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Kingdom Design



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Matthew 19 –

Kingdom design for community...
in the nuclear family.

Biblical Design for marriage and family...

The Sanctity of Marriage...

...a God established, purposeful, special union in which a man and a woman build and share a life together.

It is a covenant relationship marked by the highest order of commitment, companionship, growth, fidelity, sexual intimacy, and love.





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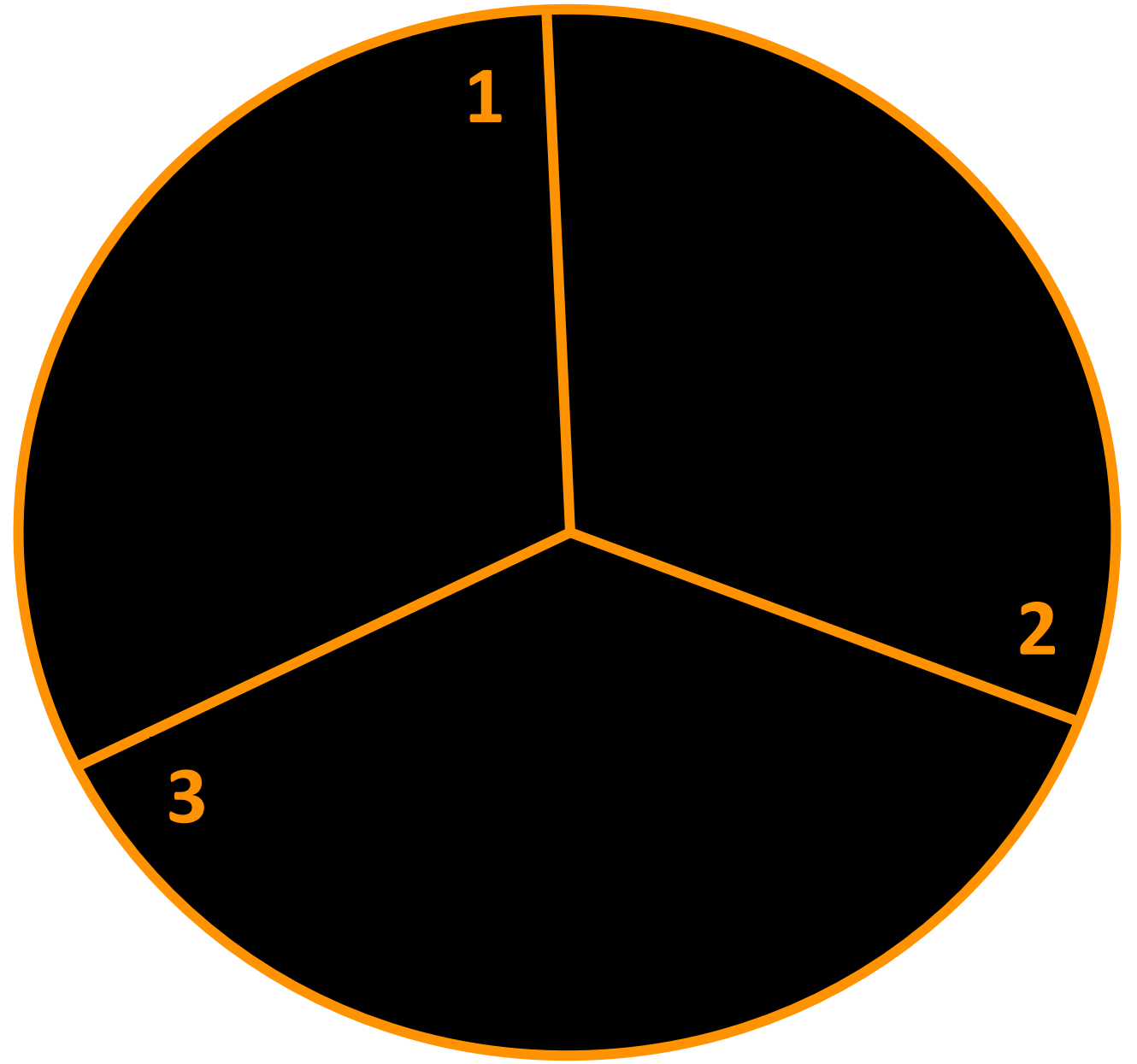
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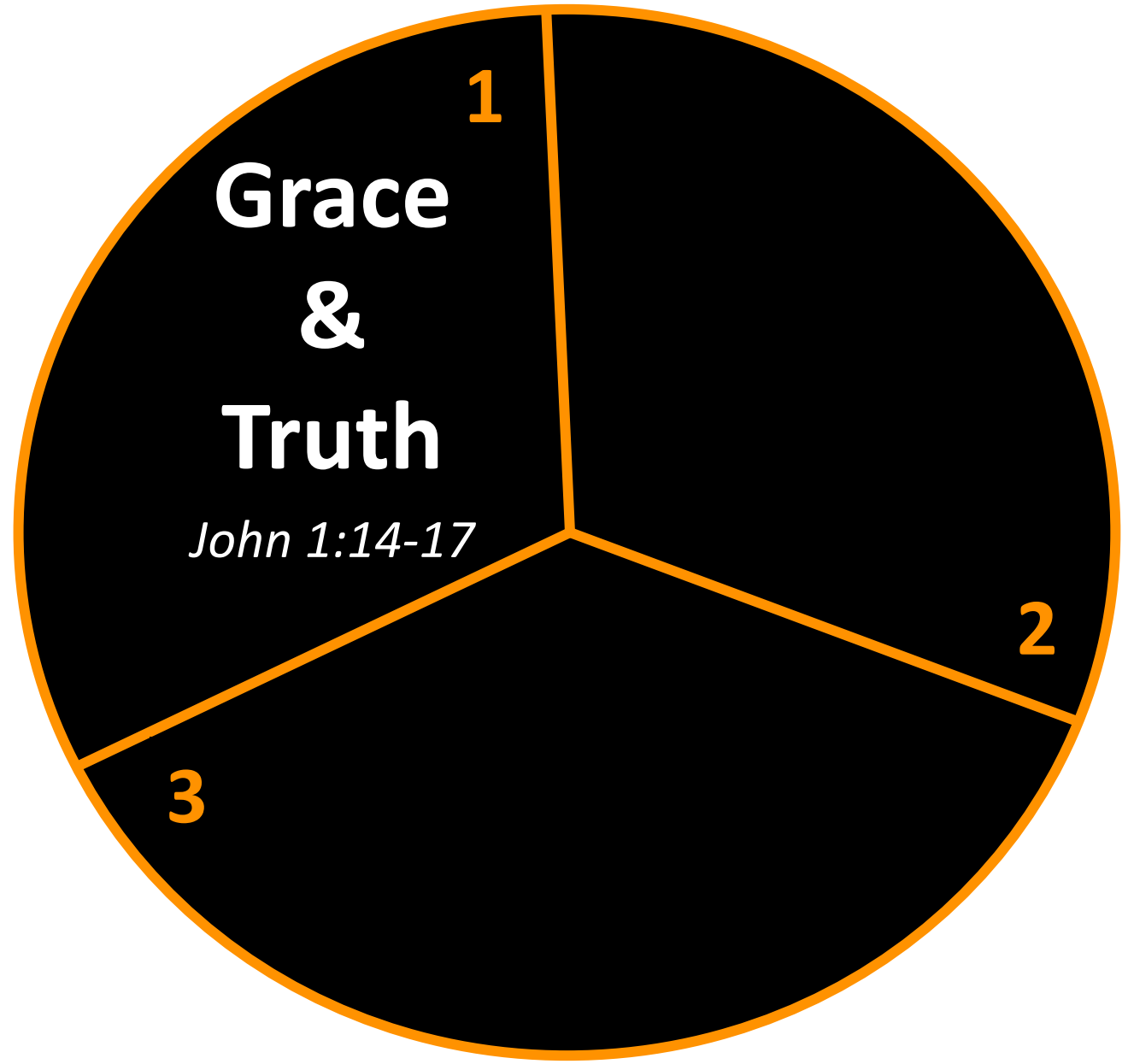
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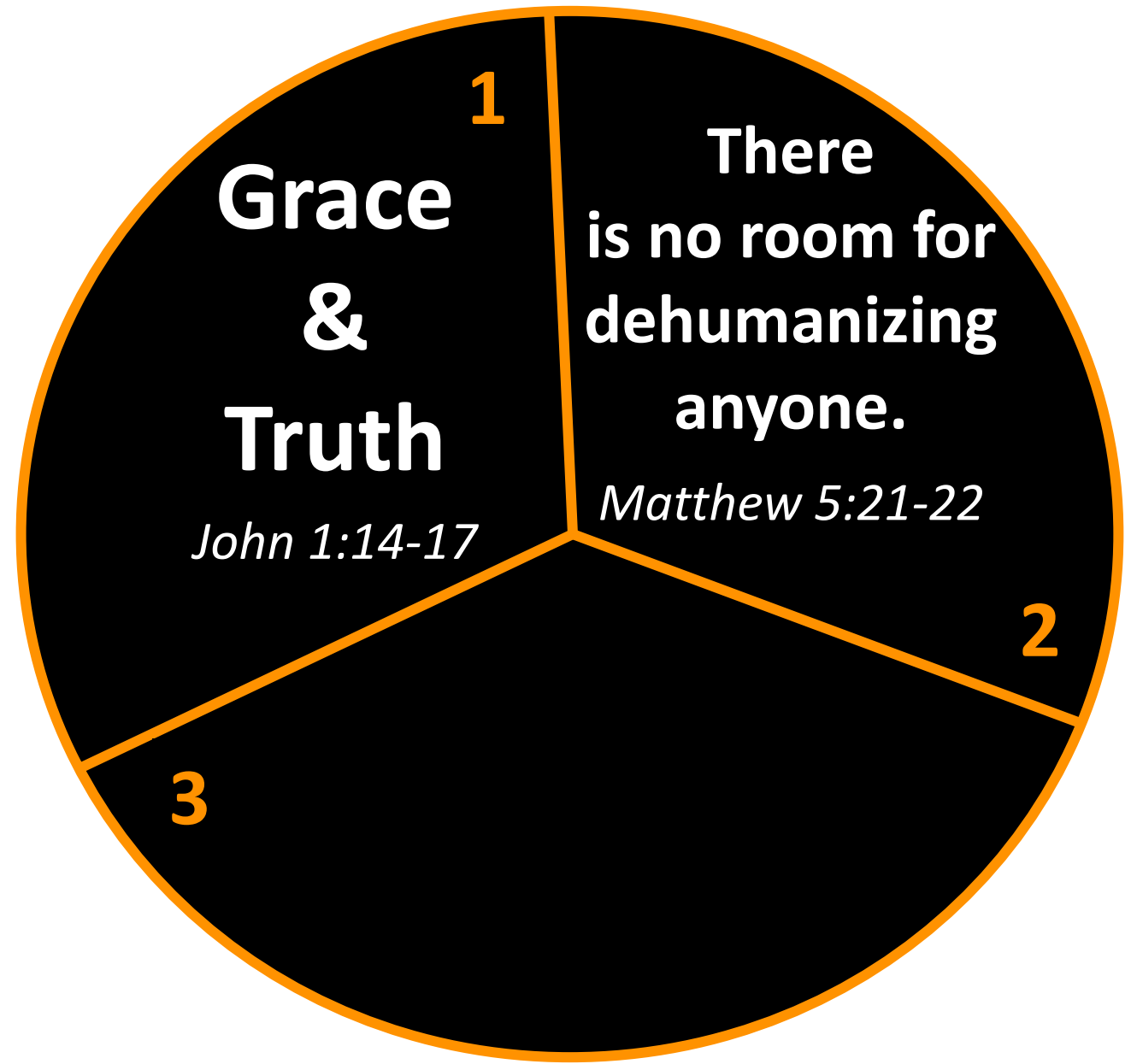
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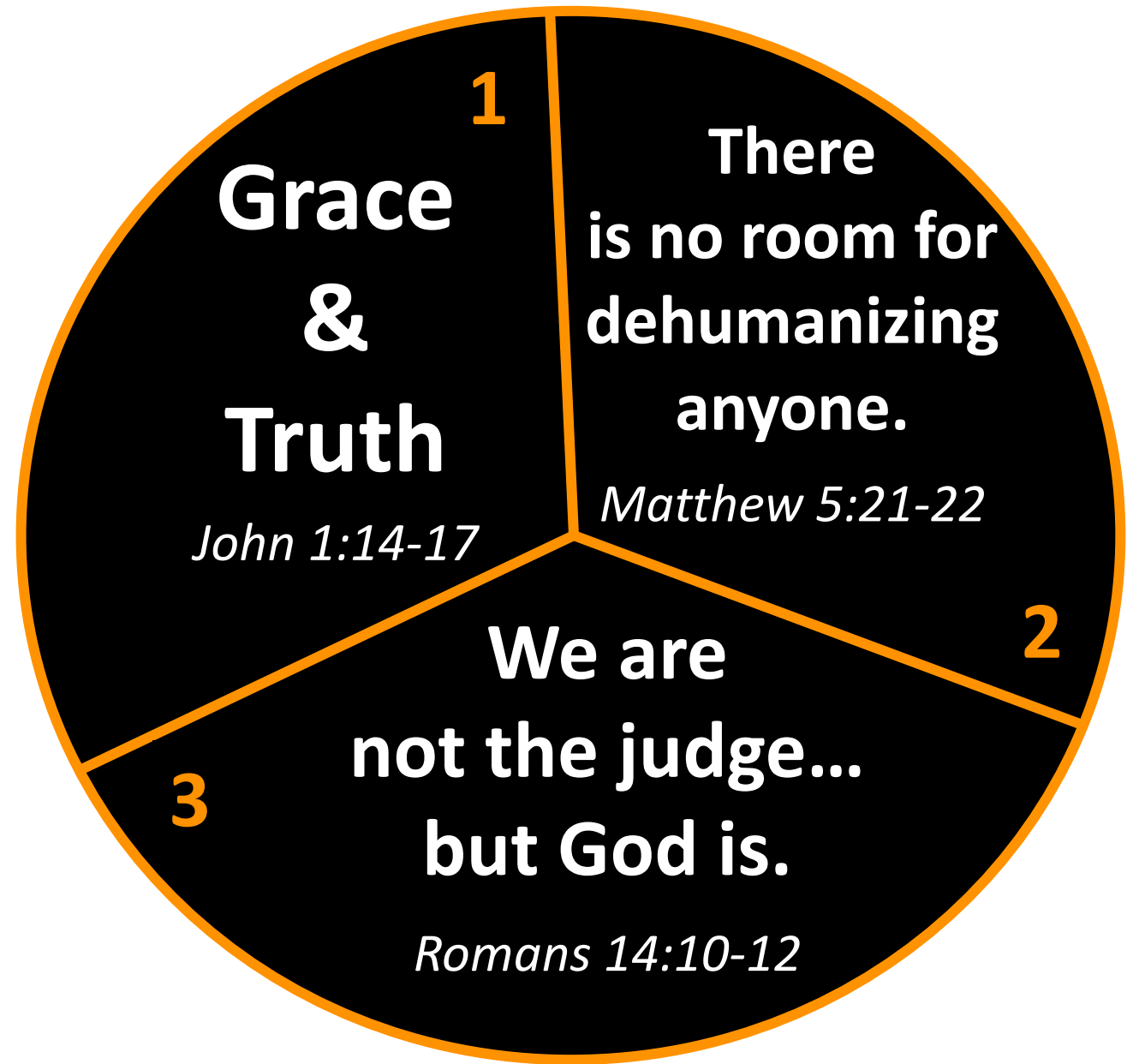
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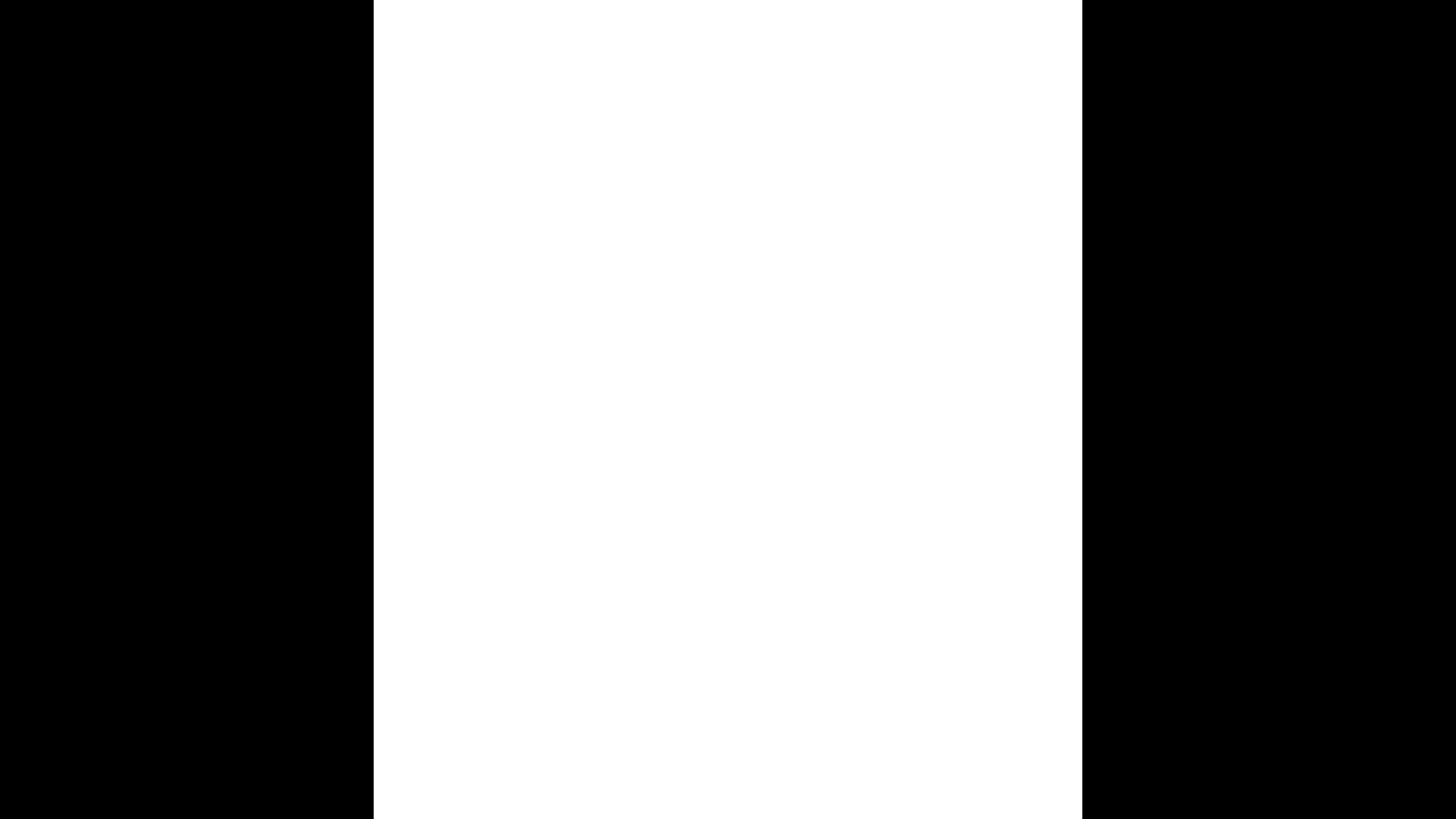


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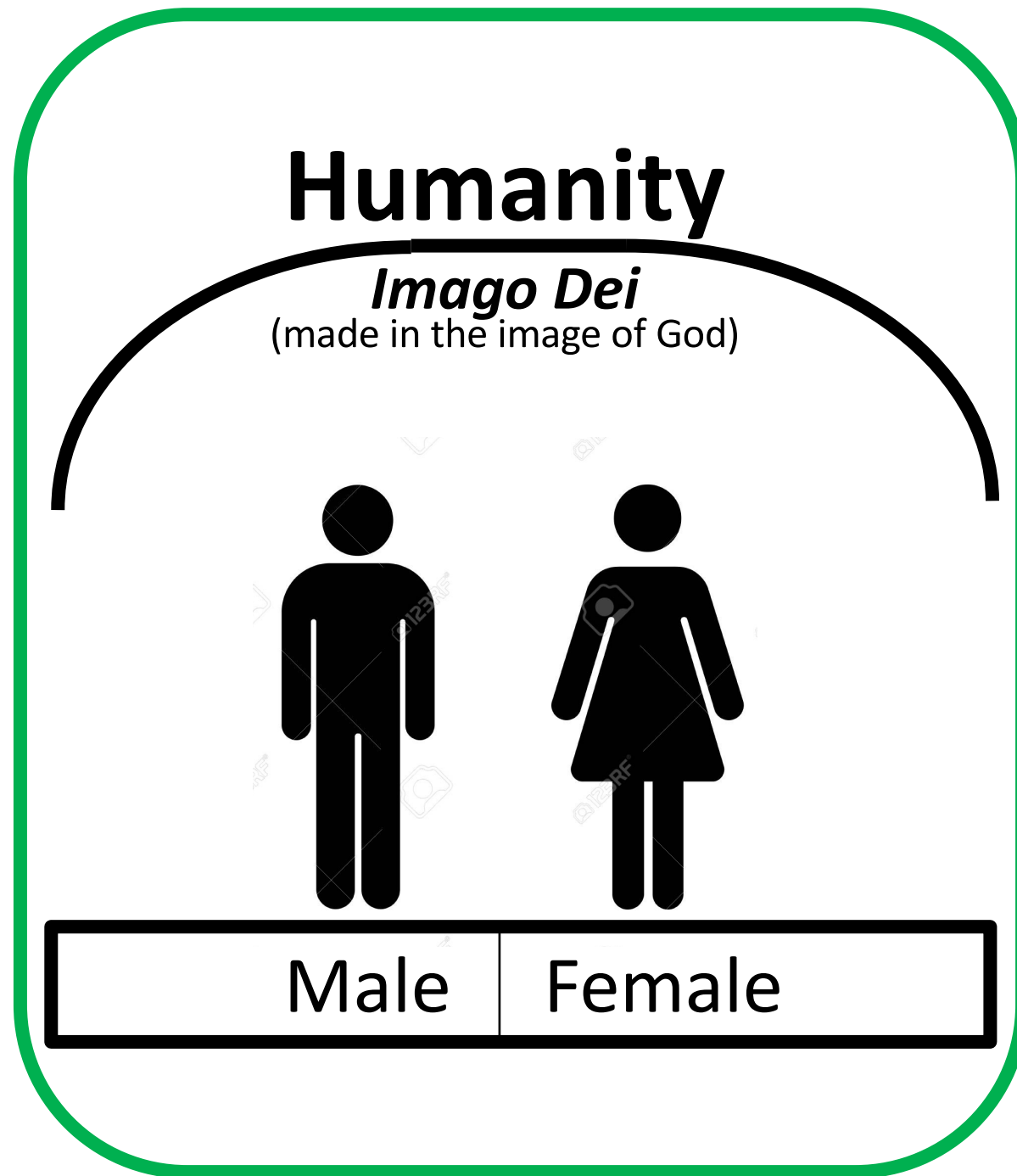
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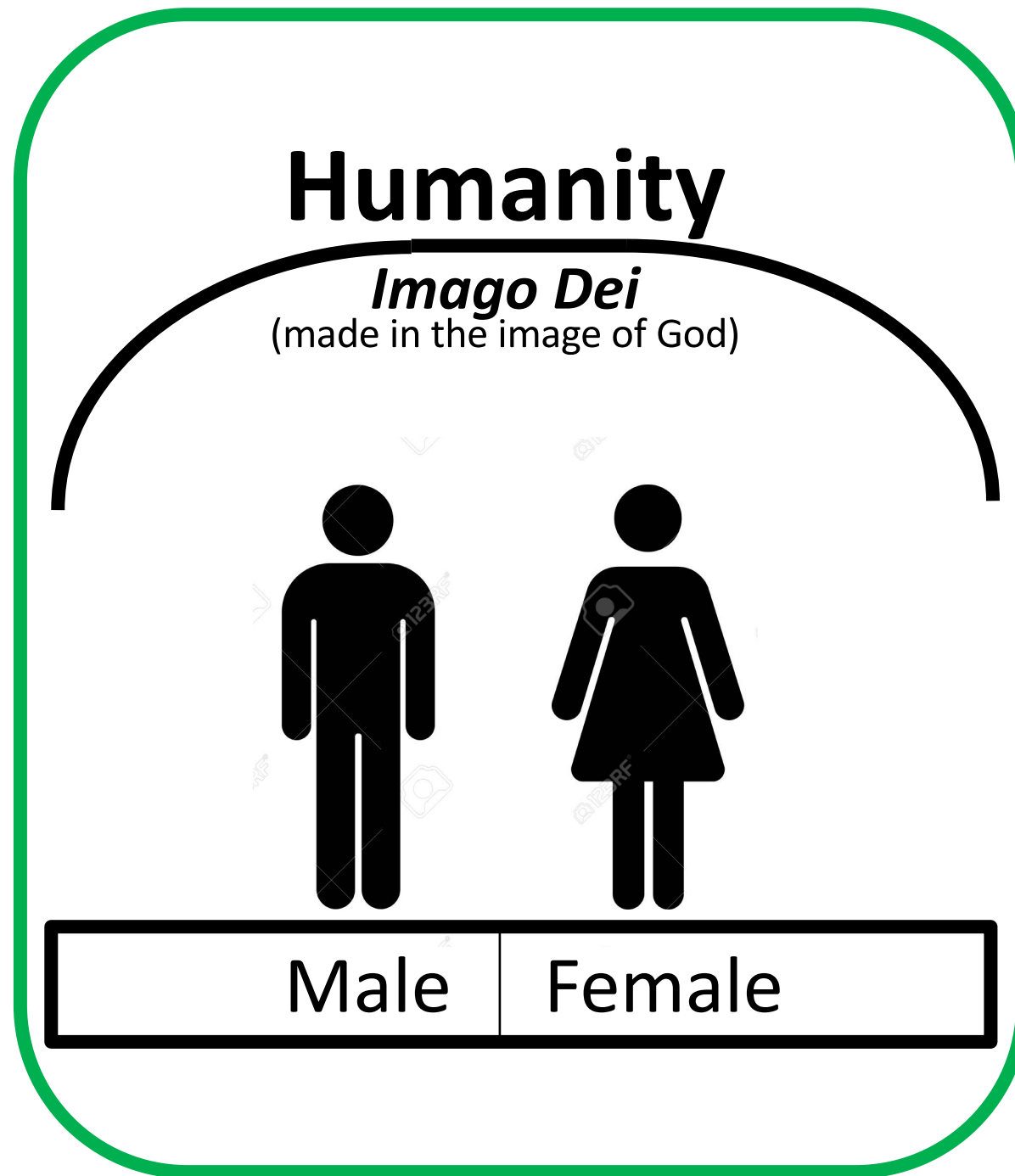
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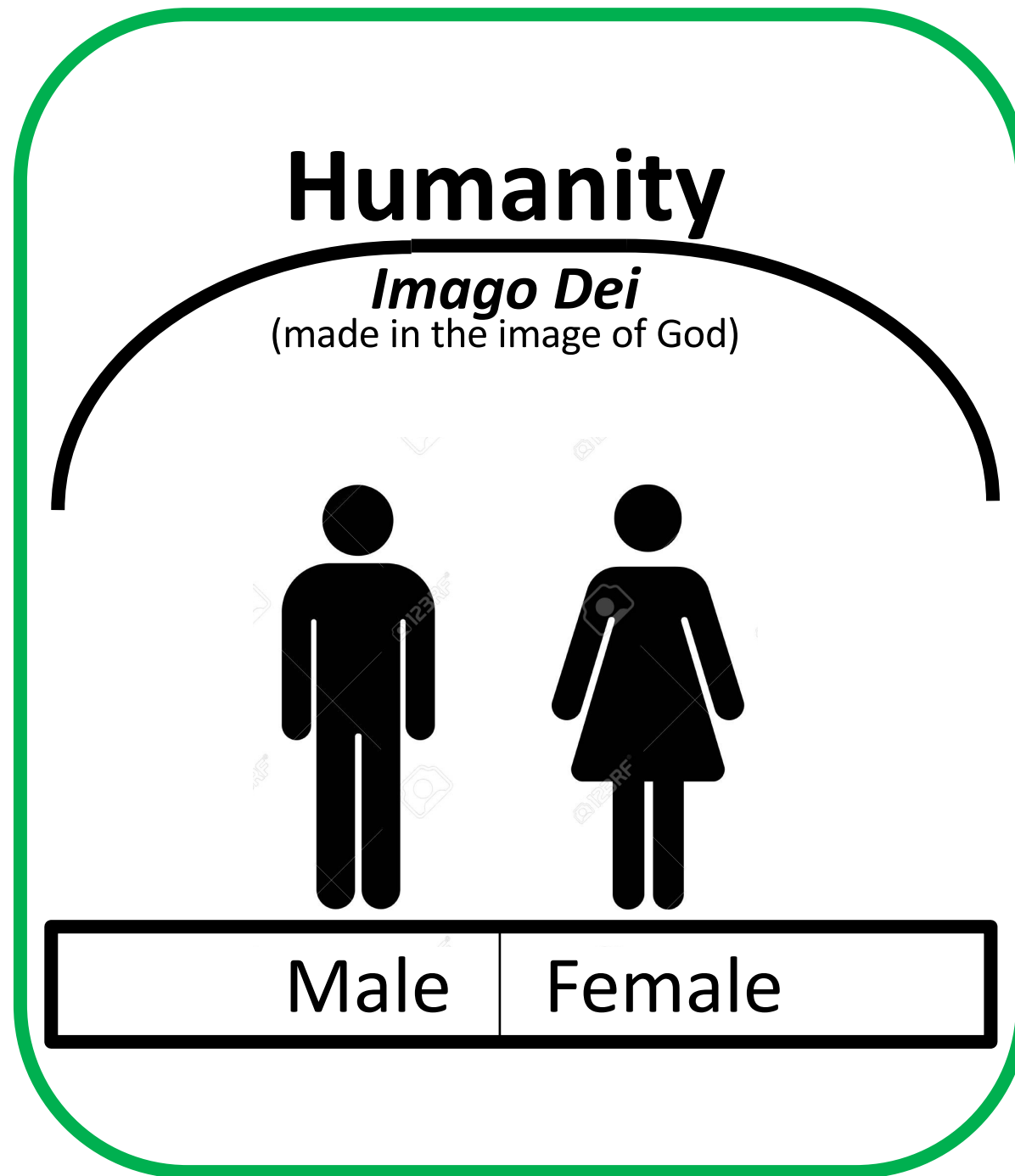


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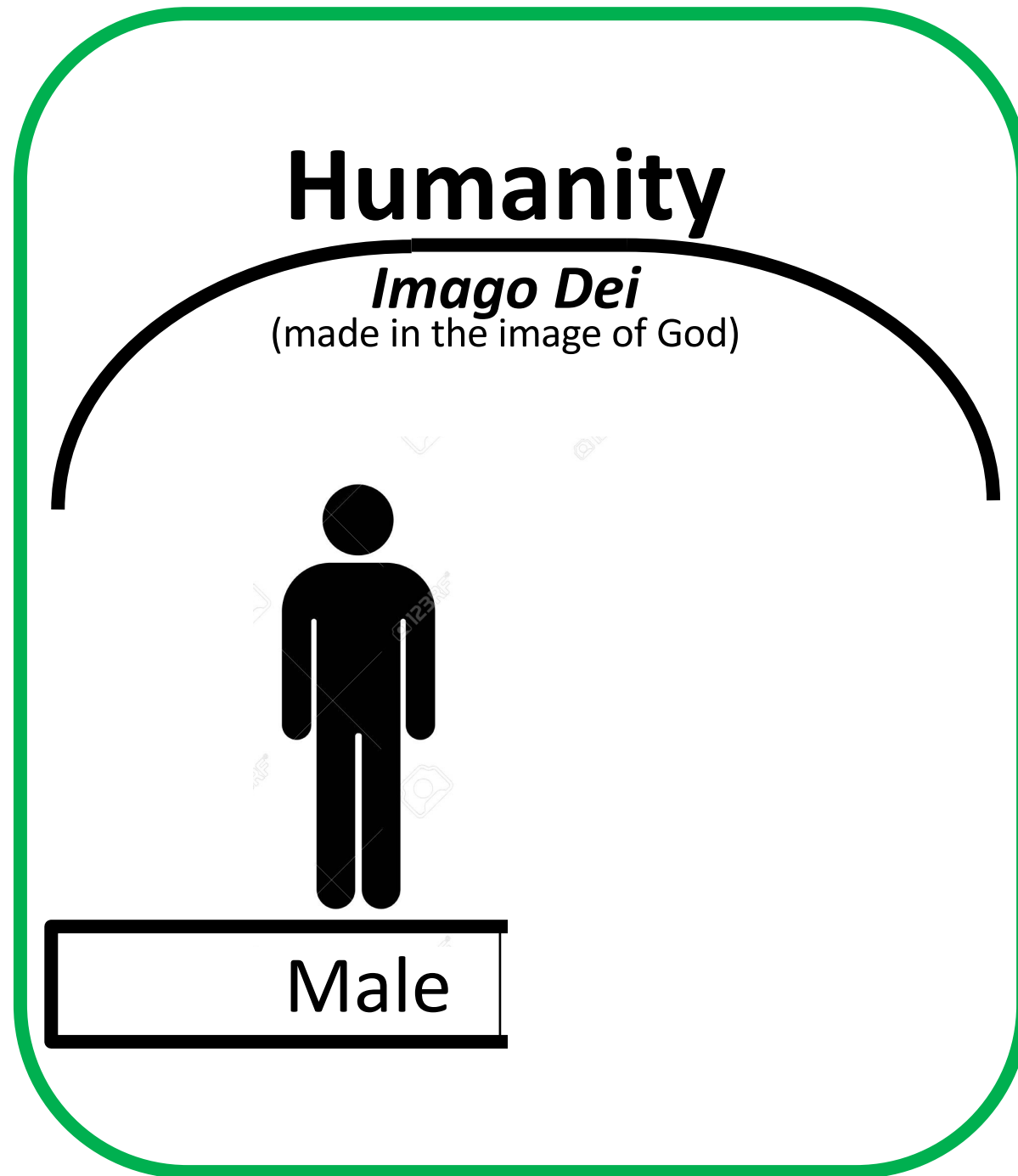
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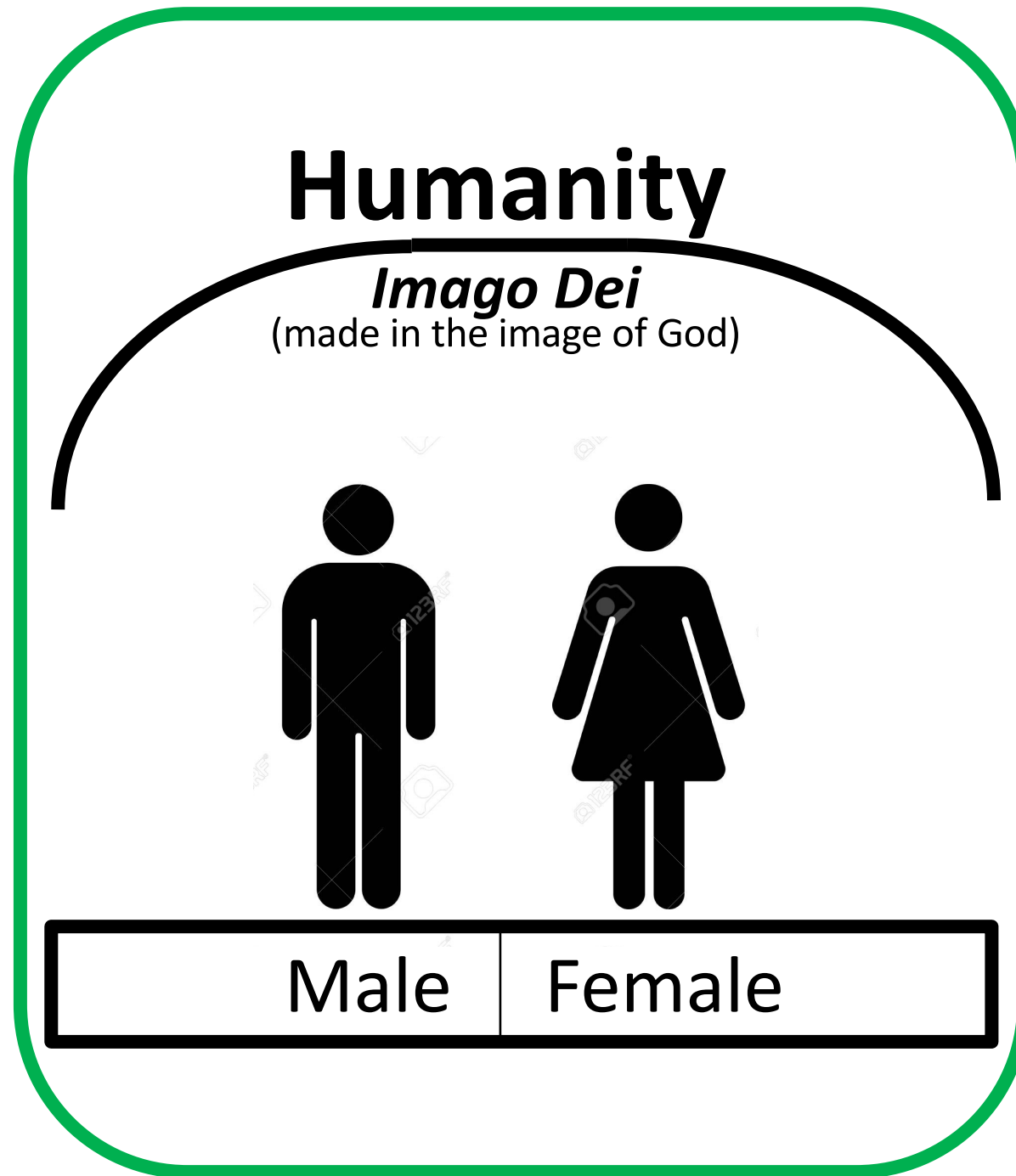


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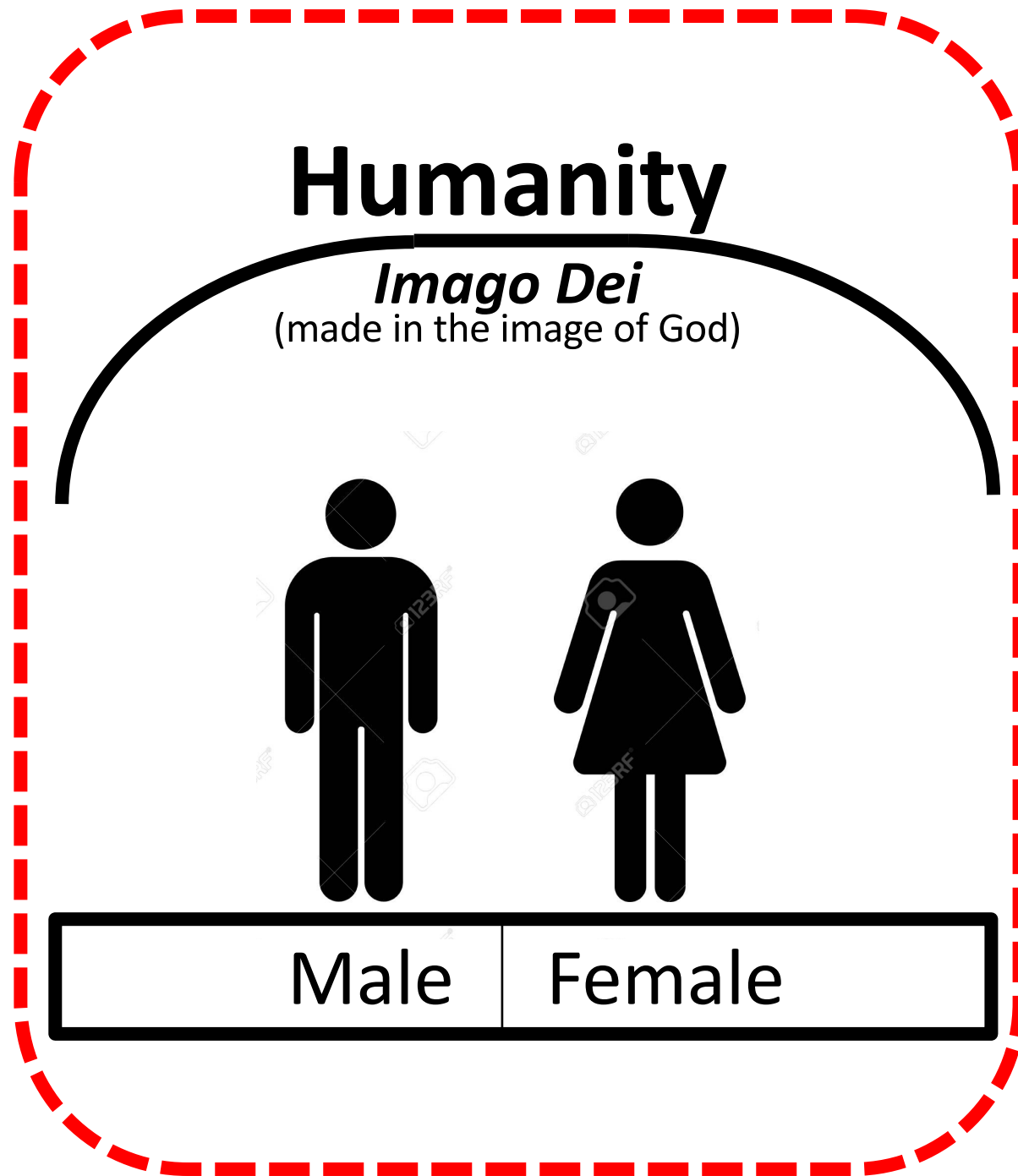
Then the man said, "That at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3

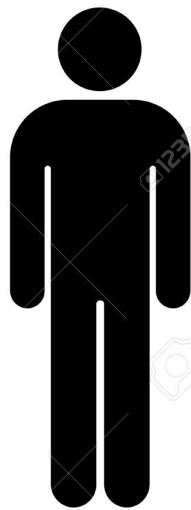
The woman was deceived into questioning the veracity of God, questioning His goodness.

The man who was given responsibility first stood by passively, rejected responsibility, did not lead or protect his wife, and gave up on all that was transcendent.



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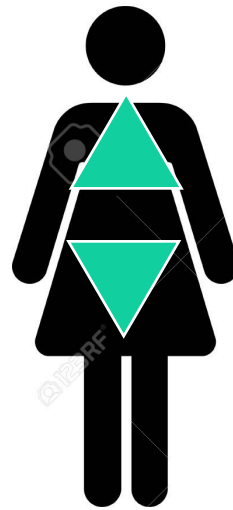


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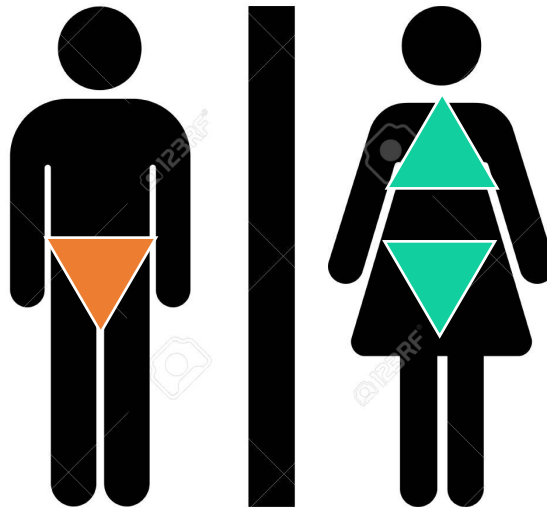


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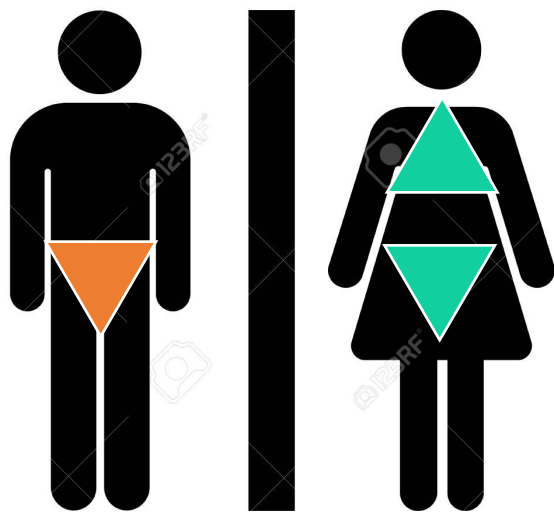


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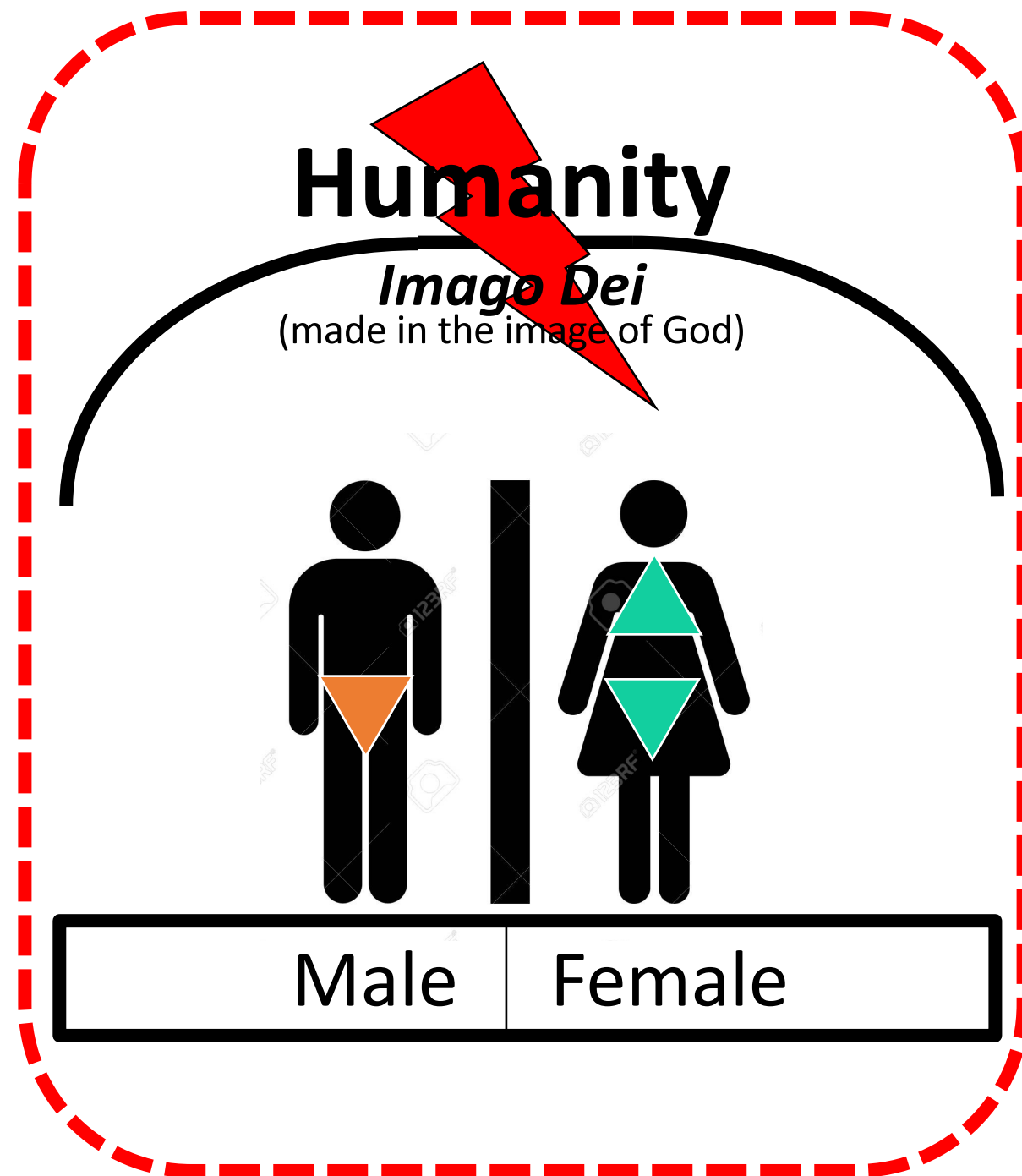
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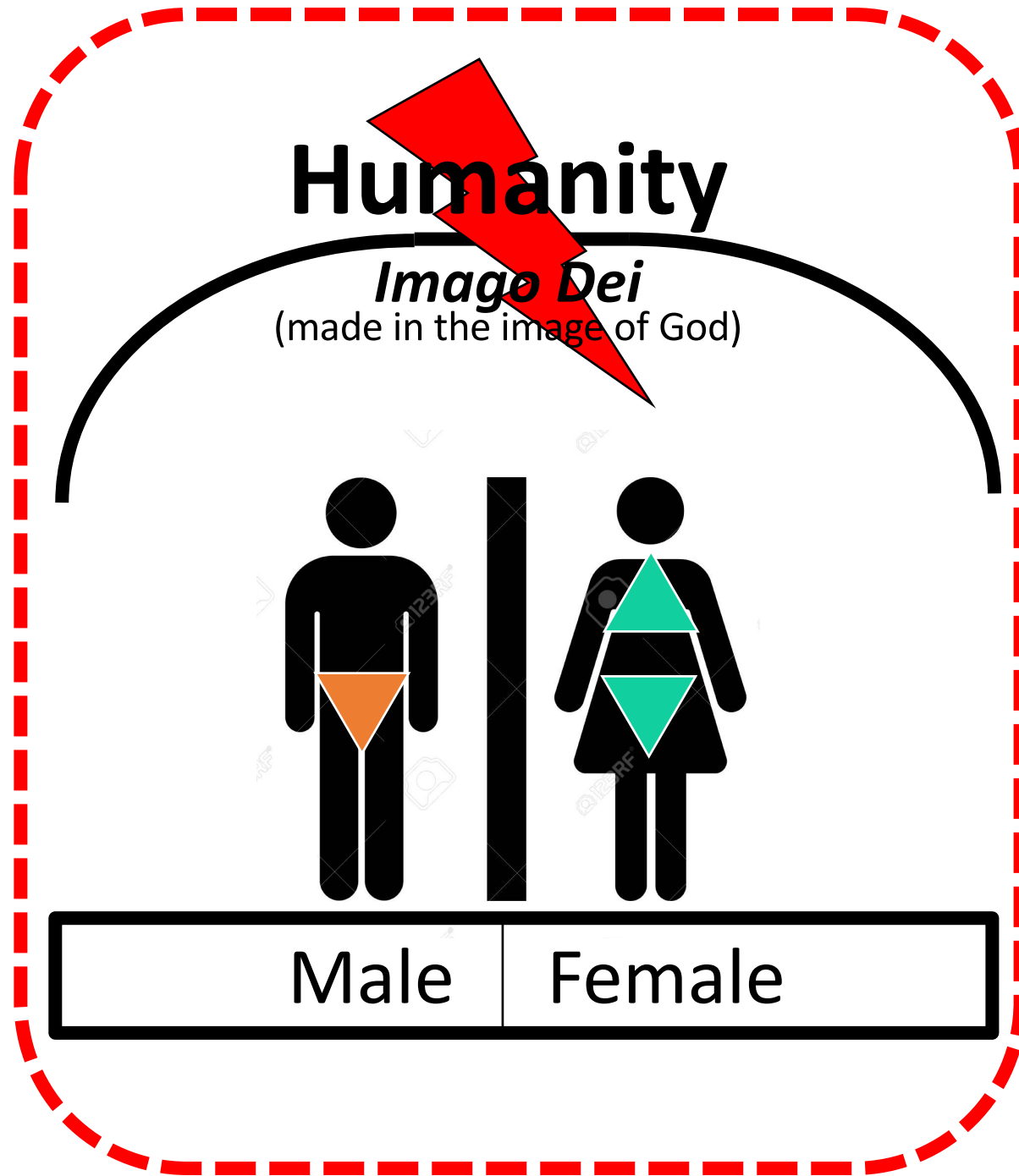


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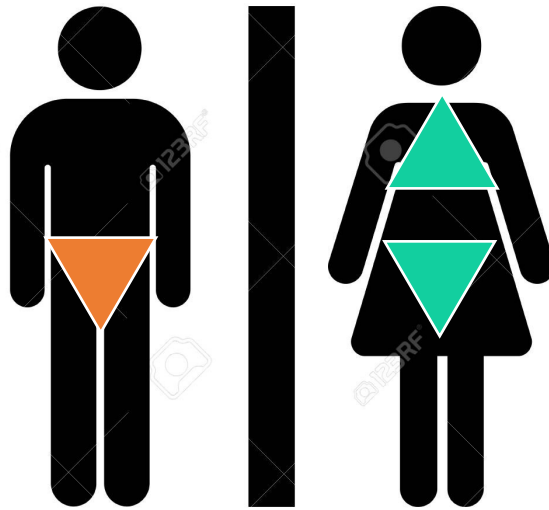
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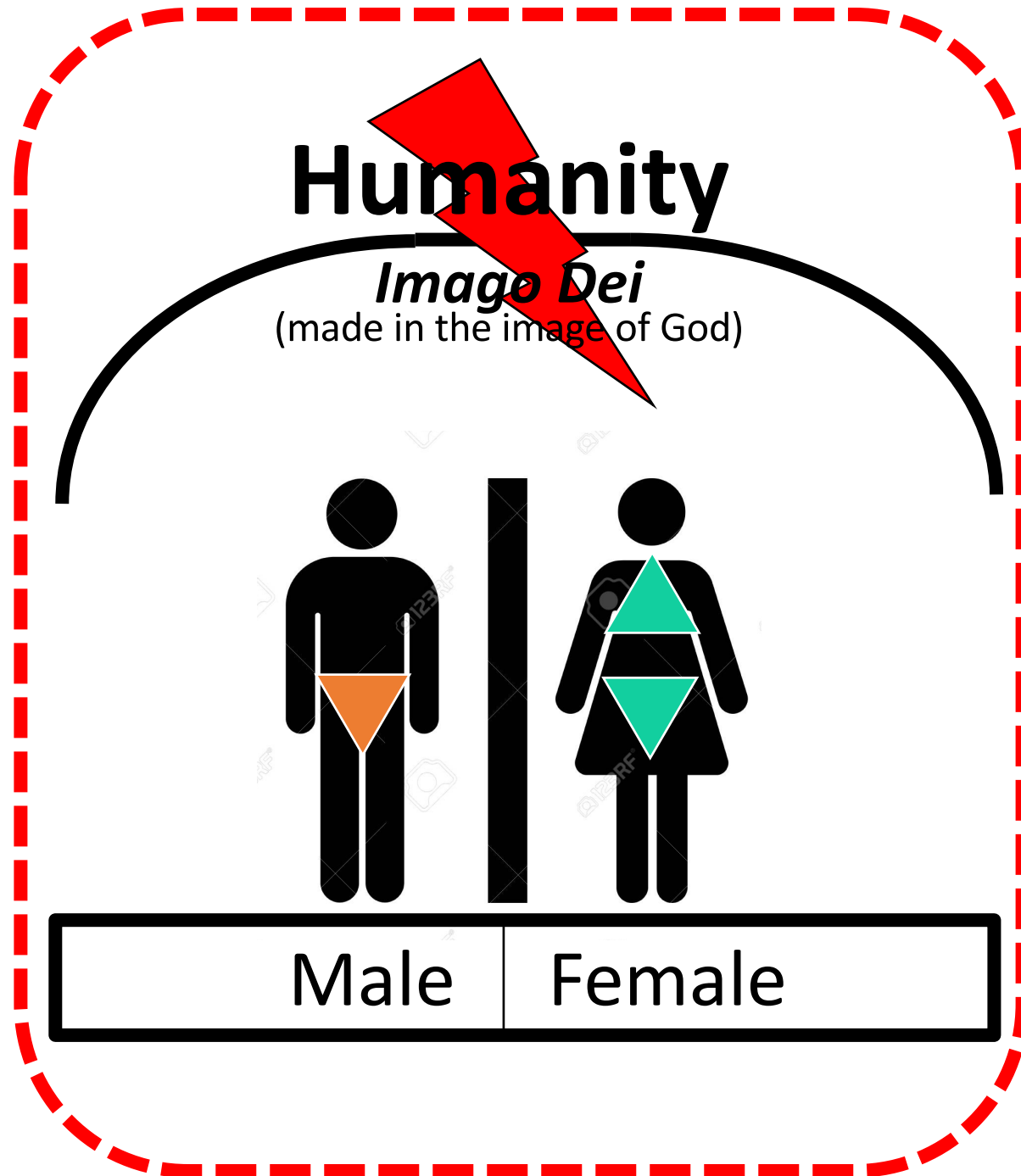
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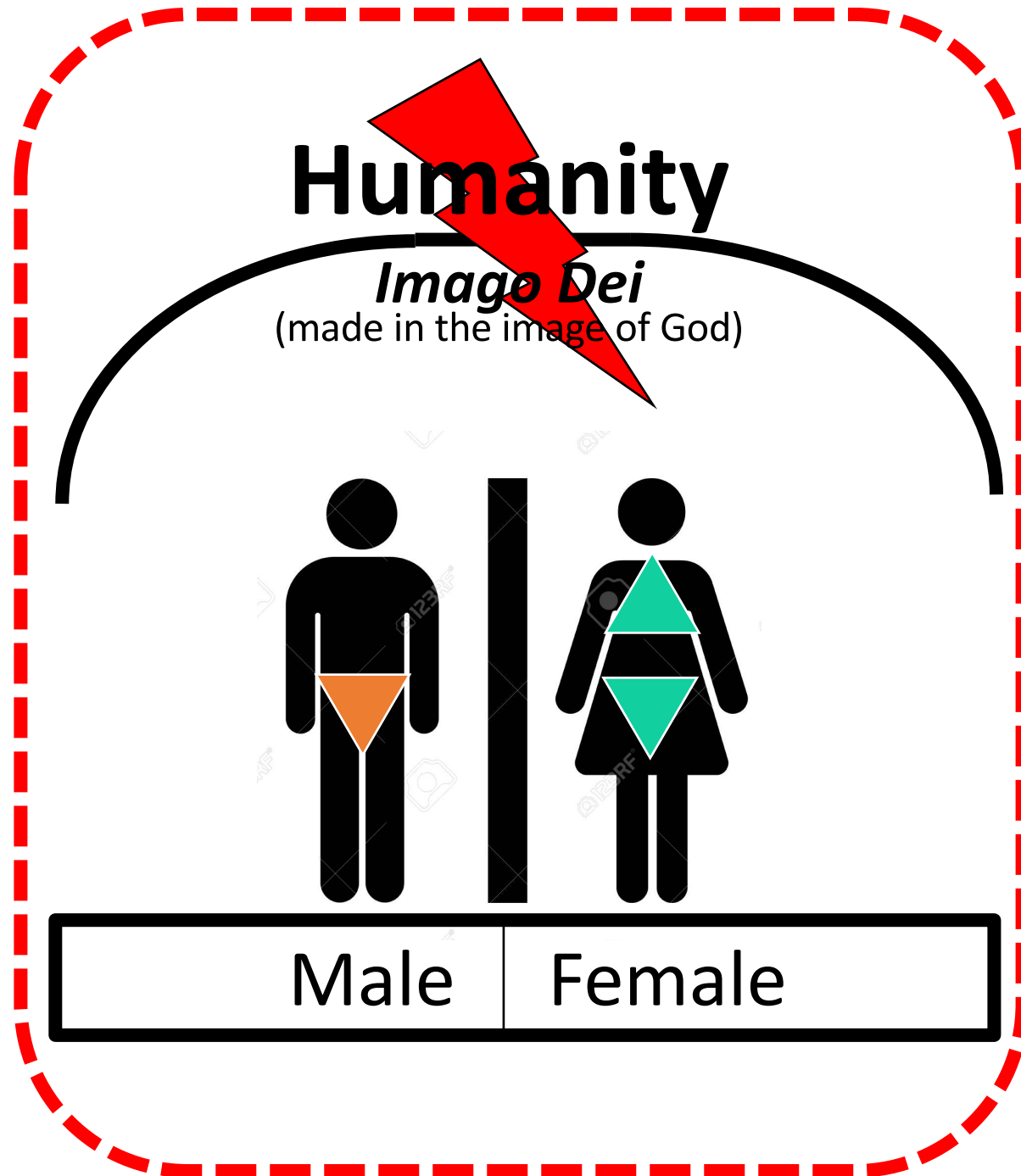
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Definition: fornication
Usage: adultery, prostitution, promiscuity.

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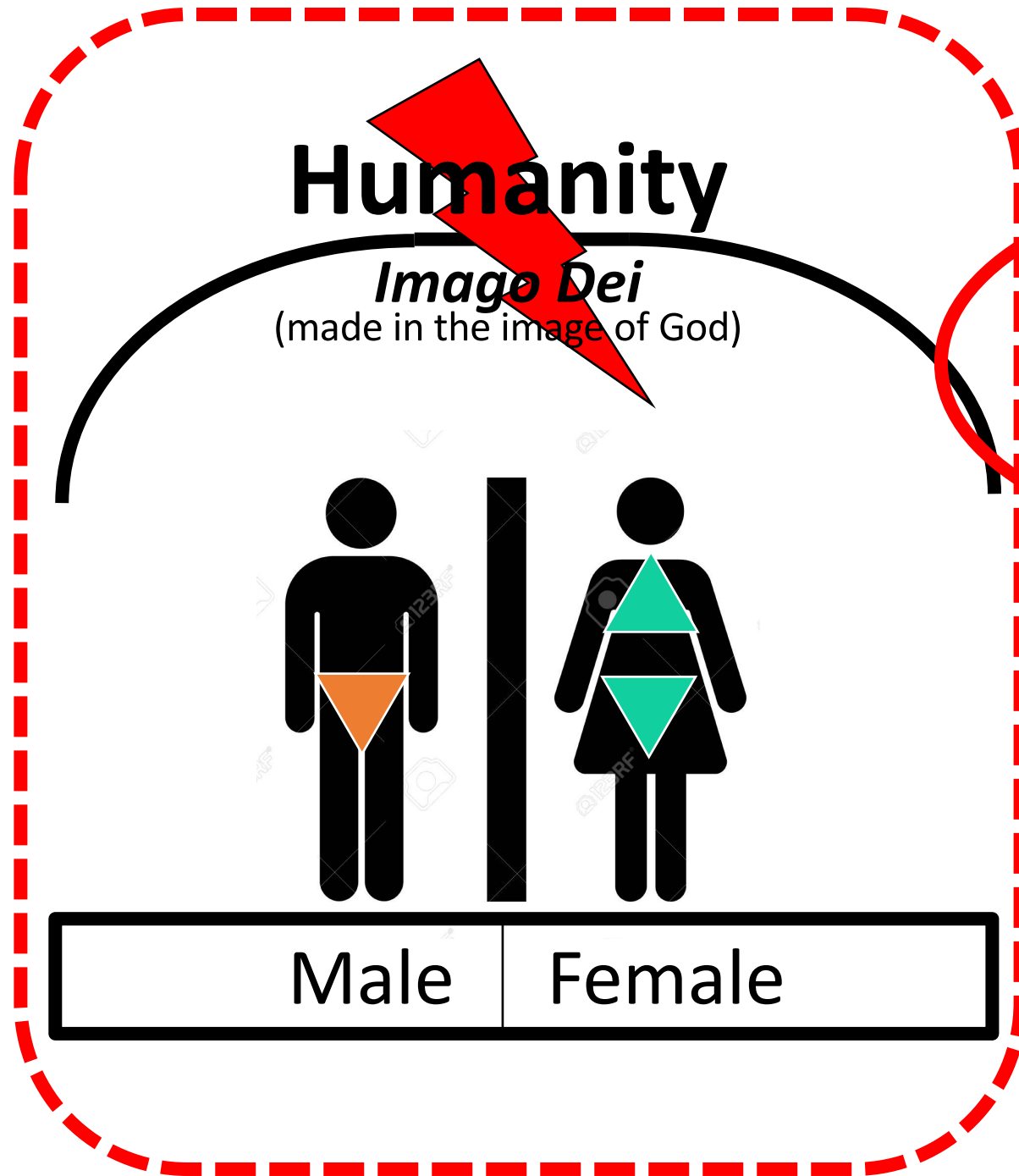
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Art

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General culture

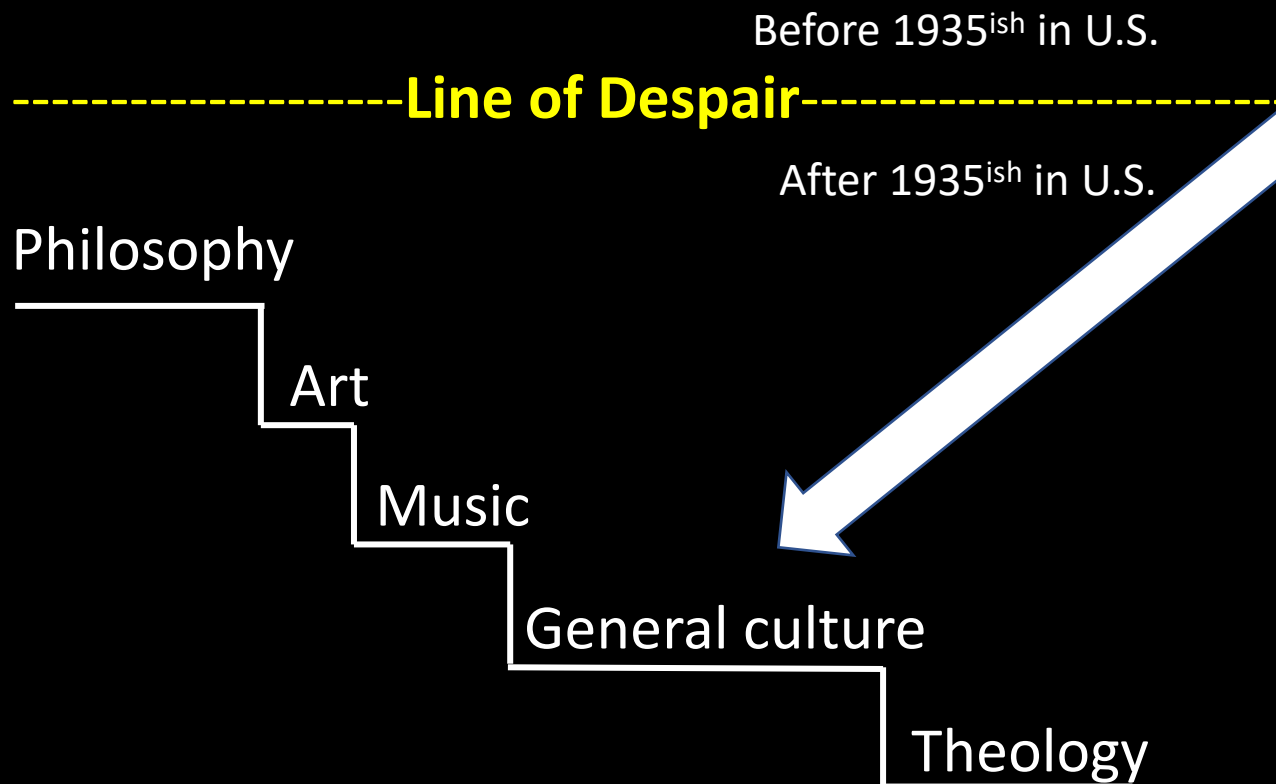
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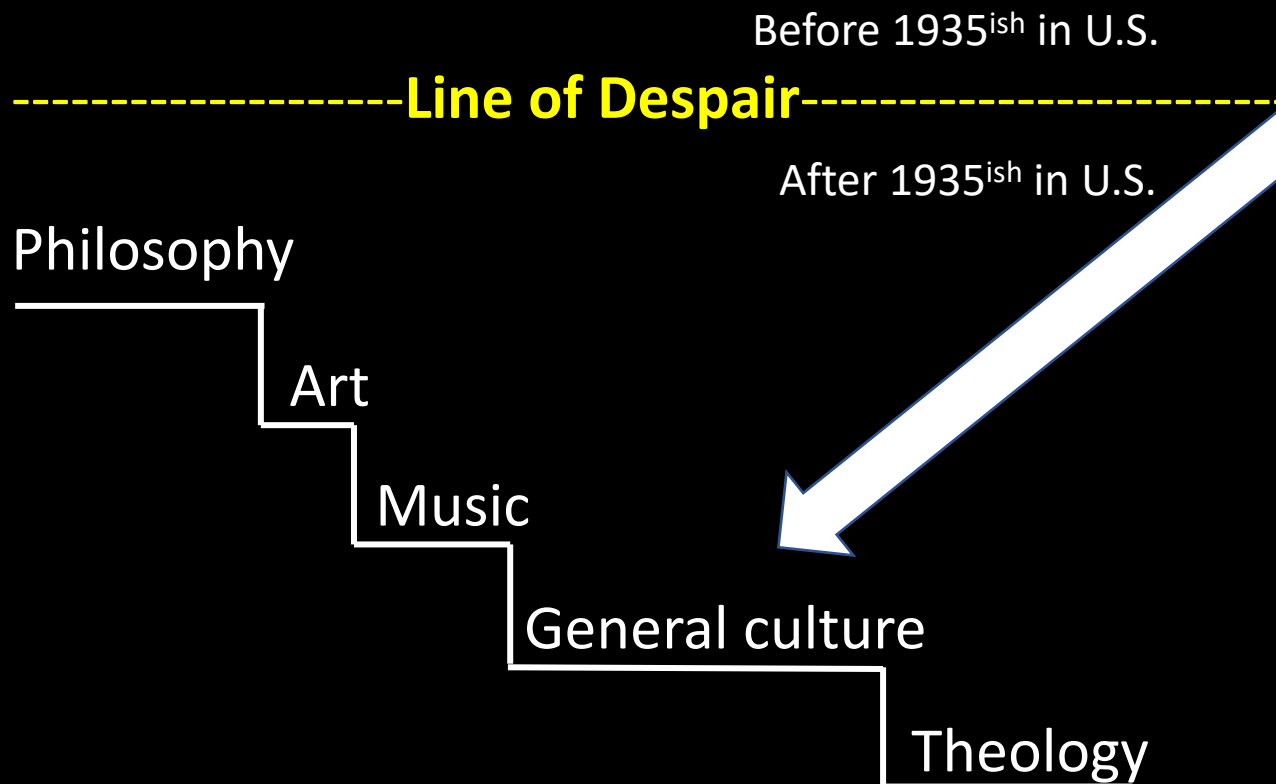
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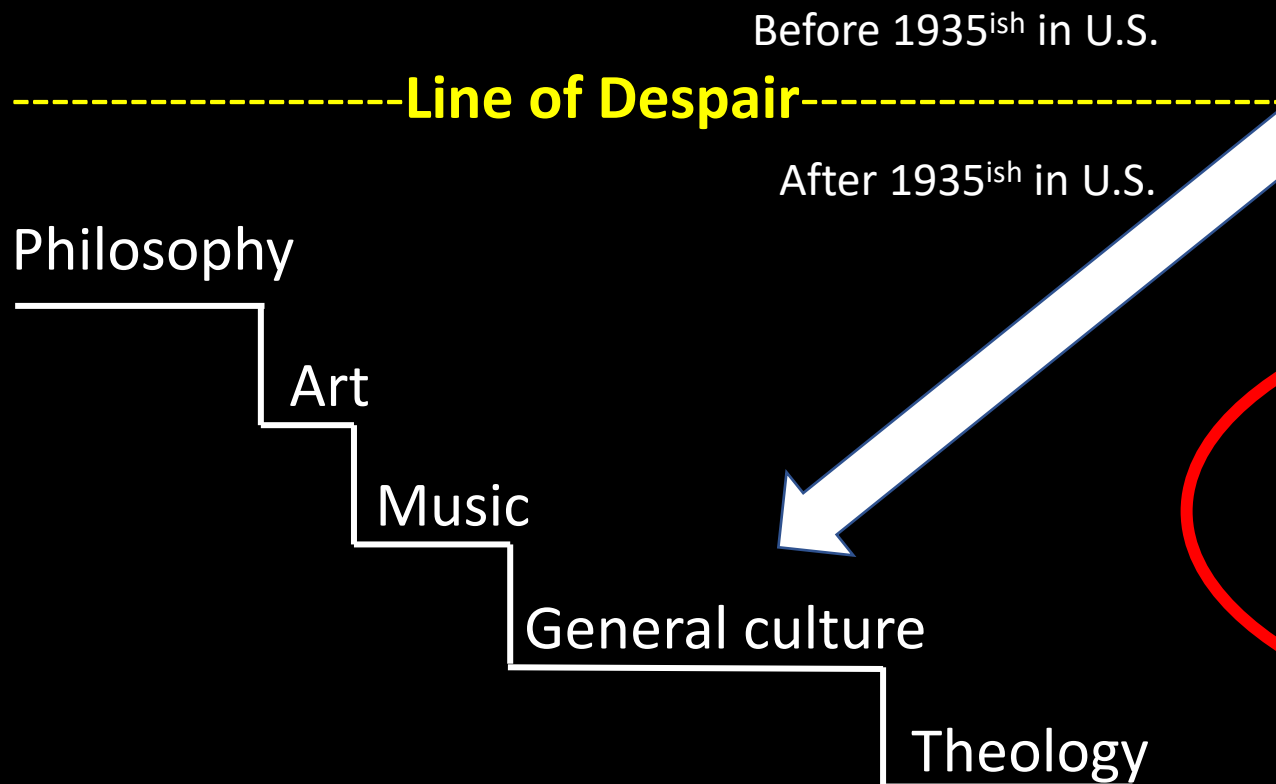
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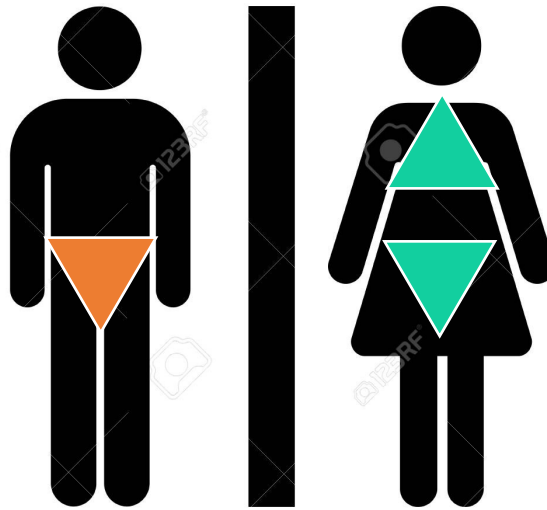
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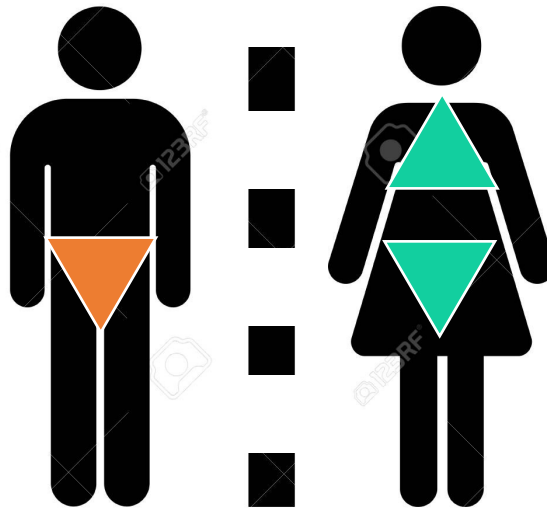


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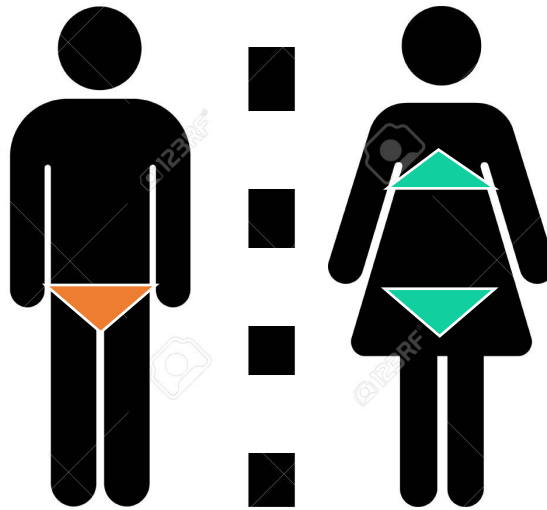


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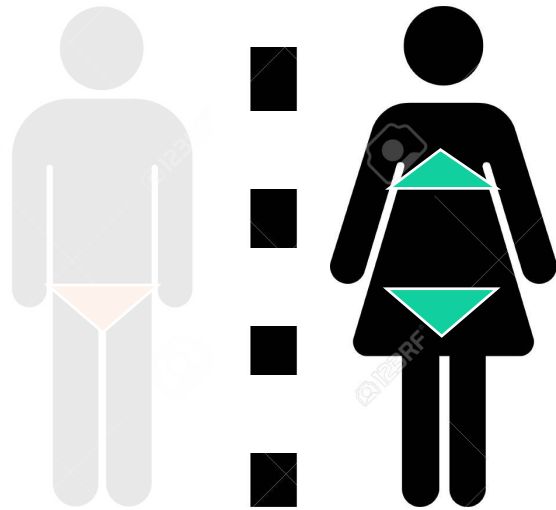


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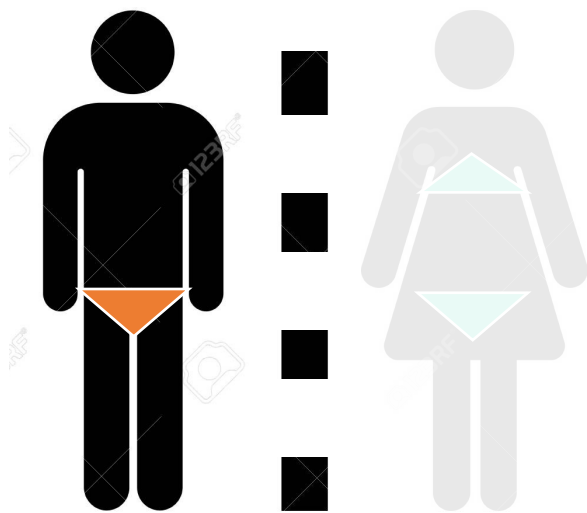


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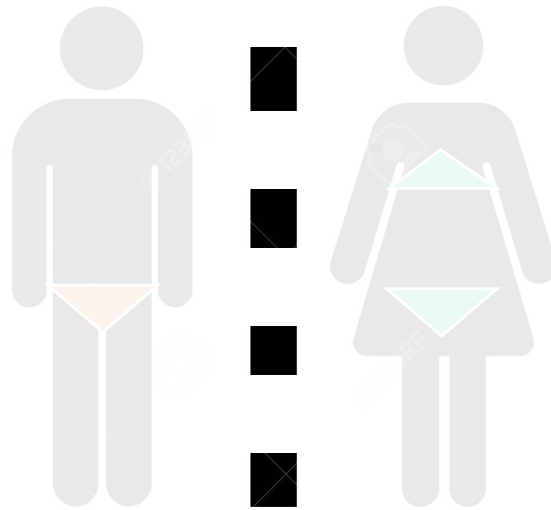


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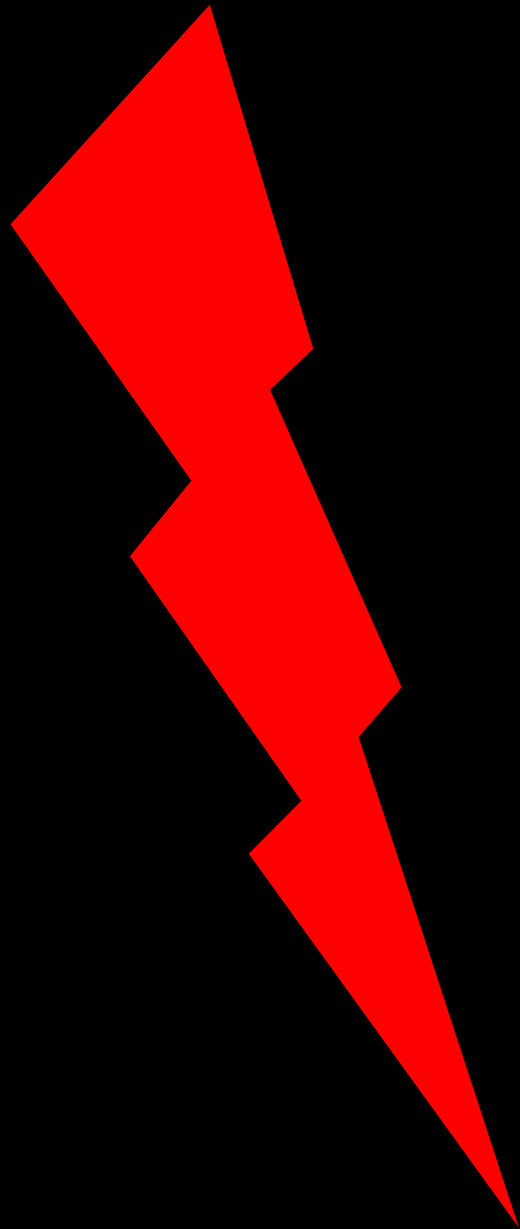
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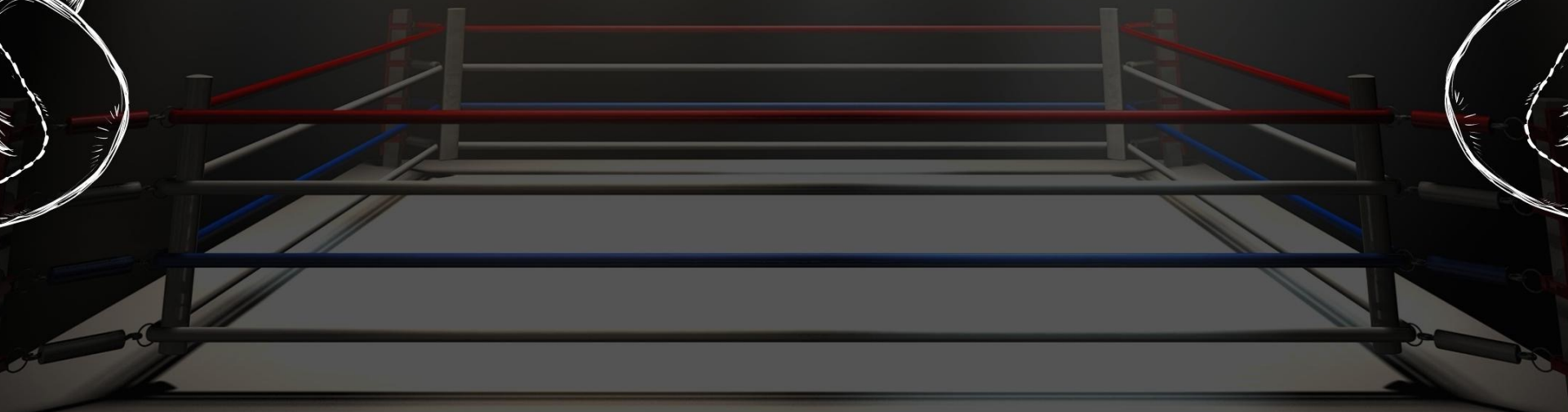
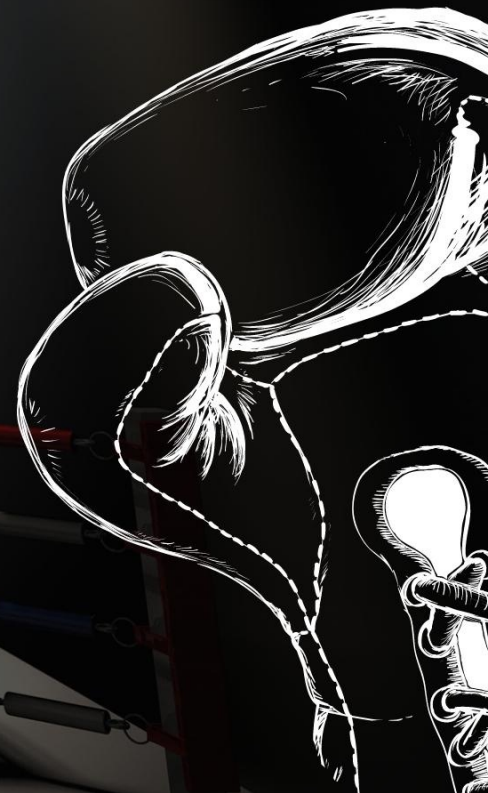
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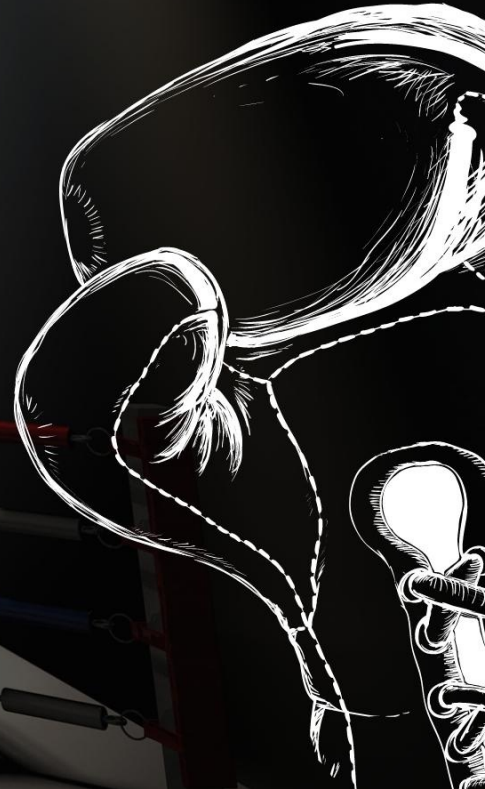
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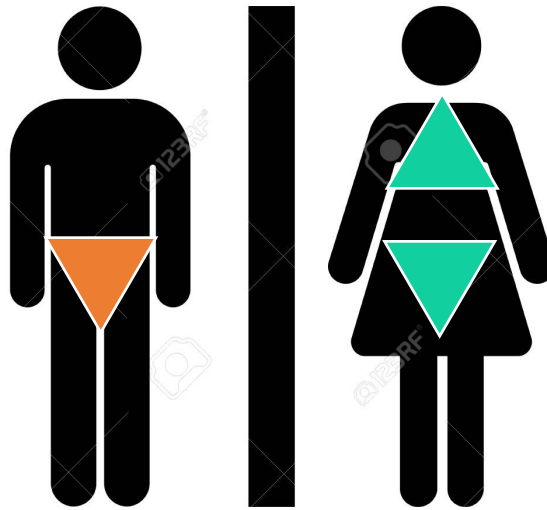
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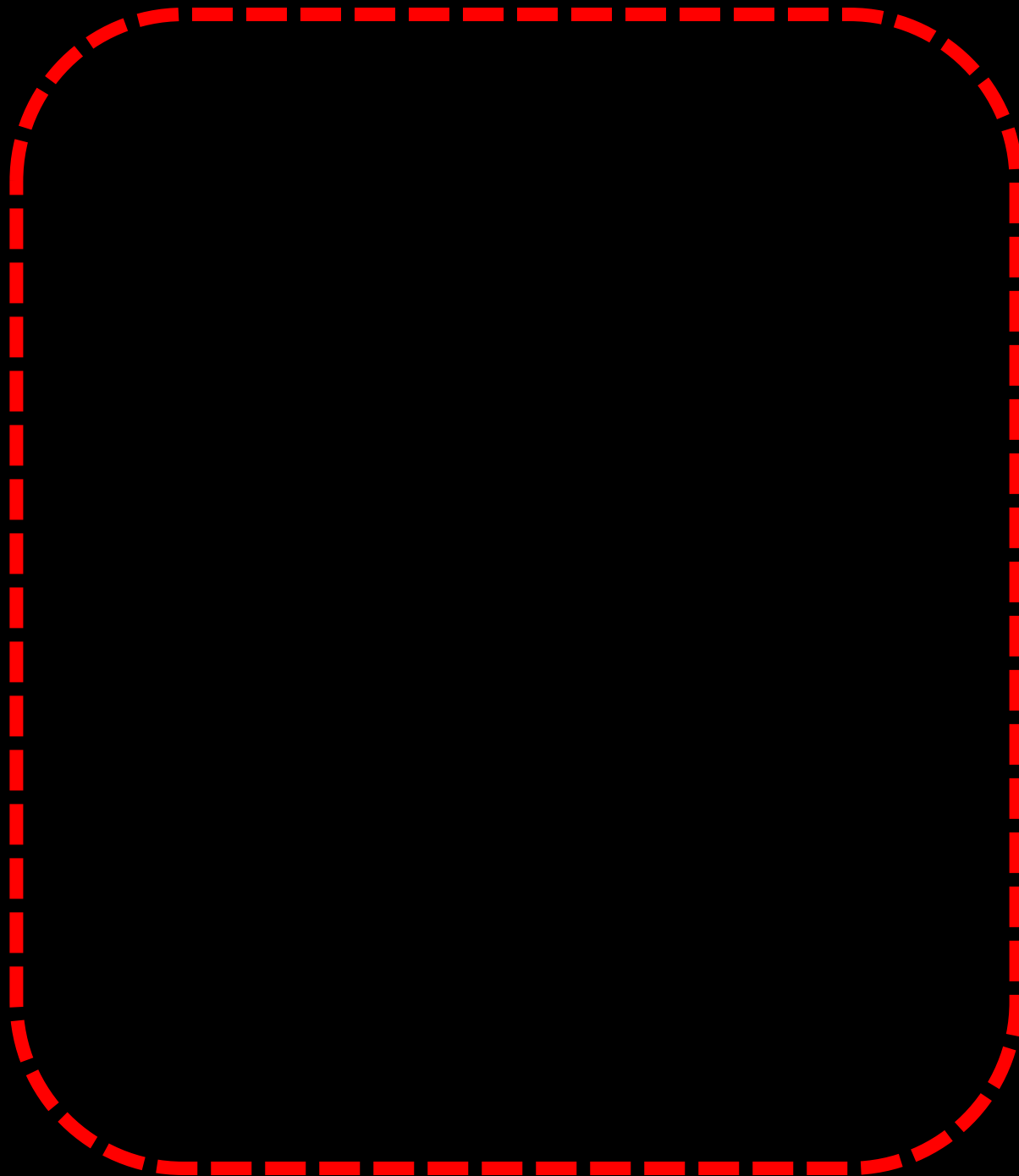
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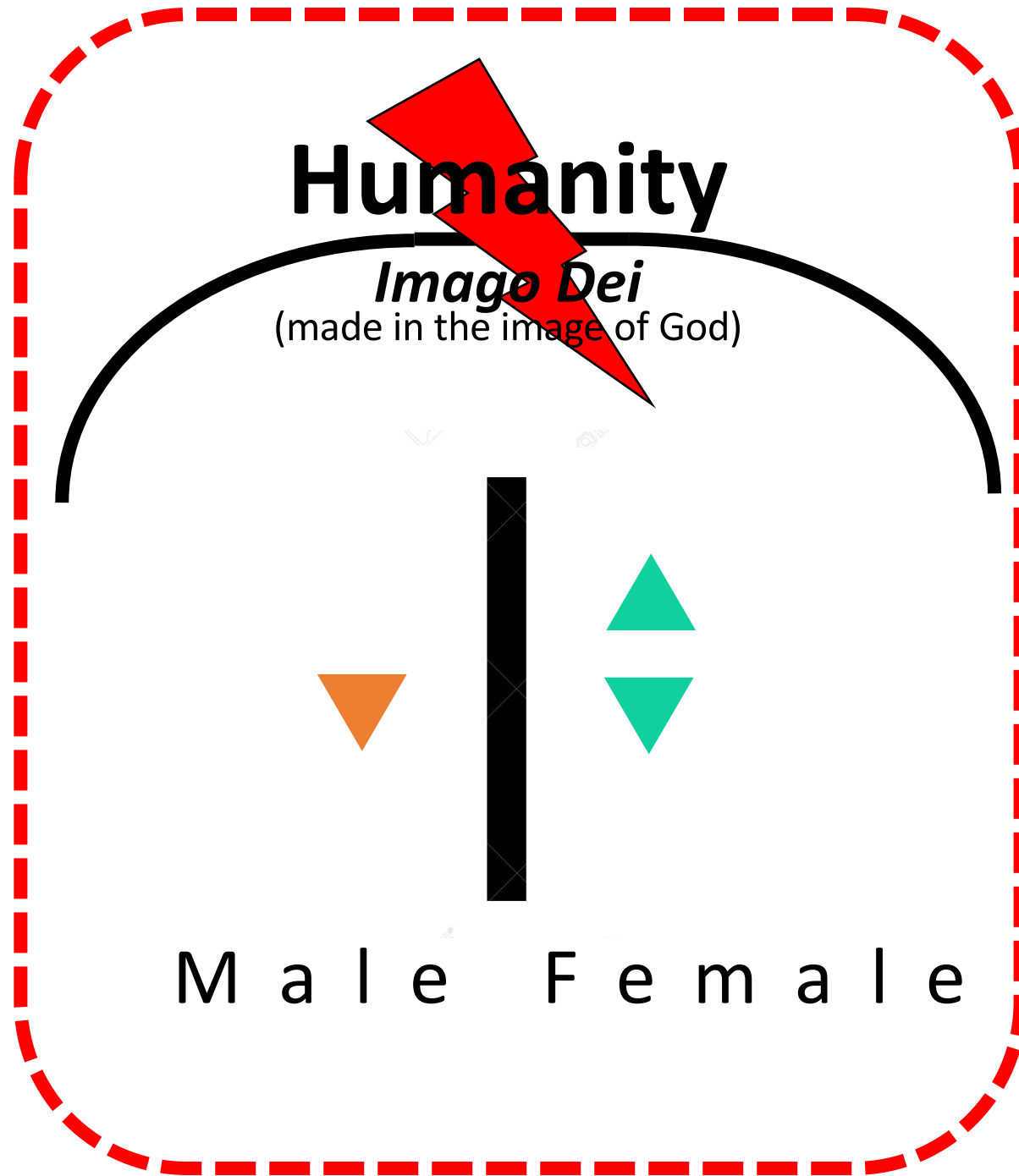
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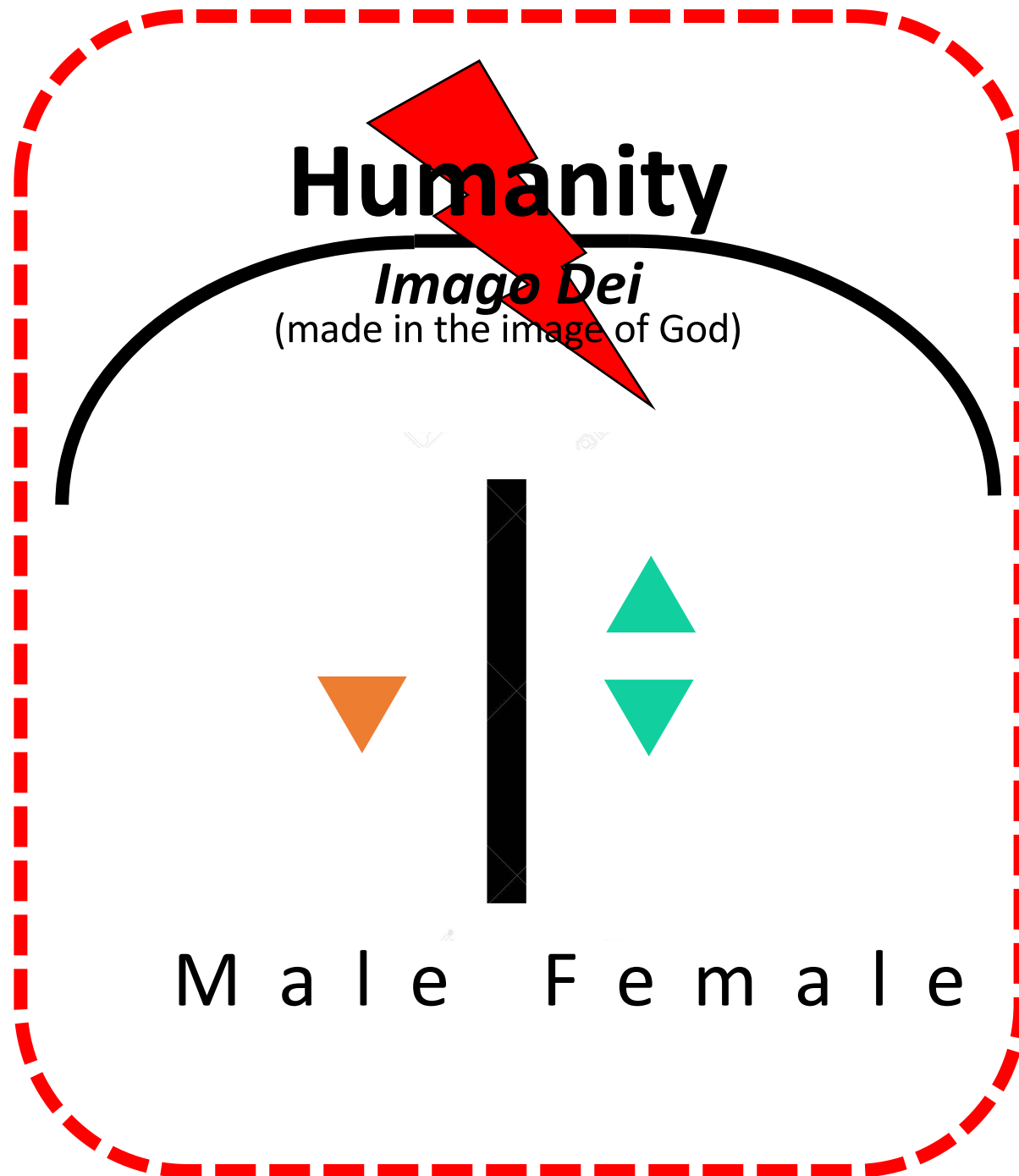
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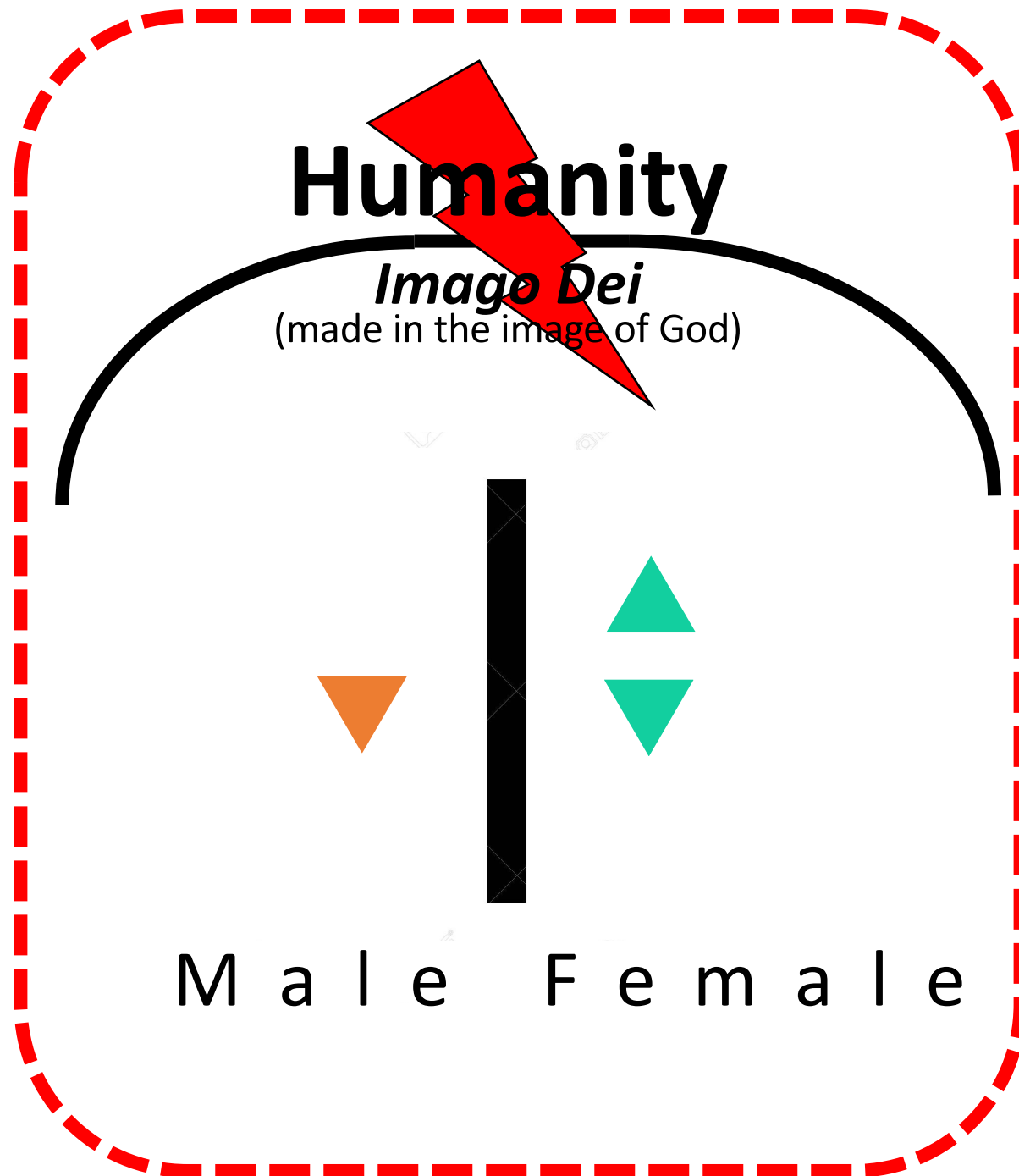
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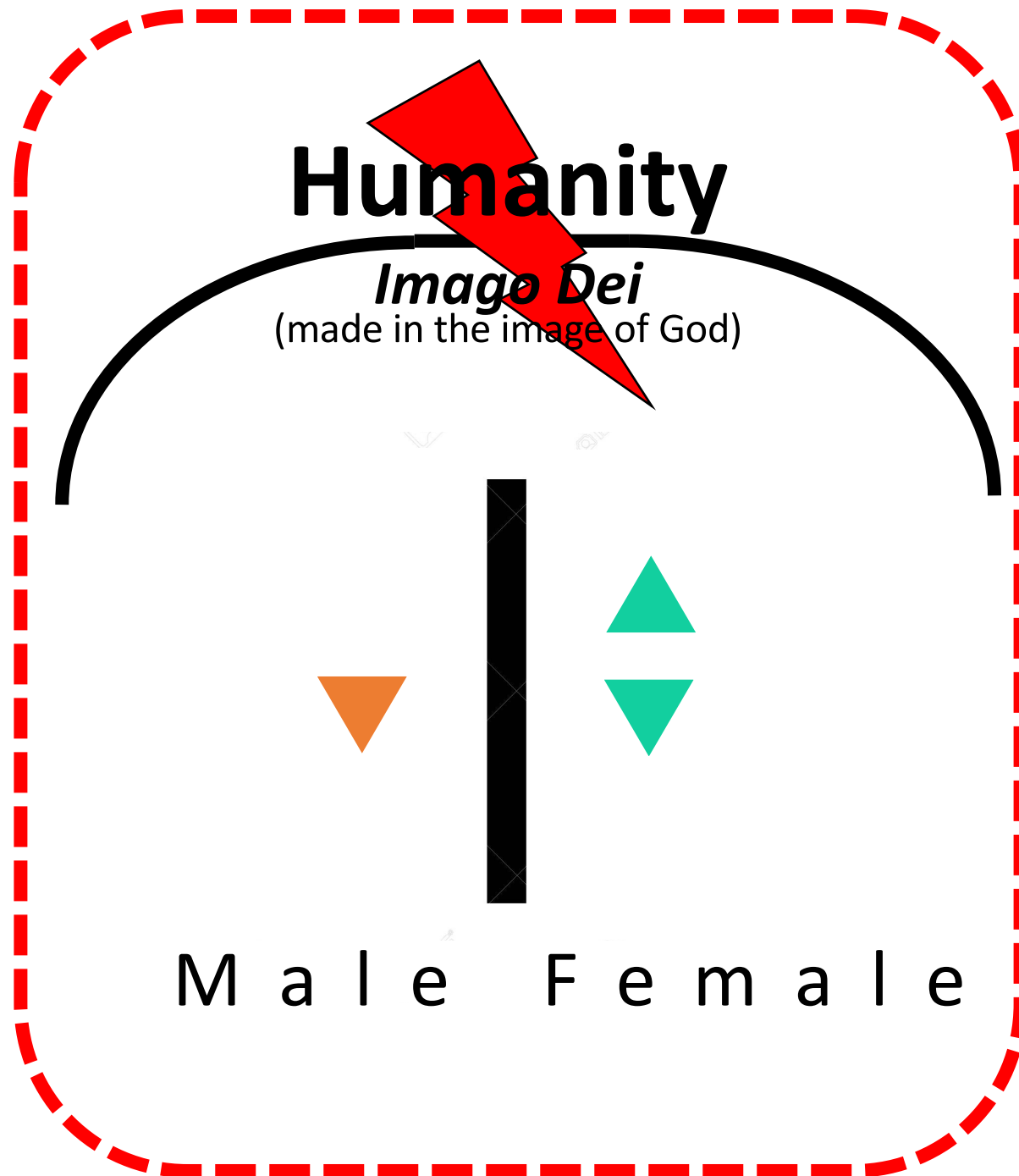
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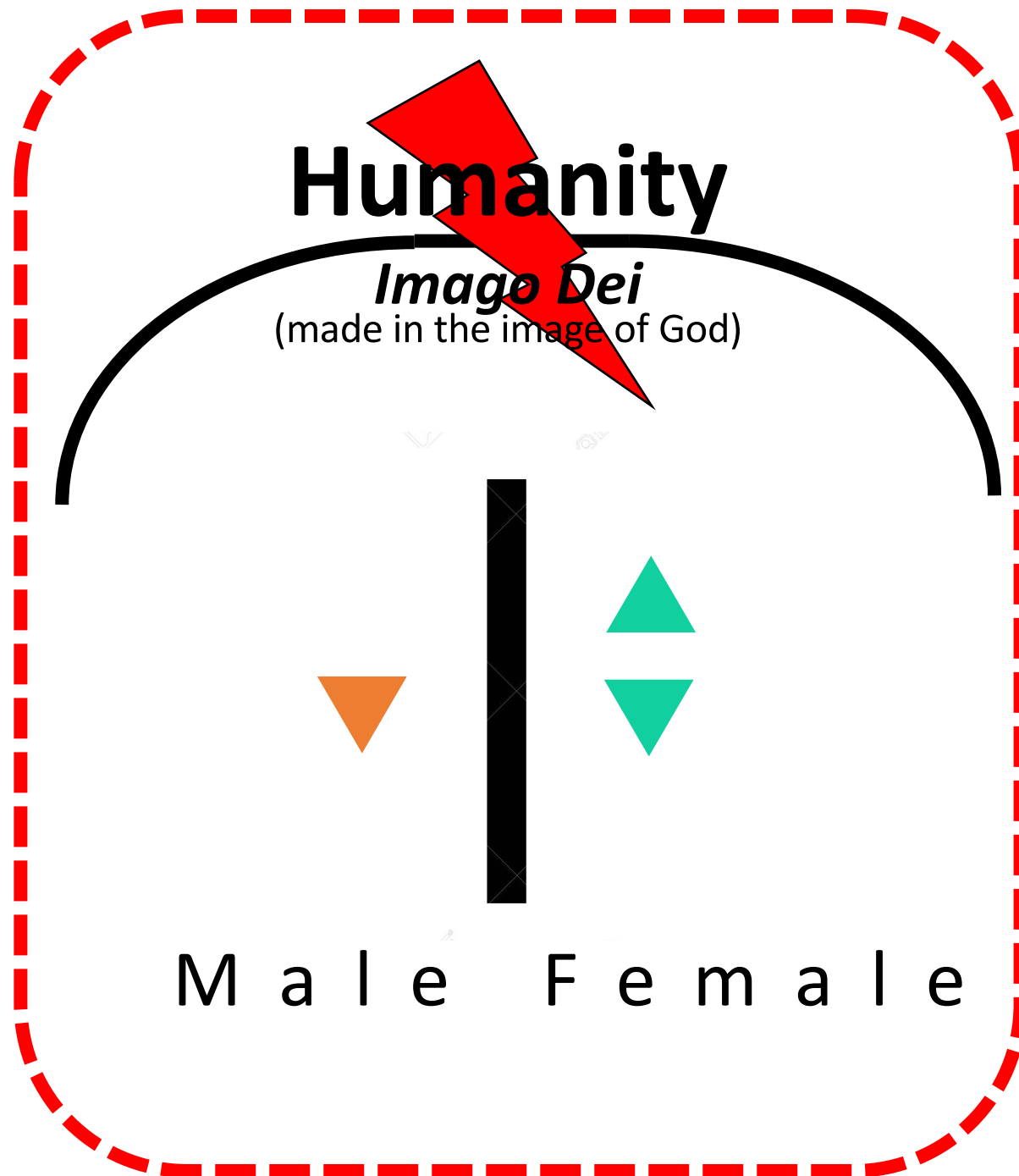
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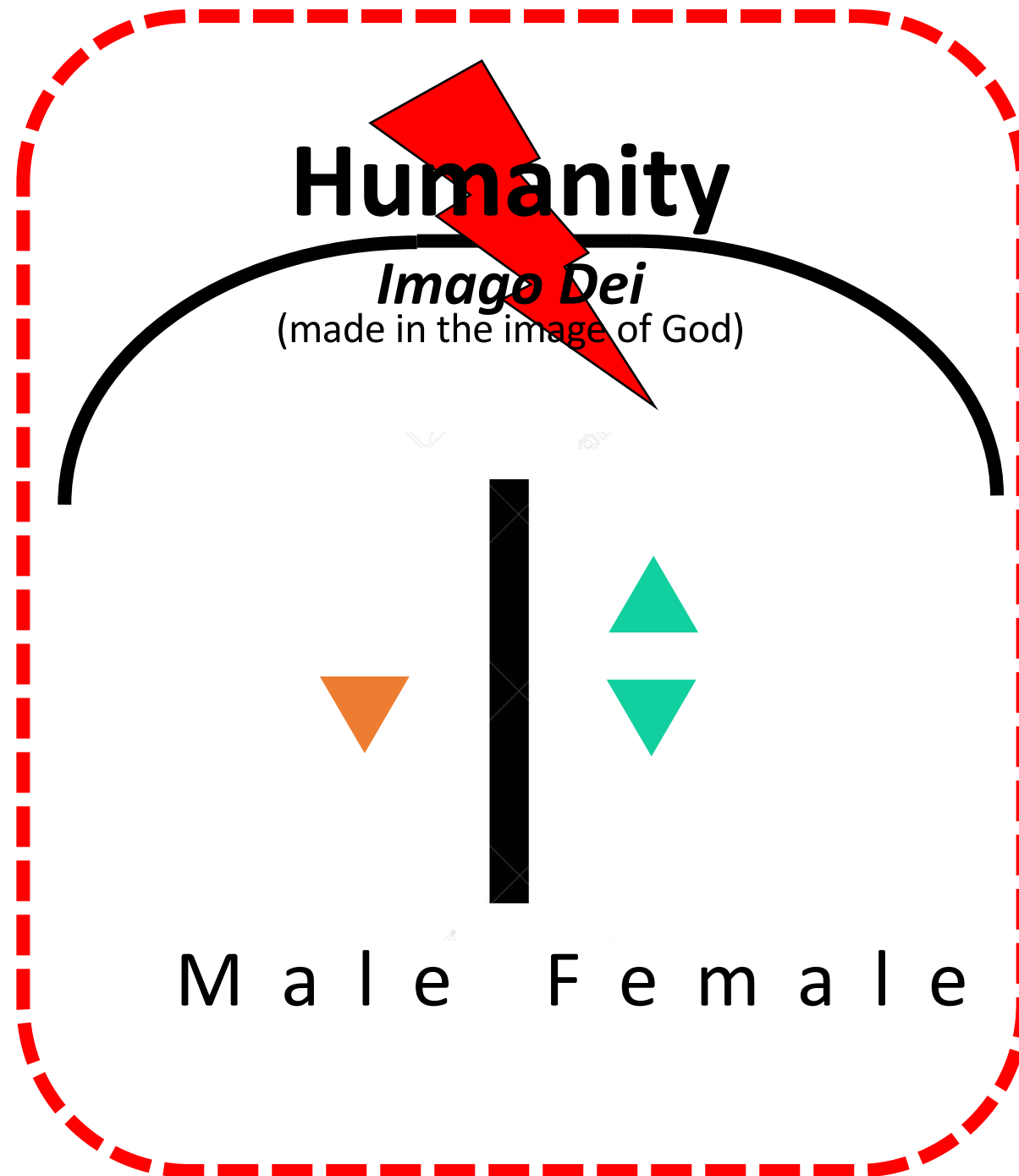
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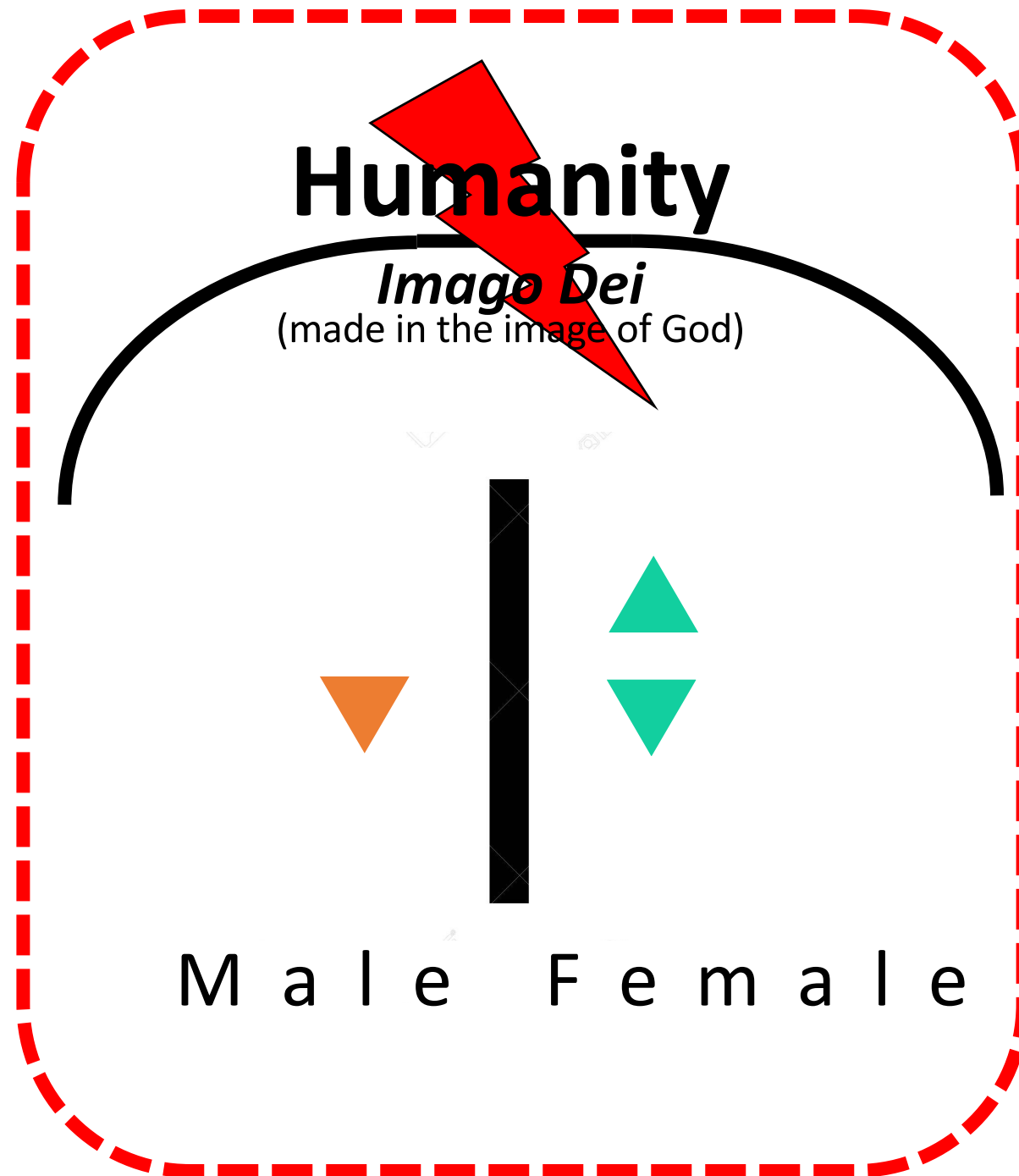
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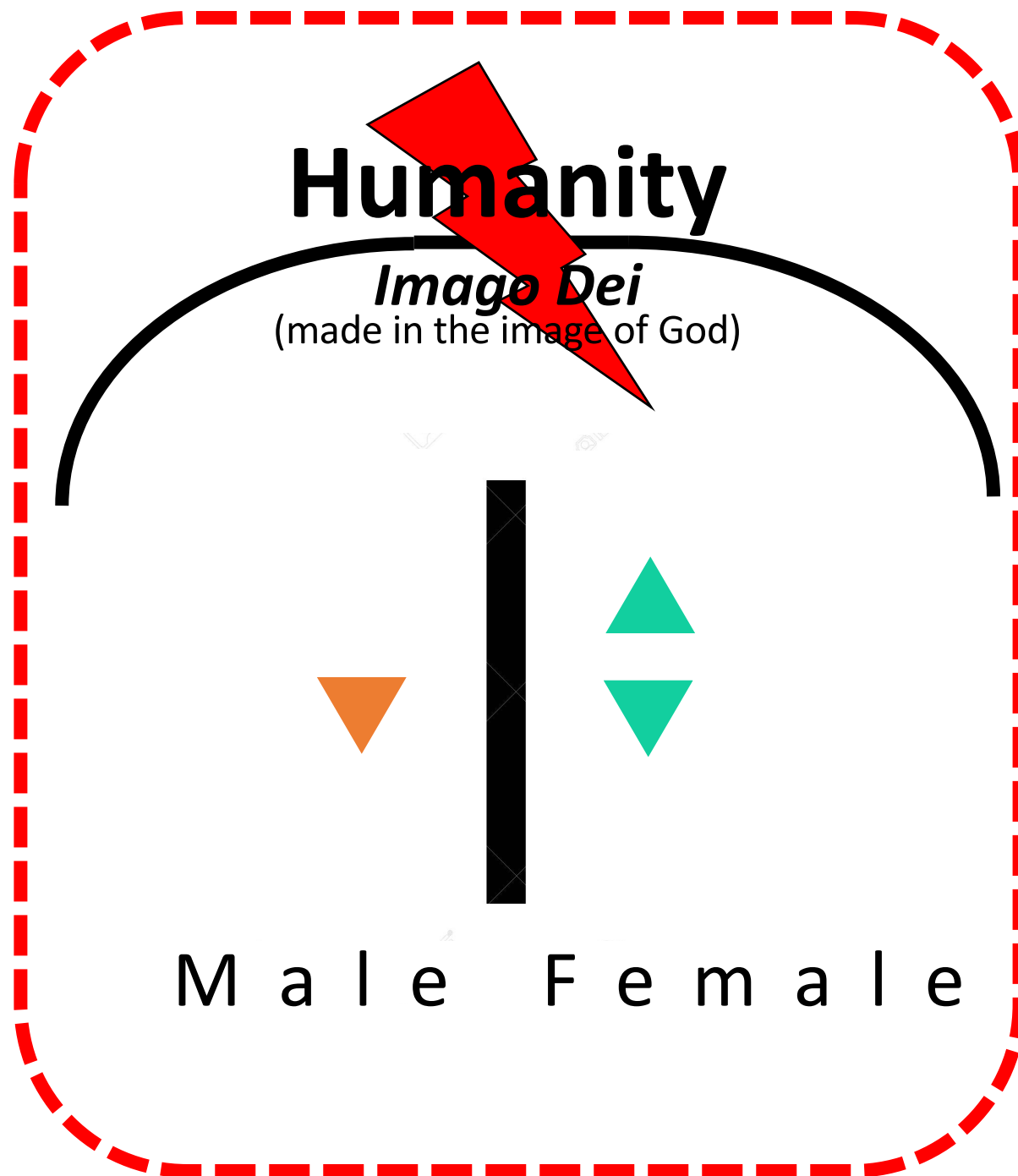
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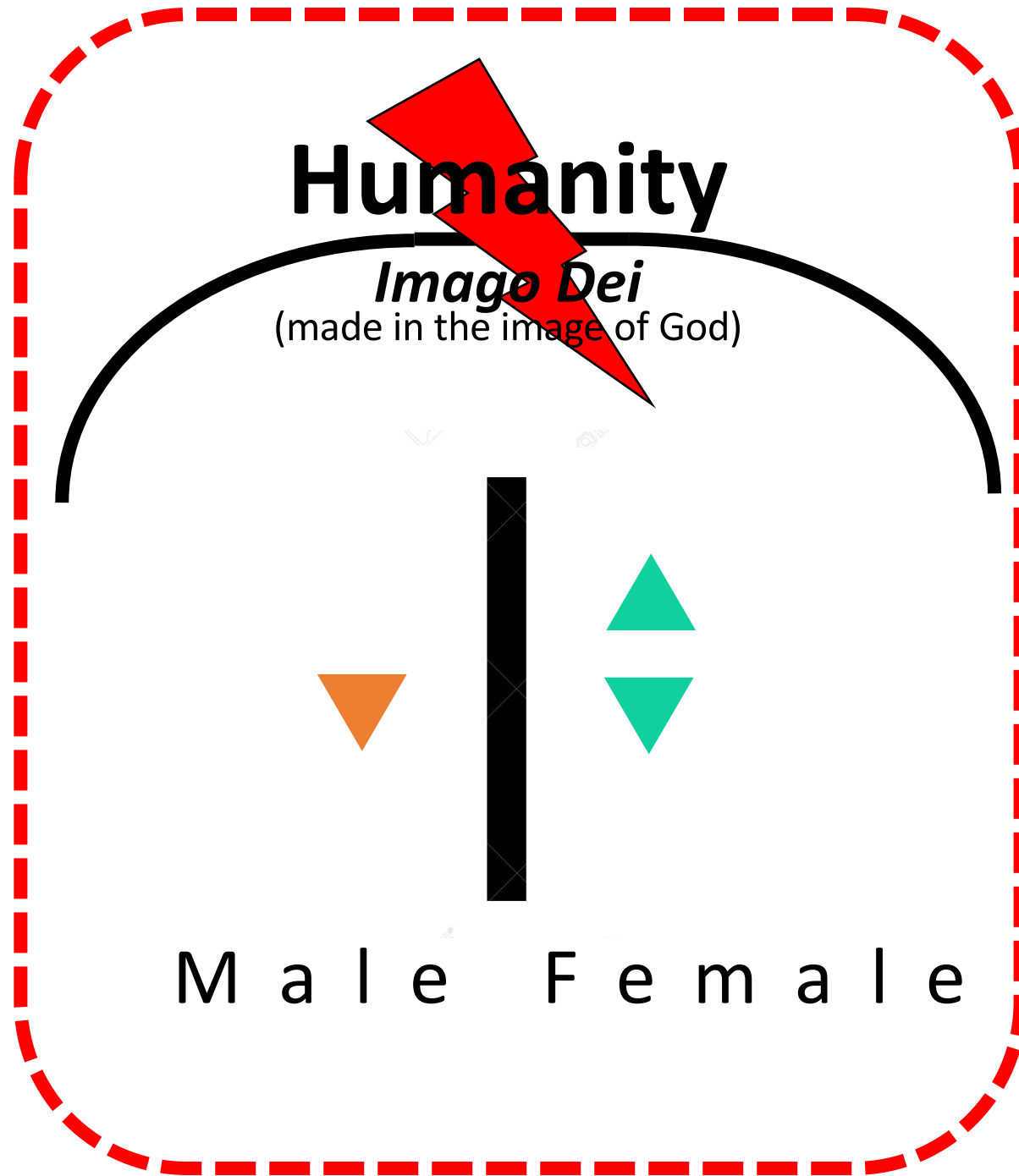
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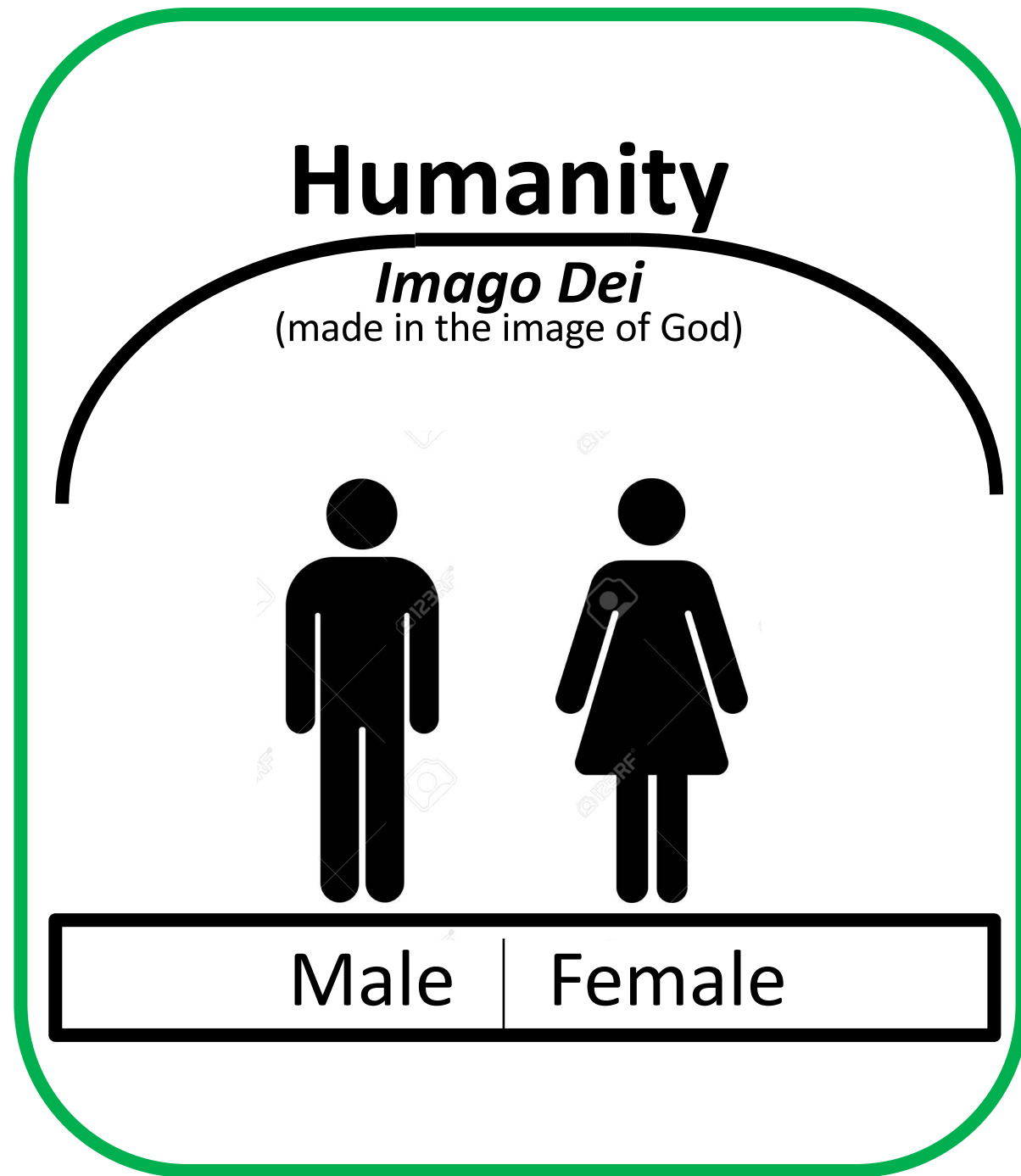
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1

Compassion
for turmoil that
people go
through as a
result of the
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2

Courageous rebuilding of God's design for our relationships, even in our search for meaning and its impact on our sexual intimacy and identity.