

# Church History Literacy

## St. Thomas Aquinas

### Part One

#### Lesson 46

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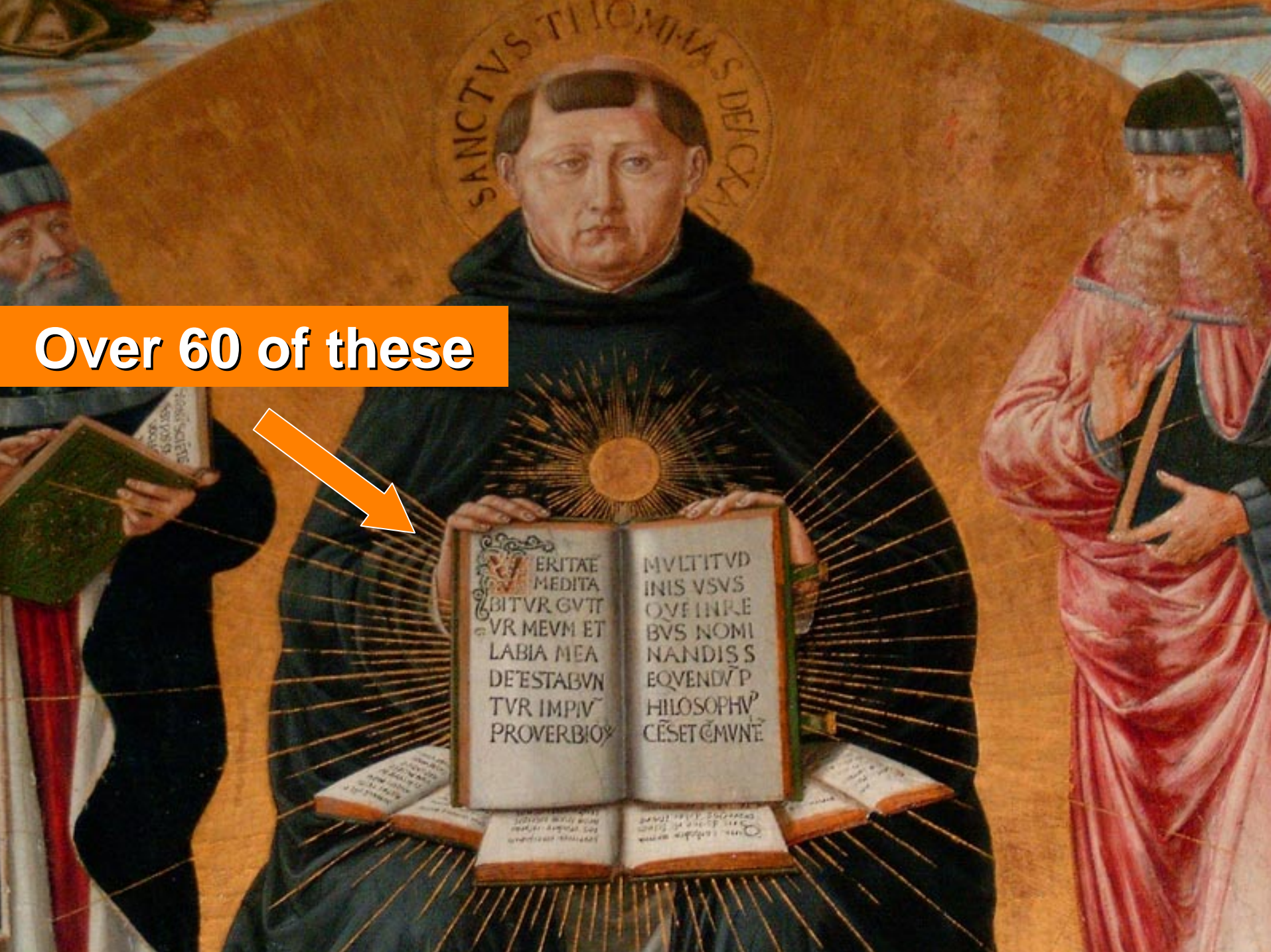


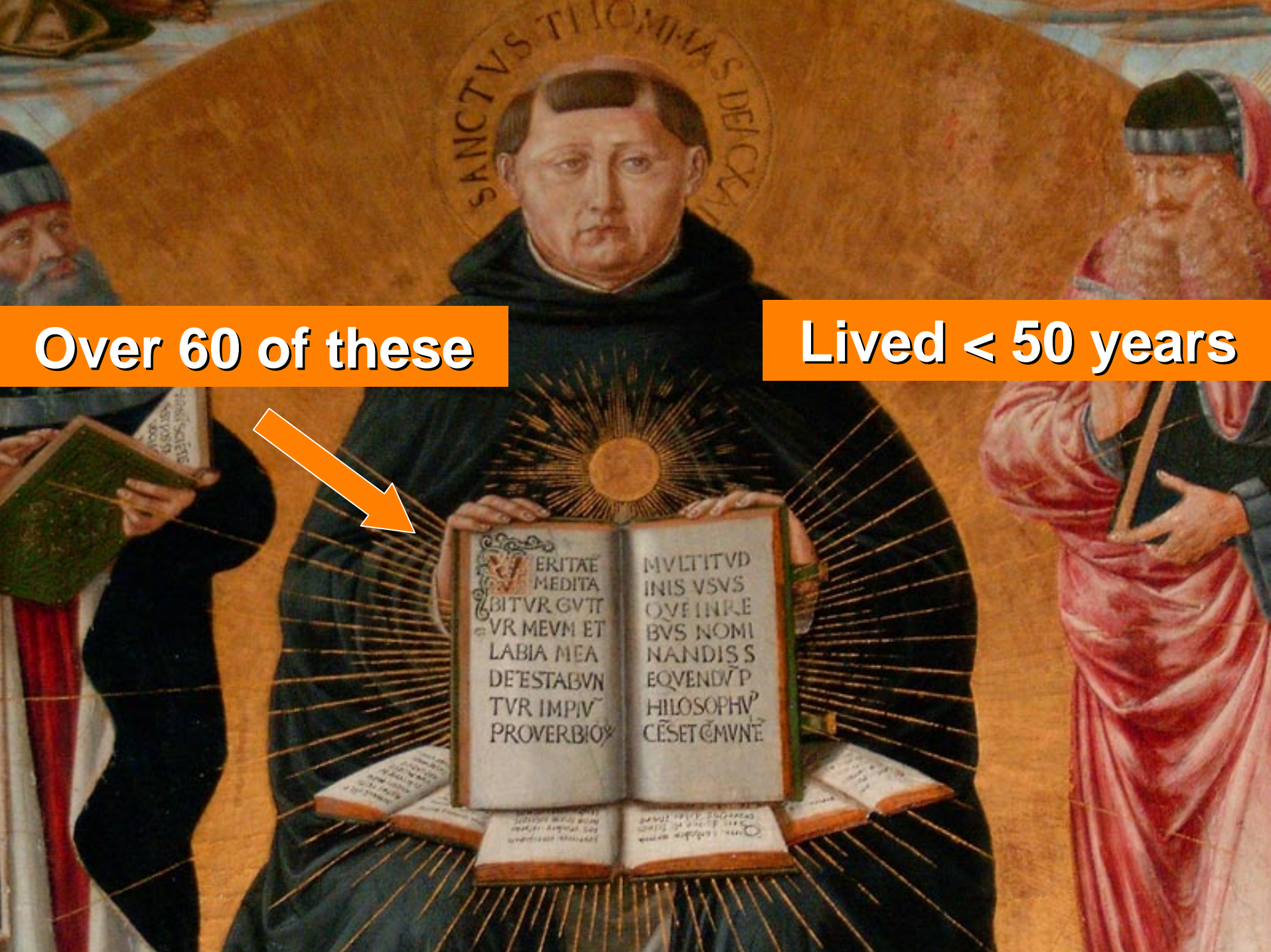
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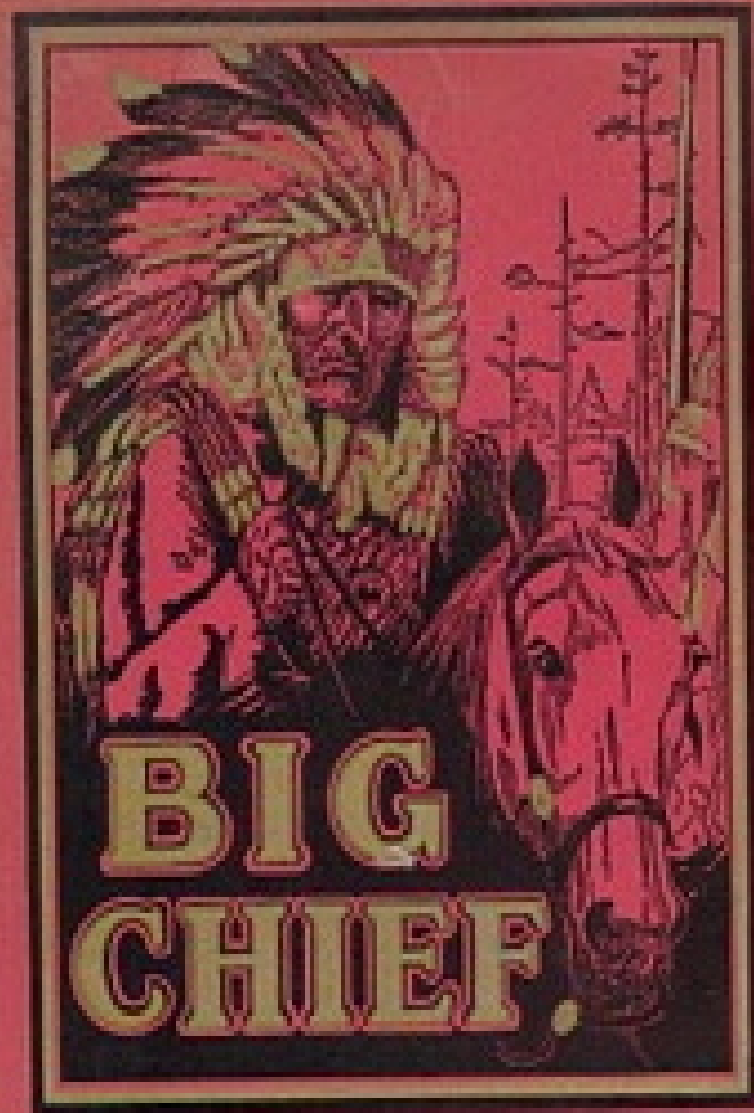
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**My greatest personal gift? “I suppose it is that I have understood what I have read.”**

# Life of St. Thomas Aquinas

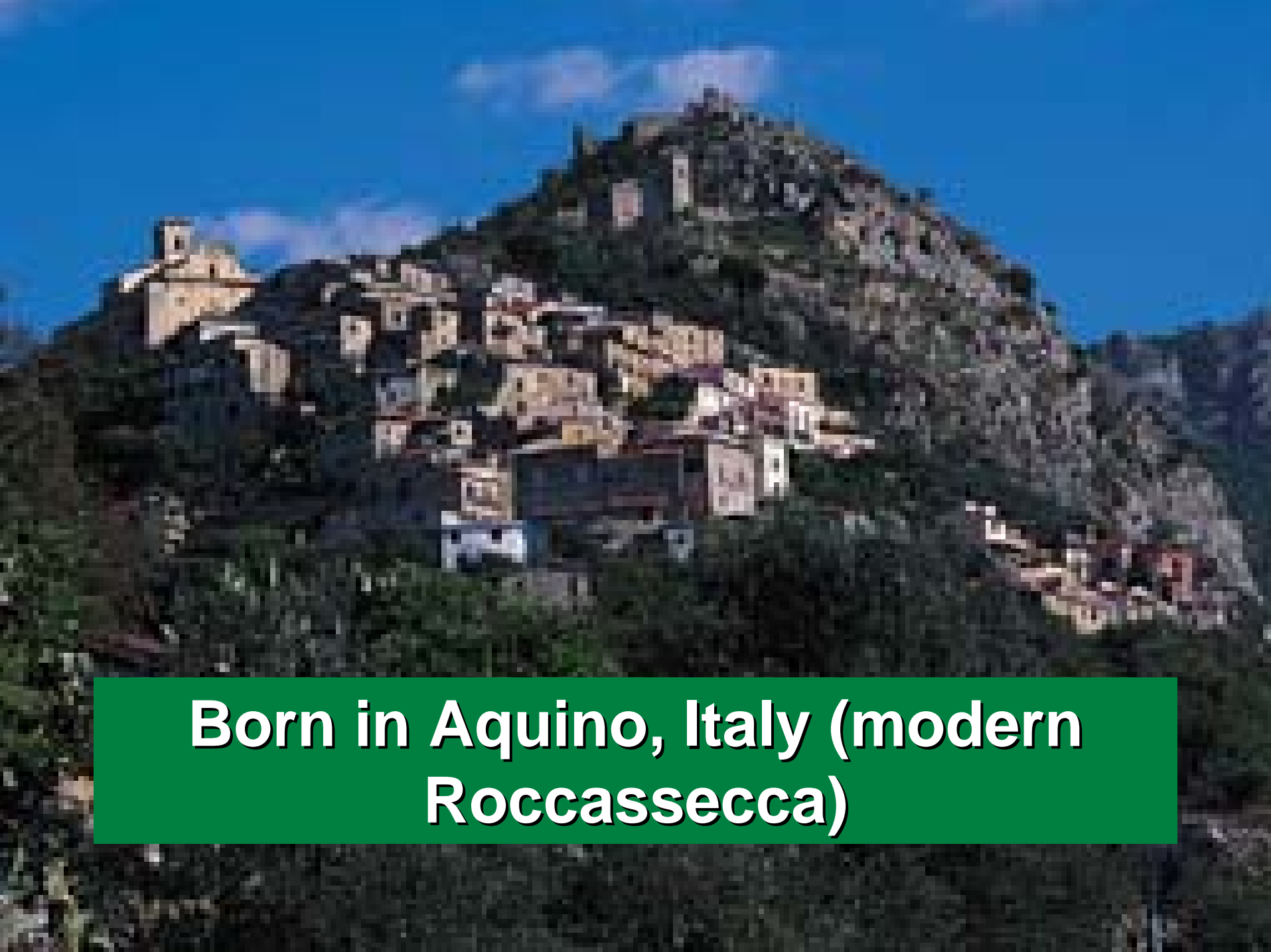
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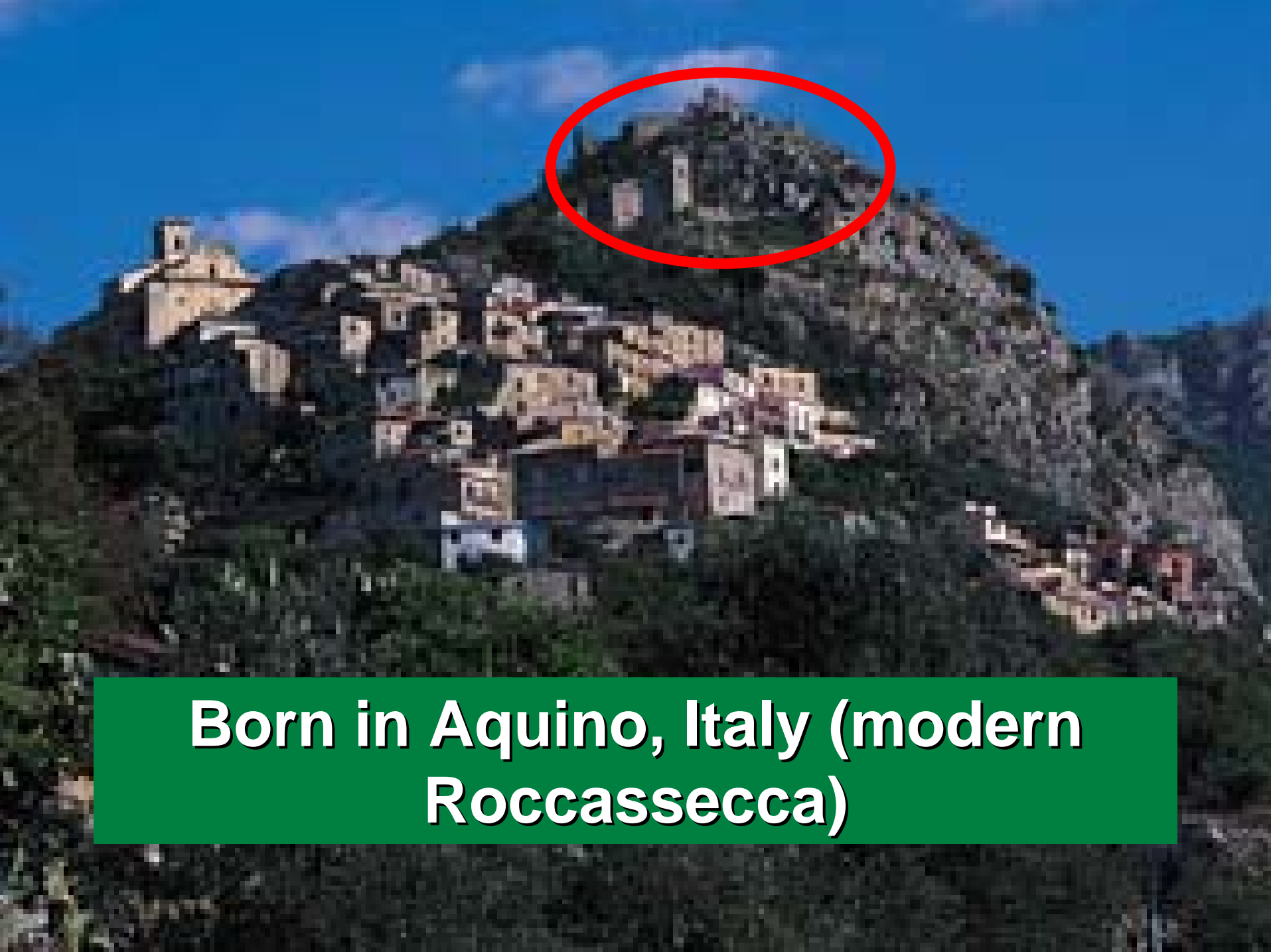
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A town/region - not  
his name!



**Born in Aquino, Italy (modern  
Roccassecca)**



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**Dad was Count Landulph**



# Two arms of Medieval Society (Papal States)



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Local lord

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**Int'l Church**

**Local lord**



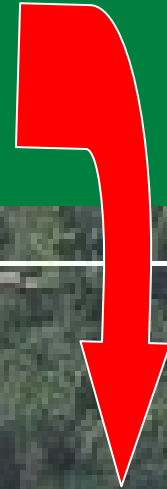
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# Sent to Monte Cassino



# Then to University of Naples



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**“University Life”**



# Then to University of Naples

**“University Life”**

**The “Big City”**



# Then to University of Naples

**“University Life”**

**The “Big City”**

**New “Aristotle”**



# The Dominicans





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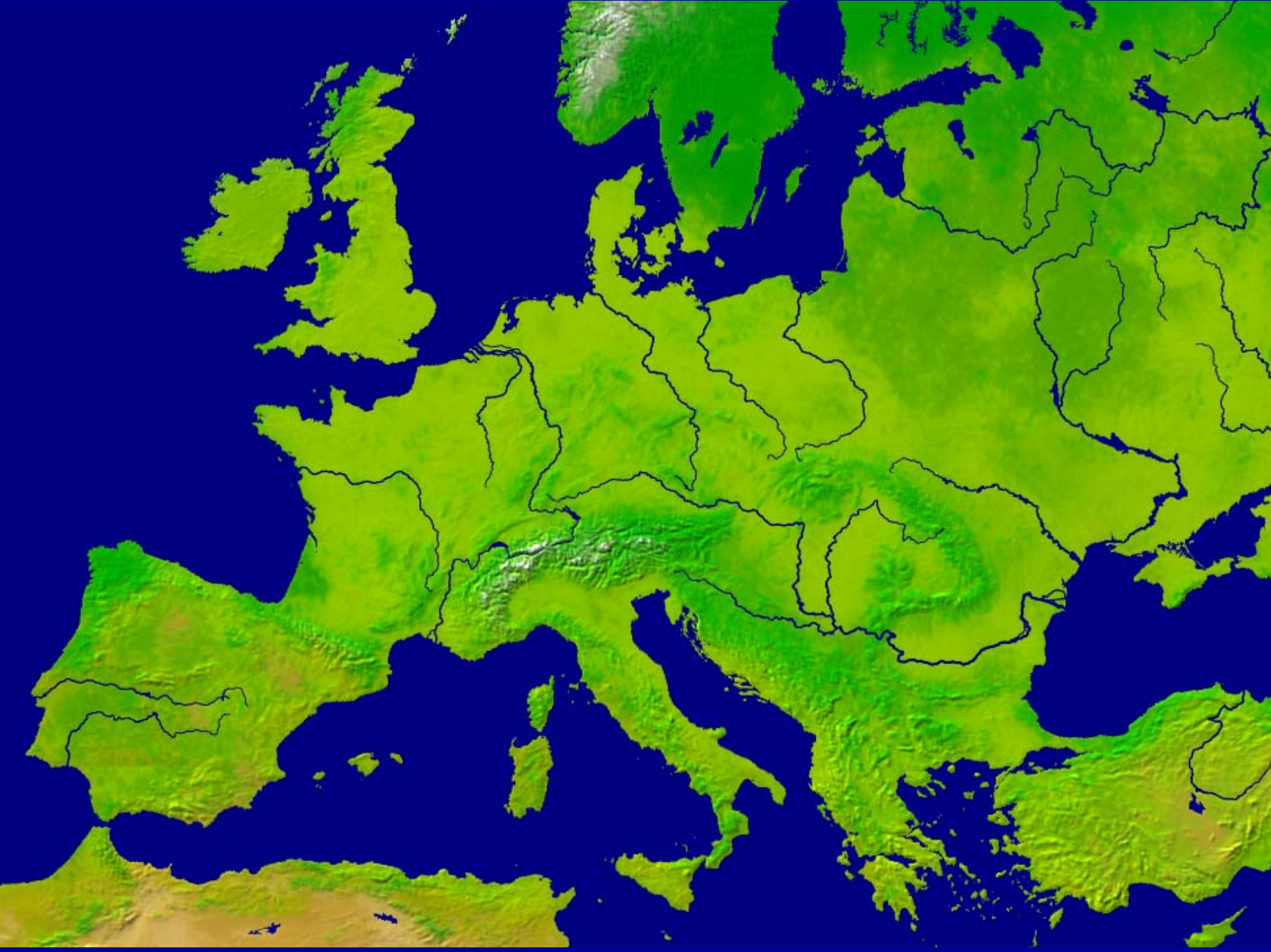
- City Preachers  
(Who would go rural)
- Anti-possessionists  
(Mendicant walkers)
- Strong Academics

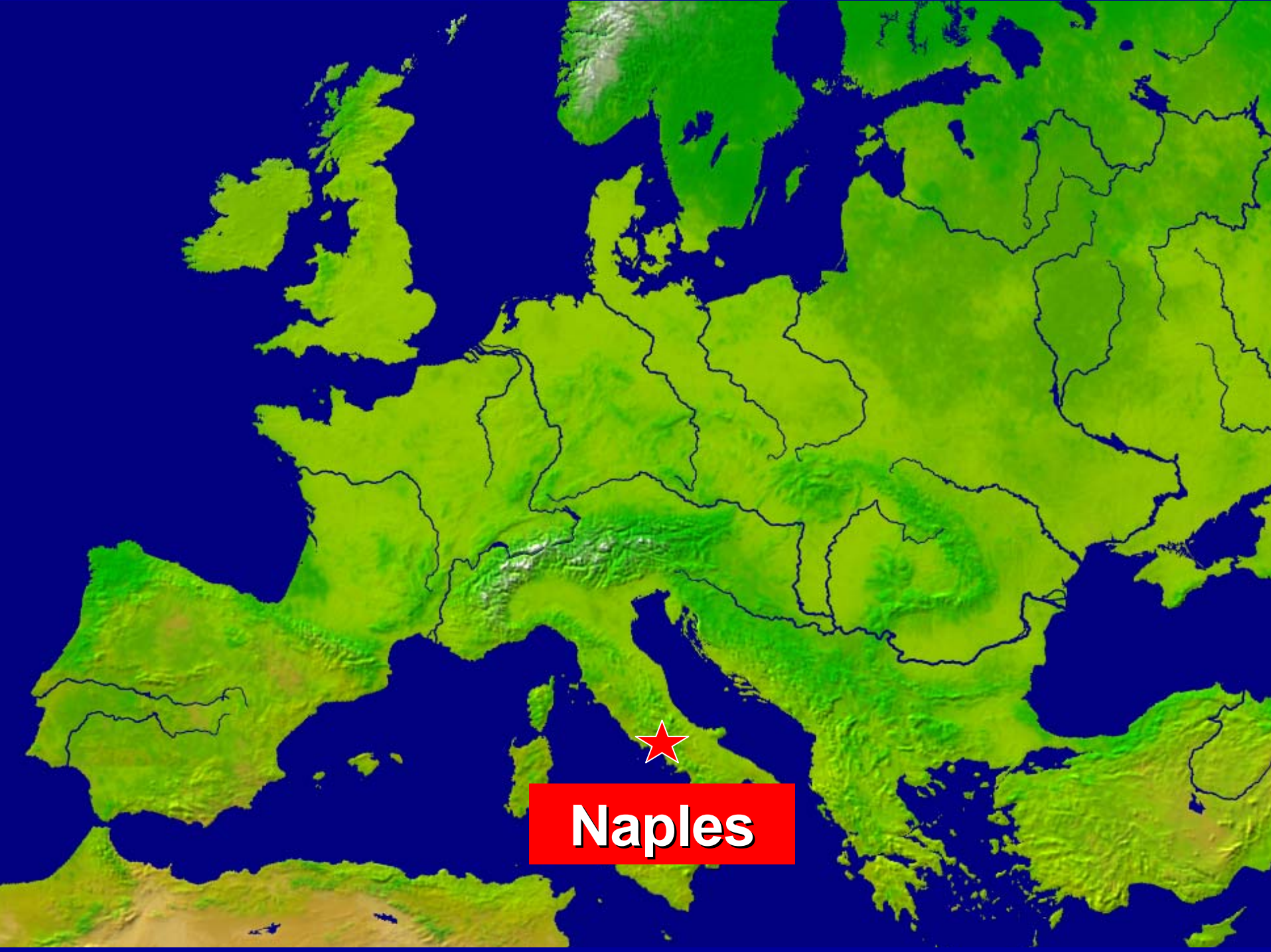


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**Naples**

A topographic map of Europe showing elevation with a color gradient from green (low) to brown (high). The map includes major geographical features like the Alps, Pyrenees, and the British Isles. Two cities are specifically highlighted with red stars and red labels: Paris in France and Naples in Italy. The Mediterranean Sea is visible to the south, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west.

**Paris**

**Naples**



A topographic map of Europe showing elevation with a color gradient from green (low) to brown (high). The map includes major geographical features like the Alps and the Pyrenees. Two cities are highlighted with red stars and labels: Paris in France and Naples in Italy. A red letter 'Q' is placed near Naples.

**Paris**

**Q**

**Naples**

A topographical map of Europe showing landmasses in shades of green and brown, and water bodies in dark blue. Two locations are highlighted with red stars and red text boxes. A large blue arrow points from the text 'The family lands' towards the location of Naples. The map includes major geographical features like the British Isles, the Alps, and the Mediterranean Sea.

**Paris**

The family lands

*Q*  
**Naples**

Plan “A”

# Plan “A”



Plan “A”



Plan “B”

# Plan "A"



# Plan "B"



# On to Paris



# Thomas the Student



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**“One day this  
dumb ox will  
bellow doctrine  
for the world!”**

# Thomas the Teacher



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**“We’ve got a problem!”**

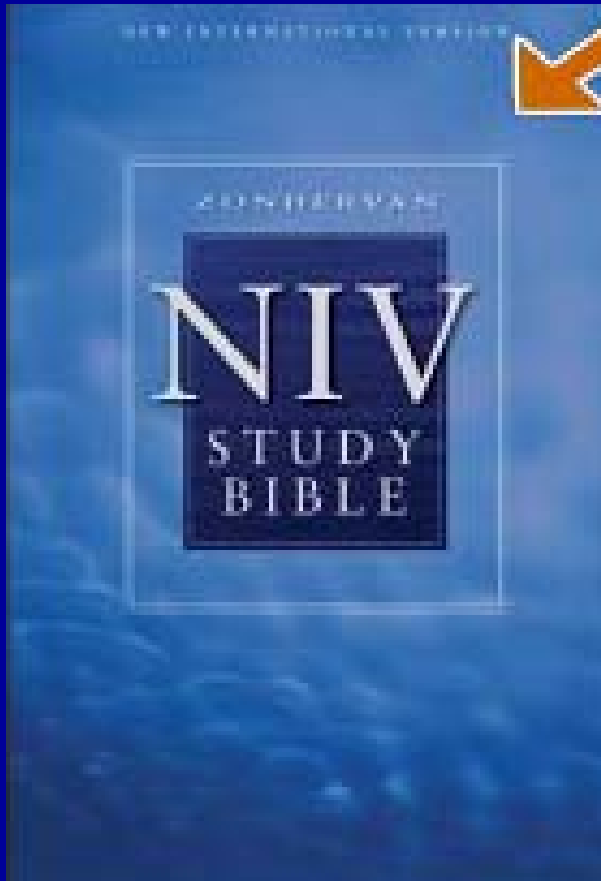
# Thomas the Teacher



**“We’ve got to  
use our brains!”**

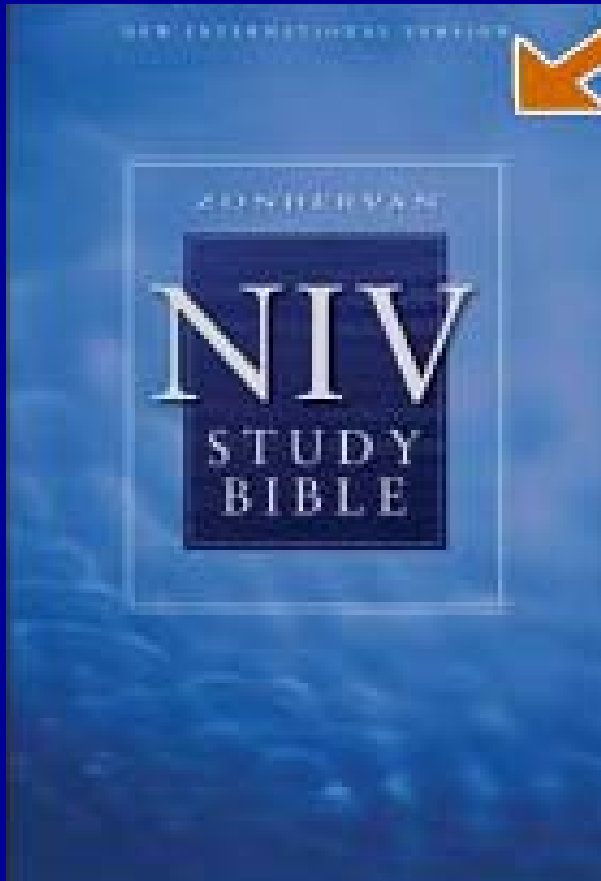
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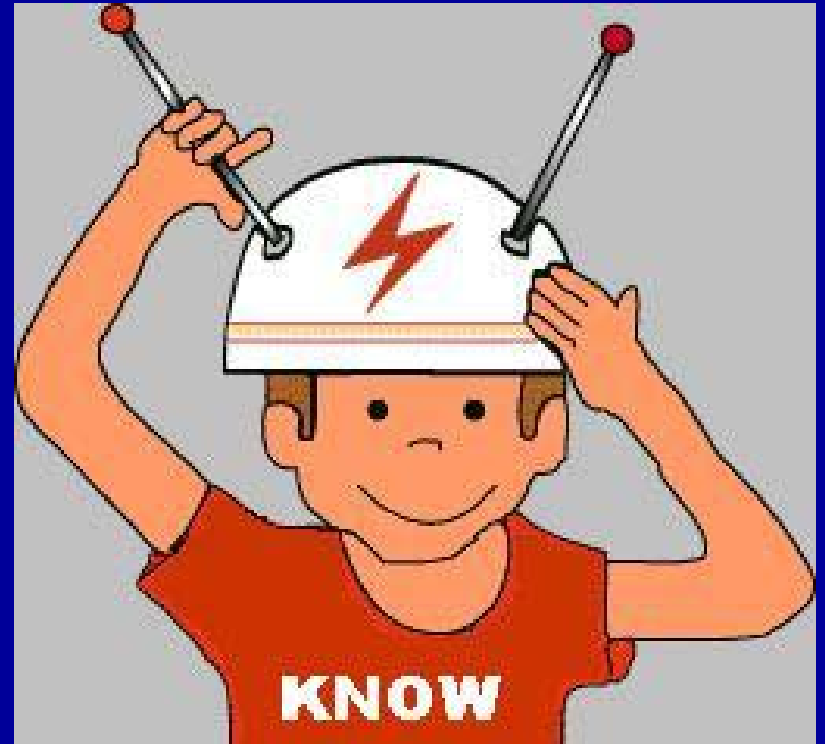


Divine Revelation

# God gives us:



**Divine Revelation**



**Brains**



**“How can you  
believe in God?”**



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**“Let me give you 5  
reasons”**

# 5 Proofs of God



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# Metaphysics

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Physics =  
Science of  
physical world

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Metaphysics =  
Study beyond  
the physical  
world

# What makes Louis a human?



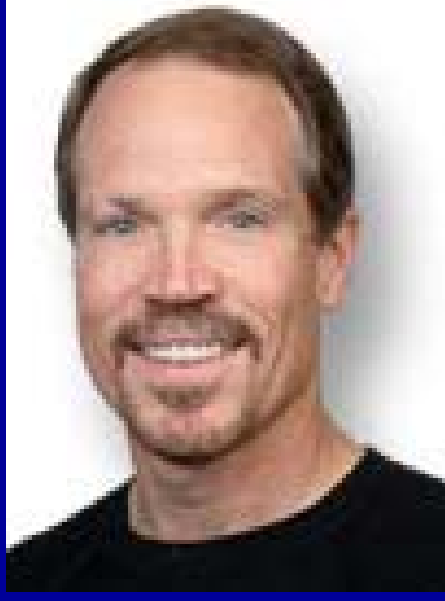
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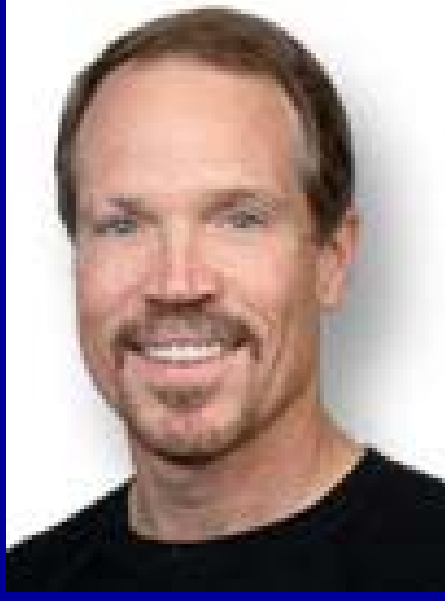
## What are “essential” and “accidental” characteristics?



“Essential”

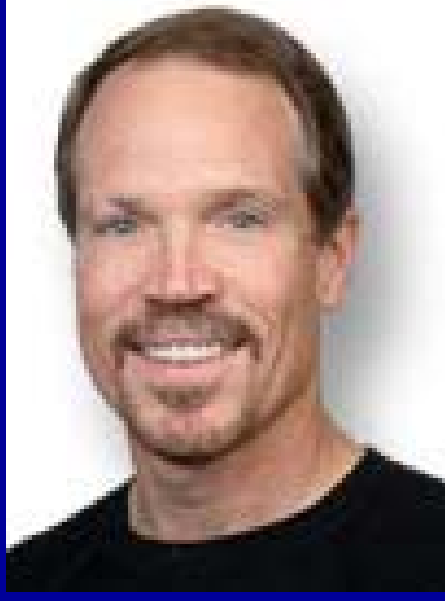


“Essential”



“Accidental”

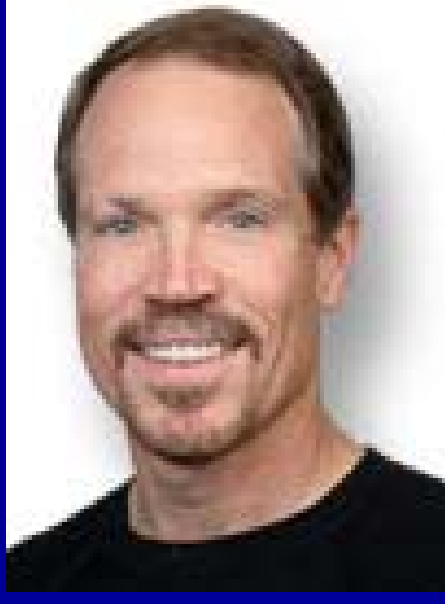
“Essential”



“Accidental”

Arms

“Essential”



“Accidental”

Thinking

Arms

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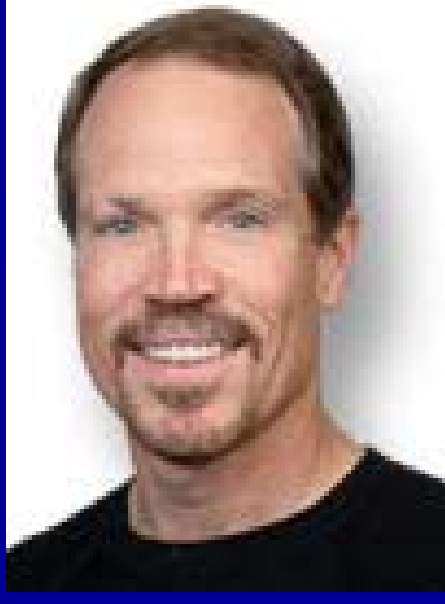


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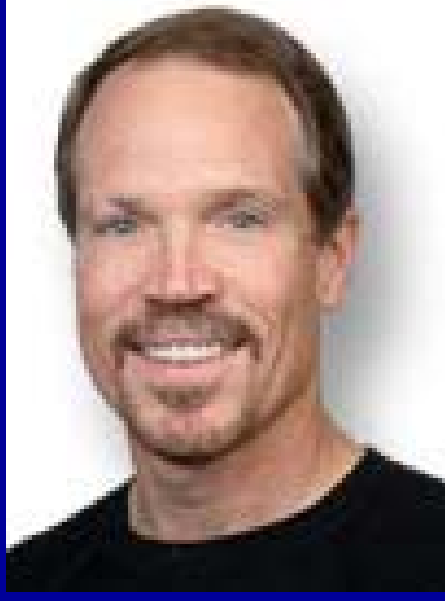


“Accidental”

Thinking  
Learning  
Worshipping

Arms

“Essential”



“Accidental”

Thinking

Learning

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Hair

“Essential”



“Accidental”

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**What is the object's purpose?**

# Points for home



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1. Use your brain



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2. God is truth, do not fear reason and investigation



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  - “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will” (Romans 12:2)

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- “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist” (Ephesians 6:14)

# Points for Home

3. Use Revelation to verify reason

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  - “All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16)

# Points for Home

4. Let reason assist faith

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  - “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”  
(Romans 1:20)