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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.



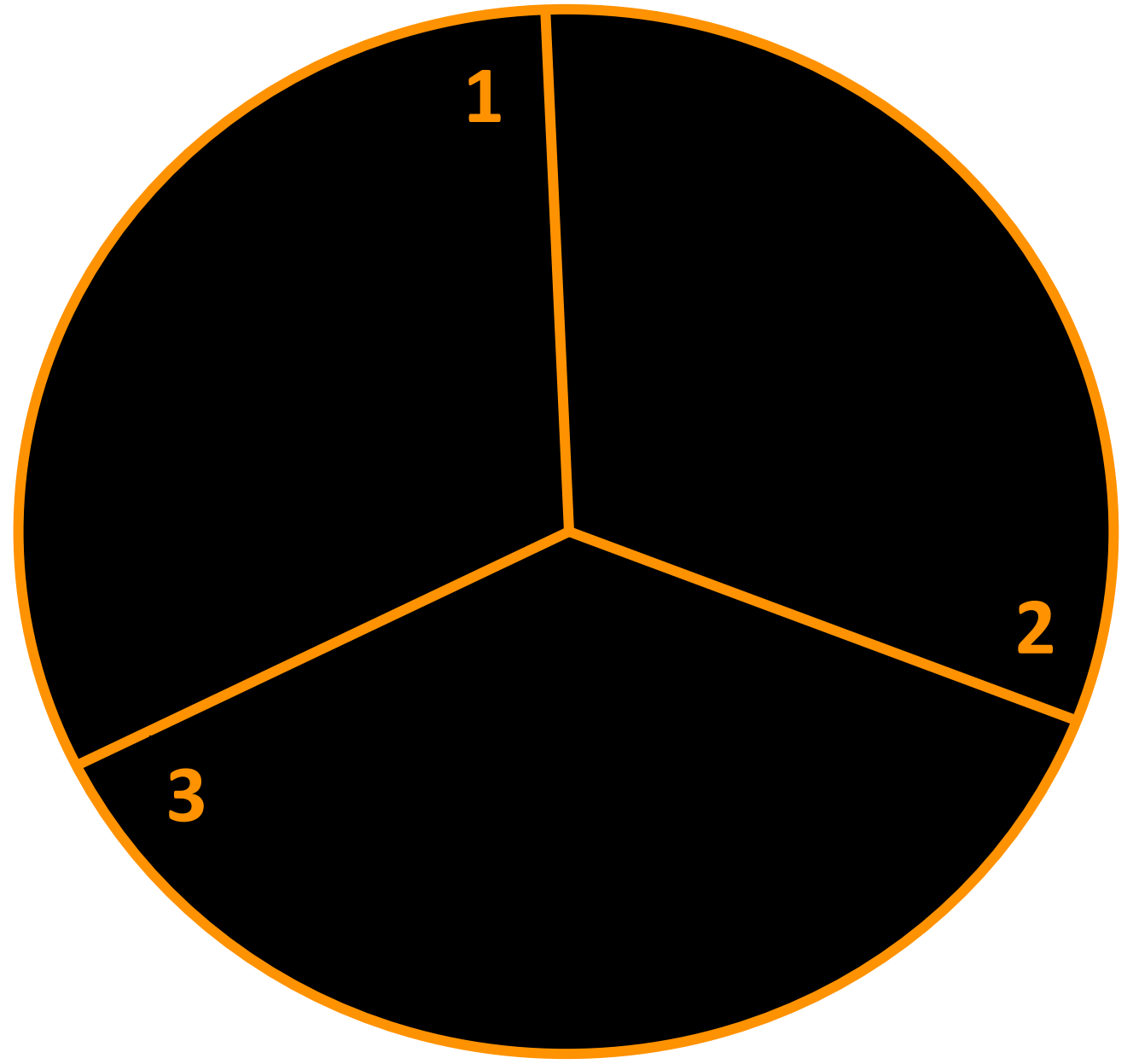
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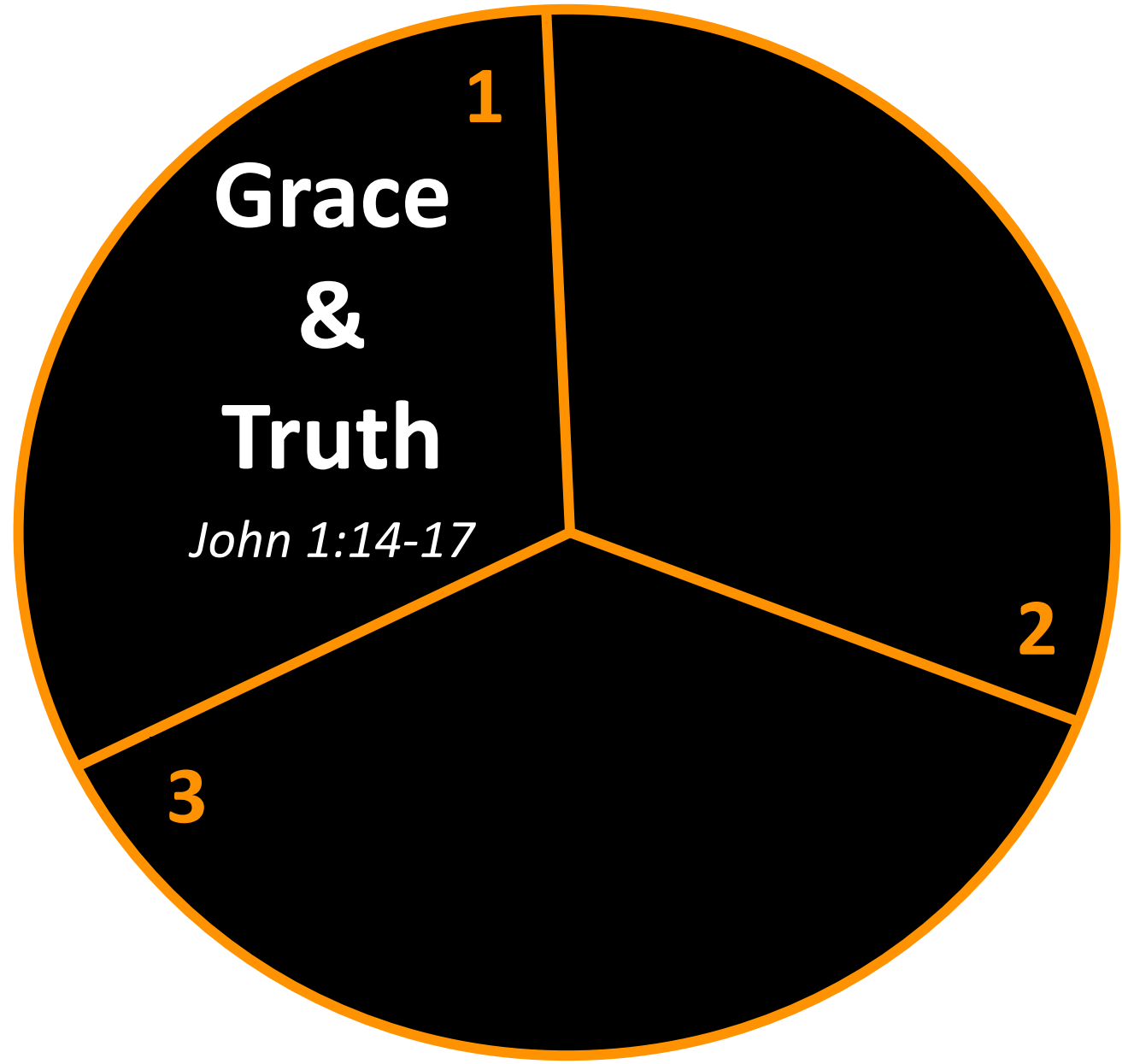
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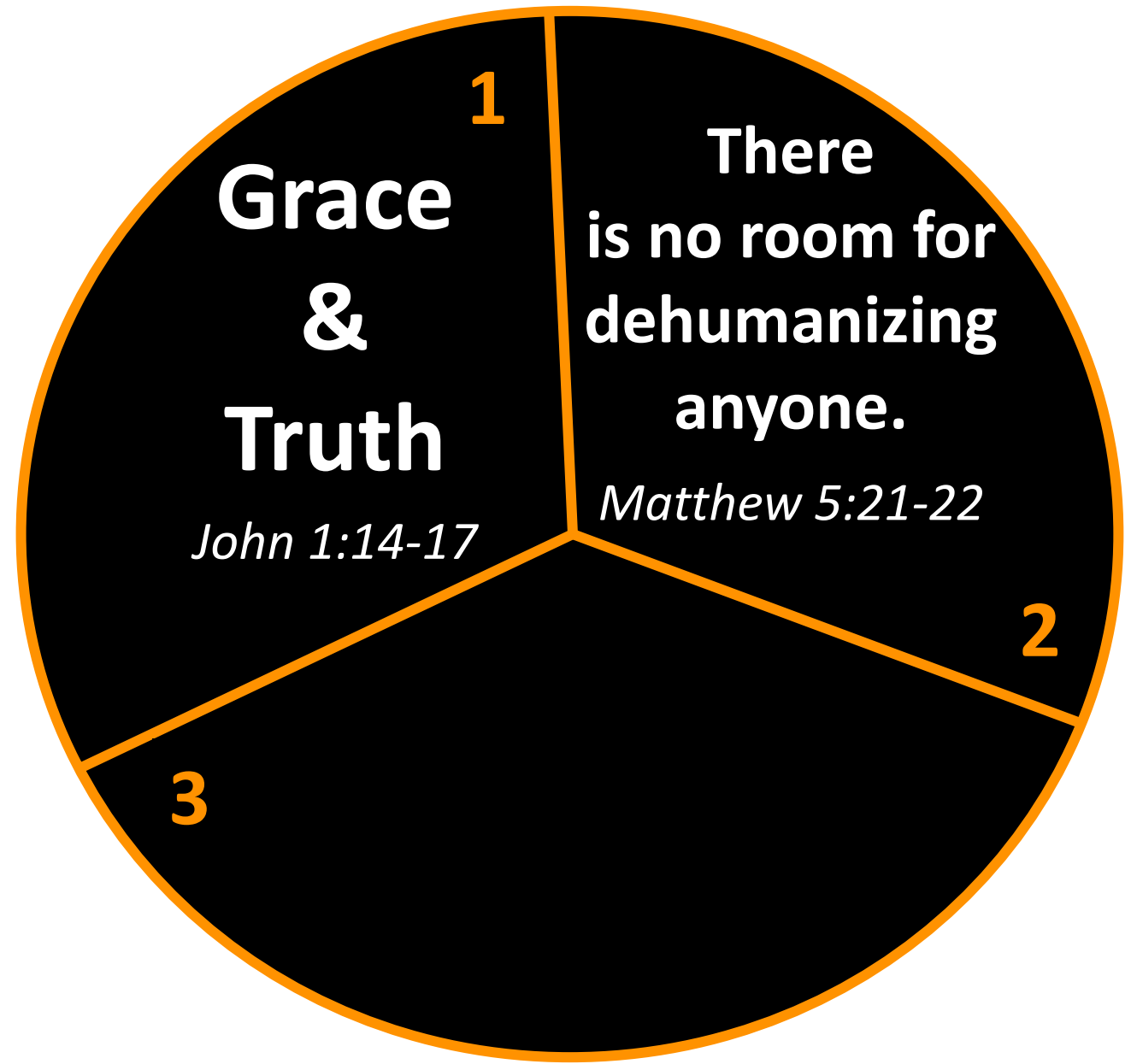
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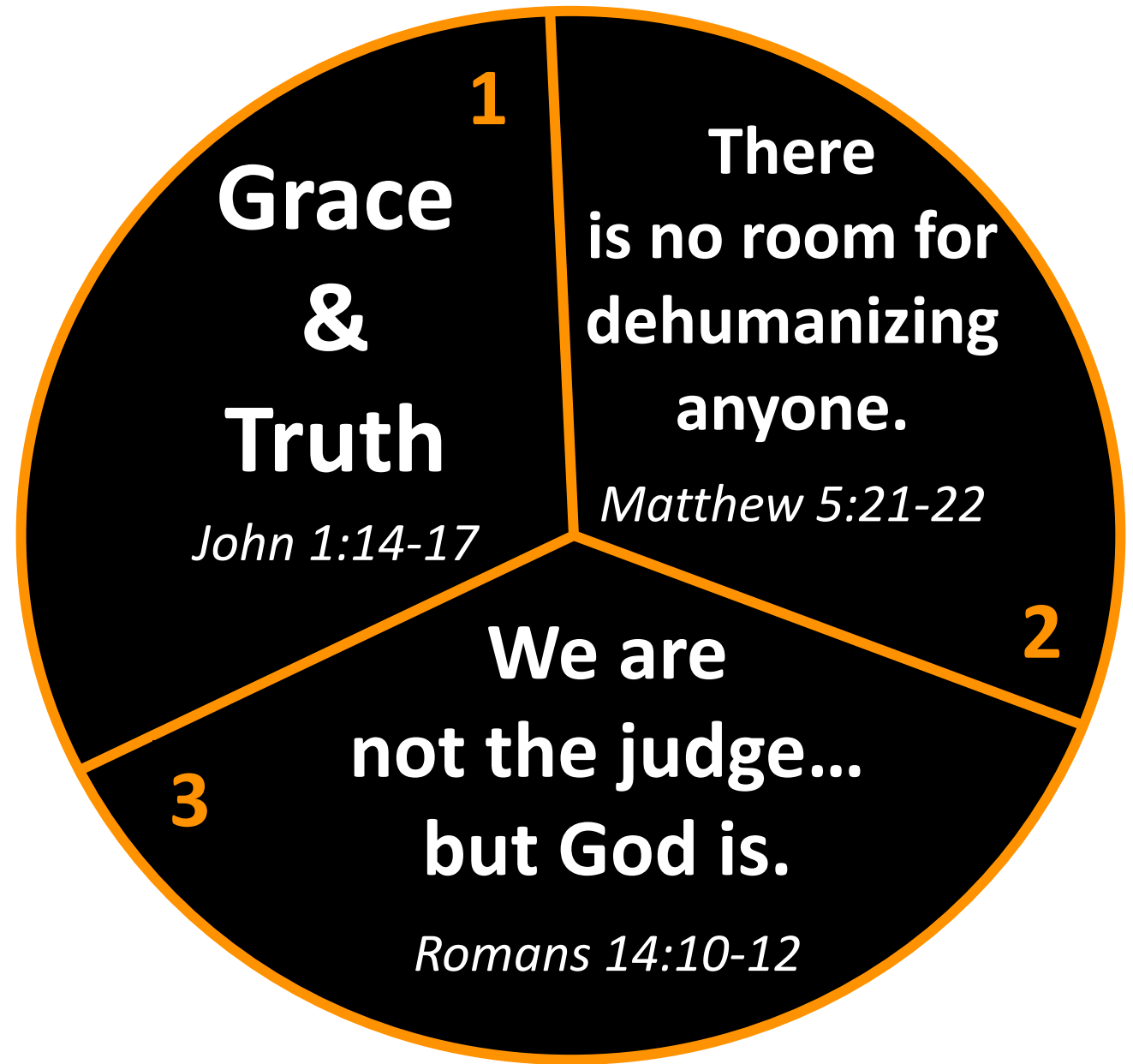
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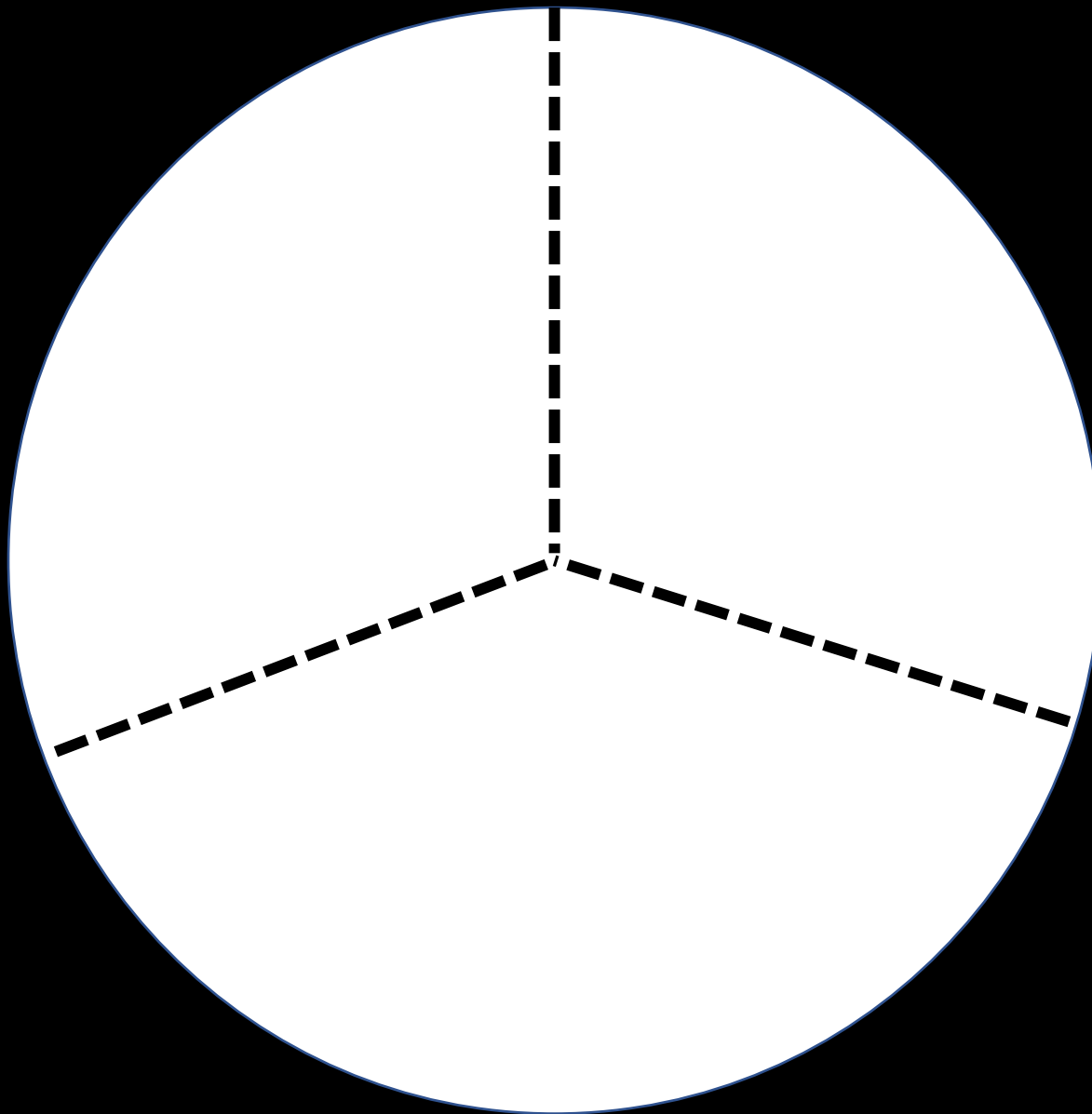


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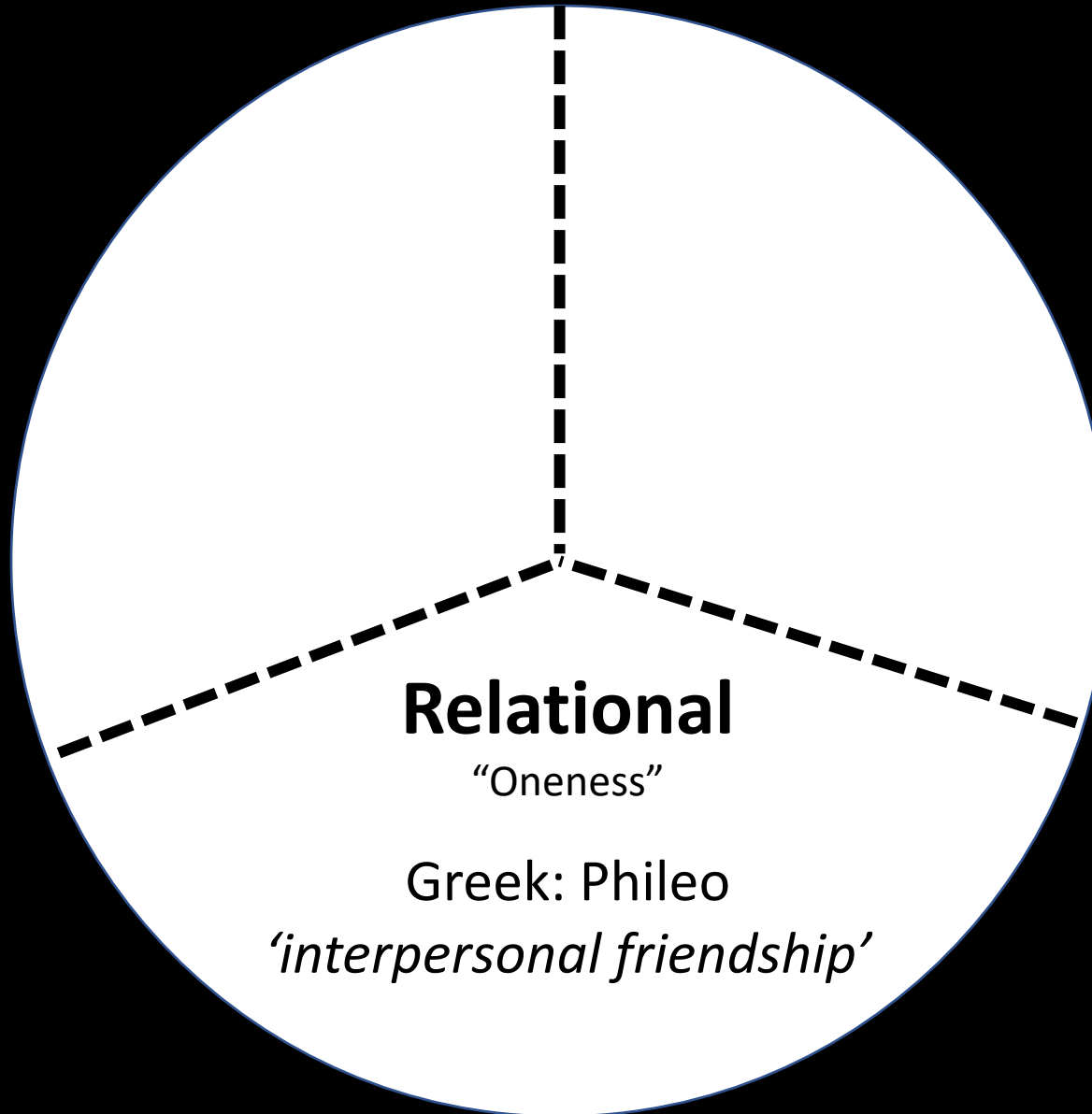
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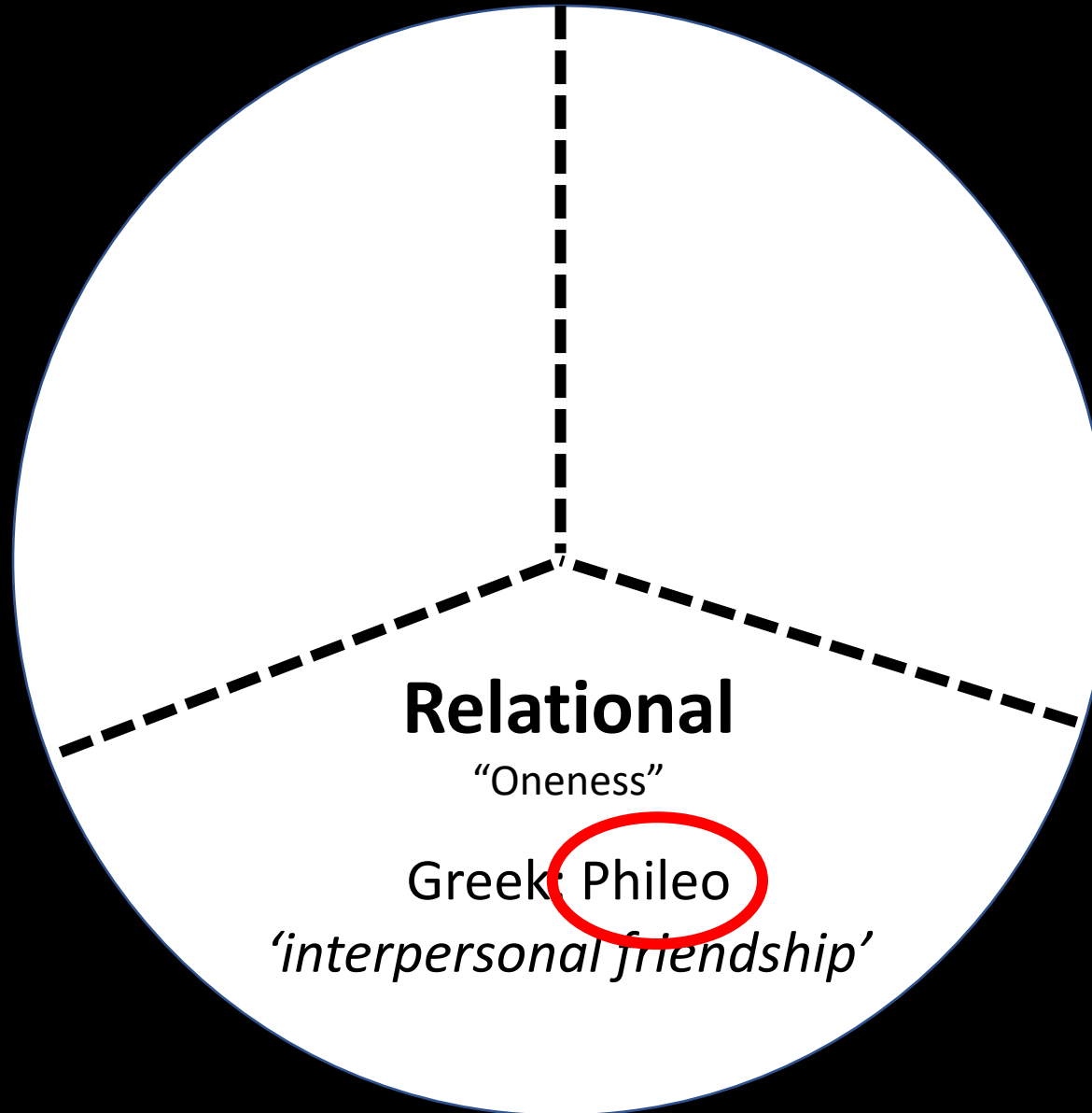
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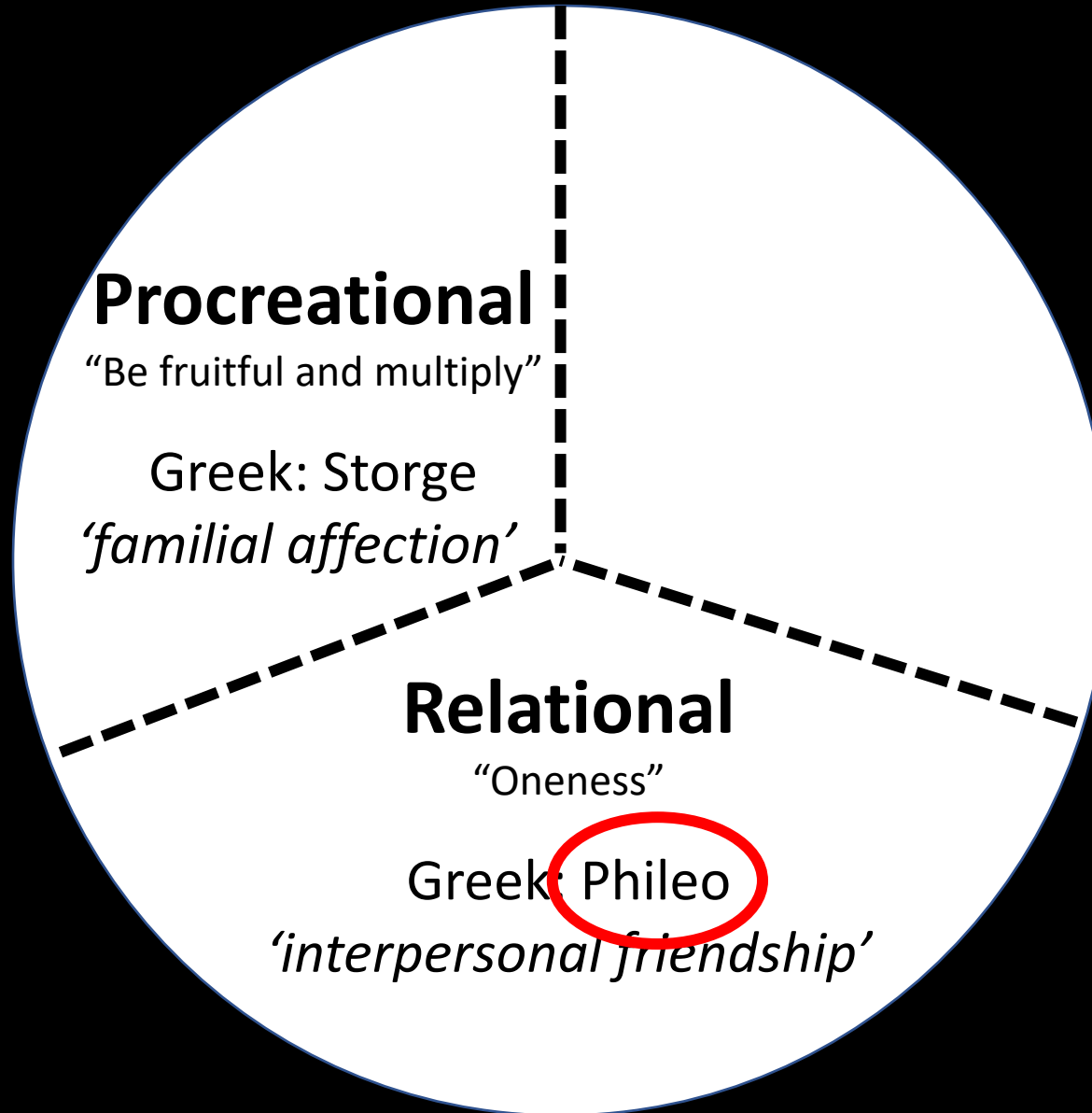
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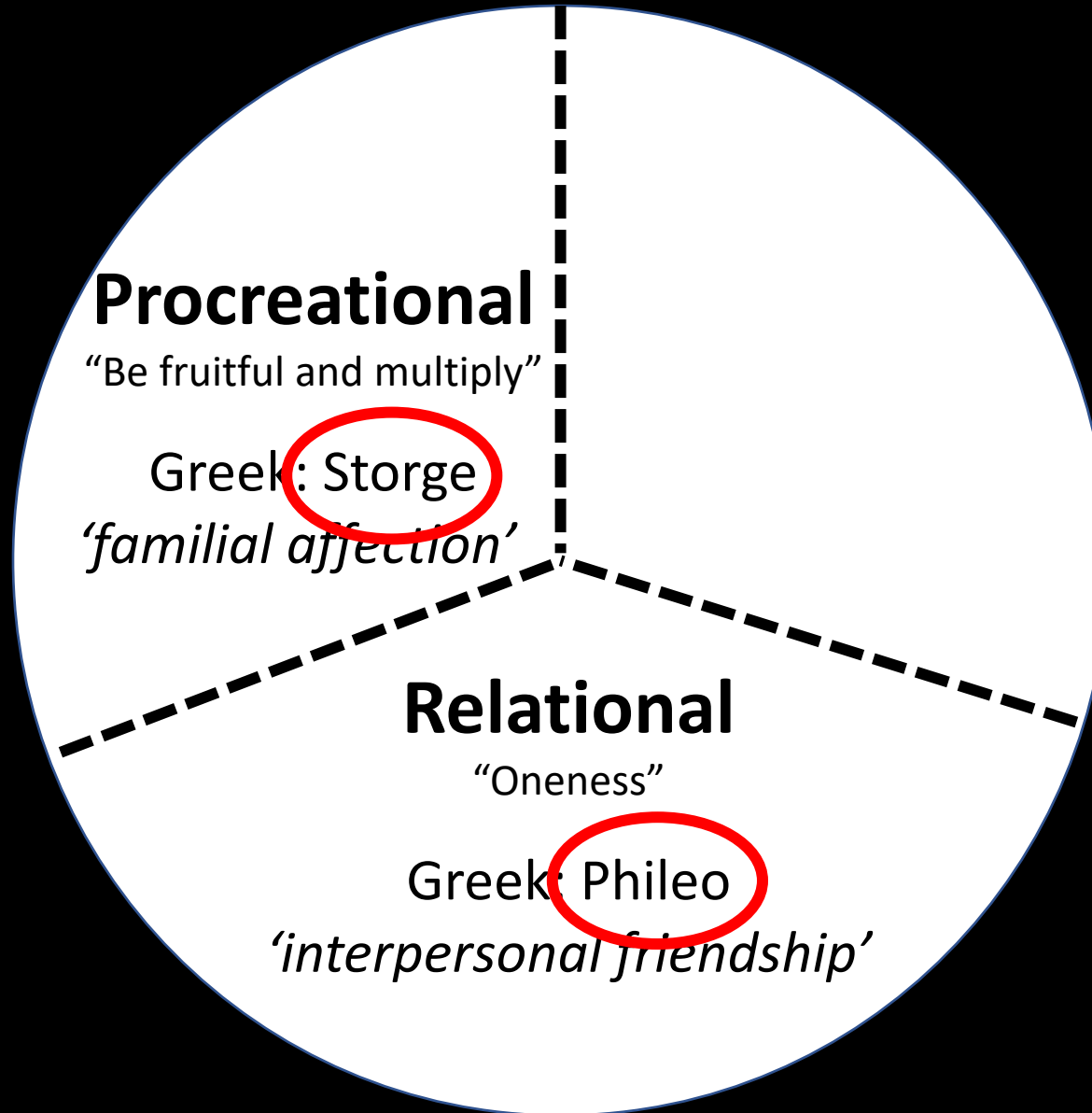
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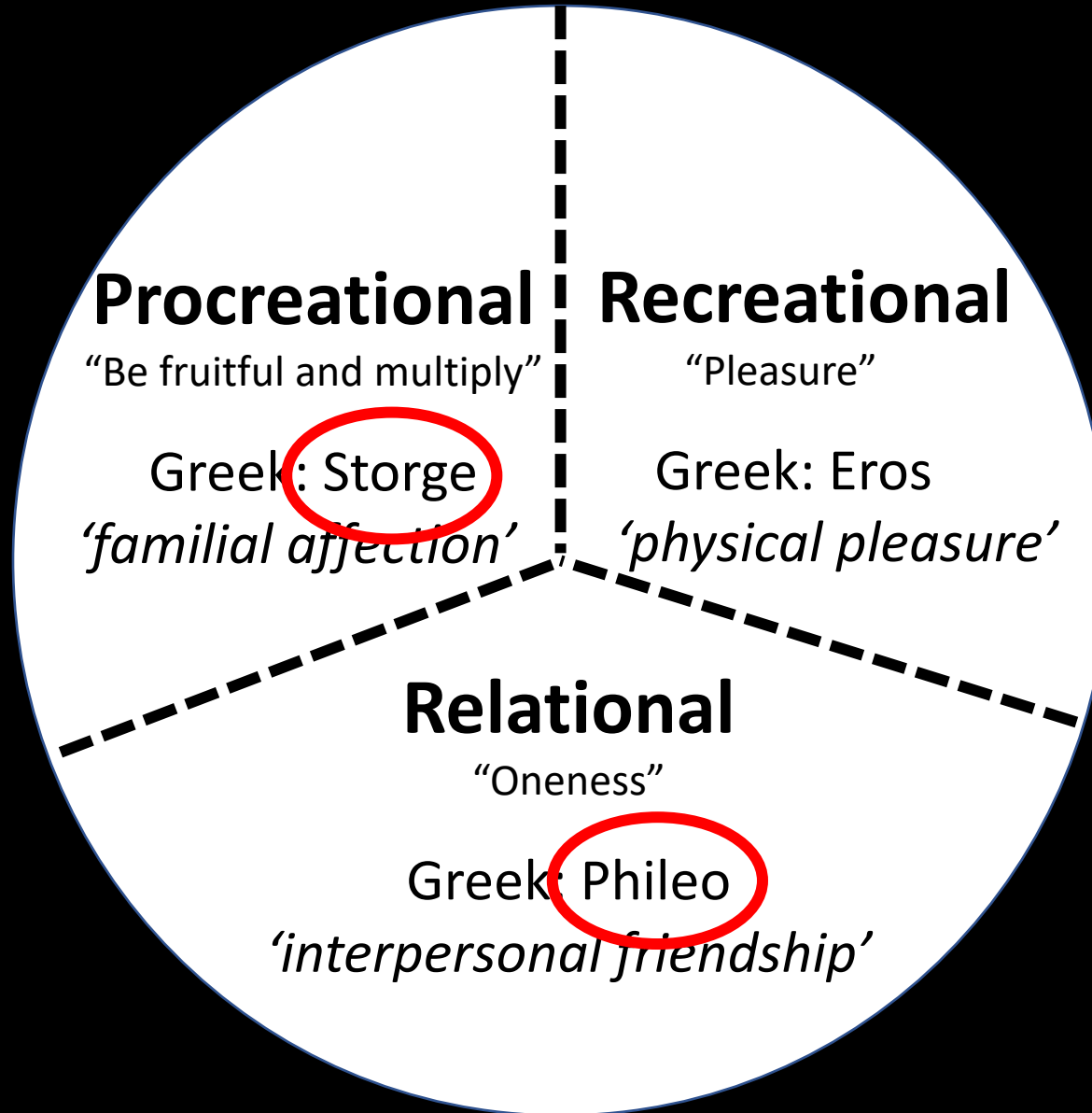
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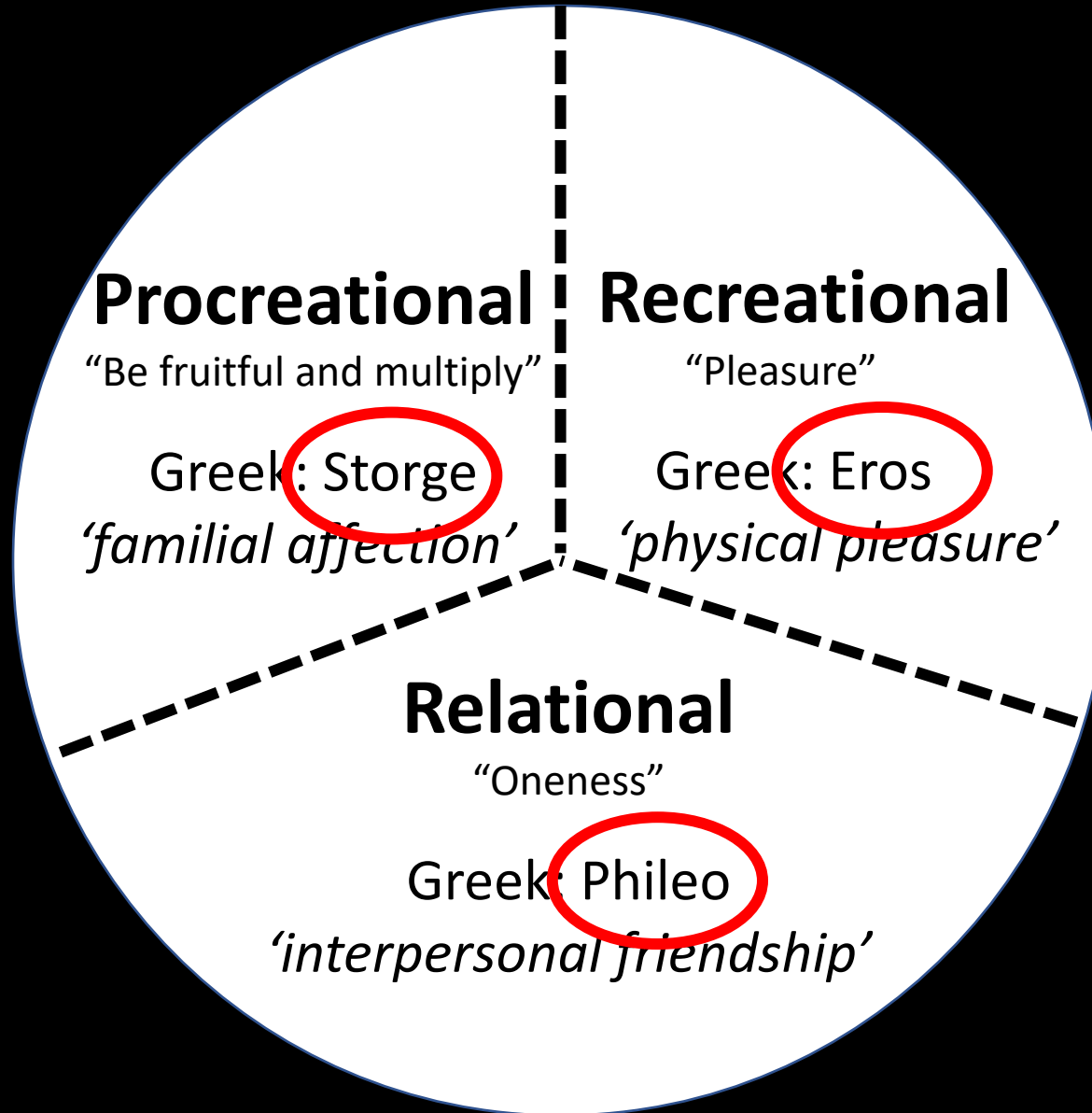
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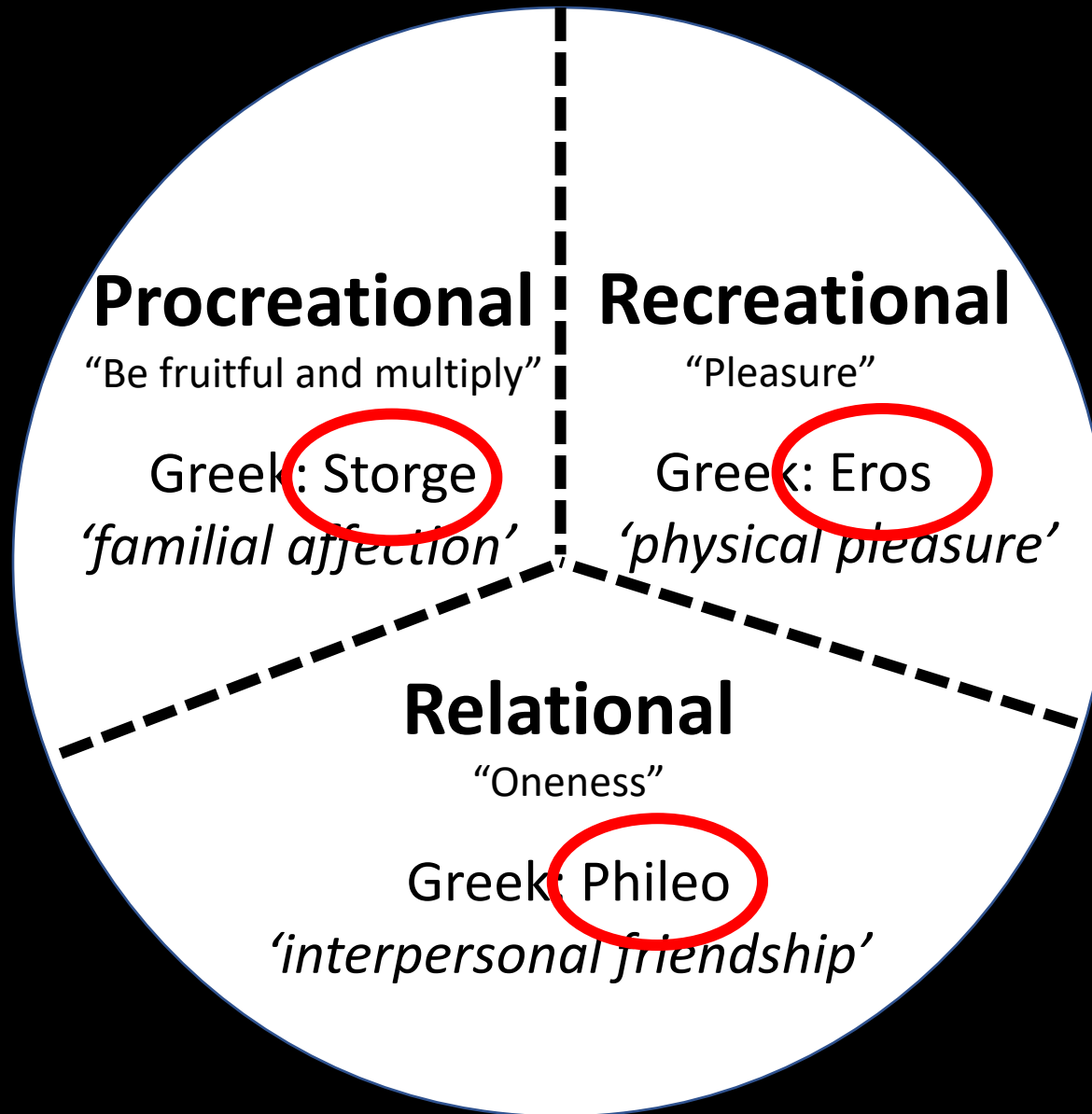


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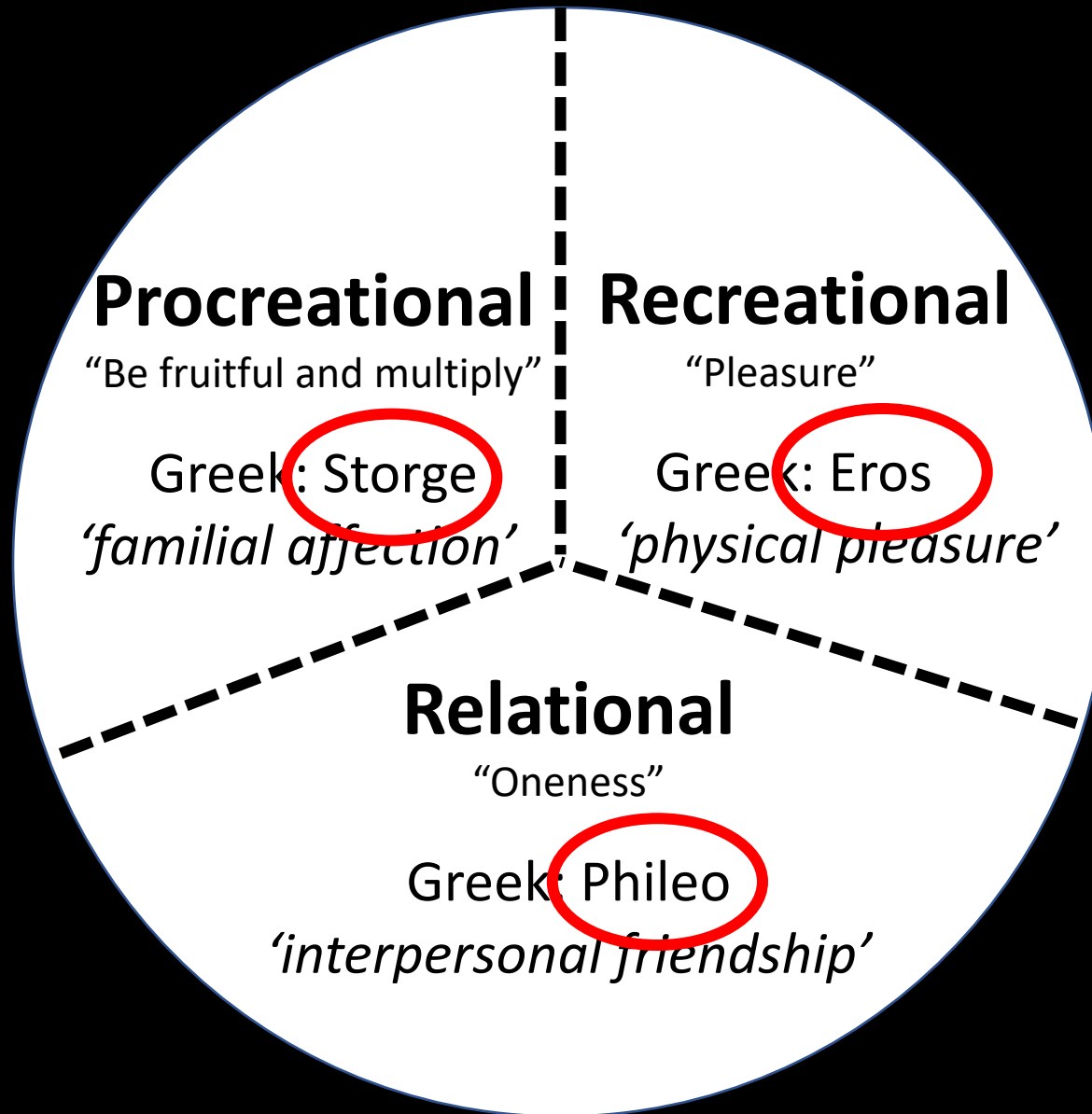


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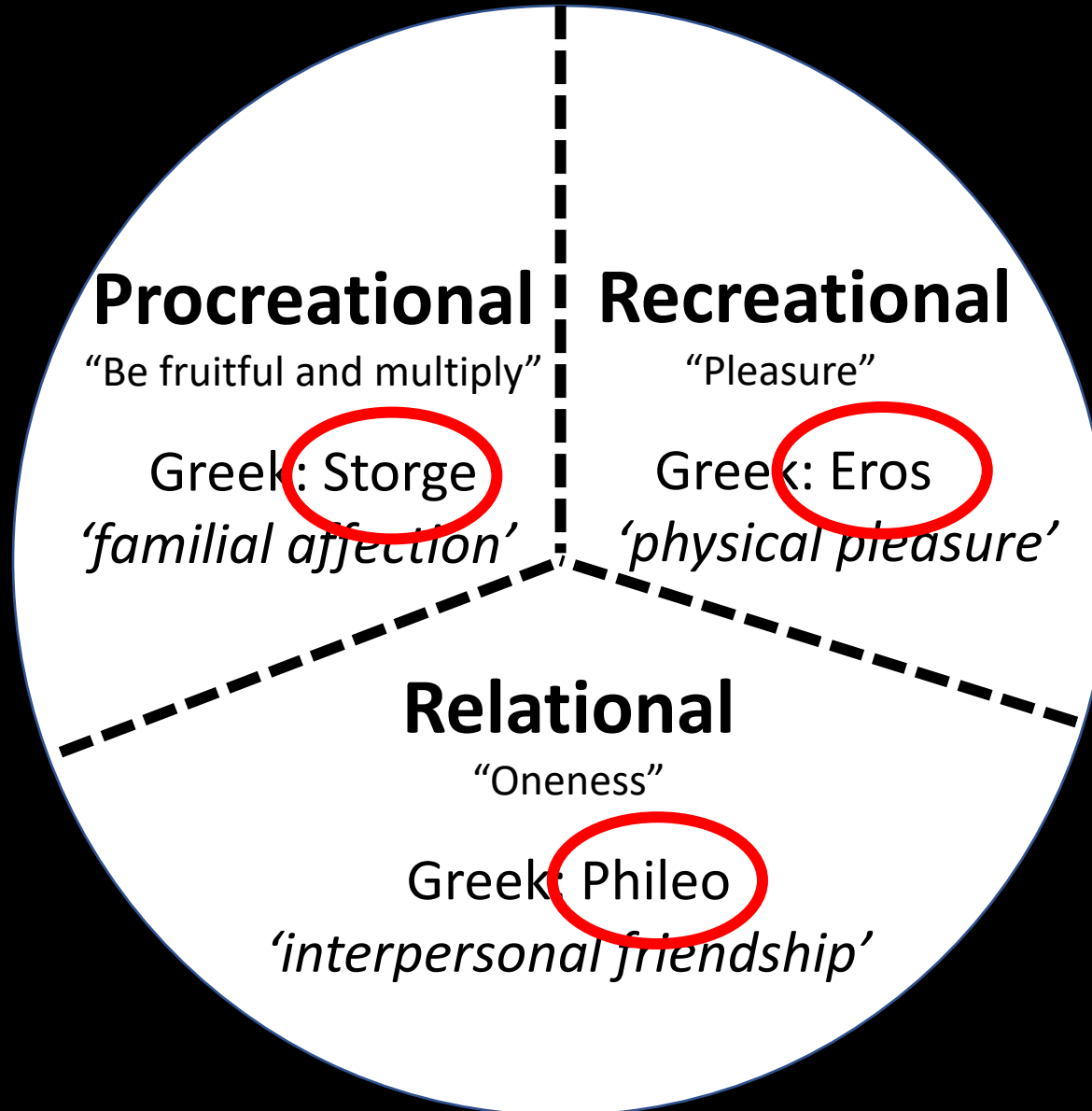
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Procreational

"Be fruitful and multiply"

Greek: Storge

'familial affection'

Recreational

"Pleasure"

Greek: Eros

'physical pleasure'

Relational

"Oneness"

Greek: Phileo

'interpersonal friendship'

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The Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up the place with flesh. And the rib of the man God made into a woman and brought her to the man.

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."

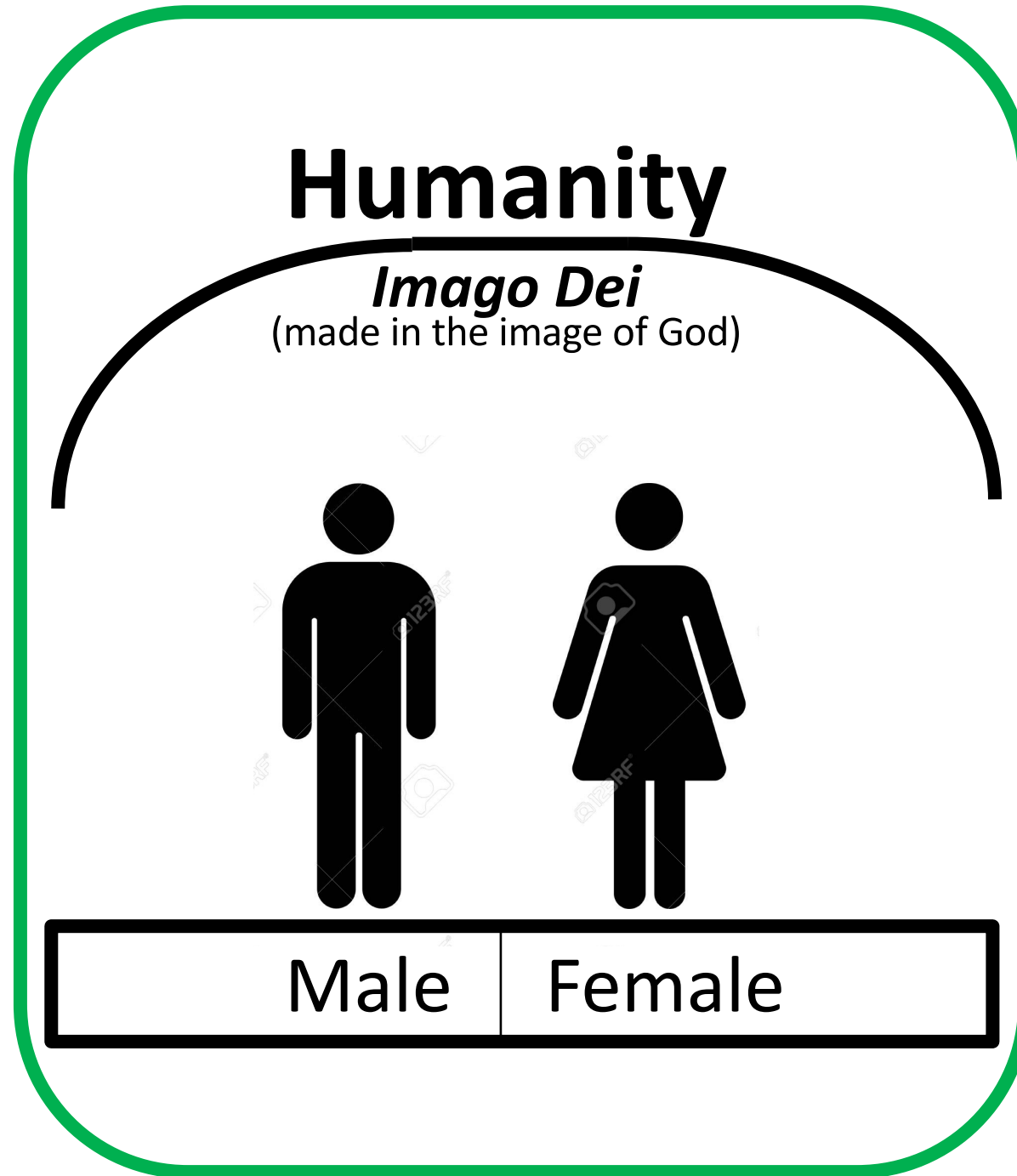
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Romans 12:2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is **good** and **acceptable** and **perfect.**

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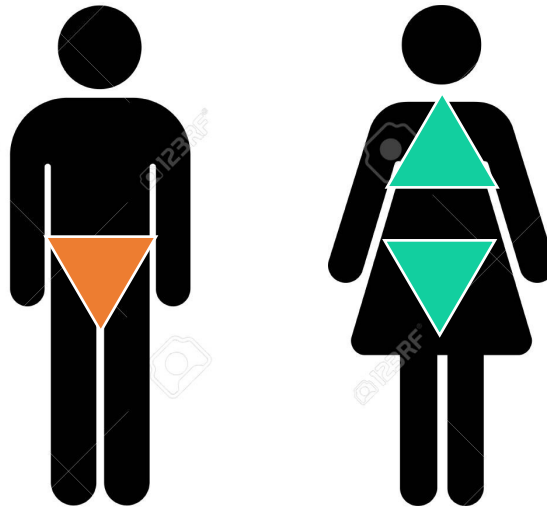
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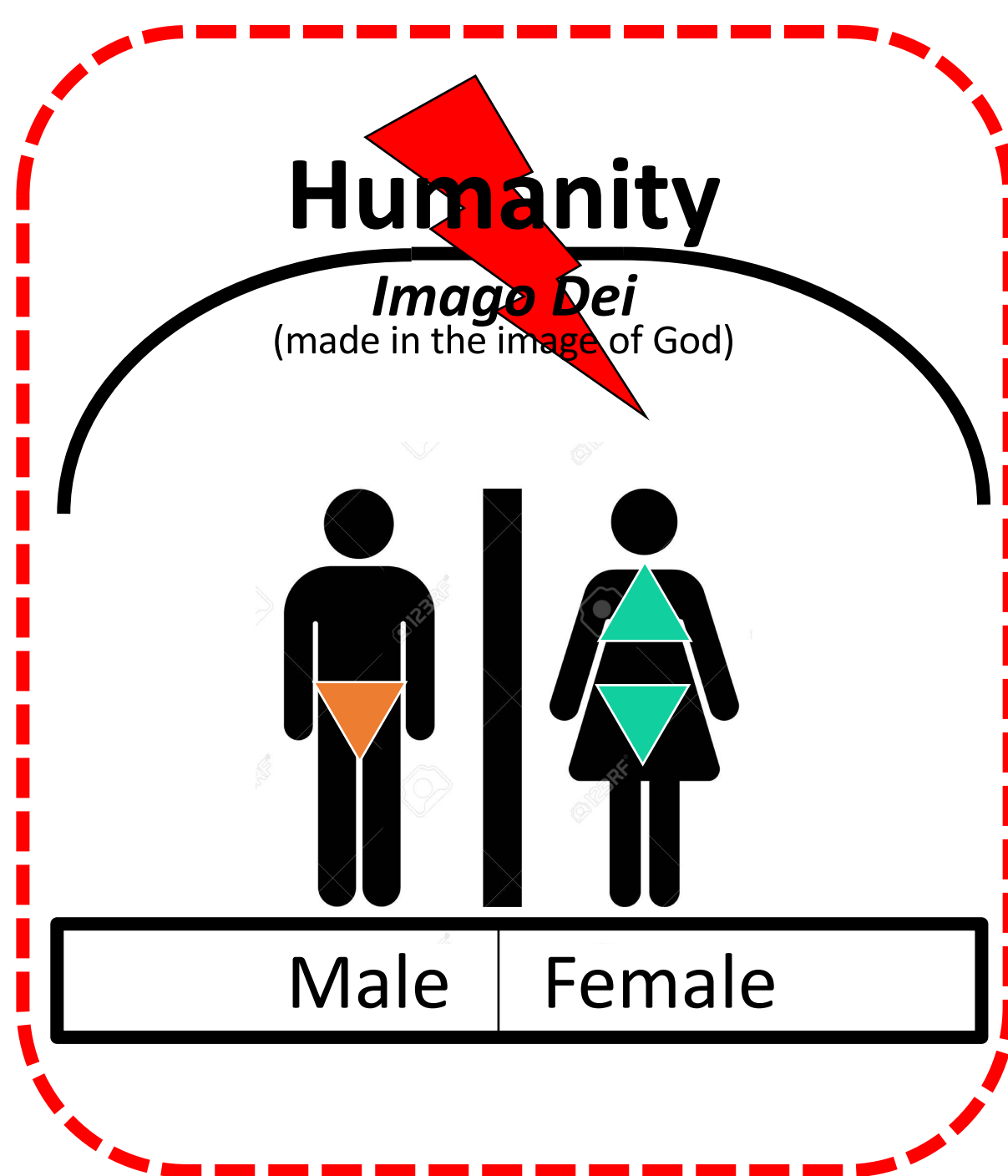
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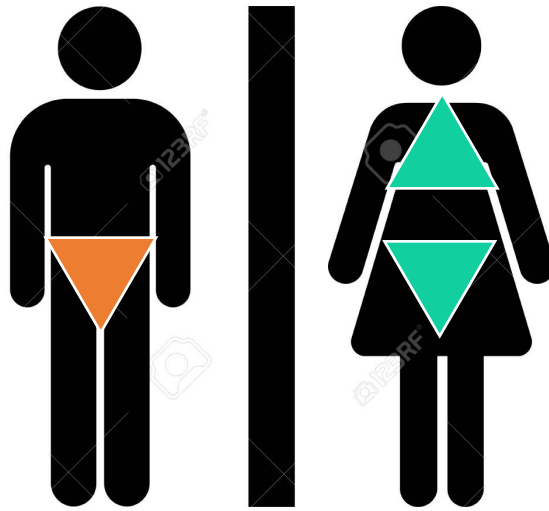
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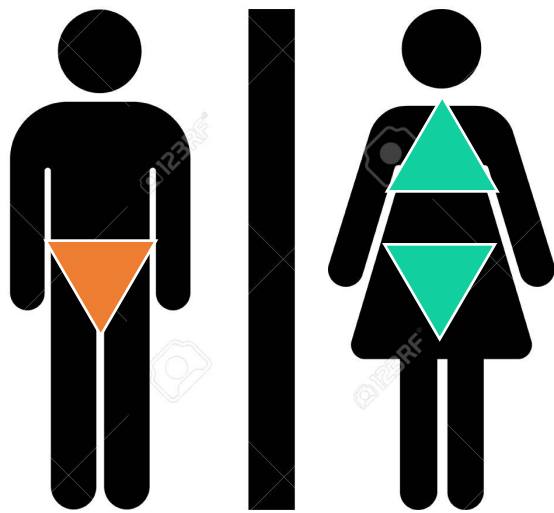


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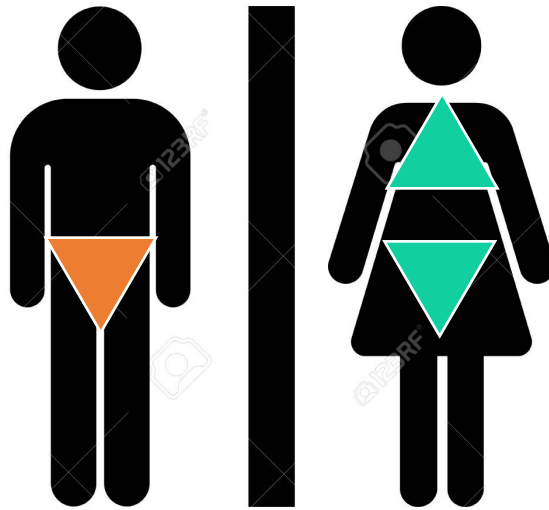


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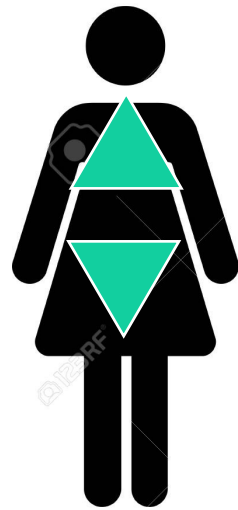
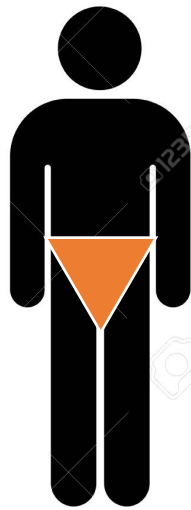
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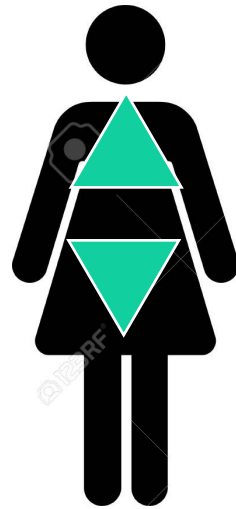
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Gay / Lesbian

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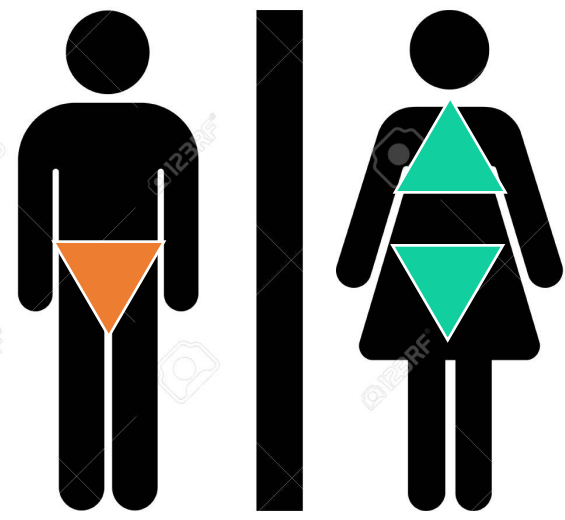
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- Leviticus 18:22
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- I Corinthians 6:9-10
- I Timothy 1:8-11
- **Romans 1:26-27**

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Romans 1:18-32

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

²⁰ For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools,
²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity,
to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,
²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

²⁶ ***For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions.
For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are
contrary to nature;***
²⁷ ***and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and
were consumed with passion for one another, men committing
shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty
for their error.***

- 28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.
- 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,
- 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
- 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.
- 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

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This issue is not addressed as directly in the scriptures as homosexuality. *However God’s design in Genesis and beyond remains our reference point and should still be affirmed.*

Also, we ought to understand the various dynamics that are swirling around that can help us make heads or tails of this debated issue that has become highly explosive in our society.



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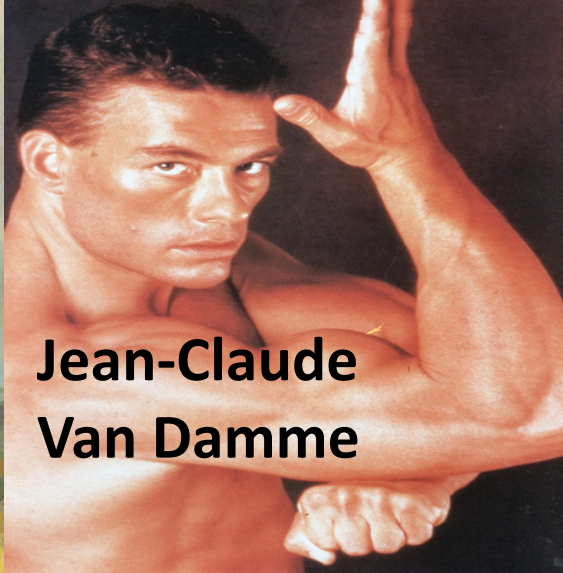
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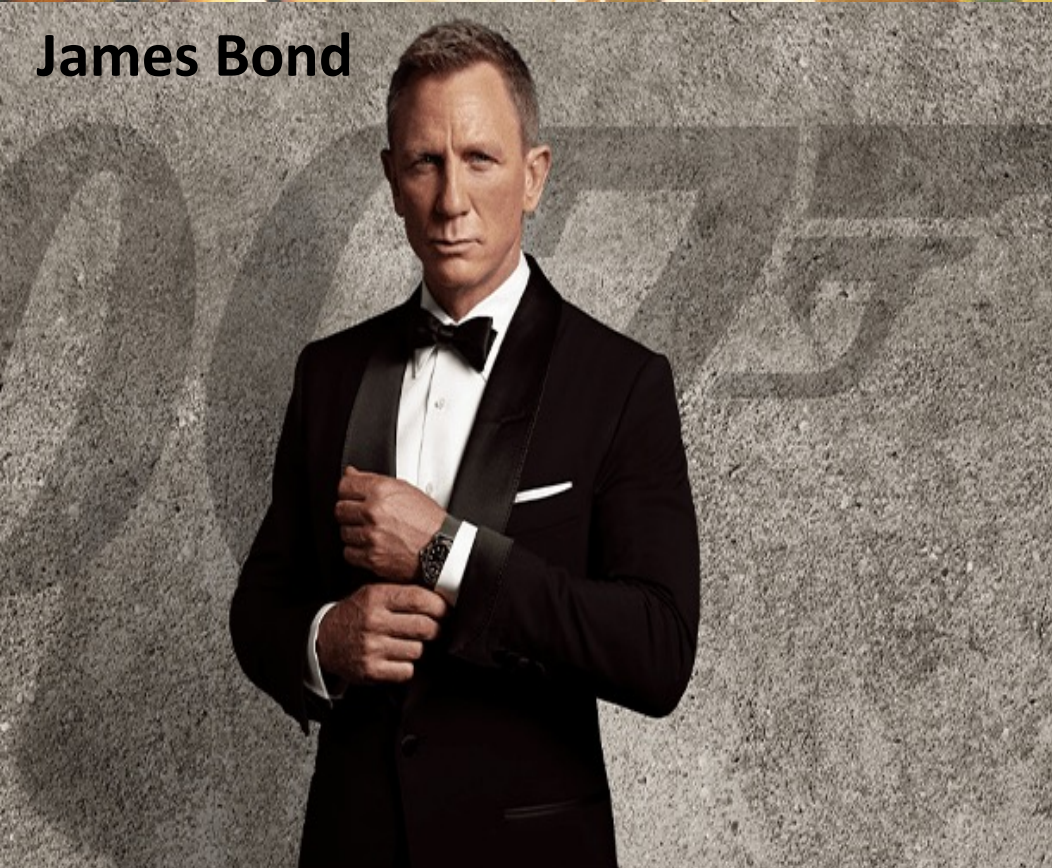
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F-6 WWII Fighter plane



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Liam and Chris Hemsworth...Thor



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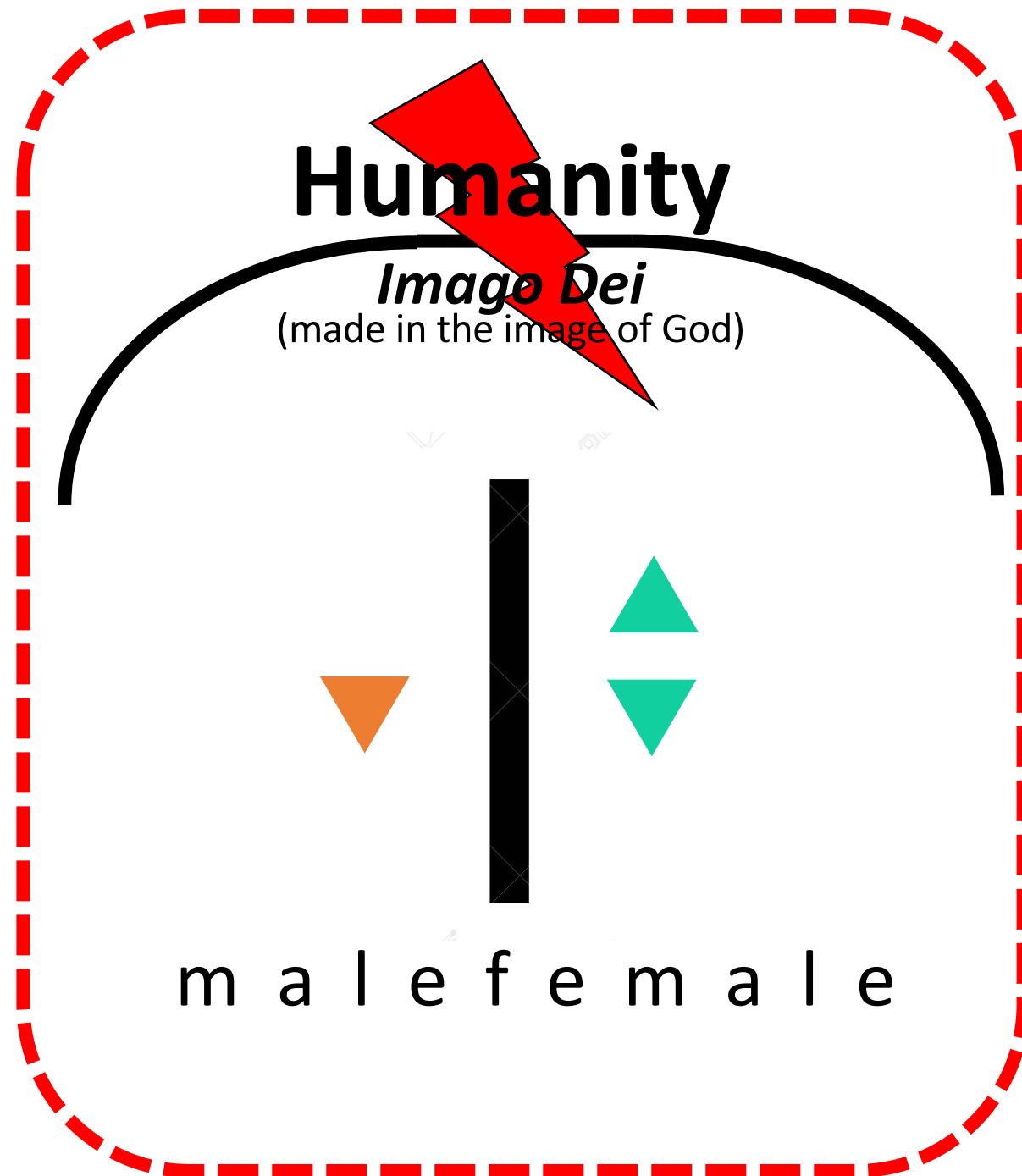
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Whatever violates
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- Pre-marital sex
- Divorce
- Transgenderism
- Same-sex marriage
- Pornography
- Homosexuality

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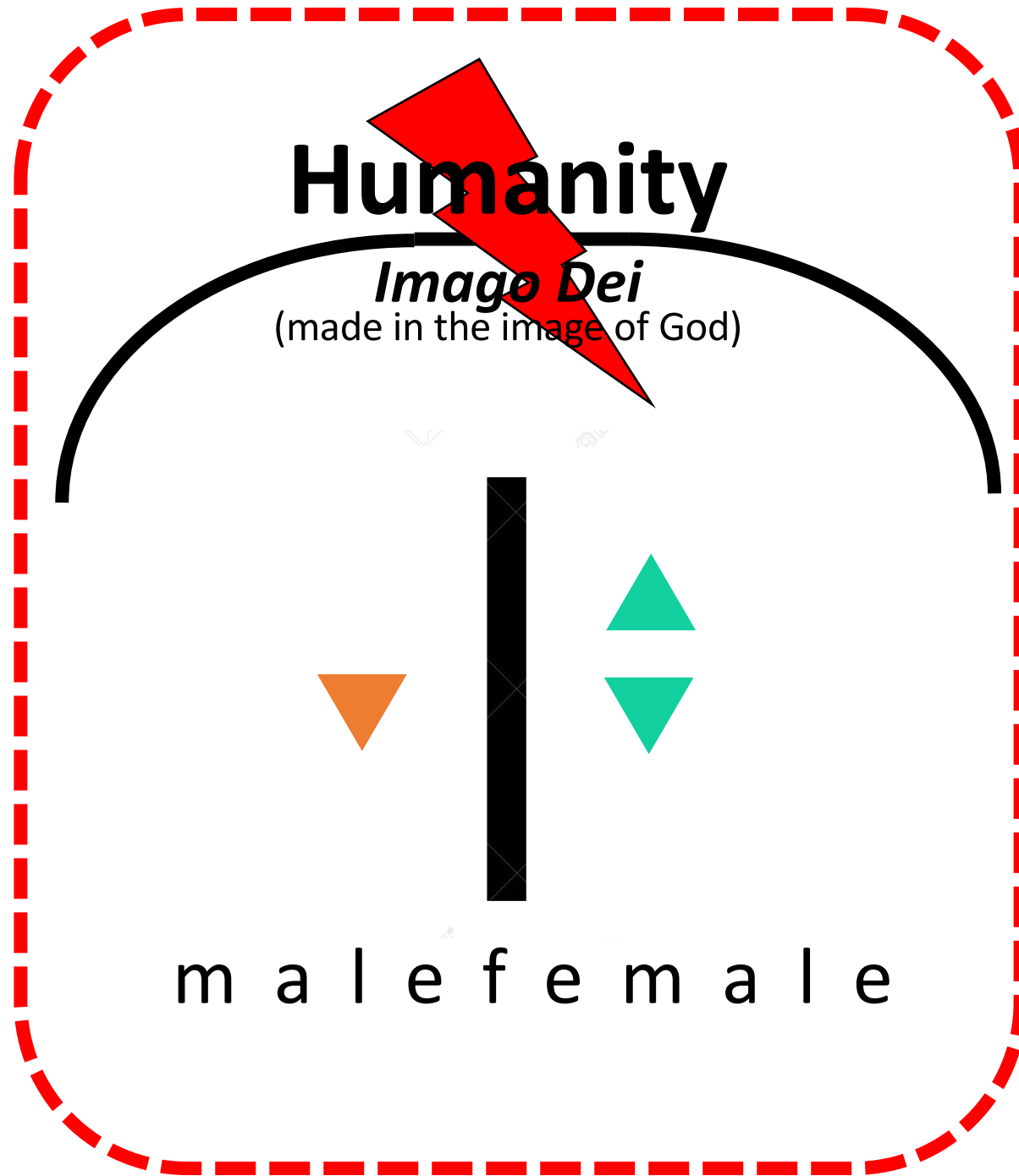
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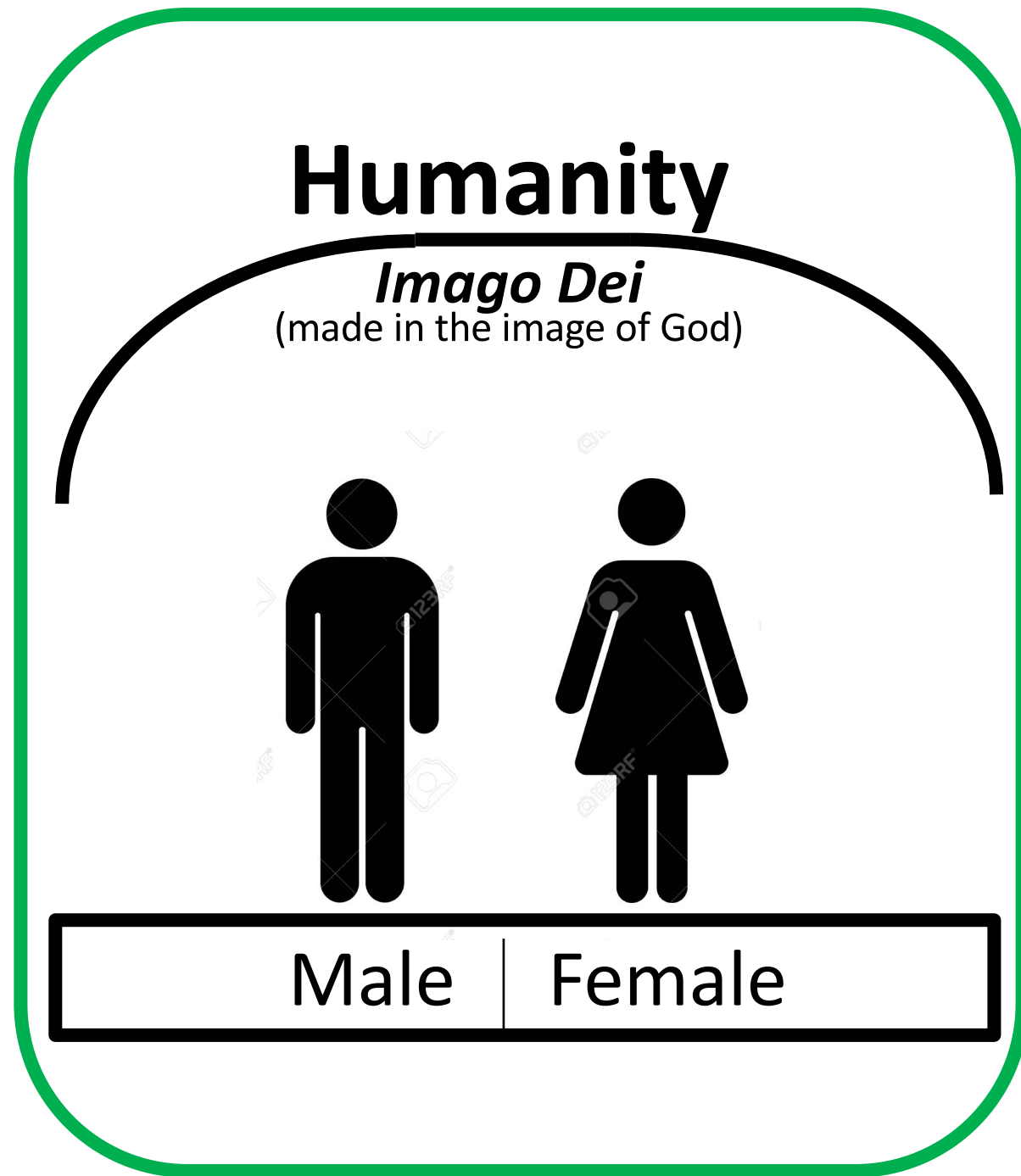
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even in our
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meaning and its
impact on our
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Jeremiah 2:12-13

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be shocked, be utterly desolate,
declares the Lord,

¹³ for my people have committed two evils:

they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

