

Church History Literacy

St. Anselm of Canterbury

Lesson 43

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How do we know
God exists?

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Why did God
become man?

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Why did Christ die
instead of God saving
us some other way?

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What is it that
makes sin so bad?

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A word about “Saints”

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Catholic

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Protestant

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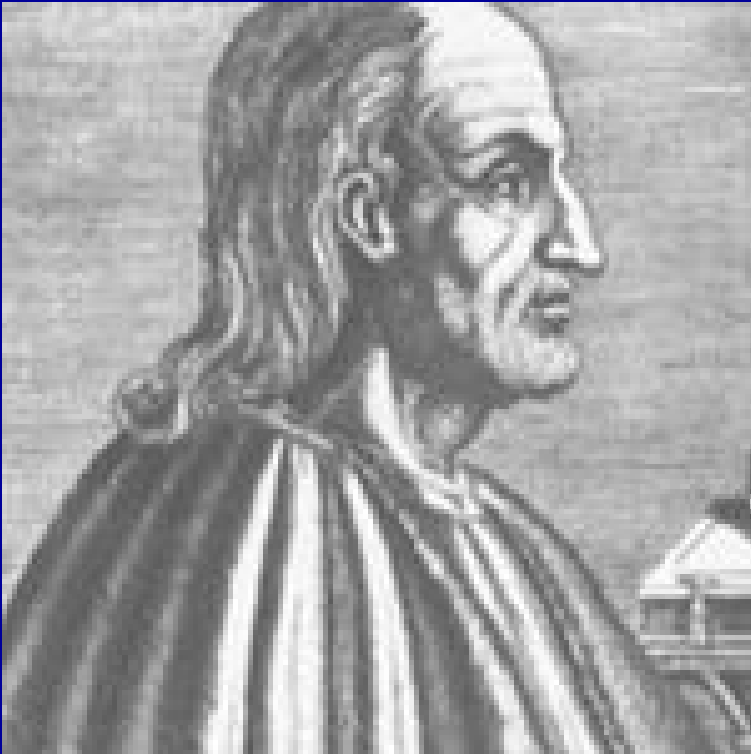
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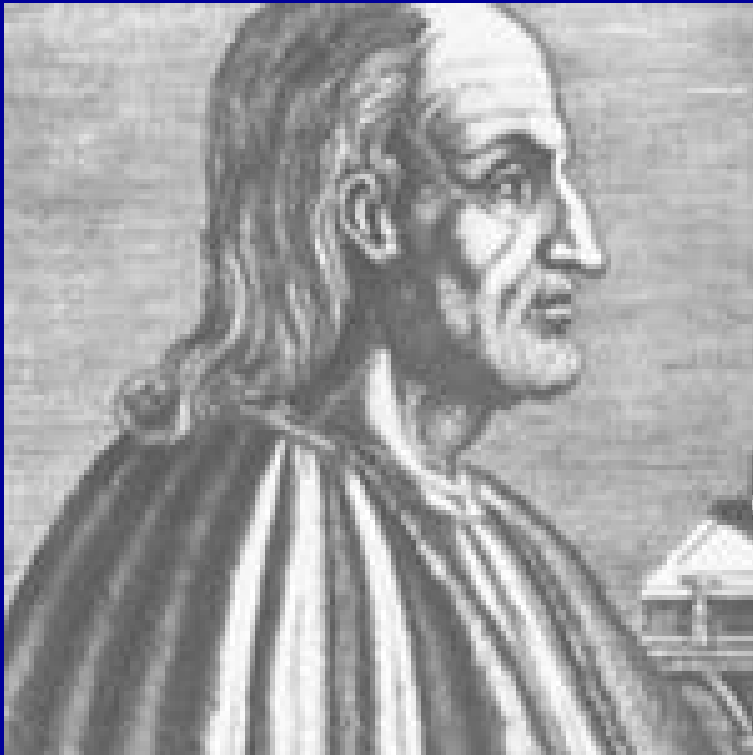
Protestant



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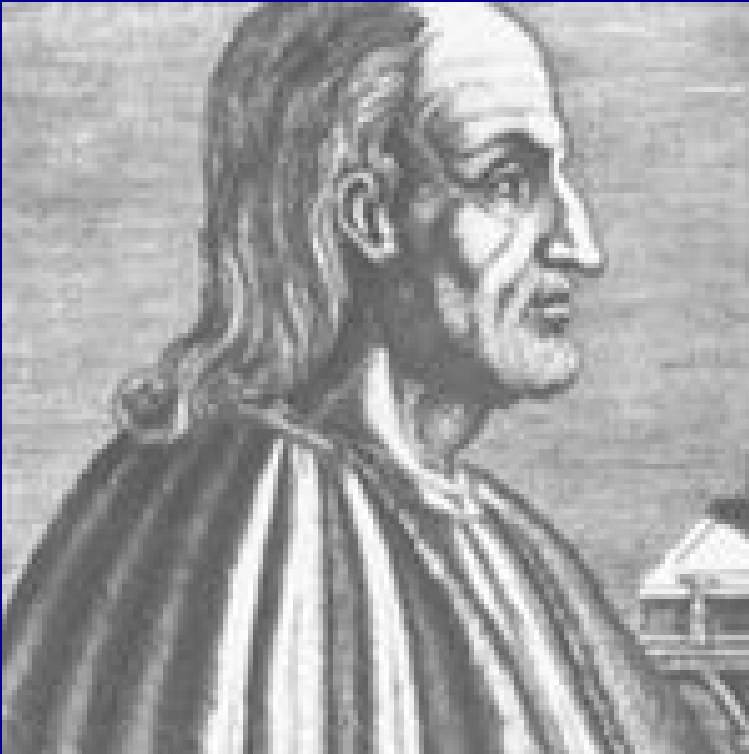


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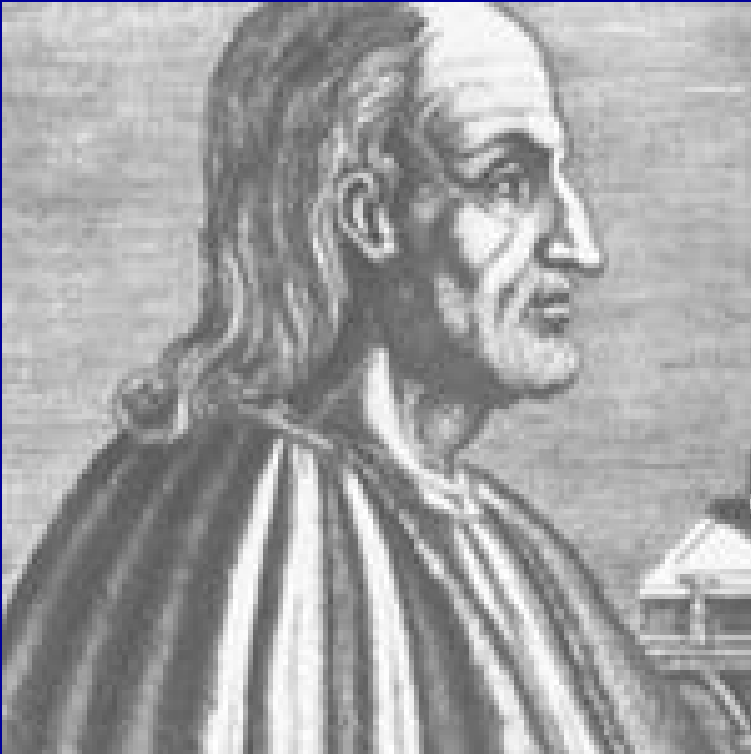
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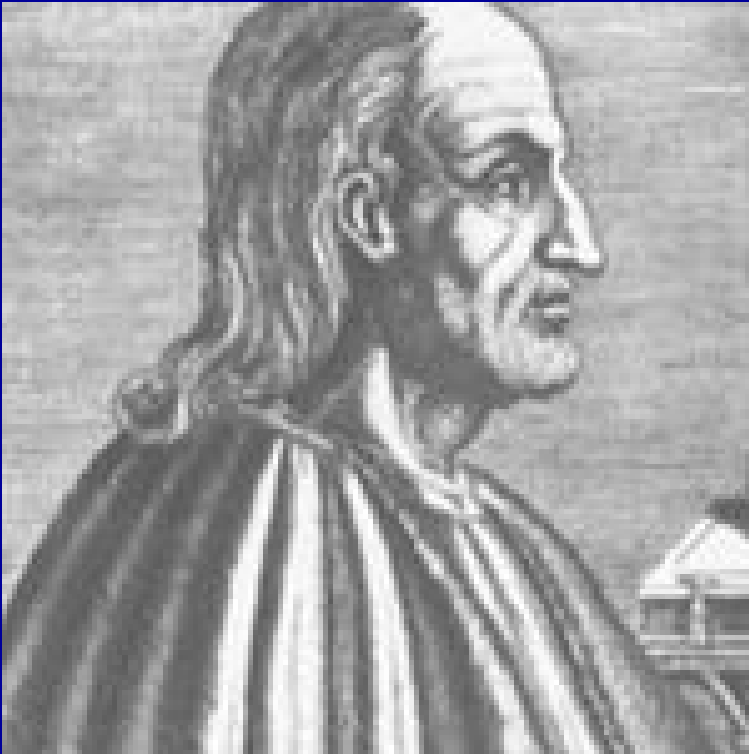
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Loving Mother
and Holy Vision

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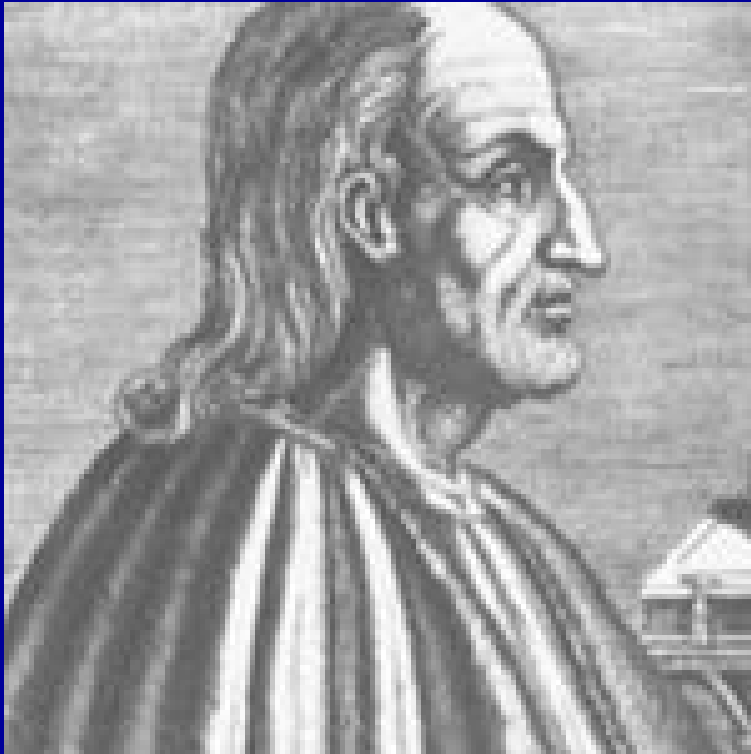


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Teenager:

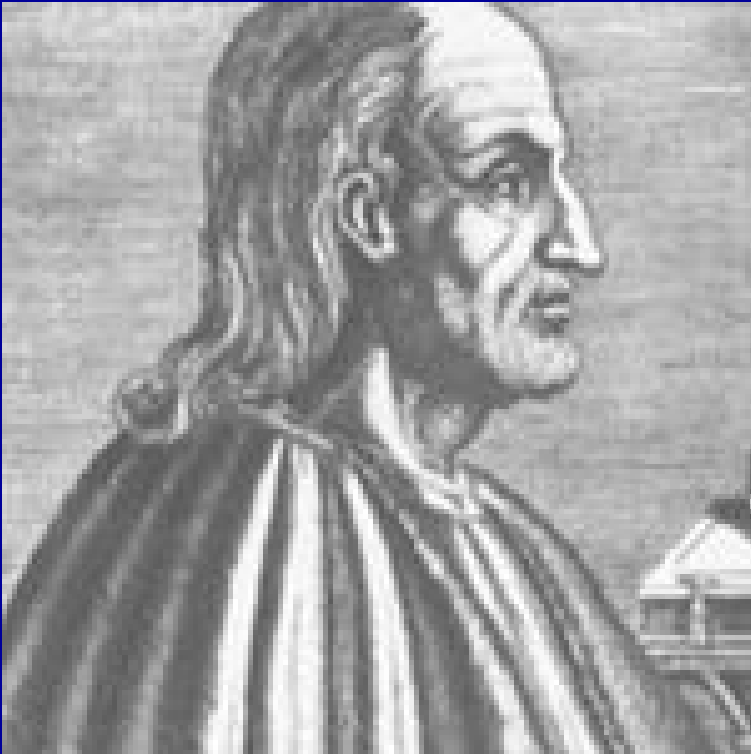
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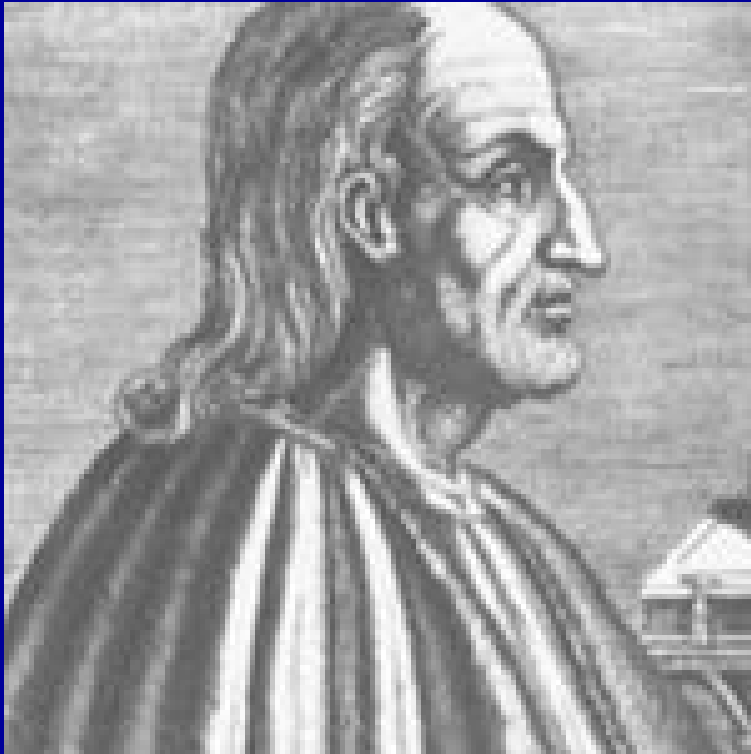
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Harsh Father
and a frustrated
Christian walk

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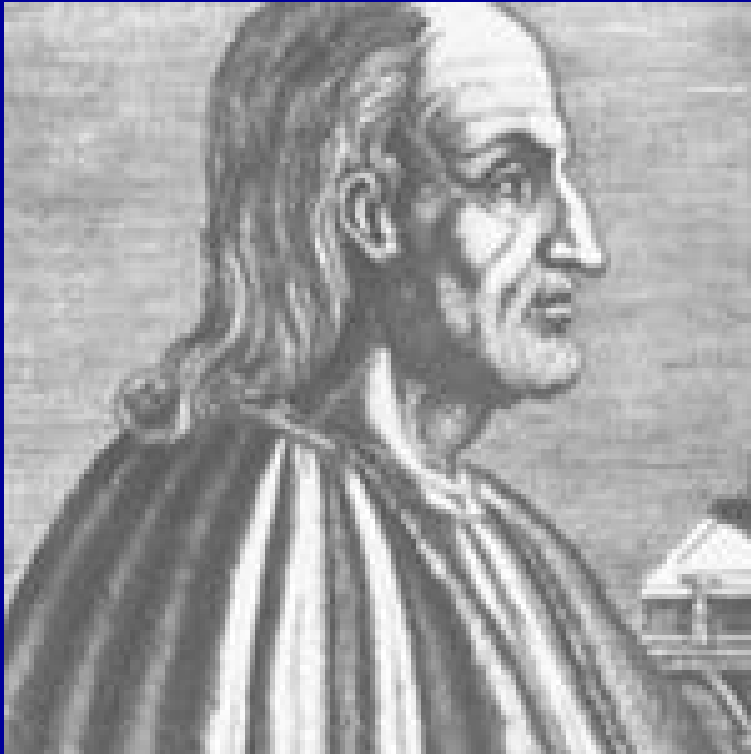


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Young Man:

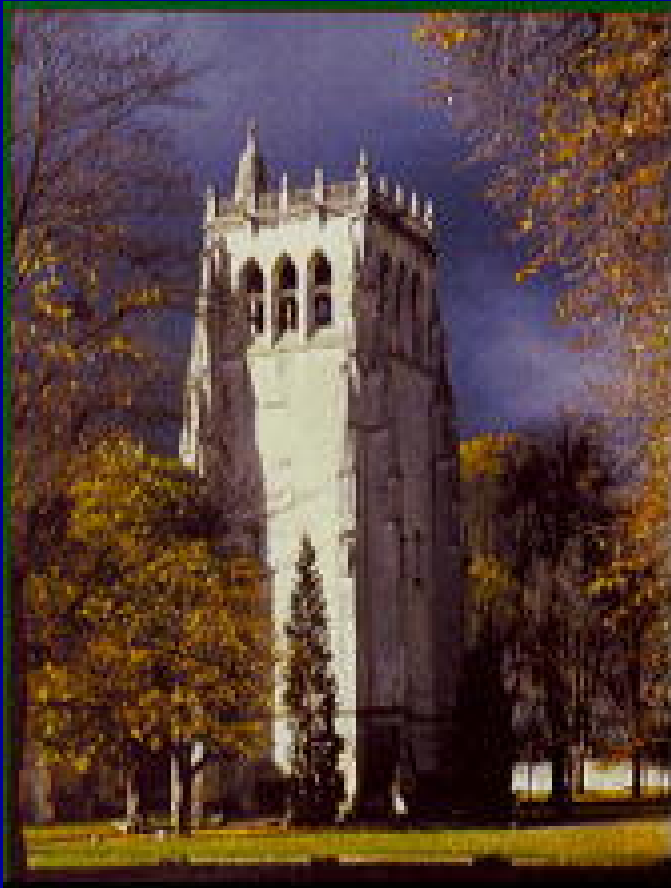
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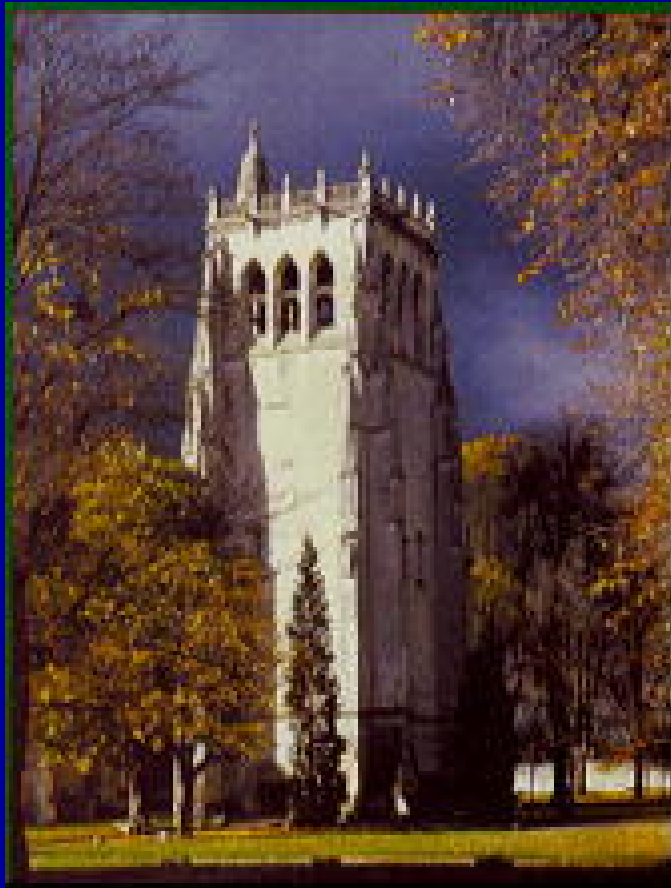
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A monastic life

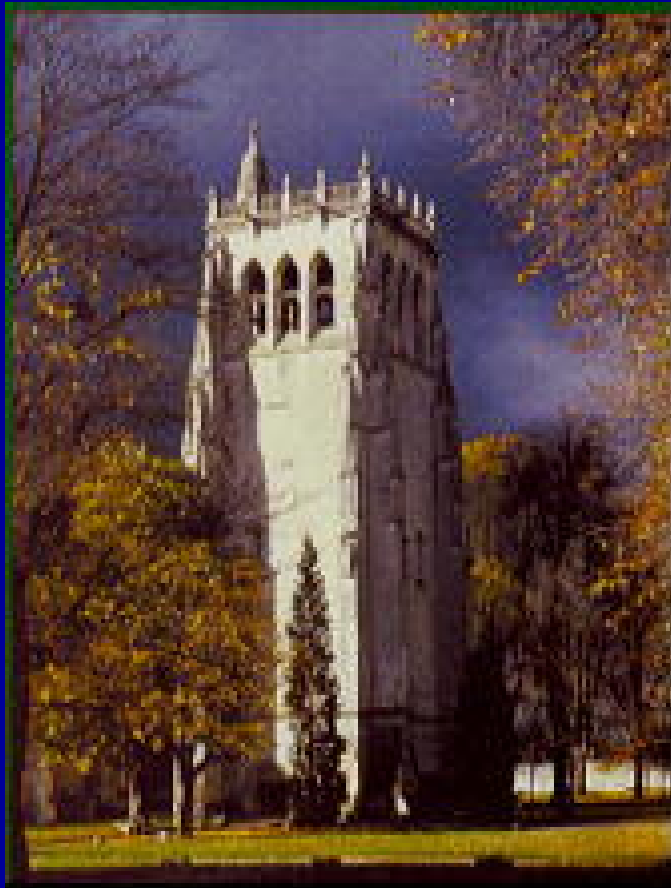
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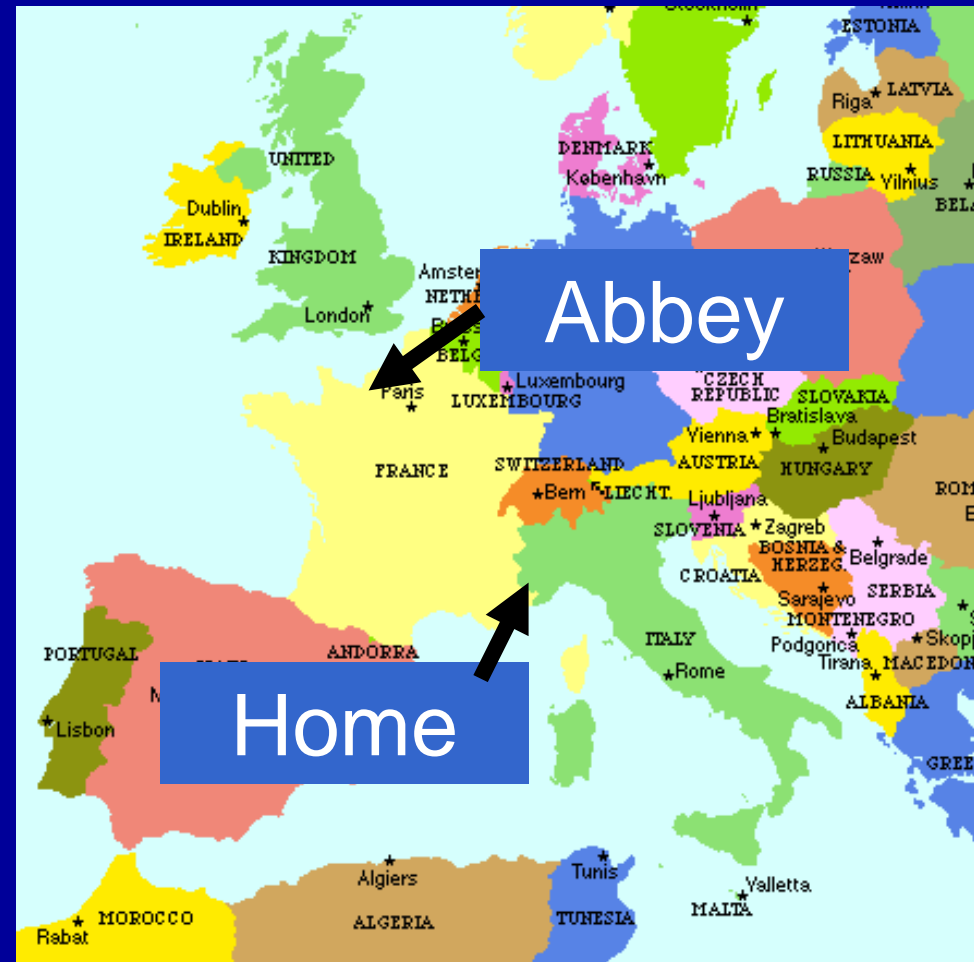
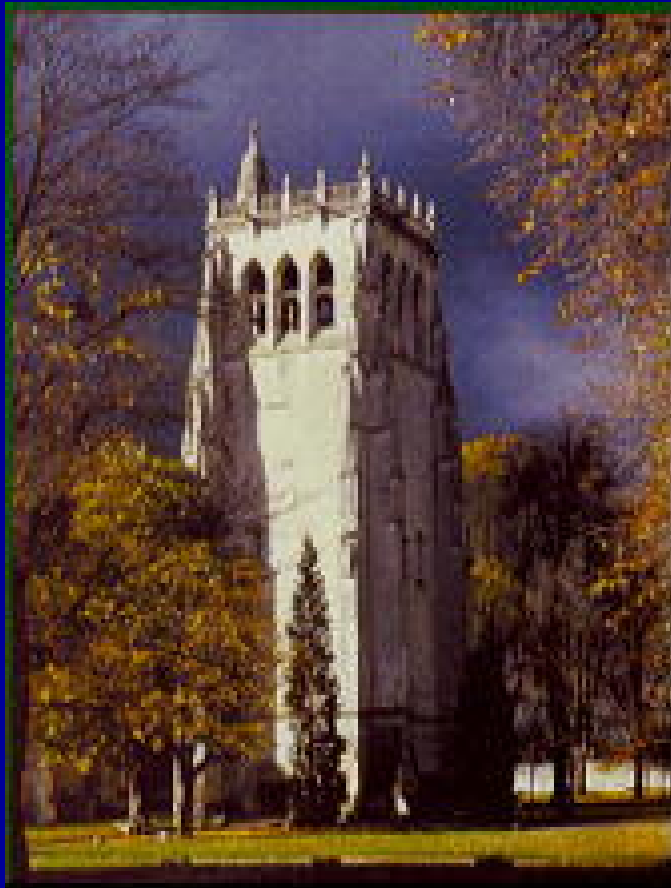
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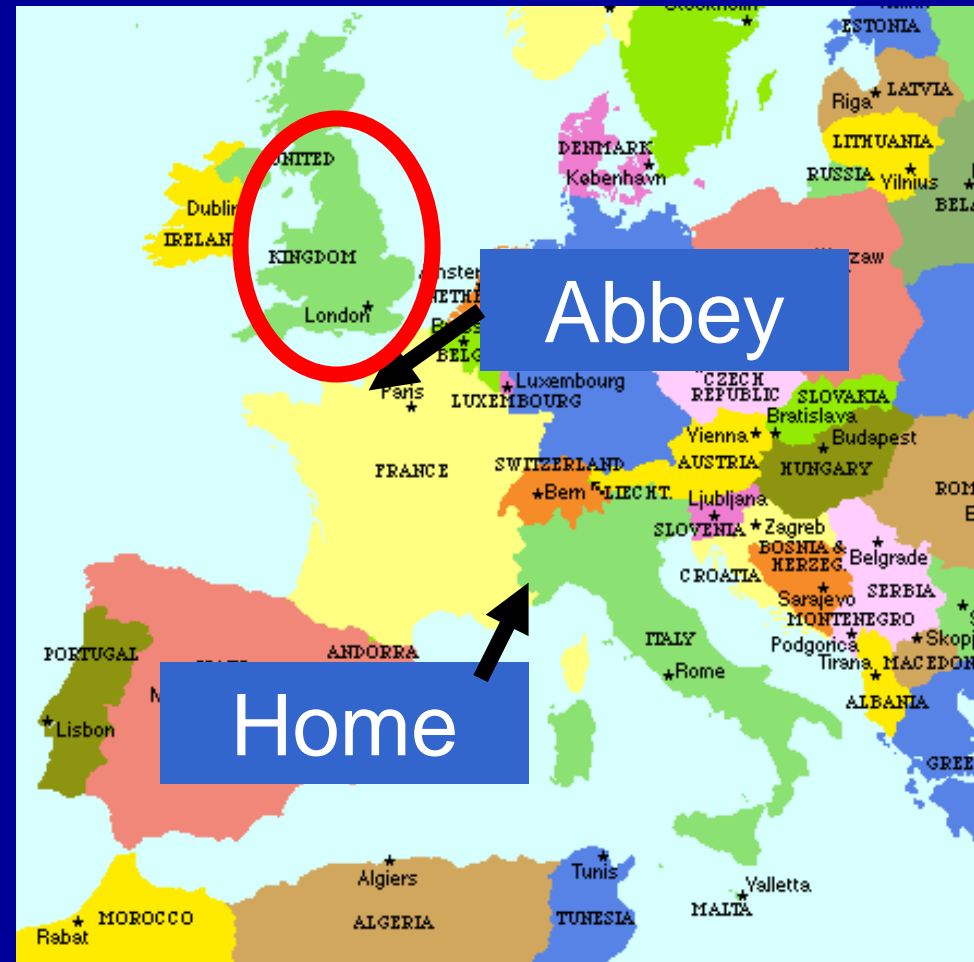
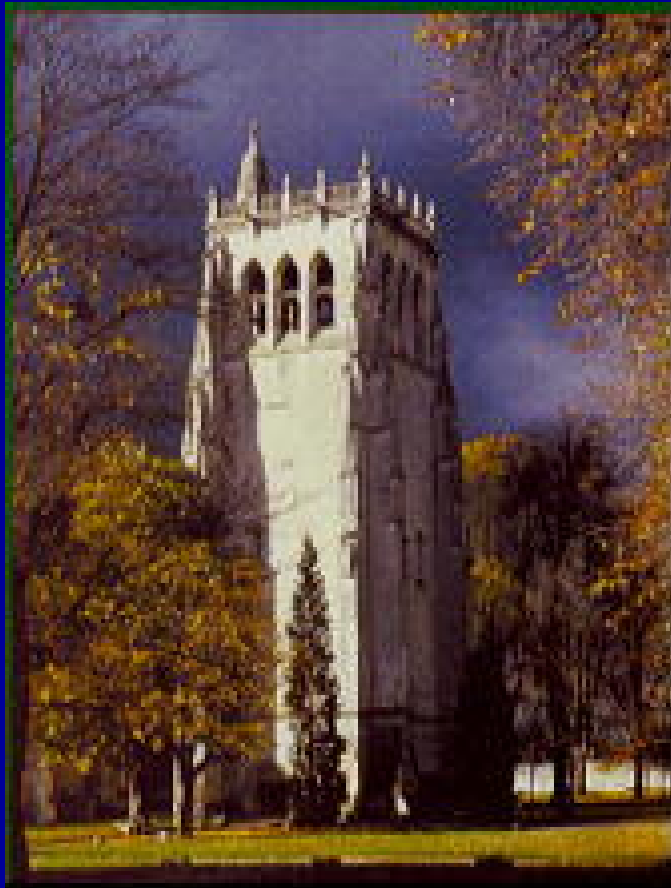
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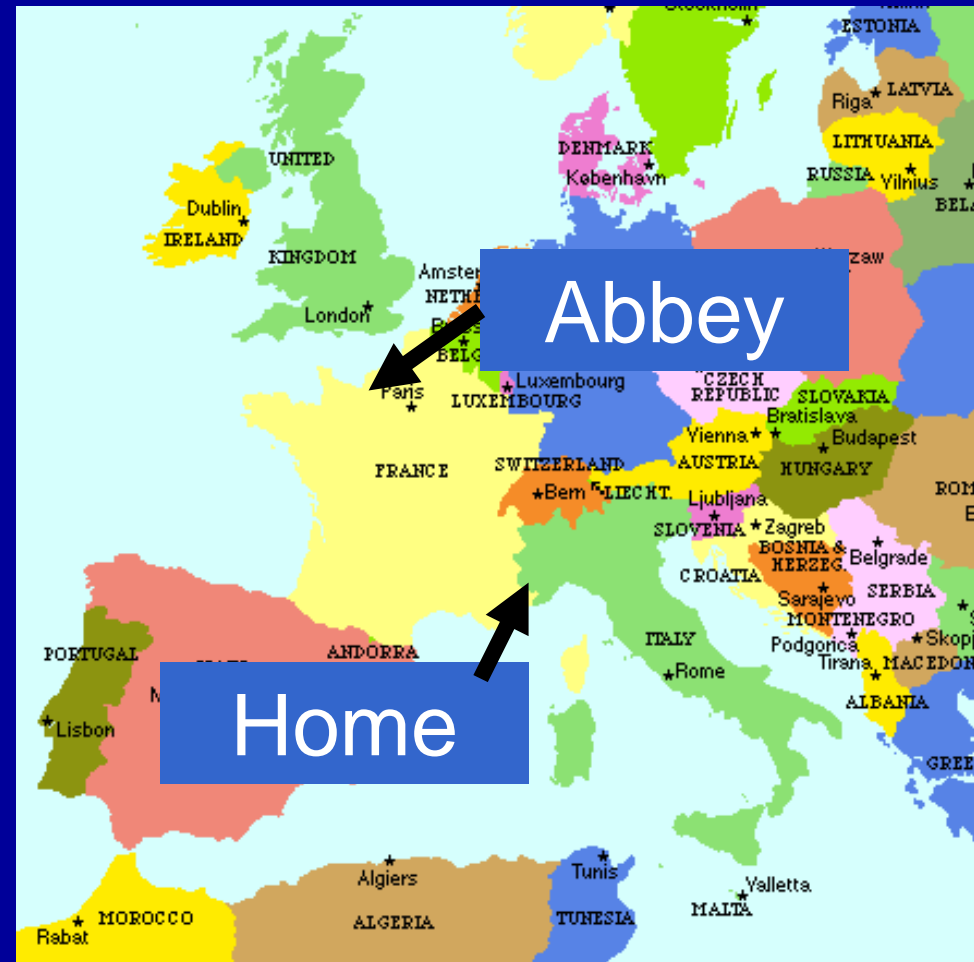
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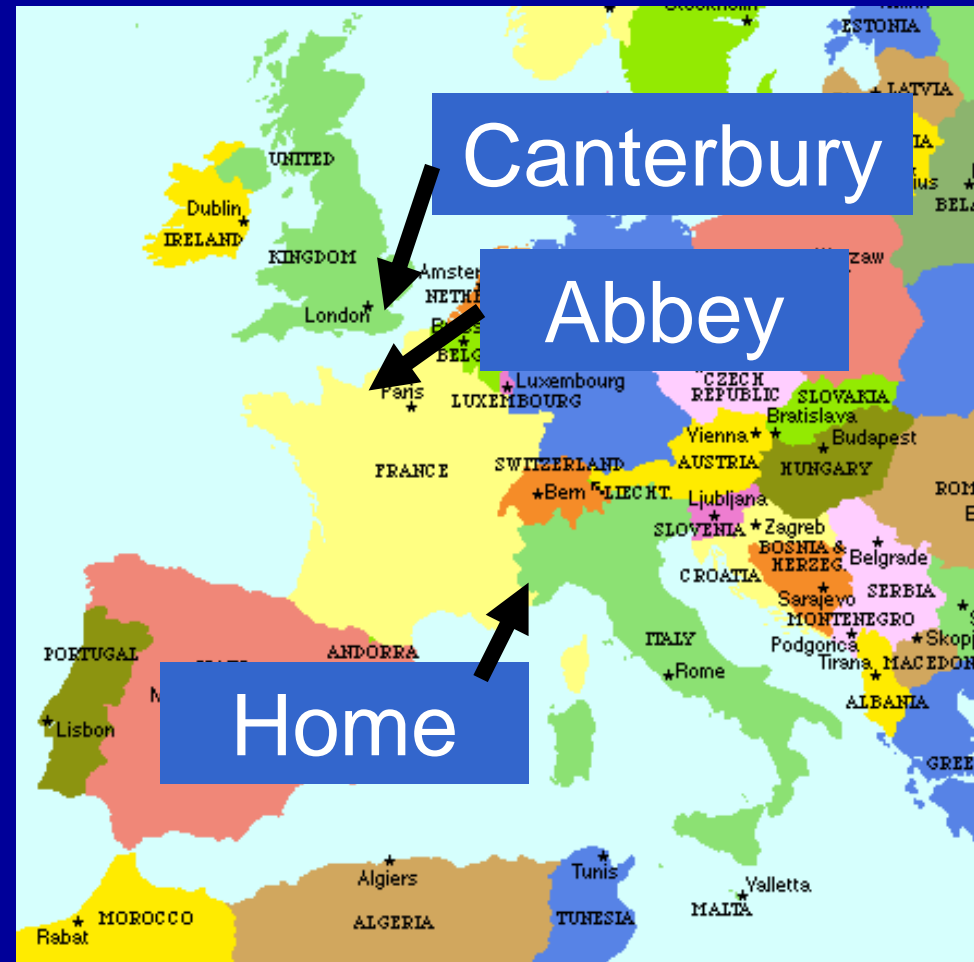
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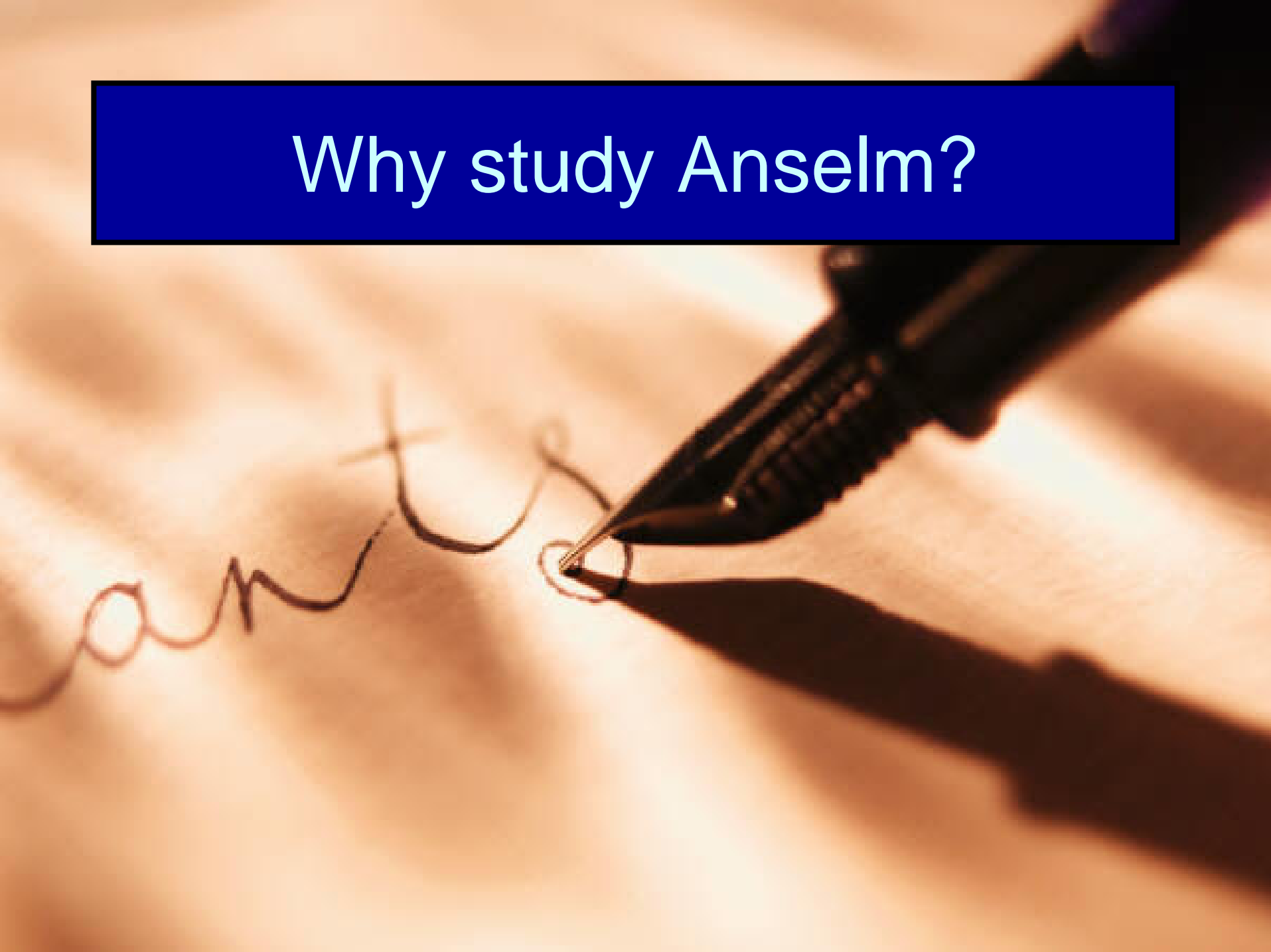


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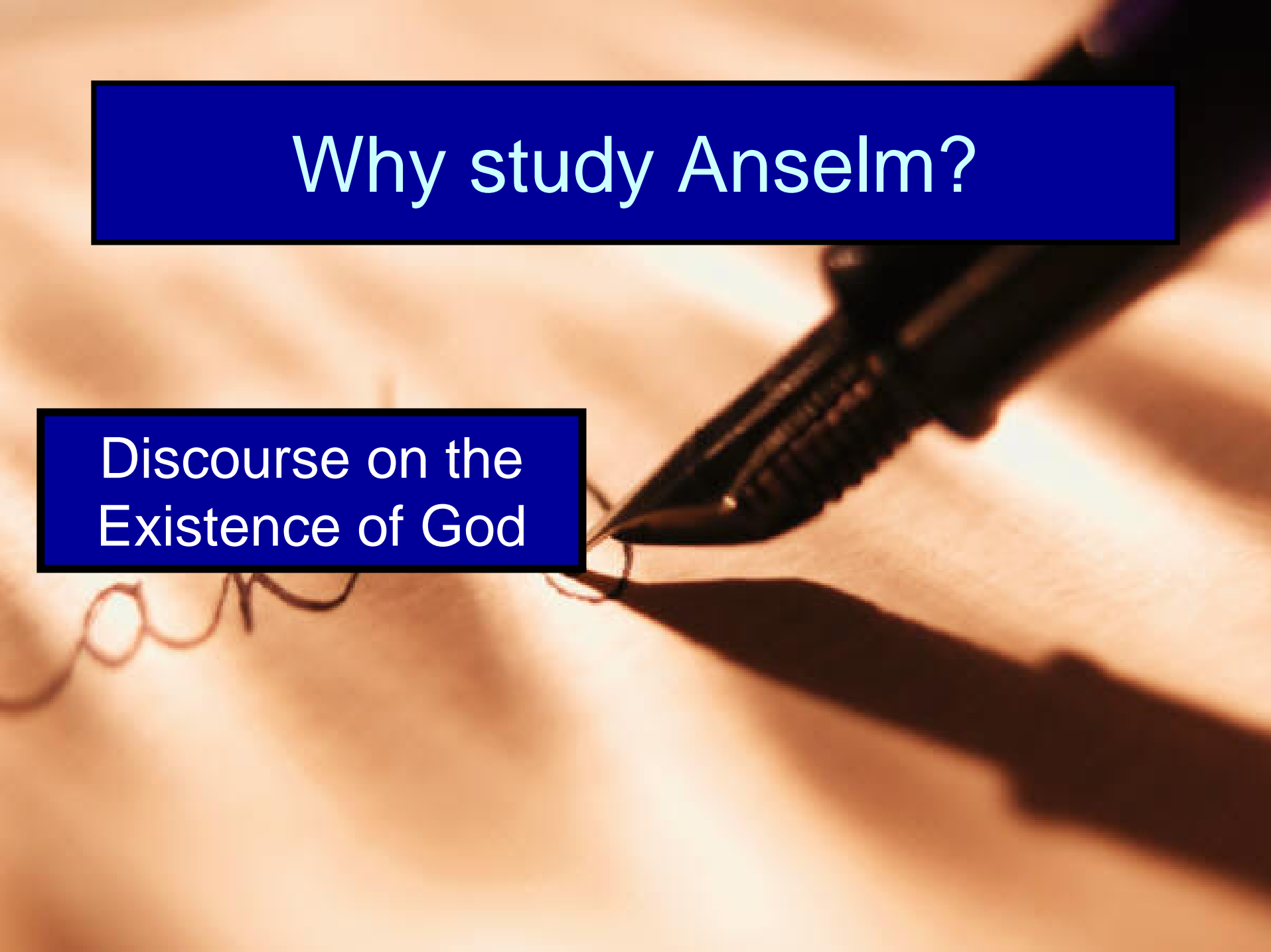
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Discourse on the
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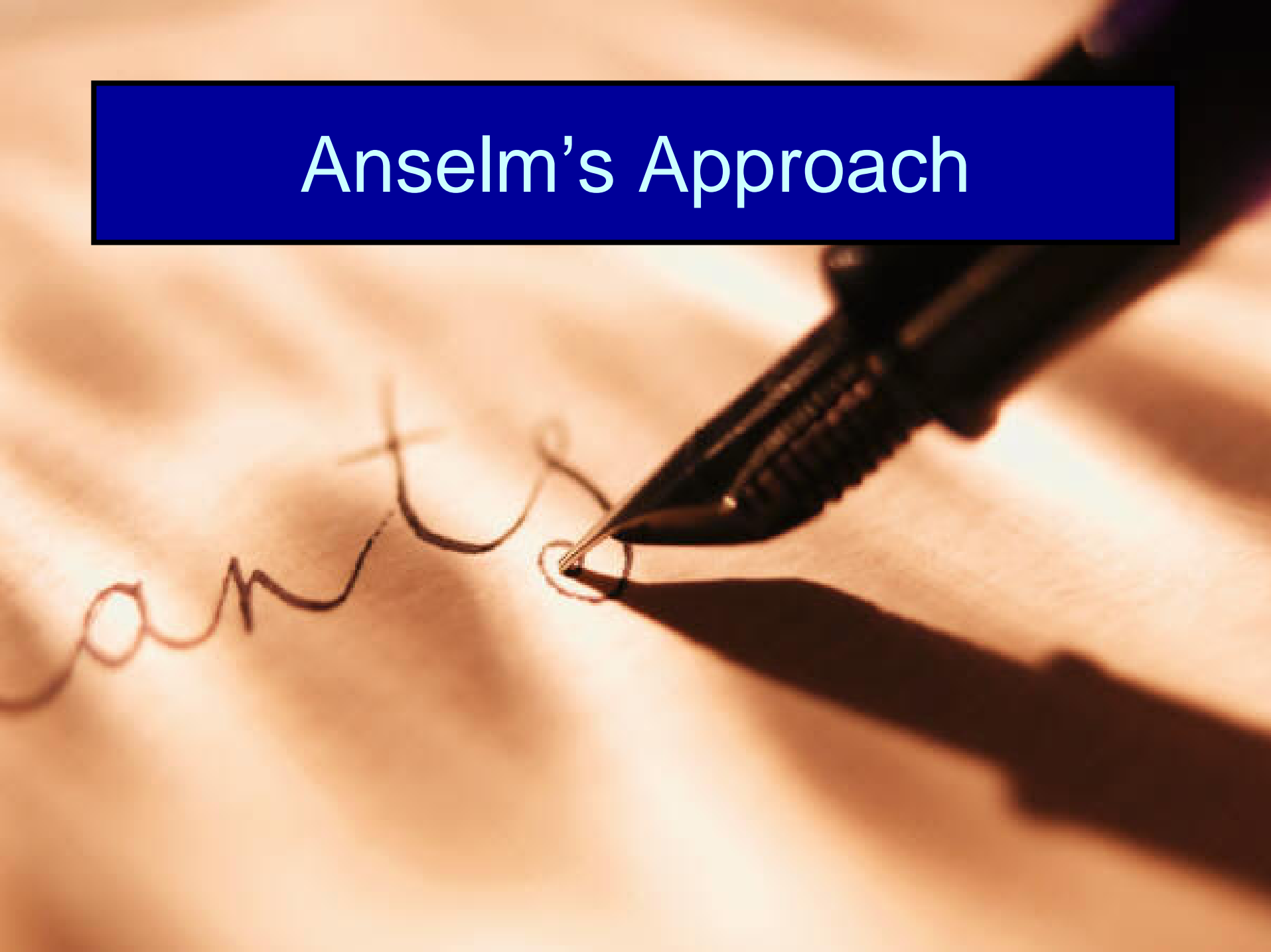


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Discourse on the
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Why God Became
Man

Anselm's Approach



Anselm's Approach

A close-up, warm-toned photograph of a fountain pen writing on parchment. The pen is dark and has a fine nib, currently forming a loop in the cursive script. The parchment is aged and textured, with some previous writing visible in the lower left.

Scripture is
absolute truth

Anselm's Approach

A close-up, warm-toned photograph of a fountain pen's nib writing on a textured surface, likely parchment. The pen is dark, and the ink is visible as it meets the surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus golden-brown.

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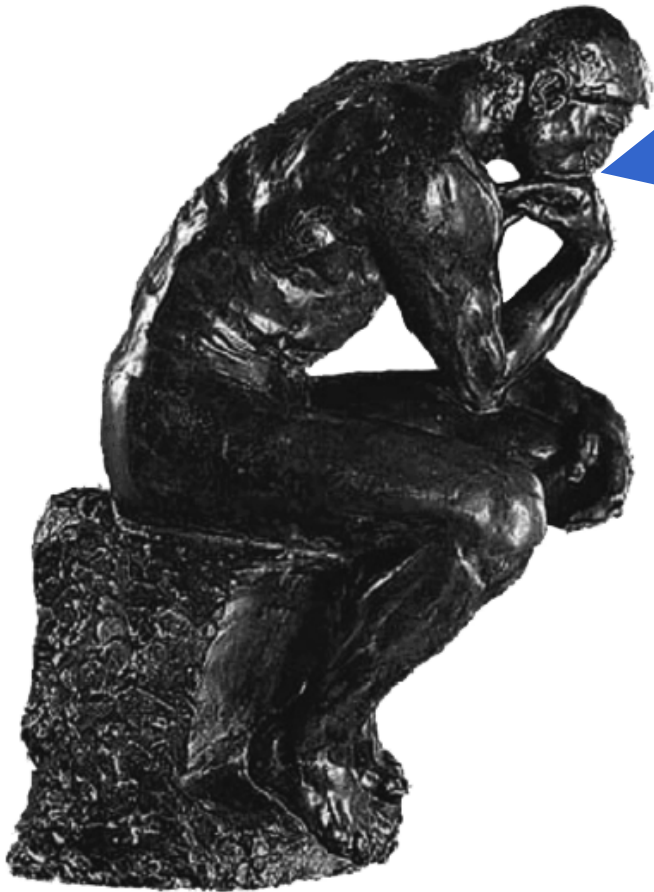
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“If I say something
that unquestionably
contradicts Sacred
Scripture, I am
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false”

On the Existence of God

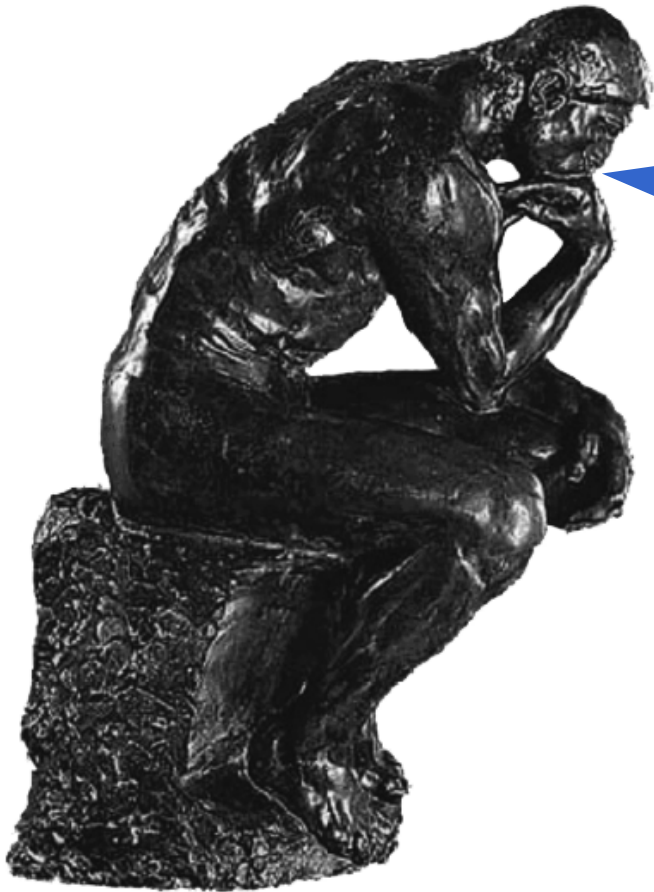


On the Existence of God



“I hold it to be a failure in duty if after we have become steadfast in our faith we do not strive to understand what we believe.”

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“Christians ought to study to understand why they believe!”





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I believe I will paint her!





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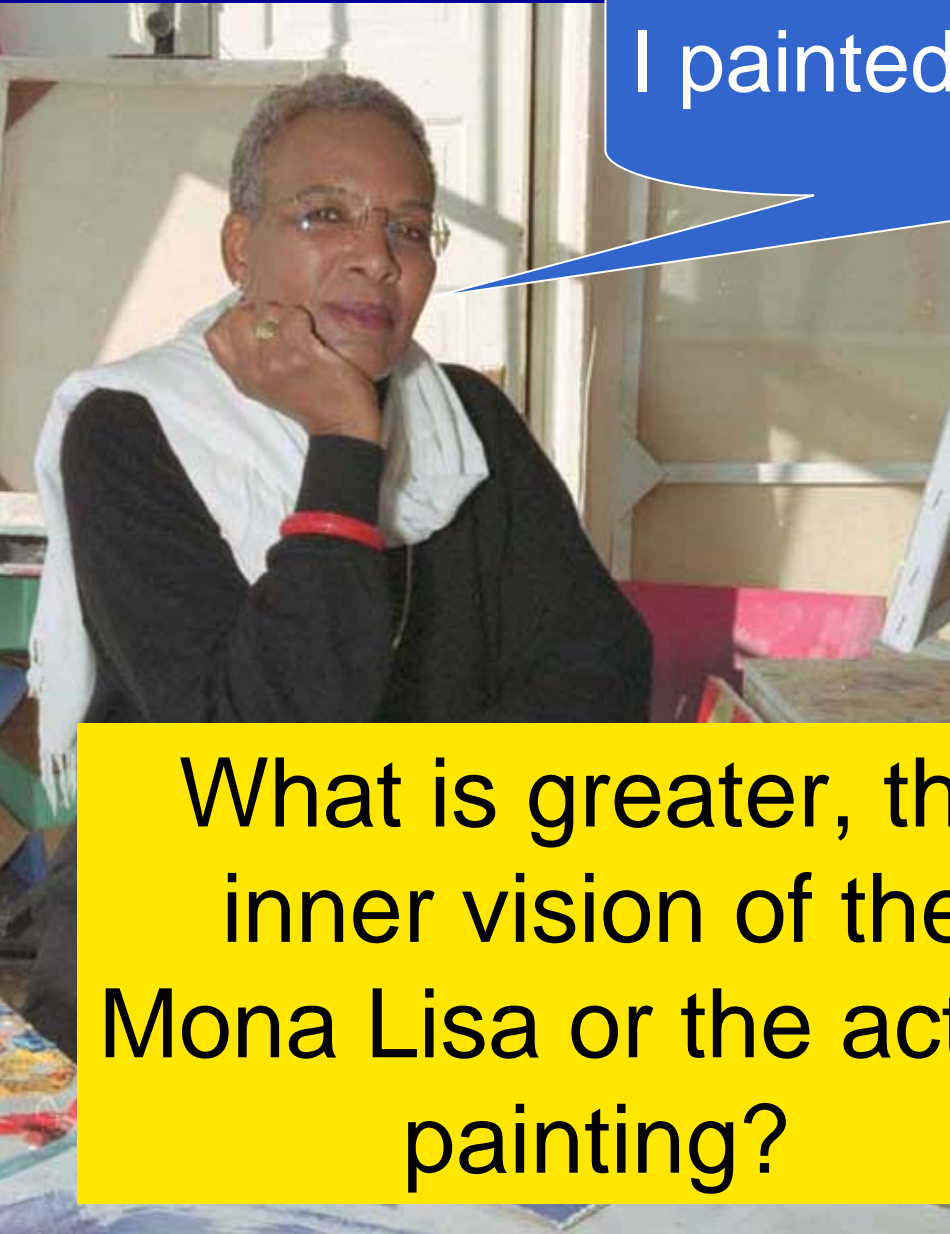
She thinks of the Mona
Lisa, so she
“understands” or
“perceives” the Mona
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I painted her... She is perfect!!!



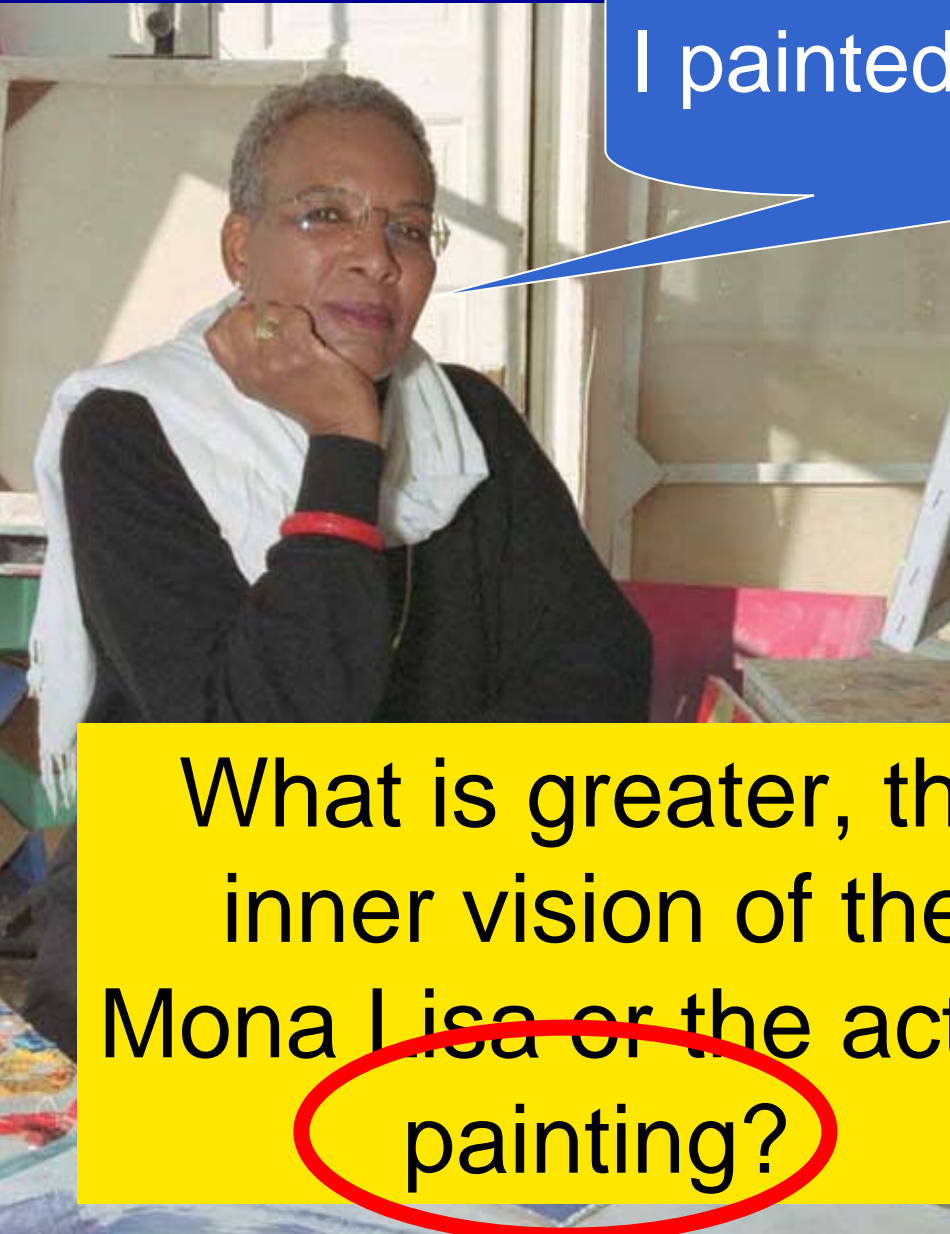
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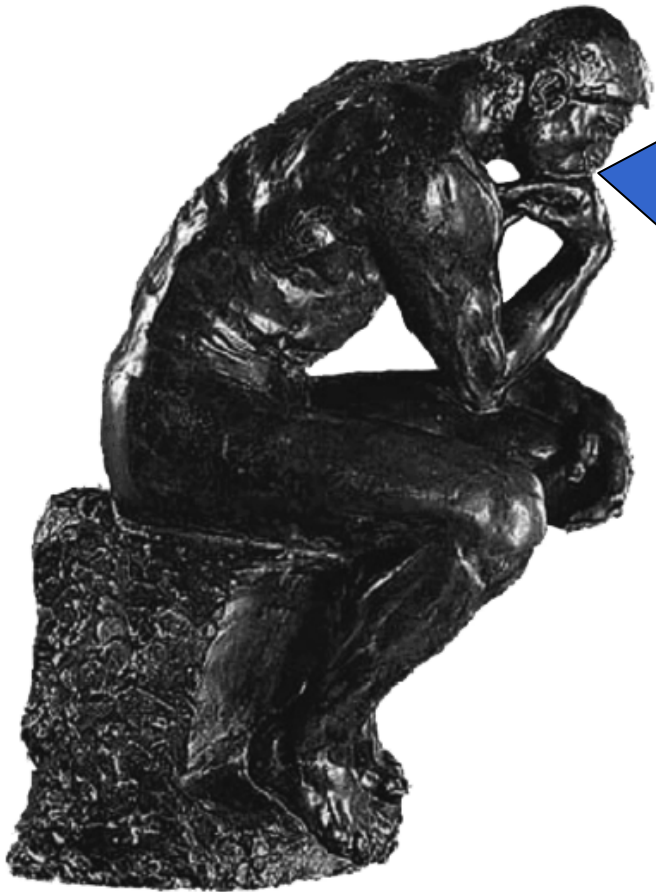
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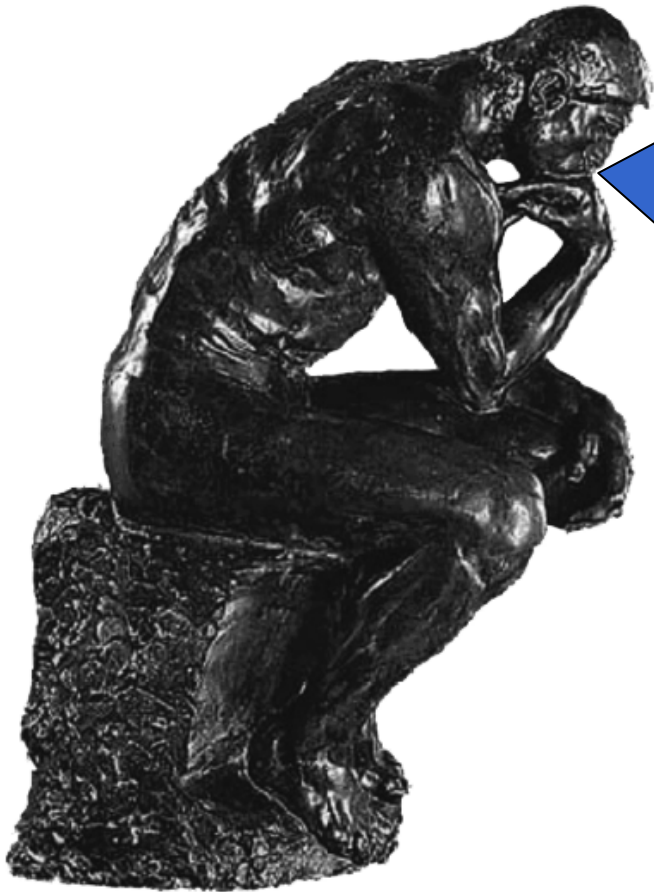


On the Existence of God



God: the greatest thing
imaginable

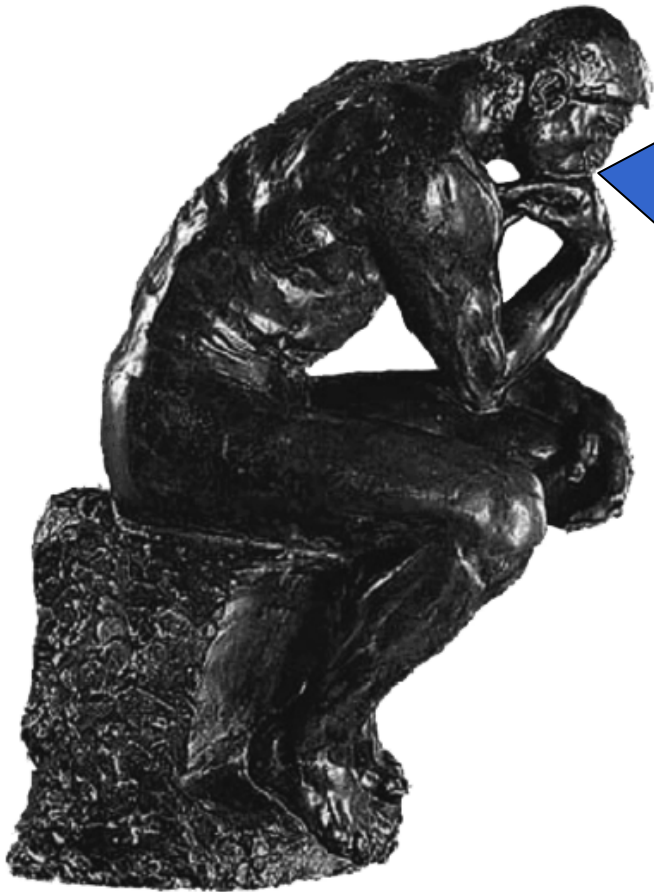
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One More Time!!!





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If still in doubt

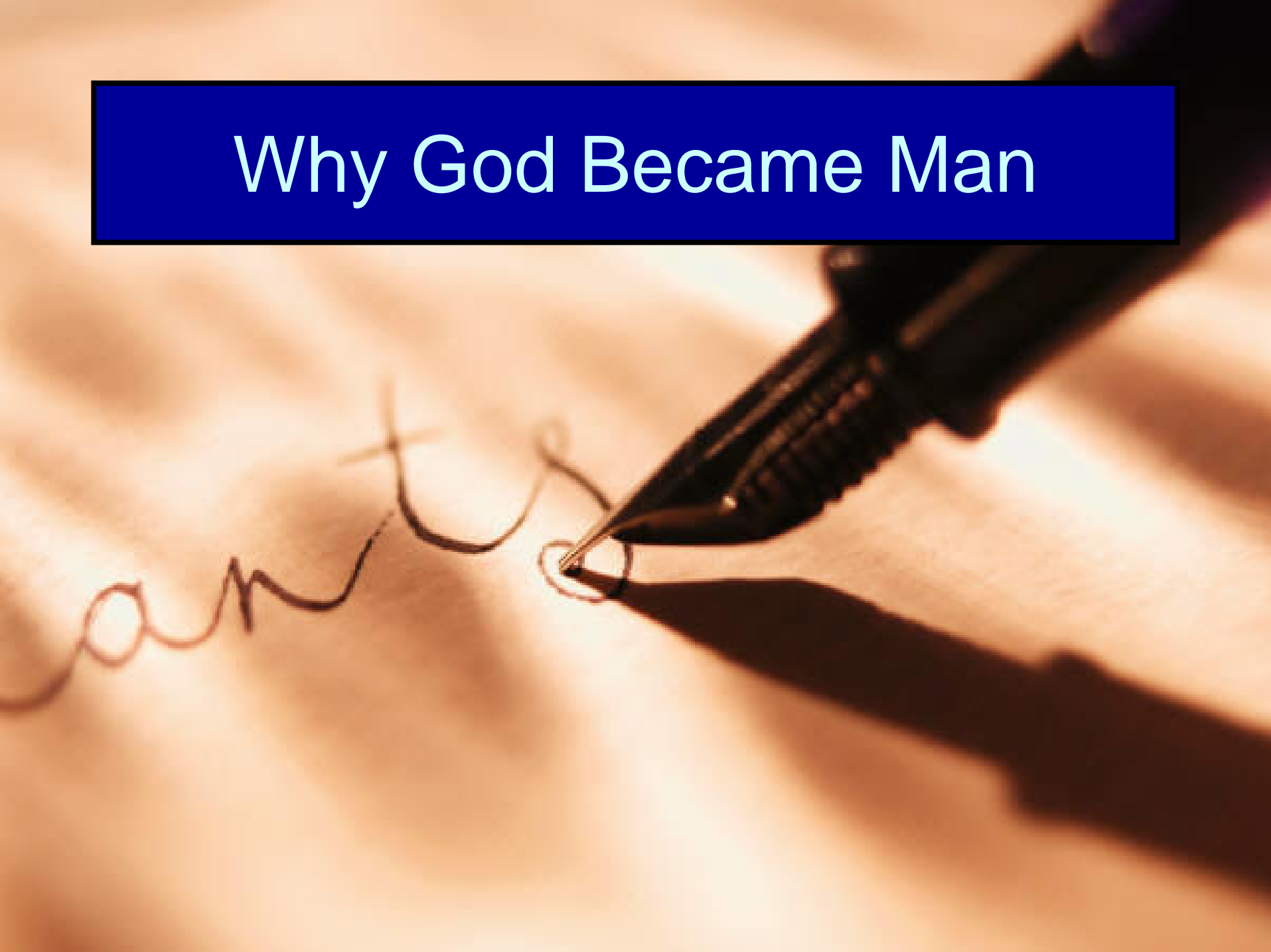


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1. Believers should
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Why God Became Man

Written for two reasons:

1. Believers should delight in understanding our doctrines

2. “Be ready to give a satisfactory answer to everyone who asks a reason for our hope”



Could God have
redeemed man
another way?



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1. Sin



Could God have redeemed man another way?

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2. God's Justice



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3. "Vicarious Satisfaction"



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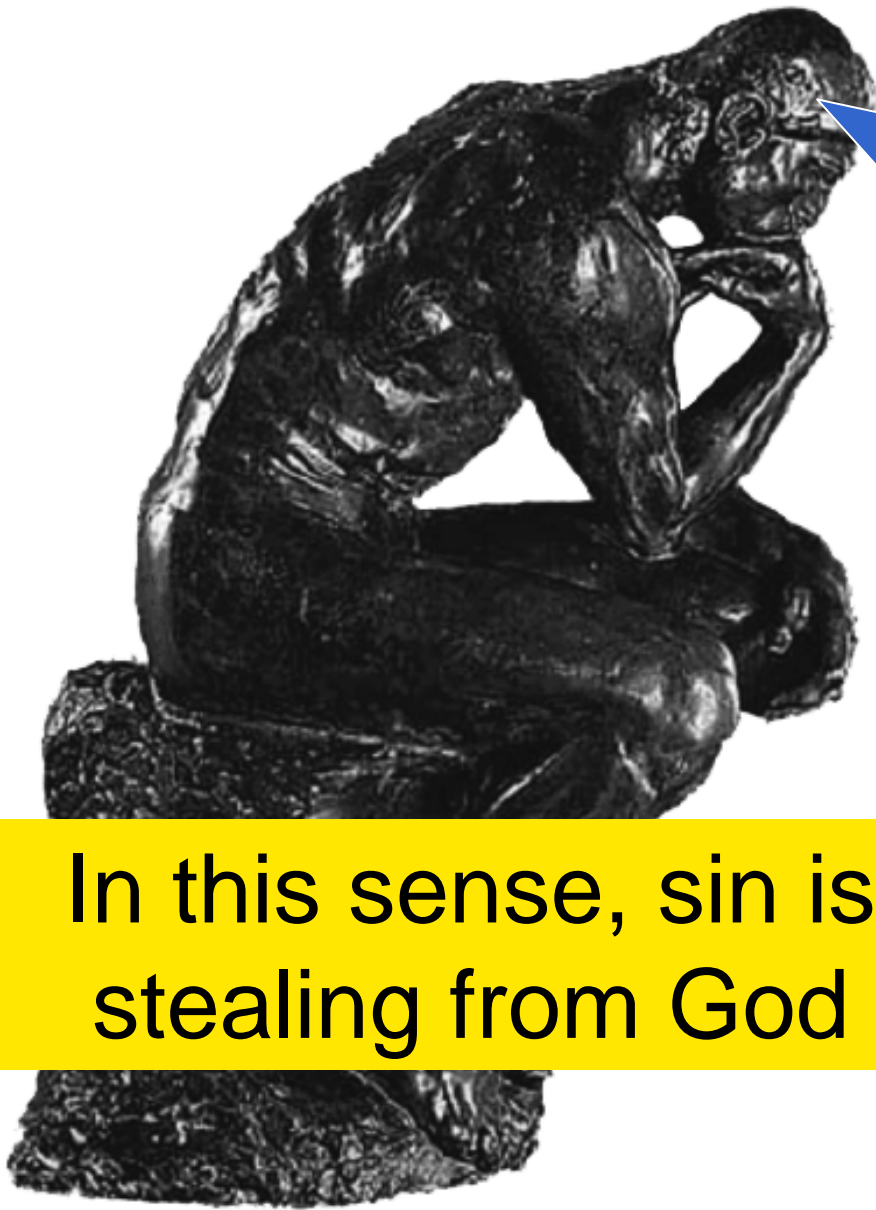
Sin is the problem



Could God have redeemed man another way?

1. Sin

Sin is the failure to give infinite **God** what is His, what He is due



Could God have redeemed man another way?

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In this sense, sin is stealing from God

Sin is the failure to give infinite **God** what is His, what He is due



Could God have redeemed man another way?

2. God's Justice



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2. **God's** Justice

God does what is "fitting" ...



Could God have redeemed man another way?

2. God's Justice

God does what is "fitting" ...

Infinite stealing
demands infinite
justice



Could God have redeemed man another way?

3. “Vicarious Satisfaction”



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God pays an infinite price (no other is infinite, therefore no other can pay an infinite price)



Could God have redeemed man another way?

3. “Vicarious Satisfaction”

To be “fitting” for man’s atonement, a man must pay the price



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God as Man in Jesus offers a sinless life in voluntary sacrifice



Could God have redeemed man another way?

3. “Vicarious Satisfaction”

To be “fitting” for man’s atonement, a man must pay the price

An infinite meritorious deed that satisfies infinite justice

Points for Home

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“The mind of sinful man is death”
(Rom 8:7)

Points for Home

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“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 Jn 4:10)