

# Confessions

Augustine of Hippo

# Review

- ◆ Book I
  - ◆ Sins of Infancy
  - ◆ Grade School
- ◆ Book II
  - ◆ The Lusts of Young Manhood
  - ◆ Stealing of the Pears

# Review

- ◆ Book III
  - ◆ College
  - ◆ First "Conversion"
  - ◆ Manichaeism
  - ◆ Monnica's Prayers, Dream, and Pastoral Counsel

# Book IV: Simplified Outline

- ◆ Young man, hometown teacher, and public figure
- ◆ Death of a Beloved Friend
- ◆ Meditations on Love, Friendship, Grief, and Truth
- ◆ A Brilliant Mind, Wasted



# Book IV: Detailed Outline

- ◆ Chp. 1 — Intro and Transición
- ◆ Chps. 2-6 — Rhetorician and Teacher in Thagaste



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- ◆ Chp. 2 — Teacher, Mistress, Child
- ◆ Chp. 3 — Poetry Contest and a Demonic Soothsayer
- ◆ Chp. 4 — Astrological Chicanery
- ◆ Chp. 5 — A Wise Doctor
- ◆ Chp. 6 — The Ridicule of Nebrídius



# Book IV: Detailed Outline

- ◆ Chps. 7-27 Death of a Friend & Meditations on Love, Friendship, and Grief
  - ◆ Chp. 7 — A Friendship Rekindled and Strengthened
  - ◆ Chp. 8 — An Unwitting Baptism and Conversion?
  - ◆ Chp. 9 — The Monstrous Torture of Loss



# Book IV: Detailed Outline

- ◆ Chp. 10 — Musing on Weeping
- ◆ Chp. 11 — Half a Soul
- ◆ Chp. 12 — A Big Sack of Misery
- ◆ Chp. 13 — Time Heals All Wounds, Lightly



# Book IV: Detailed Outline

- ◆ Chp. 14 — The Most Secure Friendship
- ◆ Chp. 15 — The Limitations of Created Things
- ◆ Chp. 16 — The Safety and Security of Truth
- ◆ Chp. 17 — The Limits of Bodily Perception



# Book IV: Detailed Outline

- ◆ Chps. 18-19 — The Gospel Call to Love



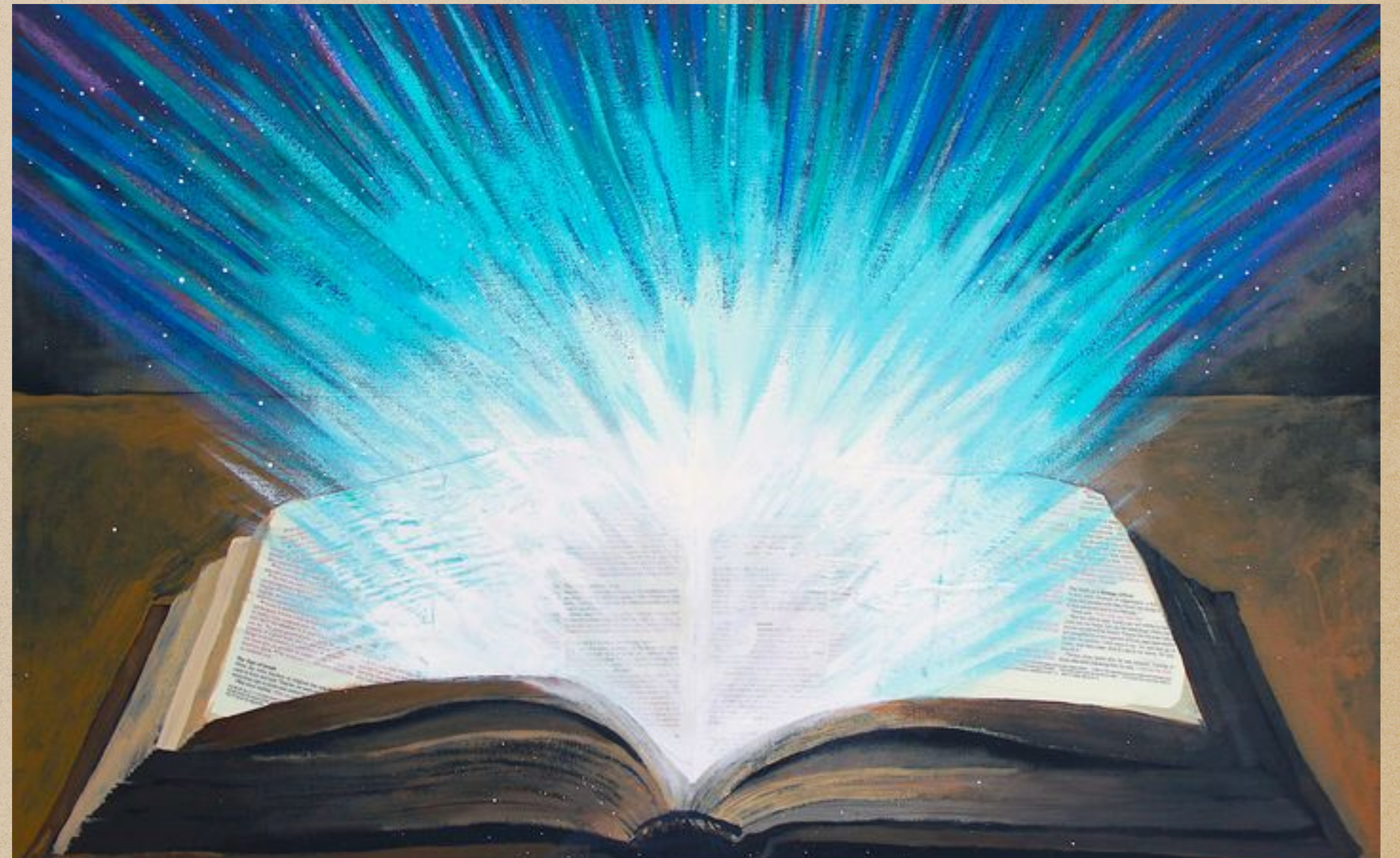
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- ◆ Chp. 20-27 — On the Beautiful and the Fitting
  - ◆ Chp. 20 — Infatuated with Lower Beauties
  - ◆ Chp. 21 — A Dedication
  - ◆ Chp. 22 — Love, Based on Human Judgment
  - ◆ Chp. 23 — Infected by the Passion of Others for Others



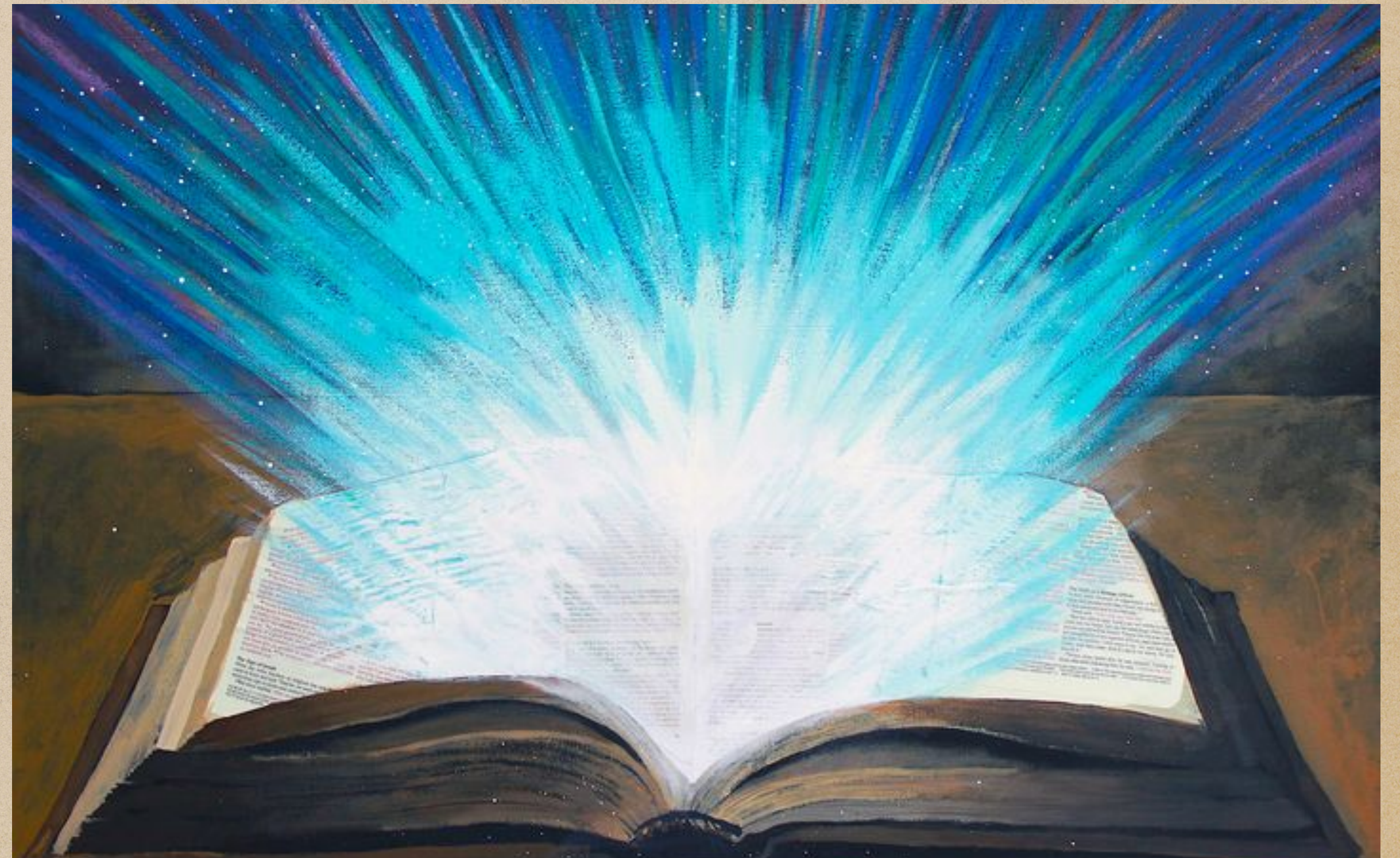
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- ◆ Chp. 24 — A Woefully Inadequate Estimation
- ◆ Chp. 25 — The Necessity of God's Light
- ◆ Chp. 26 — Bizarre Lunacy (Evil & Anthropomorphism)
- ◆ Chp. 27 — The Weight of Uppitiness



# Book IV: Detailed Outline

- ◆ Chp. 28-31 — The Ten Categories
  - ◆ Chp. 28 — A Great Intellect
  - ◆ Chp. 29 — Failing to Understand God's Nature
  - ◆ Chp. 30 — Speed of Understanding and Sharpness of Discernment
  - ◆ Chp. 31 — A Brilliant Mind Wasted



# Book IV: Application

- ◆ Don't try to squeeze the infinite from the finite.
- ◆ Evangelism is one lover setting on fire another.
- ◆ Those blind to spiritual truths must have their minds enlightened by God or they will remain blind.

Questions?