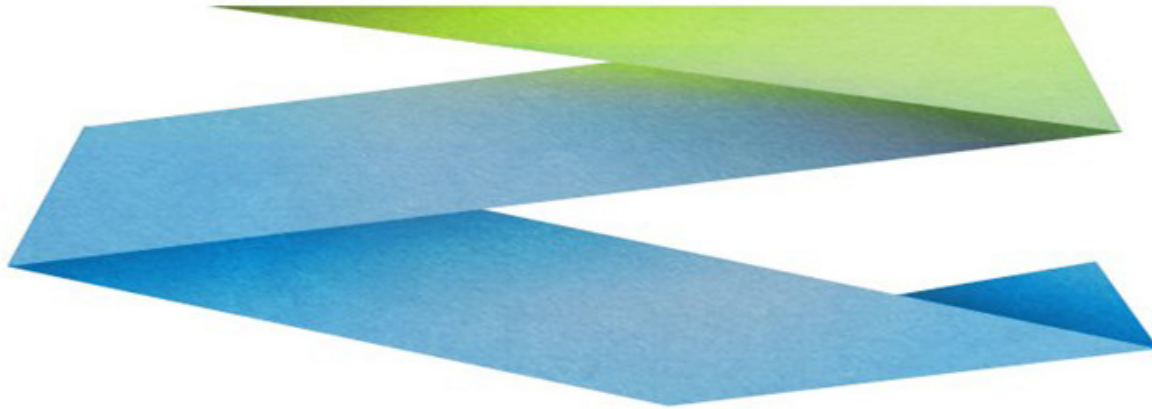
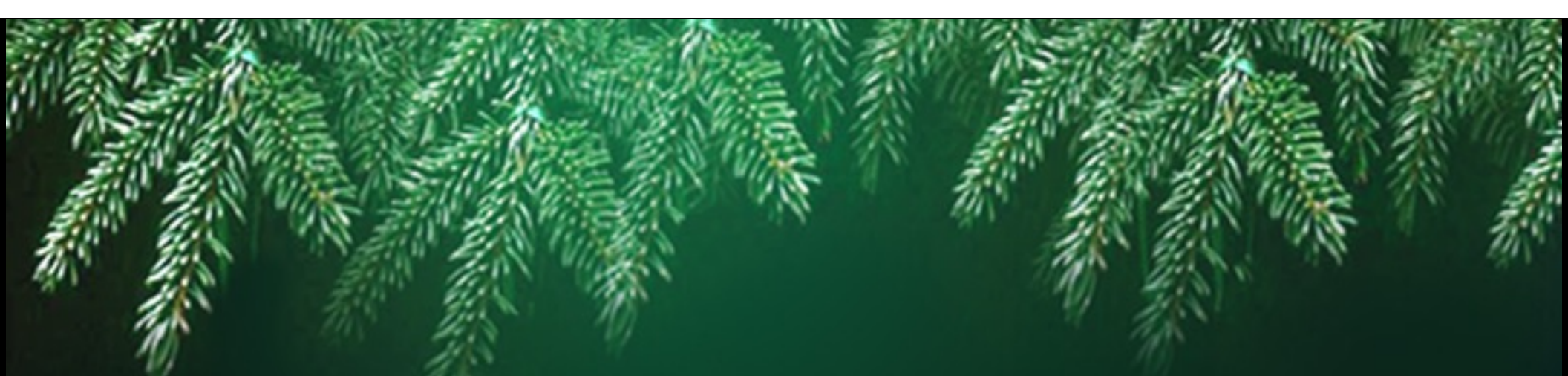




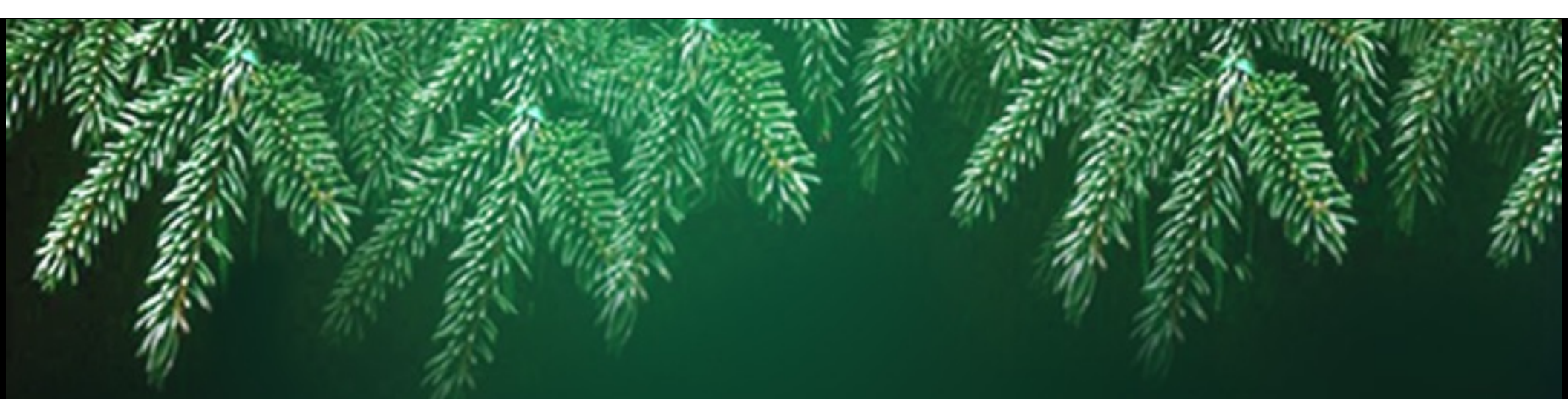
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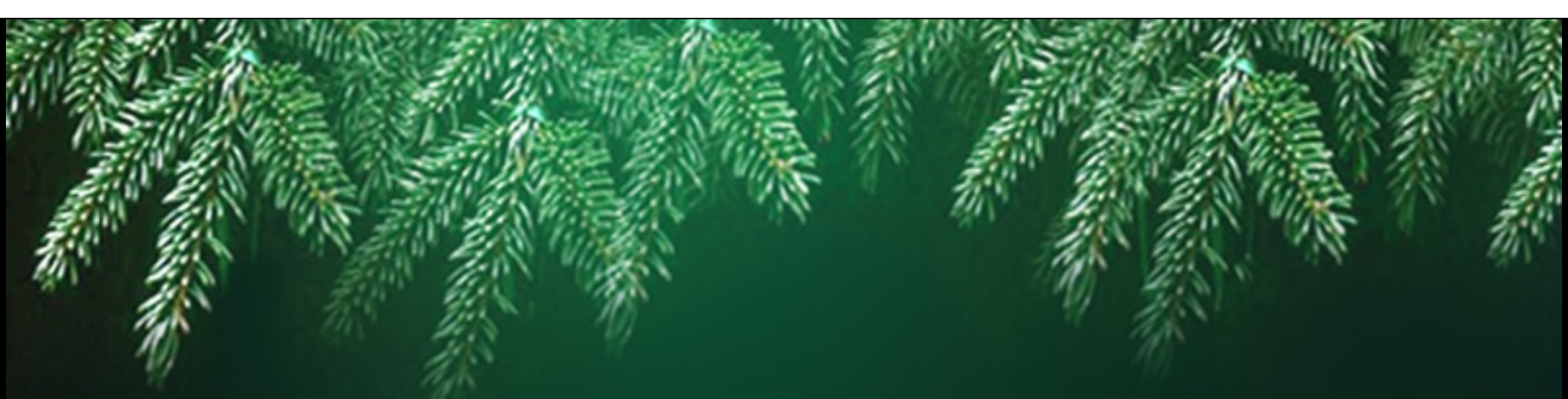


For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ...

Colossians 1:9-10

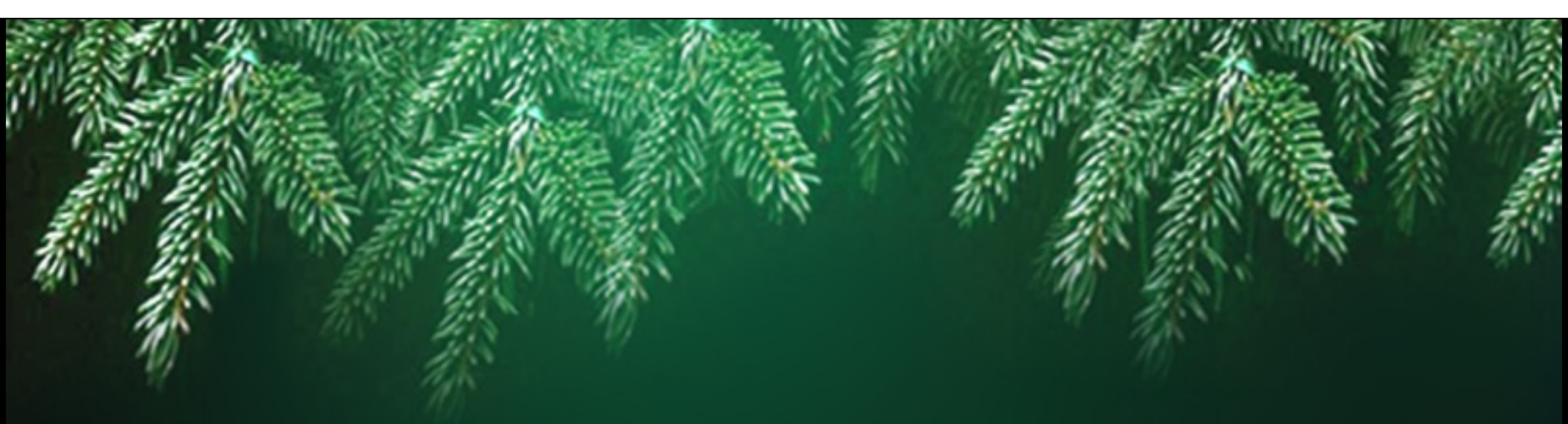


...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.                      Colossians 1:11-14

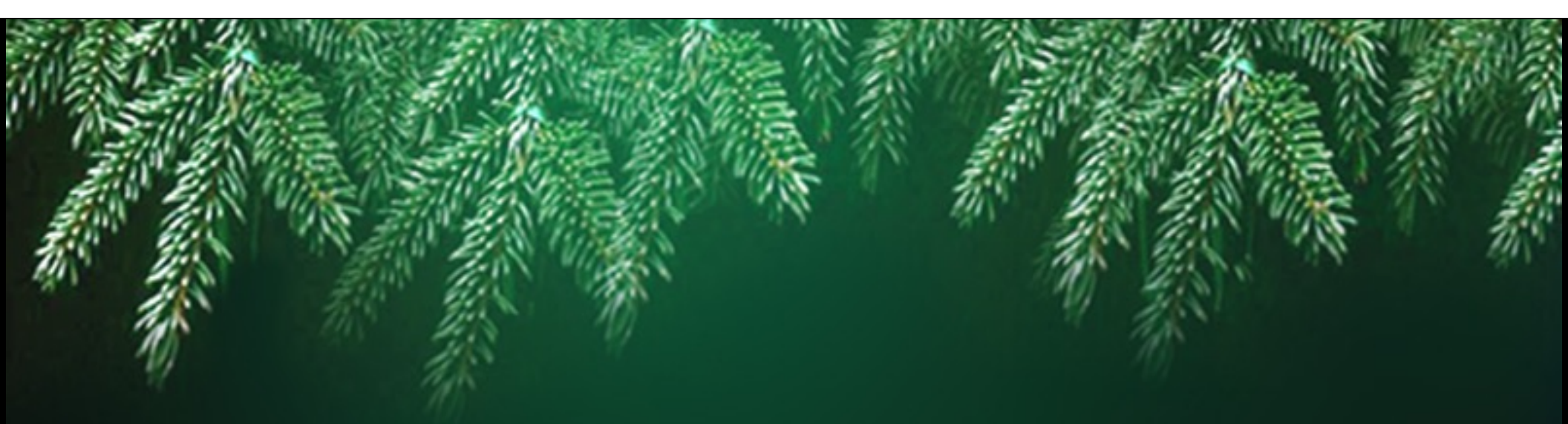


... 15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15-17



12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the **kingdom** of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the **kingdom** of the Son he loves,  
Colossians 1:12,13



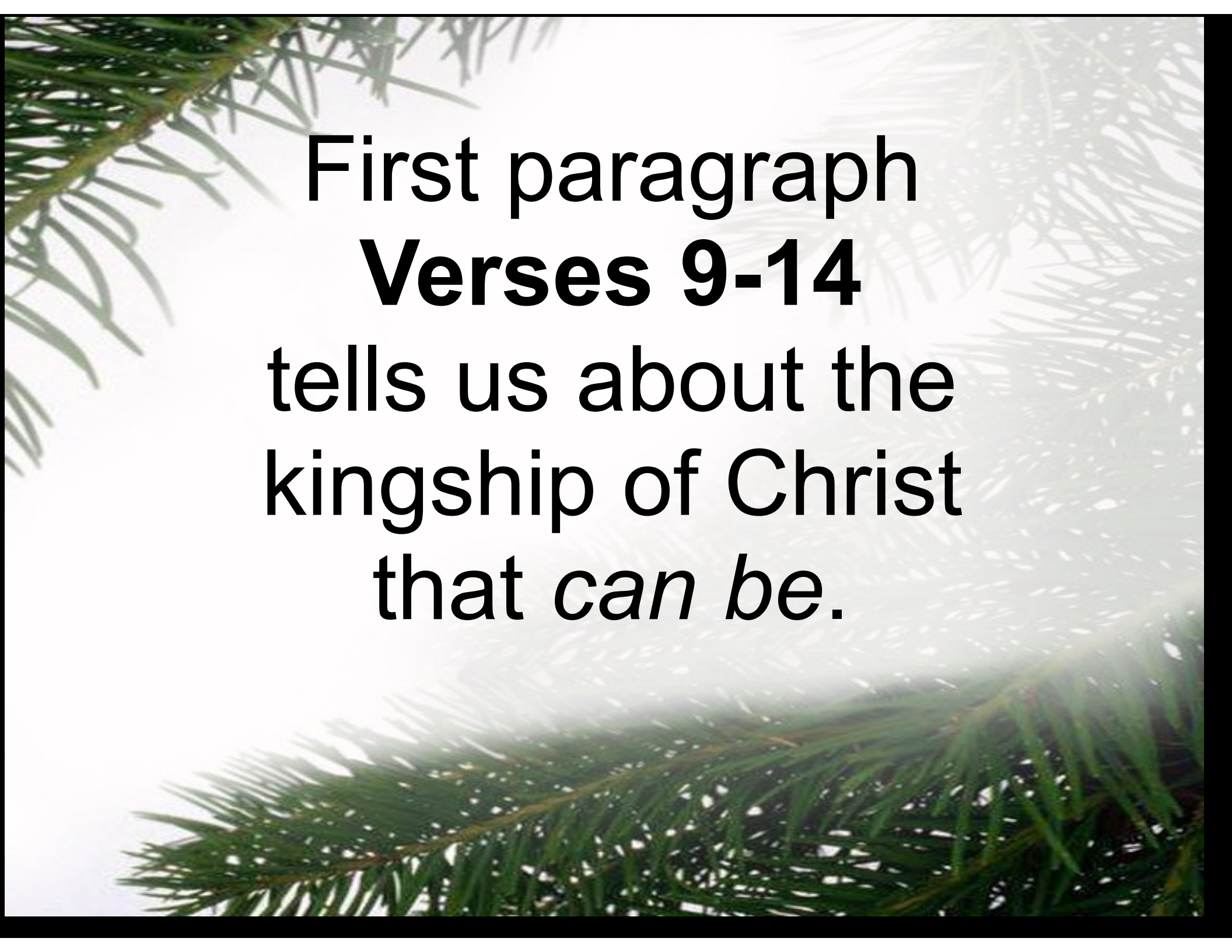
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Second paragraph

**Verses 15-19**

tells us about the  
kingship of Christ  
*that is.*



First paragraph  
**Verses 9-14**  
tells us about the  
kingship of Christ  
that *can be*.





The first one is about the ***cosmic*** kingship of Christ.

The second is about the ***personal*** kingship of Christ.



“He is before all things ...”

verse 17

*Merry Christmas*



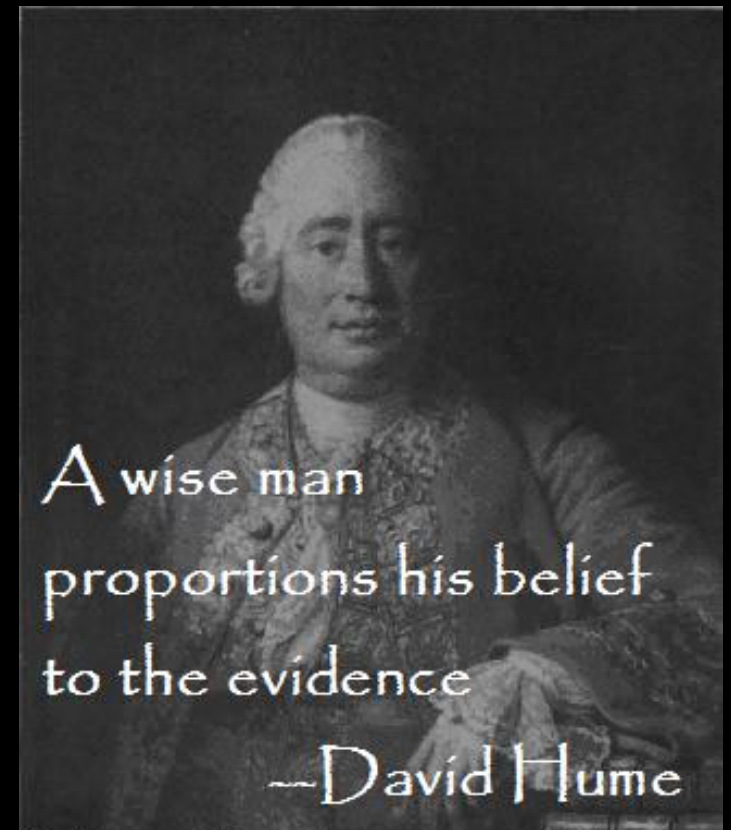
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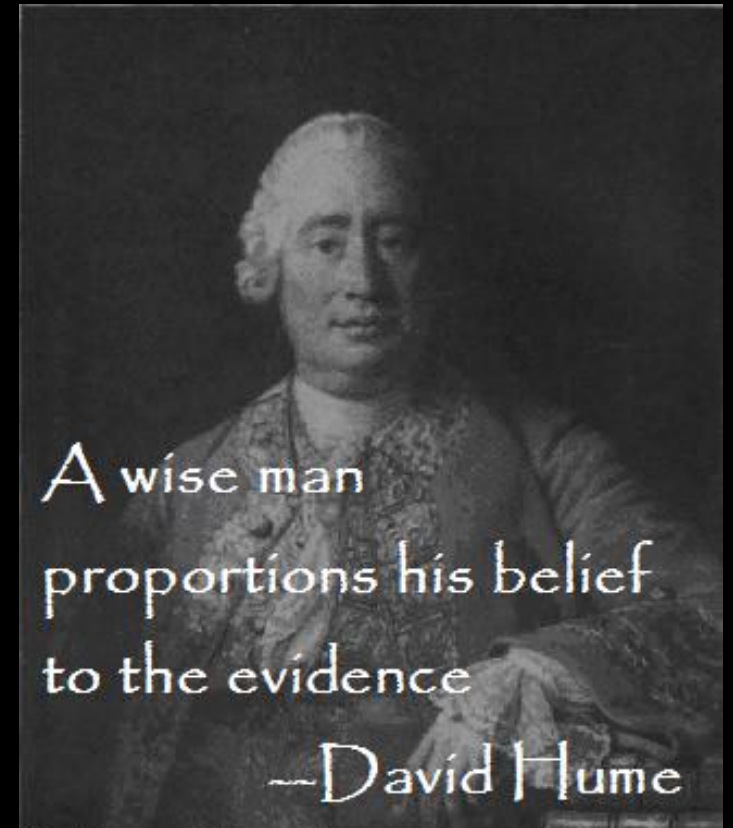
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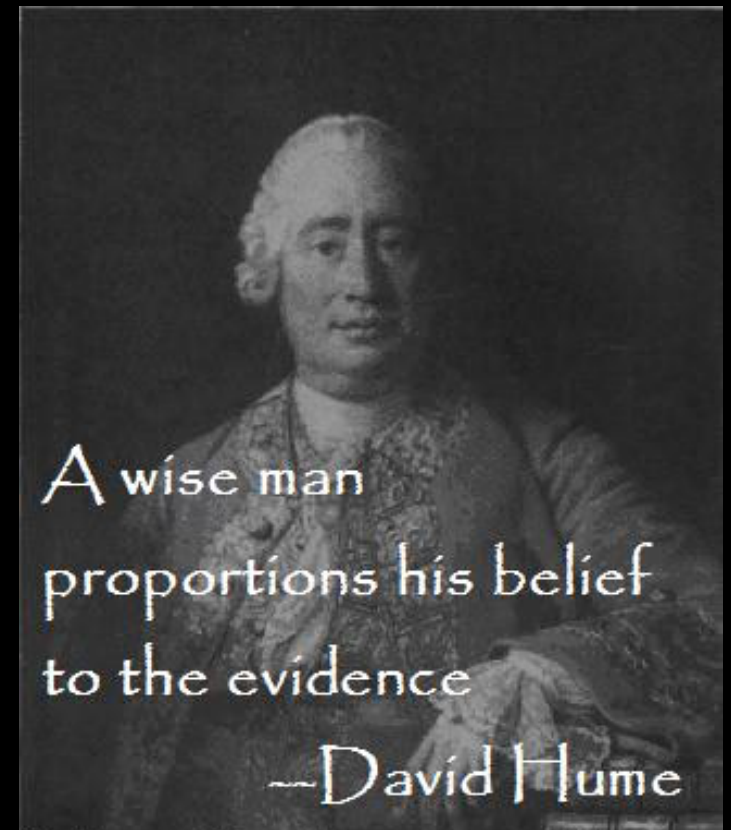
*“If the universe is the result of an accidental collision of matter, why would there be order?”*



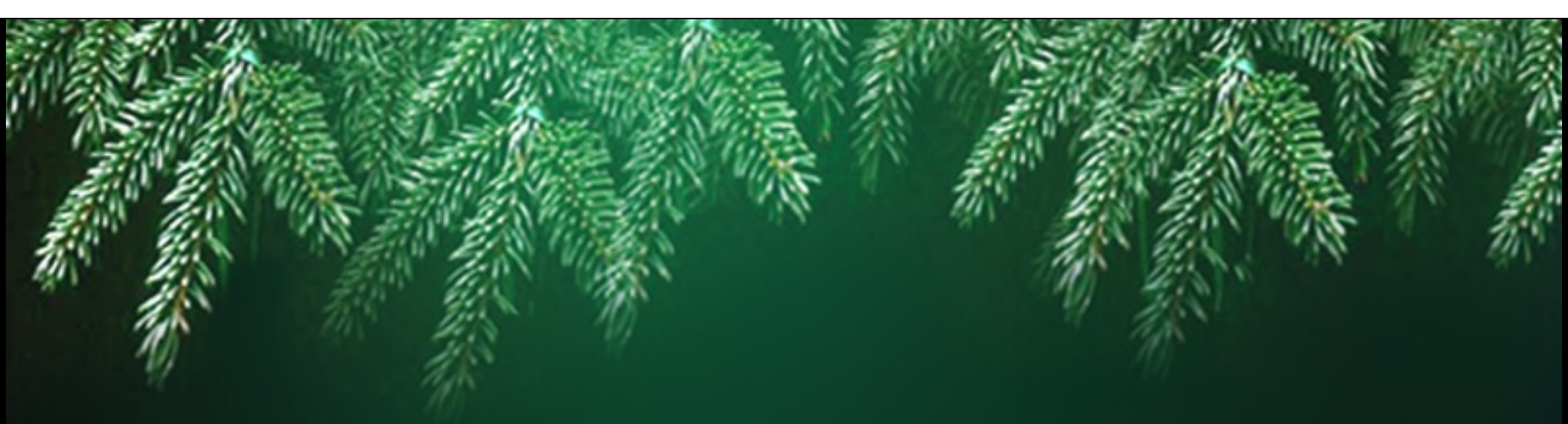
*“There’s no way the orderliness of  
the universe proves God.”*



*The orderliness of the universe is so inexplicable you certainly can't disprove God.*







For in Him all things were  
created: things in heaven and on  
earth, visible and invisible, ...

Colossians 1:16a



1. God created human beings and therefore human life and persons are sacred because they have been made in the image of God, i.e, there is God given created moral order.

Alan Dershowitz,  
Harvard Law Professor





2. We discover value by looking out into nature; however nature is a cruel task master, the strong eat the weak. We say we value the individual supremely, nature values the individual not a wit. So it can't have come from an evolutionary process.

3. We form human rights ourselves; morality is of our own construct. But this would mean that genocide is only wrong if we say it is. Because if 51% vote to take away the rights of the 49% and destroy them, nobody can say how dare you. So clearly this cannot be the case for human rights, because they're discovered not created by humans.

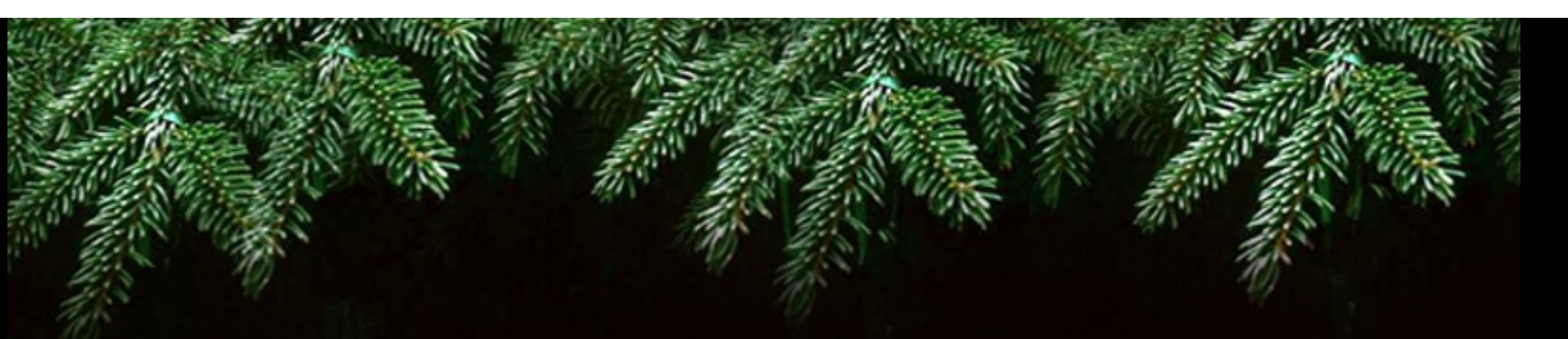


4. They're just there, we don't know where they come from, and we don't know why they're there, they just are.

Alan Dershowitz,  
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“For this is what the high and exalted One says—  
he who lives forever, whose name is holy:

“I live in a high and holy place,  
but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly  
and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:15

*Merry Christmas*





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*Merry Christmas*





...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father

*Merry Christmas*





"... giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."


Colossians 1:12-14

*Merry Christmas*



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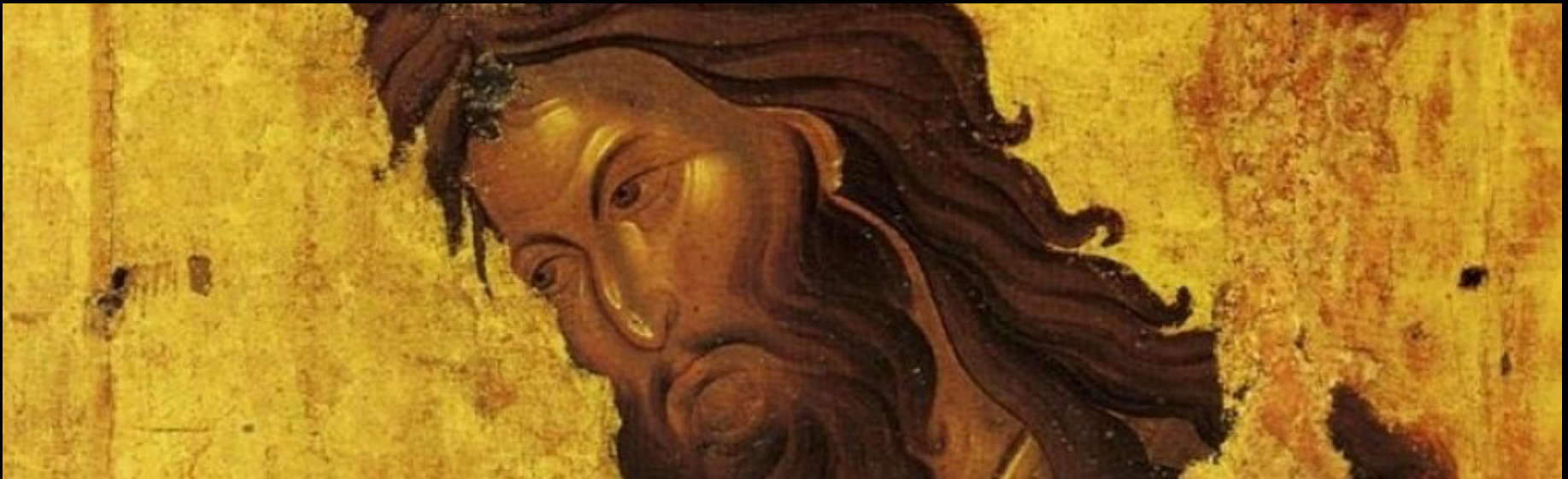


Truly I tell you,  
among those born  
of women there has  
not risen anyone  
greater than John  
the Baptist.

Matthew 11:11

“I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. **27** He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

John 1:26,27





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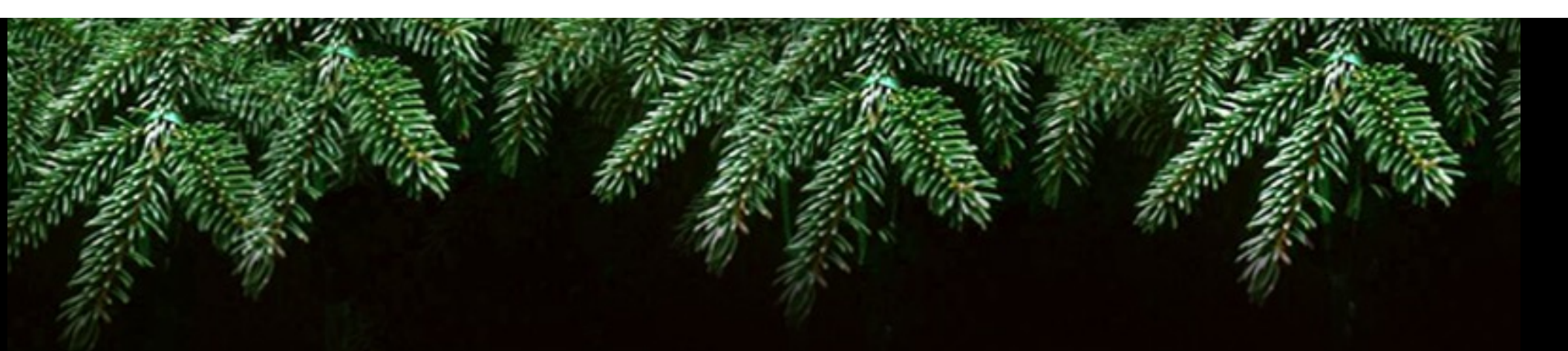


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Colossians 1:13, 14

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Colossians 1:9,10

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"... in him all things hold together." "

Colossians 1:17

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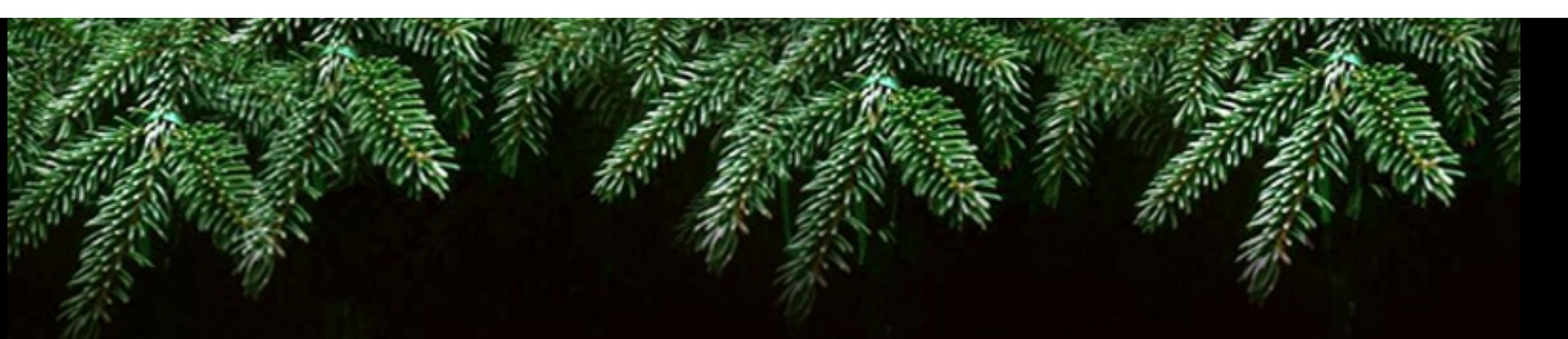


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""Unto you is born this day a Savior. For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, King, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

*Merry Christmas*

