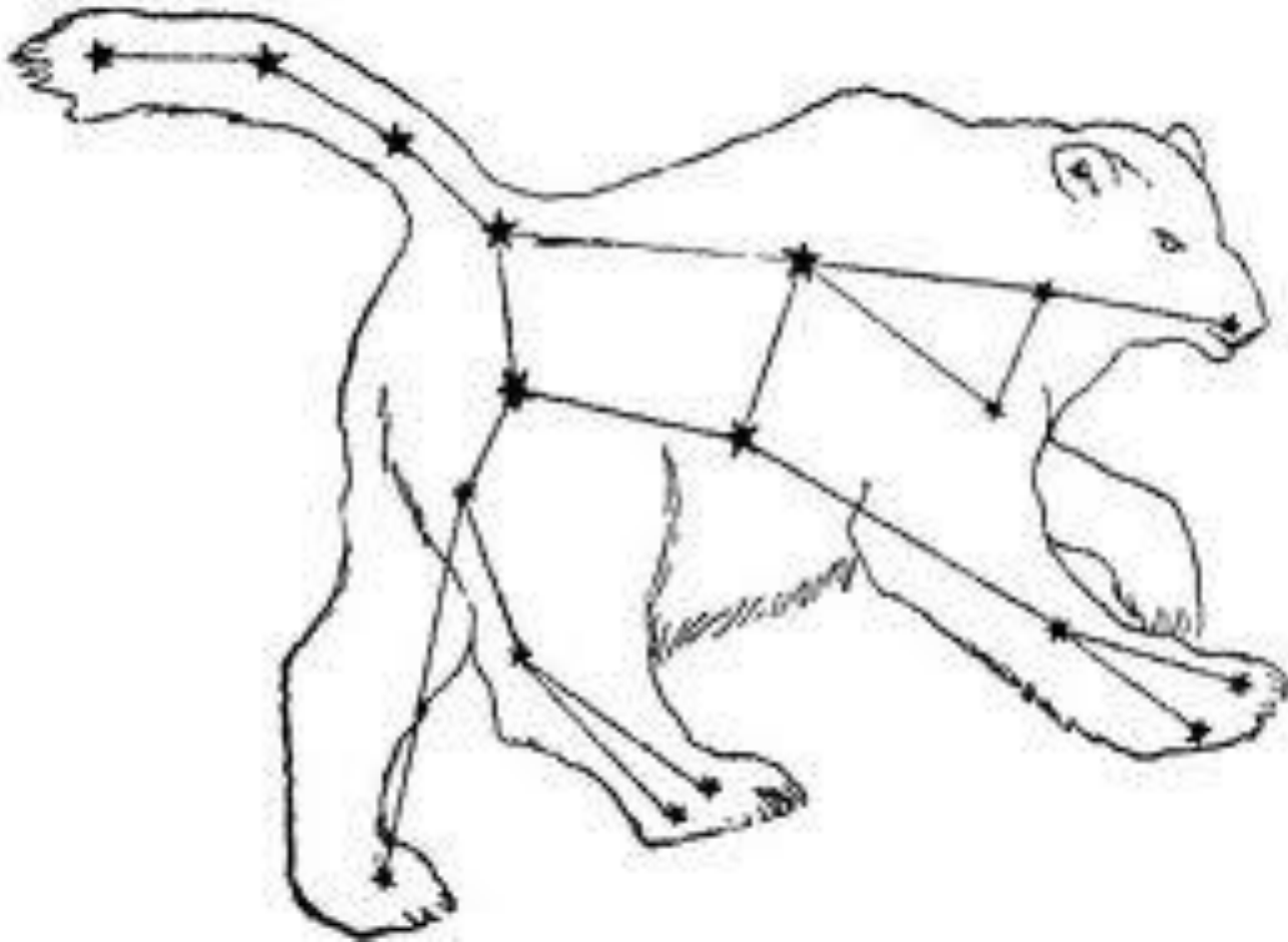




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The Creation of Myth



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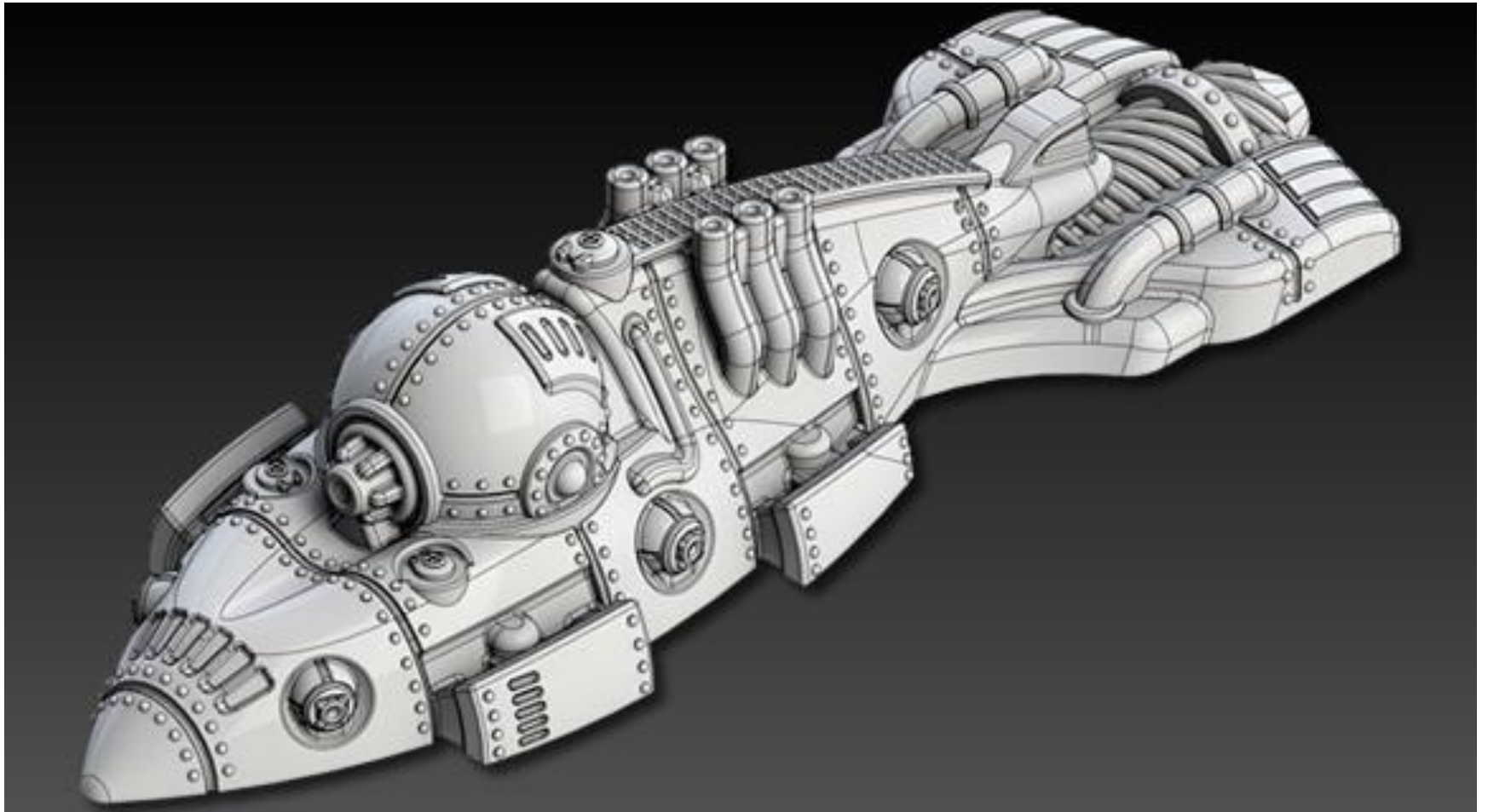


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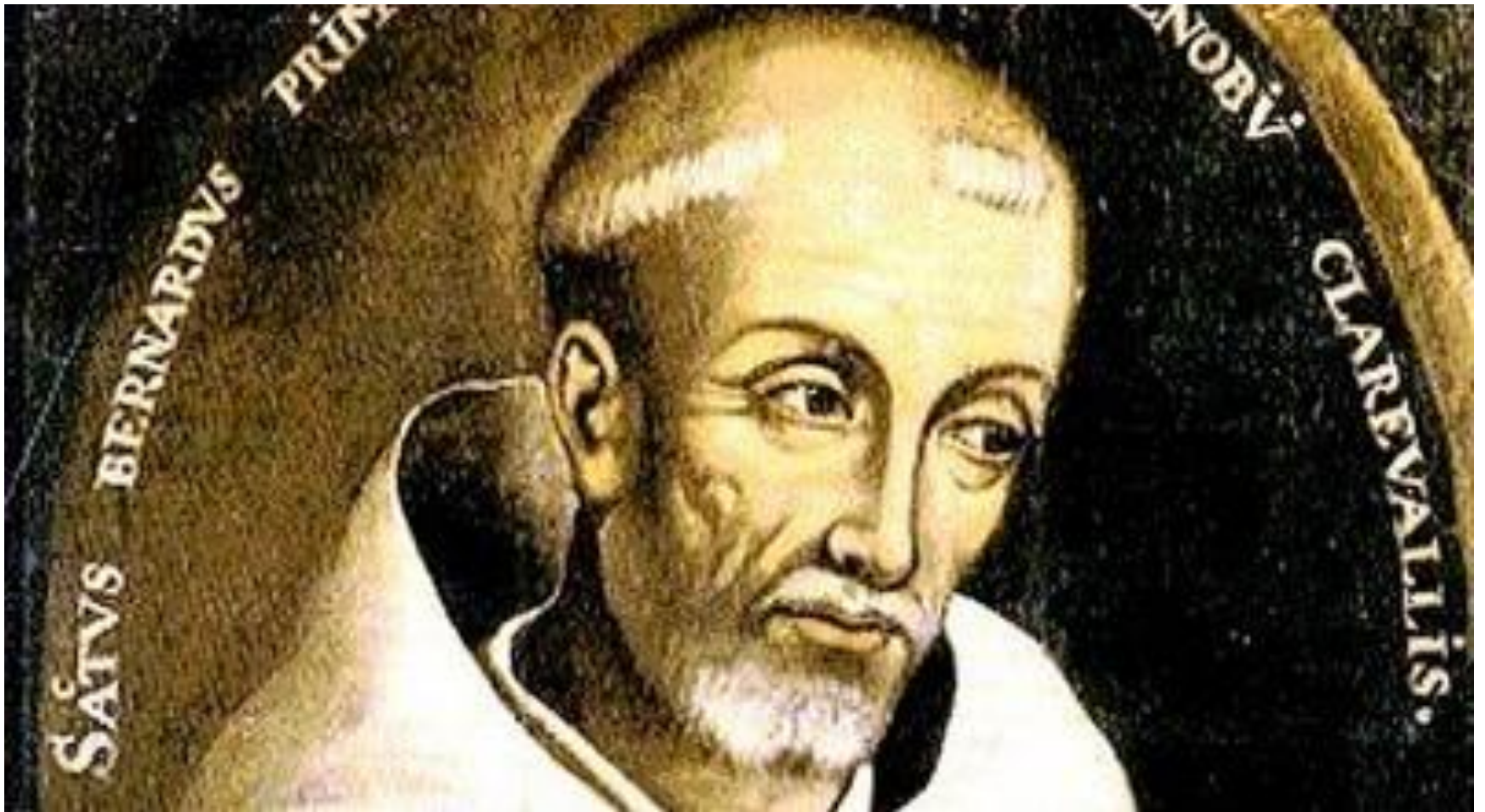


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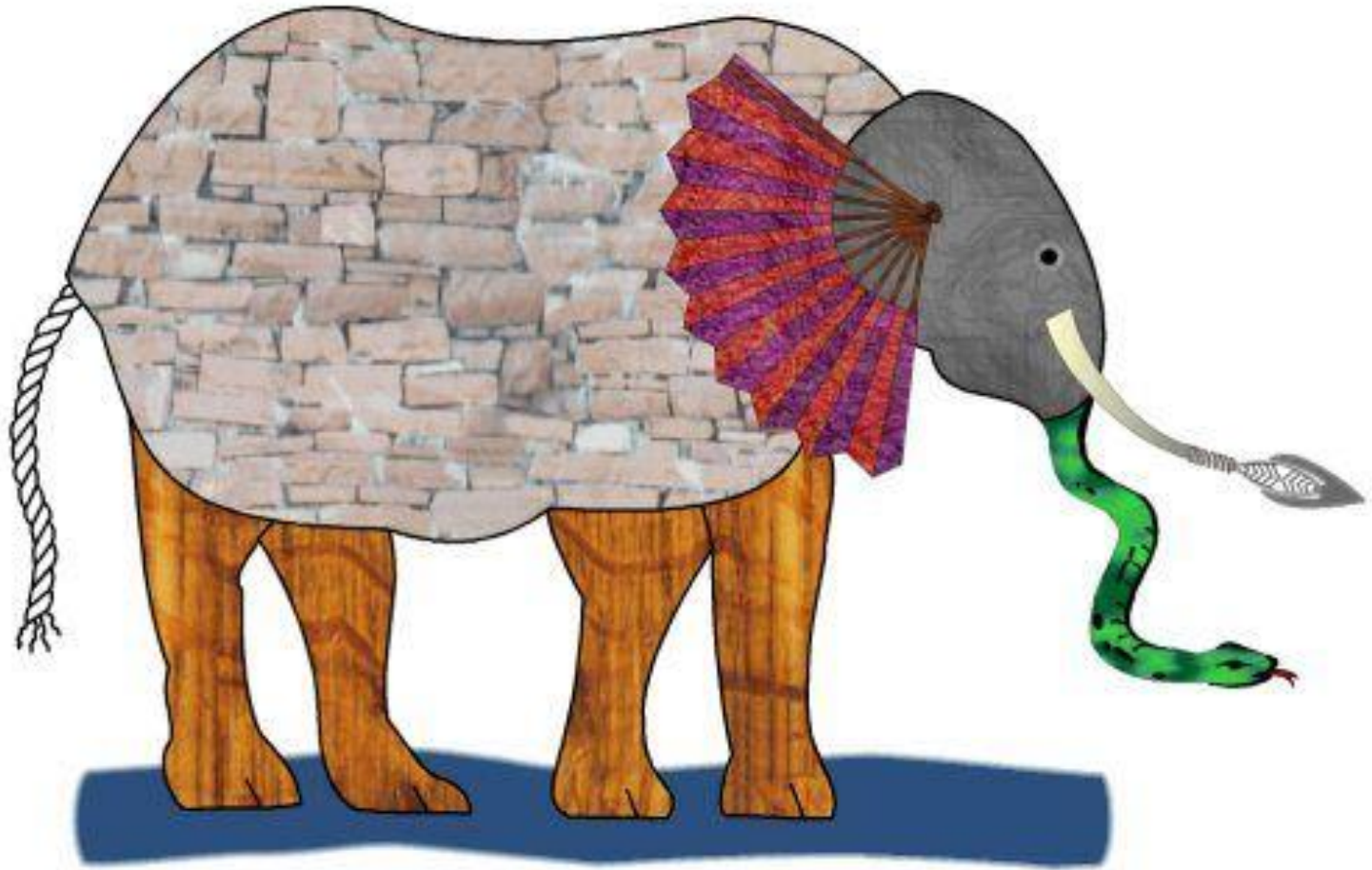


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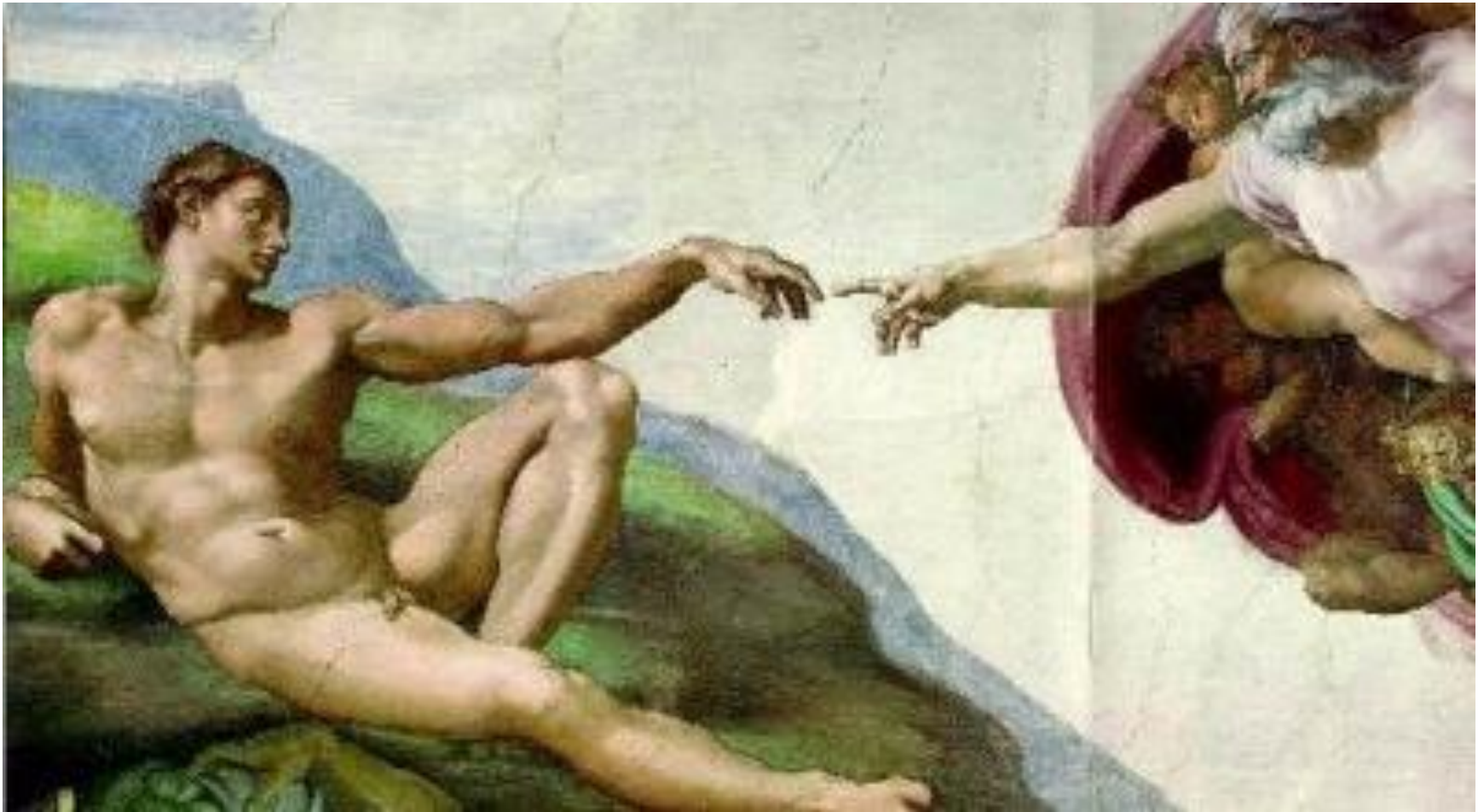


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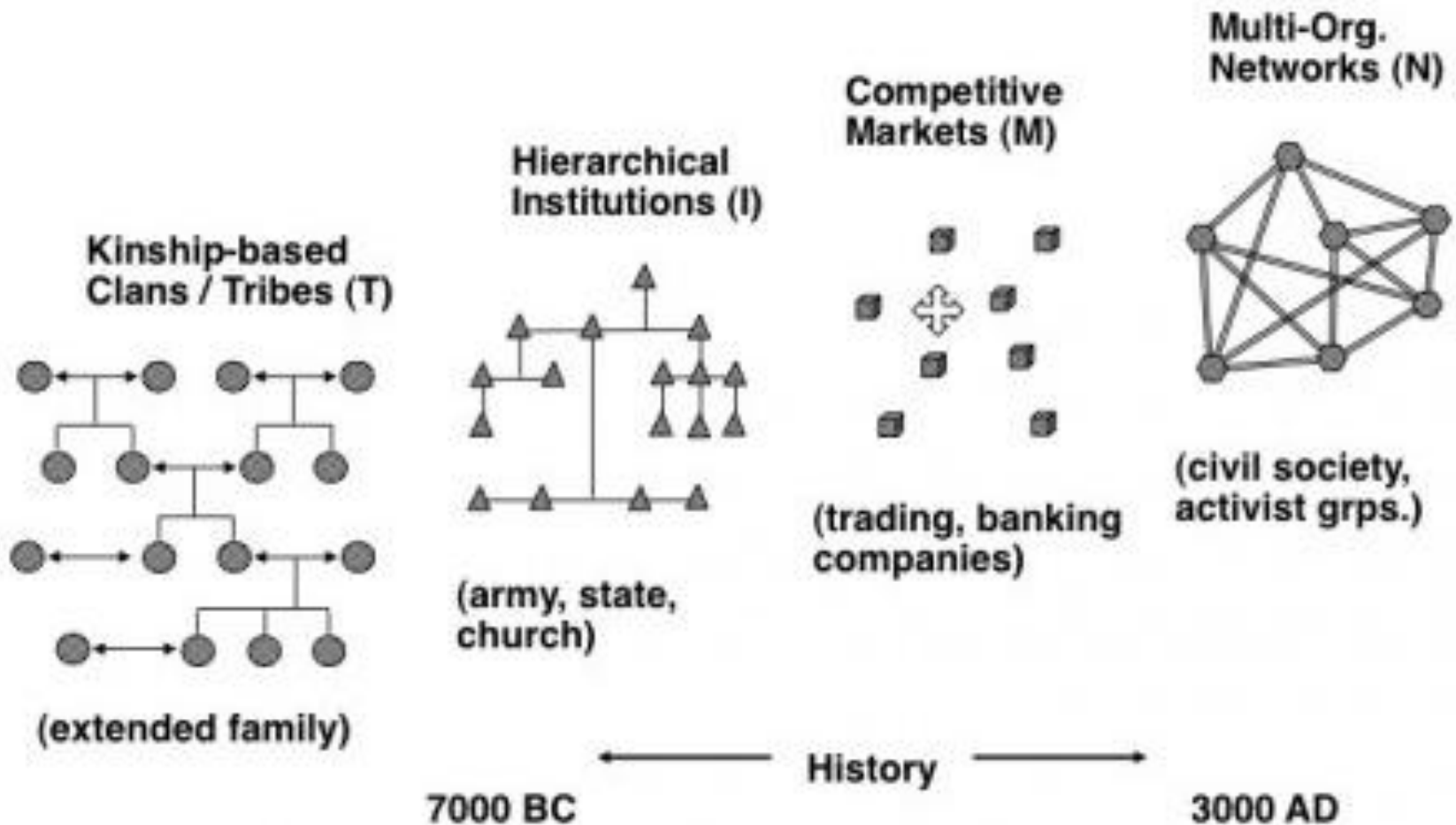


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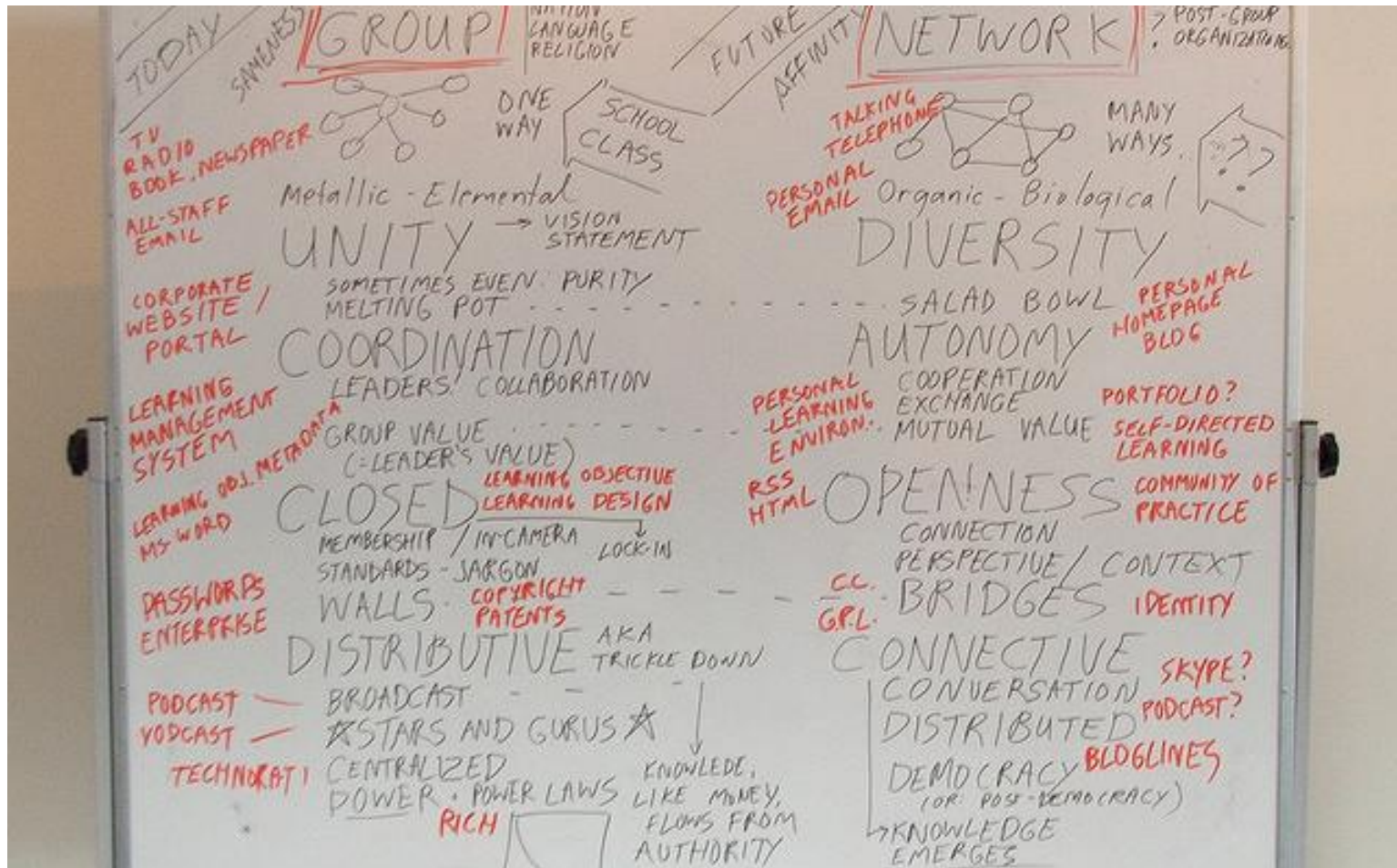
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What is E-Learning?

Massive
Open
Online
Course

YOU

SUCCESS

1 ORIENT
2 DECLARE
3 NETWORK
4 CLUSTER
5 FOCUS

LIFE-LONG LEARNING

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The work is accessible
Take the course without paying
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The diagram shows a central server icon connected to various icons representing users, documents, and network connections. A speech bubble from a man and woman says 'We're starting a MOOC!'. The word 'YOU' is written in large red letters. A starburst contains the word 'SUCCESS'. A list of five steps is written in different colors. The phrase 'LIFE-LONG LEARNING' is written in large red letters. Below it, there are three lines of text: 'way to connect and collaborate', 'Engaging in the learning process', and 'Information is everywhere'. The name 'ZaidLearn' is written in red. To the right, there are three lines of text: 'The work is accessible', 'Take the course without paying', and 'The work is shared'.

Magic and Mythmaking



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The 9 Billion Names of God



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