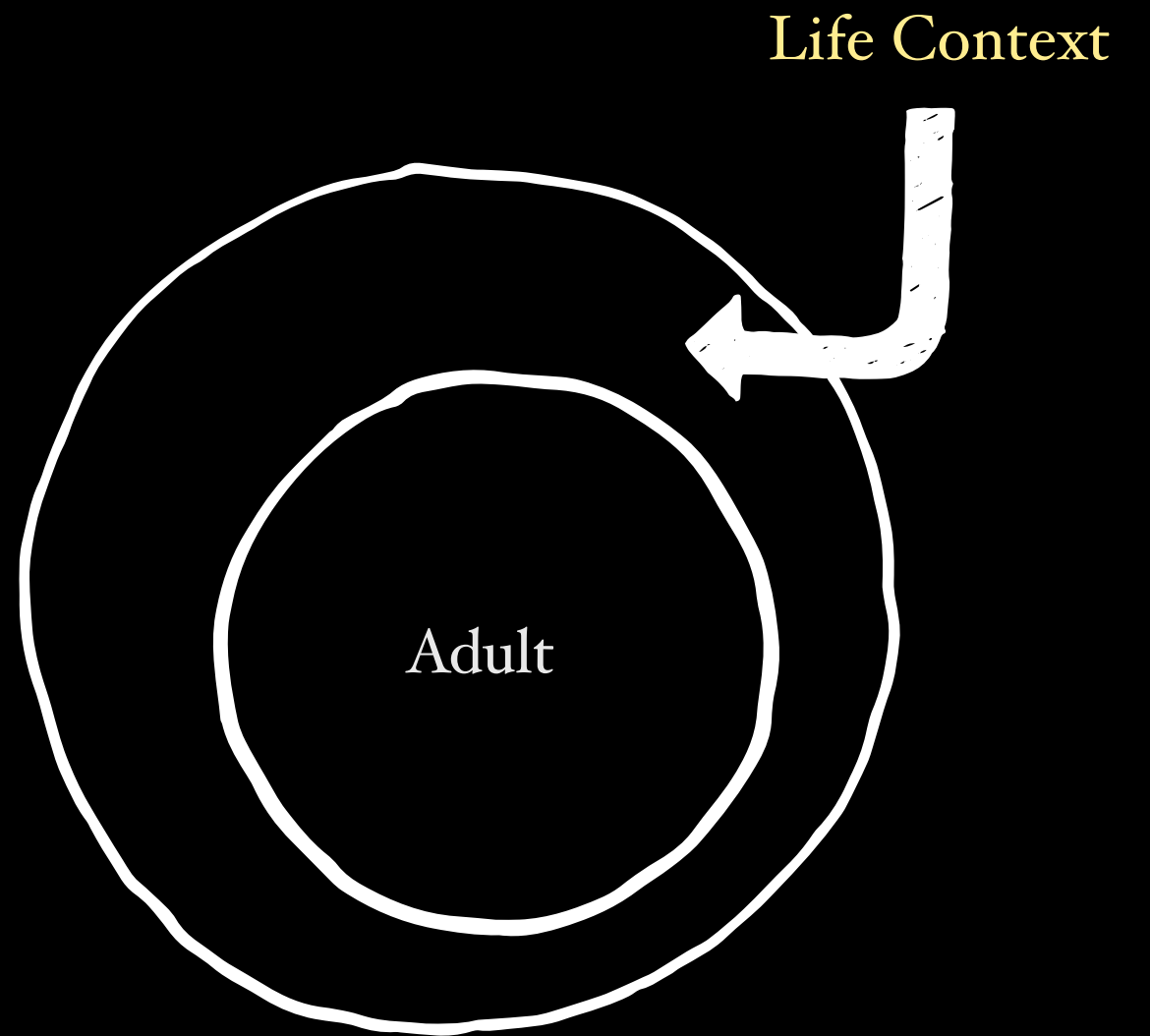
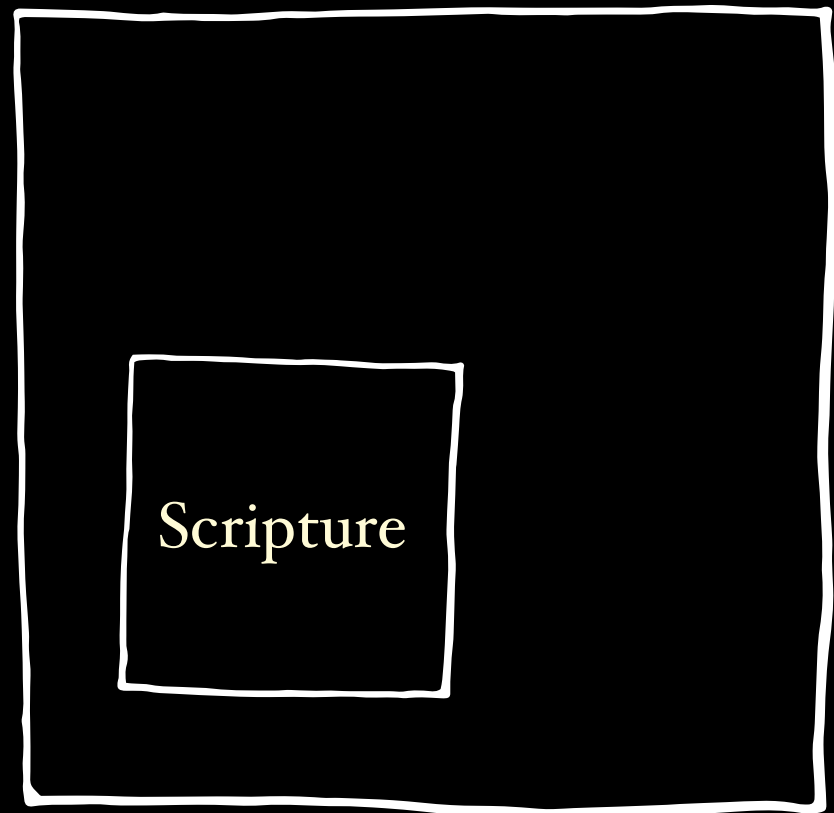


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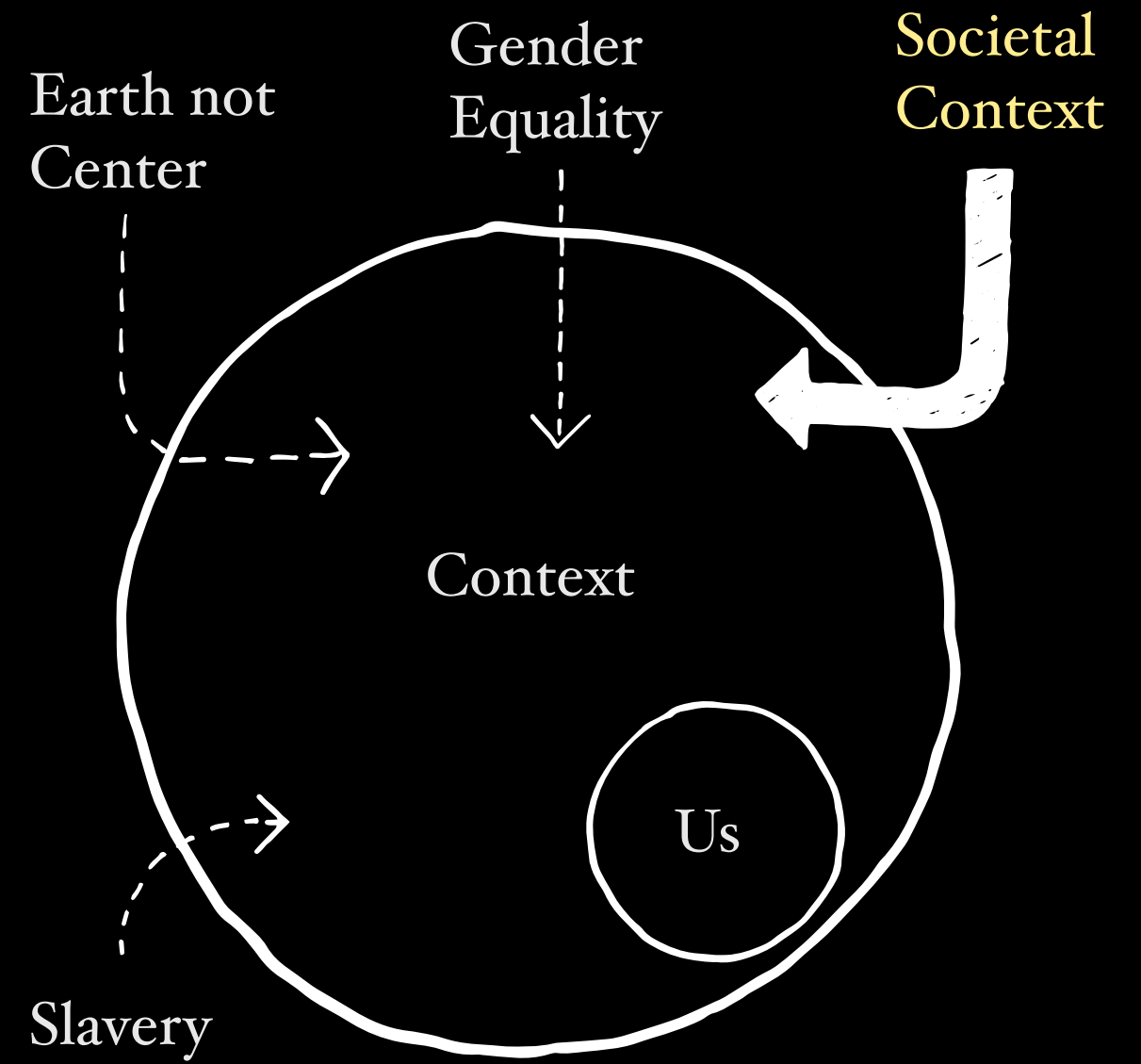
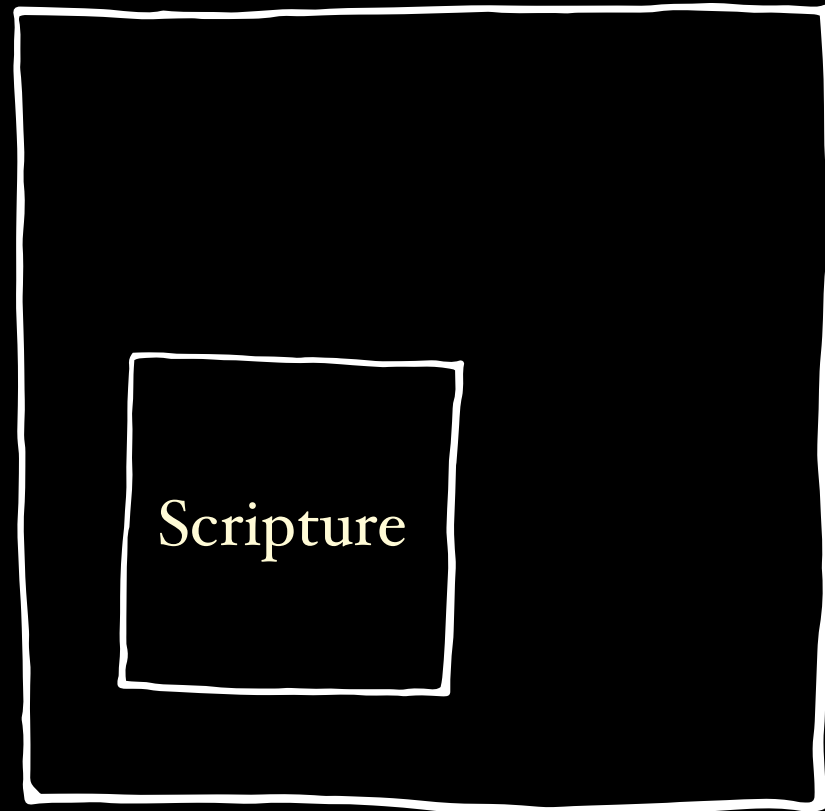
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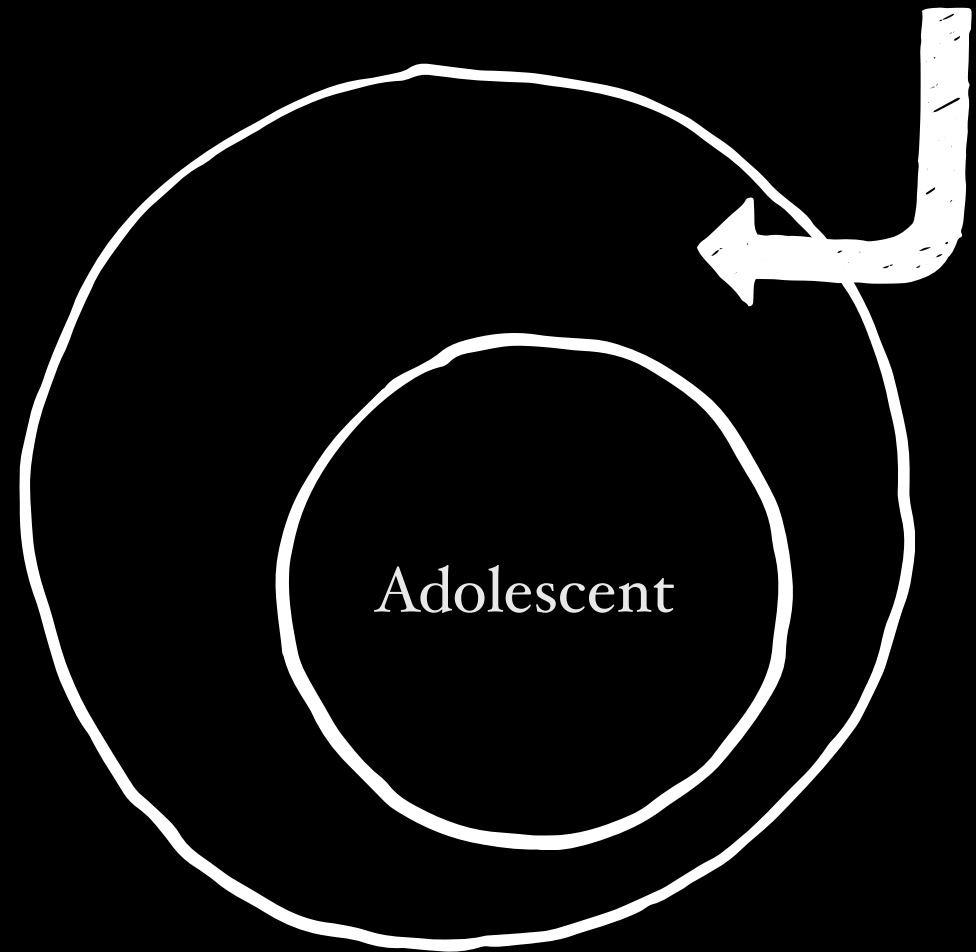
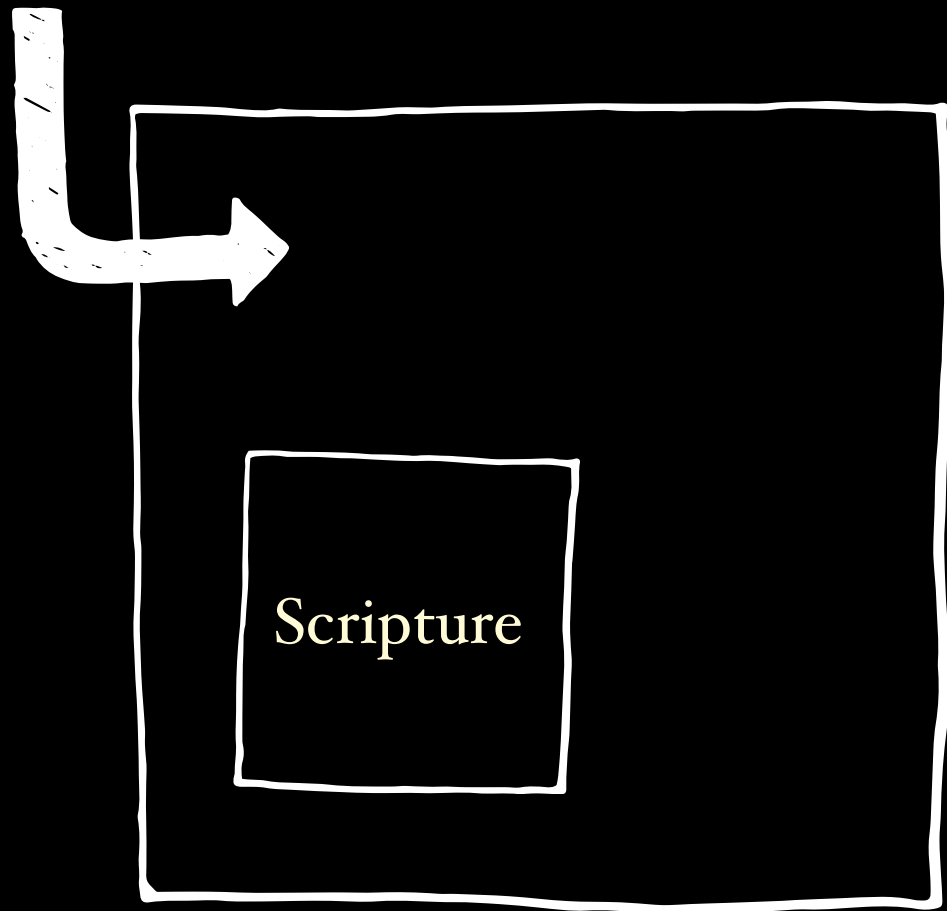




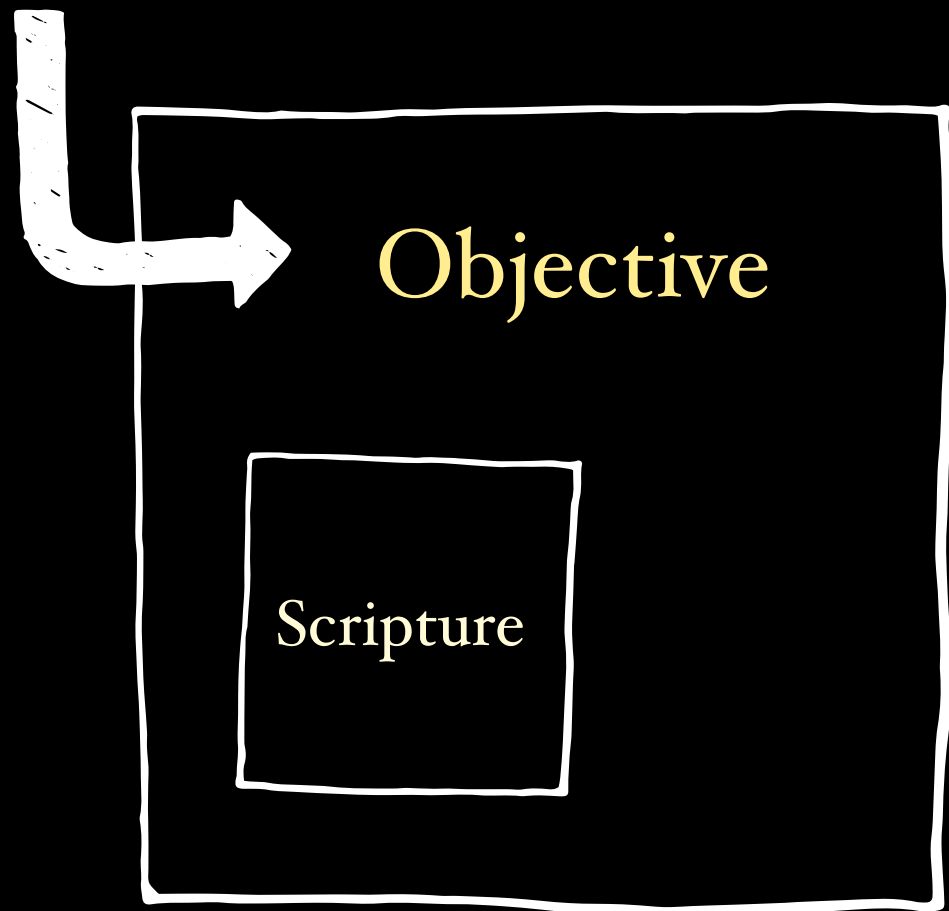
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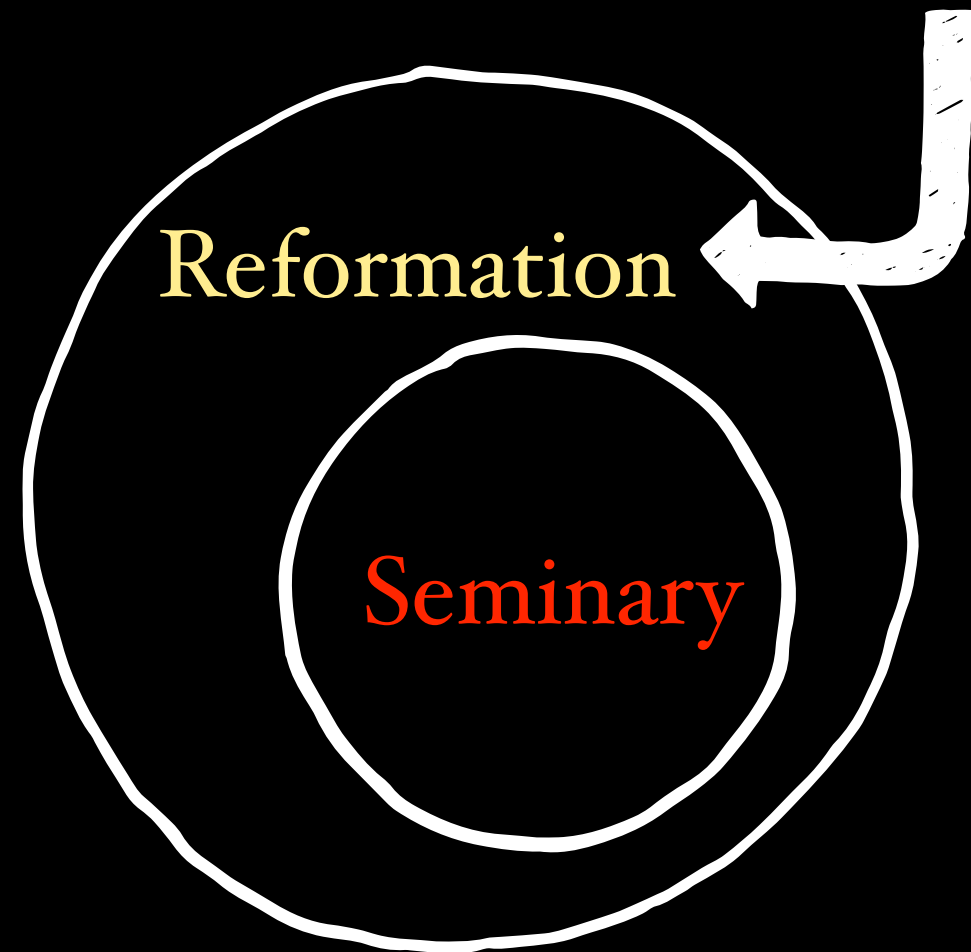
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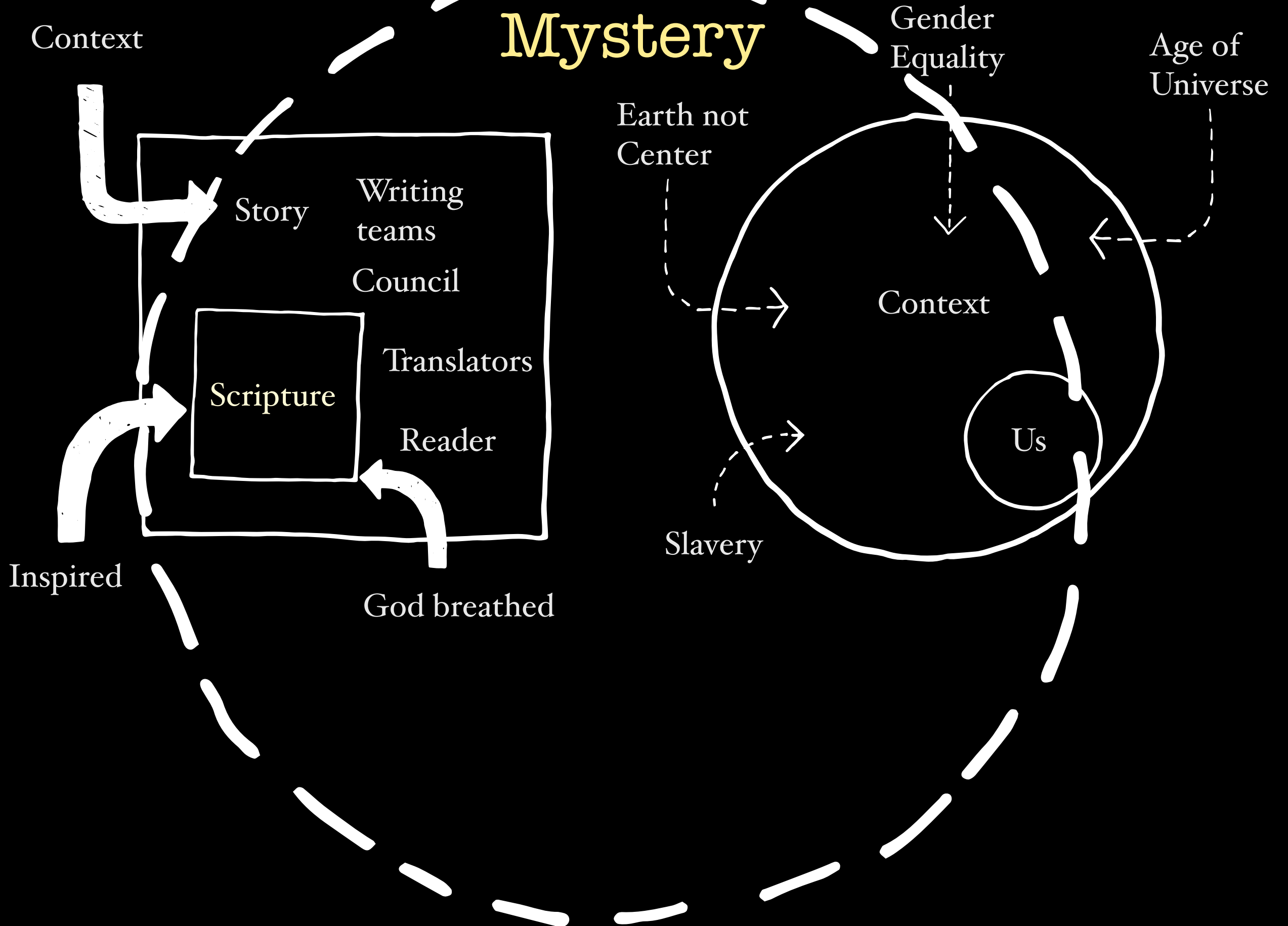
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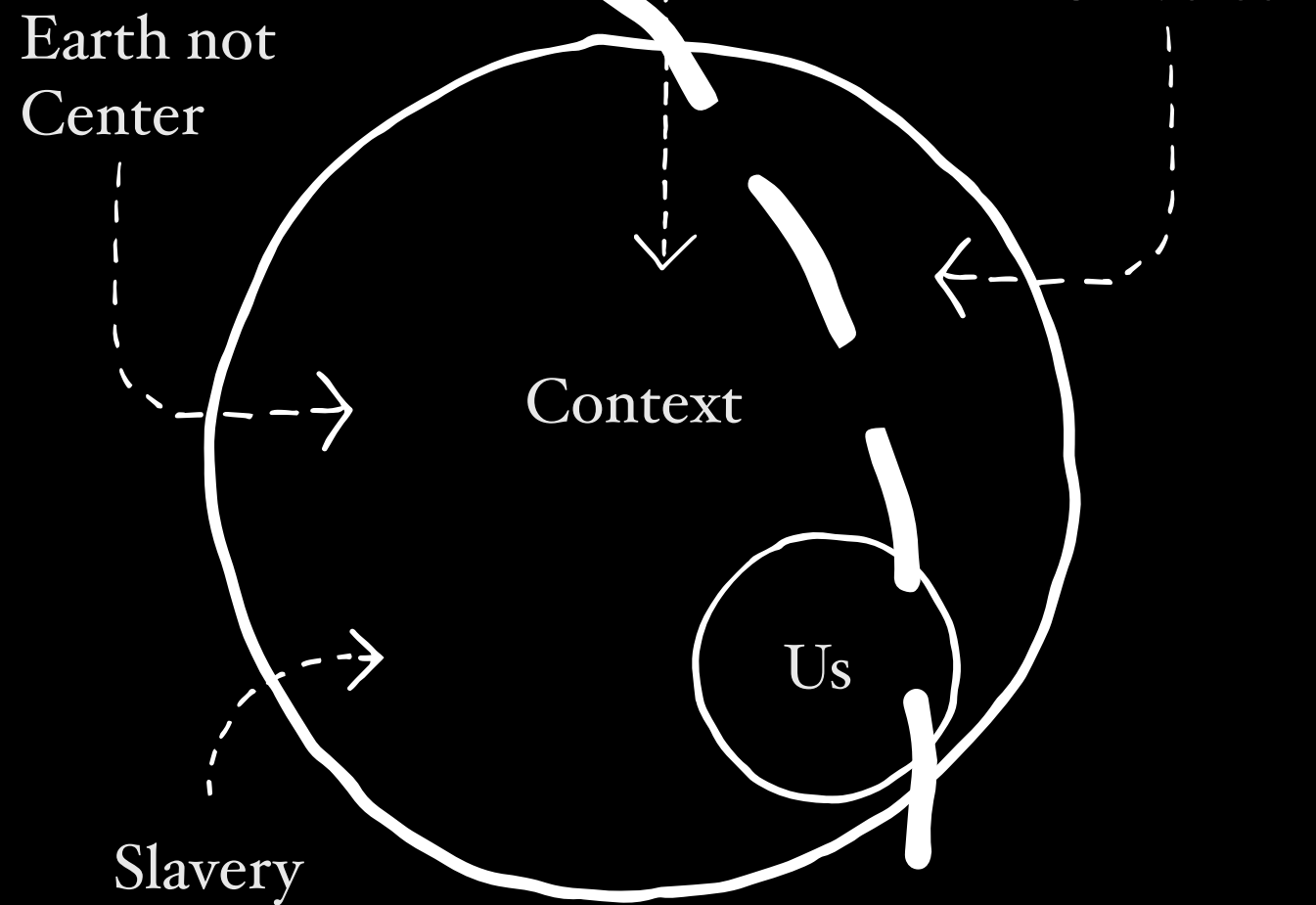


Context



Gender Equality

Age of Universe

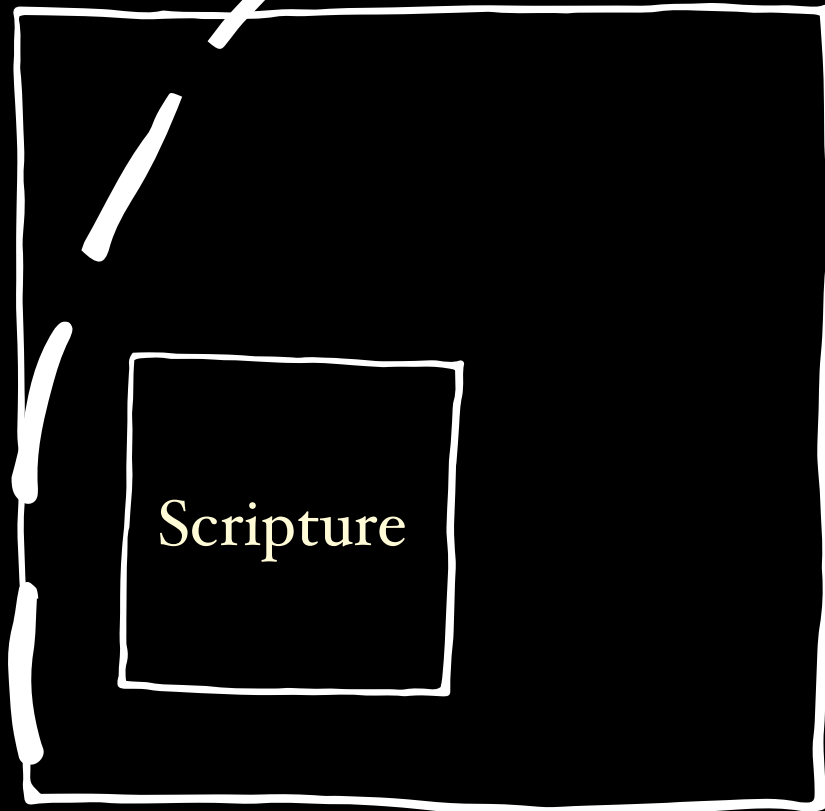


Slavery

“So it is His work that we do for our brother when we learn to listen to him. Christians, especially ministers, so often think they must always contribute something when they are in the company of others, that this is the one service they have to render. They forget that listening can be a greater service than speaking.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Listen



Politics

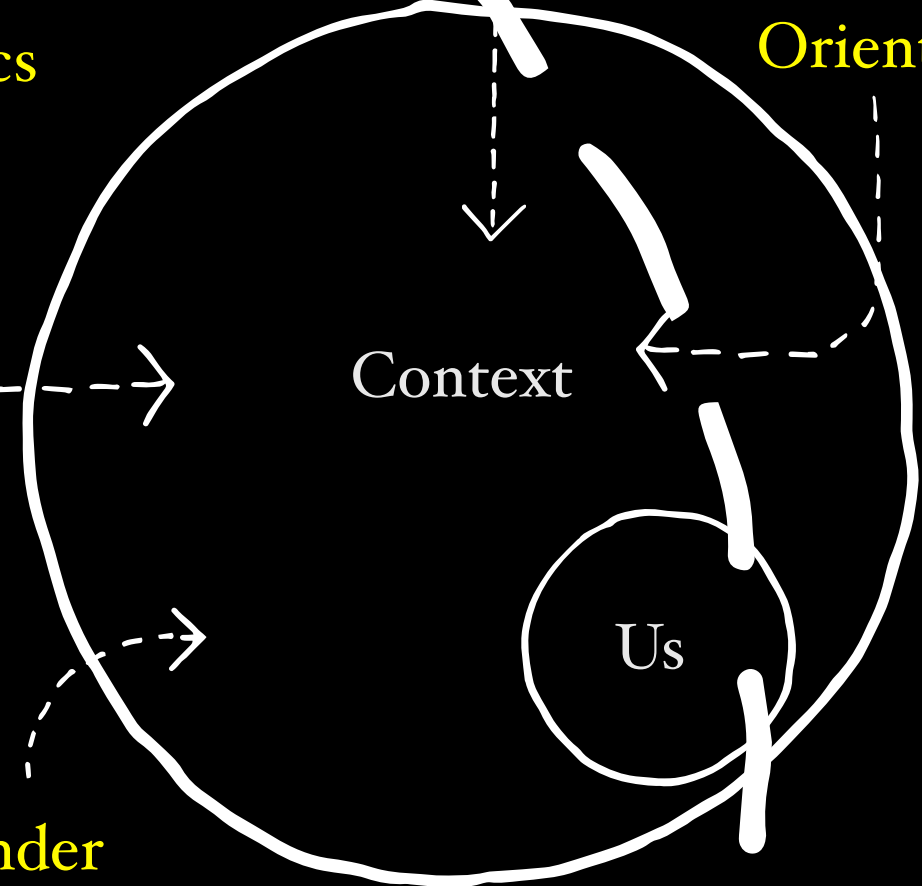
Race

Sexual
Orientation

Context

Us

Gender



Many people are looking for an ear that will listen. They do not find it among Christians, because these Christians are talking where they should be listening. But he who can no longer listen to his brother will soon be no longer listening to God either; he will be doing nothing but prattle in the presence of God too.”

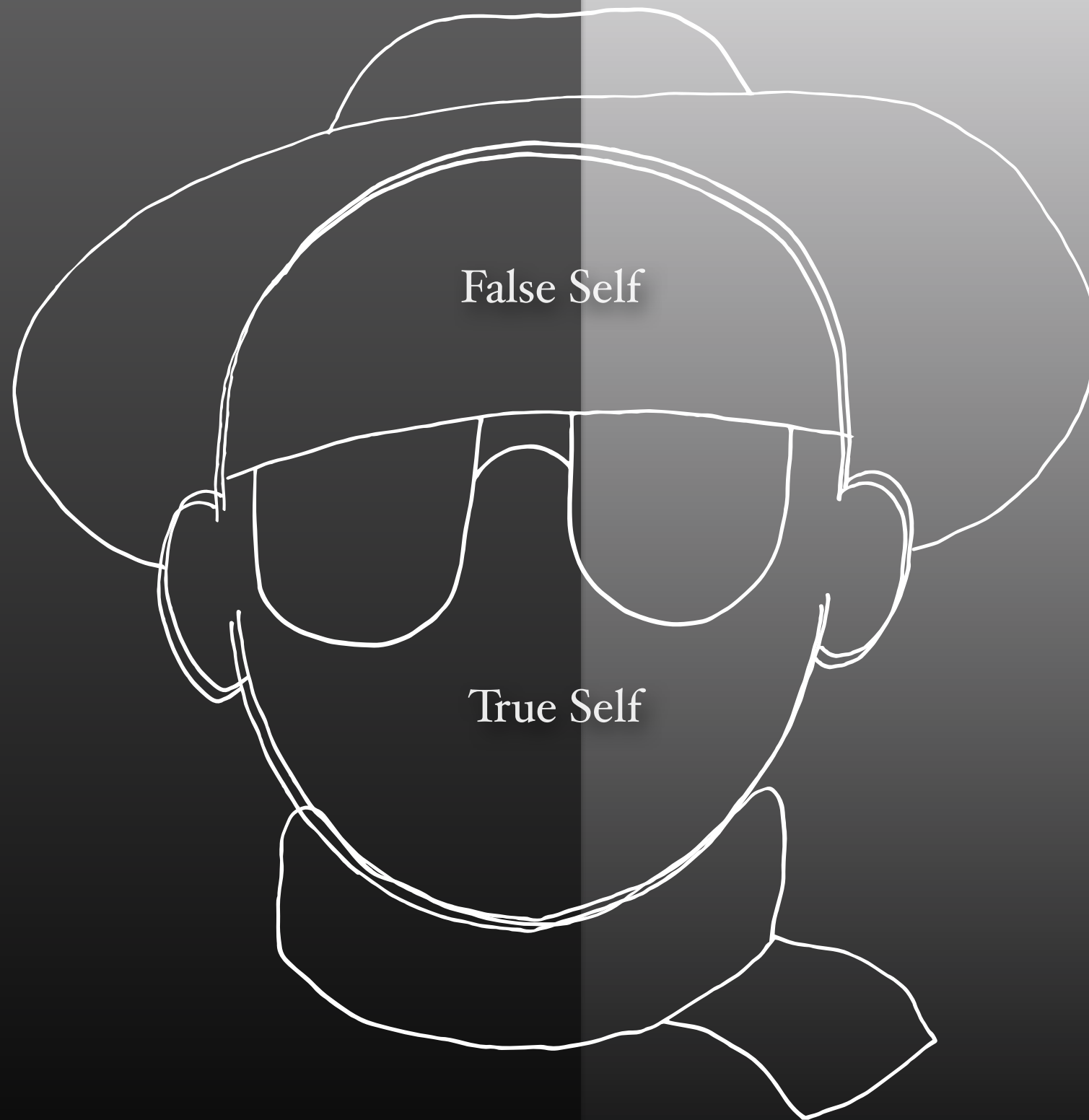
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Morality

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Debauchery

Religion

Life to the Full

Immorality

False Self

True Self

Image of God

Ego

Love

Peace

Kindness

Joy

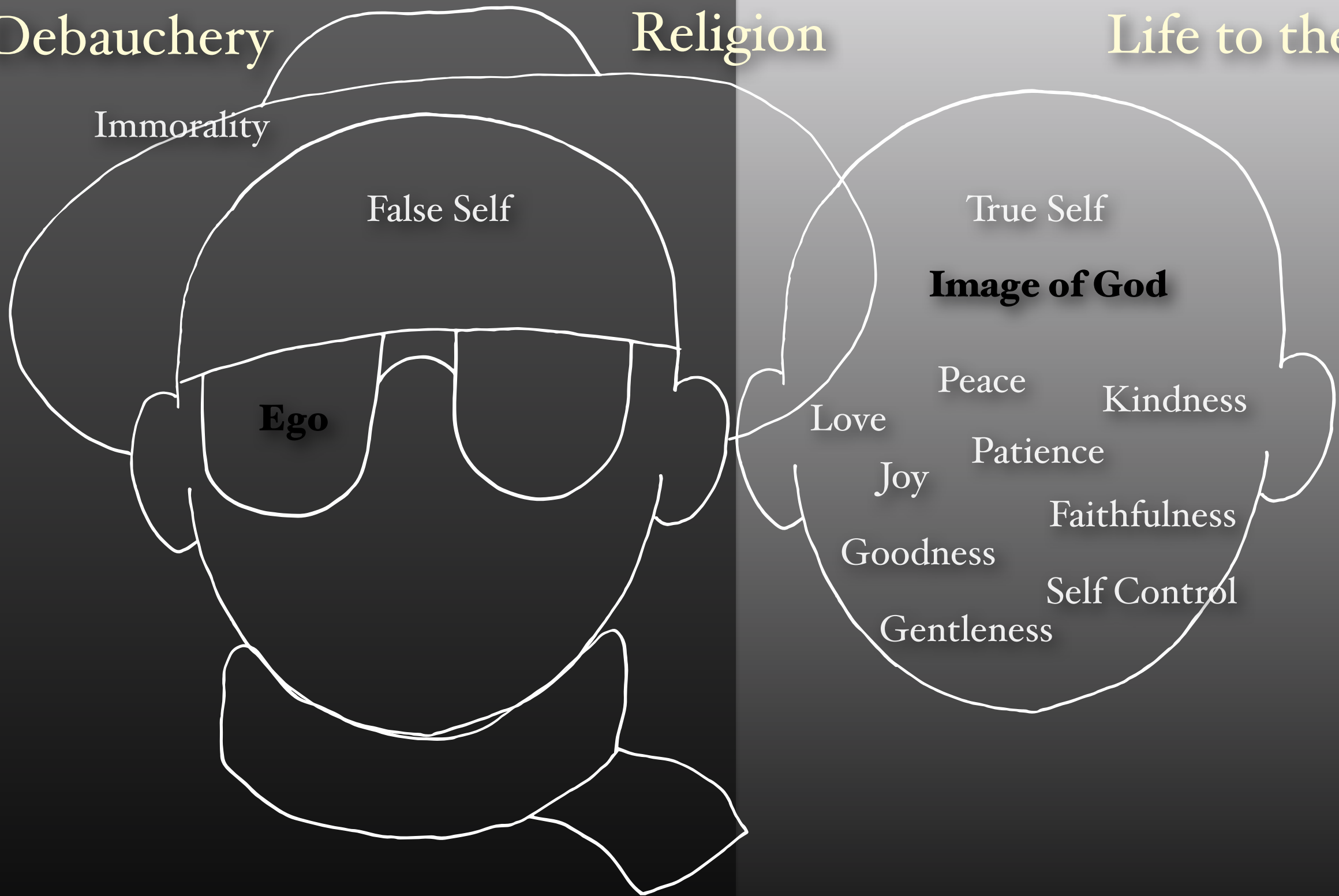
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Faithfulness

Goodness

Self Control

Gentleness



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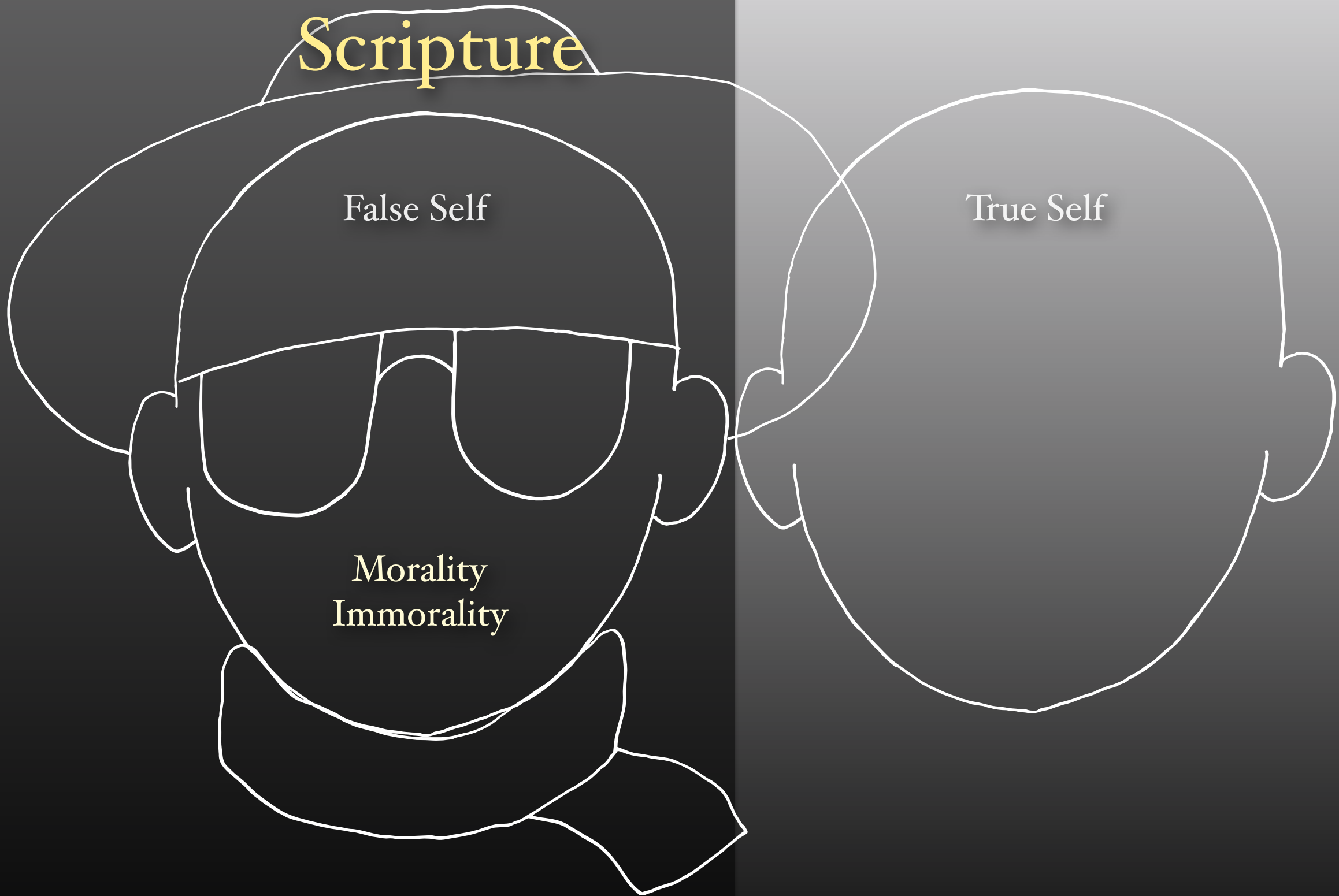
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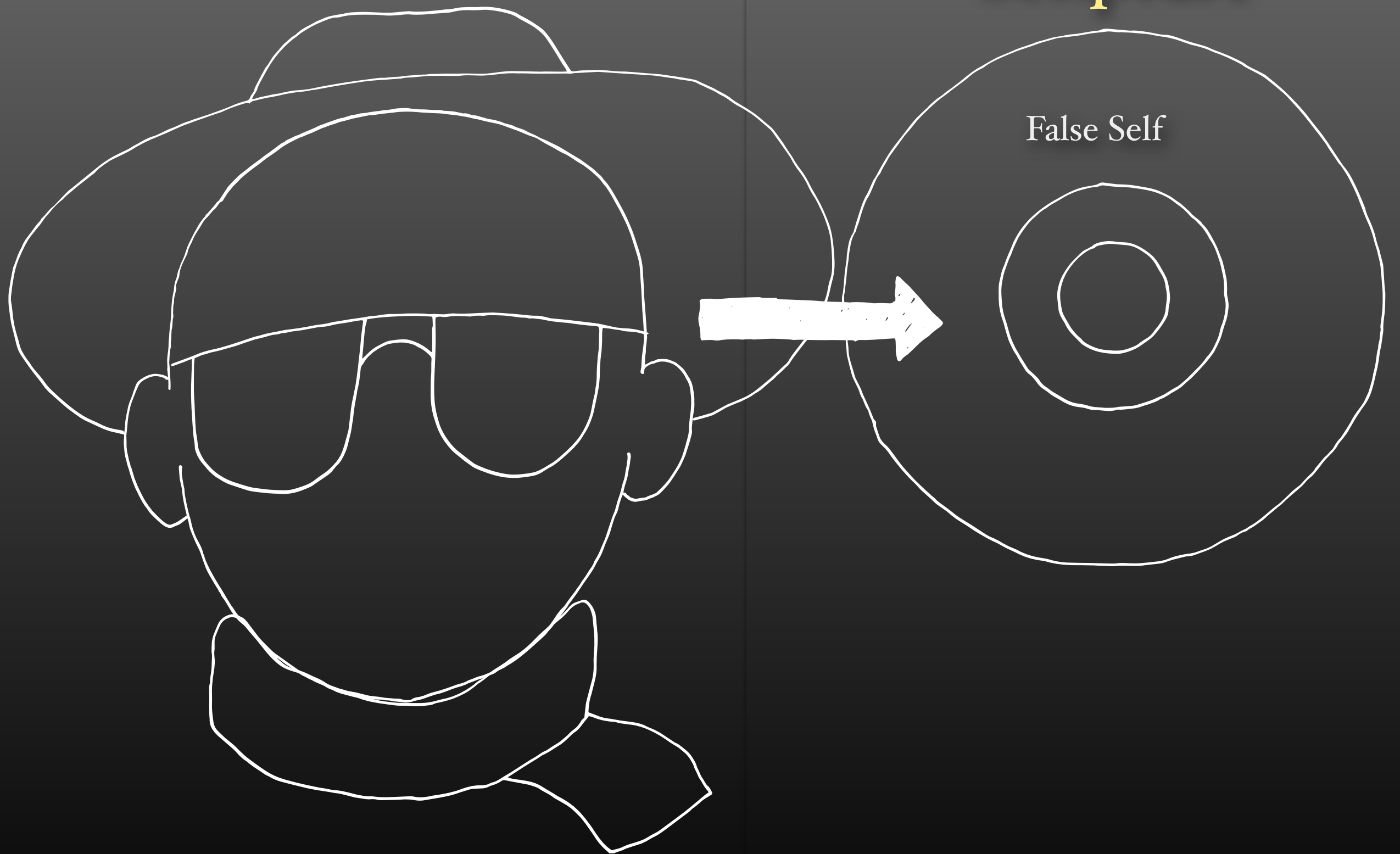
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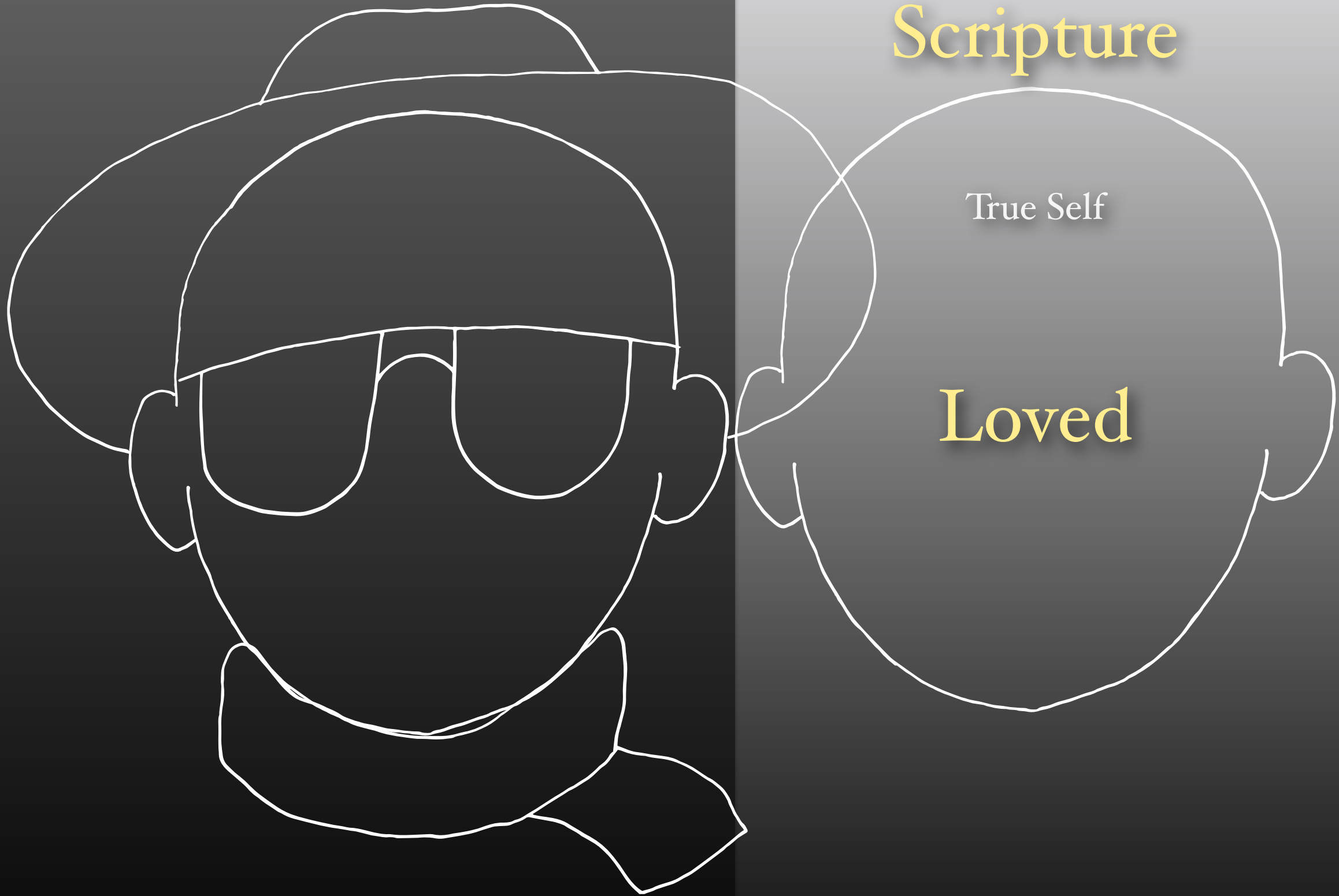
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Scripture

True Self

Loved



“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.”

- Jesus

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

- The Apostle Paul

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A conceptual illustration of a cassette tape. The tape is labeled "INTERVIEW: DAVID FOSTER WALLACE 3/5/96" in red and black text. Two lines extend from the top of the tape, curving upwards to form the profiles of two faces facing each other. The areas where eyes would be are filled with dense, black, scribbled lines. The background is a light blue sky with a faint horizon line and some distant trees.

THE END OF THE TOUR

BASED ON THE BESTSELLING BOOK,
'ALTHOUGH OF COURSE YOU END UP BECOMING YOURSELF' BY DAVID LIPSKY

COMING SOON

I AM
CHRIS FARLEY



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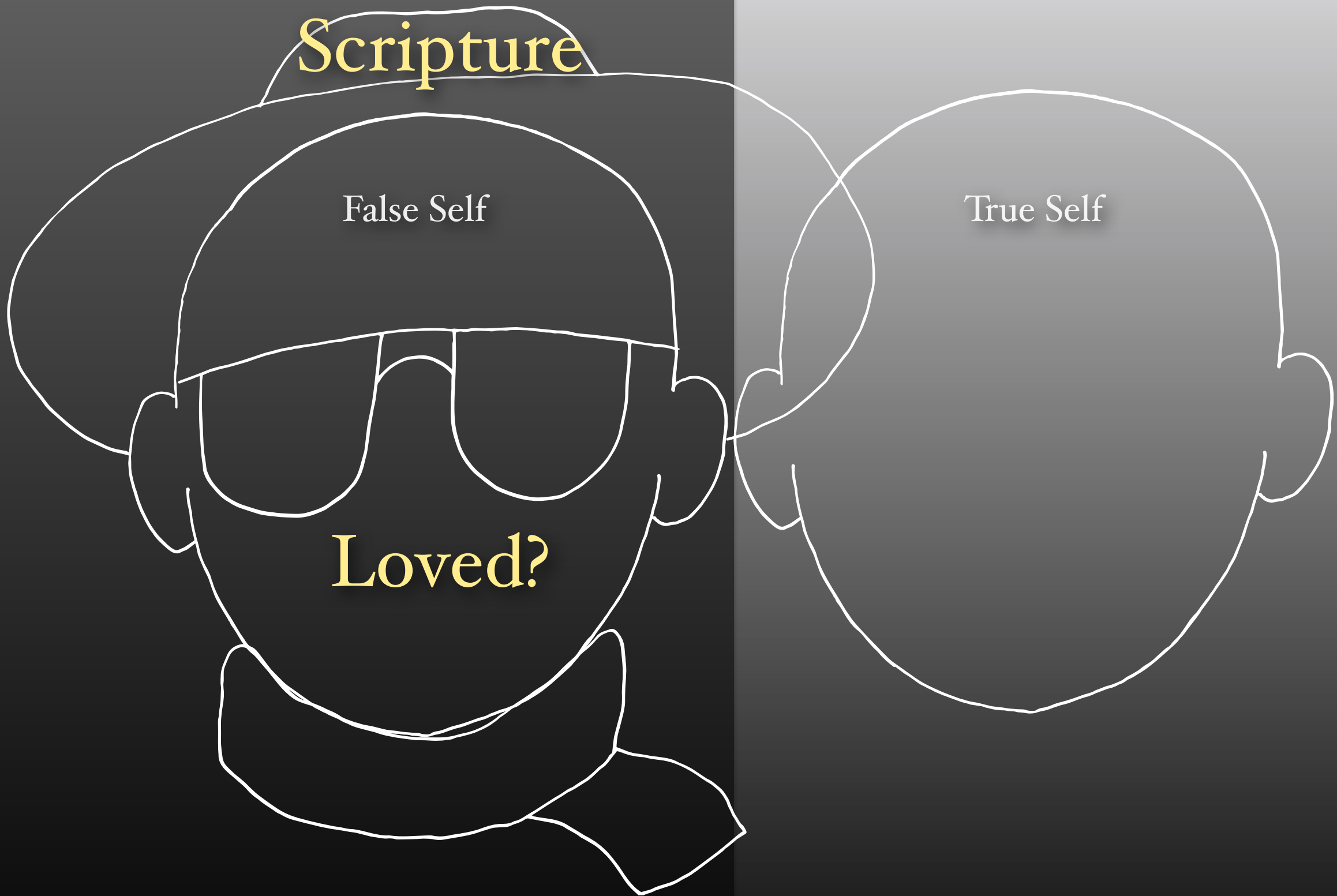
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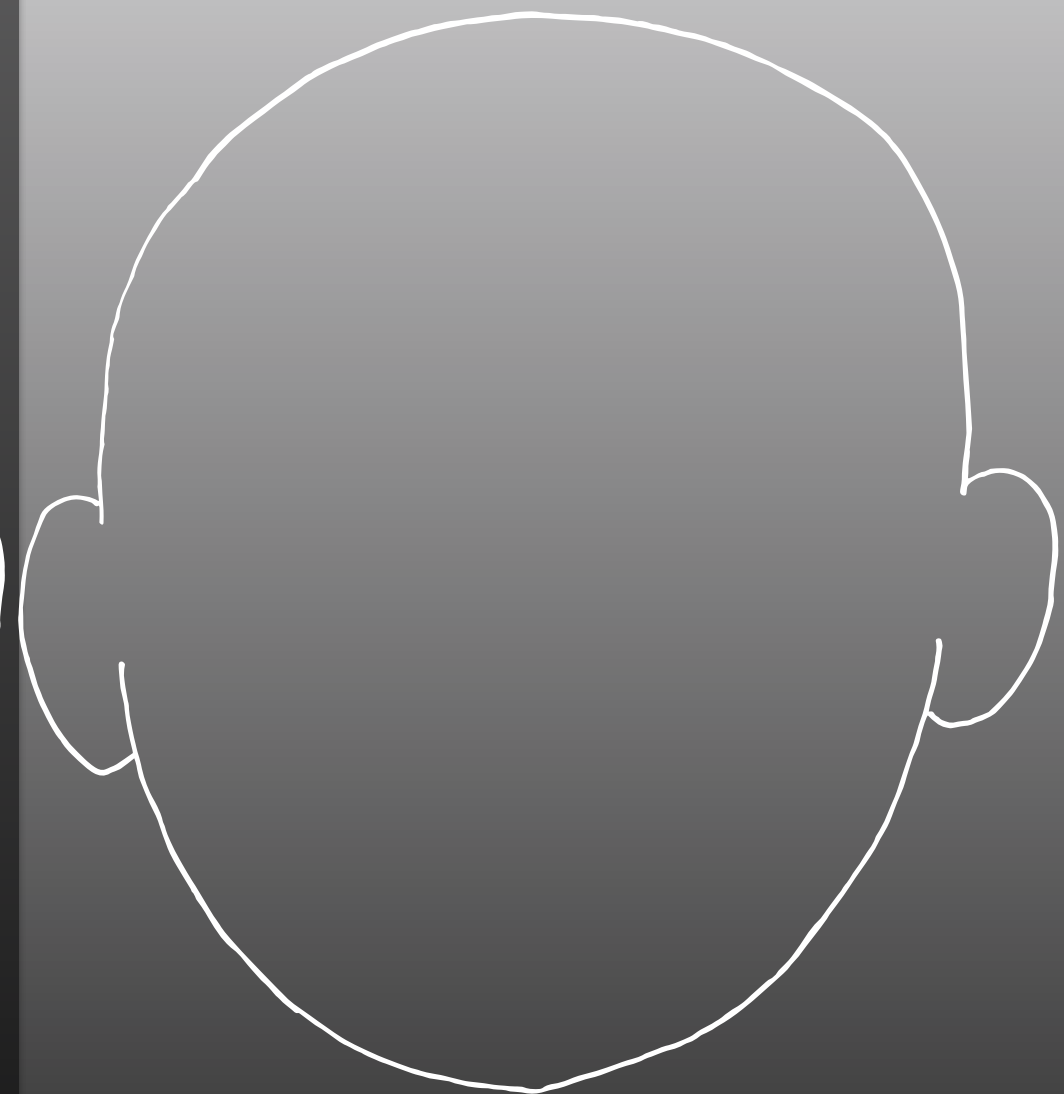
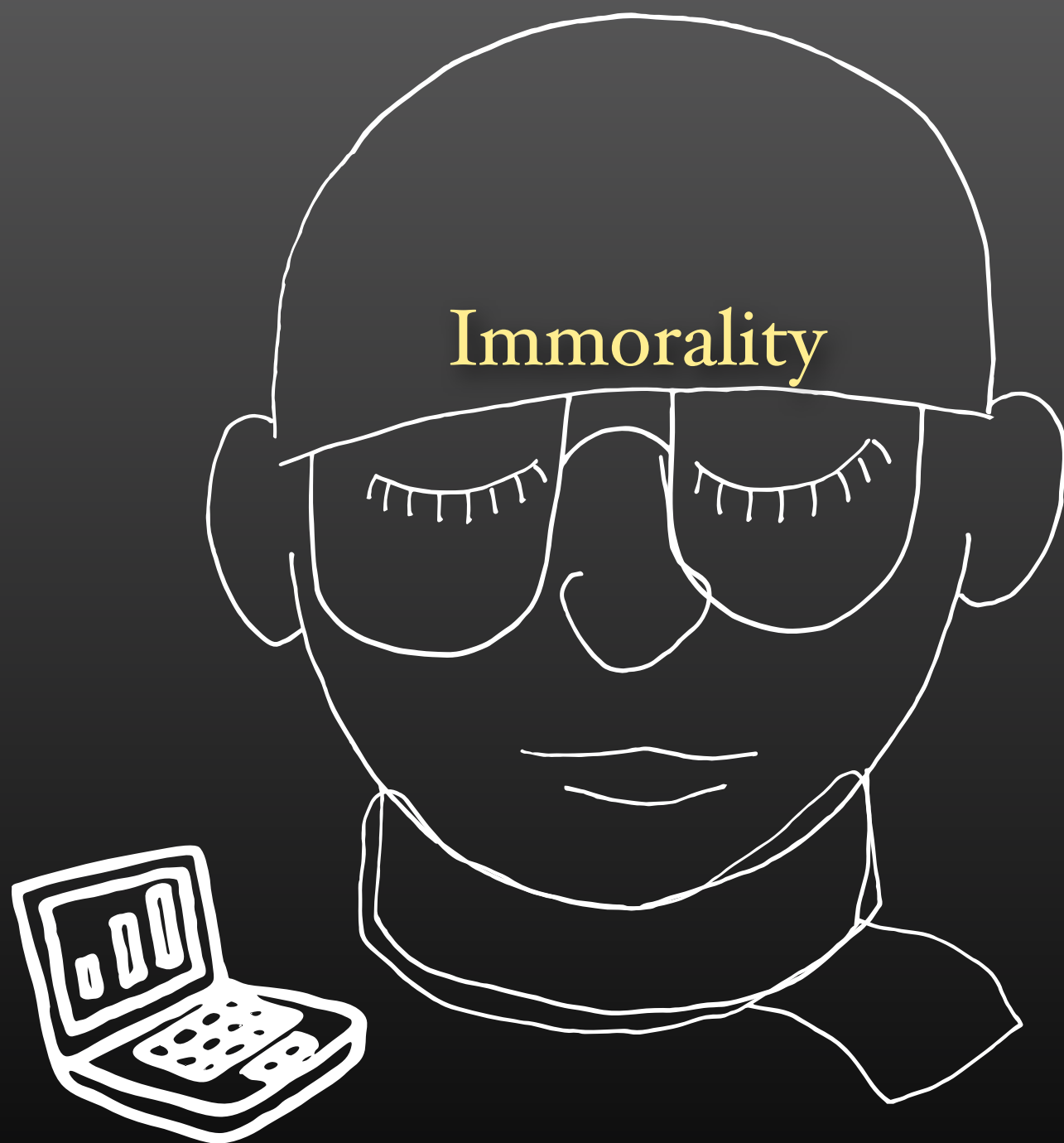


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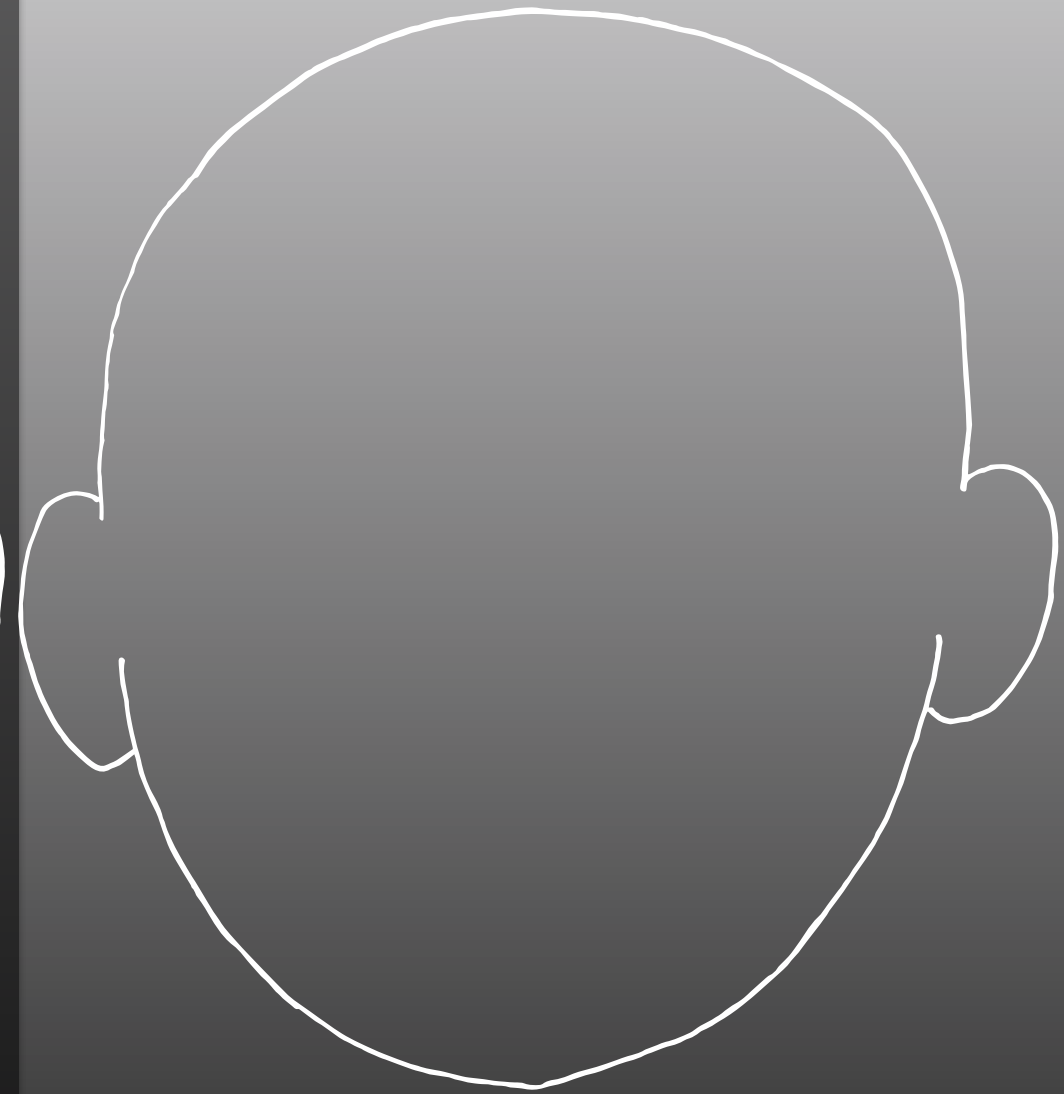


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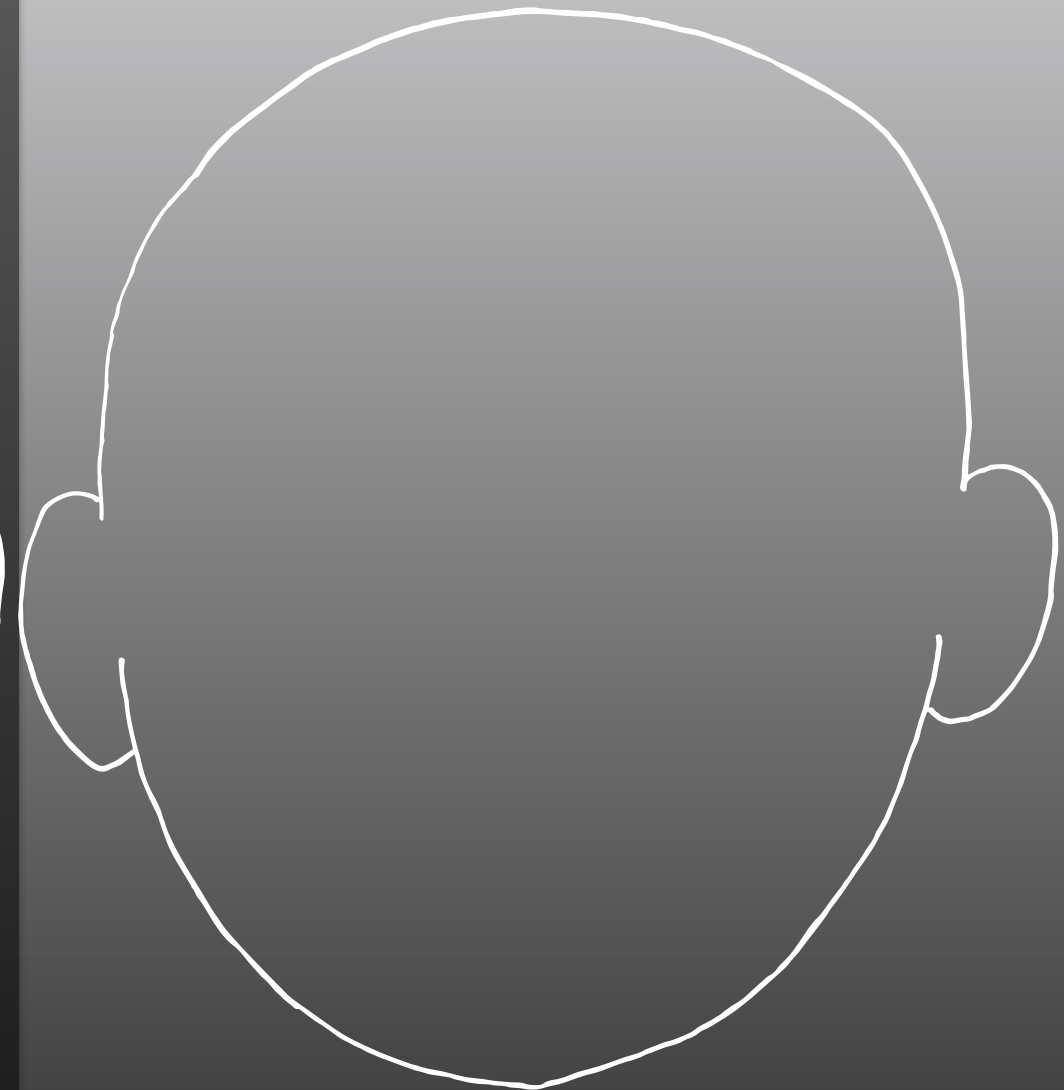


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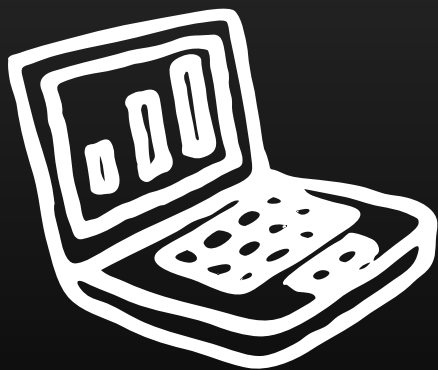
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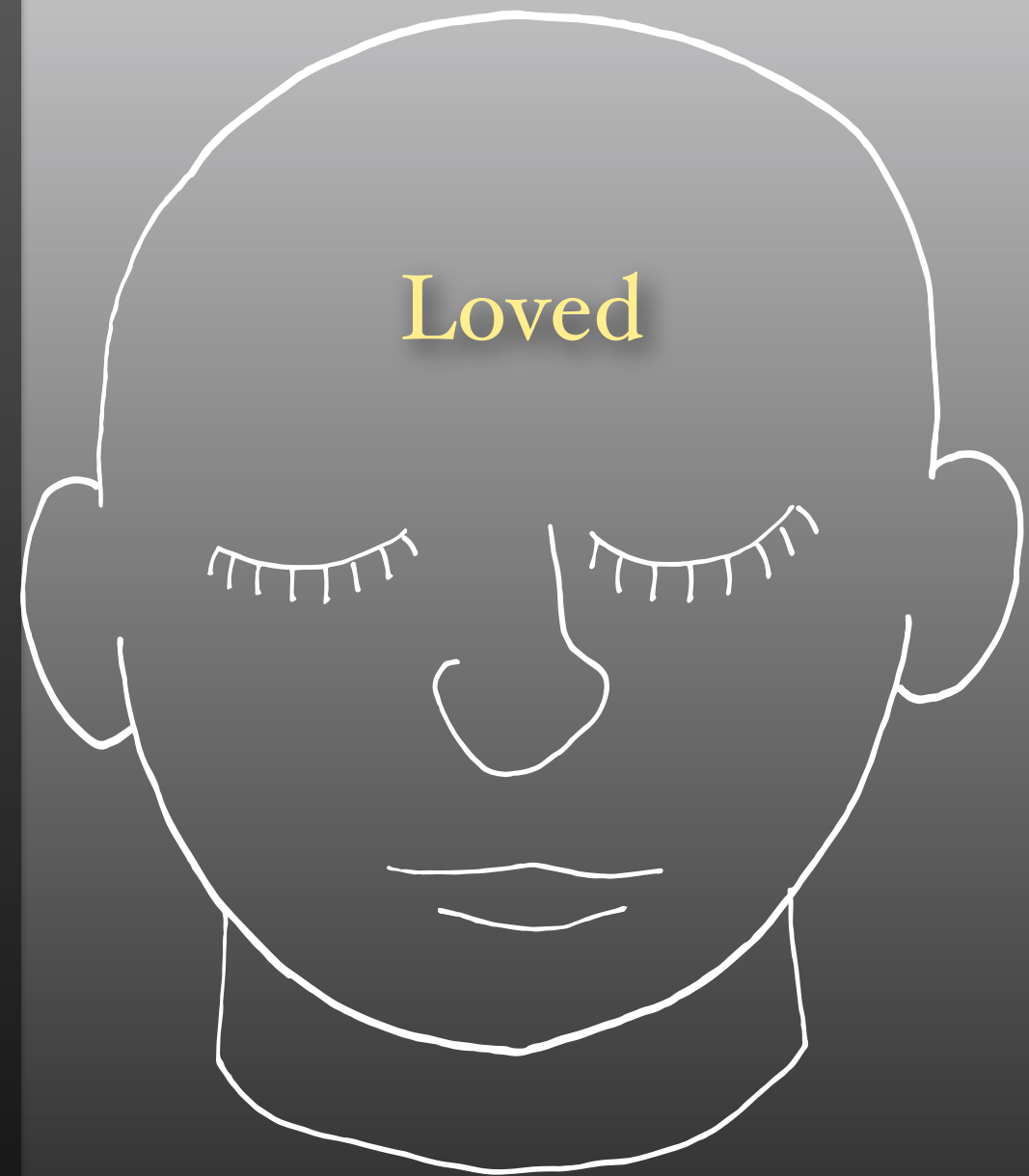


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Tribe of Benjamin

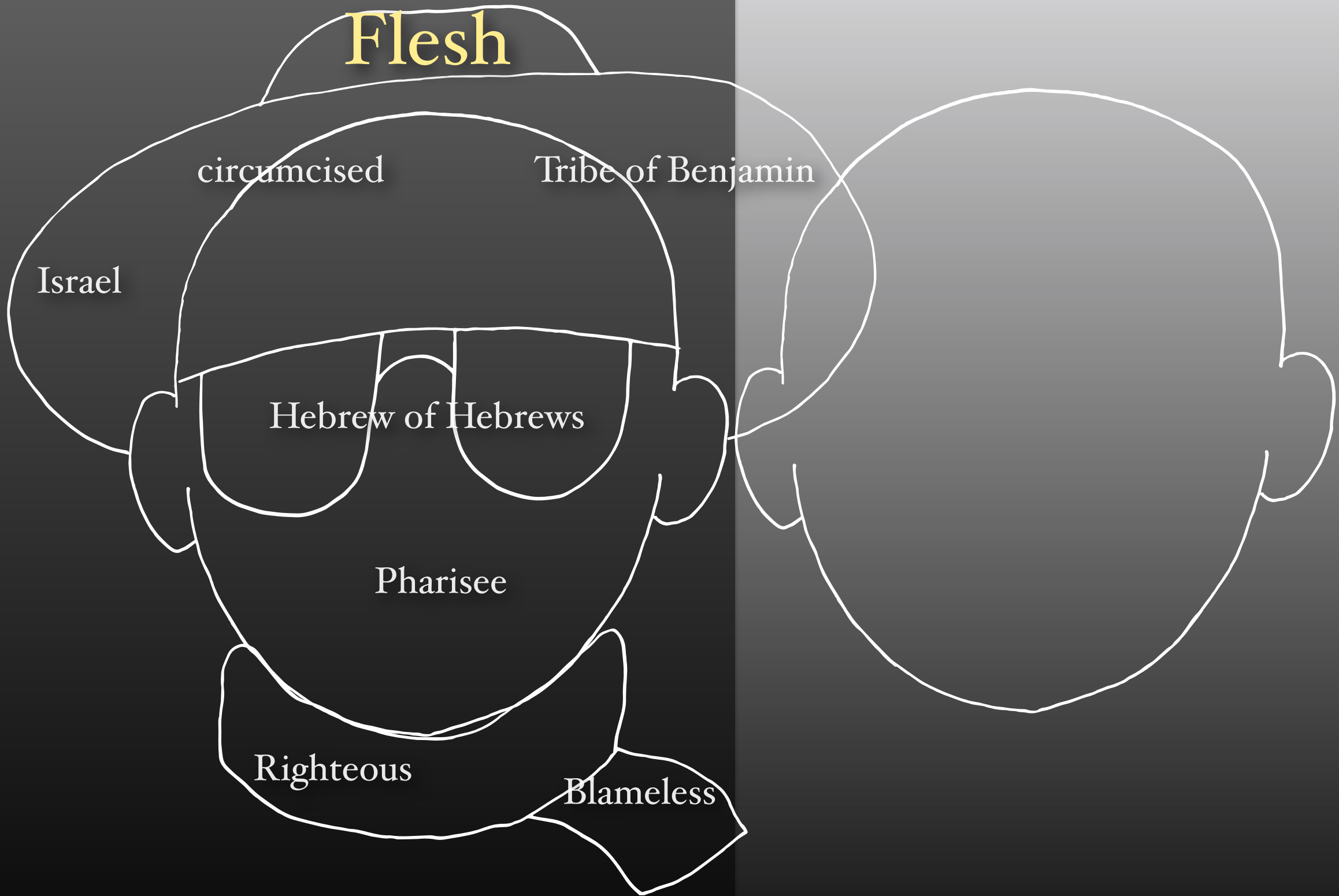
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Hebrew of Hebrews

Pharisee

Righteous

Blameless

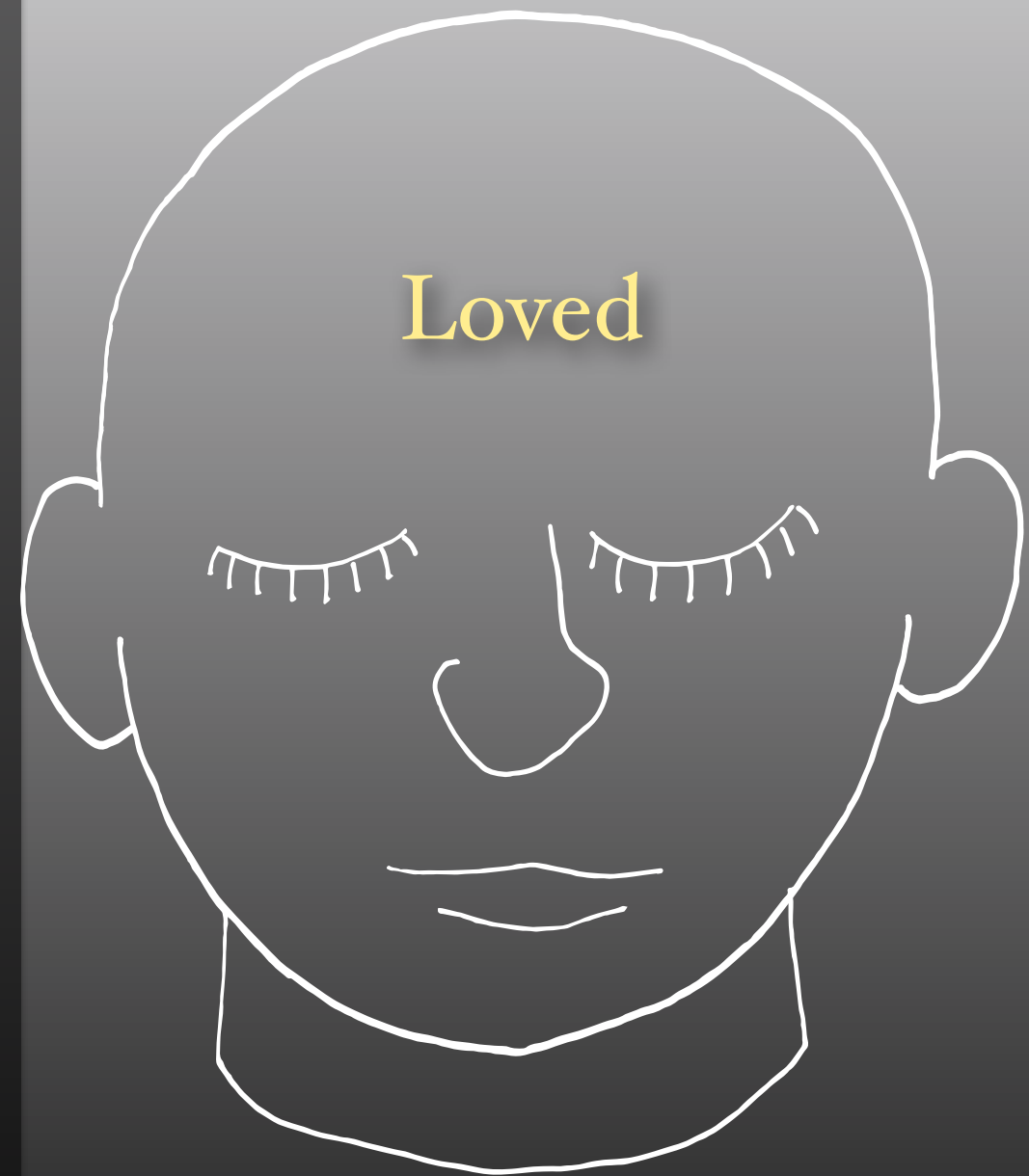


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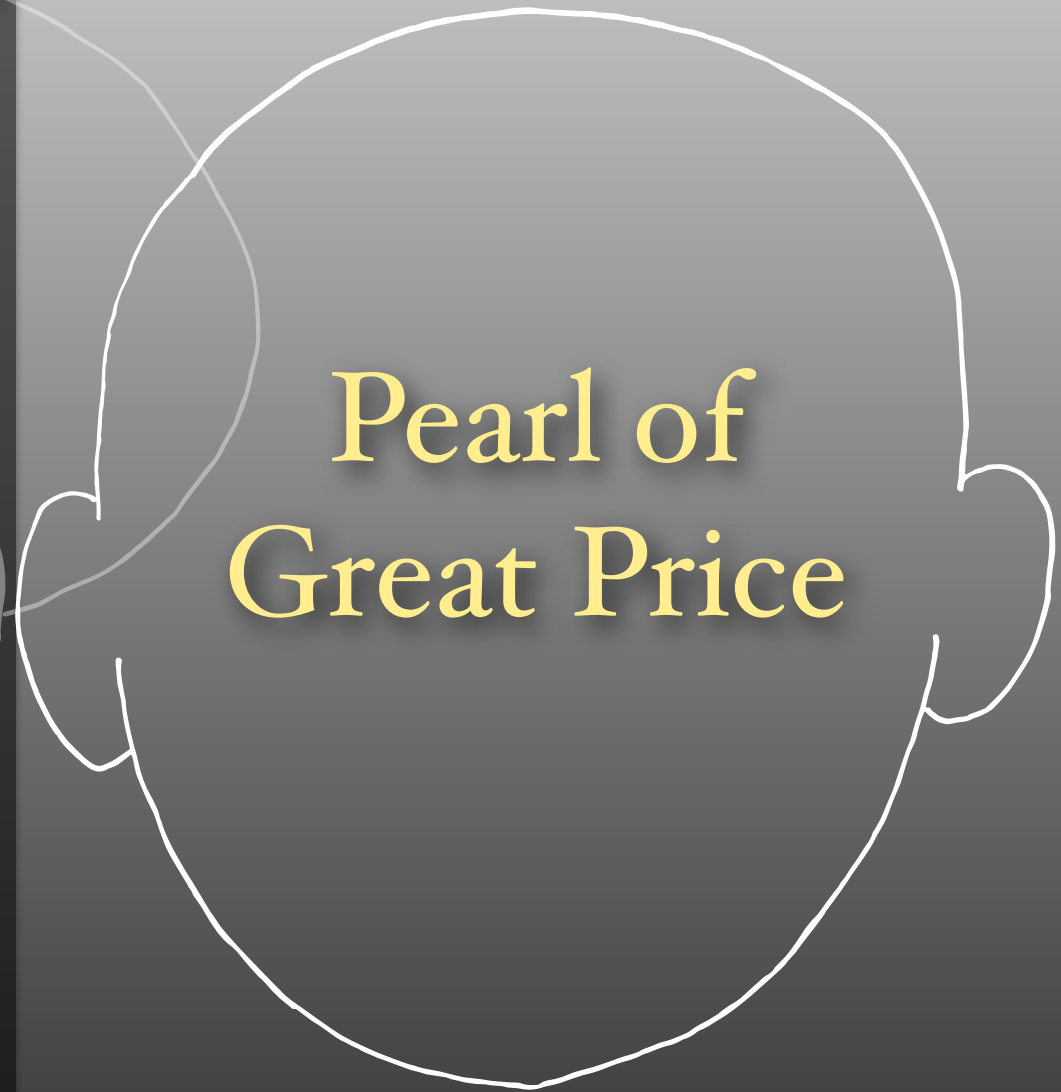
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Sold Everything



Kingdom of God

Pearl of
Great Price



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Scripture

Still Loved

Always Loved



In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness, of spurious self-isolation in a special world, the world of renunciation and supposed holiness.

The whole illusion of a separate holy existence is a dream. This sense of liberation from an illusory difference was such a relief and such a joy to me that I almost laughed out loud. I have the immense joy of being human, a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now that I realize what we all are.

And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun.

Then it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God's eyes. If only they could see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time.”

- Thomas Merton

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