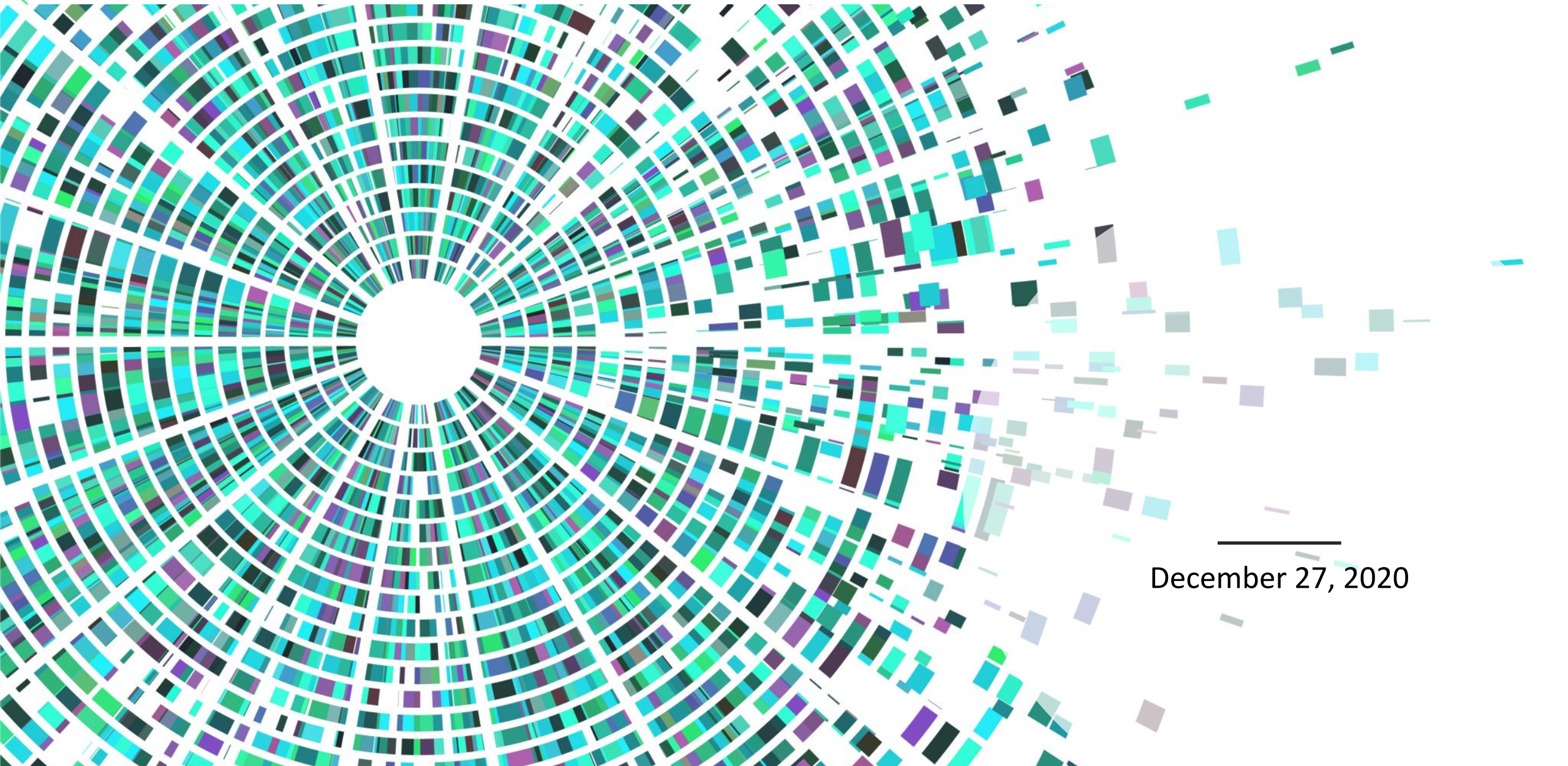


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1 Thessalonians 5:17

“Pray without ceasing.”



# God can be trusted.

Genesis 12:3

“I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” (CJB)

- This promise was made to Abraham long before Moses. And long before Jesus came to Earth as a baby and then a man.

# God takes care of His own.

Numbers 19:11-13

“All those who touch a dead human body will be ceremonially unclean for seven days. They must purify themselves on the third and seventh days with the water of purification; then they will be purified. But if they do not do this on the third and seventh days, they will continue to be unclean even after the seventh day. All those who touch a dead body and do not purify themselves in the proper way defile the Lord’s Tabernacle, and they will be cut off from the community of Israel. Since the water of purification was not sprinkled on them, their defilement continues.” (NLT)

Leviticus 11:29-30

“Of the animals that move along the ground, these are unclean for you: the weasel, the rat, any kind of great lizard, the gecko, the monitor lizard, the wall lizard, the skink and the chameleon.” (NIV)

# God doesn't mess around.

Amos 4:12-13

“Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!

For lo, the One who forms the mountains, creates the wind, reveals His thoughts to mortals, makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth— the Lord, the God of hosts, is His name!” (NRSV)

# God is compassionate.

Amos 9:11-15

11 “When that day comes, I will raise up the fallen sukkah of David. I will close up its gaps, raise up its ruins and rebuild it as it used to be, 12 so that Isra’el can possess what is left of Edom and of all the nations bearing my name,” says Adonai, who is doing this. 13 “The days will come,” says Adonai, “when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the one treading grapes the one sowing seed. Sweet wine will drip down the mountains, and all the hills will flow with it. 14 I will restore the fortunes of my people Isra’el; they will rebuild and inhabit the ruined cities; they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, cultivate gardens and eat their fruit. 15 I will plant them on their own soil, no more to be uprooted from their land, which I gave them,” says Adonai your God. (CJB)

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1. God can be trusted.
2. God takes care of His own.
3. God doesn't mess around.
4. God is compassionate.
5. God loves you.

These are but just a few of His traits. He has many, many others.