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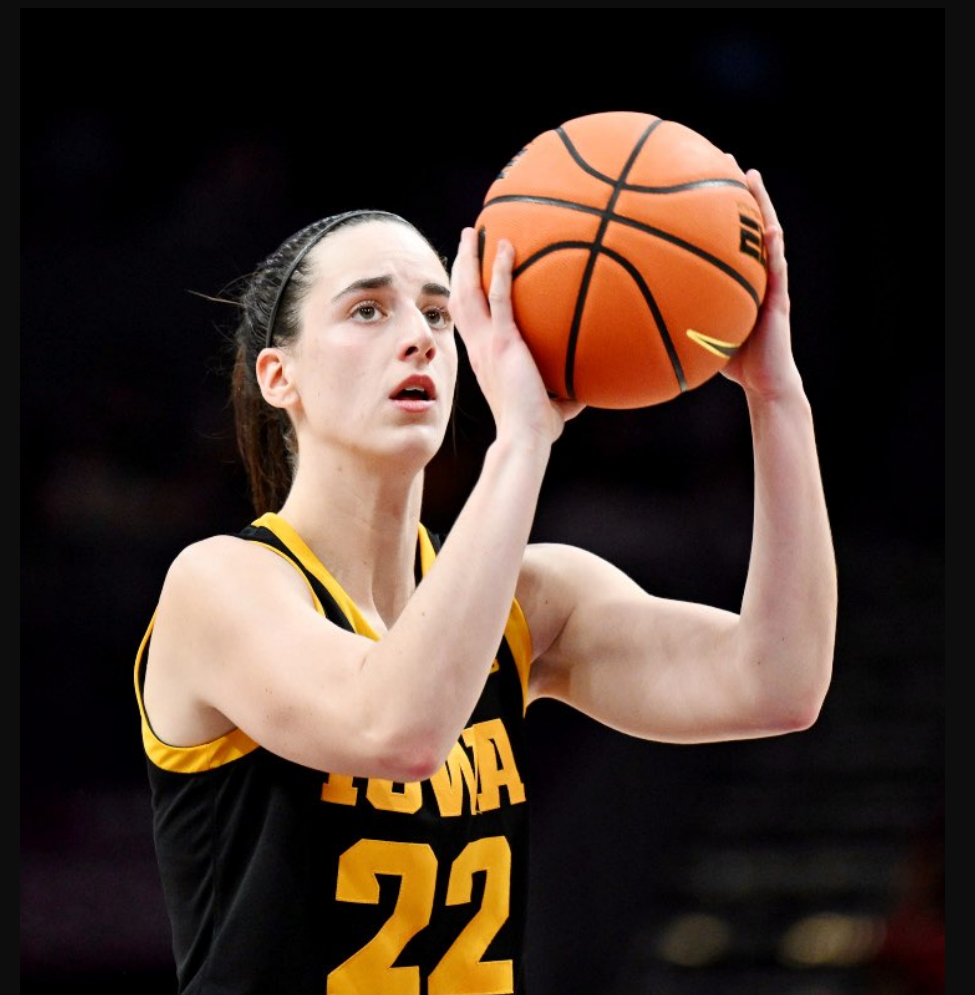
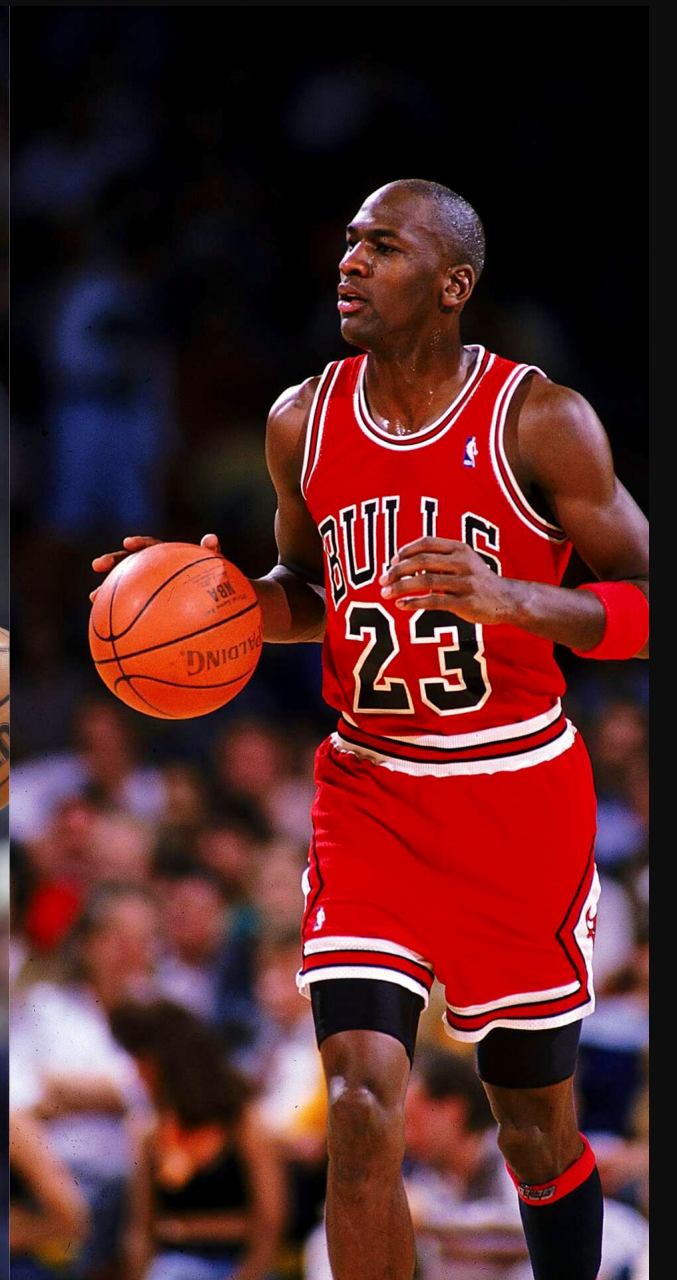




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<sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- Colossians 1:13-14



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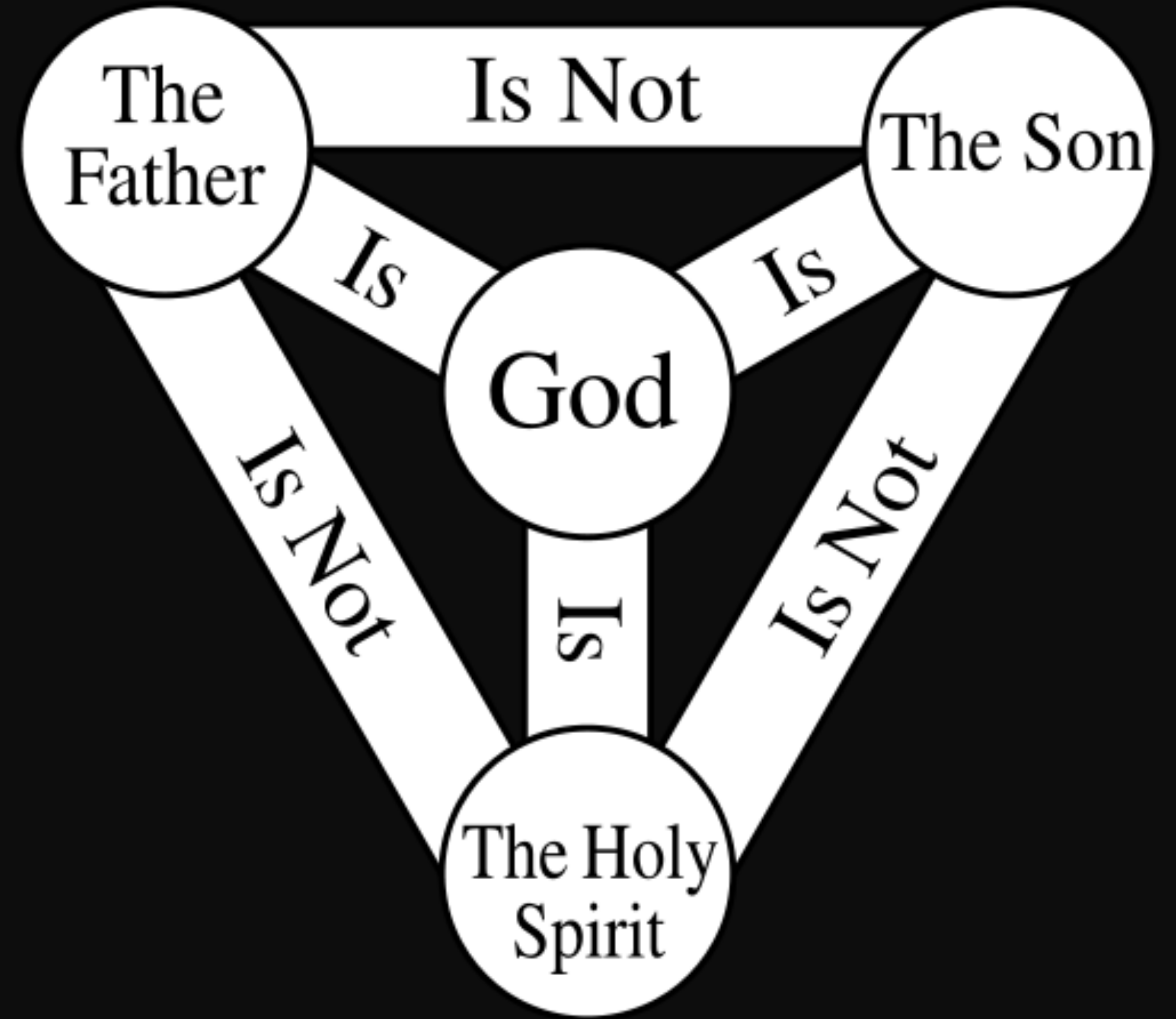
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<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son  
from the Father, full of grace and truth...

<sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; God the only Son,  
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- John 1:14-18



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“Wherever you look,  
or whatever realities you think of...  
even if they do not acknowledge the fact,  
owe their very existence to Christ.”

- NT Wright







## Top Fears of 2024

1. *Corrupt Government Officials*
2. *People I Love Becoming Seriously Ill*
3. *Cyberterrorism*
4. *People I Love Dying*
5. *Russia Using Nuclear Weapons*
6. *Not Having Enough Money for the Future*
7. *U.S. Becoming Involved in Another World War*
8. *North Korea Using Nuclear Weapons*
9. *Terrorist Attack*
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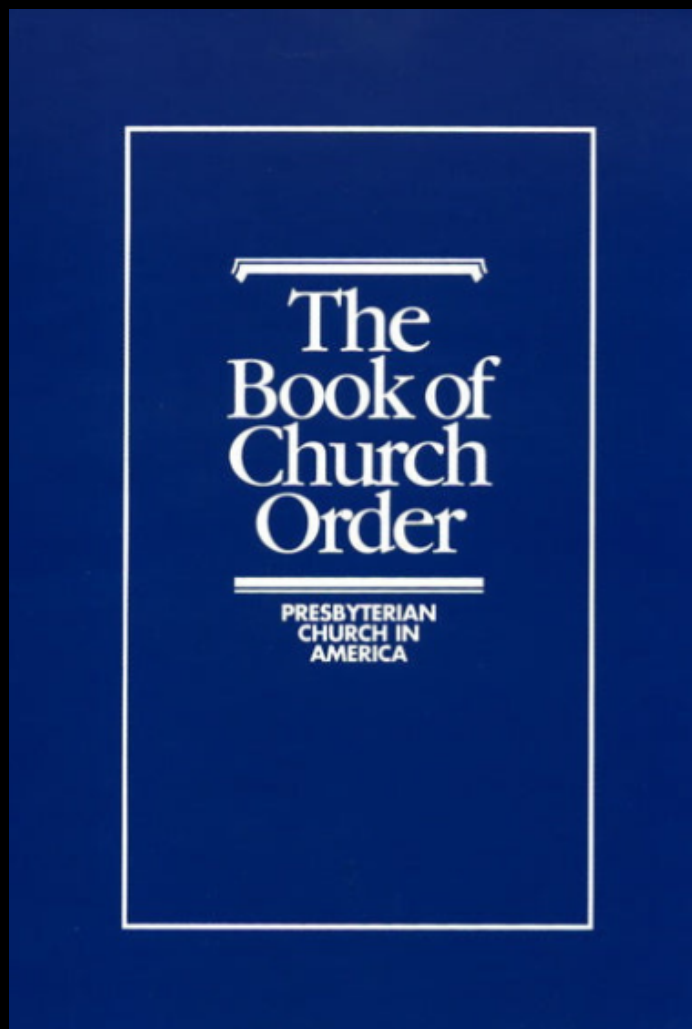
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“Jesus Christ, upon whose shoulders the government rests, whose name is called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace...

Jesus, the Mediator, the sole Priest, Prophet, King, Saviour, and Head of the Church, contains in Himself, by way of eminency, all the offices in His Church, and has many of their names attributed to Him in the Scriptures.

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2<sup>1</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind,  
doing evil deeds...

- Colossians 1:21



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12 ...remember that you were at that time separated from Christ,  
alienated from the commonwealth of Israel  
and strangers to the covenants of promise,  
having no hope and without God in the world.

- Ephesians 2:12



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<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

<sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation...



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<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,  
God making his appeal through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

<sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

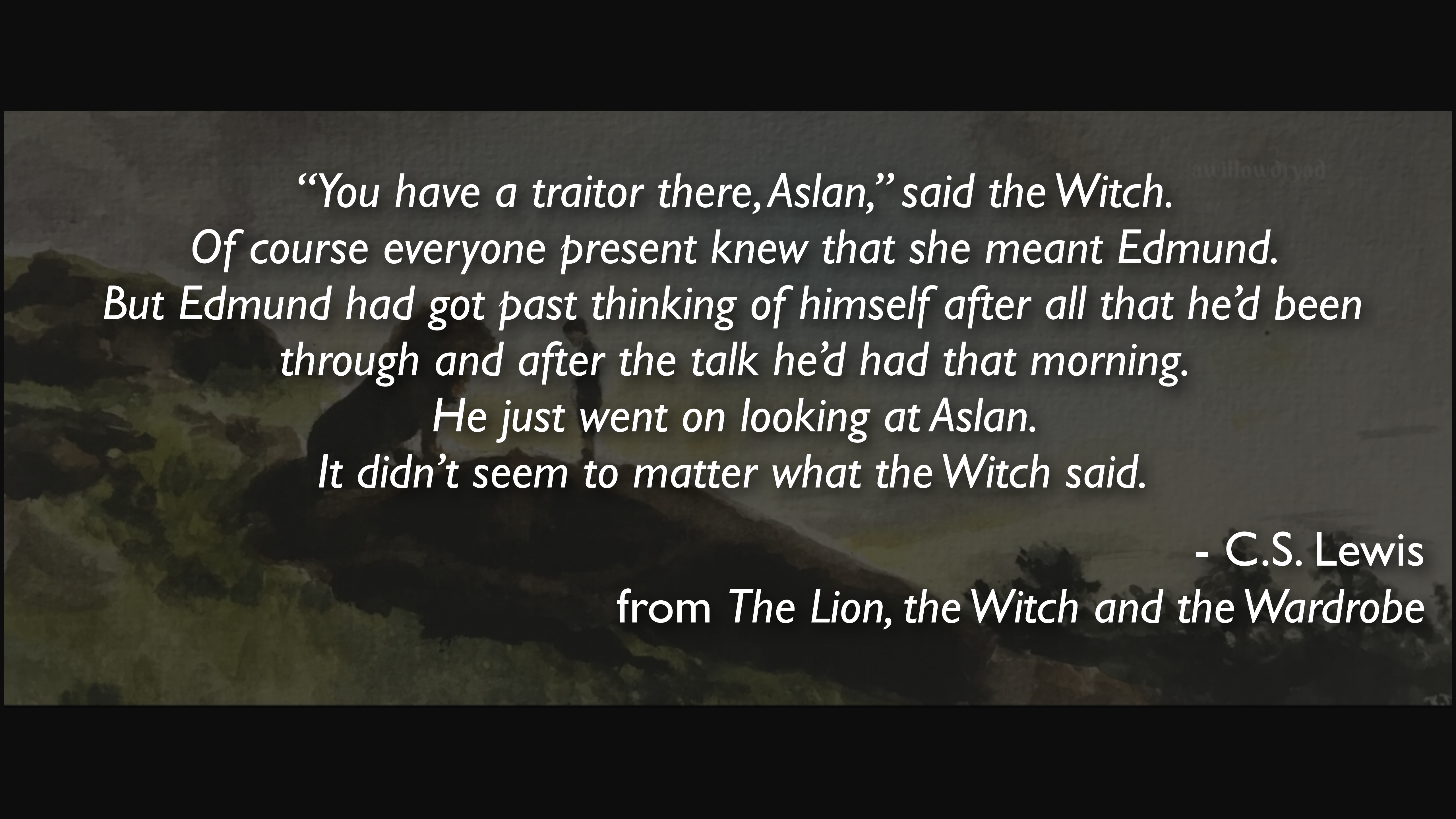
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21



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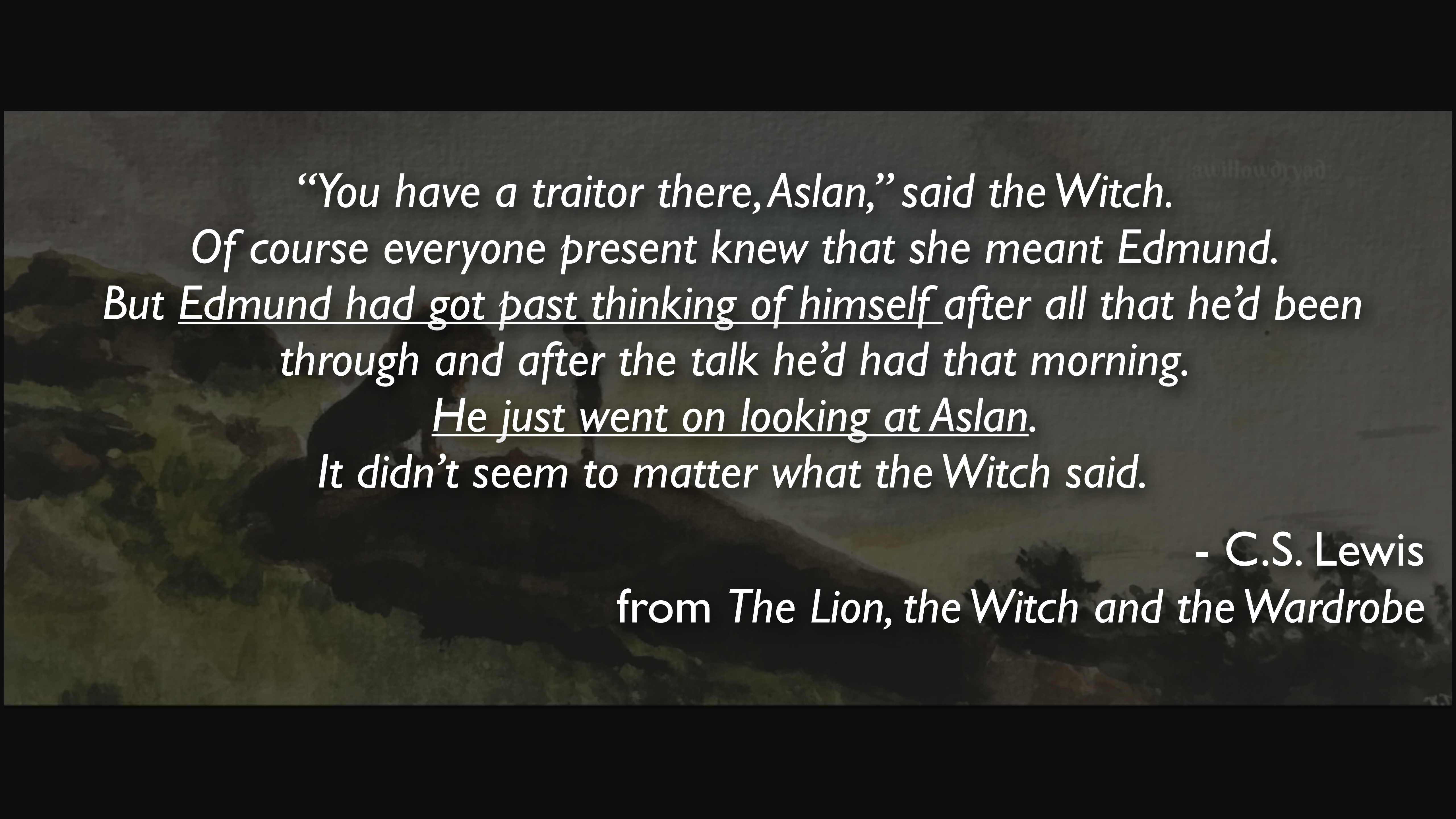


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- 1 ...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Hebrews 12:1-2







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