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How the principles of Genesis form
the foundation of our approach to
Medical Ethics





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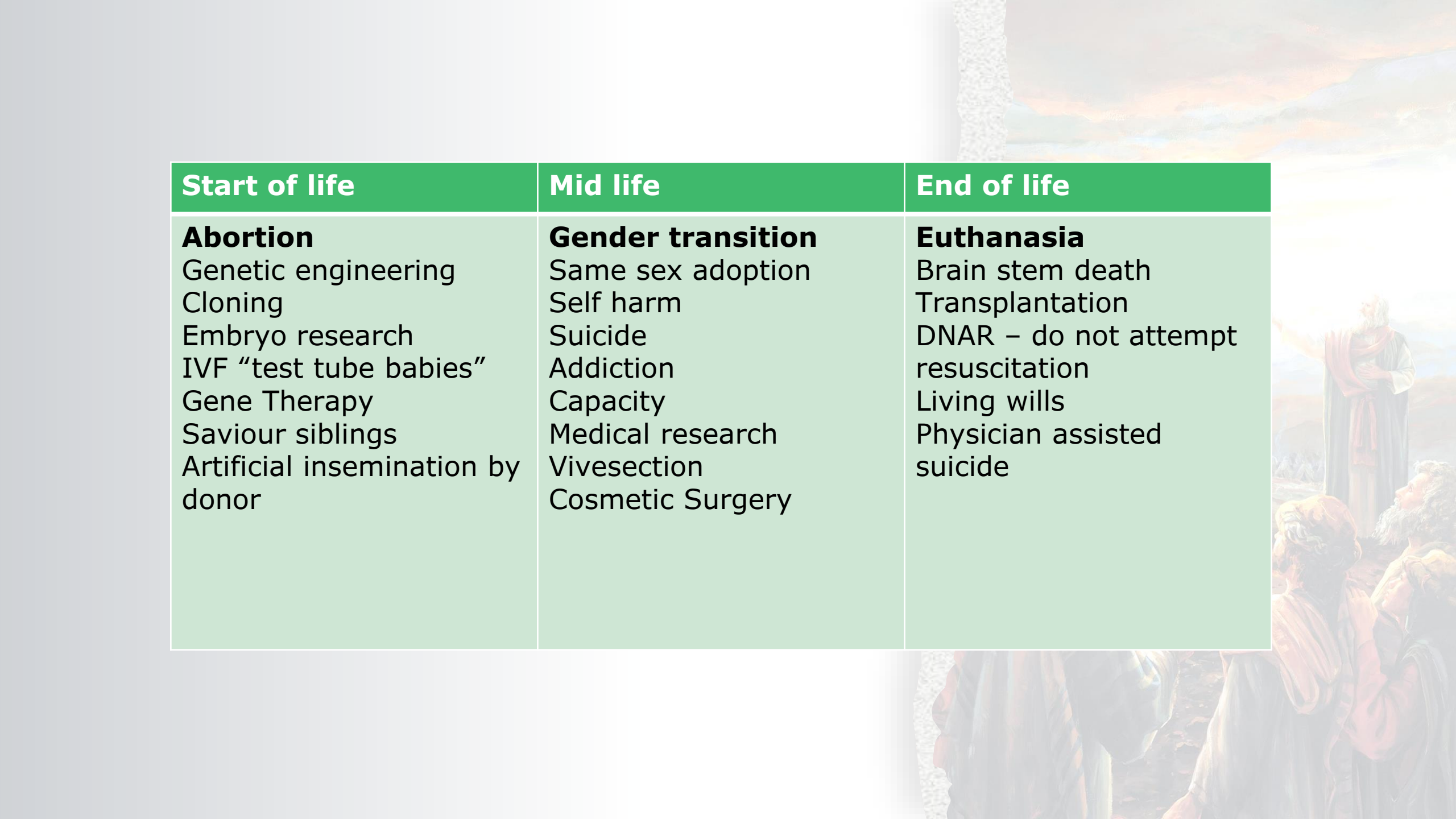
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- Legal Situation : England vs other nations, Europe, World
- Political Situation : Party positions / plans
- Campaigns : “Death with Dignity”
- New and hard cases
- Celebrity endorsements
- “Shock and Awe!”
- Secular arguments





SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES



SCRIPTURAL SUFFICIENCY

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1. Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.



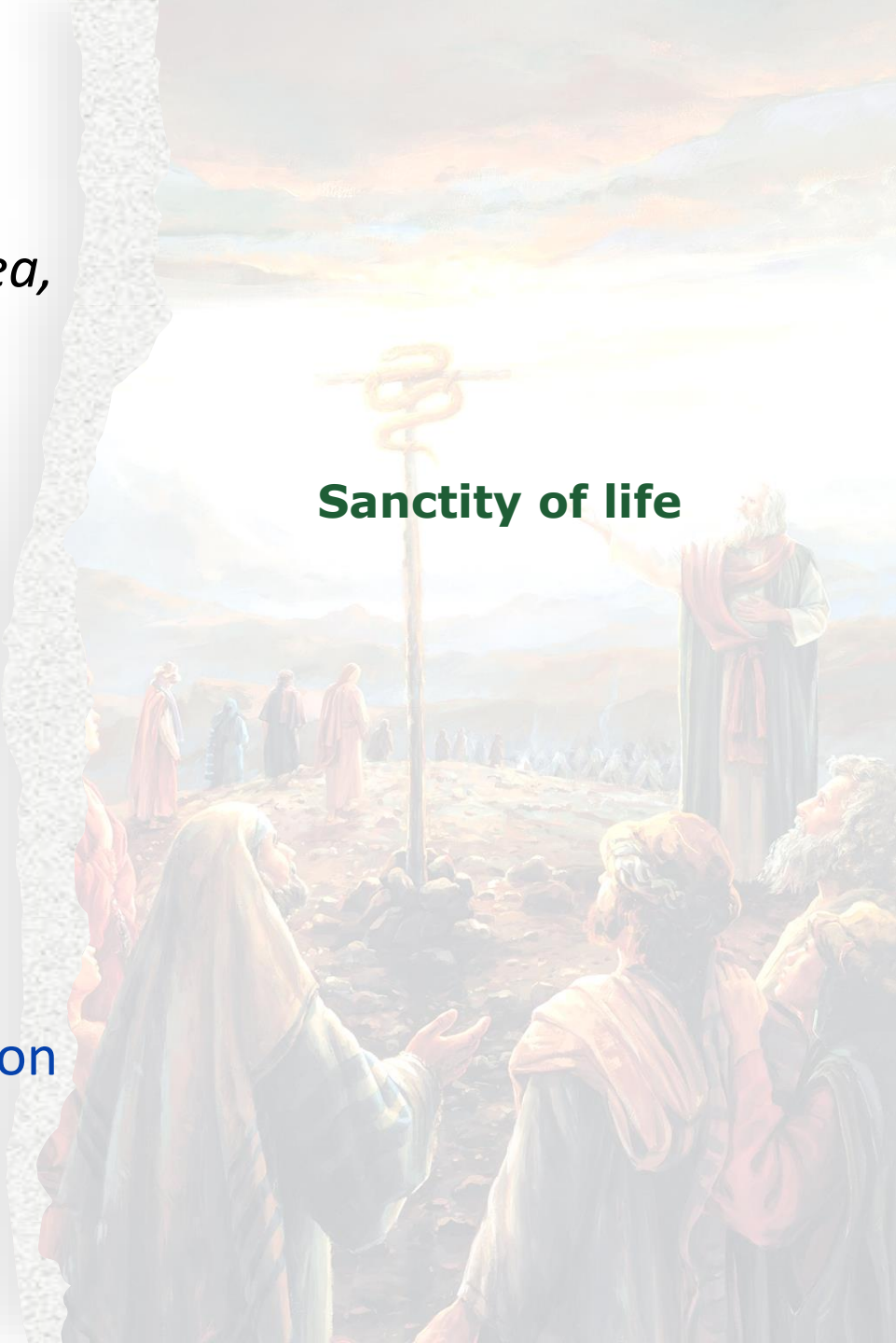
**The Sanctity of
human life:
man made in
God's image**

**Biological sex
and gender is
binary**

**Man is
superior to
animals.**

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and...”

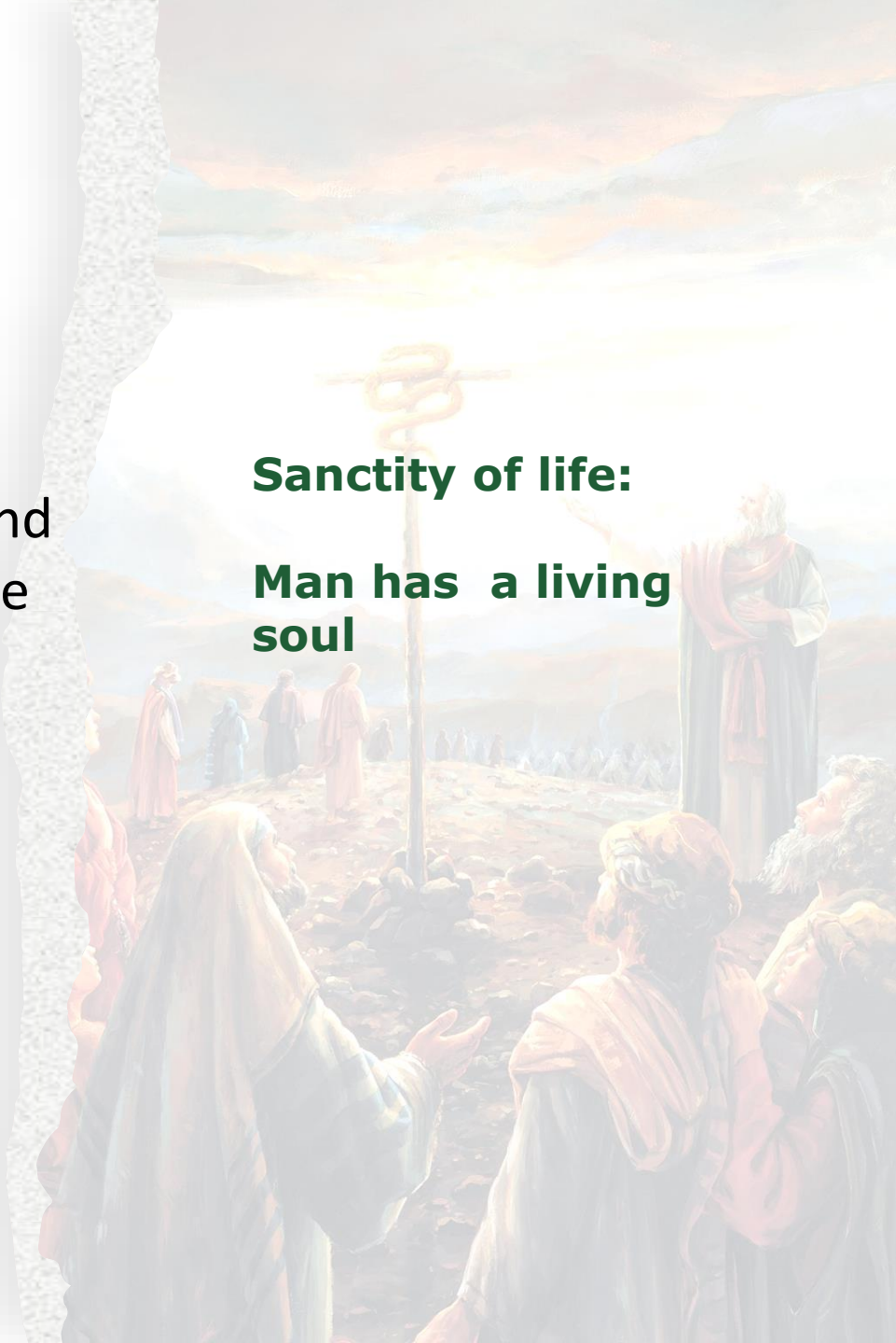
- *“let us make”* vs *“let there be”* : Personal
- *“us”* : The relationship within the Trinity
- *“in our image”* : Image of God’s qualities
Image of God’s dominion over creation



Sanctity of life

2. Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.



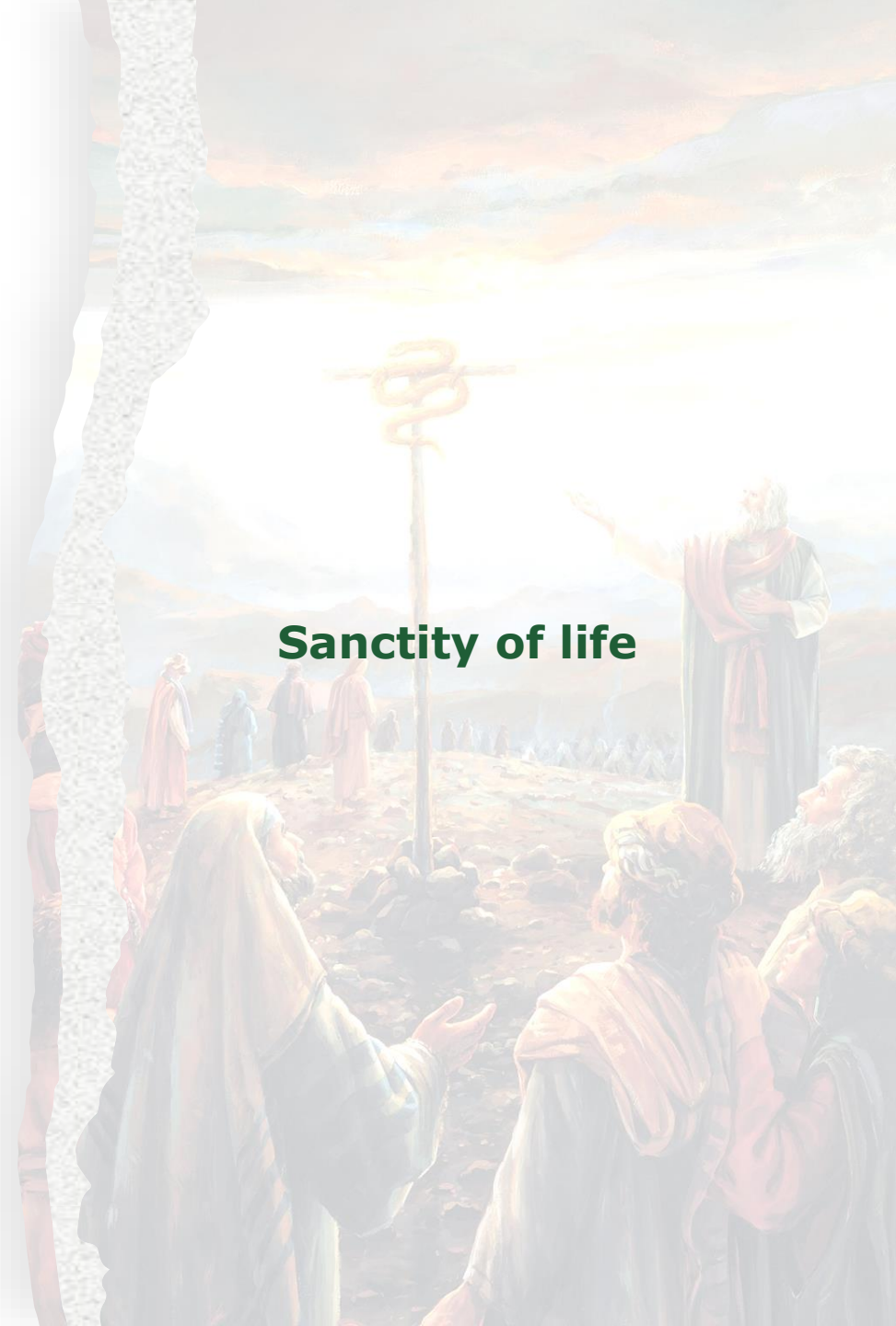
Sanctity of life:

Man has a living soul

Responding to God's Image in Others

(Professor John Wyatt)

1. Wonder
2. Respect
3. Empathy
4. Protection



3. Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

²² And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

²³ And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.



**The Foundation of
Marriage:**

**Between one man
and one woman for
life**

4. Genesis 3:16-19

¹⁶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

¹⁷ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

¹⁸ Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

¹⁹ In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.



The Fall and hence The Curse:

1. In childbirth

**2. In food
production**

3. In death

5. Genesis 11:1-9

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech...

⁴ And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth...

⁶ And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

⁷ Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

⁹ Therefore is the name of it called Babel;



The Tower of Babel:

**The WRONG use of technology :
in pride & in defiance of God**

6. Exodus 20:3-5

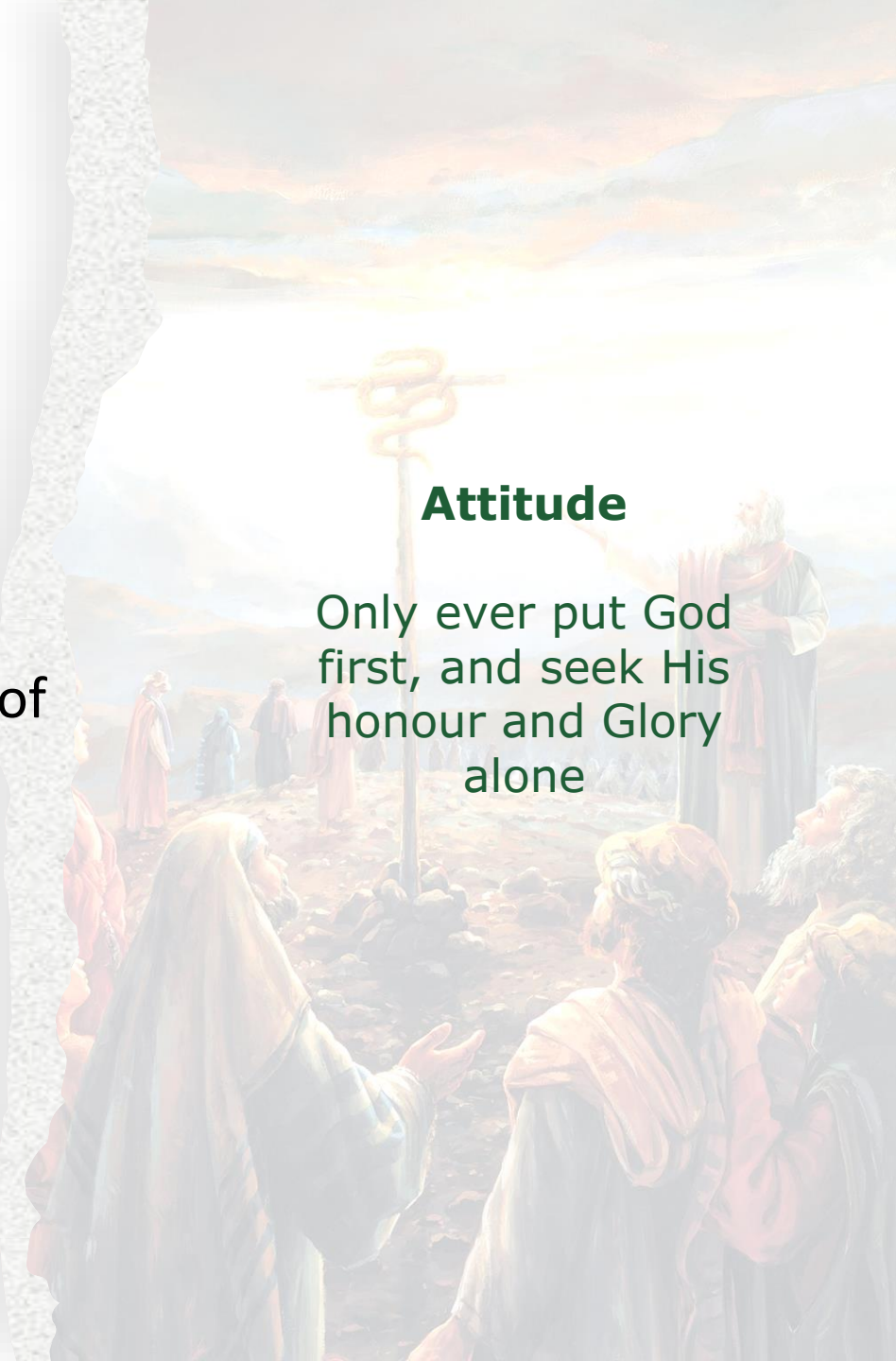
³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Attitude

Only ever put God first, and seek His honour and Glory alone



7. Exodus 20:13

Thou shalt not Kill



**Prohibited
Actions**

Never kill

Start of life

Abortion

Genetic engineering
~~Cloing~~
Embryo research
IVF "test tube babies"
Gene Therapy
Saviour siblings
Artificial ~~insemination~~ by donor

Mid life

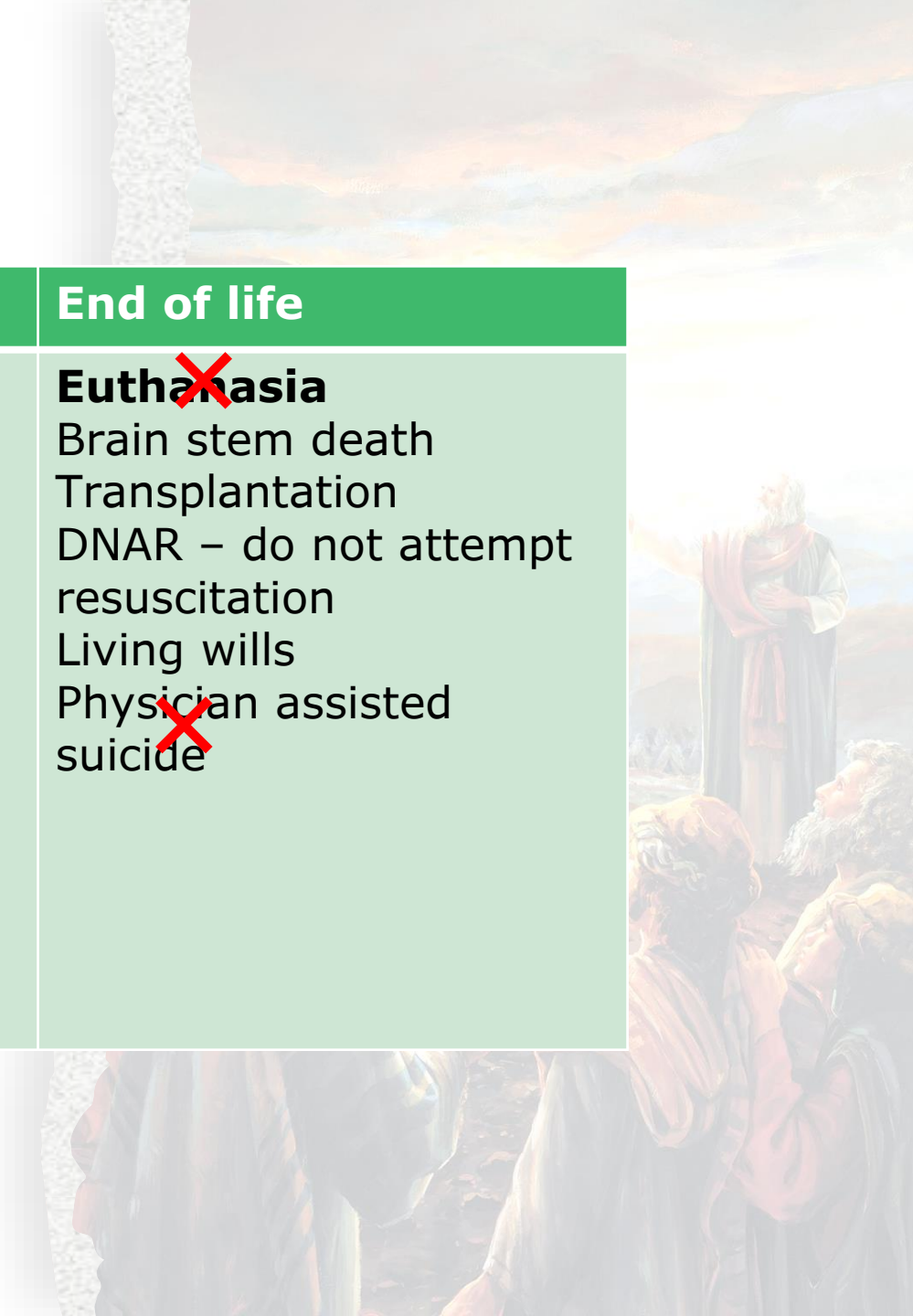
~~Gender transition~~

~~Same sex adoption~~
~~Self harm~~
~~Suicide~~
Addiction
Capacity
Medical research
Vivesection
~~Cosmetic Surgery~~

End of life

~~Euthanasia~~

Brain stem death
Transplantation
DNAR – do not attempt resuscitation
Living wills
Physician ~~assisted suicide~~



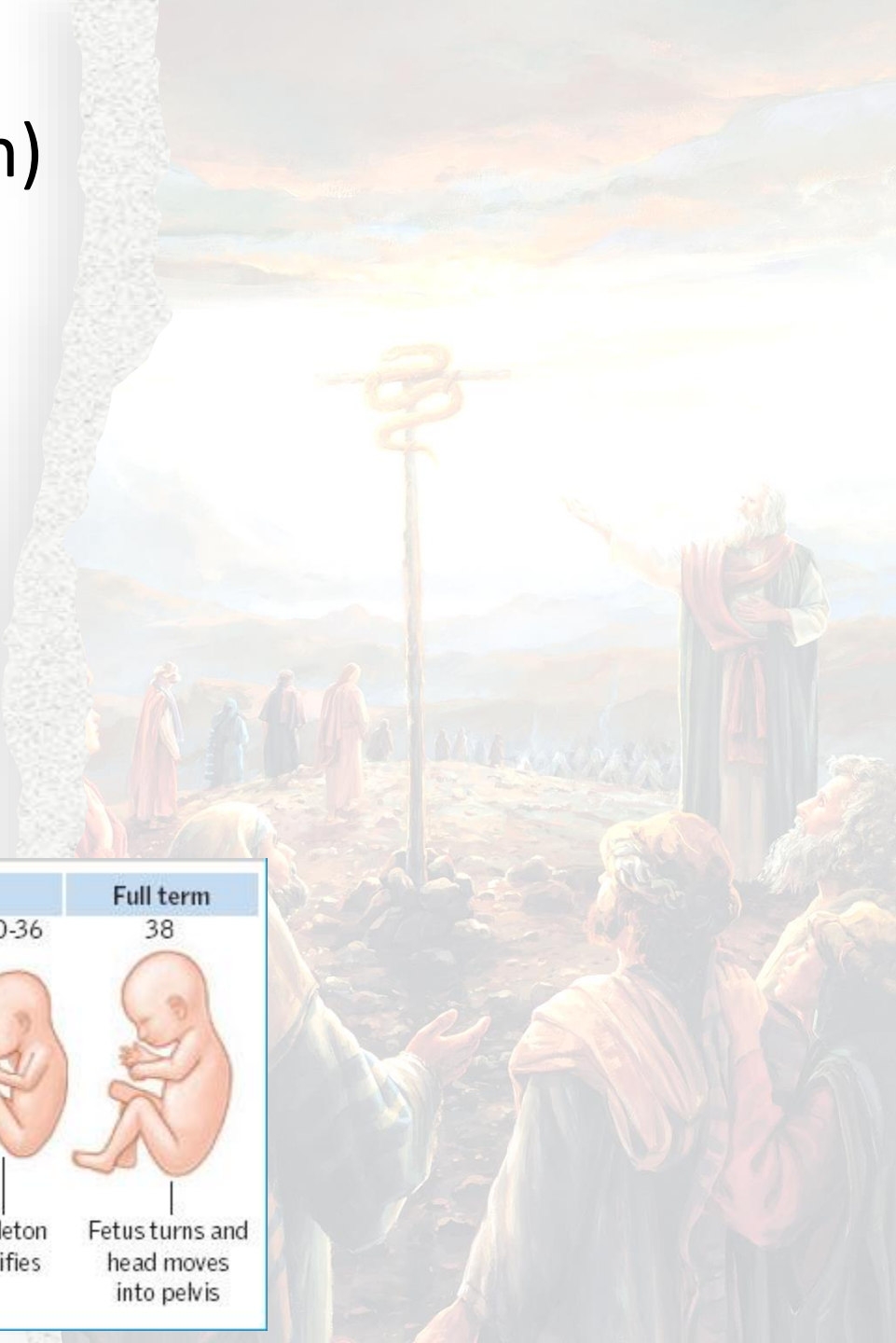
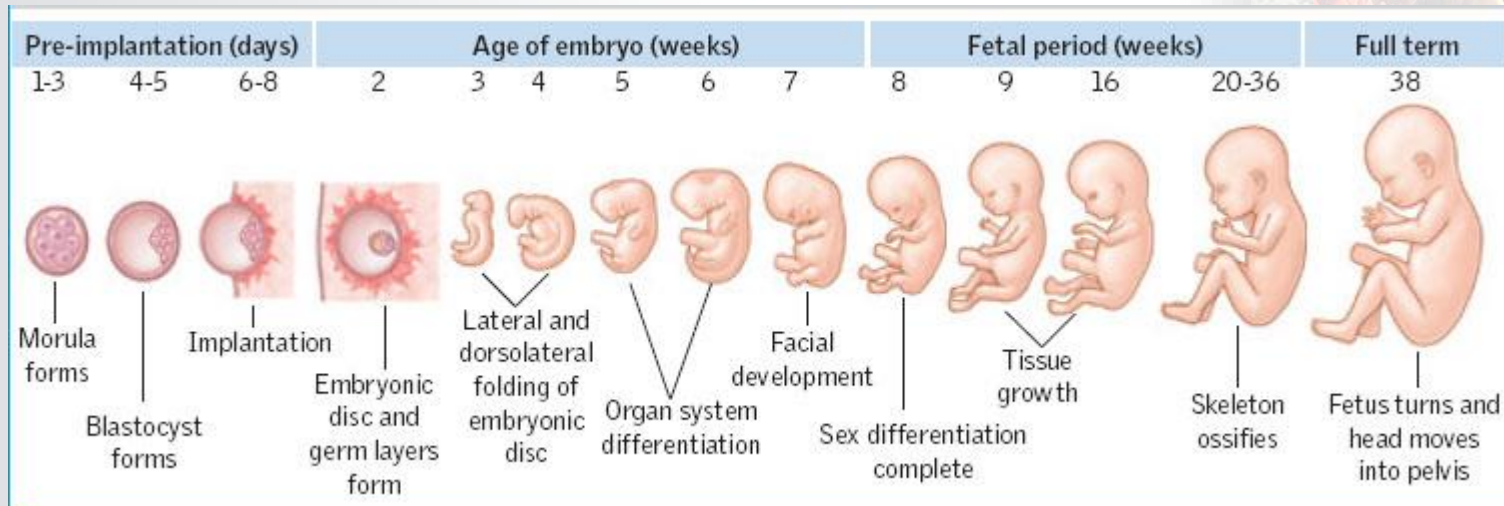
Abortion

When does a new soul
start?

Beyond Genesis!



- Fertilization (Conception)
- Implantation
- Neural tube formation
- Quickening
- Viability
- Birth
- First breath



Psalm 51:5

⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psalm 139:16

¹⁶ Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.



**Original sin
imparted from
conception**

**God takes great
care of the
developing embryo**

Jeremiah 1:5

⁵ Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Luke 1:41

⁴¹ And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

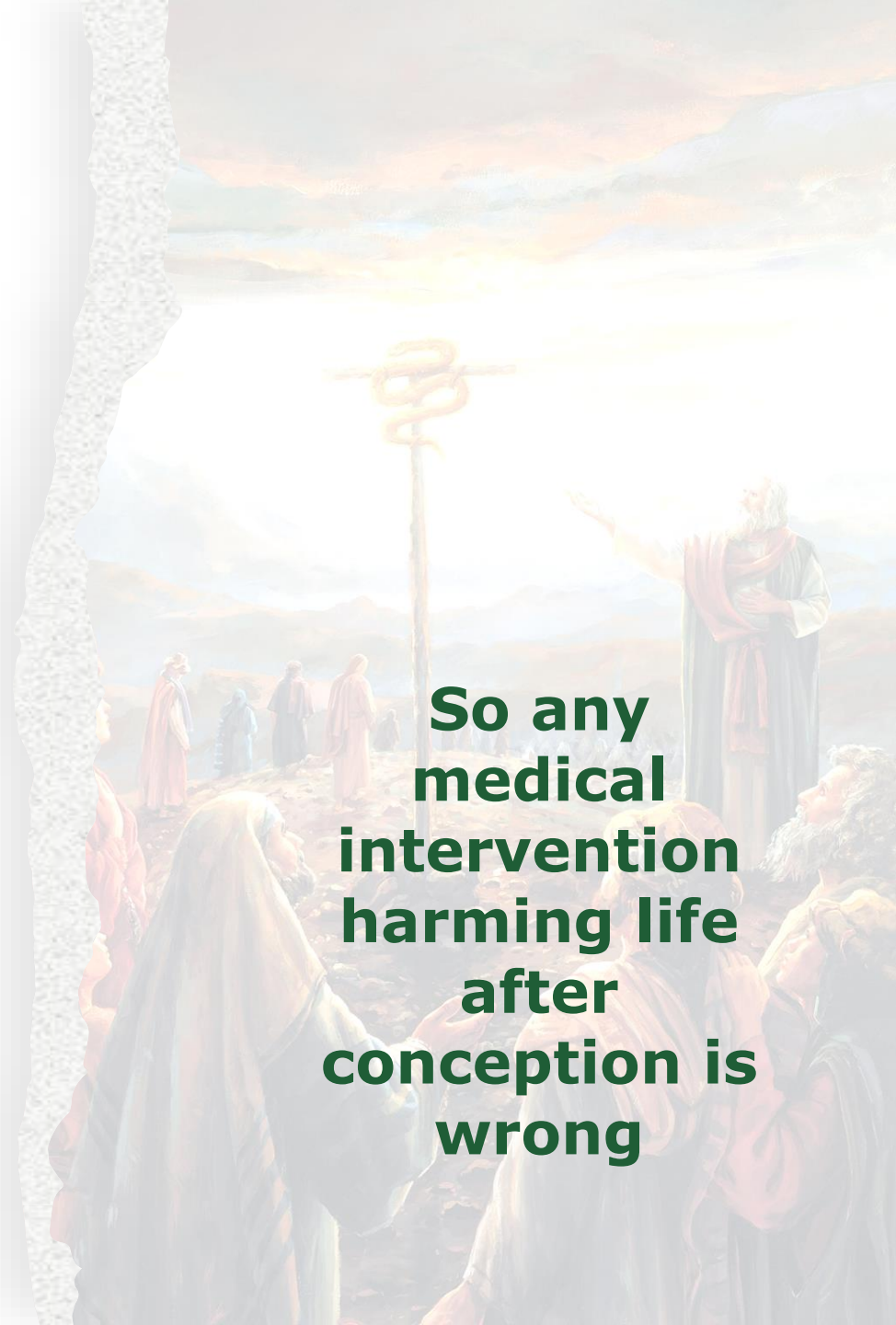


**Sanctified
and
ordained**

**Responds
with joy to
news of
redemption**

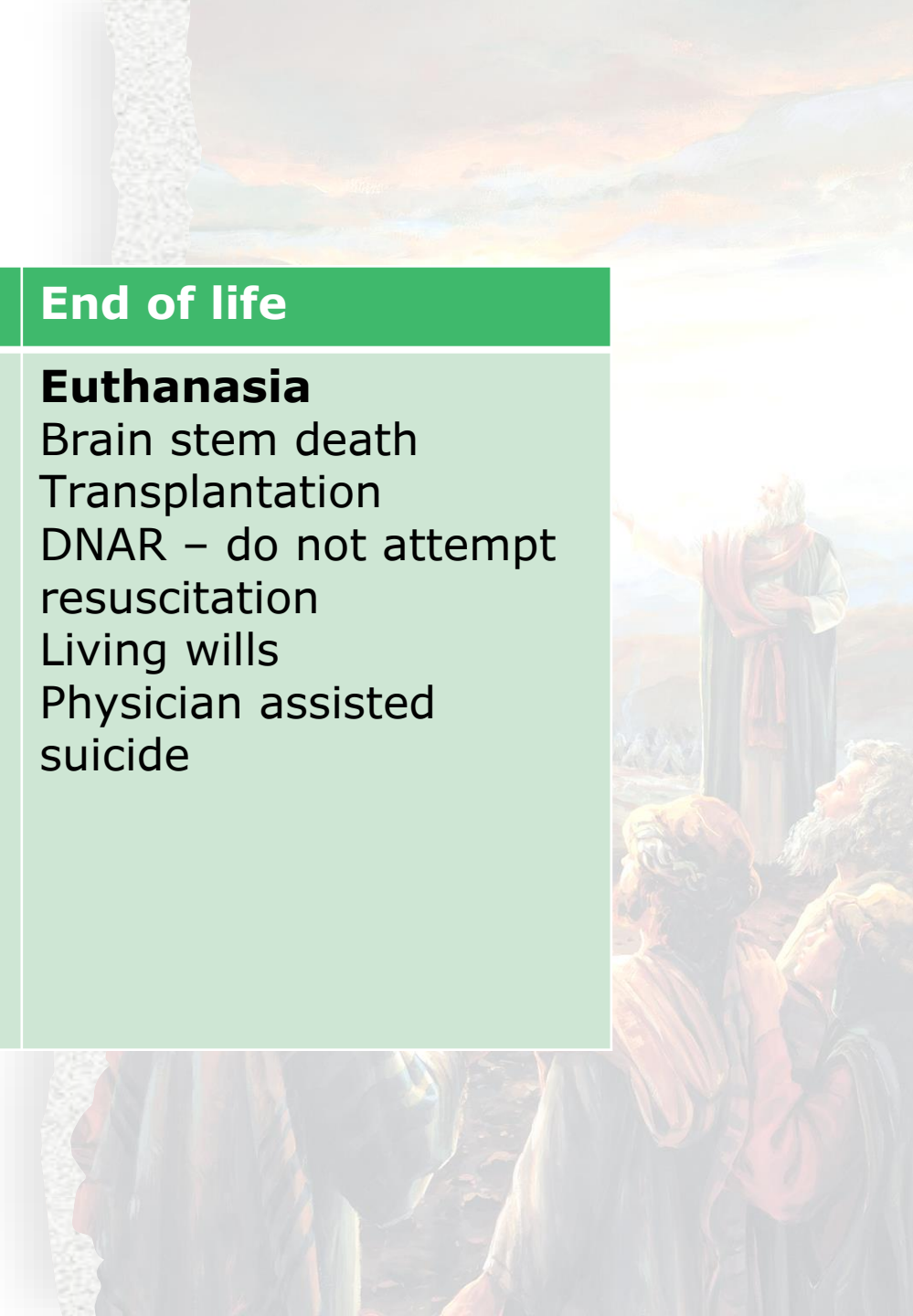
Strong Implication!

- We are living souls made in the image of God from conception
- Sanctity of life should be respected from conception

A religious painting depicting a scene with a staff of Asclepius and a figure with an outstretched arm. The staff of Asclepius, a wooden staff with a single snake coiled around it, stands prominently in the center. To the right, a figure with a long white beard and a dark robe with a red sash stands with one arm outstretched towards the sky. In the foreground, several figures in robes are looking towards the staff and the figure. The background shows a landscape with mountains and a bright, hazy sky. The overall tone is solemn and dramatic.

**So any
medical
intervention
harming life
after
conception is
wrong**

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Euthanasia

“The intentional killing of a person whose life is not felt to be worth living”



Voluntary

“The euthanasia is specifically requested by a patient”



Non-Voluntary

“The euthanasia is performed when the patient hasn't given consent”



Assisted Suicide

“The doctor prescribes the lethal medication, but the person administers the dose themselves”

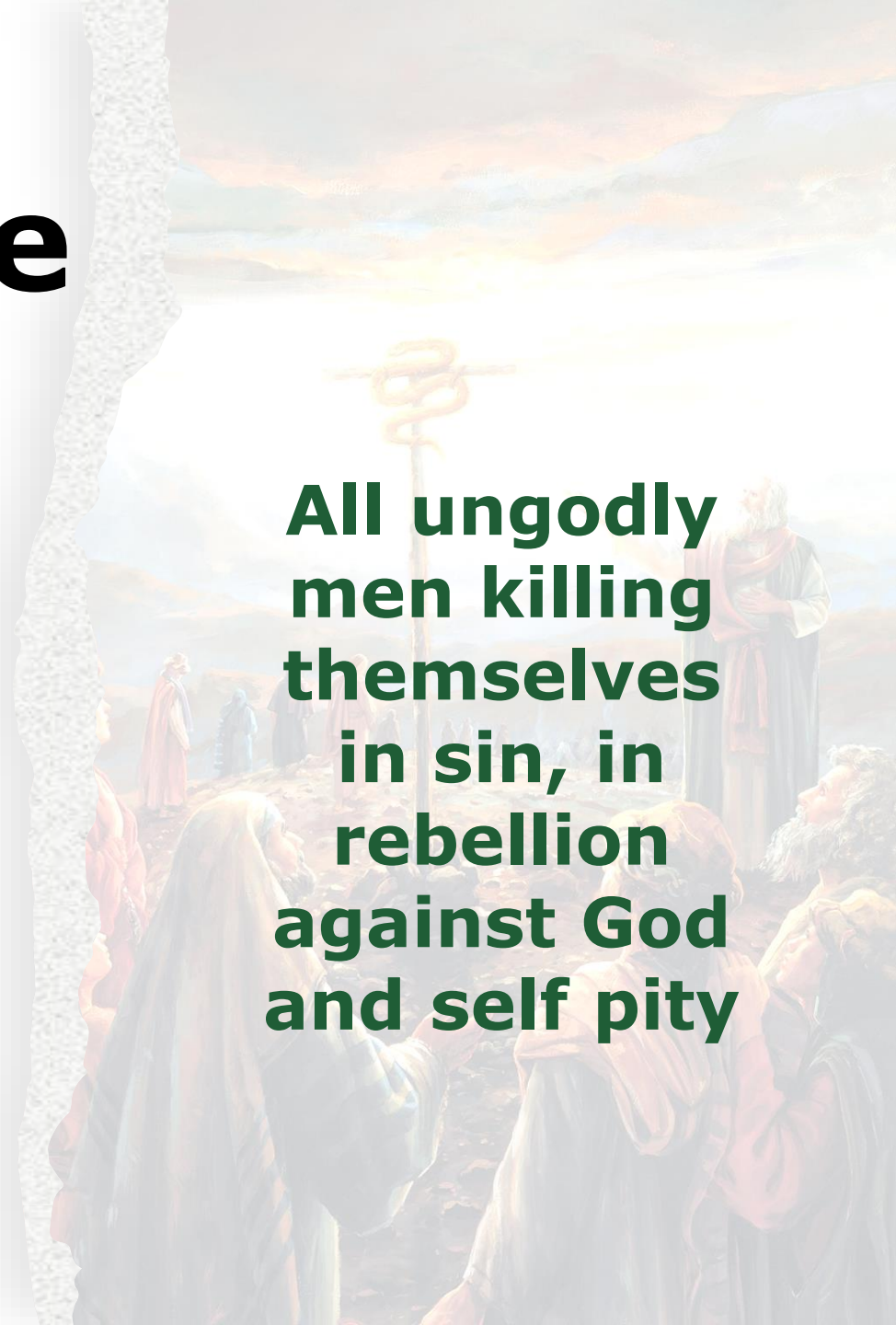


**No moral difference
between
euthanasia and
assisted suicide**



Examples of suicide

- Saul
- Abimelech
- Ahithophel
- Judas



**All ungodly
men killing
themselves
in sin, in
rebellion
against God
and self pity**

7. Exodus 20:13

Thou shalt not Kill



Action

Never kill

Unthinkable



Tolerated



Permitted

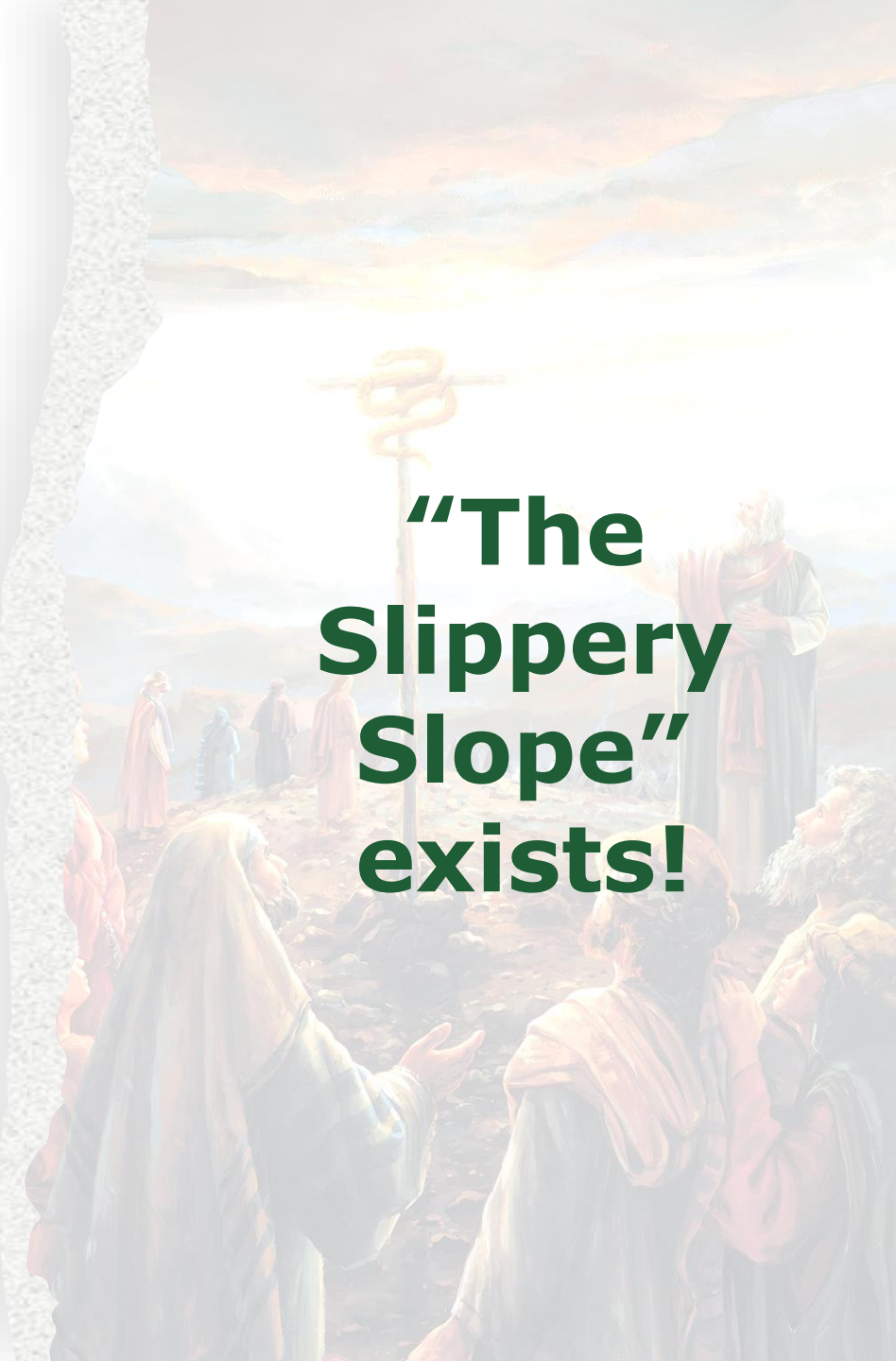


Expected



Required

**“The
Slippery
Slope”
exists!**



The Rimmelink Report

- Analysis of all 129,000 deaths in the Netherlands in 1990
- 3% were euthanasia.
- Of that 3%, 1 in 3 were euthanasia 'without explicit request'.



Rimmelink Report: A translated summary: Lancet 1991; 338:669-74

Handling the Transgender Debate



1. Pick your Battles

Discern if your personal moral integrity is at stake



2. Discern if direct questions are genuine

Remember : The Lord Jesus didn't always give the Pharisees a straight answer



3. Defensive phrasing

*"My church teaches that
..."*



4. Get Christian Institute Support Early



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INSTITUTE

Resources

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www.carenotkilling.org.uk

evangelicalsforlife.com

www.cvie.org.uk



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