

Church History Literacy

St. Thomas Aquinas

Part One

Lesson 46

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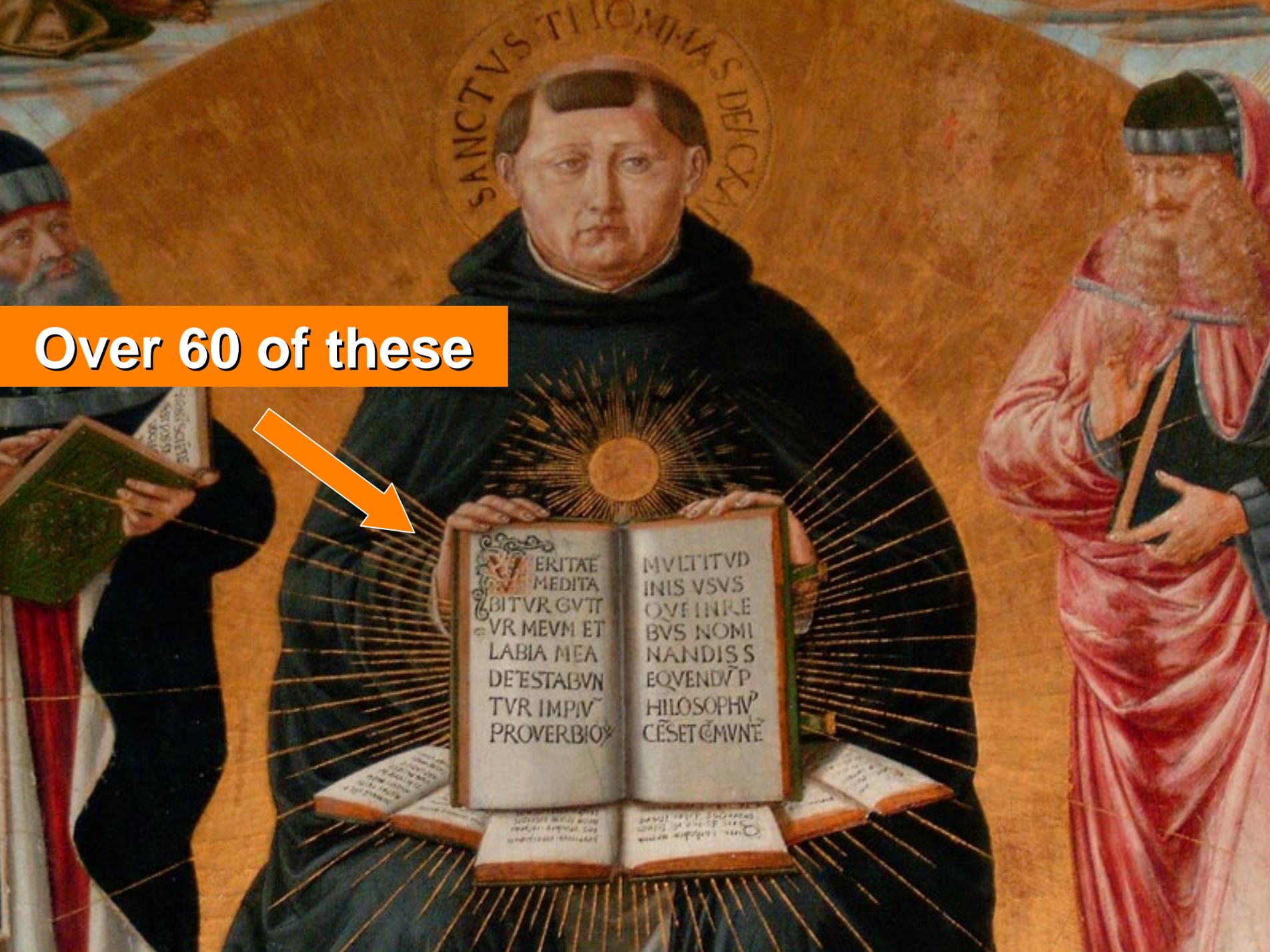
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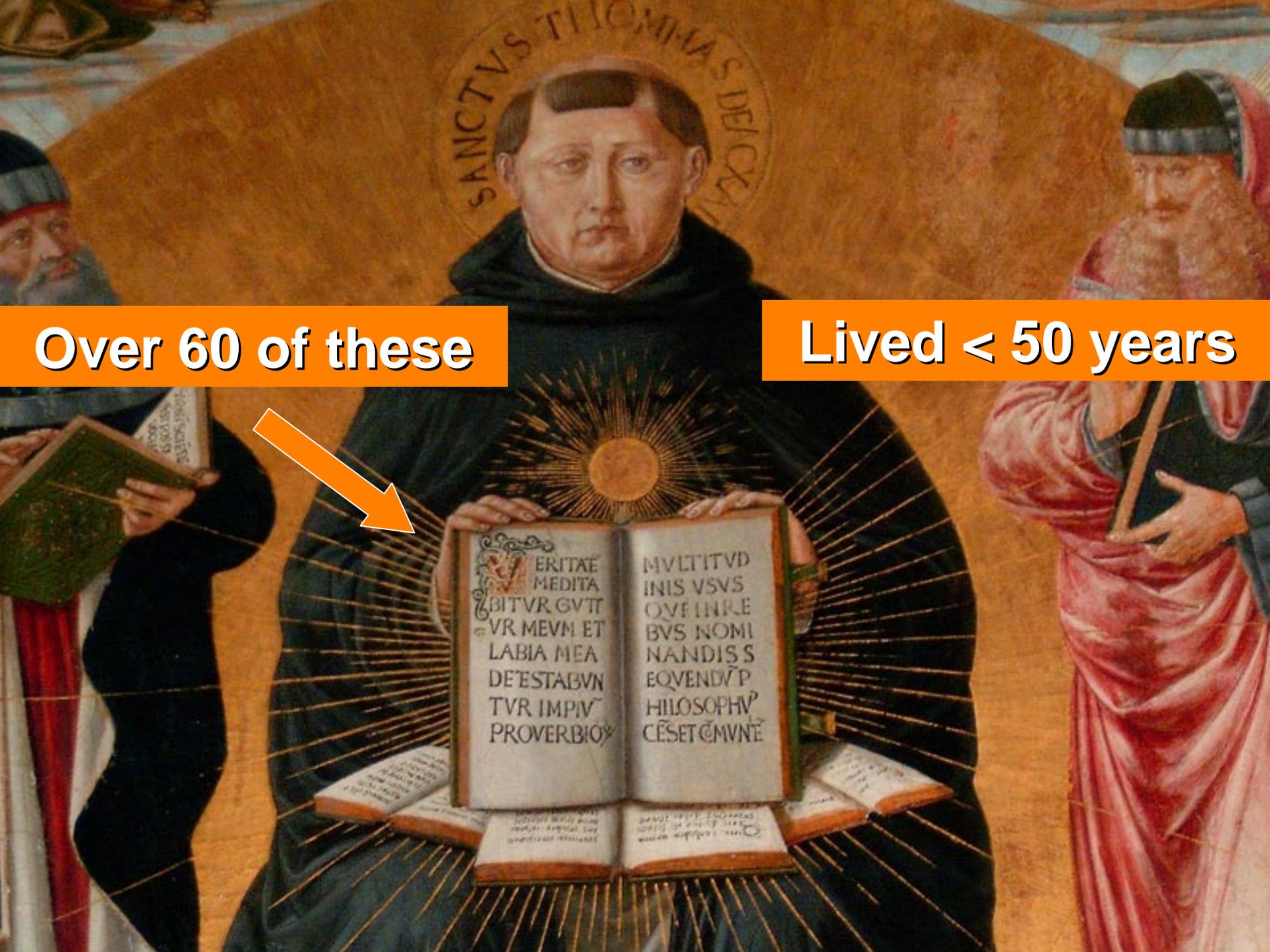
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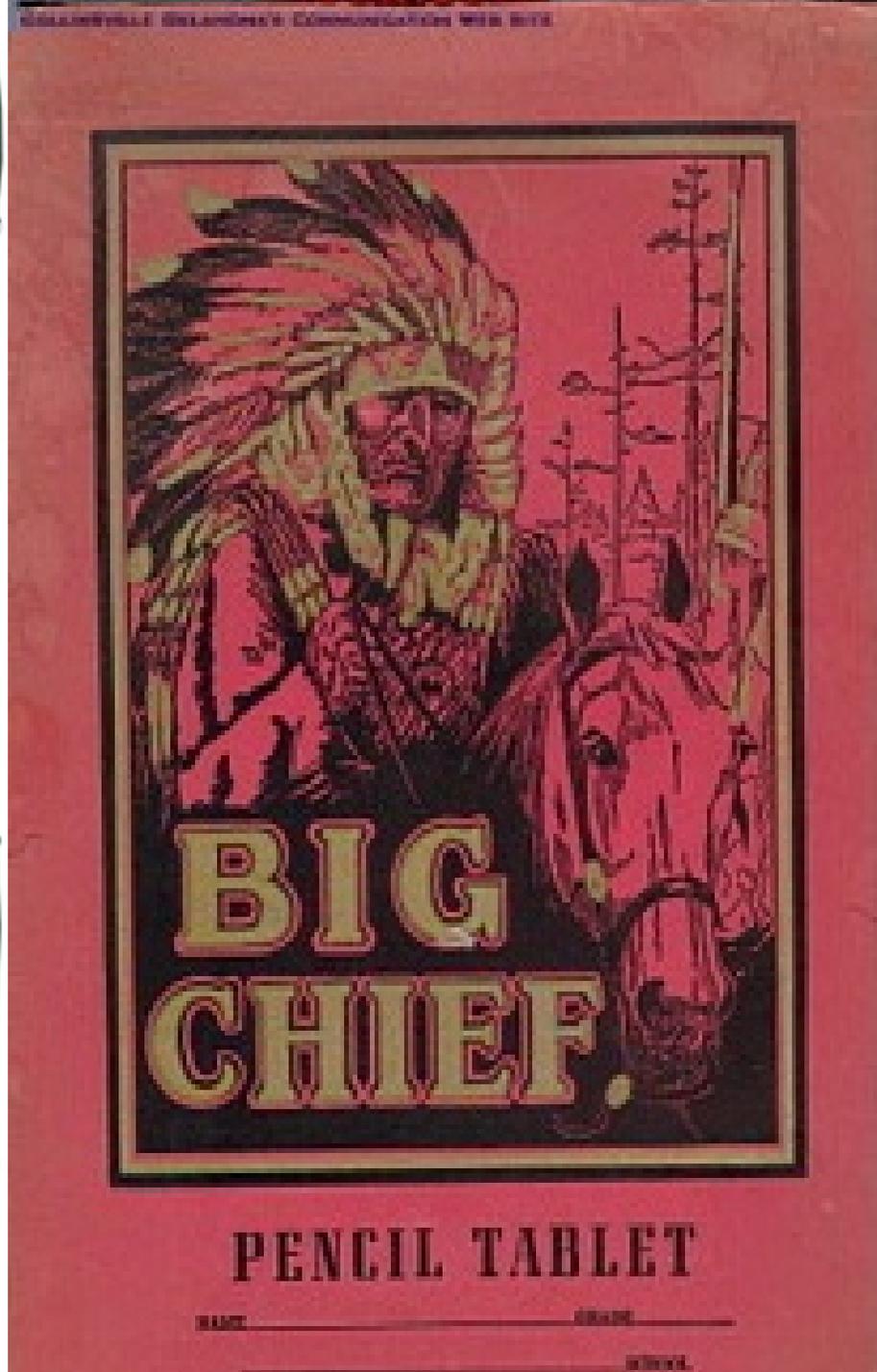
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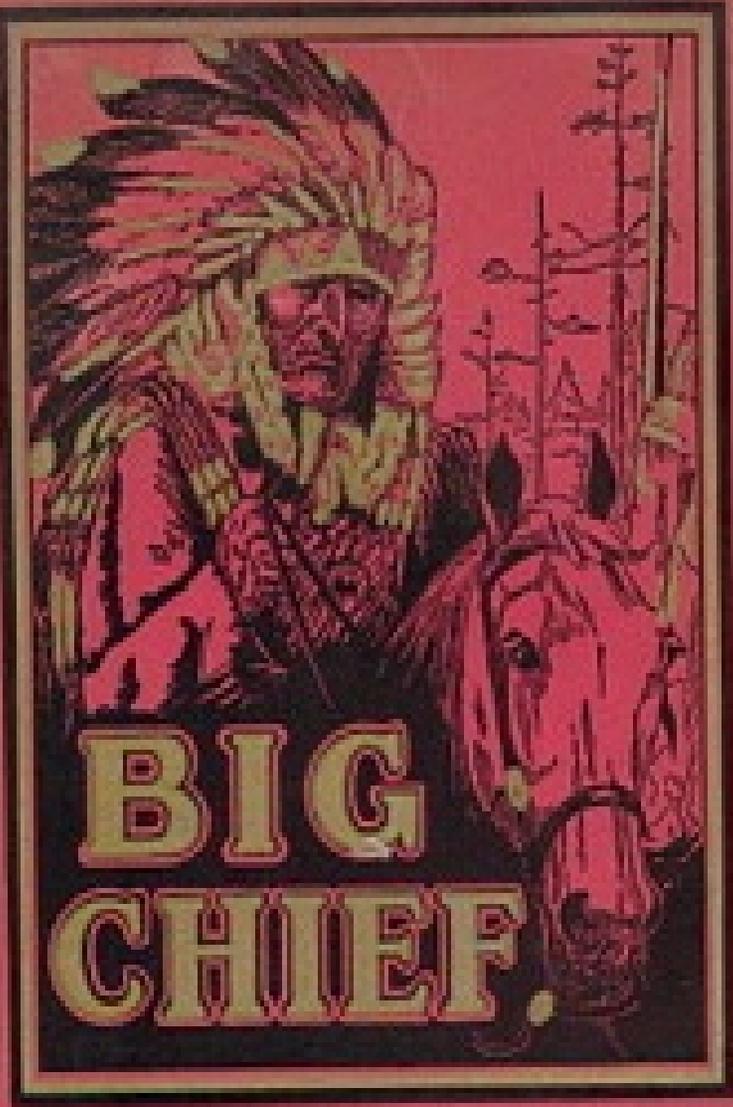
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My greatest personal gift? “I suppose it is that I have understood what I have read.”

Life of St. Thomas Aquinas

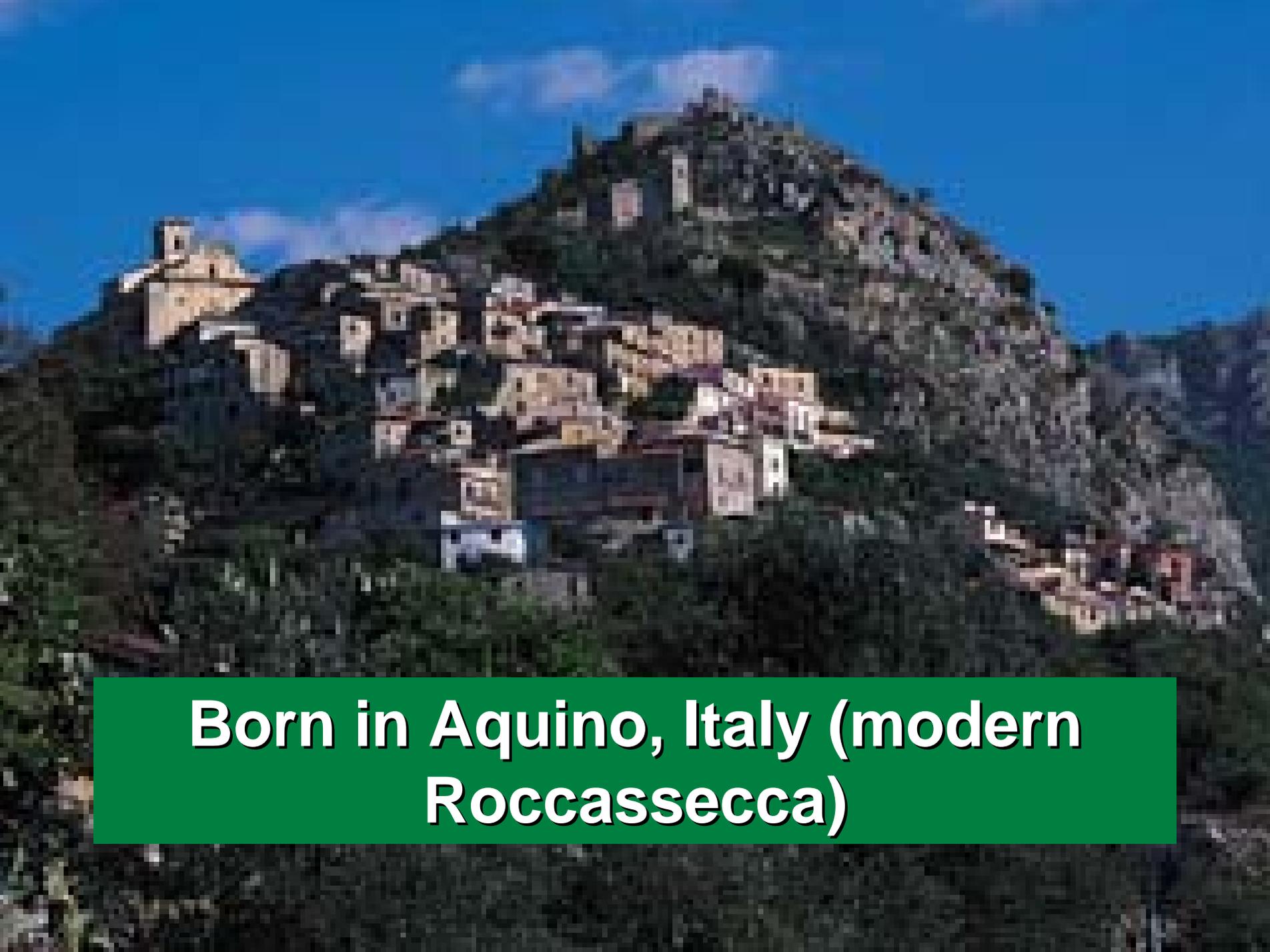
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A town/region - not
his name!



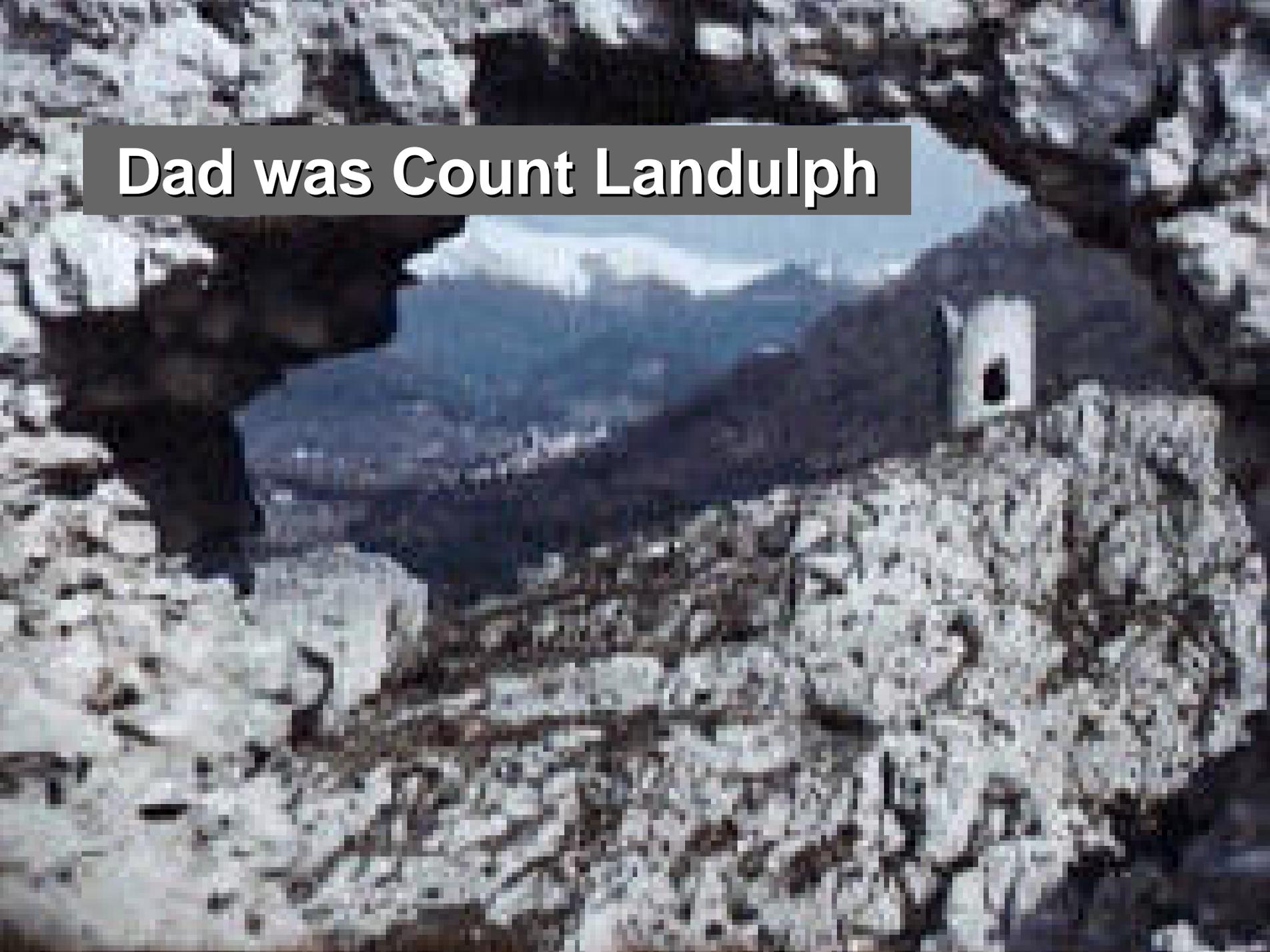
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Dad was Count Landulph



Two arms of Medieval Society (Papal States)



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Local lord

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Int'l Church

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Count Lundulph

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Sent to Monte Cassino



Then to University of Naples



Then to University of Naples

“University Life”



Then to University of Naples



“University Life”

The “Big City”

Then to University of Naples



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New “Aristotle”

The Dominicans





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- City Preachers
(Who would go rural)



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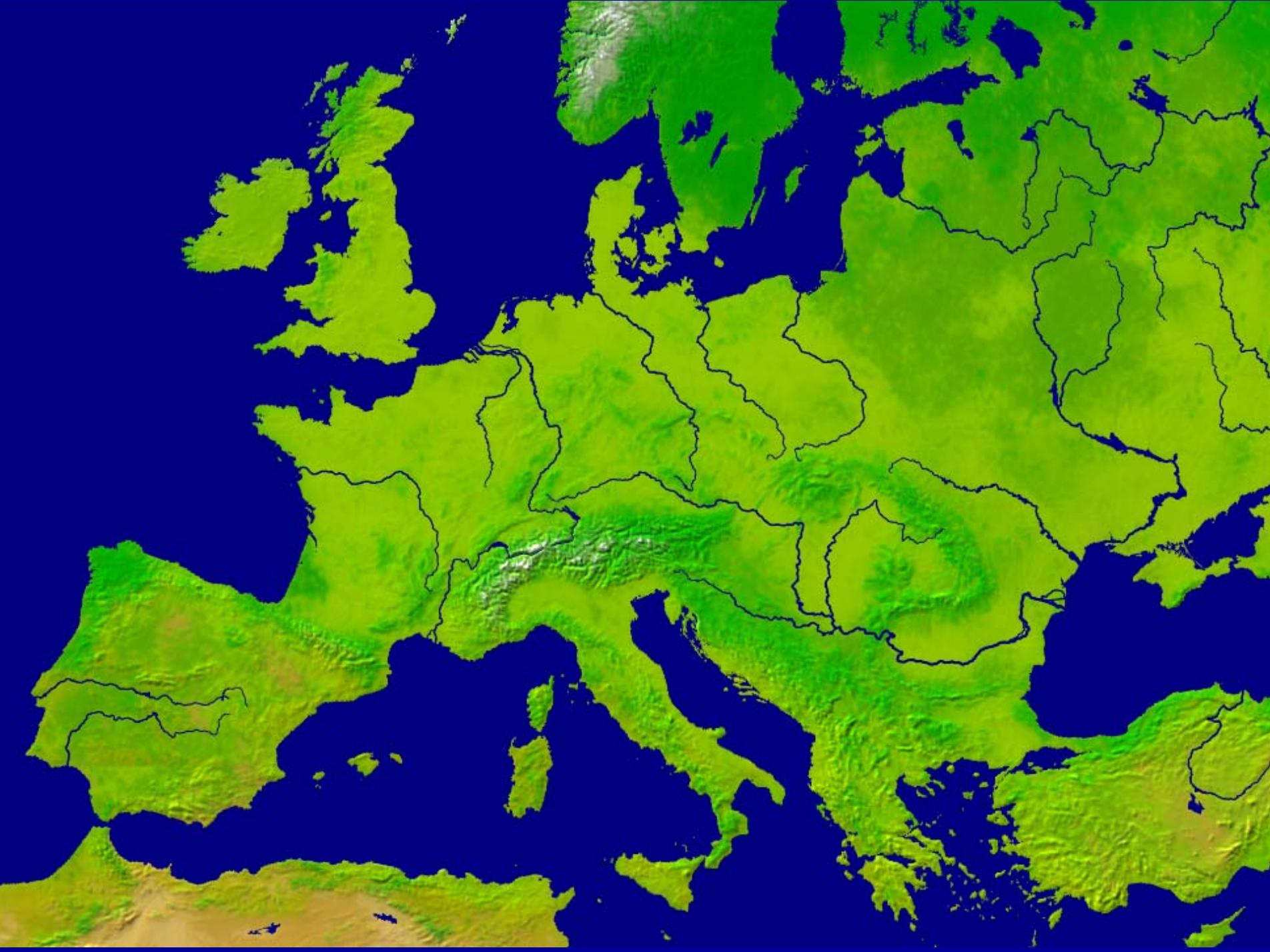
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- Anti-possessionists
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- Strong Academics



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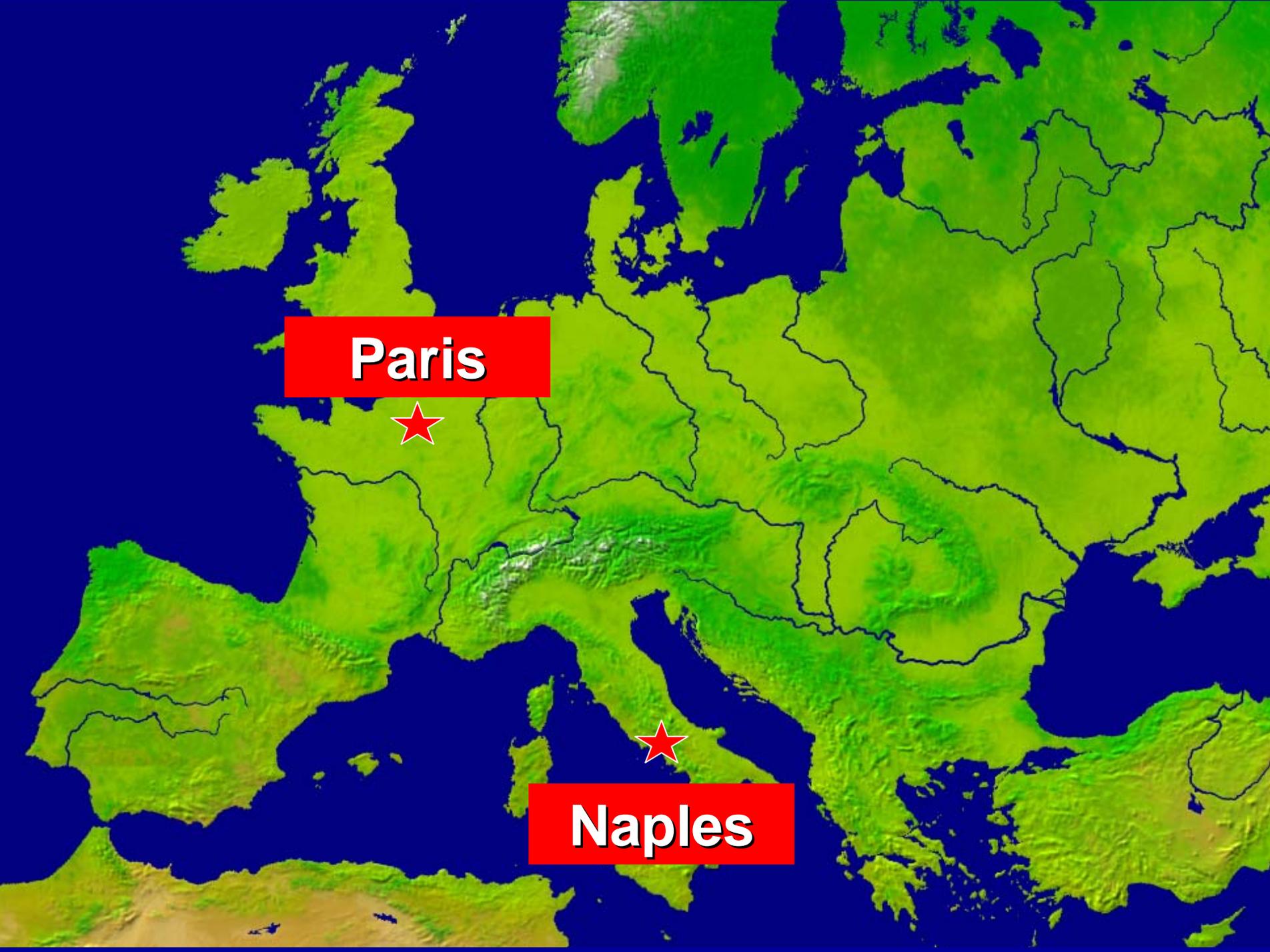
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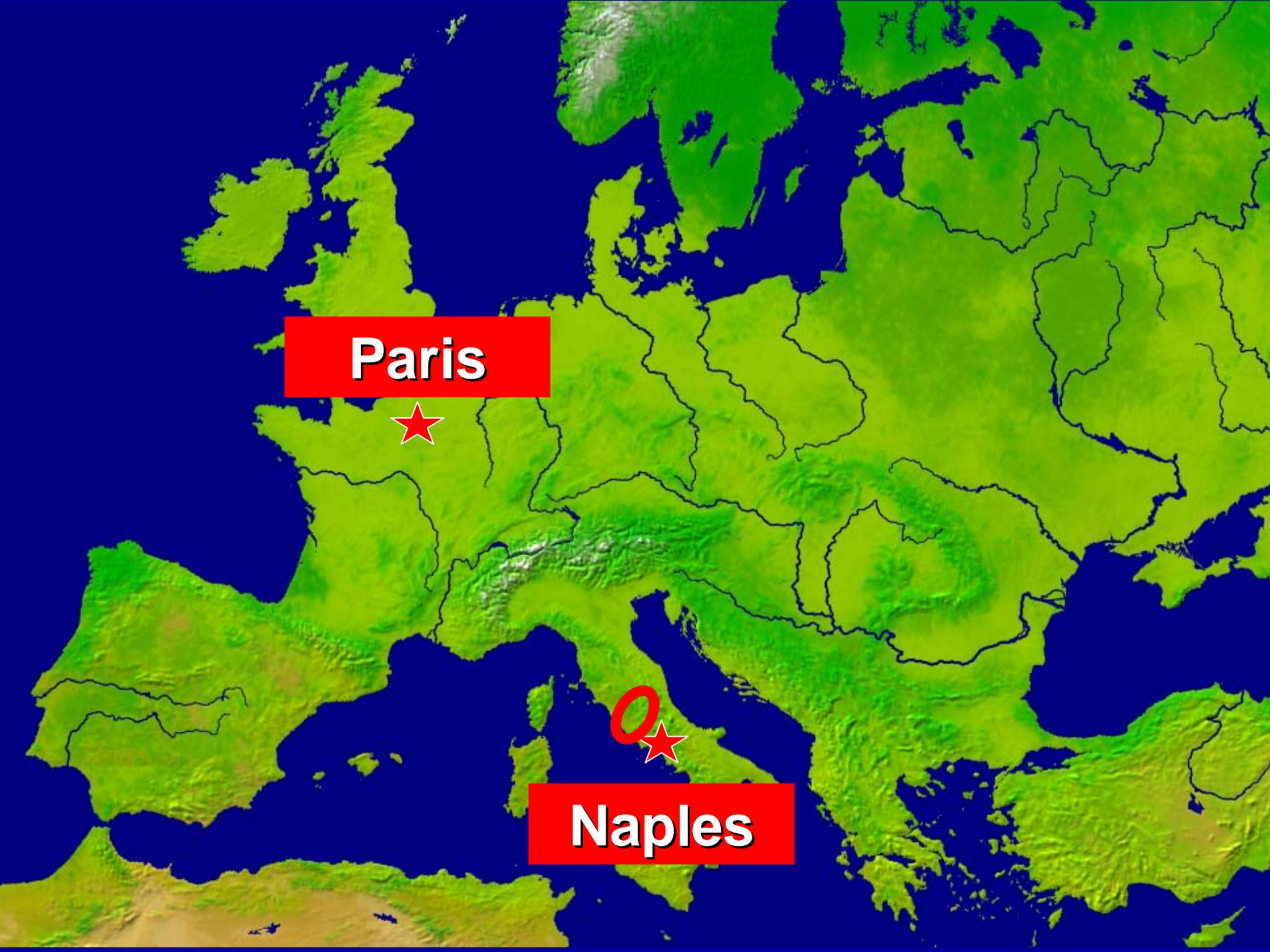


Naples

A topographic map of Europe showing elevation in shades of green and brown. Two cities are highlighted with red stars and red labels: Paris in France and Naples in Italy. The map includes major rivers and mountain ranges.

Paris

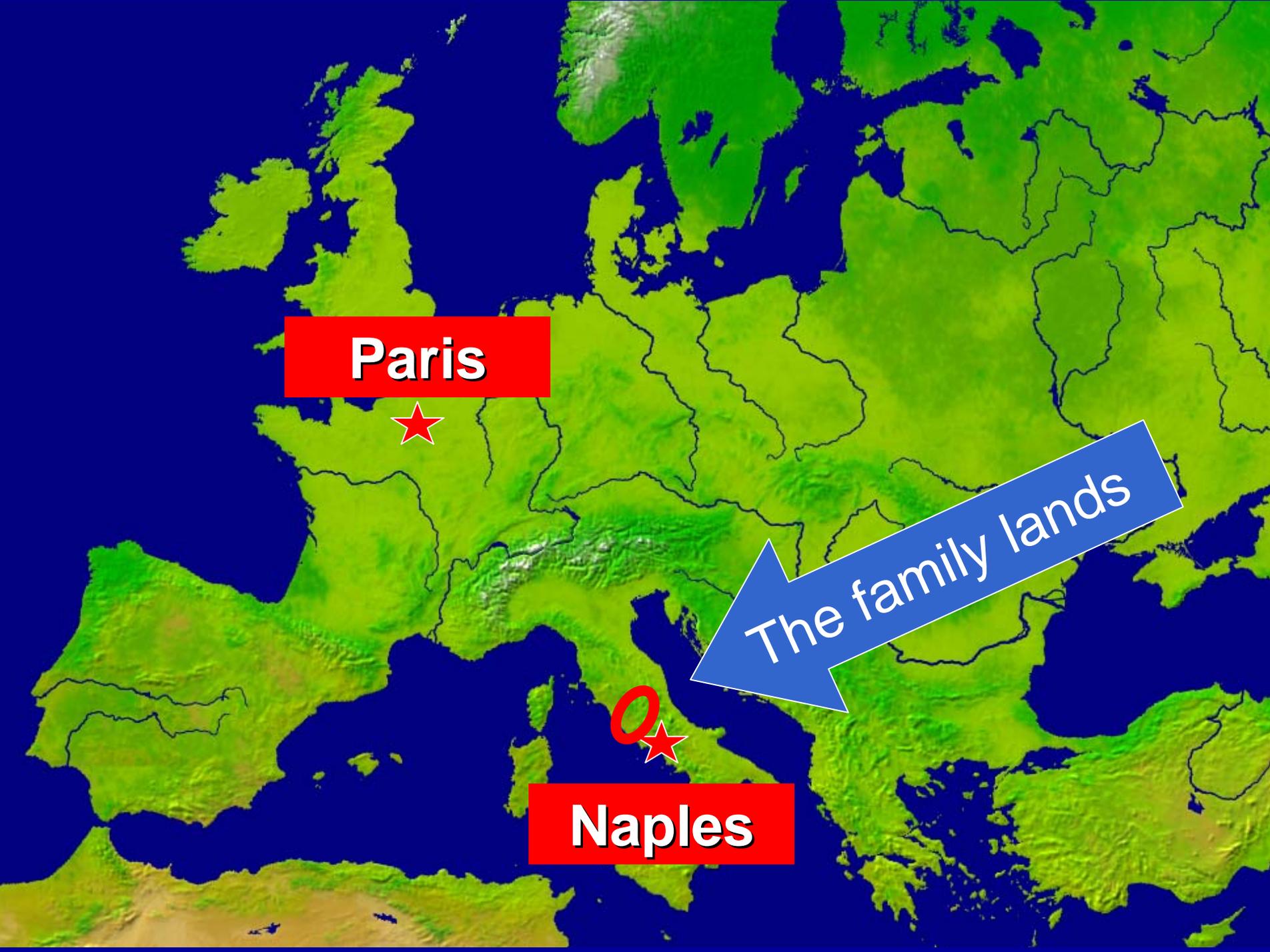
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A topographic map of Europe showing elevation in shades of green and brown. Two cities are highlighted with red stars and red labels. Paris is marked with a red star and a red label 'Paris' in the northwestern part of the continent. Naples is marked with a red star and a red label 'Naples' in the southern part of the continent, with a red 'Q' symbol above the star. The map also shows major rivers and mountain ranges.

Paris

Q

Naples

A topographic map of Europe with a color gradient from green to brown. A red star marks Paris in France, and another red star marks Naples in Italy. A blue arrow points from the right towards the Alps, labeled 'The family lands'.

Paris

The family lands

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



Thomas the Teacher



“We’ve got a problem!”

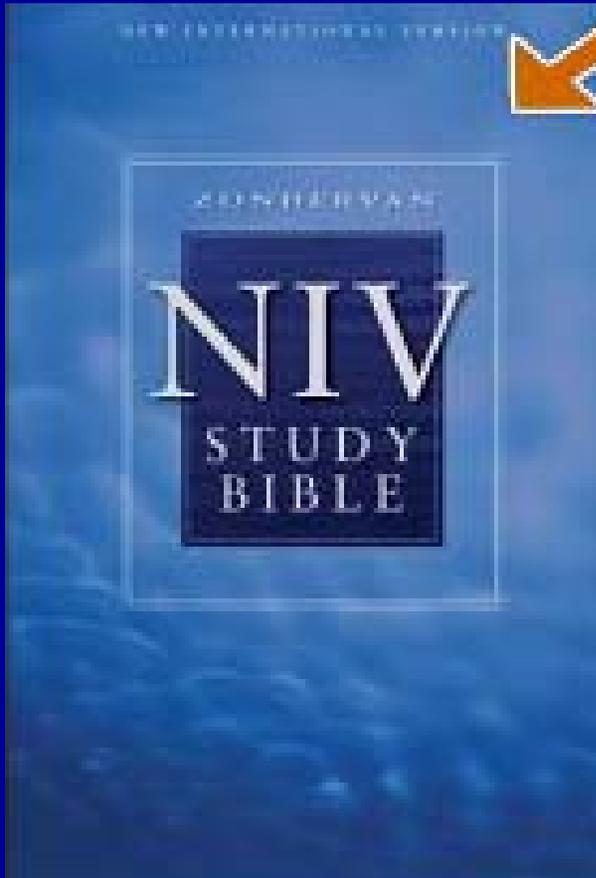
Thomas the Teacher



**“We’ve got to
use our brains!”**

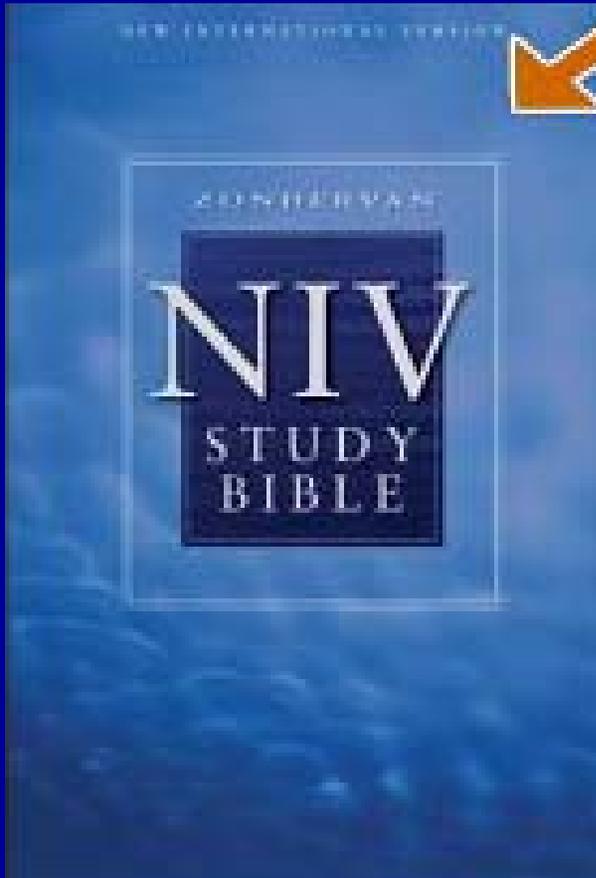
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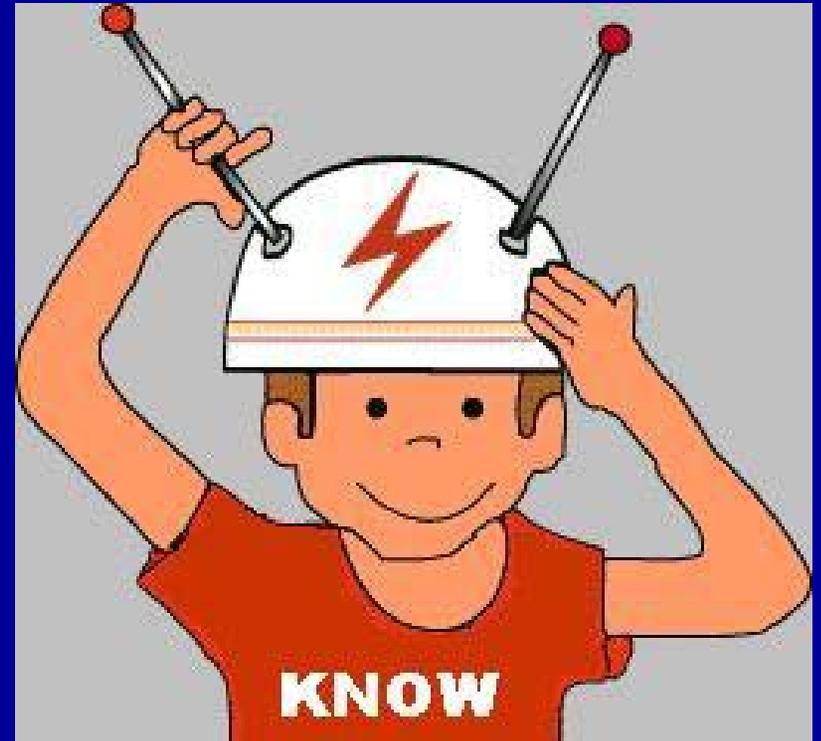


Divine Revelation

God gives us:



Divine Revelation



Brains



**“How can you
believe in God?”**



“How can you believe in God?”



“How can you believe in God?”



“Let me give you 5 reasons”

5 Proofs of God



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1. The unmoved mover



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5. Design



Metaphysics

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Physics =
Science of
physical world

Metaphysics

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Science of
physical world

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

“Essential”



“Accidental”

Thinking
Learning

Arms

“Essential”



“Accidental”

Thinking

Learning

Worshipping

Arms

“Essential”



“Accidental”

Thinking

Learning

Worshipping

Arms

Hair

“Essential”



“Accidental”

Thinking

Learning

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What is the object's purpose?

Points for home



Points for home

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

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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)