



SCRIPTURE

John 7:1 – 8

2 Corinthians 3:12 – 18

Fall Series!

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UNBRANDABLE

VEILED REVELATION DOESN'T BRAND

THE GOOD NEWS
THAT GOD IS OUT OF STEP WITH THIS WORLD

COMMUNICATION

Shouldn't it be
easy, simple
and **accessible?**

JESUS?



SIMPLE.

COMMUNICATION

**I shouldn't
need this**



JESUS?

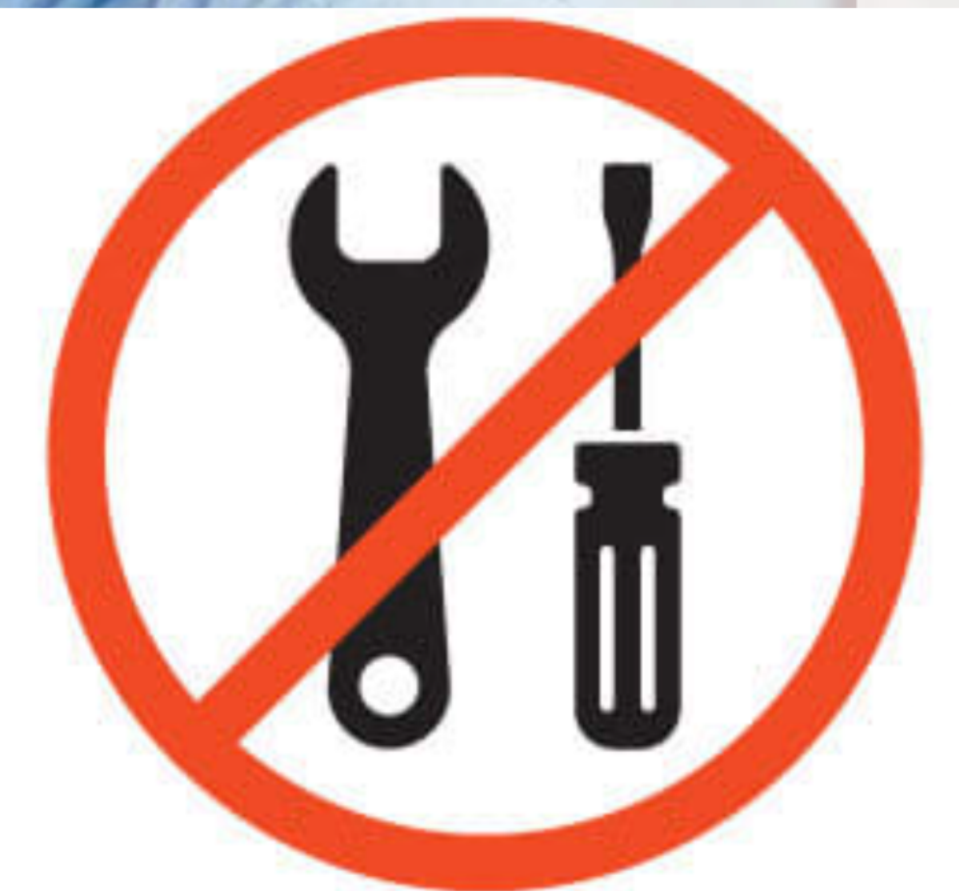
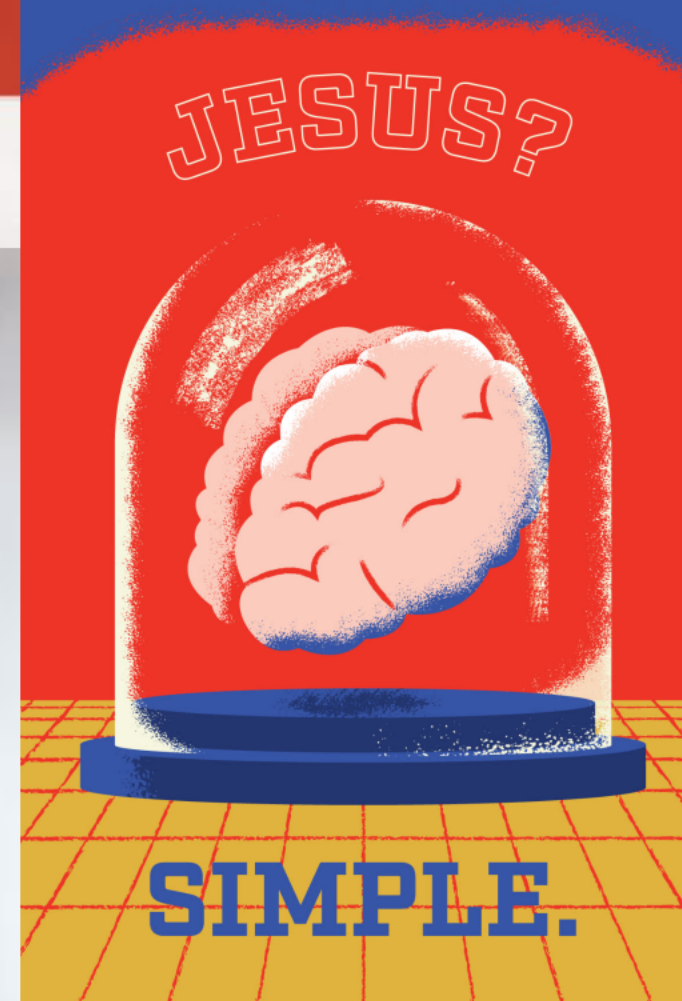


SIMPLE.

EXHIBITION

Everyone can
show themselves
to the world now.


So why doesn't
God do it better?



**NO ASSEMBLY
REQUIRED**

John 7:1 – 8

Jesus went around in Galilee, **purposely** **staying away from Judea** because the Jews there were waiting to take his life. But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, *Jesus' brothers said* to him, "**You ought to** leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. **No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret...**



John 7:1 – 8

...Since you are doing these things,
show yourself to the world." For even his own
brothers *did not believe in him*.

Therefore Jesus told them, "The *right time* for
me has not yet come; **for you any time is
right**. The world cannot hate you, but it hates
me because I testify that what it does is evil...





John 7:1 – 8

...You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me **the right time** has not yet come."

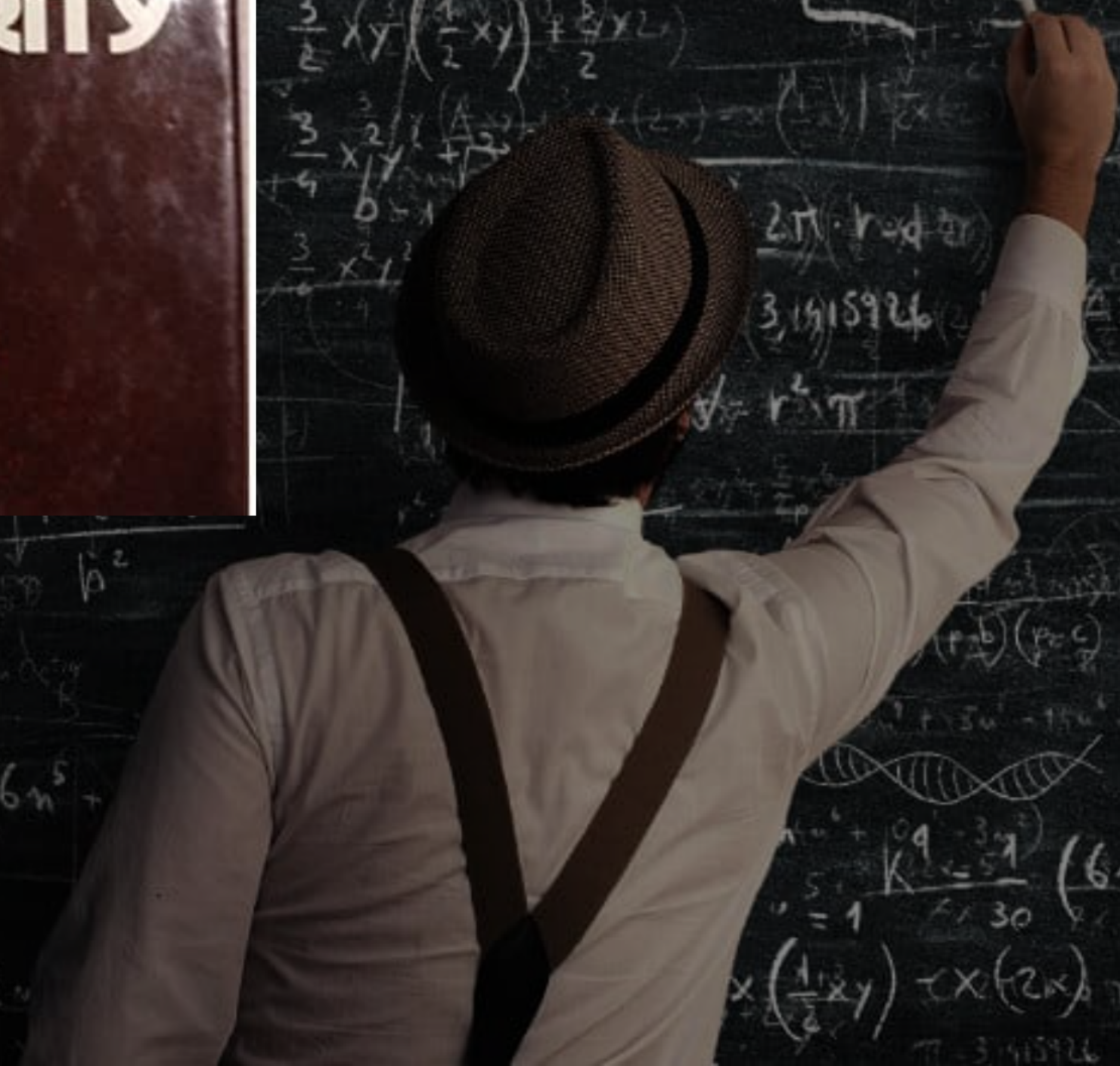
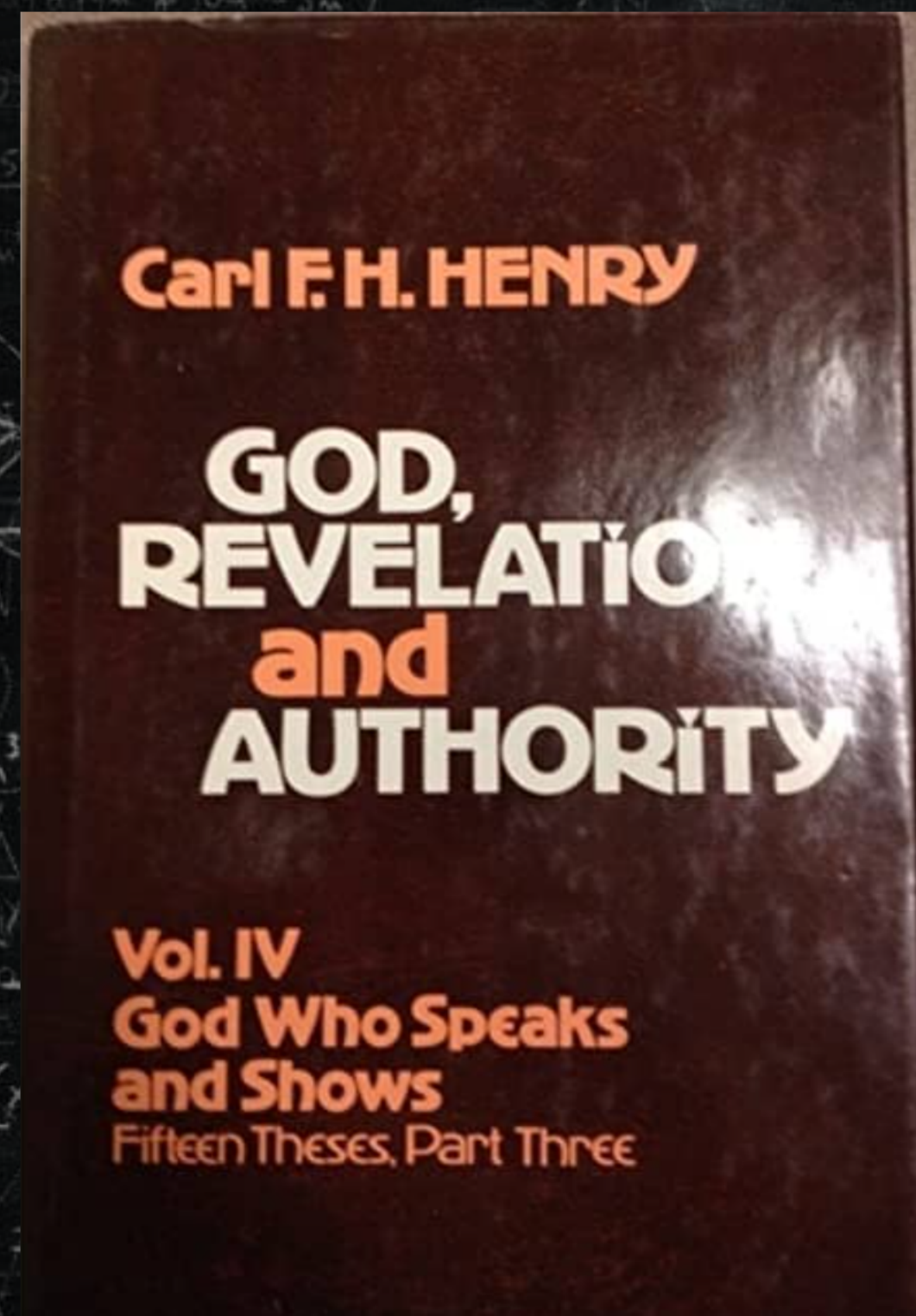
GOD'S REVELATION IS
NOT A PERSONAL
EXHIBITION

IT'S COMPLICATED:

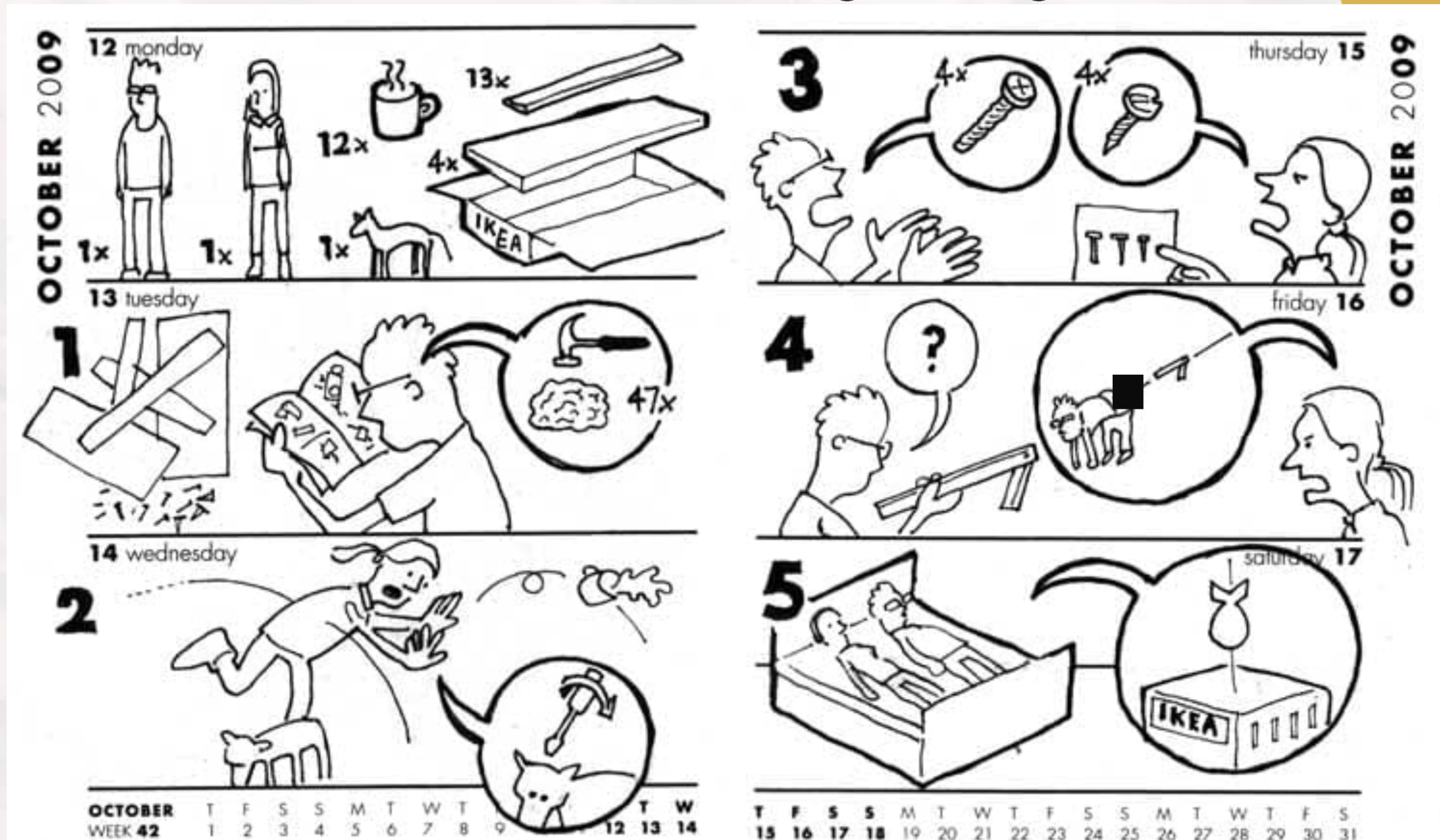
"For you anytime
is right."

- John 7:6b

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Fun assembling things



ASSEMBLY OPTIONS AND REVELATION:

1. No assembly required
2. Maddening instructions and product
3. Well engineered and communicated



Disassembly



GOD'S REVELATION IS A
RESCUE INTERVENTION.

(in the form of a moral confrontation)

I. WE ARE HARD
TO TALK TO

DIFFICULT RECEIVERS



Narrow
Perspective



Job, Genesis 3

Truth Suppressors

Truth
(worship creation)
Romans 1



Moral
(Hypocrisy)
Romans 2

Malice
(poison of vipers)
Romans 3

Romans 1:18-19

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men **who suppress the truth by their wickedness**, since what may be known about God **is plain** to them, because God has made **it plain** to them.



2. GOD IS HARD FOR
US TO LISTEN TO

INAPPROACHABLY APPROACHABLE



Exodus 20:19

Isaiah 6:5



Ezekiel 3:15

Luke 2:9

Exodus 20:18 – 21

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."



Exodus 20:18 – 21

...Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning." The people **remained at a distance**, while Moses approached **the thick darkness where God was**.



CLEAR YET UNCENSORIOUS



NUH UH
TO YOUR
UH HUH



Genesis 3
2 Corinthians 2:15 – 16
2 Thessalonians 2:8 – 12

2 Thessalonians 2:9 – 12

The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing.



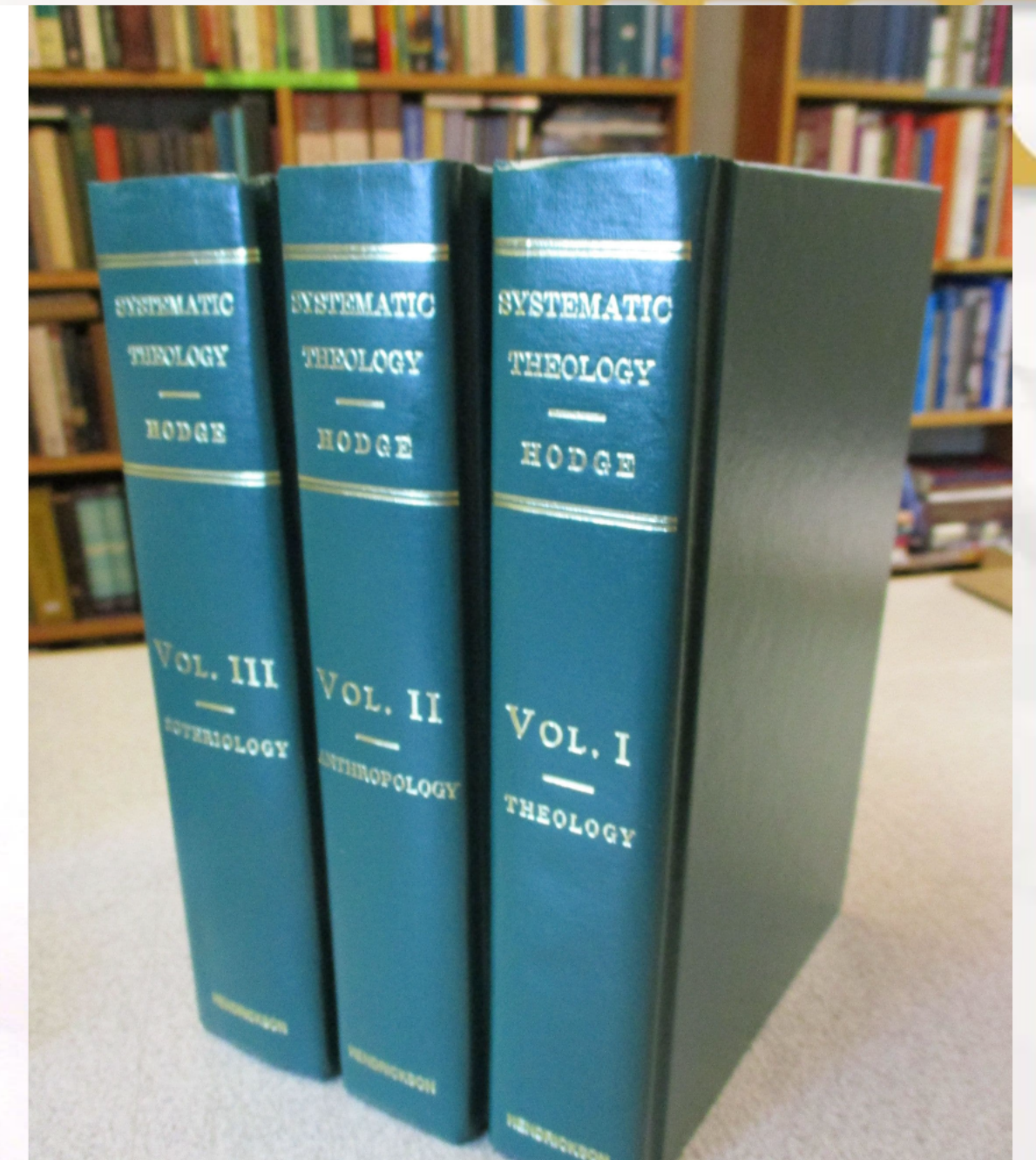
2 Thessalonians 2:9 – 12

...They perish because **they refused to love the truth** and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.



SYSTEMATICALLY INSTRUMENTAL

God's revelation
is **Goal Driven**,
not **Desire Driven**
(or Completeness Driven)



Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong to the LORD our God,
but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, **that**
we may follow all the words of this law.

APPLICATION:

1. **God centered** – Proverbs 9:10,
Psalms 111:10
2. **Real seeking** – Jeremiah 29:13,
Matthew 6:33
3. **Practice based** – John 7:14,
Psalms 34:8



3. GOD'S REVELATION
IS PERFECT FOR US.

MULTI-FORM HOLISTIC REVELATION

← Natural

Special →

Jesus Christ

Creation

Imago Dei &
Conscience

The Church

Inspired
Scriptures

Sacred history

Holy Spirit's
presence & works

← General

Norming →

Curse Harmed

Curse entering

PERFECTLY ORDERED



Rev. Will: redemption

Creation

Imago Dei
& Conscience

Inspired Scriptures

The Church

Jesus Christ

Holy Spirit's presence & works

Sacred history

Sec. Will: Glory



4. WE CAN SEEK
AND FIND GOD.

I. SEEK INSTEAD OF SUPPRESS IT



If you can trust your heart,
God's special revelation has no
purpose.

Expect to be contradicted.

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2. IDENTIFY THE GAINSAYERS

Who we don't listen to
matters as much as who
we do.

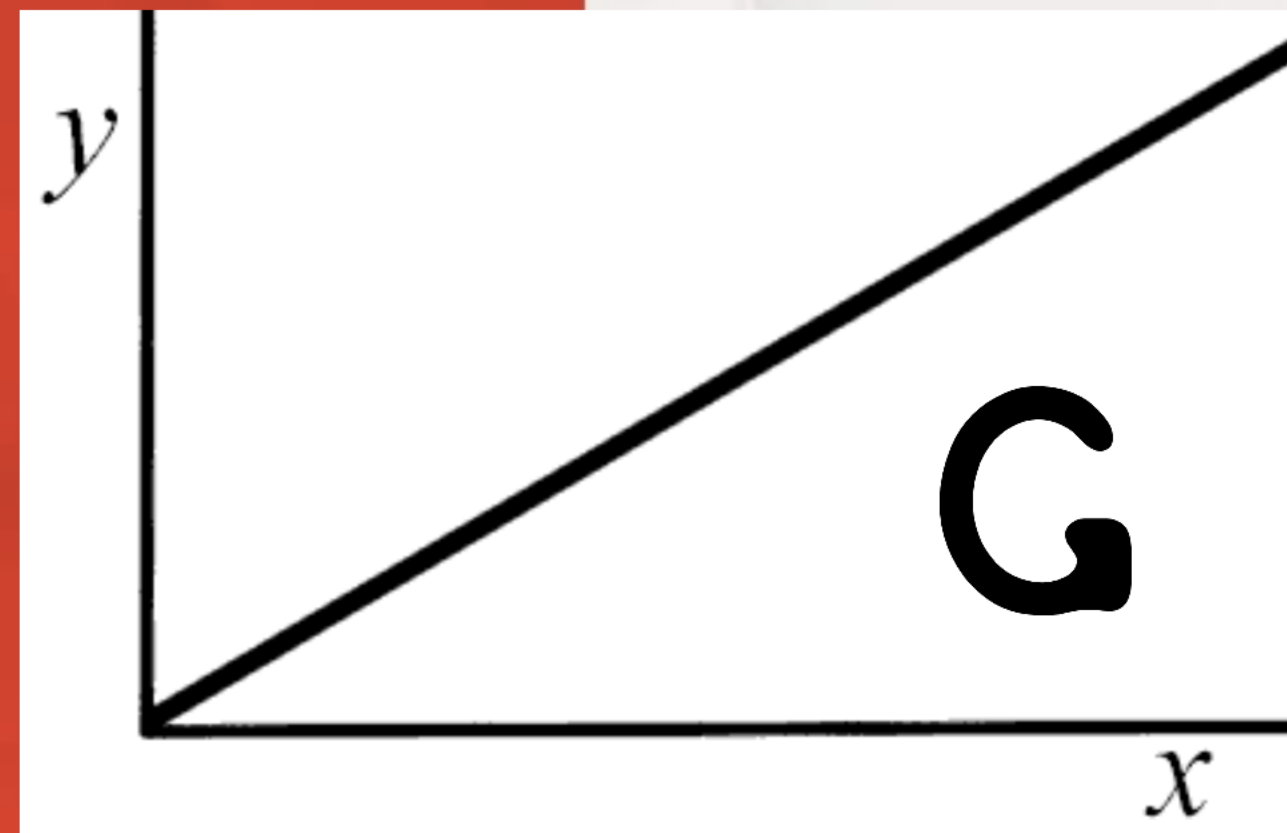


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Submission



Freedom



"DISCIPLE"

SUBMISSION VS. ACTIVISM

Your true liberation is in proportion to your acceptance of God's authority in his revelation

(Submission to God makes right social activism possible.)

3. REVELATION HAS A DECODING CENTER

All revelations are not
conceptually equal

JESUS IS THE
CENTER OF GOD'S
REVELATION



JESUS?



SIMPLE.

4. NONE OF YOU
GETS A PASS.

God's revelation
will engage
everything in you.

Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes
that I may see
wonderful things
in your law.

5. BRACE FOR WONDER

You will see
unspeakable
beauty and worth



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