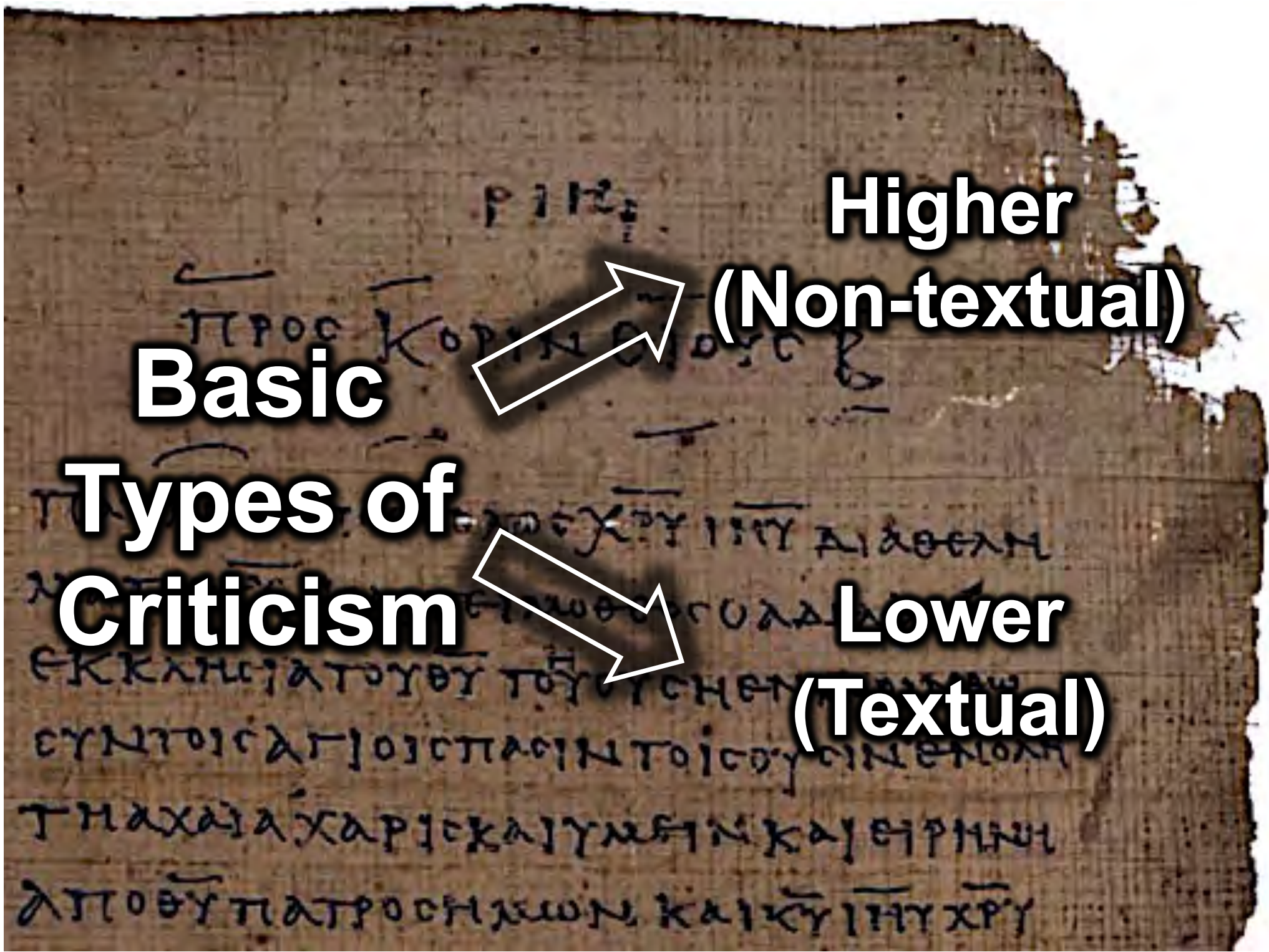


# Introduction



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**Basic**

**Types of  
Criticism**

**Higher  
(Non-textual)**

**Lower  
(Textual)**

ἀφίσταται ἀθήμῃ αἰῶν· καὶ πλησώσαν  
τὸς αὐτὸν τοῖς ὀρμῆμοις οὖσ ταύτην τῶν  
λαϊσδαιμομίῶν ὁμῶσανται αὐτὸν ἕξ  
πόμεται, ἢ μὴν ἔσθαι ξιμμαχοῖσ αὐ  
τομῶν οὖσ αὐτὸν ὁμῶσανται, οὐτῶ  
δοχῶν ὁμῶσανται, οὐτῶ  
αἰσρον καὶ σῆρροσ ἀμδρεῶν ἀποιλία  
ξωσπῶτη· ταῦτα μὲν οὐκ ἔμτῶ ἕξρει  
τοῦτῶ ἕξμῆσ· τοῦ δὲ ἀπὸ γηγομῆμου  
χῆμῶροσ ἕξμῆσ ἀρχομῆμου ὡσ τῶ ἱω  
ποῖρ ἀπῆ καὶ δημοσθῆμῆσ ἀρ ἀπῆροῖσ

# The NT Canon

An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The sea is a deep, dark blue, with white foam from waves crashing against a dark, rocky shore. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall scene is dramatic and naturalistic.

# *The Nature of the Gospels*

# The Synoptic Problem



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# The Synoptic Problem



- **Matthew, Mark & Luke in a nutshell:**
  - How do we explain their **similarities**?
  - How do we explain their **differences**?

# Marcan Priority



Matthew **Mark** Luke

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# Matthean Priority



**Matthew** Mark Luke

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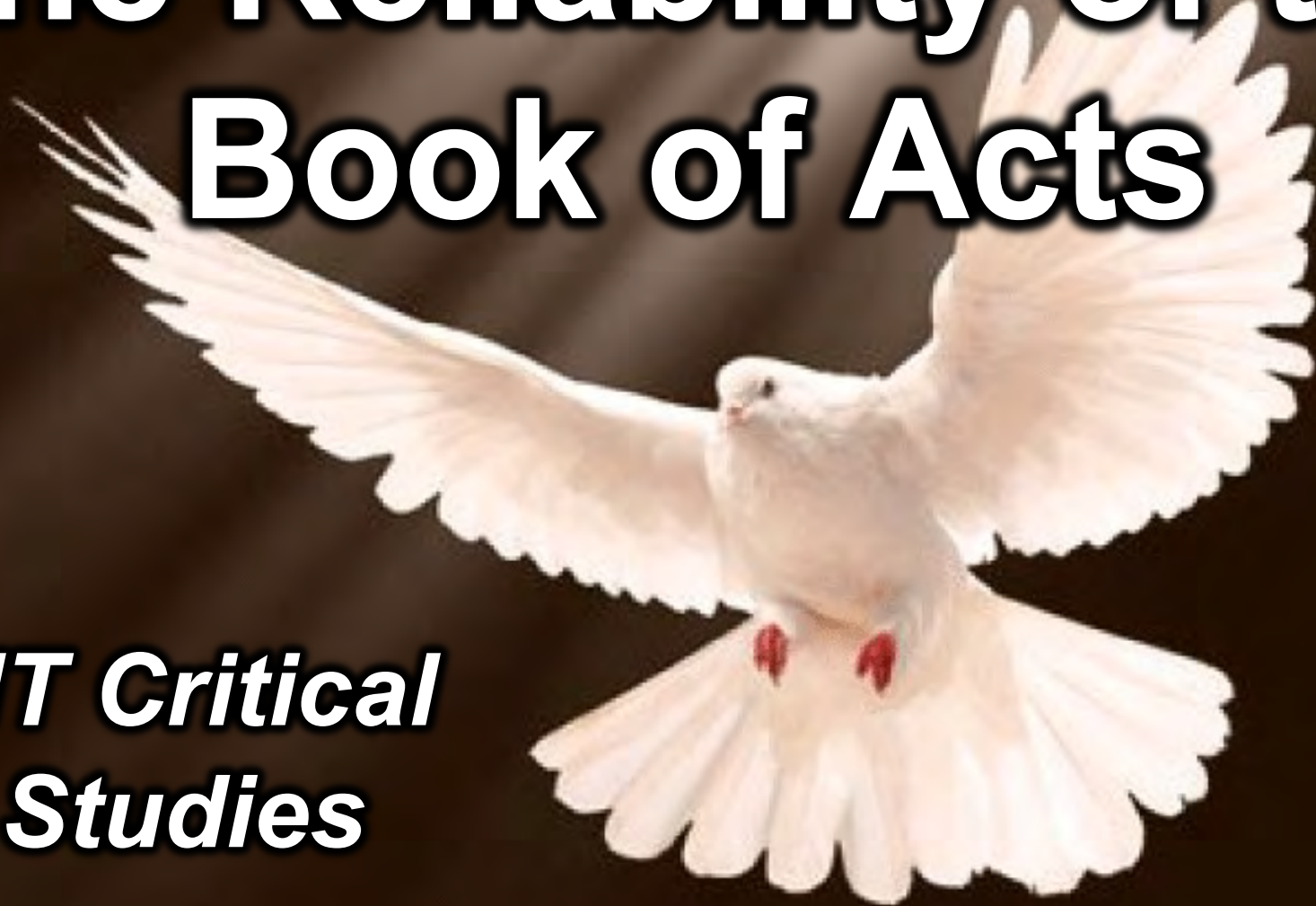
## **1. Historical**

- ***Source (written)***
- ***Form (oral)***
- ***Redaction (editorial)***

## **2. Literary (stylistic)**

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# *Hebrews Authorship*





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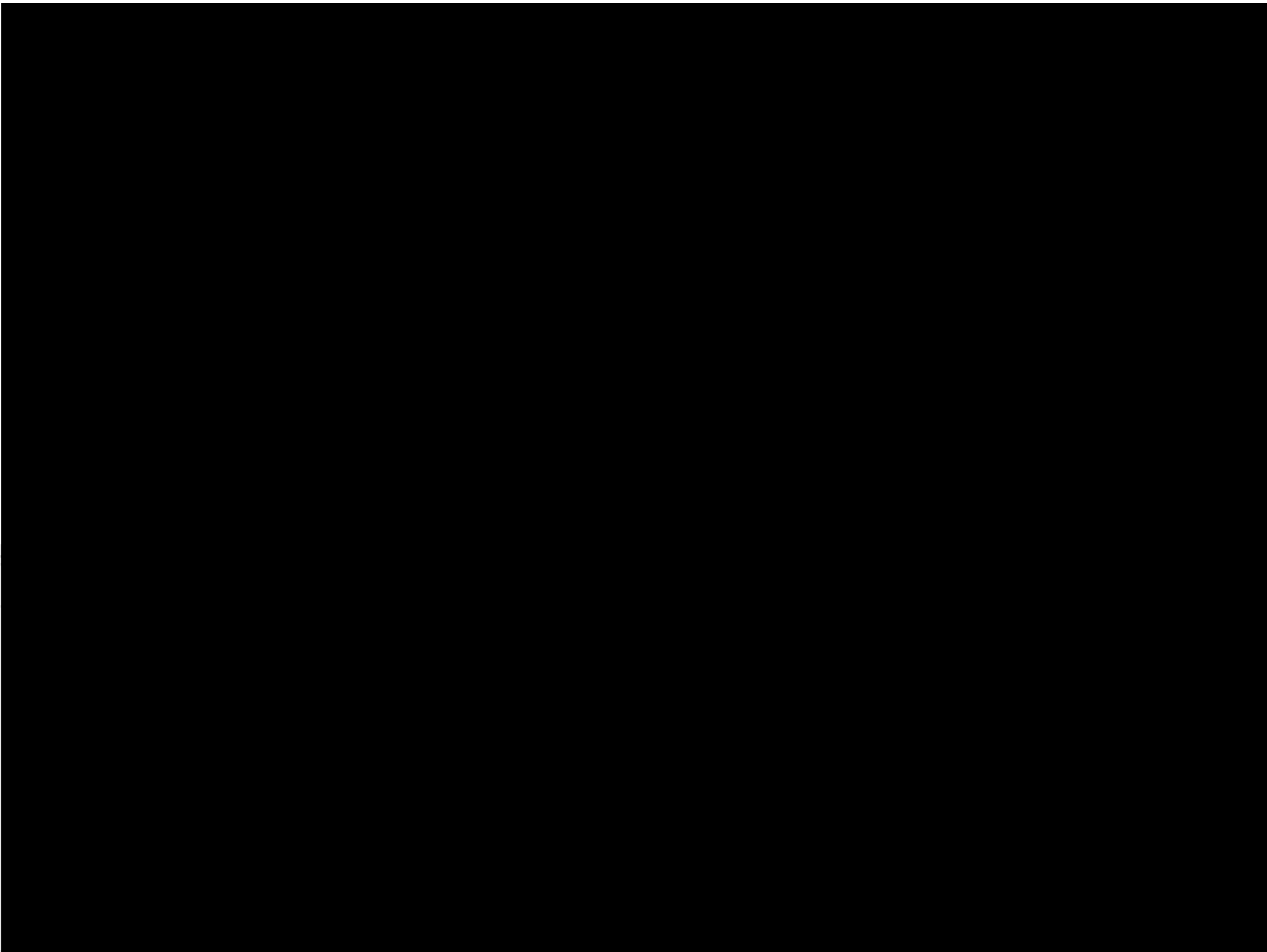
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They Do Not Believe In Intelligent Design

They Are Becoming More Vocal With Their Beliefs

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