

*The journey of the man of God*

**Becoming**  
**Part 1**











## Stephen Hawking - June 2016

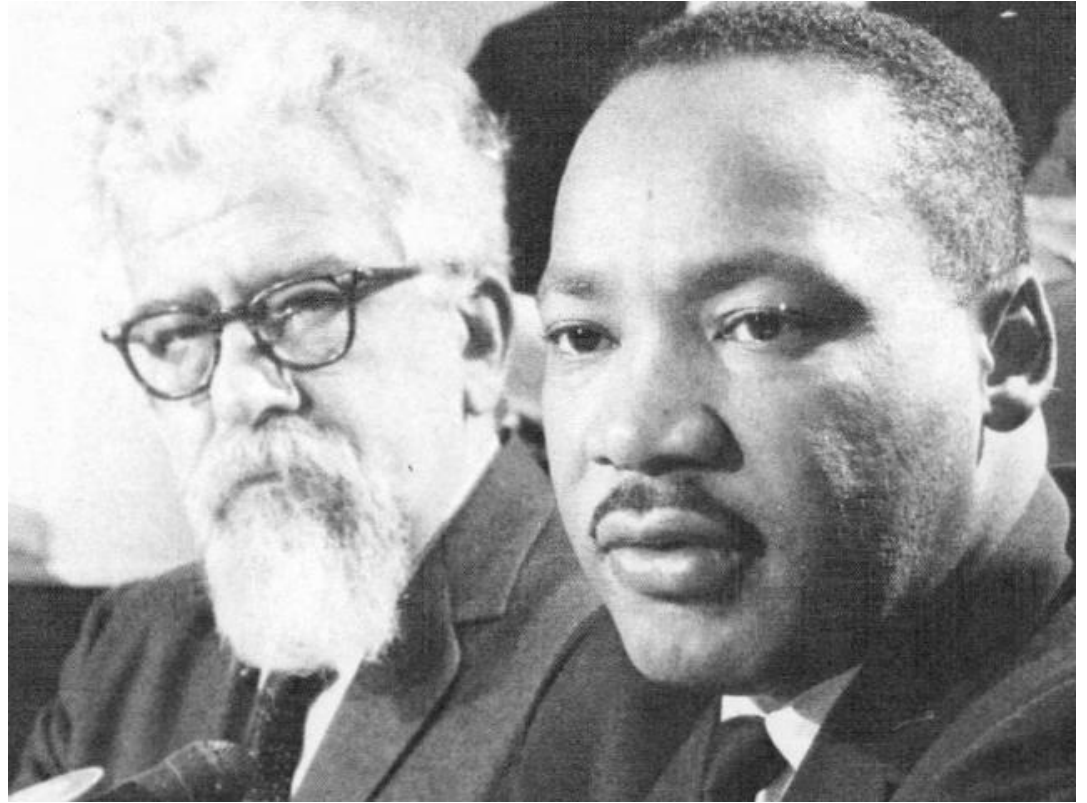
*“Why do the Universe and all the Laws of Nature exist? Are they necessary? In one sense they are, because otherwise we wouldn’t be here to ask the question. But is there a deeper reason?”*





**AJ Heschel:**

*“As civilization advances, our sense of wonder declines. What we lack is not a desire to believe but a desire to wonder. Life without wonder is not worth living.”*





# where's the sense of wonder...?

## **Exodus 15:11**

*“Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods?  
Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in  
praises, doing wonders?”*

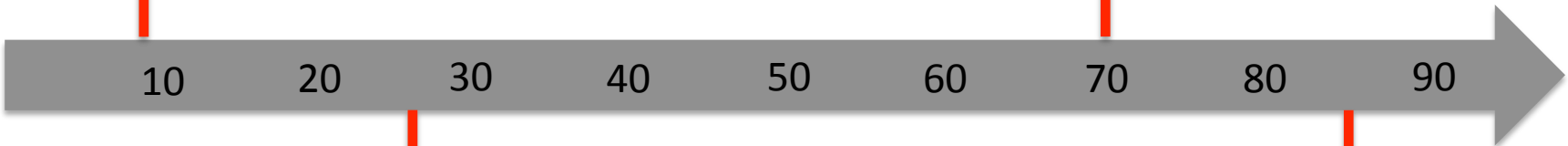
## **Psalms 66:5**

*“Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in  
His doing toward the sons of men.”*



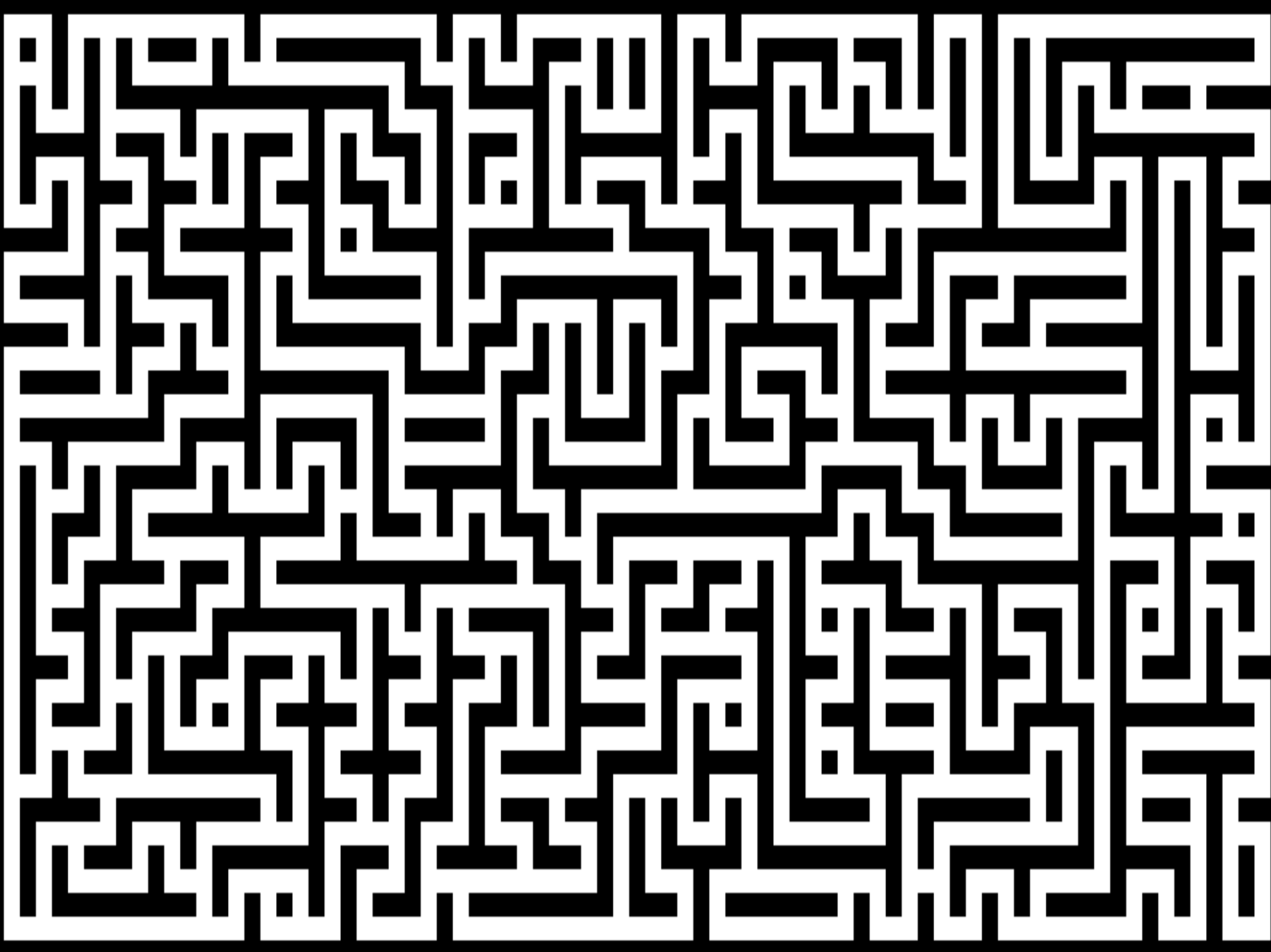












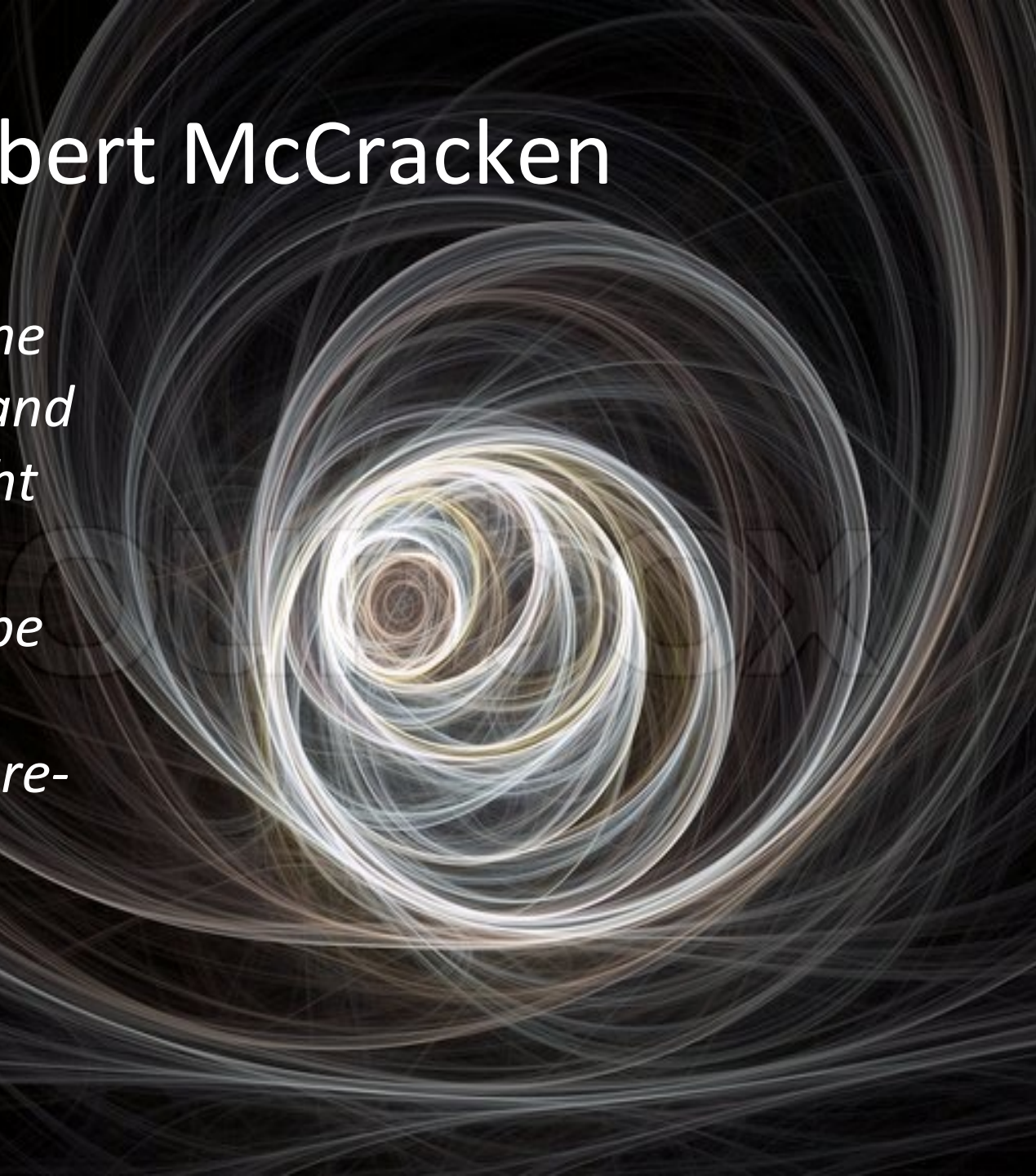




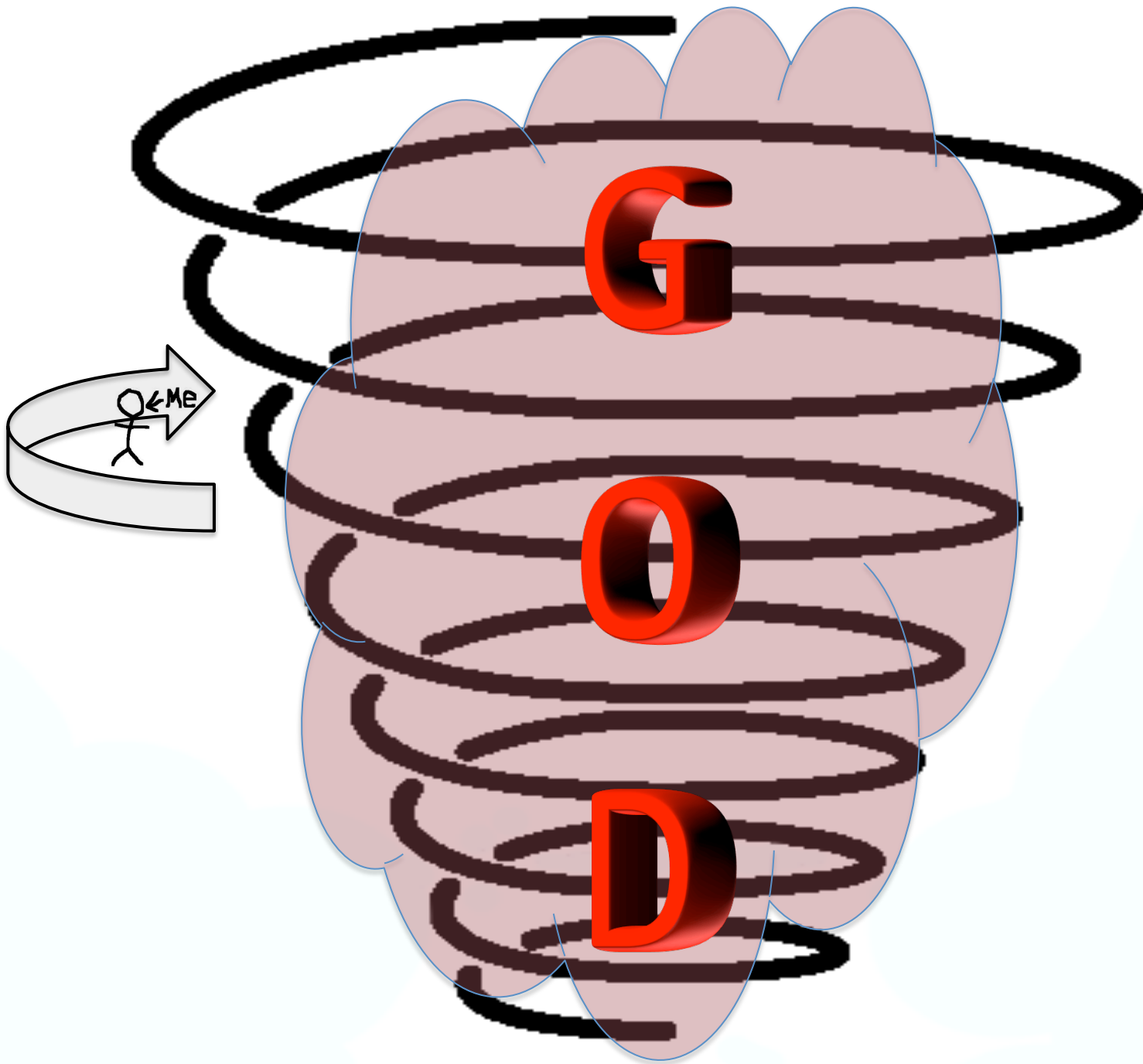


# Robert McCracken

*“God is living in the circle of eternity and we are the straight line, cut from the world, and must be hammered, bent and broken to be re-forged into His circle”*







# to become

## Hebrew

- “to occur”
- “to come to pass”
- **Genesis 18:18**  
*“Abraham shall **become** a great and mighty nation..”*
- **Genesis 2:24**  
*“... and they shall **become** one flesh”*

**Key: it takes time and it takes work**



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## Greek

- “to cause to be”
- Lexicon = “to ‘gen’erate”

- **Matthew 18:3**

*“...unless you are converted and **become** as little children”*

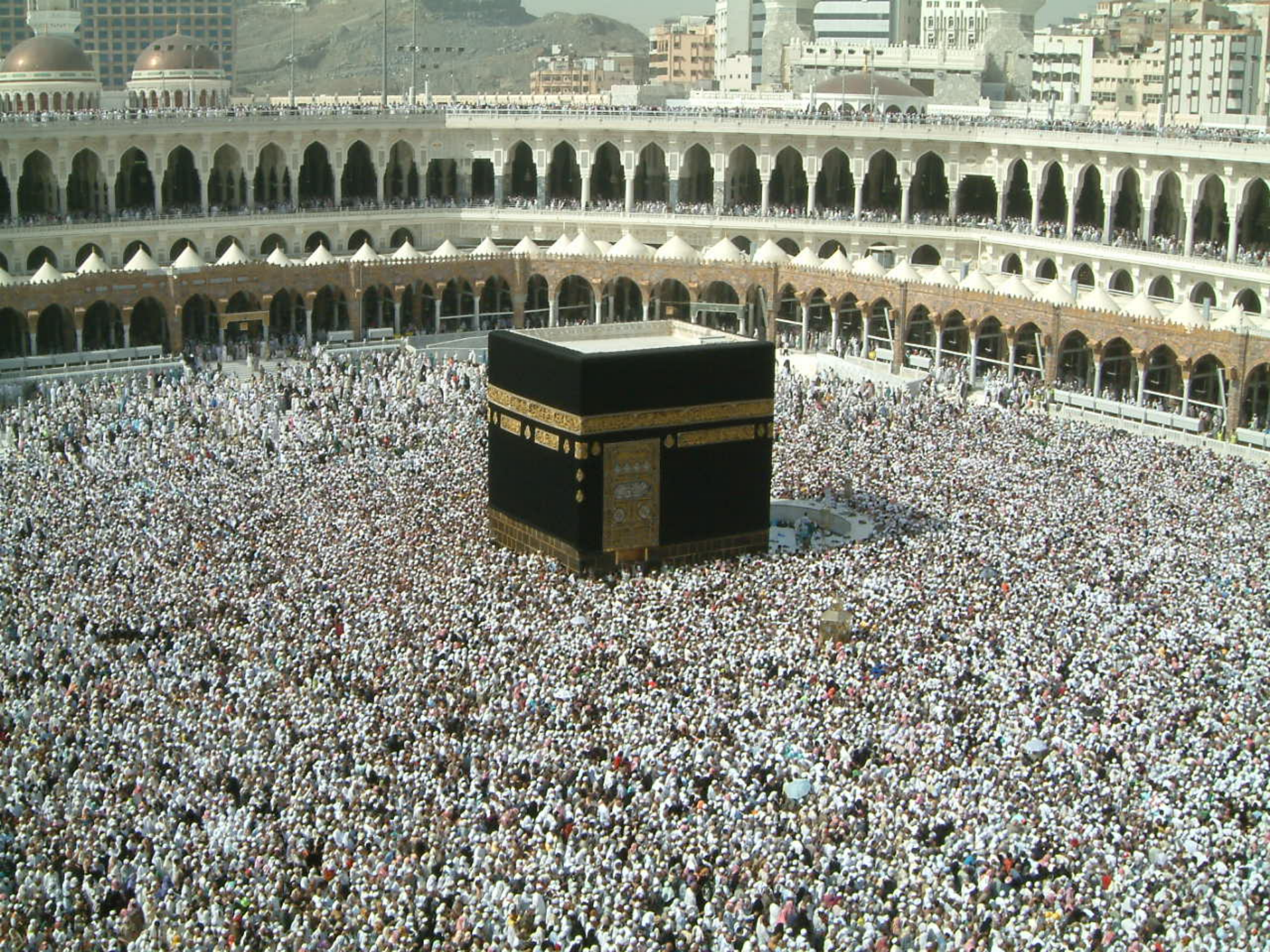
- **John 1:12**

*“...to them he gave the right to **become** the children of God”*

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# Psalm 139

*1 O Lord, You have searched me and known me.*

*2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.*

*3 You **comprehend** my path and my lying down,  
And are acquainted with all my ways.*

Hebrew – to toss, to diffuse, to scatter, spread ,strew,  
to sow, to winnow, to sift

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## **NIV**

*You discern my going out and my lying down; **you are familiar with all my ways.***

## **NET**

*You carefully observe me when I travel or when I lie down to rest; **you are aware of everything I do.***

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# Job 31:4

*4 Does He not see my ways, And count all my steps?*

*5 "If I have walked with falsehood, Or if my foot has hastened to deceit, 6 Let me be weighed on honest scales, That God may know my integrity.*

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“Elijah the Tishbite of the inhabitants of Gilead”

or

*“Elijah, a captive of the sojourners and travelers  
(or – ‘foreigners in’) Gilead”*



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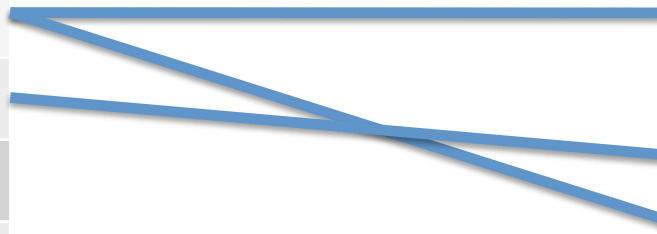
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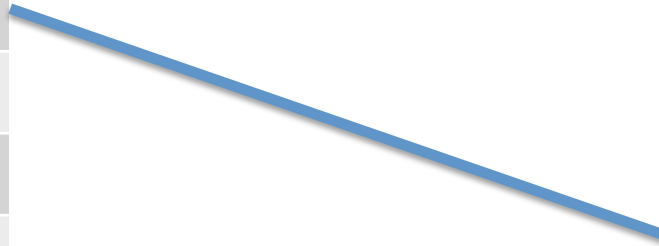
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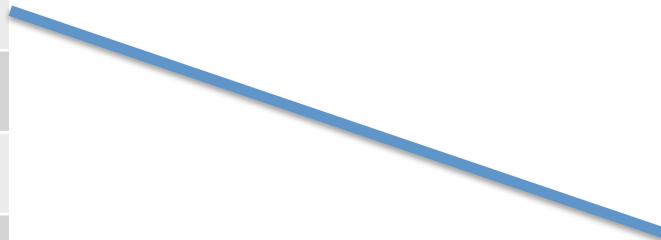
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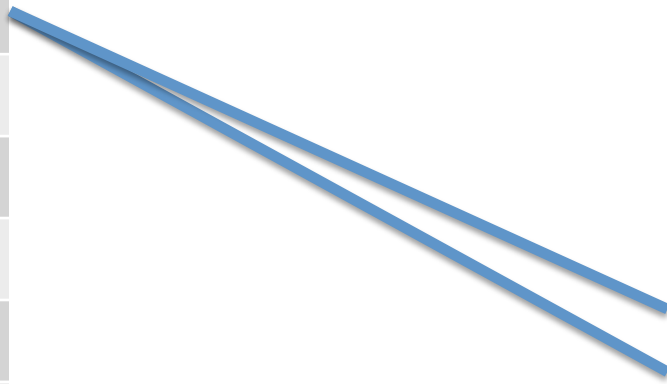
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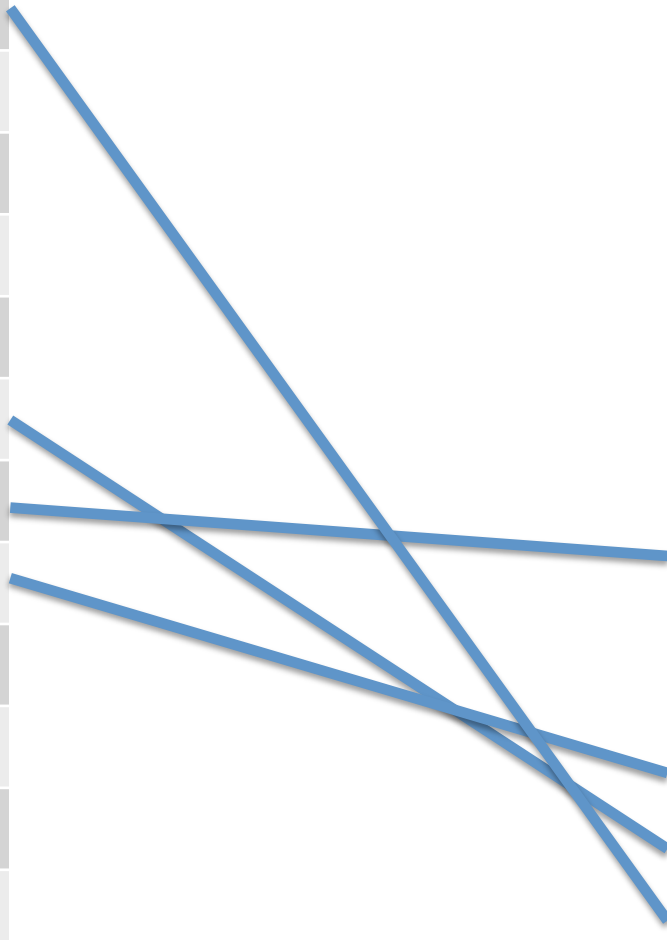
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## Call & Response

## Witness to Signs, Wonders and Miracles

## Rejection / Opposition

## Divine Revelation

## Anointed to a high calling and service

## The Victorious Life

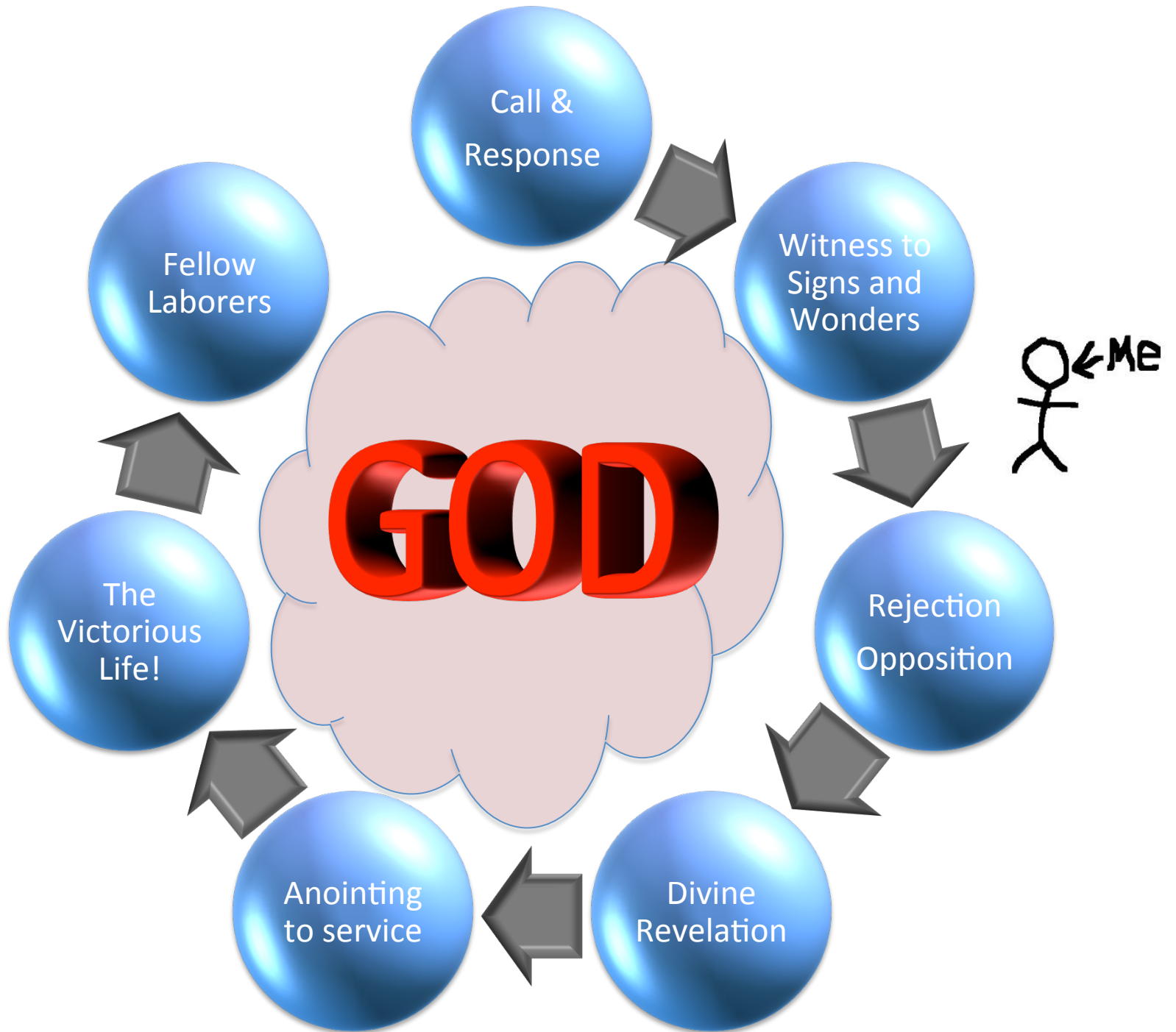
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# Matthew 20

Greek – ‘kletos’ – invite / invited

16... “For many are **called**, but few **chosen**”.

Greek – ‘eklektos’ = elect / elected

**“many are invited, but few elect”**



“many are invited, few elect”

**“Yes”**

**Respond**

**Listen**

**Called**





# Call and Response

- 11 Hebrew & 8 Greek words for 'answer'
  - 617 total references.
- 195 (1/3) in the Gospels:
  - Matthew = 53
  - Mark = 32
  - Luke = 32
  - John = 78

# Hebrews 11

*8 By faith Abraham **obeyed** when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.*

*9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

**Key: be obedient**