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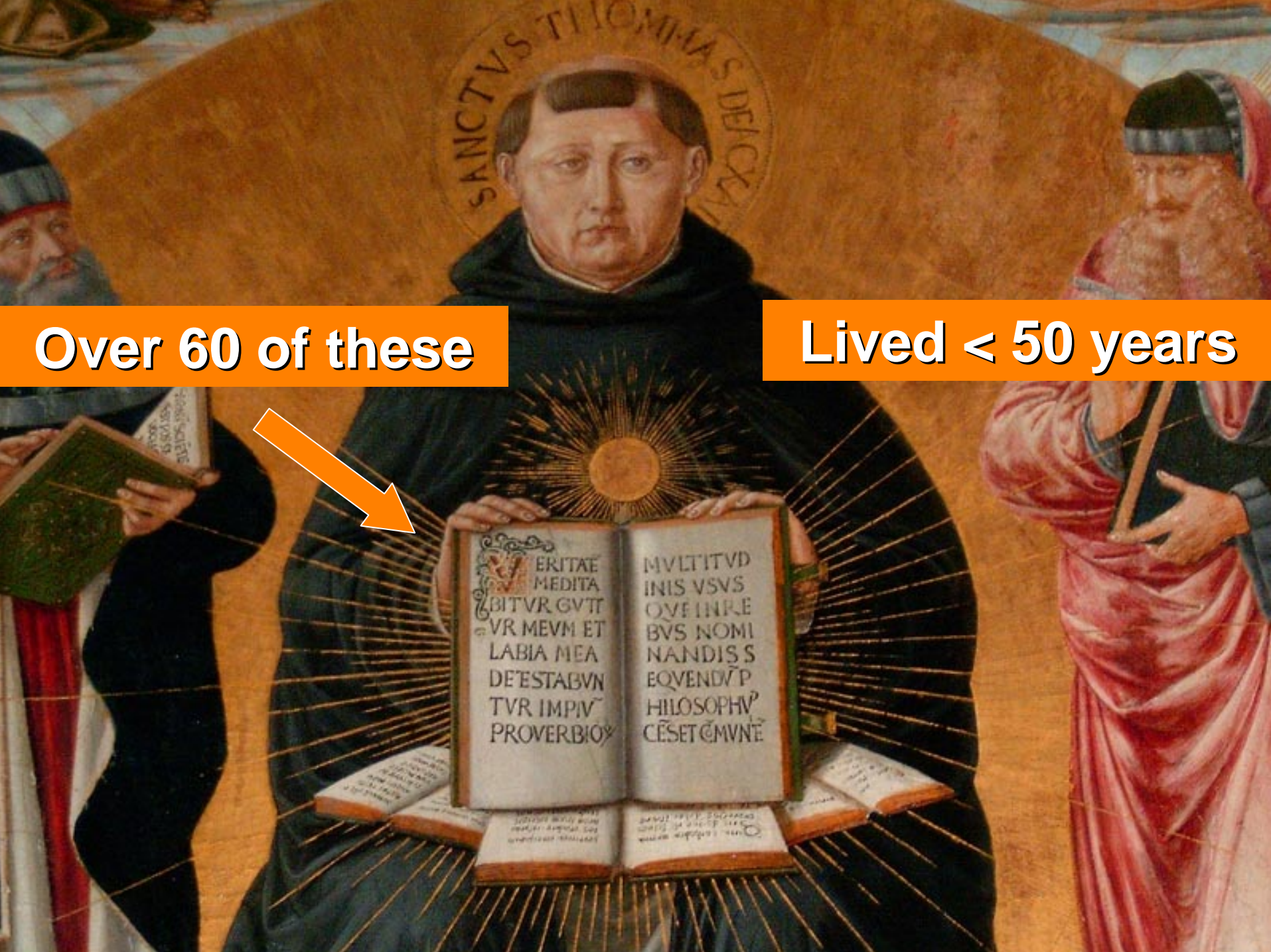
## St. Thomas Aquinas

### Part Two

#### Lesson 47

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Over 60 of these

Lived < 50 years

# Sent to Monte Cassino



# Then to University of Naples





# The Dominicans





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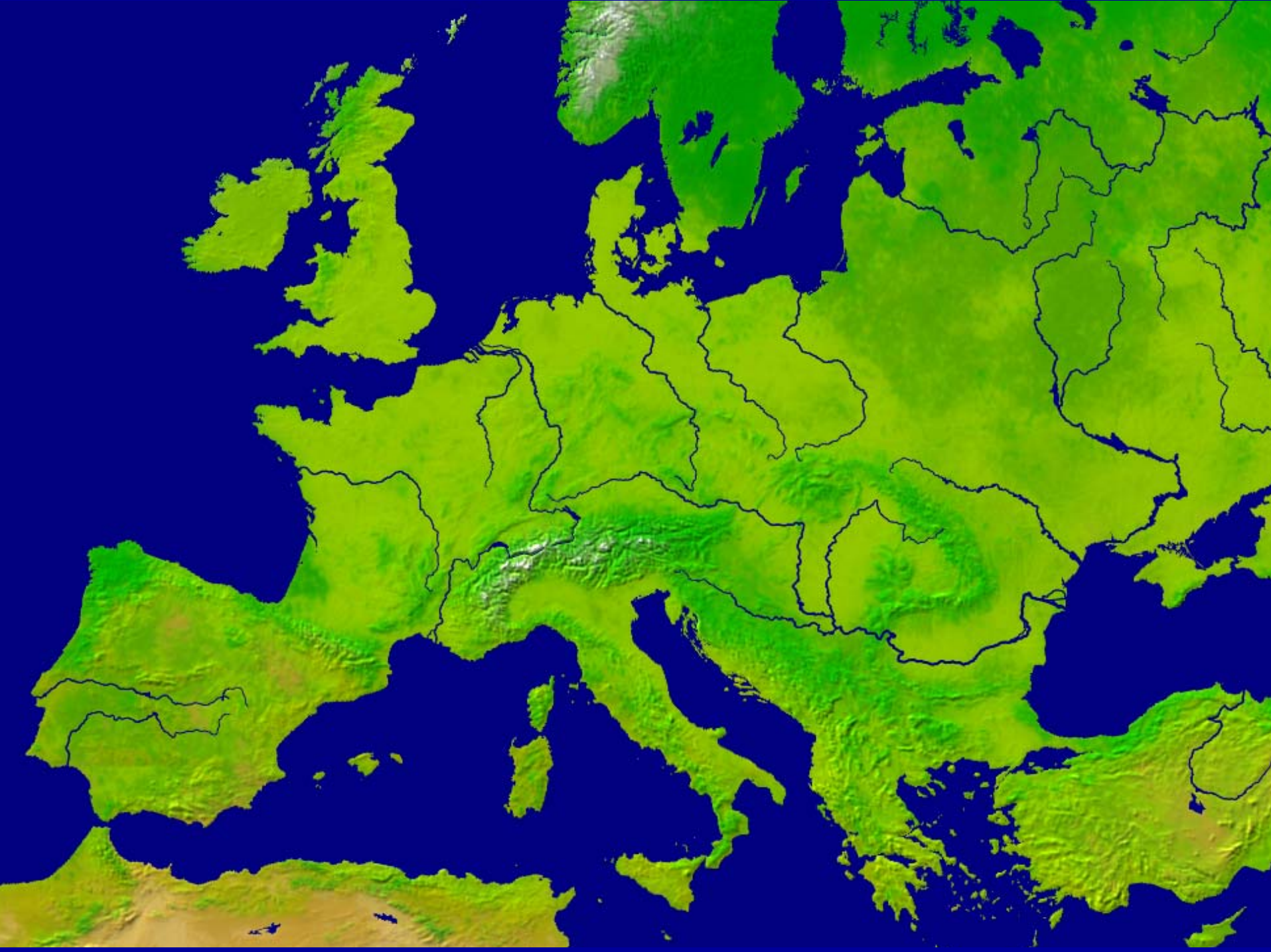
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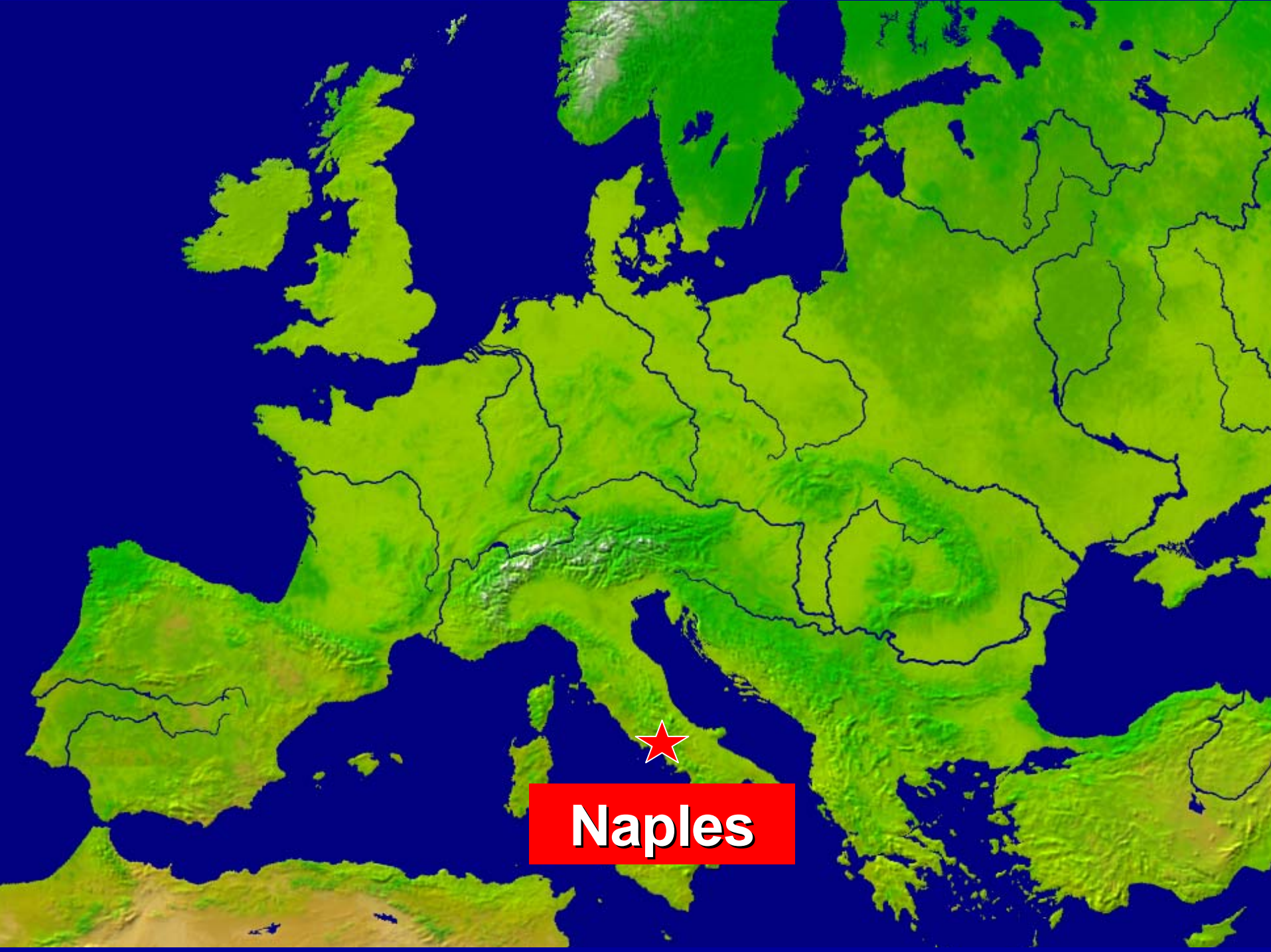
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**Naples**



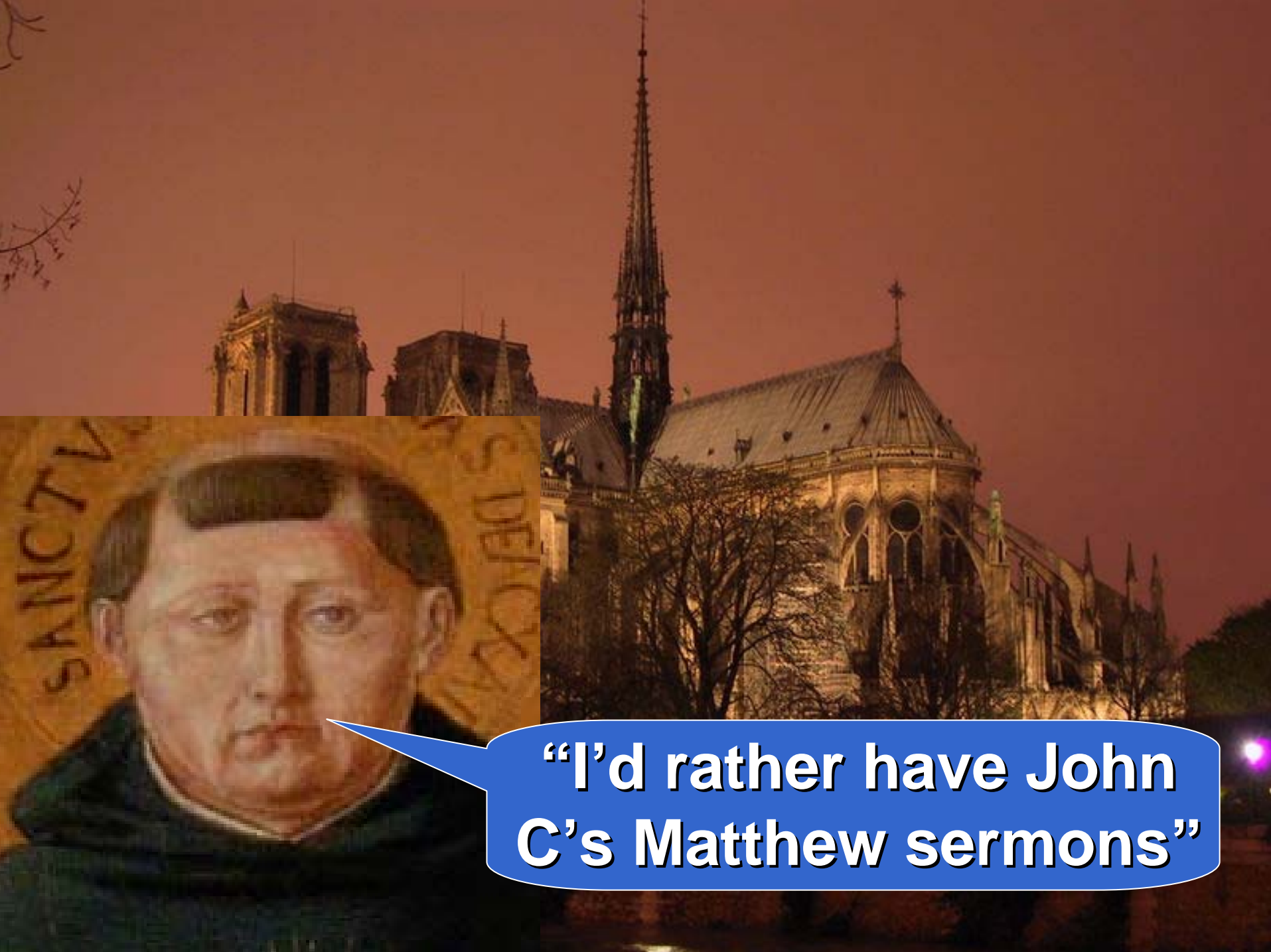
A topographic map of Europe showing elevation contours. The map is color-coded by elevation, with green representing lower elevations and brown representing higher elevations. Two cities are highlighted with red stars and red labels: Paris in France and Naples in Italy. The Mediterranean Sea is visible 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**







**“I’d rather have John C’s Matthew sermons”**



# Thomas the Teacher



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**“We’ve got a problem!”**

# Thomas the Teacher

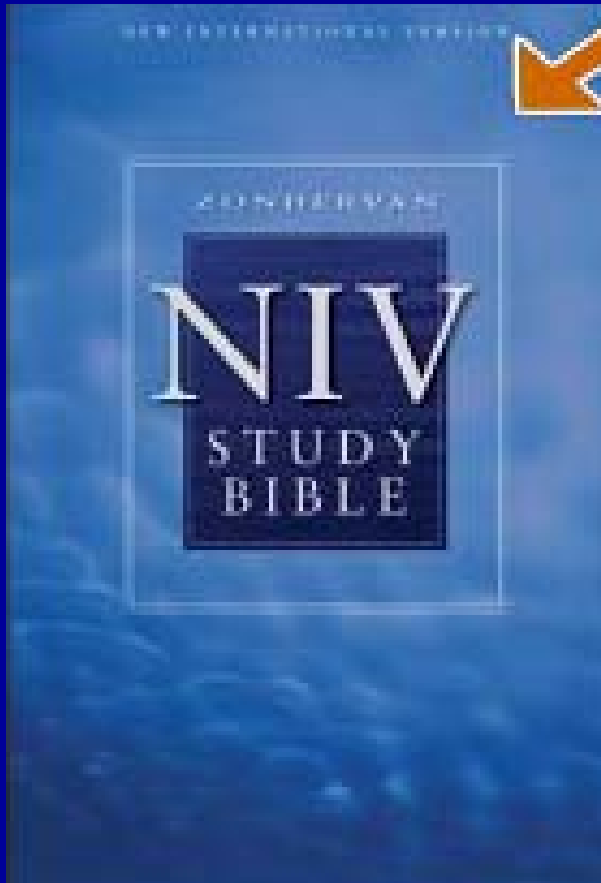


**“We’ve got to  
use our brains!”**



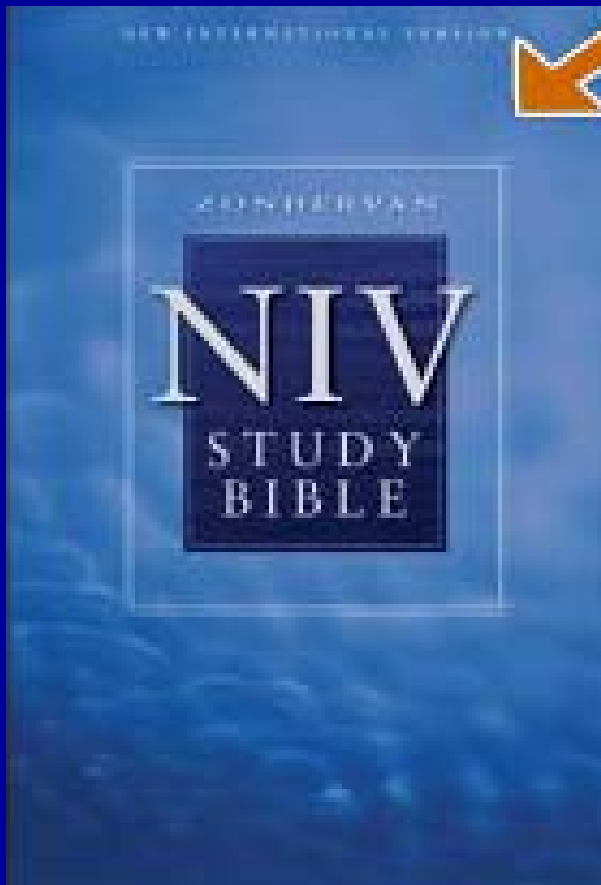
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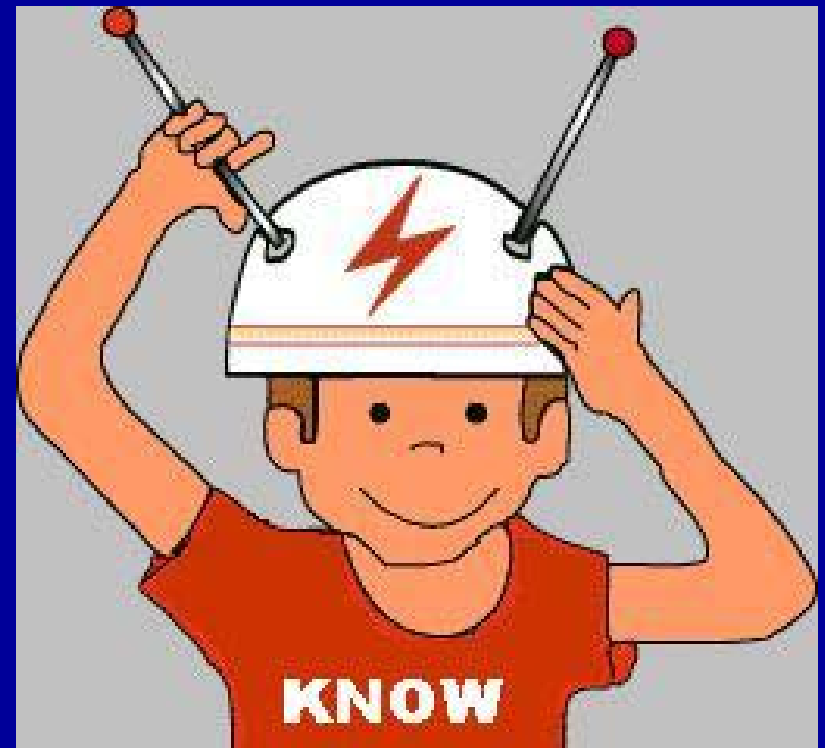


Divine Revelation

# God gives us:



**Divine Revelation**



**Brains**





**“How can you  
believe in God?”**



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**“Let me give you 5 reasons”**



# Metaphysics

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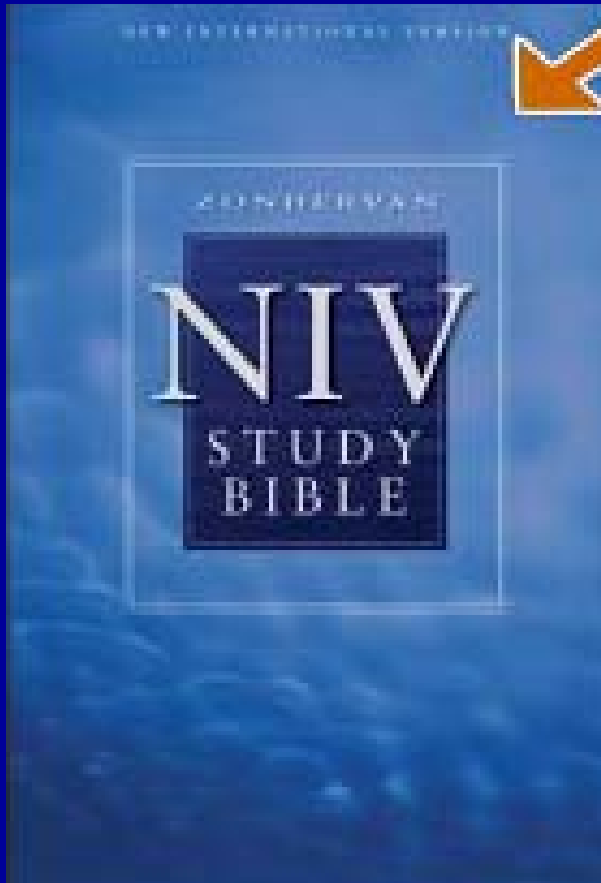
Metaphysics =  
Study beyond  
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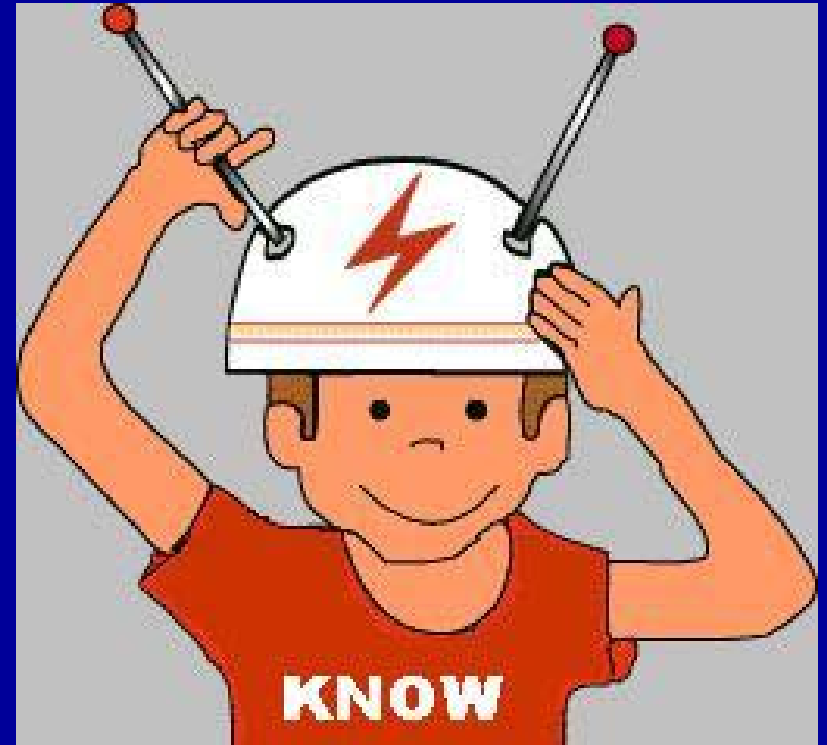


The key to  
understanding:  
What is the  
object's  
**PURPOSE?**

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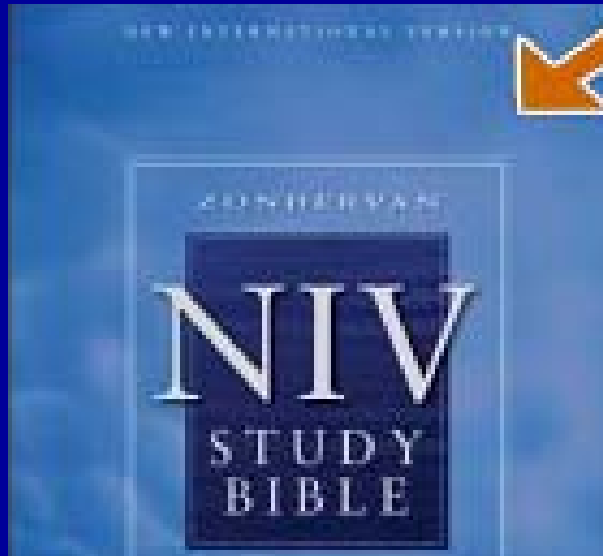


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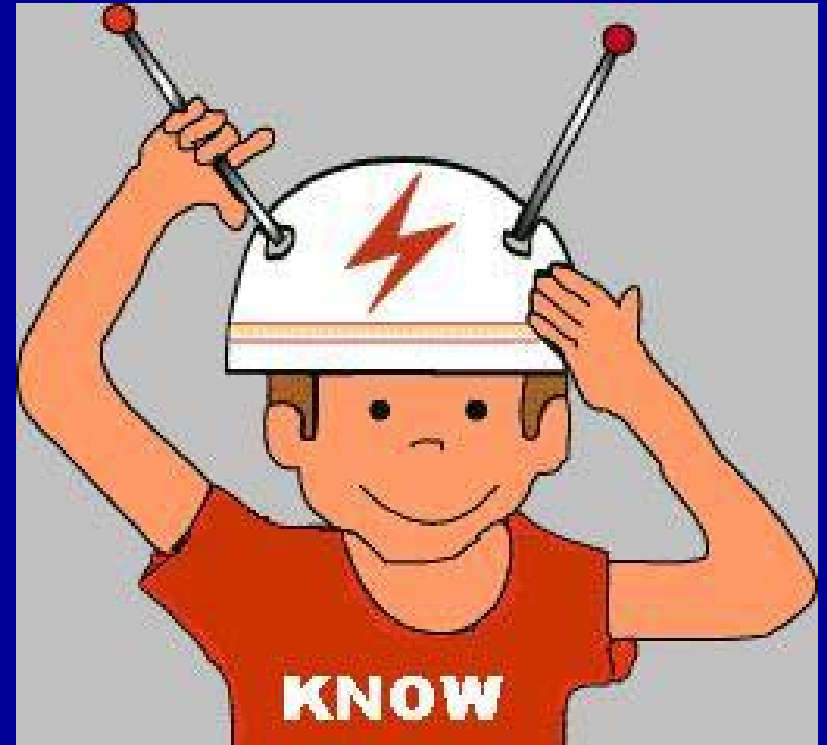
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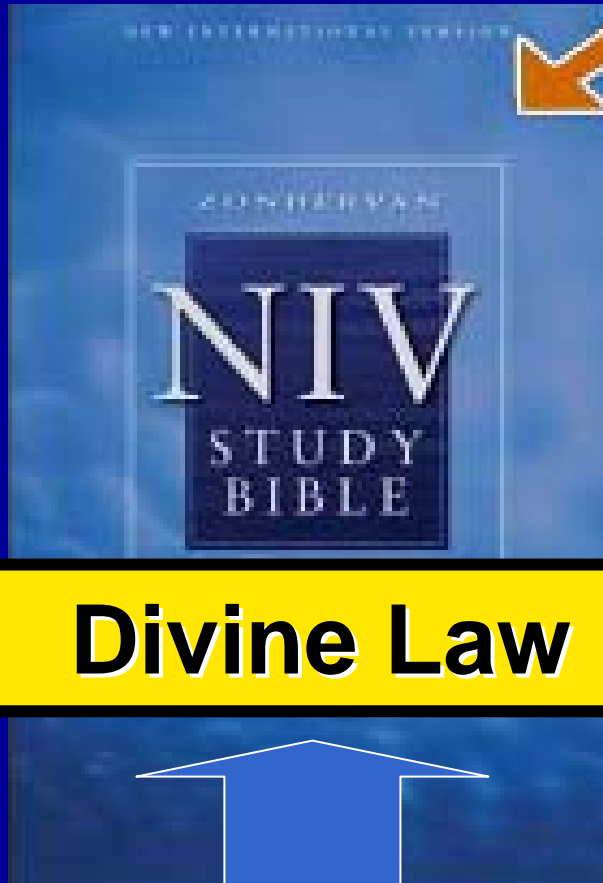
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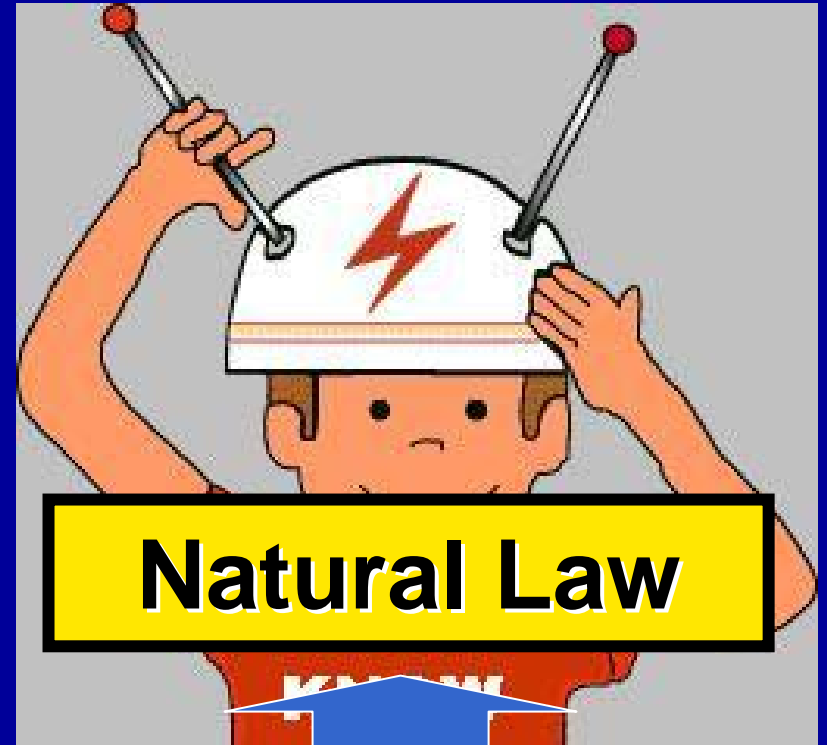


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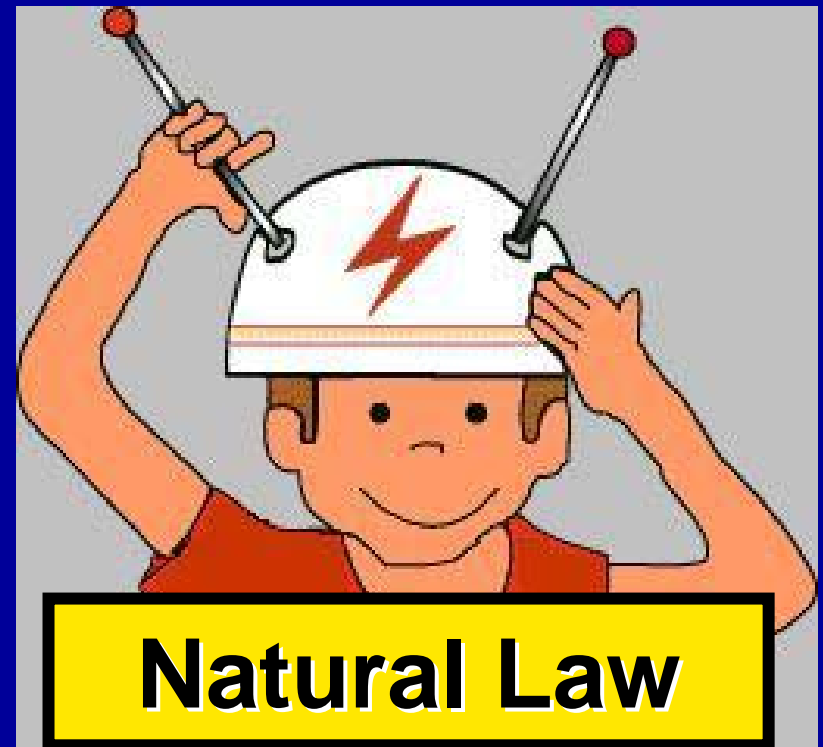


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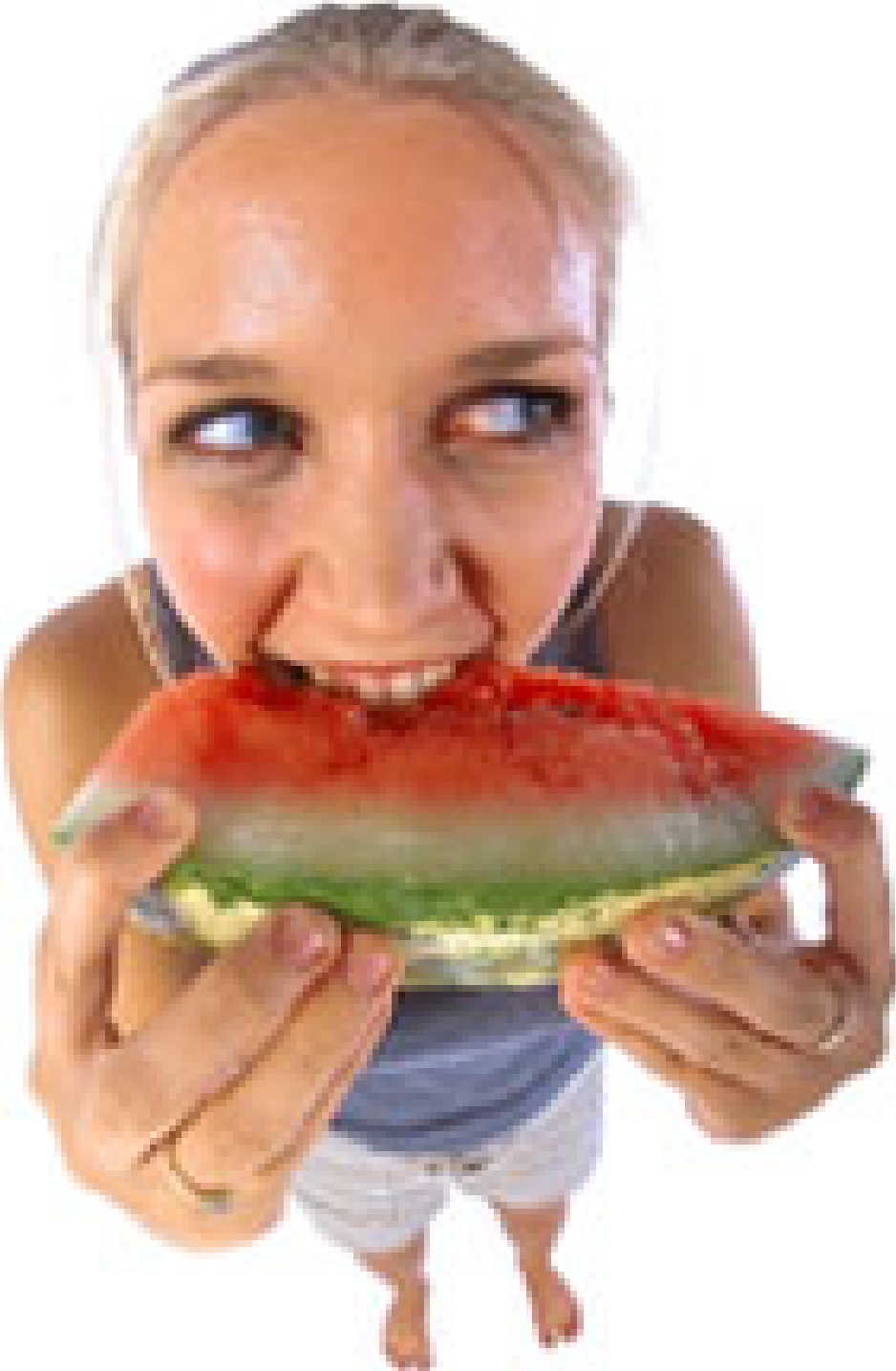
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Natural Law can teach scriptural morality  
to those who do not believe Scripture

# Thomas on Sexuality



What is the  
“end” or  
“purpose” of  
sexuality?

# 3 Purposes of Sexuality



1. Procreation

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2. Uniting  
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3. Pleasure

# Thomas on War

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Justice at War

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Justice in War

# The “Just War”



1. Just cause

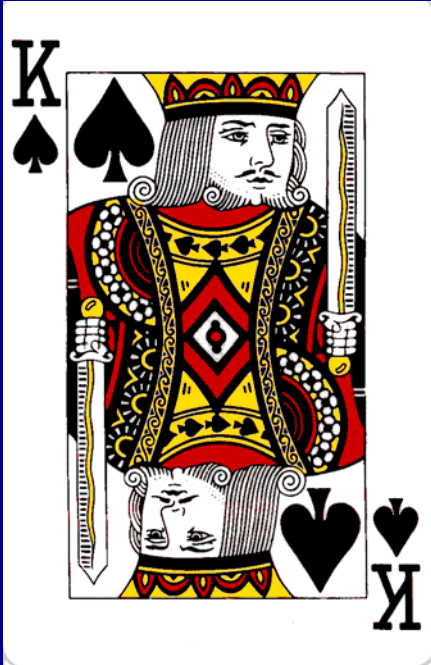
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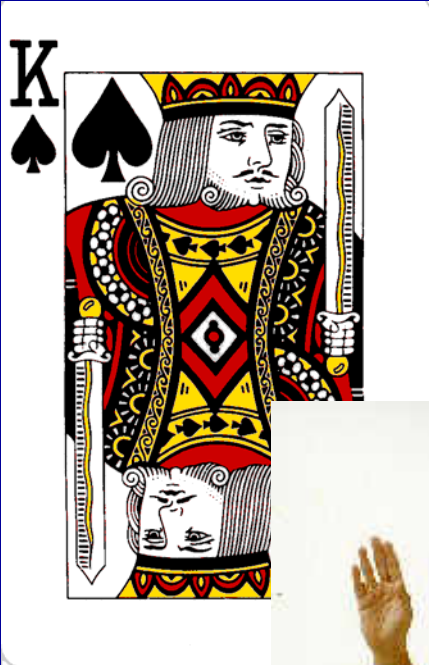


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Thomas: “Intent” determines whether  
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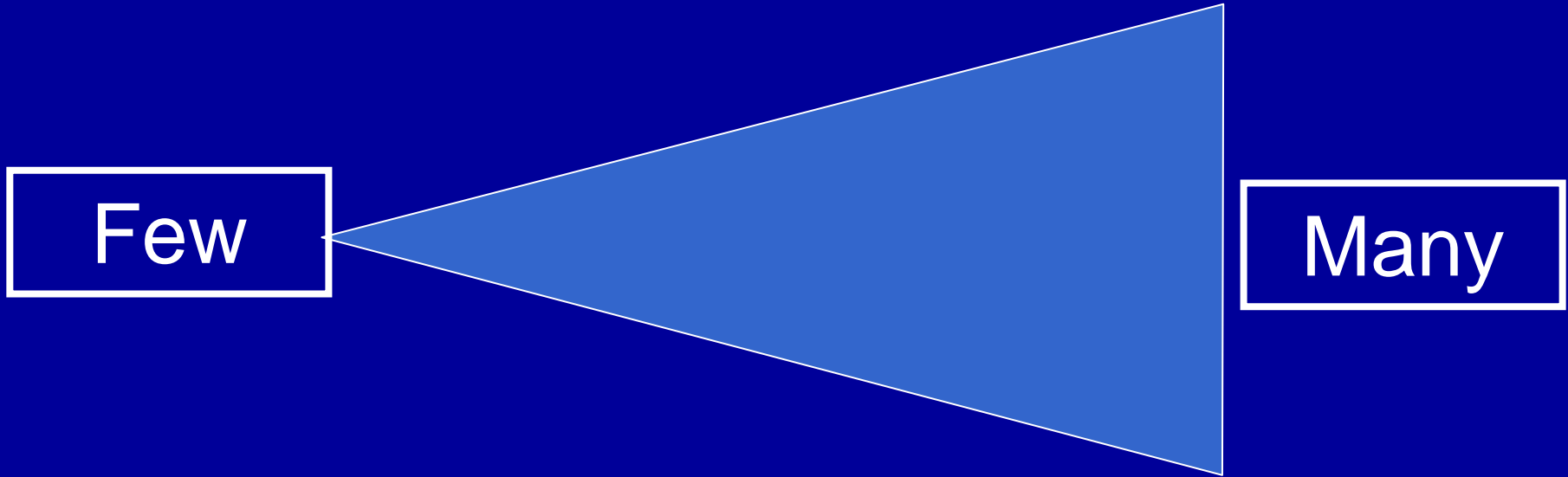
A bad result

Thomas: The good to be achieved must outweigh the bad (“Proportionality”)

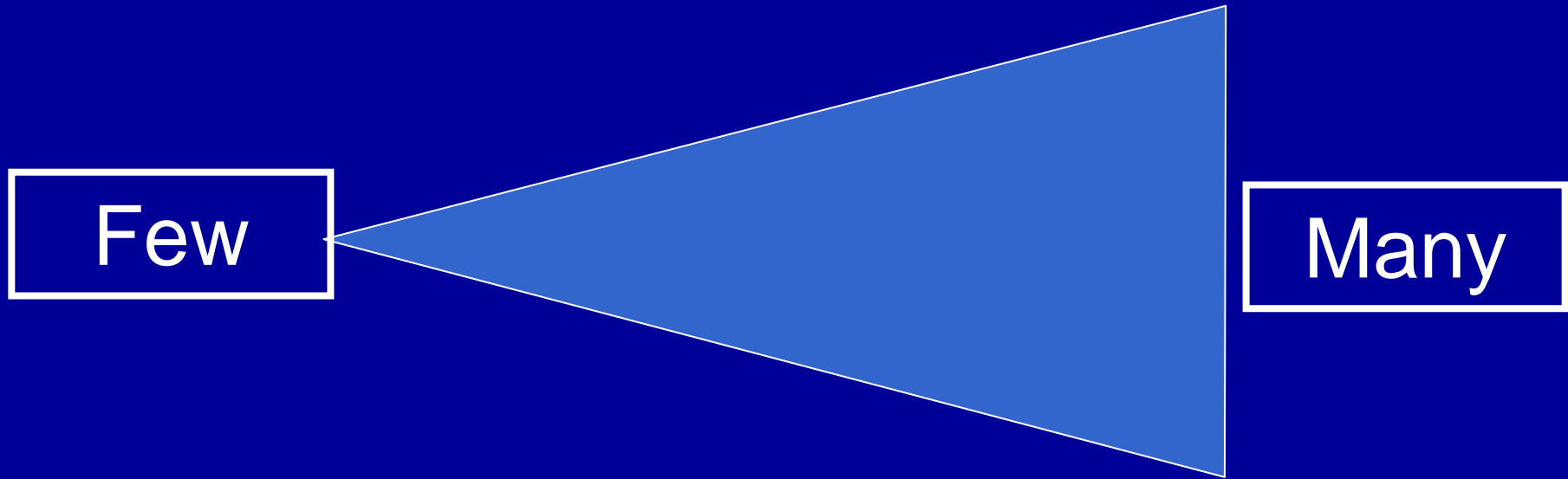
# Political Structures



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Thomas: “All should take some share in the government: for this form of government ensures peace among the people”

Thomas on much much more



“Thomas, come see the flying Ox!”





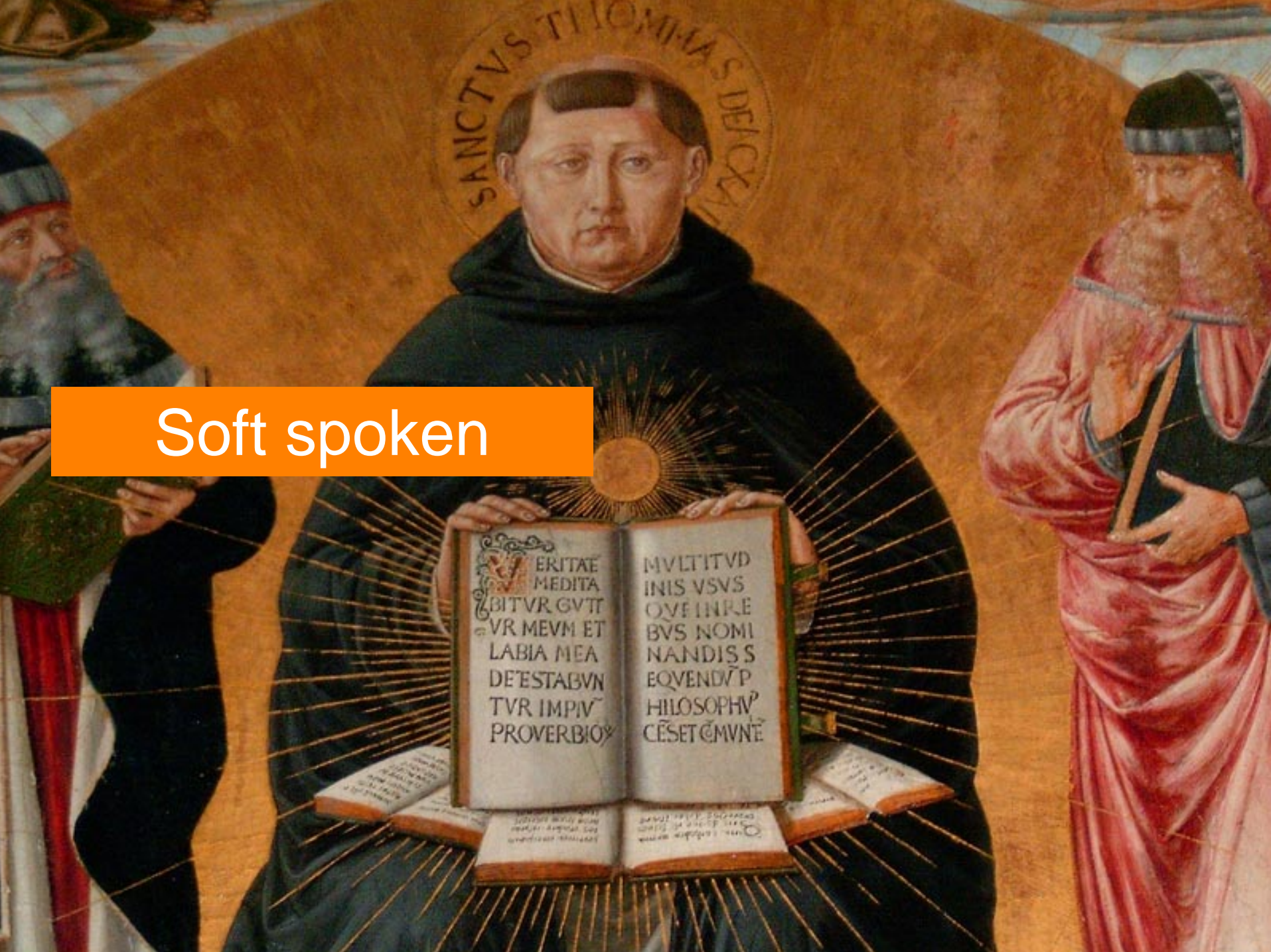
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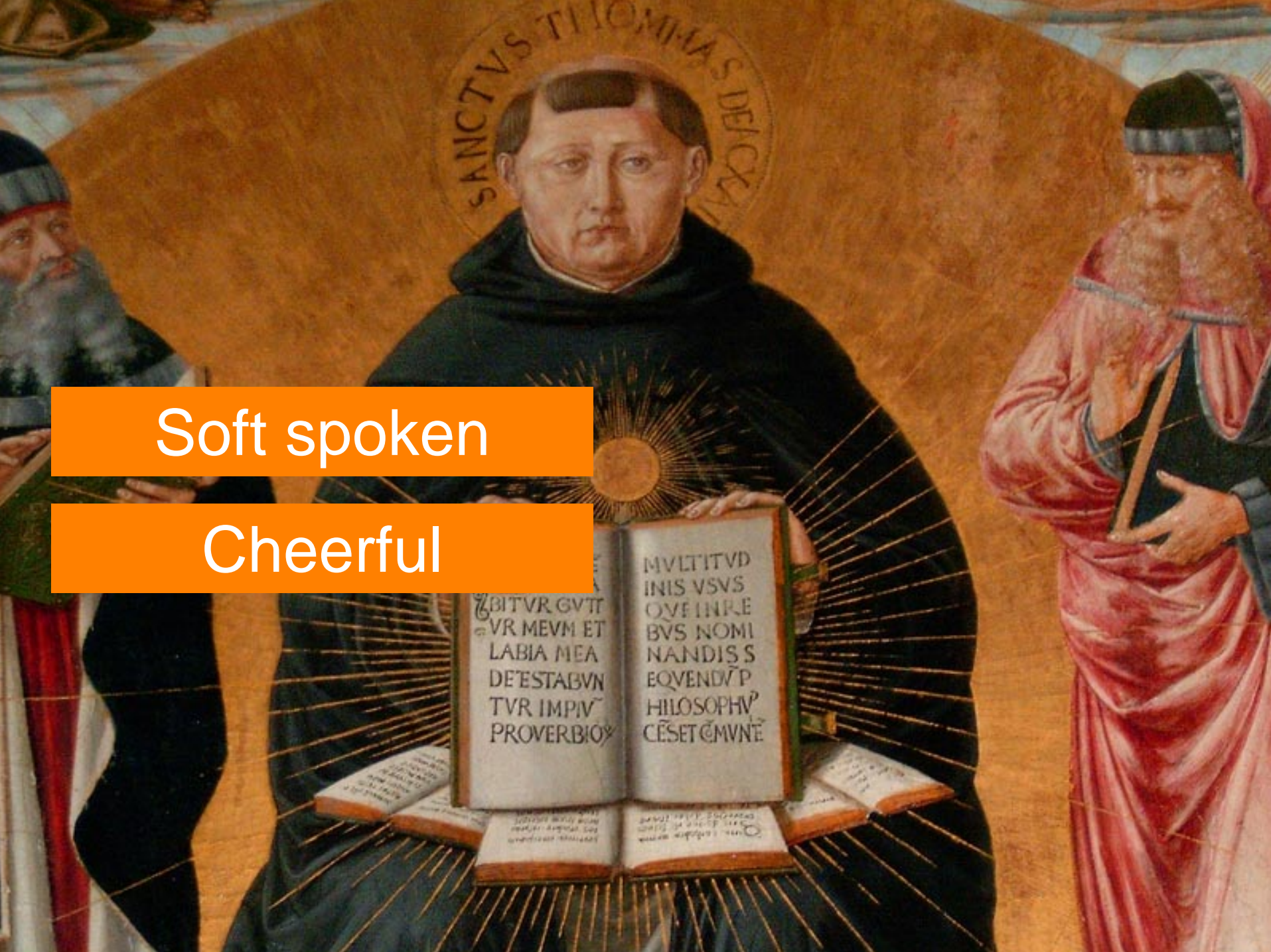
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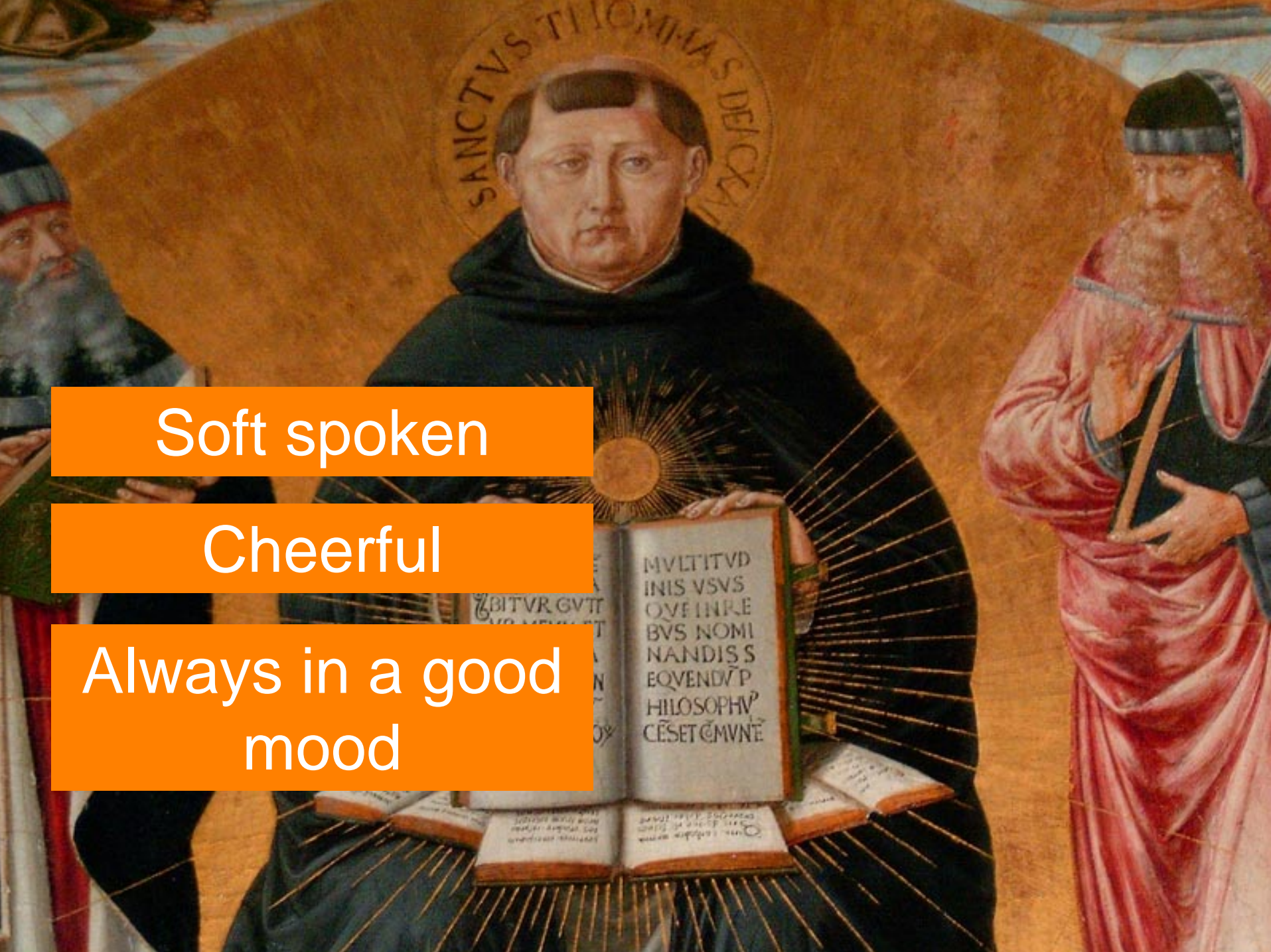
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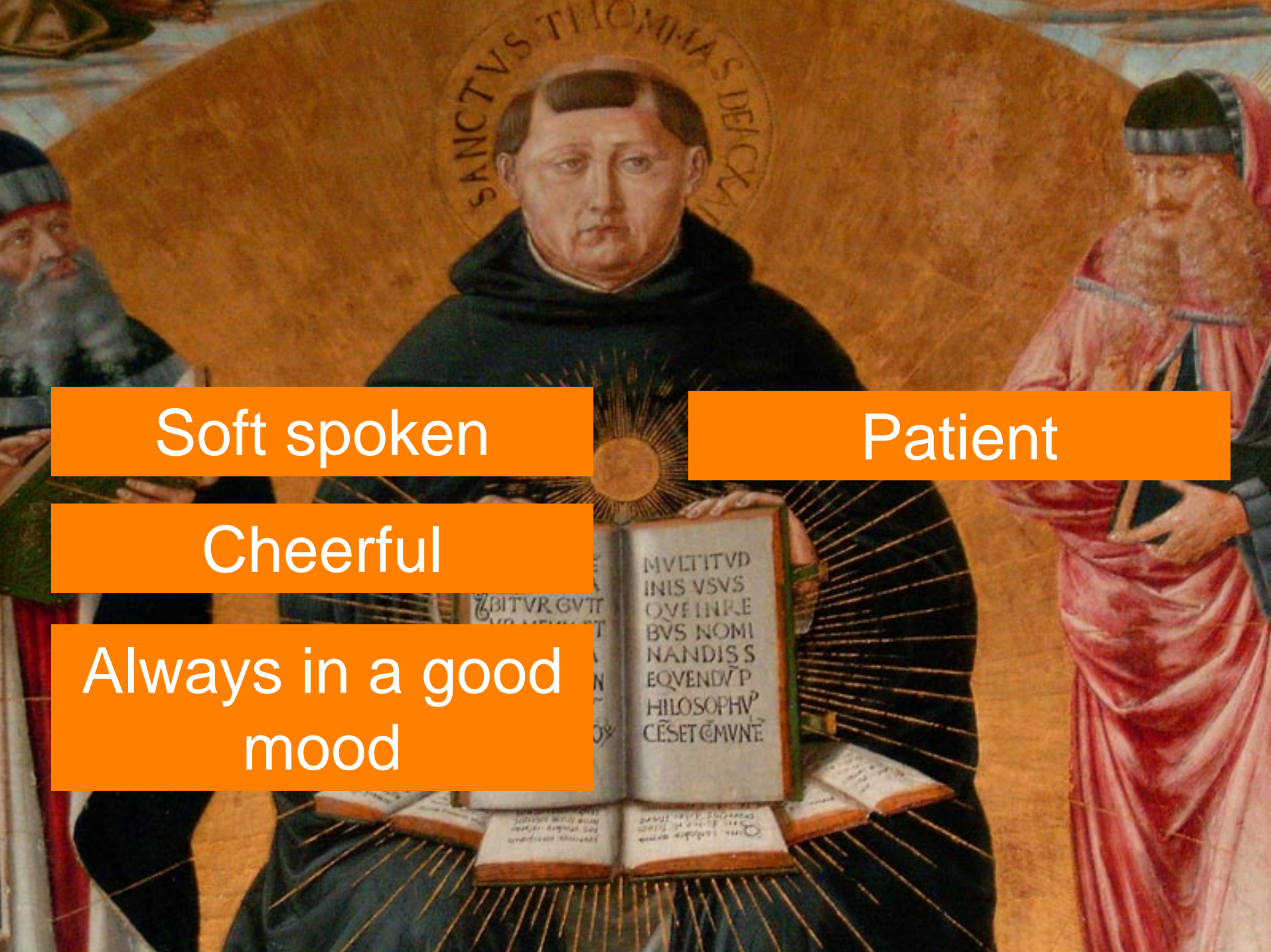


Soft spoken

Cheerful

Always in a good mood





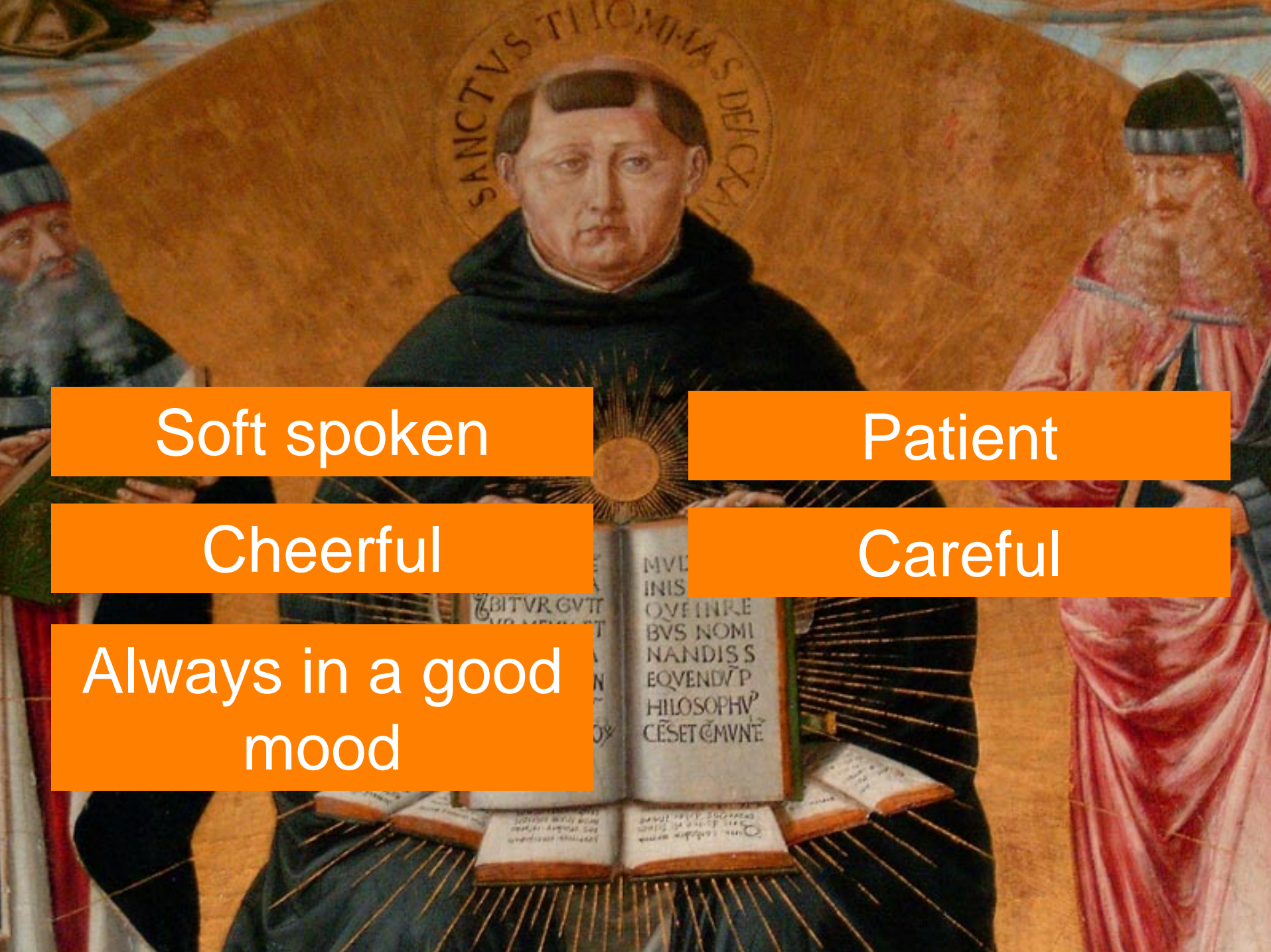
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Patient

Cheerful

Always in a good mood





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Careful

Always in a good mood





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Always in a good mood

Always compassionate to the poor





His encounter  
with God while  
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His encounter  
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His peace before  
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# 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)

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- “Incline our hearts to understanding... [we] cry for discernment [we] seek her as silver” (Proverbs 2:2-4)



# Points for Home

3. God calls us to reason!

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- “Come now, let us reason together’ says the Lord. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool’ ... for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.” (Isaiah 1:18)

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  - “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)