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**Human  
Pride**

# The Folly of Human Wisdom

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**in the gospel**



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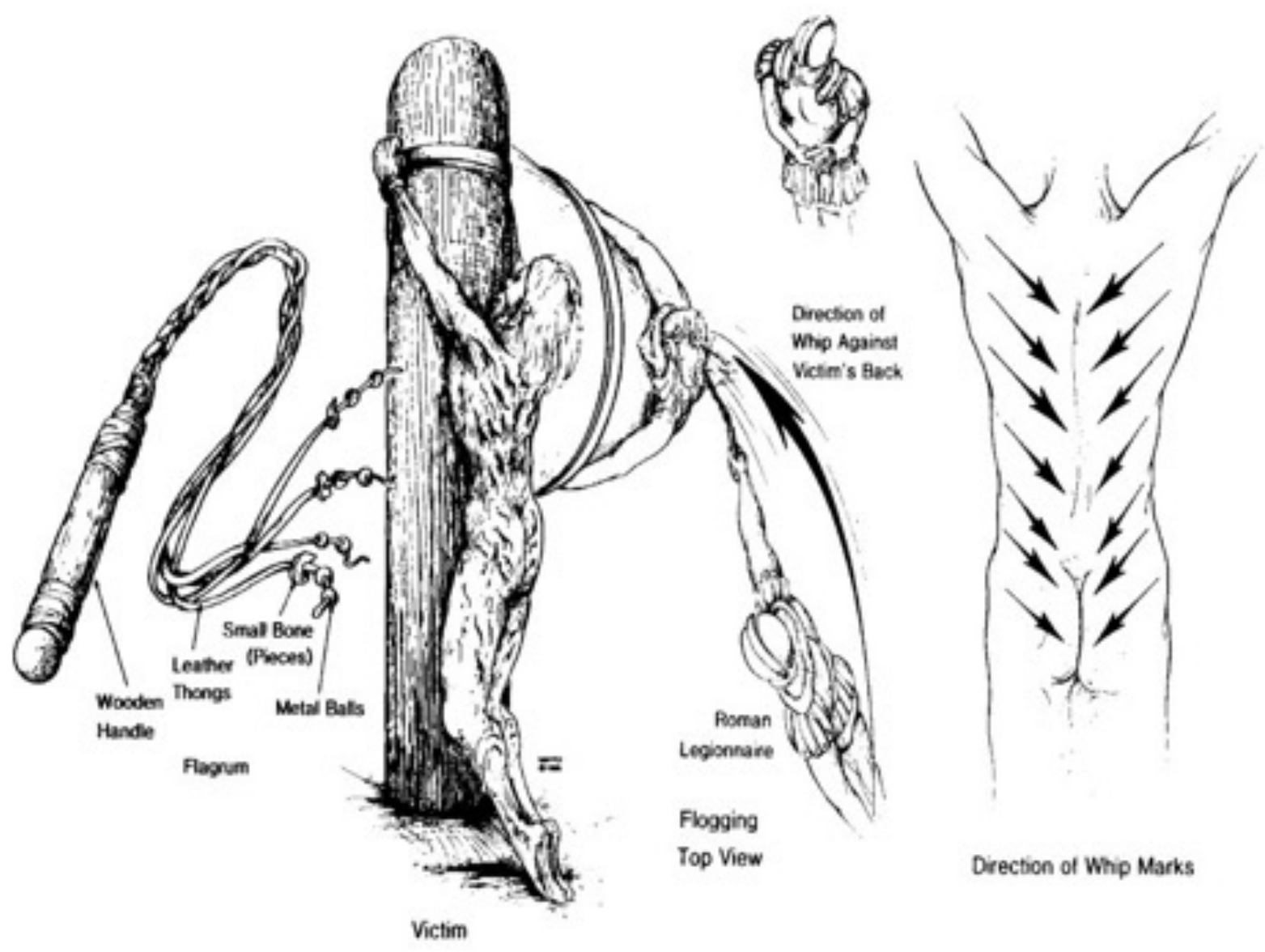
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Wooden Handle

Leather Thongs

Small Bone (Pieces)

Metal Balls

Flagrum

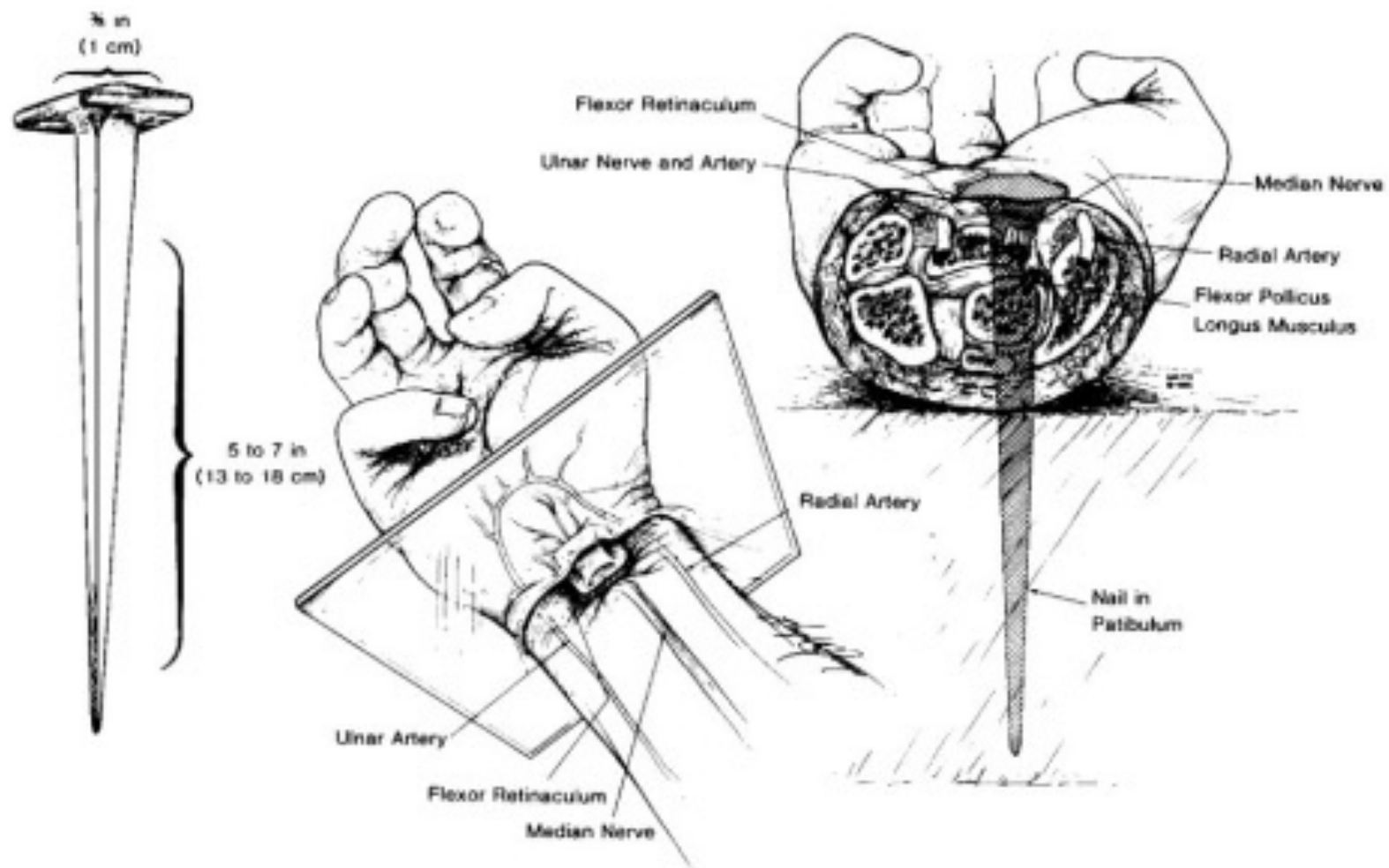
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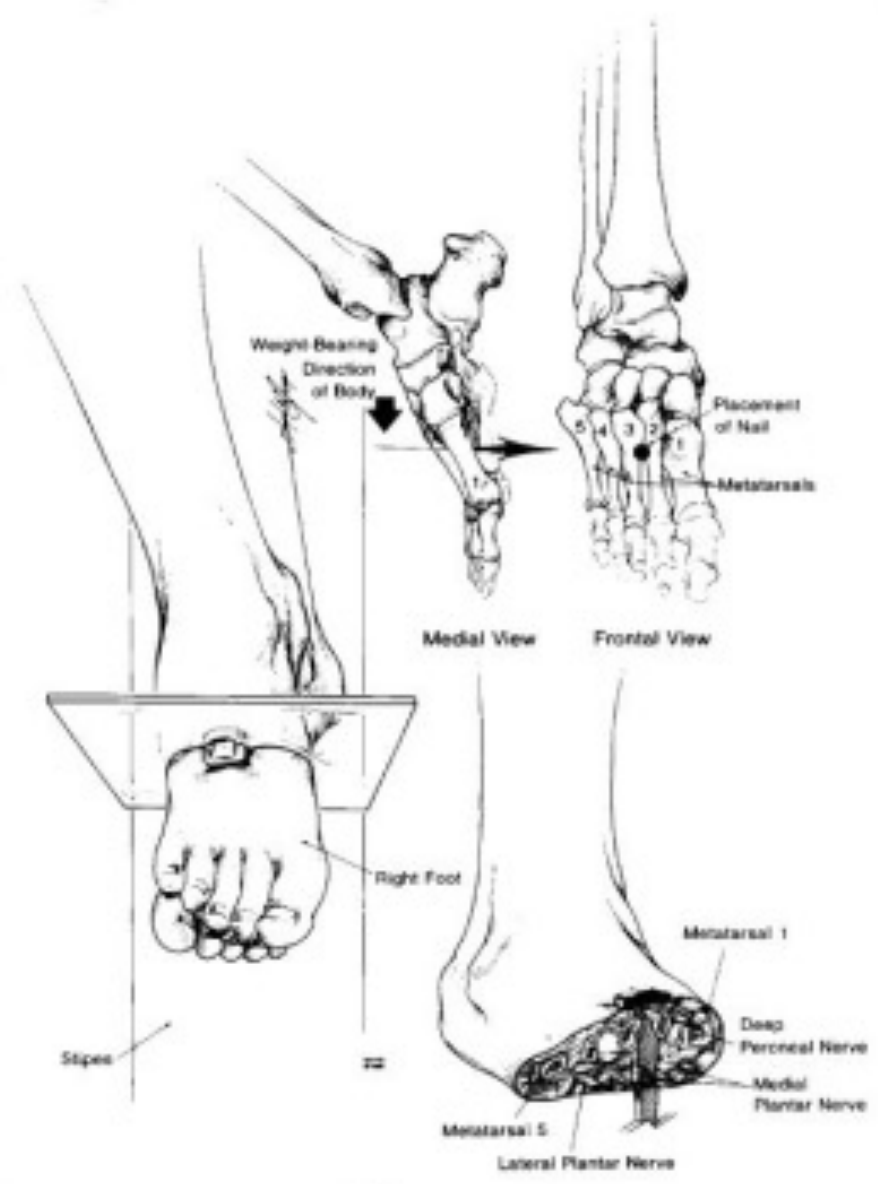
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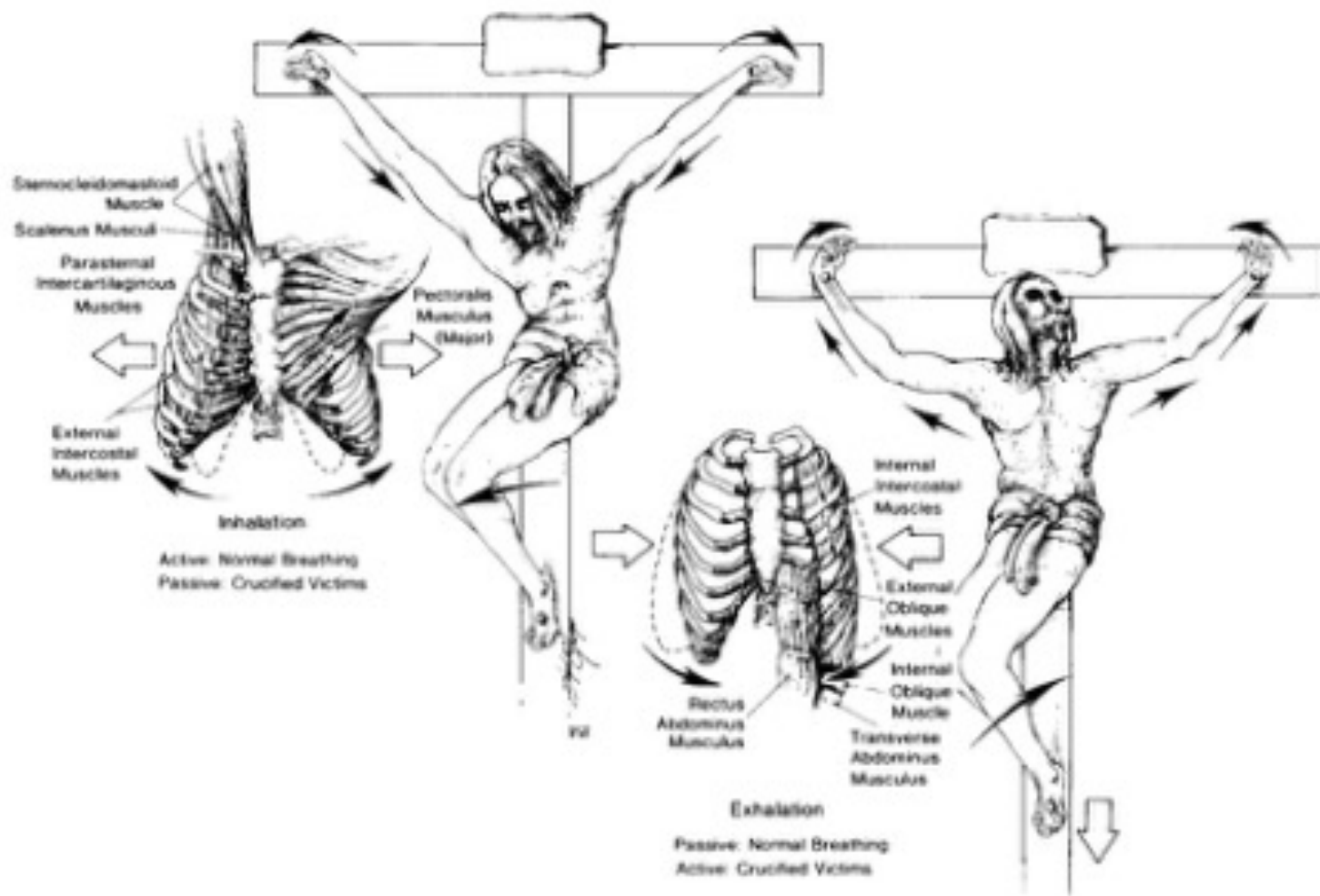
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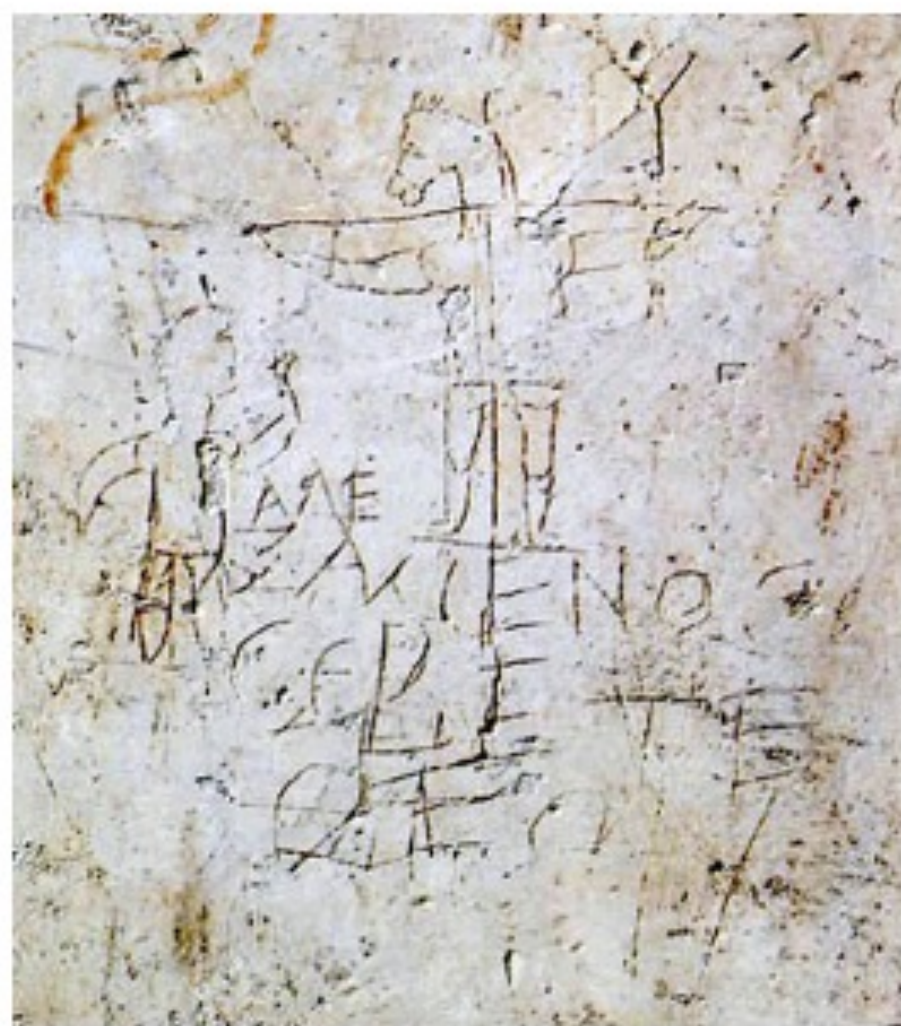
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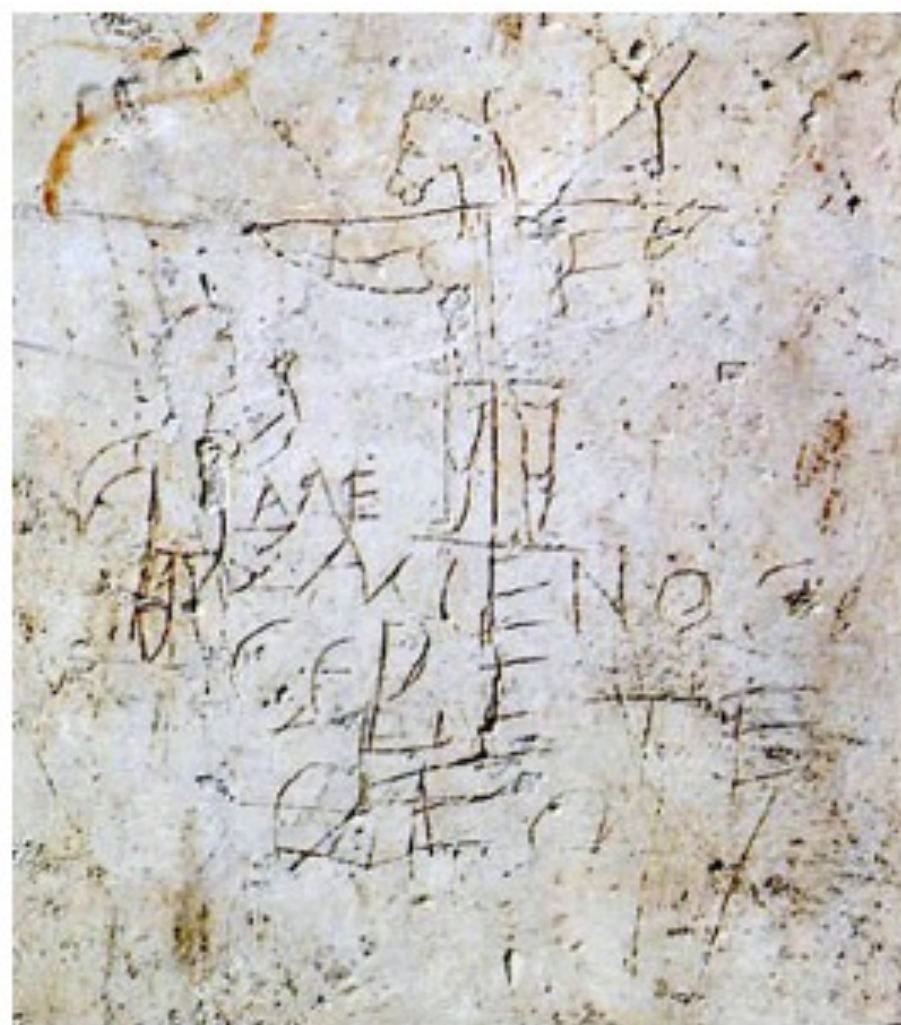
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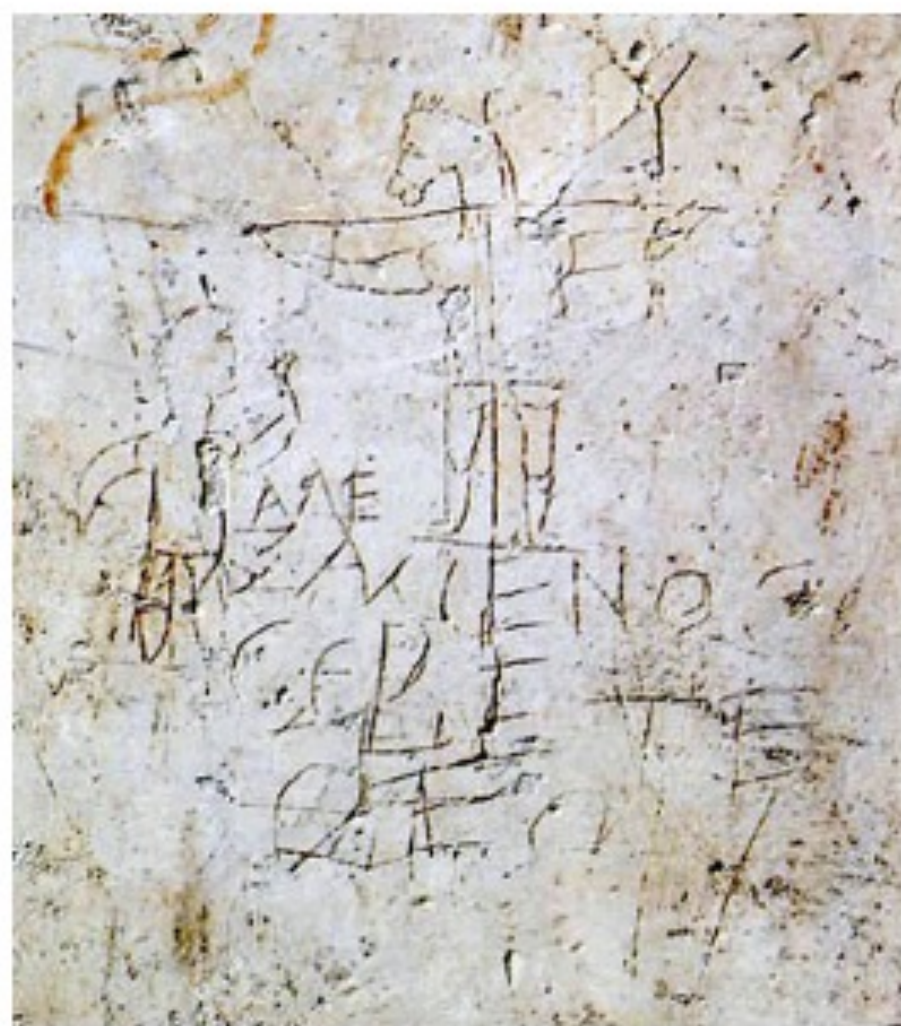






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## 2. The Felling by the Gospel



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## 1 Corinthians 1:19

For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."



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## 1 Corinthians 1:20

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?



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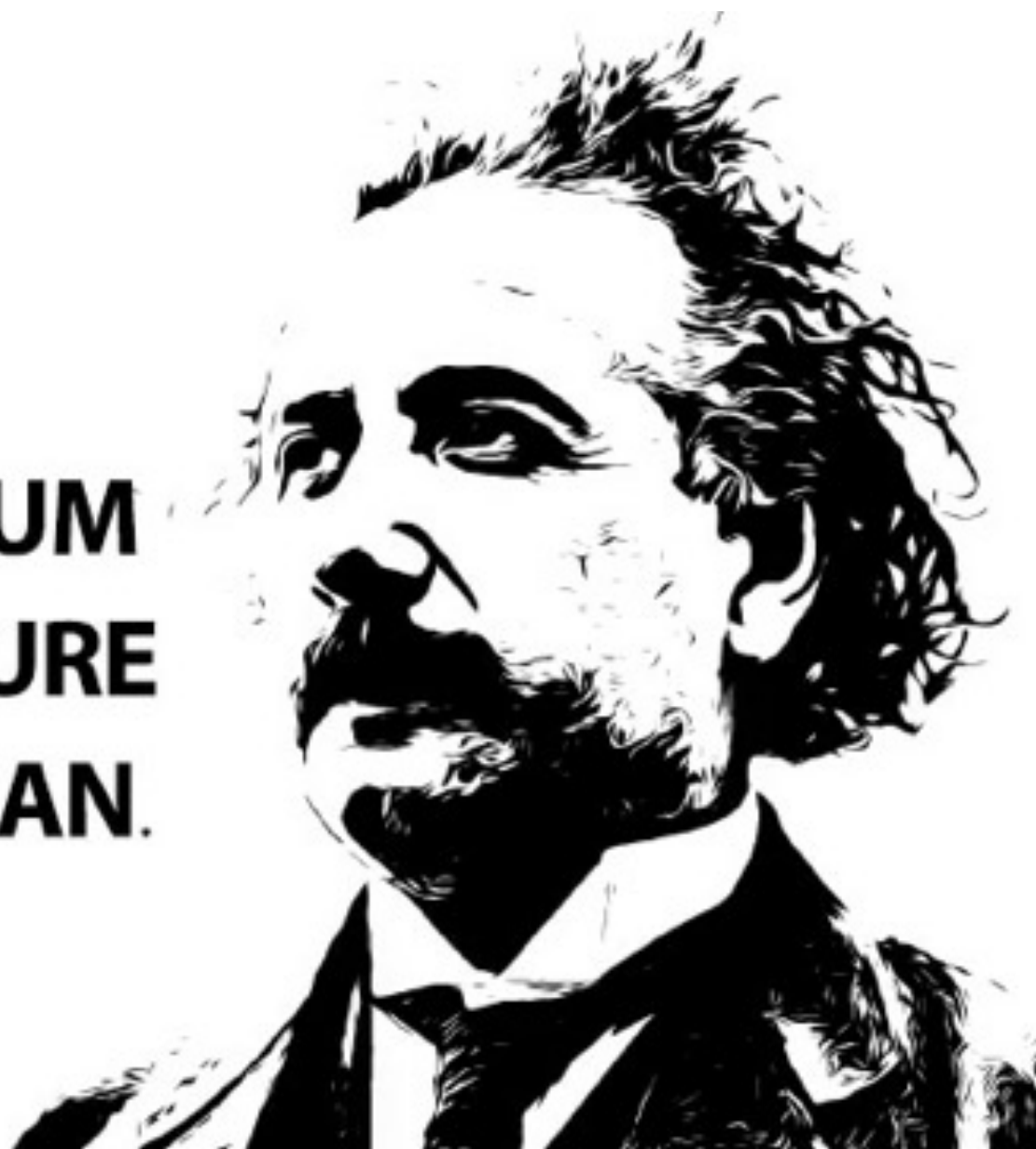
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1 Corinthians 1:22

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Matthew 12:39 “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.”



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Acts 17:21 “Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.”



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but we preach Christ crucified,  
a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,



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## 1 Corinthians 1:25

For the foolishness of God is wiser than men,  
and the weakness of God is stronger than men.



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## 2. The Felling by the Gospel



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# 3. The Feature of the Gospel



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**the power of God and the wisdom of God.**



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## 1 Corinthians 2:2

For I decided to know nothing among you  
except Jesus Christ and him crucified.



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1 Corinthians 1:18

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## 1 Corinthians 1:24

but to those who are **called**, both Jews and Greeks,  
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Those who are being saved = believe = called



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Those who are being saved = believe = called

Those who are **perishing** = not believe = not called



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