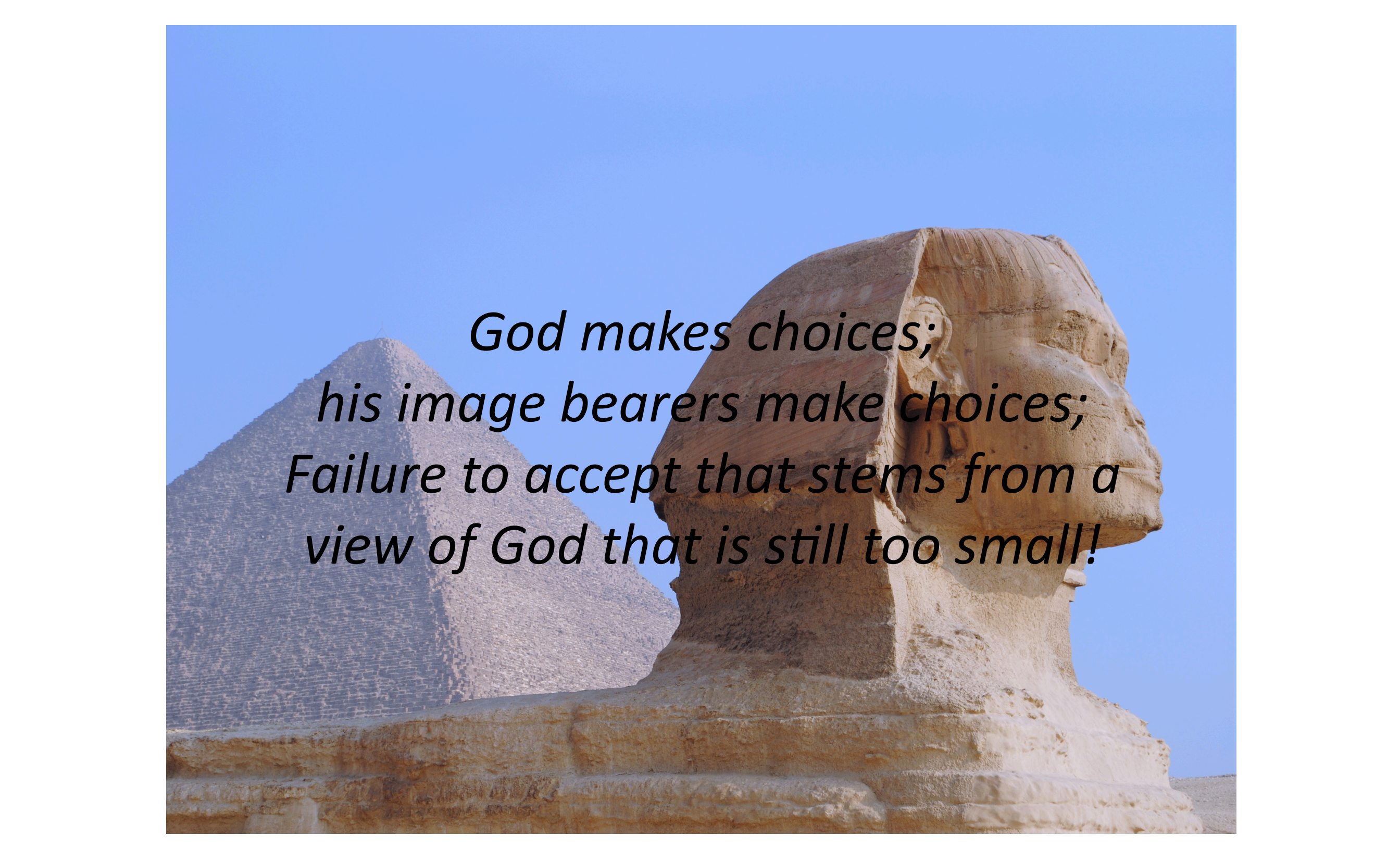


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Free Will, Moral
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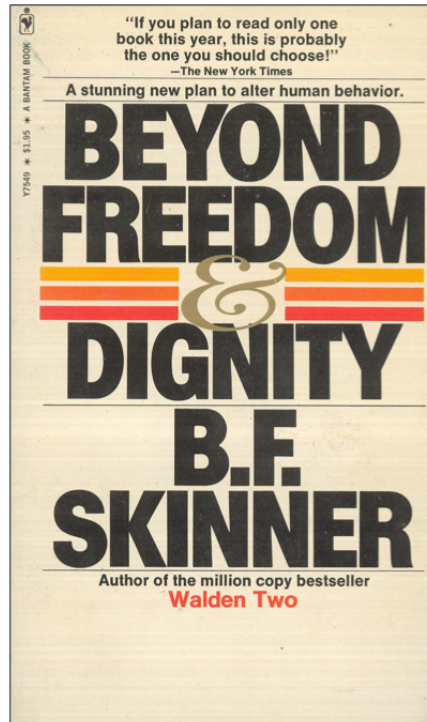
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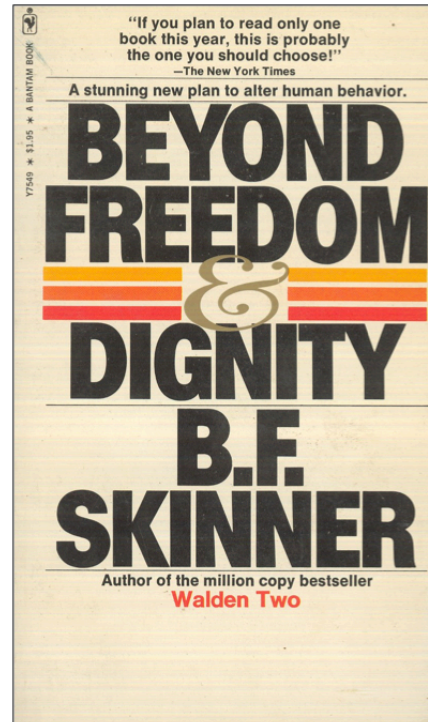


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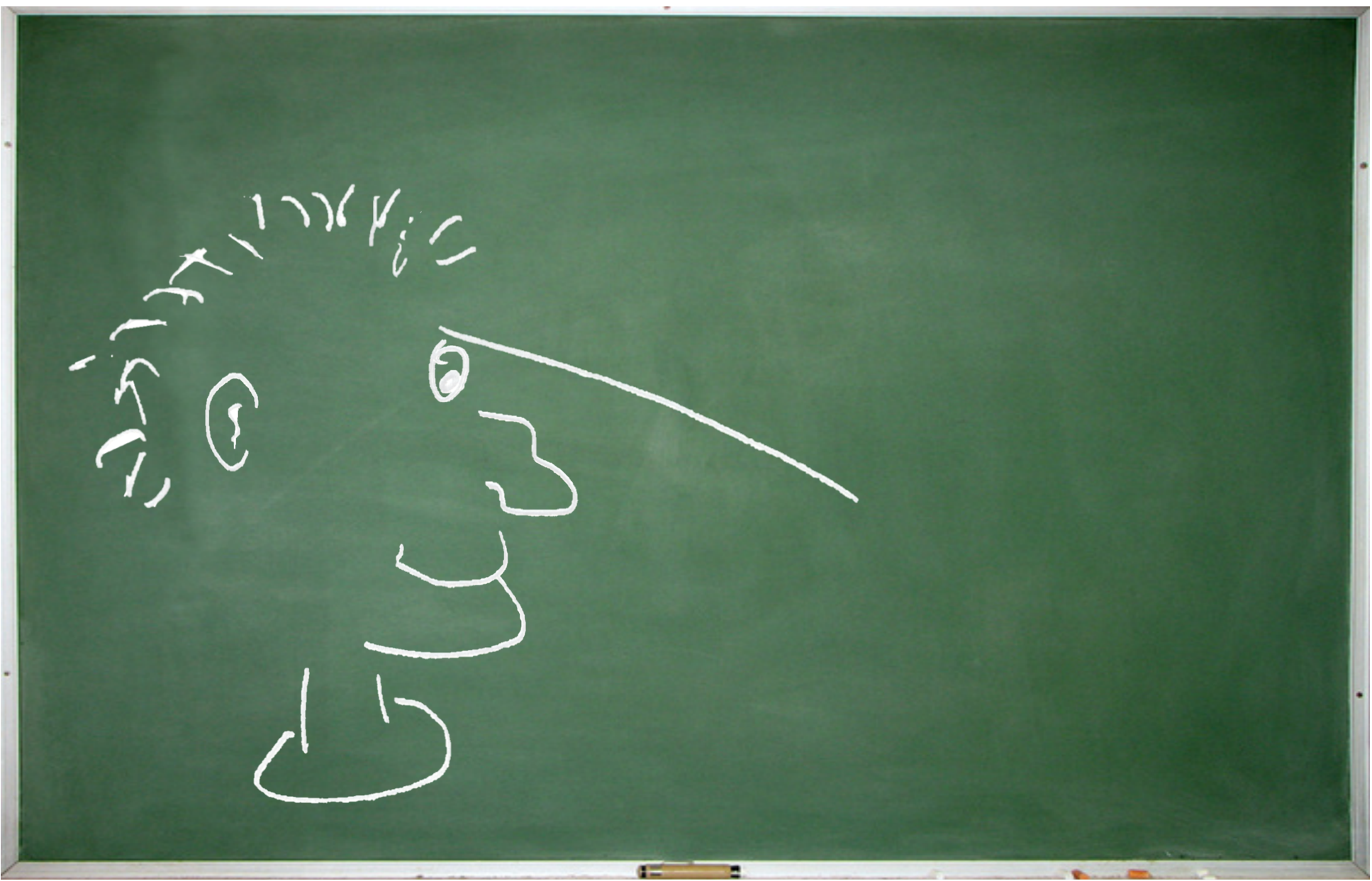
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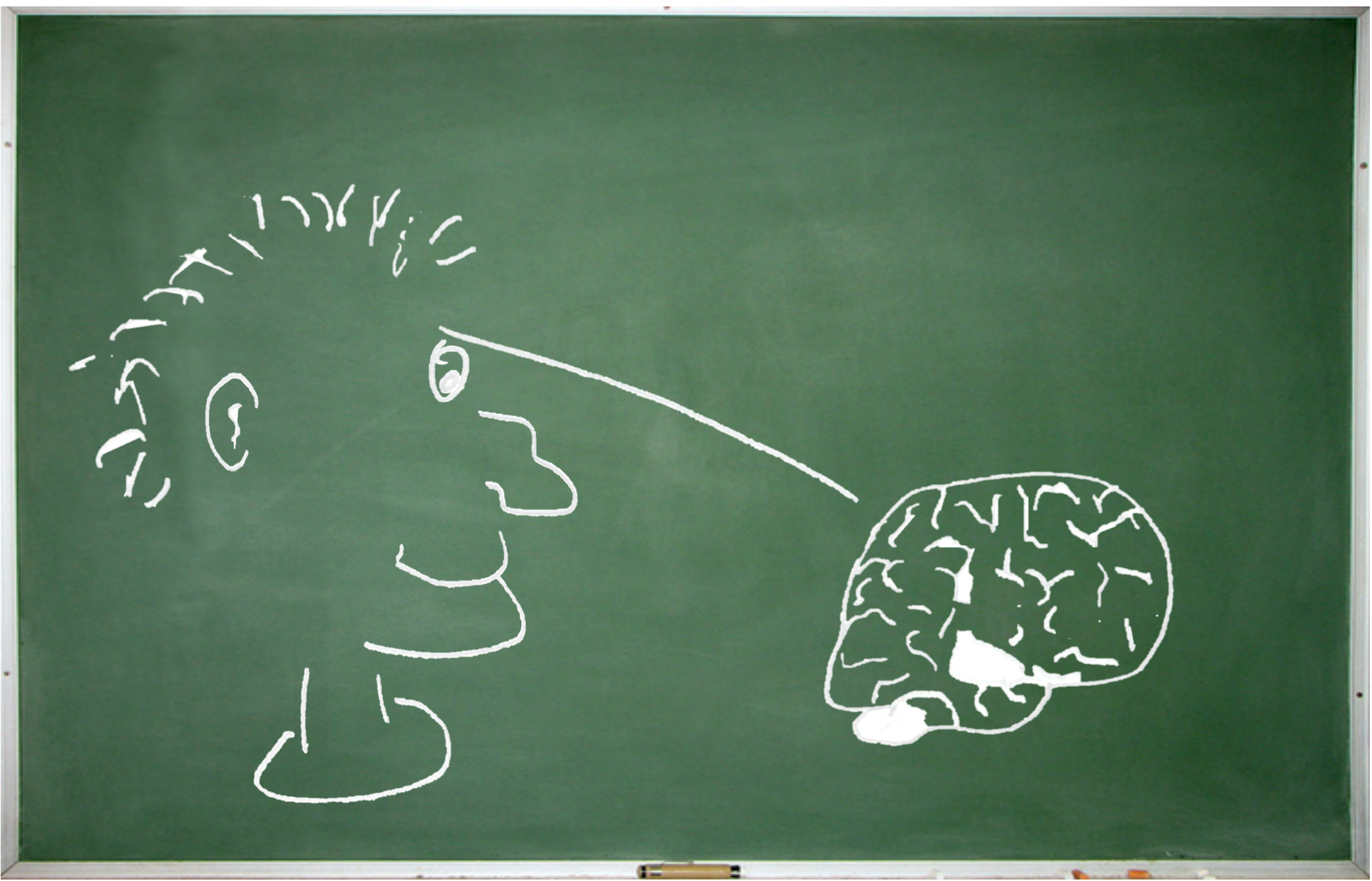


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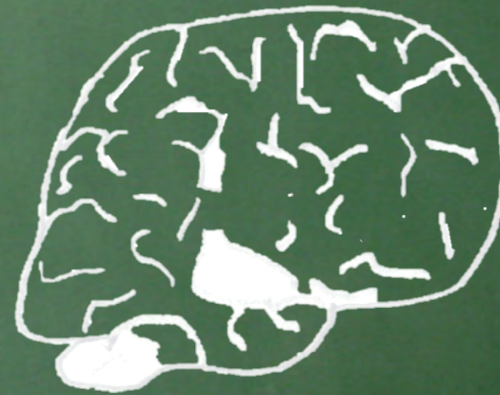
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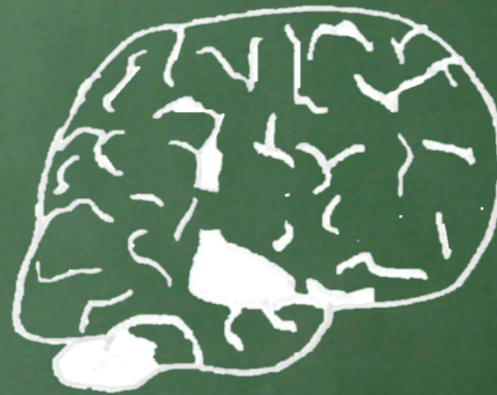
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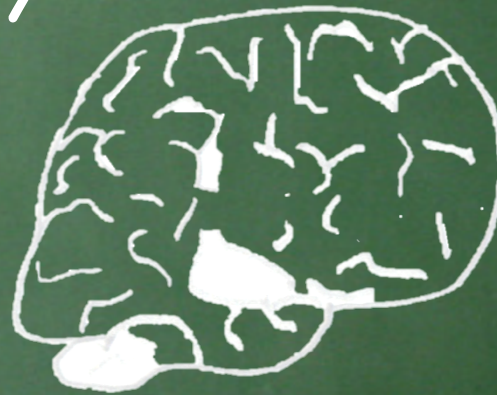
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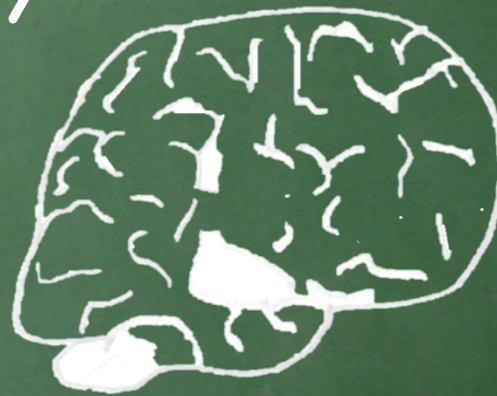
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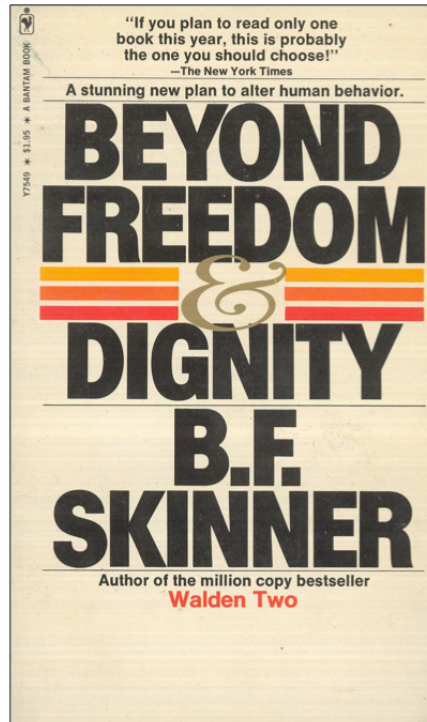
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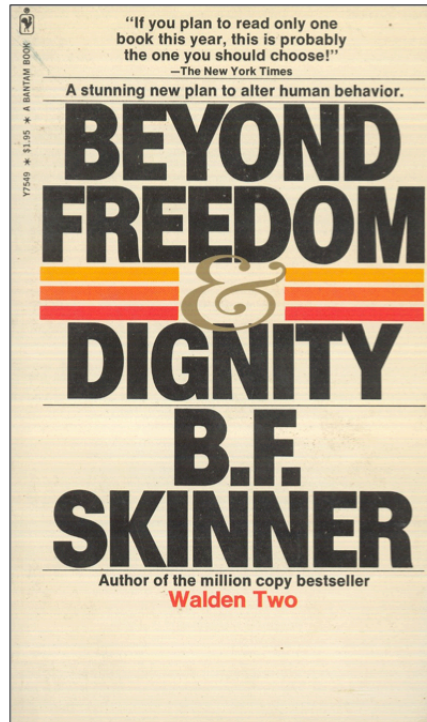
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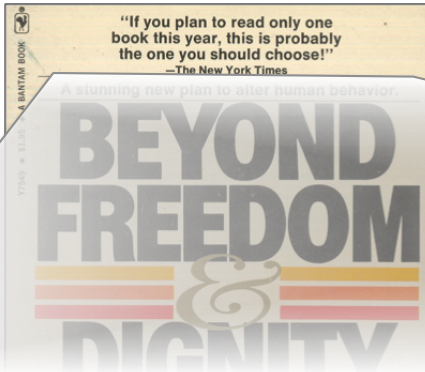




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“Crackpot”?



“If you plan to read only one
Book this year, this is probably
The one you should choose!”

--The New York Times

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The state of
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“Determinism”



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All
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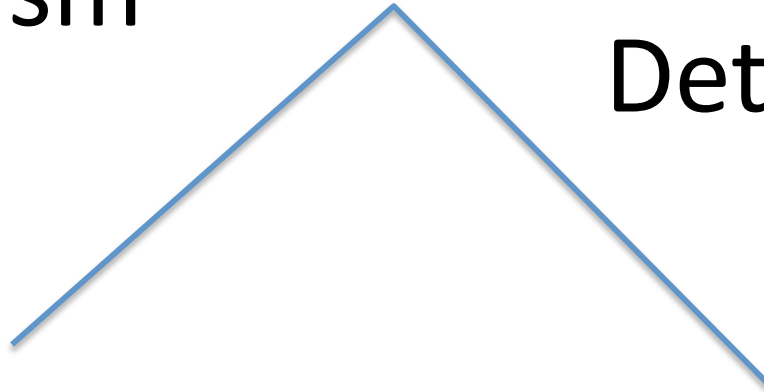
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Who pushed
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We live in a
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With consistent laws of
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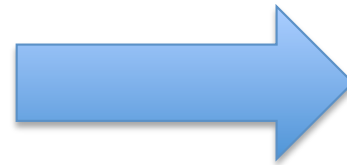
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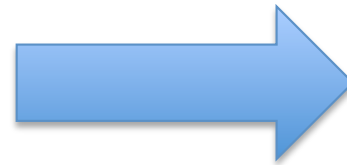
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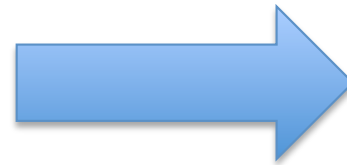


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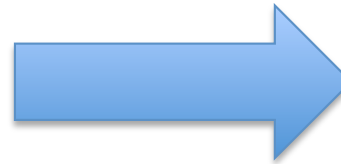
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Reflect God's
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Points for home

“Where can I flee from your presence? ”
(Ps. 139:7)

No hiding!



Points for home

*“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling
to which you have been called”
(Eph. 4:1)*

Make wise choices!



Points for home

*“the judgment of God rightly falls on those
who practice such things ... But now a
righteousness of God is made manifest”*

(Rom. 2:2; 3:21)

**Come next week for
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