

# CHURCH HISTORY LITERACY

## The Apologists - Part One Justin Martyr

### Lesson 13

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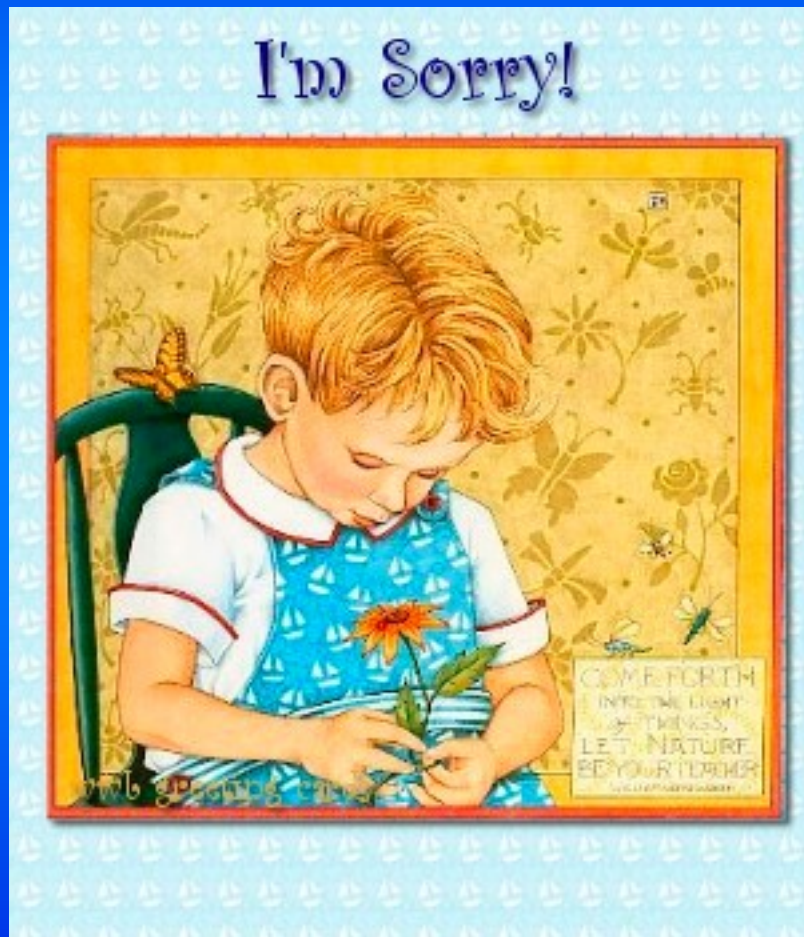
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Theophilus

# Apologist?!



# Apologist?!



Not an “I’m  
Sorry” Card

# Apologist?!

**A**ttant seleya smertuchel **Sermo sup sepuclurum**  
que vagant. ysa par et eorum inquit. Denique inlofben  
terruere deue nax stenuit aduine. et odura vasa neka  
paradisiuay haraa. Et inlof paradisiuay ueloy granduay  
munda neka elue. Neon tihara ut igfa gumlectyl. Ge  
munda neka ineret su eneye. ysa ka nepun endul oz gumf  
ryl. haldree haldree haldree. haldree elueat teruere isten  
ryl. ge sedeeve. Engode urding interuine. et ere oz tihay  
gumfowl. et oz gumfben haldree eue. Et oz gumfnee vyl  
eleriv uola. vye. hng turchuay inye pootaa vola.  
et an heon mnga nec. ge mnd w founec haldree eue.  
Hanguvee isten. et vetere ut ex mndis vilagibelo. et leyn  
haldree et puculnee fere. et mnd w uenecce. Ruc oz ve.  
mve voguue. hng et ry lantue smertuchel. ita et mnd  
igg et ber mndebora et veruue. ysa mnd oz dnyz rayov  
voguue. **U**imaggue urone isten haldree et leue ert. hng  
voguue w neka. et haldree. et haldree mnd w bndet.  
**U**imaggue fere achin mndet. et dordug. mndet archangel.  
et mnd angel. hng uimaggue ertit. **U**imaggue  
fere pteruue. kinee odur haldree ovdona. et leuue.  
hng oiga mnd w bndet. **U**imaggue mnd fereuue.  
hng legree neka seged urone kineuue. hng isten y sa  
mndaguetia haldree w bndet. **U**obeducia ut urding  
mndet. et pnd kineuue. et vye et ut paradisi  
mndet. et ozgon neka mndet urding. et ut. et  
mnd w bndet. **U**releue uroneuue eluue. **U**releue.  
**S**ereleue haldree uimaggue et segon ember laka ert.  
kuc vye oz nepun ex homis vilag. tihaycebelevl mndet.  
kinee ex nepun reter tihayce. hng ut ut haldree  
abram. ysa. iacob. kedebeuue haldree. hng haldree  
urdu. mnd w fere et mndet captem toy  
selevl iochtorua ilerie ut. **U**releue. clamar. ut  
**U**releue noster fere km dei mnd. **U**releue. **U**releue. **U**releue.  
quanta gra dnt et granduue. pndet adam pteruue.  
mnd. et dordug. mndet. et pteruue. quid sibi et dnt  
postul. et pteruue. ecce fere uideret oculis uestis.



# Apologist?!

**S**ermon seleya smetuchel. **S**ermon sup sepuichrum  
que vaginac. ysa par el ebonny uoginac. Denyi indoliben  
teruutere deue nuy stemuier aduunt. el odunza vola neka  
paradisiuun haraa. Esmend paradisiuun ueloy gundacur  
munda neka elue. Neon tihawa wt igfa gundecvl. Ge  
munda neka interer su eneye. ysa ke nopun endul oz gund  
eul. haldnee haldacat haly. haldana elueat teruutere isten  
eul. ge sedecore. Engode urding uiteruunee. el eue oz taluyt  
gundecul. el oz gundiben haldur eue. Uoz gunditee vvl  
elertiv uola. vize. hug turchuacat inge yocostea vola.  
Dy an heou munga nec. ge moud w founec haldur eue.  
Harogvvee isten. el vetere wt ex munda vilagibelo. el leyn  
haldacat el puchitac seye. el moud w ueritene. Ruc oz ve.  
miv uoginac. hug el tiv latuac smetuchel. illa el mudi  
igg elber mudebota ex veruunt. ysa moud oz dnyz laryov  
uoginac. Uimaggue urone isten kegubier ex leue ert. hug  
uogellun w neka. el kegugren. el buidalla moud w buier.  
Uimaggue smetuchel mardac. el dovduag. mudead arduagel.  
el moud angalacat. hug uimagguee ertite. Uimaggue  
smetuchel petet uer. kinec odur haldacat ovdonia. el leuunt.  
hug ovga moud w buier. Uimaggue moud sepuichel.  
hug leguac neka seged urone kinec elur. hug isten yv u  
uadlaguaceta buidalla w buier. Uobeduacat wt urding  
uideruul. el pacul kinec uer. el vize wt paradisiu  
mugimadea. el oggum neka mudi uruz. agbele. uer. el  
moud uoyben vize. Urealtac uronec elur. Karl.  
**S**erelmei barya uimaggue ex segin ember laka ert.  
kur vize nopun ex homul vilag. tannuobeleul moute.  
Kinec ex nopun tellet tannuue. hug ur uer kegubiel  
abruam. ysaac. iacob. kebeleben hestheie. hug birlagur  
uvtua moud vo seuer el moute capiteum ioy  
seleul uochtoruua ilerie wt. Urybermetue. clamare ut  
**O**ptime noster ihs km dei msa. hie bier. sacdos fmarie pto  
quanta gra dñi el gratificacetur pman adam ptre  
mra. si dñs uoluerit. dñi peccatue. quid sibi ex dñi  
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“*apologia*”  
(απολογία)

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uadlagueta buidalla w buier. Uobeduola ut urding  
ideturit. el pacul kinyoyu eul. el veyete ut puchulu  
nigulmabeit. el ogan neka mudi uruz. agbele. uerit. el  
moud uoyben veyet. Urealitue uronchit eluroni. Karl.  
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kinec ex nopun tetter tannette. hug ur uerit kegulmabel  
abruam. ysaac. iacob. kebeleben hethetie. hug birlagur  
uoyua moud vo fientit el moudit capiteum ioy  
selevl iochtorula ilerit ut. Uuybermetue. clamare ut.  
**O**ptime noster ihs km dei ma. **H**ic beate sacdos fmarie pto  
quanta gra dñi el glorificauit. pñm adam pñre  
mñm. si dñs uoluerit. dñi peccatit. quid tibi ex dñi fñm  
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*“apologia”*  
(απολογία)

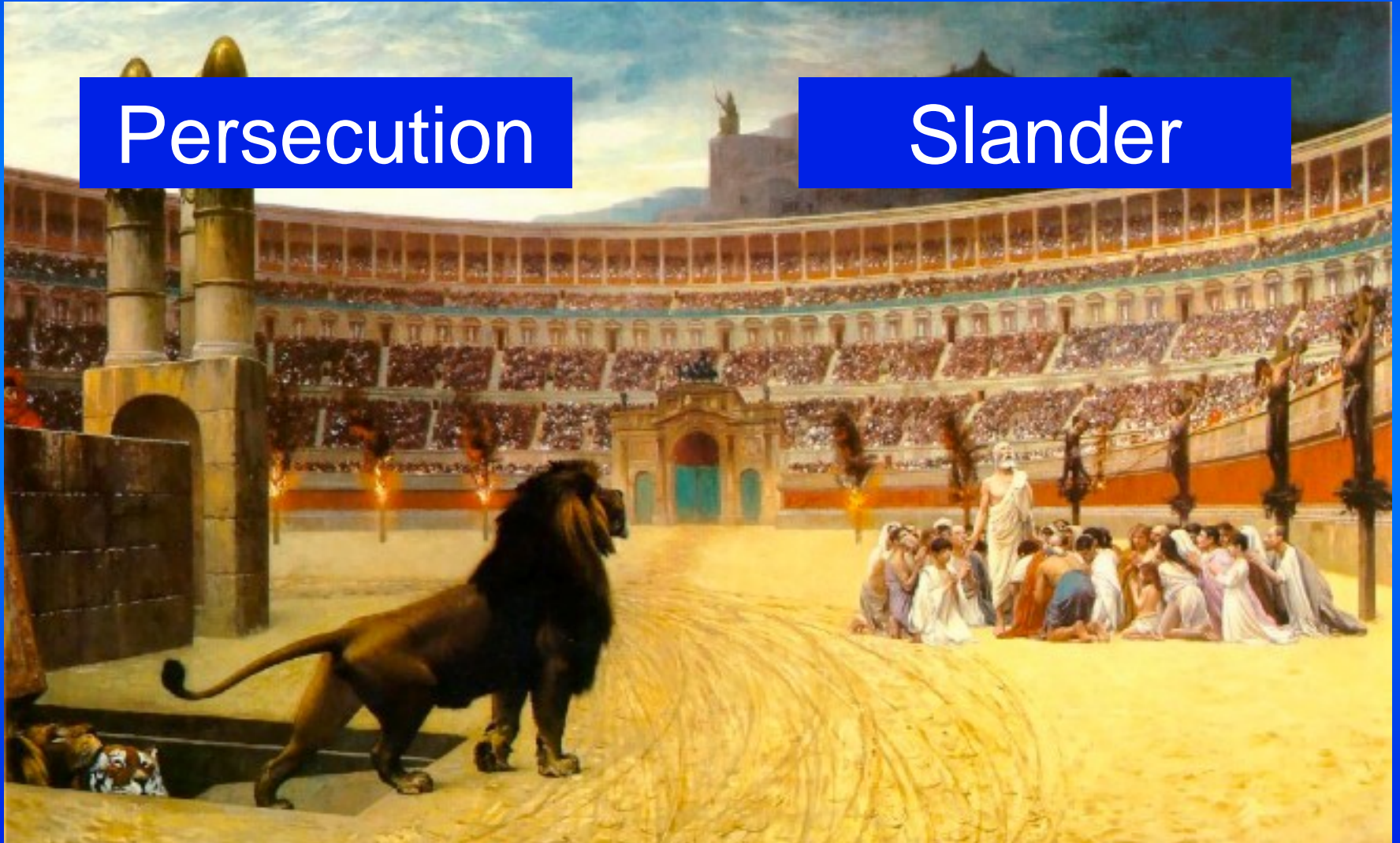
*“A speech  
in defense”*



# Remember the Setting

Persecution

Slander





The church  
cared about  
treatment and  
perception



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treatment and  
perception

The Apologies were also  
mission efforts!



Justin Martyr



# Nablus, Palestine



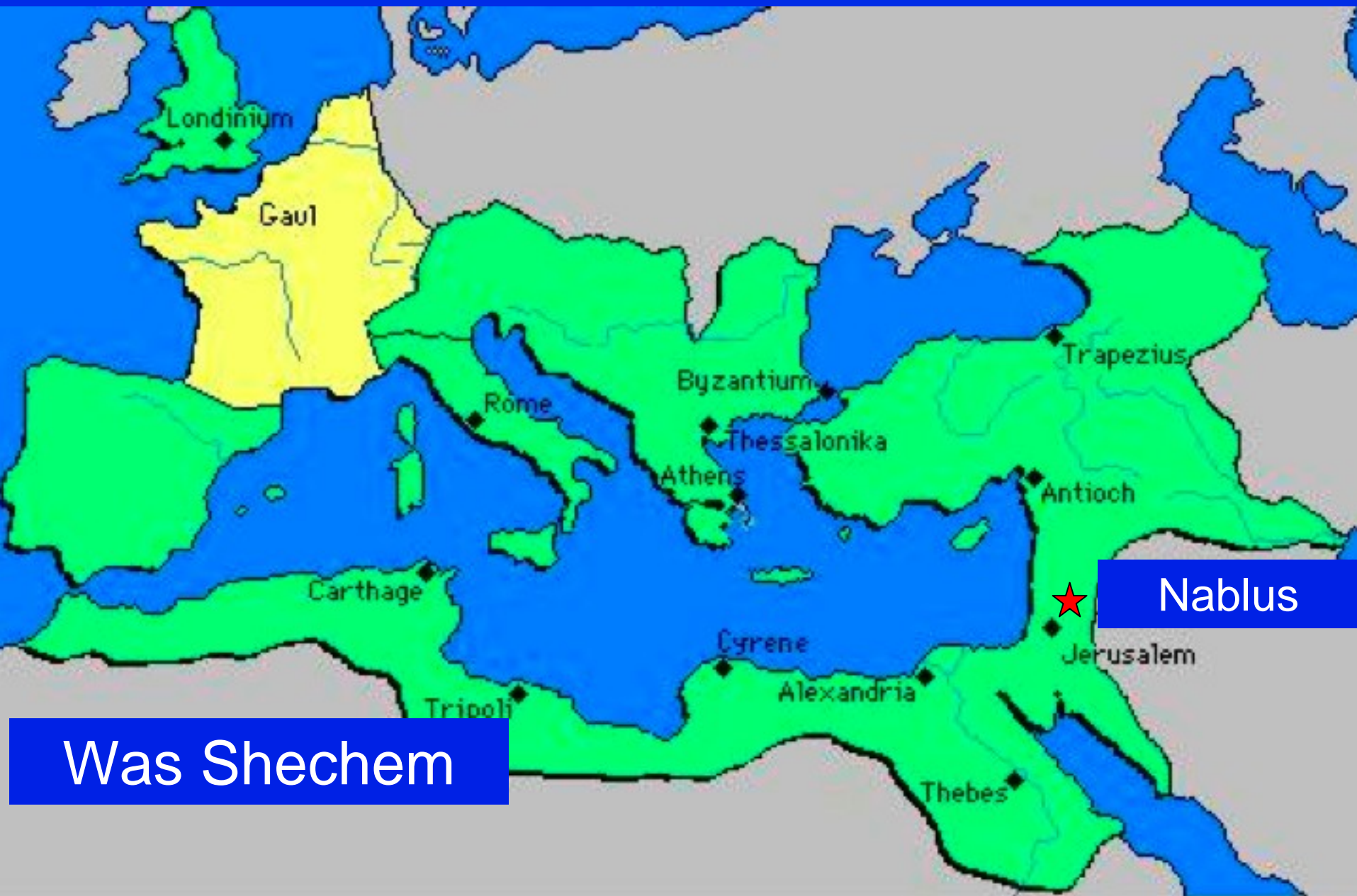


# Nablus, Palestine





Nablus



Londinium

Gaul

Rome

Byzantium

Trapezium

Thessalonika

Athens

Antioch

Carthage



Nablus

Cyrene

Jerusalem

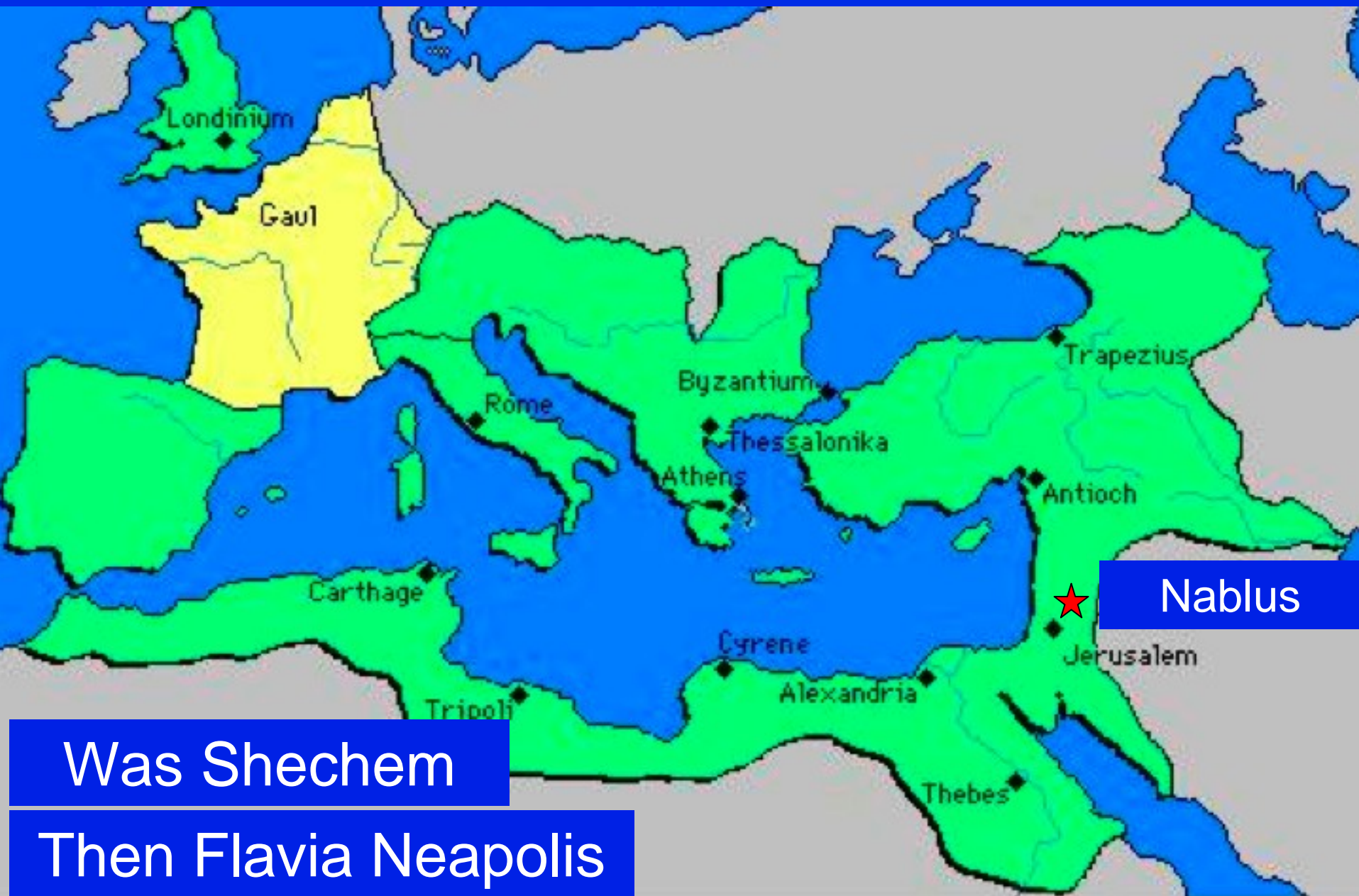
Alexandria

Tripoli

Thebes

Was Shechem





Nablus

Was Shechem

Then Flavia Neapolis



Justin was  
a  
philosophy  
student

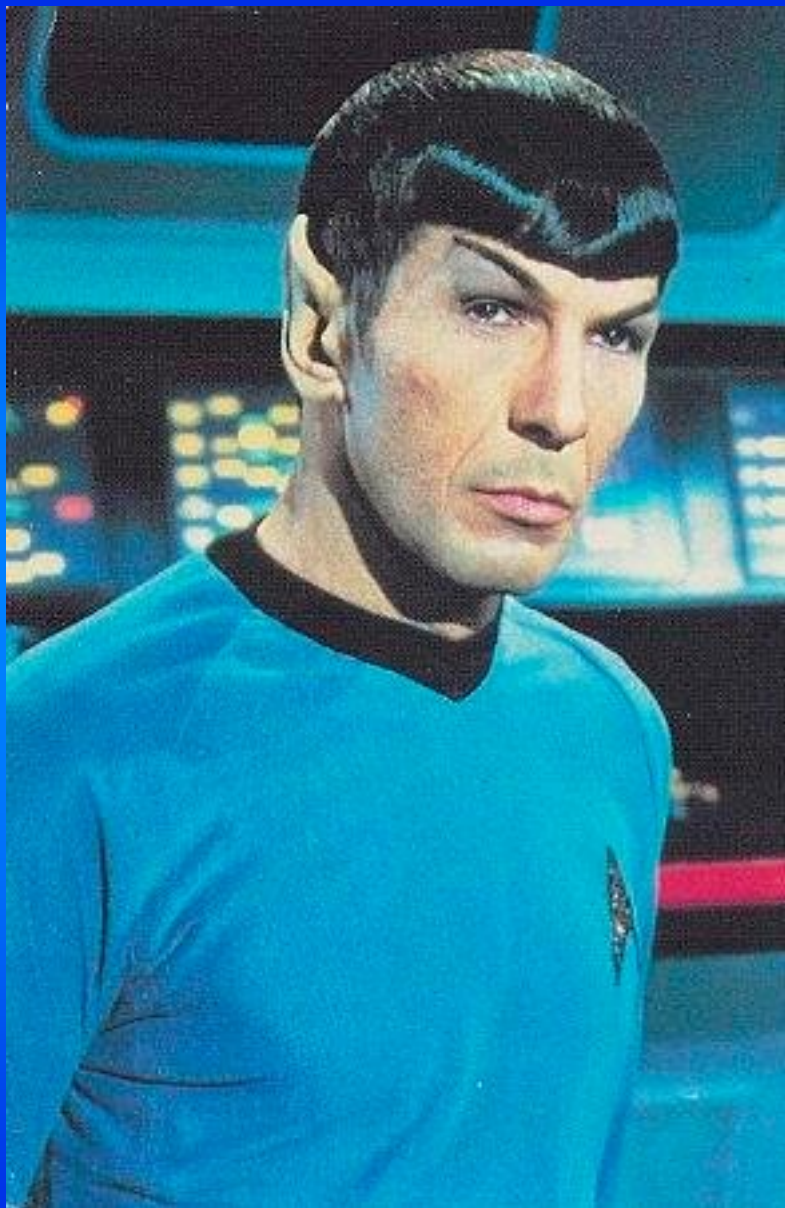


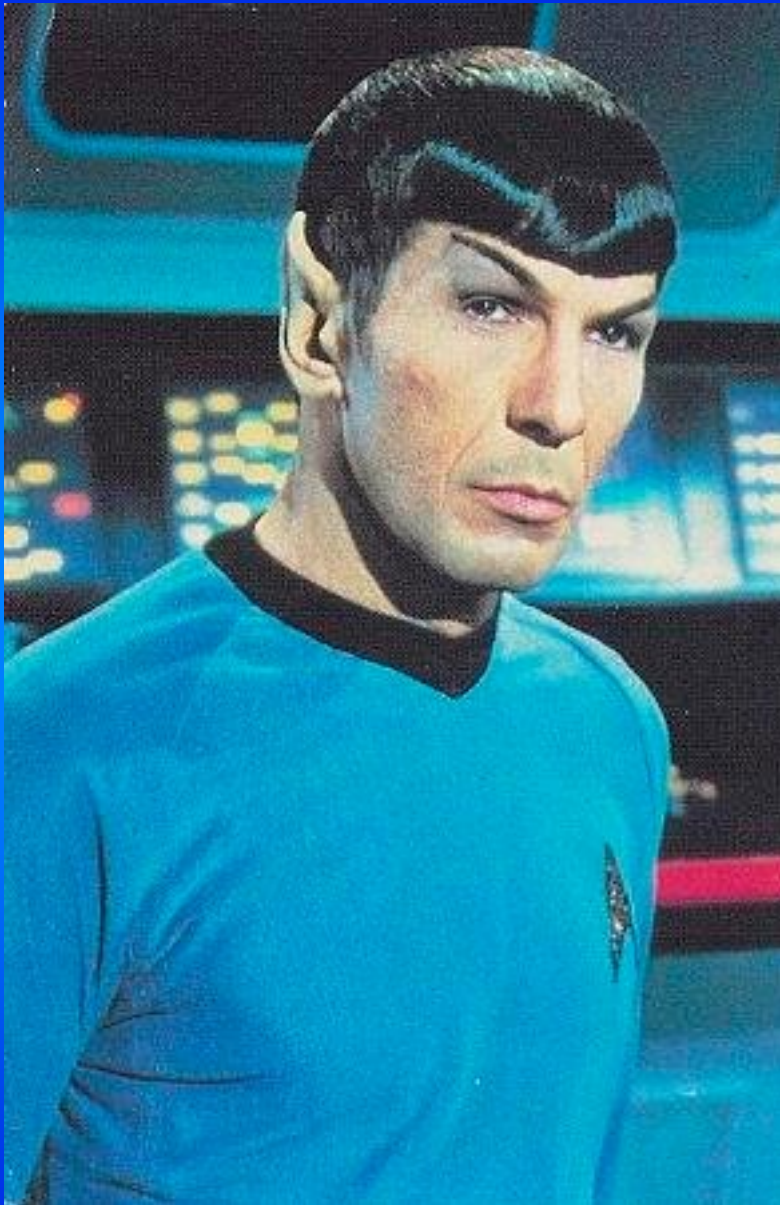
Why is life  
the way it  
is?



Have the  
Stoics figured  
it out?

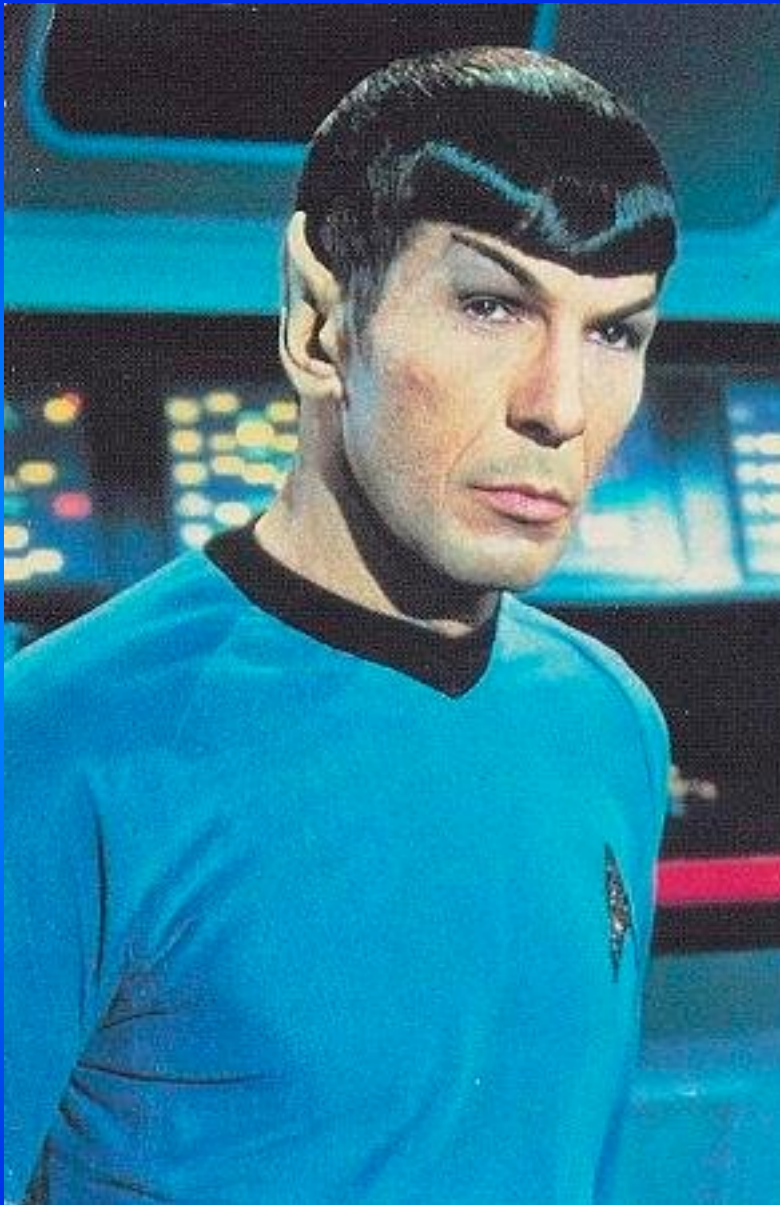






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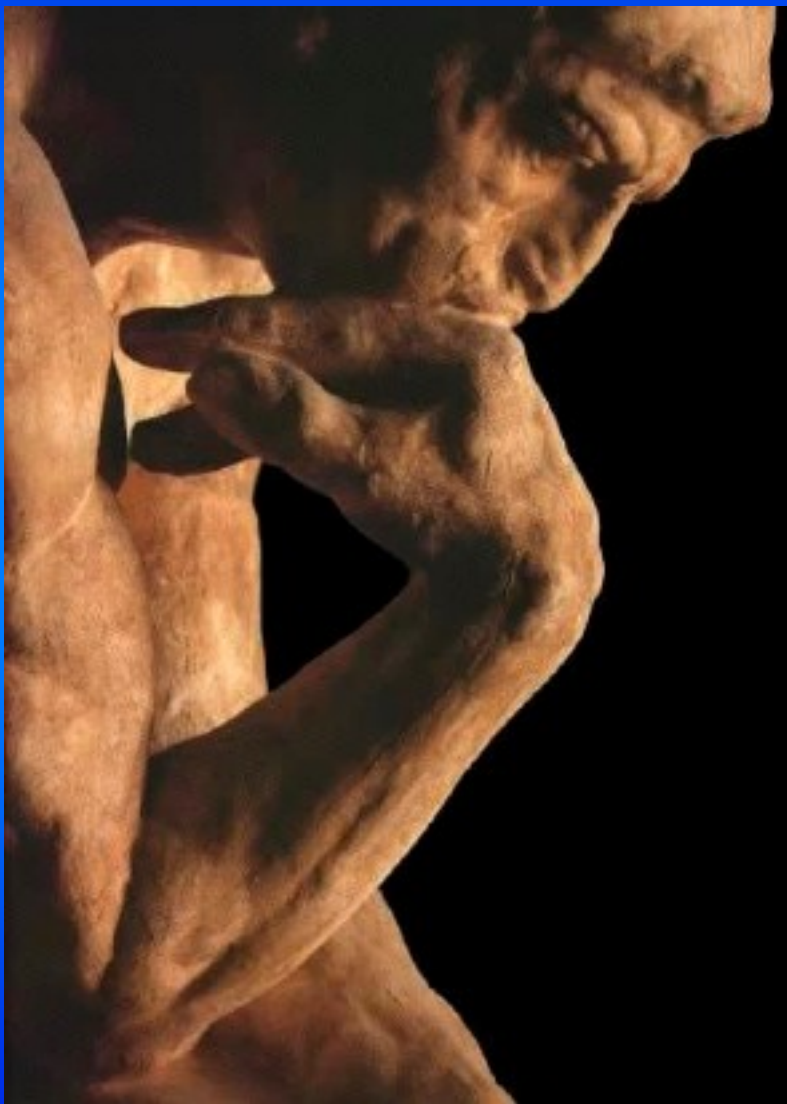




Stay numb!



How about  
the  
Peripatetics?



Stay busy!

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

Maybe the  
Pythagoreans!

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

Stay  
mystical!



Plato!



Stay brainy!

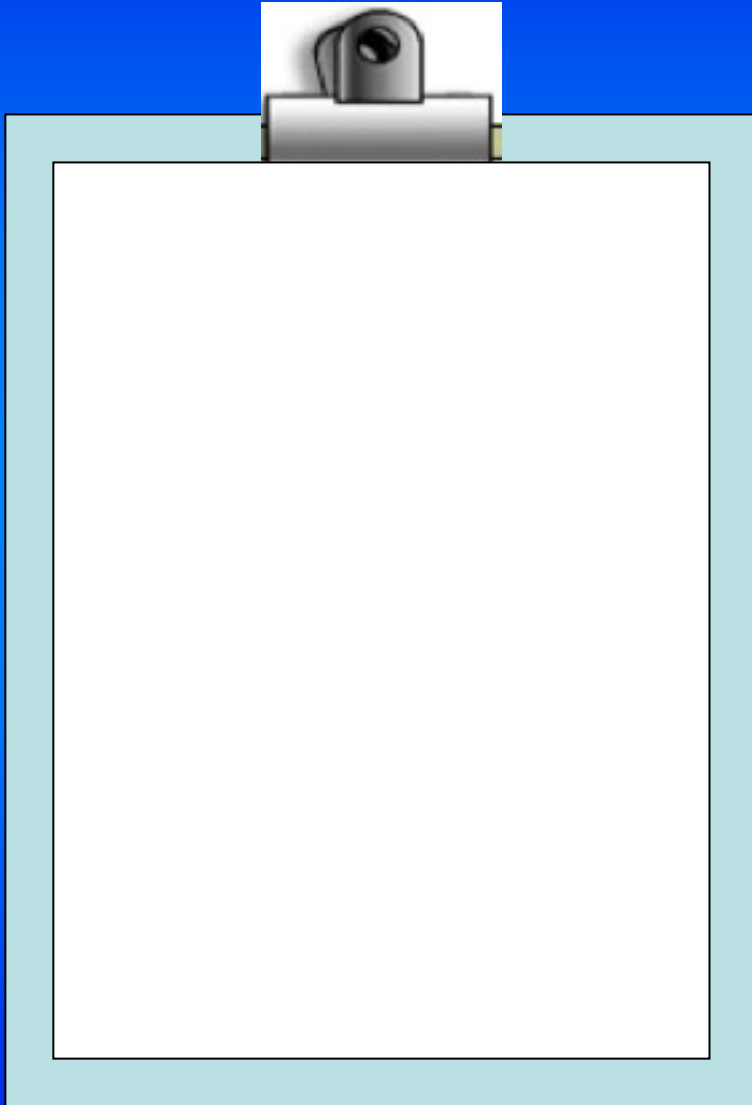


# At the age of 30!

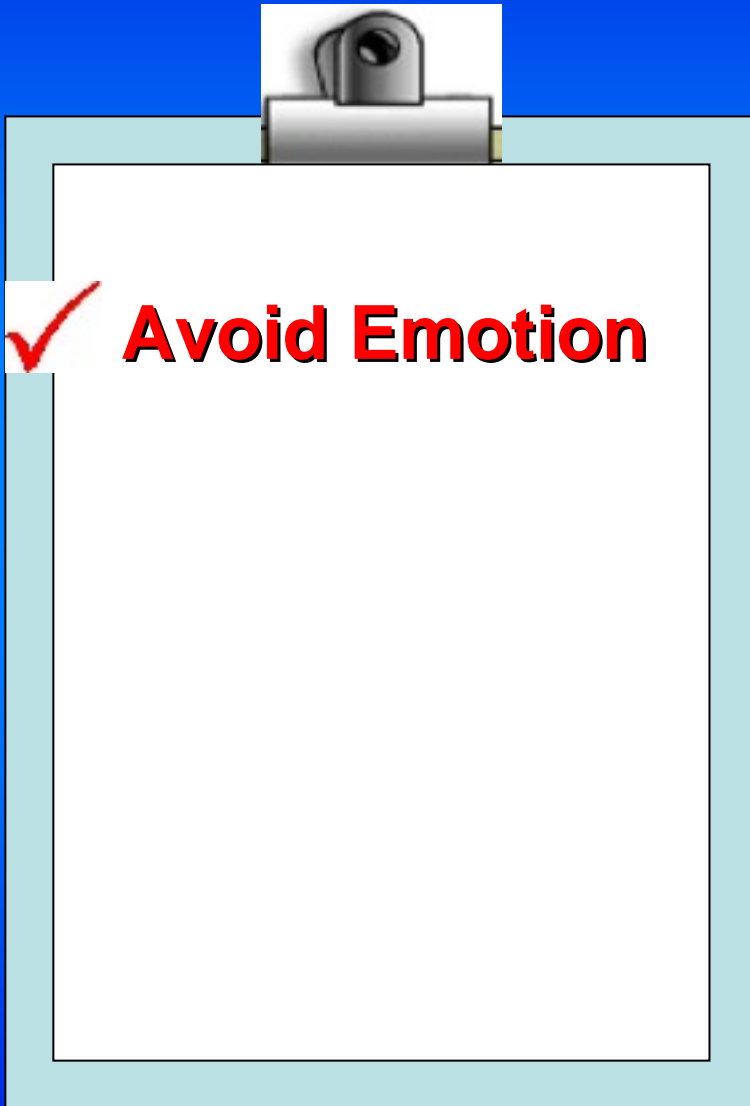




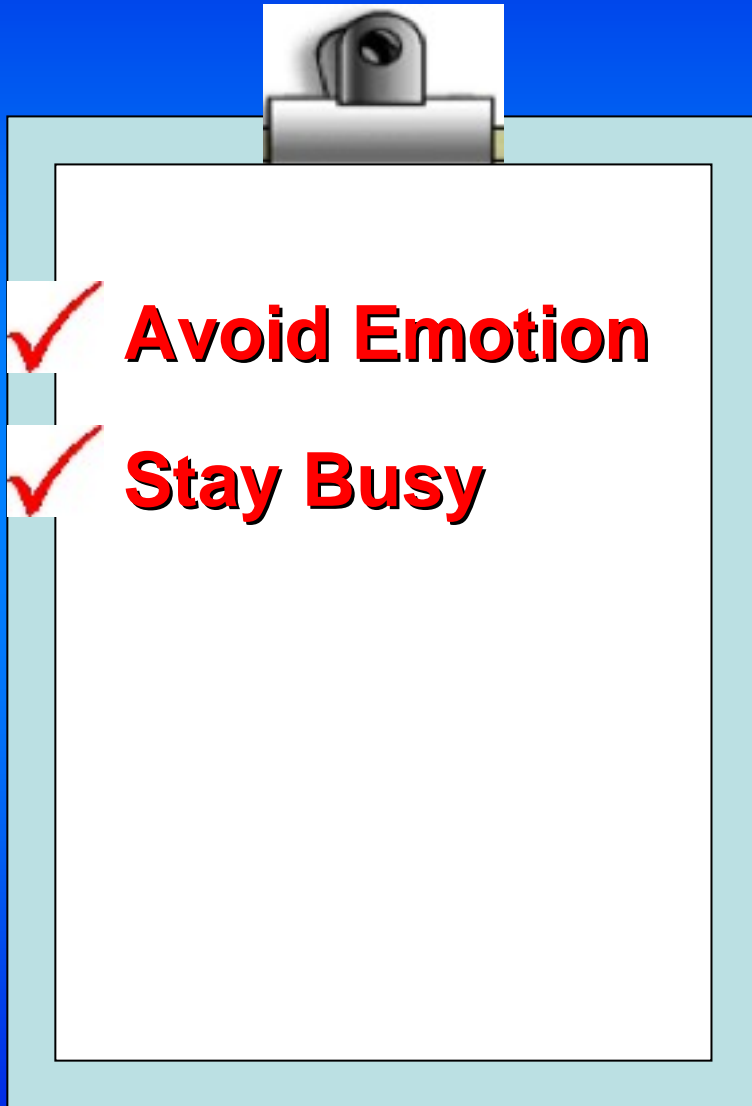
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Justin  
meets  
Jesus



Justin answers  
the  
philosophical  
questions with  
faith and  
reason



Justin answers  
the  
philosophical  
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reason





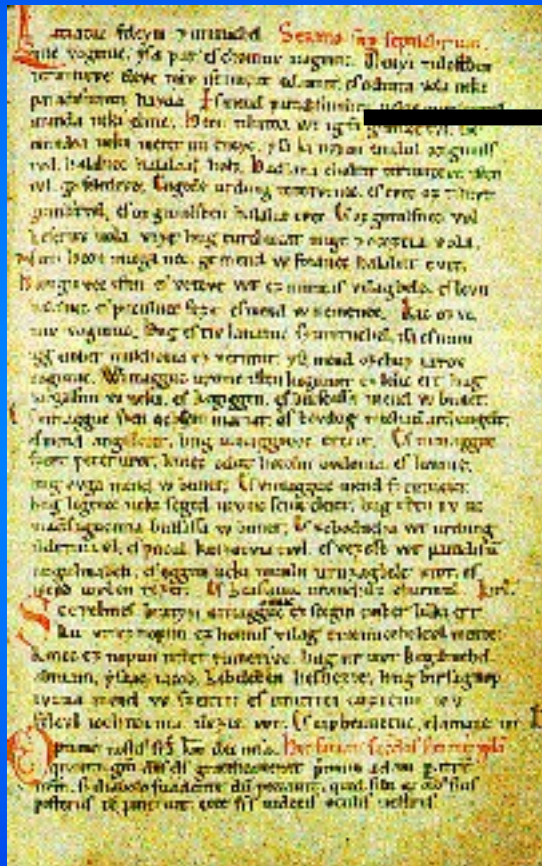
God uses  
Justin to show  
the place of  
faith to an  
educated  
Greek

# Justin's First Apology

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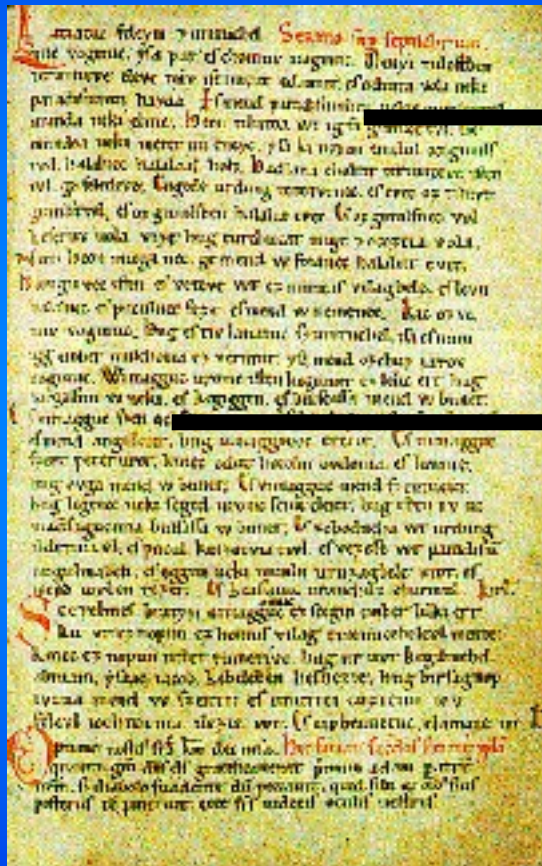
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# Justin's First Apology

Written 155 ish

To: Emperor Antoninus Pius  
and “philosopher” sons



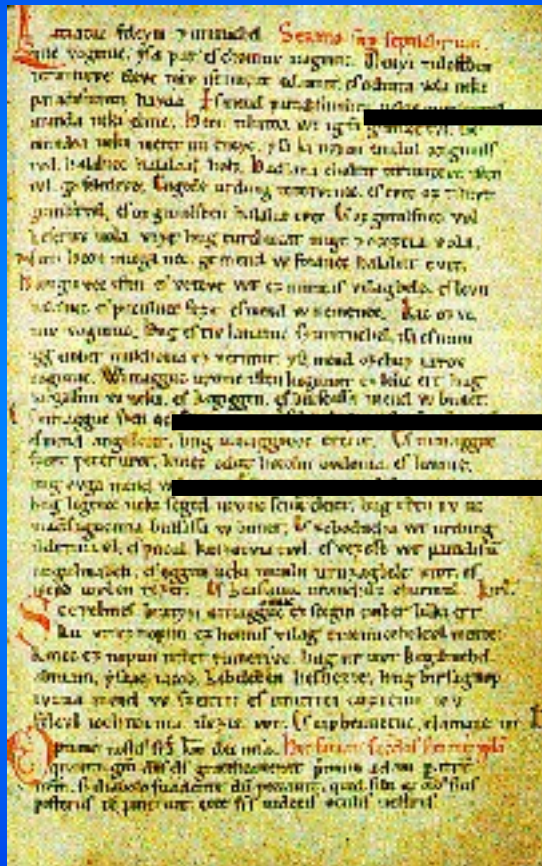


# Justin's First Apology

Written 155 ish

To: Emperor Antoninus Pius  
and “philosopher” sons

On behalf of “those unjustly  
hated and grossly abused  
... myself being one of  
them”



Not asking for sympathy or  
pity ... merely justice





Not asking for sympathy or  
pity ... merely justice



“If, you’re pious ...  
If you’re a  
philosopher who  
loves truth...”

# Apology Laid Out:

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Defends  
against  
charges

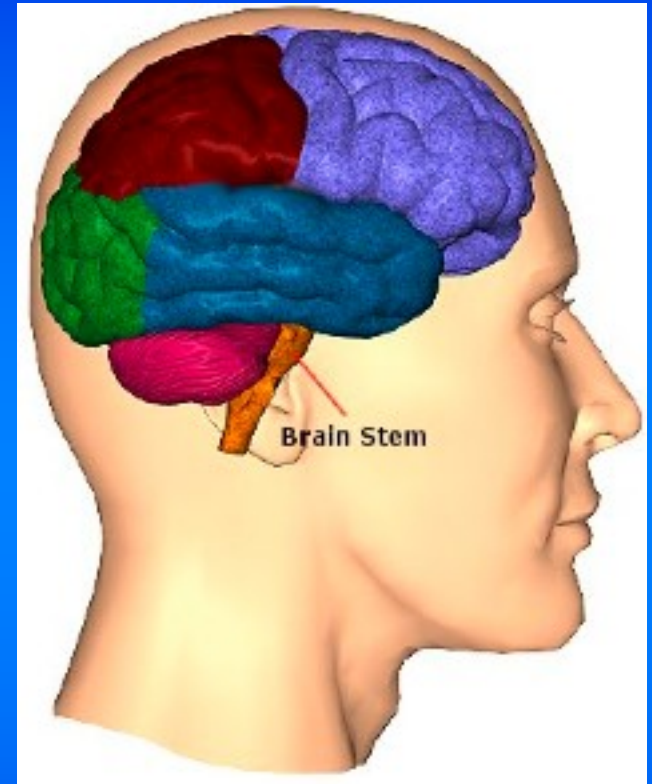
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Defends  
against  
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Explains  
truth

# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
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Explains  
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Provides  
his basis for  
faith

Defends  
against  
charges



# Charge 1: Atheism

Defends  
against  
charges

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Christians  
Worship the  
Creator

Defends  
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Christians  
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- Ignore the pagan myths

Defends  
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- Ignore the pagan myths
- Are those idols real?

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# Charge 1: Atheism



Defends  
against  
charges

Christians  
Worship the  
Creator

- Ignore the pagan myths
- Are those idols real?
- Don't be naïve about demons!

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Defends  
against  
charges



# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

- Avoid adultery and  
lust

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

- Avoid adultery and lust
- Fornicators become chaste

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

Defends  
against  
charges

- Avoid adultery and lust
- Fornicators become chaste
- Lovers of money become sharers

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!



Defends  
against  
charges

- Avoid adultery and lust
- Fornicators become chaste
- Lovers of money become sharers
- Bigots become families

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

- Confidence in  
God's provisions

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

- Confidence in  
God's provisions
- Turn the other  
cheek

Defends  
against  
charges



# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

Defends  
against  
charges

- Confidence in God's provisions
- Turn the other cheek
- Go the extra mile

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!



Defends  
against  
charges

- Confidence in God's provisions
- Turn the other cheek
- Go the extra mile
- Peacefully pay taxes

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 3: Disloyalty

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 3: Disloyalty



Defends  
against  
charges

We “worship  
God only, but in  
all other things  
we gladly serve  
you”

# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
charges

# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
charges

Explains  
truth





Explains  
truth



Jesus is the  
*logos*, the  
reason, the  
logic, the  
answer

Explains  
truth



Jesus: virgin  
born,  
crucified,  
died, and  
rose again

Explains  
truth



Evil:  
demonic in  
origin

Explains  
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# Apology Laid Out:



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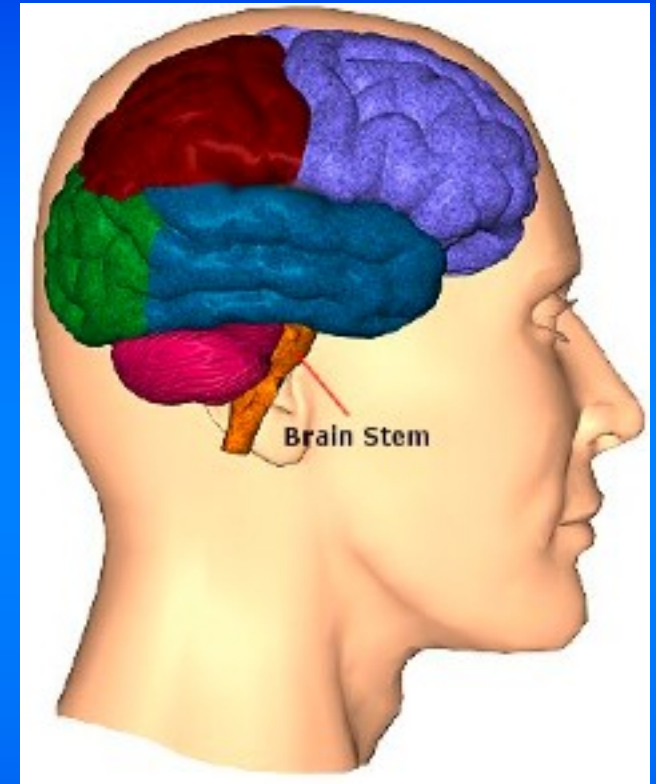
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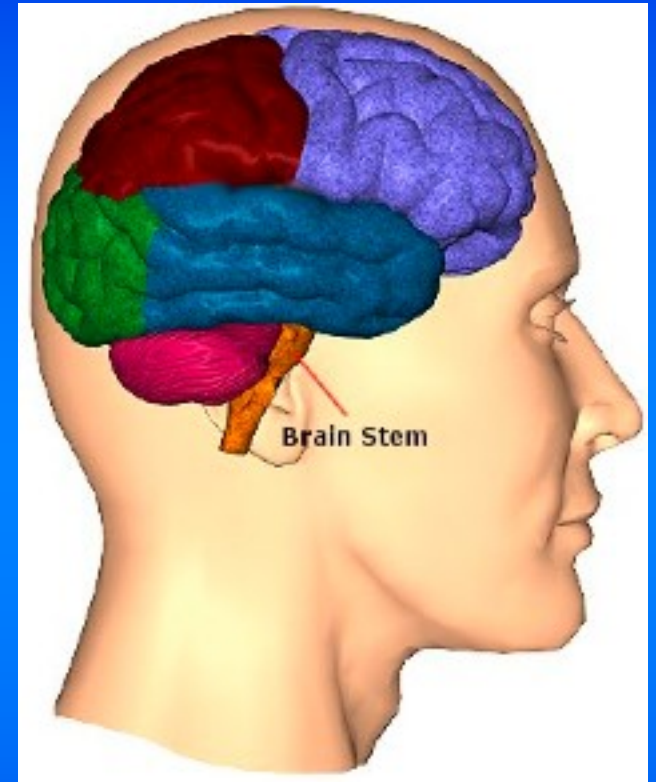


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Provides  
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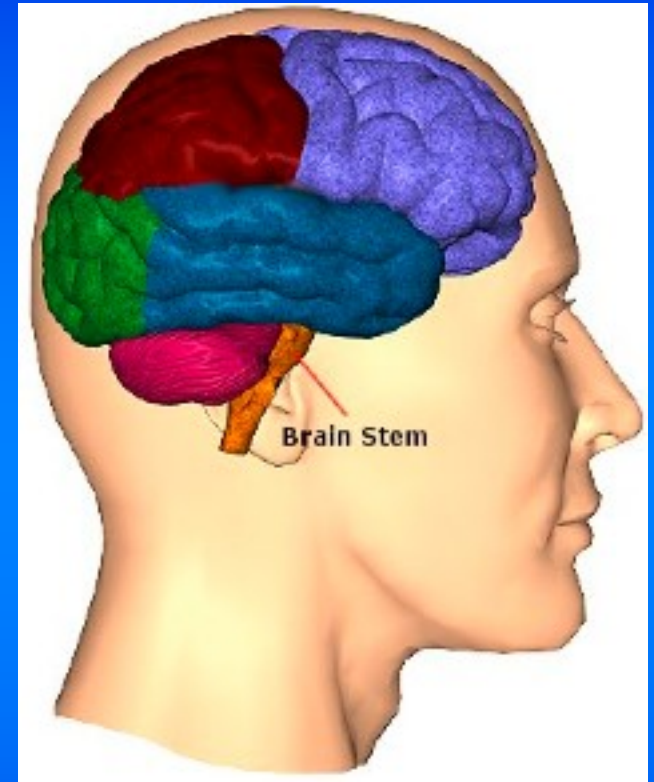
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# Prophecy



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

“And you Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come forth a Ruler who will shepherd my people.”



Provides  
his basis for  
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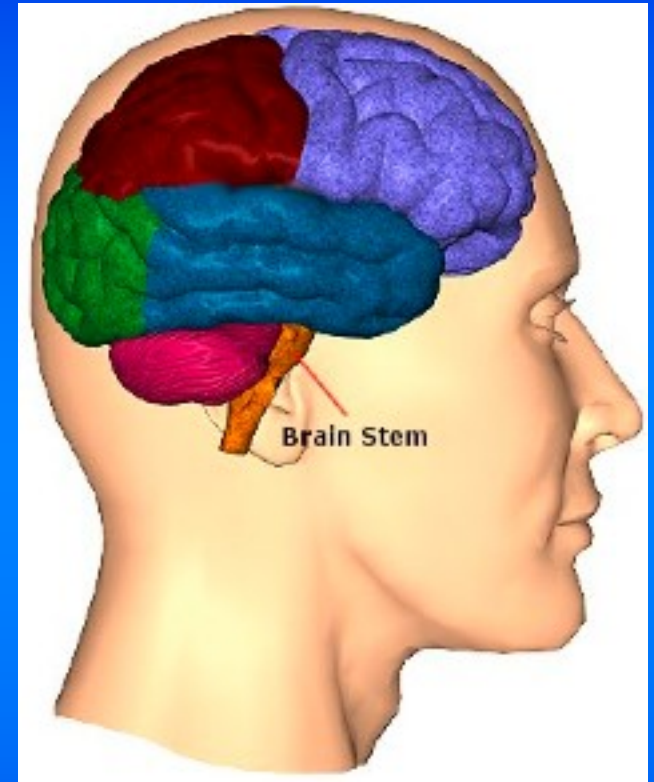
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**check the census records**



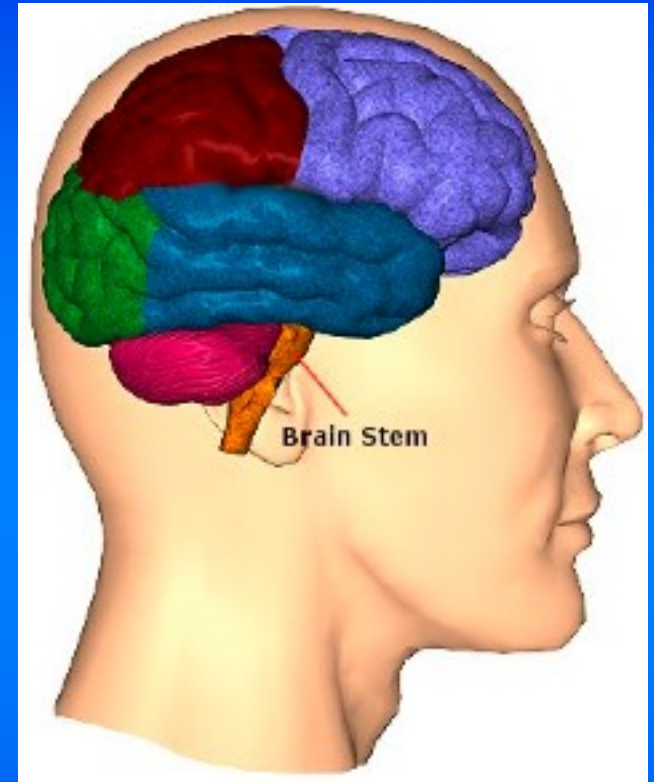
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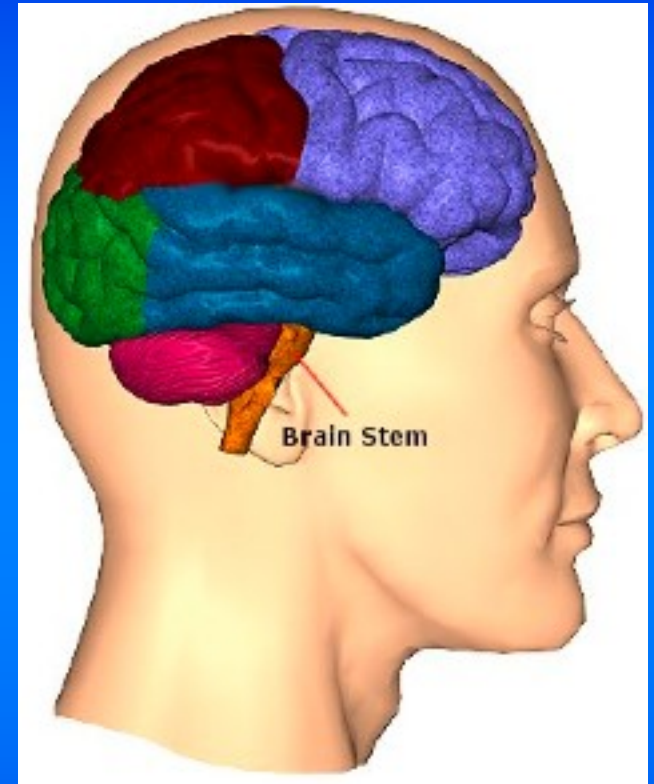
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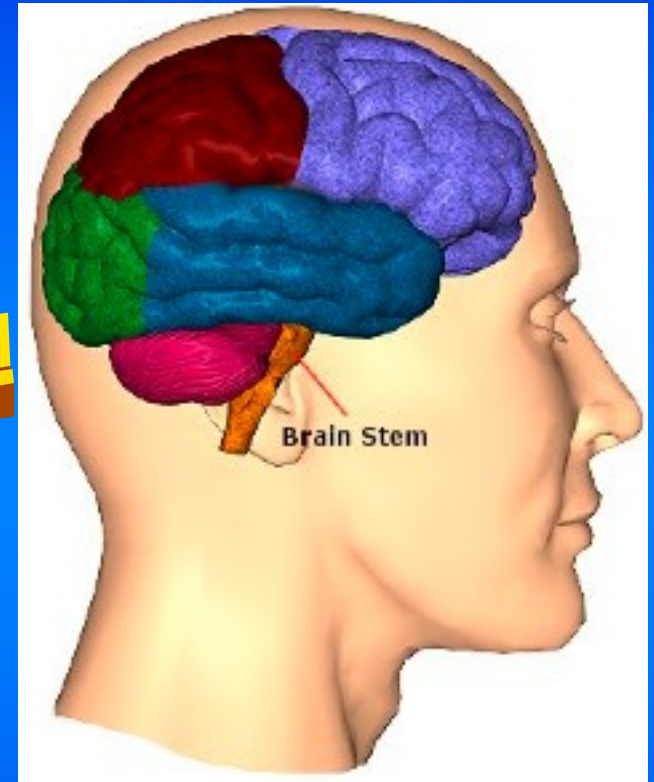


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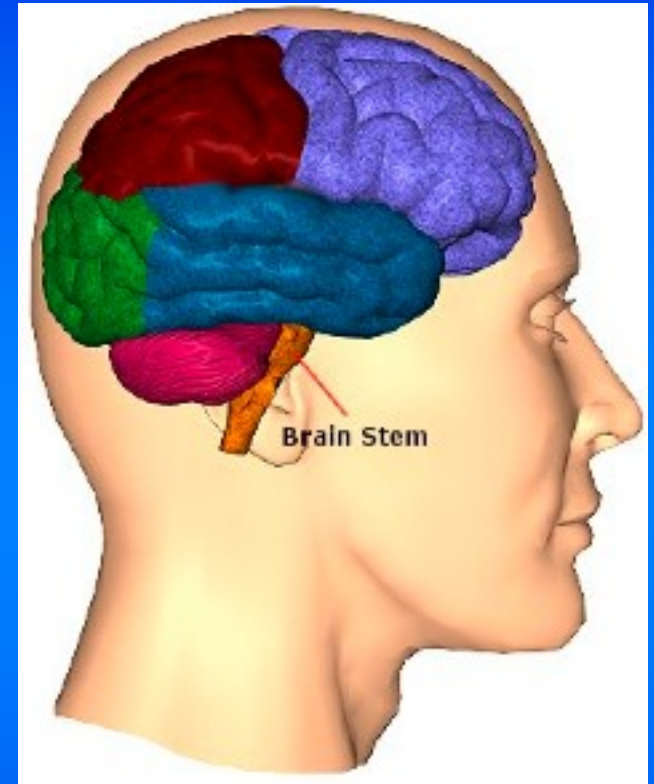
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**Check it out in the Septuagint!!!**



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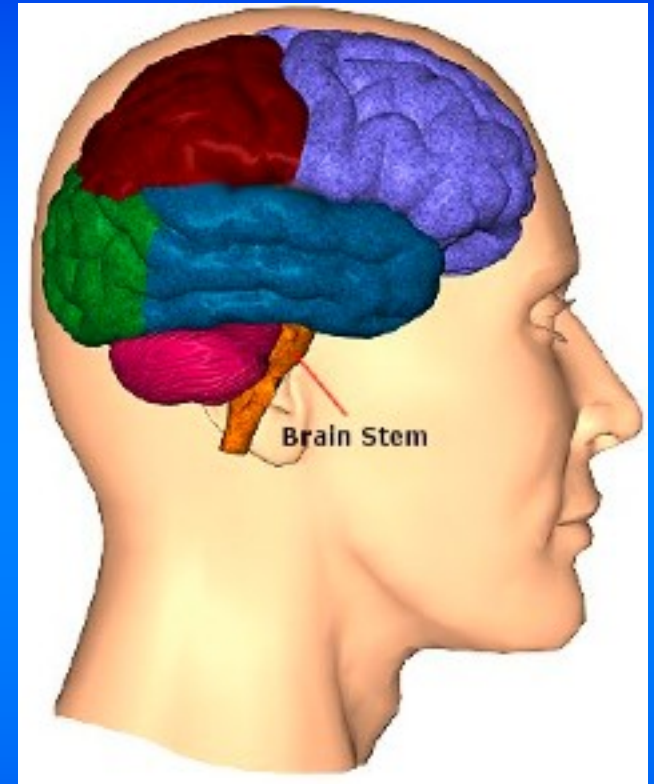
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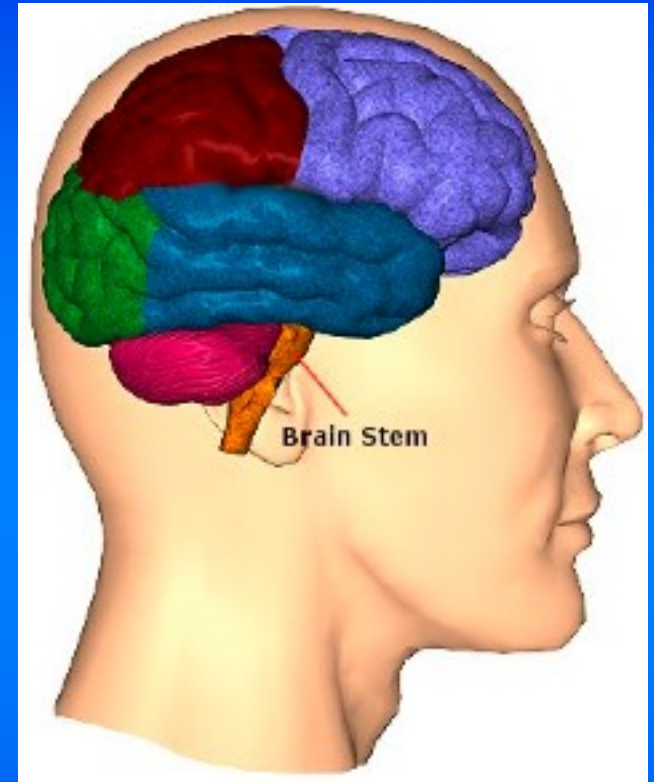


“Behold your King comes to you  
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Consider the  
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