

COLOSSIANS



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⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith,
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

- Colossians 2:6-7

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LEGALISM

(lee-guh-liz-uhm)

“strict adherence, or the principle of strict adherence, to law or prescription, especially to the letter rather than the spirit”

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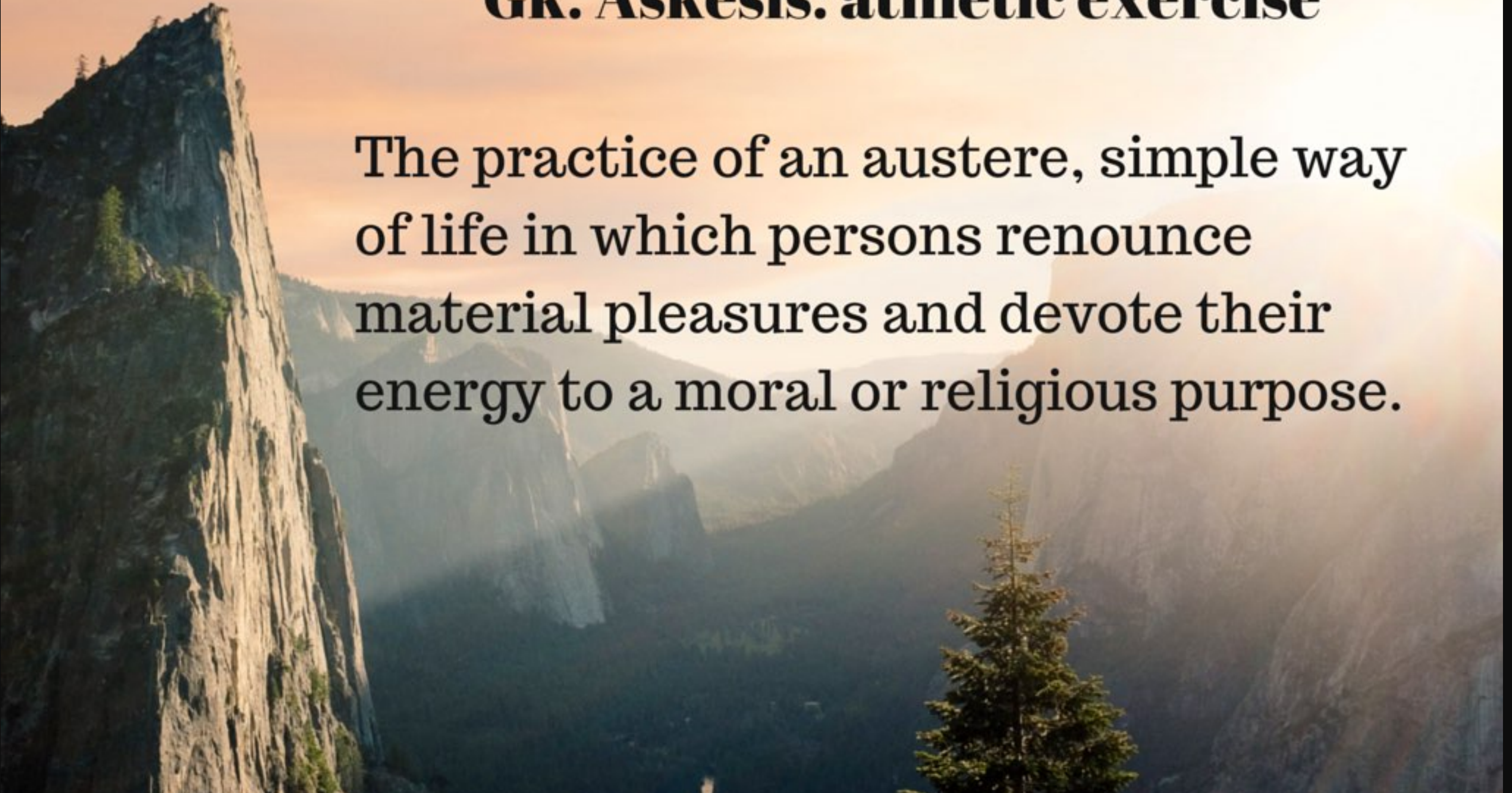
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Asceticism:

Gk. Askesis: athletic exercise

The practice of an austere, simple way of life in which persons renounce material pleasures and devote their energy to a moral or religious purpose.



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“False zeal is responsible for much spiritual misery.
It not only denies Christians what God has not denied them,
and commands of them what God has not required.
It also promises Christians what God has not promised them...

Only false zeal could presume to want to make
the ‘substance’, which is Christ, more substantial still.”

- Dick Lucas



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23 These have indeed an appearance of wisdom
in promoting self-made religion and asceticism
and severity to the body,
but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

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“Religion makes us proud of what we have done.
The Gospel makes us proud of what Jesus has done”

- Tim Keller



2. How The Gospel Sets Us Free

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¹⁰ and you have been filled in him,
who is the head of all rule and authority.

2. How The Gospel Sets Us Free

|| In him also you were circumcised
with a circumcision made without hands,
by putting off the body of the flesh,
by the circumcision of Christ,

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¹² having been buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the powerful working of God,
who raised him from the dead.

2. How The Gospel Sets Us Free

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made alive together with him,
having forgiven us all our trespasses,

2. How The Gospel Sets Us Free

14 by canceling the record of debt
that stood against us with its legal demands.
This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities
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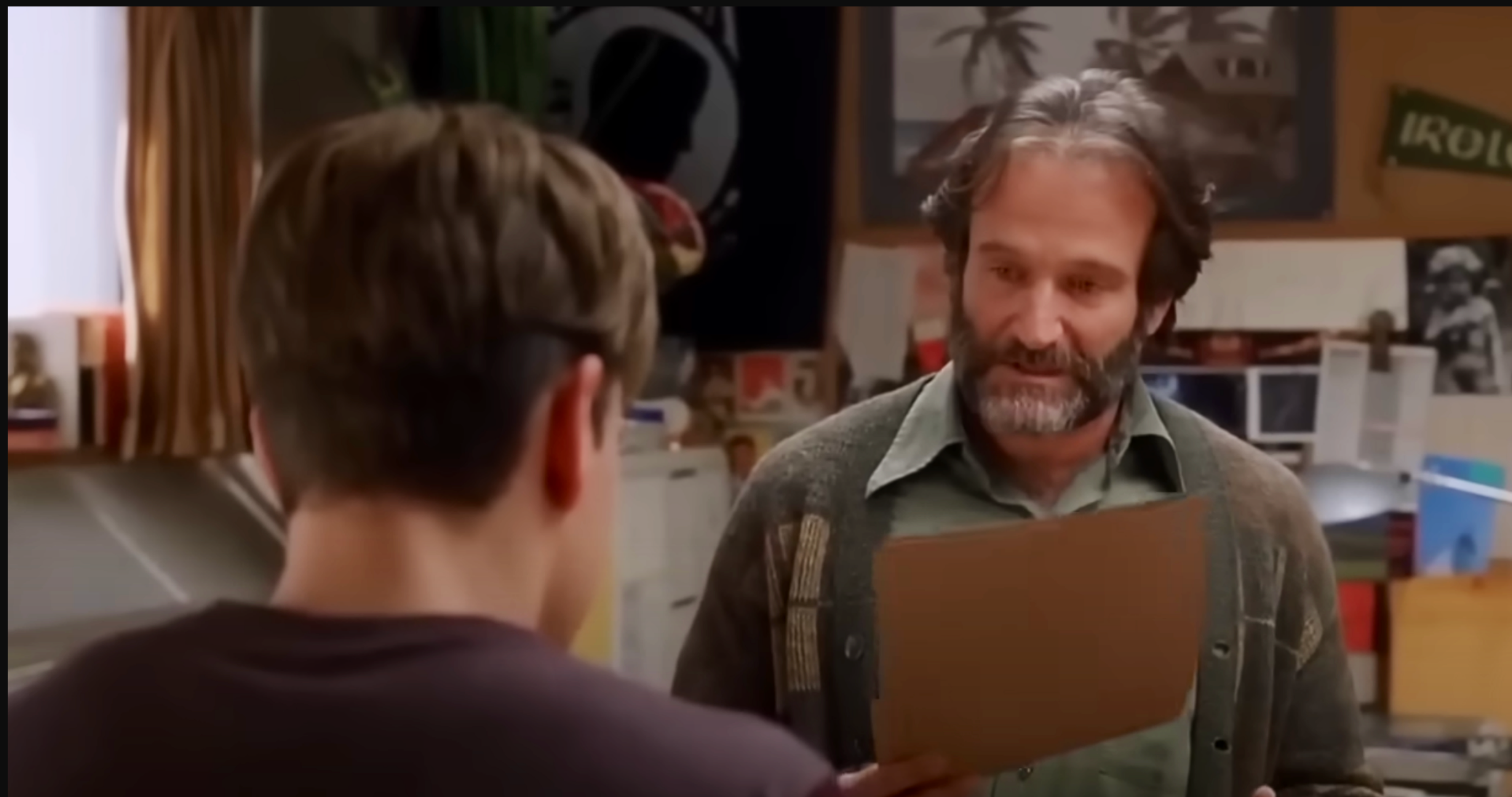
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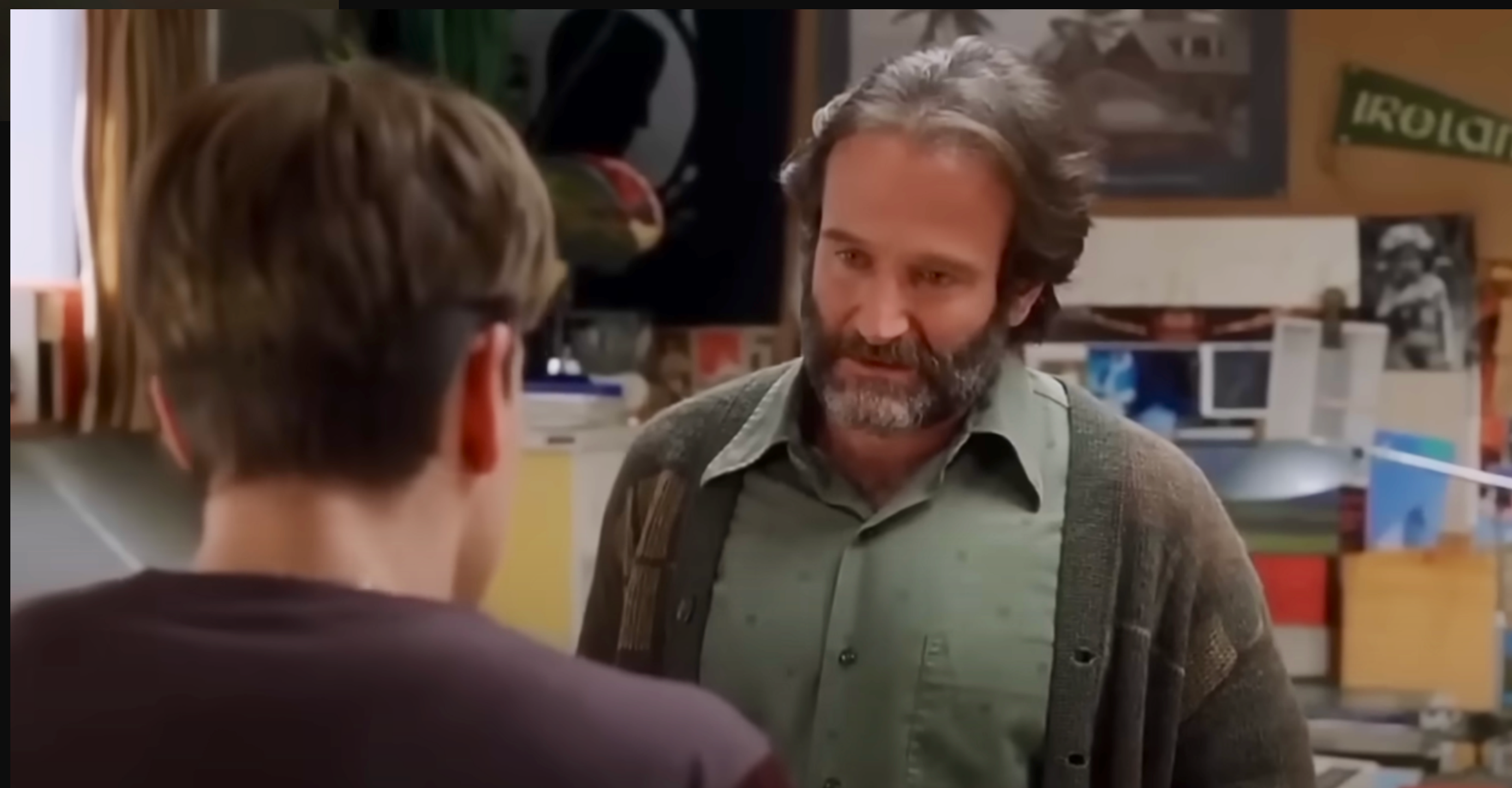
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GOOD WILL HUNTING









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2. How The Gospel Sets Us Free You Have Resurrection Power

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