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**Truth, Goodness, Beauty**

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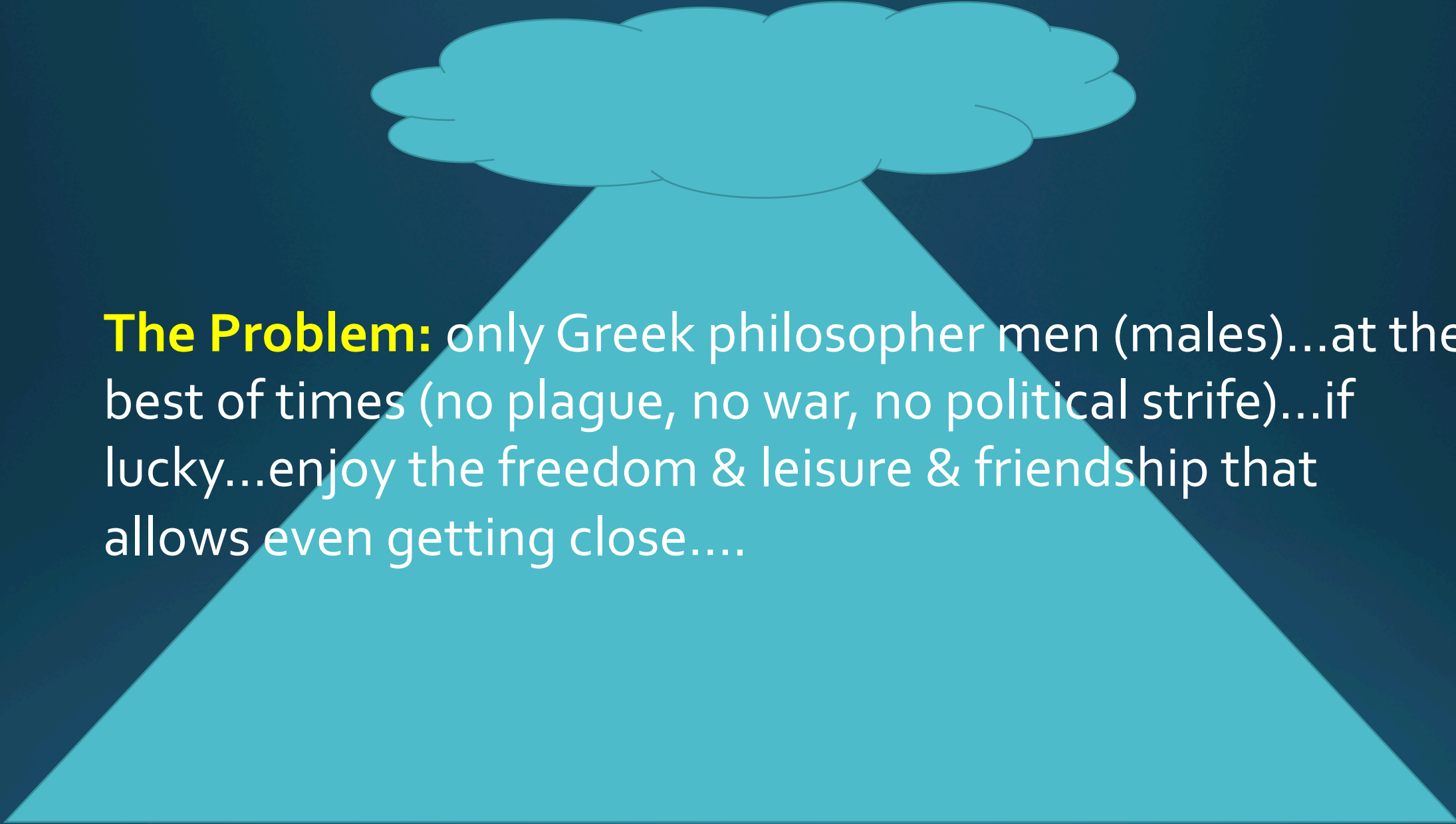
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**The Task of Happiness:** To Become the Kind of Person Who Is Free & Capable of Attaining / Possessing the *summum bonum*...

...and thus becoming objectively happy (“in a state of happiness”) and subjectively most satisfied & delighted.

Therefore, the task is **to become a virtuous man**—a well-ordered & excellent human soul, internally & in one’s circumstances free, with one’s like-souled fellows **to pursue the ultimate truth, beauty, goodness** that is “the divine source.”

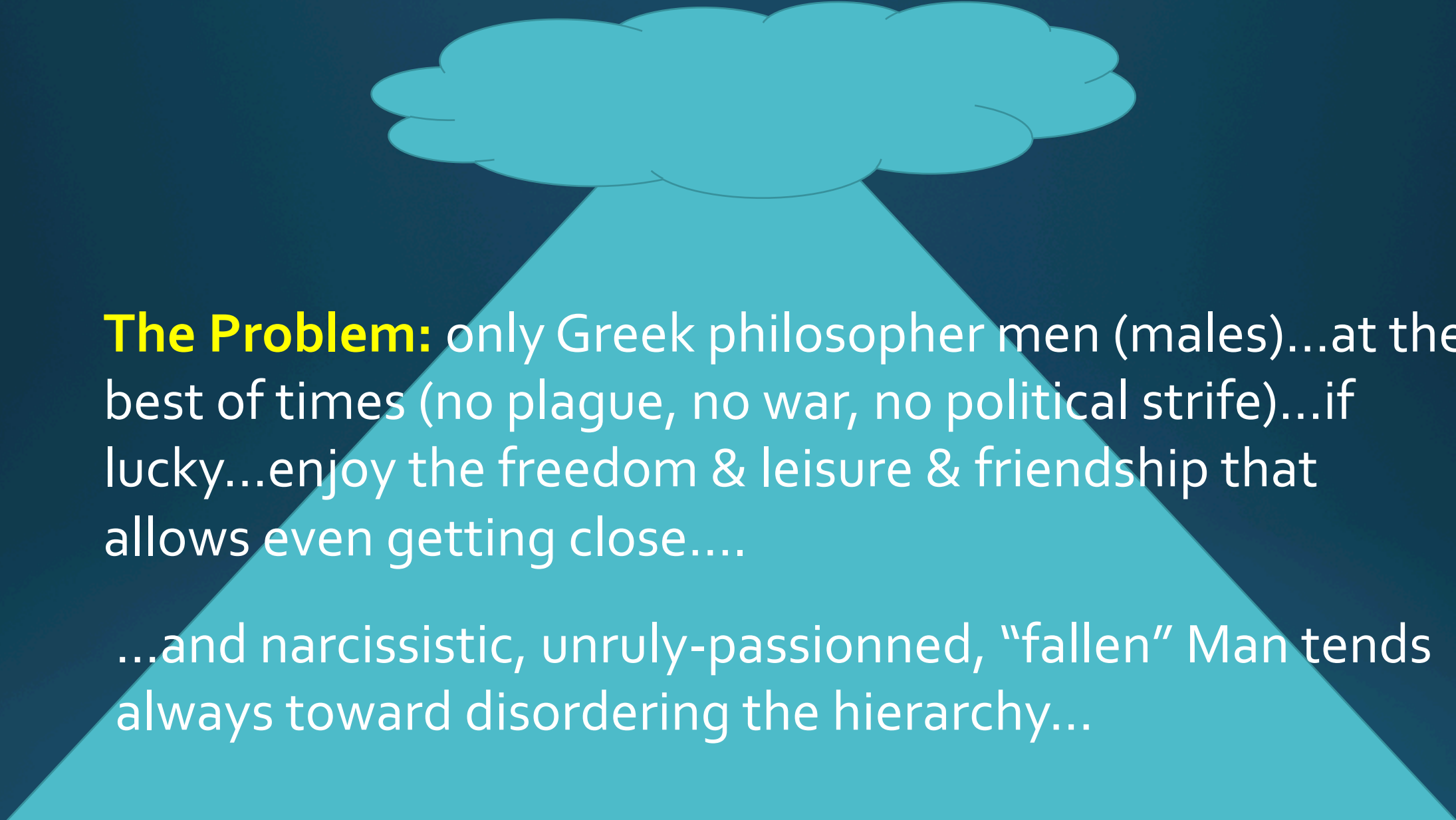


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"Oh wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?"

Capability / power problem

**GOD Father, Son, Holy Spirit**

**“Thanks be  
to God  
through  
Jesus Christ  
our Lord!”**

**Friendship with God Himself!**

A Marvelous Exchange! Marriage with  
the Divine! Communion & Participation  
in the very Life of the Triune Godhead  
thru Self-Gift of Son and Infusion of Spirit  
& His Gifts of Faith, Hope, Charity!

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“Honor the  
Divine”

Truth, Goodness, Beauty

**Friendships of Virtue (excellence)...**

“No covet—right order  
in desire & self-gift”

Peaceful, well-ordered society & all its  
attendant goods, pursuits...

“Do not steal—provide generously”  
“Do not lie—witness to truth”

Propagation of the species:  
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“Do not commit adultery—order sexual  
powers toward just, stable relationships

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“Do not take innocent life  
—provide for life”