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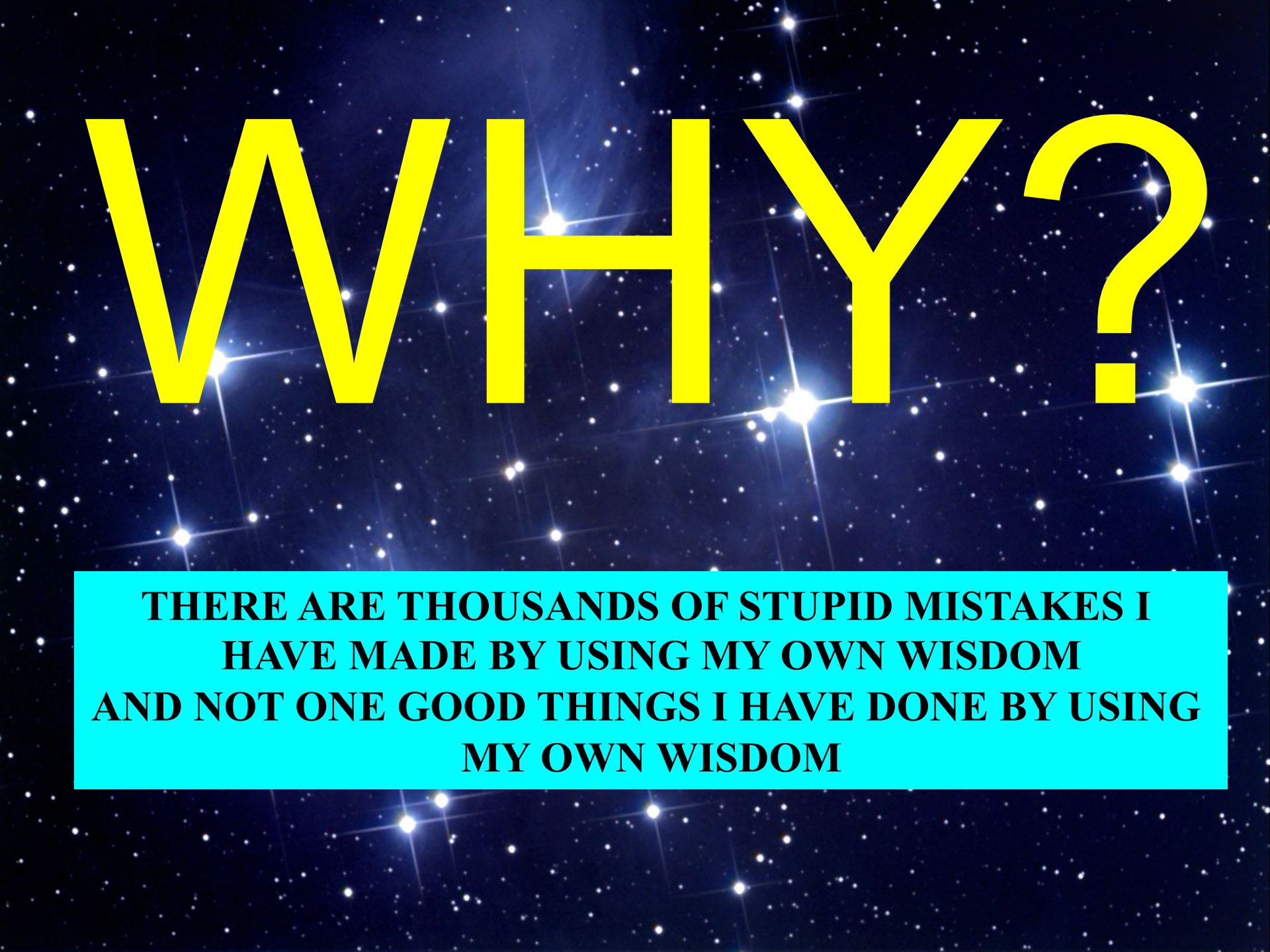
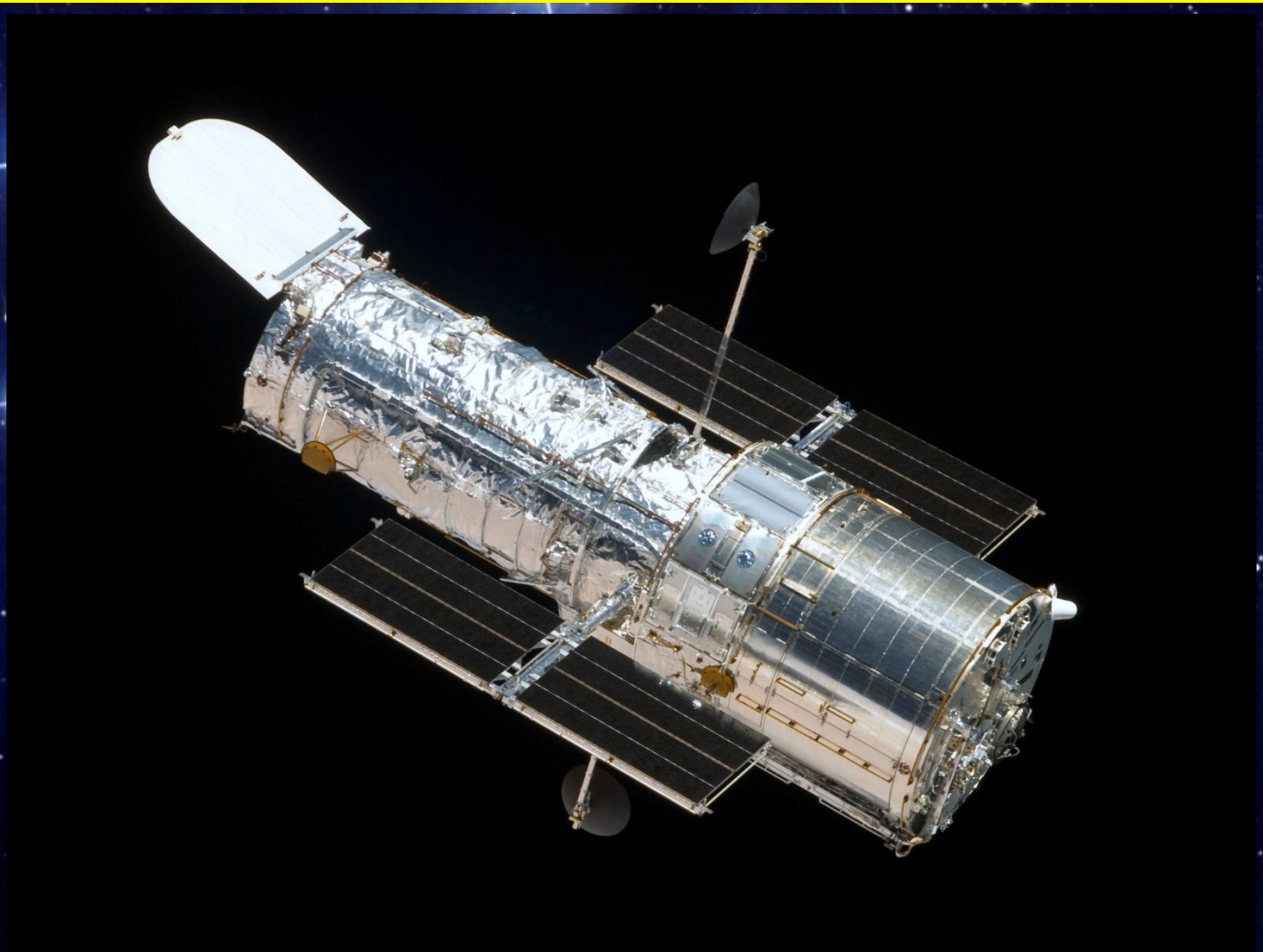

WHY?
THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF STUPID MISTAKES I HAVE MADE BY USING MY OWN WISDOM
AND NOT ONE GOOD THINGS I HAVE DONE BY USING MY OWN WISDOM

Before 1609 the scientists, without technology, claimed they could count about 2000 starts and there could not be more that 3200.

In 1609 Galalio invented the telescope and proclaimed that the stars are so numerous you can't count them.

Then came Hubble and we hadn't even started to begin to know what is out there. There are as many stars as there are grains of sand in all of the beaches in all of the world. They now say: 1,000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000



WHAT YOU SEE ALL DEPENDS ON WHICH END OF THE TELESCOPE YOU ARE LOOKING THROUGH

this is true of all other things in life

The meaning of life is different for an 8 and an 80 year old person

Men and women view things differently

A CEO and a worker view the company differently

What we see & what god sees is different

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CAN BE ILLUSTREATED BY
the st. Helens VOLCANO AND MY OWN STUPIDITY

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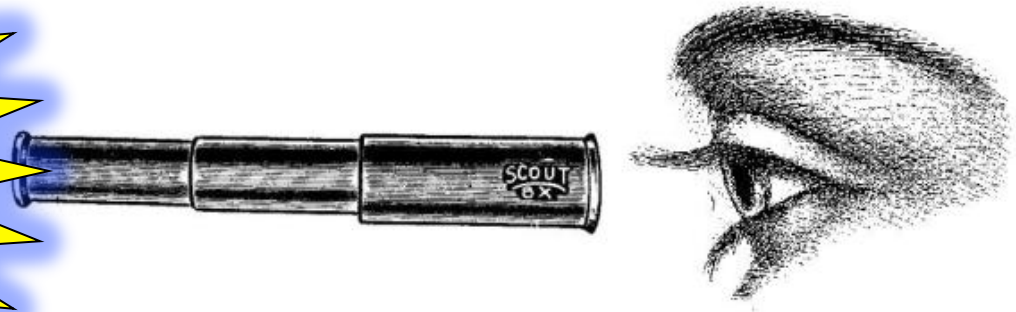

Job 25:6
How much less man, who is a maggot,
And a son of man, who is a worm?

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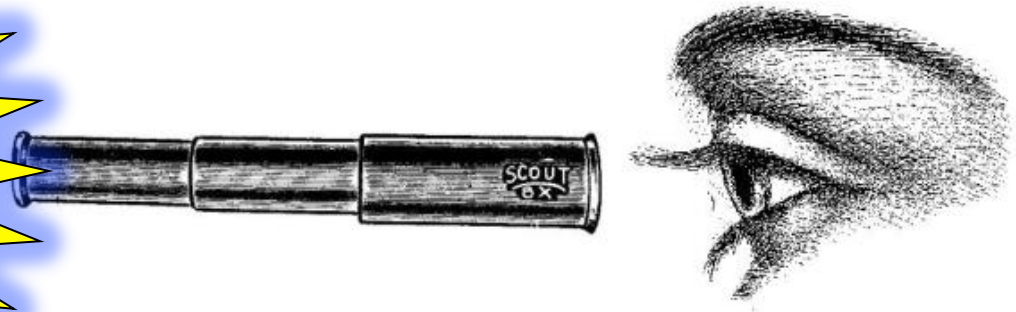

Psalm 144:3 O LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You think of him?

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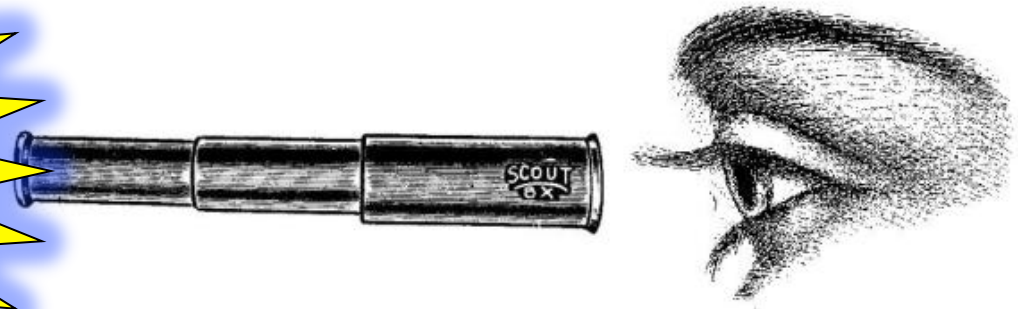

Psalm 8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?

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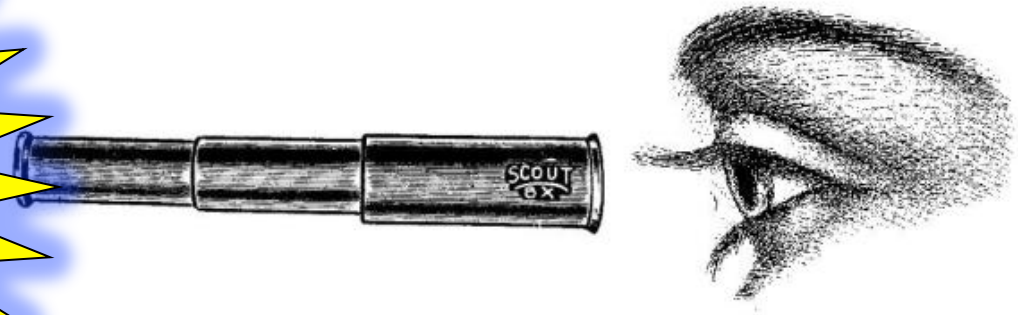

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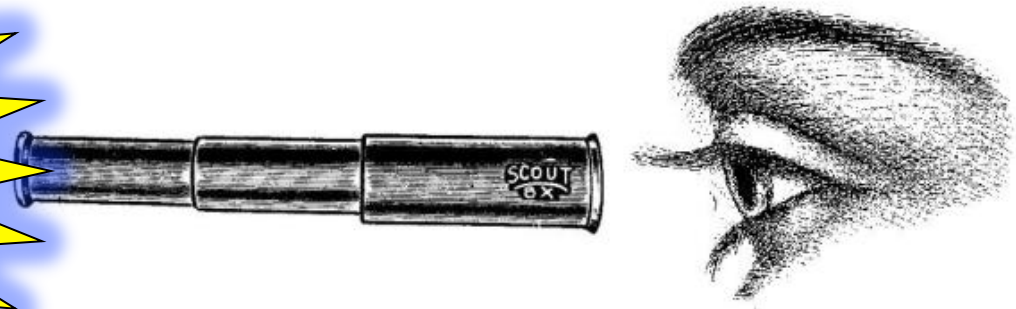

Man is made in my image.

I love him so much I gave my own son for him.

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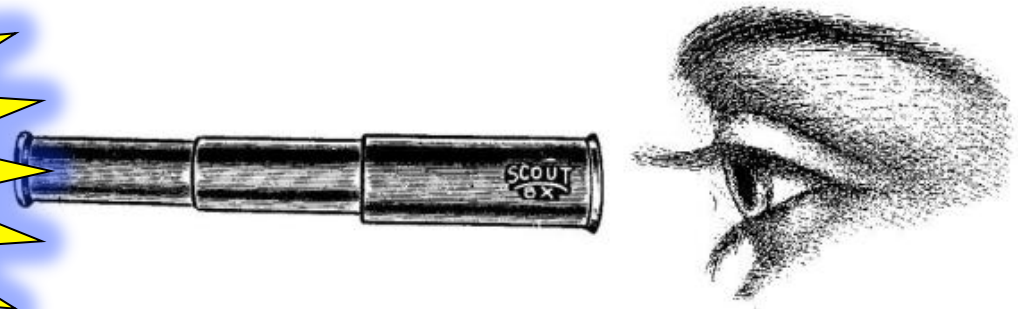

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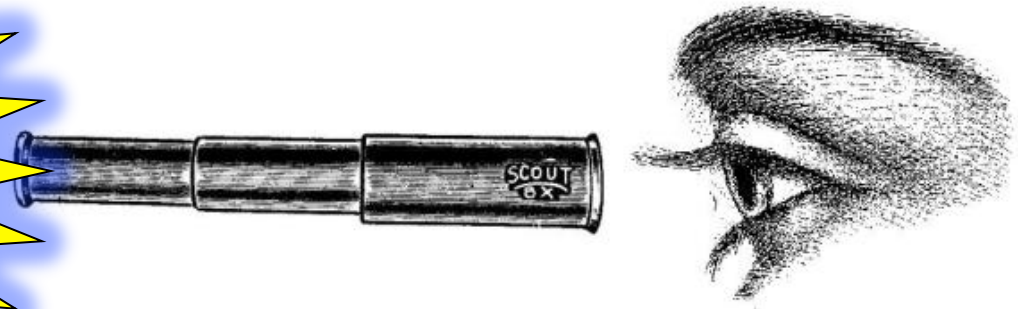

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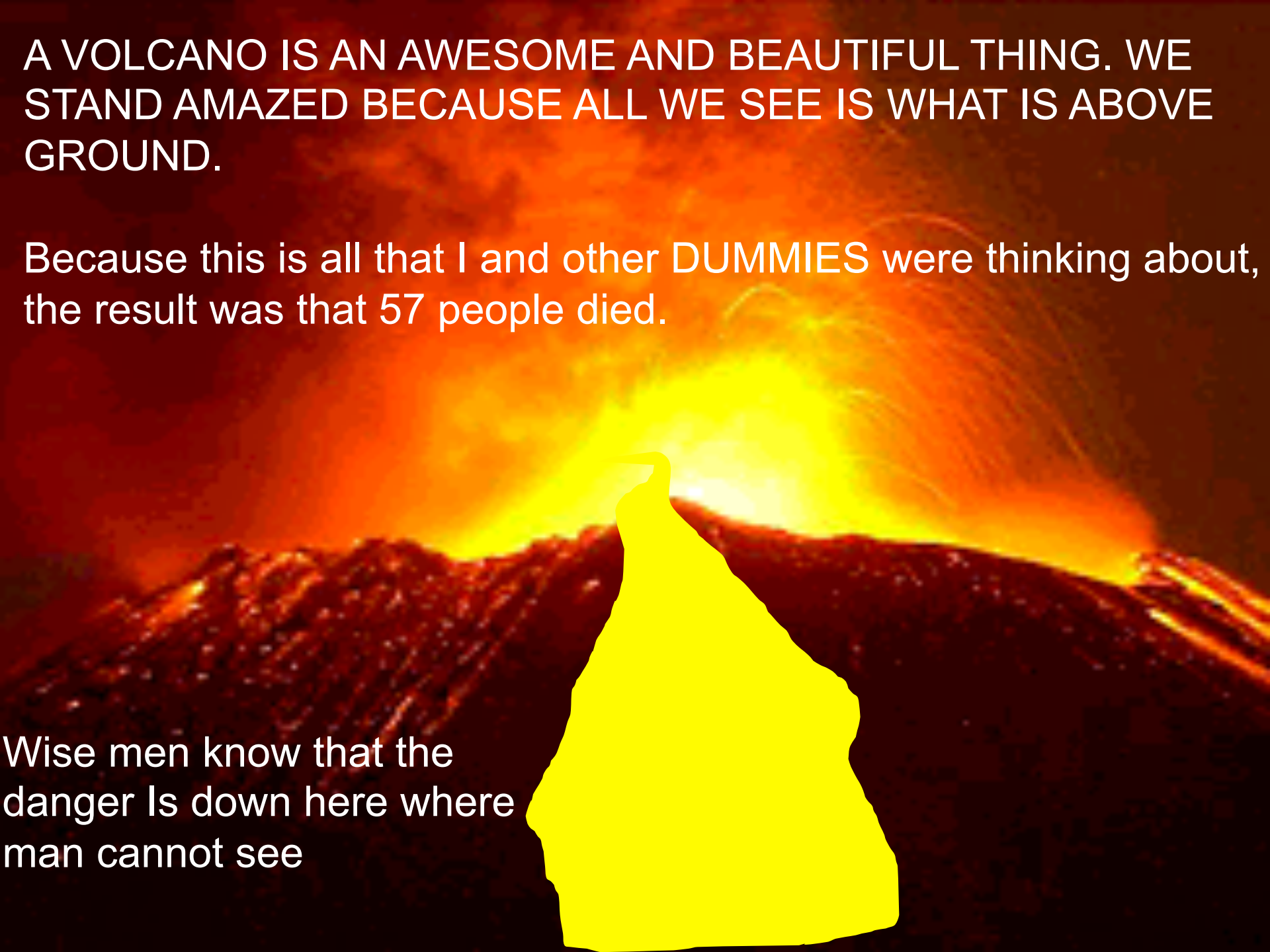
And then there are those of us who think too highly of ourselves. We feel too important.

A VOLCANO IS AN AWESOME AND BEAUTIFUL THING. WE STAND AMAZED BECAUSE ALL WE SEE IS WHAT IS ABOVE GROUND.

Because this is all that I and other DUMMIES were thinking about, the result was that 57 people died.



Wise men know that the danger Is down here where man cannot see

THE DANGER LIES IN WHAT GOD CAN SEE BUT WE CAN'T SEE

THIS IS WHAT MAN SEES

THIS IS WHAT GOD SEES

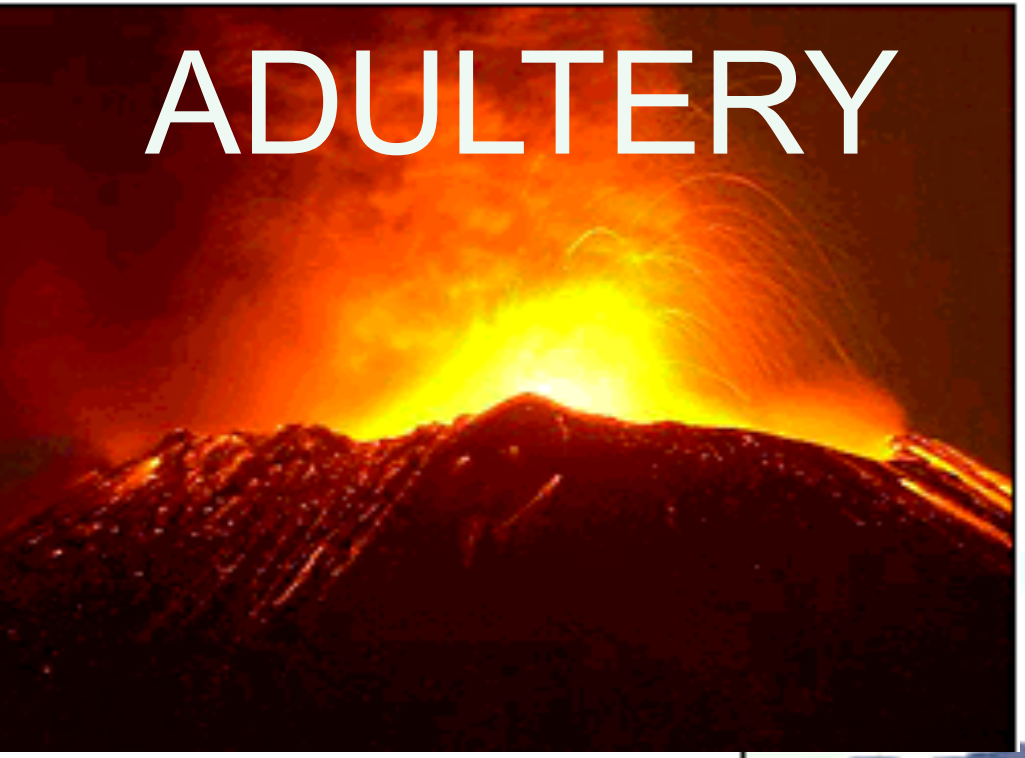
THIS IS THE MEANING

MAN'S VIEW

OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUND

Matt 5:21
You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder,

Matt 5:21Matt 5:22
But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother



Matt 5:27
You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

Matt 5:28
8 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matt 5:33
Again you have heard that it was said to those of old,'You shall not swear falsely

Matt 5:34
But I say to you, do not swear at all:

HISTORICAL FACTS FROM MAN'S PERSPECTIVE

33 AD – 606 AD = Roman Catholicism
606 to 1800 – Recovering period

1849 – 1906 = First Christian Church
1906 – 1950 – Recovering period

1950 – 2000 = Institutional churches
2000 – 2015 – Recovering period

FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE HE SEES THE REAL PROBLEM THAT IS COMMON TO ALL OF THESE DIVISIONS

Jer 6:14-15
They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!'
When there is no peace.

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?
No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush.
Therefore they shall fall among those who fall;
At the time I punish them,
They shall be cast down," says the LORD.

MAN SAYS

THIS IS GOOD BECAUSE EVERY PERSON CAN JOIN THE CHURCH OF THEIR CHOICE

GOD SAYS

1 Cor 1:10-12

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, **and that there be no divisions among you**, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

GOD SAID
"LET THERE BE NONE"
1 Cor. 1:10
MAN HAS CUT IT UP INTO 33,000 SECTIONS
RELIGIOUS DIVISION
THIS IS WHAT MAN SEES
BUT THE REAL PROBLEM
IS DOWN HERE

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ACTUALLY THERE ARE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF GOOD CHURCHES

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CHURCH

IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THESE STATEMENTS ABOUT THE CHURCH WE MUST FIRST KNOW WHAT THE CHURCH IS

CHURCH

Ekklasia

Ek = **OUT**

Kaleo = **I CALL**

Ekkaleo means **I CALL OUT**

Ekklasia in Greek means **THE "GROUP" I CALL OUT**

Church in English means **THE "GROUP" I CALL OUT**

ANY *GROUP* I CALL OUT WOULD BE *MY CHURCH*

ANY *GROUP* YOU CALL OUT WOULD BE *YOUR CHURCH*

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Lowell's Church or Church of Lowell

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II Th 2:14 He called you by our gospel

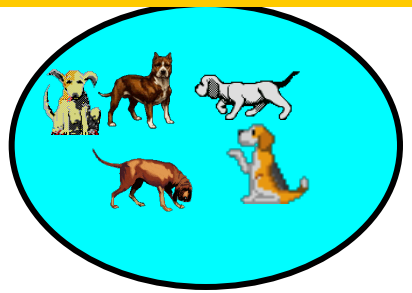
Christ's Church **The Church of Christ**

THIS *GROUP* CHRIST CALLS OUT IS *HIS CHURCH*

"Church" refers to all who have heard the call And responded to the one making the call

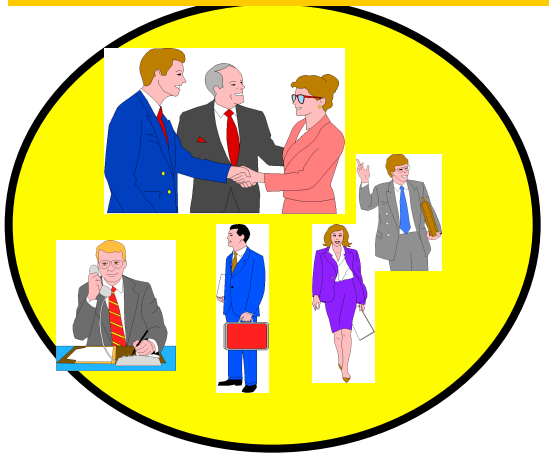
ANY CALLED OUT GROUP – ANY CALLED OUT ASSEMBLY

The church of Lowell



The church of Moses
Acts 7:38

The church of Christ



The church of Demetrius

Acts 19:24, 41

Any group – PTA
City counsel, etc.

Lets add one more facet to this chart

ANY CALLED OUT GROUP – ANY CALLED OUT ASSEMBLY

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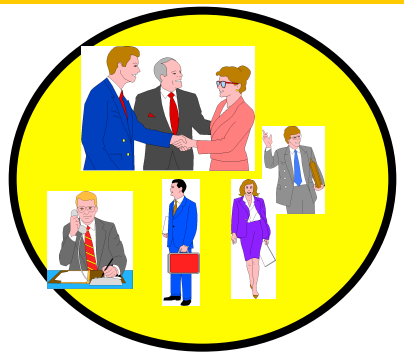

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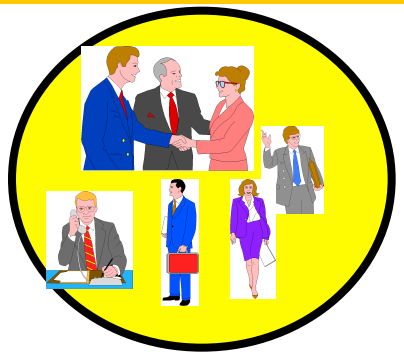
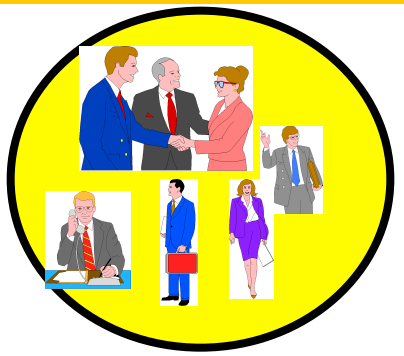


Monroe church of Christ



Dallas City counsel

Portland City counsel

Monroe City counsel

CHURCH

The Called Out People Of God

Local → Church

Refers to the *people* called out in a certain locality.

Universal → Church

Refers to the *people* called out in the whole world

Earth & heaven → Church

Dead & alive

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven

NOW, LET'S GO BACK TO THAT CHART WITH THE CRAZY STATEMENTS ON IT AND EVERYTHING WILL BECOME CLEAR

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