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Authorship ?

Acts 18:24, "Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures.

Luke 24:27, "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

**The writing of Hebrew dates
between 64 AD - 70 AD**

Key Themes in Hebrews

- Encouraged to Stand Firm in the Faith
- Encouraged to Listen to Jesus (the God who speaks), who is far superior to all other voices that speak today.
- Encouraged that God is for us and not against us, thus we can trust Him.

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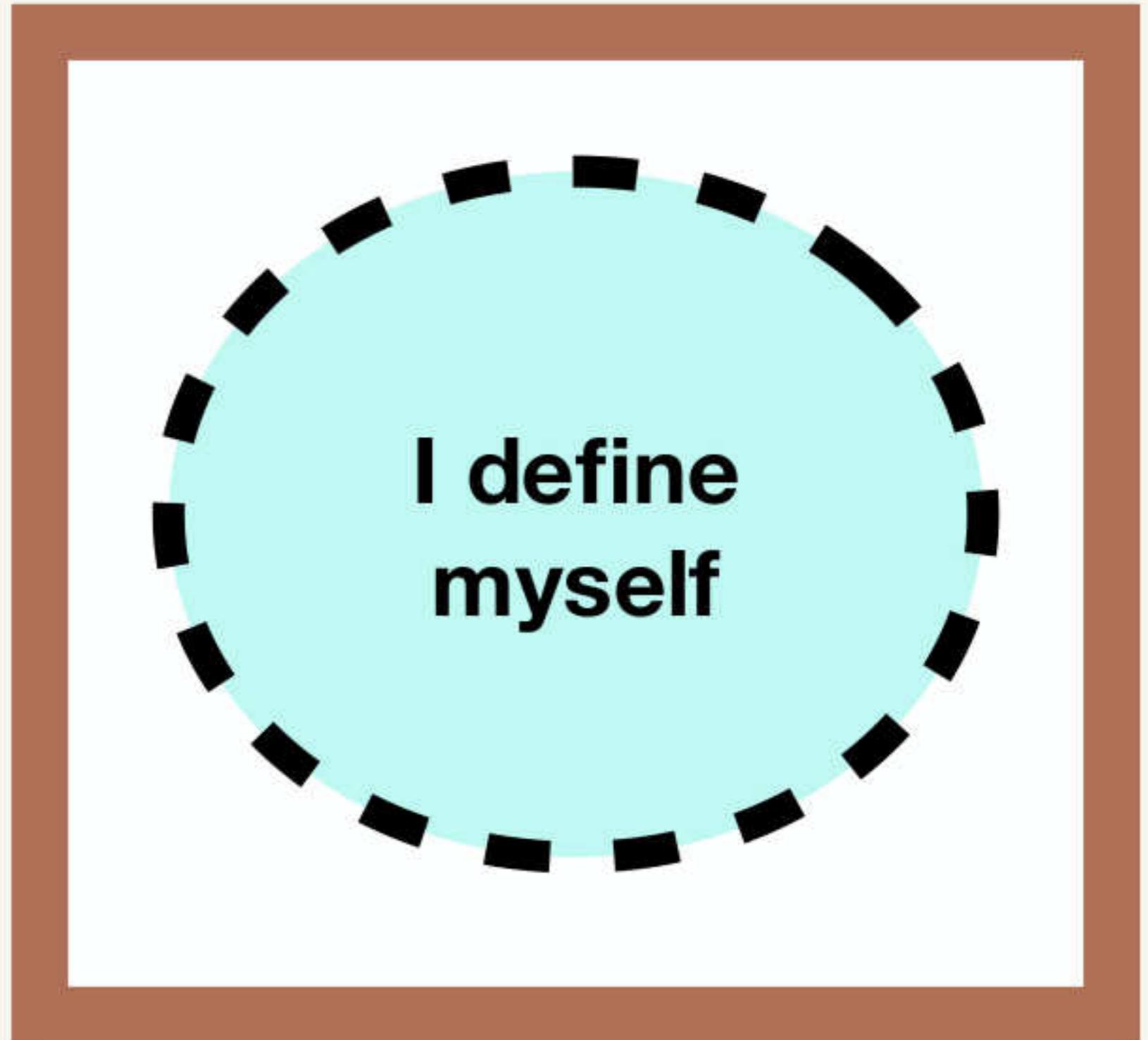
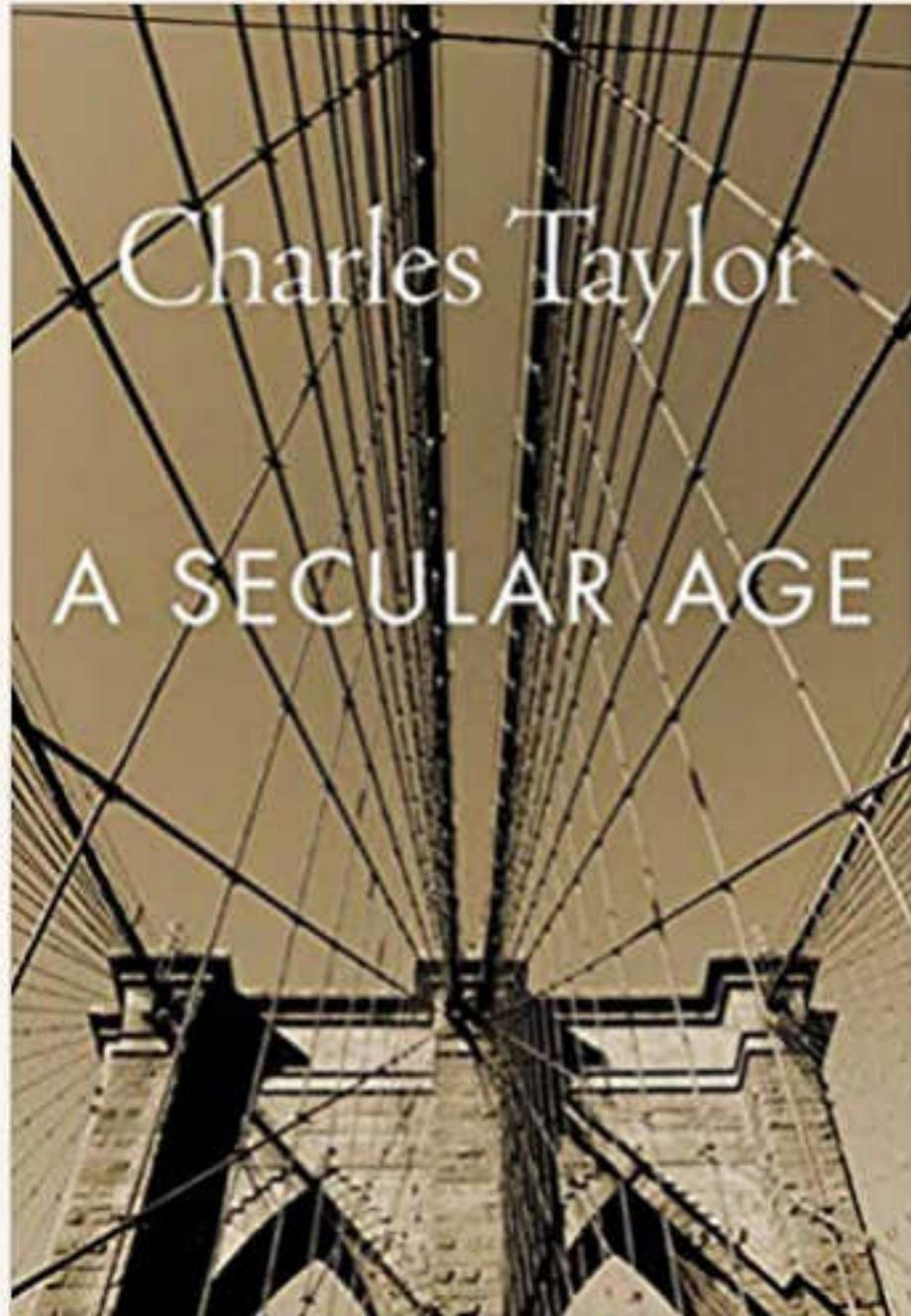
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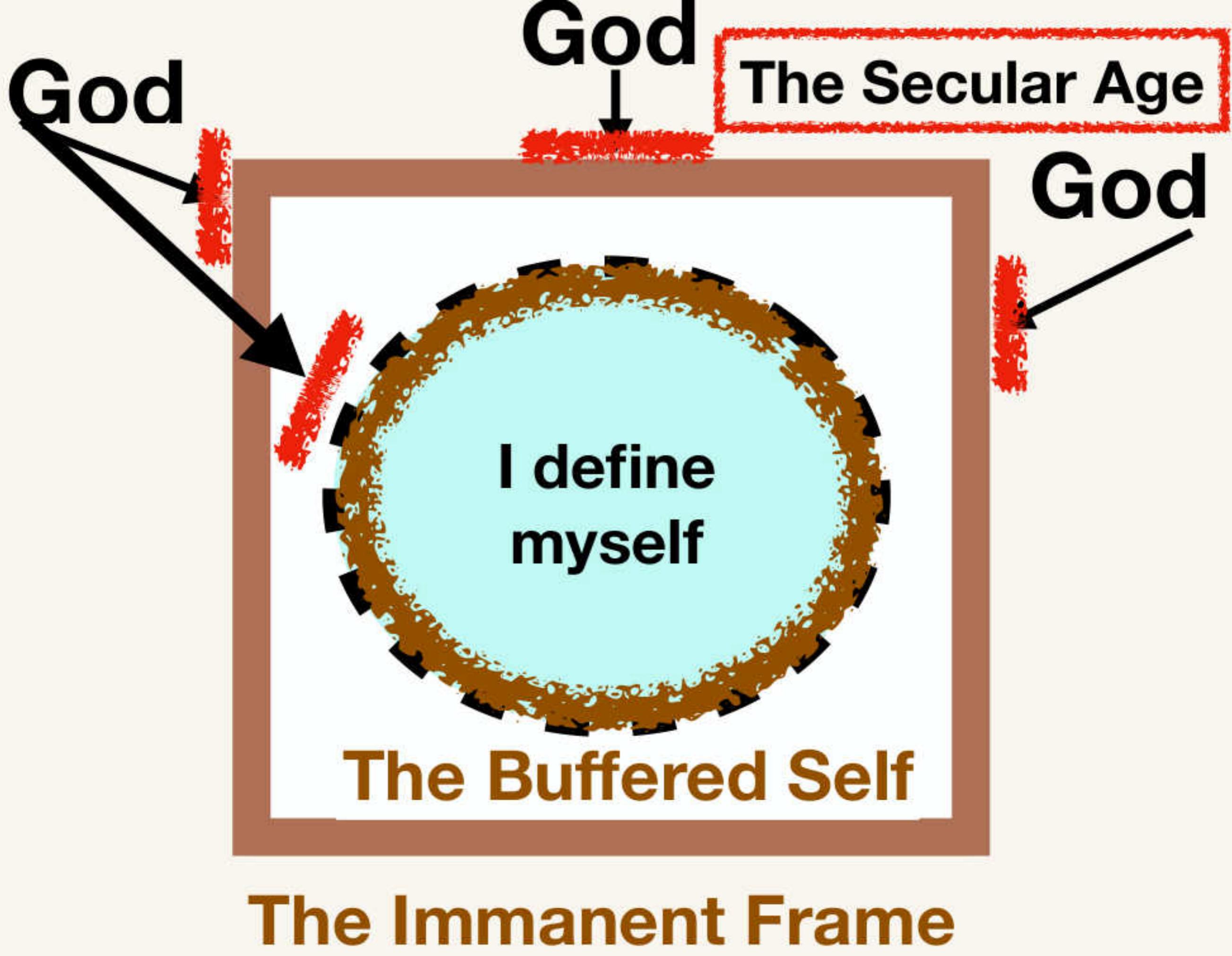
“Just believe in yourself”

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Proverbs 3:5, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”



The Immanent Frame



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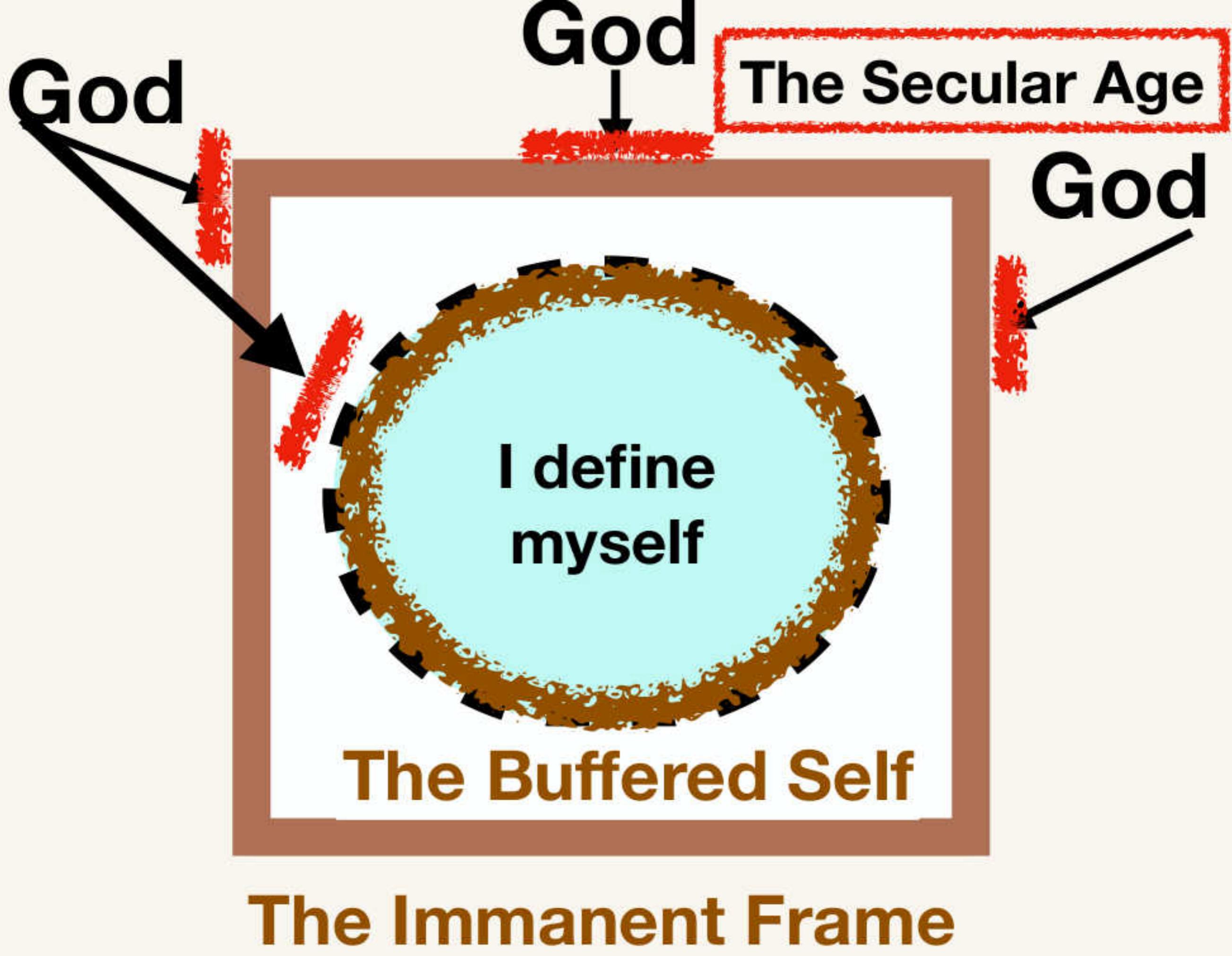
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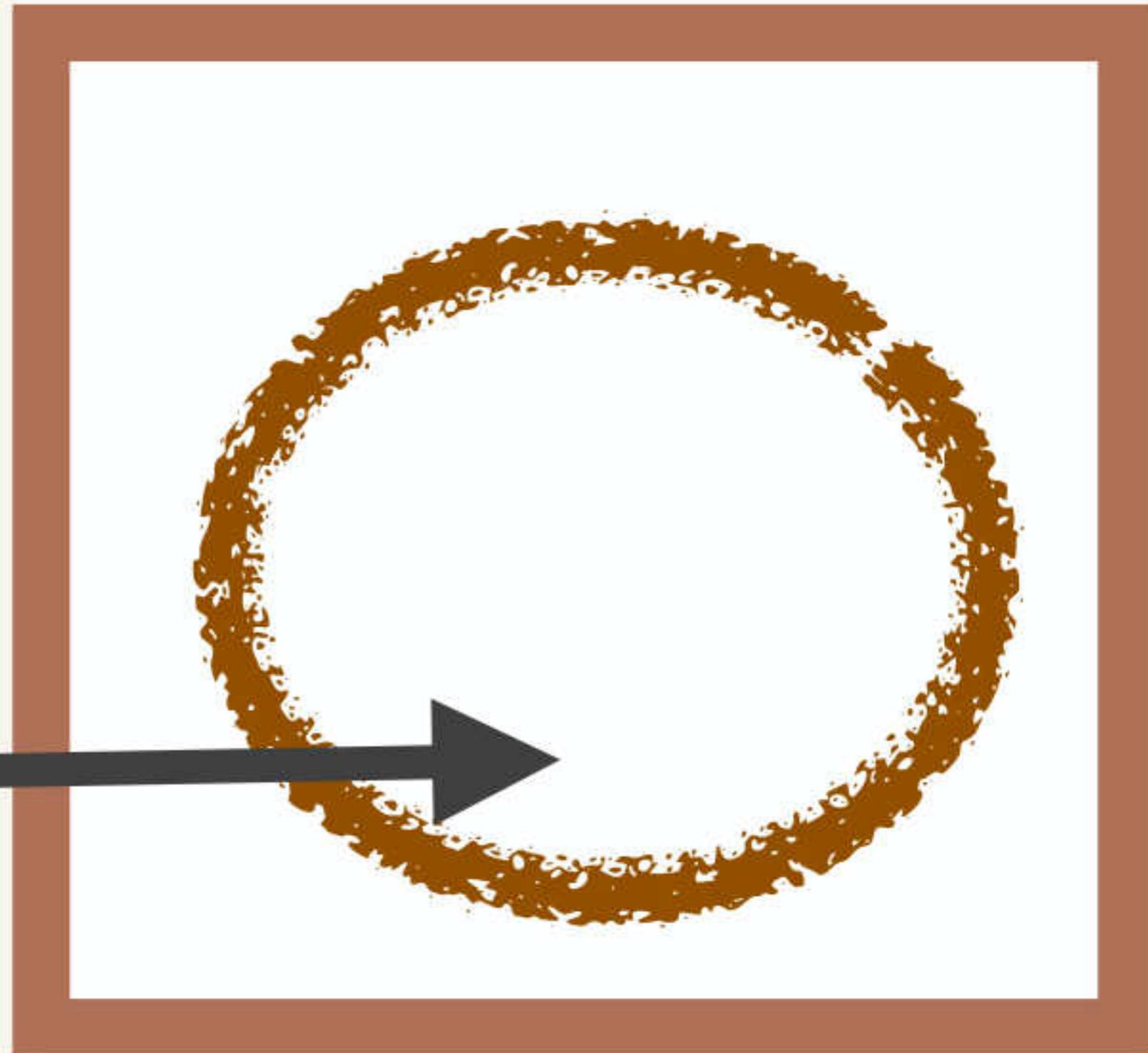
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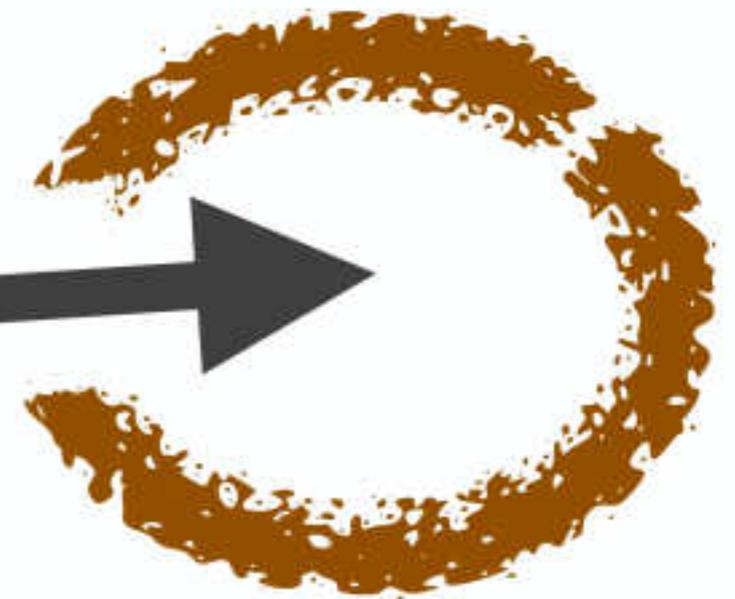
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Seven Characteristics that Describe the Perfection of the Son

(Hebrews 1:2-3)

“but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”

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- 1. Jesus is the inheritor of all things**
- 2. Through Jesus the World was Created**
- 3. Jesus is the radiance of the Glory of God**
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- 5. Jesus sustains the universe**
- 6. Jesus is the purifier**
- 7. Jesus is the ruler**

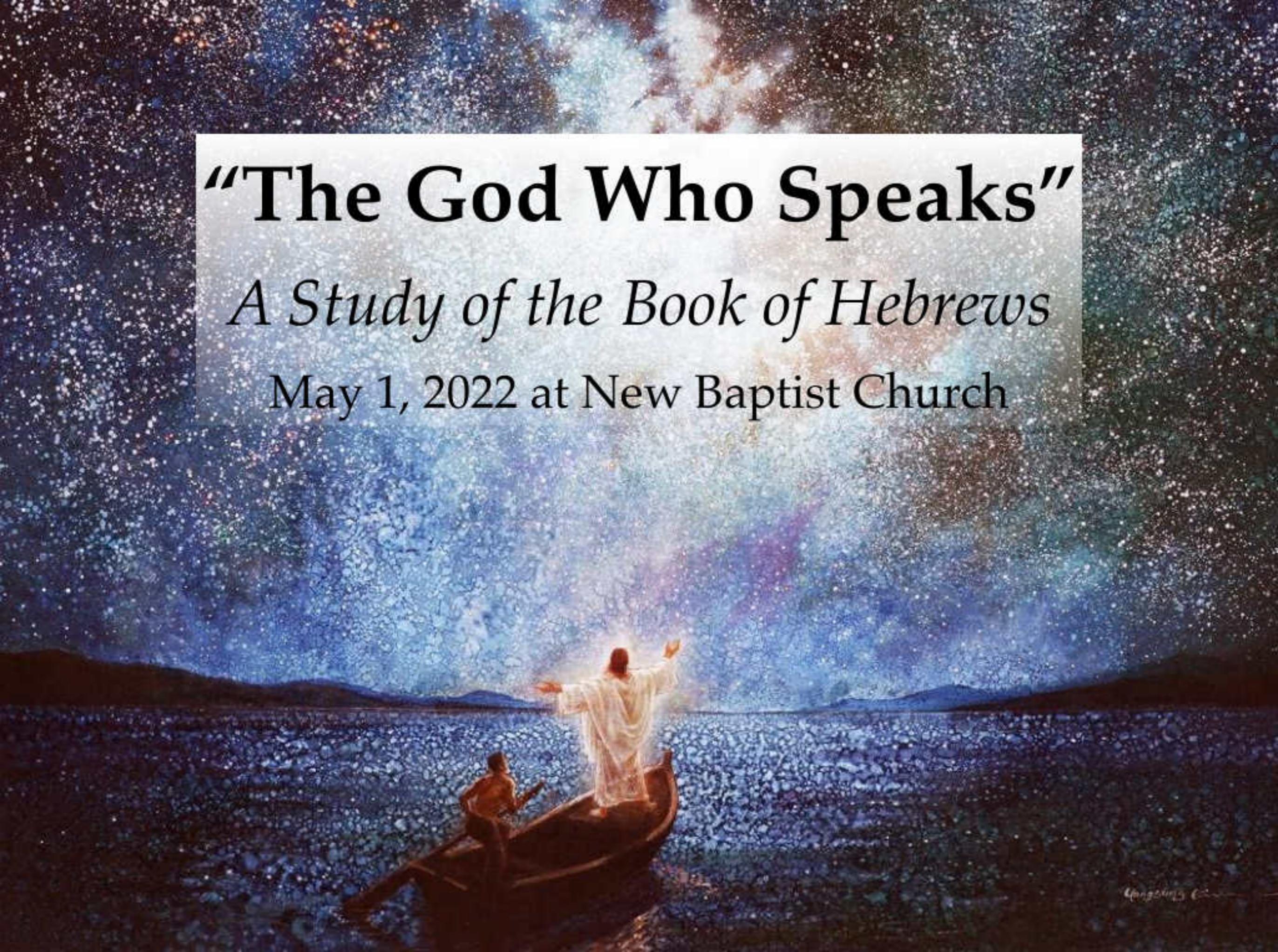
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The Better Word Spoken by Jesus

“this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:28).”



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