

A cinematic photograph of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a blue sash, standing and looking towards a large crowd of people. The crowd, consisting of men, women, and children in traditional Middle Eastern attire, is gathered in a stone-walled courtyard with large columns. The scene is dimly lit, creating a solemn atmosphere.

# *My Teaching In Service*

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# Διδαχή

## The Teaching

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- There are several references in the New Testament alluding to a form of teaching which was passed down by the holy Apostles:

*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching [Διδαχή] and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*

*(Acts 2:42)*

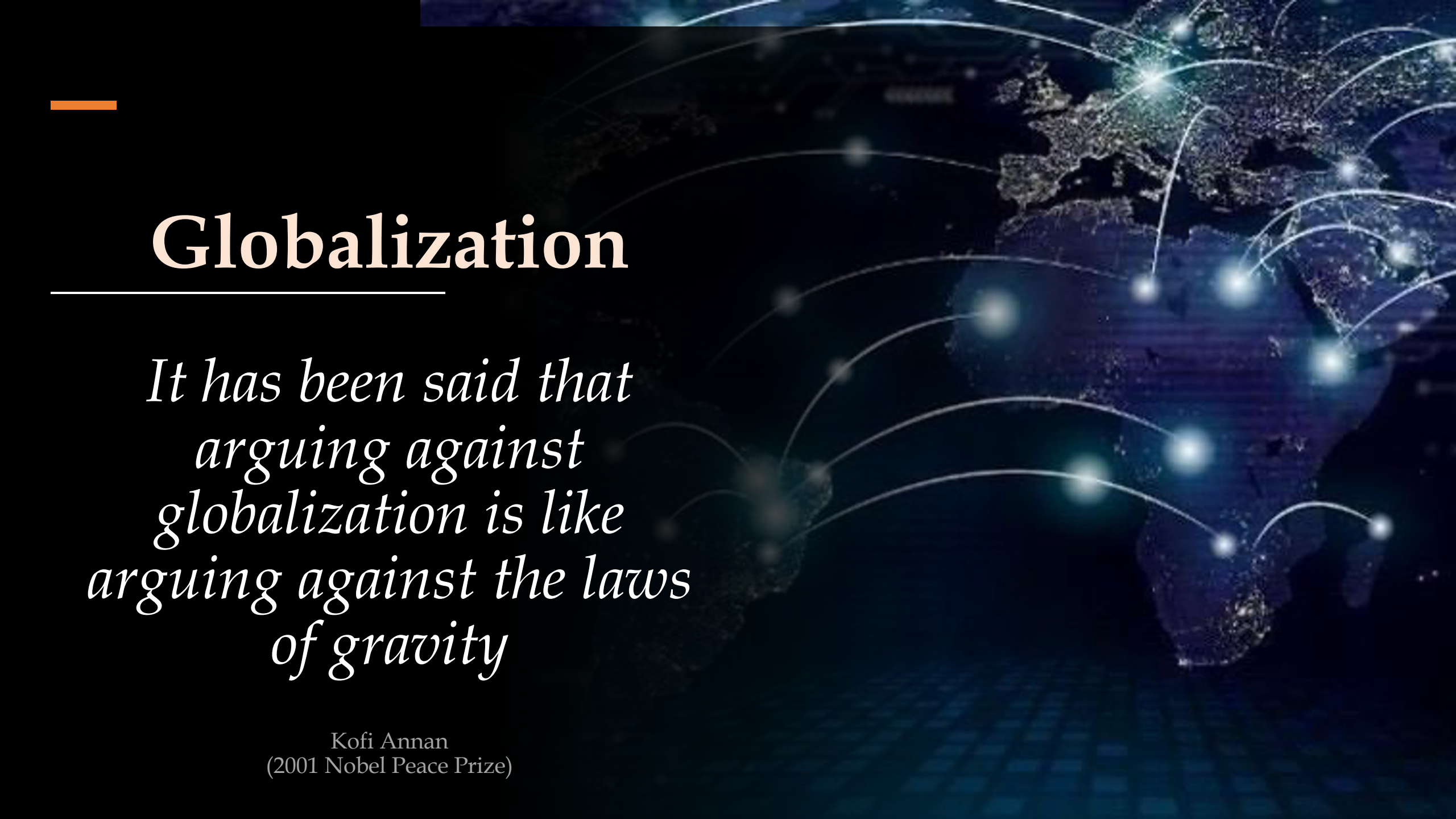




# Development of Teaching

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Articulation of this *Teaching* depends on the external milieu in which it thrives



# Globalization

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*It has been said that  
arguing against  
globalization is like  
arguing against the laws  
of gravity*

Kofi Annan  
(2001 Nobel Peace Prize)

# No More Secrets

We neglect the fact that  
SEO has enabled anyone  
to search anything  
anytime!



# Language of Society

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- We don't speak the language of the society:
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Science
  - Technology
  - Evolution
  - Darwin
  - Medicine



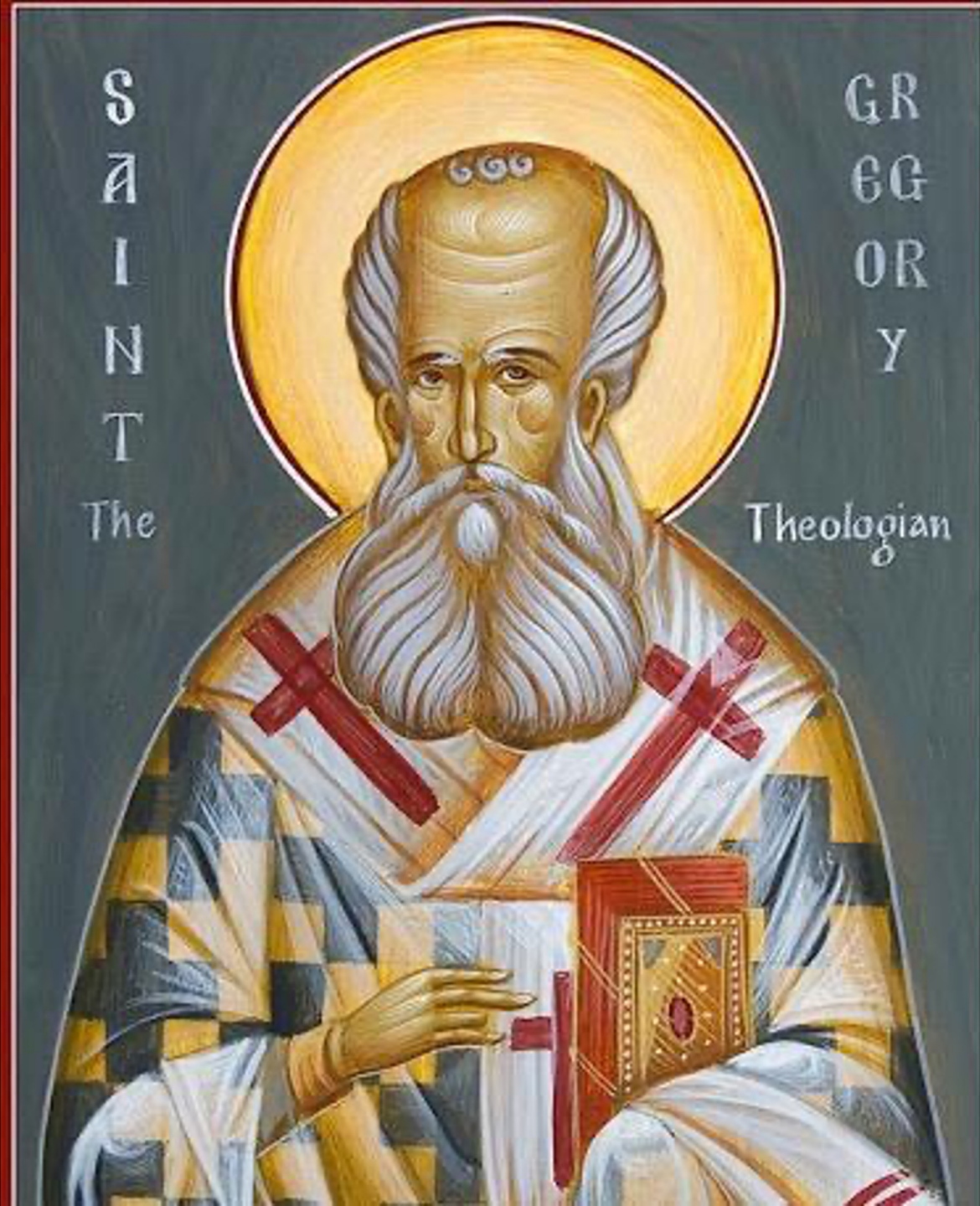
# Gregory of Nazianzus

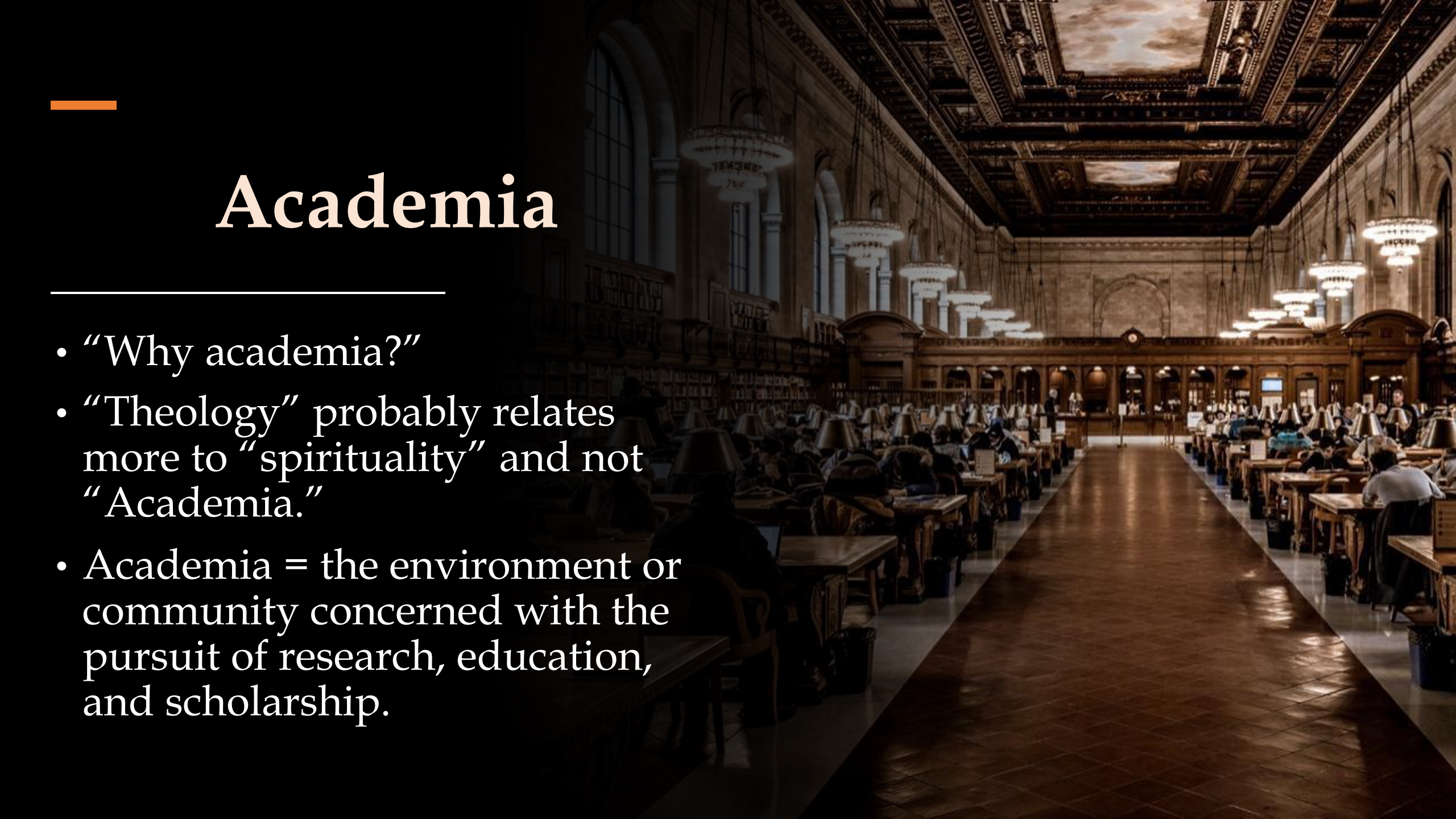
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*We must not then dishonour education, because some men are pleased to do so, but rather suppose such men to be boorish and uneducated, desiring all men to be as they themselves are, in order to hide themselves in the general, and escape the detection of their want of culture.*

Oration 43

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# Academia

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- “Why academia?”
- “Theology” probably relates more to “spirituality” and not “Academia.”
- Academia = the environment or community concerned with the pursuit of research, education, and scholarship.



# RESEARCH & TRACING ORIGINS

- Credible scholarship in any particular field posits studying the subject tackled by others in the field.
- If we want to understand the theological depth of a specific liturgical prayer, we must study the liturgical development of that prayer to make a correct interpretation of its meaning.

# Tracing the Origins

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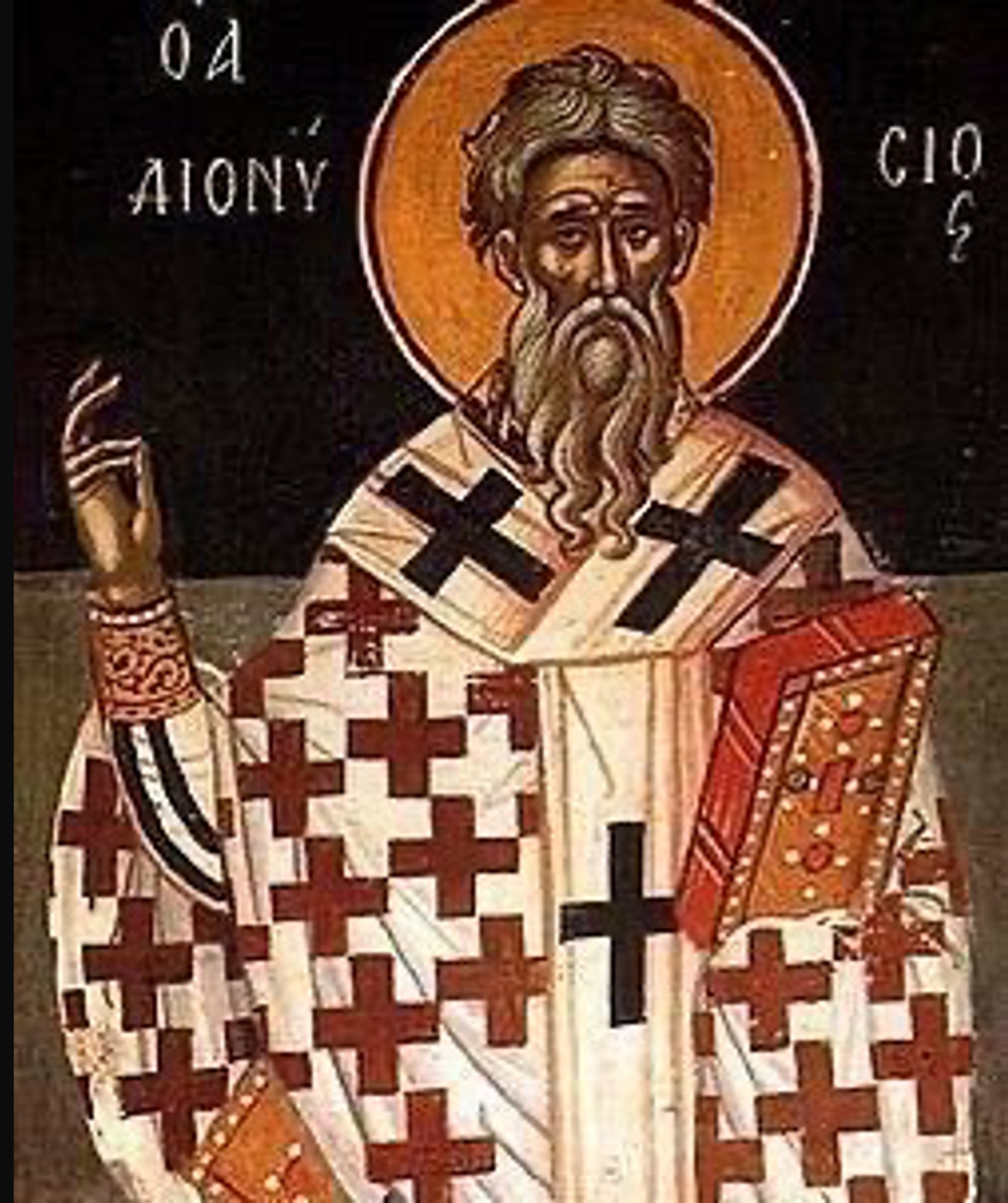
- Tracing the Origins is Crucial!
  - We must inquire of the **past** to comprehend our **present** and correctly predict our **future**
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# Original thought of Alexandria

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- "Read all things that come into your hands as you are able to discern and test all things; this, in essence, is the foundation and base of the faith."
  - Dionysius of Alexandria, Letter to Philemon the Presbyter
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# The Evolution of Ignorance in the Coptic Church and the Influence of Western Missions



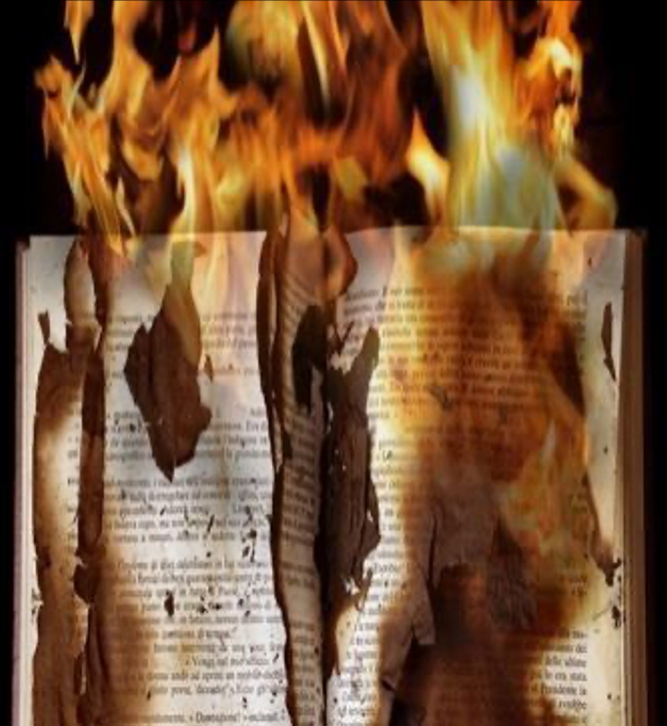
School of  
Alexandria



Council of  
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Arab Conquest



Burning of  
Patristic Heritage

# The Evolution of Ignorance and the Influence of Western Missions



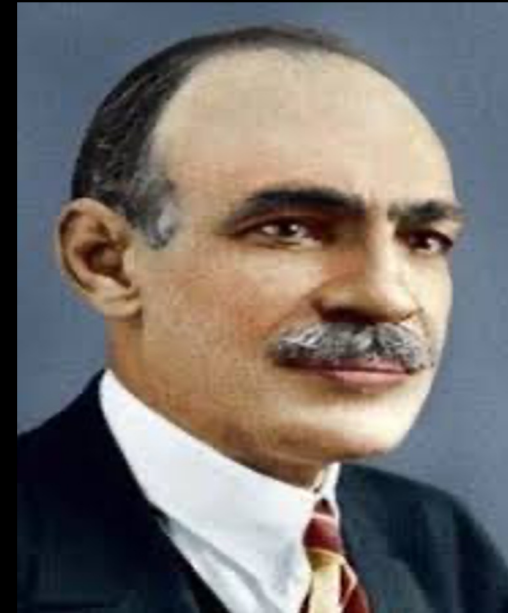
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French  
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Habib Jirjis

# Scripture-Tradition

Sola Scriptura

Prima Scriptura



# Universal Language of God (θεόπνευστος) Scripture

Humanity

Fathers/  
Patriarchs

Prophets

Disciples

Apostles

Apostolic  
Fathers

Fathers



# Sources of Biblical Exegesis in 20<sup>th</sup> Century?



**Frederick Brotherton Meyer**  
Baptist pastor and evangelist  
in England



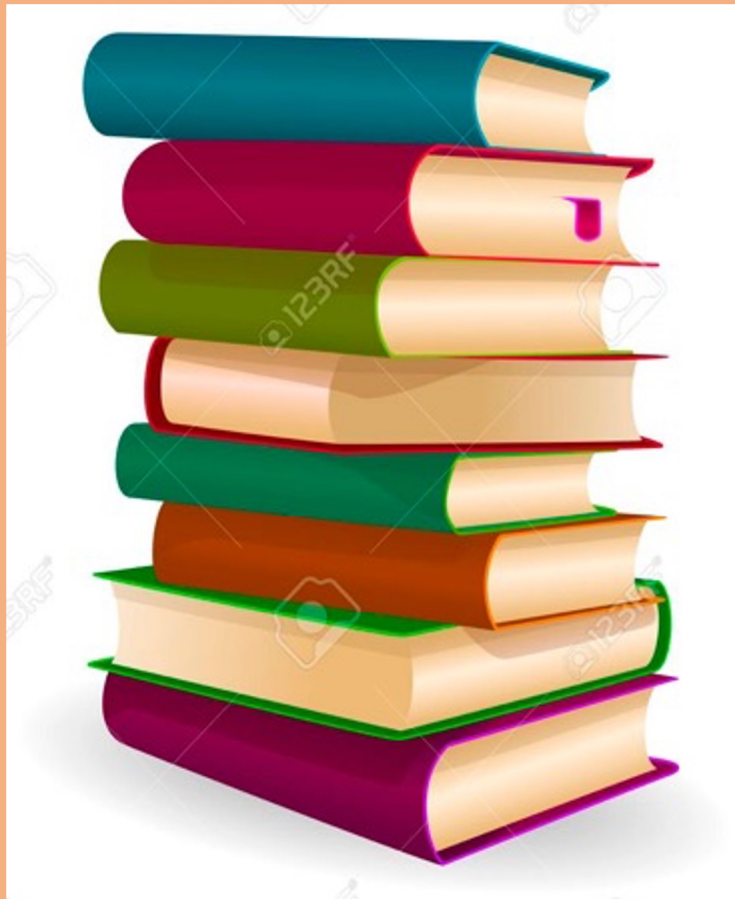
**Matthew Henry**  
Nonconformist minister



**John Wesley**  
English cleric, Church of  
England

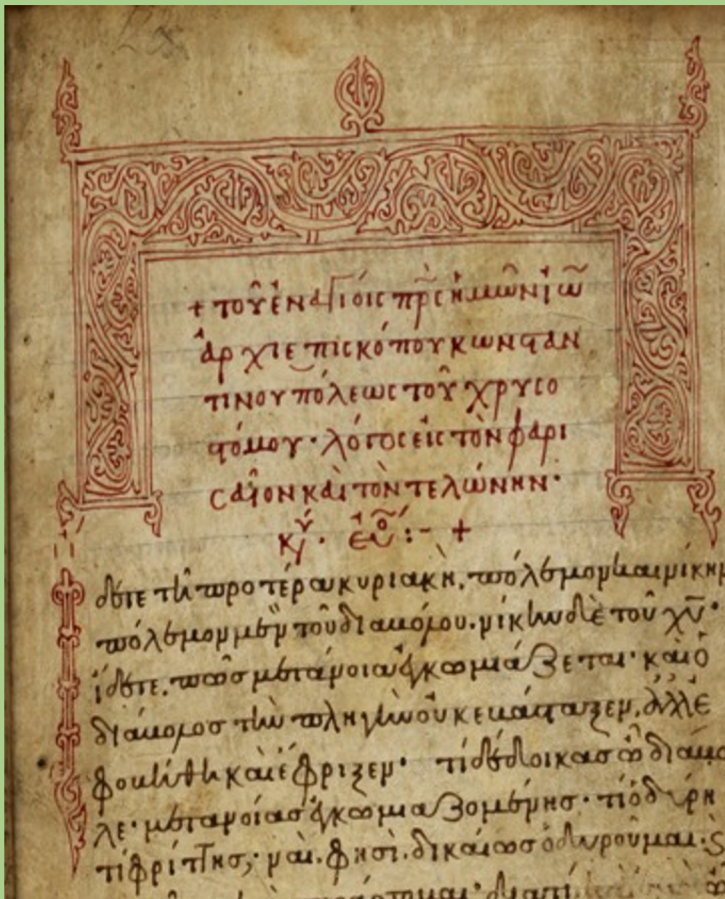
# Anglicans

## *Prima Scriptura*



# Orthodox

## *Tradition*



# Protestants

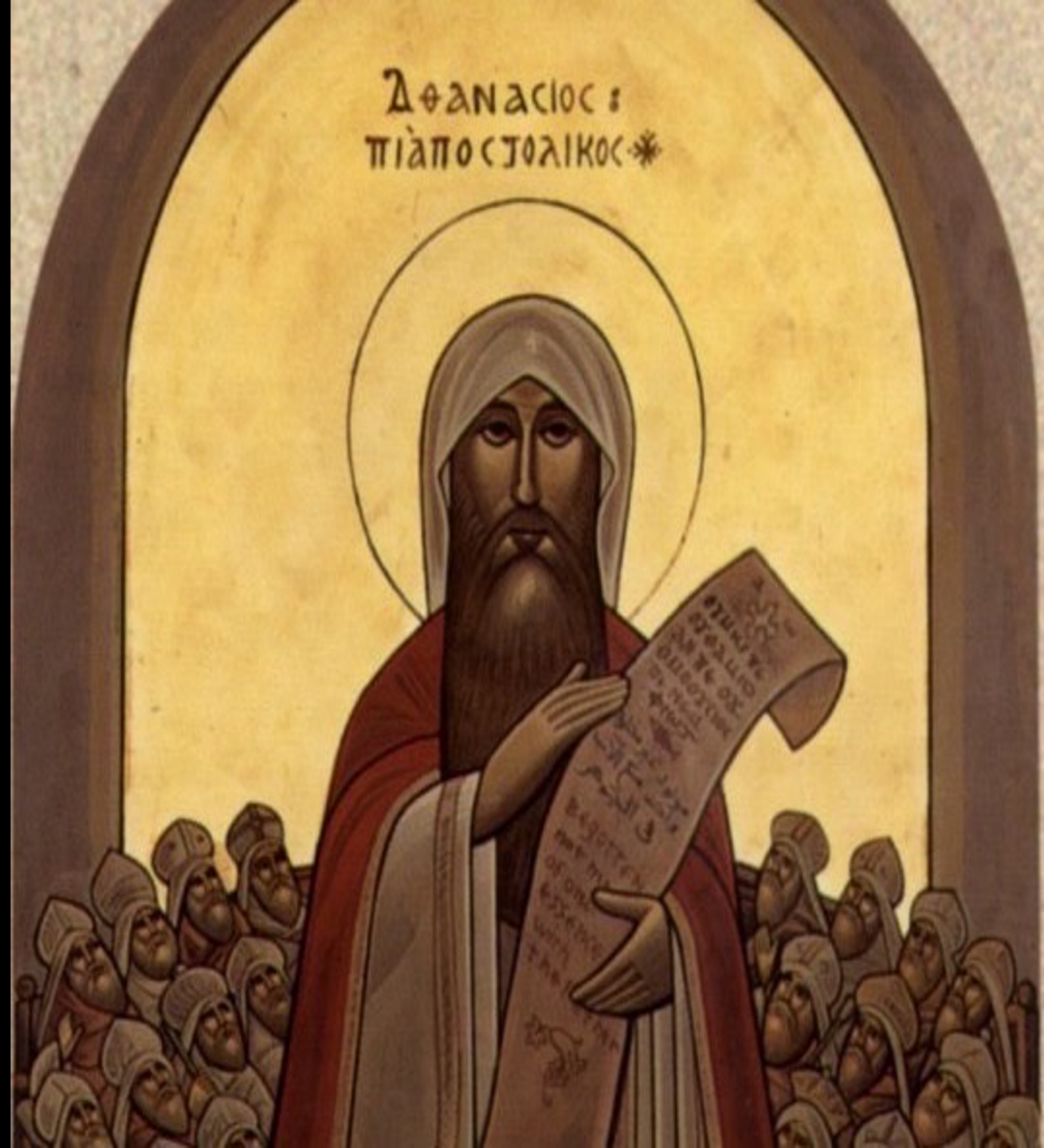
## *Sola Scriptura*



# Scripture-Tradition

But, beyond these sayings, let us look at the very tradition, teaching, and faith of the Catholic Church from the beginning, which the Lord gave, the Apostles preached, and the Fathers kept. Upon this the Church is founded, and he who should fall away from it would not be a Christian, and should no longer be so called.

(Athanasius, *The Letters of Saint Athanasius Concerning the Holy Spirit to Bishop Serapion*; trans. C.R.B. Shapland, Epworth Press, 1951)





Catholic University of America Translations



# Theology Academy

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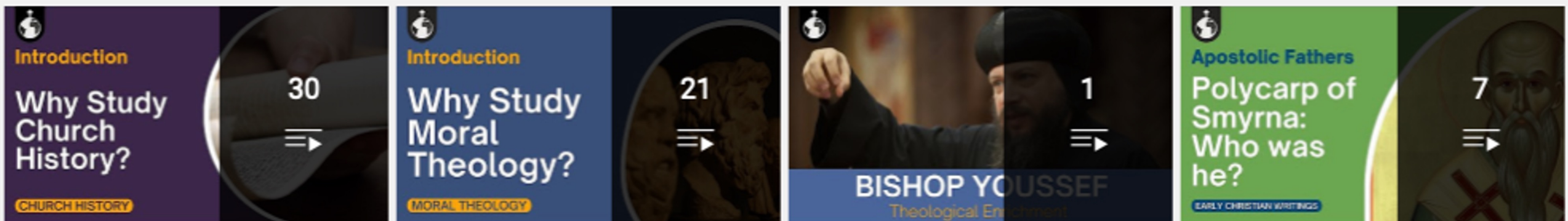


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