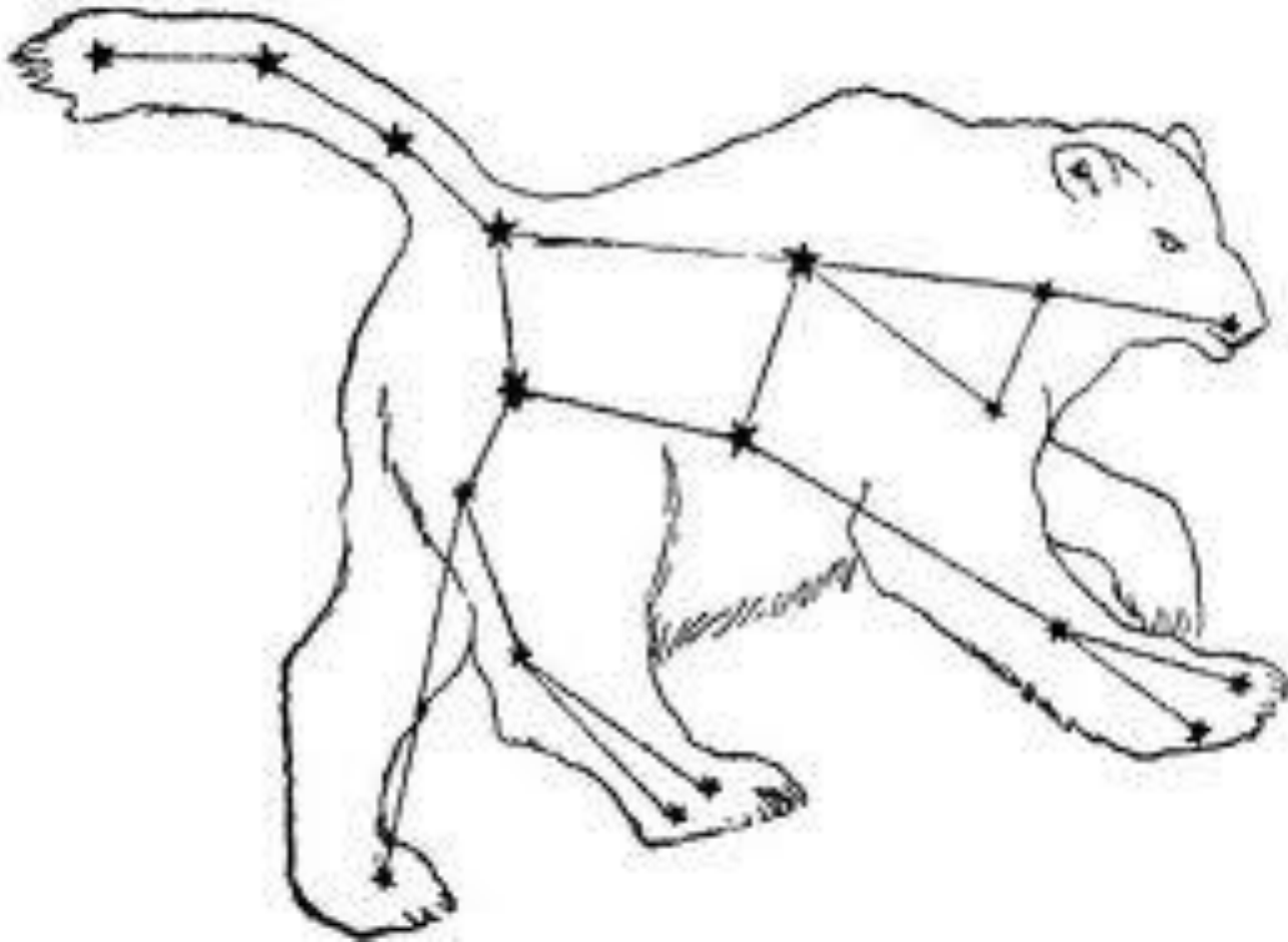# Learning in a Digital Age: The reality and the myth
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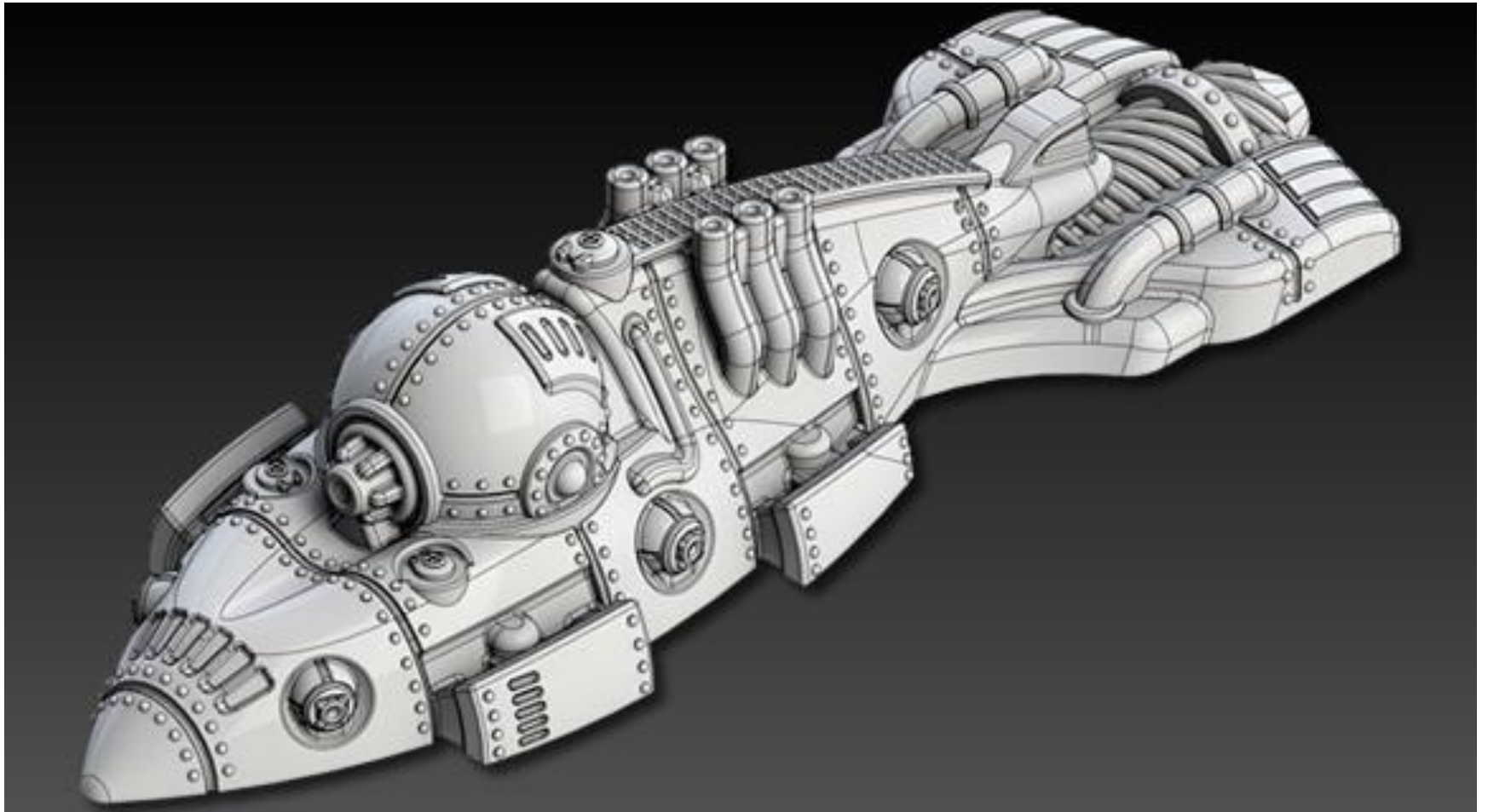# Cheating the Gods

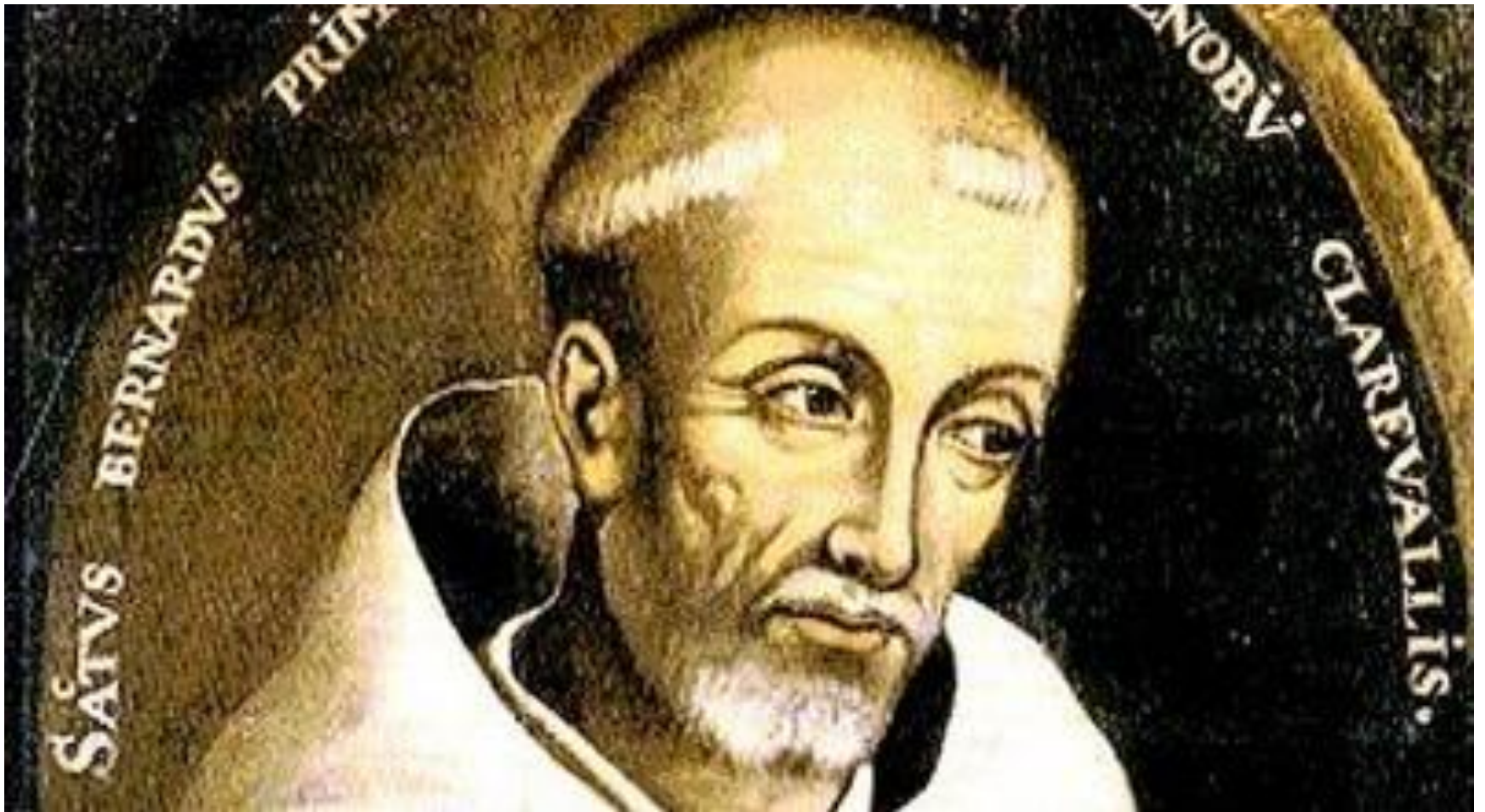http://www.spartangames.co.uk/antarcticans-the-second-wave

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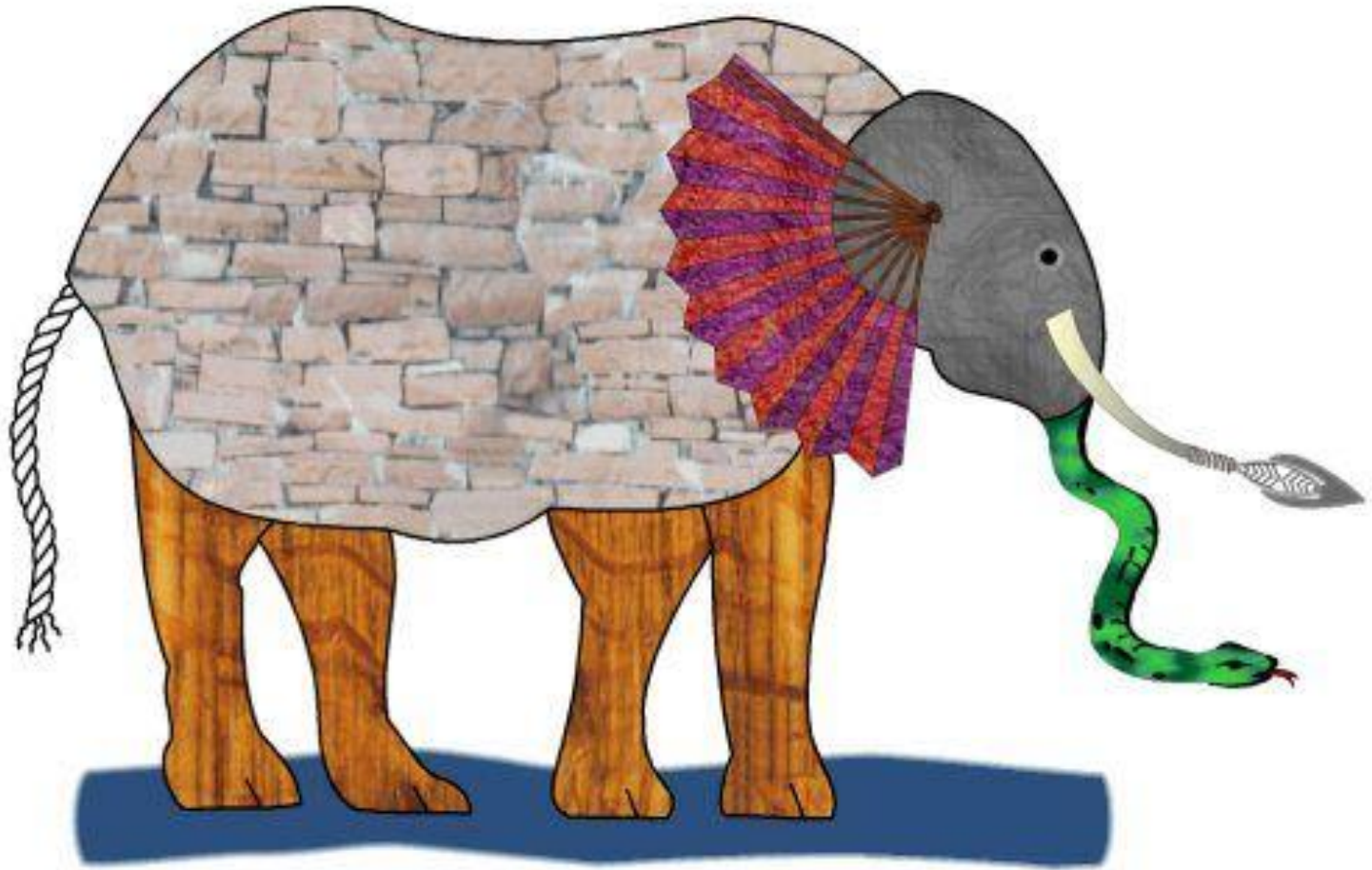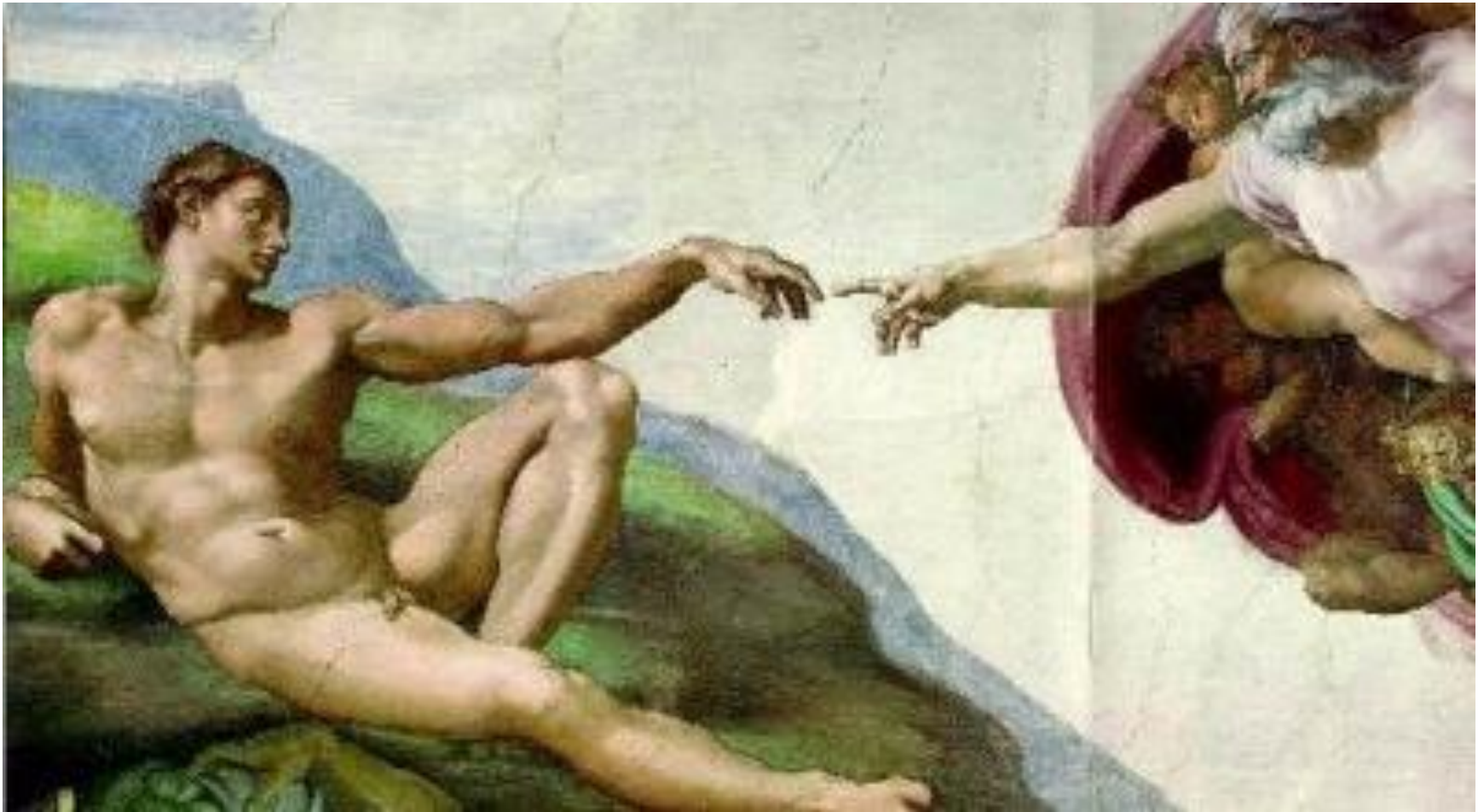
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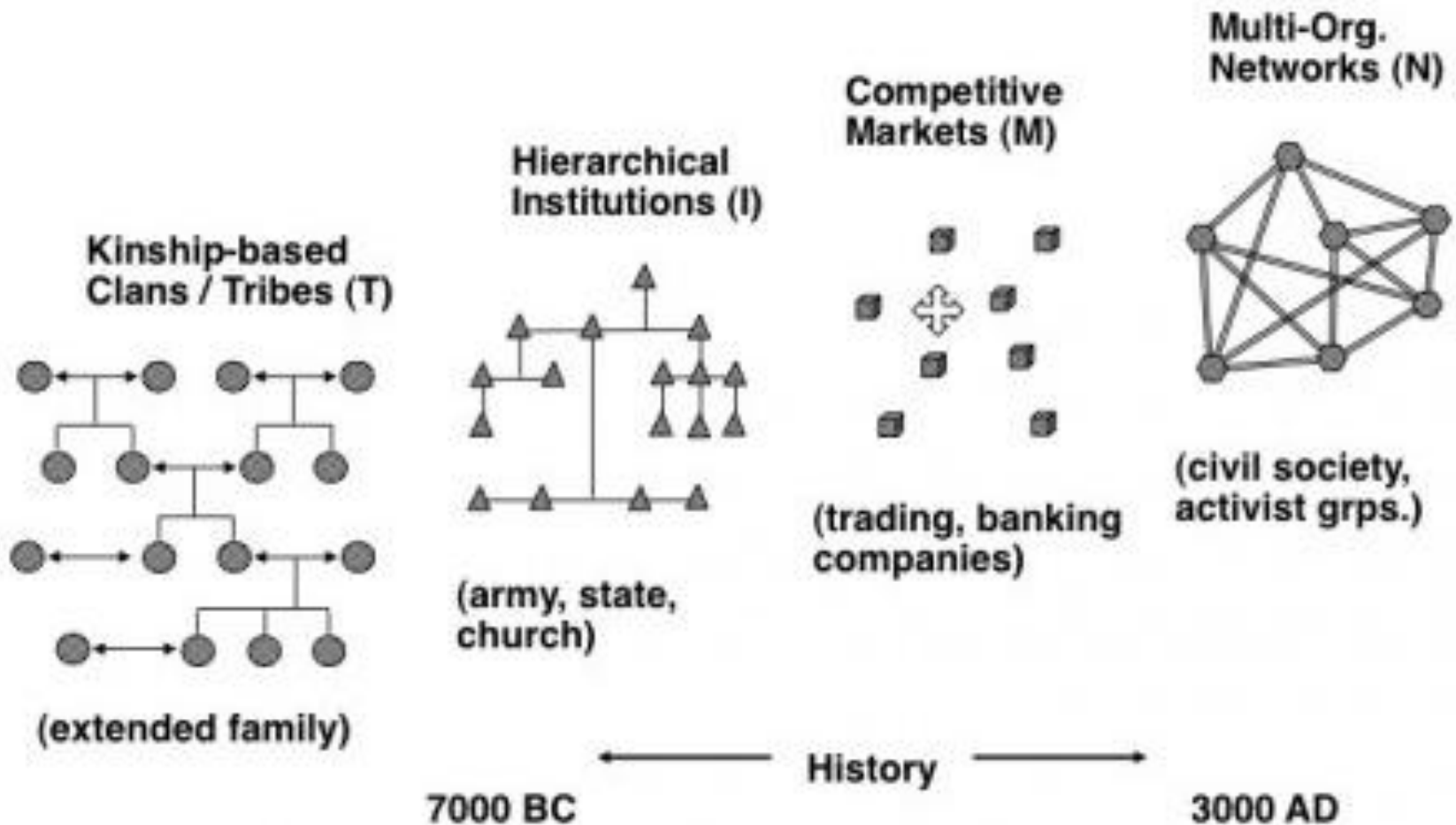http://www.noogenesis.com/pineapple/blind_men_elephant.html

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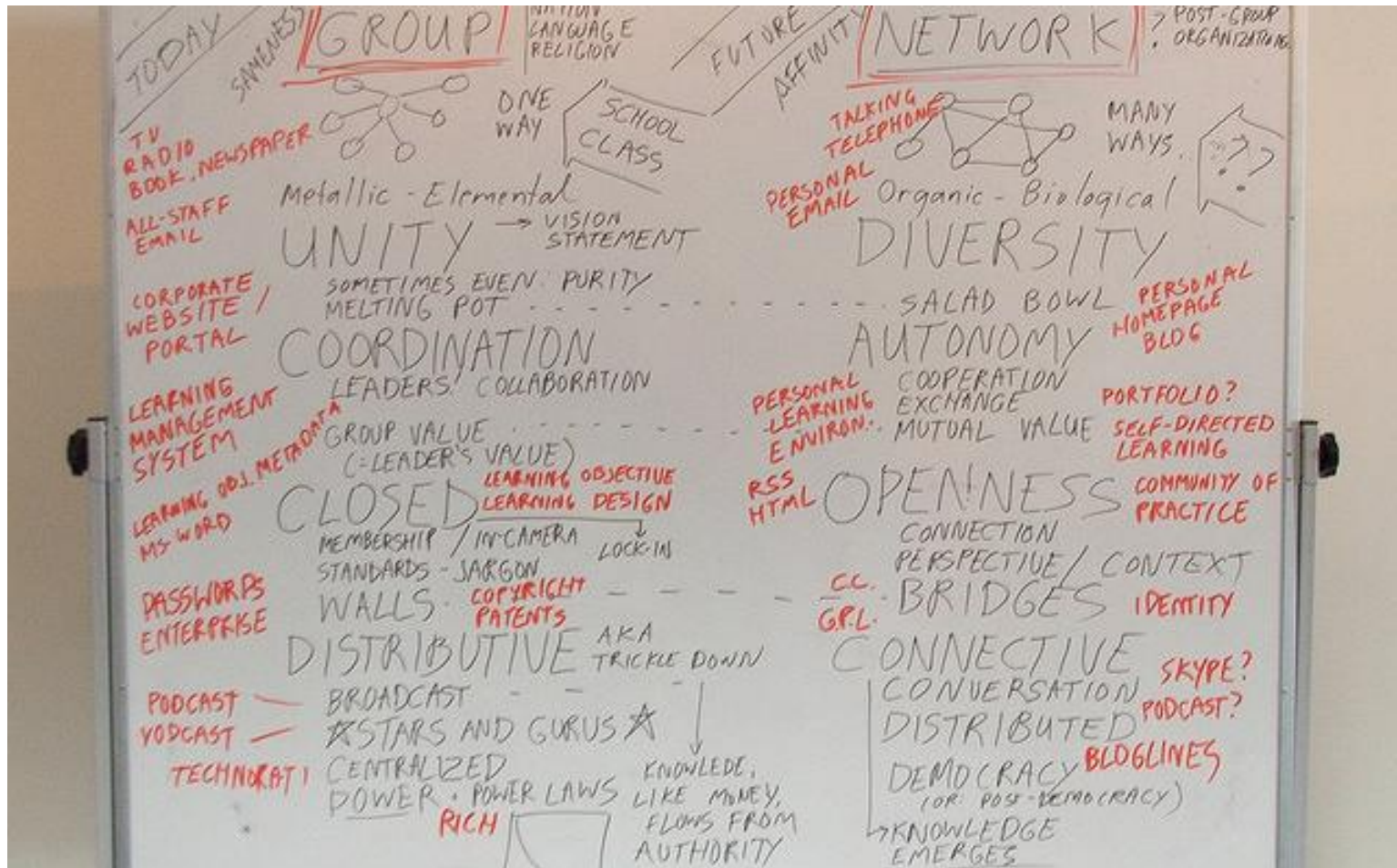http://articles.businessinsider.com/2011-09-21/news/30182636_1_invisible-hand-god-economic-activity

Tribes, Markets, Networks

Kinship-based Clans / Tribes (T)

(extended family)

Hierarchical Institutions (I)

(army, state, church)

Competitive Markets (M)

(trading, banking companies)

Multi-Org. Networks (N)

(civil society, activist grps.)

History

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