

2 PETER 1:2-11 (1898-1899)

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us for your good and precious promises, so that through them you may partake of his divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desires.

For this reason make every effort to add to your faith goodness, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, brotherly affection, and love. By these you will receive the rich and glorious promise of eternal life which will be yours when Jesus Christ is revealed to all. If anyone does not have these qualities, his soul is unprofitable and will be cast away. If anyone does not have love, he is not acquainted with God, and therefore he has not seen him. He who does not love his brother whom he has seen does not love God who has been absent from his past life.

Therefore, my brothers, be diligent to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive the rich and glorious promise of eternal life.

God and Savior Jesus Christ.



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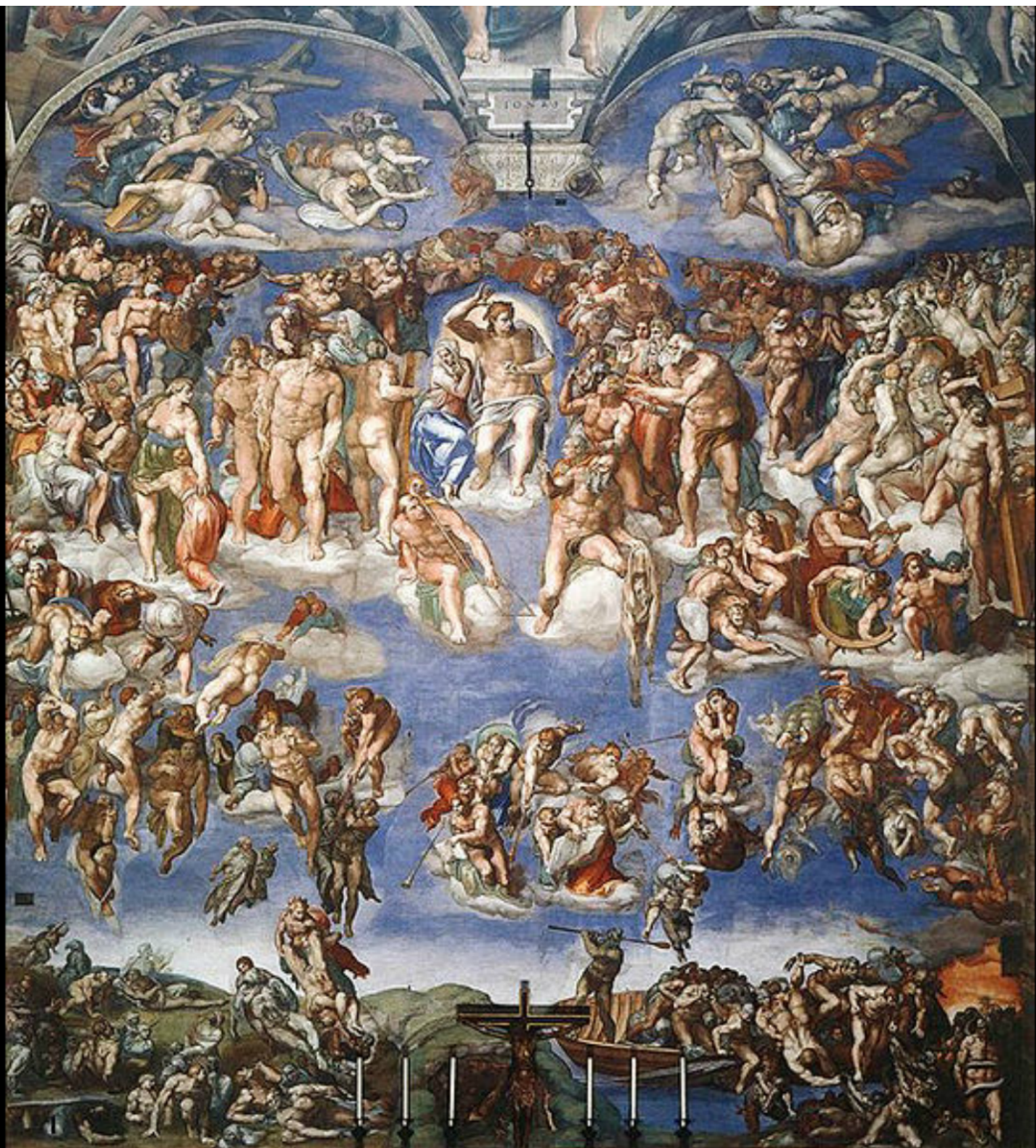


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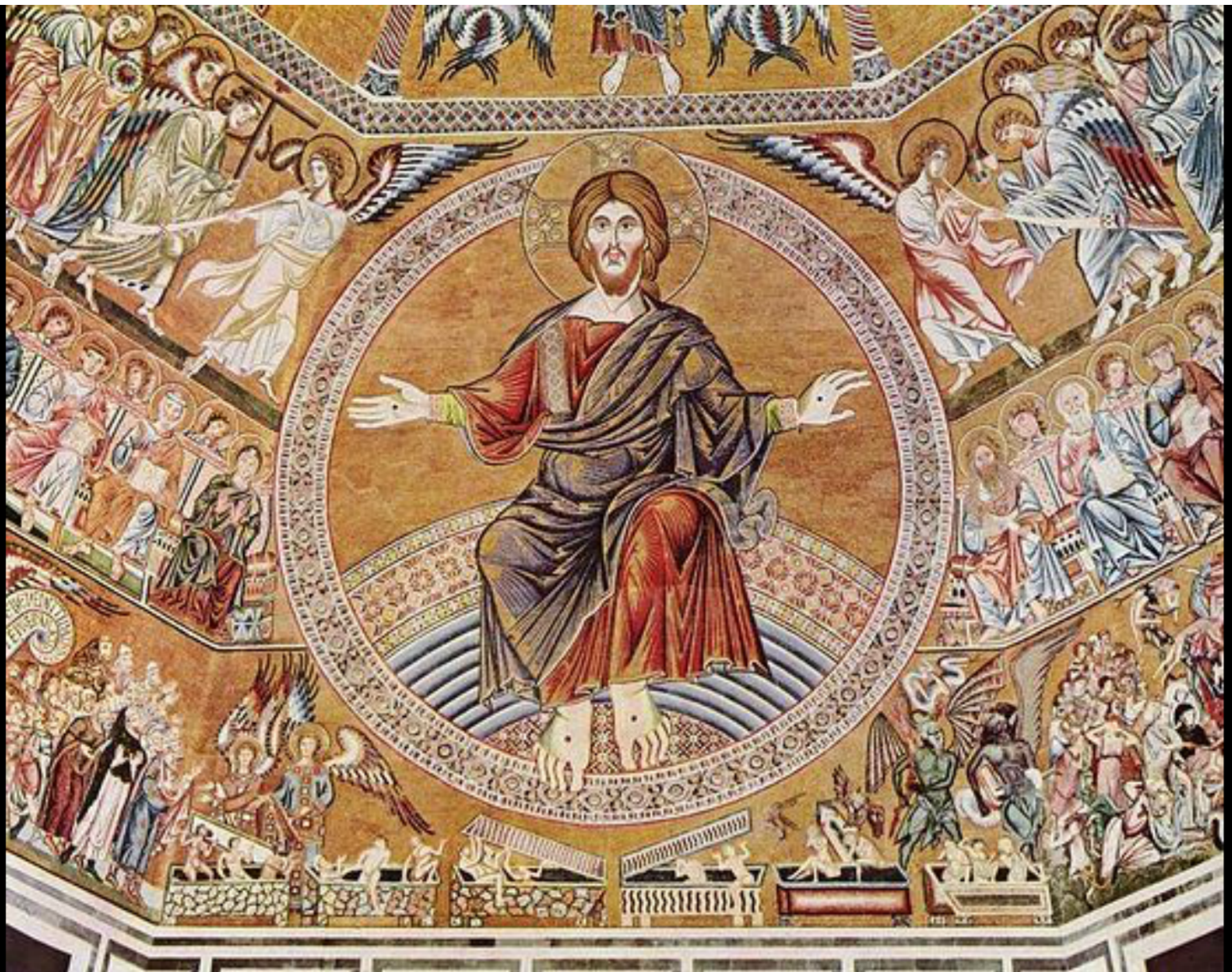
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"WHERE IS THIS COMING HE PROMISED?
 Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on AS IT HAS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF CREATION"

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PETER: No it doesn't!

Rebuttal 2: Theology

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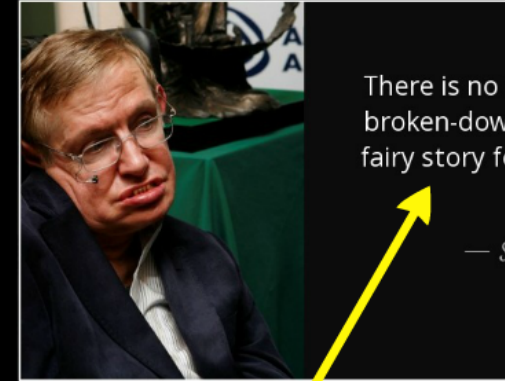
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