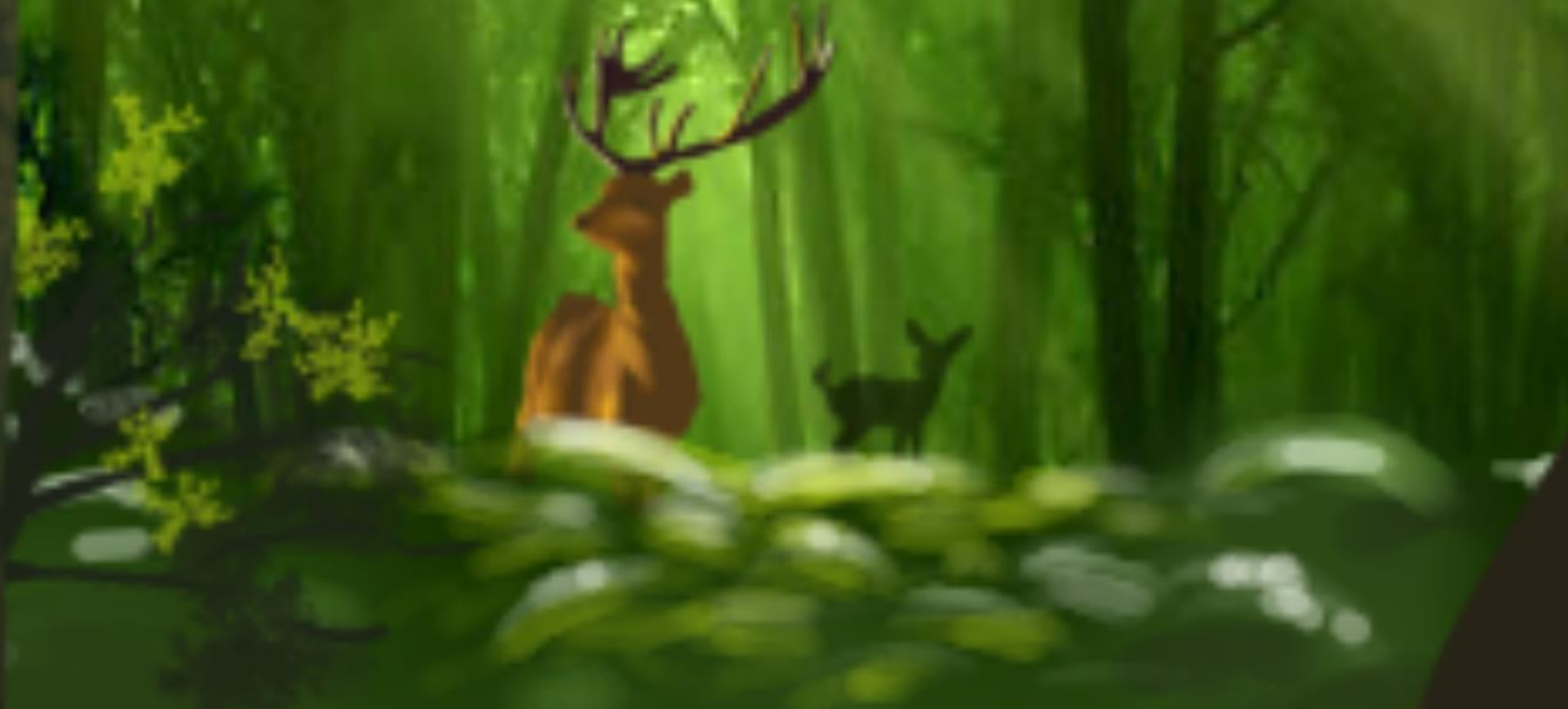
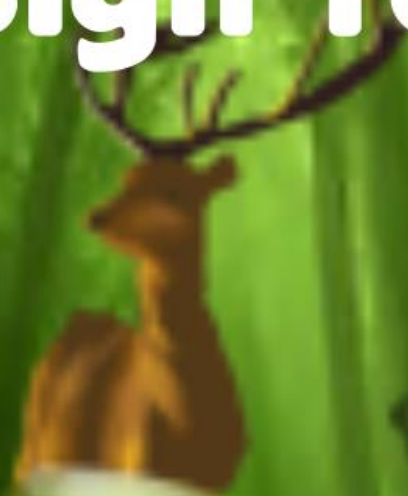




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CREATION





Why Did God
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Animals?

Why Did God
Create
Anything?



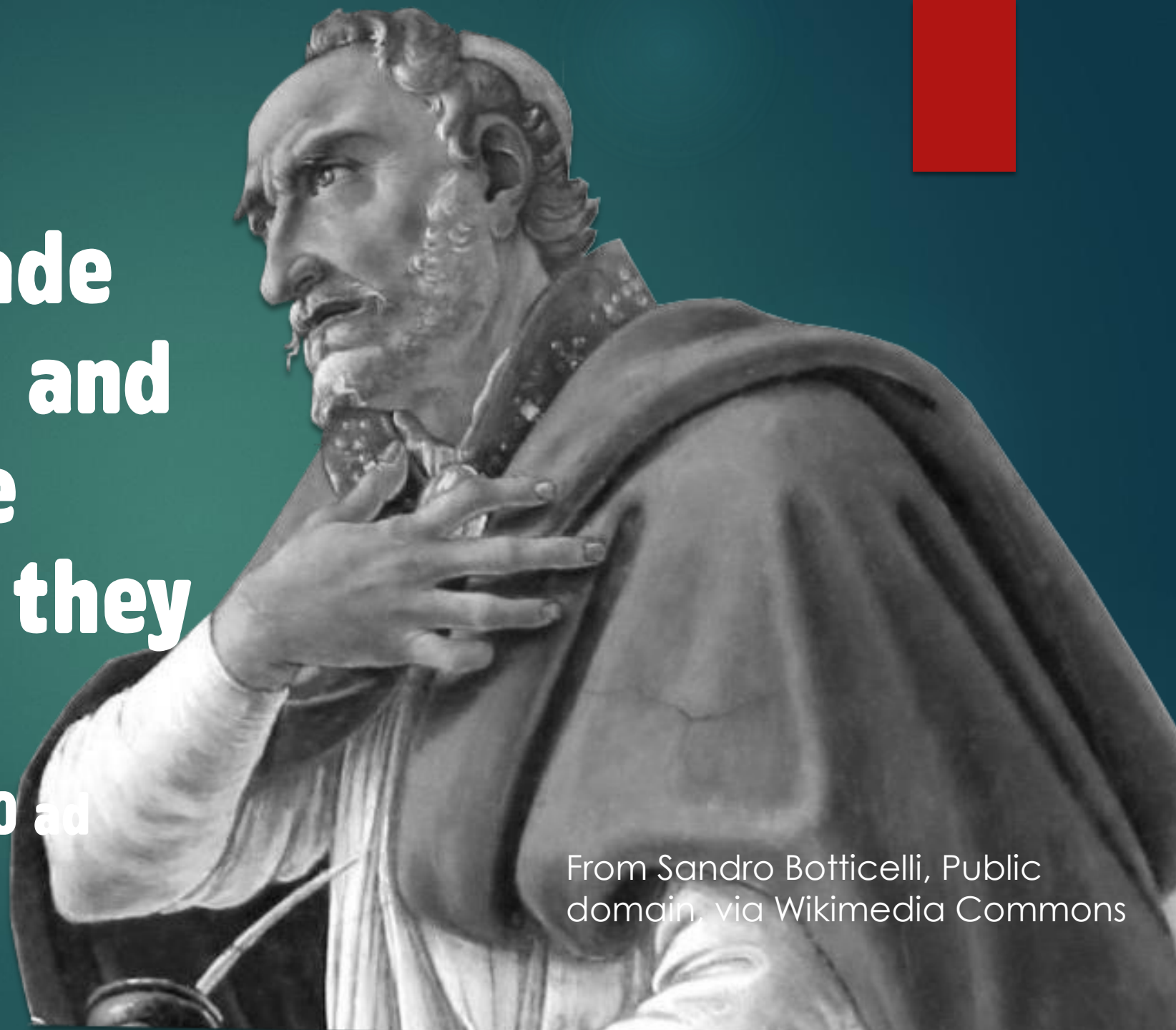
▶ The Bible Doesn't
Plainly State
God's Reason for
Making the World

Many Great Thinkers
Have Offered
their Opinions of Why
God Created

▶ **“Thou has made us for thyself and our hearts are restless until they rest in thee”**

▶ **Augustine, 354 to 430 ad**

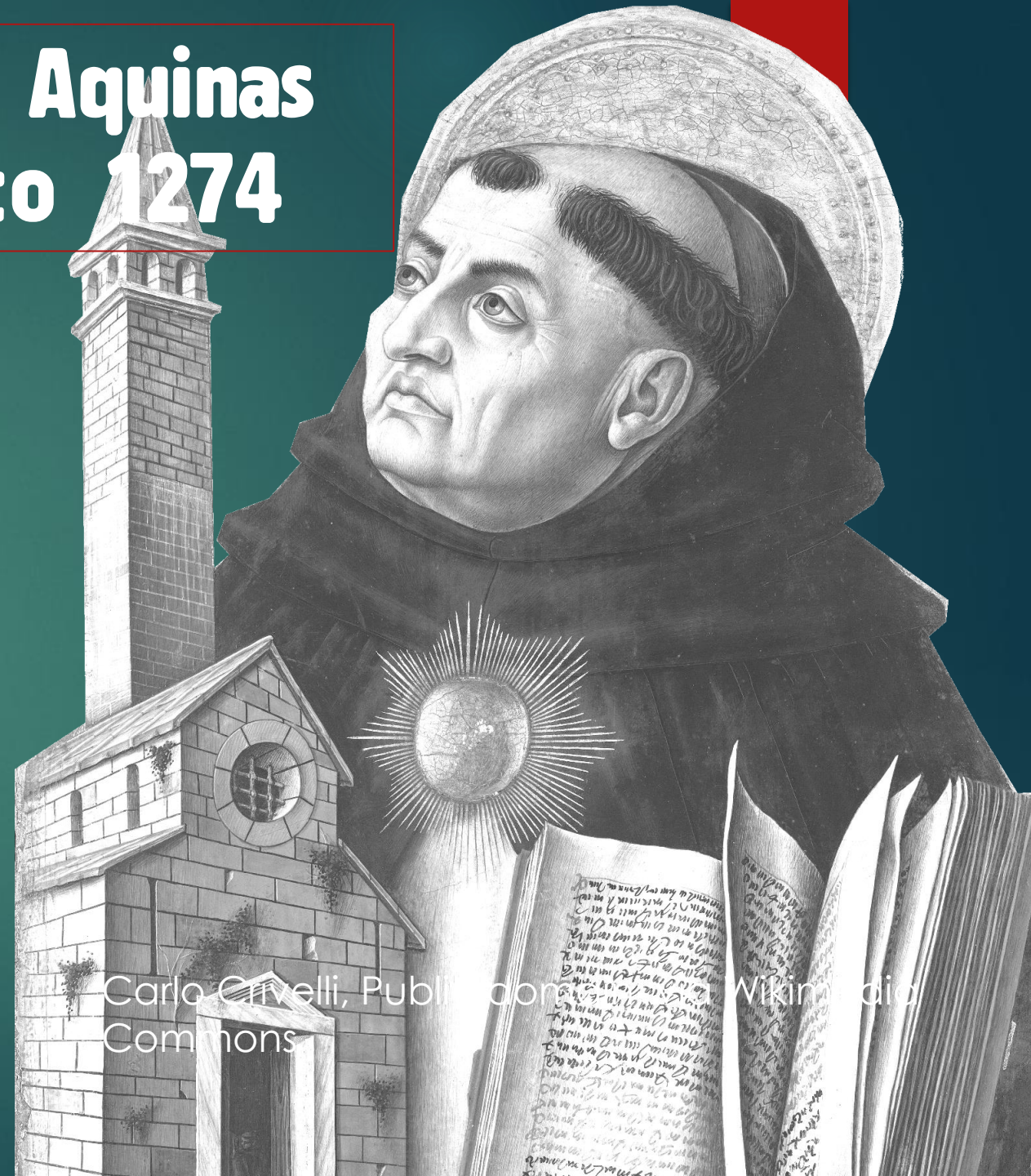
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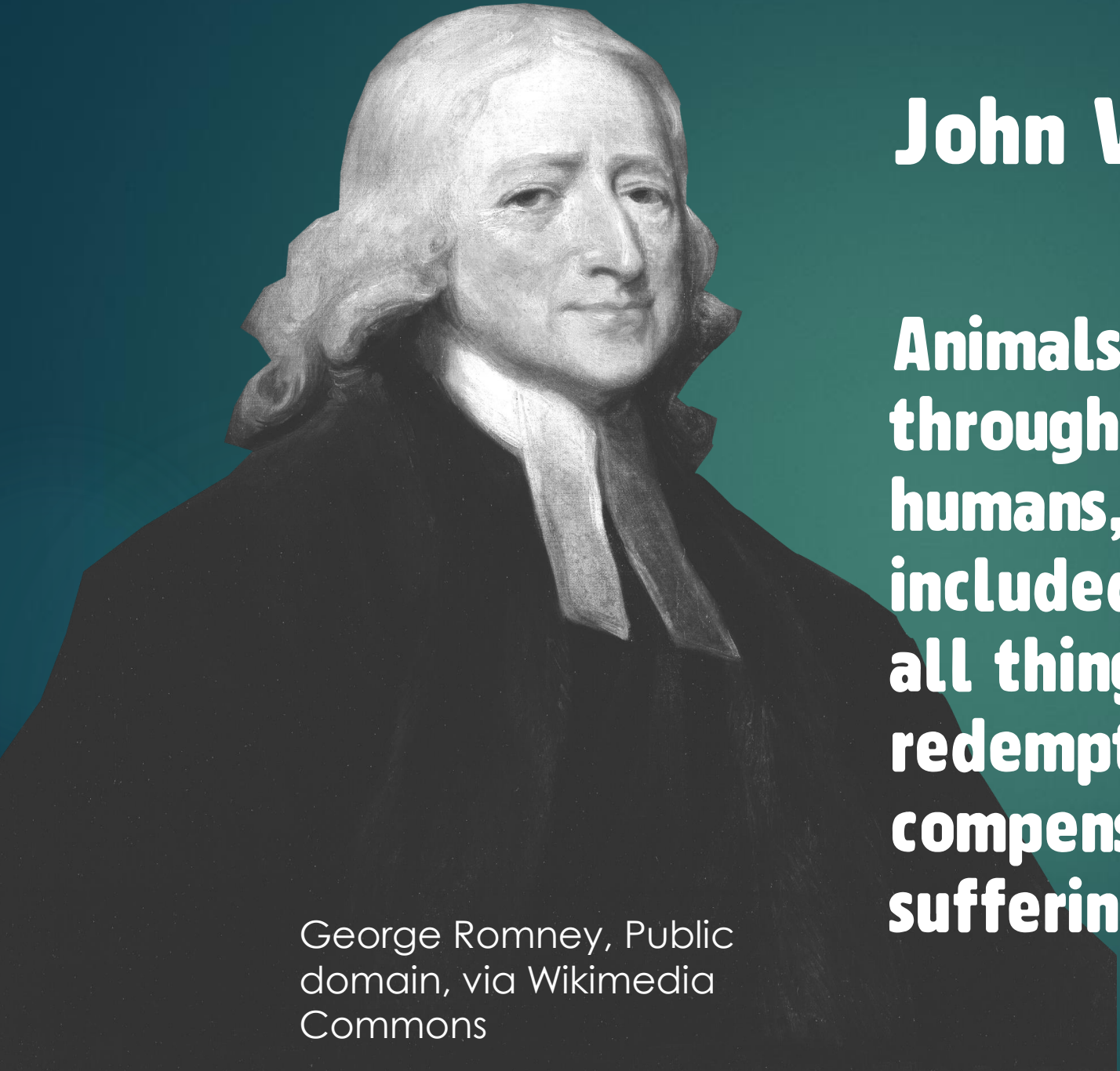
Thomas Aquinas 1225 to 1274

Thomistic Framework:

- i. We have no ethical duties toward animals;
- ii. God created animals to serve human needs in this life, not after life;
- iii. Cruelty to animals forbidden because it erodes human virtuous selves



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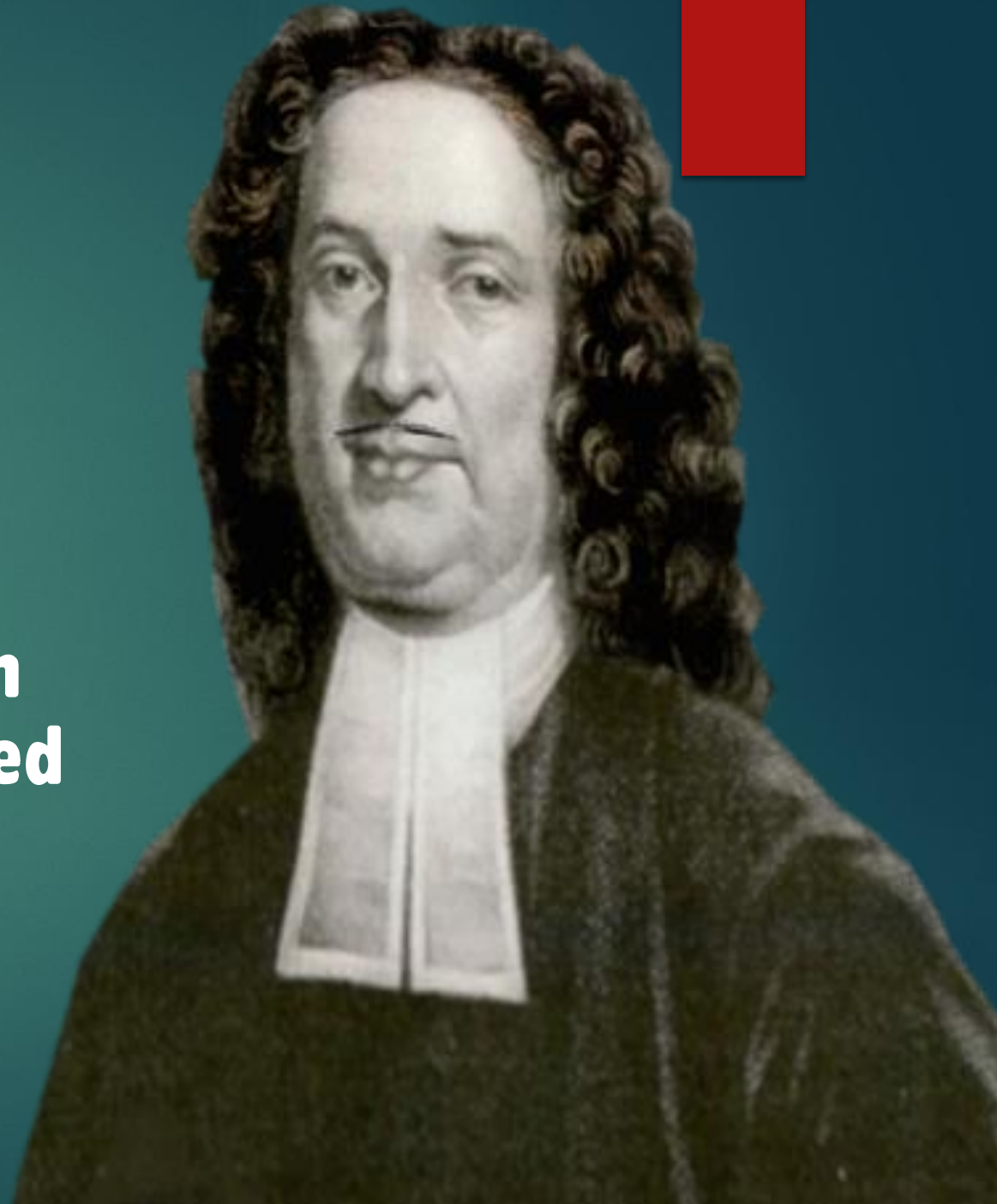
John Wesley, 1700's

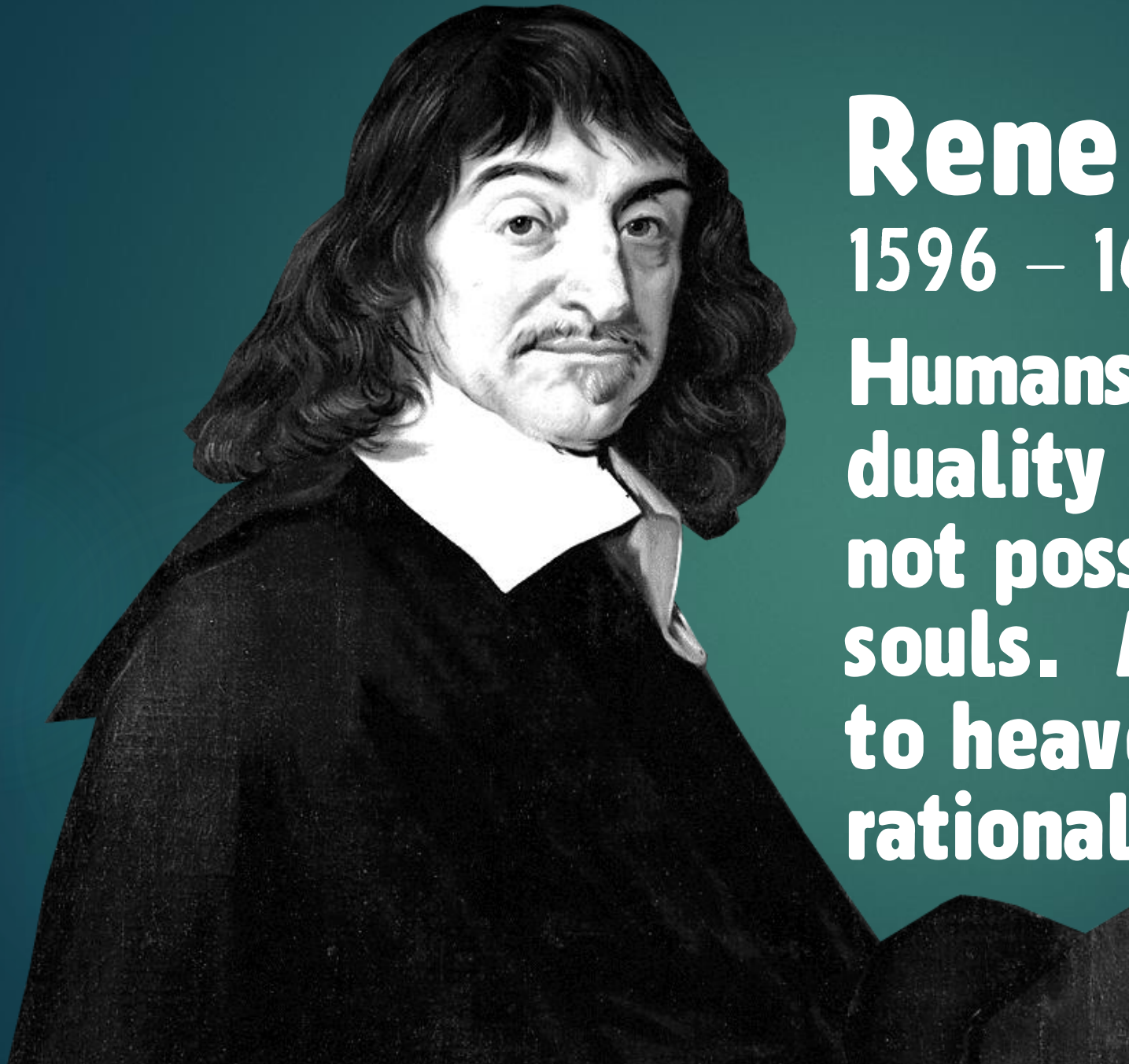
Animals receive from God through humans and have, with humans, fallen. Animals are included in God's restoration of all things. Wesley sees redemption of animals as compensation for their suffering on earth.

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Philip Stubbes 1583

This British pamphleteer ridiculed the excesses of the rich including their fascination with animal's that were abused in popular entertainments

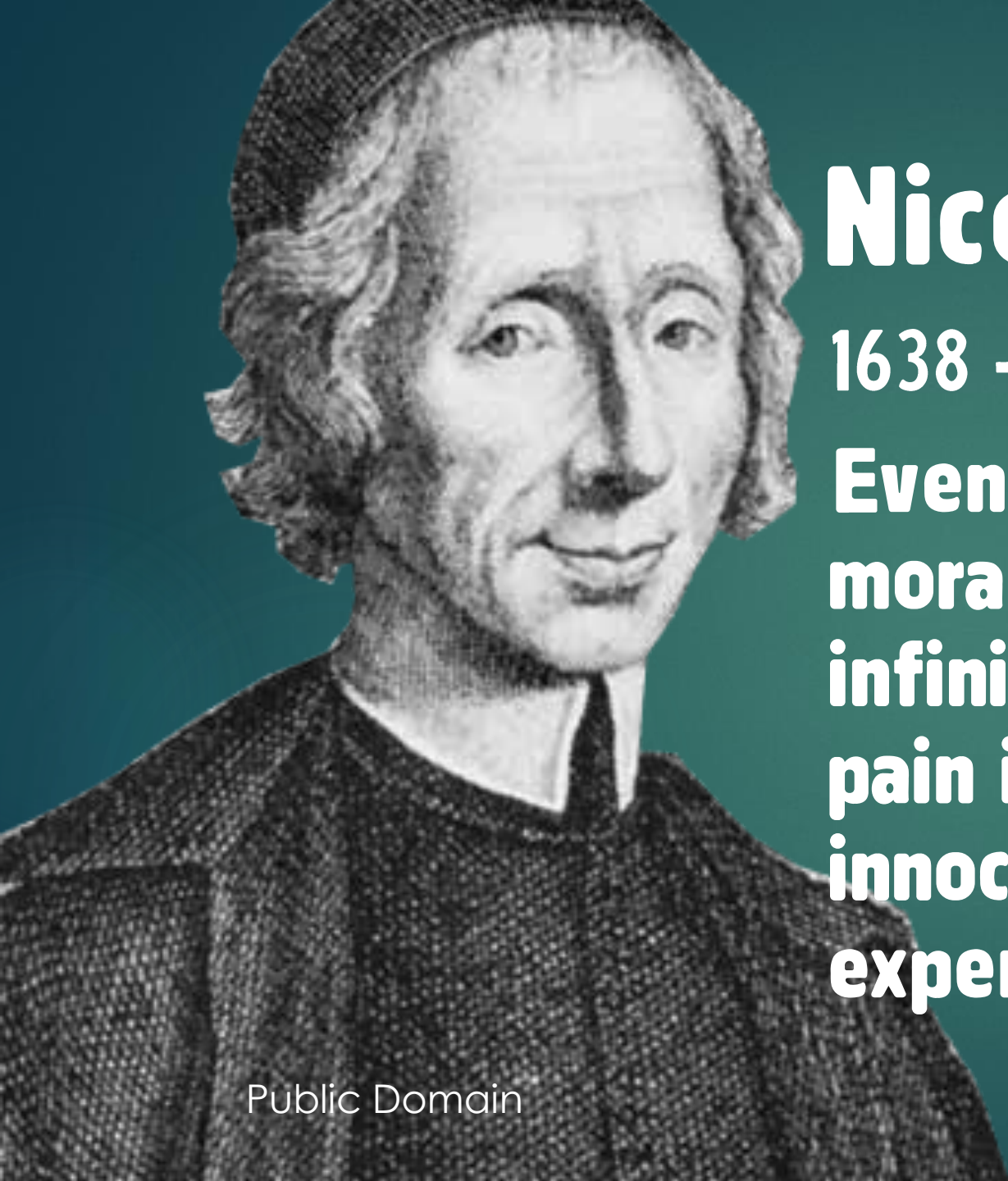




Rene Descartes

1596 – 1650

Humans have body-soul duality and animals do not possess equivalent souls. Animals don't go to heaven, possess rationality, nor feel pain.



Nicolas Malebranche

1638 - 1715

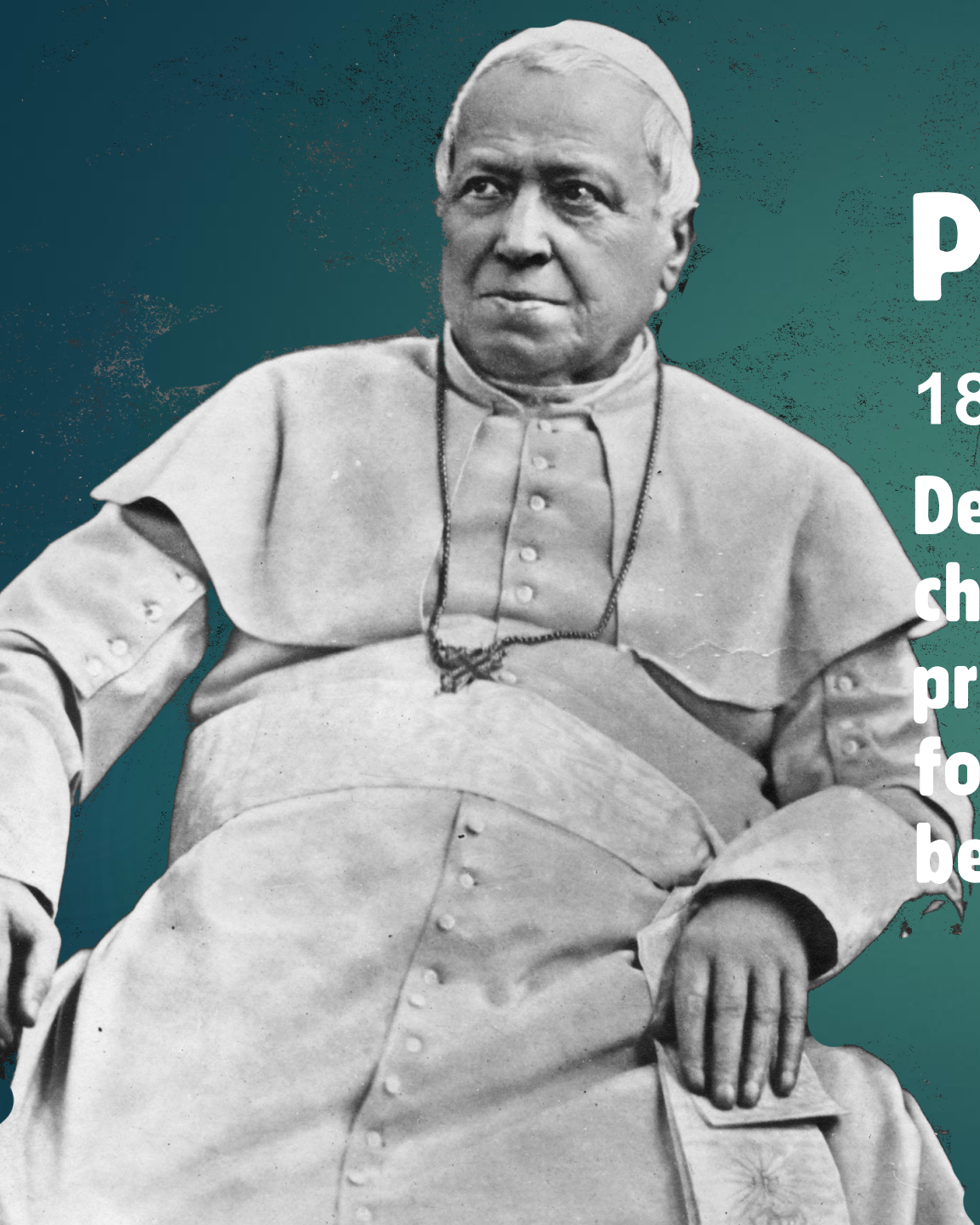
Even cruelty to animals is not morally inappropriate. God is infinitely just and powerful; pain is punishment; animals are innocent of sin; animals don't experience pain.



Rev. John Hildrop

1742

Animals are spiritually significant and valuable by virtue of the fact that God created them. What God creates God will redeem. All animals from all species during all periods are held entirely by God's grace.



Pope Pius IX

1846 – 1876

Denied request for SPCA to set up a chapter in Rome. Thought that the presence of such a group would foster a theologically erroneous belief.



C.S. Lewis

1898 - 1963

Animals related to God through humans. Redemption is form of compensation. Animal suffering is or will be counterbalanced by a corresponding joy.

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Sin and consequence is brought by humans and nature and both suffer as a result

Genesis 3.1

Snake is wisest of all creatures

Genesis 6.11

All "flesh" is corrupt and slated to be destroyed by the Flood

Genesis 8.20-22

God vows never again to destroy

Genesis 2.15

Humanity to keep and manage Eden and eat only plants

Genesis 2.18-20

God creates animals to be named by Adam and to be his companions

Genesis 6.7

God's judgment on human wickedness entails animals who also suffer

Genesis 9

God's blessing of Noah gives him greater power



Genesis 9

Whole creation
protected by
Rainbow
Covenant

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Luke 12.7--sparrows, inferior to humans, are not forgotten by God
John 1.3--all things created through Christ
Acts 3.21 Peter's speech which envisions the restoration of all things
Colossians 1.15-20--all things created by and for Christ



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What is God thinking about the mass extinction and condition of animals in our time?

He's not happy



He thinks we're greedy



We want to have a pantry full...



**What we're doing to cattle is horrific.
I gave up eating beef. They have
feelings. They don't deserve...**



Animals have nowhere to roam

Greed



**The animal food is
carcinogenic...**




**Resources to raise a pound of
beef...**



God gave us dominion. God didn't tell us to abuse. What we define as abuse varies.

We abuse pets



**We overeat. Americans throw away
more food than the third world
consumes**



Settlers slaughtered bison



**Humans dislike discomfort. We need
to see we don't want to change.**