

The Book of Romans

“A RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD!”



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Text: 1:16-32

Lesson: 3



“Dedicated to the service of the Lord, they have turned the glory of the resurrection
God into a lie.” (Rom. 1:25, 32)

TEXT:

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith (these two verses are the theme of the entire book)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of **God** for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **17** For in it the righteousness of **God** is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

God's Wrath on Unrighteousness

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 decree** that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

STUDY NOTES:

(vv. 16-17) JUSTIFICATION

Note the progression of how God saves us: gospel – power of God – salvation – believe – righteousness of God – Revealed from faith, for faith, live by faith (**2 Tim 1:8; 1 Cor 1:18; Hab 2:4; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38**)

The distinction between:

OBJECTIVE JUSTIFICATION – already completed fact in Christ’s death and resurrection

SUBJECTIVE JUSTIFICATION – by faith, believing this fact in one’s heart, that this was done for me

Illustrations: 1. Courtroom of God

2. Emancipation Proclamation

3. Mother protecting her child from a bee

(vv. 18-32) NATURAL REVELATION

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THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (1 Tim 1:17; 6:16)

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TWO WORLDVIEWS: **The Triune God exists:** 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven, **the immortal God, the Creator**, who is blessed forever! Amen (**2 Cor 13:14**)

There is no god: 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 (**Eph 2:12**)

TWO LIFE-STYLES THAT FLOW FROM ONE’S WORLDVIEW:

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CREATION VS. EVOLUTION: (not faith vs. science, rather one faith vs. another faith -the question of origins, where everything came from is not a scientific question, it is a religious, theological question)

CREATION (faith in God) the gospel, for it is the power of **God** for salvation to everyone who believes, 17 For in it the righteousness of **God** is revealed from faith for faith (**Gen. ch. 1,2**)

EVOLUTION (faith in Naturalism) 23 and exchanged **the glory of the immortal God** for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather **than the Creator**, (**Lk. 12:16-20**)

LIFE APPLICATION:

1. What is a simple definition of JUSTIFICATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH?
2. The Christian worldview: how does it affect: science, philosophy, literature, music, the arts, politics, education.
3. The Evolutionary worldview: how does it affect: science, philosophy, literature, music, the arts, politics, education.



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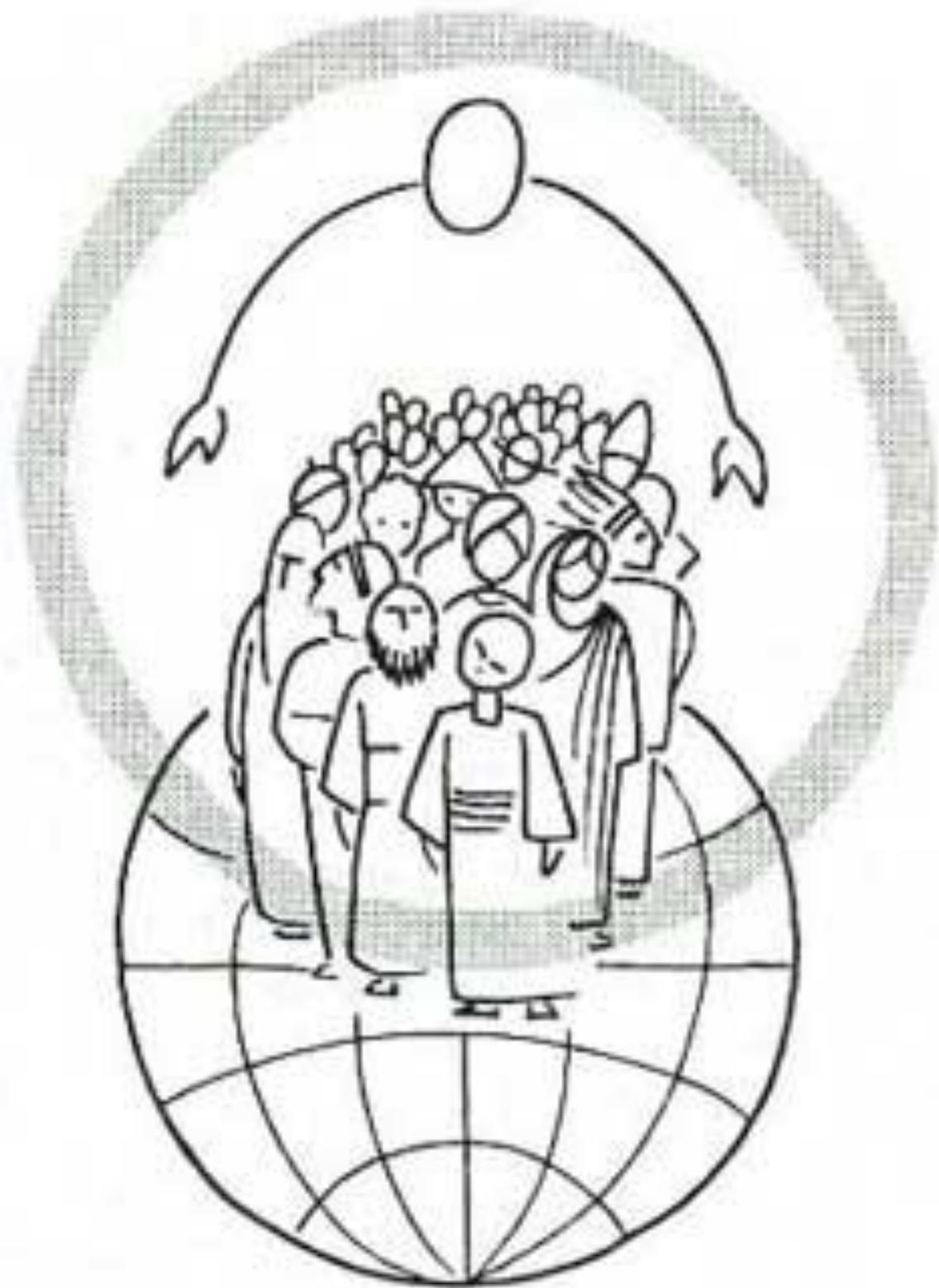
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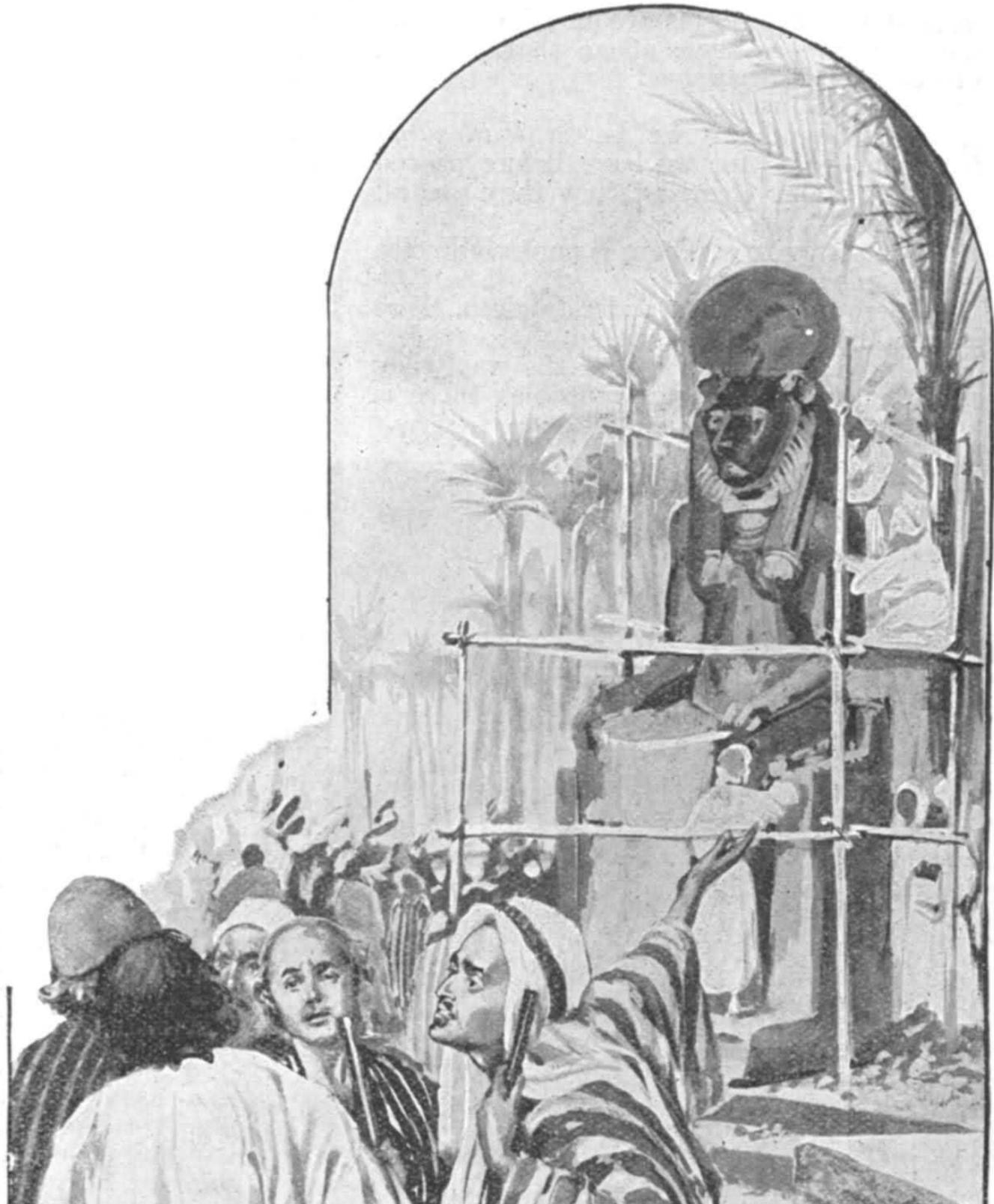
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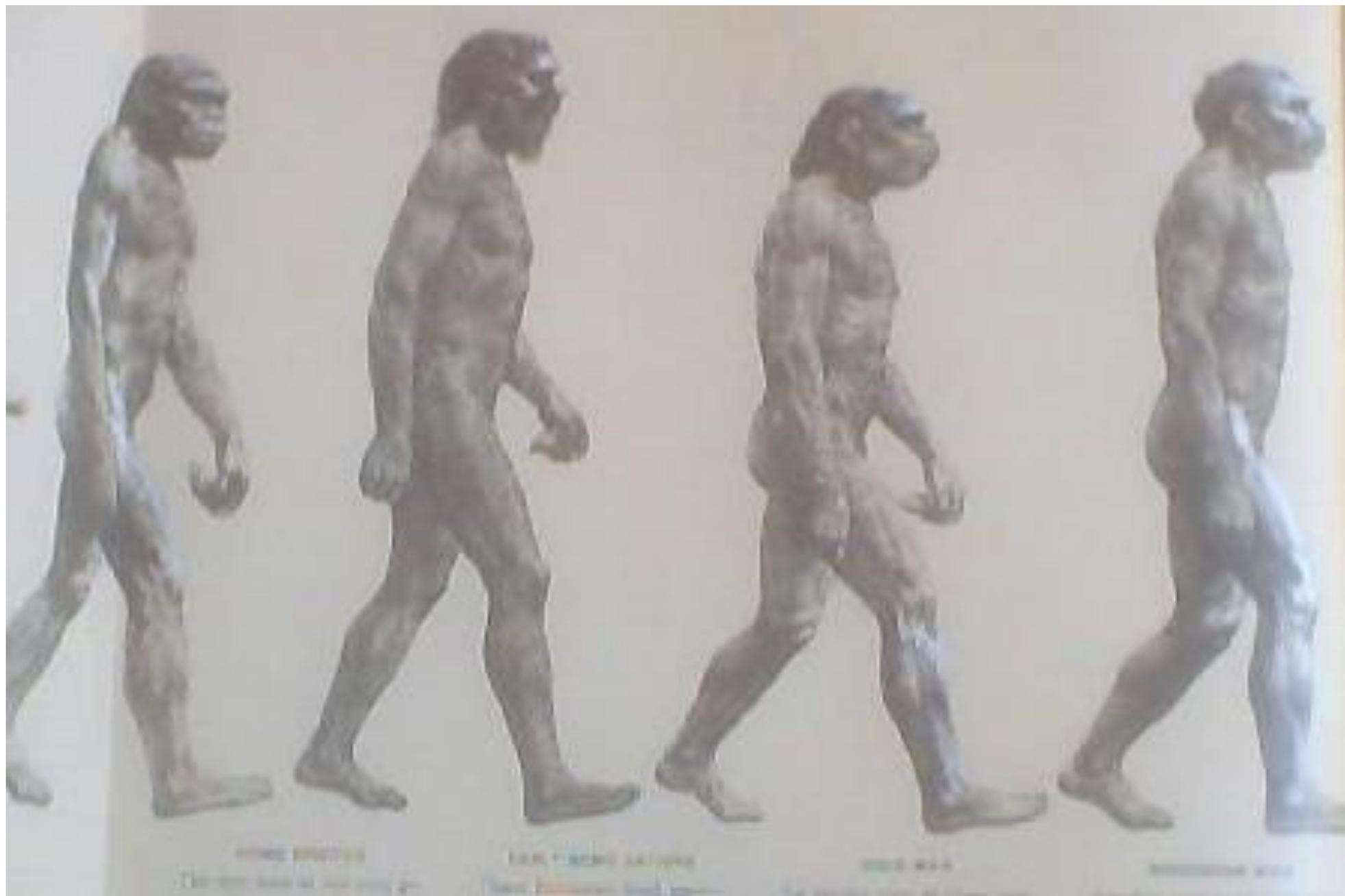


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