



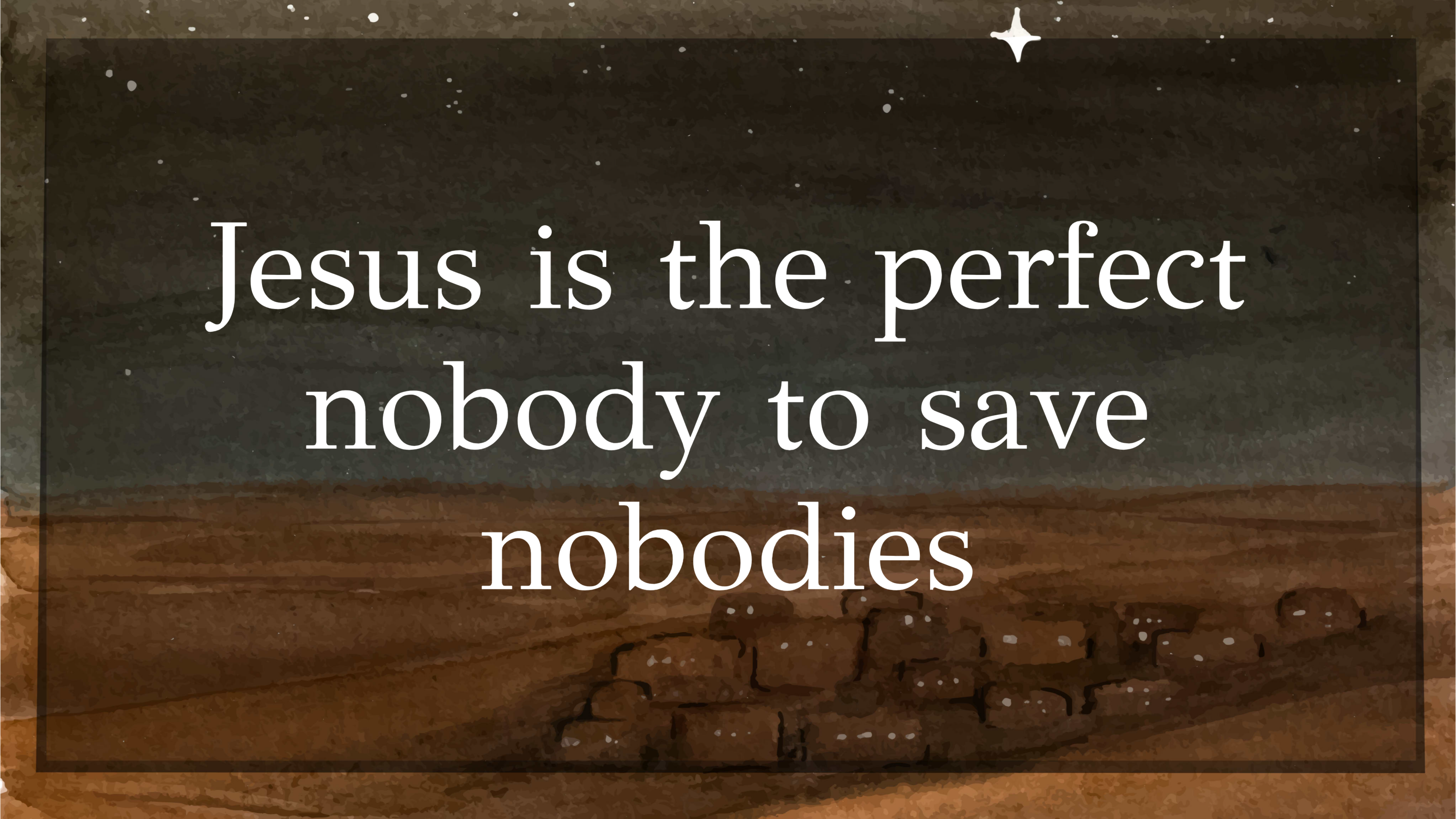
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# Two Paradoxes:

1. God takes on true humanity.
2. The ultimate somebody becomes the ultimate nobody.



Jesus is the perfect  
nobody to save  
nobodies

# The Ultimate Nobody

Social vulnerability / disgrace

Working poverty

Not pretty

Racial / political exploitation

No safety net

"Backward" rural

Refugee / displaced

Personal tragedies

No romance or family

\$0 to his name



There is no status  
beneath Jesus' interest

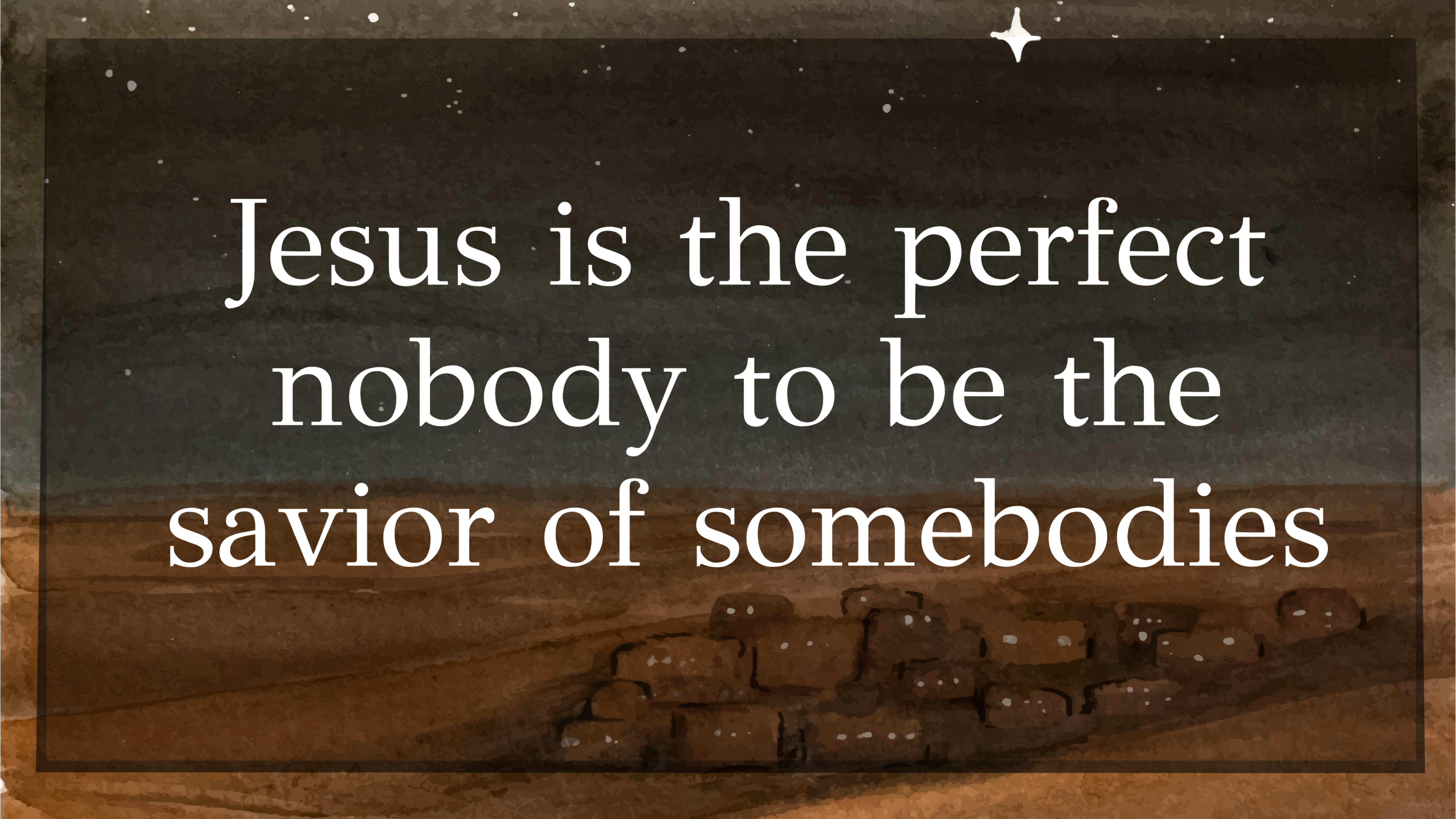
## 2 Possible Reactions (emotionally)

1. This 'does something' for me—yes
2. This doesn't 'do anything for me'

"It doesn't do anything for me"

3 reasons:

1. You don't believe that Jesus is real
2. You *feel* you are beneath the bottom
3. You think you're a somebody



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savior of somebodies



## Matthew 21:28 – 32

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered.

## **Matthew 21:28 – 32**

**Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him."**

# The nobody for somebodies

**Contradicts the idolatry of feverish competition**

**Contradicts the idolatry of compulsive consumption**

**Contradicts the worldly standards of approval**

**Contradicts the worldly standards of progress**









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