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Christ in Genesis

IV. Genesis 1 and Science

A. Bible and Science

Testimony in Nature

The heavens are telling the glory of
God,
and the sky above proclaims his
handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

(Ps. 19:1-2)

Testimony in Scripture

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes; (Ps. 19:7-8)

Word of God in Christ

... he [the Son] upholds the universe by the word of his power. (Heb. 1:3)

The Son, who is the Word

words of
Scripture

words governing
nature

harmony

The Trinity in Creation

The Father
as Speaker

The Son
as Word

The Spirit
present

Creation

... and the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Gen. 1:2)

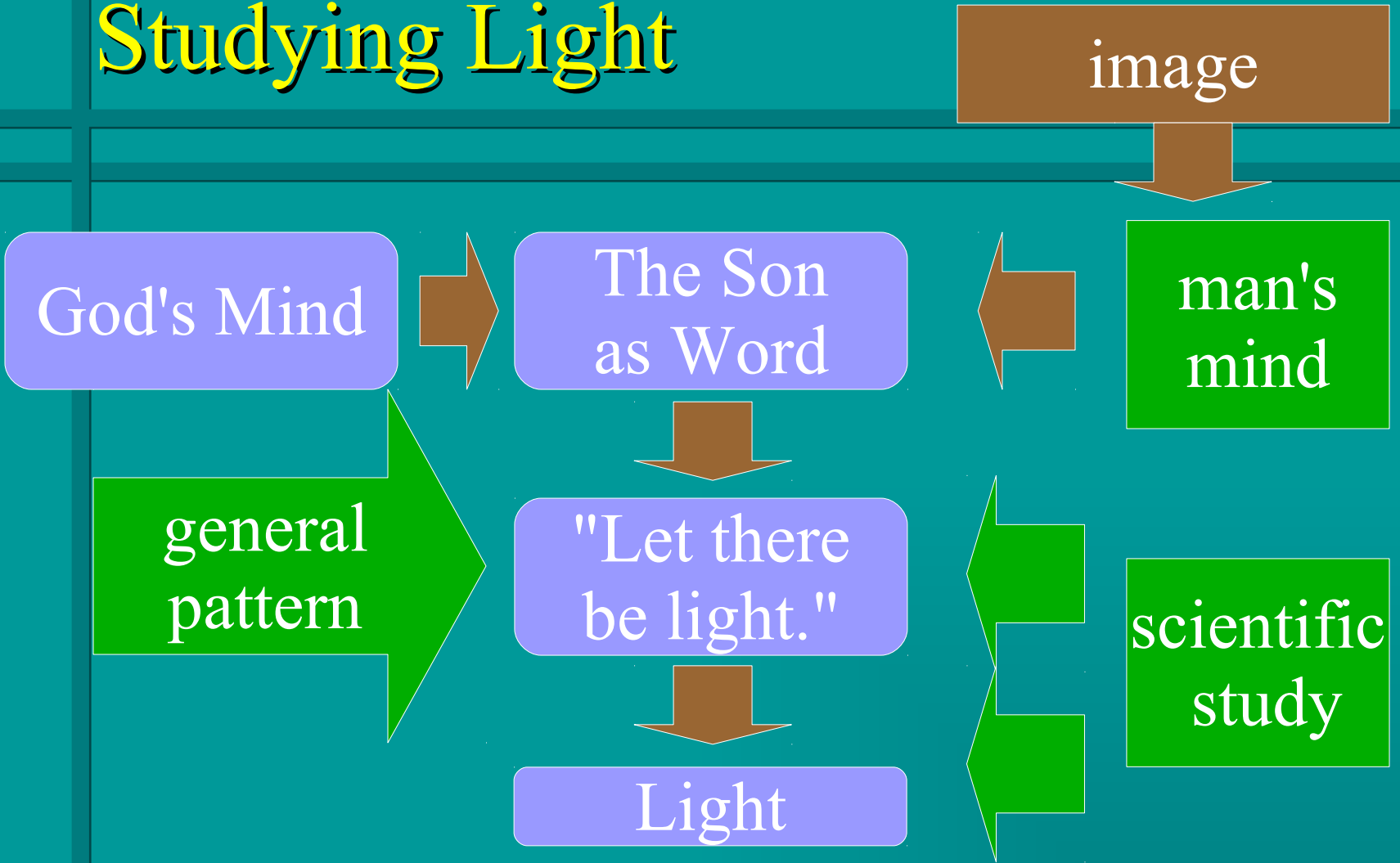
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. (Ps. 33:6)

Speaking Light

And God said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light. (Gen. 1:3)



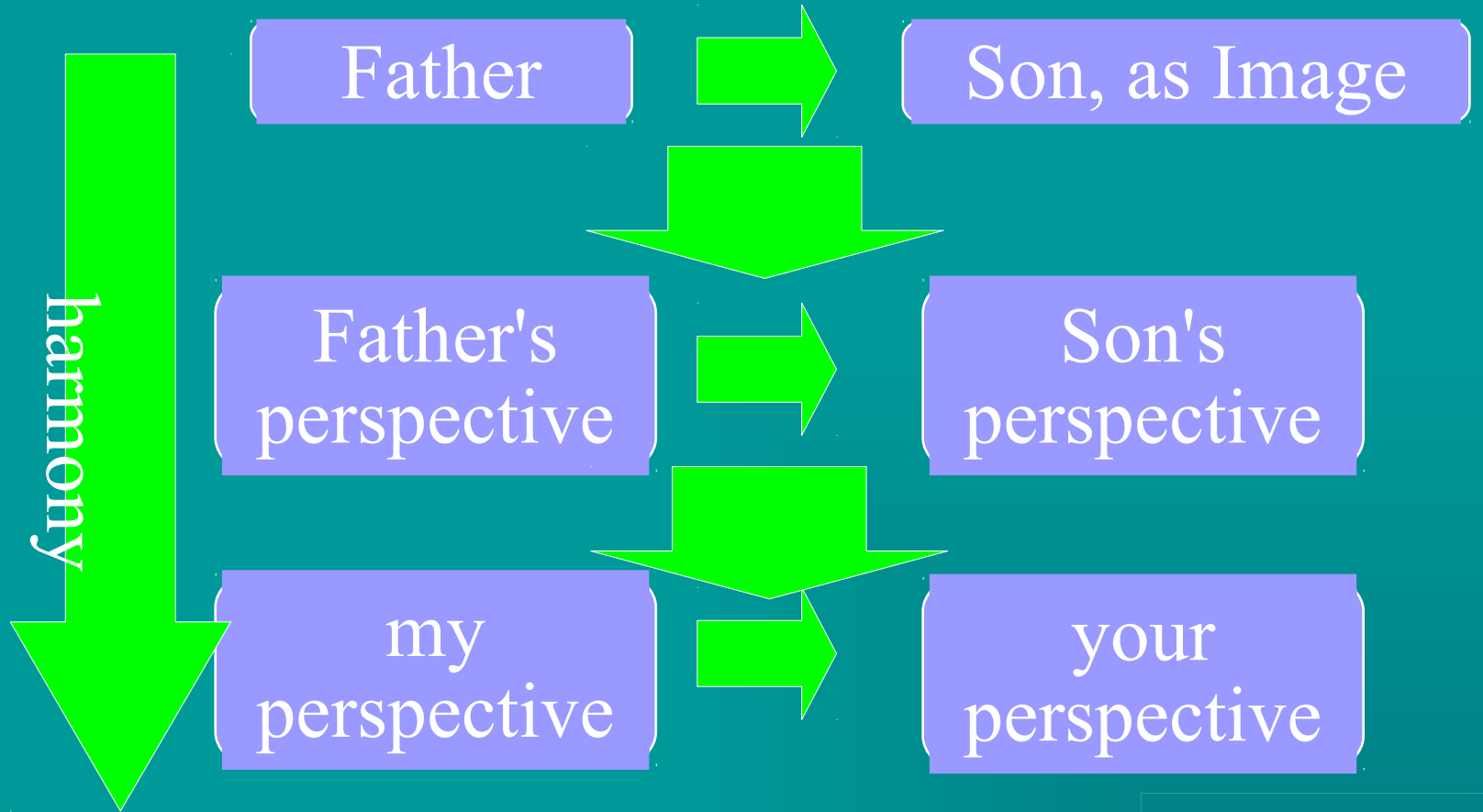
Studying Light



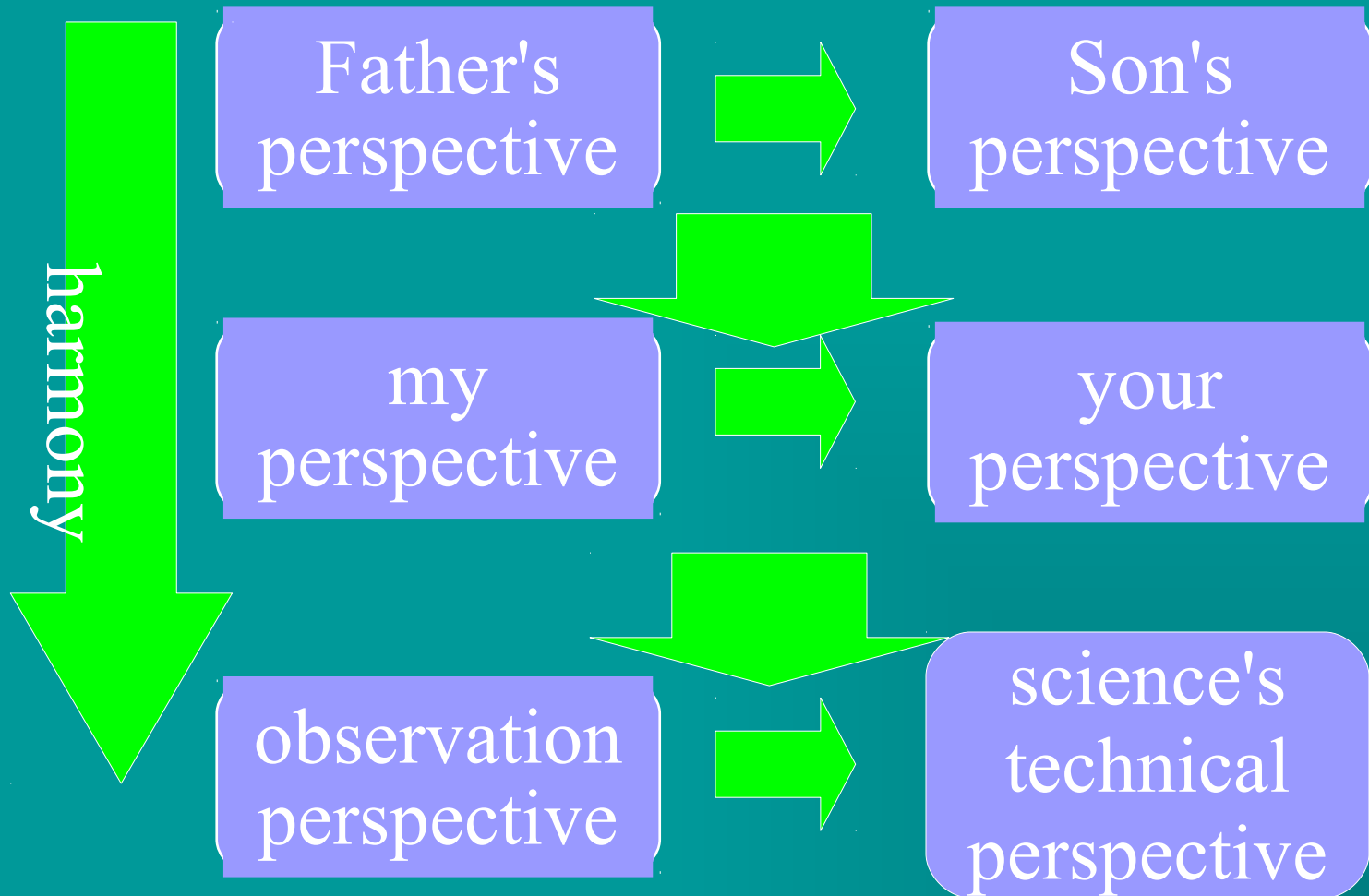
B. Perspectives



Origin of Perspectives: Love

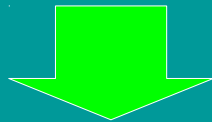


Science as Perspective

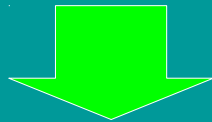


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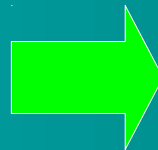
God to man
in the Bible



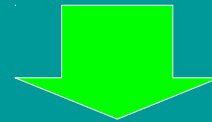
universal
to humanity



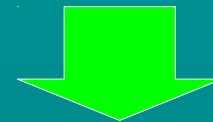
observation
perspective



God knows
all



specialized



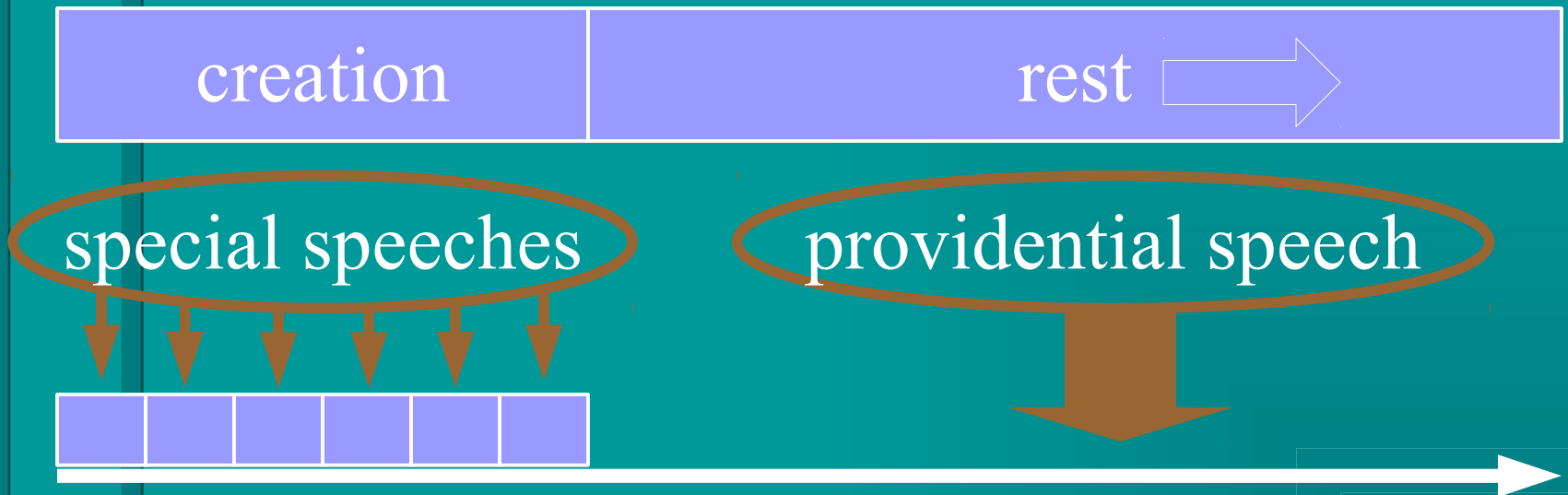
science's
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C. Providence



Resting from Creating

So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. (Gen. 2:3)



Examples of God's Providence

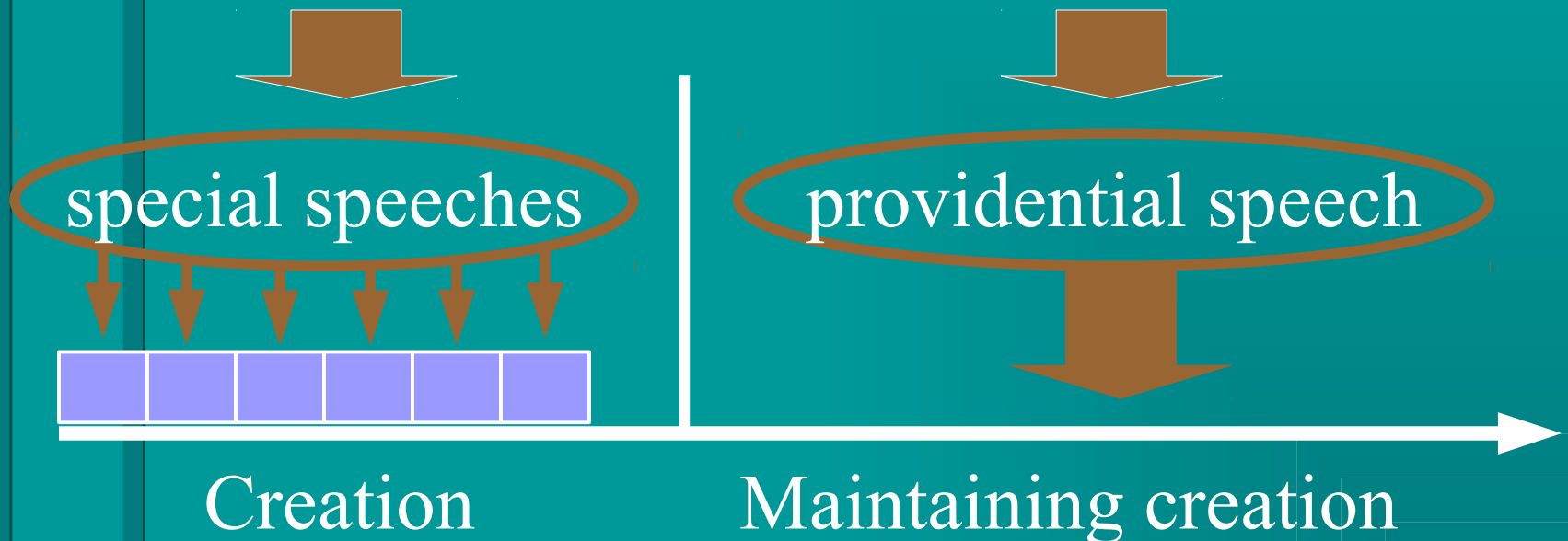
And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. (Gen. 1:11)

And God blessed them [sea creatures and birds], saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." (Gen. 1:11)

Universal Providence of Christ

... he [the Son] upholds the universe by the word of his power. (Heb. 1:3)

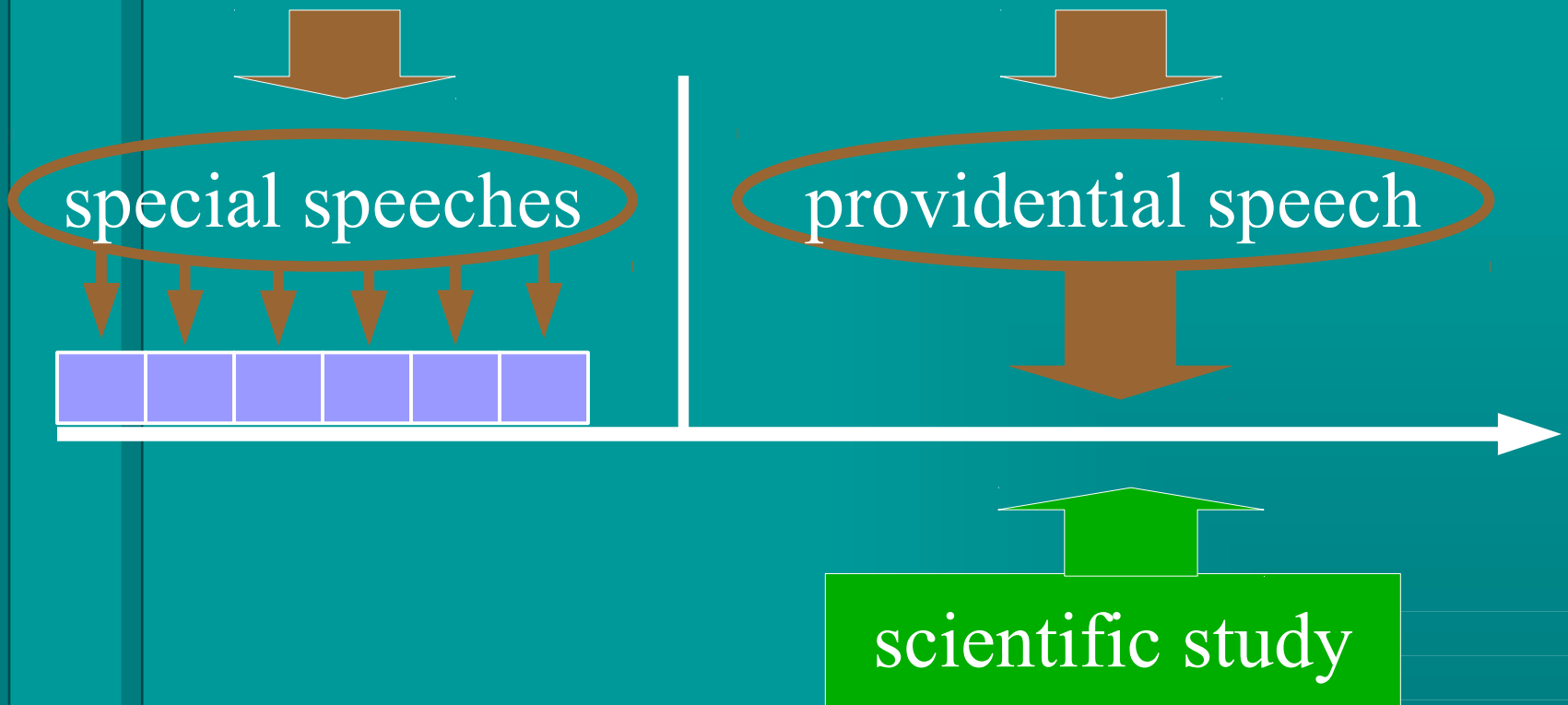
The Son, who is the Word



D. Theory of Mature Creation

Role of Science

The Son, who is the Word



"Mature" Creation

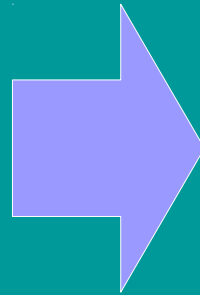
special speeches



providential speech



Adam and
Eve mature

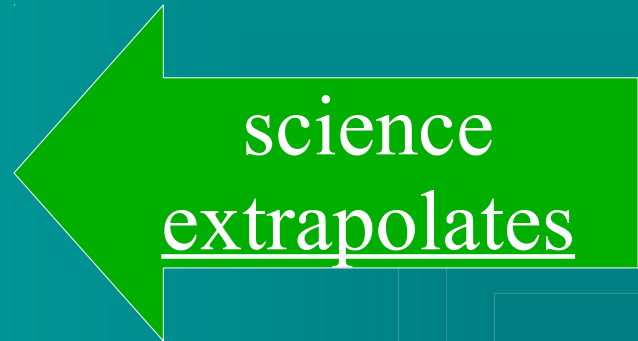


whole universe
mature



scientific study

science
extrapolates



E. Theory of Work Days

Work and Rest

six days
of God's work



God rests

six days
of man's work



man rests

life's work



final rest

or failure

Christ's work



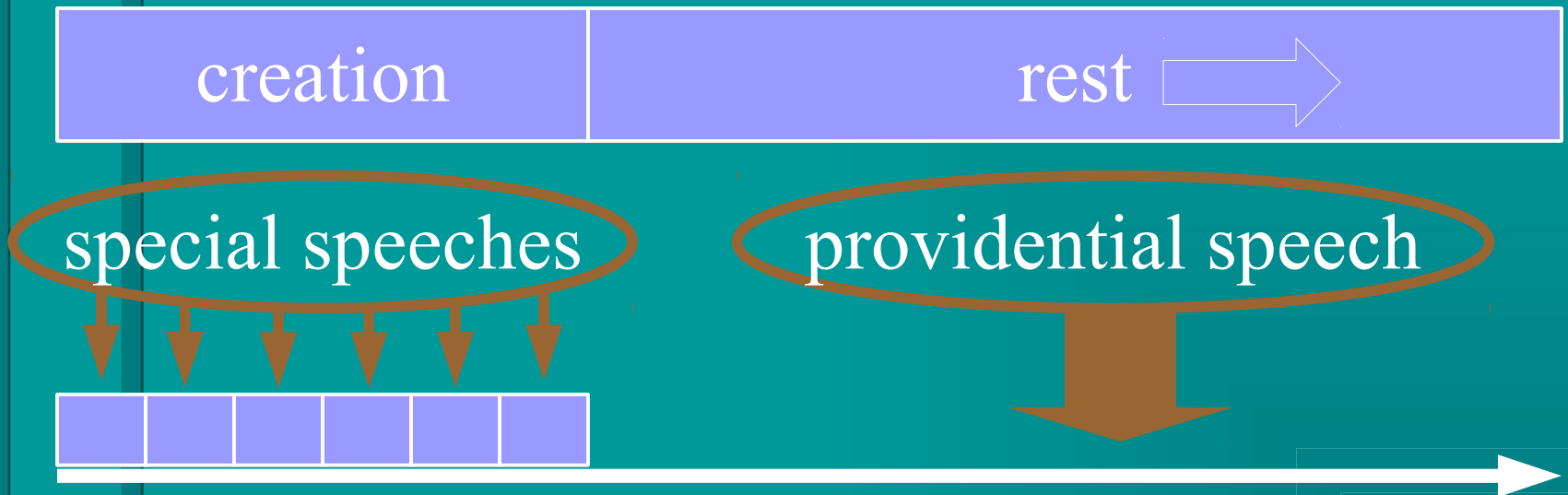
Christ finished

guaranteed

John 19:30

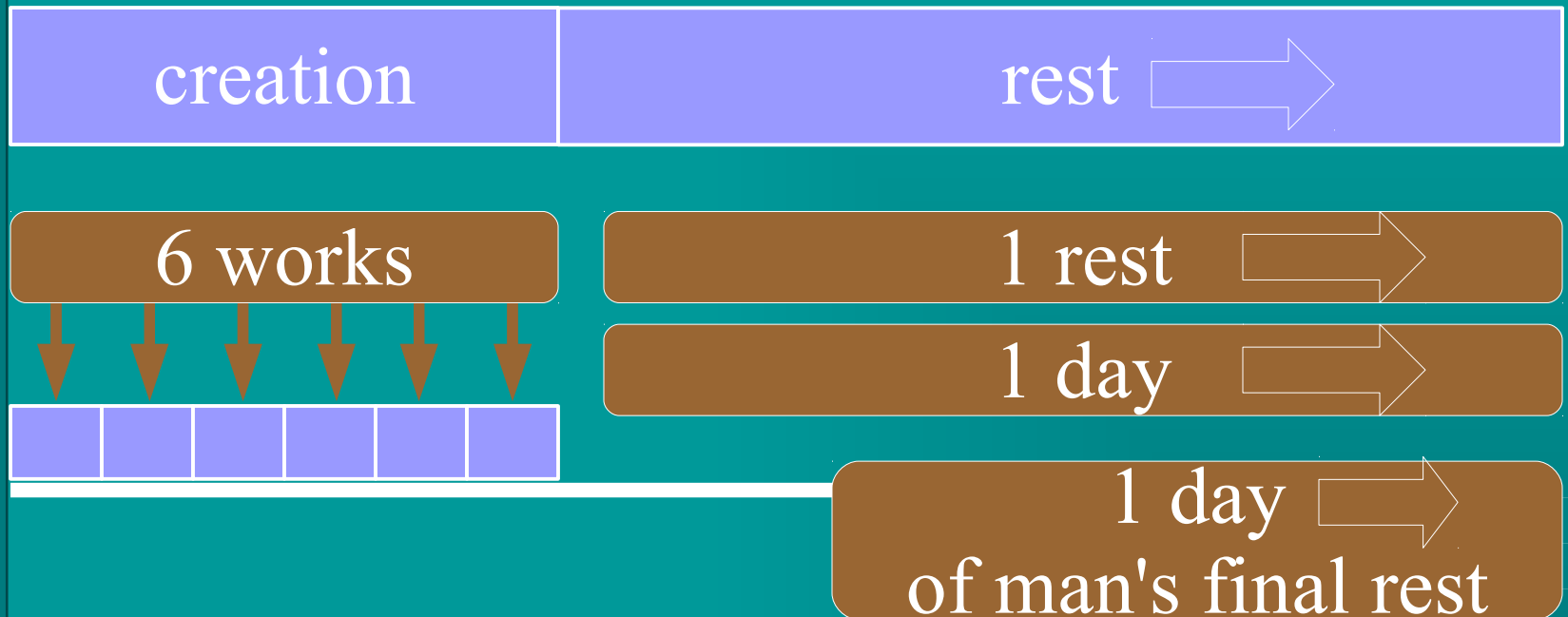
Resting from Creating

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Day of God's Rest

So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. (Gen. 2:3)



How to Measure Days

By Sun (but made on 4th day)

OR

scientific interest

By Personal pattern of work and rest

personal interest