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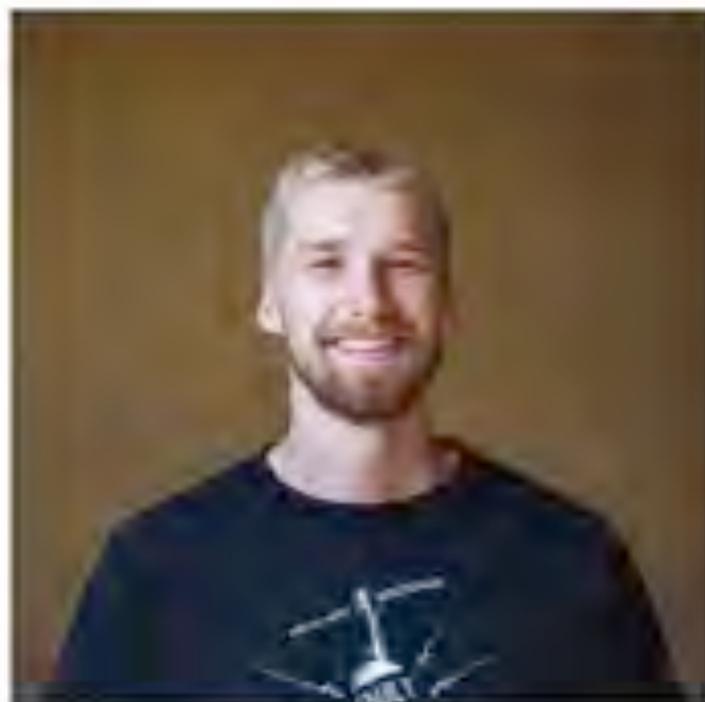
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He is married to Emma and they have a rescue German shepherd...who wrecks stuff a lot. Davis enjoys most forms of competition; compelling stories (written and on-screen), and watching the Green Bay Packers lose — especially in the presence of his Wisconsinite in-laws!



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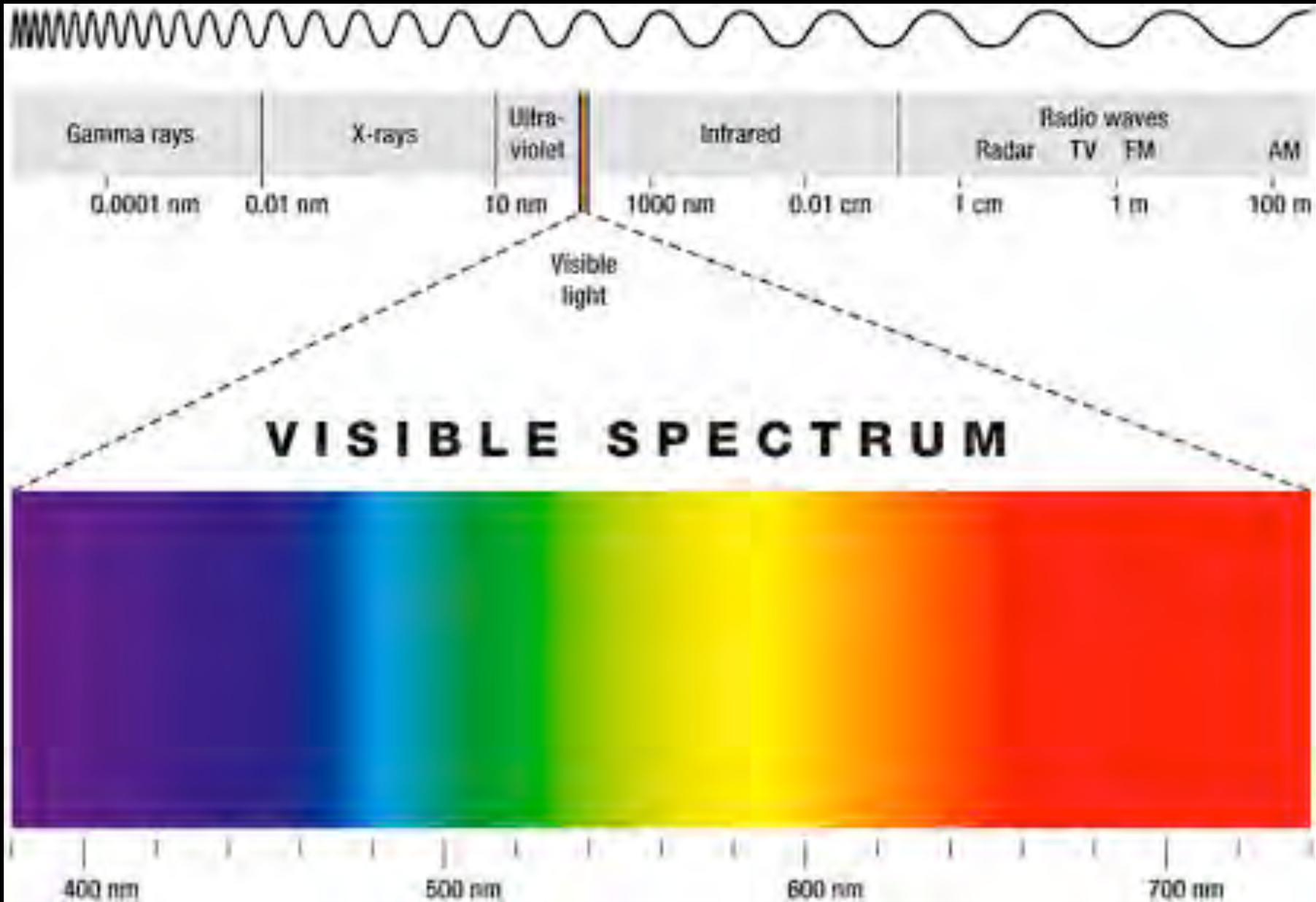
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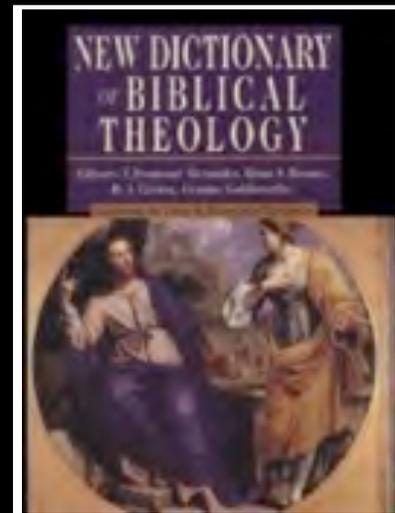
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The vocabulary of 'grace' thus connotes spontaneous kindness and acts of generosity grounded in dispositions of compassion toward those in need... Here there is the fundamental affirmation that the whole of salvation rests on God's initiative, that the single source of salvation is God, and that God's salvific purpose comes to expression in the one event of grace, the redemptive act of Jesus Christ.

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