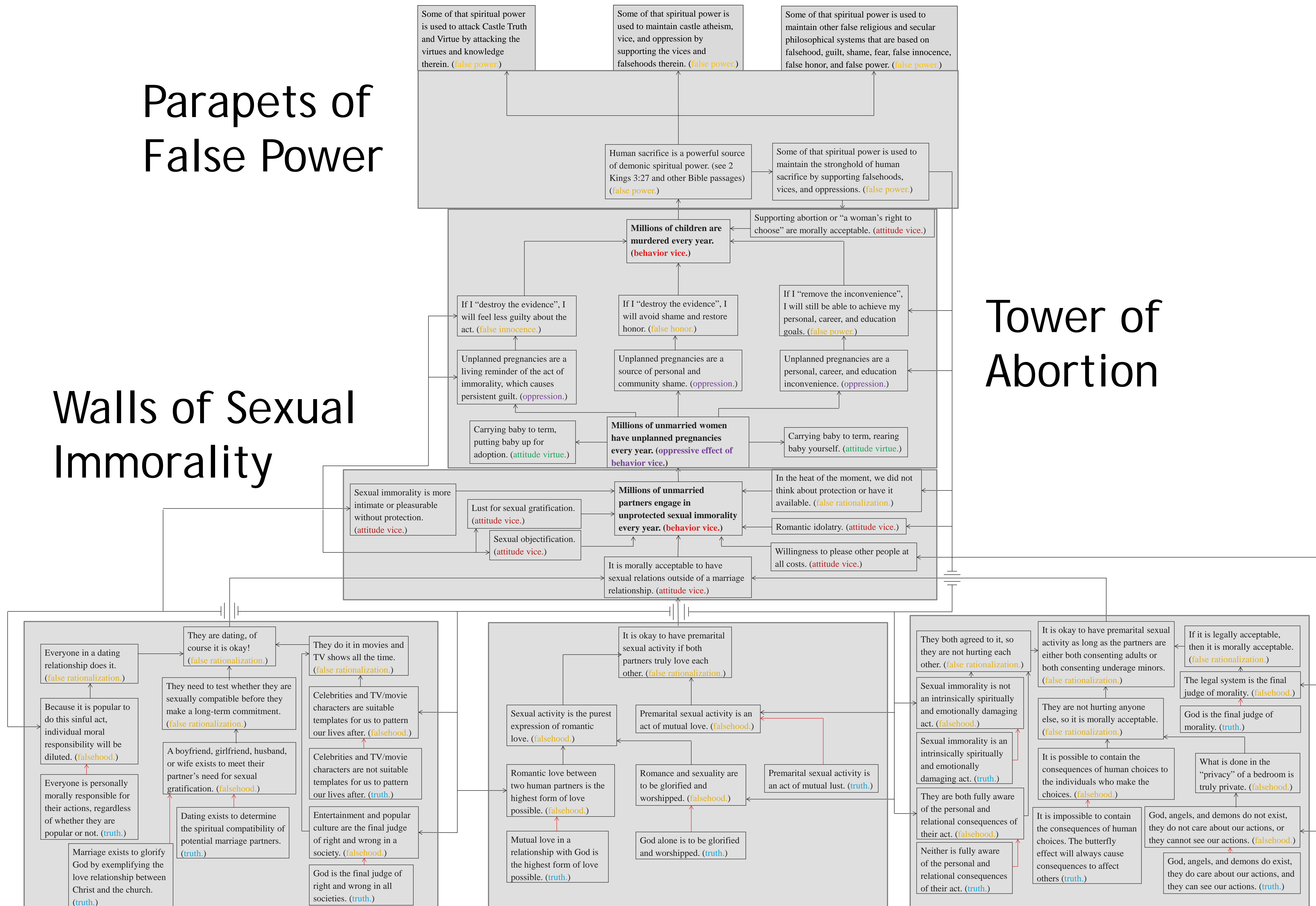


Castle of Human Sacrifice

Parapets of False Power

Walls of Sexual Immorality

Tower of Abortion



Rampart of Society Rationalization

Rampart of Romantic Rationalization

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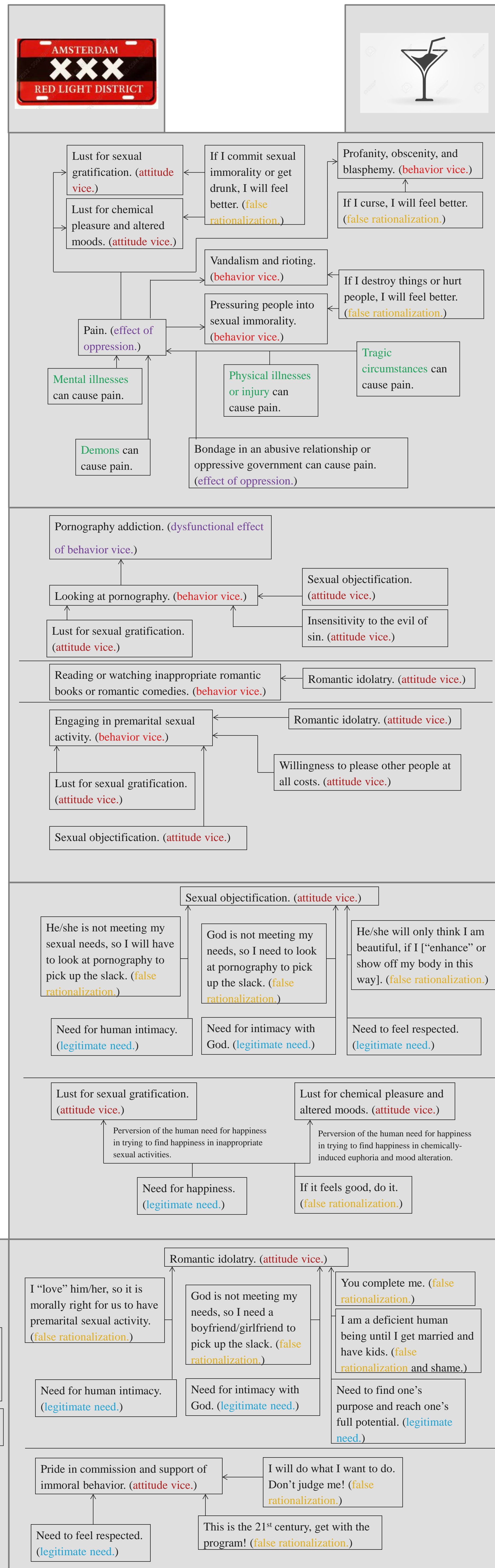
"For though we live in the body, we do not wage war in an unspiritual way, since the weapons of our warfare are not worldly, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments and every high minded thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive to obey Christ."
2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 (HCSB)

"For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens."
Ephesians 6 : 12 (HCSB)

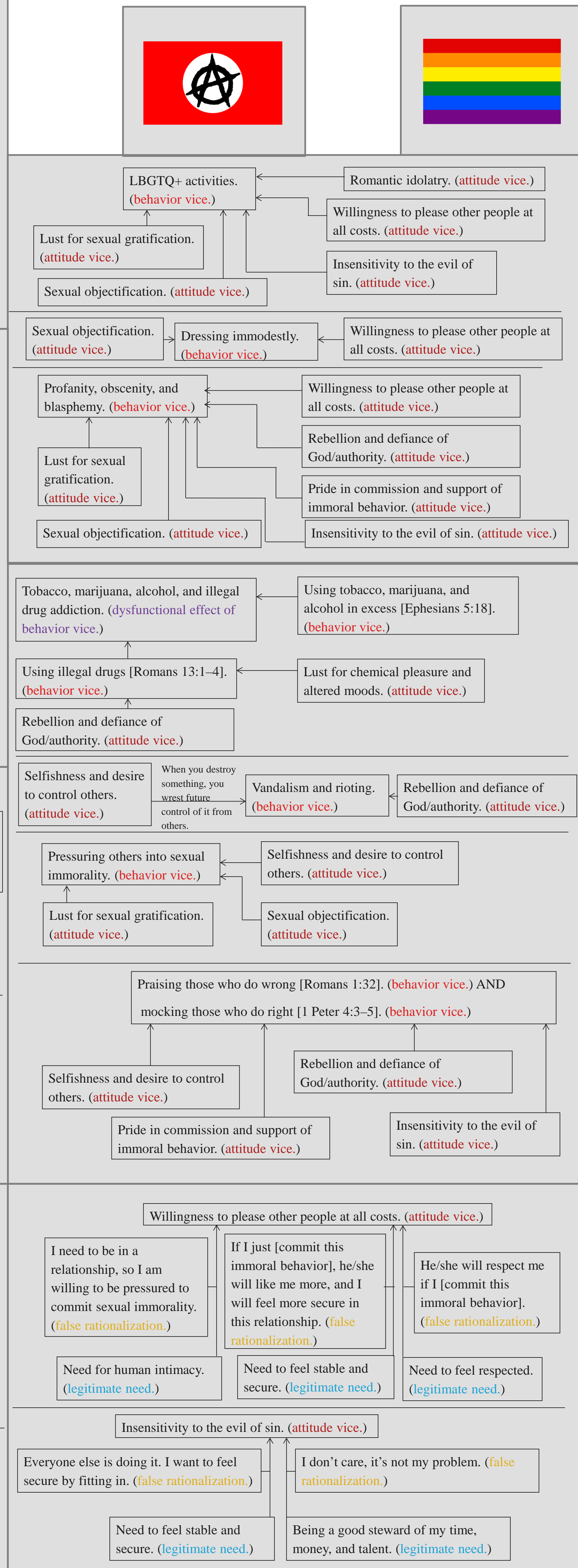
"And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does God's will remains forever."
Ephesians 6 : 12 (HCSB)

"The fool says in his heart, "God does not exist." They are corrupt, and they do vile deeds. There is no one who does good."
Psalms 14 : 1 and Psalm 53:1 (HCSB)

Towers of Vice and Oppression



Castle Atheism, Vice, and Oppression



Legend:

Legitimate Need: A legitimate human need that can be met either by trusting God to meet it in His timing and providence in a legitimate way (Philippians 4:19) or by developing an attitude vice that desires to meet the need in an illegitimate, sinful, unhealthy, or dysfunctional way (1 John 2:15-17).

Attitude Vice: A legitimate need is "twisted" such that a "need" or desire to commit **behavior vices** is created.

False Rationalization: A falsehood (Romans 1:18) that is believed for the purpose of excusing, justifying, or rationalizing the use of an **attitude vice** to attempt to meet a **legitimate need**.

Behavior Vice: An external behavior that would be biblically categorized as sinful. These are always against God and against oneself, but may also be directly against others as well. The impetus for performing these behaviors comes from one's **attitude vices** (James 1:13-15) or externally from demons (1 Peter 5:8-9) or other humans (Ephesians 2:1-3).

Effects of Oppression: The painful, harmful, enslaving, and dysfunctional effects of the (internal) belief in **falsehoods**, the harboring of **attitude vices**, and the committing of **behavior vices**. Also, the effects of living in a fallen and broken world, which includes the fact that demons and other humans can inflict external oppression on people.

Sources of Oppression: The societal, physical, or mental **conditions**, **false beliefs**, **attitude vices**, and **behavior vices** that cause the internal oppression. **Demons** or **other people** are the source of external oppression.

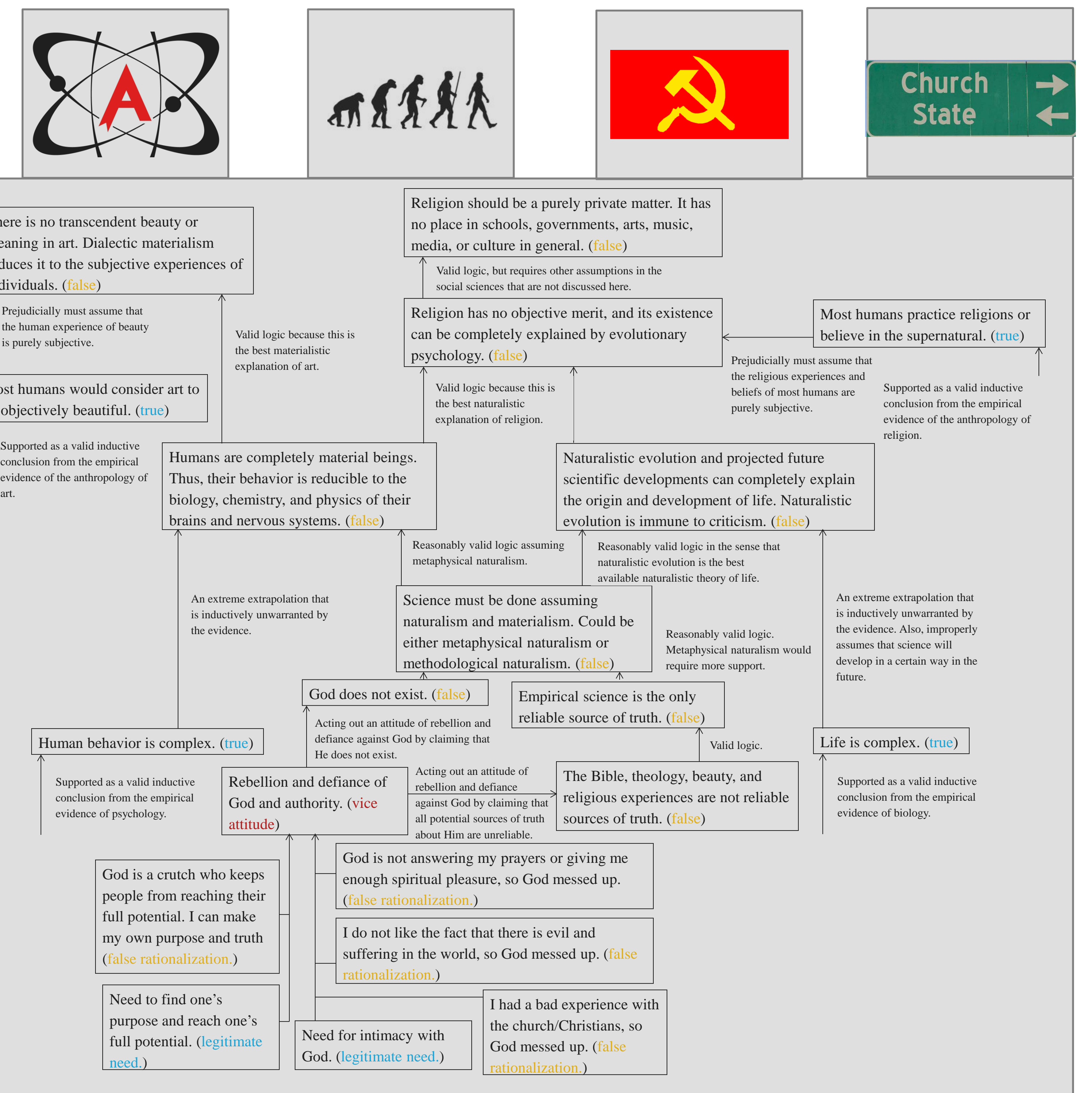
Societal Conditions: Factors endemic to a human's culture that enable the oppression to happen more easily.

Physical Conditions: Physical illnesses or injuries that cause pain, harm, or dysfunction.

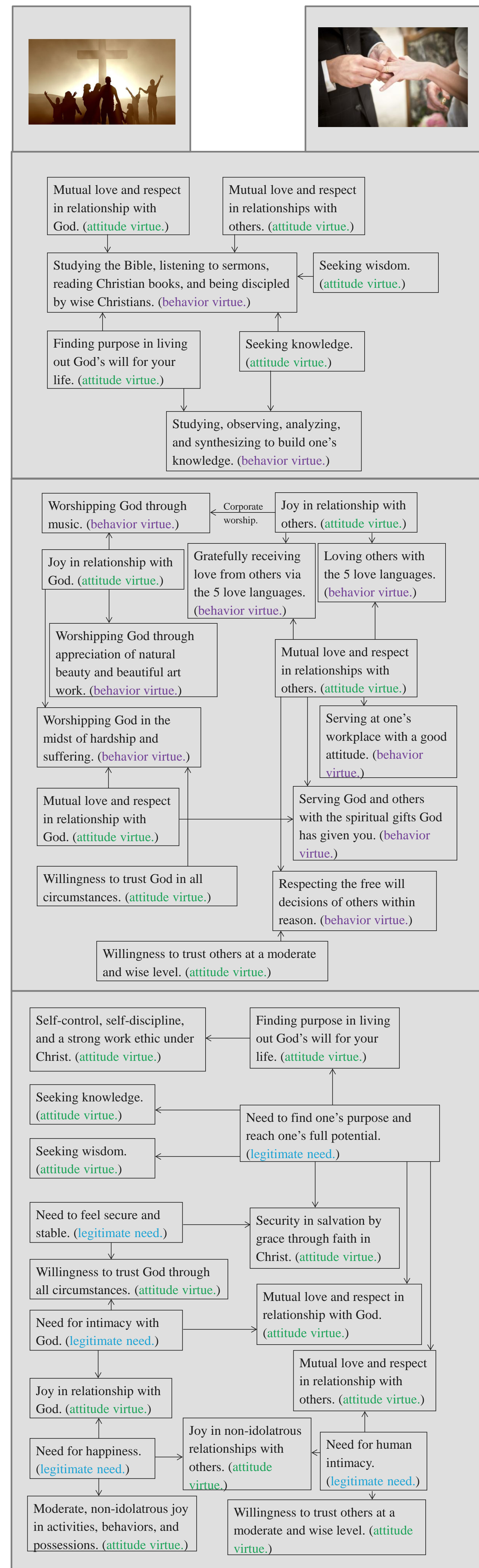
Mental Conditions: Mental illnesses or tragic circumstances that cause pain, harm, or dysfunction.

Illegitimate seeking of relief from oppression: In order to desperately attempt to mitigate or remove the **effects of oppression**, humans often seek relief illegitimately by believing further **falsehoods**, developing **attitude vices**, and committing **behavior vices**.

Atheism Tower



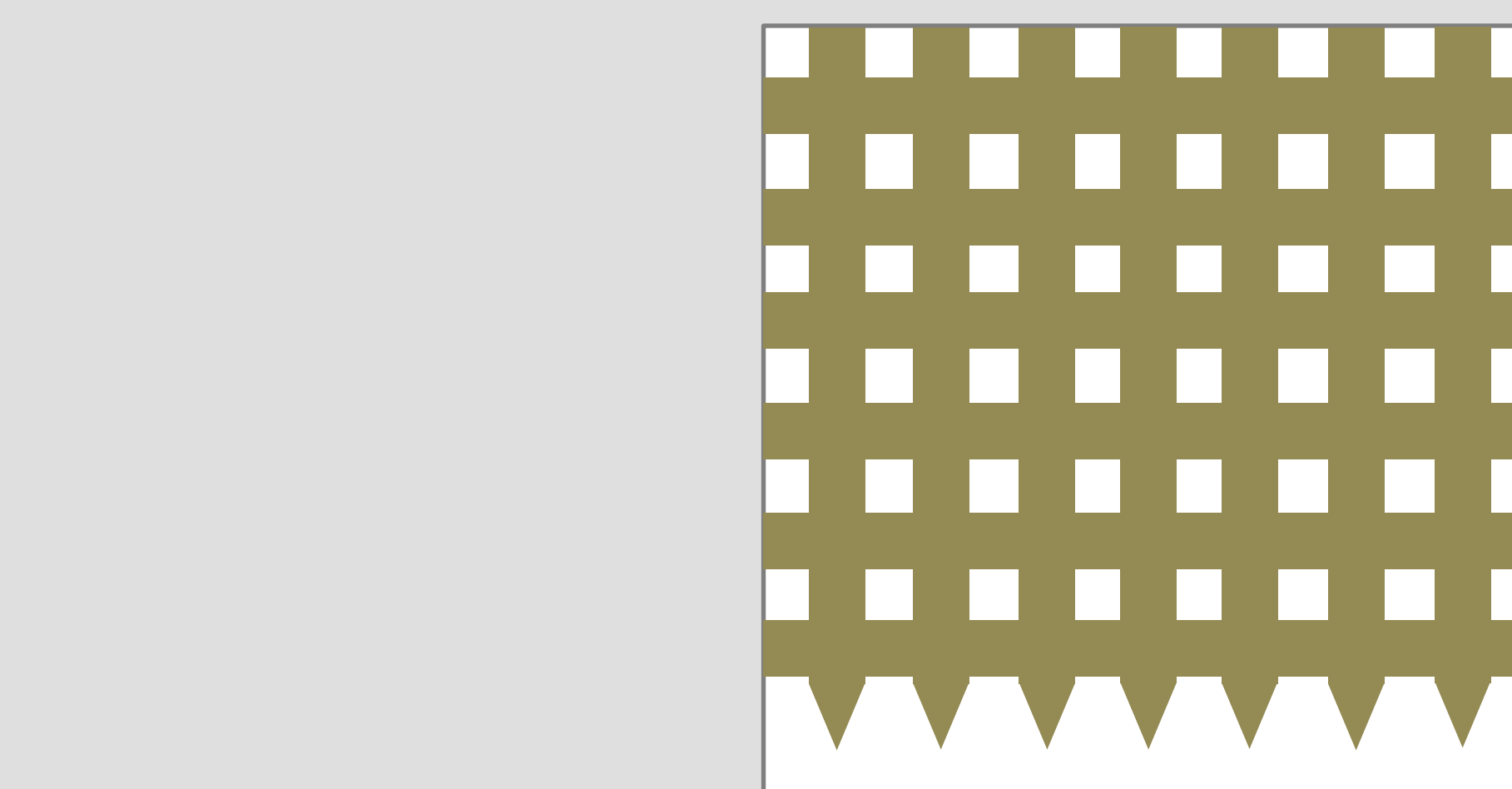
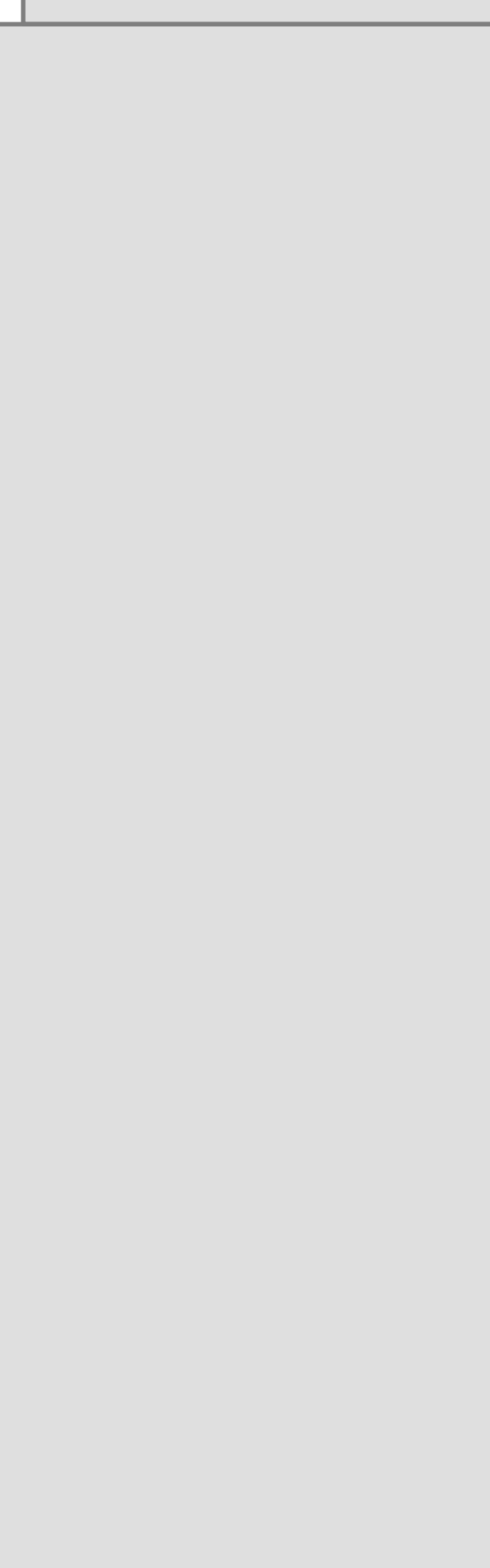
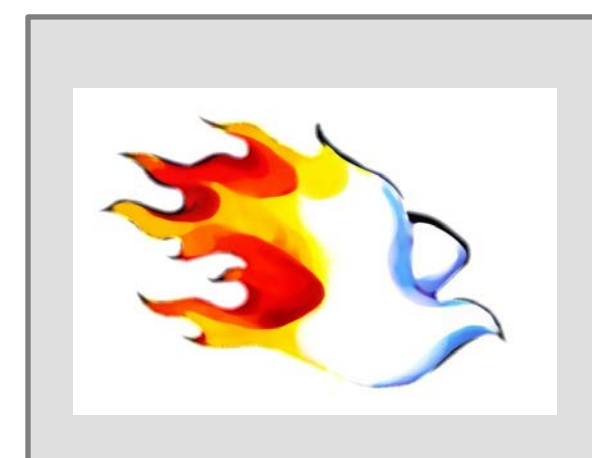
Tower of Virtue



"Love finds no joy in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."
1 Corinthians 13 : 6-7 (HCSB)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit."
Galatians 5 : 22-25 (HCSB)

"He [God] made the One [Jesus] who did not sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
2 Corinthians 5 : 21 (HCSB)



"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for God's glory."
1 Corinthians 10 : 31 (HCSB)

"For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment."
1 Corinthians 13 : 6-7 (HCSB)

"I am the door [gate]. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and to destroy. I have come so that you may have life and have it in abundance."
John 10 : 9-10 (HCSB)

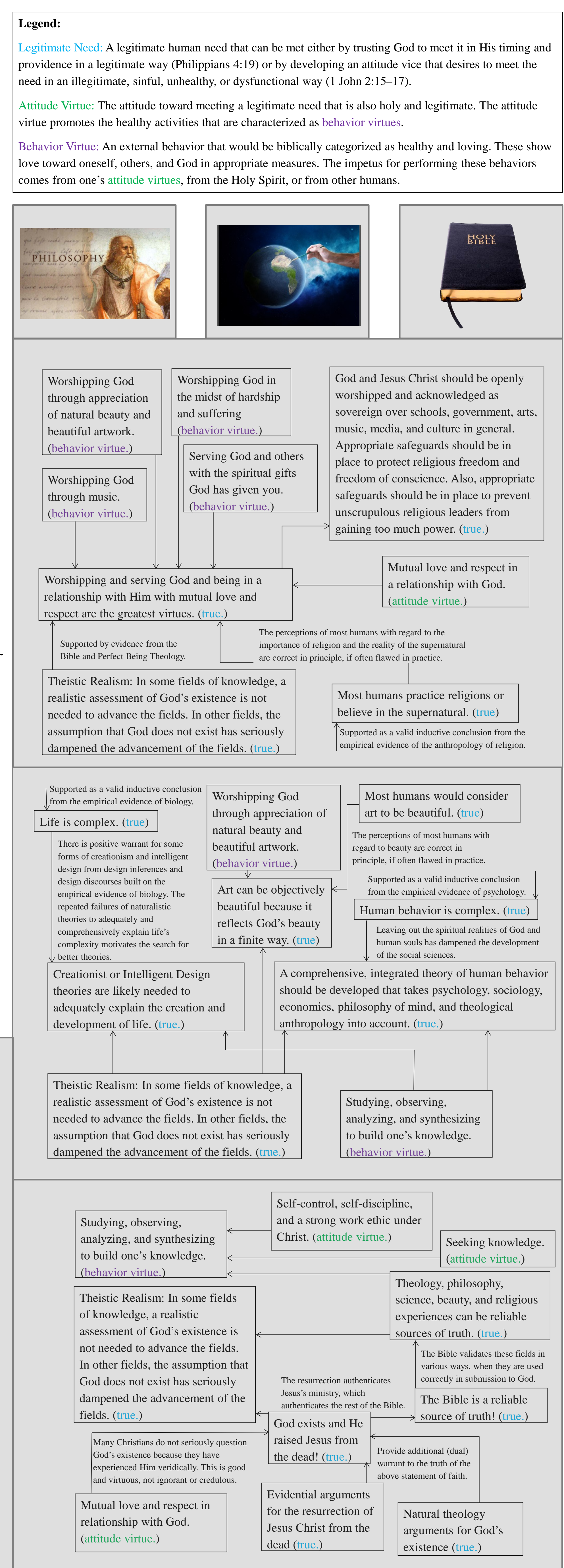
Lord Jesus Christ Gate

Tower of Truth

"Wisdom is supreme—so get wisdom. And whatever else you get, get understanding. Cherish her, and she will exalt you; if you embrace her, she will honor you. She will place a garland of grace on your head; she will give you a crown of beauty."
Proverbs 4: 7-9 (HCSB)

"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
John 8: 31-32 (HCSB)

"Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
John 14 : 6 (HCSB)

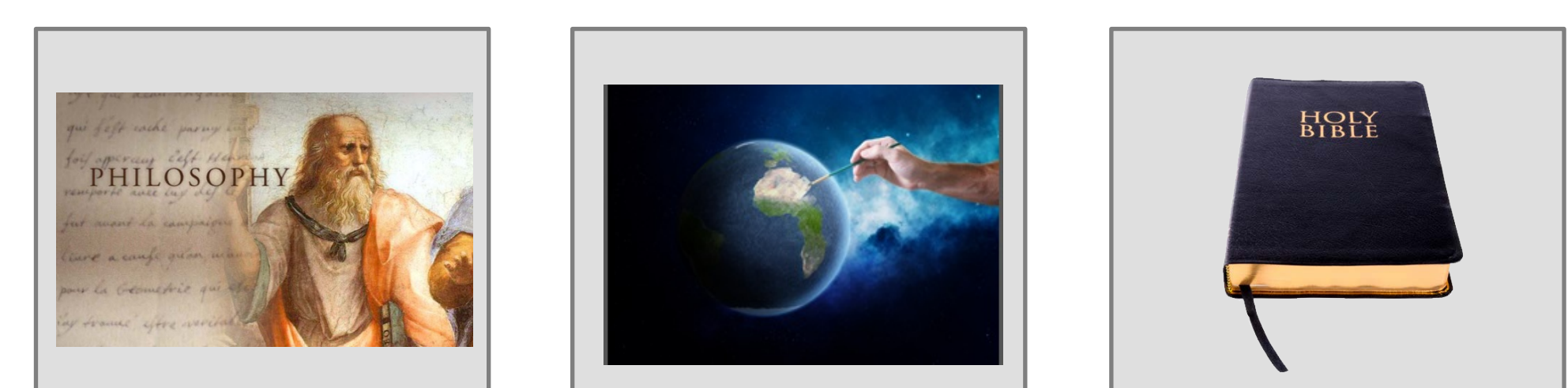


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Attitude Virtue: The attitude toward meeting a legitimate need that is also holy and legitimate. The attitude virtue promotes the healthy activities that are characterized as **behavior virtues**.

Behavior Virtue: An external behavior that would be biblically categorized as healthy and loving. These show love toward oneself, others, and God in appropriate measures. The impetus for performing these behaviors comes from one's **attitude virtues**, from the Holy Spirit, or from other humans.



Arsenal of the Spirit

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."
(Matthew 5:5, NIV, truth.)

"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."
(Proverbs 16:18, NIV, truth.)

"But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.'
(James 4:6, NIV, truth.)

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."
(James 4:10, NIV, truth.)

"So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'
(Luke 17:10, NIV, truth.)

"However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."
(Luke 10:20, NIV, truth.)

"He is the One coming after me, whose sandal strap I'm not worthy to untie."
(John 1:27, HCSB, truth.)

"He must increase, but I must decrease."
(John 3:30, HCSB, truth.)

Hatchet of Humility: (attitude virtue.)



"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."
(1 John 3:1, NIV, truth.)

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."
(1 Thessalonians 5:19, NIV, truth.)

"If I speak human or angelic languages but do not have love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

And if I donate all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited, does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs.

Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."
(1 Corinthians 13:1-7, HCSB, truth.)

Lance of Love: (attitude virtue.)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law."
(Galatians 5:22-23, HCSB, truth.)

"The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."
(John 3:8, HCSB, truth.)

"Do not quench the Spirit."
(1 Thessalonians 5:19, NIV, truth.)

"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father!'"
(Romans 8:15, HCSB, truth.)

"For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment."
(2 Timothy 1:7, HCSB, truth.)

"So he said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.'"
(Zechariah 4:6, NIV, truth.)

Hammer of the Holy Spirit: (Personal Divine Being.)



"I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 1:6, HCSB, truth.)

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
(Romans 8:38-39, NIV, truth.)

"For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."
(2 Corinthians 4:17-18, HCSB, truth.)

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."
(James 1:2-5, NIV, truth.)

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup [Christ's sufferings on the cross] from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."
(Luke 22:42, NIV, truth.)

"This is why I endure all things for the elect: so that they also may obtain salvation, which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory."
(2 Timothy 2:10, HCSB, truth.)

Polcarm of Perseverance: (attitude virtue.)

"Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word."
(Ephesians 6:17, HCSB, truth.)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."
(2 Timothy 3:16-17, HCSB, truth.)

"For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart."
(Hebrews 4:12, HCSB, truth.)

Waraxe of the Word of God: (truth)



"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation."
(Romans 10:9-10, HCSB, truth.)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
(Ephesians 2:9-10, NIV, truth.)

"Yet He Himself bore our sicknesses, and He carried our pains; but we in turn regarded Him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds.

We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished Him for the iniquity of us all."
(Isaiah 53:4-6, HCSB, truth.)

Saber of Salvation, Sanctification, and Healing: (gifts of God.)

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."
(1 John 4:18, NIV, truth.)

"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father!'"
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"For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment."
(2 Timothy 1:7, HCSB, truth.)

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
(Joshua 1:9, NIV, truth.)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 4:6-7, NIV, truth.)

Claymore of Courage and Peace: (attitude virtues.)



"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 4:19, HCSB, truth.)

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."
(Colossians 3:1-4, KJV, truth.)

"Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."
(Psalm 37:4, KJV, truth.)

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
(Matthew 6:33, KJV, truth.)

"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
(Isaiah 40:30-31, NIV, truth.)

Halberd of the Hope of Heaven: (attitude virtue.)

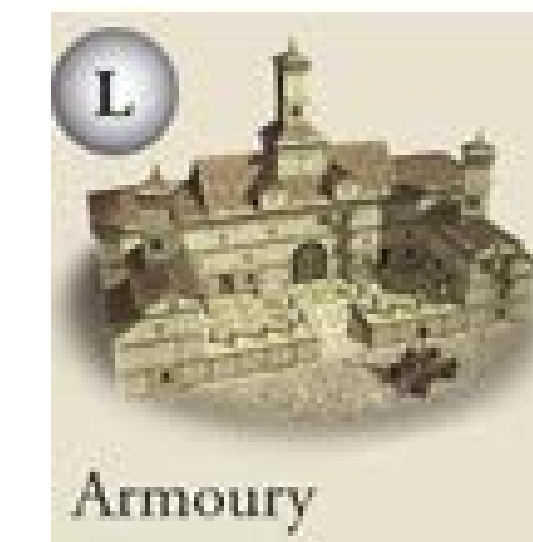
"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."
(1 Corinthians 14:33, KJV, truth.)

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."
(James 1:5, NIV, truth.)

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'
(John 14:6, NIV, truth.)

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
(John 8:32, NIV, truth.)

Trident of Truth, Knowledge and Wisdom: (attitude virtues.)



"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one."
(Ephesians 2:9-10, NIV, truth.)

"The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."
(2 Timothy 4:18, NIV, truth.)

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings."
(1 Peter 5:8-9, NIV, truth.)

"You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."
(1 John 4:4, HCSB, truth.)

"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
(James 4:7, NIV, truth.)

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."
(Matthew 16:18, NIV, truth.)

Rapier of Resistance: (attitude virtue.)

"You are not to sleep with a man as with a woman; it is detestable."
(Leviticus 18:22, HCSB, truth.)

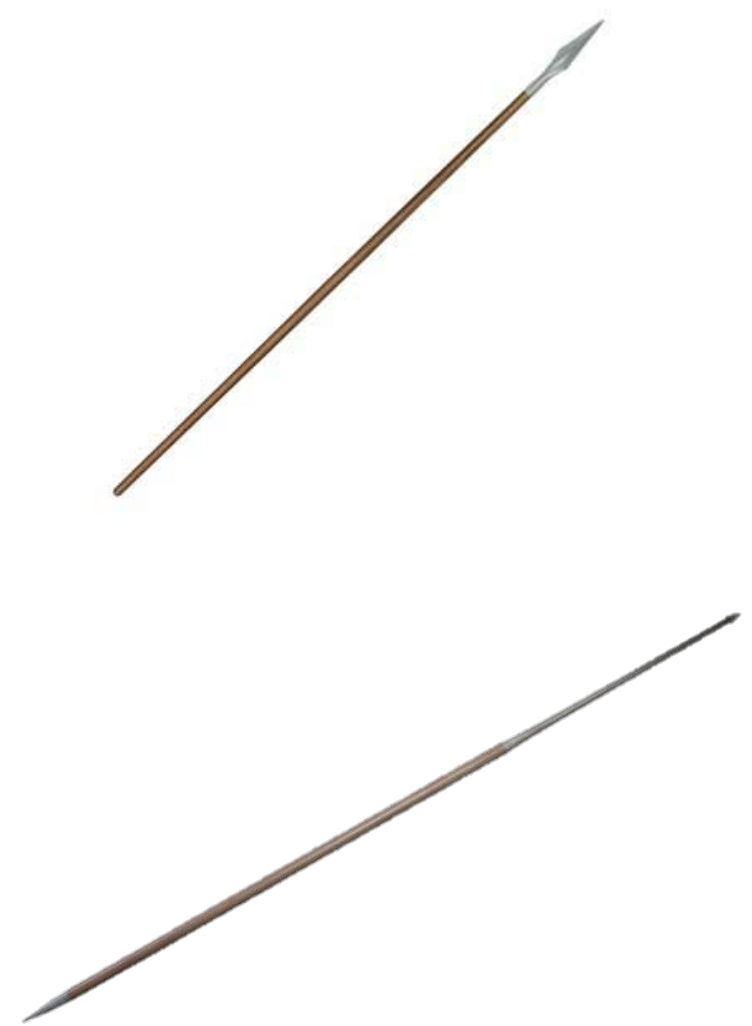
"Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God, because the Lord will not leave anyone unpunished who misuses His name."
(Exodus 20:7, HCSB, truth.)

"No foul language is to come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear."
(2 Timothy 1:7, HCSB, truth.)

"Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity."
(1 Timothy 5:1-2, NIV, truth.)

"Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."
(2 Timothy 2:22, KJV, truth.)

Pike of Purity: (attitude virtue.)



"For our God is a consuming fire."
(Hebrews 12:29, HCSB, truth.)

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."
(Galatians 6:7-8, NIV, truth.)

"It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God!"
(Hebrews 10:31, HCSB, truth.)

"It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them."

The Lord will vindicate his people and relent concerning his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free."
(Deuteronomy 32:35-36, NIV, truth.)

Javelin of Justice: (attitude virtue.)