

# IT IS NOT ALL ABOUT ME

Or ... Modern Day Bereans

Or ... Christian Re-Orientation

Based on *You Who* by Rachel Jankovic

# CAVEATS

**Rachel is not an inspired writer**

We are not supplementing the Bible, but examining the culture

# PURPOSE

**Examine the worldly  
philosophical foundations  
that plague or culture.**

Put into words what you already know.  
Encourage you to see the struggle in others  
And to think of new ways to offer a lifeline

# The Setup

## Draw the class in

- We are not here for *self-love* because we want something better, something *true*
- Soft teaching makes hard hearts and hard teaching makes soft hearts
- If you do not face the fact that we sin, there will be no joy in looking to a Savior
- Truth telling doesn't always go down easy, but when it finally does, the dying patient gets better

**“That lost-self cry of “Who am I?” Is the cry of a person who suddenly realizes that the philosophy he has been following around in the grocery store isn’t his mother after all”**

**You Who?**

# Philosophy on Clearance

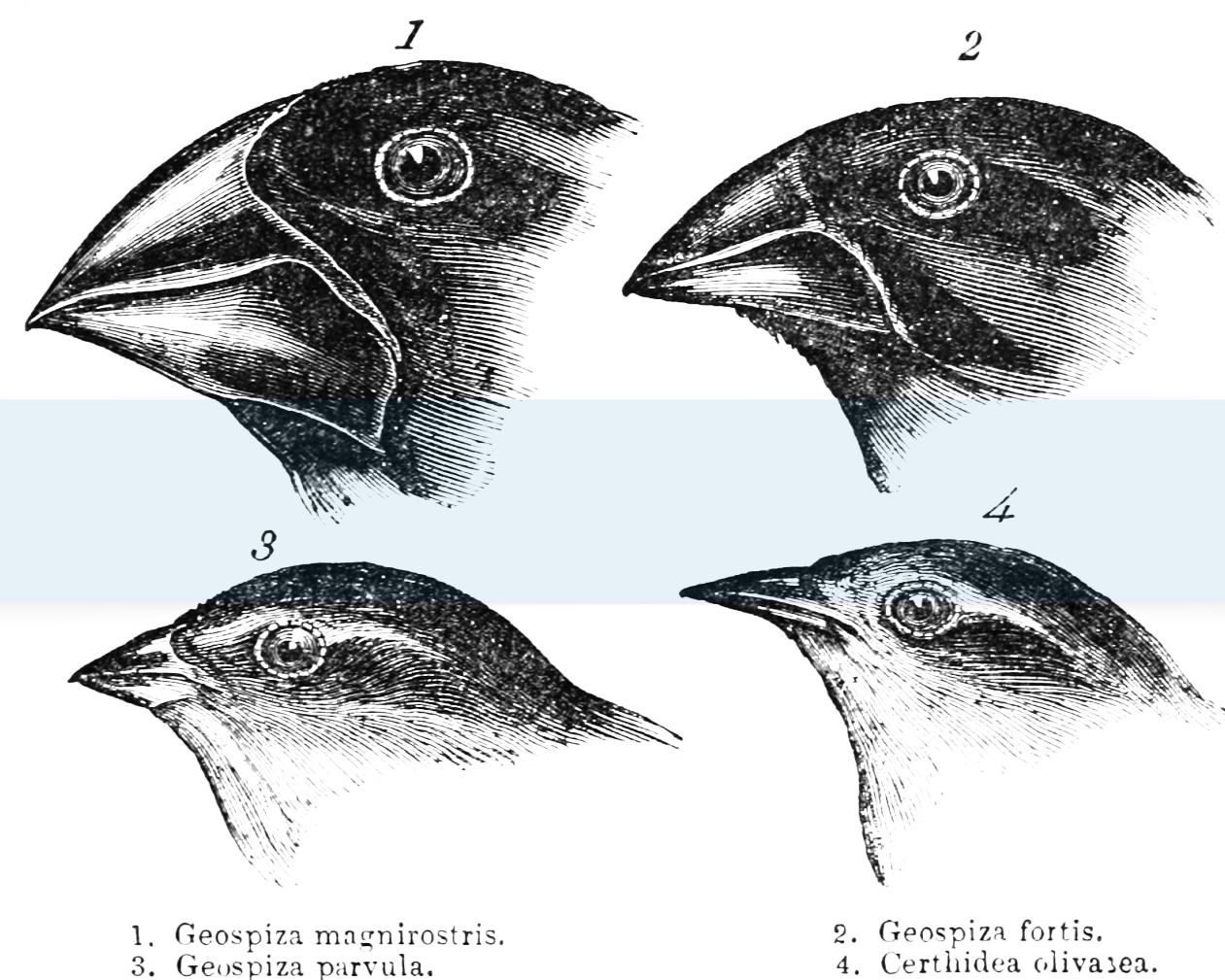
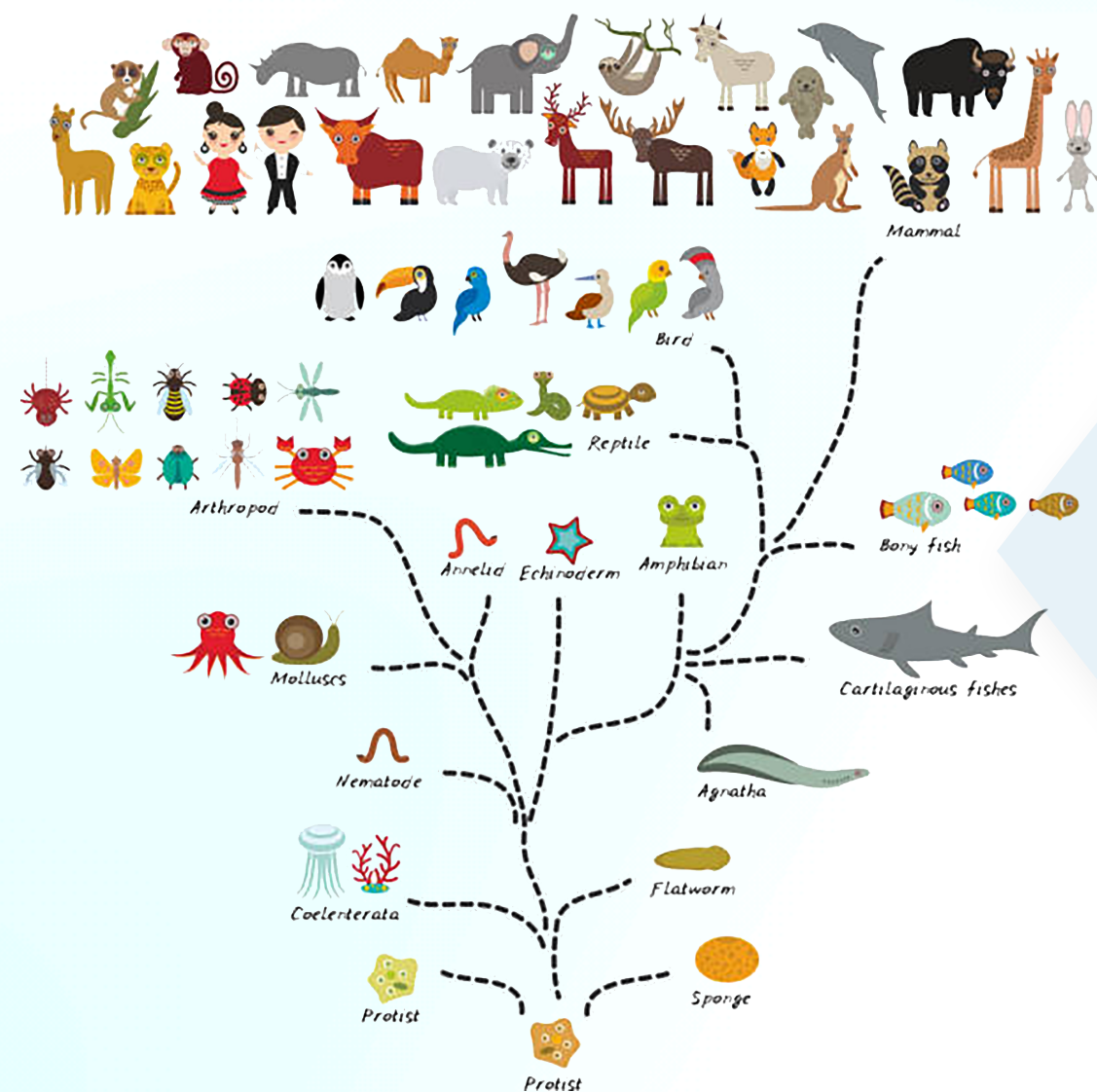
## What are you wearing?

- Colossians 2:4 The Bible warns not of philosophy in general, but philosophical deception
- Read Fashion Analogy Excerpt \*
- Abercrombie and Fitch example
  - What are some examples of people unknowingly promoting things we shouldn't

# Philosophical Roots

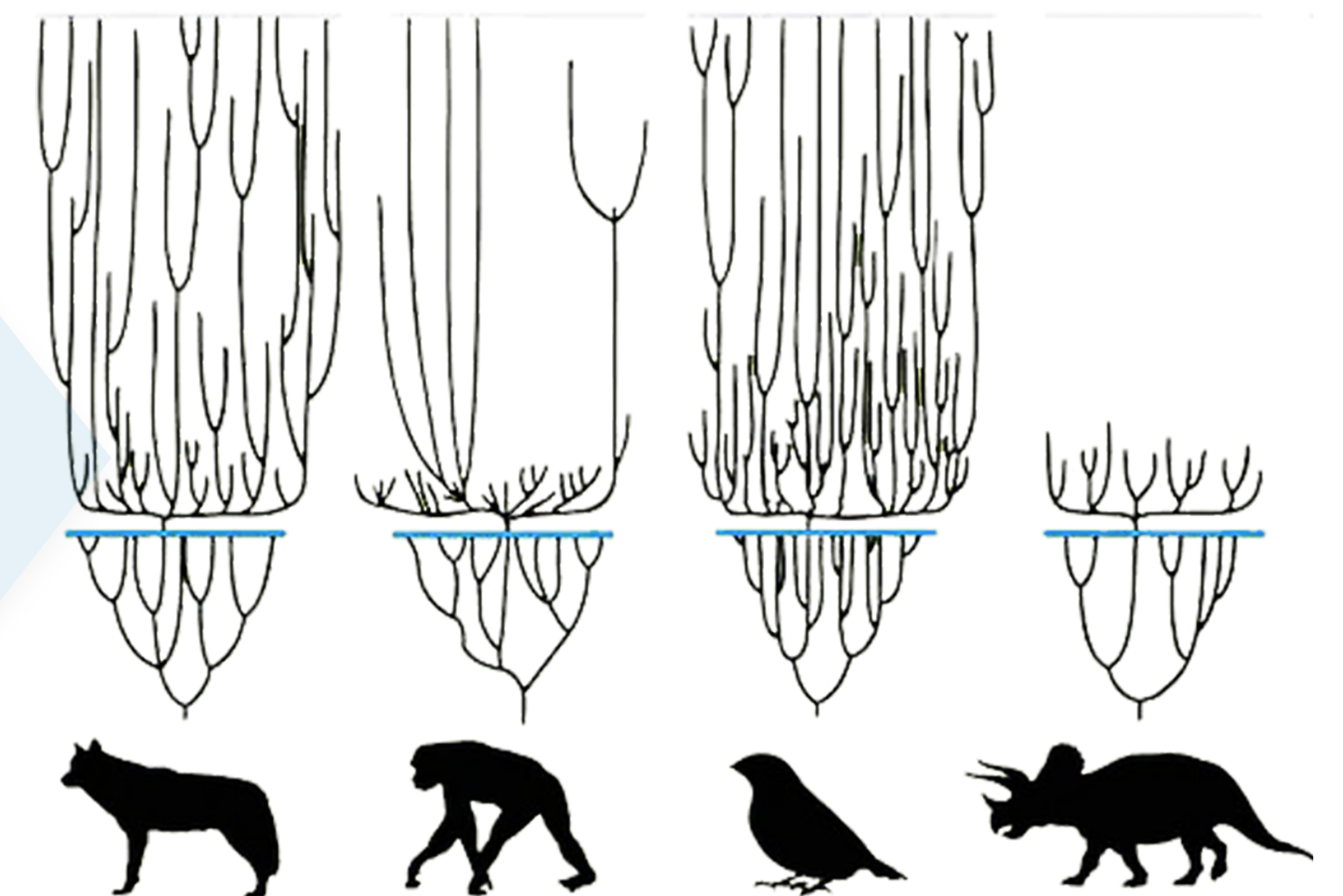
## Which star guides you?

- Unbelieving philosophies of the self begin with the assumption that there is no God.
- We have been living in a society that has been assuming there is no God for a long time. (Ask a fish “How’s the water? And he will reply “what is water”?)



1. *Geospiza magnirostris*.  
3. *Geospiza parvula*.

2. *Geospiza fortis*.  
4. *Certhidea olivacea*.



**After studying philosophy “I have not stopped seeing the problem of the self out on the streets in all of its shiny confusion”**

**Rachel Jankovic**



Who am I?

What am I for?

What makes me who I am in essence?

Am I able to change that?

Can another person change that?

Am I the same person I have always been?

What is the essential me?

Where is the essential me?

How do I find out?

How do I come into being?

How do we know we have one essence, one self through time, per person?

Are you the same person (in essence) as you were as a child?

What if you go through some major change?

Can your identity be taken away from you?

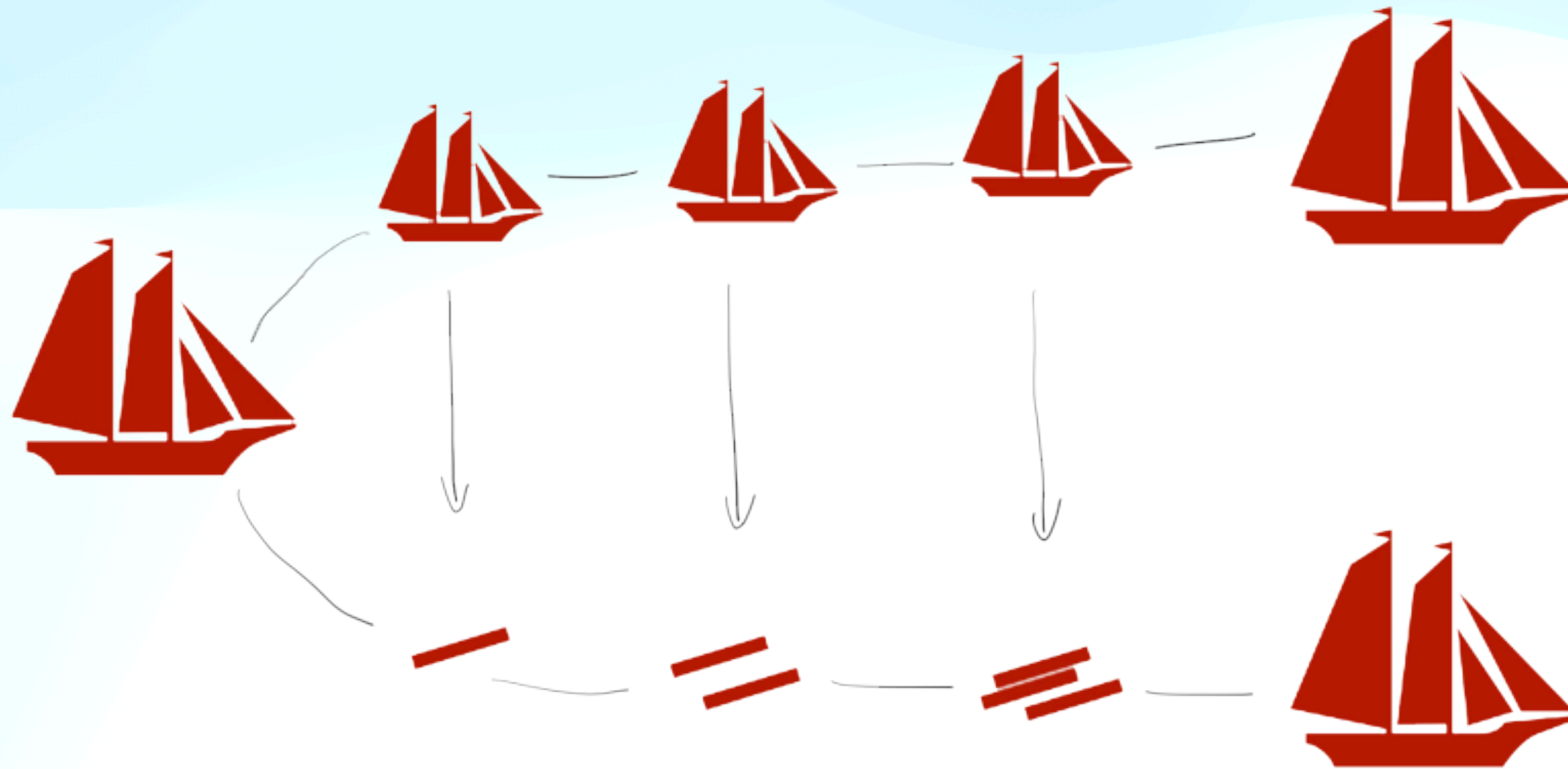
Can your self be lost?

What is the nature of the continuity of the self?

Am I who I have always been?

# SHIP OF THESEUS

Which ship is the real ship of Theseus?



# What is the Essence of You?

- Is it your body?
  - Your cells are replaced over time is the young you or old you the real you?
  - What about massive weight loss? You feel, look and behave different
- Is it Memories? Continuity
  - You remember youth and being large
  - But what if memory is lost?

## What gives humans higher value?

- Is it our brains and rational thought?
  - What about elderly and babies that do not have rational thought
  - What about a brain injury