

APOSTLE'S CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried.*

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On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

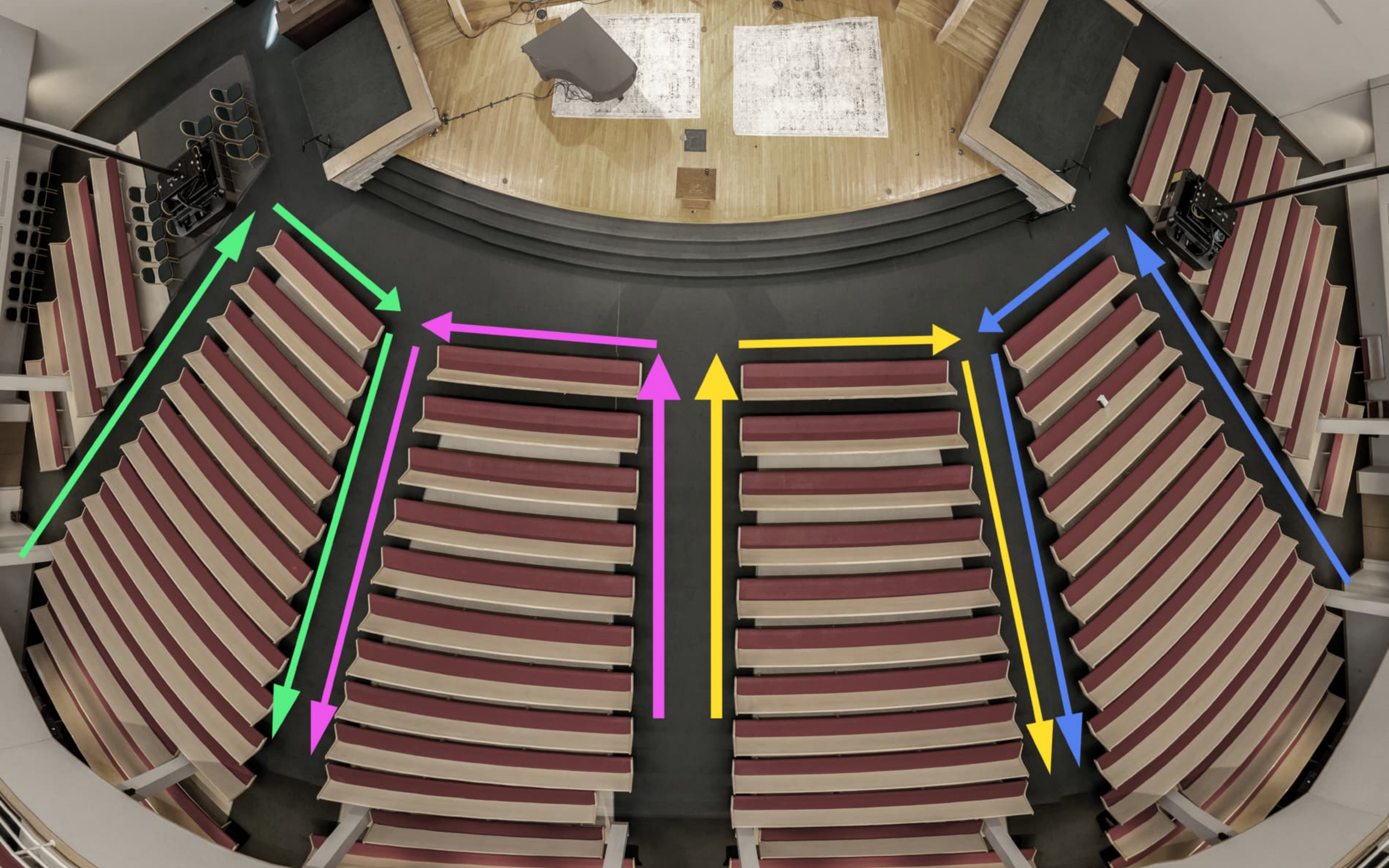
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

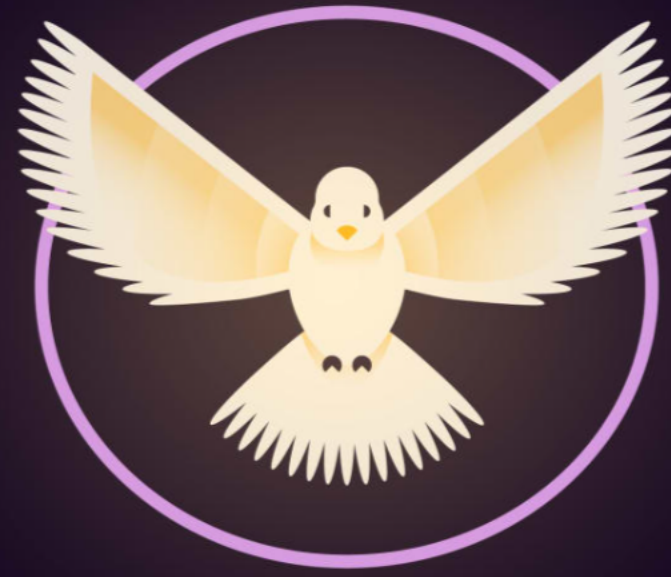
For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.



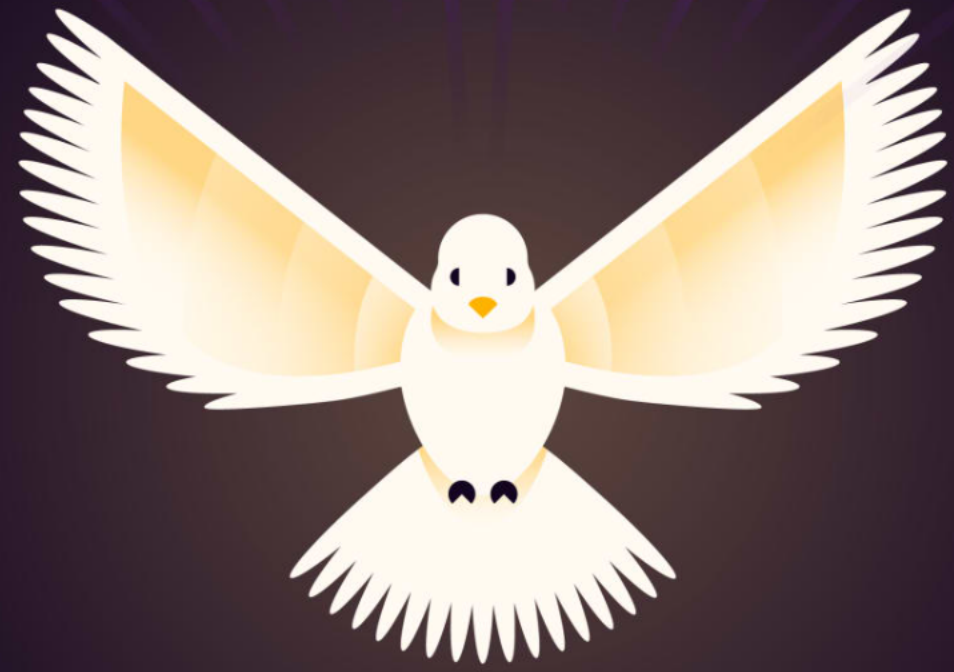


JOHN 18:12-27

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO



— JOHN —

Personal Percentage:

People
believe I'm a
good person

I know I tell
the truth

Assign a percentage for your actual personal practice.
(it should add up to 100)

KEY IDEA:

**Jesus is the man of
truth we need.**



P O I N T 1

We live by lies

Humans always seem to have a good enough reason to comply with the regime of lies.

Everyone "has their reasons" to live by lies.



They are never as dire
or noble as we make them.



Proverbs 28:1

*"The wicked man flees though
no-one pursues, but the
righteous are as bold as a lion."*



The race of humanity lives by lies.

Job 1-2

Romans 1-3

Proverbs 28:1-6

Romans 3

Turn from God

Turned tongue

Violence and

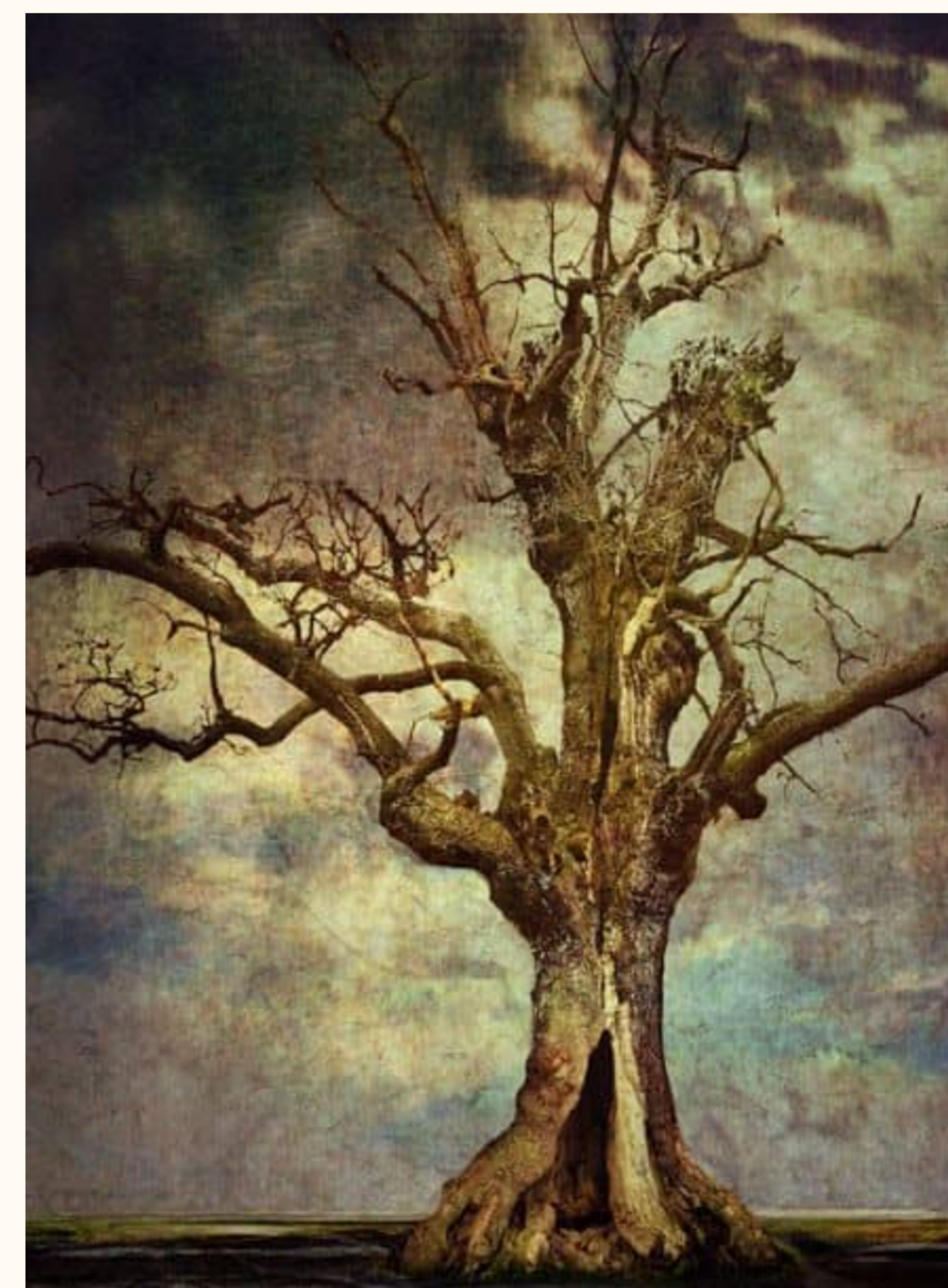
misery



2 huge natural costs:

1. The Revenge of Conscience:
Torment or hardening

2. Spiraling Catastrophe:
Luke 23:28-31



If this is what they do when the tree is green...

P O I N T 2

Jesus is the Truth

He shows it *by being utterly truthful*
when everything is at stake.



Complete Transparency

vs 20:

I spoke openly to the world

I spoke where all the Jews couldn't miss it

I spoke nothing in secret



John 18:23

*"Jesus answered him, 'If I spoke evil, **testify** concerning that evil. But if I spoke rightly, why do you beat me?'"*



Complete Discipline

vs 23:

Stays on the truth after he's hit

Focuses on the truth, not power

Testimony, not violence is the legitimate remedy



← two bad perspectives →

Liberal/Modernist:

"If Jesus had been more *sophisticated* and *political* he would not have gotten killed."

Conservative/Pietist:

"Jesus was *trying* to get killed- it was his *goal*."



Not living by lies was enough

Martyrdom

Giving a good testimony even at the moment when everything can be taken from you by men who live by lies.

Jesus is the true and perfect martyr

P O I N T 3

We need Jesus' truthfulness

We need his truthfulness to be converted, to embrace martyrdom, and to restrain corruption.

Truth's saving might

1. Truth converts from defiance and delusion
2. Truth makes us martyrs
3. Truth preserves and exposes corruption



P O I N T 4

**Jesus can make you
a man of truth**

It's a benefit, not a cost.

It's one of THE benefits

Matt 5:12



Revelation 6:9-11





Response

Believe in the Man of Truth

Worship and adore this part of Him

Repent of lies told and accepted

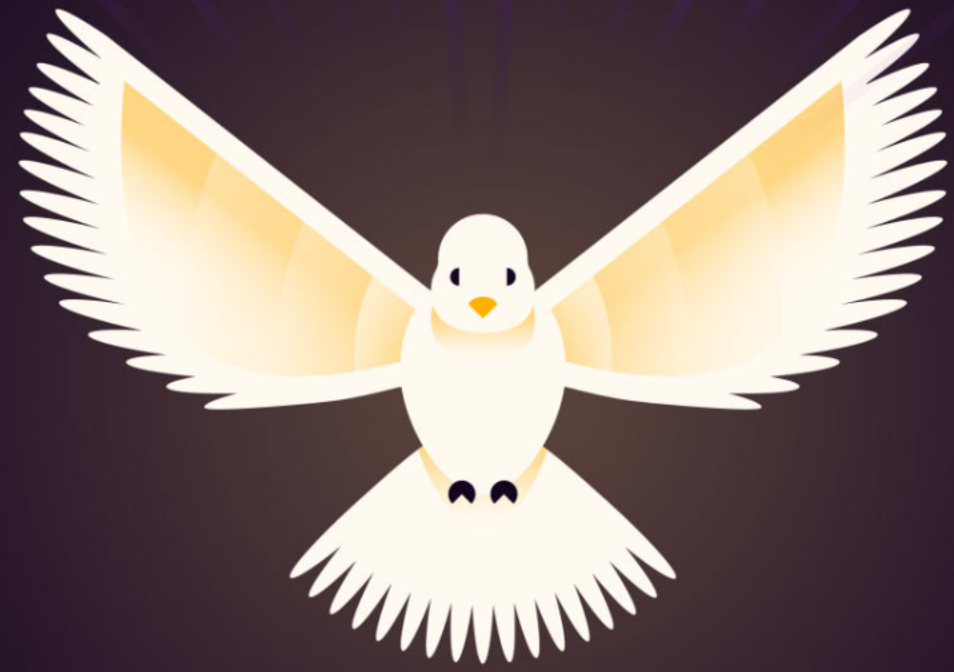
Deal with your indwelling dishonesty first

Admit when you lie immediately

Hold your word sacred

Listen calmly to conscience

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