

# Judges Series

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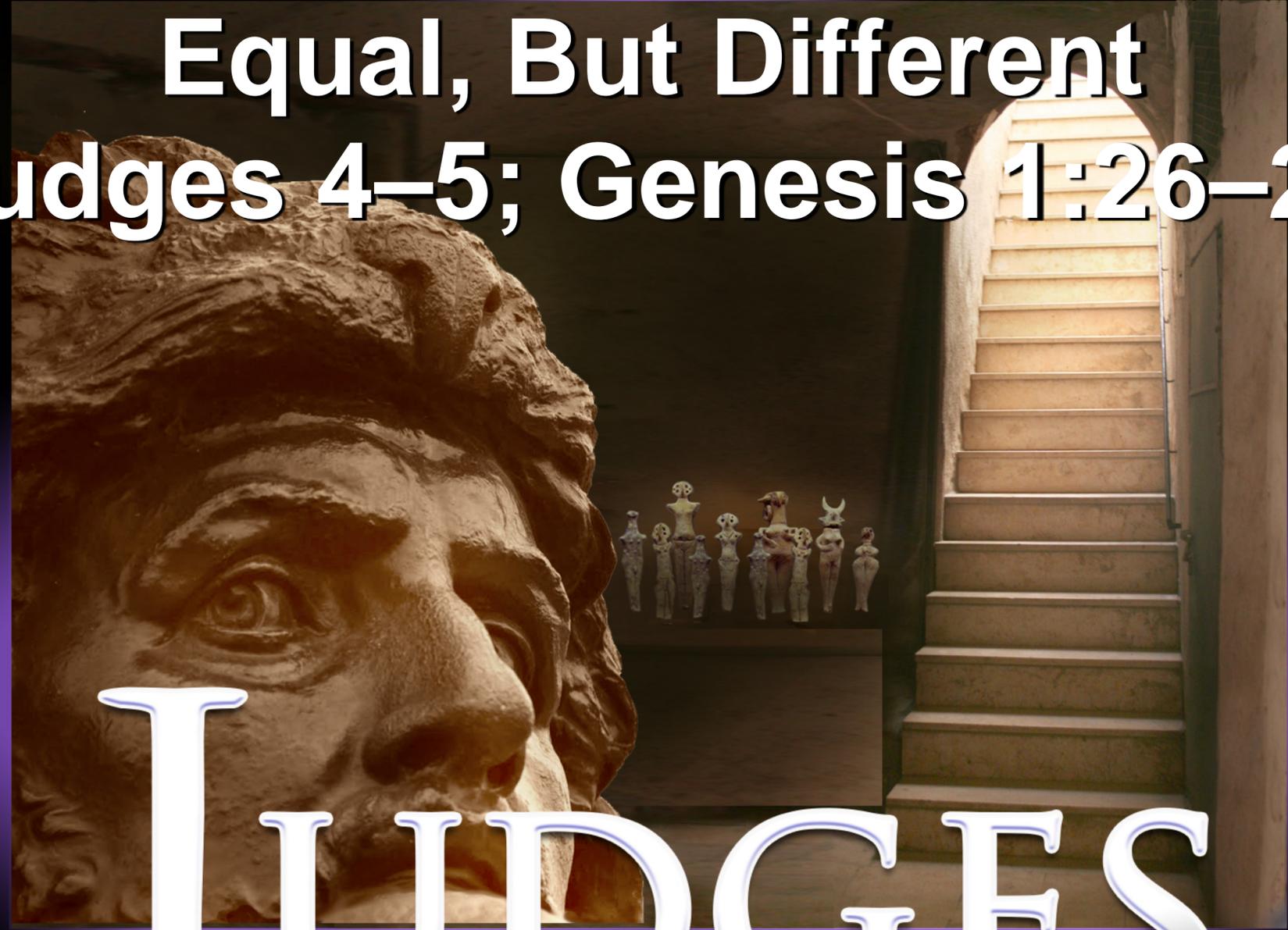
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**Equal, But Different**  
**Judges 4–5; Genesis 1:26–28**



# JUDGES

2021

**When Chaos Was King**

**Bible or Babel?**  
**Jerusalem or Babylon?**  
**Biblical Worldview or Satan's?**

# Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

**1:1–3:6**

## **Introduction**

**How Israel went from  
spiritual victory  
to being worse than  
the Canaanites**

**Incomplete obedience**

**Compromise**

**Failure**

**Cycles of discipline**

**3:7–16:31**

## **Paganization of the Leadership**

**Othniel (the best)**

**Ehud**

**Shamgar**

**Deborah**

**Gideon**

**Tola, Jair**

**Jephthah**

**Ibzan, Elon, Abdon**

**Samson (the worst)**

**17:1–21:25**

## **Paganization of the Priests**

**Chap. 17–18**

**and the**

**People**

**Chap. 19–21**

**Rom. 12:2,**

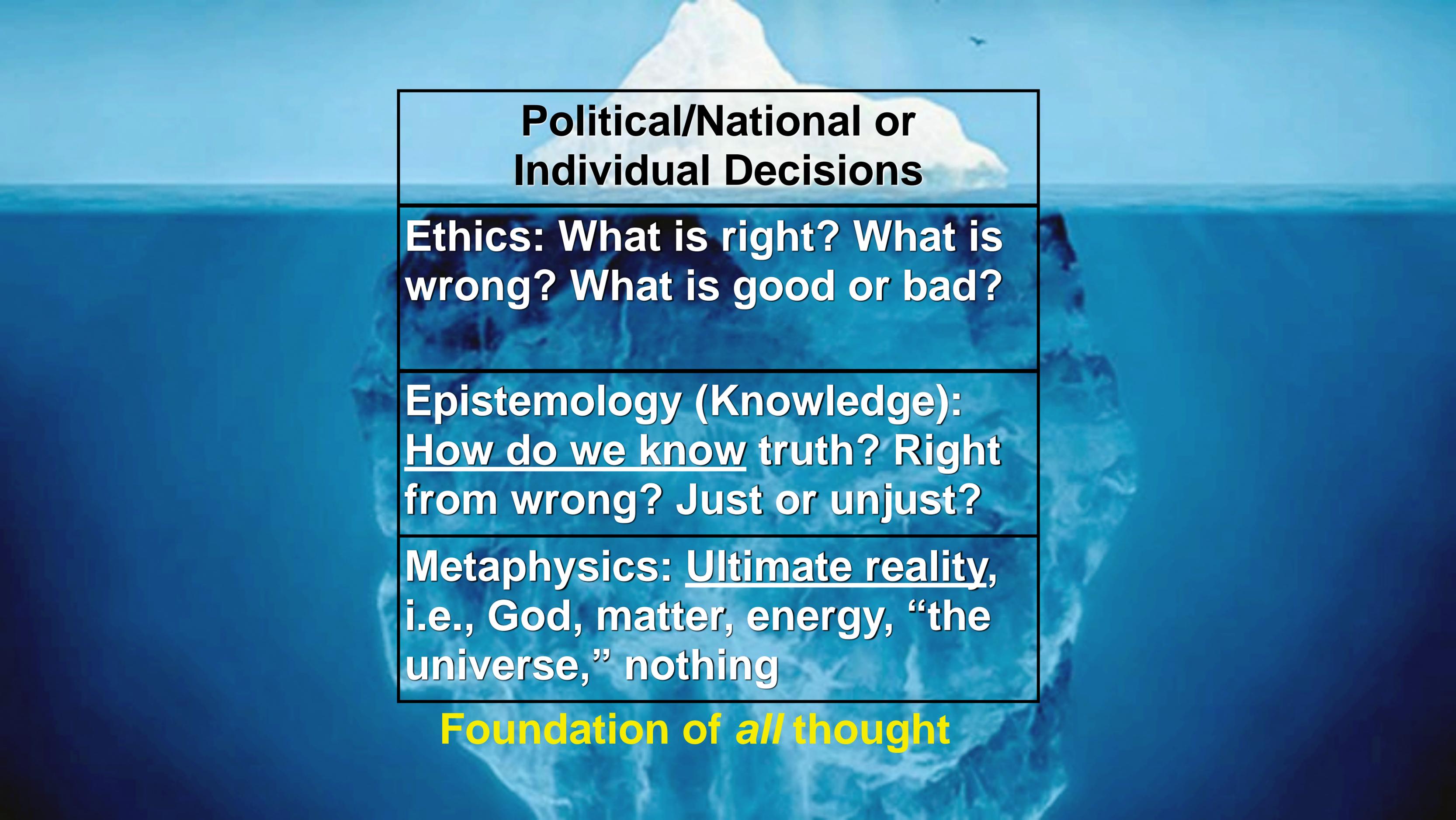
**“And do not be conformed to the spirit of the age [*aion*],**

**but**

**be transformed [*metamorphoo*]  
(How?)**

**by the renewing of your mind [*noos*],**

**(Why?) that you may prove what is that good and  
acceptable and perfect will of God.”**

An iceberg floating in a vast blue ocean under a clear sky. The iceberg's tip is visible above the water, while its much larger, jagged base is submerged. The water is a deep, clear blue, and the sky is a lighter, pale blue.

## Political/National or Individual Decisions

**Ethics:** What is right? What is wrong? What is good or bad?

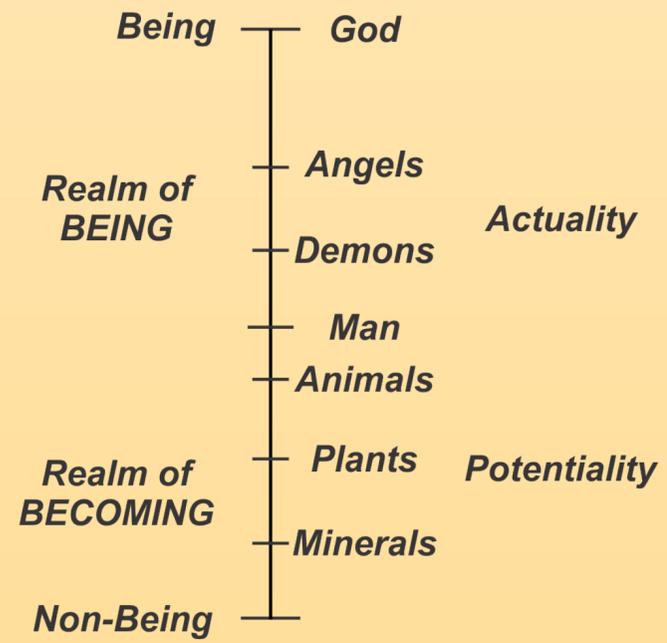
**Epistemology (Knowledge):** How do we know truth? Right from wrong? Just or unjust?

**Metaphysics:** Ultimate reality, i.e., God, matter, energy, “the universe,” nothing

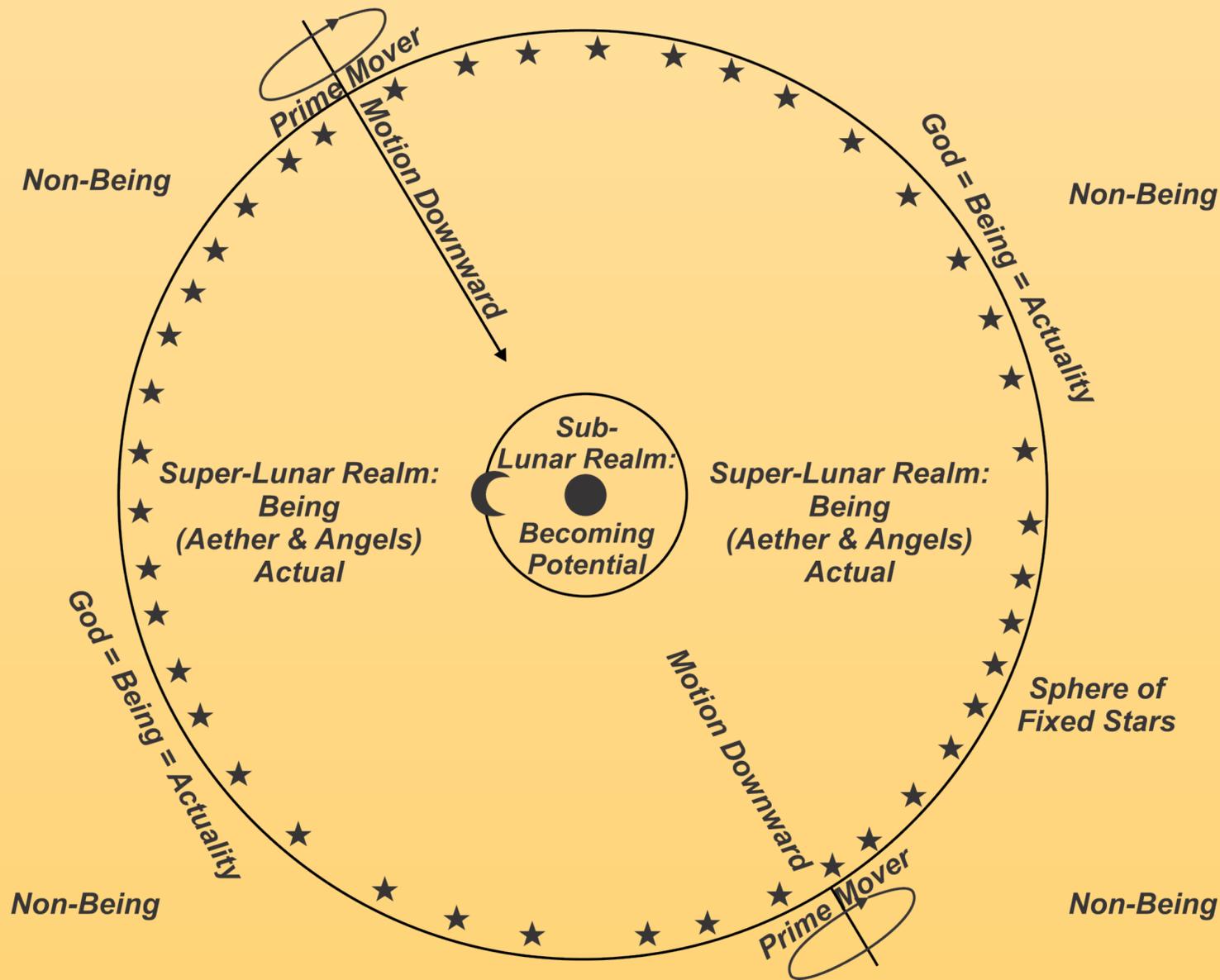
**Foundation of *all* thought**

**Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” ~NKJV**

**The Great Chain of Being**



# The Great Chain of Being in History



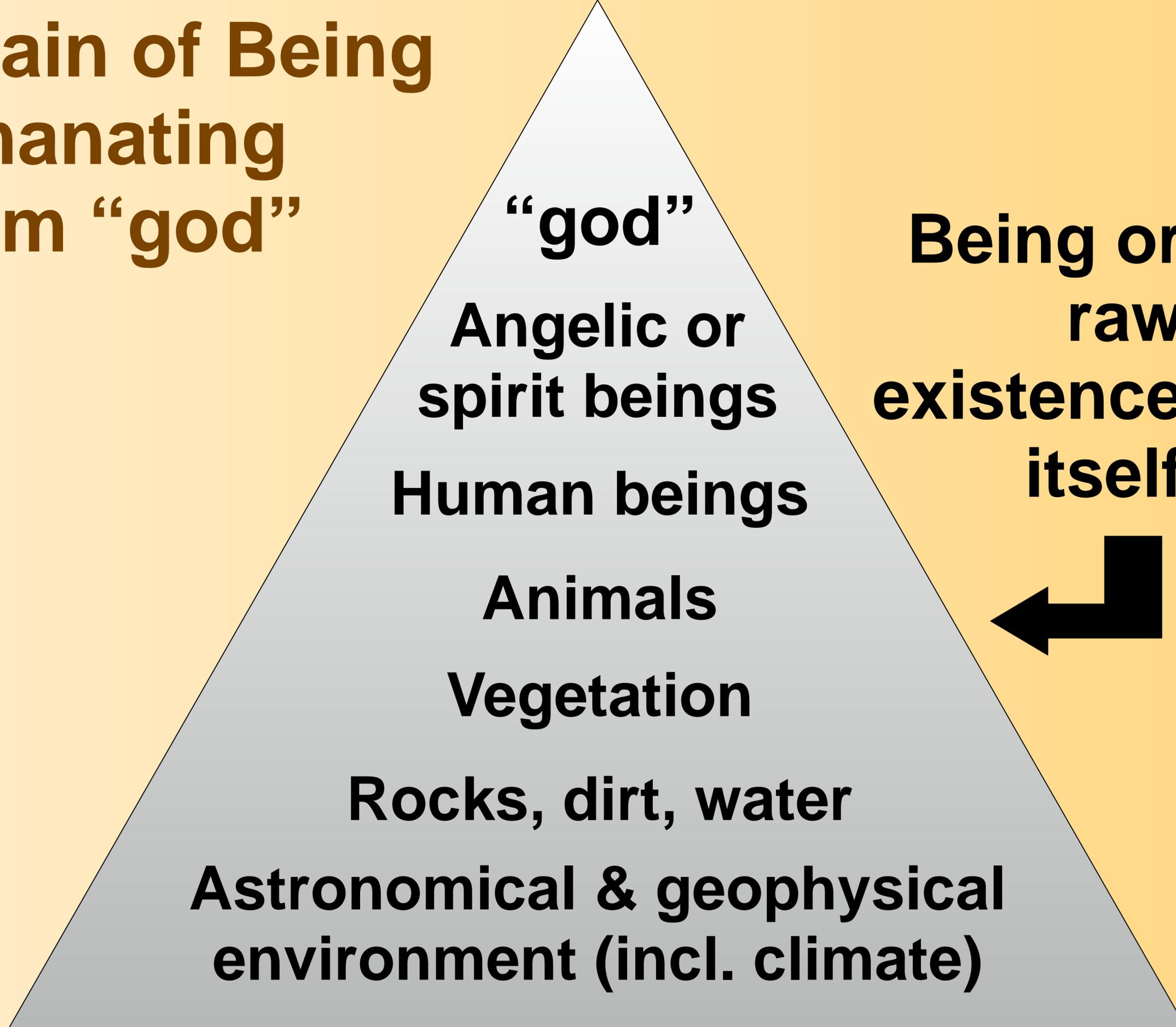
**1. A hierarchy of static, unchanging forms, with god (Being, Unmoved Mover, the Good, the Absolute, etc.) at the top, then angels, humans, animals, plants, down to inanimate objects. Each had its place. The movement is from the top down and the forms are unchanging.**

**ALL SHARE IN THE ONENESS OF BEING**

**“Apart from biblically governed thought, the prevailing concept of being has been that being is one and continuous. God, or the gods, man, and the universe are all aspects of one continuous being; degrees of being may exist, so that a hierarchy of gods as well as a hierarchy of men can be described, but all consist of one, undivided and continuous being. The creation of any new aspect of being is thus not a creation out of nothing, but a creation out of being. . . .”**

**~R. J. Rushdoony**

**Chain of Being  
Emanating  
from “god”**



**In monism, all reality shares the same essence or essential nature or “being” to one degree or another.**

**Pagan monism denies that real barriers exist.**

**Biblical Christianity believes that God created the barriers, the kinds, the distinctions. Only biblical Christianity provides the solution for unity and diversity, which is in the Trinity.**

**GOD**

Personal-Infinite

**CREATOR**

**FINITE UNIVERSE**

*Man*

*Animals*

*Vegetation*

*Matter/Energy*

**INFINITE-  
IMPERSONAL  
Universe**



**“... under and through each of the great traditions runs a stream ... a single stream that feeds each of these traditions from a single source ... the Perennial Philosophy.”**

**... a system that “seeks to break down duality (twoness) and return us to the unitive condition [monism], to see that we are already one.”**

**~Peter Occhiogrosso, *The Joy of Sects***

**Gen. 1:12, “And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.”**

**Gen. 1:21, “So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.”**

**Gen. 1:24, “Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind’; and it was so.**

**Gen. 1:25, “And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.” ~NKJV**

# **What the Bible Teaches About**

# **Manhood and Womanhood**



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**Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ ” ~NKJV**

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**דְּמוּת *demut* comm fem sing constr likeness**

**Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;”**

**1 Cor. 15:49, “And just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”**

**2 Cor. 3:18, “But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.”**

**Col. 3:10, “and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him,”**

**When God made humanity, male and female, both were equally in the image and likeness of God, BUT ...**

**each had a different role, and so male and female were designed physically, soulishly, and spiritually to be adapted for their role.**

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**Gen. 2:20, “So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.”**

**Deut. 33:29, “Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, and you shall tread down their high places.”**

**Psa. 70:5, “But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.”**

**Hos. 13:9, “O Israel, you are destroyed, but your help is from Me.”**

**Psa. 121:2, “My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”**

**Psa. 124:8, “Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”**

**Psa. 146:5, “Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God,”**

## **The current argument:**

- **Men and women are equal and interchangeable.**
- **If they are interchangeable, then they are the same, no barriers exist.**
- **To assert that males and females are equal in the sense of interchangeability, denies that which is of their essence, and thus destroys their significance.**
- **By changing something's essence, you change what it is, and in this case destroy its value.**

**“ ‘I should like Balls infinitely better’, said Caroline Bingley, ‘if they were carried on in a different manner ... It would surely be much more rational if conversation instead of dancing made the order of the day.’ ‘Much more rational, I dare say,’ replied her brother, ‘but it would not be near so much like a Ball.’ ”**

***~Pride and Prejudice, ch. xi.***

## **His argument:**

- **A Ball is by definition having the essence of dancing.**
- **To change the essence from dancing to conversation is to render it no longer a Ball.**
- **By analogy:**
  - **The essence of the [Anglican] Church, biblically speaking, is to be led by a priest, to change to a priestess renders it something other than a biblical church.**
  - **Admitting women to the priesthood would be so revolutionary the church would no longer be the church, an essential characteristic had been changed.**

## **Two Key Questions:**

- **Are men and women equal?**
- **Are men and women interchangeable?**