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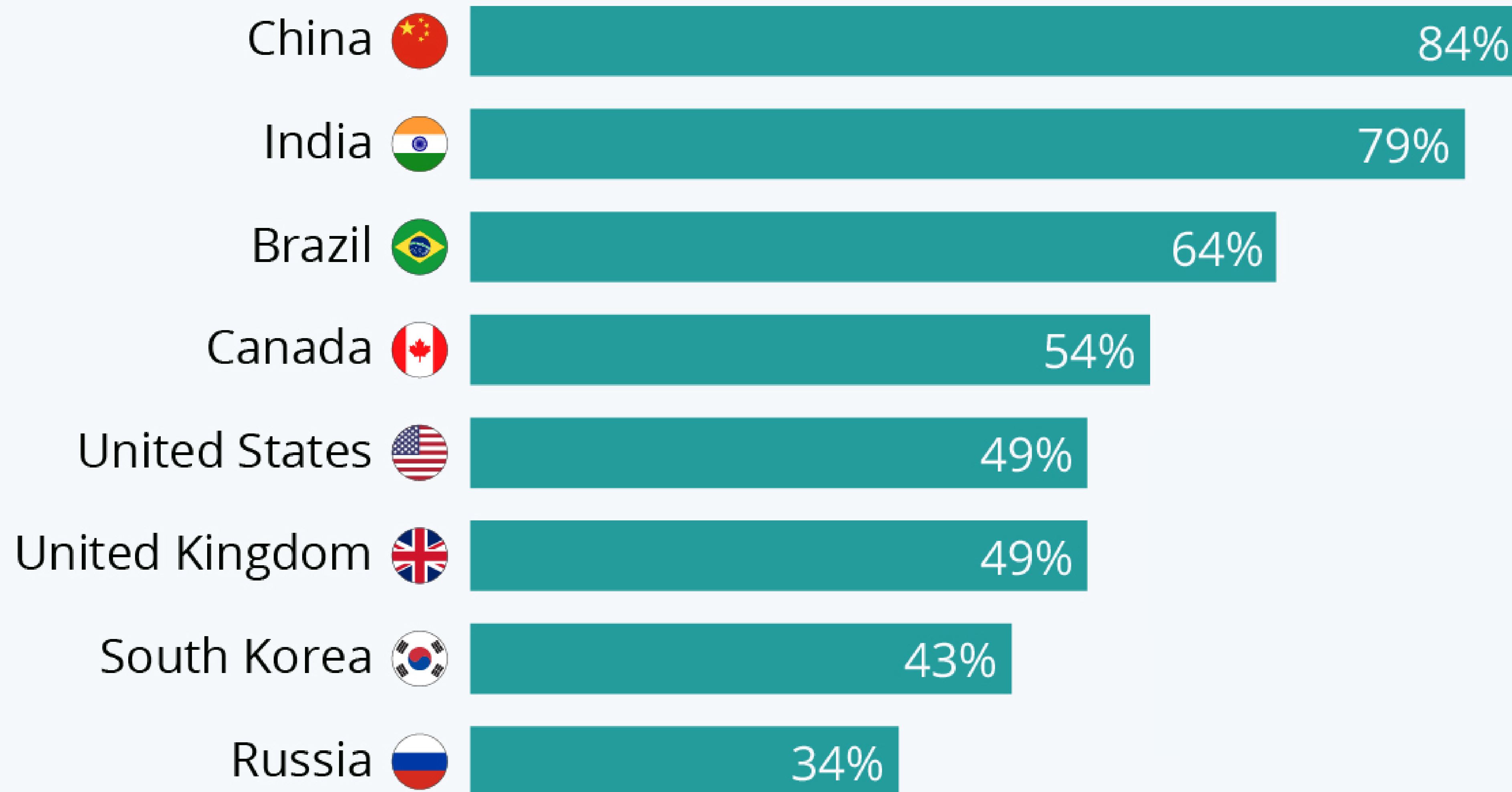
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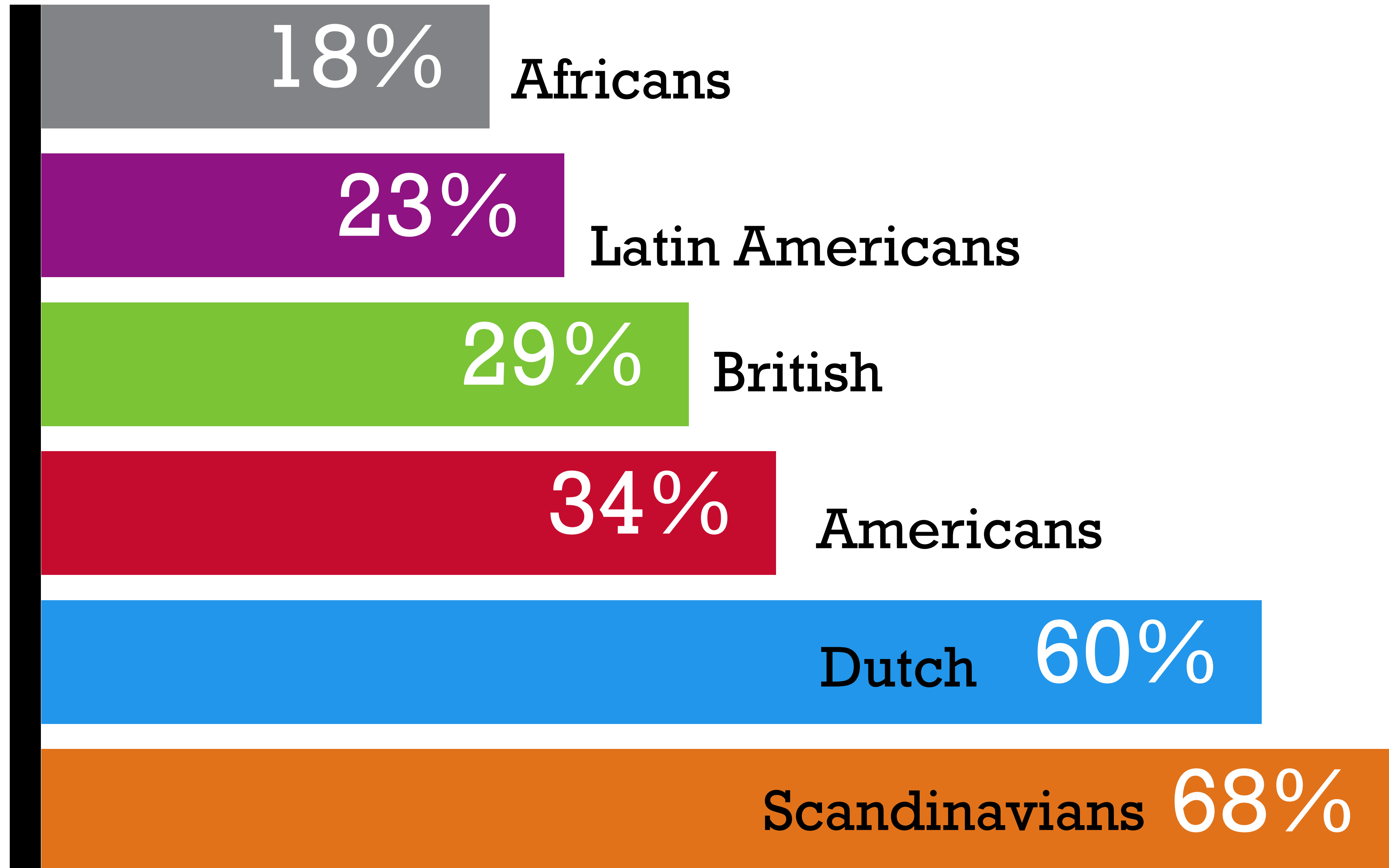


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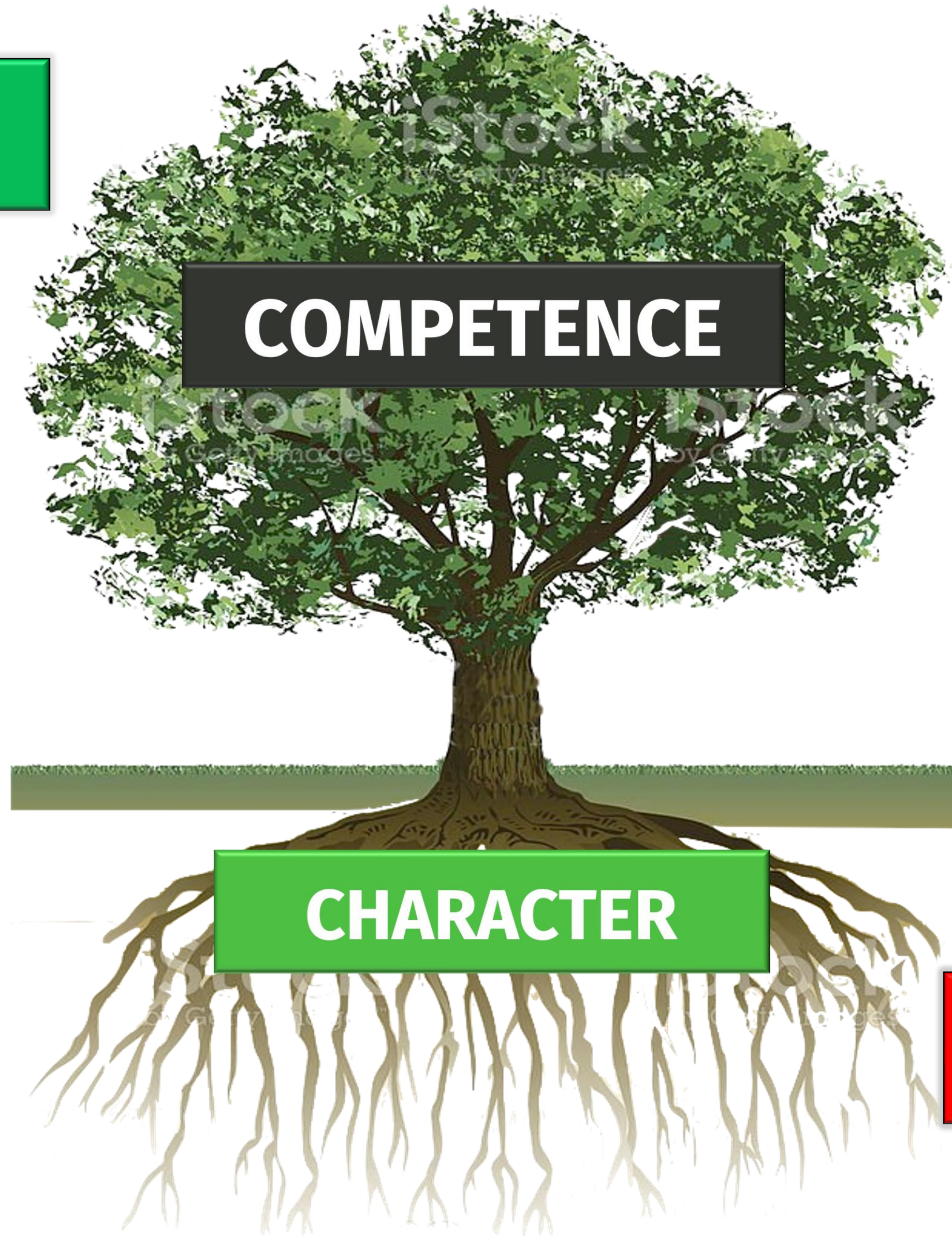
People Who Trust Other People

David Halper, British Sociologist (2006)



What is Trust?

Confidence



Doubt

Harvard Business Review

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Rethinking Trust

FOR THE PAST TWO DECADES, trust has been touted as the all-powerful lubricant that keeps the economic wheels turning and greases the right connections – all to our collective benefit. Popular business books proclaim the power and virtue of trust. Academics have enthusiastically piled up study after study showing the varied benefits of trust, especially when it is based on a clear track record, credible expertise, and prominence in the right networks.

Then along came Bernie. There was “something about this person, pedigree, and reputation that inspired trust,” mused one broker taken in by Bernard Madoff, who confessed to a \$65 billion Ponzi scheme – one of the largest and most successful in history. On the surface, Madoff possessed all the bona fides – the record, the résumé, the expertise, and the social connections. But the fact that so many people, including some sophisticated financial experts and business leaders, were lulled into a false sense of security when dealing with Madoff should give us pause. Why are we so prone to trusting?

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Let's begin by looking at why we are so prone to trust.

To Trust Is Human

It all starts with the brain. Thanks to our large brains, humans are born physically premature and highly dependent on caretakers. Because of this need, we enter the world “hardwired” to make social connections. The evidence is impressive: Within *one hour* of birth, a human infant will draw her head back to look into the eyes and face of the person gazing at her. Within a few more hours, the infant will orient her head in the direction of her mother’s voice. And, unbelievable as it may seem, it’s only a matter of hours before the infant can actually mimic a caretaker’s expressions. A baby’s mother, in turn, responds and mimics her child’s expression and emotions within seconds.

In short, we’re social beings from the get-go: We’re born to be engaged and to engage others, which is what trust is

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this comes from a study by researcher Lisa DeBruine. She developed a clever technique for creating an image of another person that could be morphed to look more and more (or less and less) like a study participant’s face. The greater the similarity, DeBruine found, the more the participant trusted the person in the image. This tendency to trust people who resemble us may be rooted in the possibility that such people might be related to us. Other studies have shown that we like and trust people who are members of our own social group more than we like outsiders or strangers. This in-group effect is so powerful that even random assignment into small groups is sufficient to create a sense of solidarity.

As psychologist Dacher Keltner and others have shown, physical touch also has a strong connection to the experience of trust. In one experiment involving a game widely used to study decisions to trust, an experimenter made it a point, while

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not entirely irrational that we have a bias toward trust.

But Our Judgment Is Sometimes Poor

If it's human to trust, people it's just as human to err. Indeed, a lot of research confirms this. Our exquisitely adapted, cue-driven brains may help us form trust connections in the first place, but they also make us vulnerable to exploitation. In particular, our tendency to judge trustworthiness on the basis of physical similarities and other surface cues can prove disastrous when combined with the way we process information.

One tendency that skews our judgment is our proclivity to see what we want to see. Psychologists call this the

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confirmation bias. Because of it we pay more attention to, and overweight in importance, evidence supporting our hypotheses about the world, while downplaying or discounting discrepancies or evidence to the contrary. In one laboratory game I conducted, individuals who were primed to expect a possible abuse of trust looked more carefully for signs of untrustworthy behavior from prospective partners. In contrast, those primed with more positive social expectations paid more attention to evidence of others' trustworthiness. Most important, individuals' subsequent decisions about how much to trust the prospective partners were swayed by those expectations.

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*if
you
confuse
you lose*



Deuteronomy 8:18 NLT

*“Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you **power to be successful**, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.”*



HOW WE CAN “**TRUST**” GOD FOR OUR SUCCESS

*Let's explore these 3 **AREAS***

#1 : THE LORD IS **PREPARING** YOU FOR SUCCESS

Deuteronomy 8:16 ESV

*who **fed** you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might **humble you** and **test you**, to **do you good in the end.***





**Before anything
else, preparation is
the key to success.**

Alexander Graham Bell



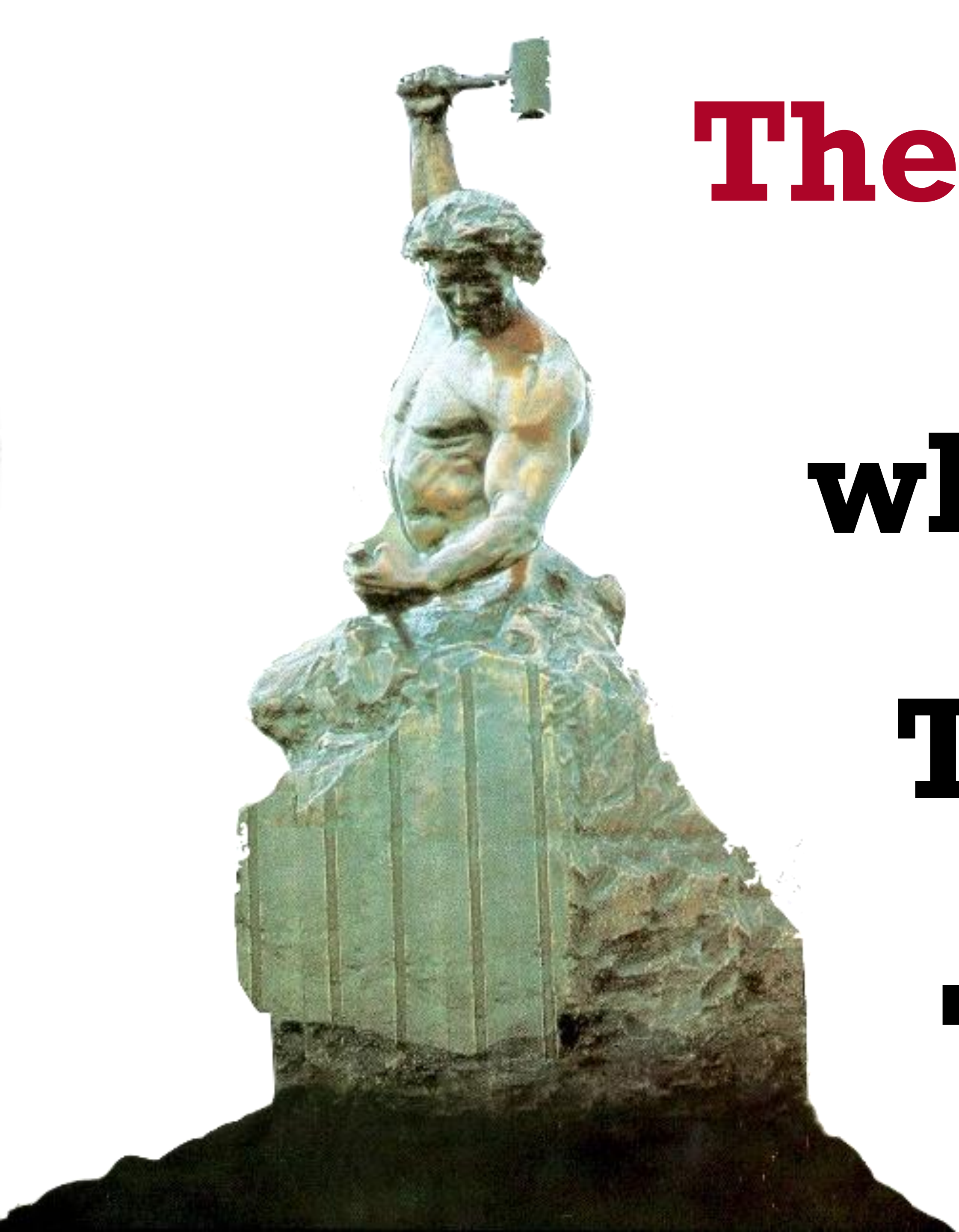
Deuteronomy 8:15-16 ESV

¹⁵ who *led* you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who *brought you water* out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who *fed you* in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might *humble* you and *test* you, to *do you good* in the *end*.



Deuteronomy 8:17 ESV

¹⁷ ***Beware*** lest you ***say in your heart***, ‘***My power*** and the ***might of my hand*** have gotten me ***this wealth.***’



The Self-Made Man

Hmm...

**where did he get
the stone?**

The hammer?

The chisel?

The artistry?



We have the kind of self-made-man myth, which says that super-successful people did it themselves.

— *Malcolm Gladwell* —



Deuteronomy 8:5-6 ESV

⁵ Know then in your *heart* that, as a man *disciplines his son*, the Lord your *God disciplines you*. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by *walking in his ways* and by *fearing him*. ⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a *good land*, a land of *brooks of water*, of *fountains* and *springs*, flowing out in the valleys and hills,



Hebrews 12:11 **ESV**

¹¹ For the moment all discipline *seems painful* rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful *fruit of righteousness* to those who have been trained by it.

#2 : THE LORD IS GIVING YOU **POWER** FOR SUCCESS

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1 Corinthians 1:31 ESV

³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who *boasts*,
boast in the Lord.”



Daniel 4:30 **ESV**

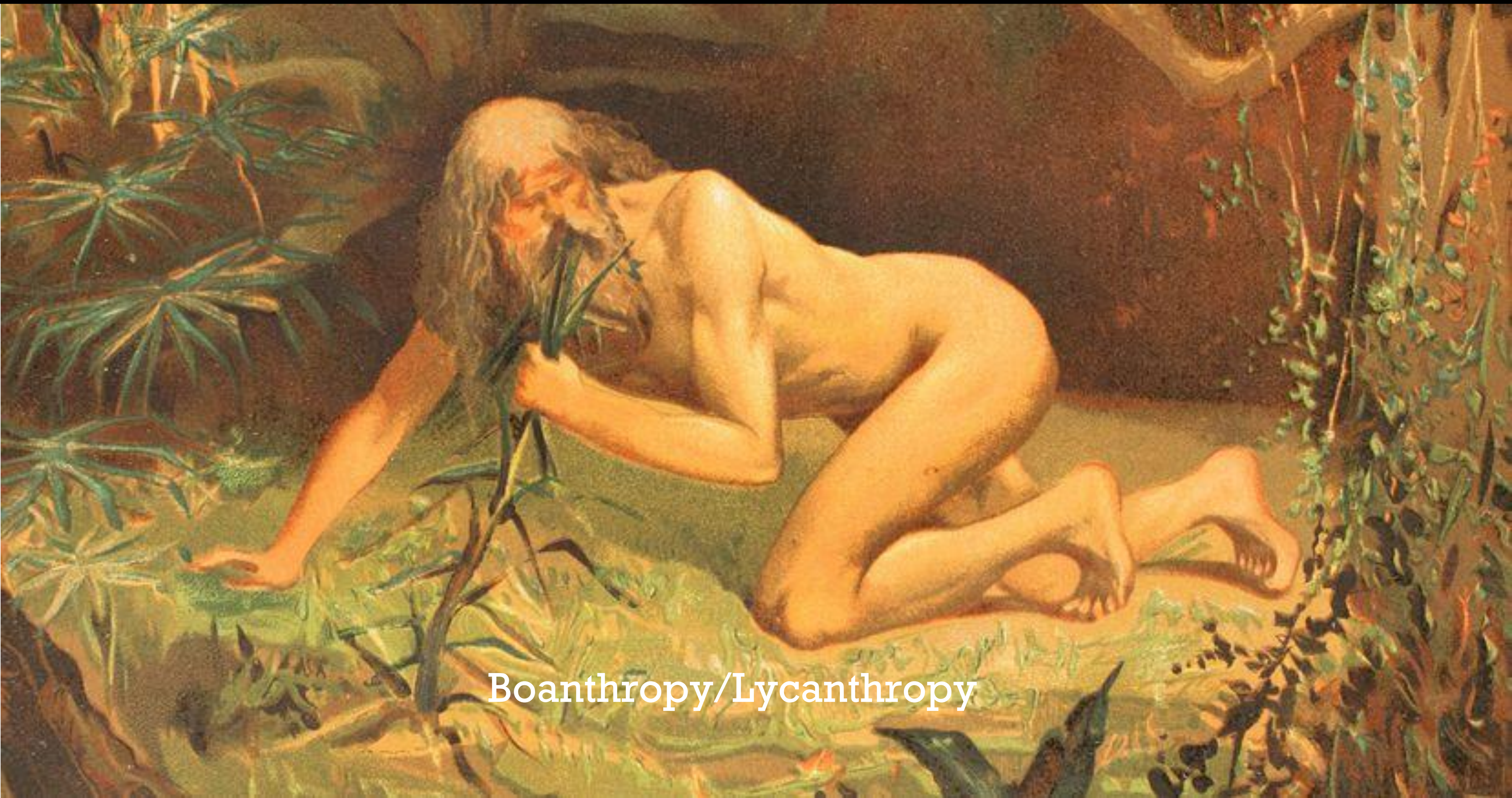
³⁰ and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?”




Daniel 4:33 **ESV**

³³ Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and *ate grass like the ox*. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his *hair grew* like the feathers of an eagle and his *nails like the claws* of a bird.

King Nebuchadnezzar



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Nebuchadnezzar and boanthropy

It should be fairly easy to spot a patient suffering from boanthropy. He or she may well be down on all fours chewing grass. Boanthropy is a psychological disorder in which the sufferer believes he or she is a cow or ox.


The most famous sufferer of this condition was King Nebuchadnezzar, who in the Book of Daniel “was driven from men and did eat grass as oxen”. Nebuchadnezzar was the king of the Neo-Babylonian Empire from 605BC to 562BC. According to the Bible, he conquered Judah and Jerusalem and sent the Jews into exile. He was also credited with building the Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

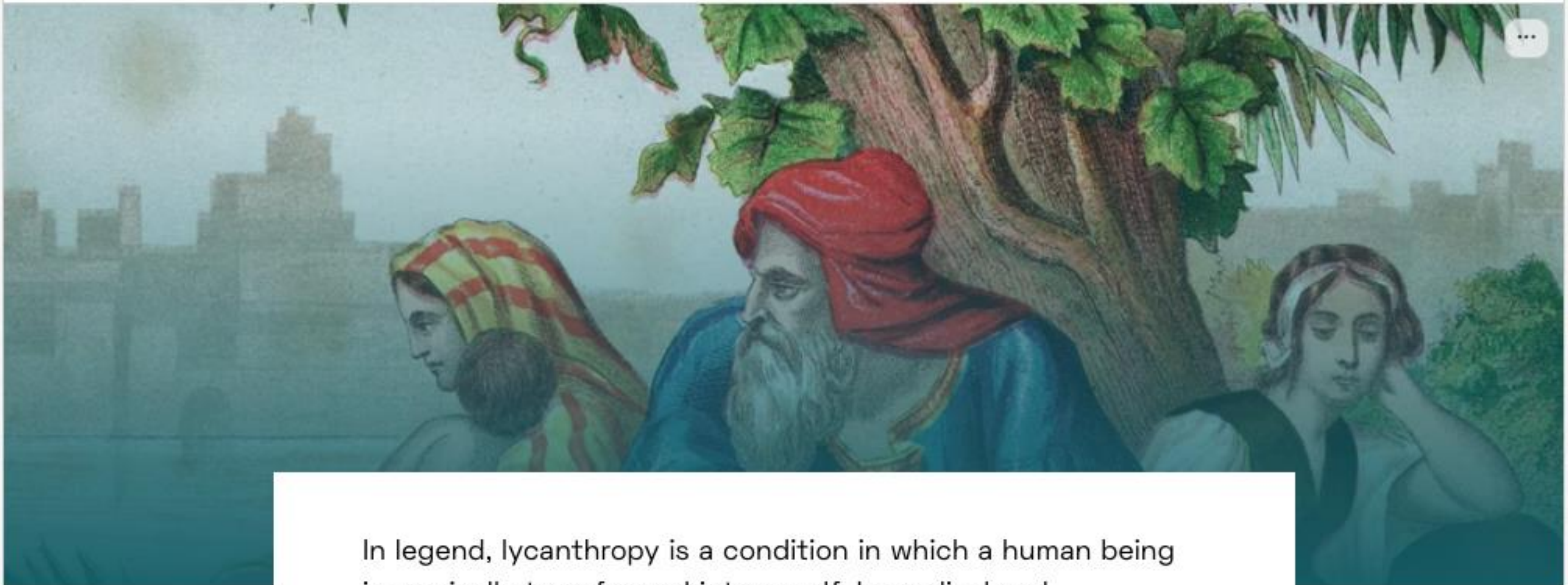
Nebuchadnezzar was humbled by God for boasting about his achievements, lost his

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The Mesopotamian King Who Suffered From Lycanthropy

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In legend, lycanthropy is a condition in which a human being is magically transformed into a wolf. In medical and



Exodus 12:35-36 ESV

³⁵ The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had *asked the Egyptians* for *silver* and gold *jewelry* and for *clothing*. ³⁶ And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they *let them have what they asked*. Thus they *plundered* the Egyptians.

Those who have succeeded
at anything and don't mention
luck are kidding themselves.



Larry King



Deuteronomy 8:7-10 ESV

⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a *good land*, a land of *brooks of water*, of *fountains* and *springs*, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of *wheat* and *barley*, of *vines* and *fig trees* and *pomegranates*, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread *without scarcity*, in which you will *lack nothing*, a land whose stones are *iron*, and out of whose hills you can dig *copper*. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you *shall bless the Lord* your God for the *good land he has given you*.

#3 :
THE LORD IS
PRESERVING
YOUR
SUCCESS

Deuteronomy 8:19 ESV

*19 And if you **forget the Lord** your God and **go after other gods** and **serve** them and **worship** them, I solemnly warn you today that **you shall surely perish..***





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¹⁹ And if you *forget* the Lord your God and *go after* other gods and *serve them* and *worship them*, I solemnly warn you today that *you shall surely perish*.



Numbers 14:24,30 NIV

²⁴But because my servant Caleb has a ***different spirit*** and ***follows me wholeheartedly***, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

³⁰ ***Not one of you will enter the land*** I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, ***except Caleb*** son of Jephunneh and ***Joshua*** son of Nun.

**FAITHFULNESS
BEARS FRUITFULNESS**





Acts 20:24 ESV

*²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may **finish my course** and the **ministry** that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*



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