

hunger for GOD

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Religious Technologies
Religious HPCs - especially those that are not

1. Having explicit theological frameworks
2. Being led by religious leaders
3. Using biblical standards and principles

Practical Objectives

4. Intellectual fertility/abundance
5. Deep spiritual connection to the Lord
6. Lack of appreciative/faithful



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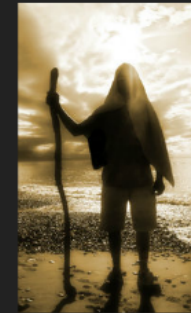


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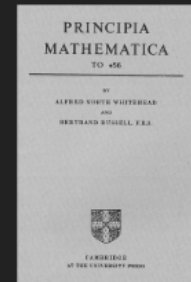
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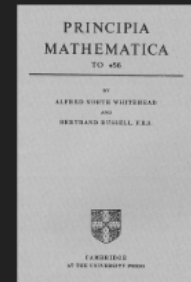
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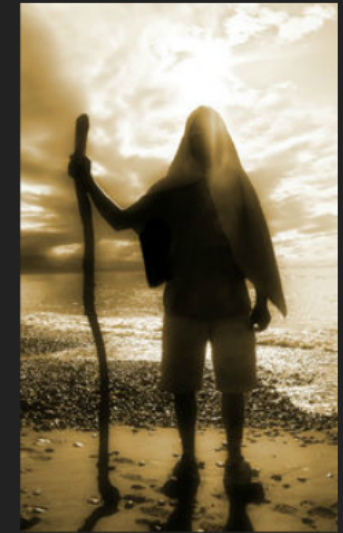
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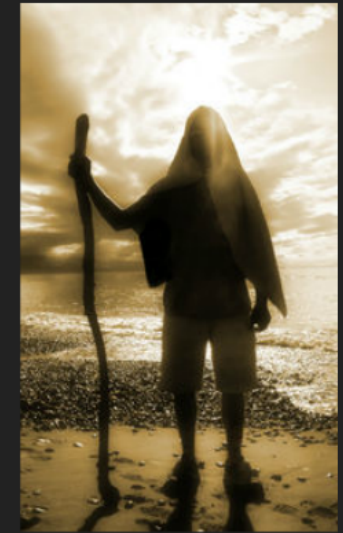
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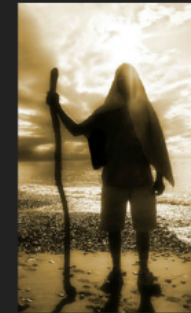


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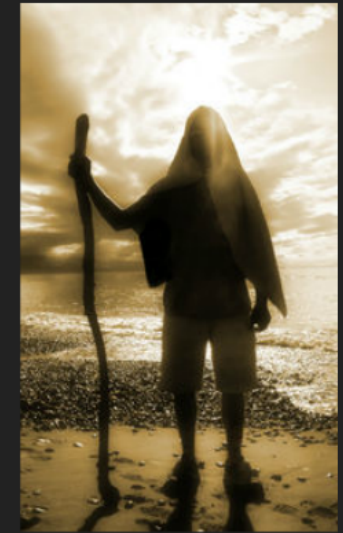
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