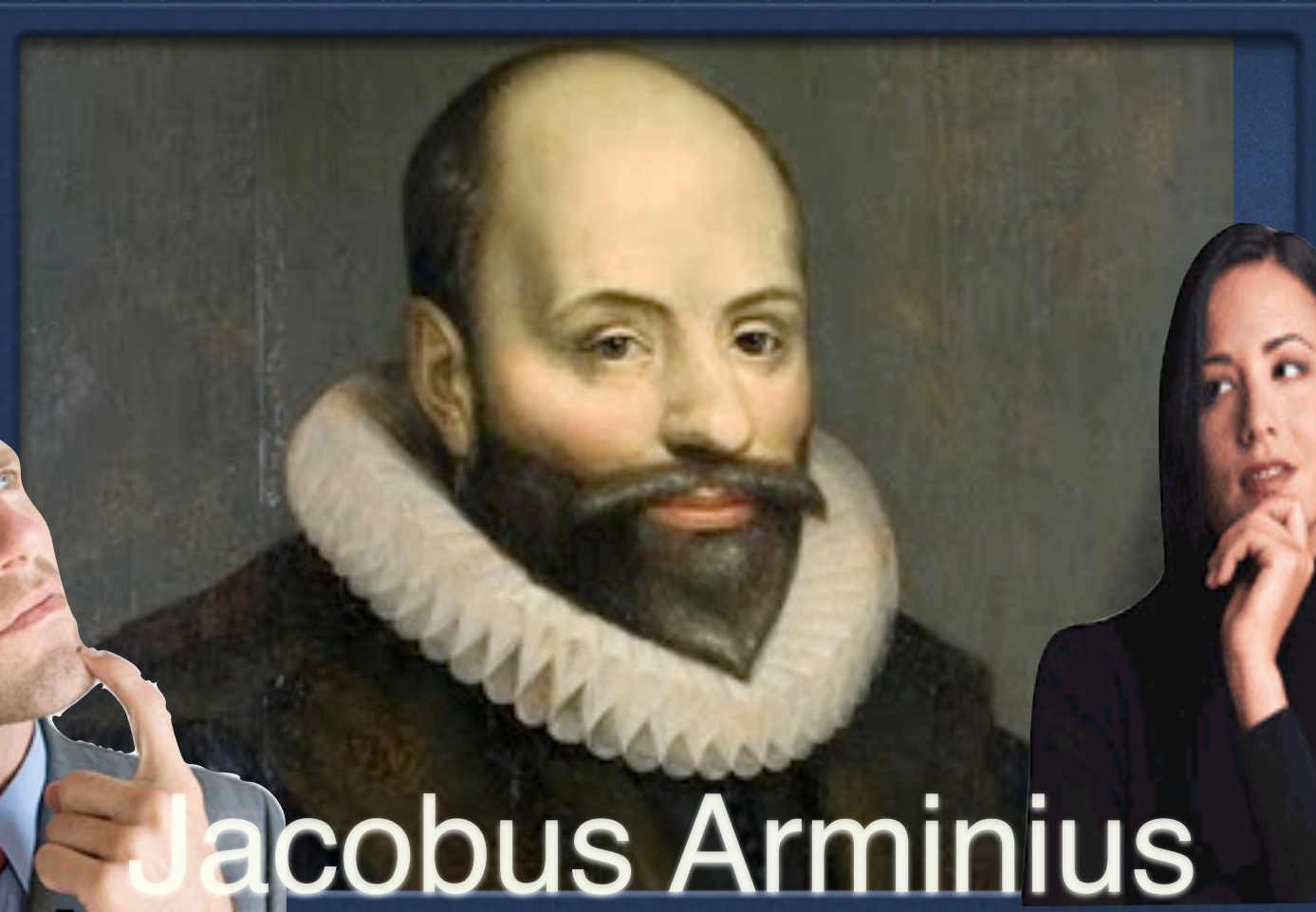


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Jacobus Arminius

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i.e.,

A man very few people have ever heard of

Review

Two extremes

Augustine

Pelagius



Review

Justification

ONTOLOGICAL
RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sanctification

*Only justification
plays a role in human
salvation*

*God's Decision
in the Past*

SAVED

*If I experience
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NO REVISION

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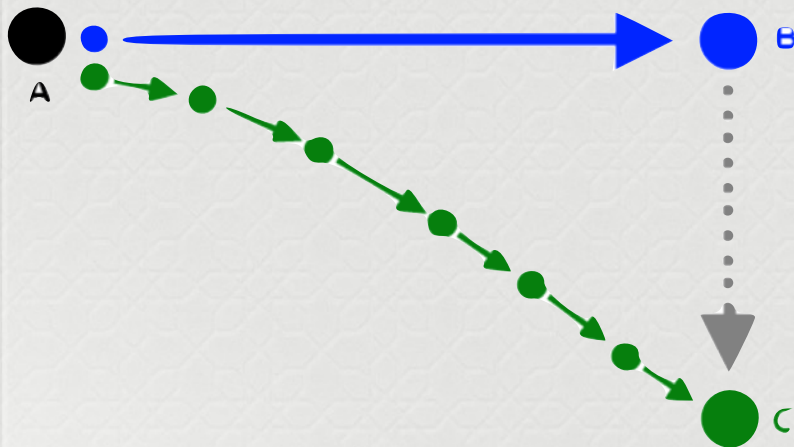


Arminian Theology

Magisterial Reformation:

Great beginning!

Correction desperately needed!



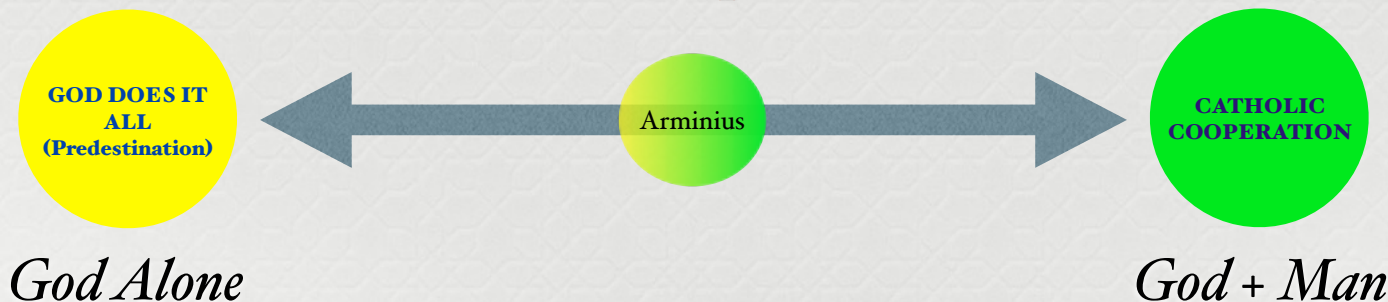
Arminian Theology

Jacobus Arminius

Historical background



- Jacob Hermandszoon, b. 1560
- Aged 15: family murdered
- Adopted by a Dutch pastor
- Student of Beza (successor of Calvin in Geneva)
- Becomes a minister and teacher (1587)
- Sermons of the 1590s
- Search for a middle position



Arminian Theology

Jacobus Arminius



- Accused of heresy, being a Jesuit, etc.
- Appointed a professor (1603)
- Conflict with Franciscus Gomarus
- 1609: Arminius dies



Arminian Theology

Jacobus Arminius



The Remonstrance of 1610

The Synod of Dort (1618-1619)

TULIP



Arminian Theology

Jacobus Arminius

Arminius' Protestant Credentials



- *Sola scriptura* ✓
- *Sola gratia et fides* ✓
- *Soli Deo gloria* ✓

Correction





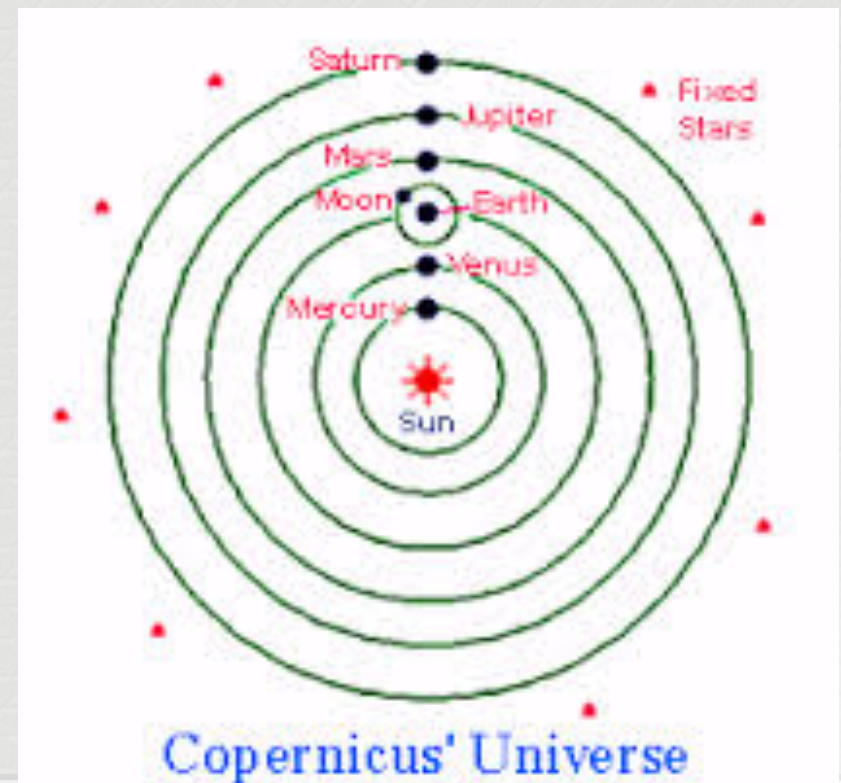
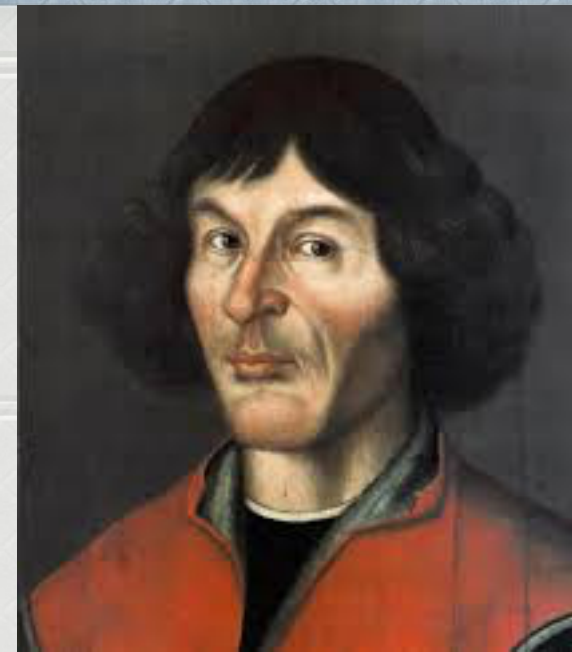
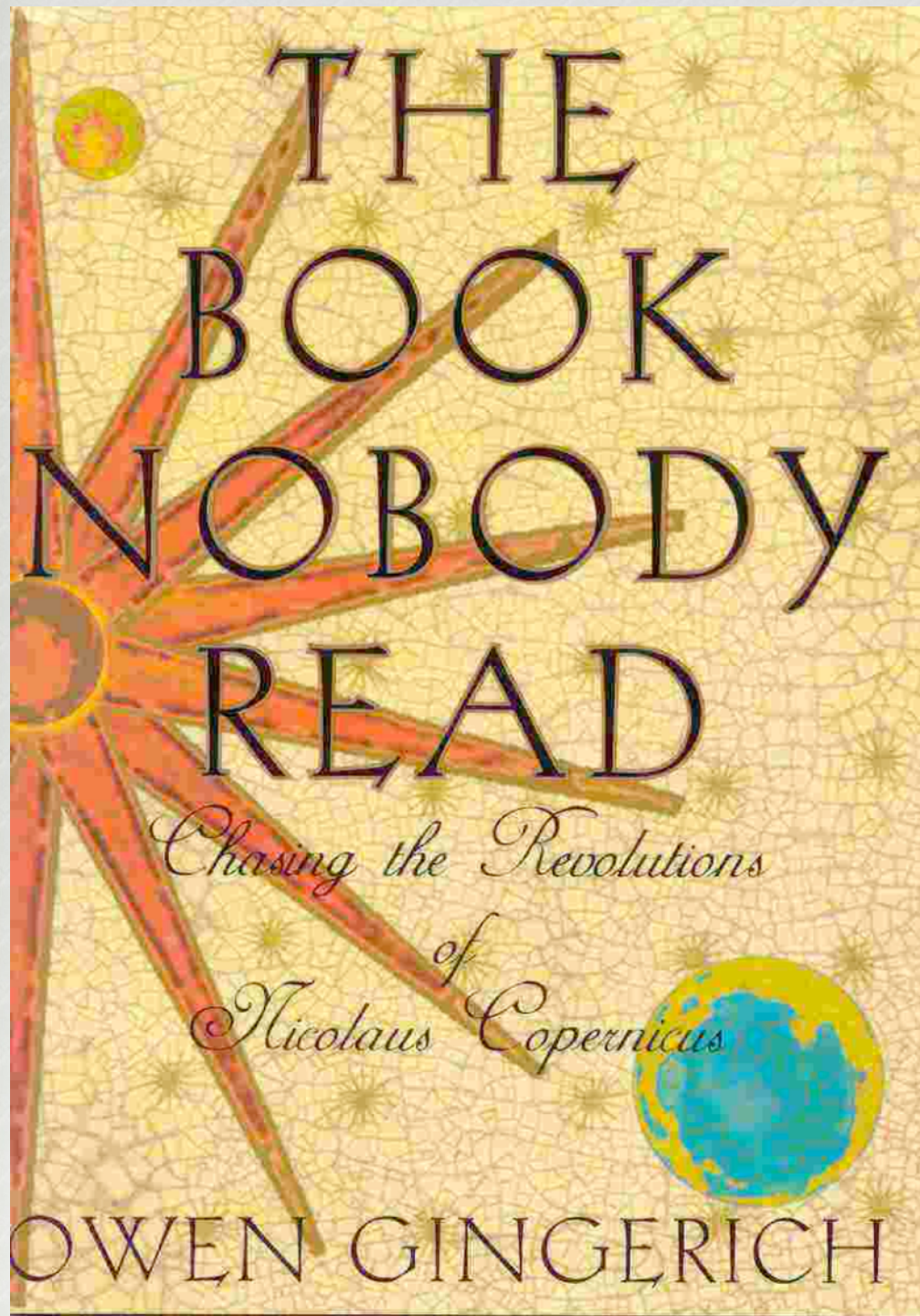
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The Arminian Watershed

i.e.,

How Jimmy transplanted flowers in the Calvinists' garden



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Jacob Arminius



✿ *Monergism*

✿ *Synergism*

Jacobus Arminius On Salvation



- ✧ *Monergism* [*monos* (one) + *ergos* (work)]

- ✧ God is responsible for everything; people have no influence on God's decisions (Luther and Calvin)

- ✧ *Synergism* [*syn* (with) + *ergos* (work)]

- ✧ God works together with people in the process of salvation
- ✧ **Problem:** Degrees of synergism



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The Problem of Synergism

My role in the process of salvation?

Me

Nothing

Monergism

*Almost
Nothing*

50%+50%

*Almost
Everything*

Everything

S y n e r g i s m

Soli Deo Gloria

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Key Question:

- ✿ What happened to humanity during the Fall?

Your answer will determine your beliefs:

Legalism

Nature of Christ

Perfectionism

Last Generation Theology

Anti-trinitarianism

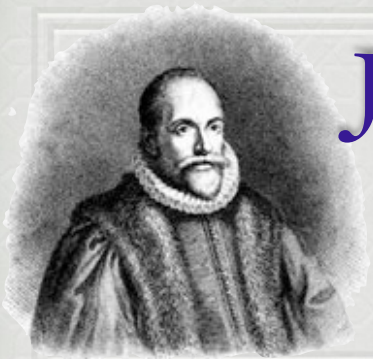
Atonement

Subordinationism

Nature of the Investigative Judgment

Nature of God





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✧ Arminius on Human Nature

✧ Affirmed

- ✧ Total depravity
- ✧ Genuine human freedom



INCOMPATIBLE!



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“In his lapsed and sinful state, man is not capable, of and by himself, either to think or to will or to do that which is really good.”

Total Depravity



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But it is necessary for him to be regenerated and renewed in his intellect, affections or will and in all his powers, by God in Christ through the Holy Spirit, that he may be qualified rightly to understand, esteem, consider, will and perform whatever is truly good. It follows that even born again Christians are unable in and of themselves to do any good or to resist temptation without God's "preventing" ("prevenient" or "preceding") grace.



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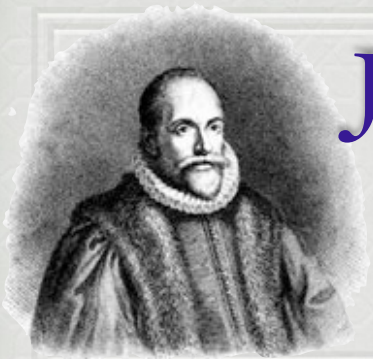
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PREVENIENT GRACE
“The Grace that Comes Before”



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Prevenient Grace Comes Before Co-operation

- ✦ Co-operation: only possible because God's grace restores free will
- ✦ Co-operation: not meritorious
- ✦ Co-operation: grace-enabled response to God's offer of salvation
- ✦ Salvation: *SOLI DEO GLORIA*

Arminius' Big Idea: humanity's complete dependence on God



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Luther and Calvin

Total Depravity



Total Grace
(predestination)

Arminius

Total Dependence

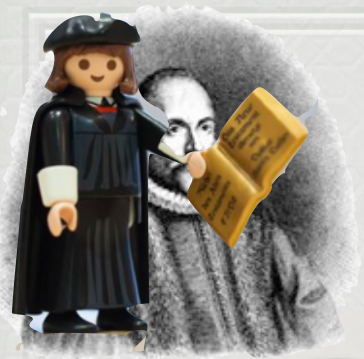


Total Dependence

Soli Deo Gloria

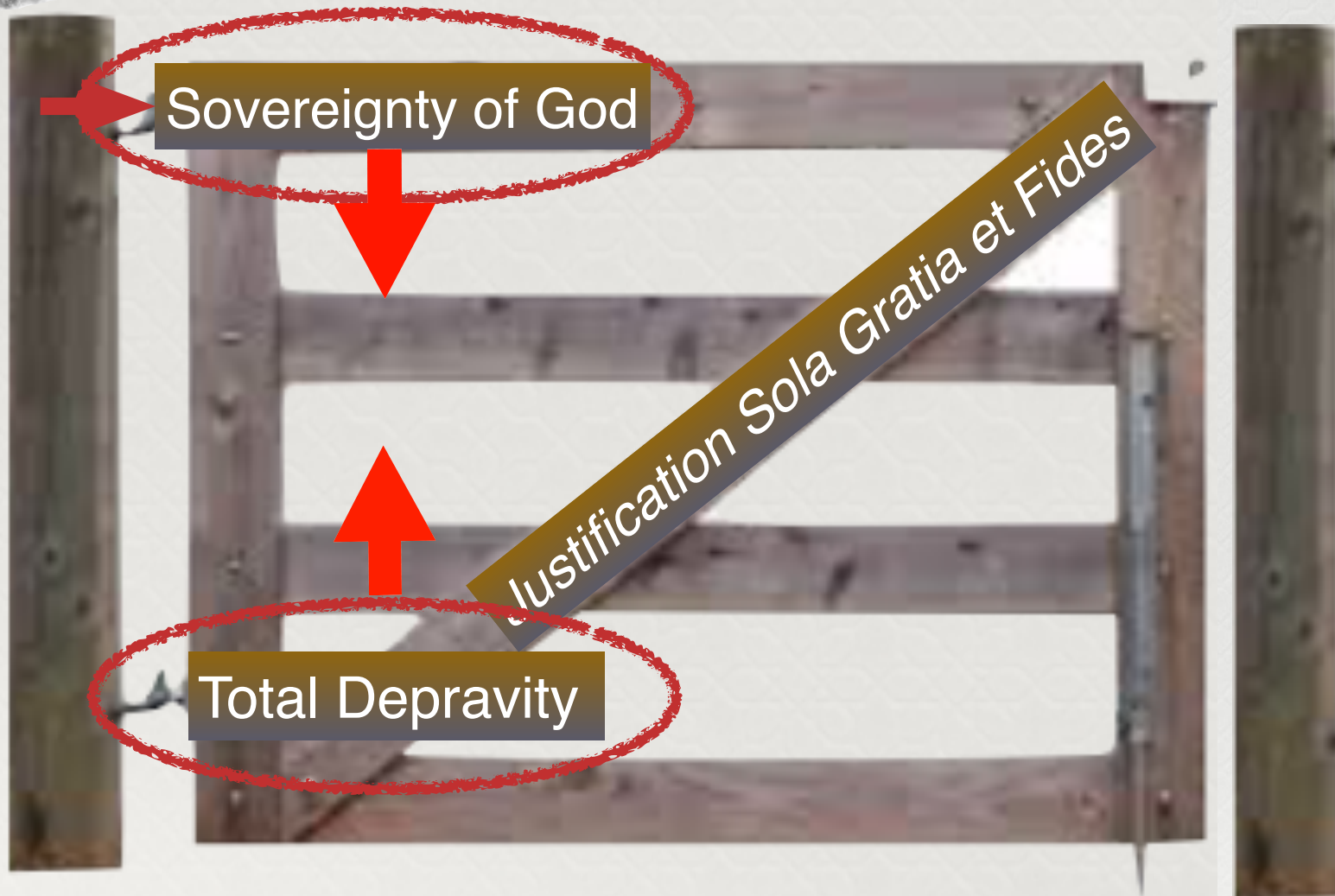
Arminian Breakthrough

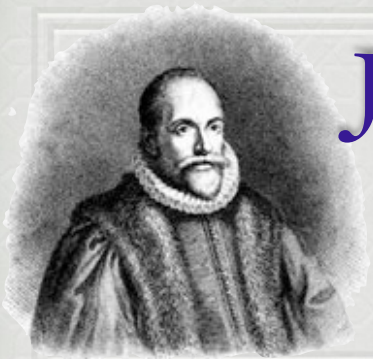
Soli Deo Gloria but **NO** *pactum* theology **NO** predestination



The Reformers' Soteriology

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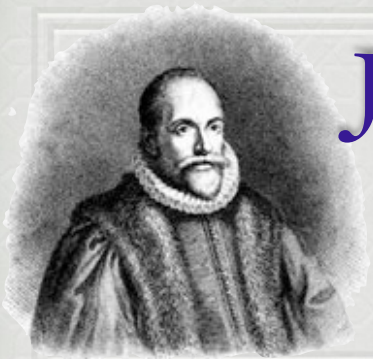


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Key Points

- ✦ Your view of human nature will determine your view of salvation
- ✦ If you are only “sick” then *SOLI DEO GLORIA* is impossible
- ✦ If you accept your total depravity you can give God the glory for your salvation

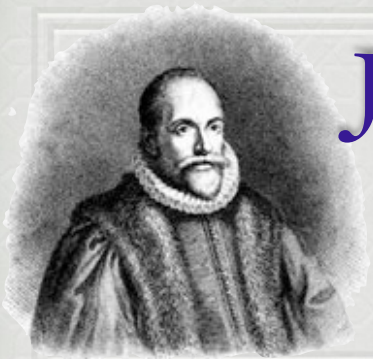
Are we born sinners?



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Summary

- ✦ Humans are **fully** dependent upon God's grace
- ✦ They are born **depraved** and cannot of themselves respond to God's call
- ✦ **God provides** prevenient grace to every human being
- ✦ **Prevenient grace** restores and enables genuine human freedom
- ✦ Restored humanity can respond to God's grace
- ✦ **Humans are 100% dependent on God's grace**



Jacobus Arminius On Salvation

✦ *Prevenient grace:*

- ✦ Makes salvation **possible** but not **inevitable**
- ✦ Salvation ultimately depends on human choice, which is enabled by the grace of God

*Soli
Deo
Gloria*





Prevenient Grace



*Soli
Deo
Gloria*



JUSTIFICATION
The Cause of Salvation



*“For it is God who
works in you to will
and to act according to
His good pleasure.”
Phil 2:13*



Salvation: Soli Deo Gloria



Arminius



~ Wesley



E.G. White

Original Sin



Original Sin

 *Guilt*

Pelagius

Augustine

Semi-Pelgnsn

RCC

*Luther
&
Calvin*

Arminius



 *Inclination to Sin*



 *Total Depravity*



**PREVENIENT
GRACE**

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