

# Philippians Series

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# Biblical Resolutions to People Testing

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**Php. 1:27, “Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,”**

**Php. 2:2, “fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”**

**Php. 2:3, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”**

**Php. 3:16, “Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.”**

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**Php. 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,**

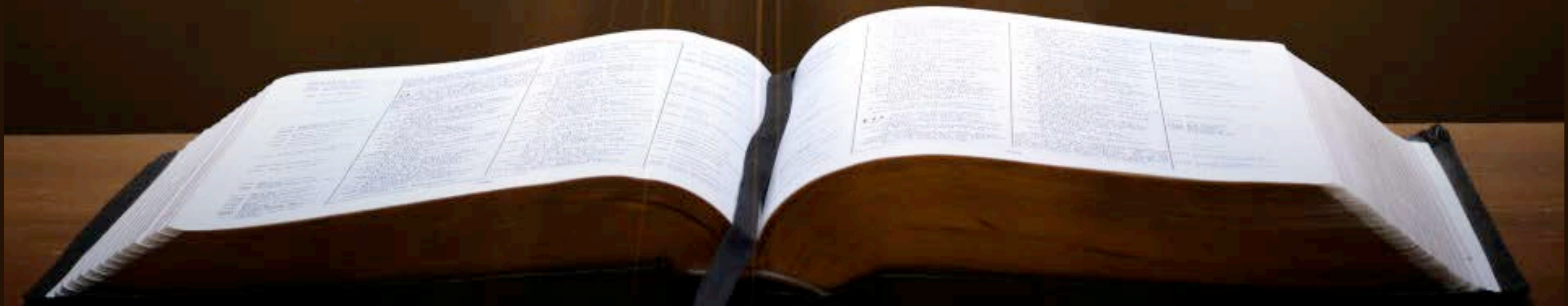
**Php. 2:6, “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,**

**Php. 2:7, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.**

**Php. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**Unity Among Believers**



**Psa. 133:1, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”**

**Psa. 133:2, “It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.”**

**Psa. 133:3, “It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing—life forevermore.”**



**Rom. 12:16, “Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.**

**Rom. 12:17, “Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.**

**Rom. 12:18, “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”**

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**pres act part masc**

**plur nom to be**

**wise, to think**

**1 Cor. 1:10, “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”**

**1 Thess. 5:13, “and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.”**

**Heb. 12:14, “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:**

**Heb. 12:15, “carefully watching over situations lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;”**

**James 3:13**, “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

**James 3:14**, “But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

**James 3:15**, “This ‘wisdom’ does not descend from above, but is earthly, soulish [in contrast to spiritual], demonic.

**James 3:16**, “For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

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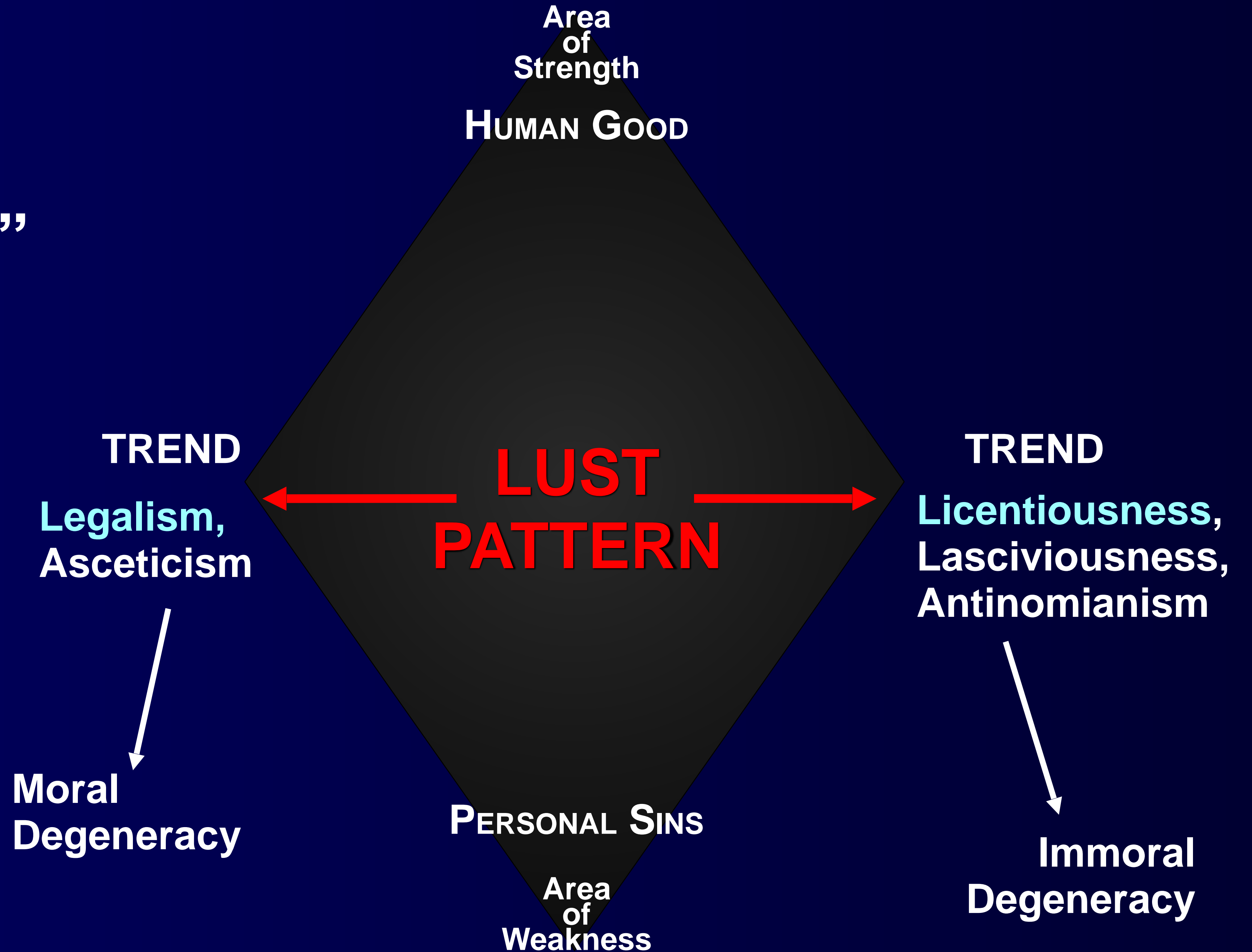
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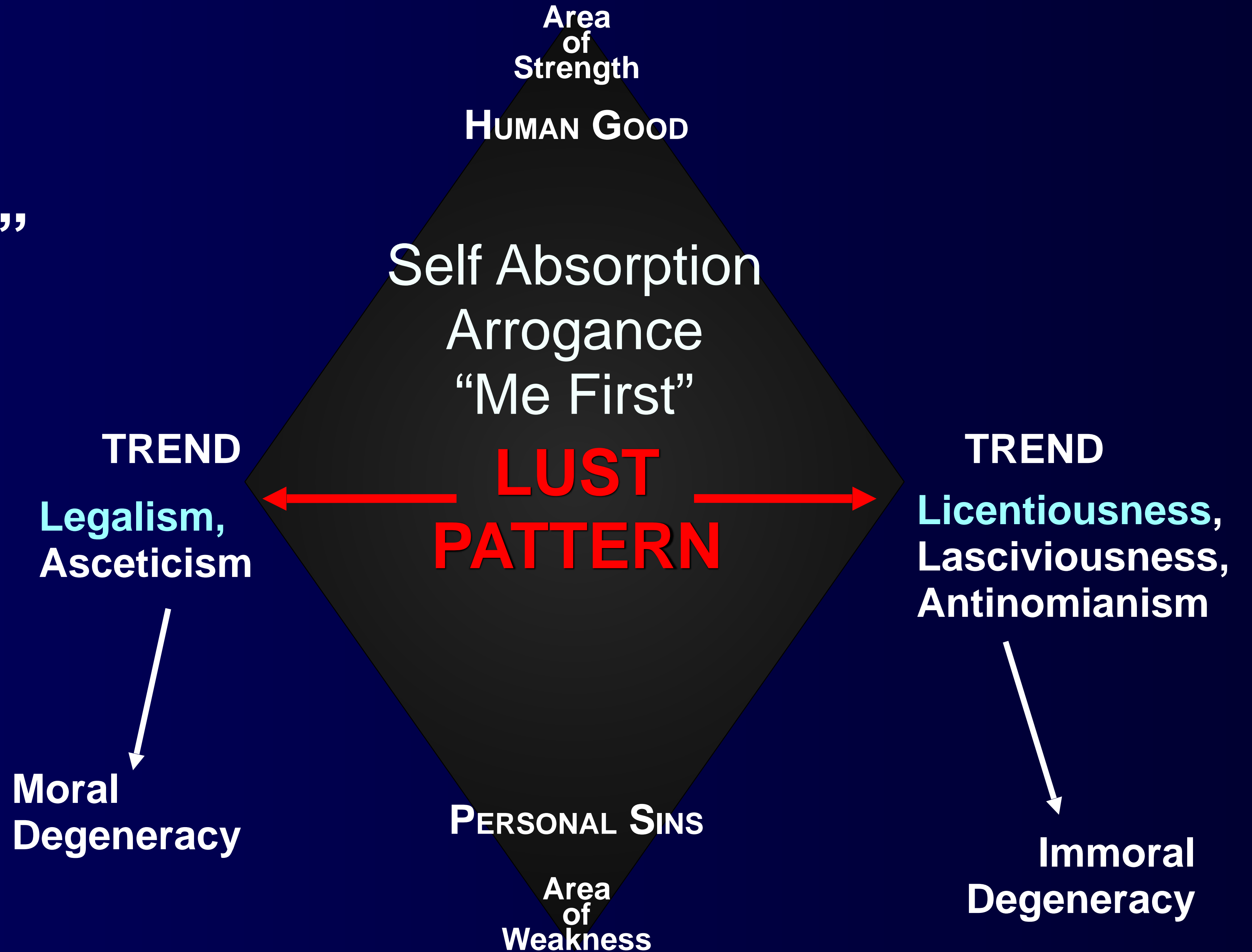
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# **Who are those who make peace?**

## **2 contexts:**

- a. Those who are proclaiming the reconciliation with God, the vertical peace.**
- b. Those who work with believers who are in conflict with one another.**

**The solution to people testing is always through the principles of God's Word.**

**1. The “one another” mandates.**

**2. The “spiritual skills.”**

**a. “Love one another” is the most common command in the New Testament. Fifteen distinct times this is stated.**

**John, Paul, Peter each mention this.**

**In fact, the other 18 “one anothers” are all manifestations of this one command: humility, forgiveness, kindness, putting up with each other, not judging or maligning or gossiping about one another.**

**John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”**

**John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” [NKJV]**

**John 15:12, “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”**

**John 15:17, “These things I command you, that you love one another.”**

**Also 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11–12; 2 John 5**

**b. Members of one another in the body of Christ.**

**Rom. 12:5, “so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”**

**Eph. 4:25, “For this reason, because you have already put off the lie, *let each one of you speak [the] truth with his neighbor*, because we are members of one another.”**  
**[RD]**

**c. Kindly affectionate to one another in brotherly love.**

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**φιλόστοργος *philostorgos*  
masc plur nom devoted, loving;  
good-natured**

**e. Be like minded to one another, according to Christ Jesus.**

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**Joy/Inner Happiness/Tranquility of Soul**  
**James 1:3; John 15:11; 17:13**

**Personal Love  
for God**  
**Deut. 6:5**

**Biblical Love for All;  
Christian Love for  
Other Believers**  
**Lev. 19:18; Jn. 13:34, 35**

**Occupation with  
Christ**  
**Heb. 12:2; Php. 3:20**

**Personal Sense of our Eternal Destiny**  
**Col. 3:24; 1 Pet. 1:4**

**Faith-Rest Drill**  
**Prov. 3:5, 6**

**Grace Orientation**  
**Eph. 2:8, 9**  
**2 Pet. 3:18**

**Doctrinal  
Orientation**  
**2 Pet. 3:18**

**Walking by the Spirit/Filled by the Spirit**  
**Gal. 5:16/Gal. 5:25–26**

**Confession of Sin, 1 John 1:9**

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- 1. This personal conflict has moved beyond a personal issue, to one that not only is known throughout the body, but even Paul in Rome has heard about it.**
- 2. The problem is not a doctrinal one or a sin problem *per se*.**

**1 Tim. 1:19, “having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,**

**1 Tim. 1:20, “of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.”**

**3. The problem is one that they do not seem to be able to resolve on their own.**

**Matt. 18:15**, “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

**Matt. 18:16**, “But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’

**Matt. 18:17**, “And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

**Matt. 18:18**, “ ‘Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

**Matt. 18:19**, “ ‘Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

**Matt. 18:20**, “ ‘For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.’ ”

**Not a “church discipline” situation, but the principle of having someone else be involved is present in Matt. 18.**



**Gal. 6:1, “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.**

**Gal. 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”**

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genuine**

**σύζυγος *suzugos*  
masc sing voc  
fellow-worker**

**Rev. 3:5, “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”**

**Rev. 13:8, “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”**

**Rev. 17:8, “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”**

# Paul in Spain

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**Rom. 15:23, “But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you,**

**Rom. 15:24, “whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.”**

**What is the evidence? Clement of Rome (fl. c. 96)**

**Clement of Rome (Κλήμης, Klēmēs). Early church father and second, third, or fourth bishop of Rome (Jerome, *Lives of Illustrious Men*, 15). The letter of 1 Clement is attributed to him. He could potentially be identified with Clement, a Philippian Christian and associate of Paul (e.g., Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History*)**

**Early church fathers made this claim. It is doubtful, but is used as a secondary suggestion that if the Clement in Php. 4 is Clement of Rome, then in 1 Clement the statement would be known from personal knowledge.**

**In any case, it seems unlikely as Clement was a popular name. And the connection is unnecessary.**

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**1 Clement 5:5–7 Because of jealousy and dissension Paul pointed out the way to the reward of endurance: 6 Seven times he was put in chains; he was banished, stoned; 5 he became a herald in the East and in the West and received the noble renown of his faith. 7 He taught righteousness to the whole world, and after reaching the confines of the West, 6 and having given testimony before rulers, passed from the world and was taken up to the Holy Place, having become the outstanding model**



## **What is the evidence? The Muratorian Fragment**

**Muratorian Canon. The oldest extant list of NT writings, discovered by L. A. \*Muratori in an 8th cent. \*Ambrosiana MS (J. 101 sup.). It is generally held to date from the (later) 2nd cent., because \*Pius I, \*Hermas, \*Marcion, \*Basilides, and \*Montanus are mentioned as contemporaries of the author, though it has been argued that it dates from the 4th cent. The list comprises 85 lines ...**

**Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church**

**What is the evidence?**

**Numerous eastern church fathers:**

**Chrysostom – the Archbishop of Constantinople also wrote of St. Paul. “For after he (Paul) had been in Rome, he returned to Spain ...”**

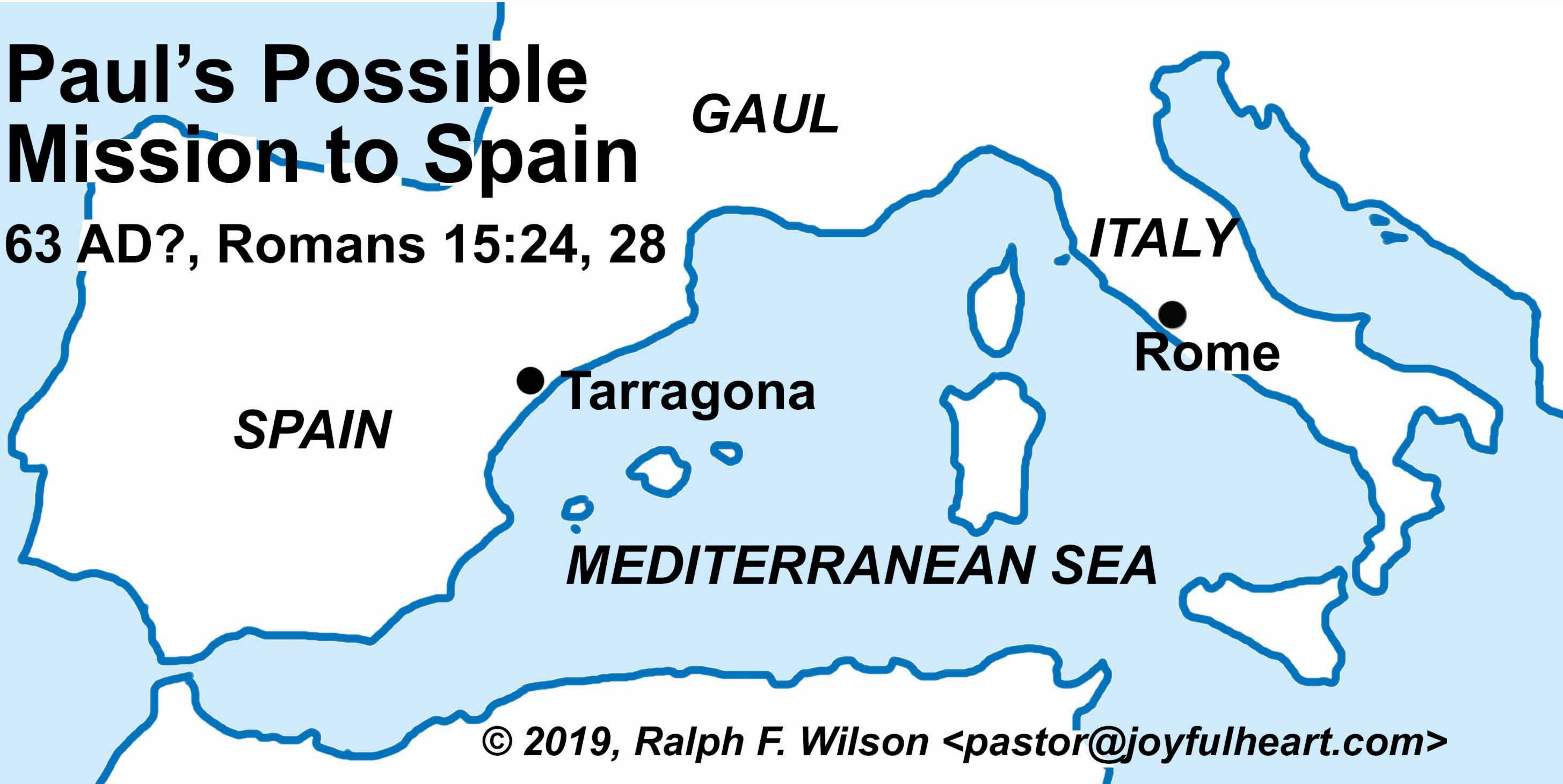
**Jerome states in a very matter-of-fact tone, as if it were common knowledge, that St. Paul had indeed visited Spain. “St. Paul having been in Spain, went from one ocean to another.”**

**Numerous very old traditions exist in N. Spain around modern Barcelona.**

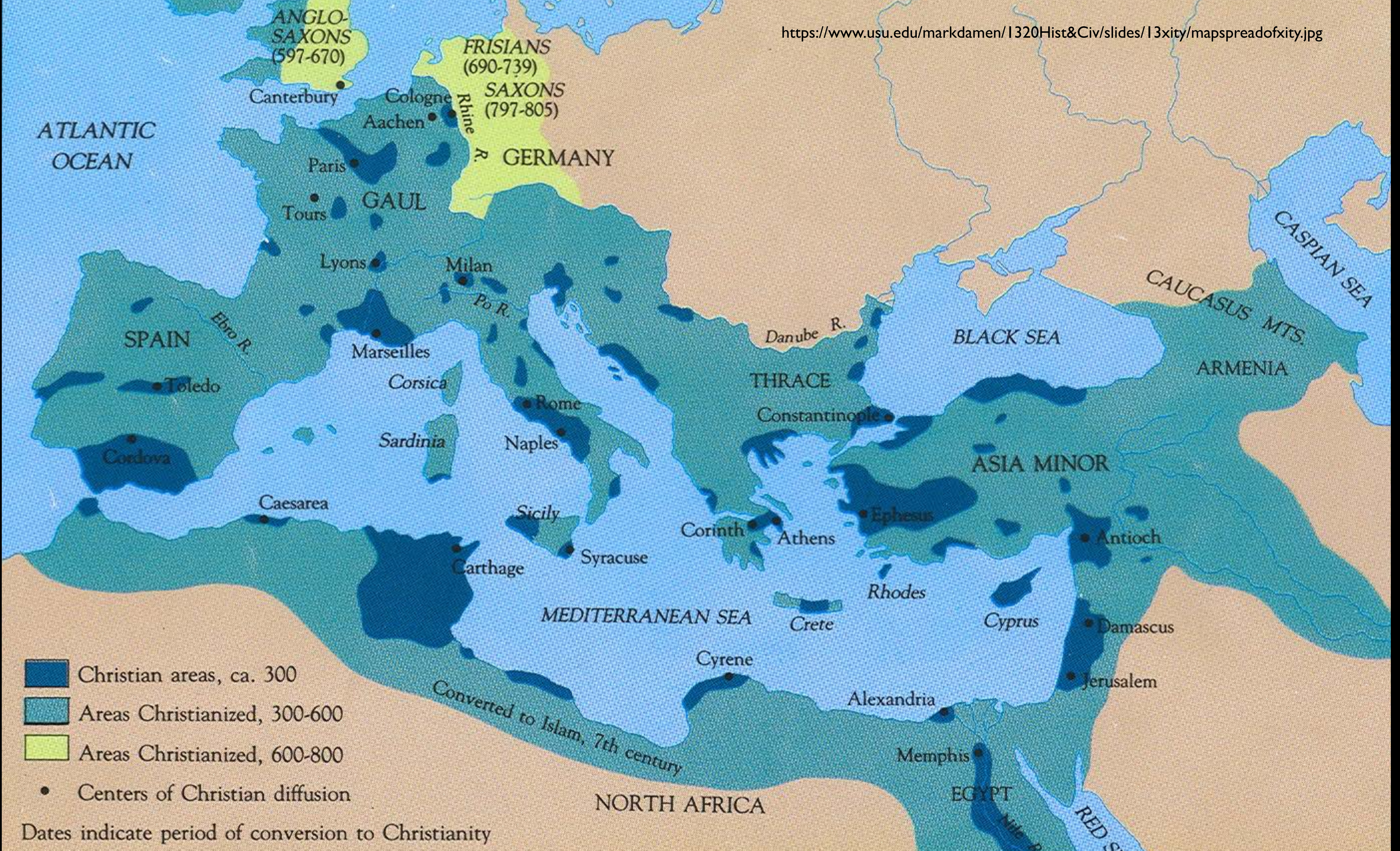
**Also in ancient Baetica, modern Analusia in the ancient Roman colonies of Itallica and Ecija.**

# Paul's Possible Mission to Spain

63 AD?, Romans 15:24, 28







- Christian areas, ca. 300
- Areas Christianized, 300-600
- Areas Christianized, 600-800
- Centers of Christian diffusion

Dates indicate period of conversion to Christianity



GALLAECIA

ASTURA

CANTABRIA

BASCONIA

SEPTIMANIA

TARRACONENSIS

LUSITANIA

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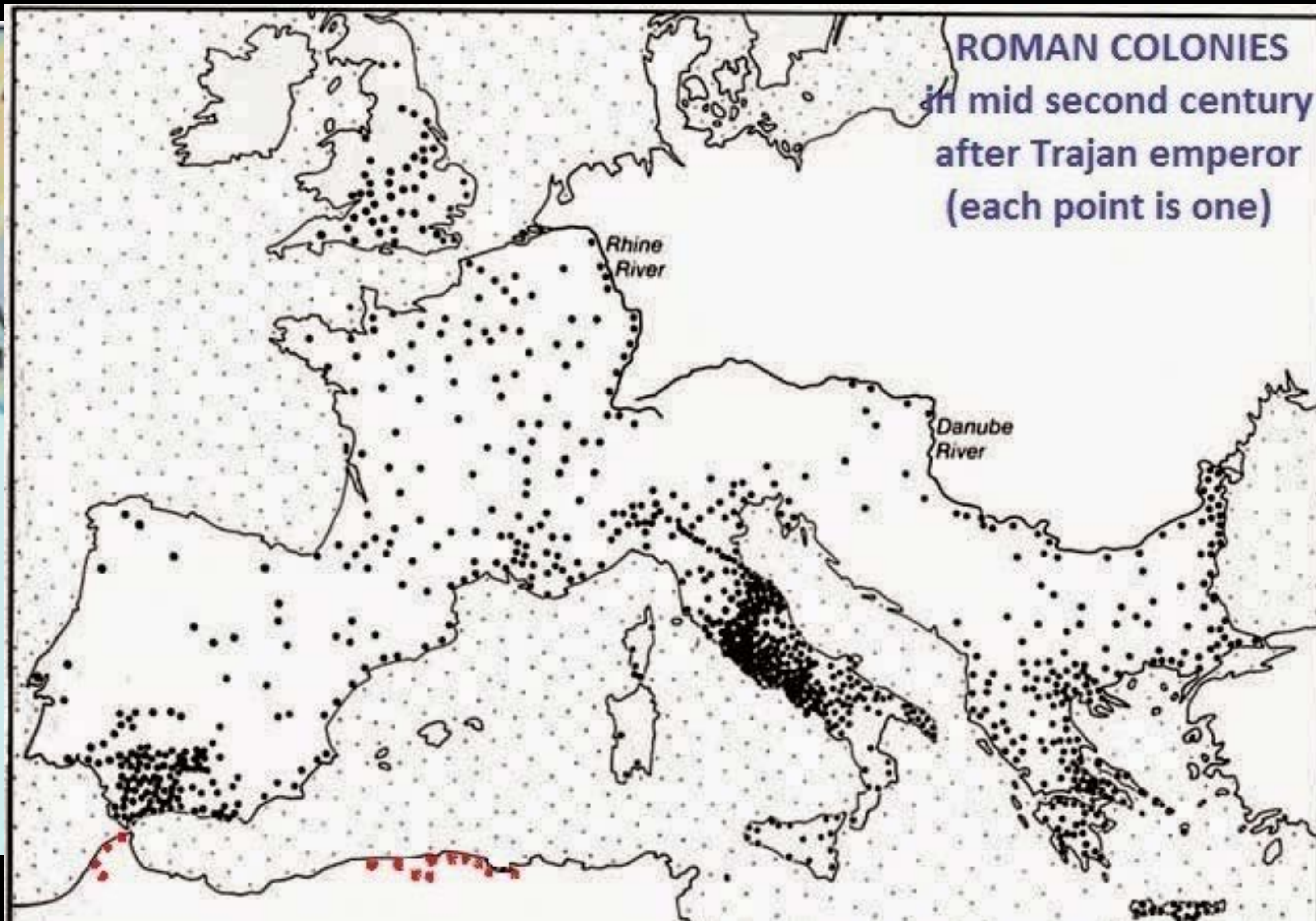
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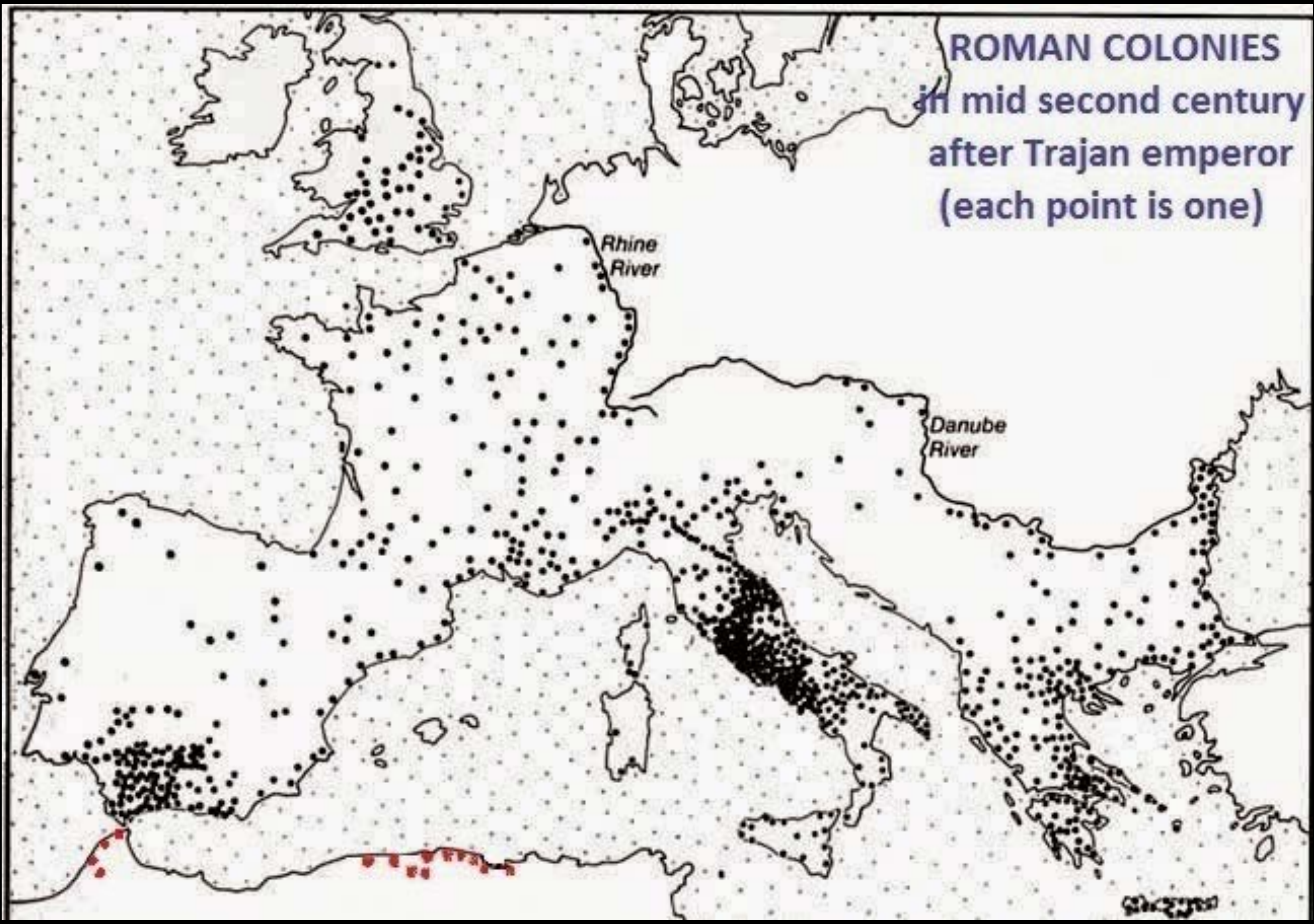
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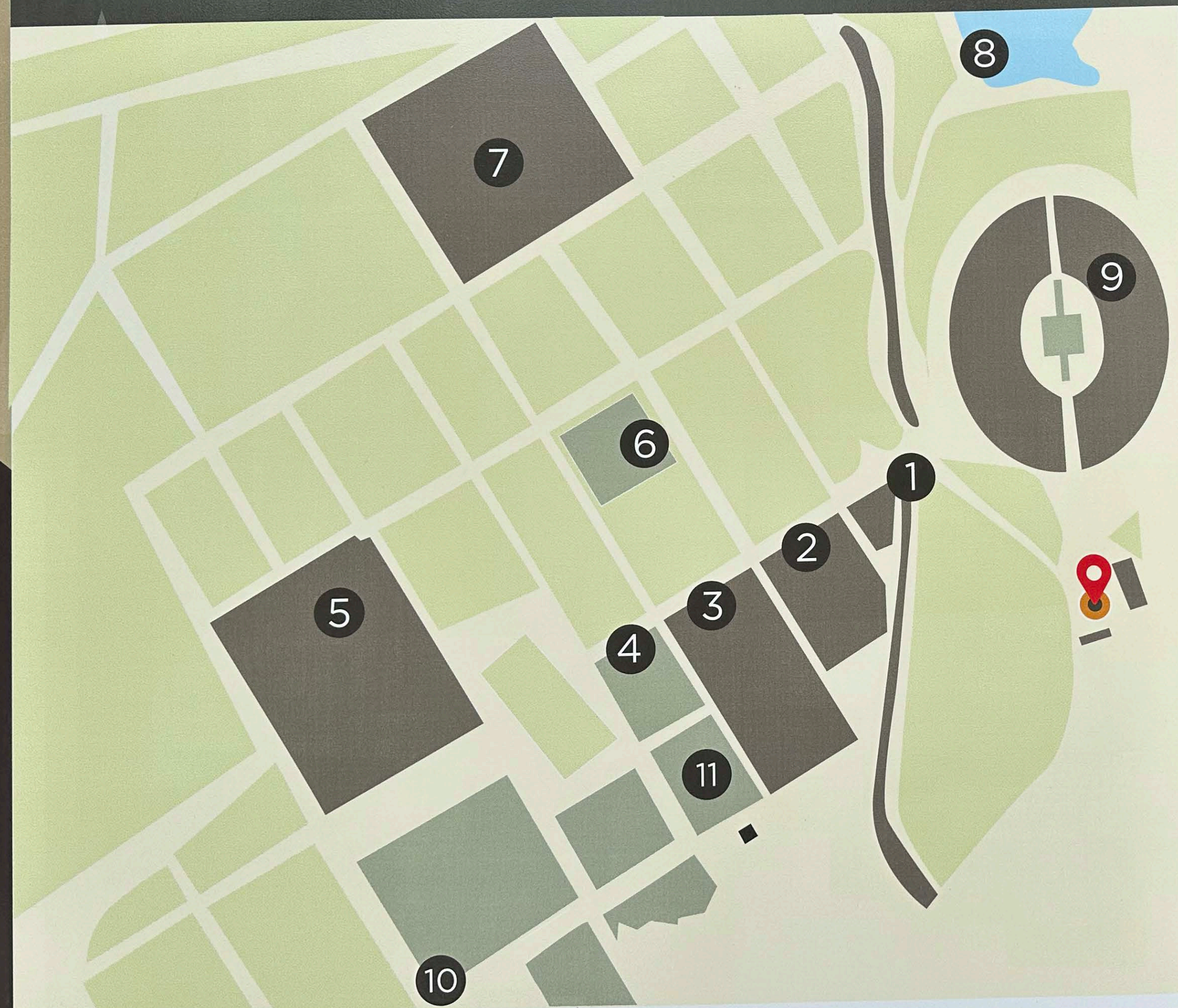
**ROMAN COLONIES**  
in mid second century  
after Trajan emperor  
(each point is one)



# ITALICA

CONJUNTO ARQUEOLÓGICO

## PLANO DE SITUACIÓN / MAP



1. MURALLAS
2. EDIFICIO DE LA EXEDRA
3. EDIFICIO DE NEPTUNO
4. CASA DE LOS PÁJAROS
5. TRAIANEUM
6. CASA DEL PLANETARIO
7. TERMAS MAYORES
8. LAGO
9. ANFITEATRO
10. CAÑADA HONDA
11. CASA PATIO RODIO



Itálica fue la primera ciudad romana fundada en Hispania, en el año 206 a.C., cuando Publio Cornelio Escipión derrotó a los cartagineses en la Batalla de Ilipa y estableció un campamento romano justo al asentamiento turdetano existente, en la zona de el



Italica was the first Roman city founded in Hispania, in the year 206 BC, when Publius Cornelius Scipio defeated the Carthaginians at the Battle of Ilipa and established a detachment of legionaries next to the existing Turdetan settlement, in the area of the current Santiponce. In the









# Ecija





**Did Paul go to Spain?**

**This is very possible, but not demonstrable beyond a shadow of a doubt.**