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Bible reading

Psalm 19

Colossians 1:15-20



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Every Thought Captive

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1 Introduction

A formal education in economics correlates with anti-social behaviour.¹ The finding is sufficiently robust that a subsidiary literature investigates whether the relationship is causal or due to self-selection. Its verdict is that an independent formative effect cannot be ruled out.²

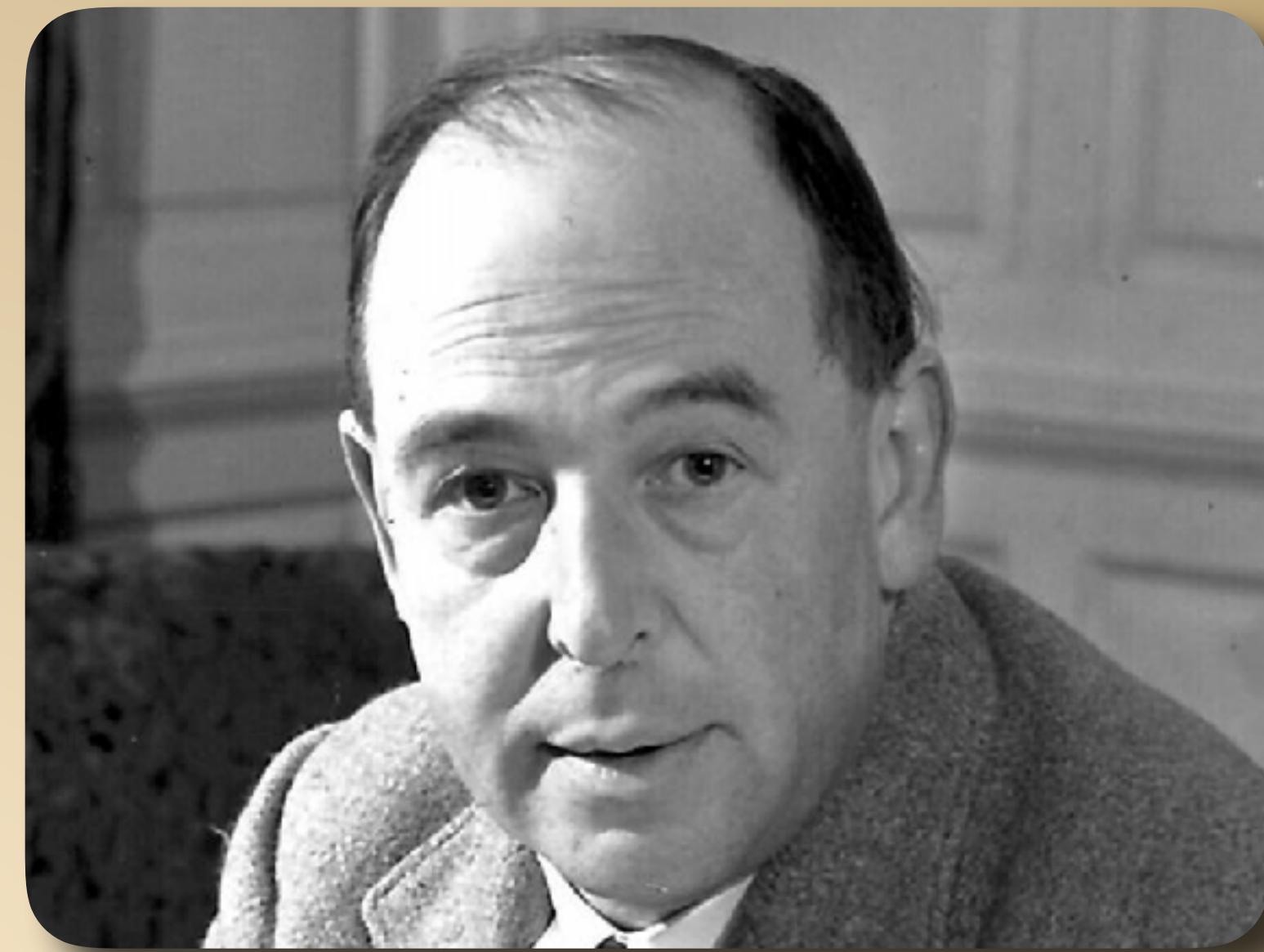
How might economics training have this effect? To invoke Carlyle's motif that the discipline is 'the dismal science' is inadequate, substituting a mood for an explanation.³ The puzzle is the fact that positive economics explicitly disavows normative prescription.⁴ This letter summarises some widely-taught positive claims and provides premises for some plausible prescriptions.⁵

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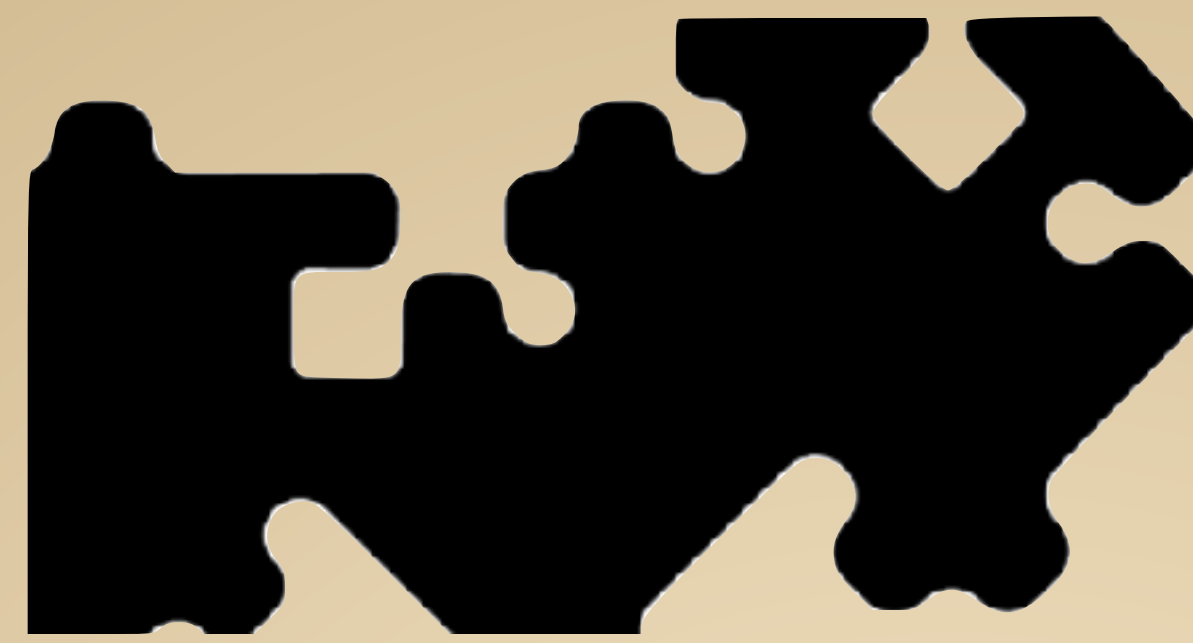
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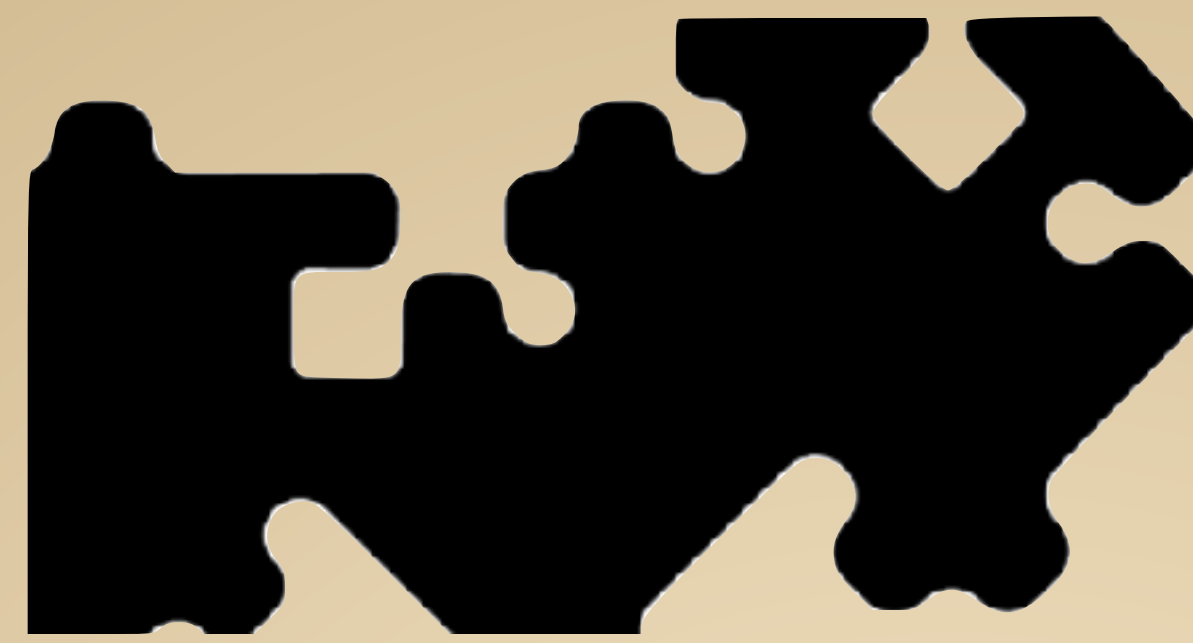
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"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ." 2 Cor 10 3ff

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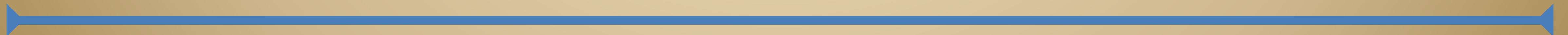
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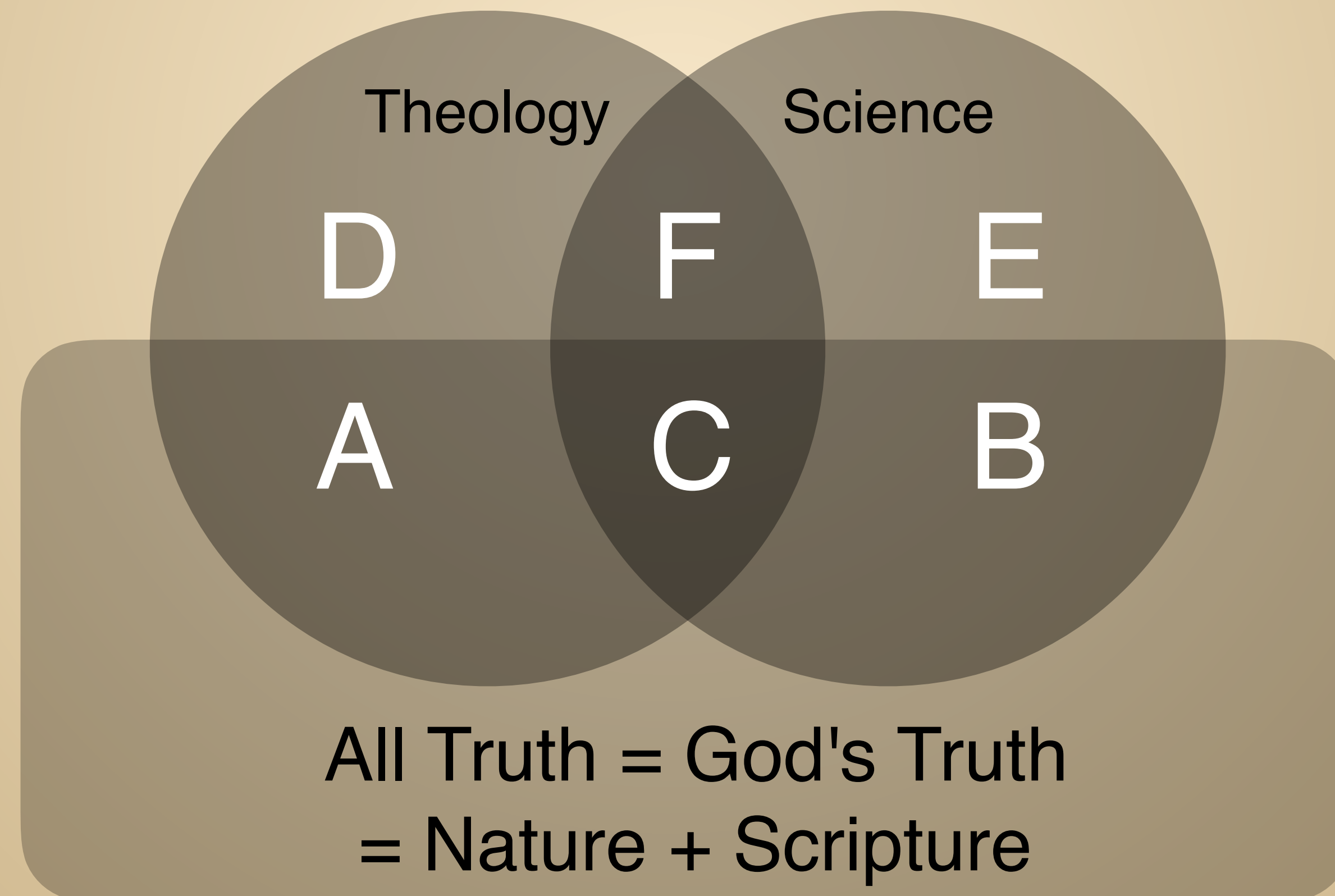
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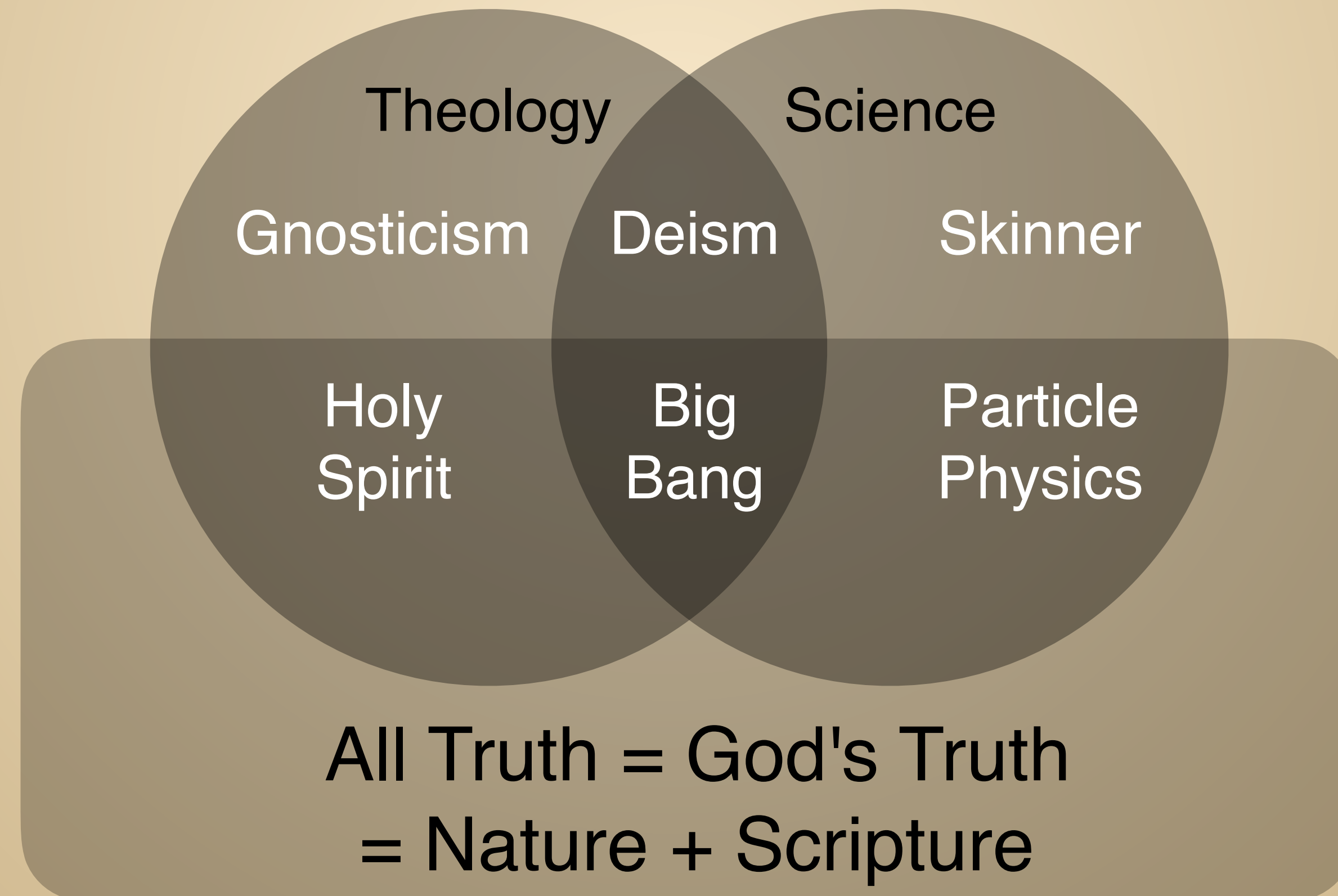
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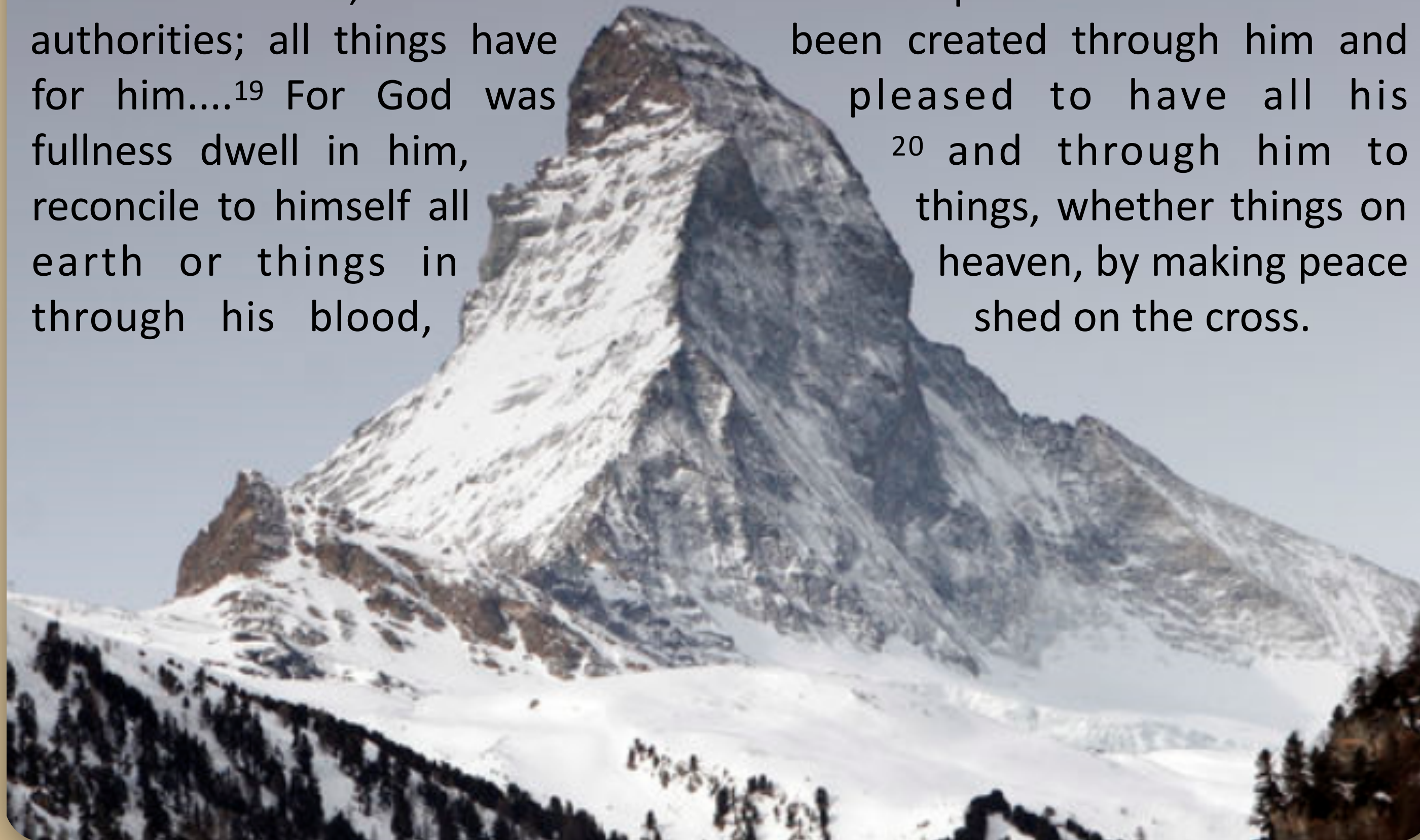
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Colossians 1

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him....¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.





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