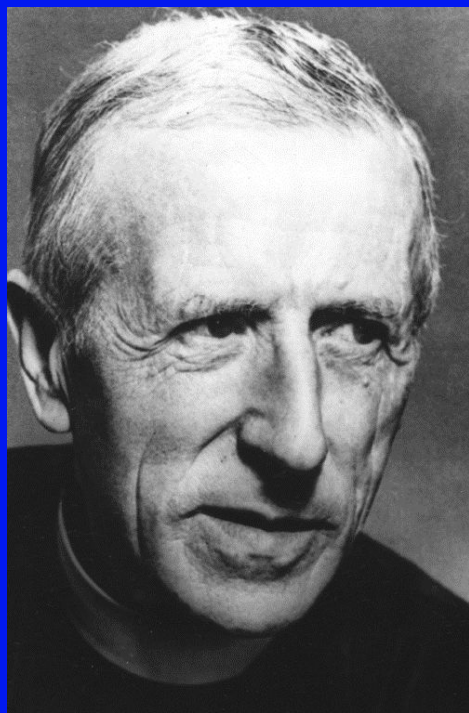
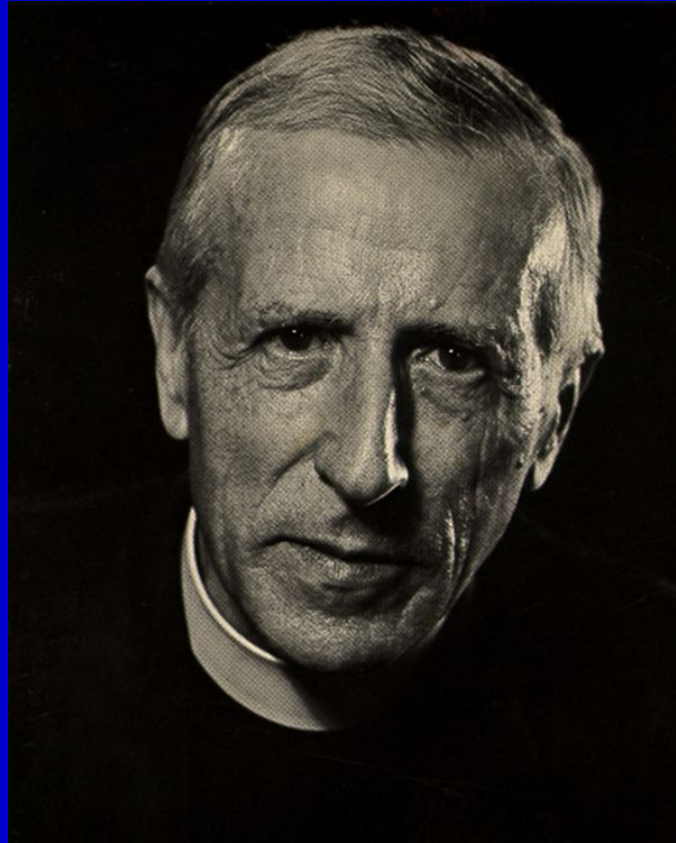


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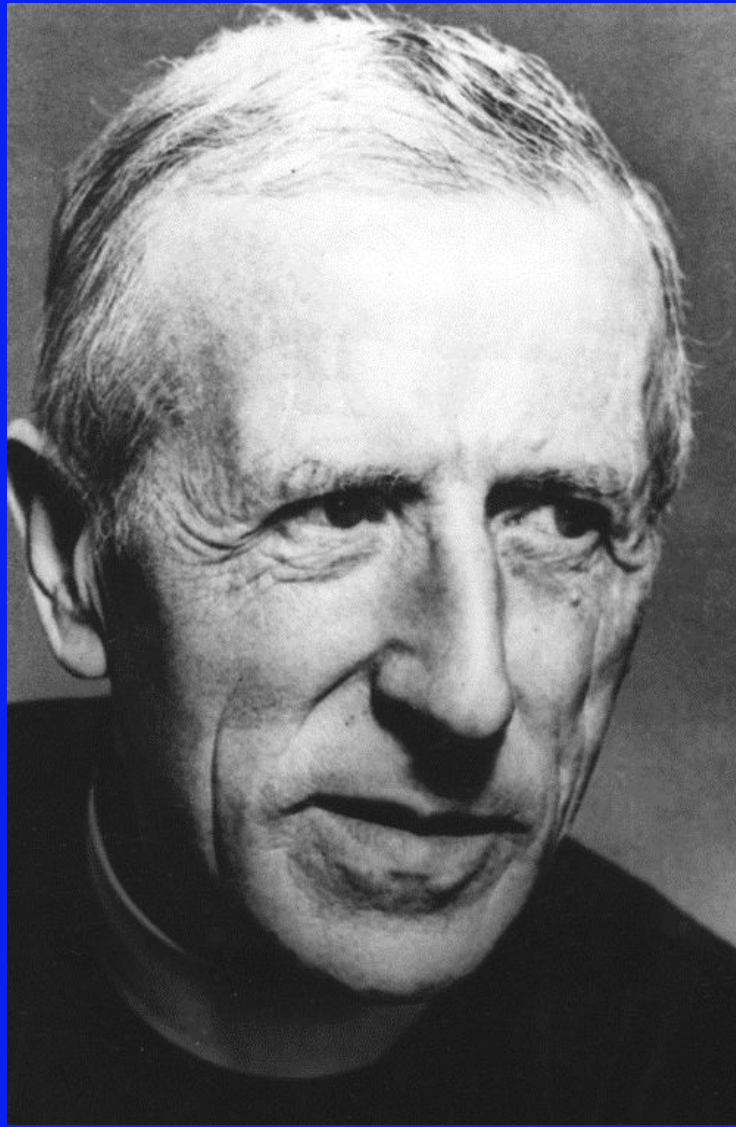
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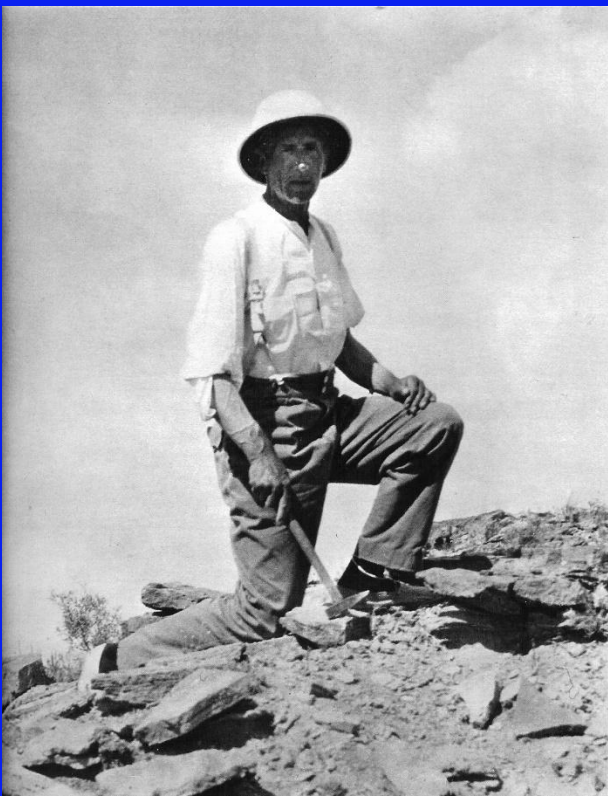
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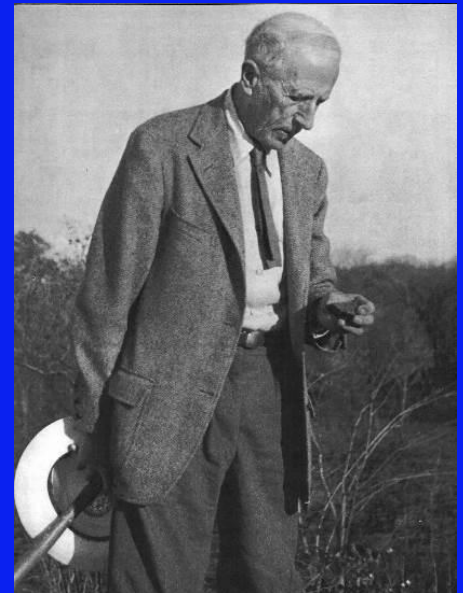


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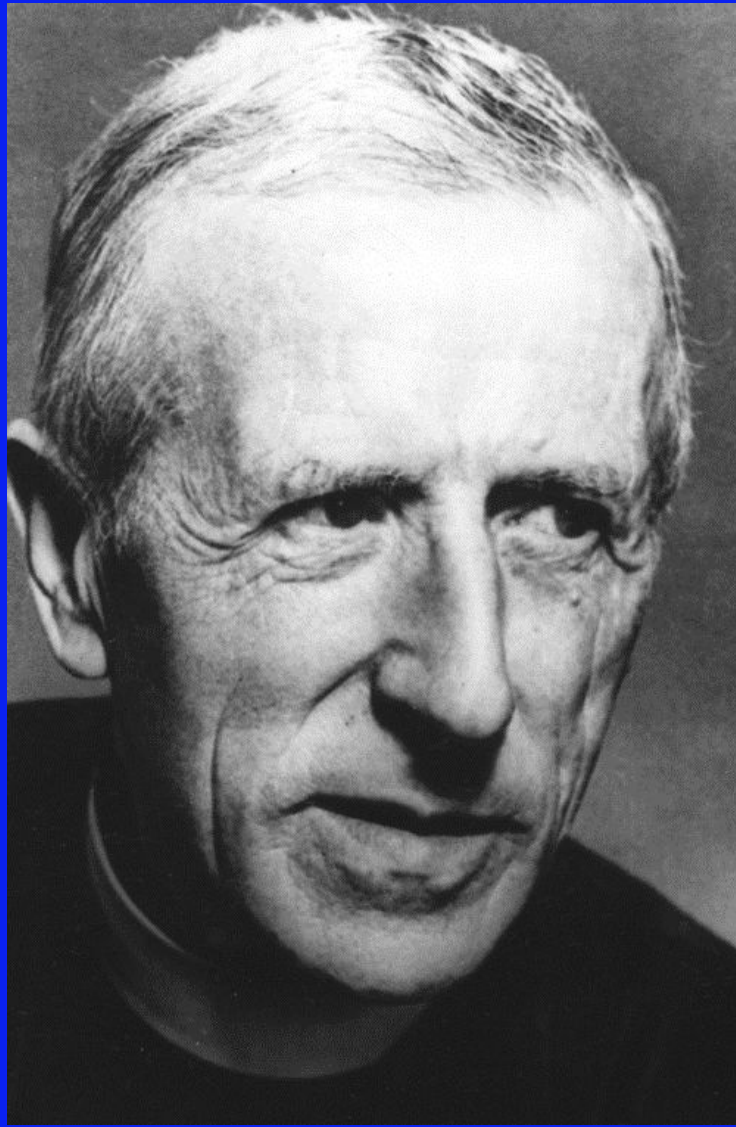


Love of God
and
Love of the World

complementary features
of a single act of
adoration and service



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Teilhard's Image of the Church



Liano







Hildegard of Bingen:

Again I am in turmoil.

Should I speak, or must I be silent?

*I feel like a gnarled old tree,
withered, crooked, flaky.*

*All the stories of the years are
written on my branches.*

The sap is gone, the voice is dead.



*But I long to make again a sacred
sound. I want to sound out God.*

*I want to be a young juicy,
sap-running tree so that I can
sing God as God knows how.*



I have sweetness to share.

I have stories to tell.

I have God to announce.

I have green life to celebrate.

I have rivers of fire to ignite.

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**A Reborn
Church**

NOT

A New Church







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Images of God and Ritual



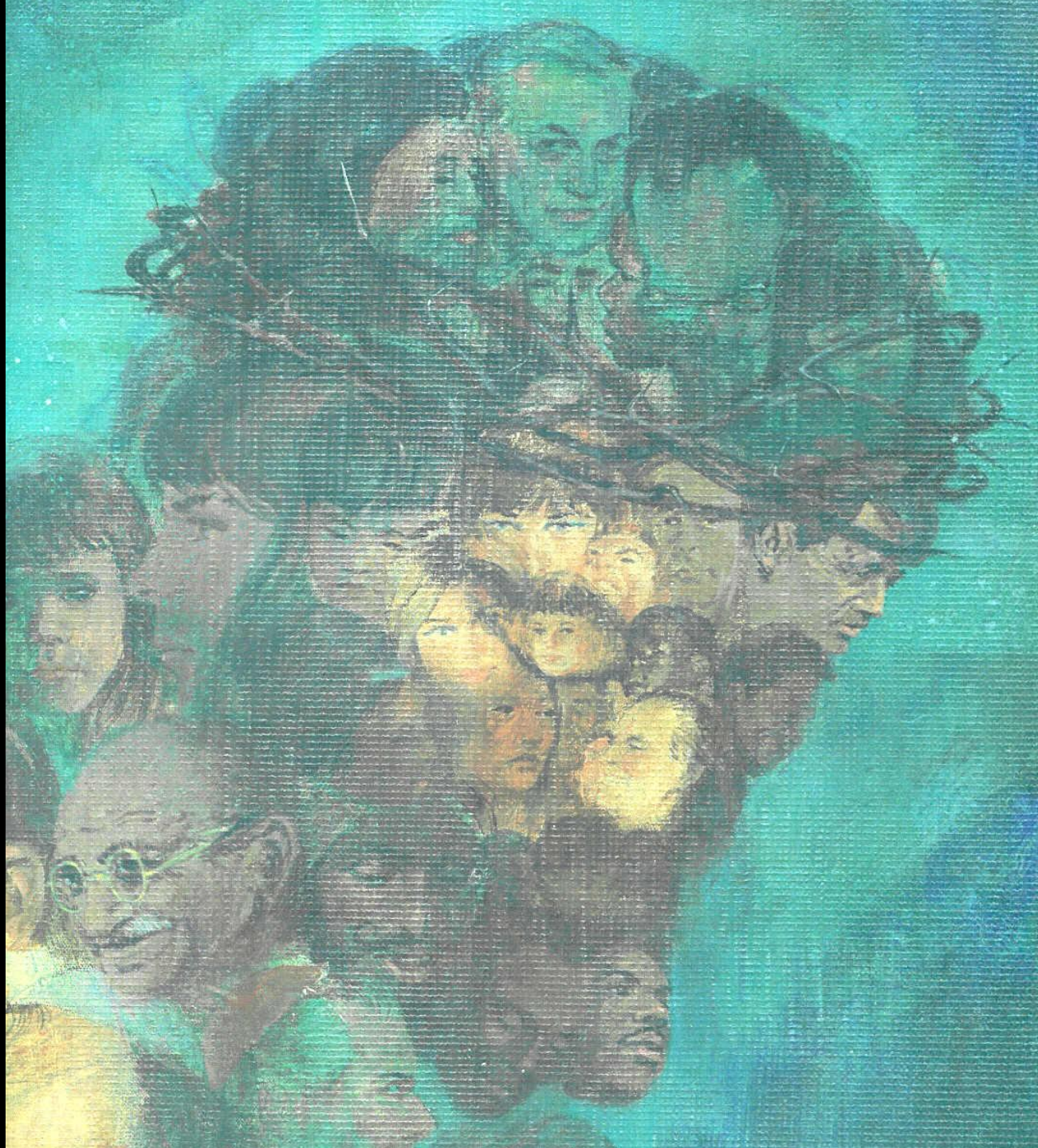












“The Mass on the World”

“The Picture”

The Divine Milieu

Language

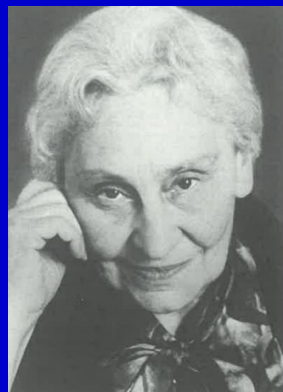
- Dogma was too staid.
- Revelation was assumed complete.
- Dogma was promulgated in “the most impossible language.”

Laws

- Moral codes were not organic and rational.
- Precepts were not working.
- Social norms and pat doctrine were outdated.

Governance

- Her resistance to democratic processes was backward.
- Her exclusion of women from the priesthood was unwise.
- Her disregard of prophecy was dangerous.



“I have experienced no form of
self-development
without some feminine eye
turned on me,
some feminine influence
at work.” HM, 59

“There is no road to spiritual maturity except through some emotional influence, whose function is to sensitize one’s understanding and stimulate, at least initially, one’s capacity for love.” HM, 59

Religion of Tomorrow

Energy of Tomorrow

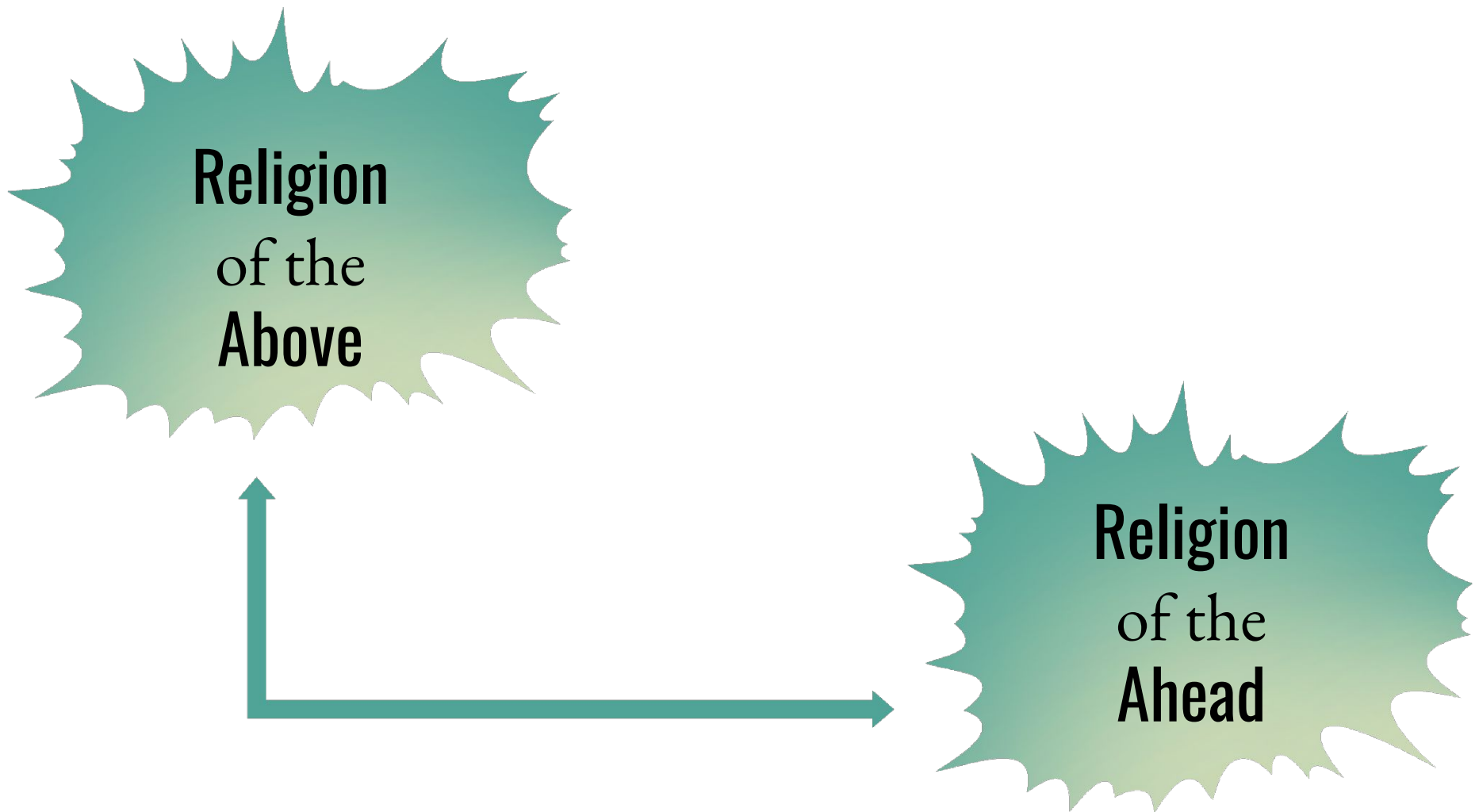






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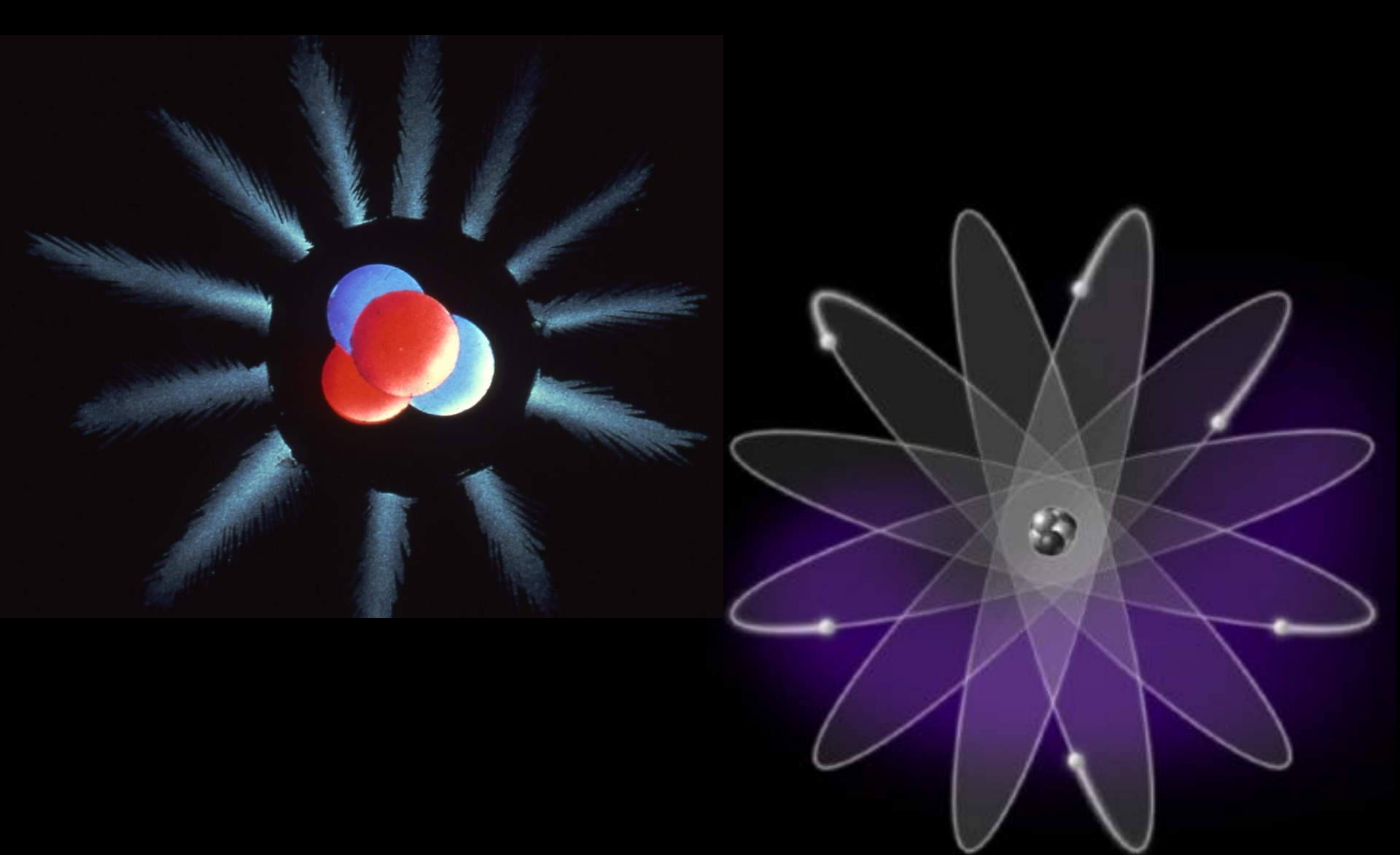




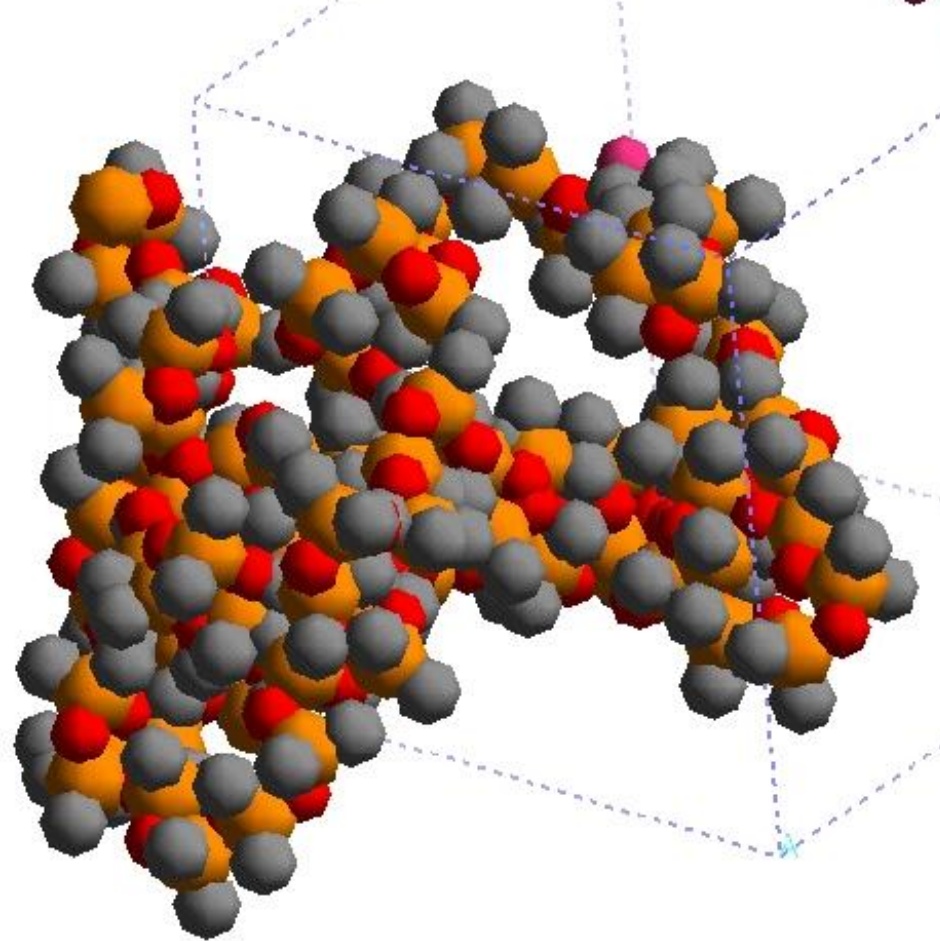
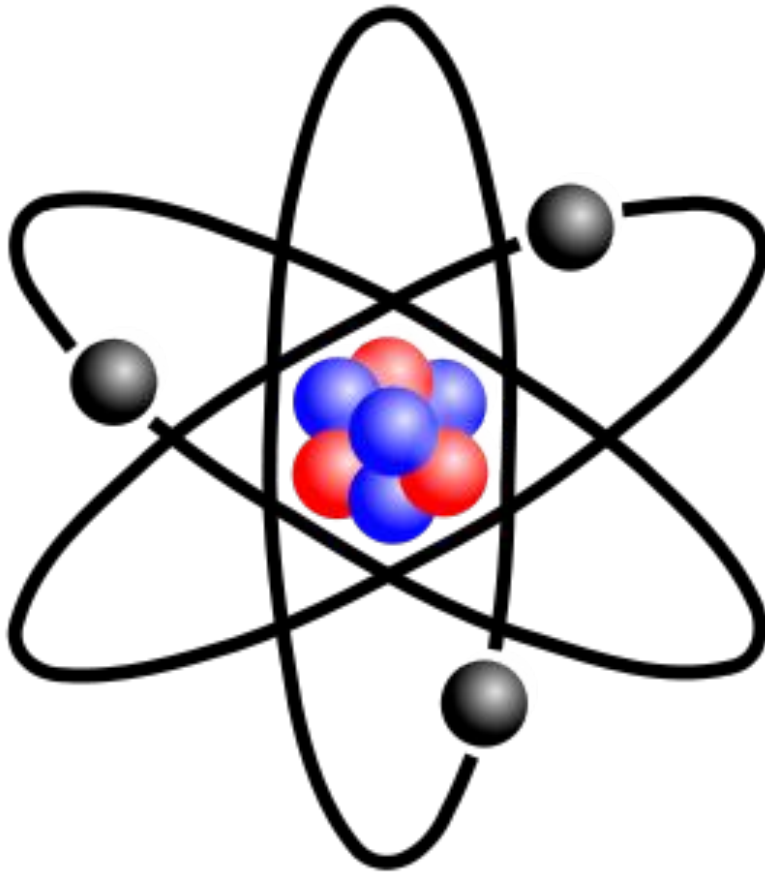
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**Religion
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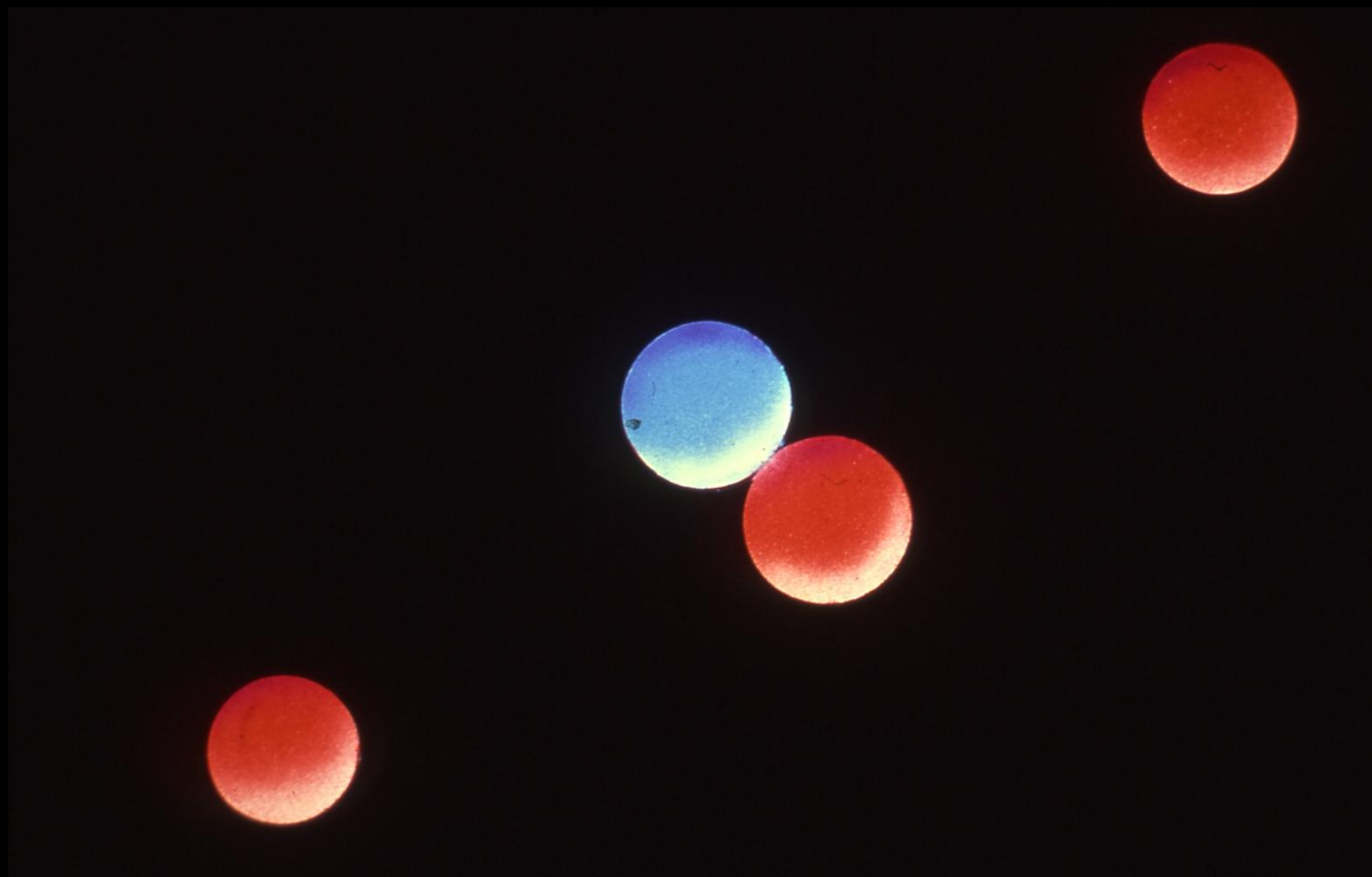


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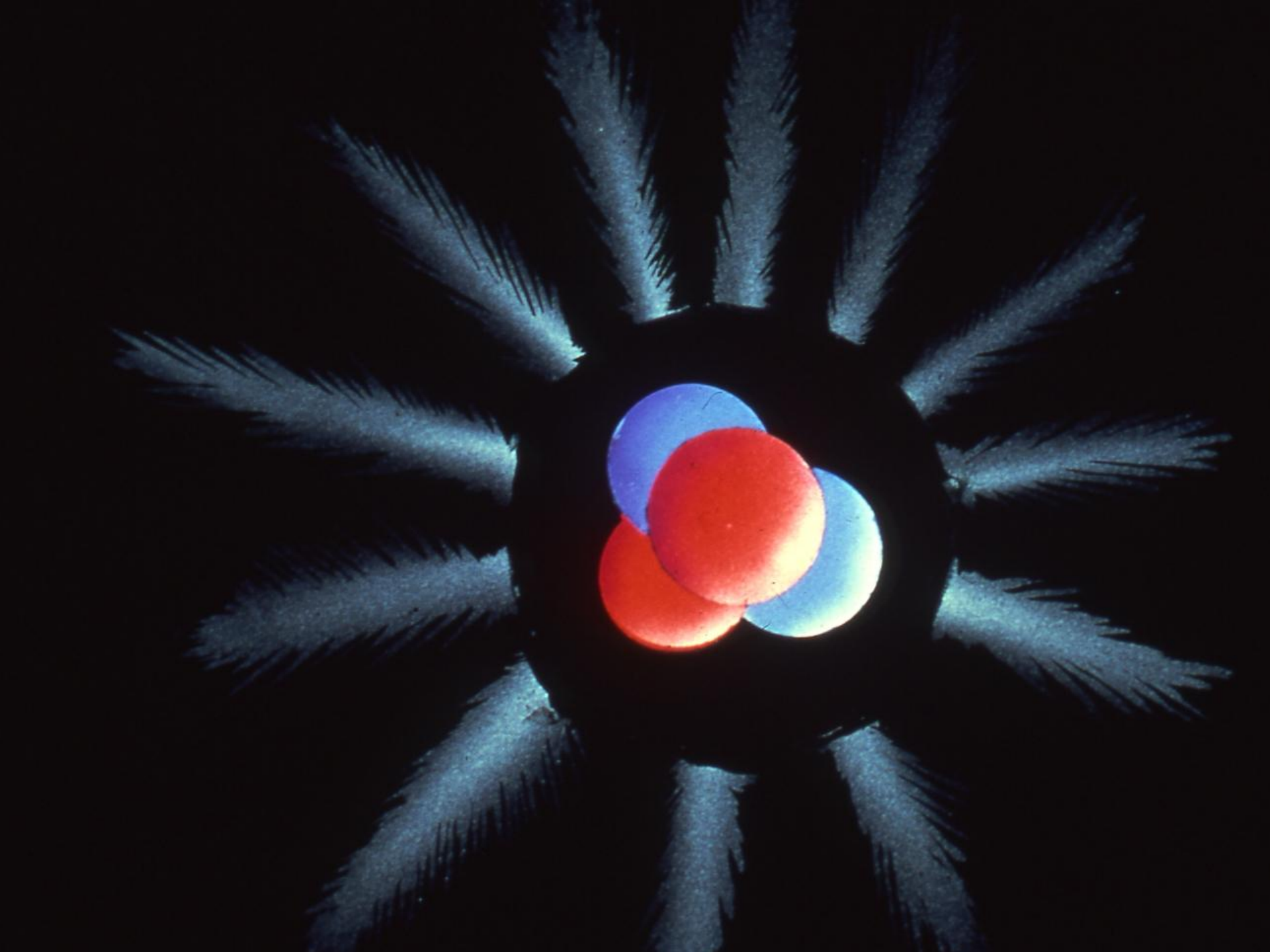


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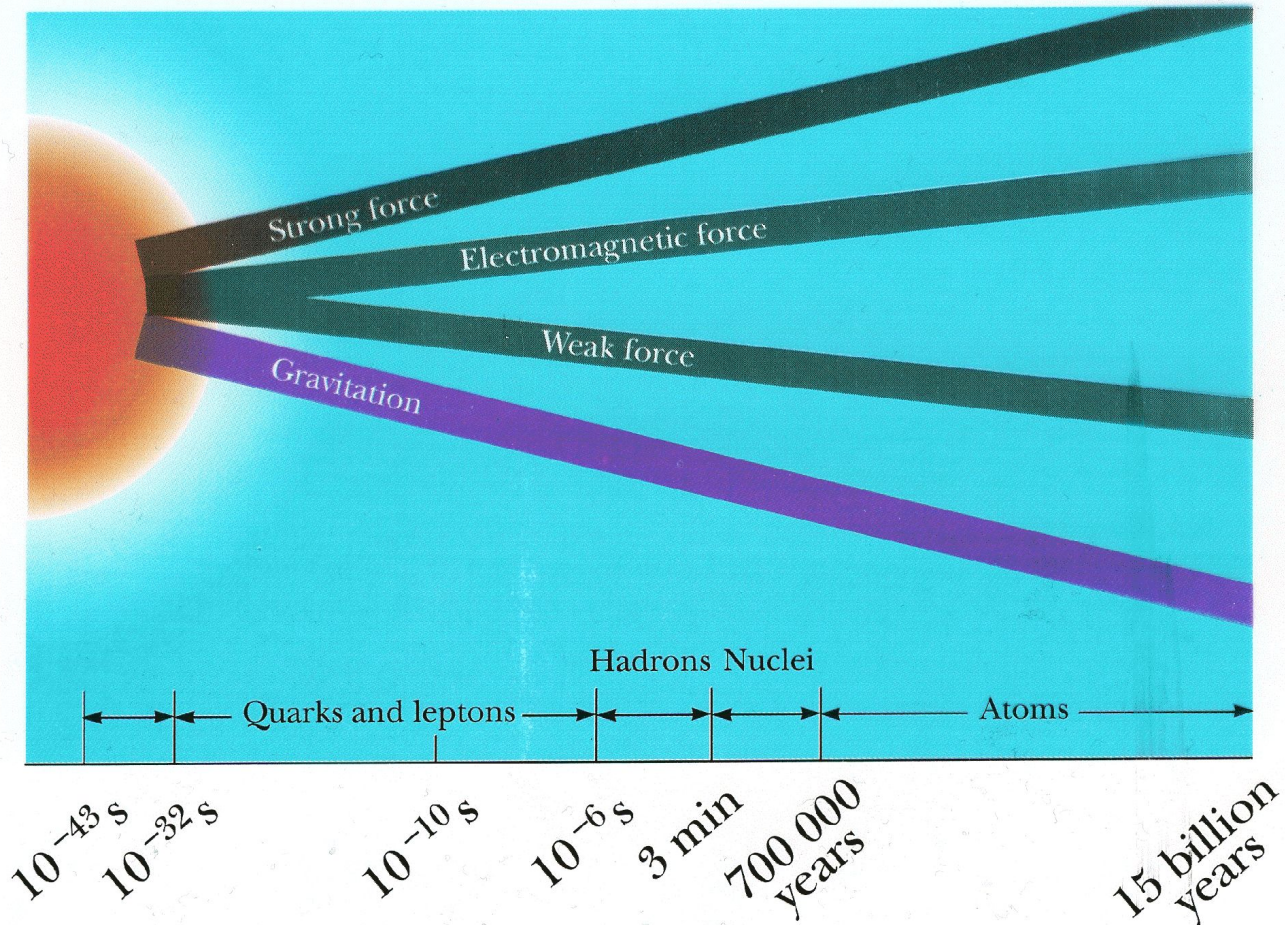








Four Forces of Nature



The Materialist View

The Universe is the outcome of a mindless sequence of physical states and blind evolutionary adaptations.

There is no story, no awakening.

It rejects the idea that Matter has an inner (spiritual) face.

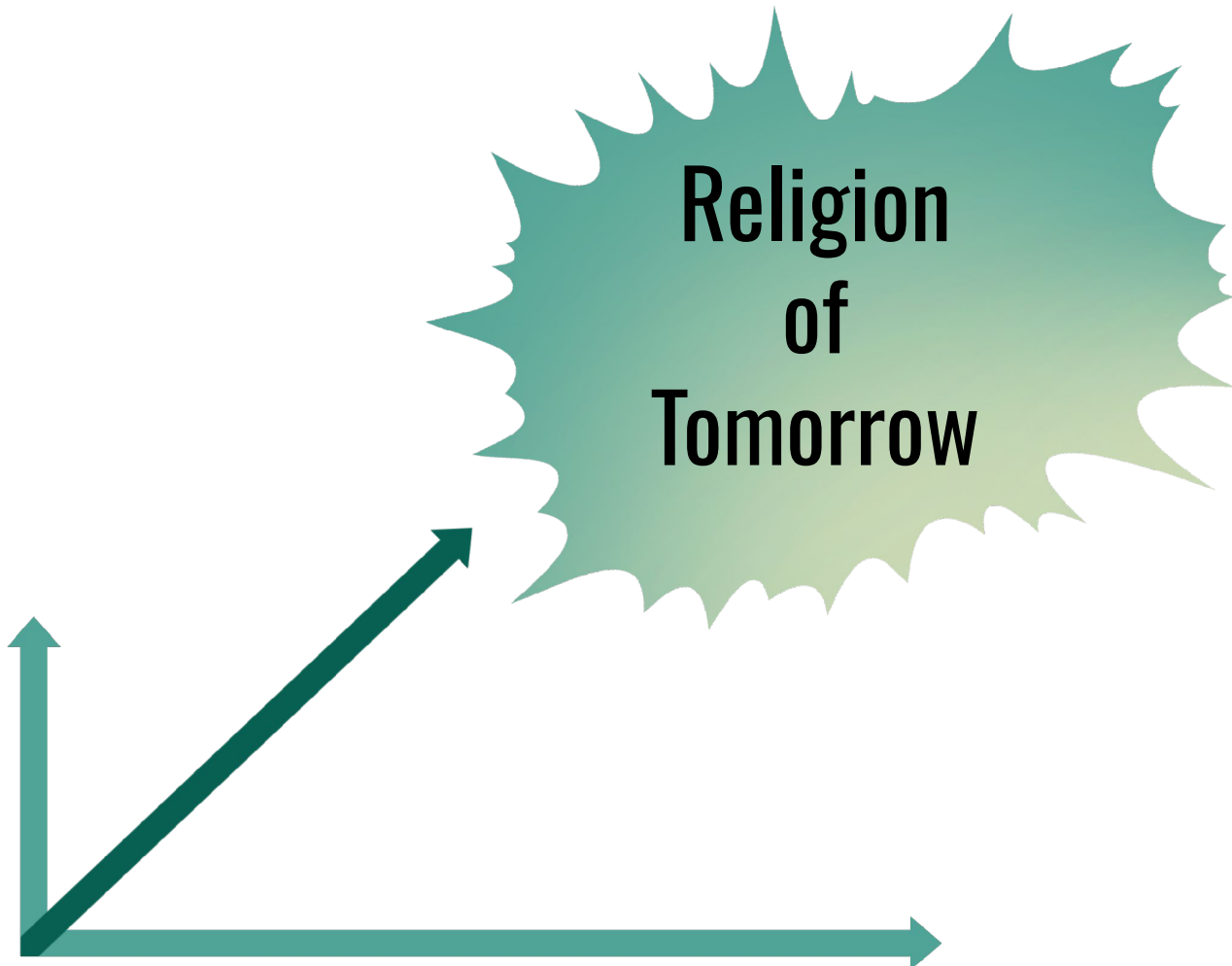


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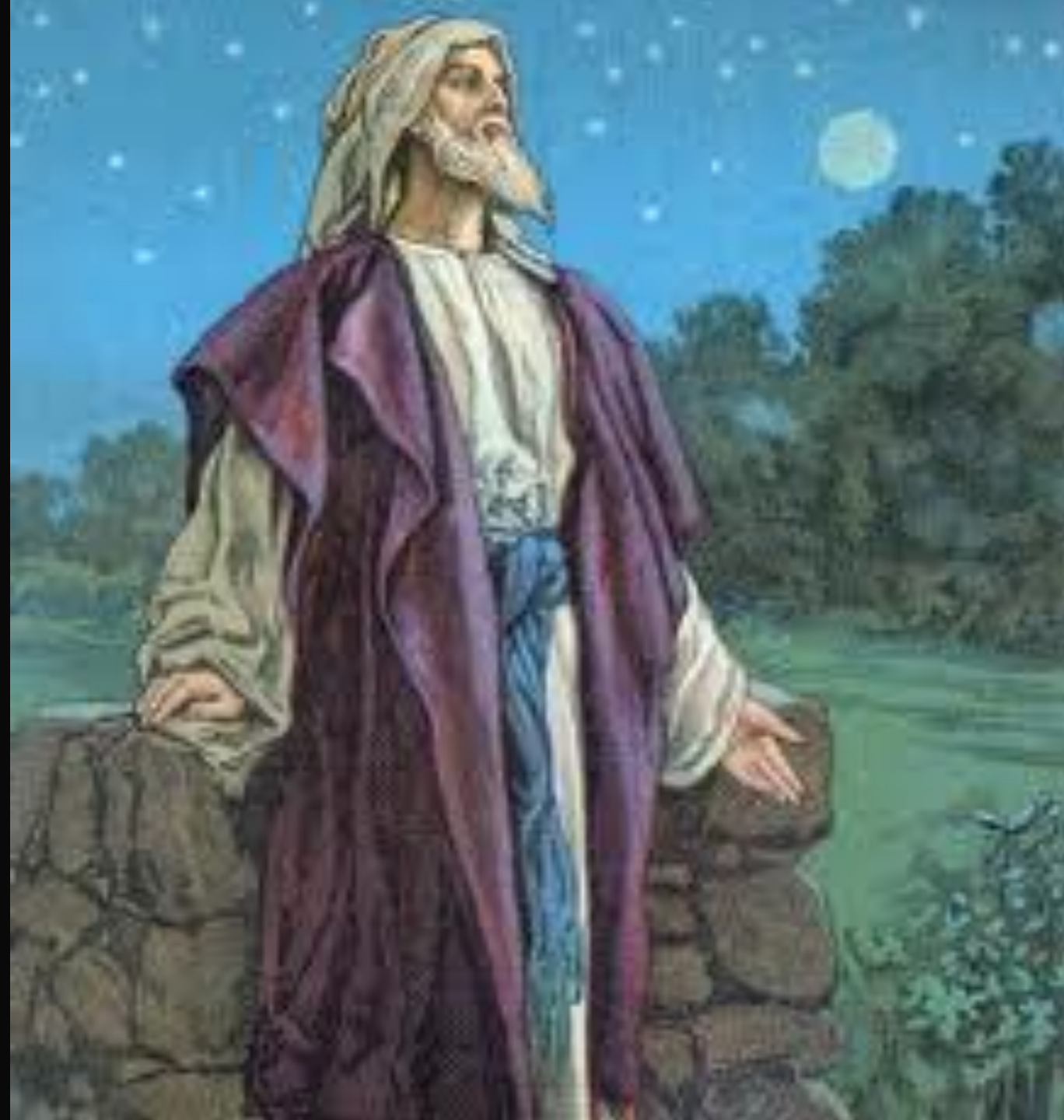


The Religion of the Above

- A form of “classical Christianity”
- Encourages liberation from the physical world.
- Its goal: Obey the laws and prepare for the real world which is heaven.
- The Cross is a reminder of our sinfulness and the Parousia will be a catastrophe.



**Religion
of
Tomorrow**



The Religion of Tomorrow

- **The Universe is unfinished.**
- **Its story is a drama.**
- **To participate, we must wait patiently and with expectation.**
- **The Incarnate Christ dwells with us.**
- **The driving force of the universal become is the Cosmic Christ.**

**Teilhard believes that we will
eventually reach our goal.**

We are made for it!

Today

- **Old paradigms are still deeply rooted.**
- **The Synod was a first step to open governance.**
- **The question of women in positions of power continues to bog us down.**
- **Rituals need to activate spiritual energy.**
- **Educators need education in new theologies.**

Teilhard's Commitment to the Church

To be or not to be?

“Would it be logical for me, by breaking with my Church, impatiently to force the growth of that Christian stem in which I am persuaded that the sap of the religion of tomorrow is forming?

I am held fast in the Church by the very views which help me to see her insufficiencies.” LTF, 58





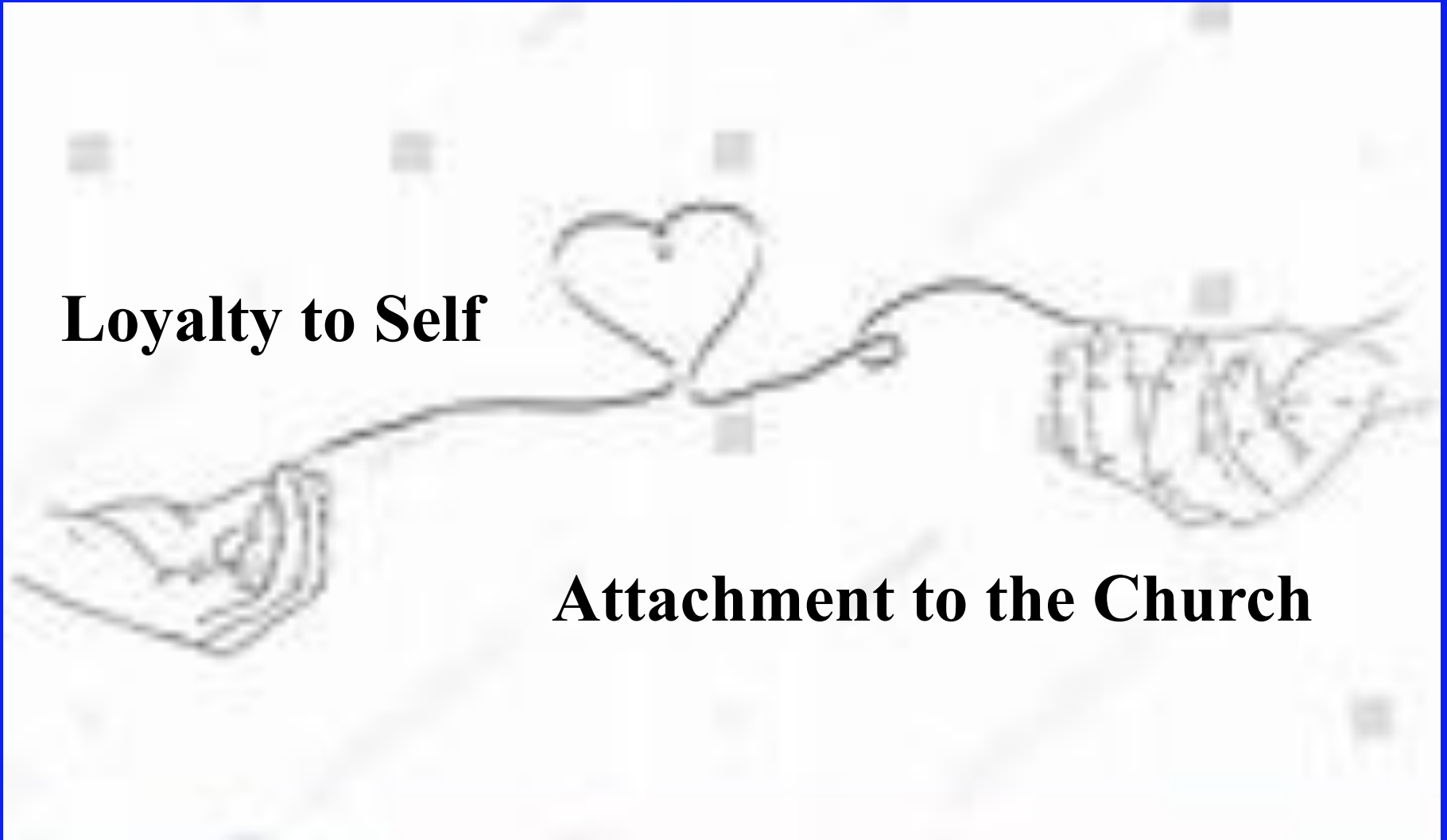




Liano

Loyalty to Self

Attachment to the Church

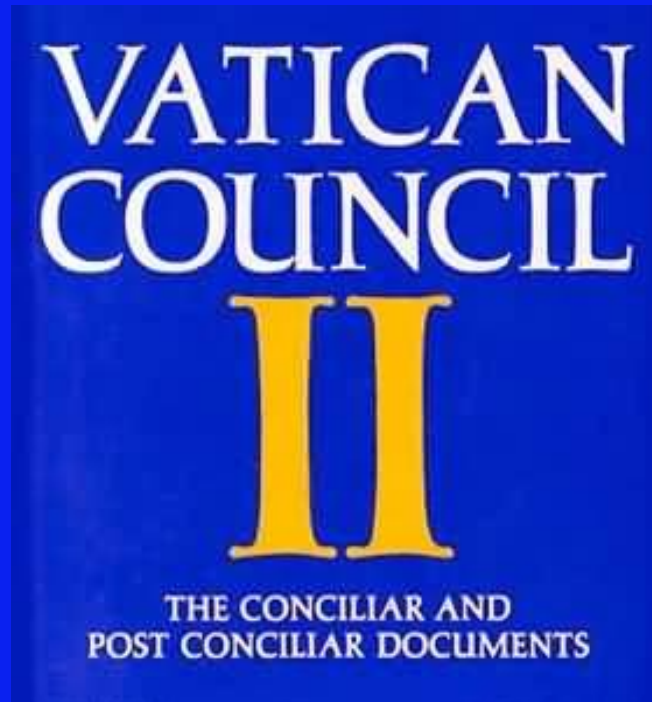


Teilhard was indignant at:

- her lack of openness
- her egotistical preoccupations
- her pettiness
- her focus on self-preservation



New Shoots



Lord,
give me the
grace
to end well!





The day will come when,
after harnessing
the winds, the tides, gravitation,
we shall harness for God
the energies of love.

And, on that day, for the second
time in the history of the world,
we will have discovered

FIRE.