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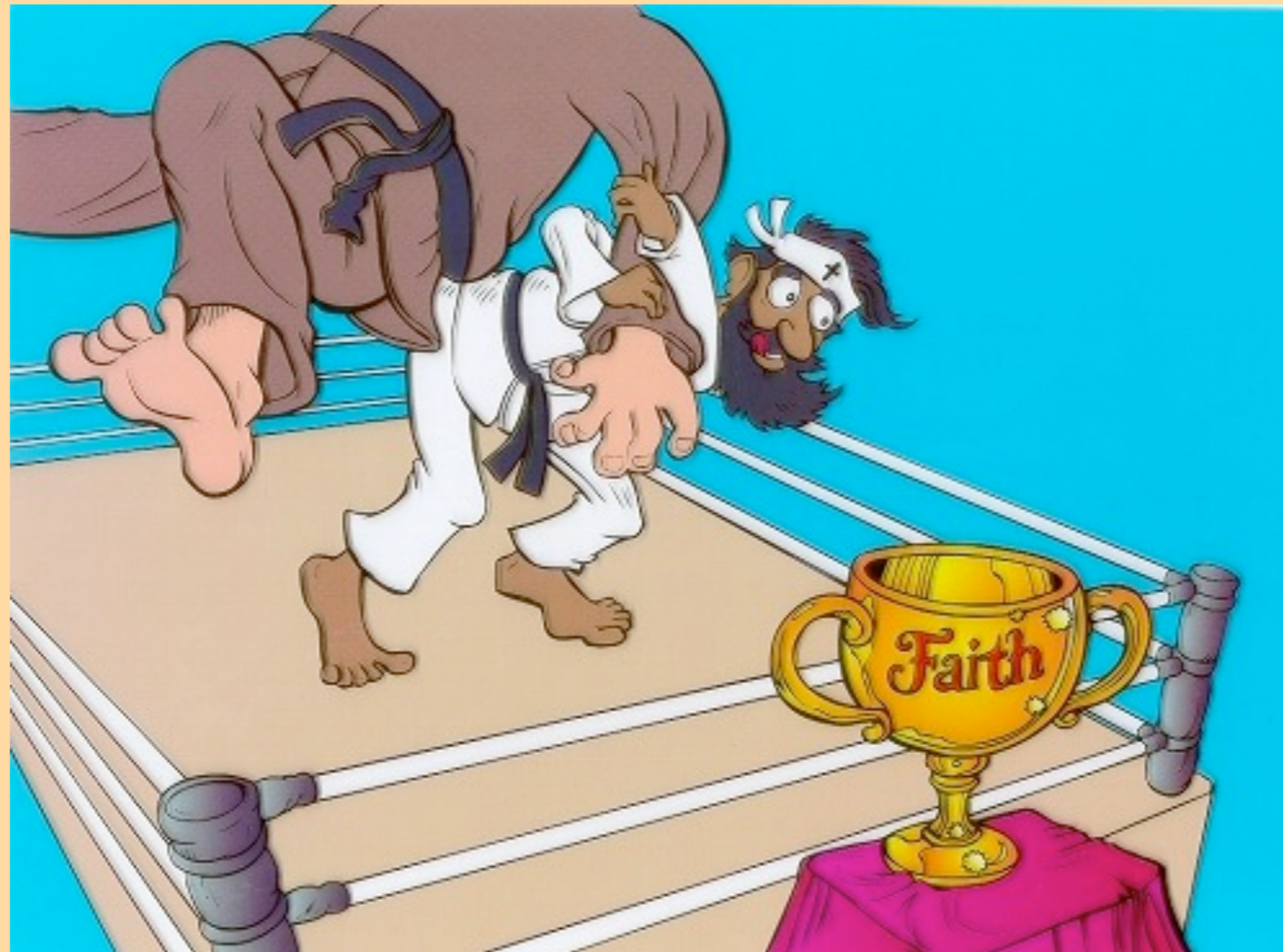
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NOT CULTURALLY ACCEPTABLE**

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**παρακαλέω *parakaléō*;**

**pres act ptcp,**

**“to exhort, to urge, to request, to challenge, to ask, to appeal to, to encourage” thus “to persuade, incite, or urge someone to take a certain course of action.”**

**“to write *for the purpose of challenging you ...*”**

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# **PARAENESIS**

**Definition: a literary or rhetorical style of exhorting someone to a course of action.**

**Paraenesis is accomplished through encouragement and dissuasion.**

**So it has the positive of stating what should be done and why and the negative of showing why the alternative is wrong or does not work.**

# The Basis of Knowledge

|   | <b>SYSTEM</b>      | <b>STARTING POINT</b>   | <b>METHOD</b>  |
|---|--------------------|---|--|
| <b>Autonomous Systems<br/>of Perception</b> | <b>RATIONALISM</b> | Innate ideas<br>Faith in human<br>ability   | Independent use<br>of logic & reason                         |
|   | <b>EMPIRICISM</b>  | Sense perceptions<br>External experience;<br>Scientific method;<br>Faith in human ability | Independent use of<br>logic & reason                         |
|   | <b>MYSTICISM</b>   | Inner, private<br>experience; Intuition<br>Faith in human ability                         | Independent,<br>nonlogical,<br>nonrational,<br>nonverifiable |
| <b>Divine<br/>Viewpoint</b>                 | <b>REVELATION</b>  | Objective<br>revelation of God  | Dependent use of<br>logic and reason                         |