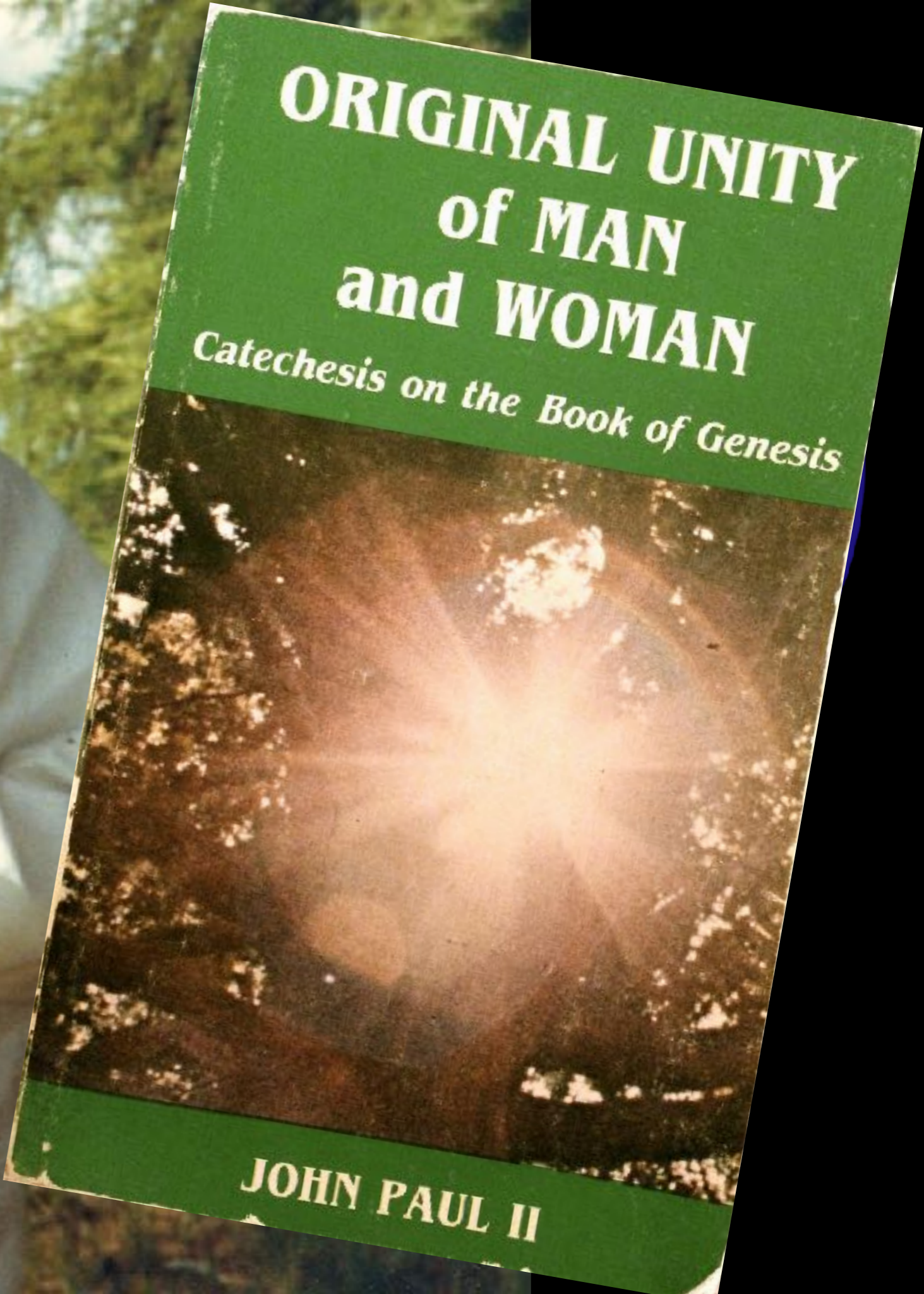




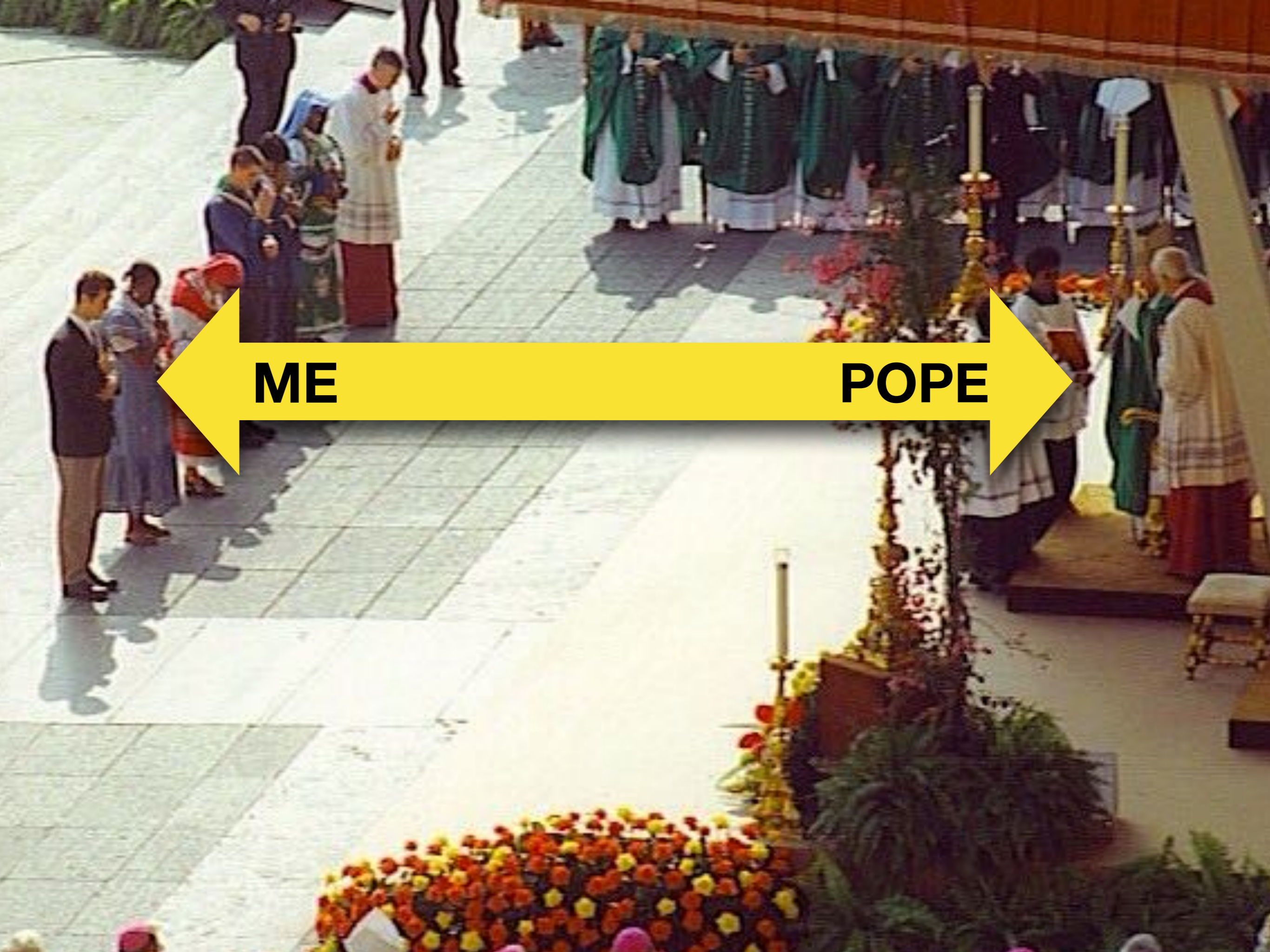


The Spirituality of
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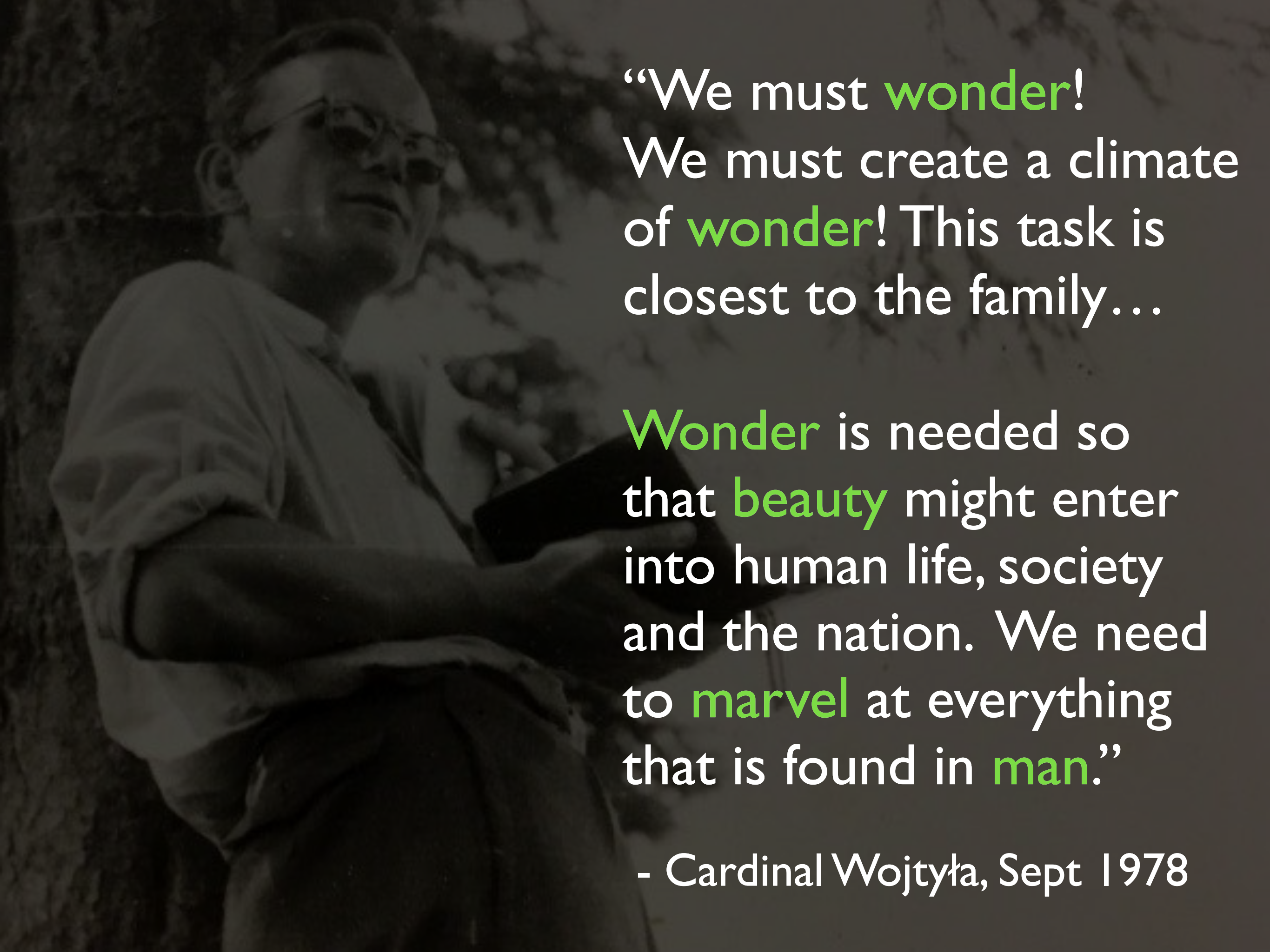
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“We must **wonder!**
We must create a climate
of **wonder!** This task is
closest to the family...

Wonder is needed so
that **beauty** might enter
into human life, society
and the nation. We need
to **marvel** at everything
that is found in **man.**”

- Cardinal Wojtyła, Sept 1978

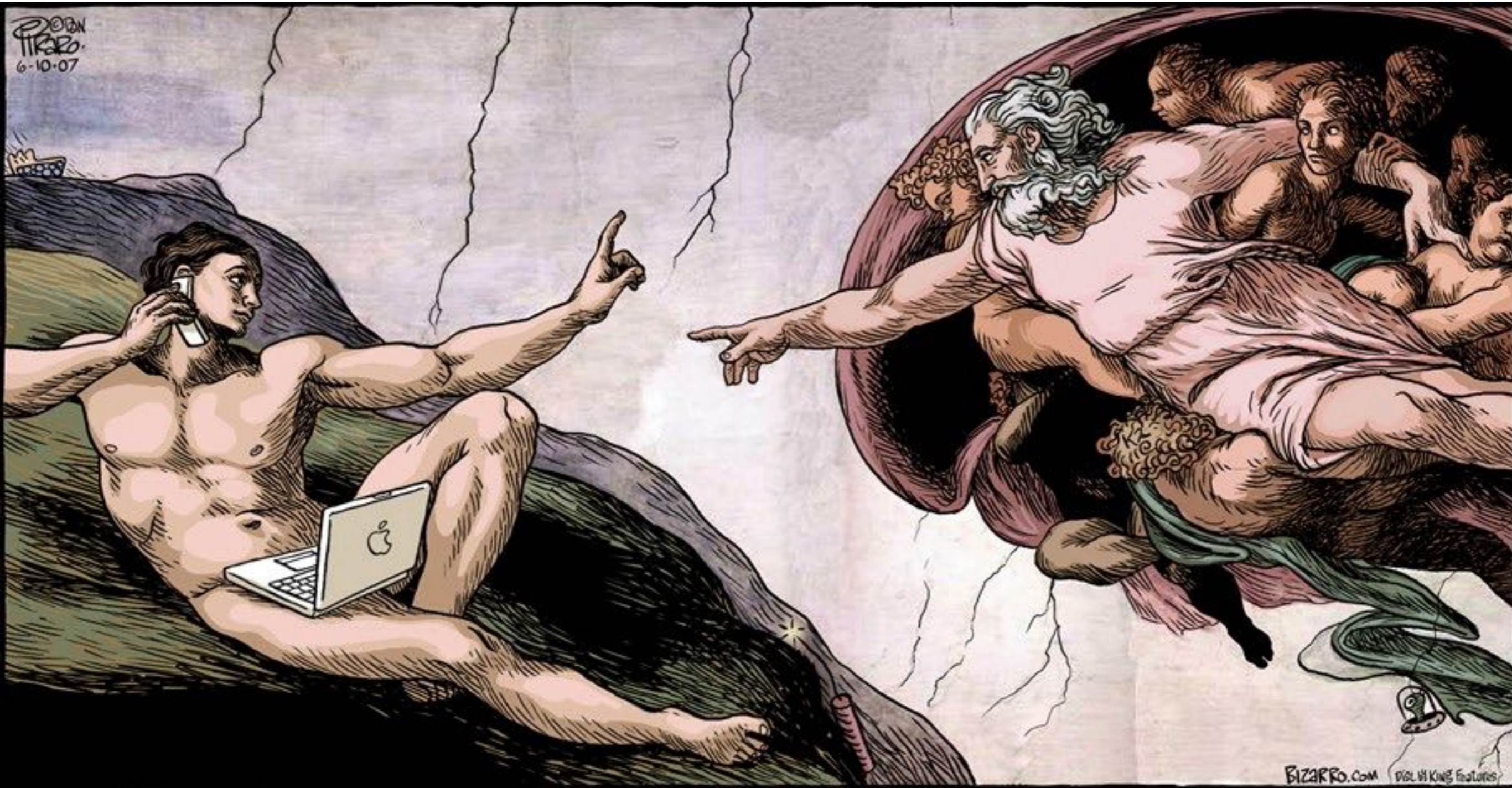
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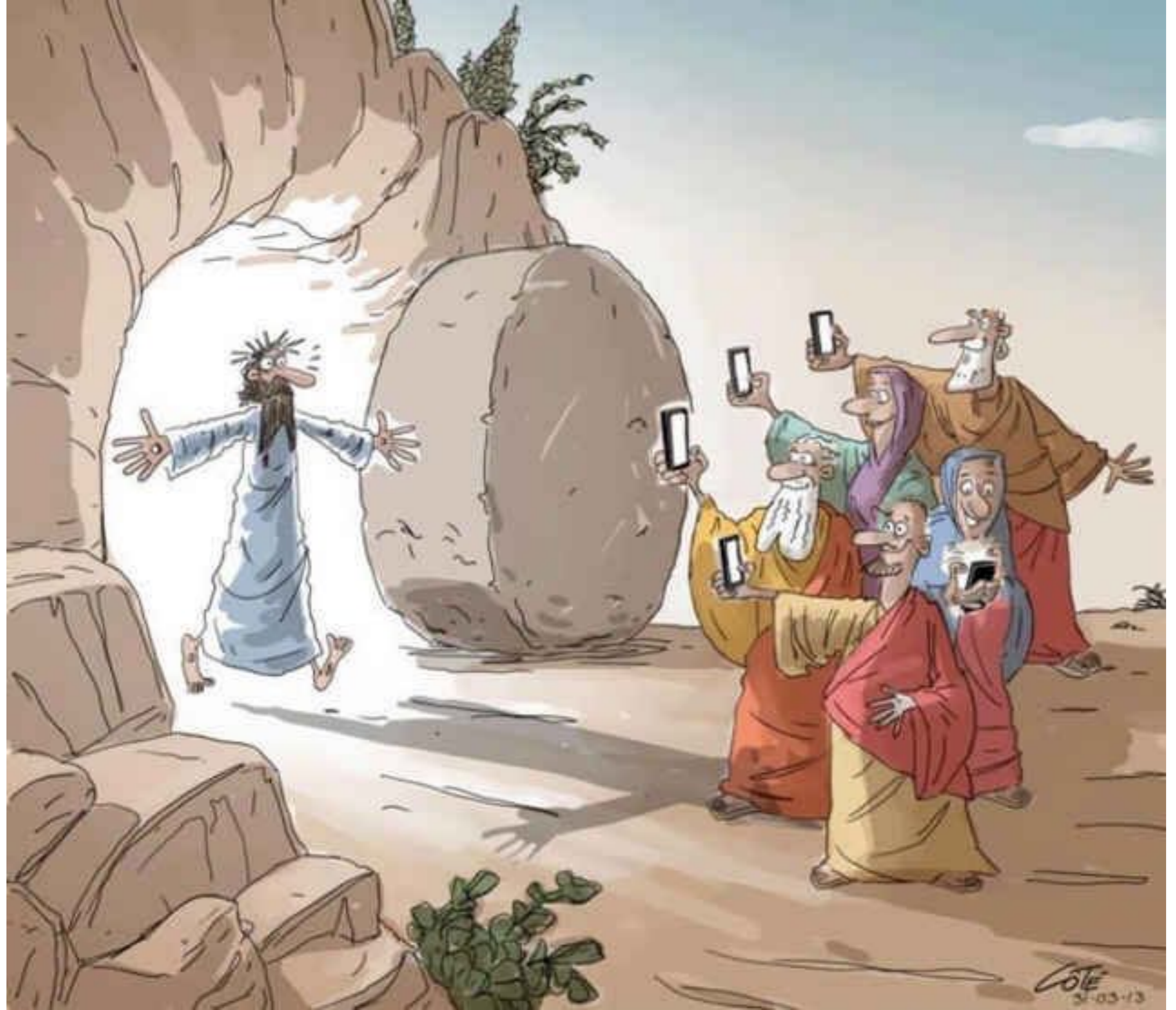
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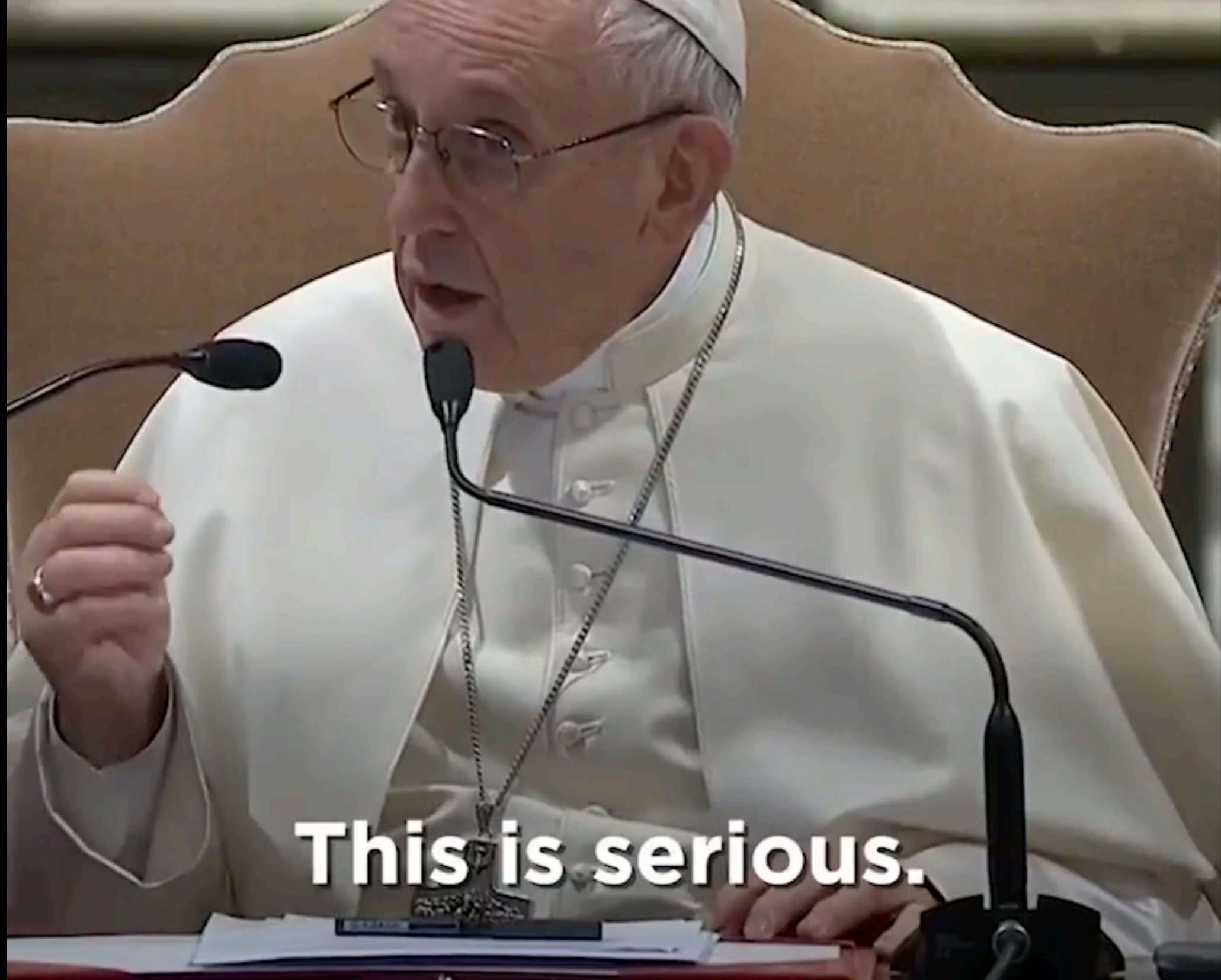


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This is serious.

“... The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but **in communion, in intimacy**, with Jesus Christ:

only He can lead us to... share in the life of the Holy Trinity.”

- St. John Paul II,
Catechesis Tradendae, 5



A circular stained glass window with a central medallion and multiple concentric rings of colorful glass panels. The colors are primarily blues, greens, yellows, and reds, arranged in a radial pattern. The window is set within a dark, possibly stone or concrete, frame.

Defining Wonder

“We must define Wonder...

Wonder is desire;
but it is not a desire to possess.
It is more like a desire
to be possessed.

It is not lust but longing,
not greed but aspiration.

“Greed draws its object into the subject;
Wonder draws the subject to the object.

Greed is centripetal;
Wonder is centrifugal.

Greed is like a toilet bowl flushing;
Wonder is like a fountain flowing.”

- Dr. Peter Kreeft

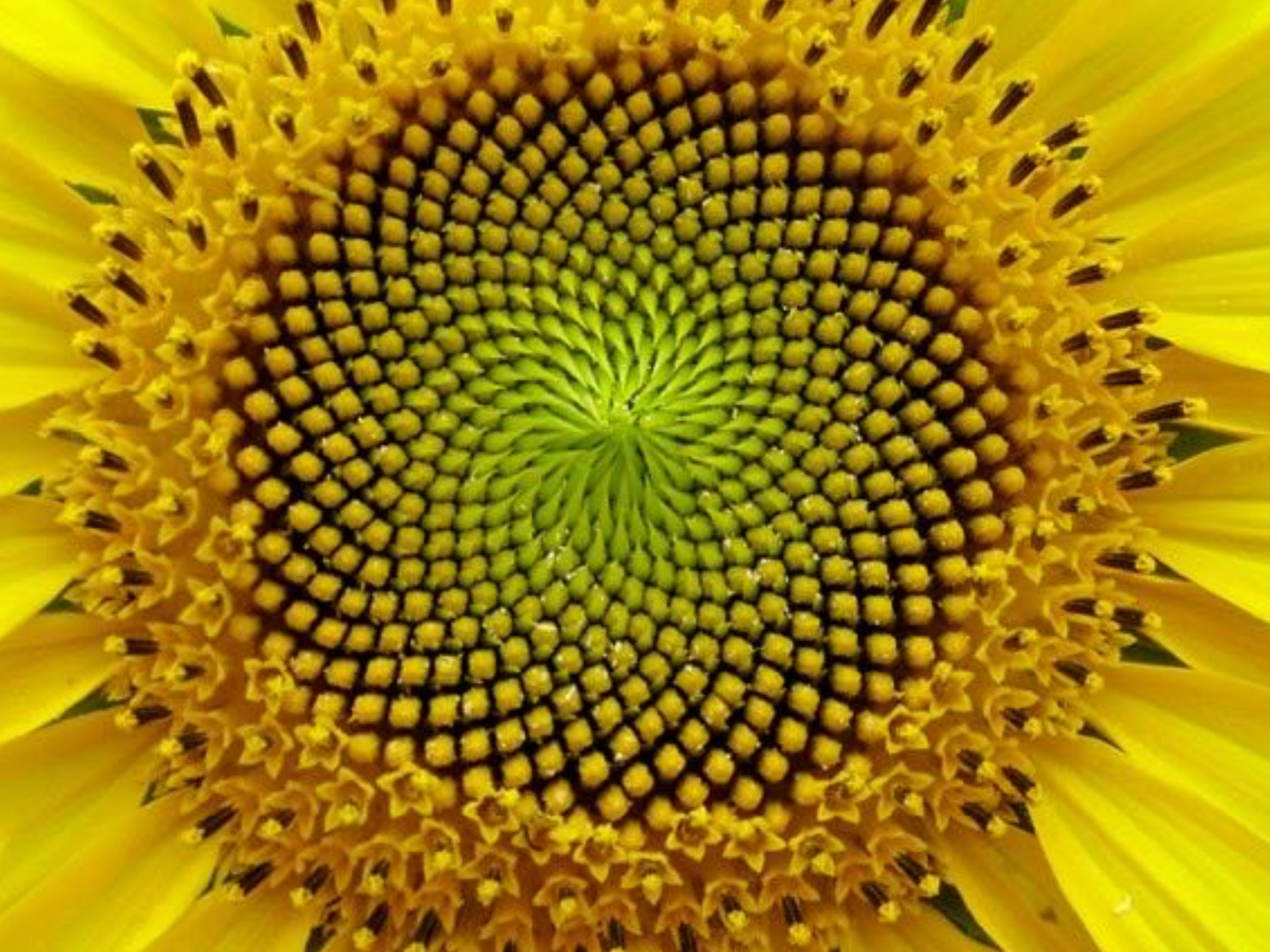




To materialists this world is opaque like a curtain; nothing can be seen through it. A mountain is just a mountain, a sunset just a sunset...

But to **poets, artists, and saints**, the world is transparent like a window pane - it tells of something beyond.

- Venerable Fulton J. Sheen





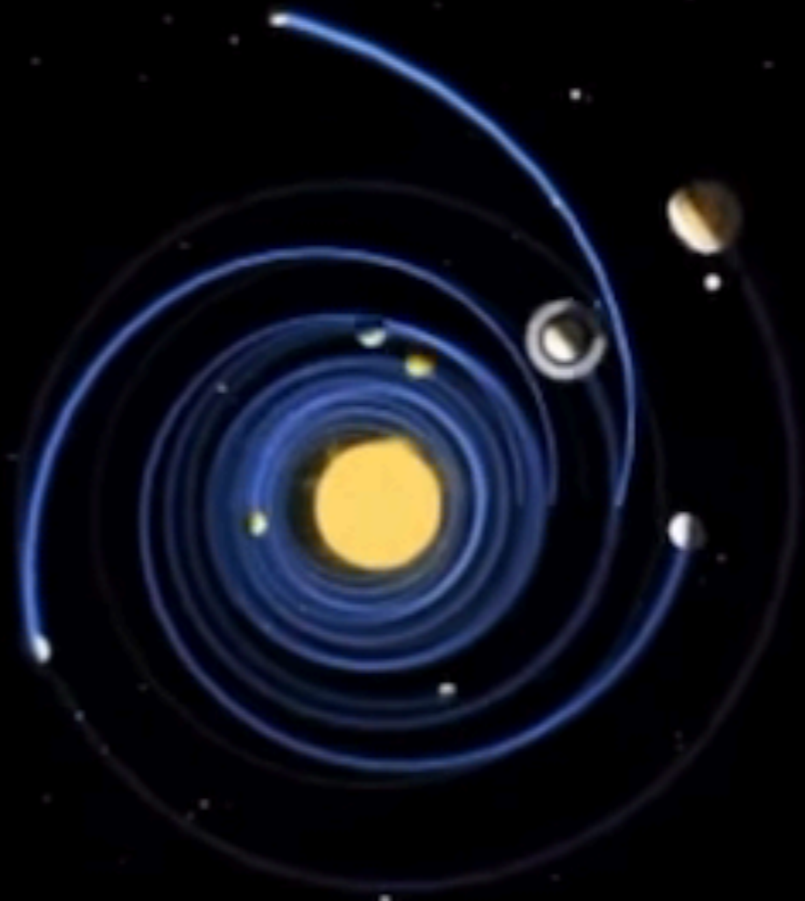








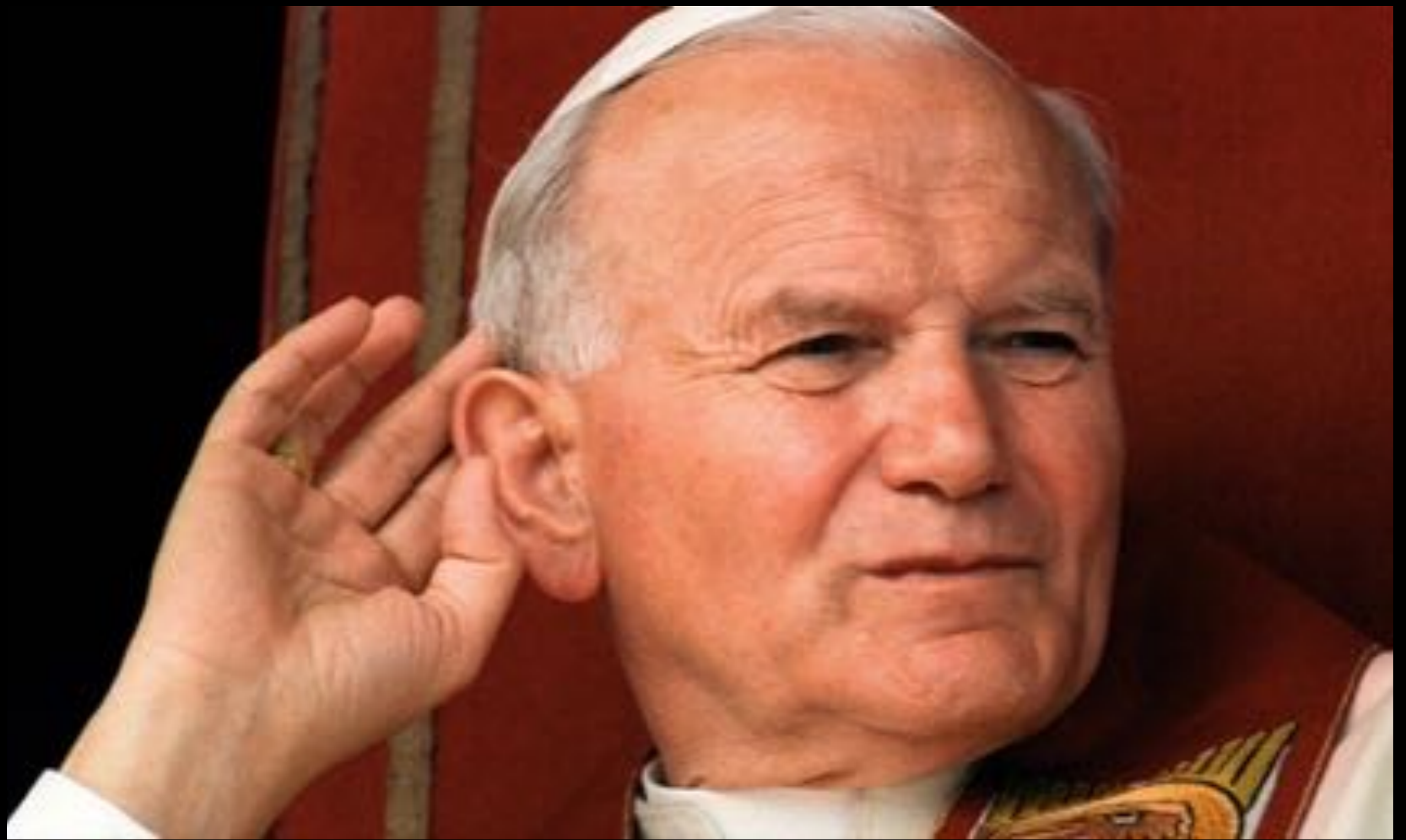














J. BASTIEN-LEPAGE
1877





To Be Drawn into the Mystery

The process of education requires us to become open, receptive, curious, and humble in the face of what we do not know.

The world is a fabric woven of mysteries, and a mystery is a provocation... that cannot be dissolved by googling a few more bits of information.

- Stratford Caldecott



“There is an invitation not to see the world that surrounds us solely as raw material with which we can do something,

but to try to discover in it ‘the Creator’s handwriting’... the creative reason and the love from which the world was born and of which the universe speaks to us...

... if we pay attention, if our inner senses awaken (we) acquire perception of the deepest dimensions of reality.”

- Pope Benedict XVI, December 22, 2005





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“be opened”

We don't want to be lectured.
We long to be *lured*.





What Moves You?

“A theologian who does not love art, poetry, music and nature can be dangerous.

Blindness and deafness toward the beautiful are not incidental: they’re necessarily reflected in his theology.”

- Pope Benedict XVI

Communication

Radio

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Communion

Affection

Attention

Friendship

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Love

The ultimate purpose of mission is to enable people to share in the **communion** which exists between the Father and the Son.

- St. John Paul II



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