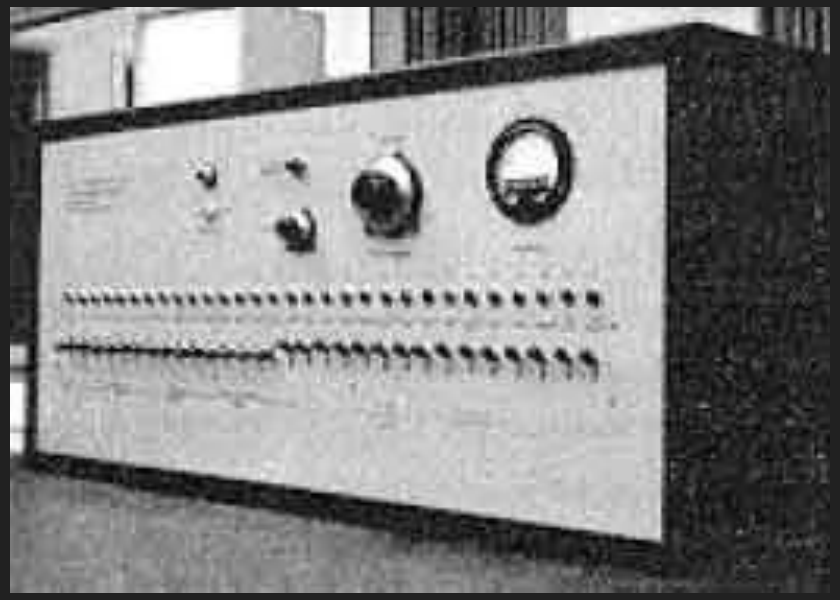
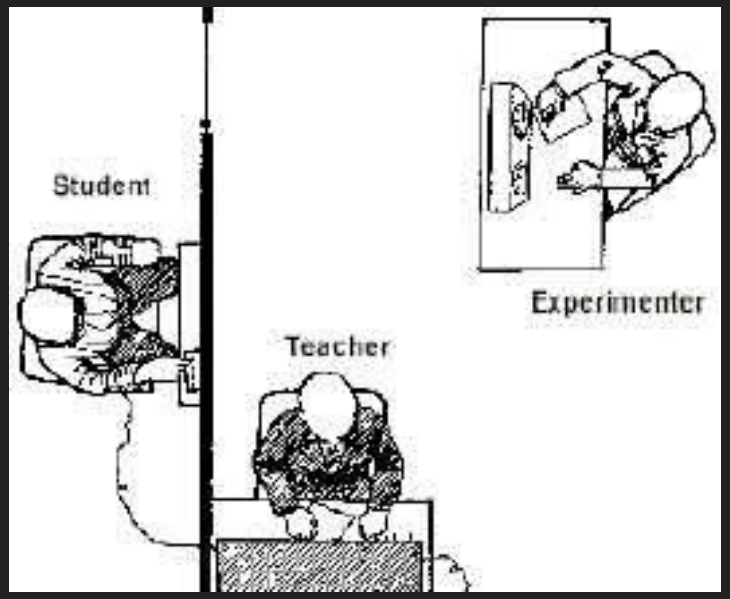


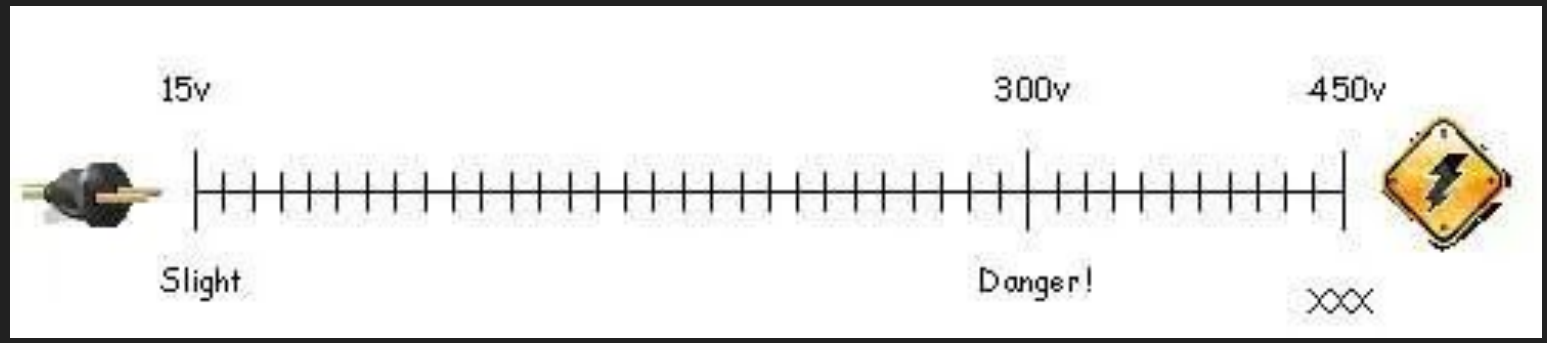
God and Government

Chains of Command






Student
Experimenter
Teacher


15v
300v
450v
Slight
Danger!
XXX

'The legal and philosophic aspects of obedience are of enormous import, but they say very little about how most people behave in concrete situations.

I set up a simple experiment at Yale University to test how much pain an ordinary citizen would inflict on another person simply because he was ordered to by an experimental scientist.

Stark authority was pitted against the subjects' [participants'] strongest moral imperatives against hurting others, and, with the subjects' [participants'] ears ringing with the screams of the victims, authority won more often than not.

The extreme willingness of adults to go to almost any lengths on the command of an authority constitutes the chief finding of the study and the fact most urgently demanding explanation. -"*The Perils of Obedience*" (Milgram 1974)

- The Hollocaust; 5-6 million deaths
  - (⅔ of all European Jews)
- Holodomor; 2.7 - 7.8 million deaths
- Cambodian Genocide; 1.3-3 million deaths
- Armenian Genocide; 600,000 - 1.3 million deaths



Submit ≠ Obey

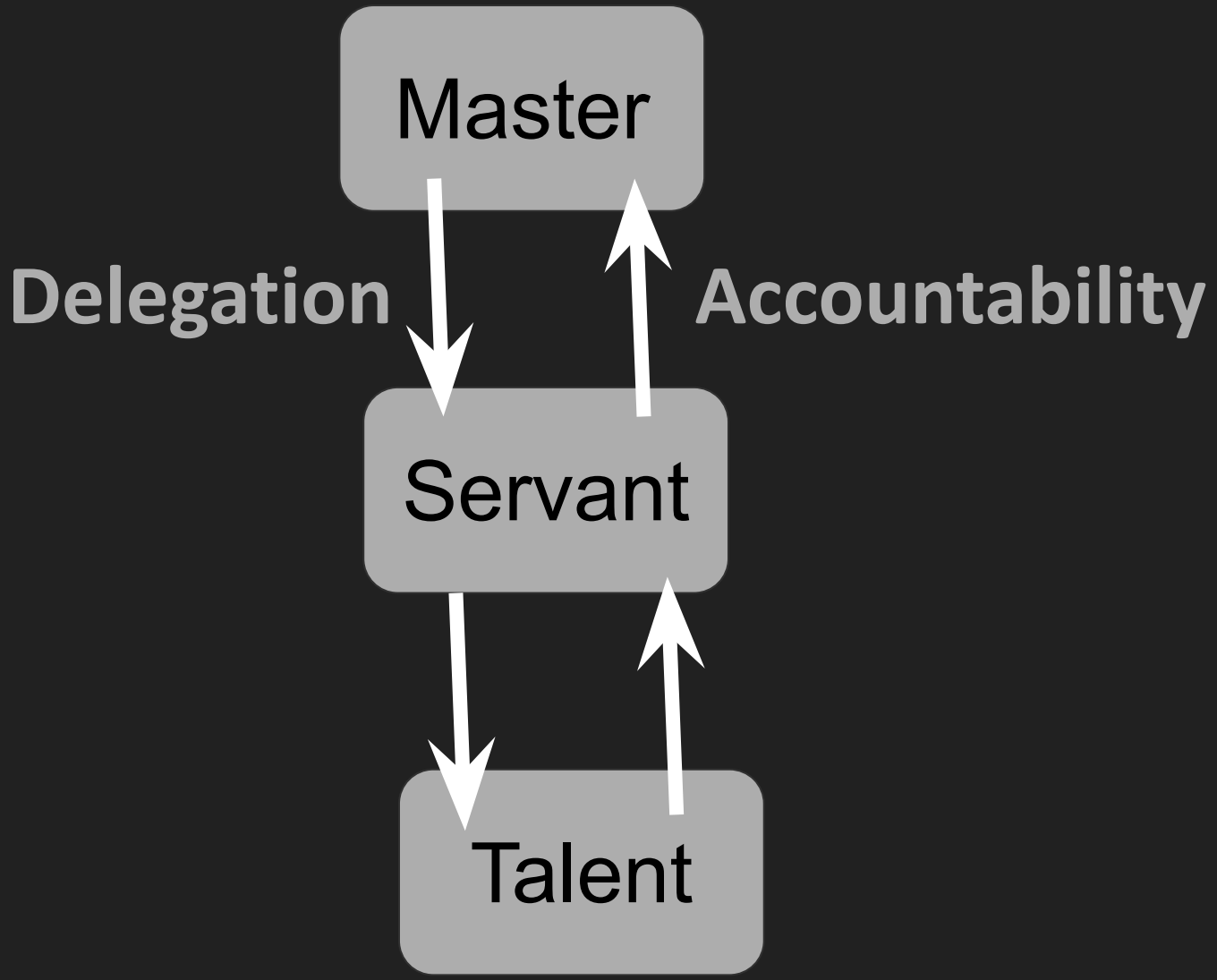
- Hupotasso - Submission (Heart attitude)
  - Luke 2:51, Luke 10:17, 1 Cor 15:27

- Hupakouo - Obey (Active practice)
  - Matt 8:27, Rom 6:17, Eph 6:1

The delegation of authority

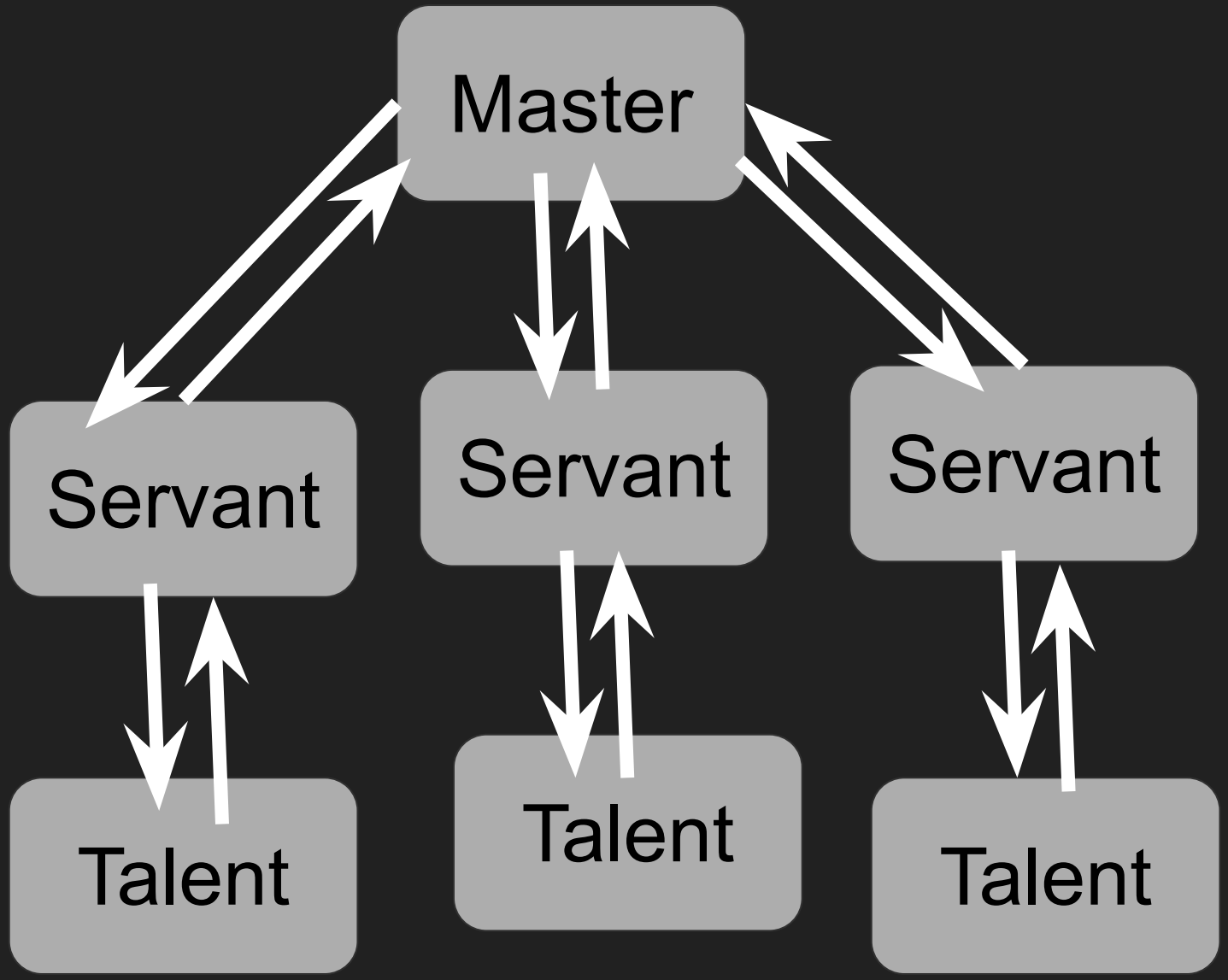
- All true authority is delegated by God (Romans 13:1)
- Delegating authority does not remove it from it’s source. (Daniel 4:17)
- Delegation is biblical, ceding authority is not. (1 Tim 5:8)
- Violating or “stealing” authority is not authority at all, it is fraud. (Acts 5:29)
- Genuine authorities in one sphere can usurp authority from others in a different sphere.
- God has not delegated his power of moral definition. (Rom 12:2)

Matt 25:27





Matt 25:27



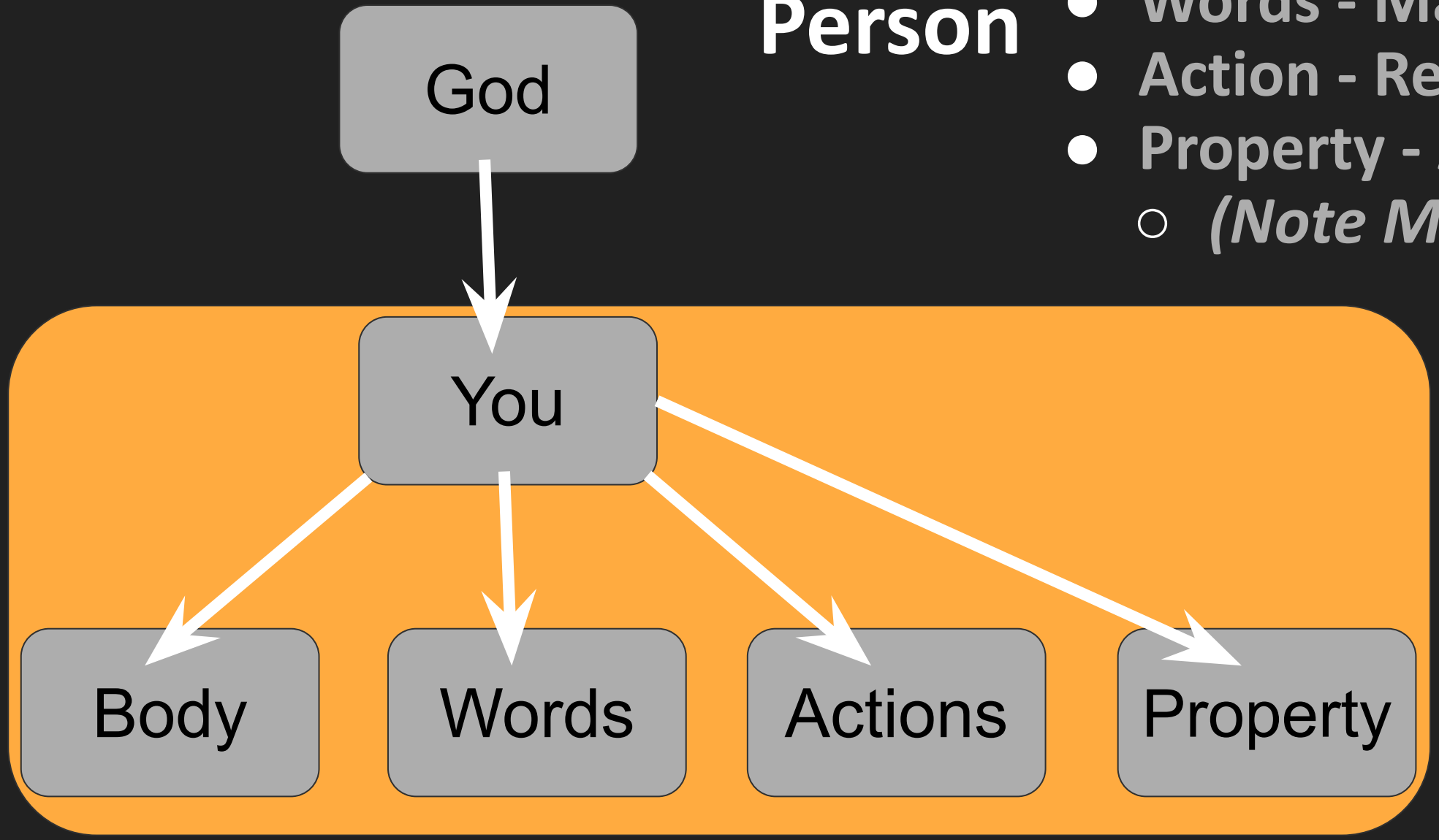


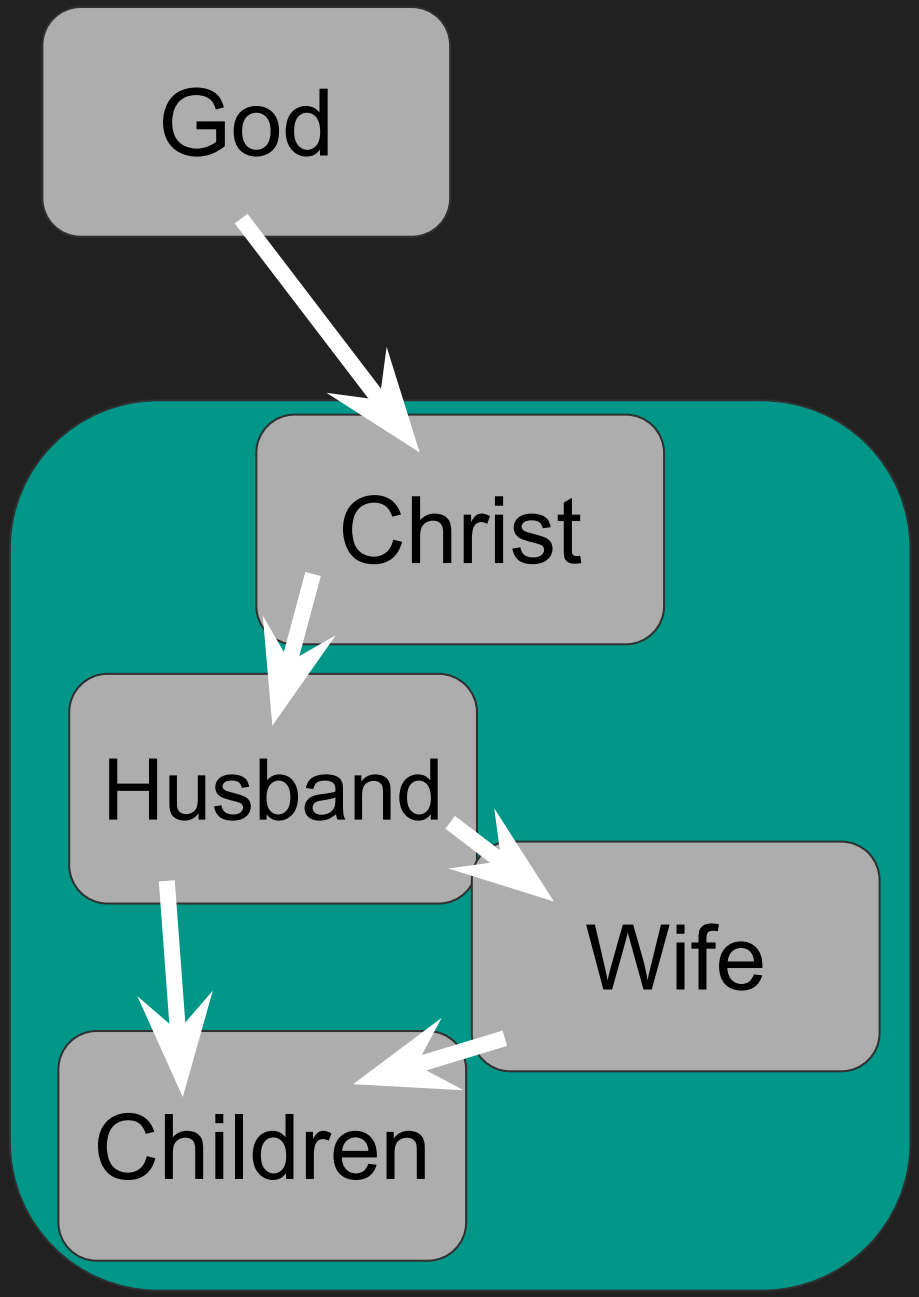
Stolen Authority

- Commands issued under a violative or “stolen” authority do not have any moral weight behind them. (Acts 5:29)
- If a genuine authority is wielding stolen authority they are to be *submitted* to but not necessarily *obeyed*. (Acts 5:40, 42)
- Wisdom and submission to God’s kingdom may require obedience or confrontation. (Acts 16:16-40)

Person

- Body - 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- Words - Matt. 12:36
- Action - Rev 20:12
- Property - Acts 5:4
  - *(Note Mark 12:17)*



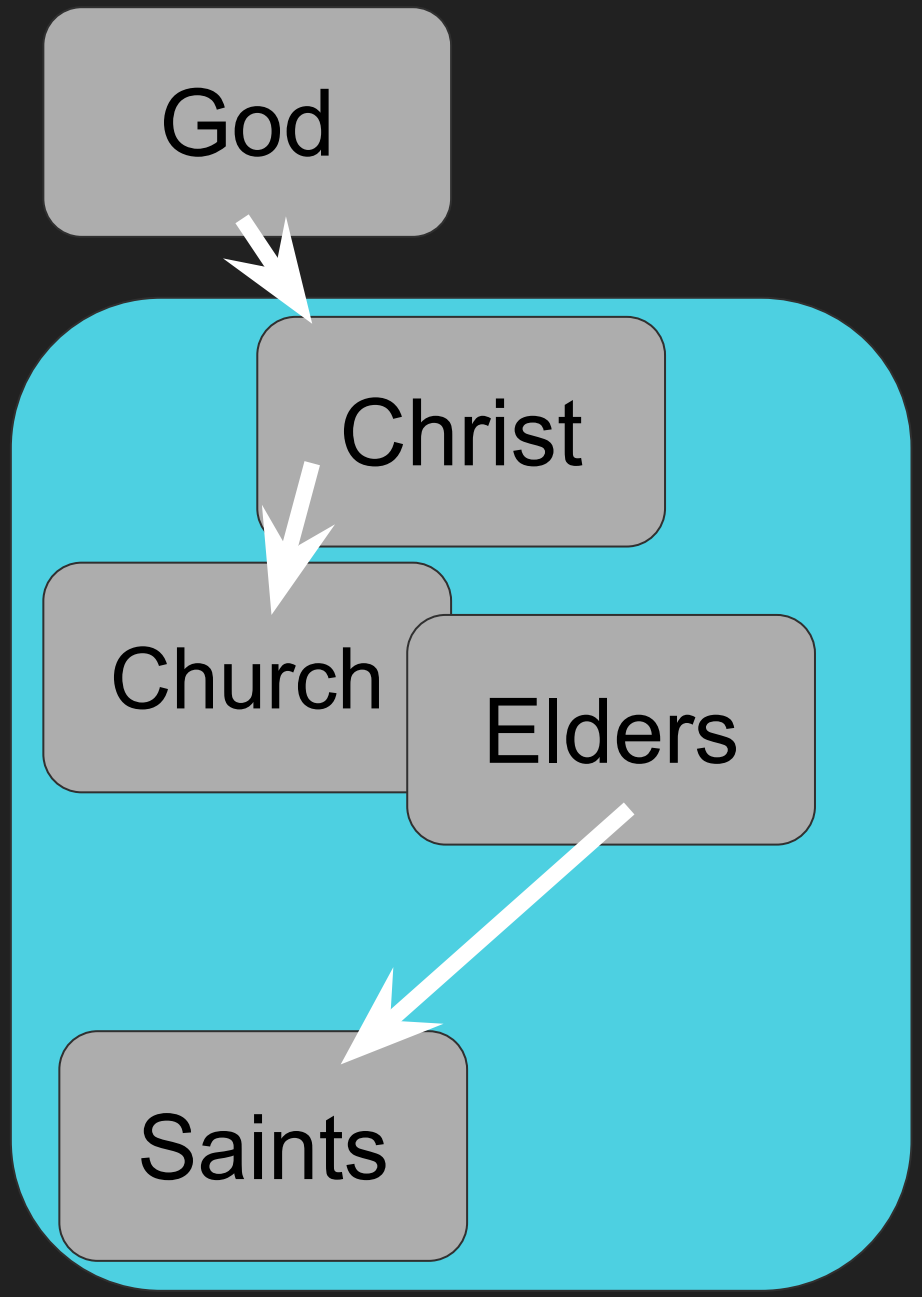


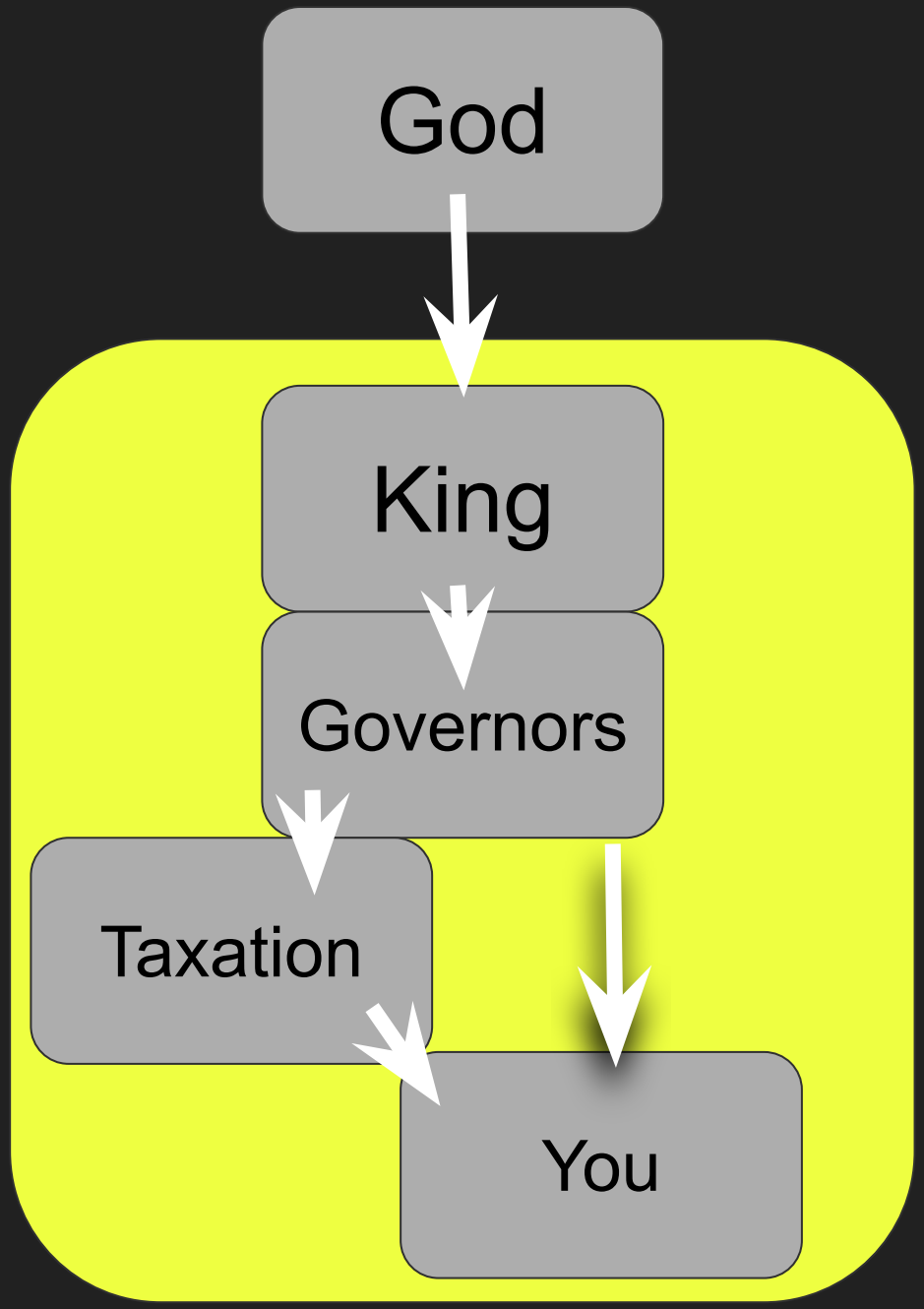
Family

- Family - Matt. 19:5,
- Christ, Husband and Wife - 1 Cor. 11:3
- Children - Eph. 6:4

Church

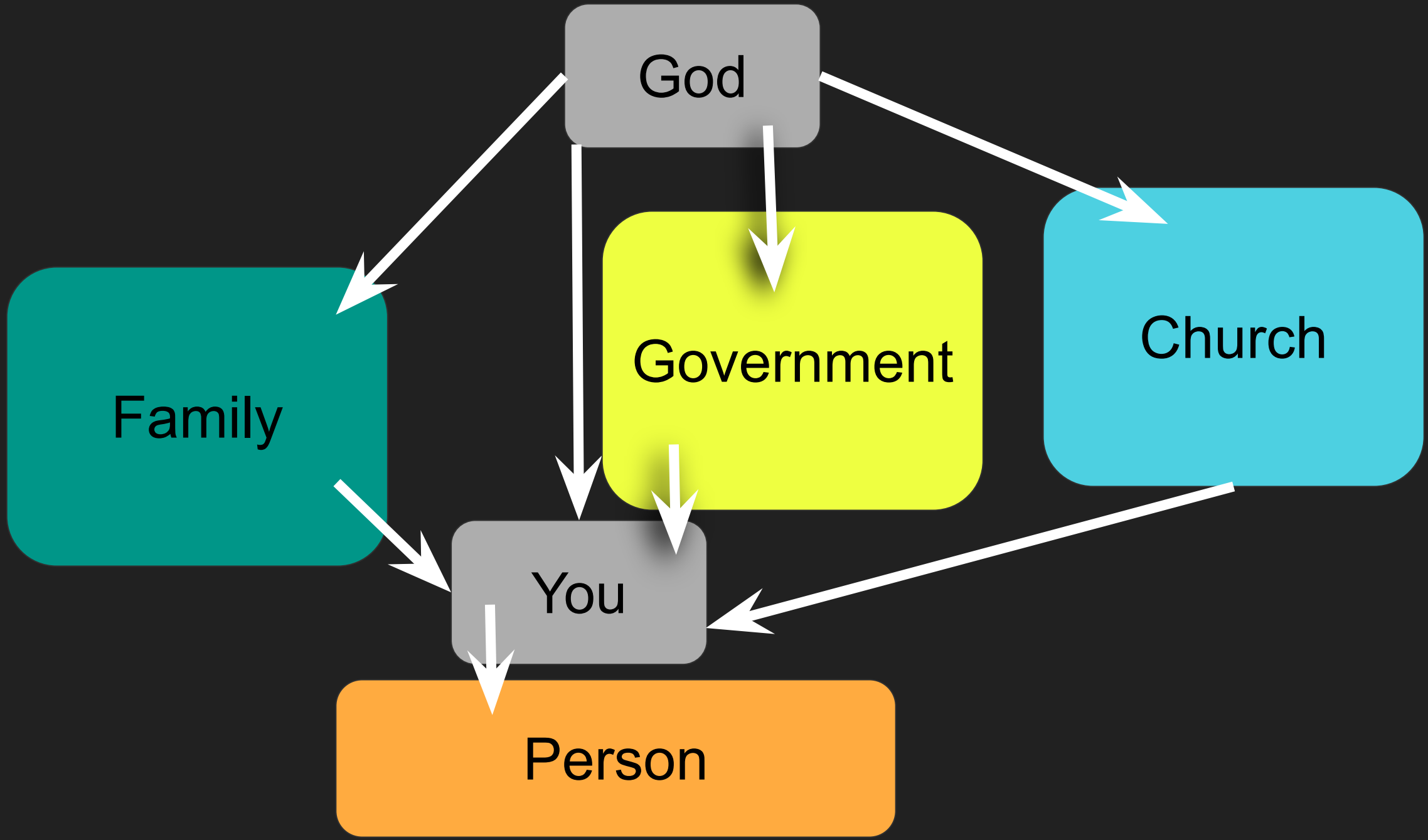
- Christ - Col 1:18,
- Elders - 1 Pet. 5:1-4
- Saints - Heb 13:17



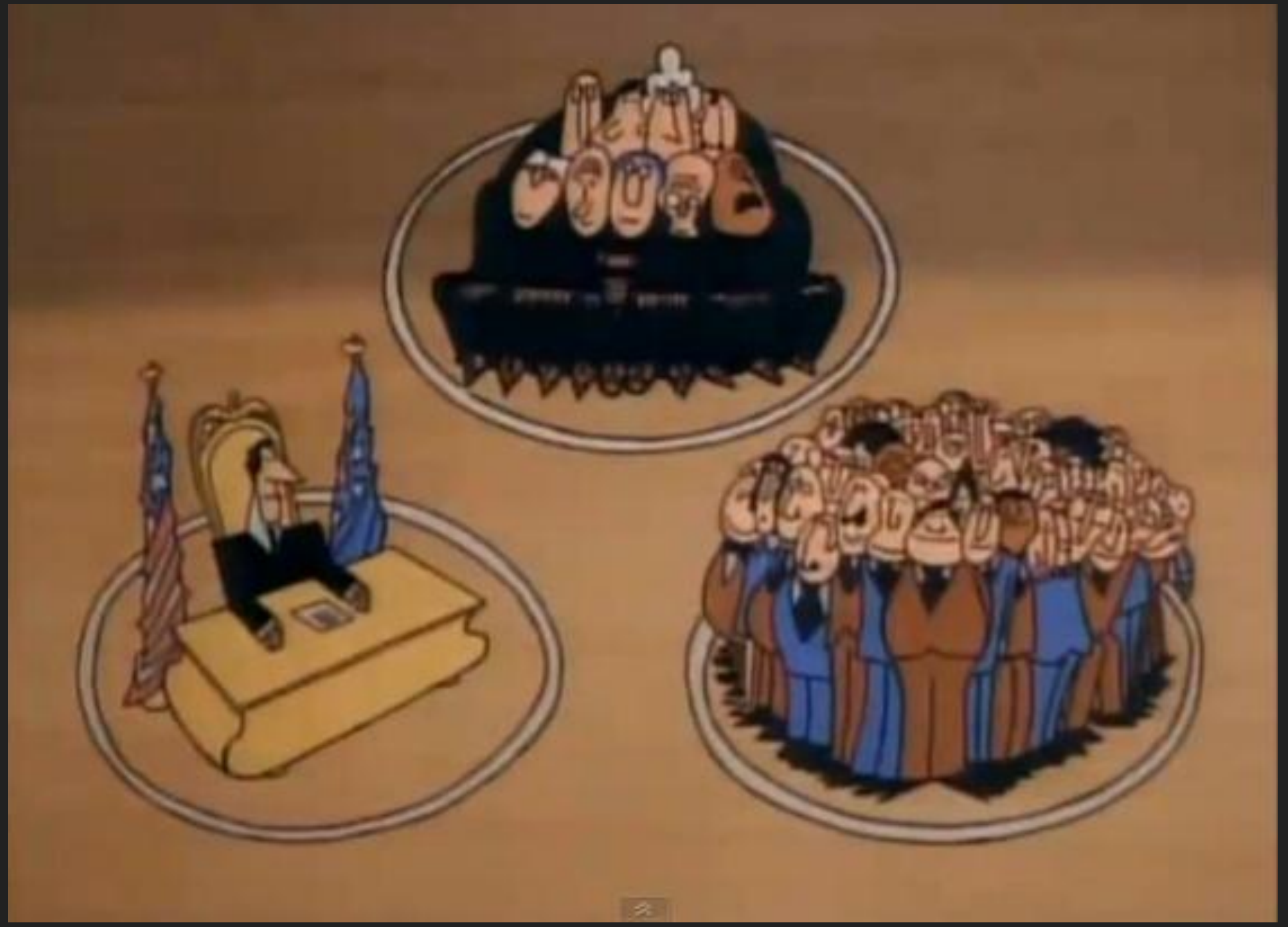


Government

- God - Daniel 6:17
- Government - Rom 13:1
- Governors - 1 Pet 2:14
- For your good - Rom 13:4
- Taxation - Rom 13:6-7


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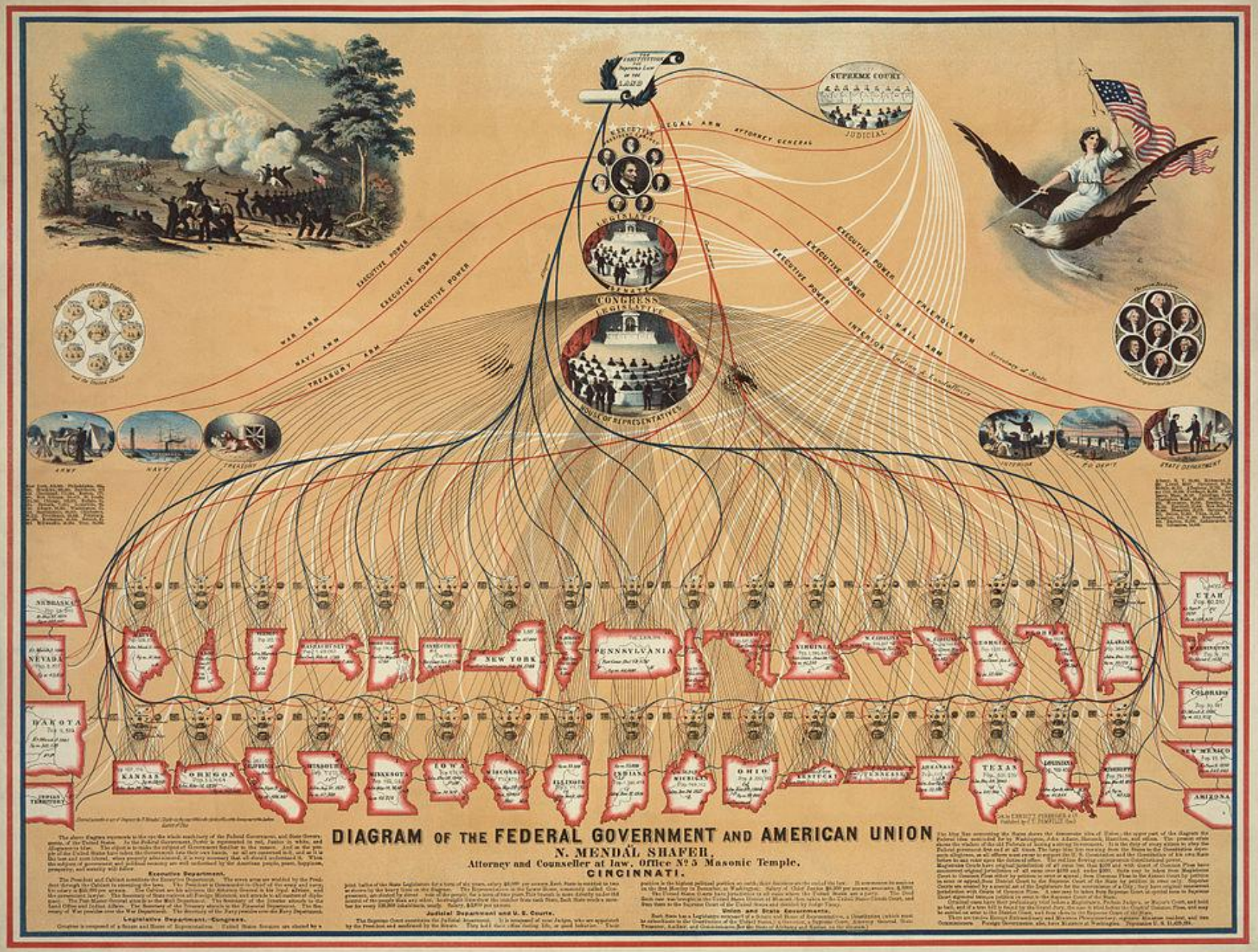


DIAGRAM OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN UNION

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The above Engrave represents to the eye the whole machinery of the Federal Government, and State Governments, of the United States. In the Federal Government, Power is represented in red, Justice in white, and Allegiance in blue. The object is to make the subject of Government familiar to the reader. And as the people of the United States have taken the Government into their own hands, as all are concerned in it, and as it is their law and their interest, when properly administered, it is very necessary that all should understand it. With the subject of governmental and political economy are well acquainted by the American people, peace, happiness, prosperity, and security will follow.

Executive Department.

The President and Cabinet constitutes the Executive Department. The seven arms are wielded by the President through the Cabinet in executing the laws. The President is Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, his salary is $50,000 per annum. The Cabinet are his advisers, the Attorney General is his legal Adviser, and the permanent counsel. The Secretary of State receives all Foreign Ministers, and attends to all matters of diplomacy. The Post Master General attends to the Mail Department. The Secretary of the Interior attends to the Land Office and Indian Affairs. The Secretary of the Treasury attends to the Financial Department. The Secretary of War presides over the War Department. The Secretary of the Navy presides over the Navy Department.

Legislative Department, Congress.

Congress is composed of a Senate and House of Representatives. United States Senators are elected by a joint ballot of the State Legislatures for a term of six years, salary $5,000 per annum. Each State is entitled to two Senators by the State Legislature, as shown by the heavy lines on the diagram. The Representatives in the Senate House, commonly called Congressmen, are elected by direct vote of the people, for a term of two years. The Senate is more directly under the control of the people than any other, being elected from the smaller districts than the House. Each State sends a member for every 130,000 inhabitants, usually. Salary, $3,000 per annum.

Judicial Department and U. S. Courts.

The Supreme Court constitutes the Judicial Department. It is composed of nine Judges, who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. They hold their office during life, or good behavior. Their position is the highest political position on earth, their decisions are the end of the law. It convenes for session on the first Monday in December, at Washington. Salary of Chief Justice $6,500 per annum; associates, $6,000.

The United States Courts have jurisdiction in all cases where the United States are a party. The Dred Scott case was brought to the United States District of Missouri, then taken to the United States Circuit Court, and then there to the Supreme Court of the United States and decided by Judge Taney.

Union and State Governments.

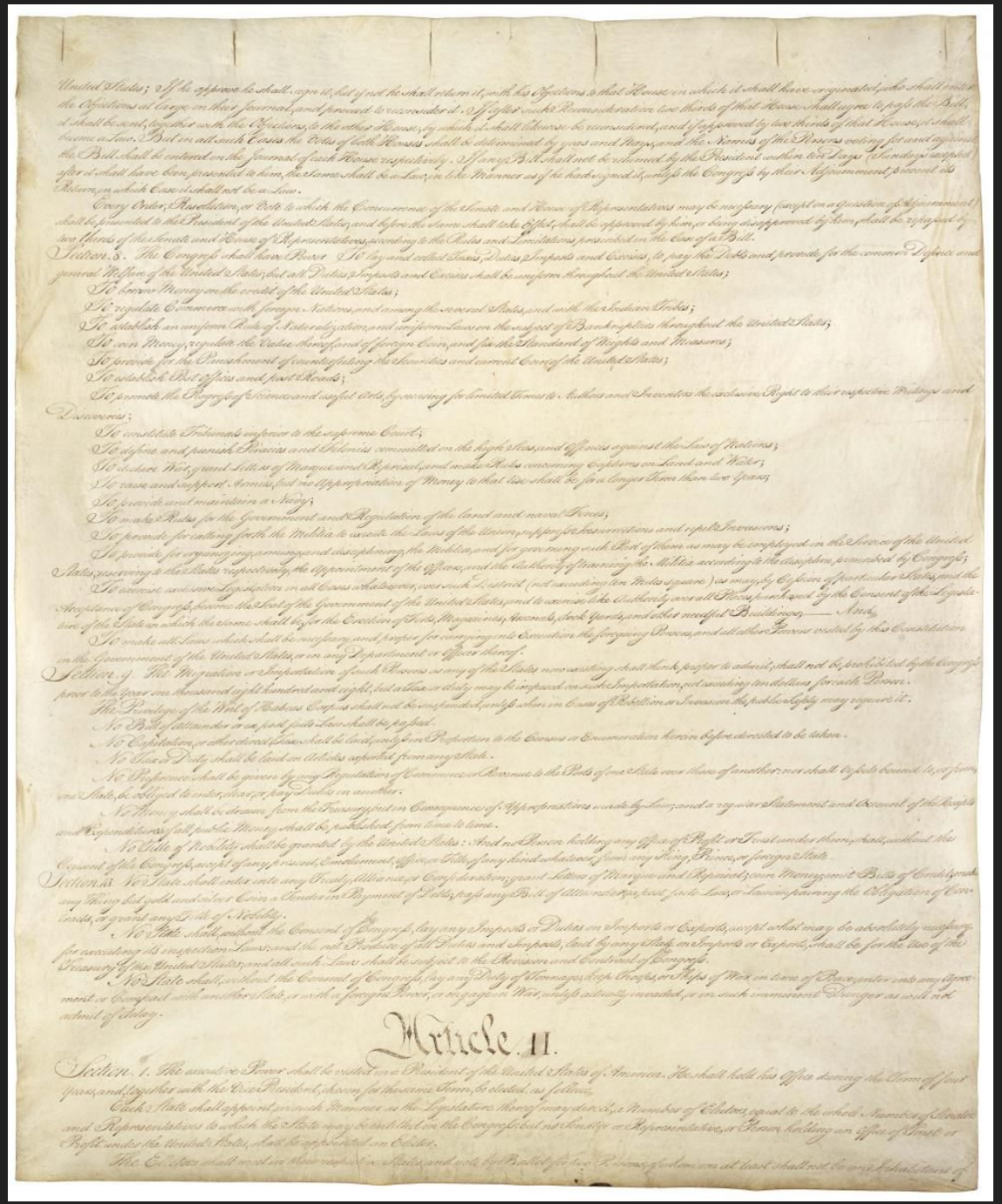
Each State has a Legislature composed of a Senate and House of Representatives, a Constitution (which must be subordinate to the Constitution of the United States), a Governor, a Supreme Court, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Auditor, and Commissioner for the State of Alabama and Kansas (as the diagram)

The blue line surrounding the States shows the democratic idea of Union; the upper part of the diagram the Federal idea, represented for by Washington, John Adams, Hancock, Hamilton, and others. The present state shows the wisdom of the old Patriots of having a strong Government. It is the first of many attempts to obey the Federal government first and of all times. The large blue line running from the States to the Constitution represents allegiance, as all officers must swear to support the U. S. Constitution and the Constitution of his own State before he can enter upon the duties of office. The red line flowing out represents Constitutional power.

Magistrates Courts have original jurisdiction of all cases less than $100 and with Grand or Common Pleas have concurrent original jurisdiction of all cases over $100 and under $300. Suits may be taken from Magistrates Court to Common Pleas either by petition or writ of appeal, from Common Pleas to the Supreme Court by petition in error or appeal, from District Court to the Supreme Court of the State by petition in error only. Superior Courts are created by a special act of the Legislature for the administration of a City; they have original concurrent jurisdiction with Courts of Common Pleas. A case may be taken from Supreme Court to Supreme Court digested between judges in error to the Supreme Court of the State.

Criminal cases have their preliminary trial before a Magistrate, Probate Judges, or Mayor's Court, and bind to bail, and if a case fail to bound by the Grand Jury, the case is tried before the Circuit Criminal Court, and may be carried on error to the District Court, and from there to the Supreme Court of the State.

There are besides Foreign Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary, regular Ministers resident, and two Commissioners. Foreign Governments also, have Ministers at Washington. Population U. S. 31,459,284.



U.S. Civics 101

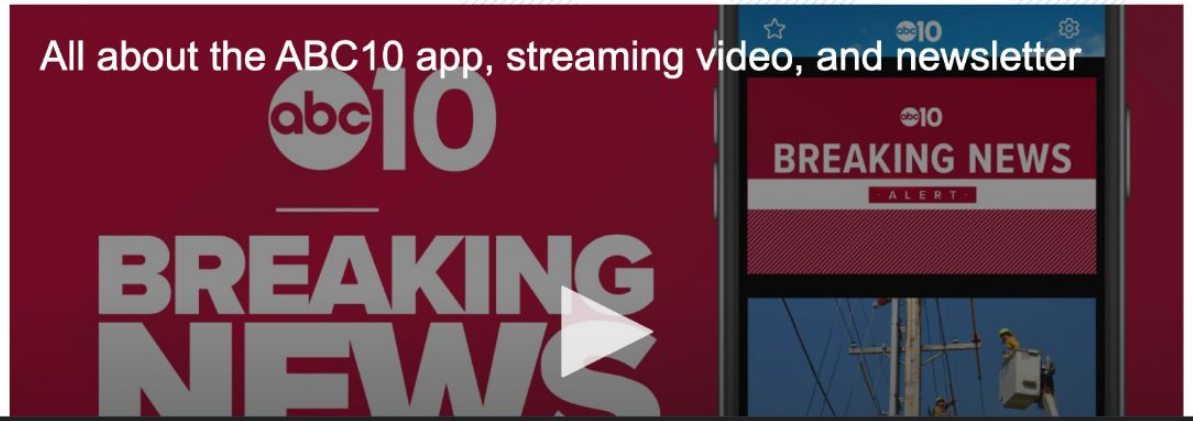
- All Federal authority stems from the U.S. Constitution.
- All State and lower authority is subject to their own constitution.
- The bill of rights lists authorities that are explicitly forbidden to the U.S. government

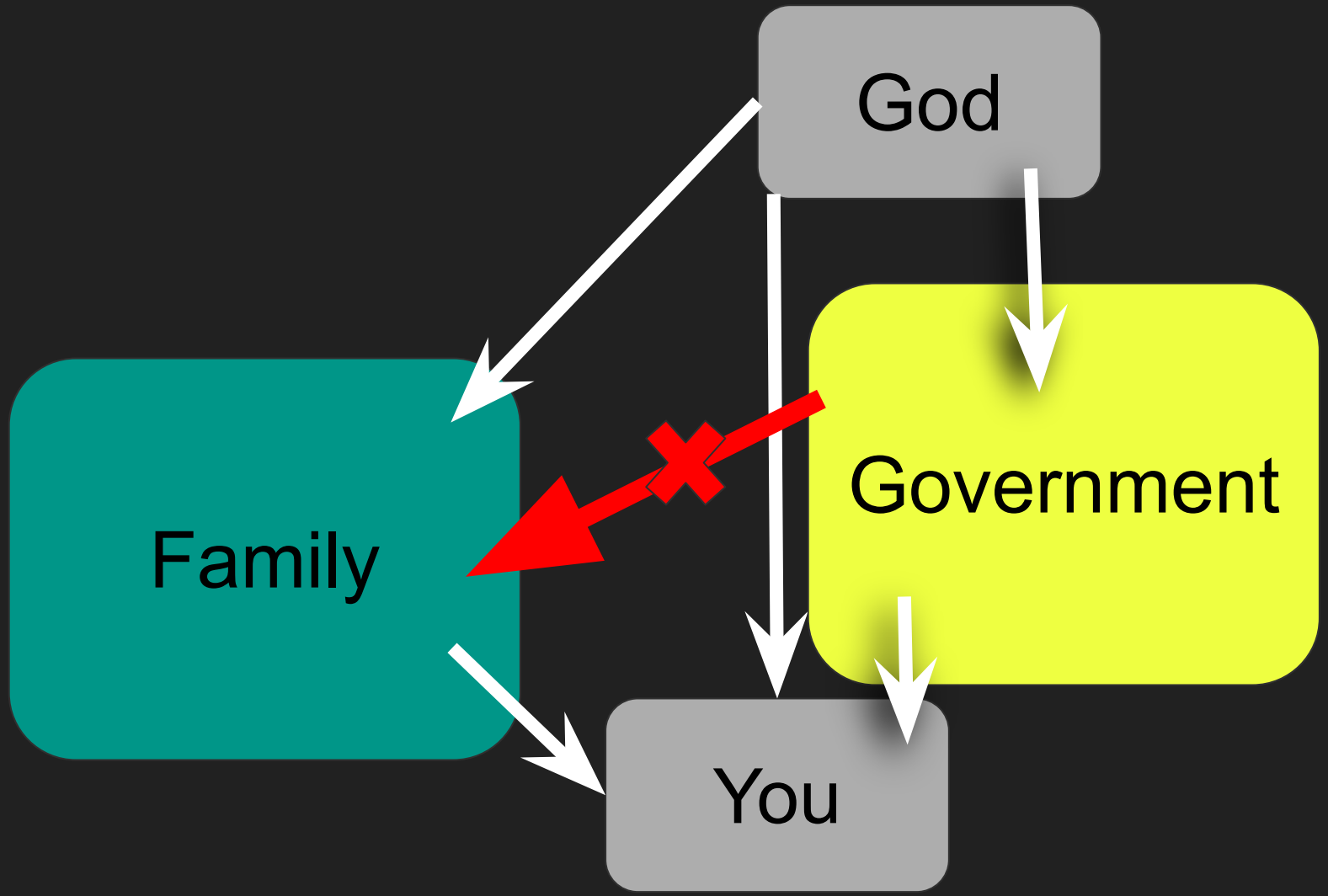
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Student COVID vaccinations: California becomes first state to require them for kids 12 and up

Gov. Gavin Newsom added COVID-19 to the list of diseases students must get a vaccination for to attend school.

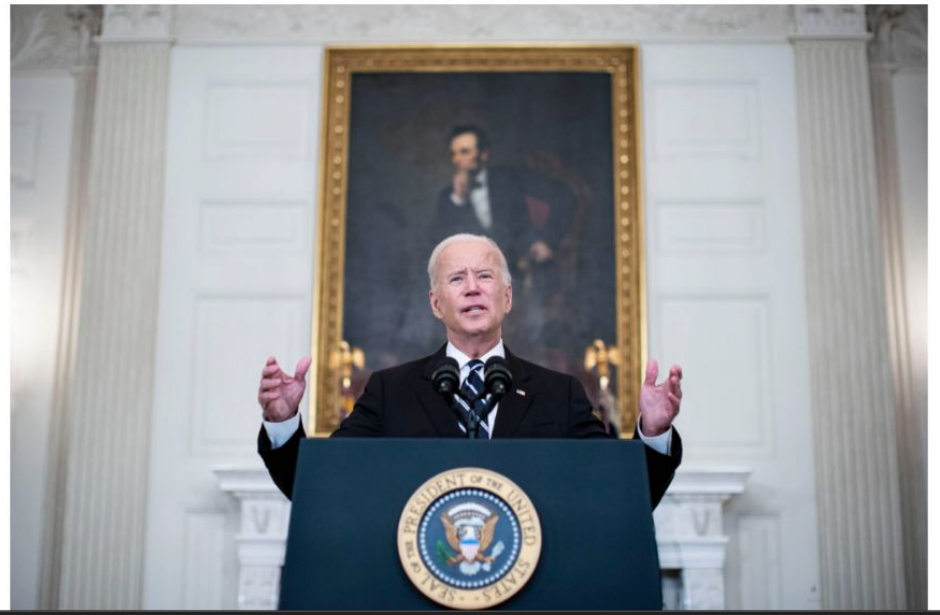


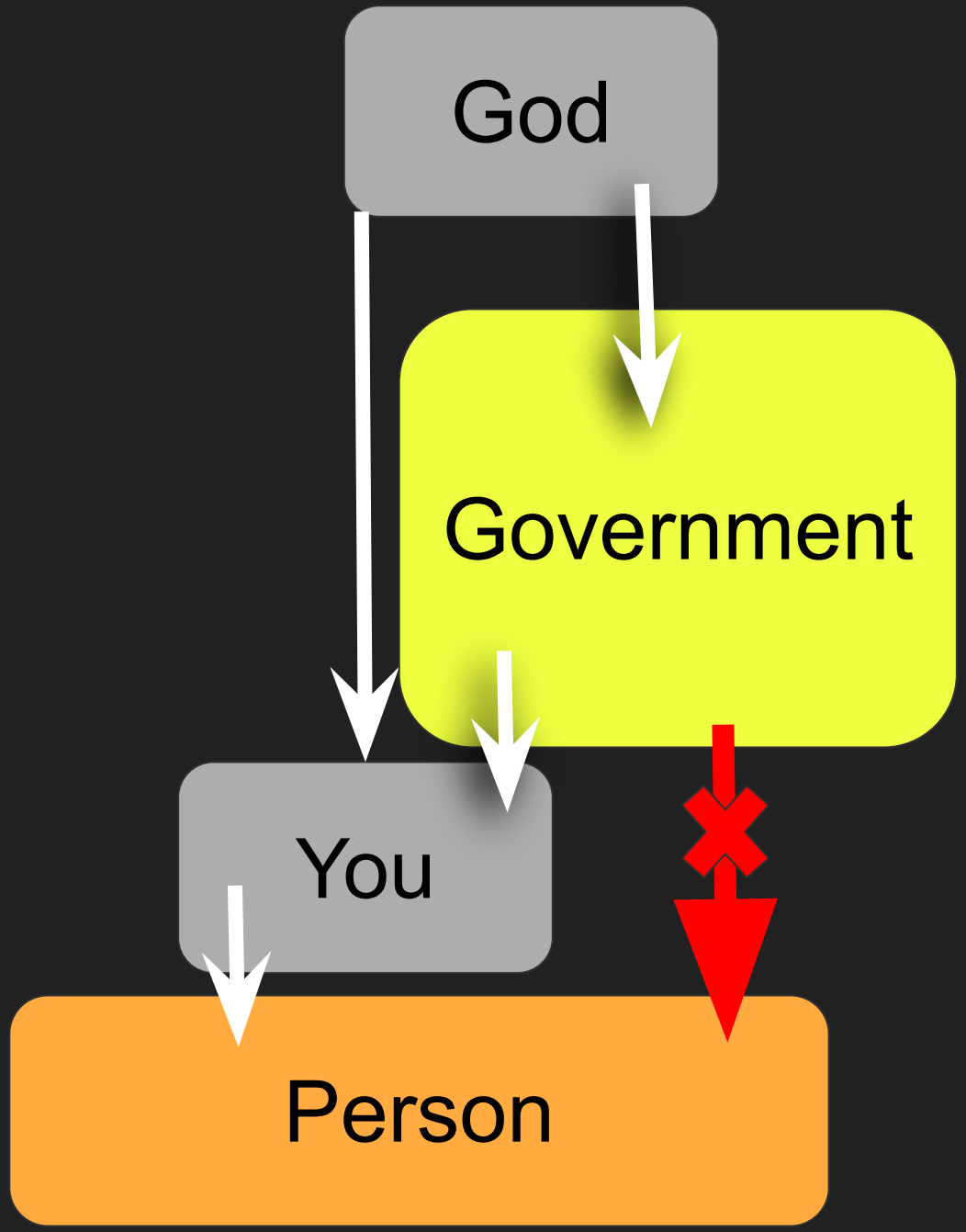

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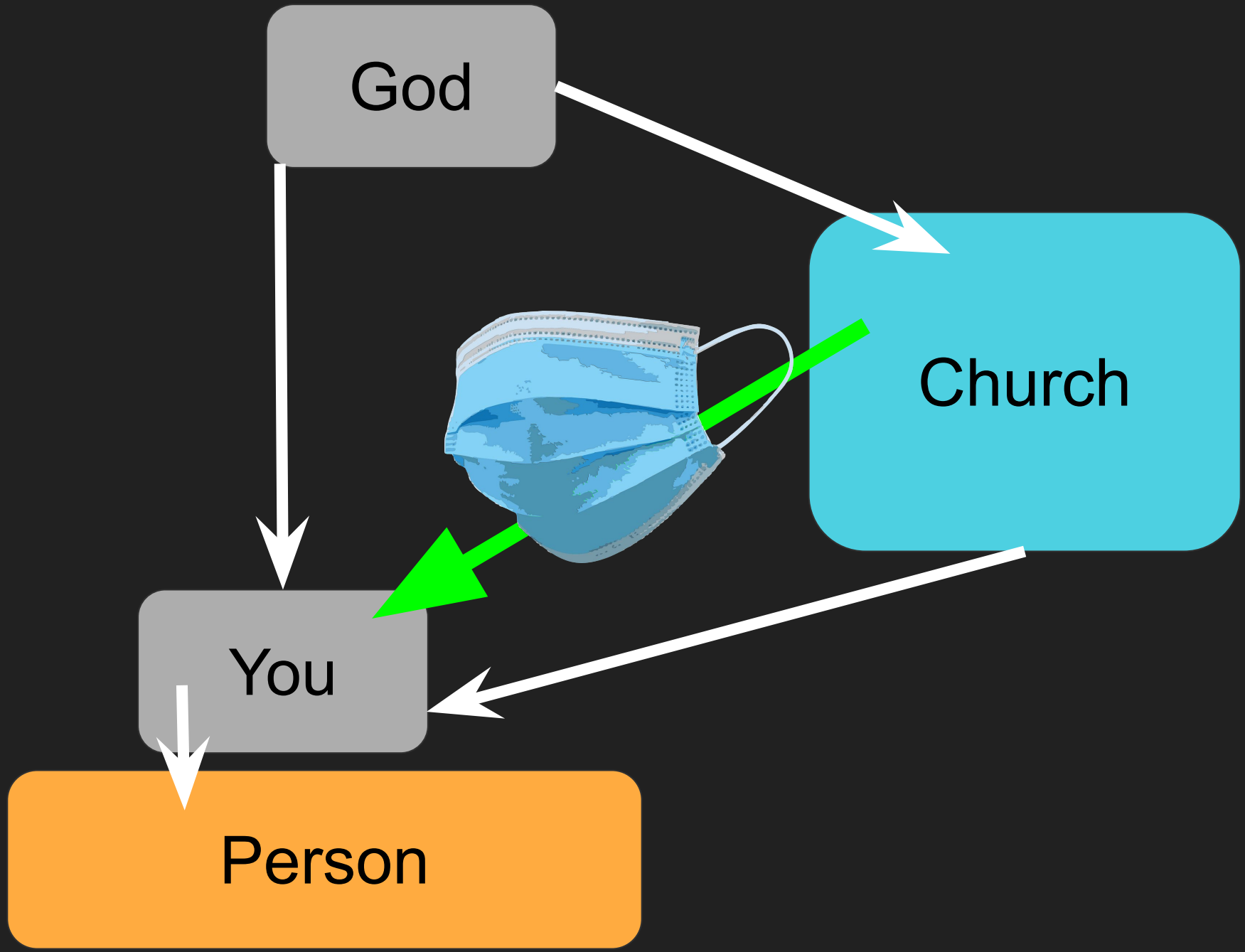
Biden Mandates Vaccines for Workers, Saying, 'Our Patience Is Wearing Thin'

Initially reluctant to enact mandates, the president is now moving aggressively to require vaccination as the Delta variant races across the country.

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We exhort you to unity

Eph 4:3

“Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Psalm 133

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity!”