

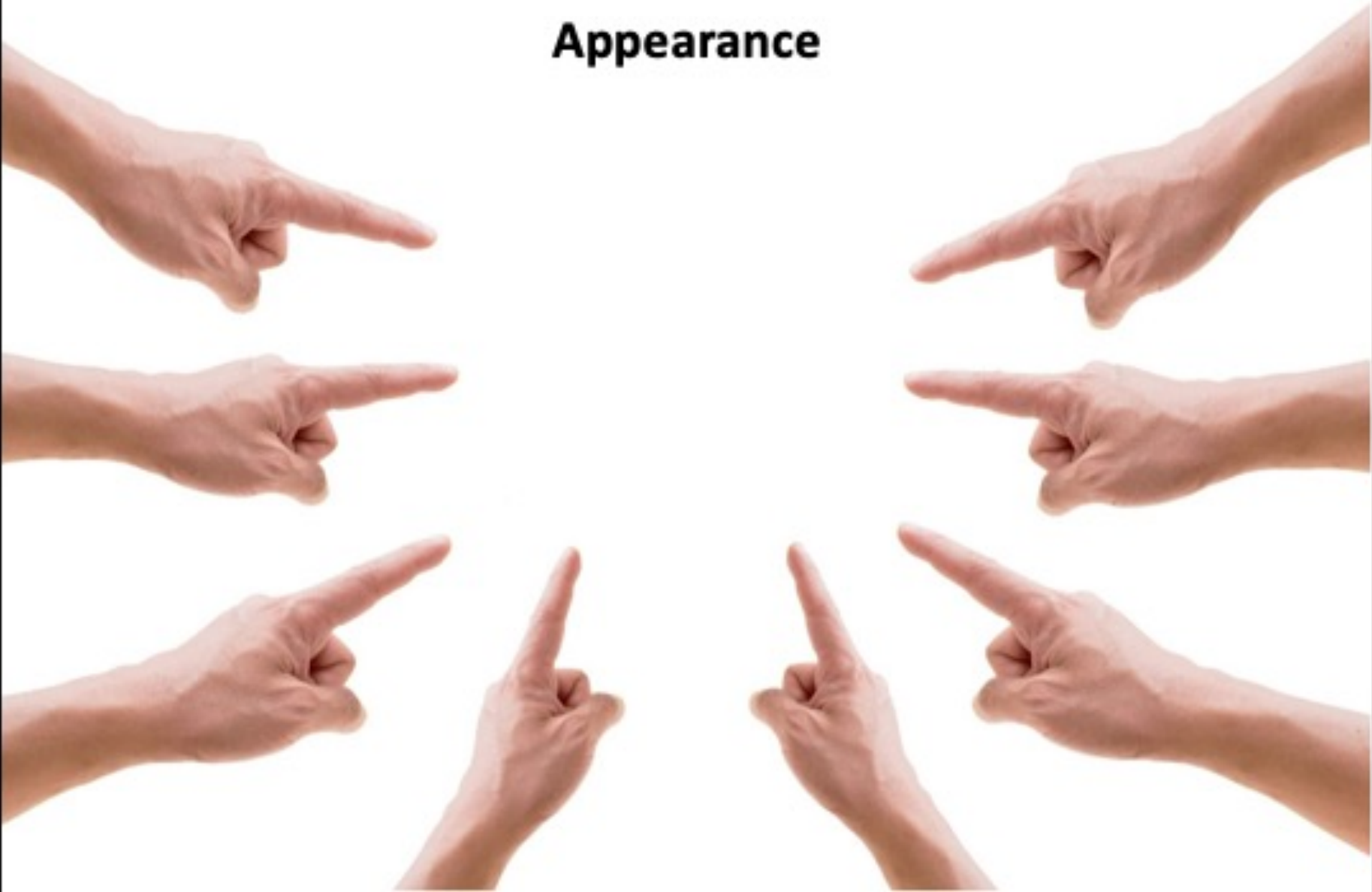


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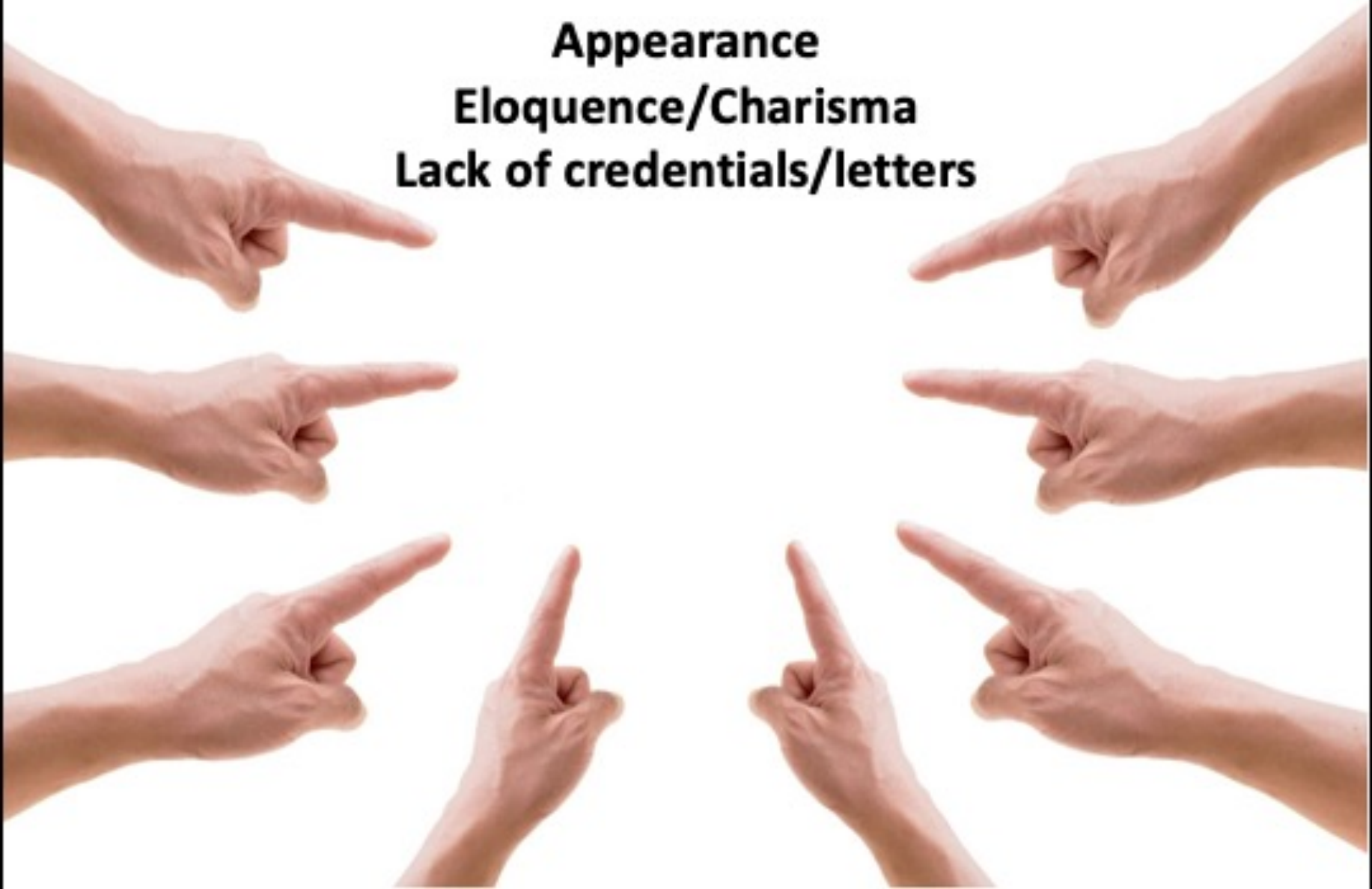
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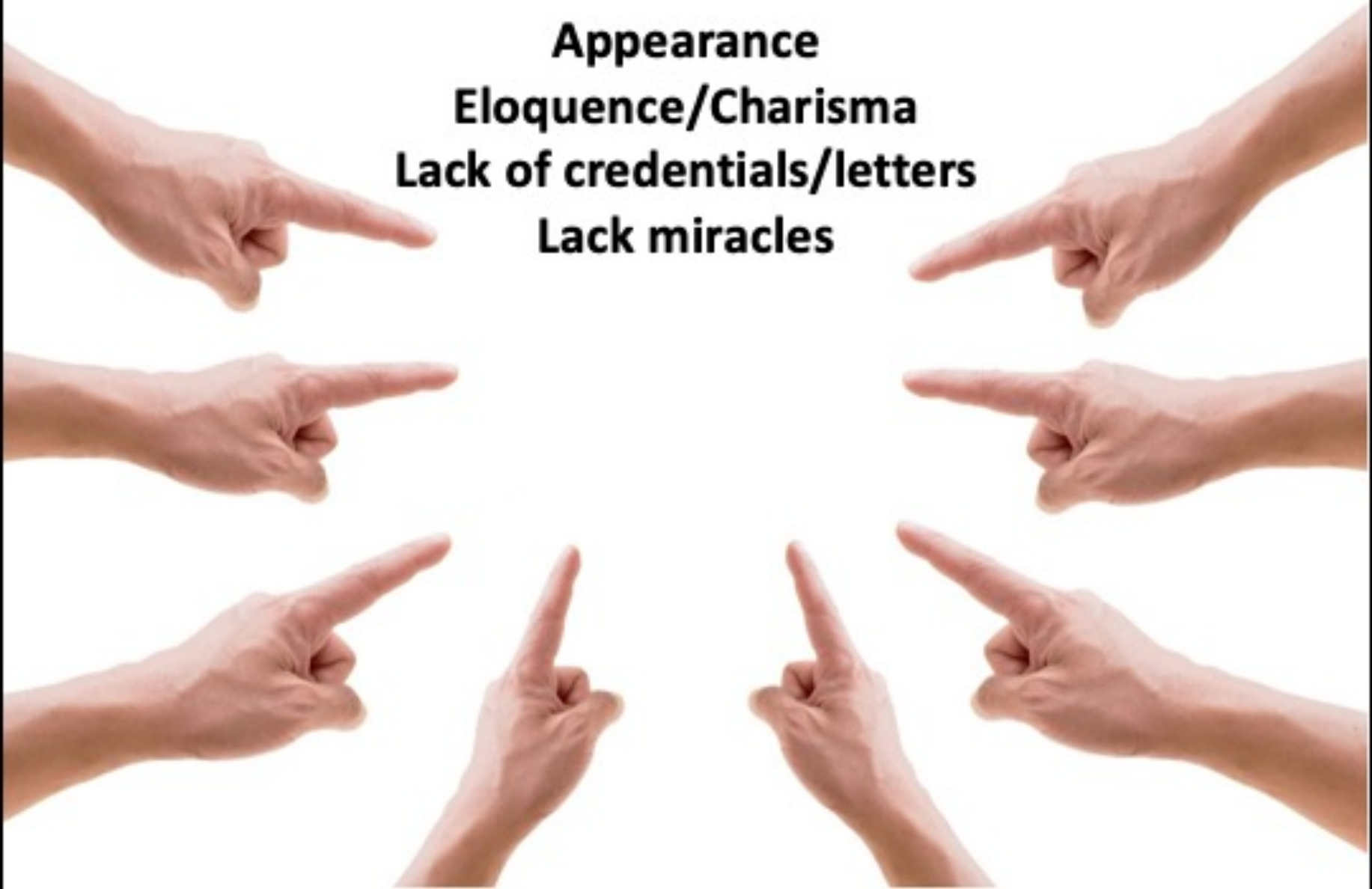
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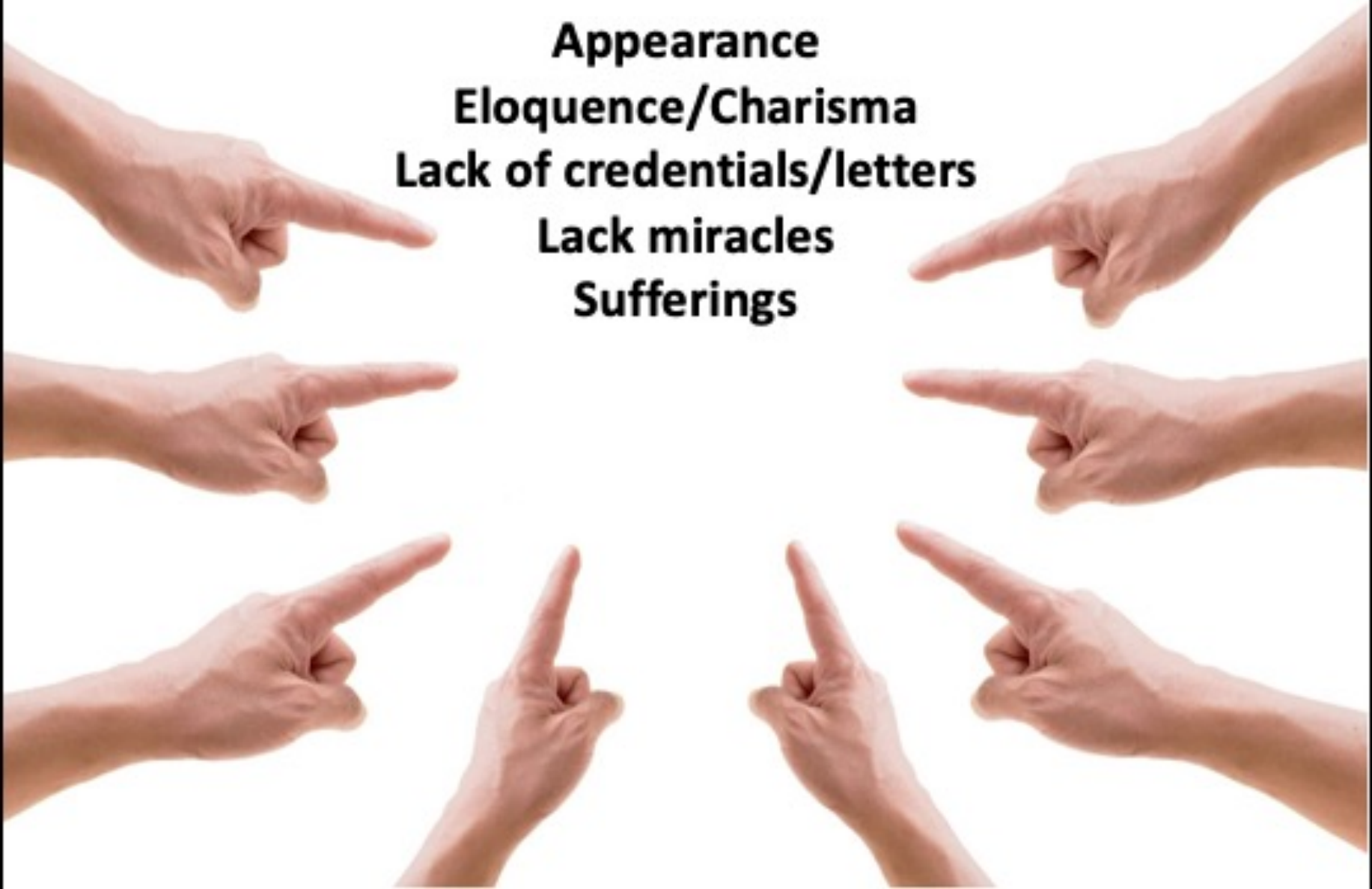
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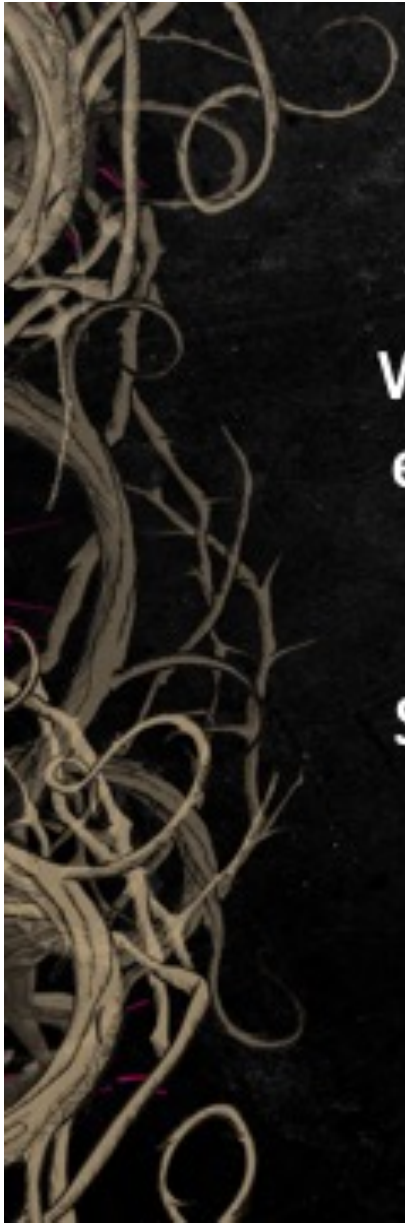


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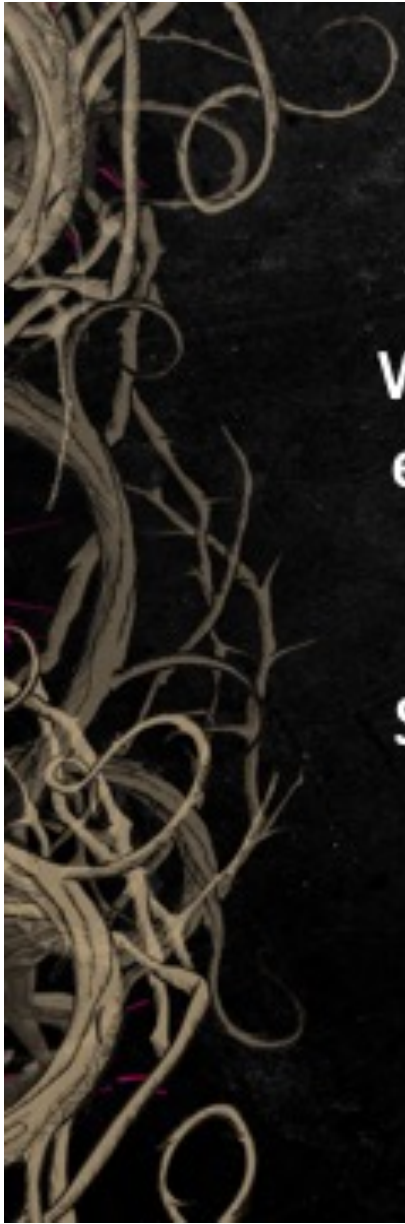
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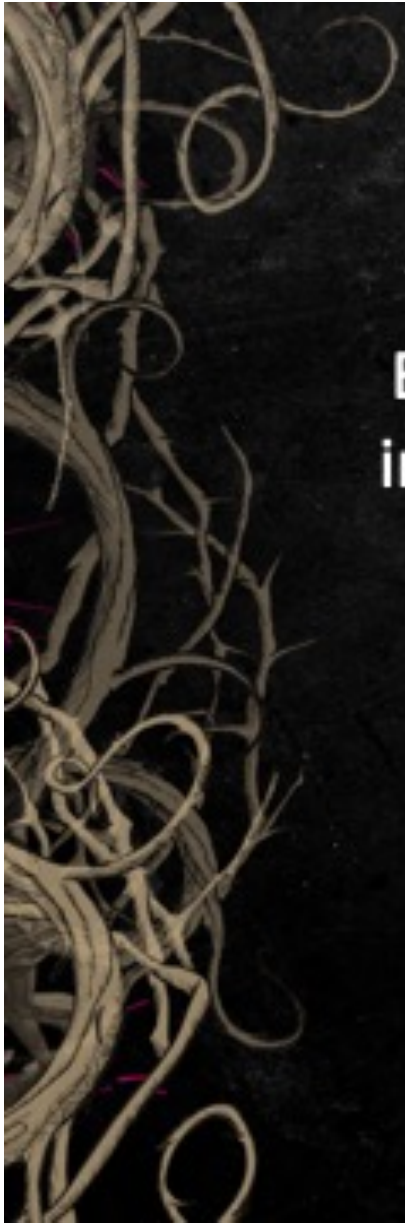
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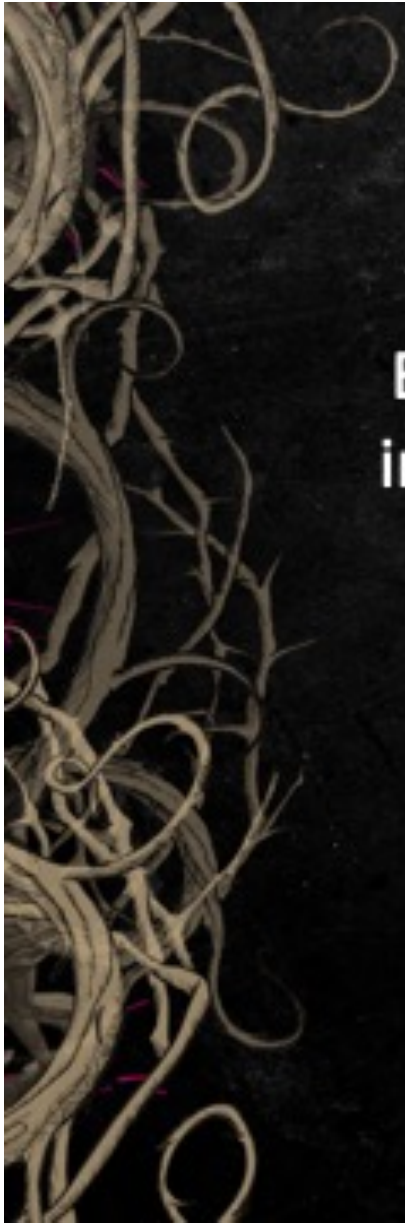


**“My wife and I live in Block
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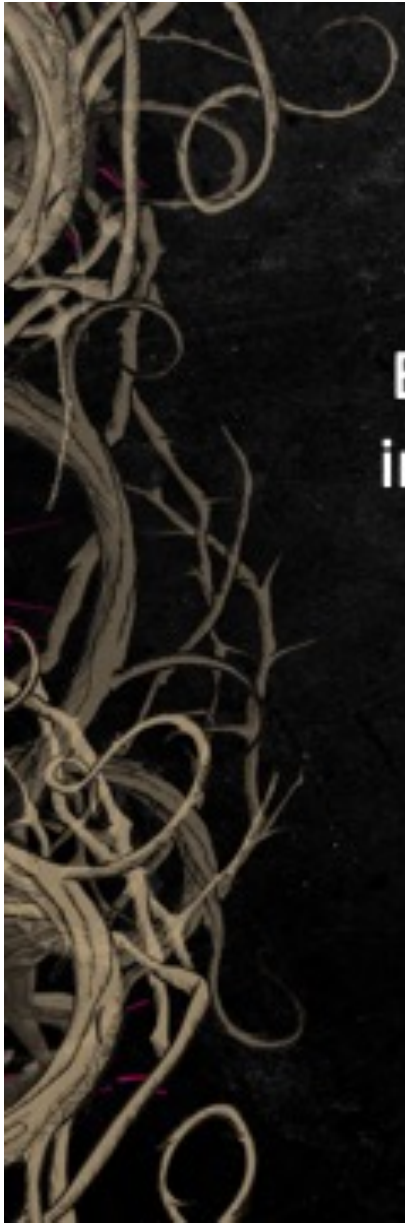
**She was spring cleaning
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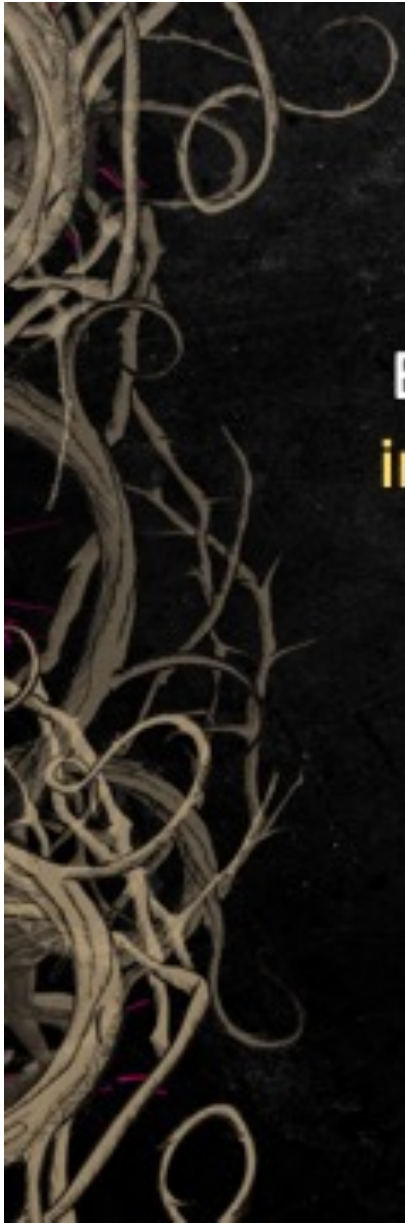
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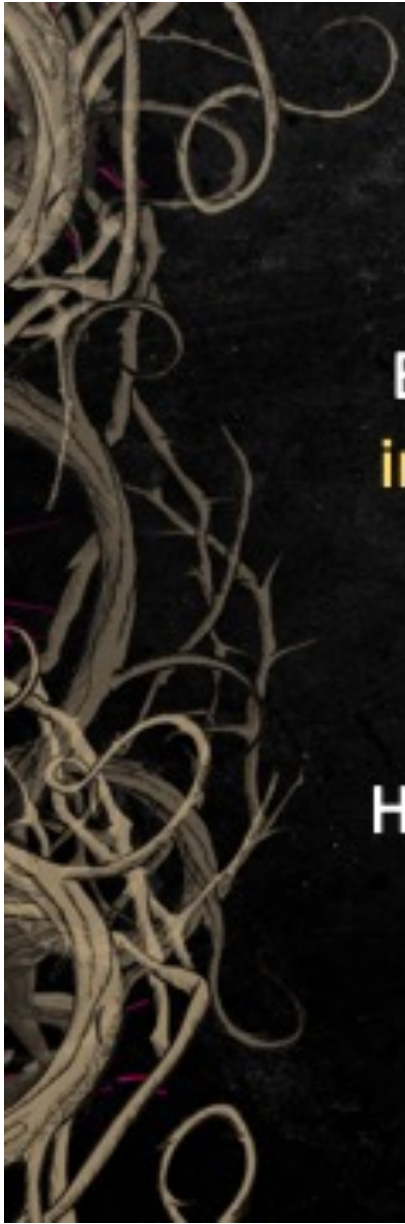






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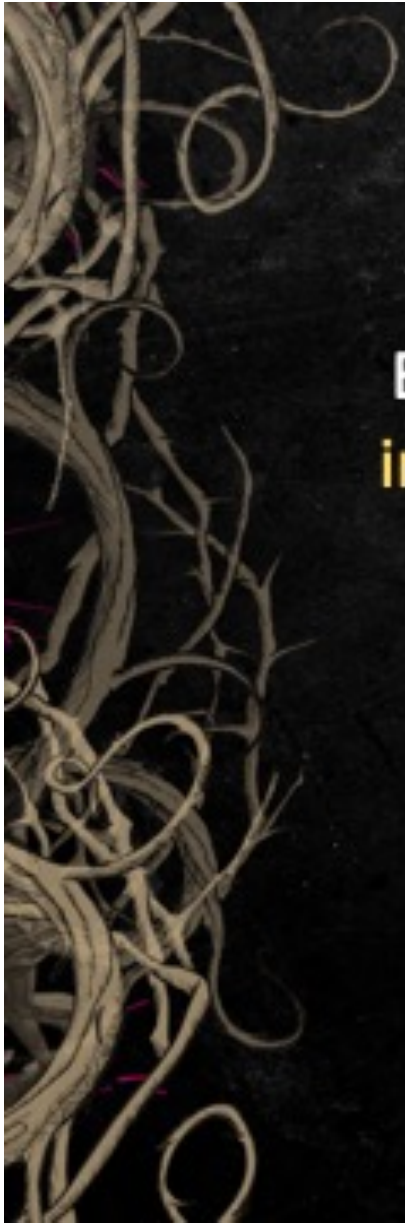
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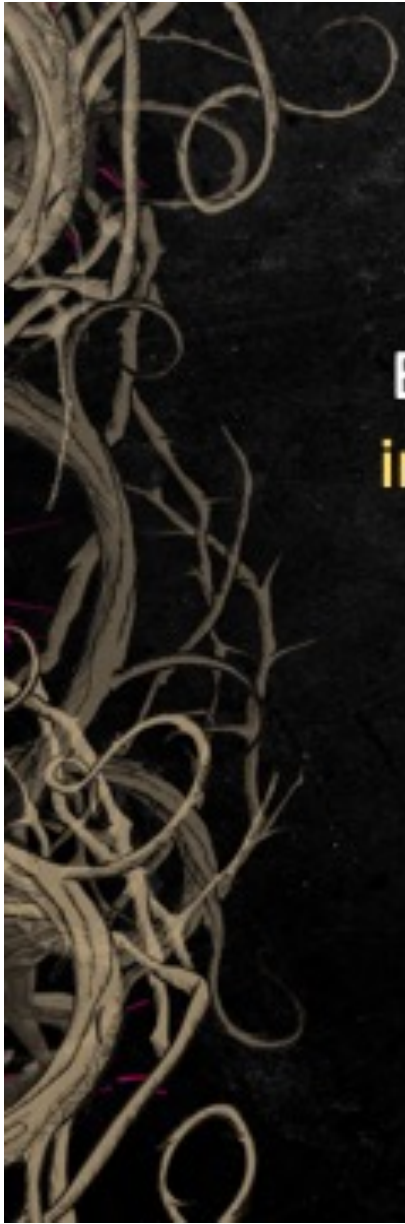
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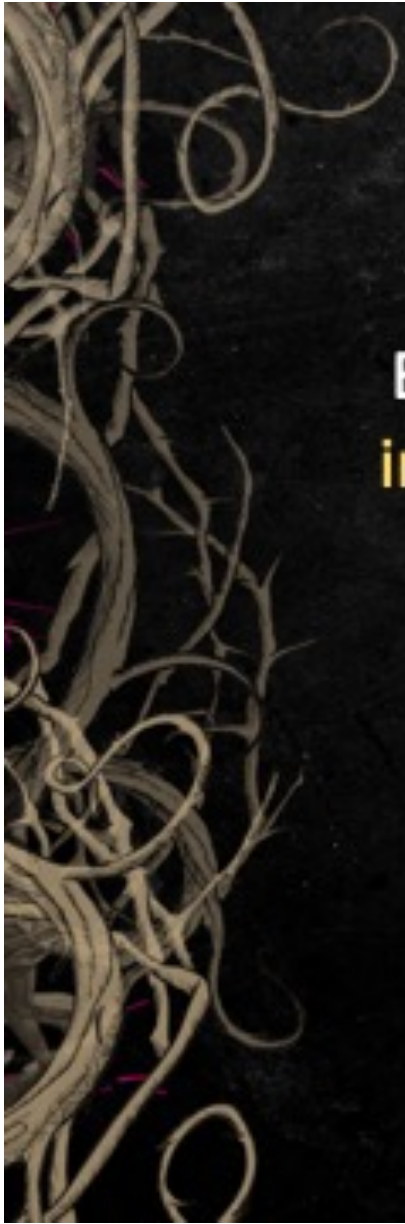
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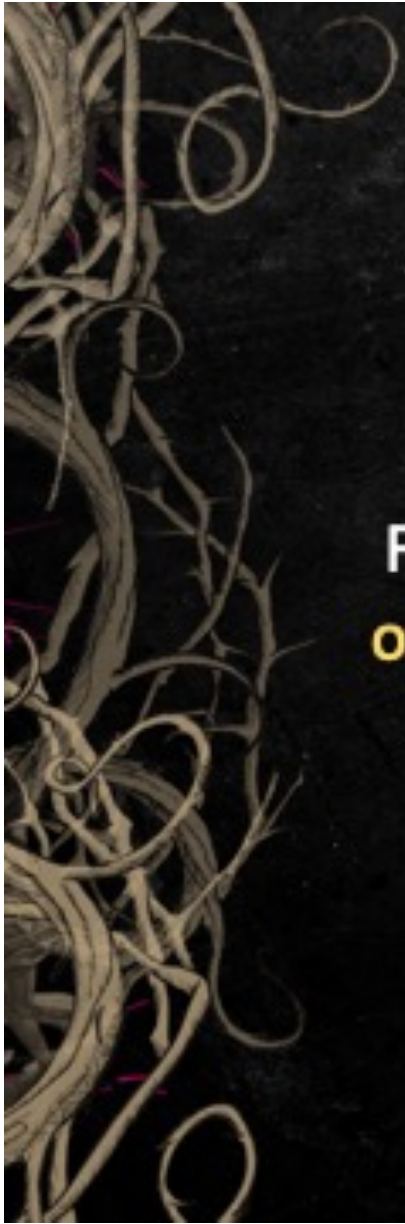
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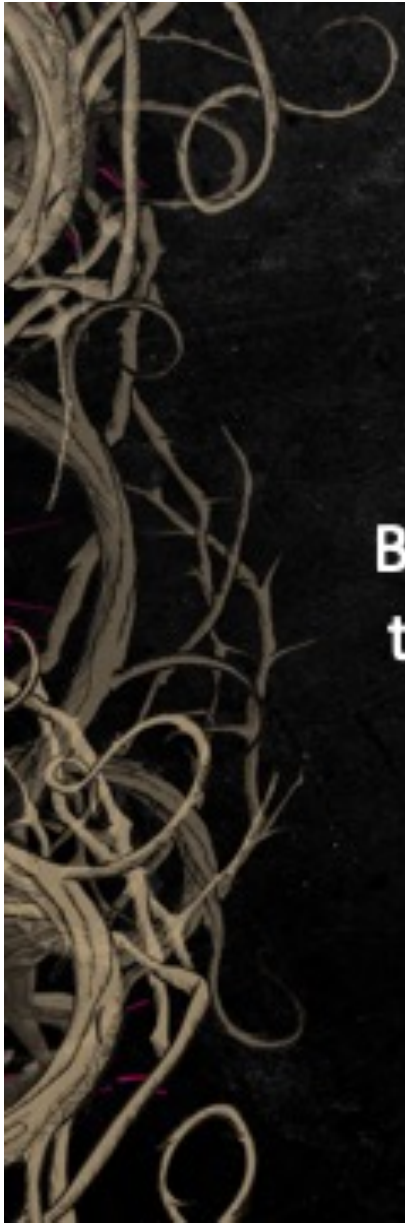
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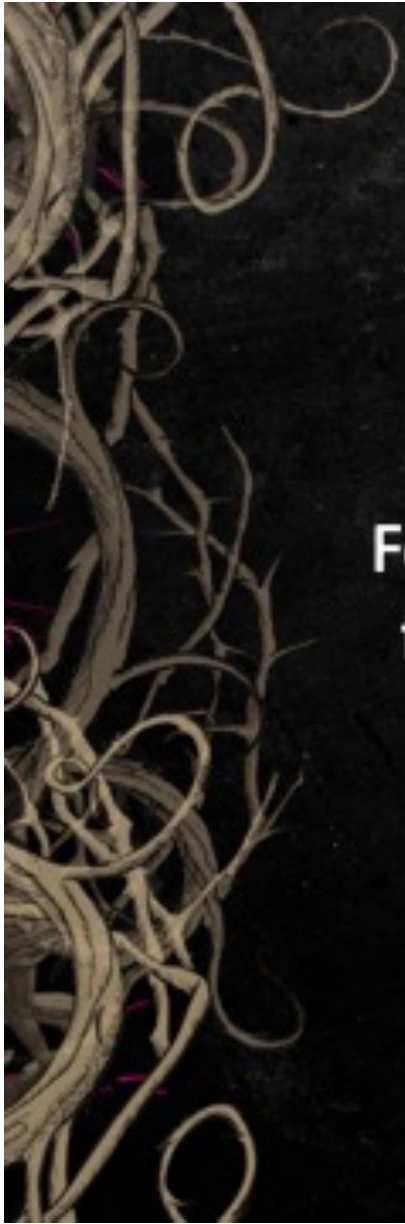
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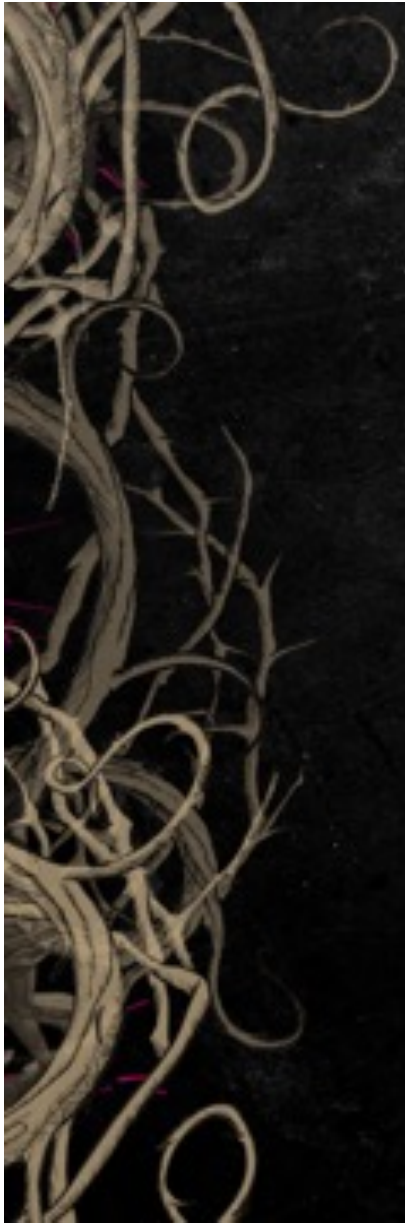
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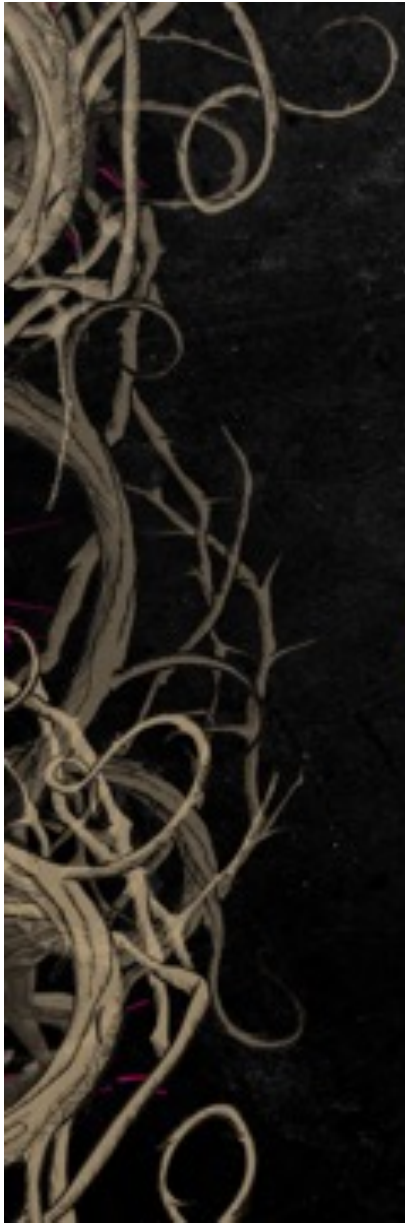
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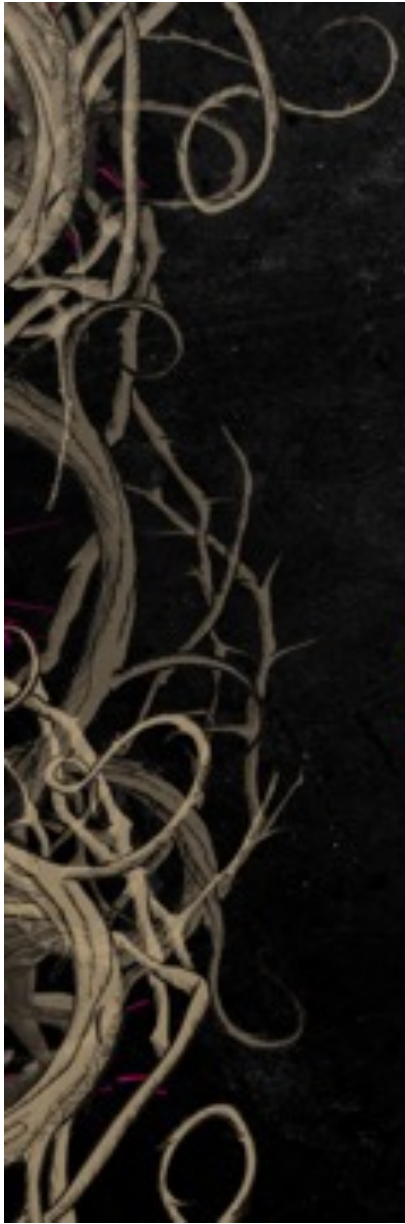
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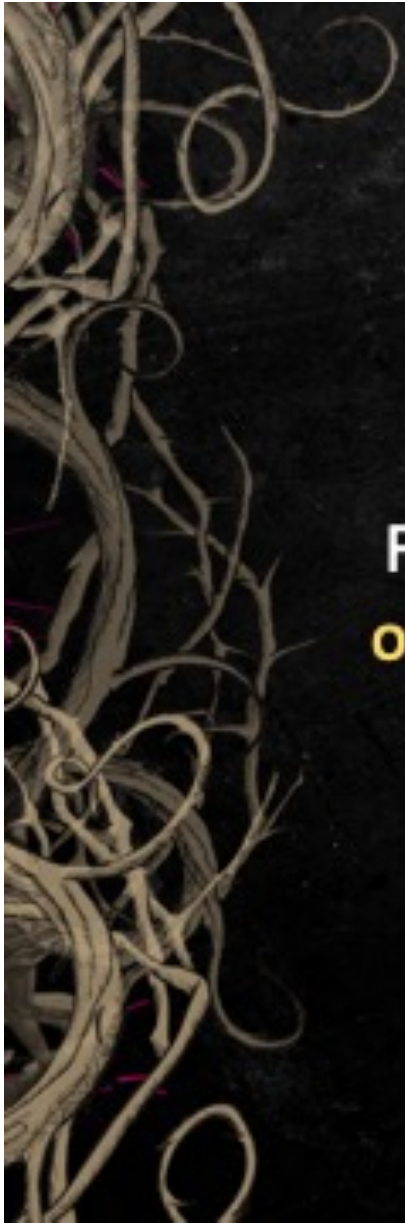
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"P. Diddy, Jay-Z, they're not the only ones who should be **driving Ferraris and living in large houses,**" says cast member Bishop Ron Gibson, a former gang member who now ministers to 4,500 people each week at Life Church of God in Christ.

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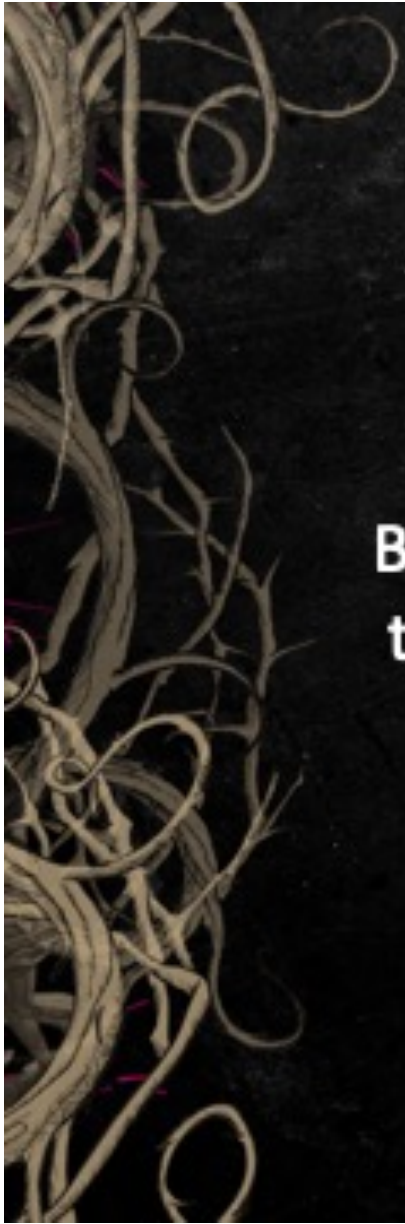
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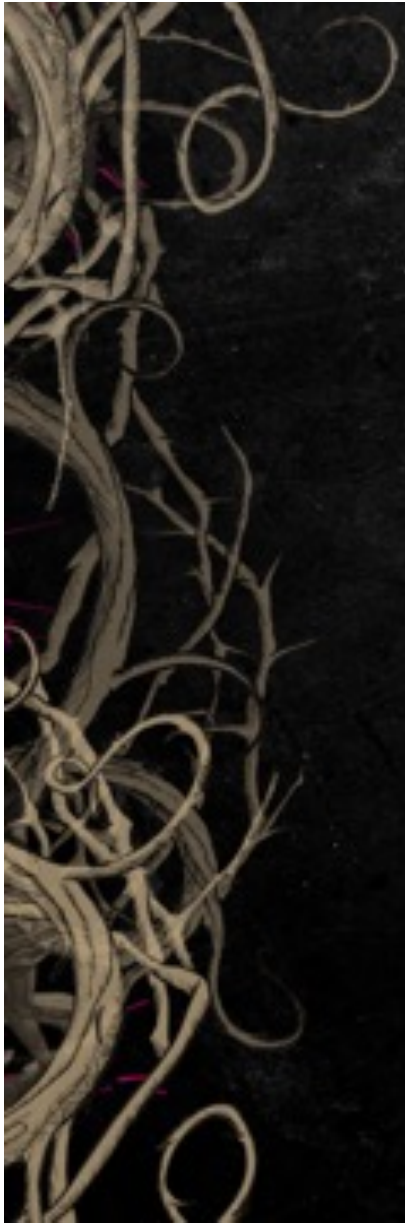
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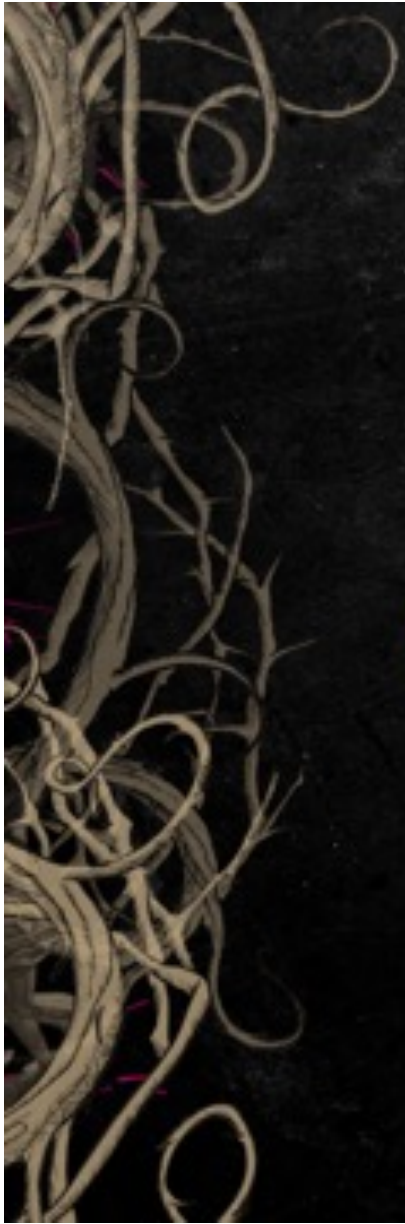
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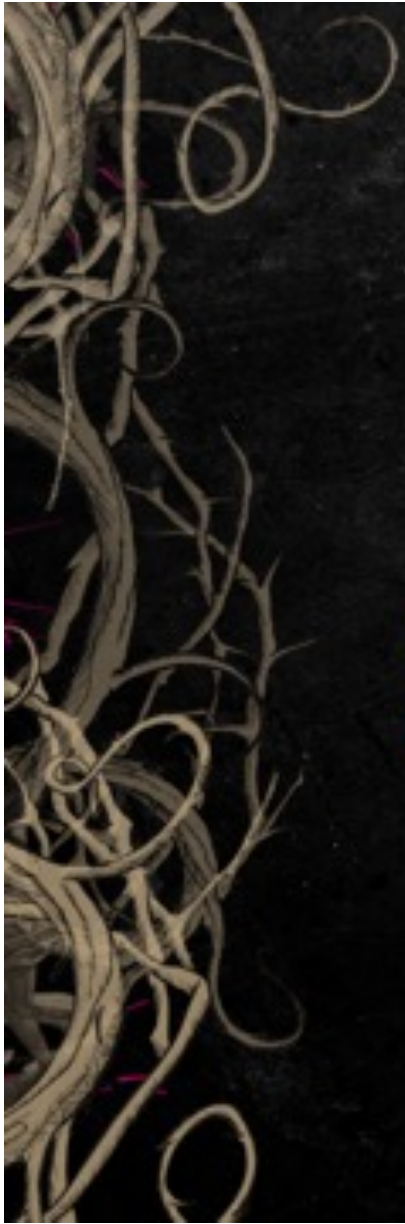
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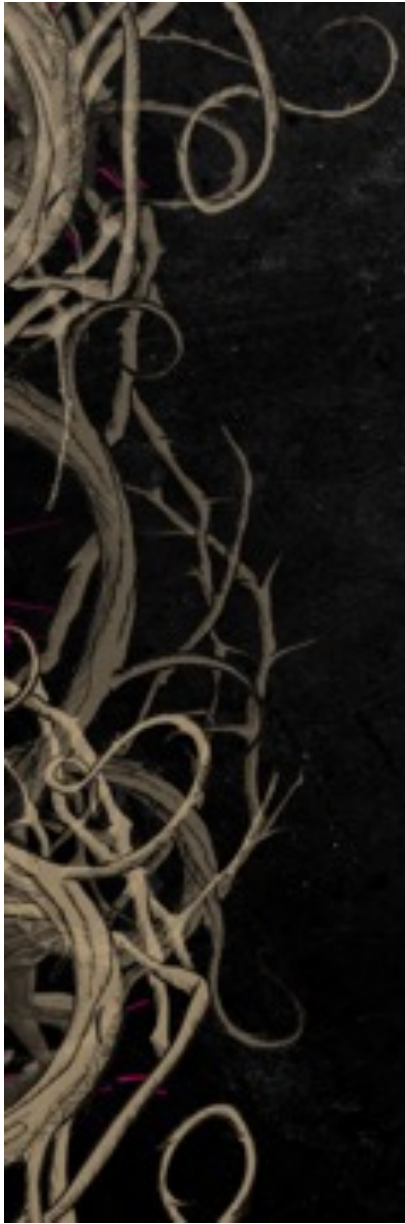
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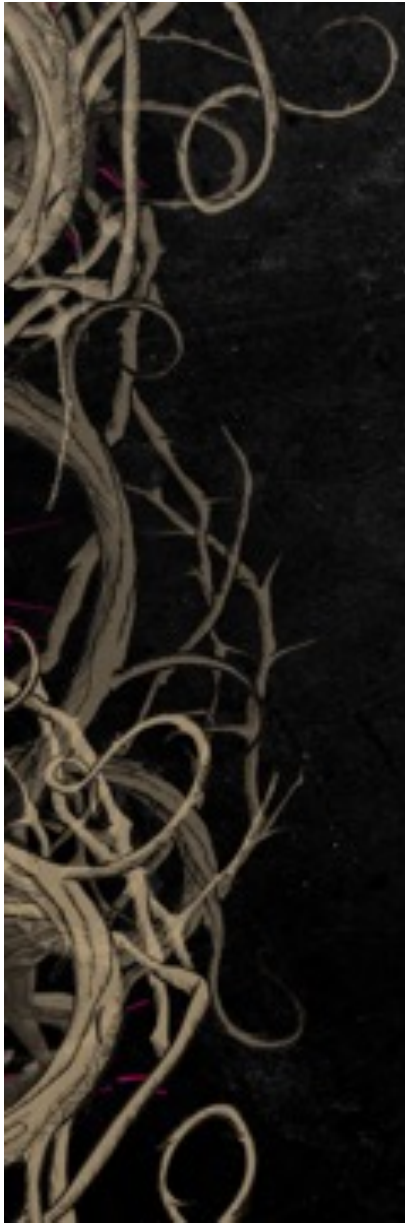


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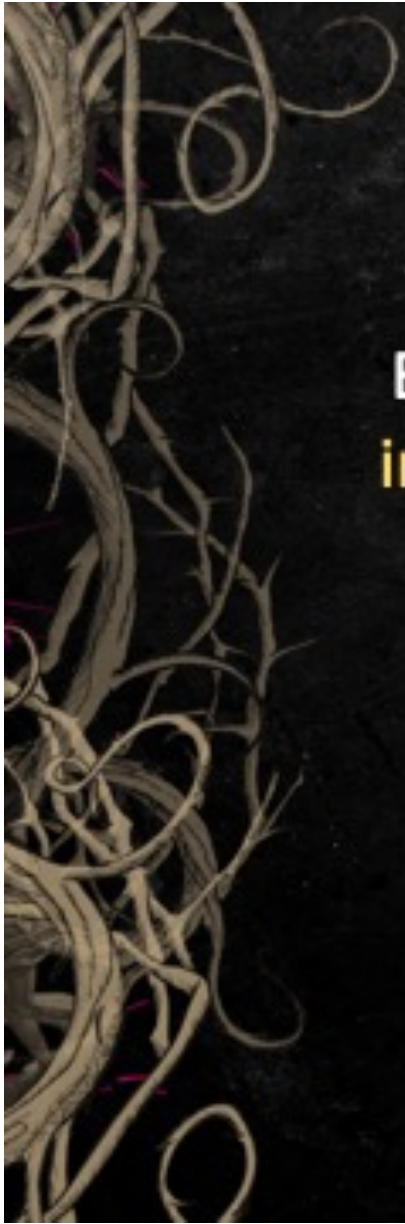


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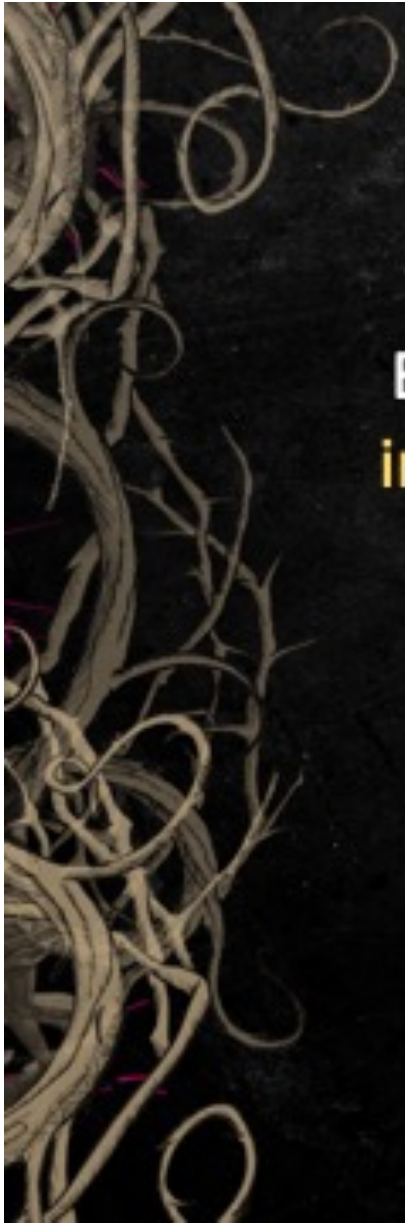
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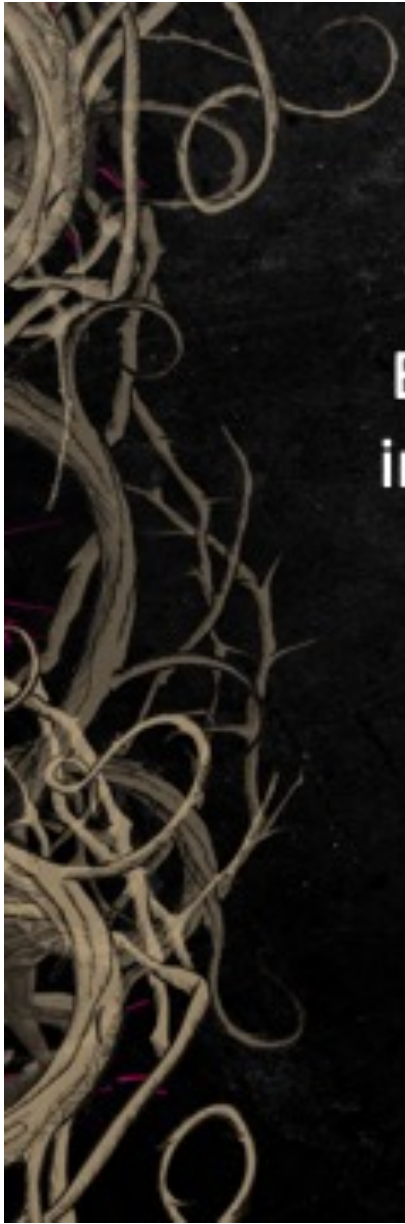
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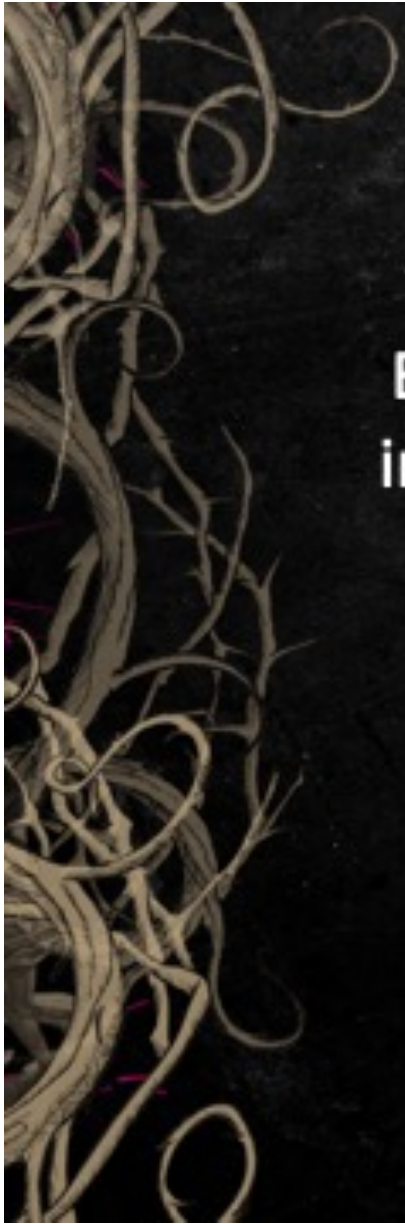
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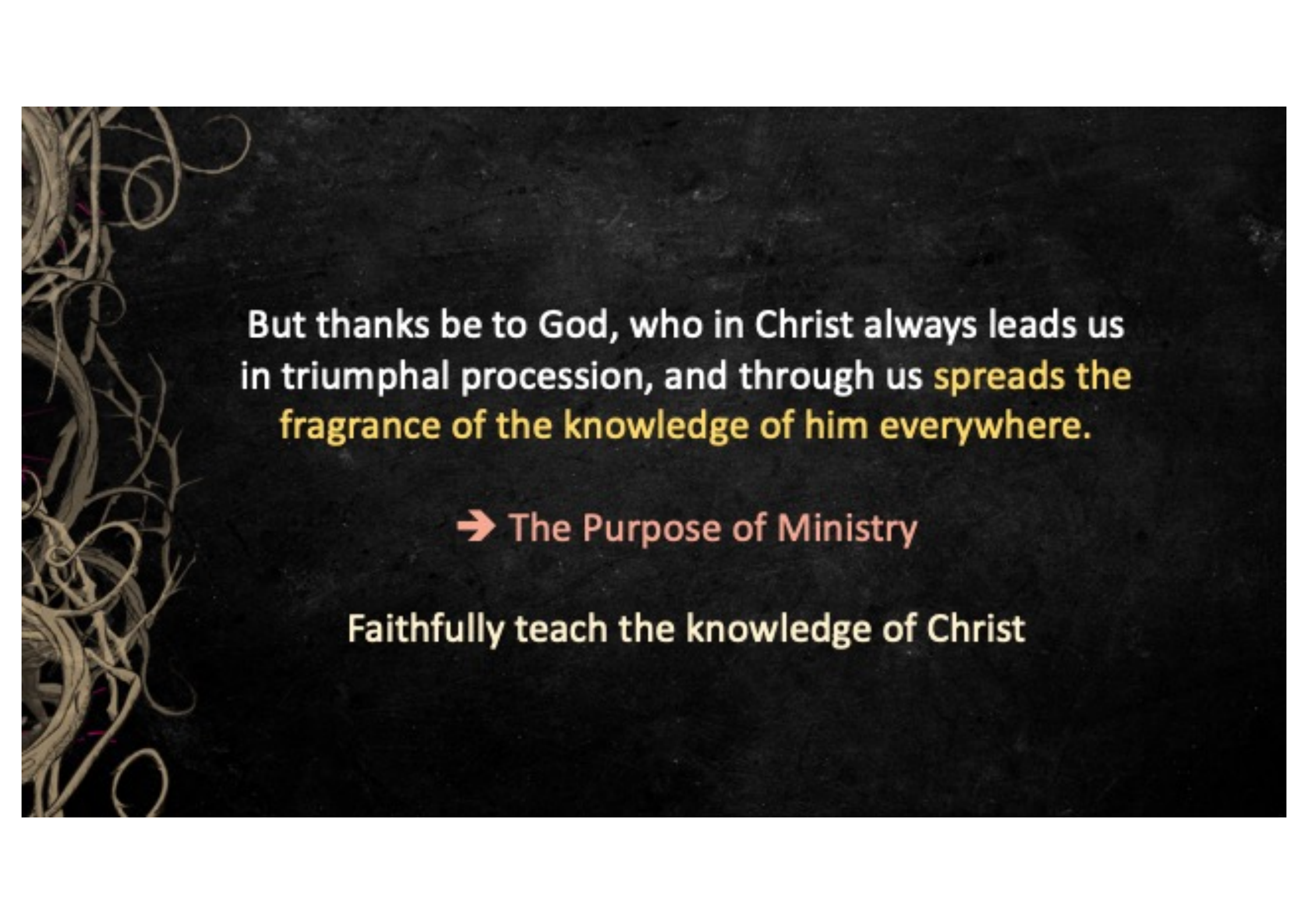


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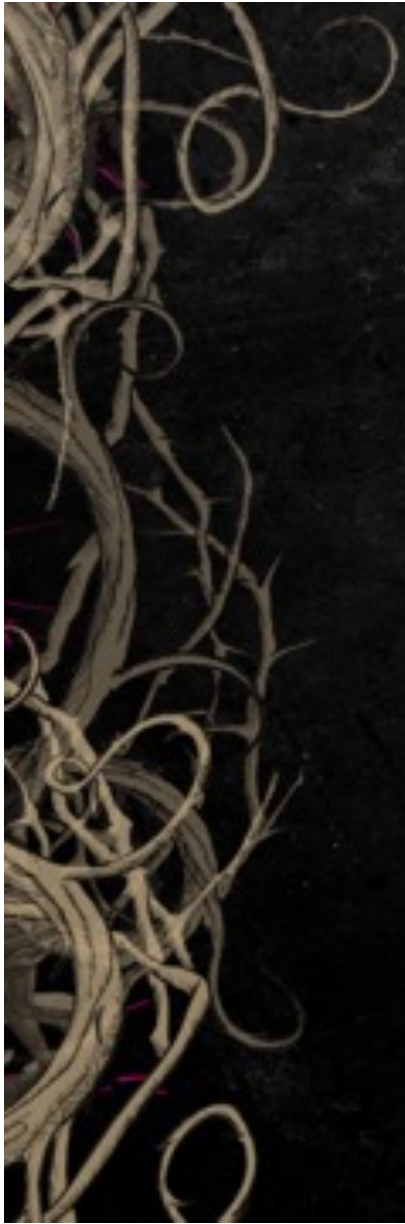
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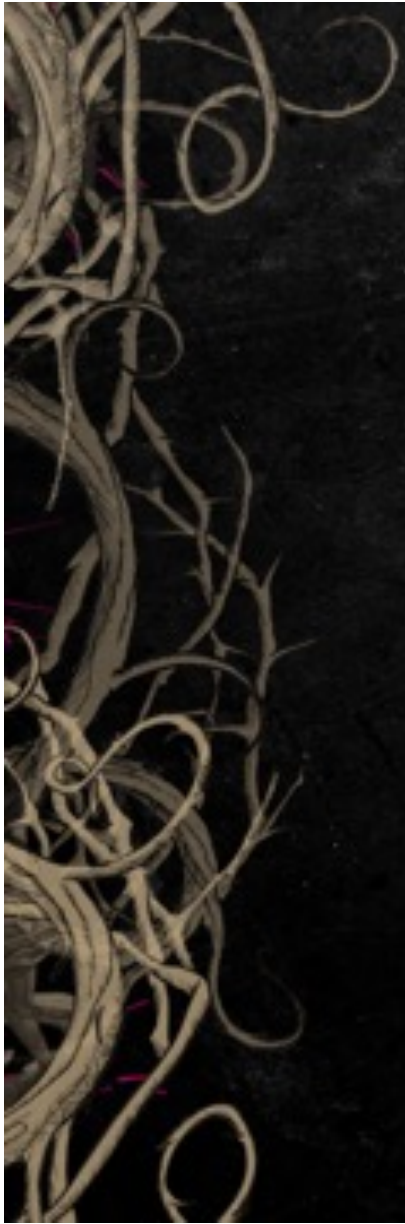
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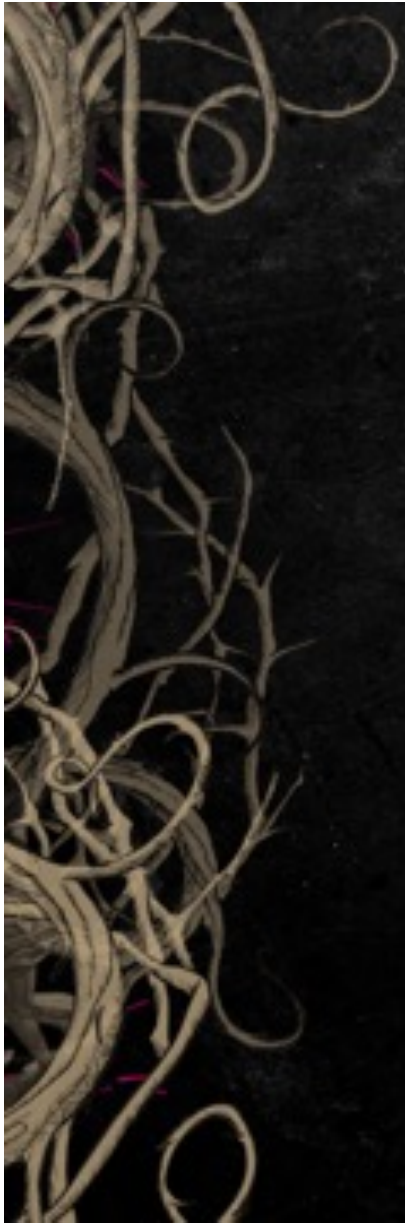
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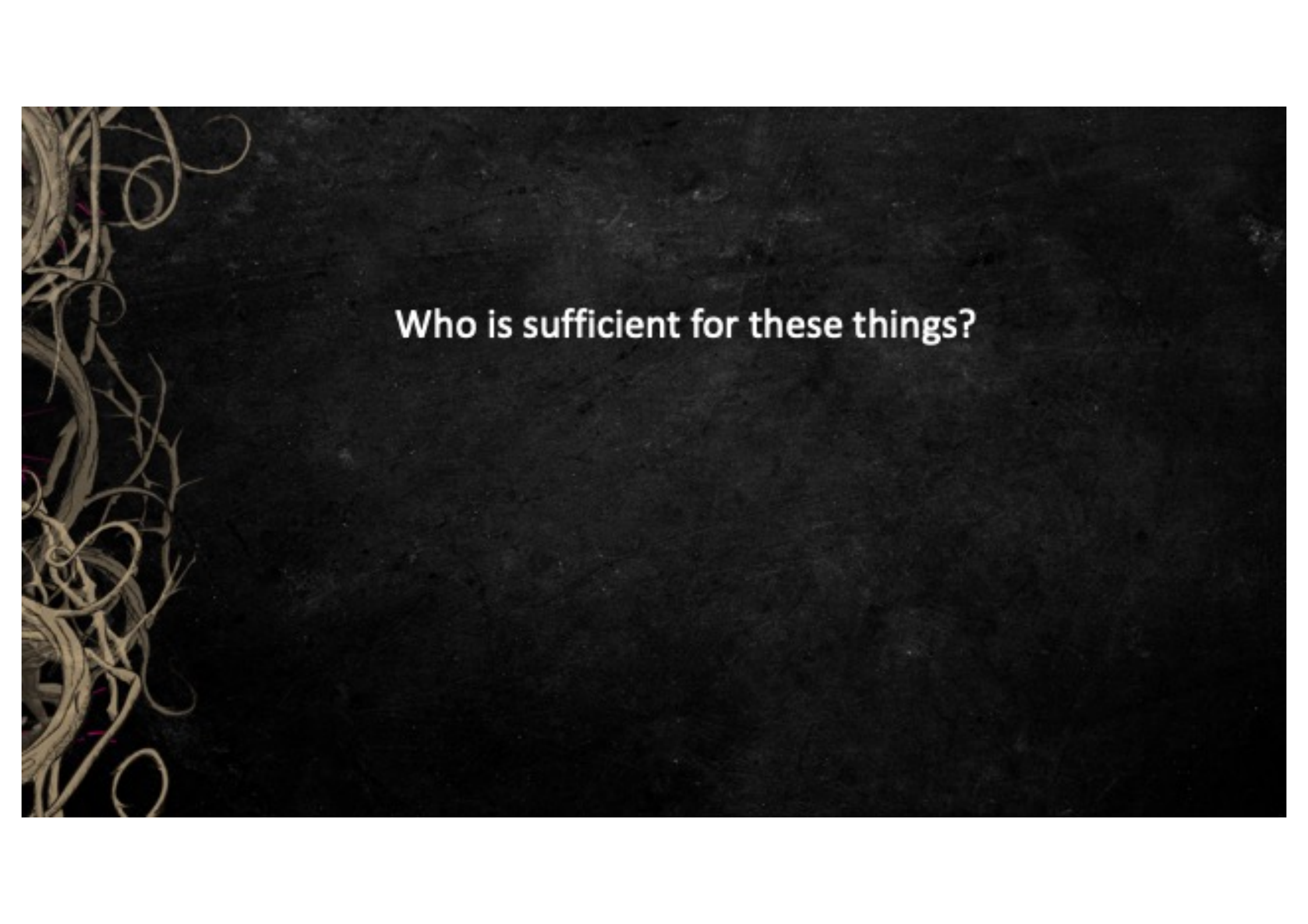
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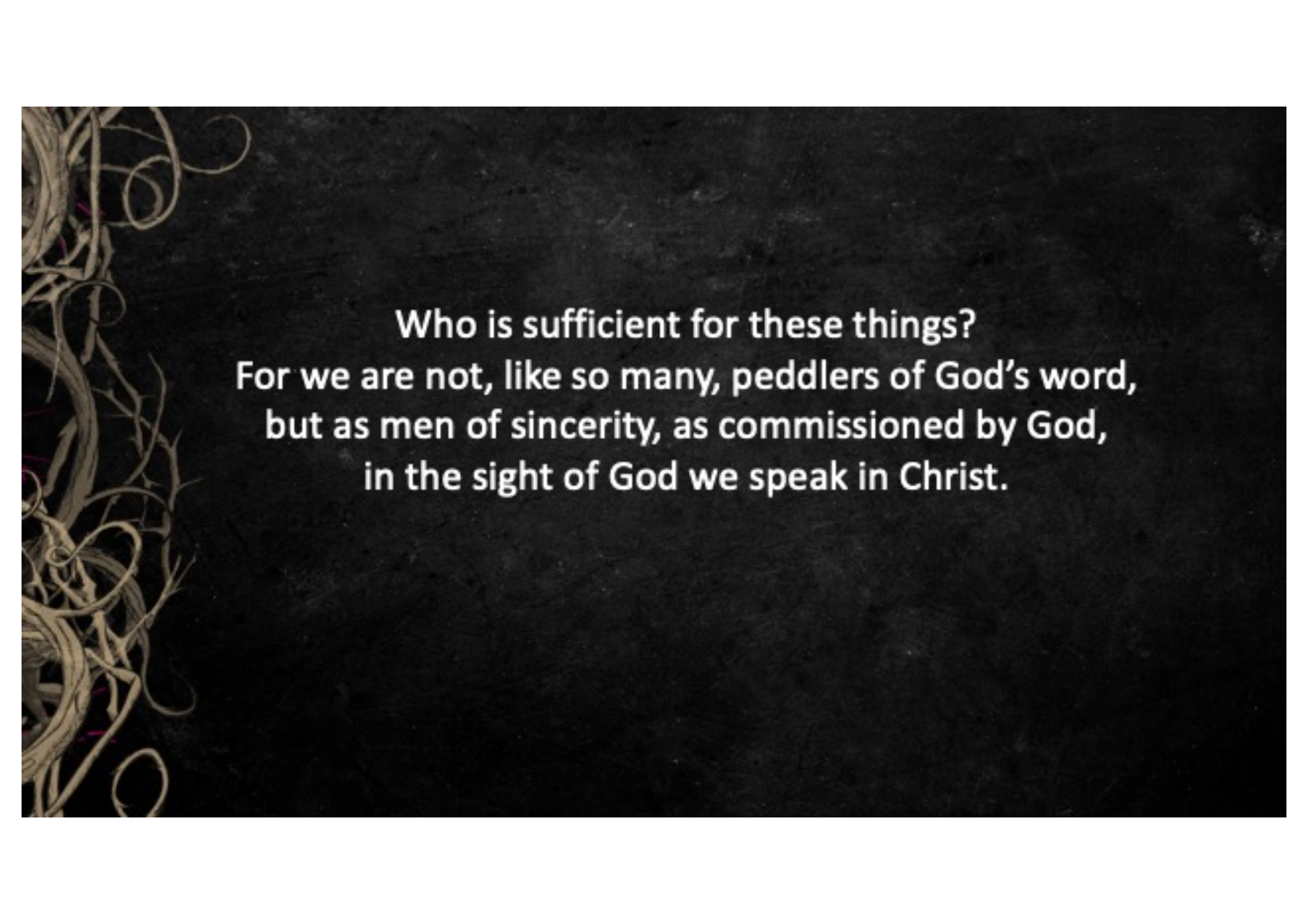


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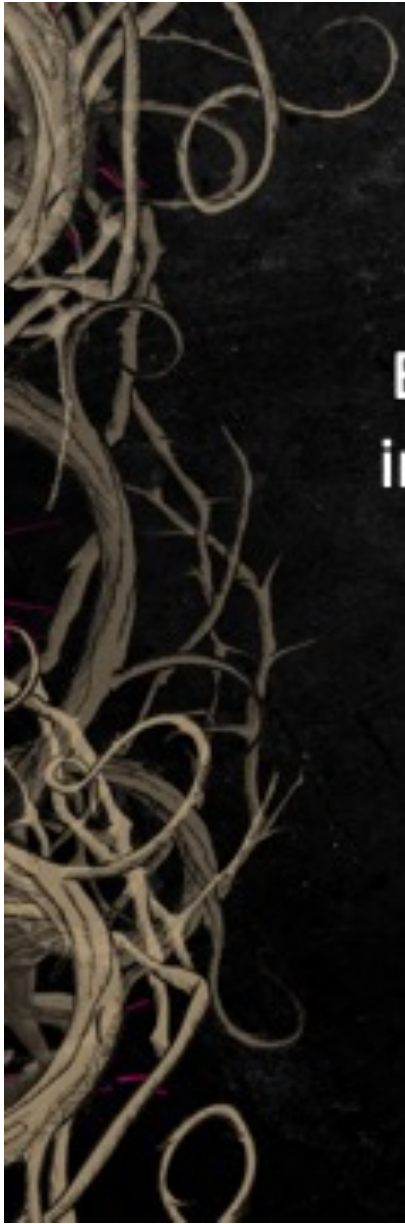
**“The stone that the builders rejected
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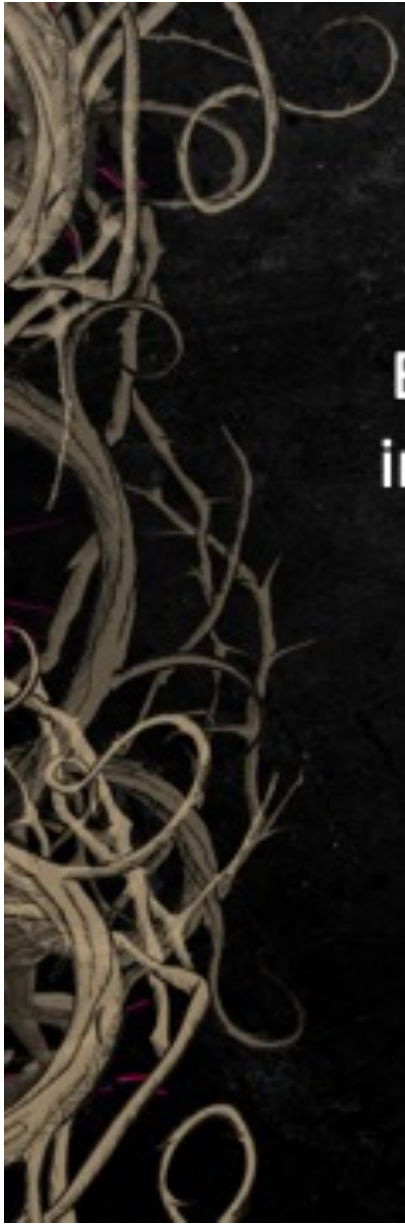
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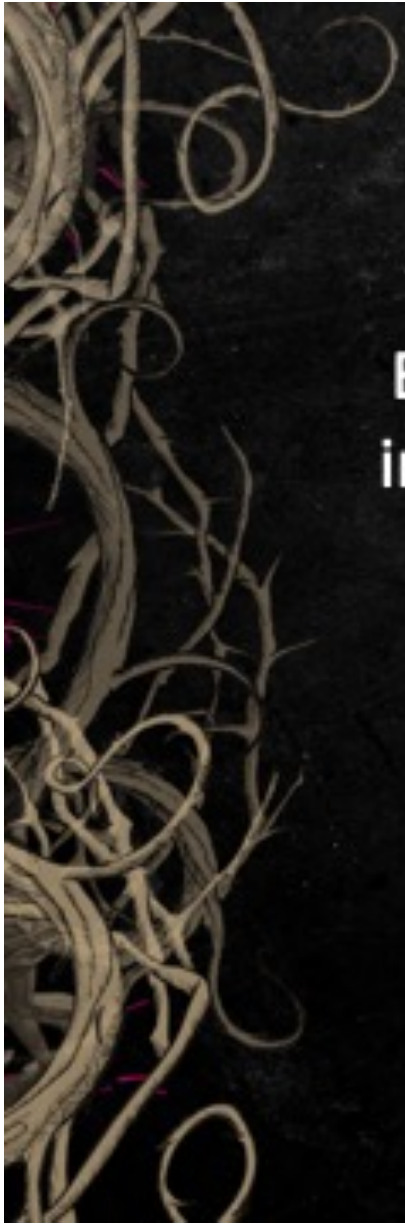


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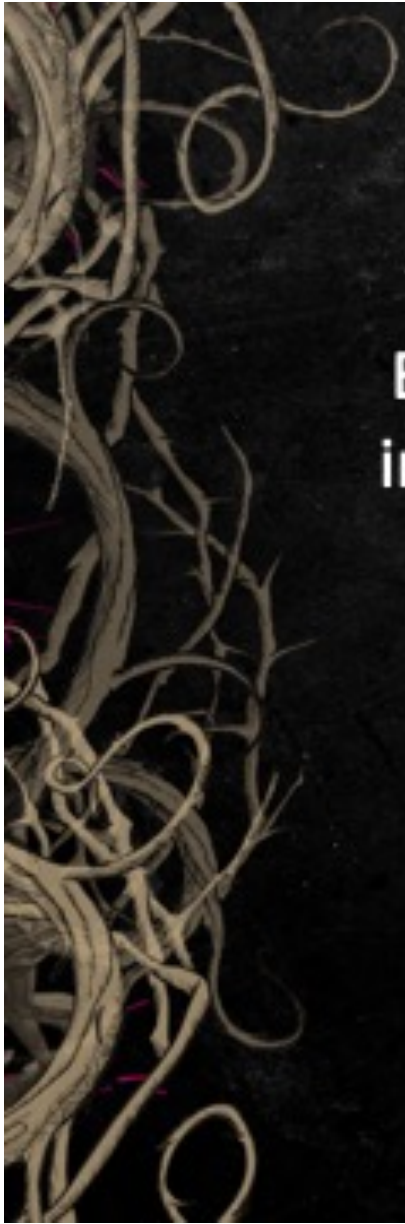
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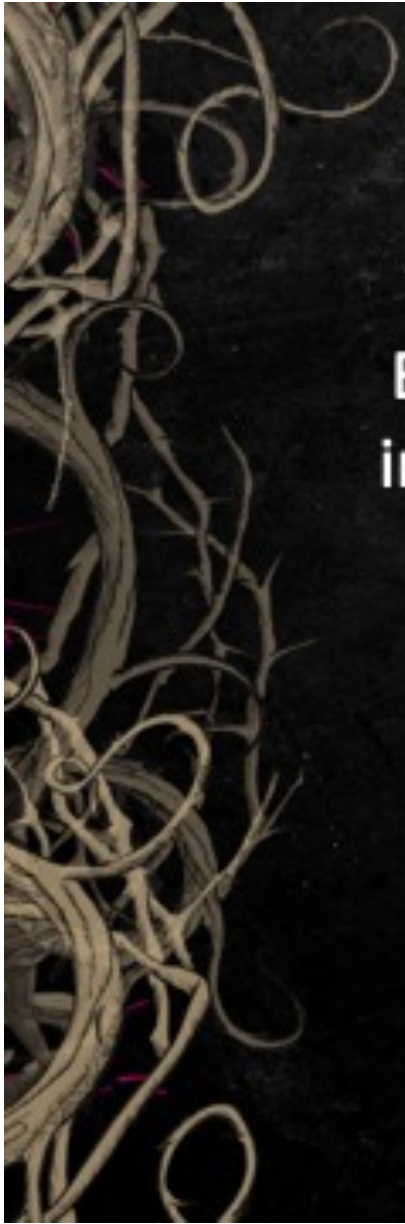
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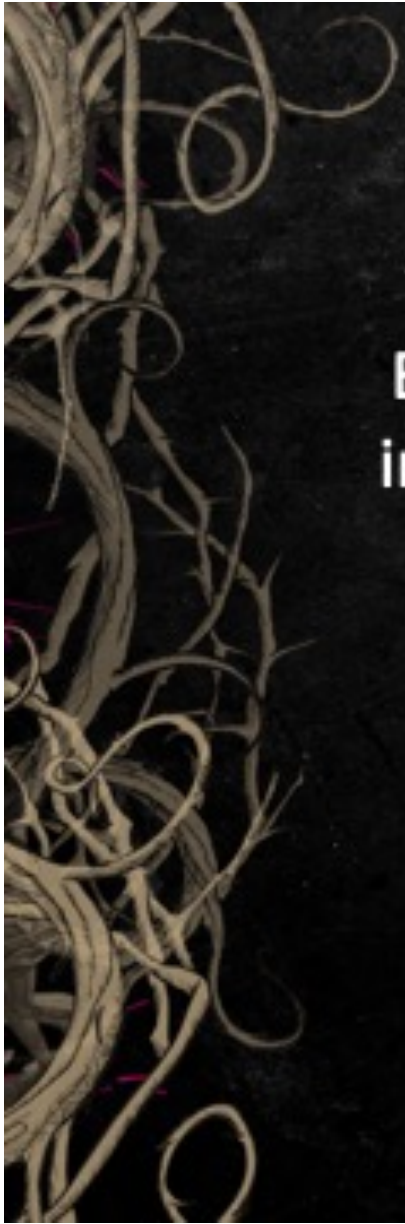
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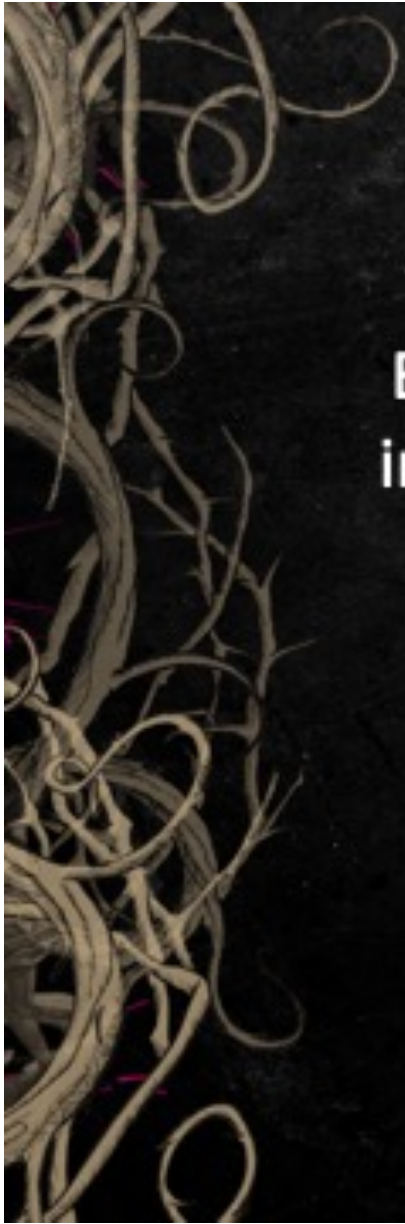
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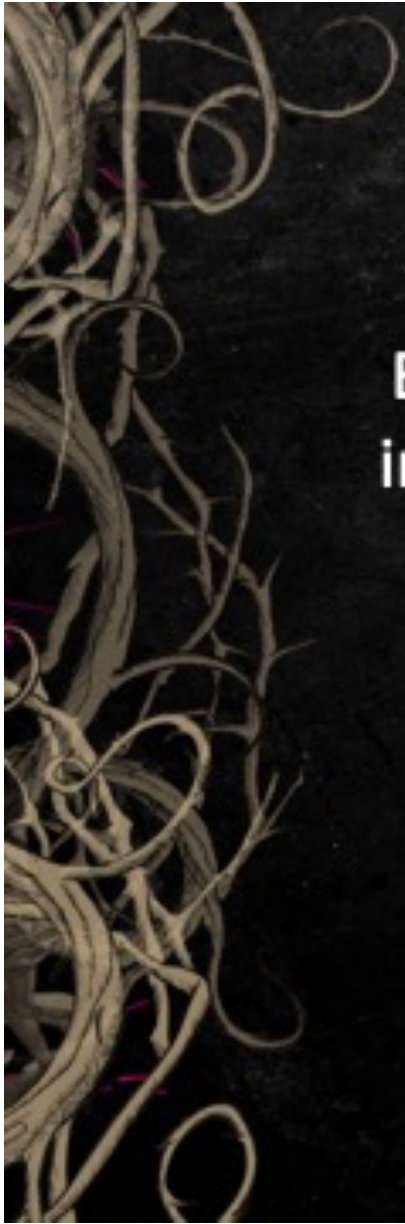


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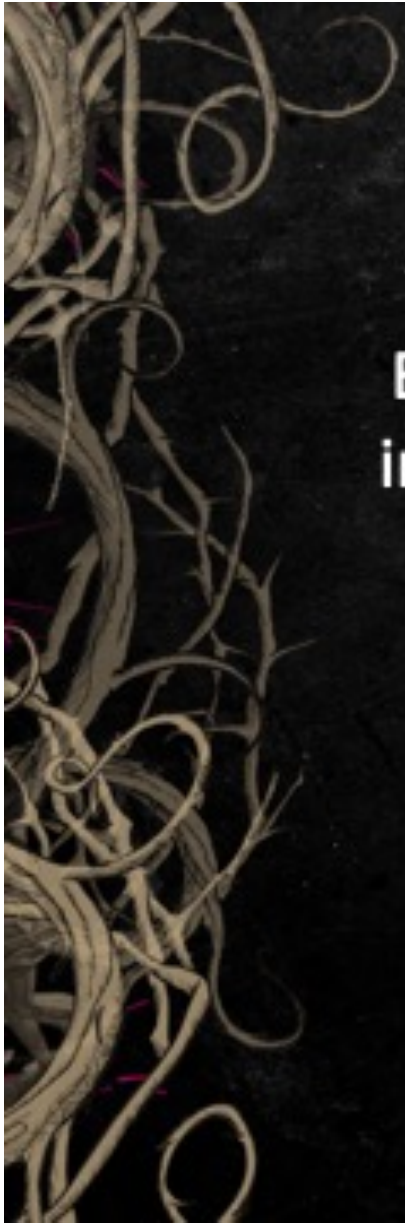
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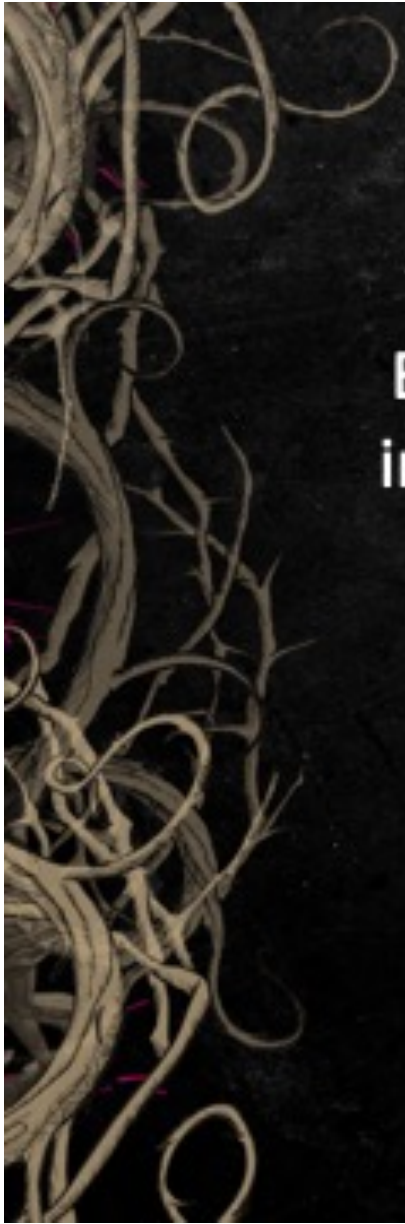
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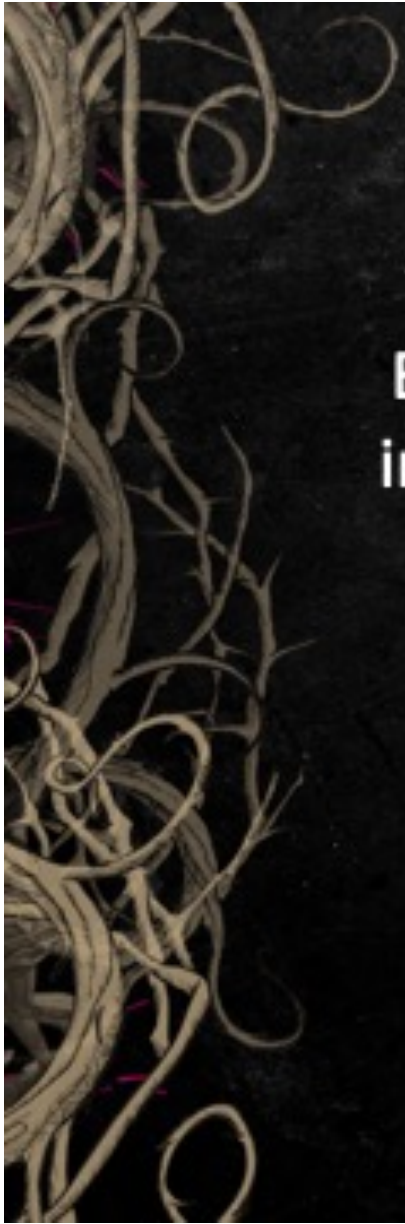
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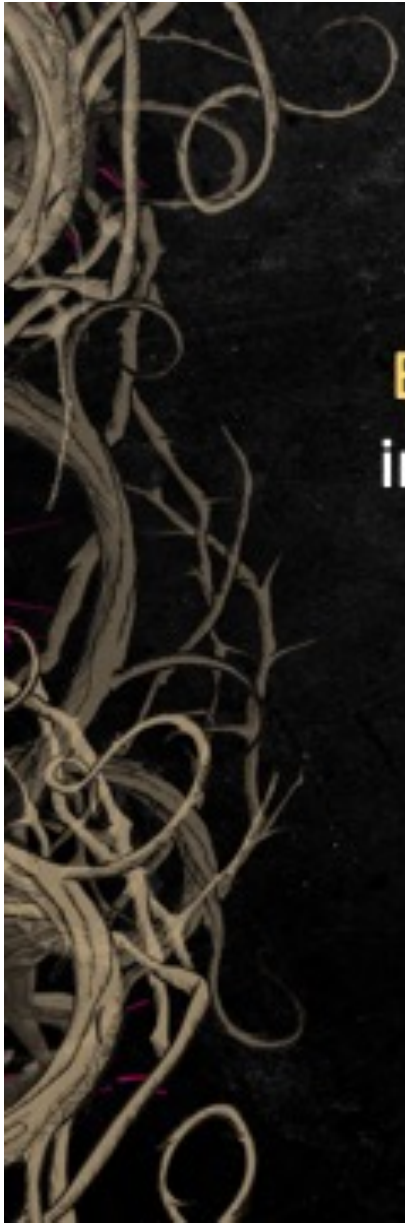
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