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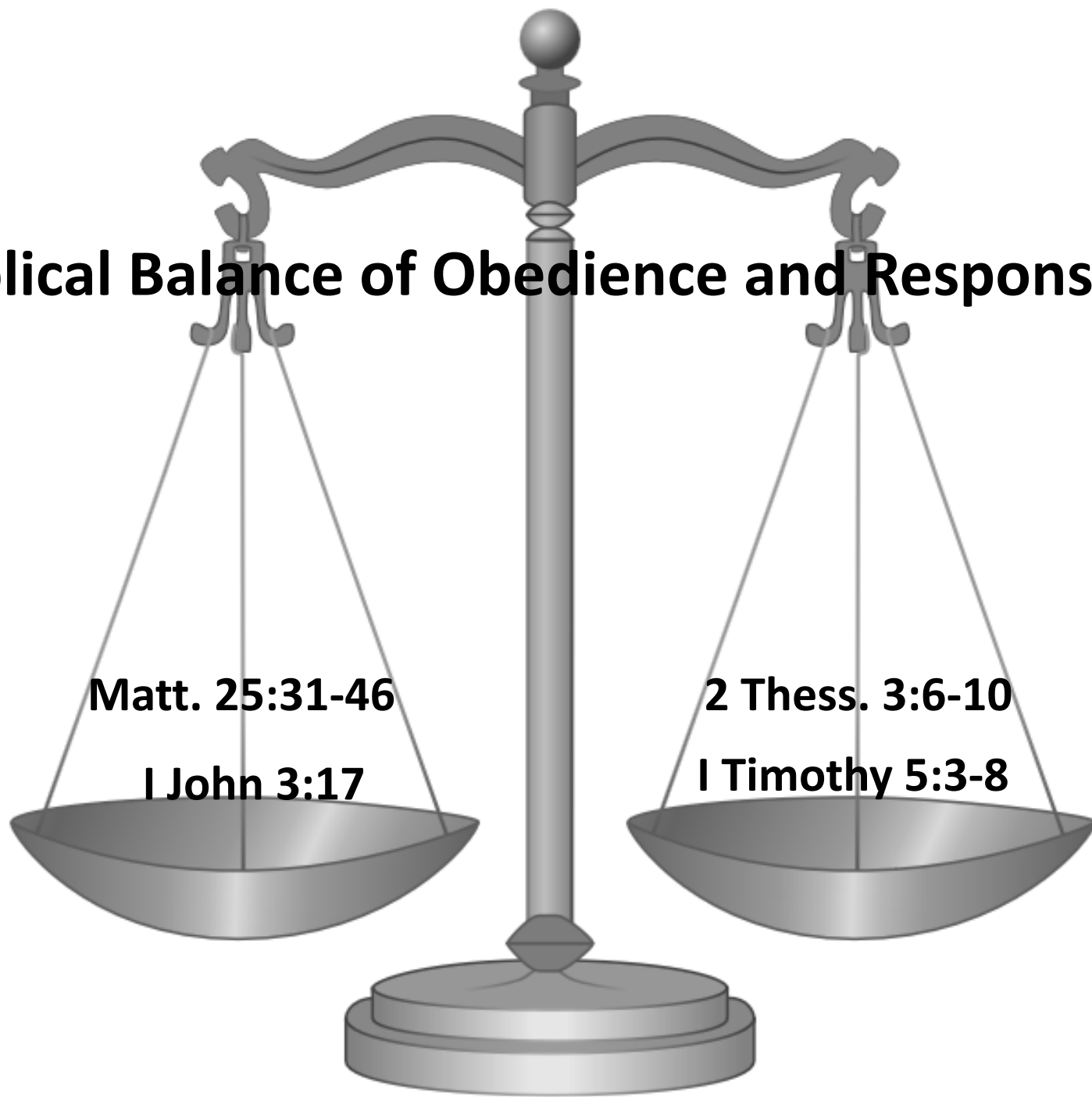
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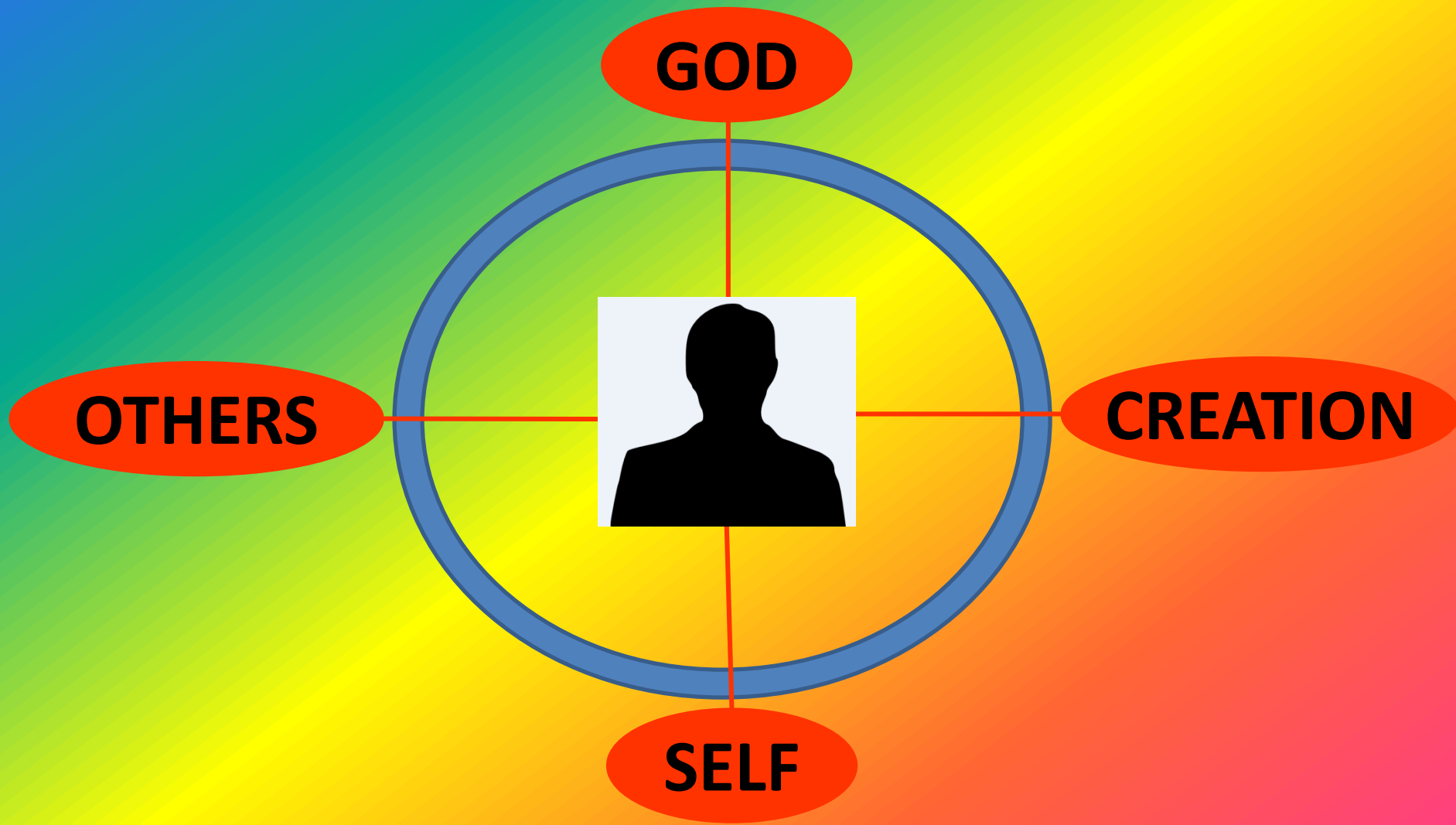
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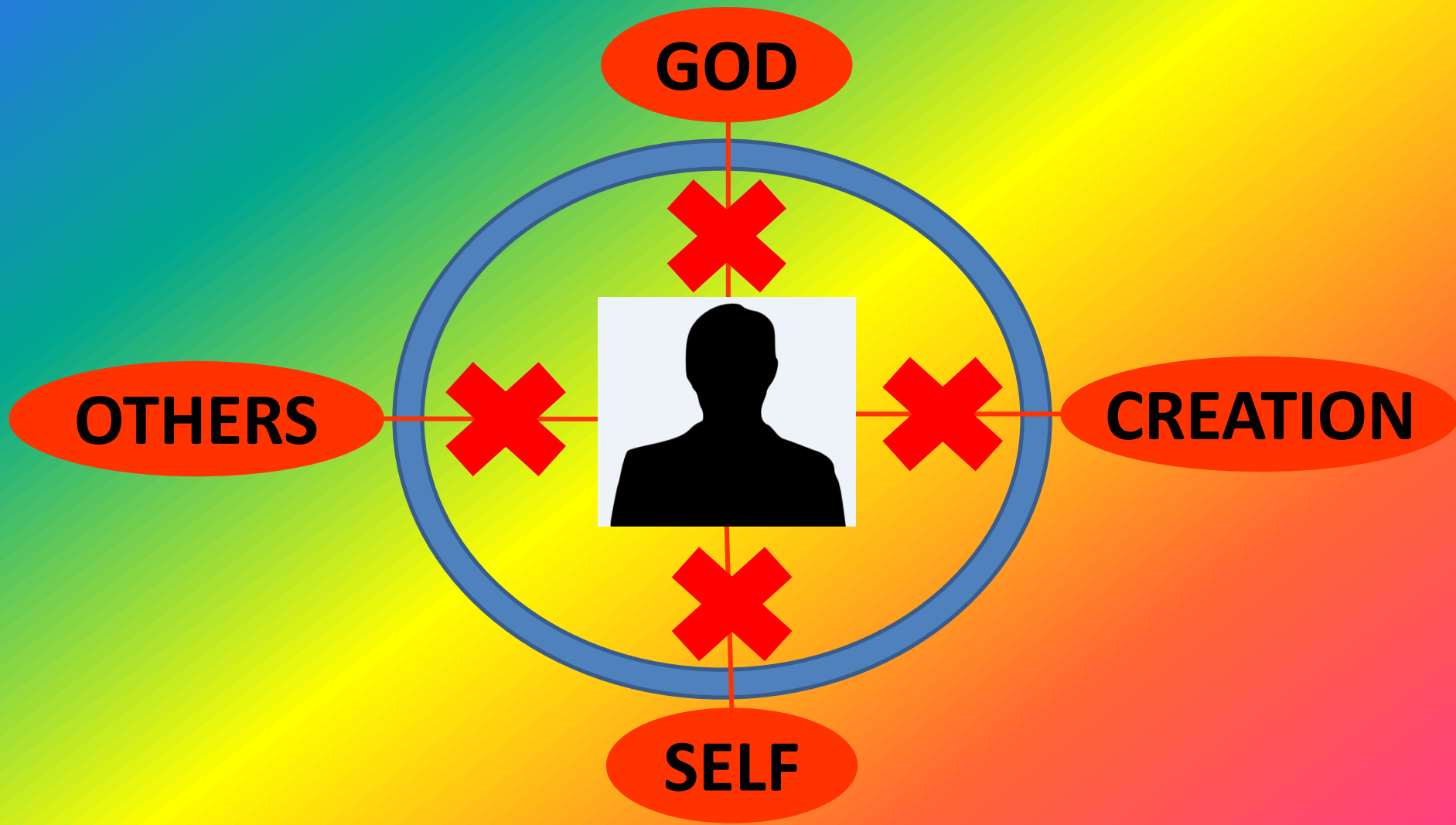
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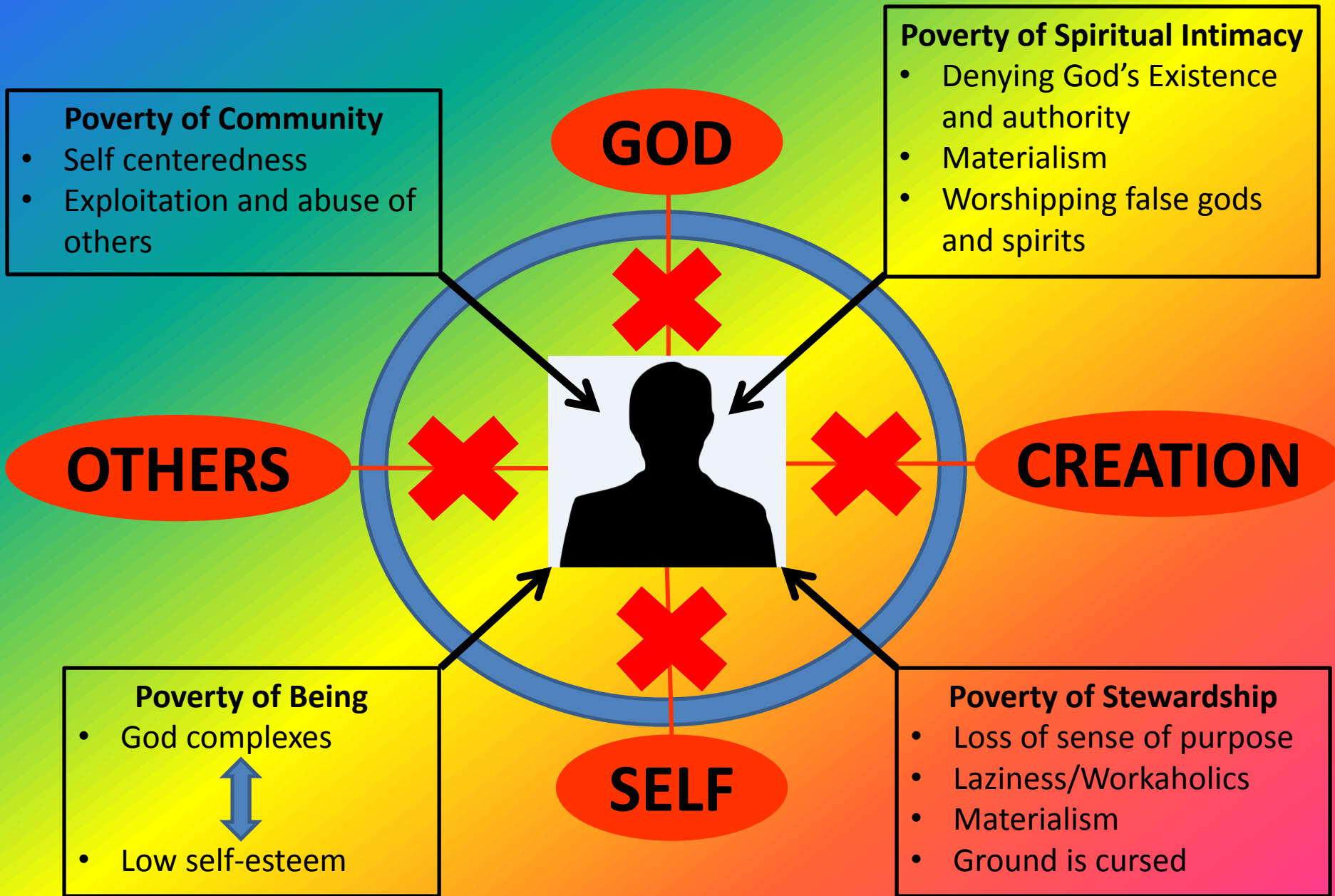
A Biblical Balance of Obedience and Responsibility

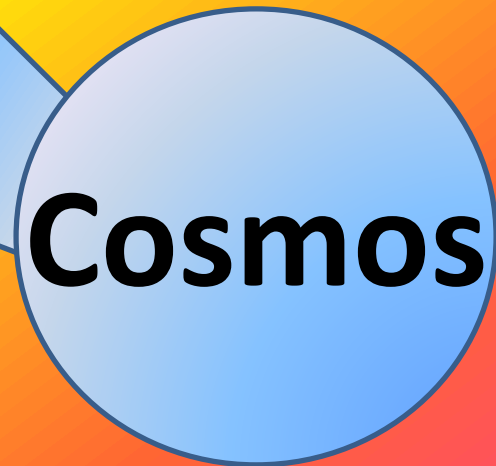


If We Believe the Primary Cause of Poverty is. . . .	Then We Will Primarily Try To. . .
A Lack of Knowledge	Educate the Poor
Oppression by Powerful People	Work for Social Justice
The Personal Sins of the Poor	Evangelize and Disciple the Poor
A Lack of Material Resources	Give Material Resources to the Poor

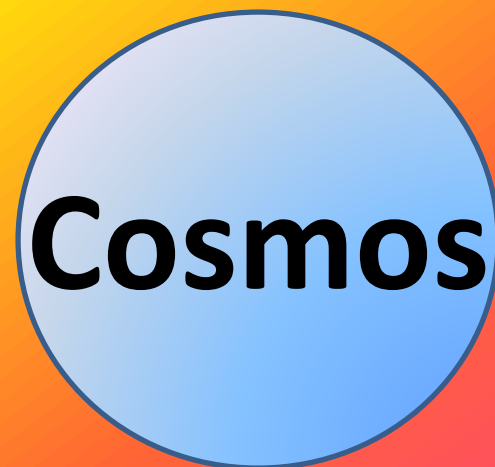




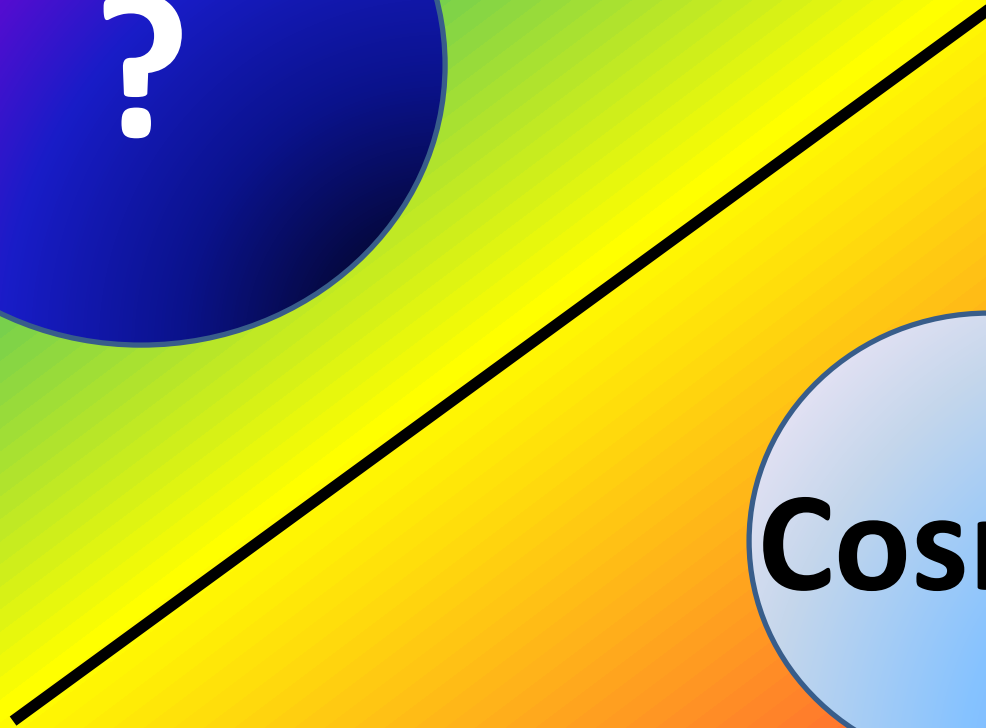
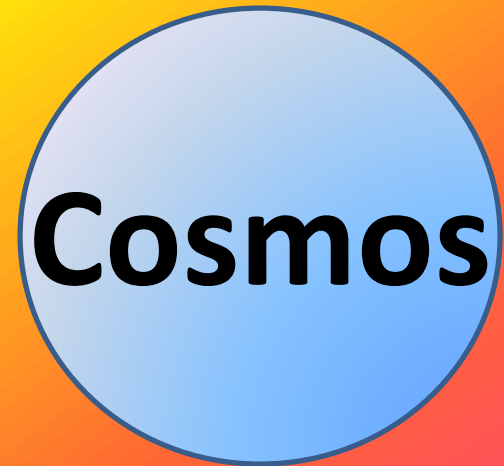




Biblical Theism



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Modern View



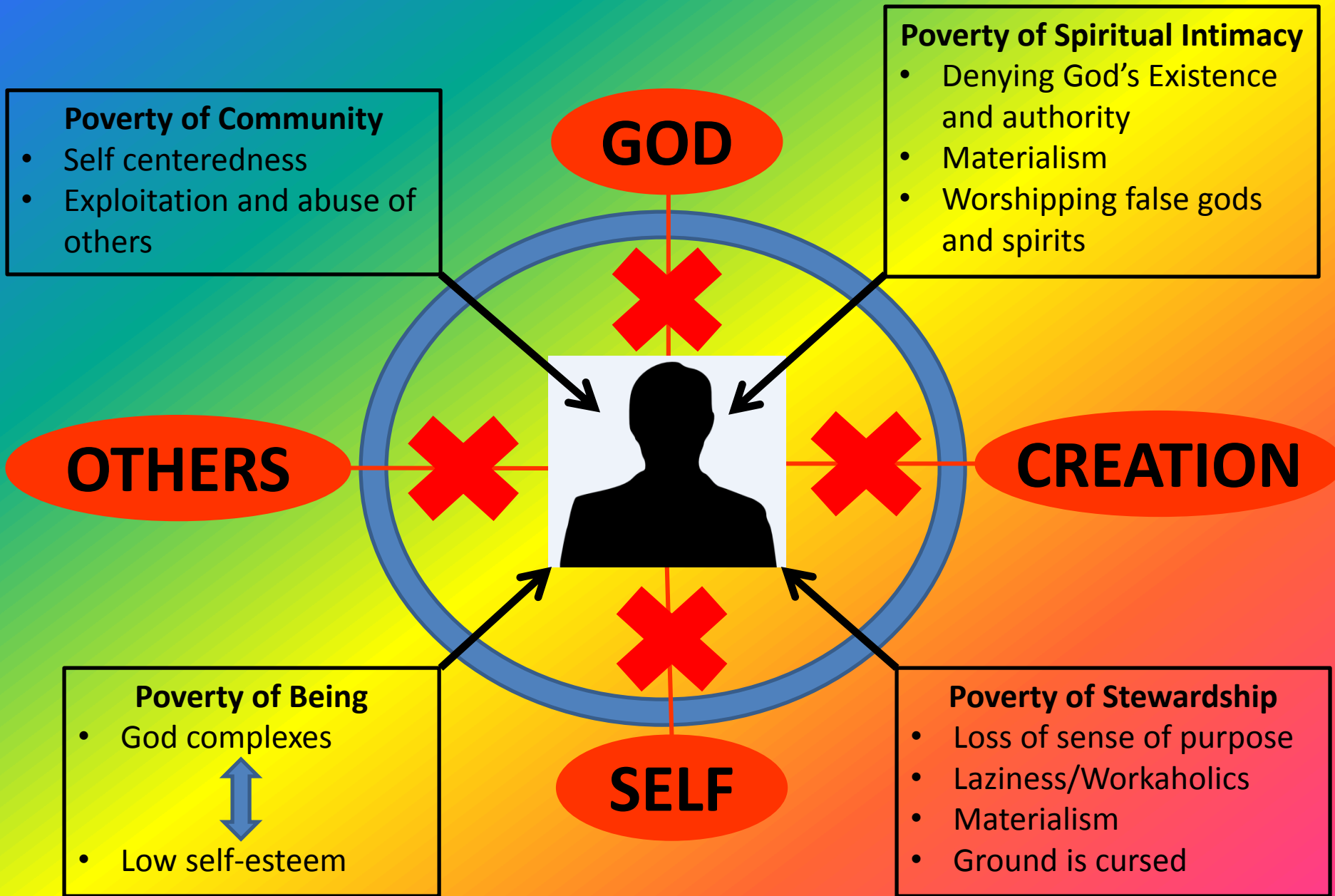
The diagram features a background with a rainbow gradient. On the left, three circles are arranged in a triangular pattern, connected by a purple triangular shape. The top circle is blue and labeled 'God'. The bottom-left circle is purple and labeled 'Spiritual'. The bottom-right circle is green and labeled 'Physical/Secular'. A thick black diagonal line runs from the bottom-left towards the top-right, separating the spiritual triad from the physical/secular circle.

God

Spiritual

**Physical/
Secular**

Evangelical Gnosticism





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Unit 2

Seeing God at Work

Alisa

If Alisa comes here next Sunday what happens?

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People reflect what we project!

Alisa

Robert Lupton

Poverty of Spirit

- Diminished Hope
- Eroded Sense of confidence
- Believe you have No Way Out

Conditioned Hopelessness

Brian Fikkert

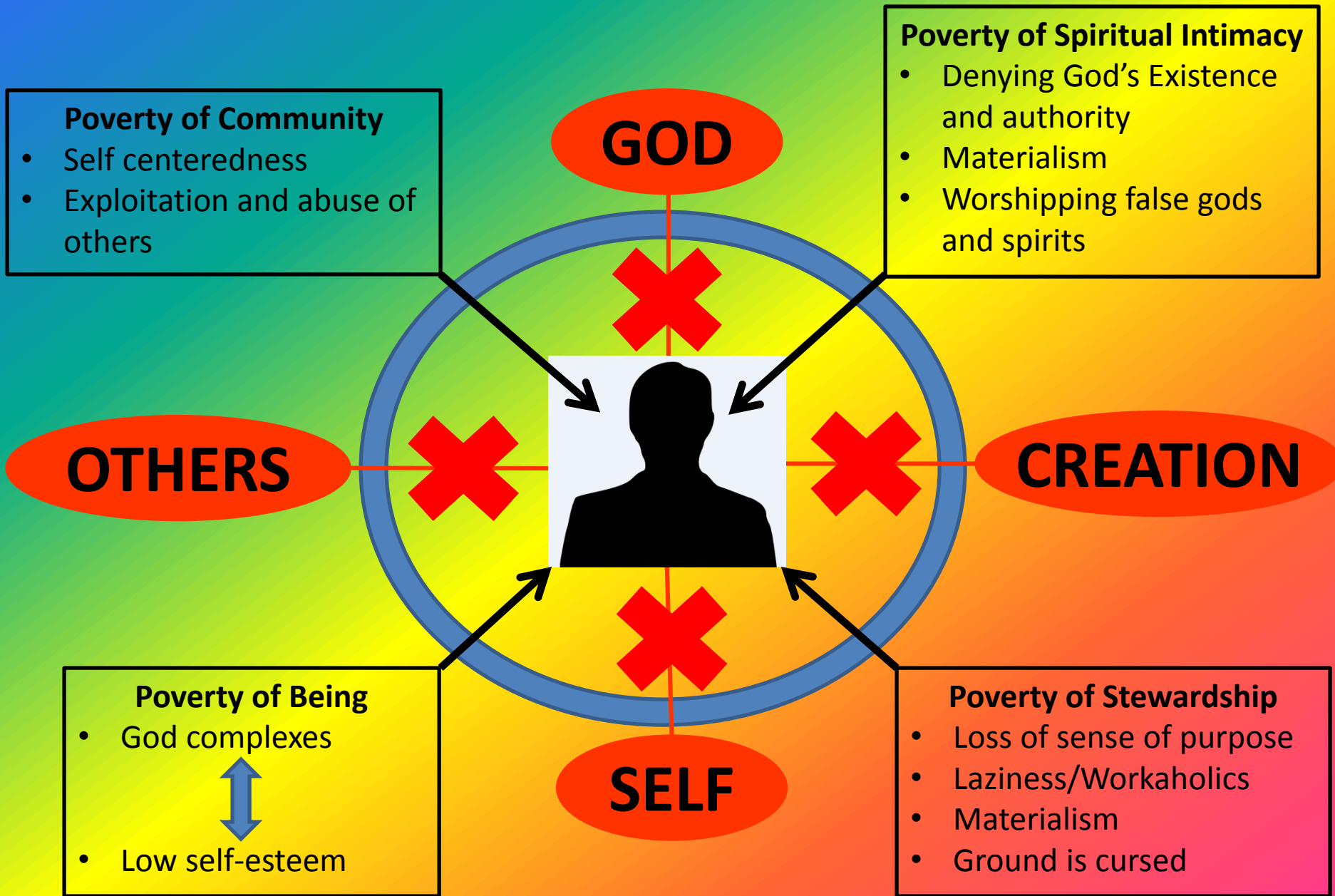
Poverty of Spirit

- View the materially poor as lazy
- View the materially poor as good for nothing
- Believe the materially poor can't or won't help themselves

Sense of Pride

Poverty alleviation is about **reconciling relationships**.

A process in which people – both materially poor and non poor – move closer to living in right relationship with God, self, others, and the rest of creation.



Colossians 1:15-20

In Christ God is reconciling all things to Himself making peace through the
cross

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

We are therefore God's ambassadors of reconciliation

Revelation 21:1-4

God is coming to live with us. Death, mourning, crying and pain are abolished!

