

Church History Literacy

St. Thomas Aquinas

Part One

Lesson 46

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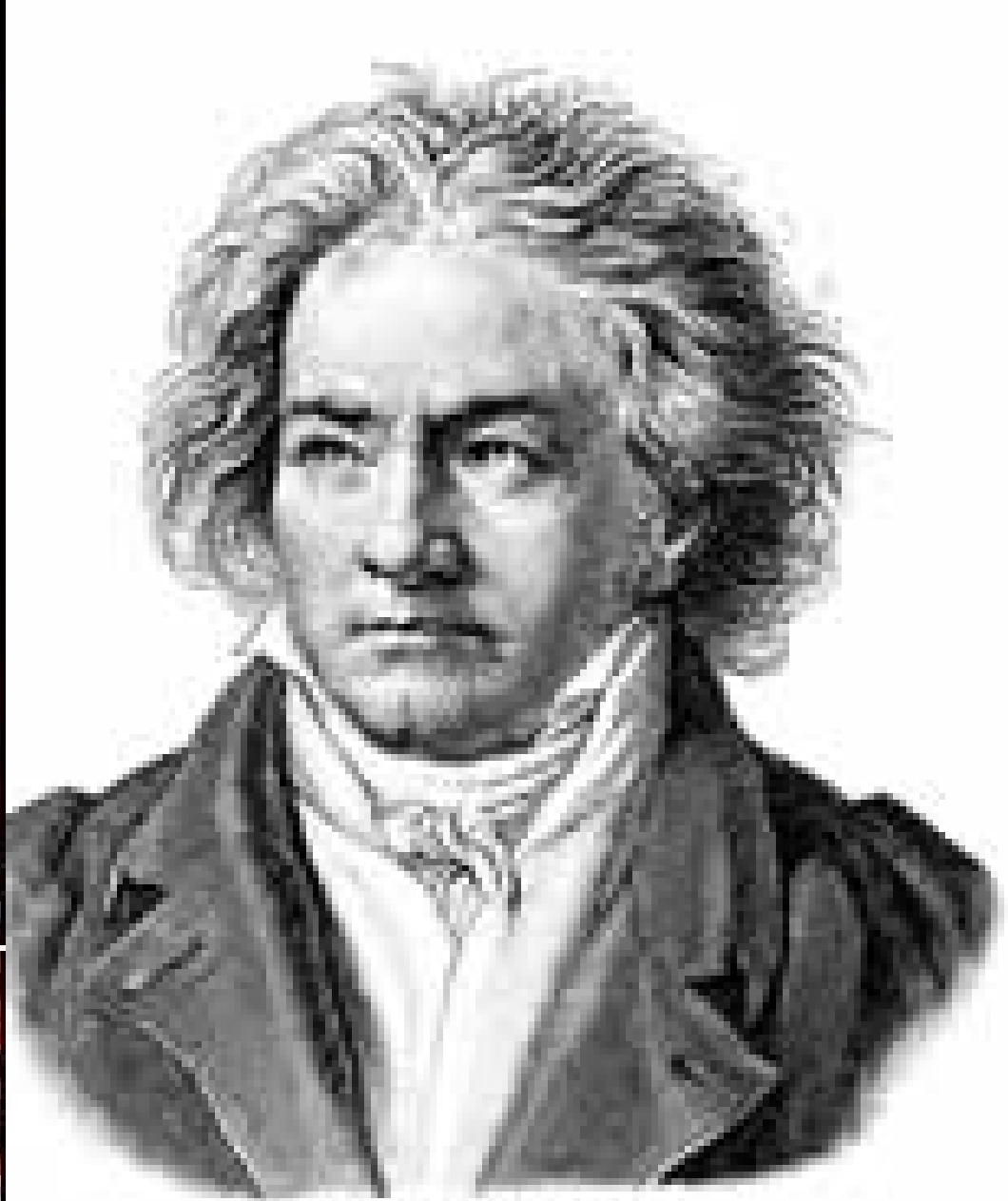
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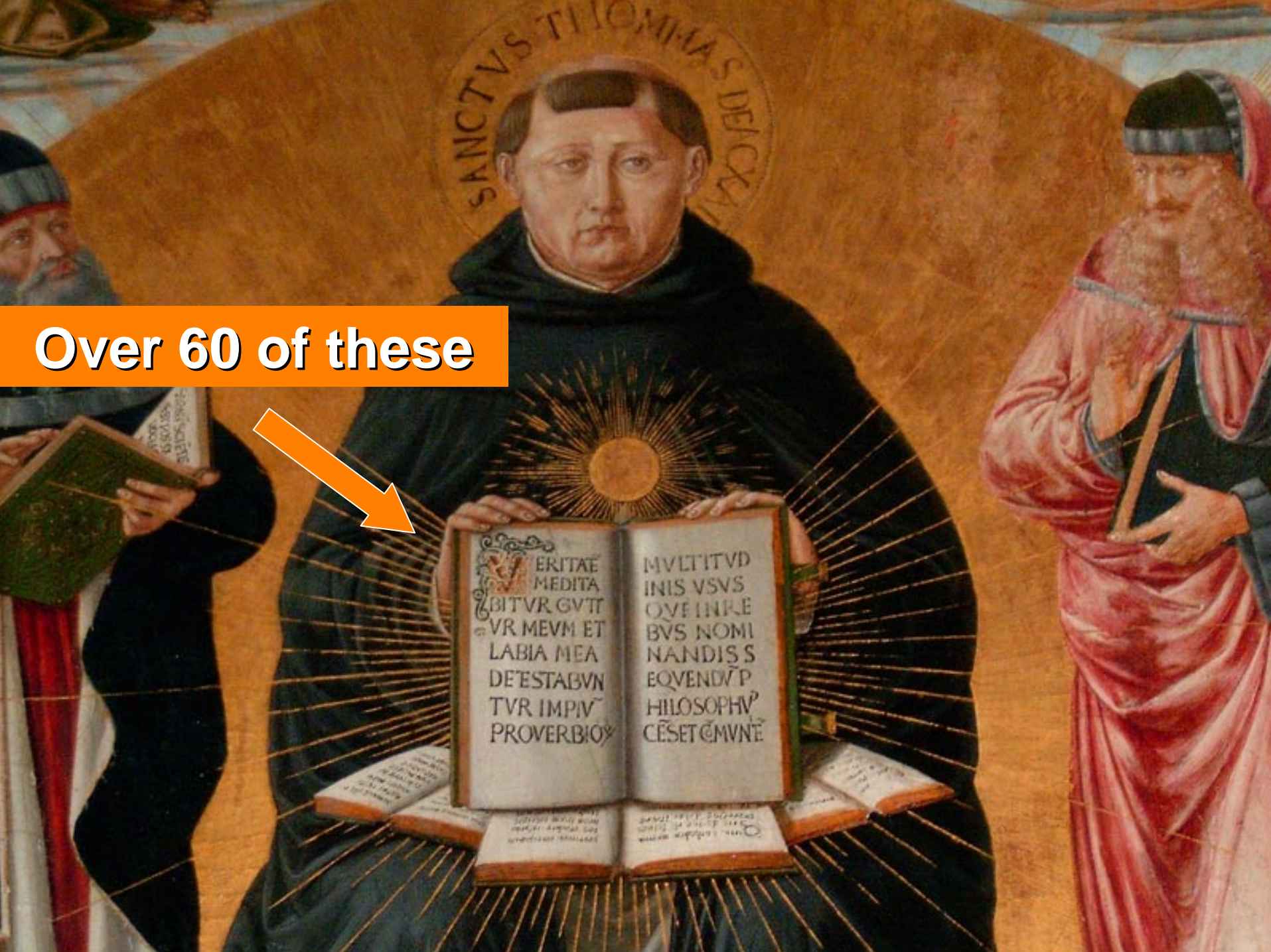


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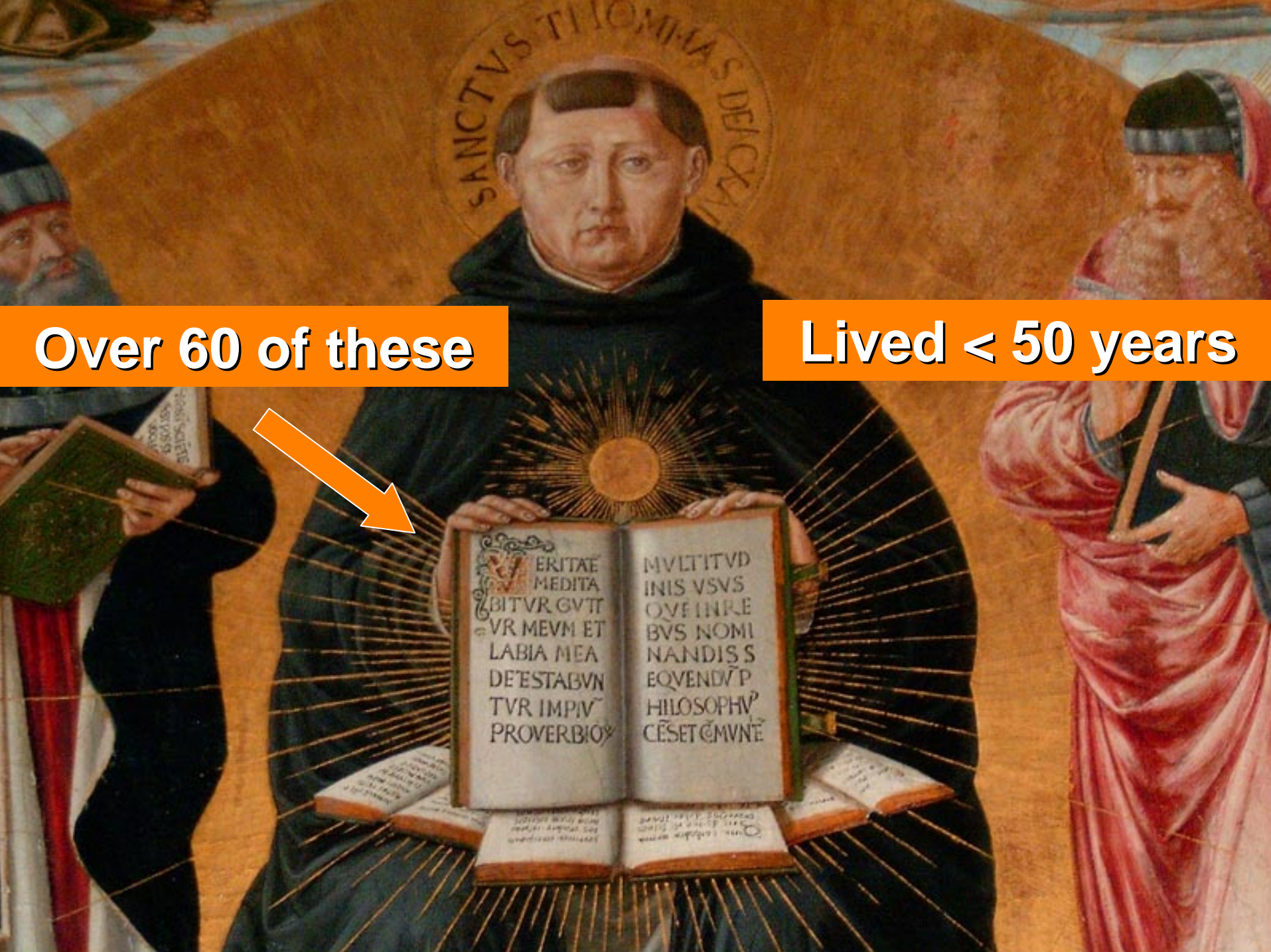
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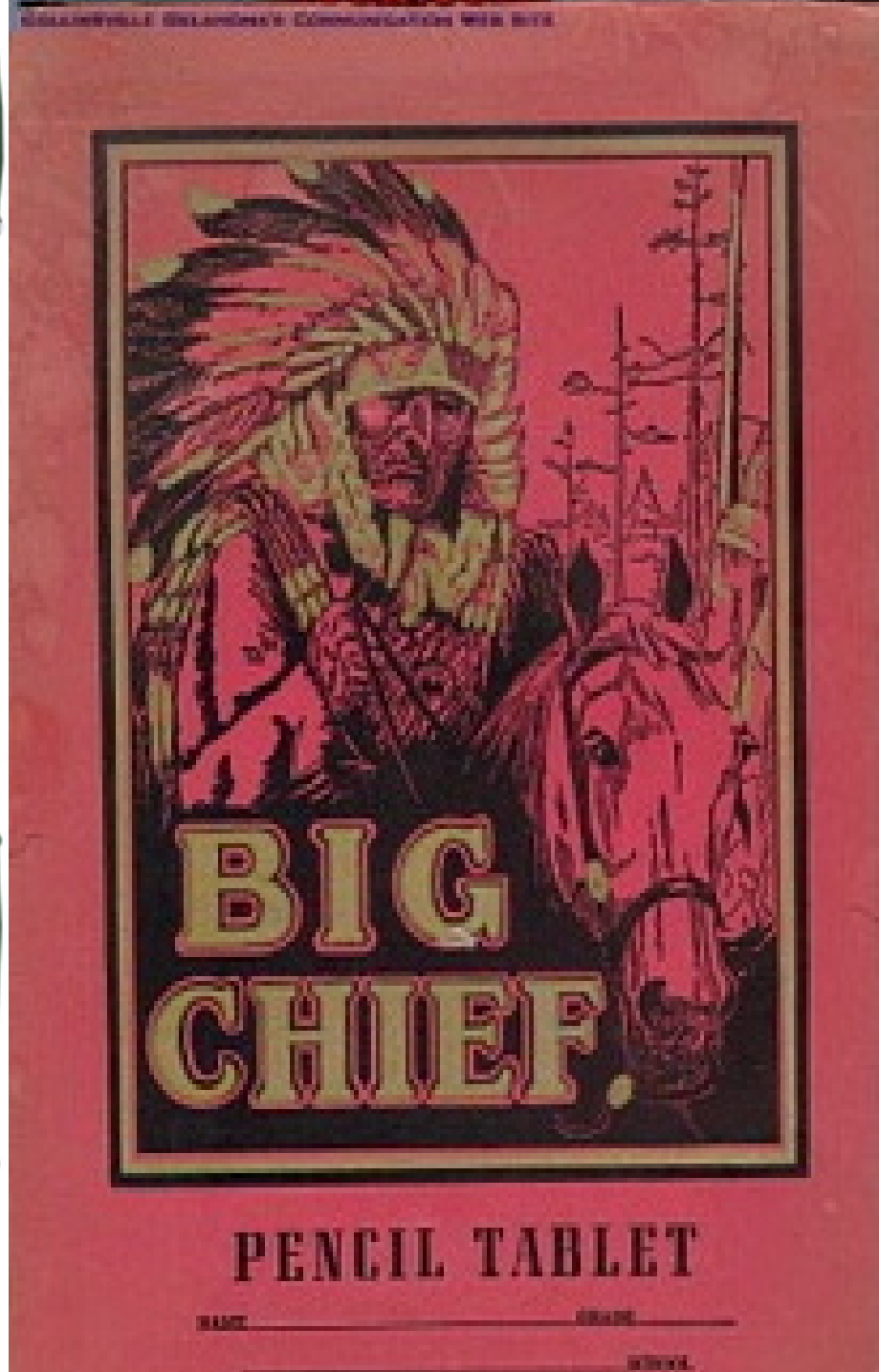
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My greatest personal gift? “I suppose it is that I have understood what I have read.”

Life of St. Thomas Aquinas

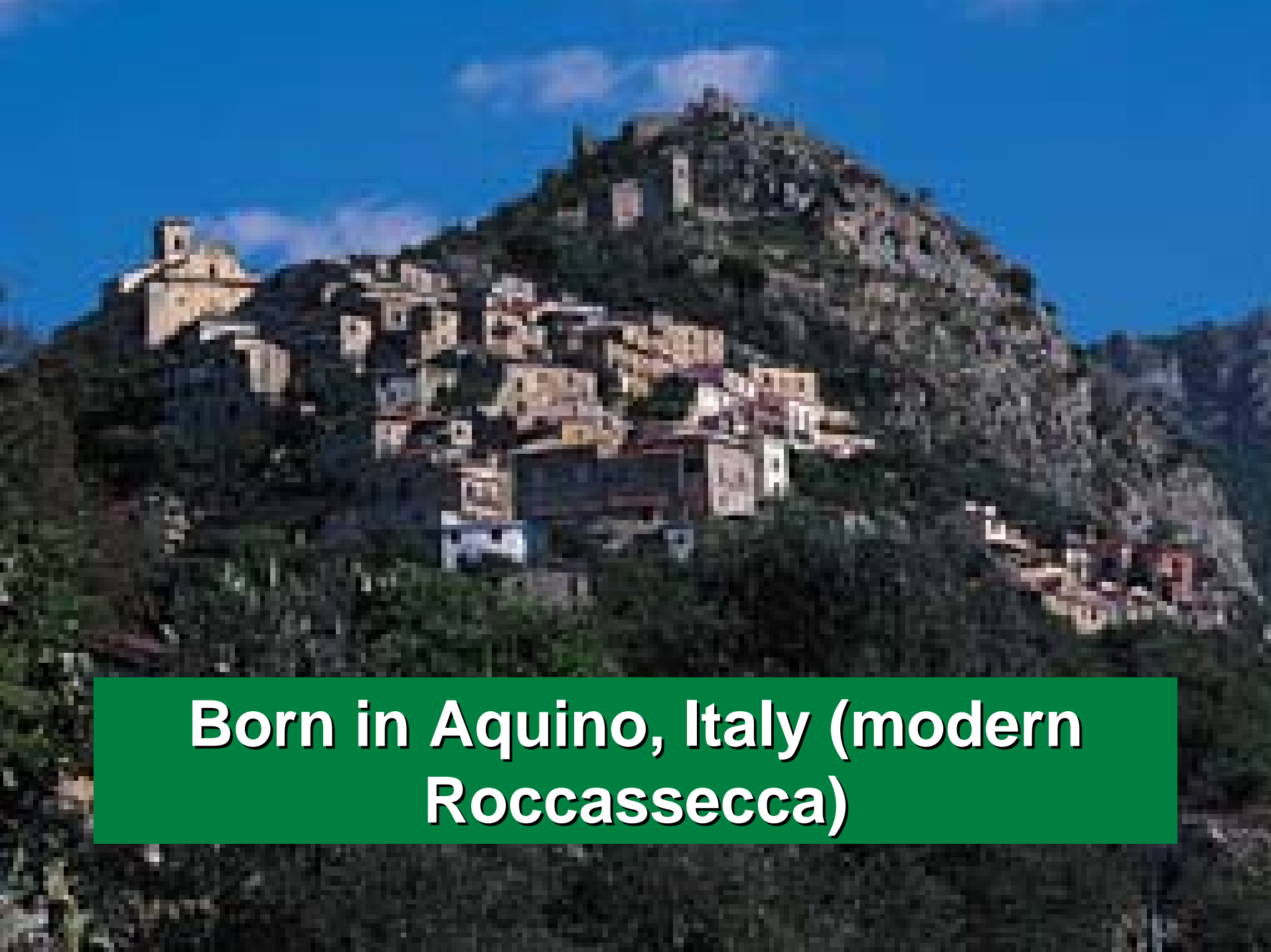
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A town/region - not
his name!

A photograph of a medieval hilltop village in Italy. The village is built on a rocky, steep hillside, with numerous stone buildings and a prominent church tower on the left. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is a classic representation of a hilltop town in the Italian countryside.

**Born in Aquino, Italy (modern
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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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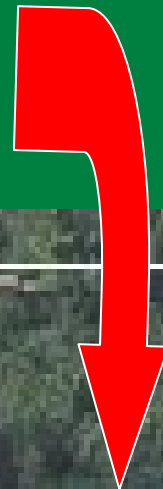
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Sent to Monte Cassino



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



“University Life”

The “Big City”

New “Aristotle”

The Dominicans





The Dominicans

- City Preachers
(Who would go rural)



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- Strong Academics

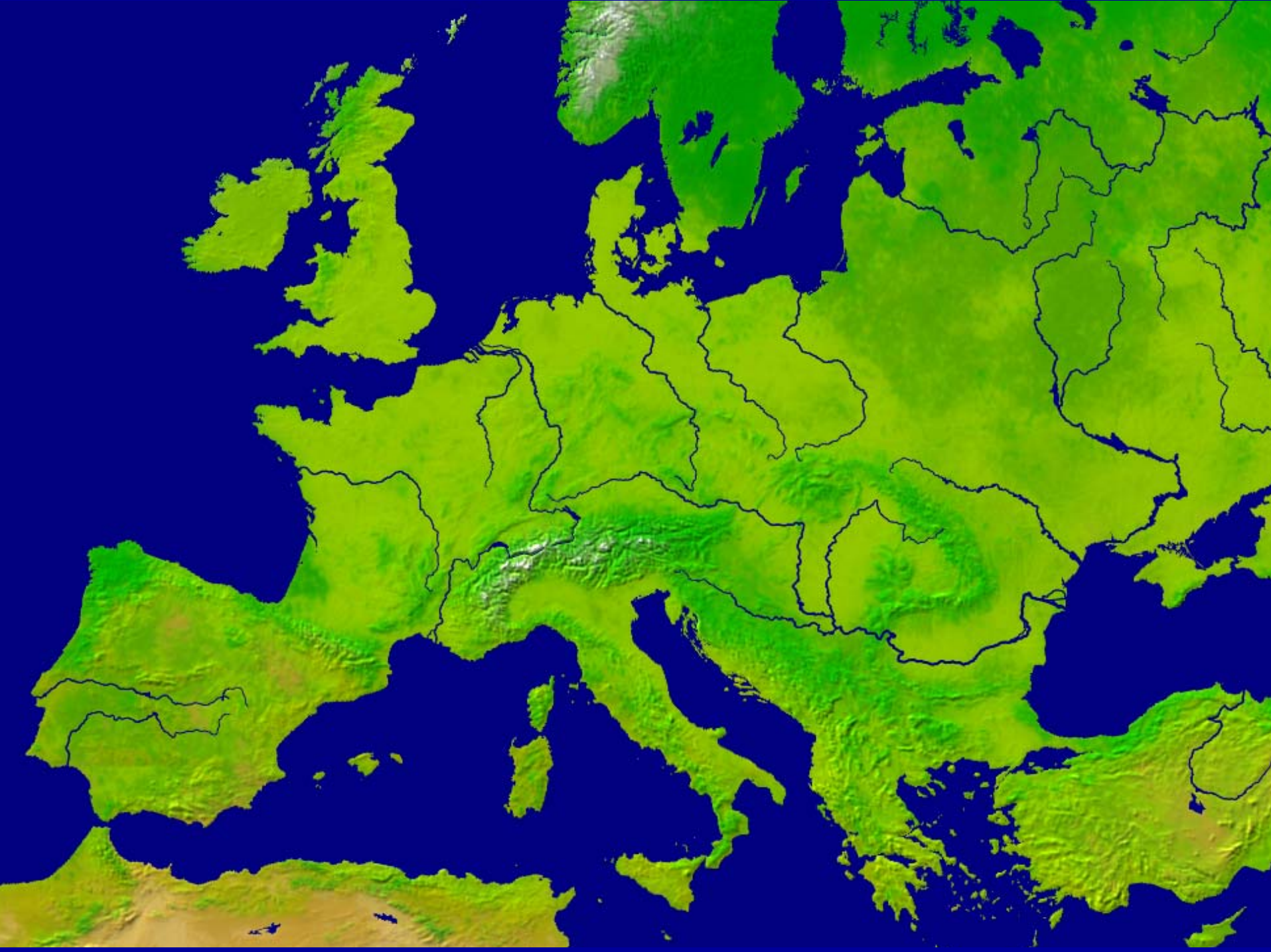


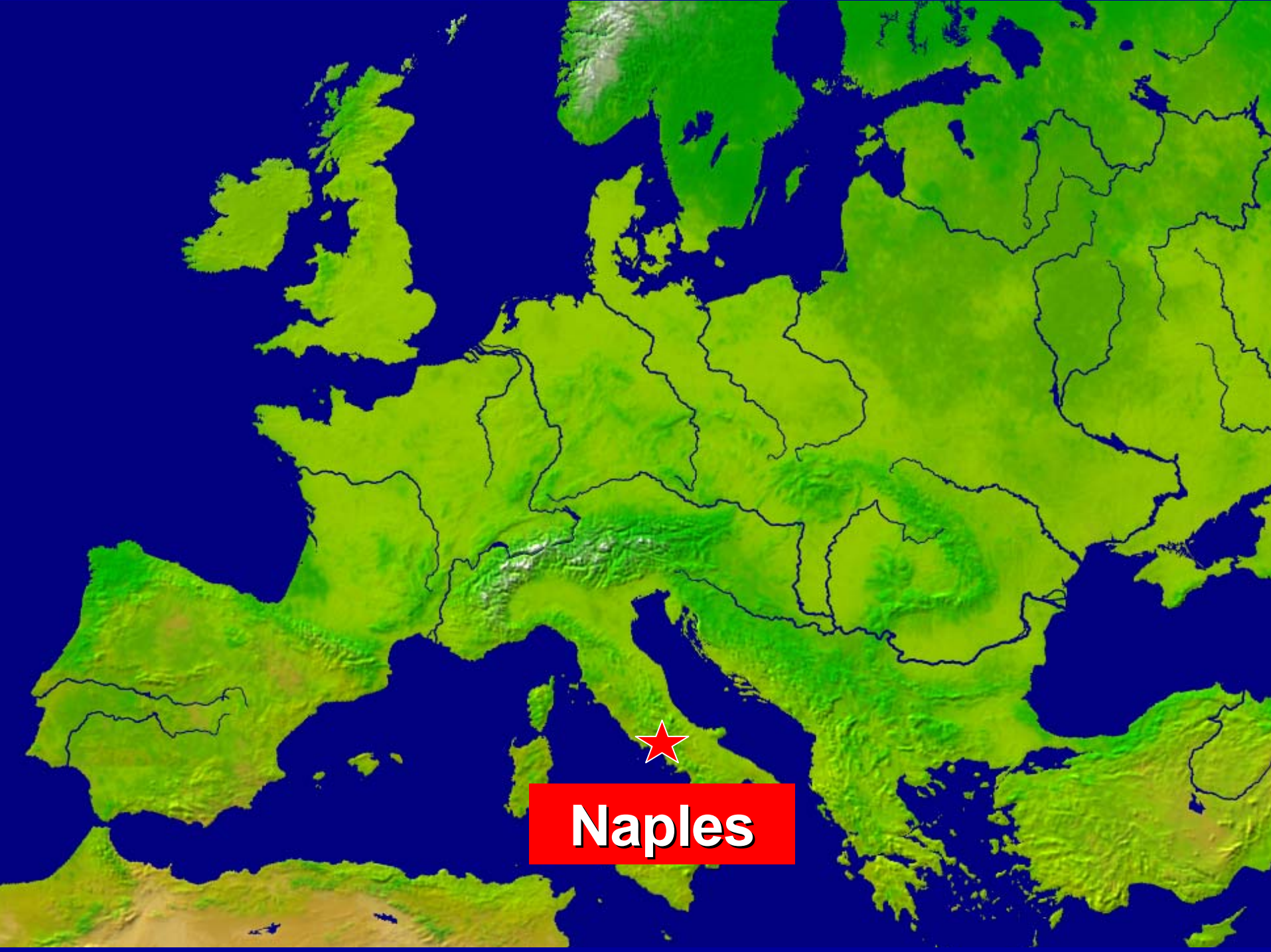
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Naples

A topographic map of Europe showing elevation contours. The map is color-coded by elevation, with green representing lower elevations and brown representing higher elevations. Two cities are 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. The Alps and Pyrenees mountain ranges are clearly visible in the center and west of the continent.

Paris

Naples

A topographic map of Europe showing elevation contours. The map is color-coded by elevation, with darker greens and browns representing higher altitudes and lighter greens representing lower altitudes. Two cities are highlighted with red stars and labels: Paris in the north and Naples in the south. A red letter 'Q' is positioned above the star for Naples. The Mediterranean Sea is visible to the south, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west.

Paris

Q

Naples

A topographic map of Europe with a color gradient from green to brown. Two red stars mark the locations of Paris and Naples. A red box with the word 'Paris' is above the star in France, and another red box with the word 'Naples' is below the star in Italy. A large blue arrow points from the right side of the map towards the Naples area, containing the text '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!”**

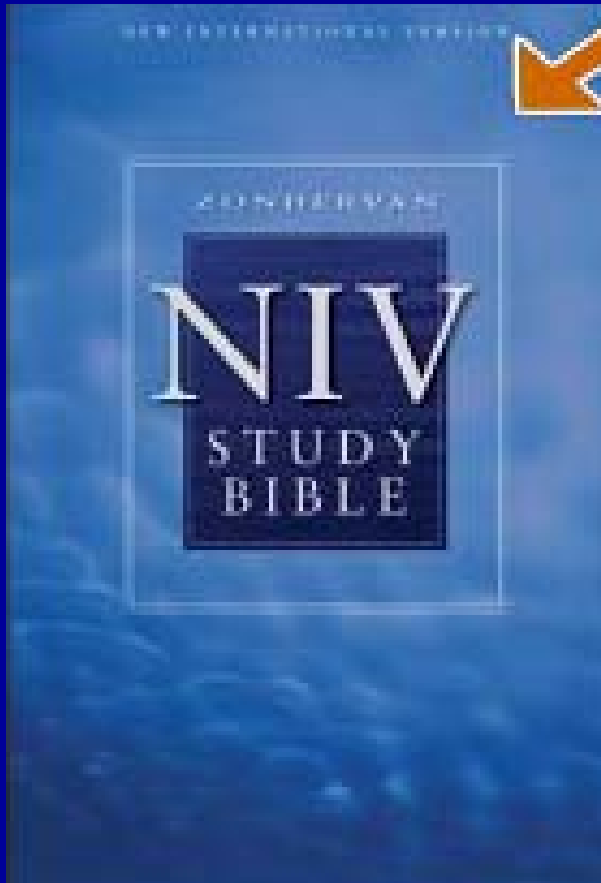
Thomas the Teacher



**“We’ve got to
use our brains!”**

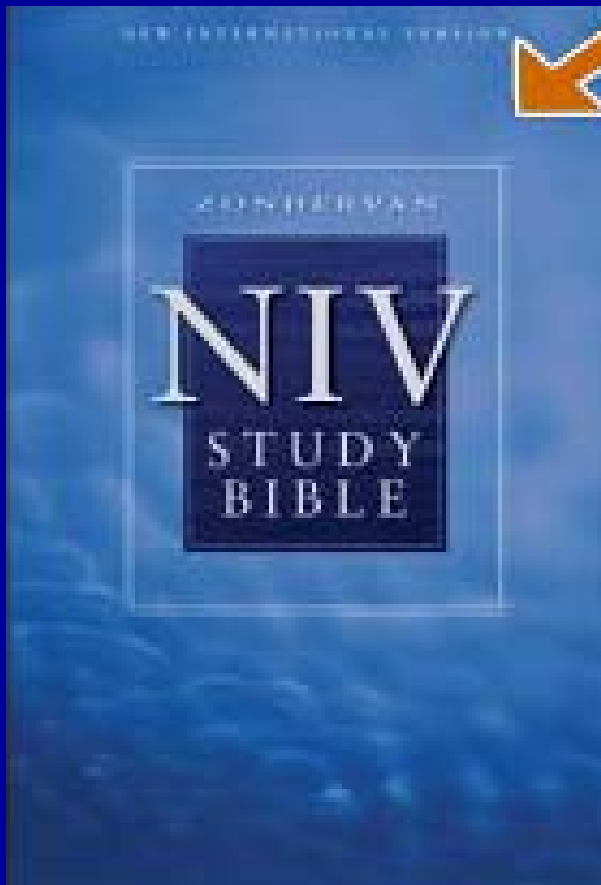
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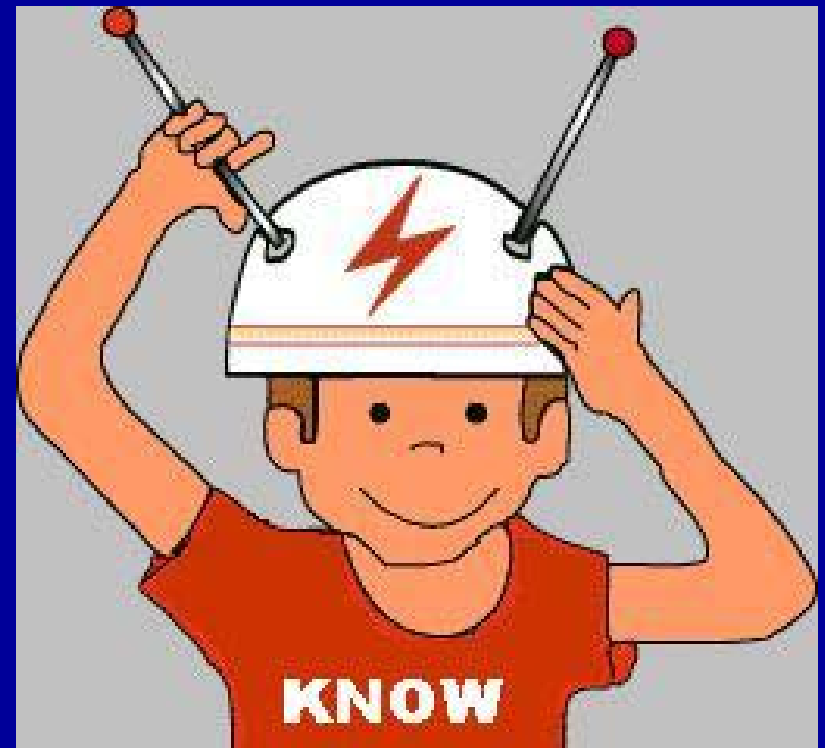


Divine Revelation

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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5. Design



Metaphysics

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Physics =
Science of
physical world

Metaphysics

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Metaphysics =
Study beyond
the physical
world

What makes Louis a human?



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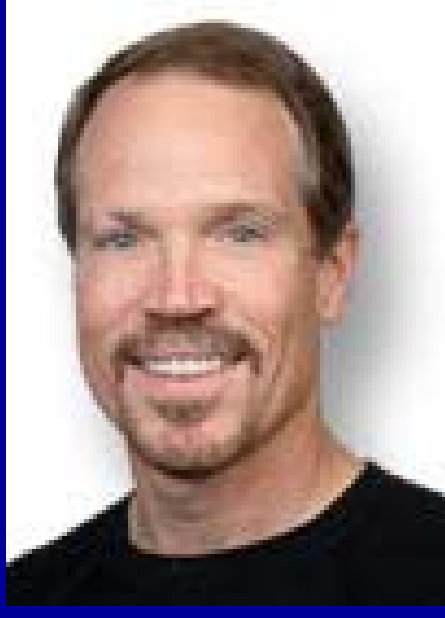
What are “essential” and “accidental” characteristics?



“Essential”



“Essential”



“Accidental”

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“Accidental”

Arms

“Essential”

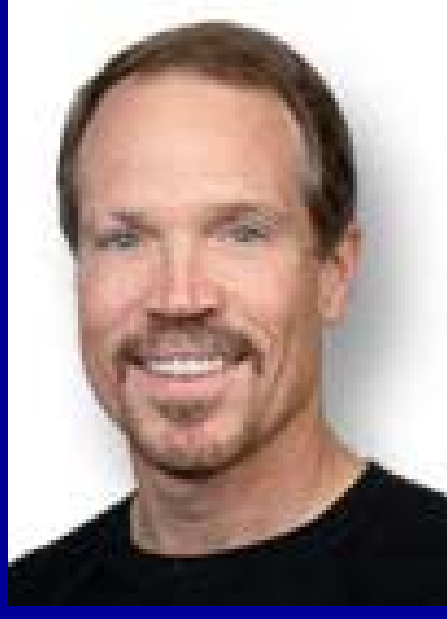


“Accidental”

Thinking

Arms

“Essential”



“Accidental”

Thinking
Learning

Arms

“Essential”



“Accidental”

Thinking

Learning

Worshipping

Arms

“Essential”



“Accidental”

Thinking

Learning

Worshipping

Arms

Hair

“Essential”



“Accidental”

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What is the object's purpose?

Points for home



Points for home

1. Use your brain



Points for home

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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

Points for Home

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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)