

Philippians



Joy is the distinctive mark of the Christian...
Unmitigated, untrammelled, unrestrained JOY!

A close-up photograph of Superman's chest. He is wearing his iconic blue suit with a red cape. Overlaid on his chest is a yellow shield with a white border. Inside the shield, the word "JOY" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

JOY

The background image shows the archaeological site of Philippi. In the foreground, there are stone walls and a dirt path. Several tall, weathered columns stand in the middle ground. In the background, a large, rocky hill rises under a clear blue sky. The scene is well-lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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Watch Me!

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What kind of things do you think about? What occupies your mind? What do you think about most?

Experts estimate that the mind has between 60,000 and 80,000 thoughts every day

What informs your thinking?

Social media, TV, radio, friends, technology, sports,
entertainment, news, influencers, environment

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but anyway. . .

Paul is
transitioning
to the end of
the letter

To loipon is a
discourse
marker



DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

*of the New
Testament
Writings*



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Continues his thought about the peace of God



Inner peace = outward actions

Features of Stoic religion listed virtues and vices.

These public virtues are framed by the peace of God

God is the one who brings peace

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ἀληθῆ = true, genuine, honest

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Σεμνα= dignified,
elevated, honorable

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Δίκαια = fair, right, just



Social justice

Economic justice

Racial justice

Social justice

Environmental justice

Justice,
justice shall
you pursue

Deuteronomy

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προσφιλῆ= lovely, beautiful, dear, beloved

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εὐφήμα = worthy of admiration,
something to speak well of

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ἀρετὴ = excellent, virtue, moral
excellence

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ἐπαινος= praiseworthy, things that all human's praise
/classical sense of universal human approval/ things which
God praises in other/ (cf. Rom 2:29)

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≡ DON'T BELIEVE ≡

everything you

THINK.

-ANDY ANDREWS

act theologically
think theologically
read theologically
write theologically
live theologically

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This is the language of tradition.



Tradition is not the worship of ashes
but the preservation of fire.

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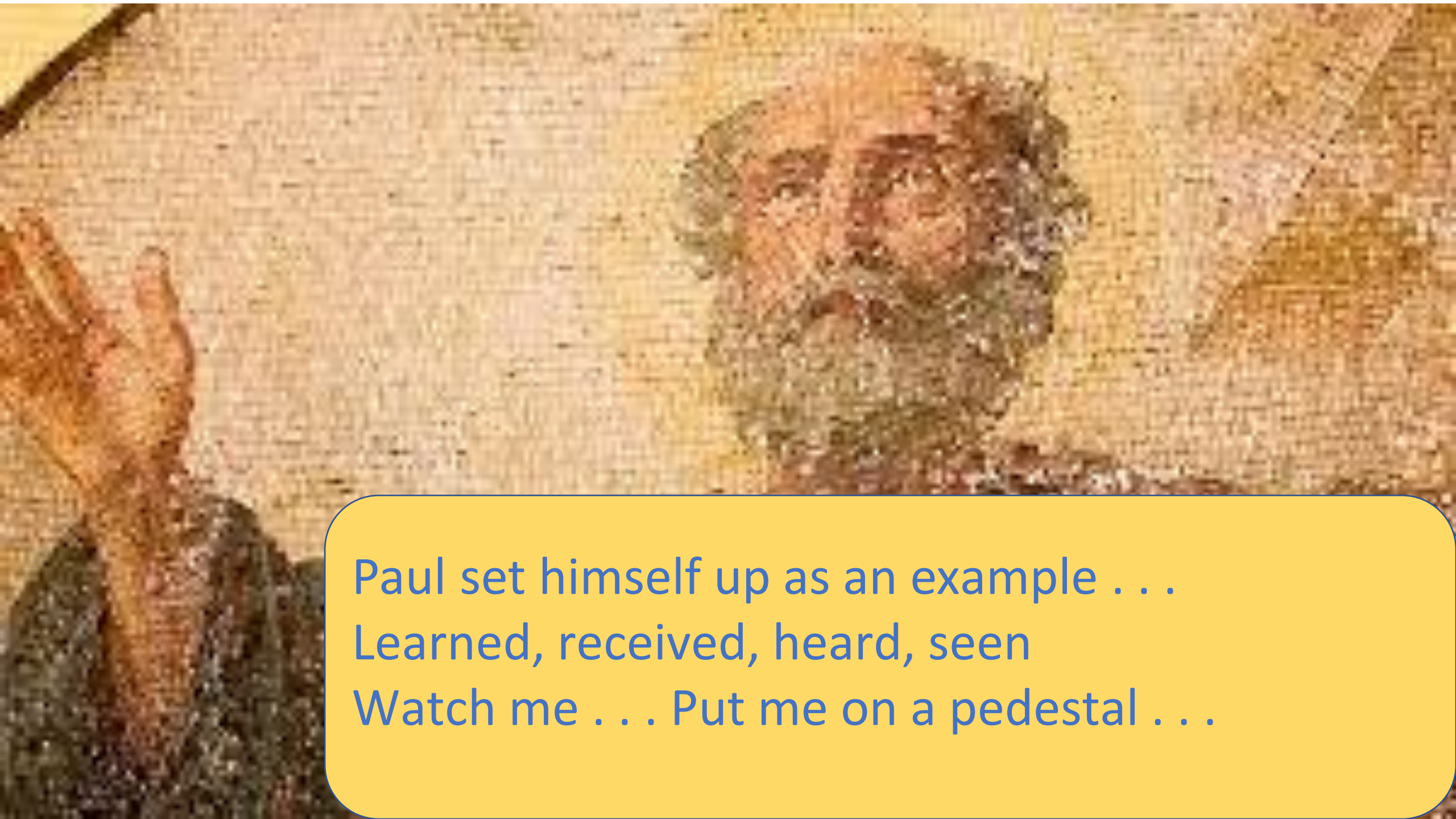
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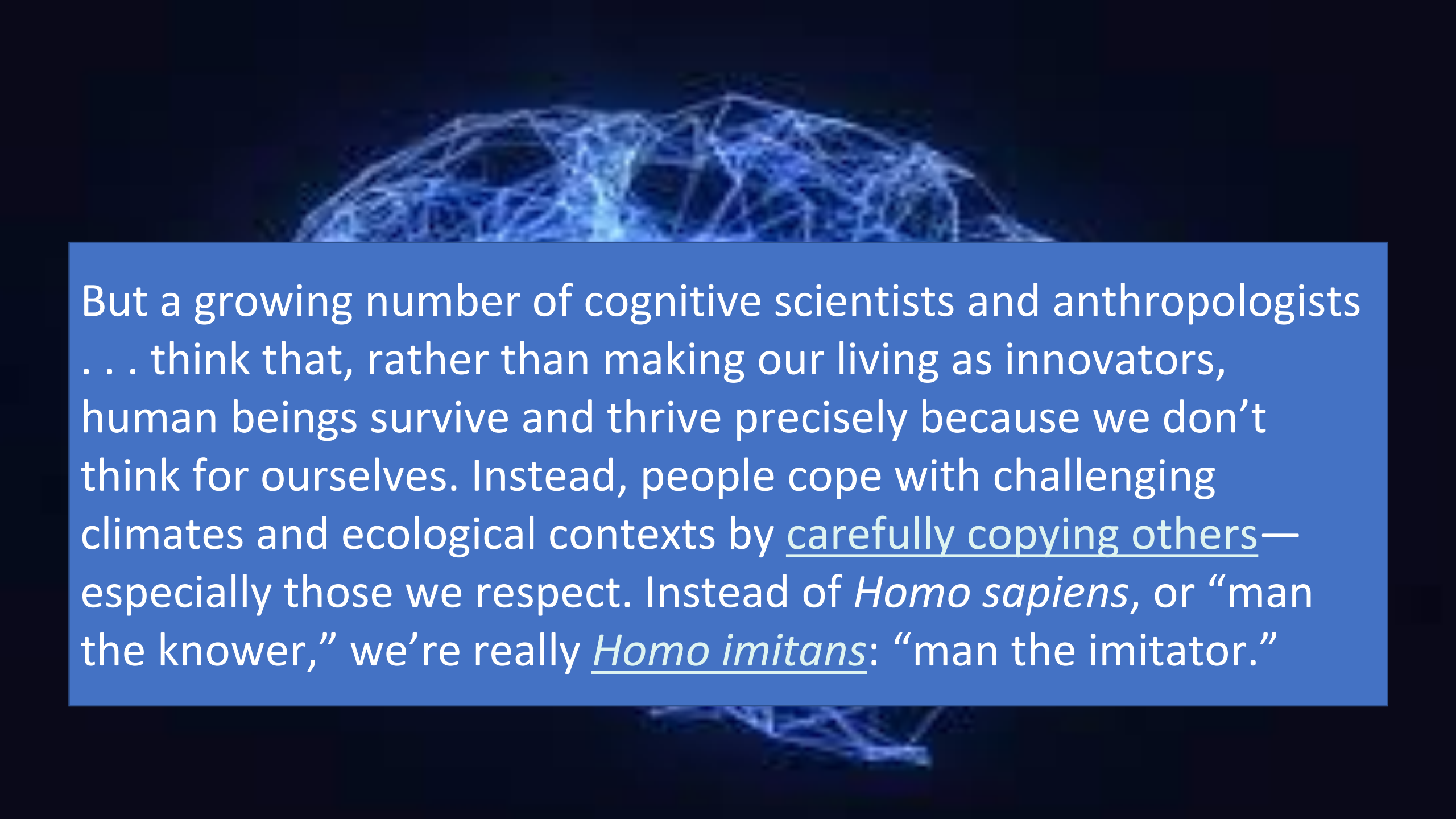
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Paul set himself up as an example . . .
Learned, received, heard, seen
Watch me . . . Put me on a pedestal . . .

A blue wireframe globe is centered at the top of the image, set against a dark blue background. The globe is composed of a network of thin, glowing blue lines that form a spherical shape, resembling a digital or network-based representation of Earth. The lines are more densely packed in some areas, creating a sense of depth and complexity. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and technological.

But a growing number of cognitive scientists and anthropologists . . . think that, rather than making our living as innovators, human beings survive and thrive precisely because we don't think for ourselves. Instead, people cope with challenging climates and ecological contexts by carefully copying others—especially those we respect. Instead of *Homo sapiens*, or “man the knower,” we're really *Homo imitans*: “man the imitator.”



Imitation can get a bad reputation, but researchers say our species' drive to imitate so readily is a significant mechanism through which we learn social norms, integrate into society, and build social connection.

The background of the slide is a collage. At the top, there's a row of people's faces, some wearing 'Thriller' makeup. Below that, on the left, is a full-body image of Michael Jackson in his 'Thriller' outfit, including a white jumpsuit with black patterns and a red cape. On the right, there's another full-body image of a person in a similar 'Thriller' outfit. The central text is overlaid on a grey, downward-pointing triangle.

Human beings are hard-wired to imitate.

- Language
- Dress
- Music

Where did you get those sneakers?
They are Jordans.

Everybody has to have them!



LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

Here is how it works in humans:

1. We respect someone
2. We witness them behaving in a certain way
3. We desire to be like them
4. We imitate them



Paul does not set
himself up as a
model of
perfection.

He directs them
first to Christ. Phil
2:5-11: **Have this
mind in you which
was also in Christ
Jesus**



1 Cor 11:1. Be imitators of me as I am of Christ

μιμηταί μου γίνεσθε καθὼς ἐγὼ Χριστοῦ.

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Points to Ponder:



Fix your mind on truth,
goodness and beauty.

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Find someone to watch and
do what they do

(Realize someone is
watching you, taking notes)

Points to Ponder:



Rejoice that the God of
peace is with you.

Time for worship!



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