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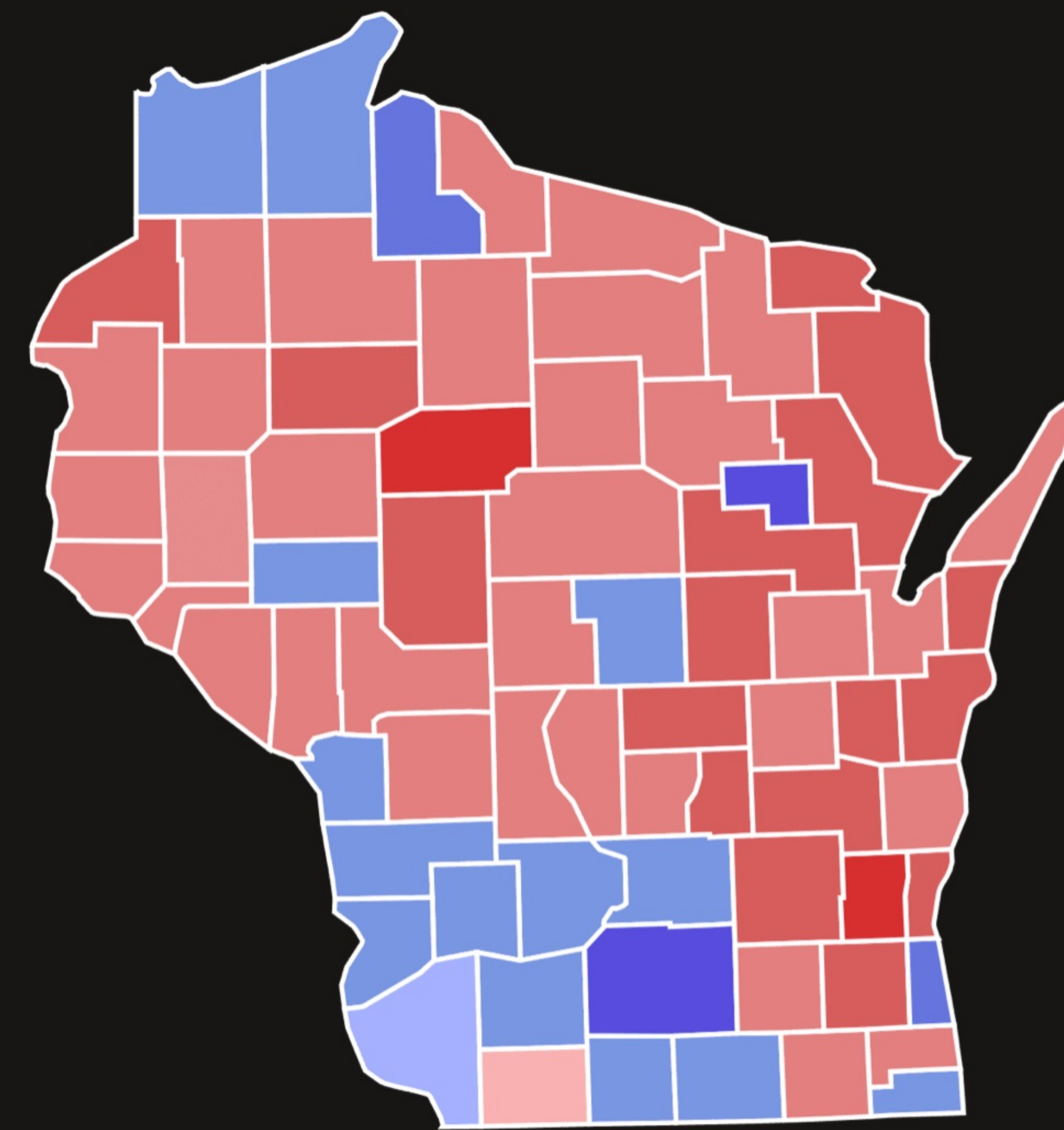
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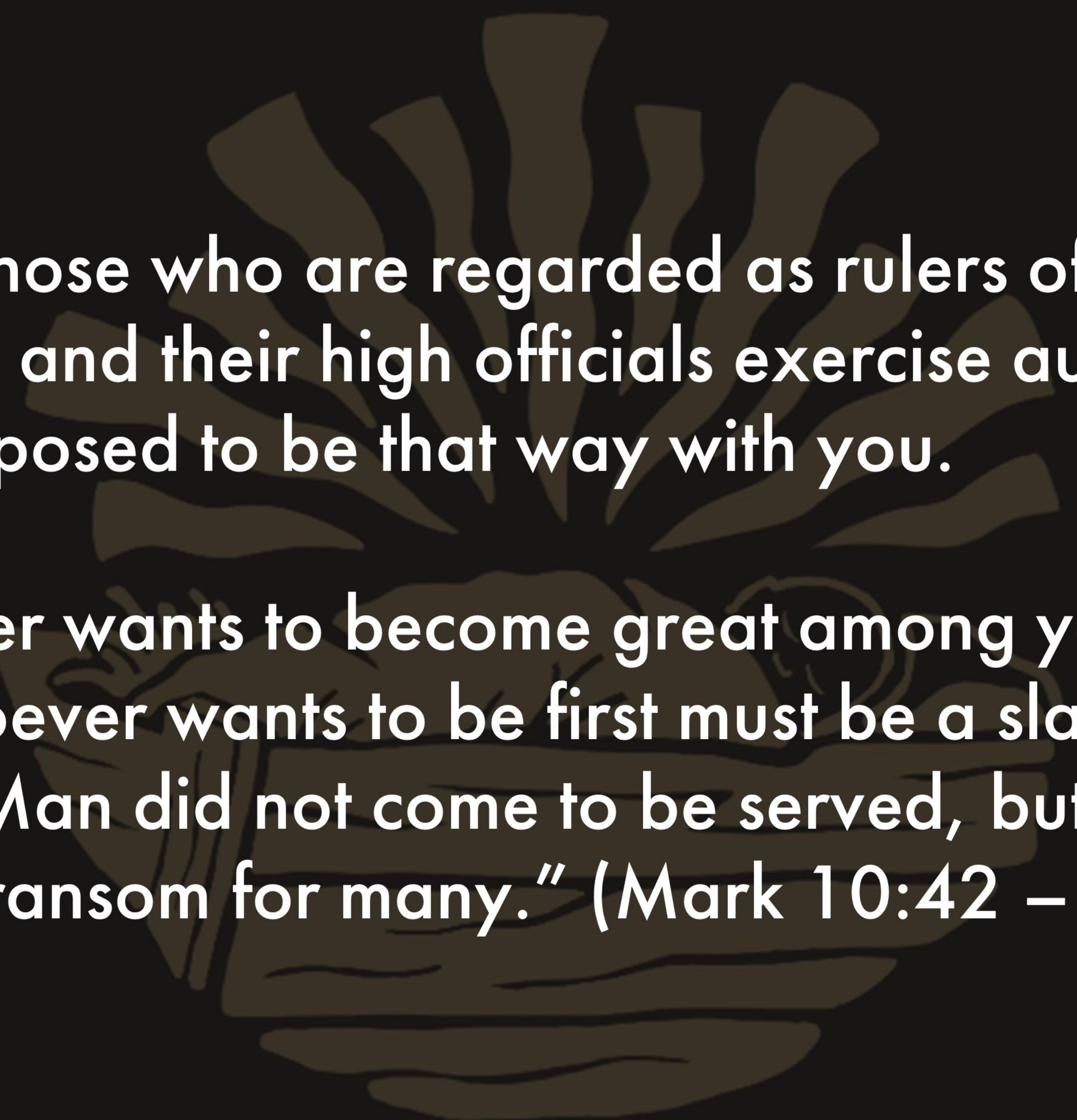


The beginning of the Lord's prayer:

"Our Father in heaven. Let your name be holy.

Let your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as
it is in heaven."





“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. It’s not supposed to be that way with you.

“Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be a slave for all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:42 – 45)

**He rules the world through Truth
and Grace**

**And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love**





**The Joy of God can only grow
through
sustained and virtuous expression.**

4 mindsets of sustained and virtuous expression:

2 Prudence—on *being* wise

2 Fortitude—on *being* faithful

4 Mindsets:

1. Sensitivity to the rules of life.

Called: Contextualization or Discernment

Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. *Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

4 Mindsets:

2. Develop a wise realism

Called: Prudence or Wisdom

Matthew 10:16

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves.
Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as
innocent as doves.

Naivety

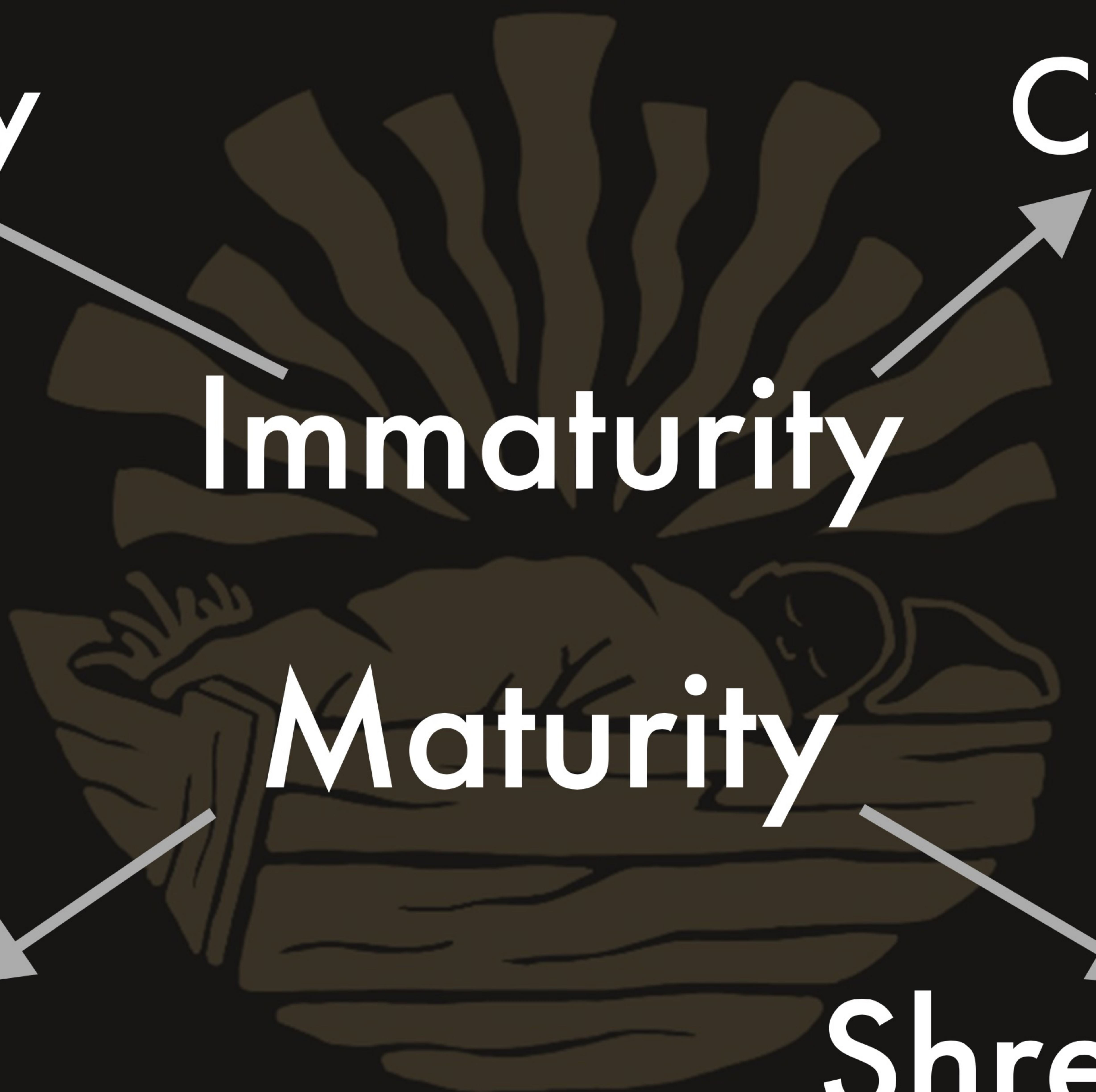
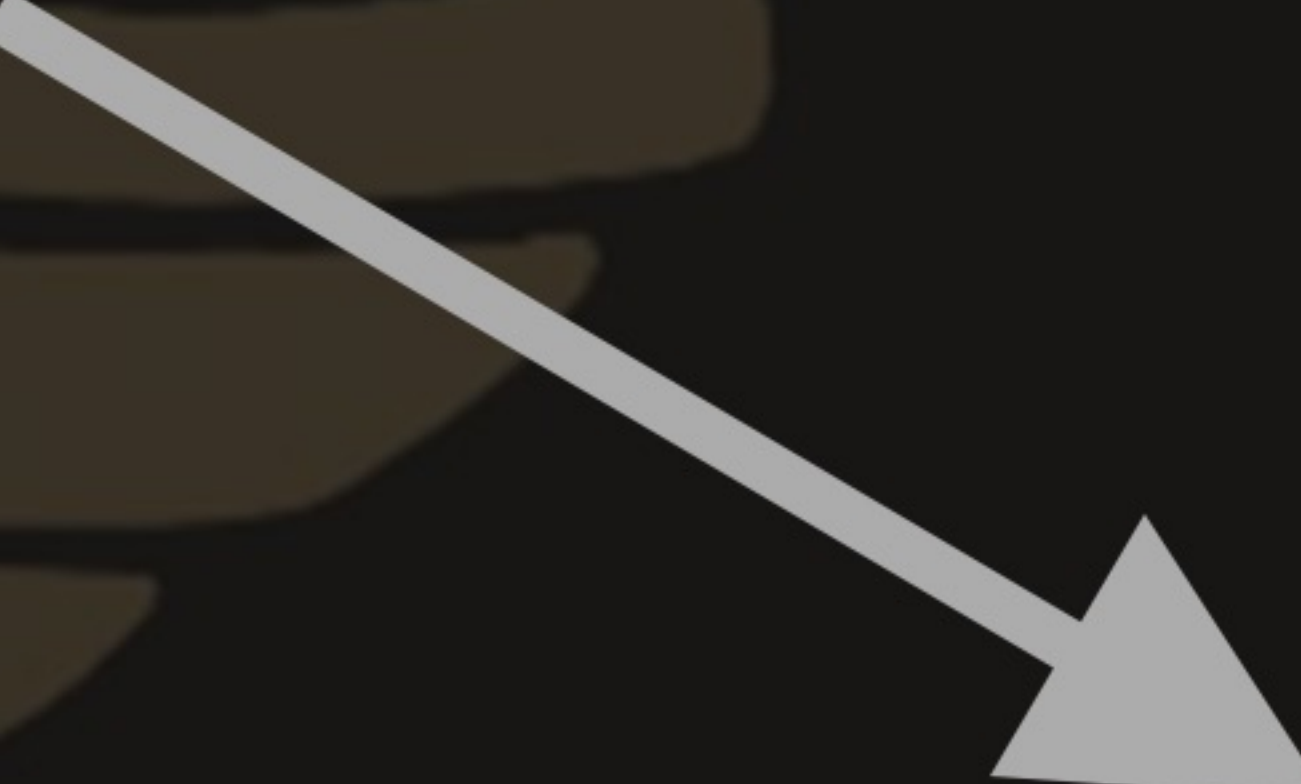
Cynicism

Immaturity

Maturity

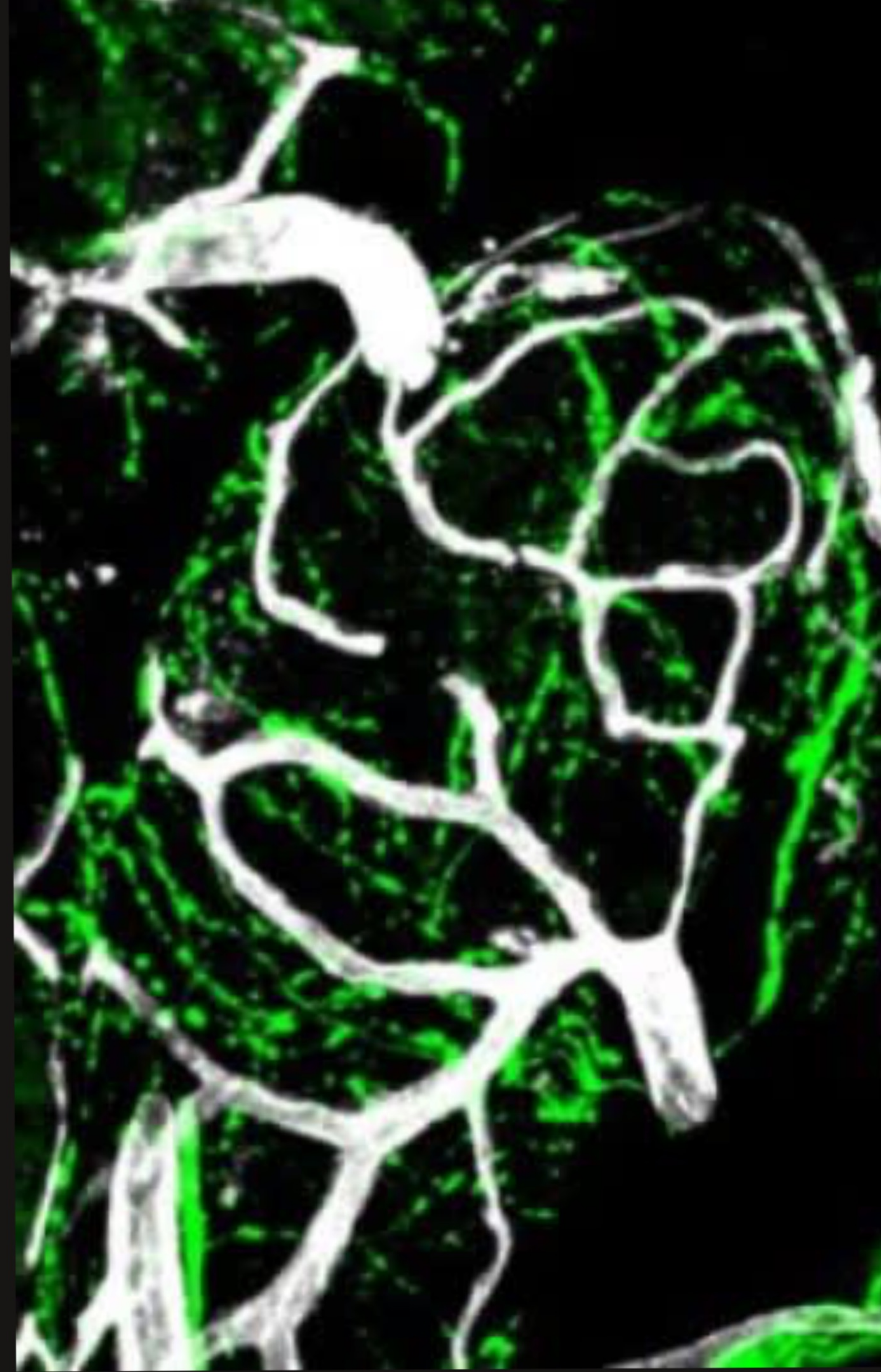
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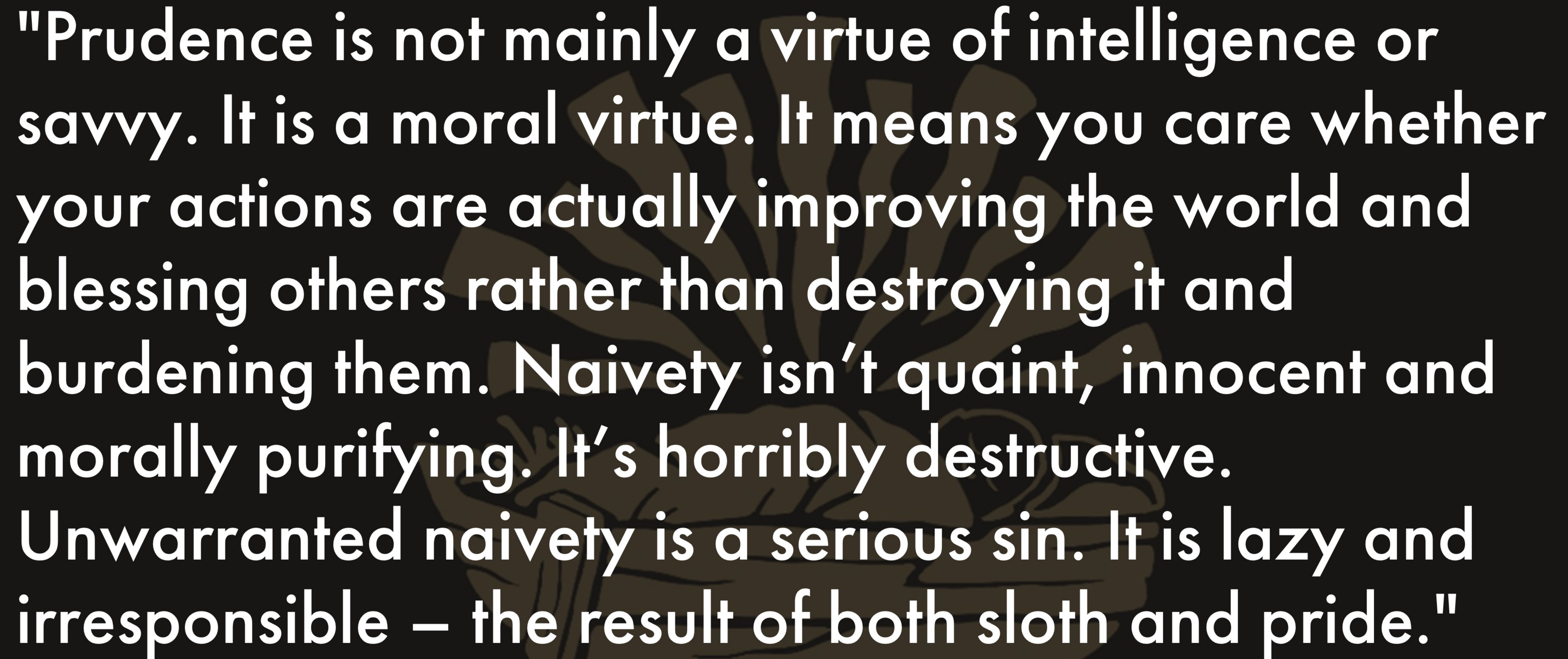
Shrewdness



"Even the smallest part of society has a bewildering variety of cultural factors interlocking in ever-changing nexuses and ganglions. Modern civilization in particular is vast, complex, and highly differentiated."

- Greg Forster





"Prudence is not mainly a virtue of intelligence or savvy. It is a moral virtue. It means you care whether your actions are actually improving the world and blessing others rather than destroying it and burdening them. Naivety isn't quaint, innocent and morally purifying. It's horribly destructive. Unwarranted naivety is a serious sin. It is lazy and irresponsible – the result of both sloth and pride."

- approx of Forster, pg. 284

4 Mindsets:

3. Develop Perseverance

Called: Fortitude or Constancy

Romans 12:11-12

Do not give up your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord...be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

4 Mindsets:

4. Give and Receive Encouragement

Called: Edification or Friendship

Ephesians 4:29

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

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