



A Study In
Colossians

A WORTHY WALK

*And we pray this in order that you may live
a life worthy of the Lord and may please him
in every way; bearing fruit in every good work,
growing in the knowledge of God -Col. 1:10*

So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.
Colossians 1:28,29

I want them to have
complete confidence that
they understand God's
mysterious plan, which is
Christ himself.
Colossians 2:2

In him lie hidden all the
treasures of wisdom and
knowledge.

Colossians 2:3

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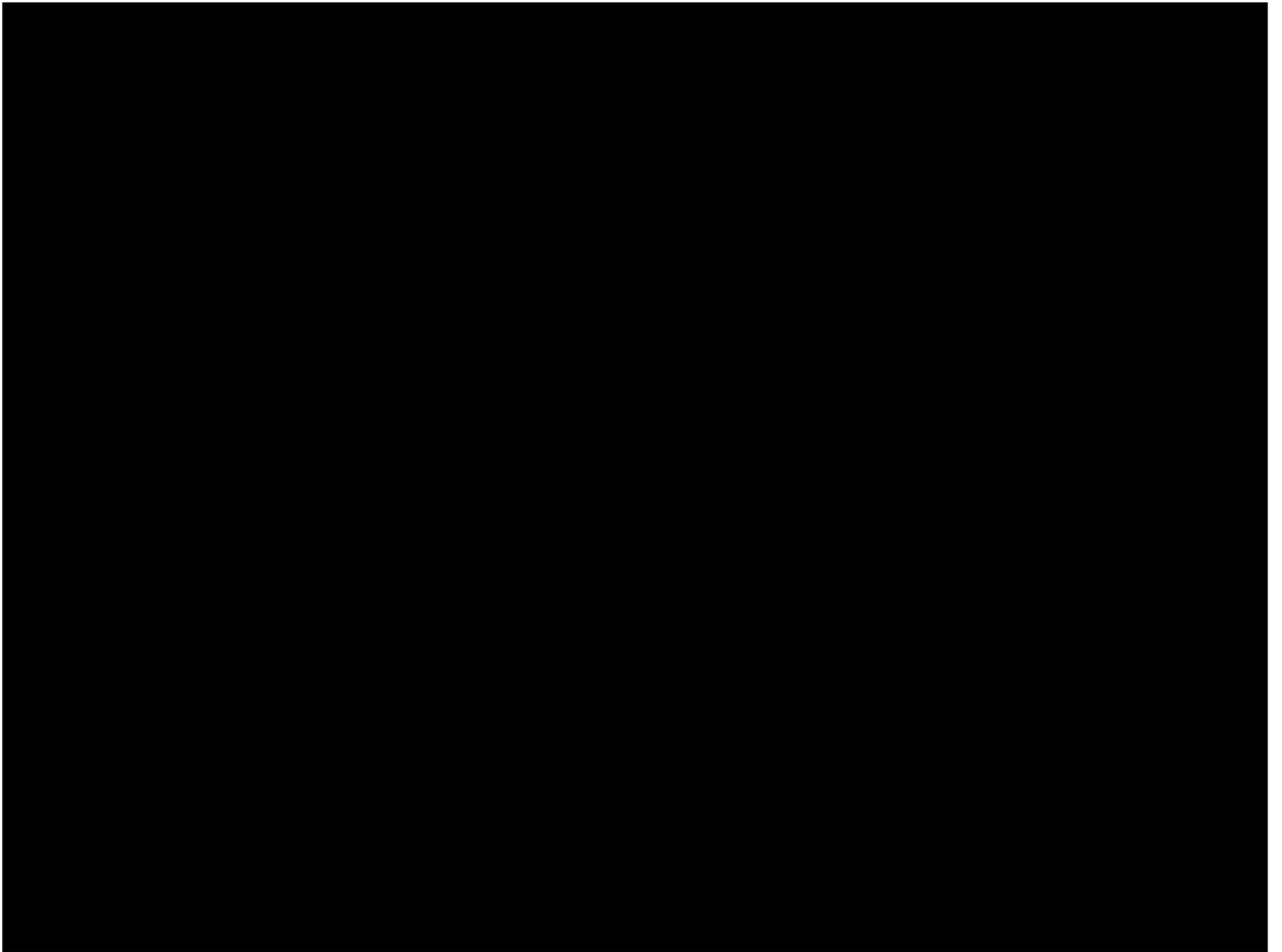
Colossians 2:4

And now, just as you
accepted Christ Jesus as
your Lord, you must
continue to follow him.

Colossians 2:6

Let your roots grow
down into him, and let
your lives be built on
him.

Colossians 2:7a



So just who
does Oprah
believe God is?

If anyone comes to your meeting and does not teach the truth about Christ, don't invite that person into your home or give any kind of encouragement. 11 Anyone who encourages such people becomes a partner in their evil work.

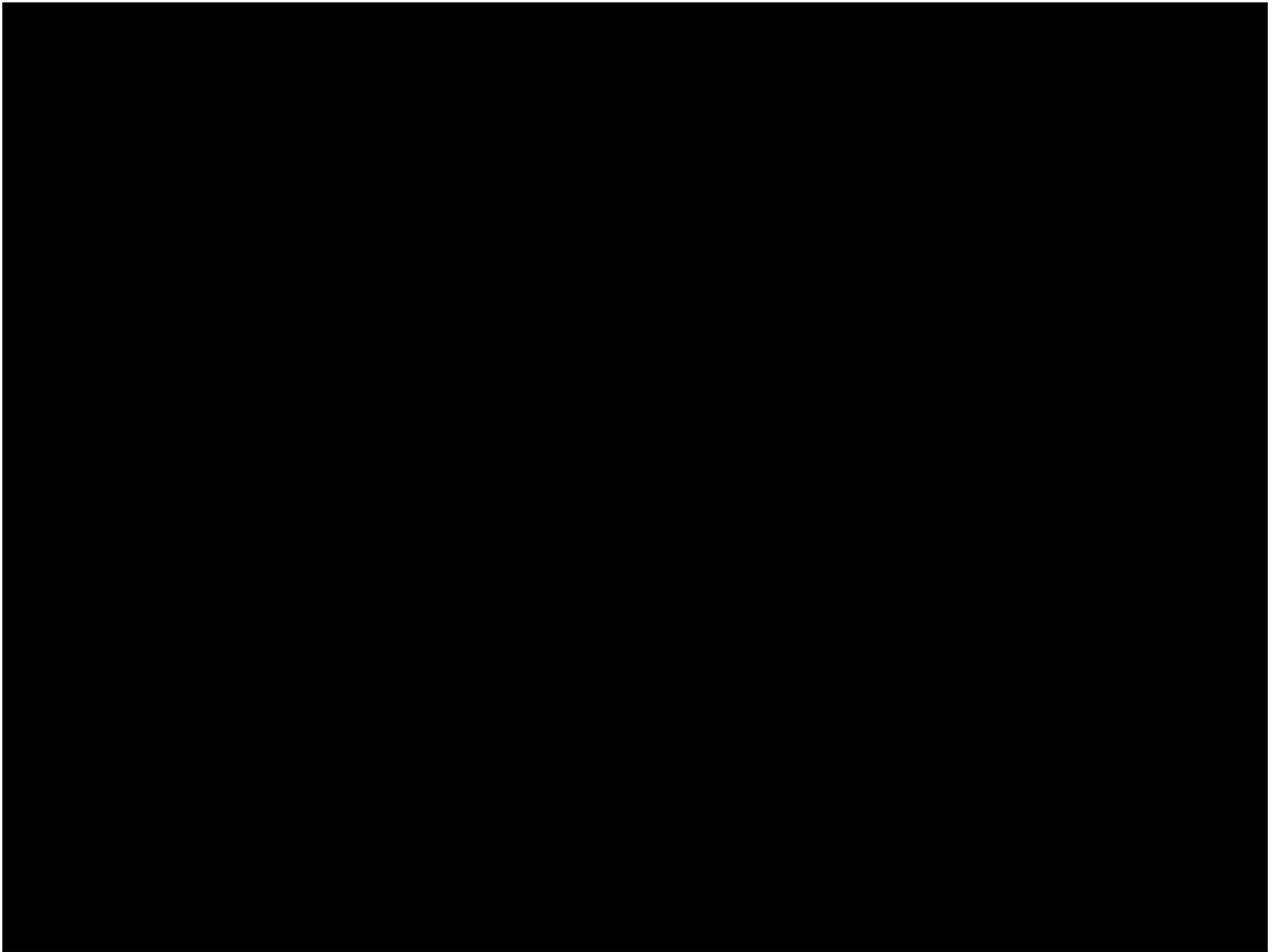
2 John 1:10,11

and I rejoice that you are
living as you should and
that your faith in Christ is
strong. Colossians 2:5



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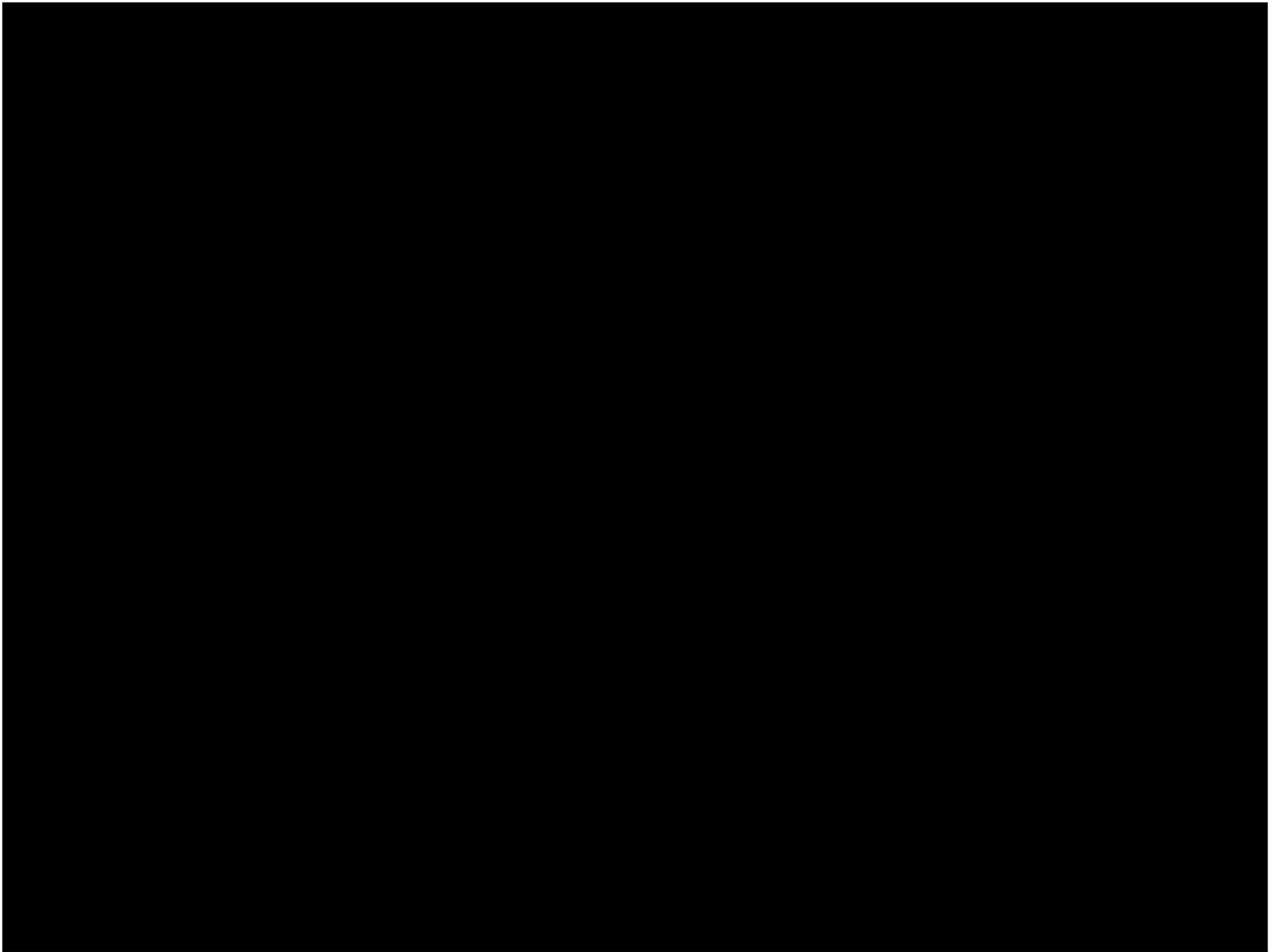
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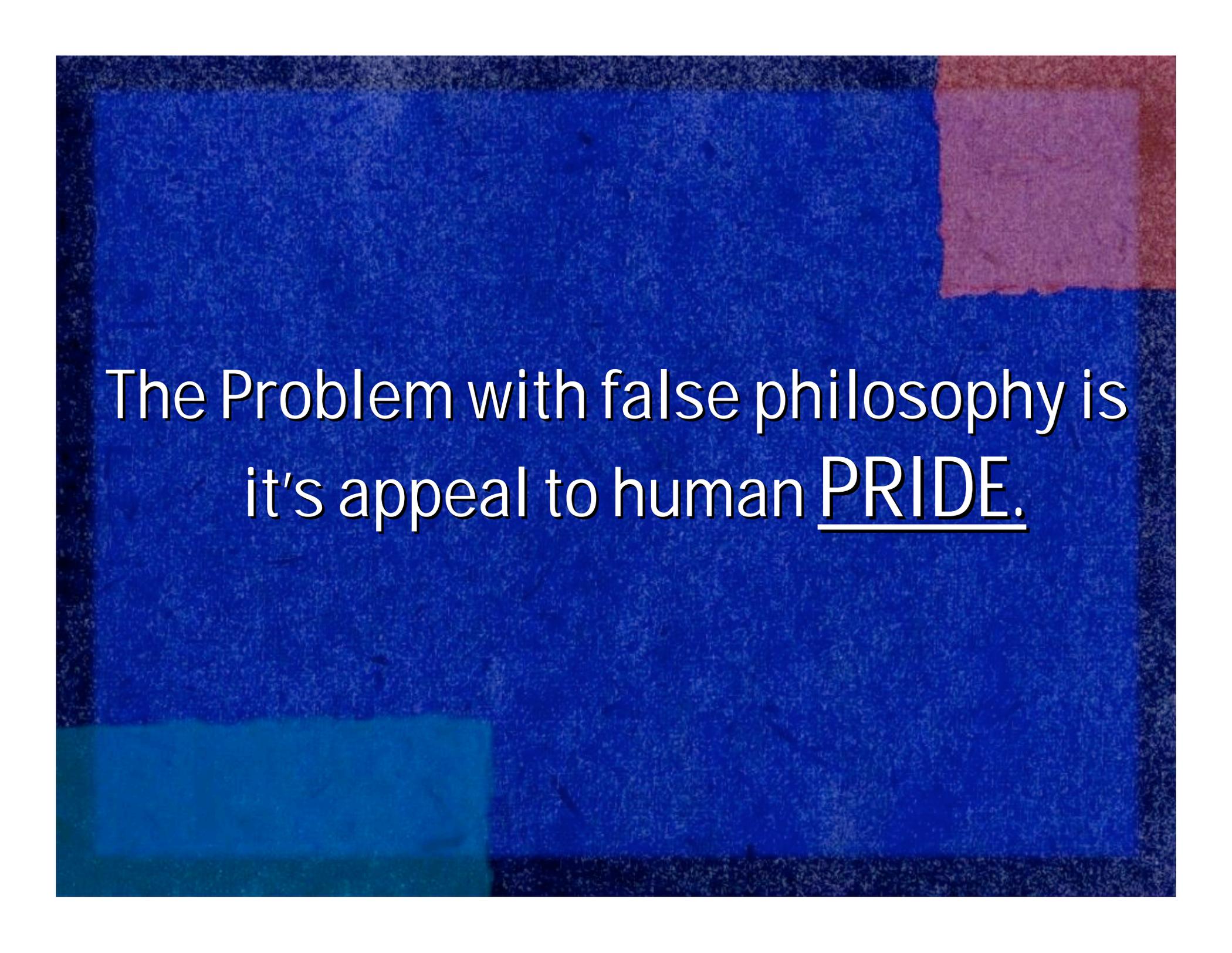
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*A different way
of looking at
Jesus Christ?*

*Prepare to be shocked.
What you are about to see
is a statement that Oprah
Winfrey, who claims to be
a Christian, recently
made to a national
television audience.....*



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The Problem with false philosophy is
it's appeal to human PRIDE.

For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body, and you are complete through your union with Christ. He is the Lord over every ruler and authority in the universe.

Colossians 2:9,10



We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. 2 This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

1 John 1:1-4





REMEMBER JESUS IS OUR WISDOM.

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Threat-Legalistic Righteousness

So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new-moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. For these rules were only shadows of the real thing, Christ himself.

Colossians 2:16,17

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The problem with legalism
is it's appeal to human
Performance

But Paul says: You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross.

Colossians 2:13,14

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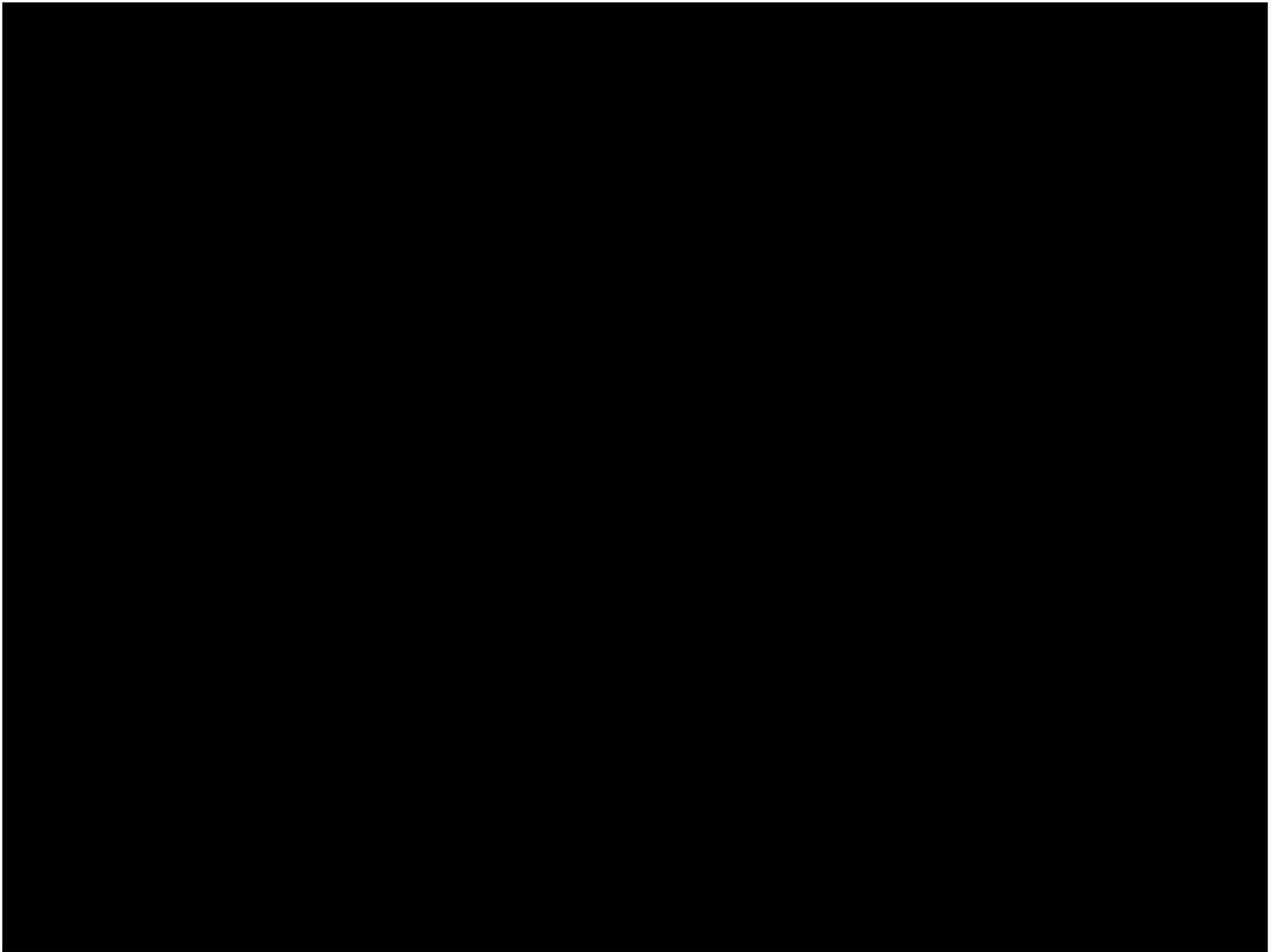
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Threat- MYSTIC Experience

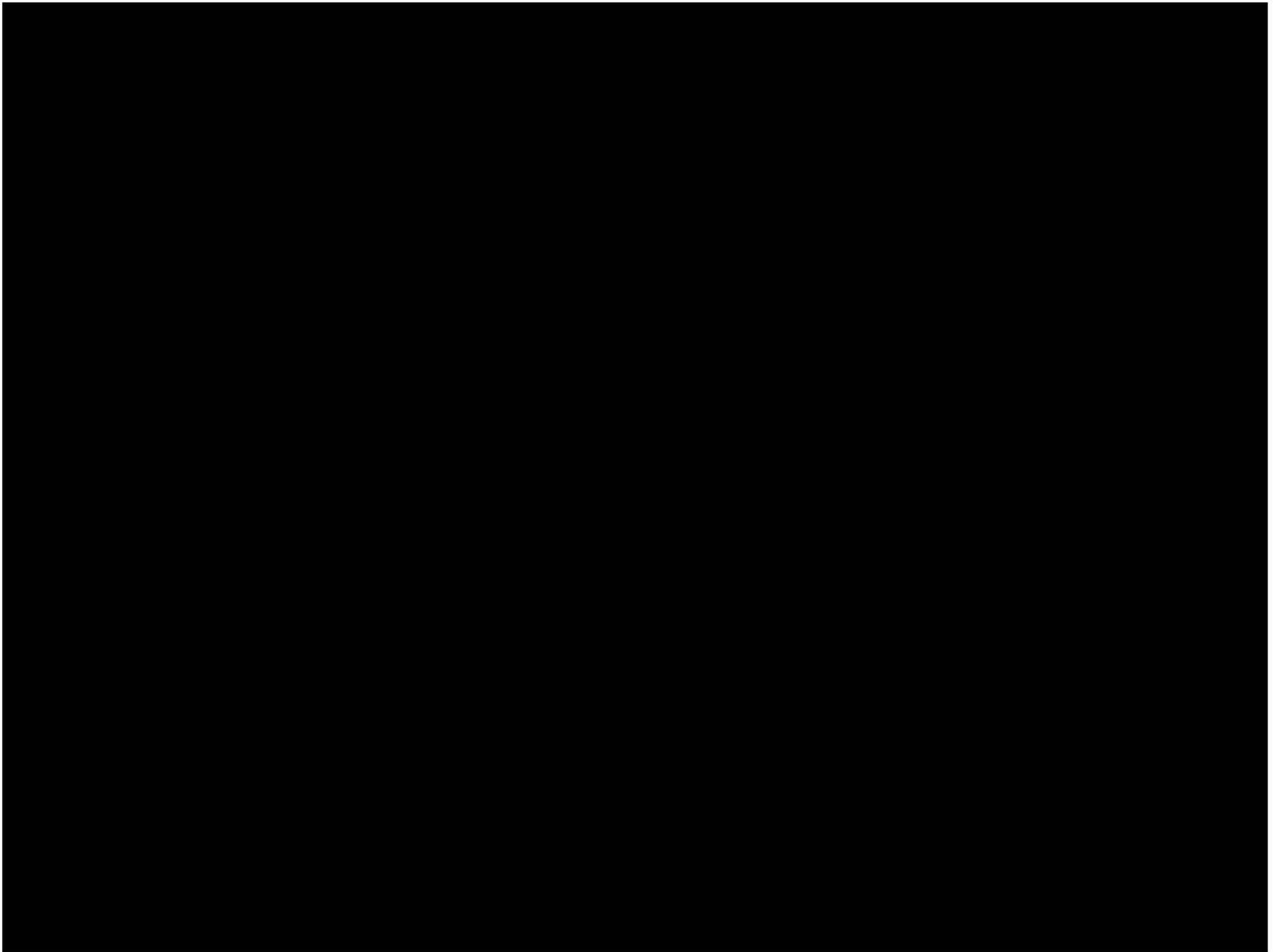
Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions.

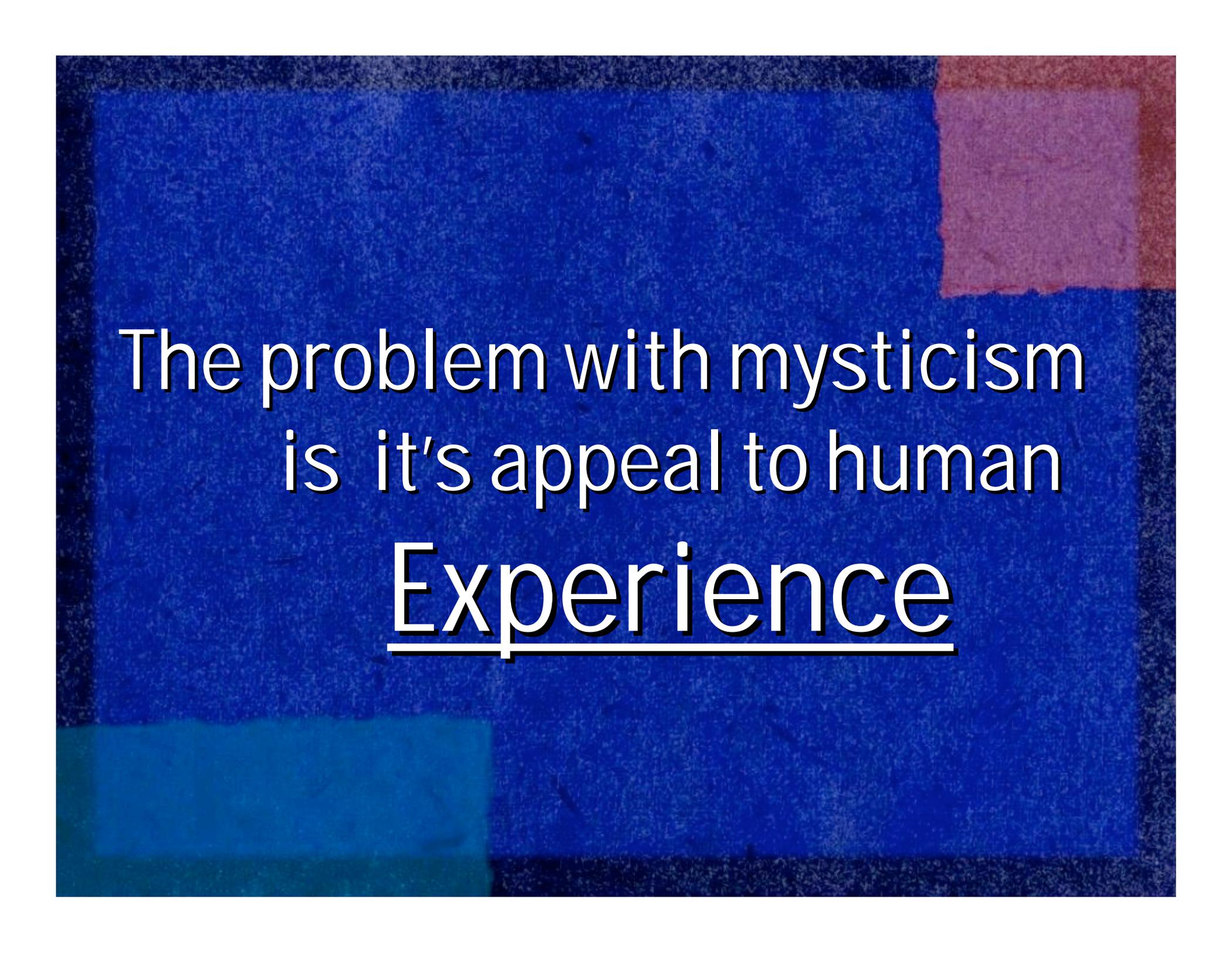
Colossians 2:18





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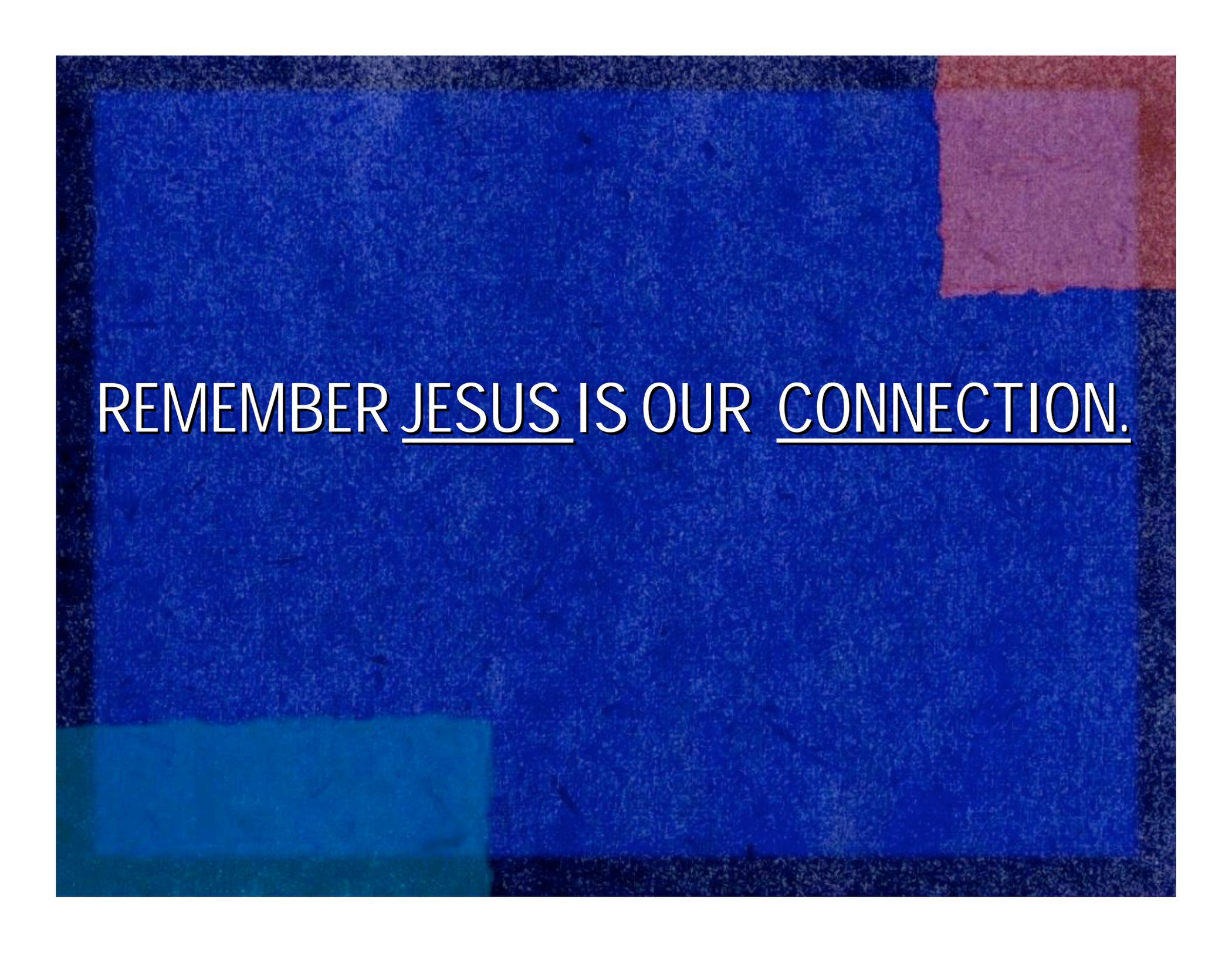
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is it's appeal to human
Experience

they are not connected to Christ, They're not in touch with God. For we are joined together in his body by his strong sinews, and we grow only as we get our nourishment and strength from God. Colossians 2:19

Let me tell about the visions and revelations I received from the Lord. ² I was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago. ³ Whether my body was there or just my spirit, I don't know; only God knows. ⁴ But I do know that I was caught up into paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be told. ⁵ That experience is something worth boasting about, but I am not going to do it. I am going to boast only about my weaknesses. 2 Corinthians 12:1-5

I have plenty to boast about and would be no fool in doing it, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it. I don't want anyone to think more highly of me than what they can actually see in my life and my message,

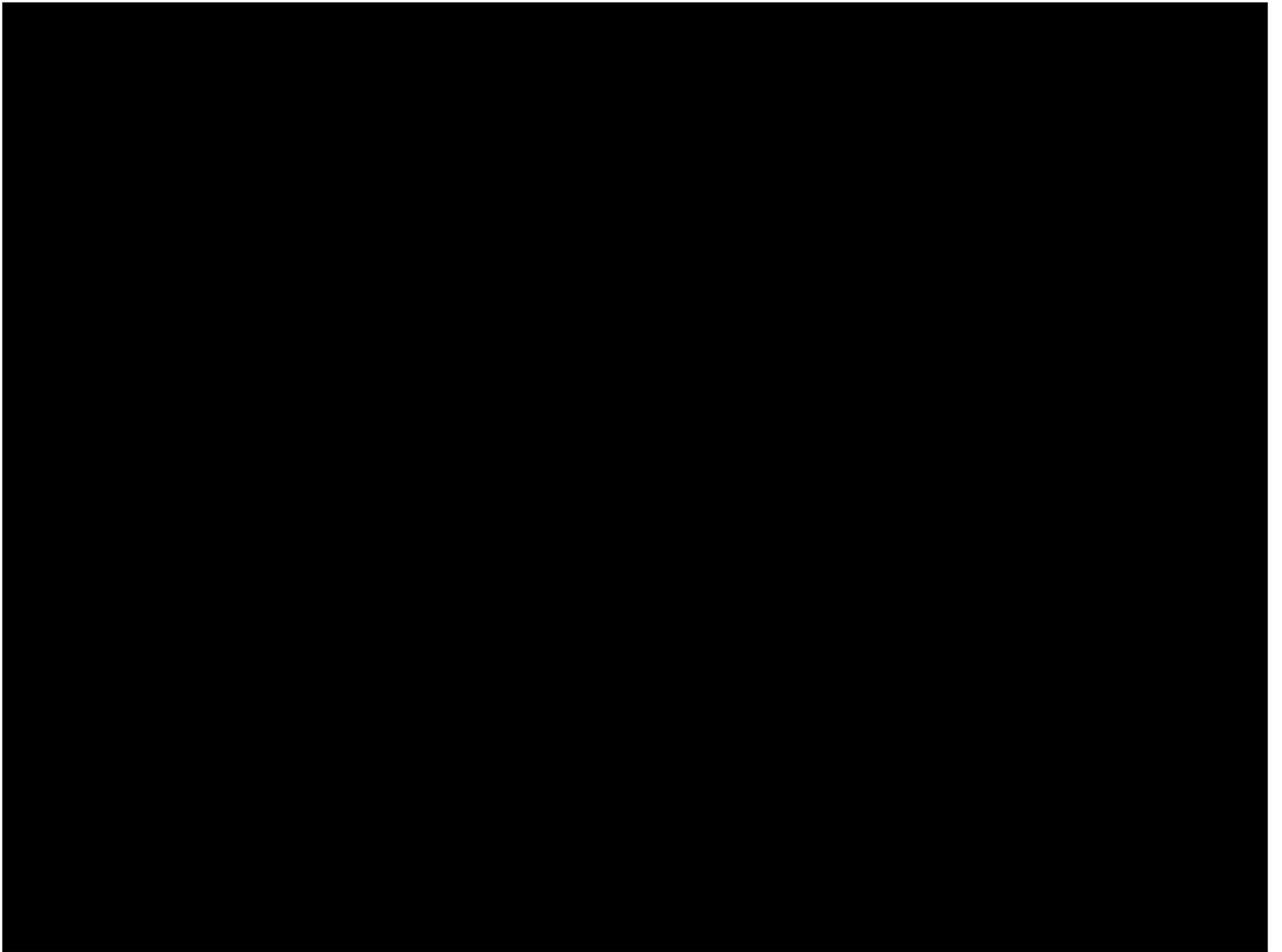
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REMEMBER JESUS IS OUR CONNECTION.

Threat #4 Aceticism/Self-Denial

You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the evil powers of this world. So why do you keep on following rules of the world, such as, Don't handle, don't eat, don't touch. Such rules are mere human teaching about things that are gone as soon as we use them. These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, humility, and severe bodily discipline. Colossians 2:20-23



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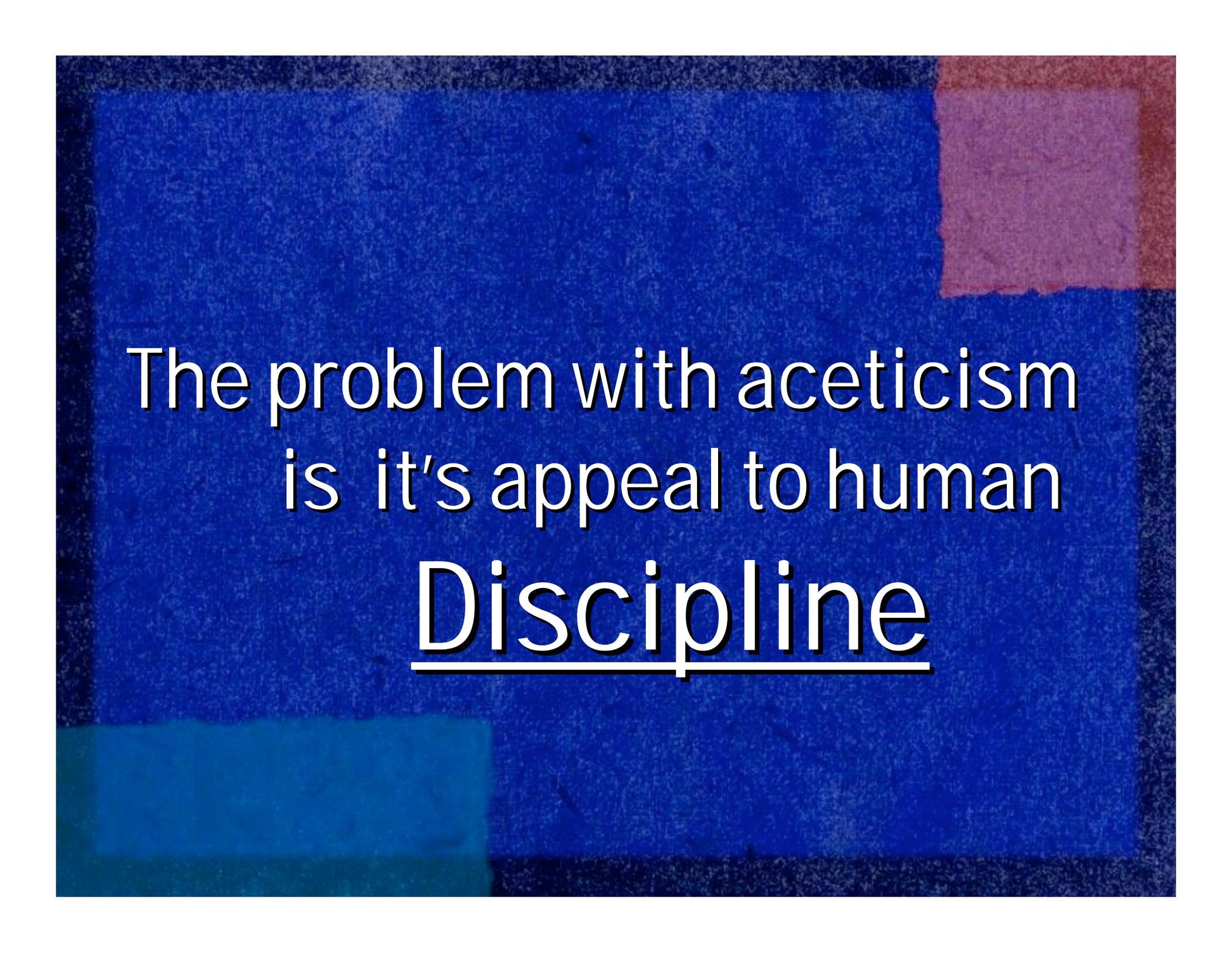
2. The Rules don't agree!

3 Problems with Asceticism

3. The Rules don't work!

But they have no effect when it comes to conquering a person's evil thoughts and desires.

Colossians 2:23

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The problem with aceticism
is it's appeal to human

Discipline

... you foolish people, did Christ die for you in vain That you should go on living as if you could obtain your own standing before God by your own efforts?

Galatians 3:2,3

REMEMBER JESUS IS OUR LIFE.

When you came to Christ, you were circumcised, but not by a physical procedure. It was a spiritual procedure...

Colossians 2:11

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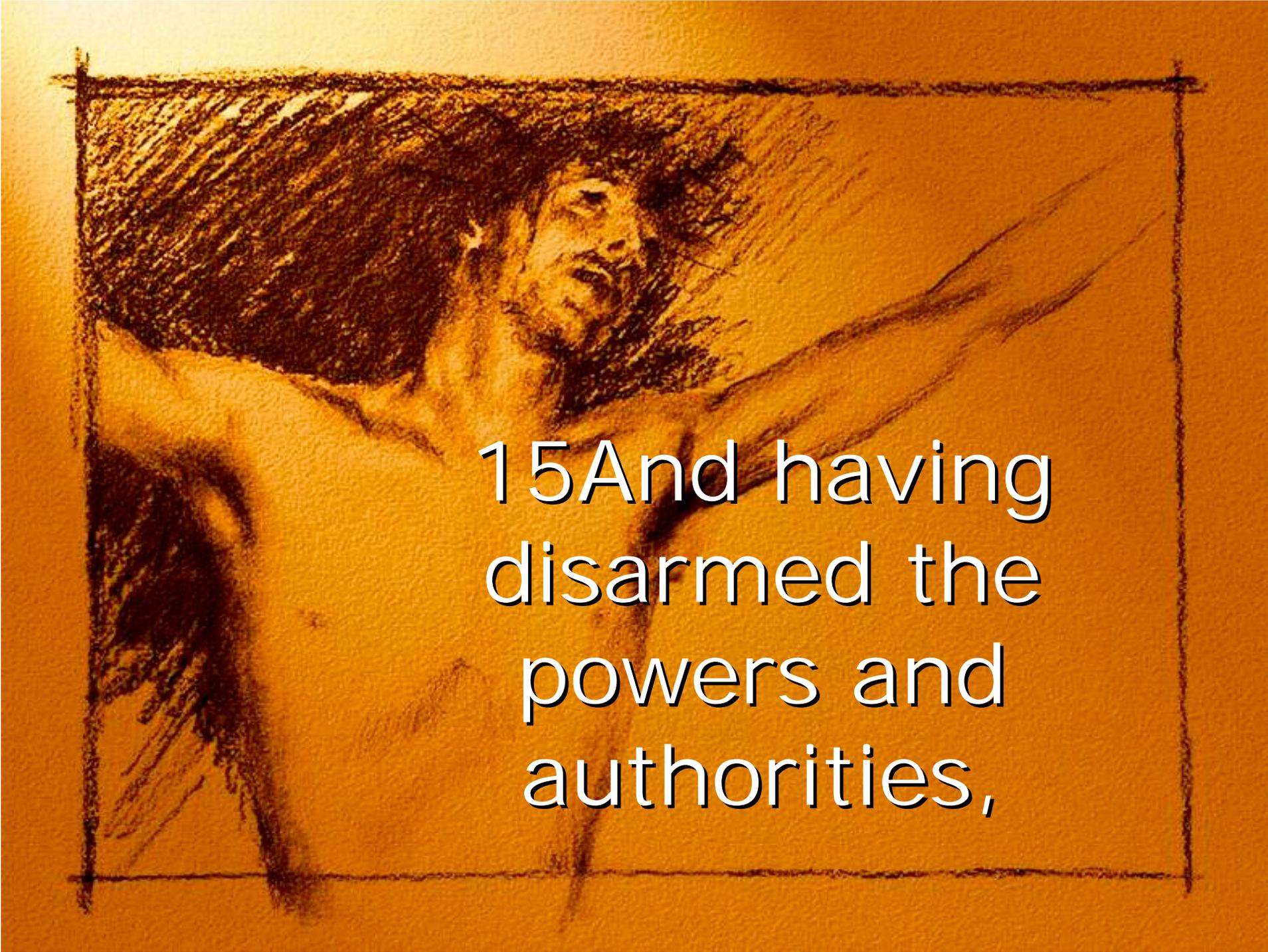
—the cutting away of your sinful nature. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to a new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

Colossians 2:11,12

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, Colossians 2:13,14

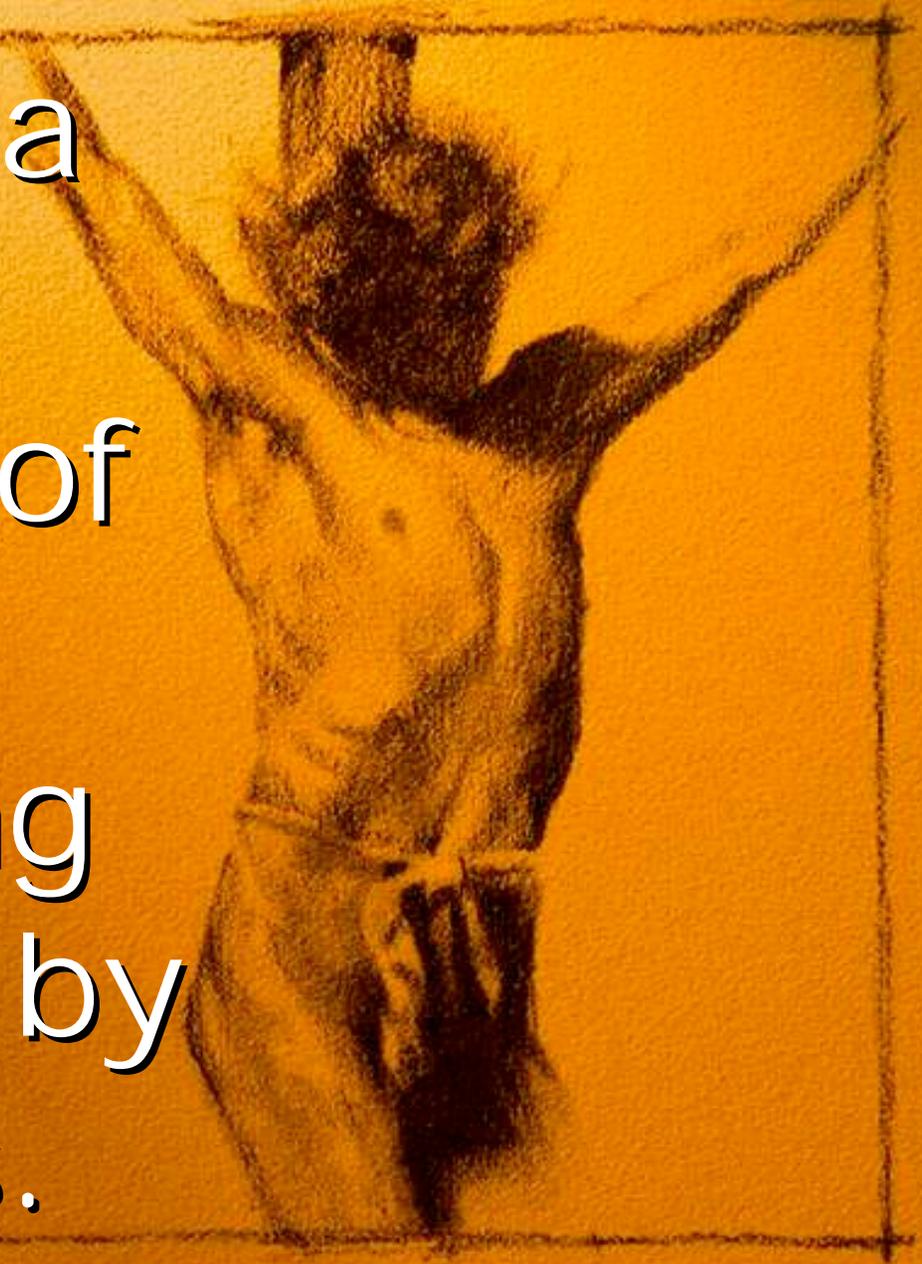
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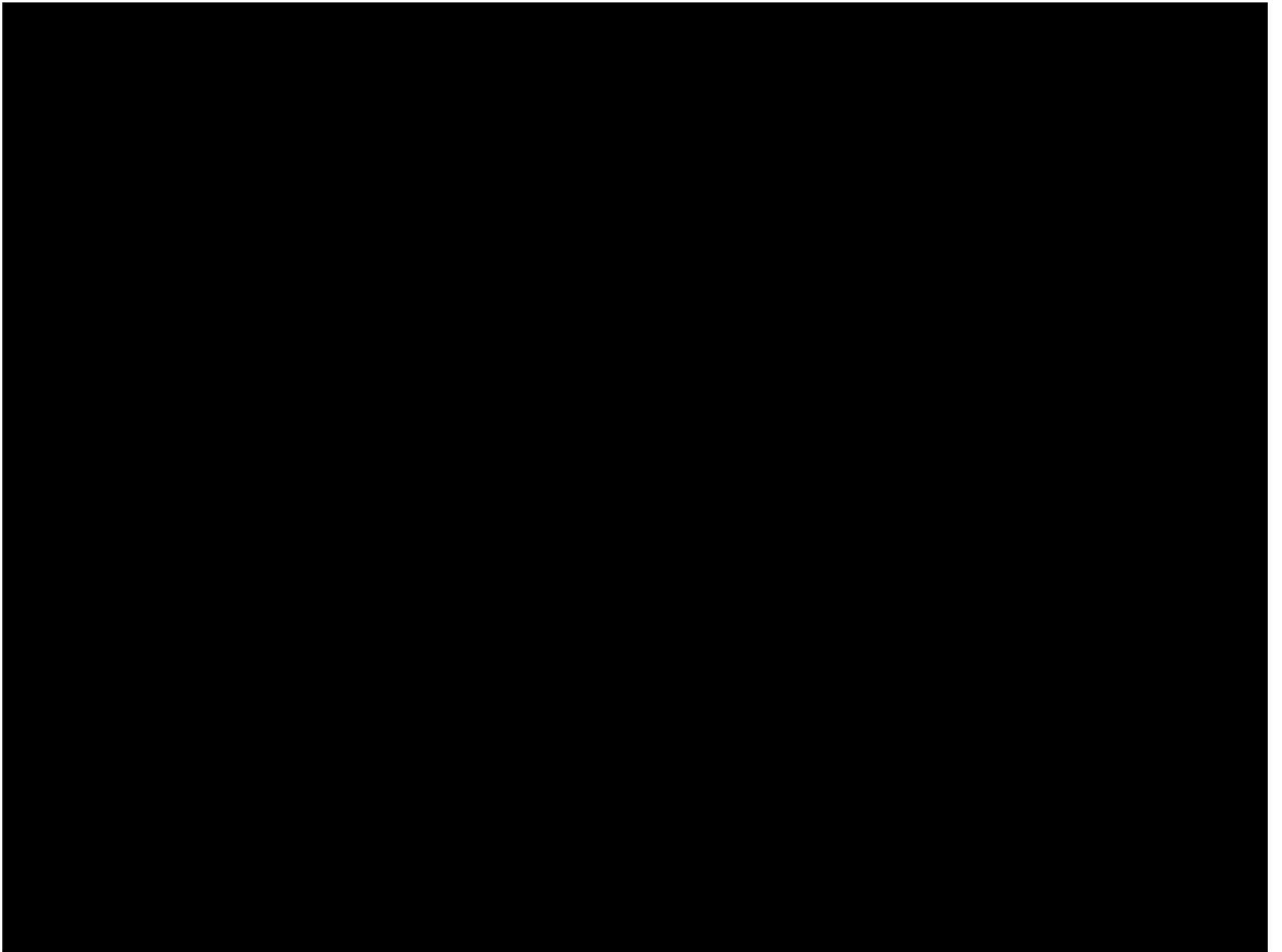


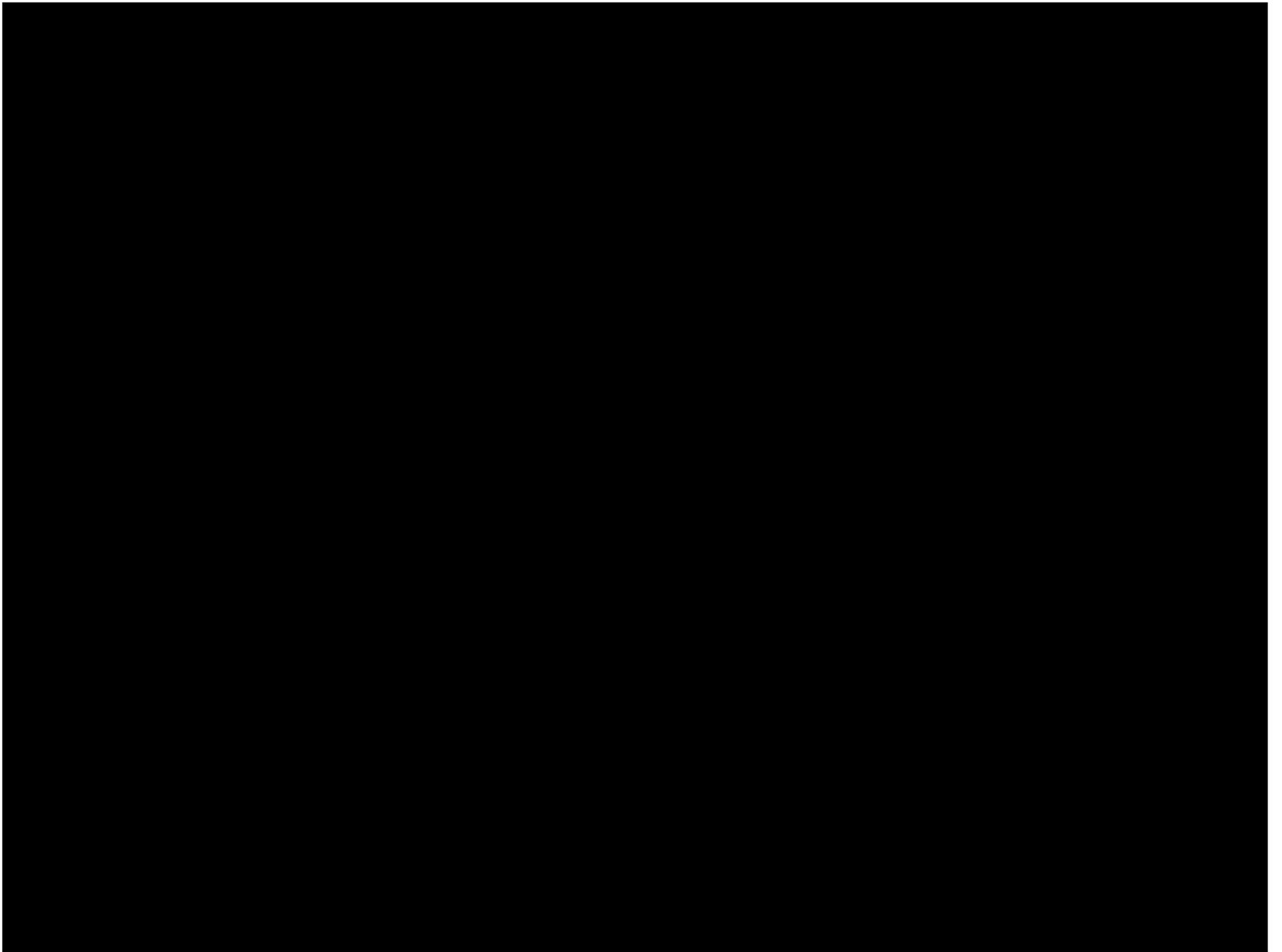
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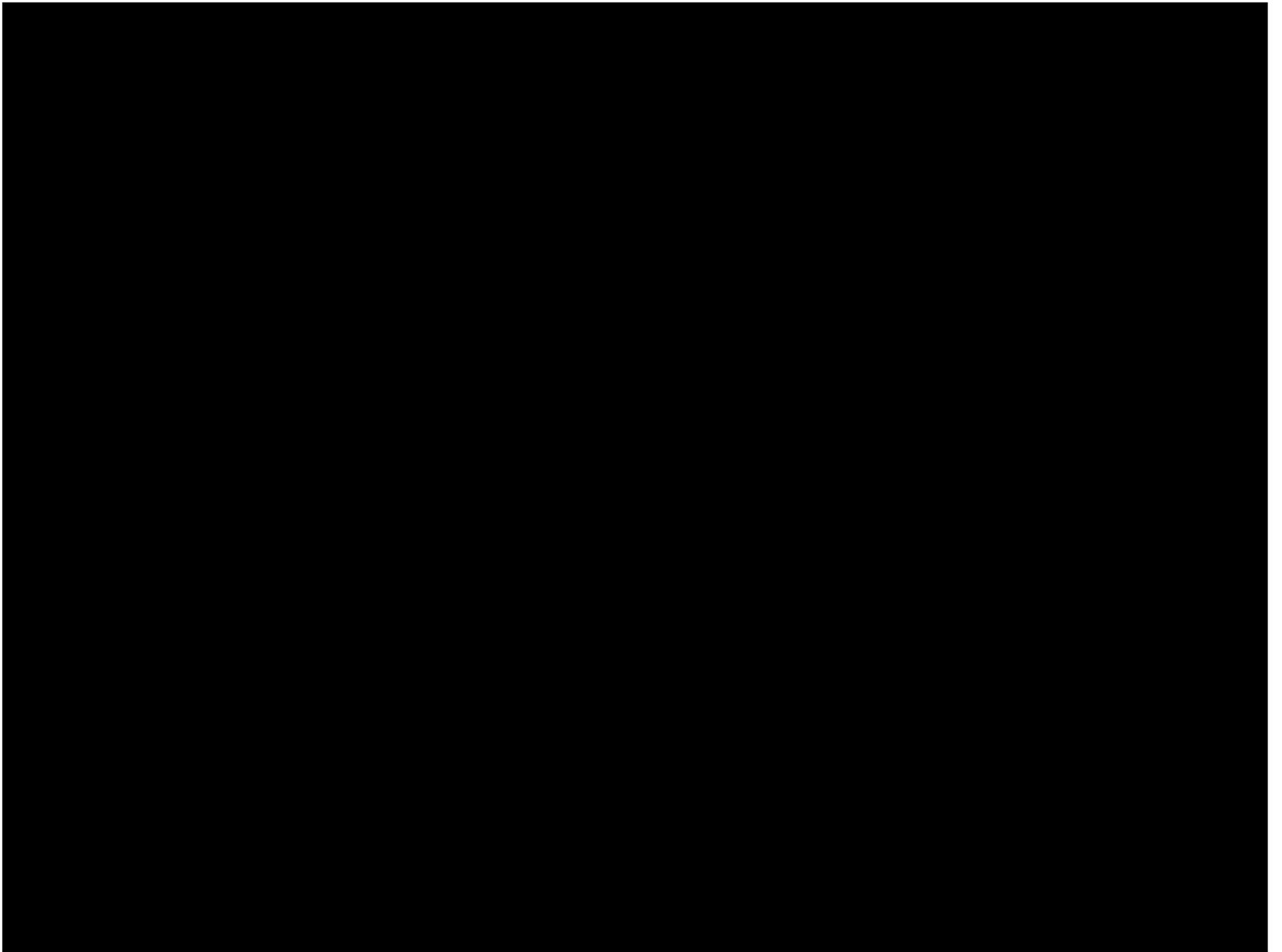
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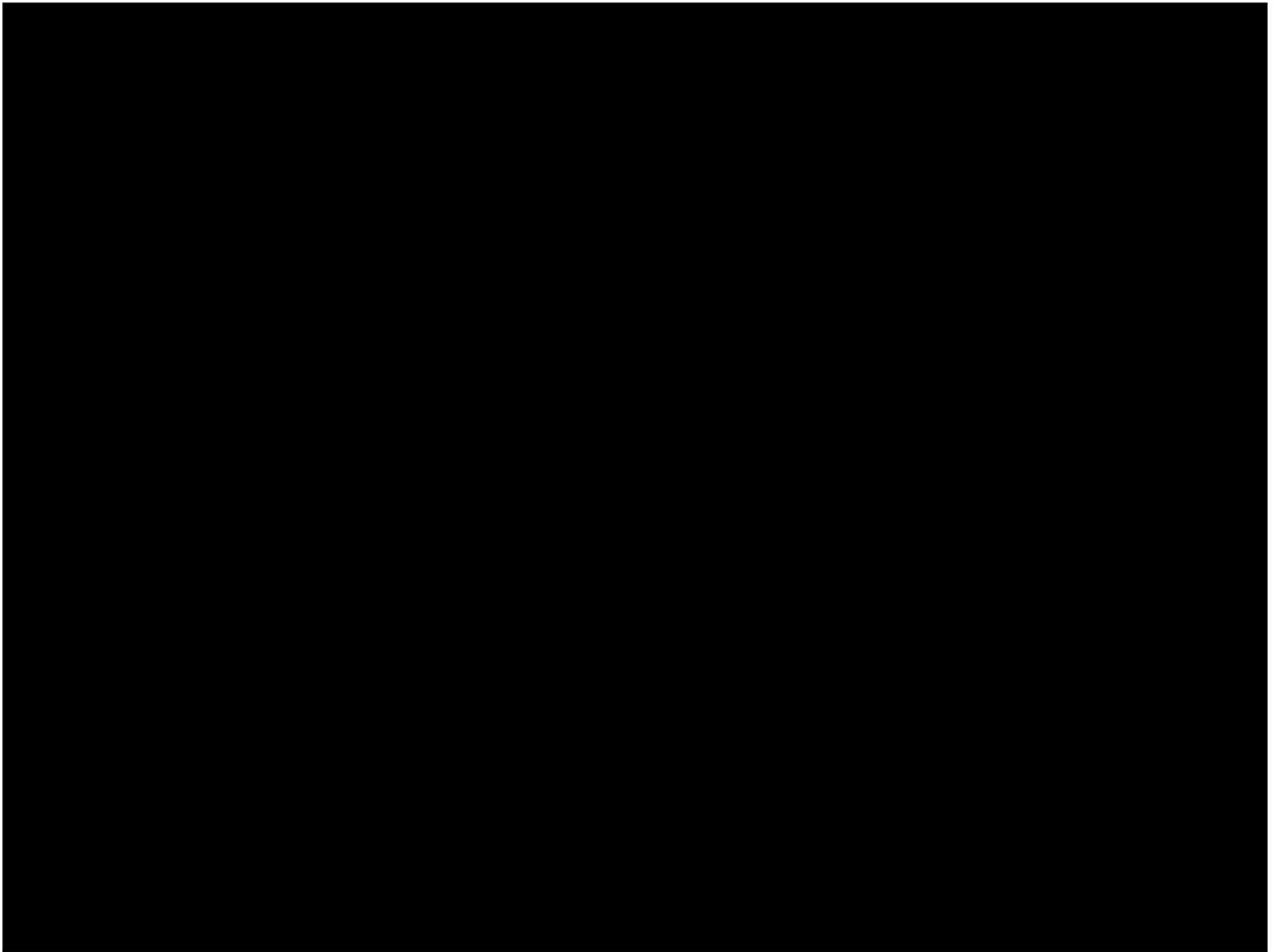


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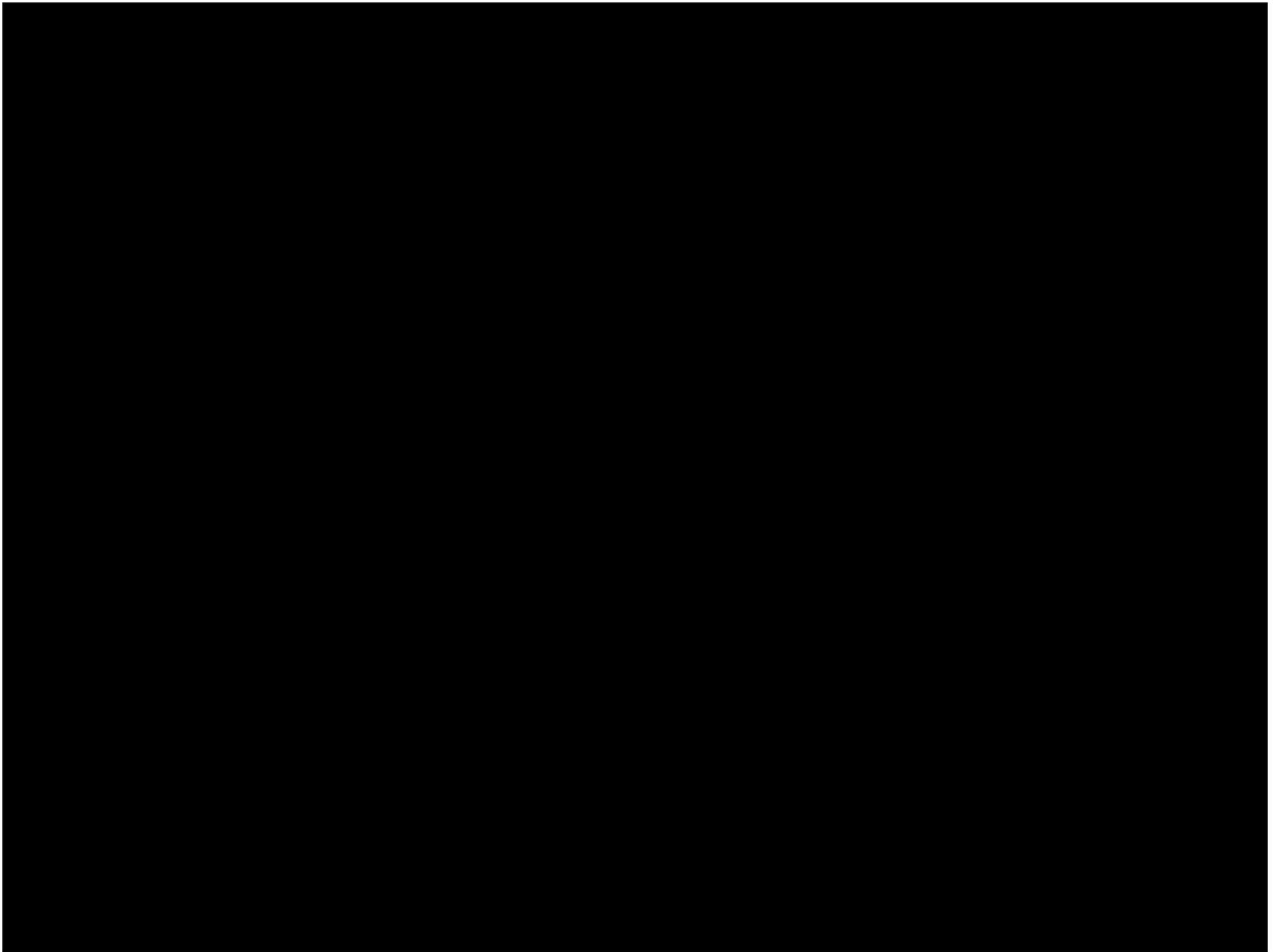


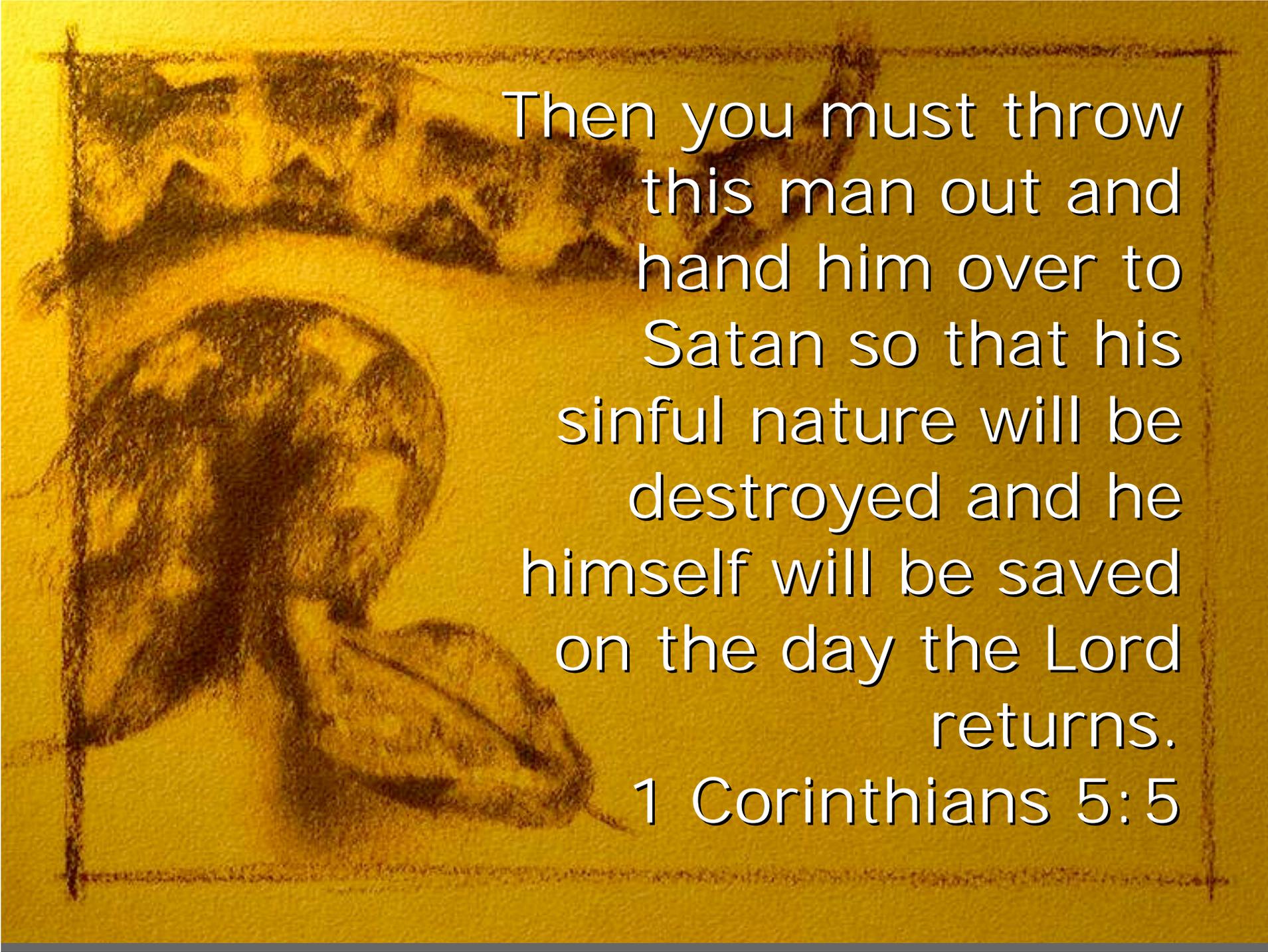












Then you must throw
this man out and
hand him over to
Satan so that his
sinful nature will be
destroyed and he
himself will be saved
on the day the Lord
returns.

1 Corinthians 5:5



