

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

JOHN

A Thematic Study

Bible Study Format



TEACHING (20-30 MINS)

In the Sanctuary



TABLE DISCUSSION (20-30 MINS)

In the Fellowship Hall
(discussion questions provided)



GROUP Q&A (10-20 MINS)

In Fellow Hall
Ask me any burning questions

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JOHN

"DUALISMS AND DUALITIES"

John 1:4-5

LIGHT/DARK

**FIRST OCCURRENCE IN
JOHN**

JOHN 1:4-5

**In him [Jesus] was life,
and the life was the
light of men. The light
shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has
not overcome it.**

[T]he light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not...

JOHN 3:19-21

come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

JOHN 3:19-21

**Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,
“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk
in darkness, but will have the light
of life.”**

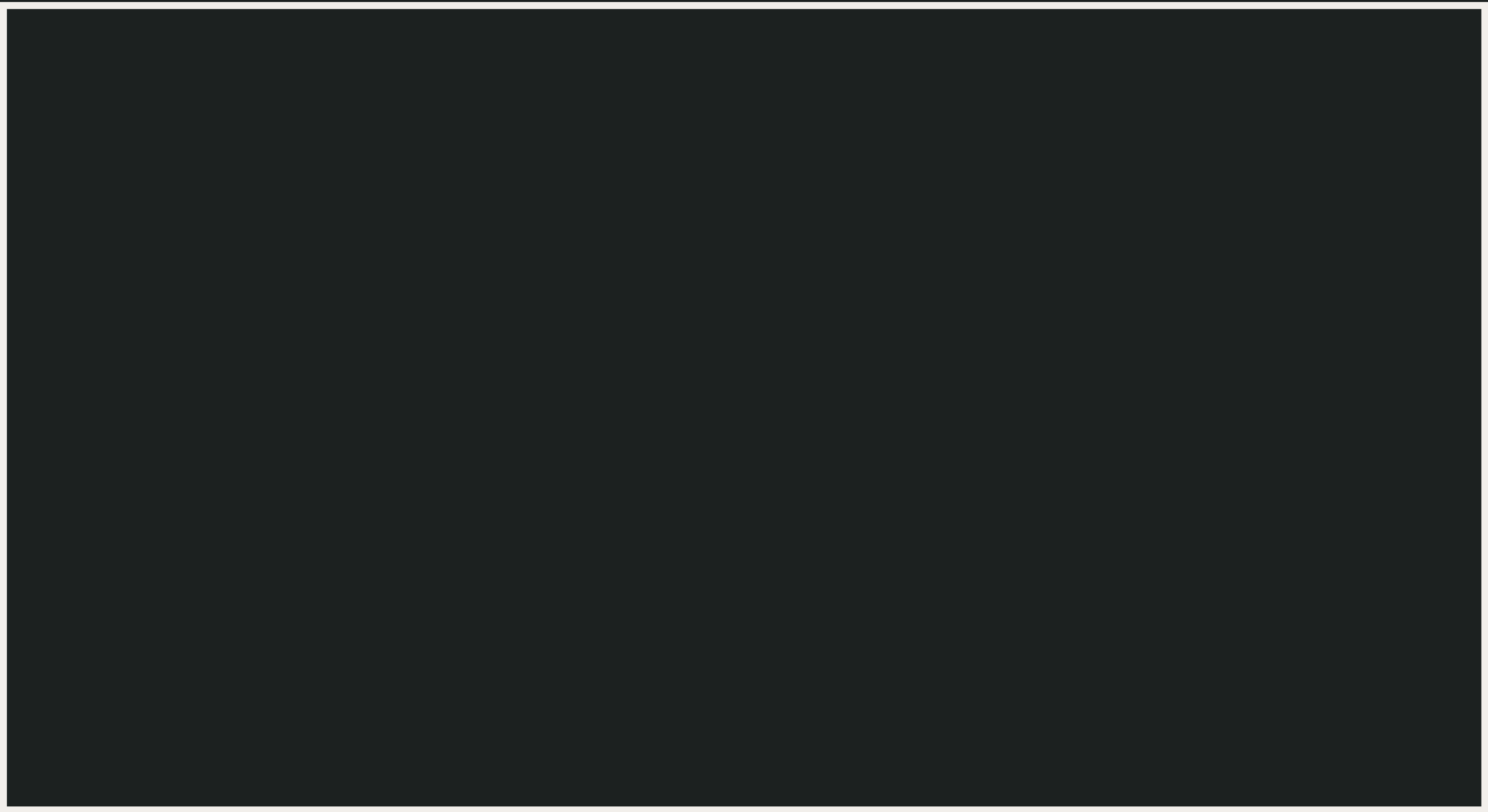
JOHN 8:12

The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light...

JOHN 12:35-36

**believe in the light, that you may
become sons of light.**

JOHN 12:35-36





Nicodemus



Nicodemus



Night

**Now there was a man of the
Pharisees named Nicodemus, a
ruler of the Jews. This man came to
Jesus by night...**

JOHN 3:1-2

**Nicodemus . . . who earlier had
come to Jesus by night, came
bringing a mixture of myrrh and
aloes, about seventy-five pounds in
weight.**

JOHN 19.39

**Jesus was troubled in his spirit,
and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to
you, one of you will betray me.” . . .
“Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered,
“It is he to whom I will give this
morsel of bread when I have...**

JOHN 13:21-30

dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas . . . Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.”

JOHN 13:21-30

So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out.

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JOHN 13:21-30

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JOHN 18:26-27

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JOHN 18:26-27

LIGHT/DARK

Light/Dark

Day/Night

Heaven/Earth

Above/Below

Flesh/Spirit

Blind/Seeing

Lies/Truth

Devil/God

Slavery/Freedom

Moses/Jesus

Of World/Not of...

Death/Life

Perish/Endure

Belief/Unbelief

DUALISM

DUALITY

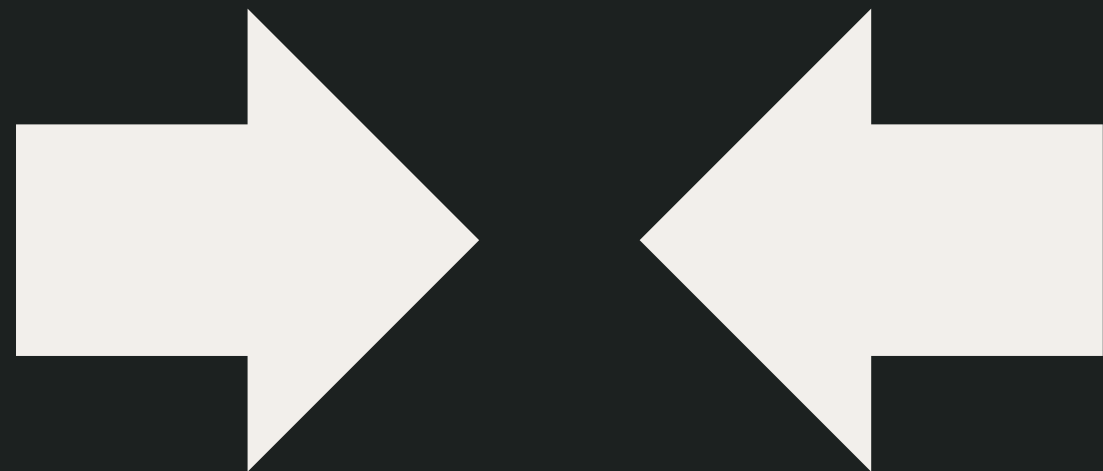
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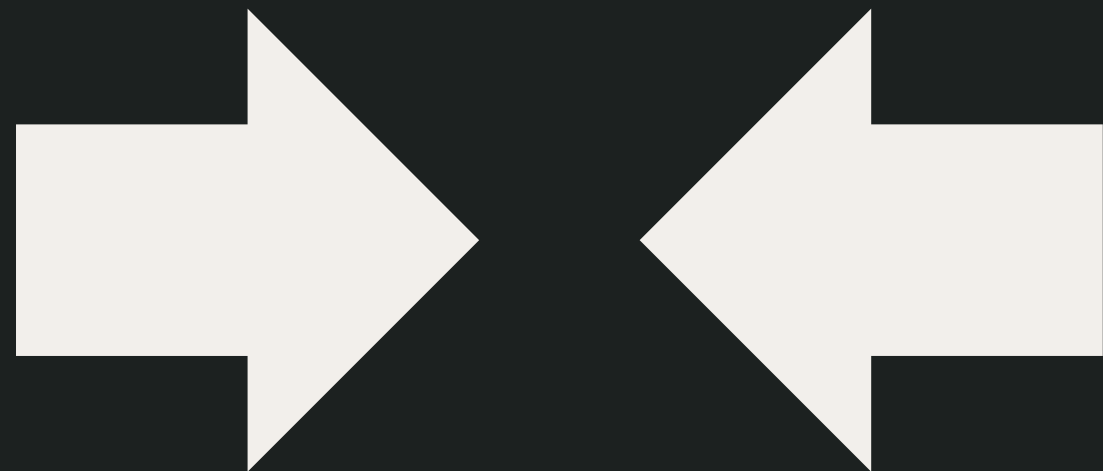


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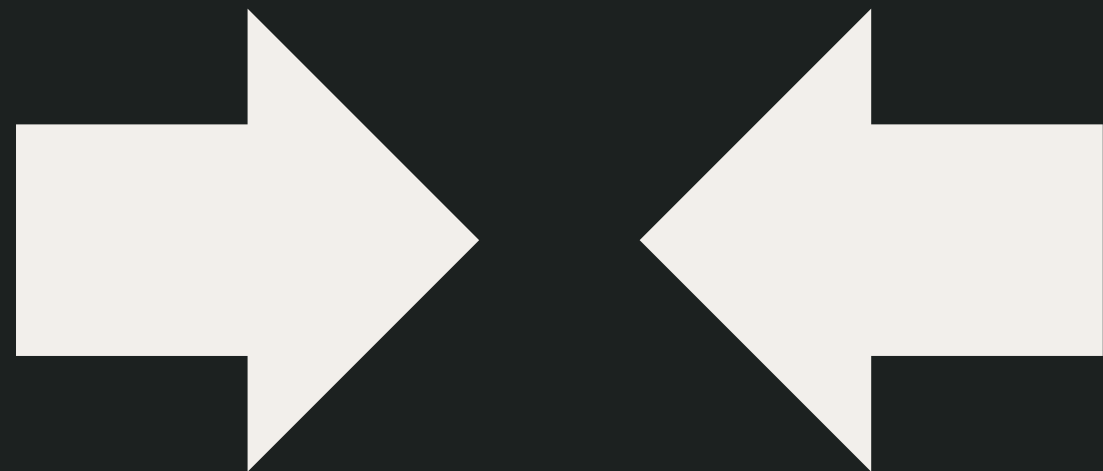
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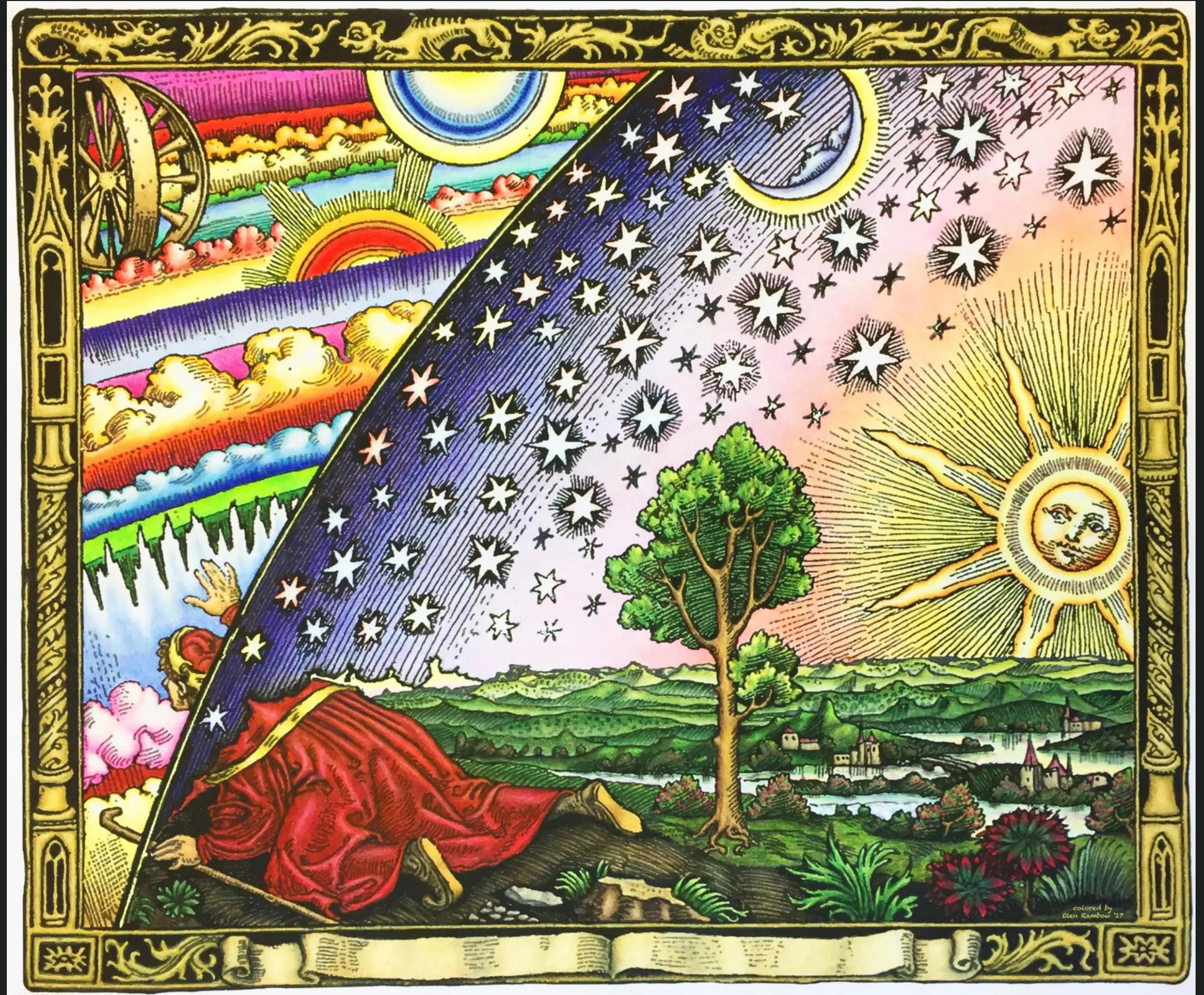
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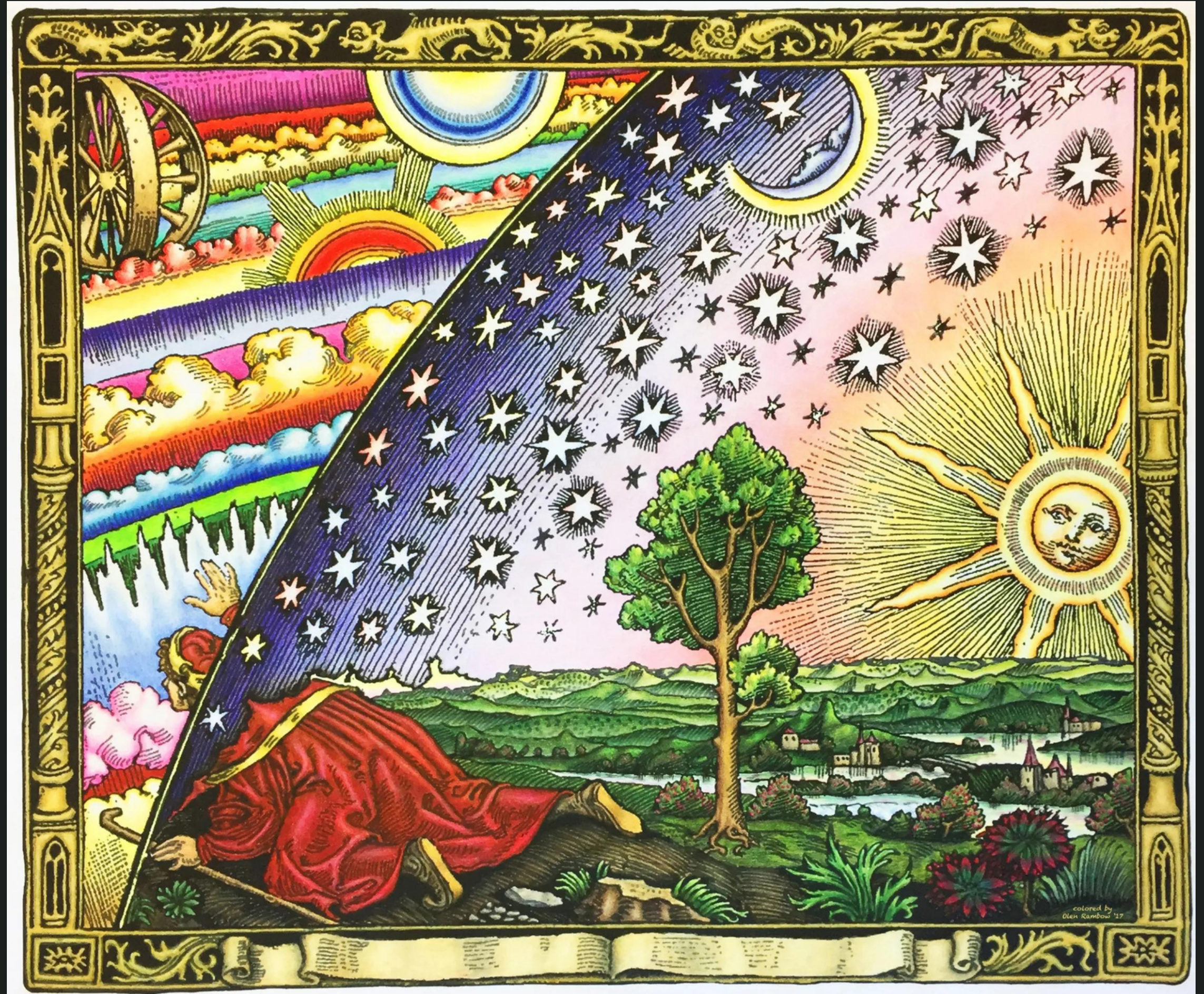
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Spirit/Matter

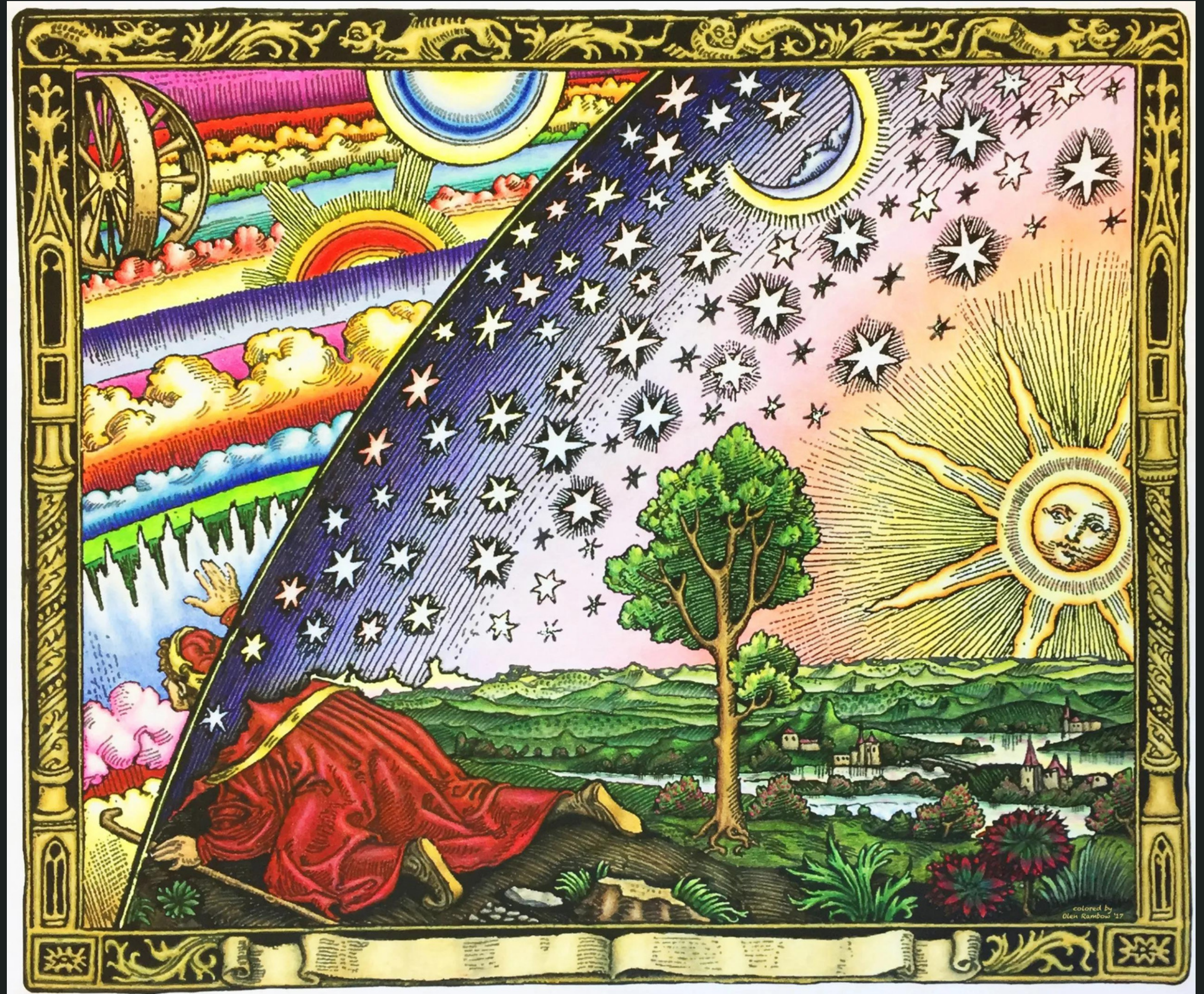


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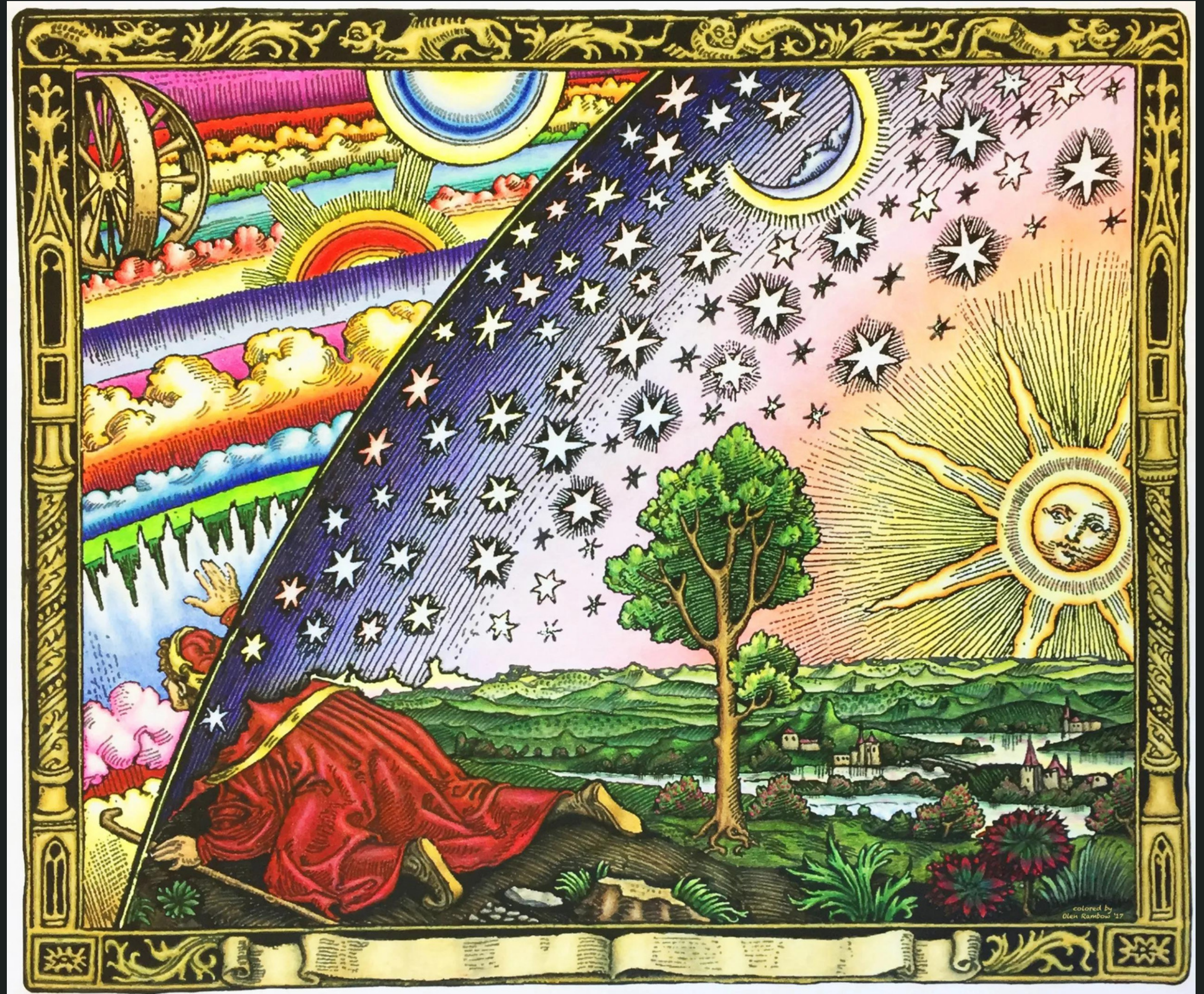
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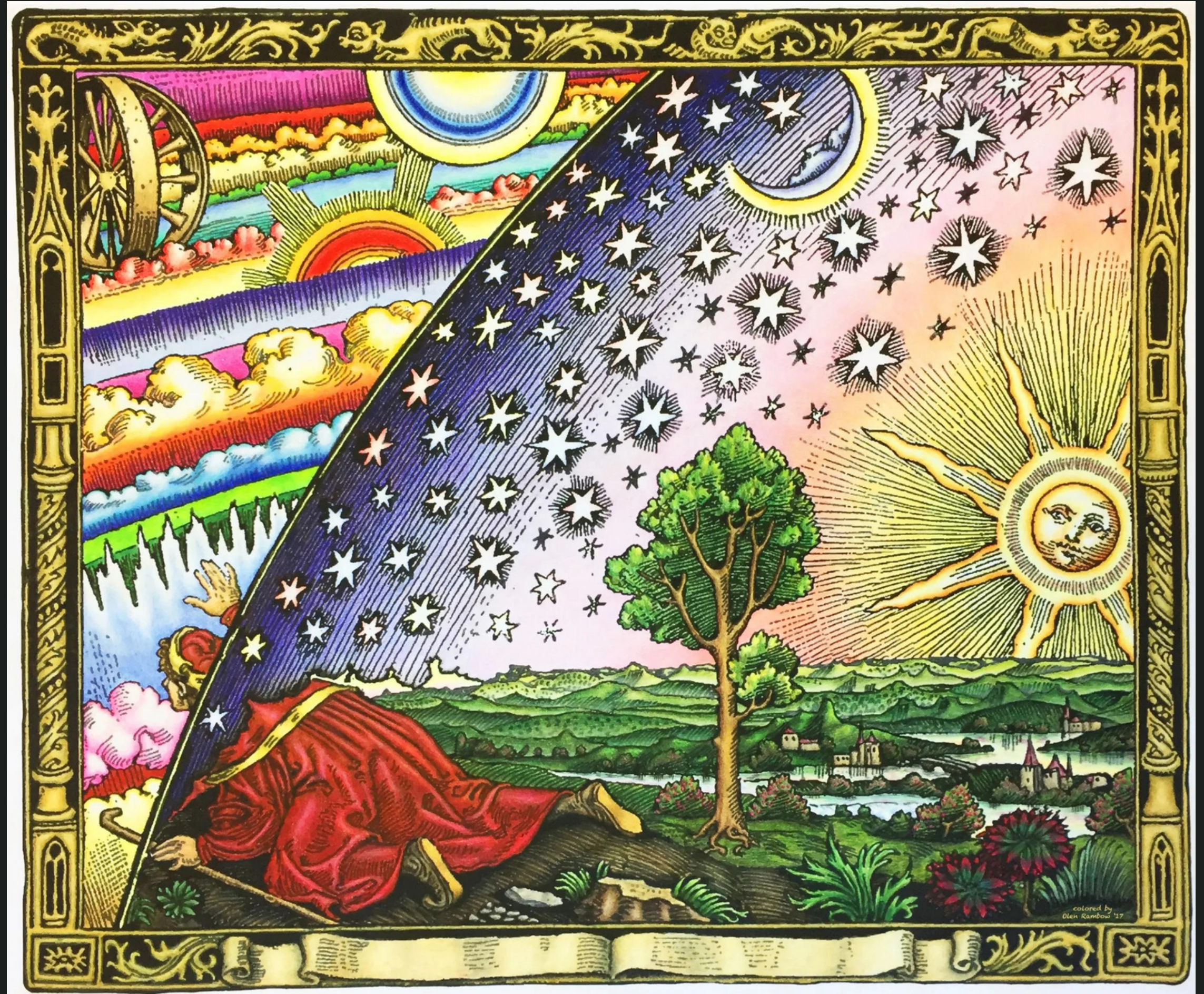
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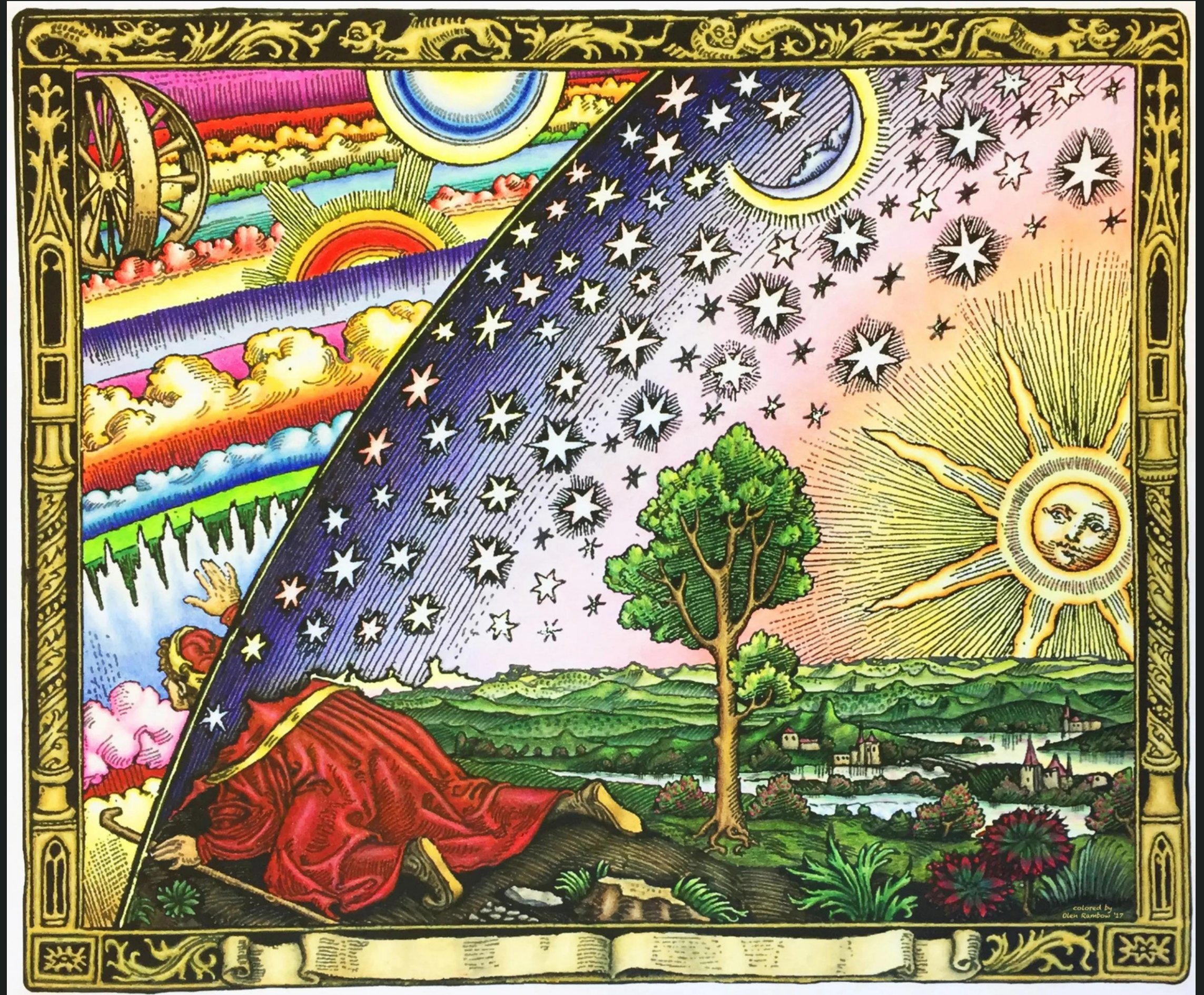
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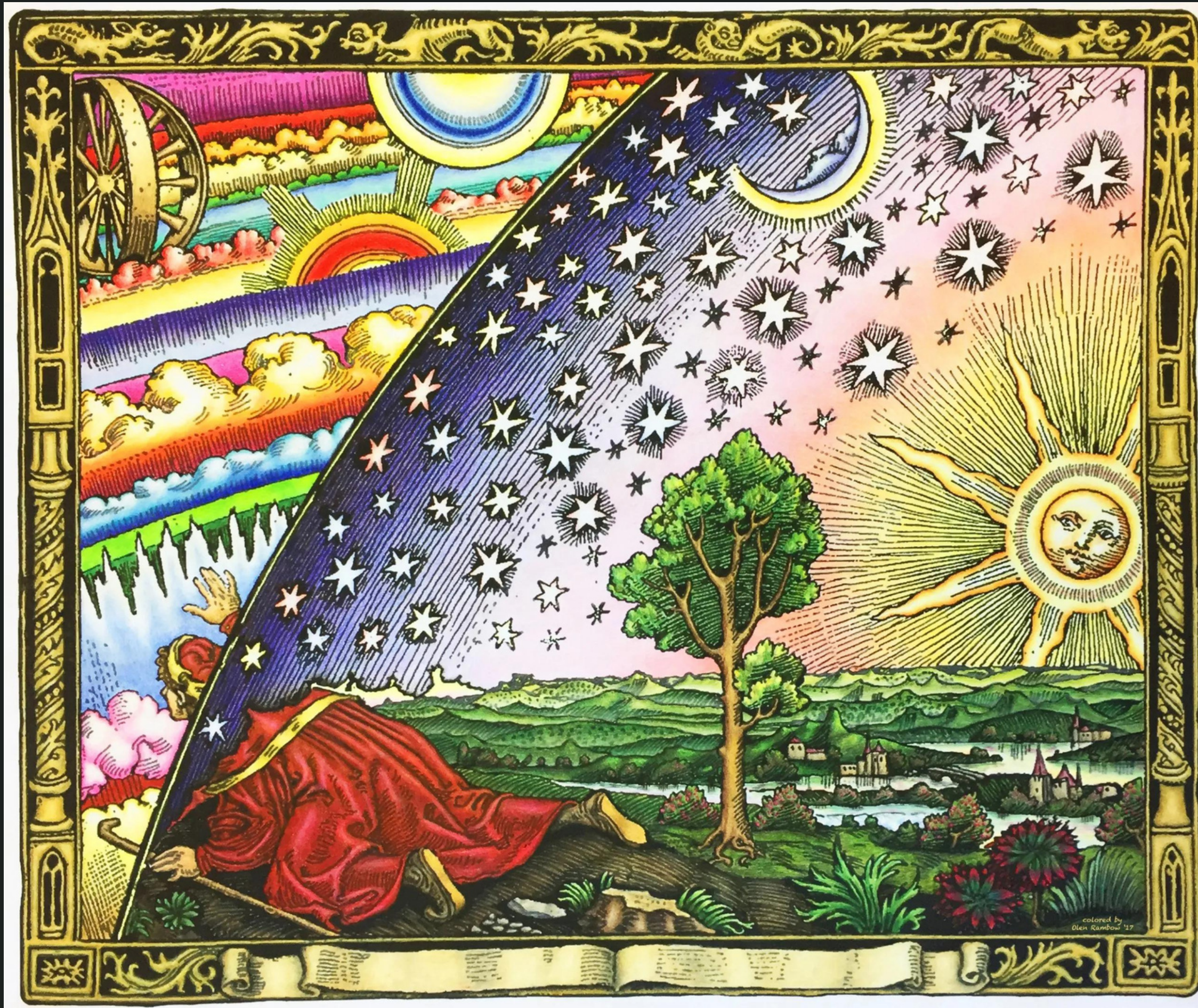
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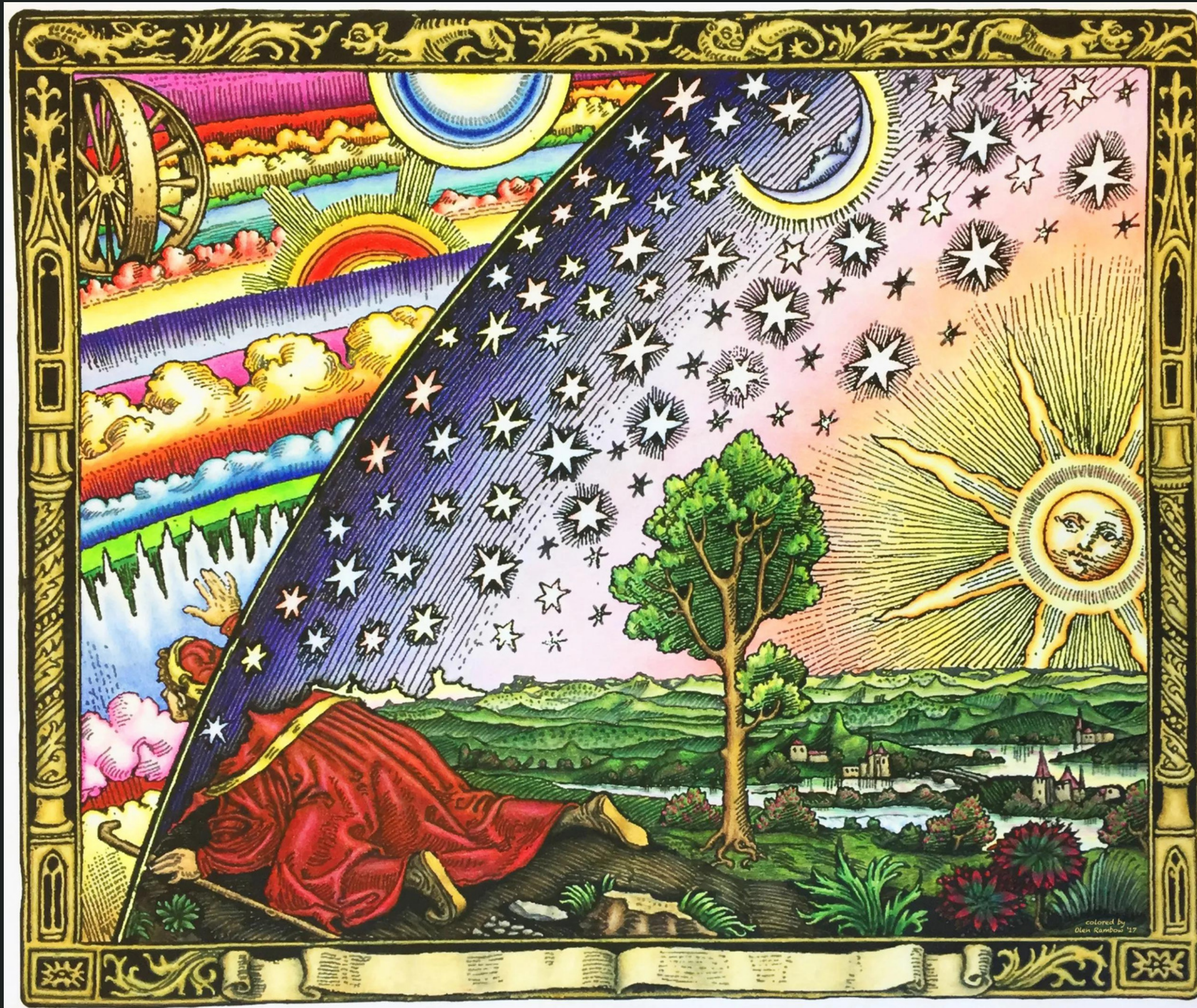
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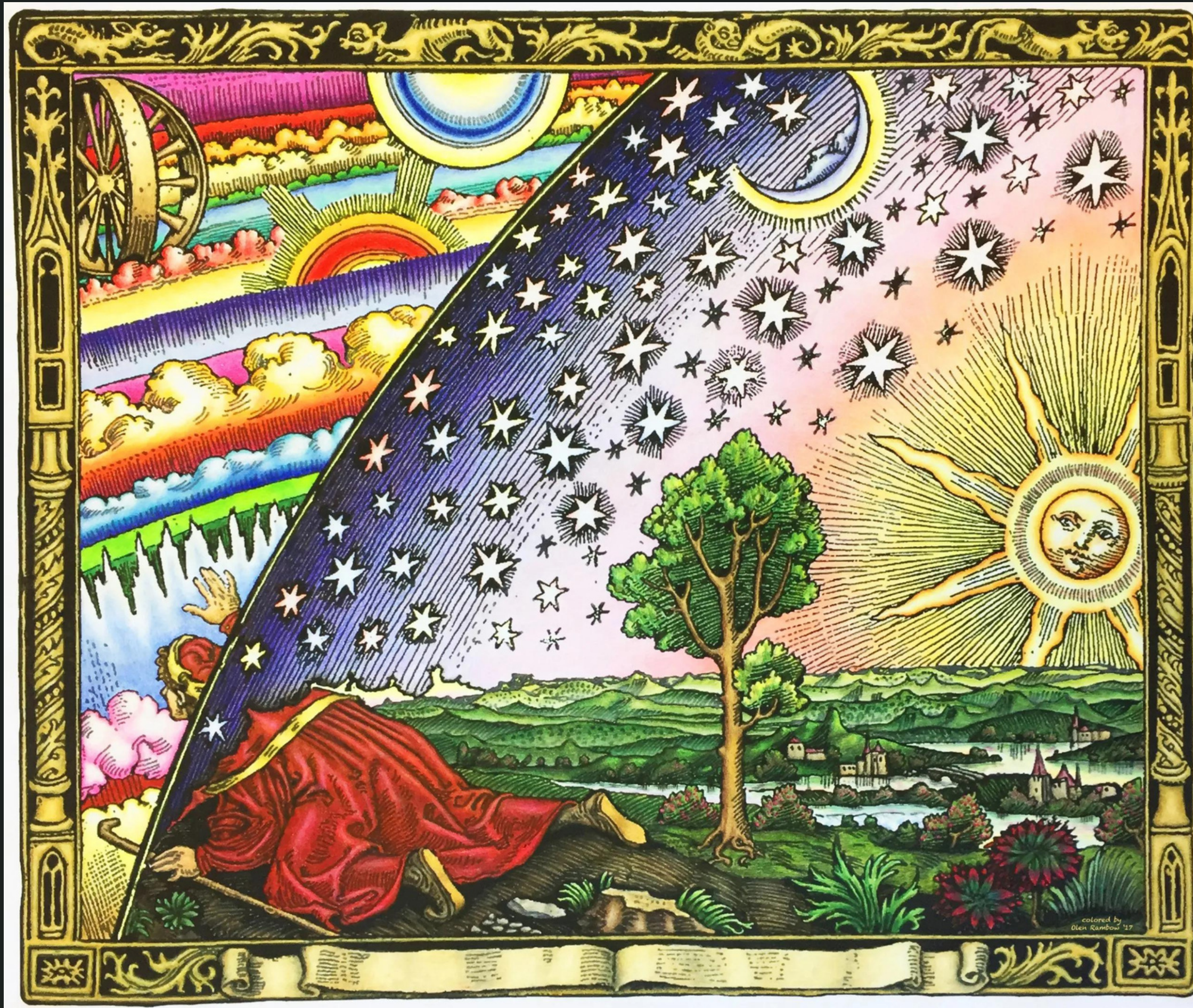


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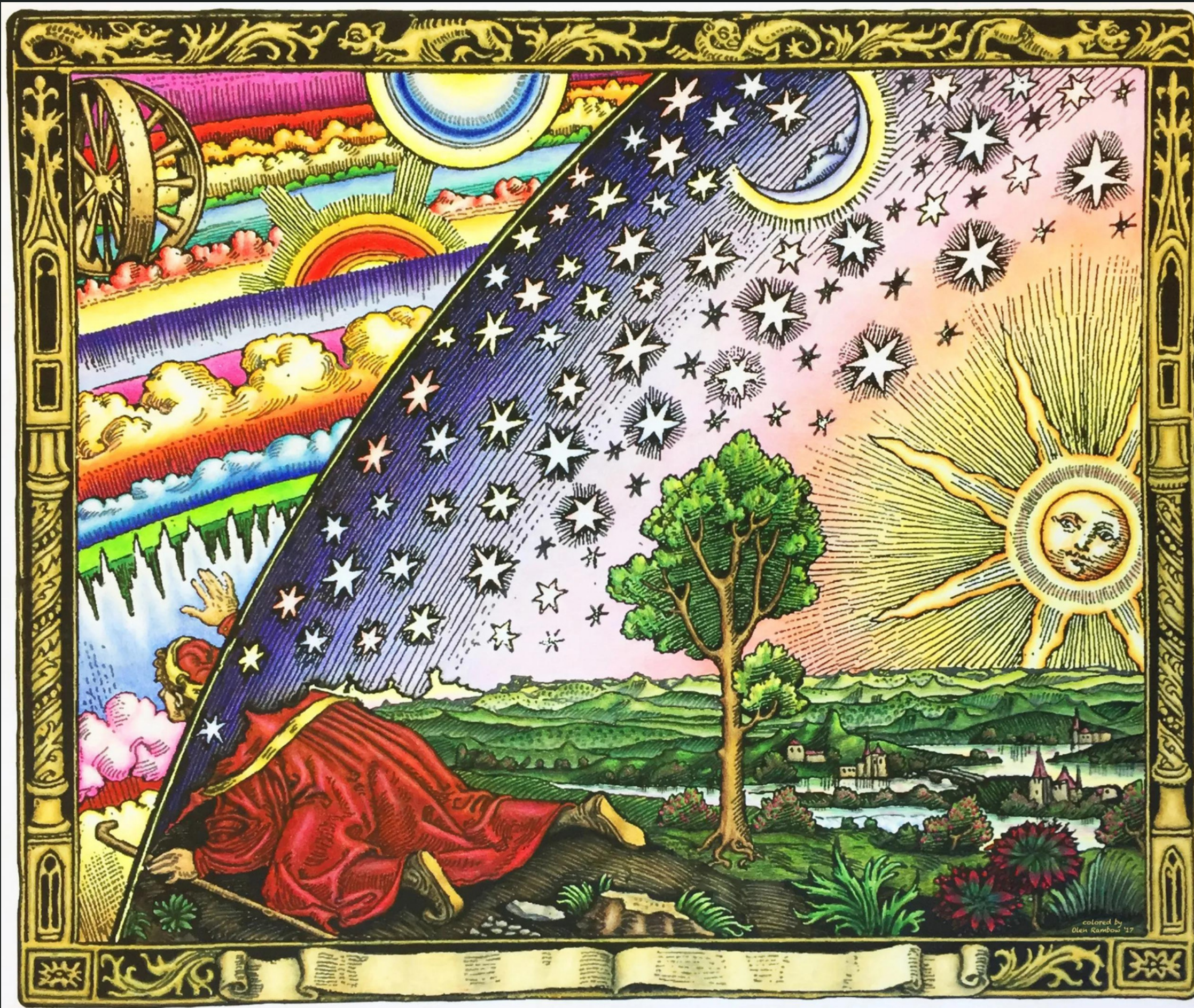
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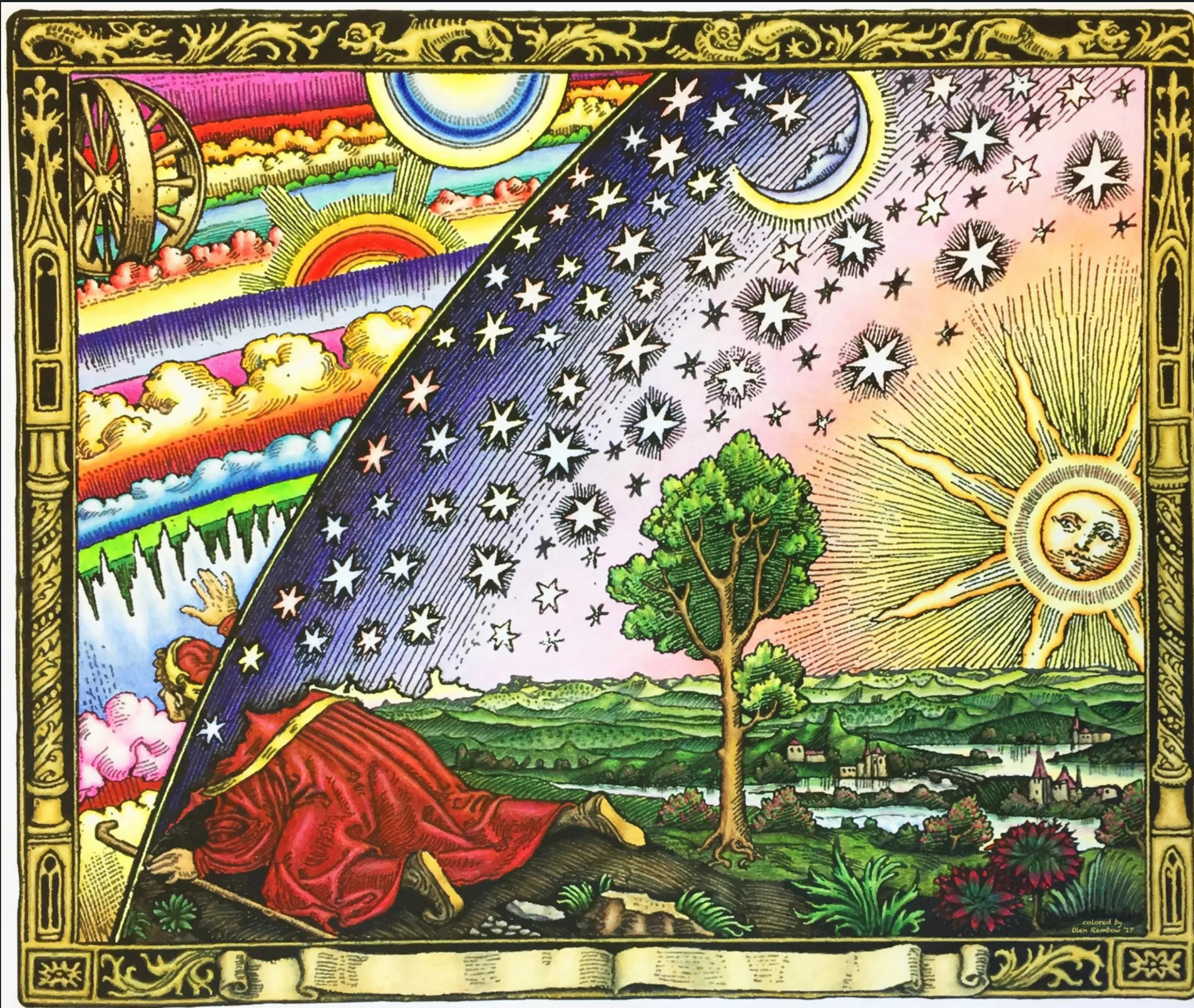


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Jesus ✓ human

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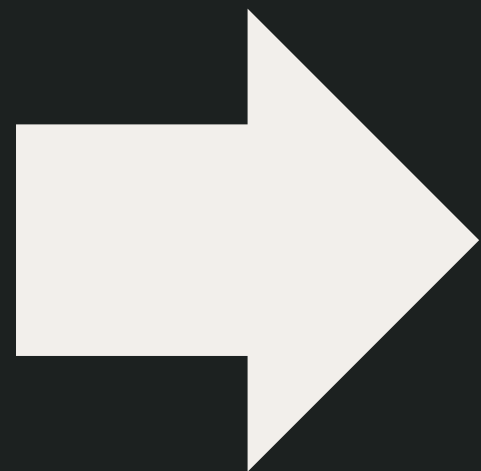
Goal: Heaven

when you die

- **Romans 8**
- **1 Corinthians 15**
- **Revelation 21**
- **God's purpose is to rescue his creation by restoring it with the power of heaven**
- **Proof: Jesus' resurrection!**

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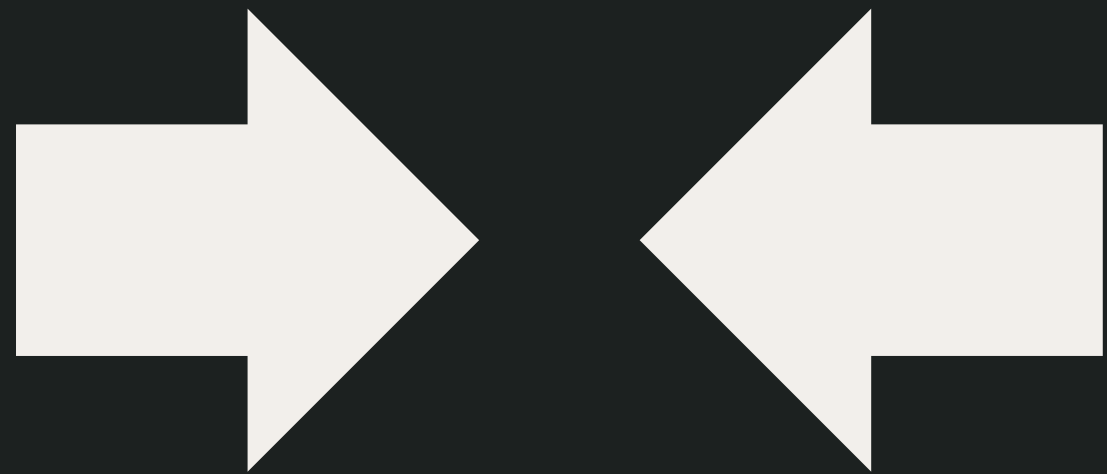
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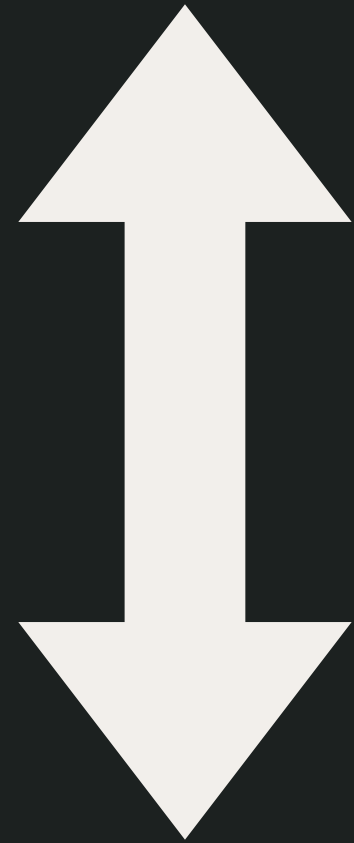
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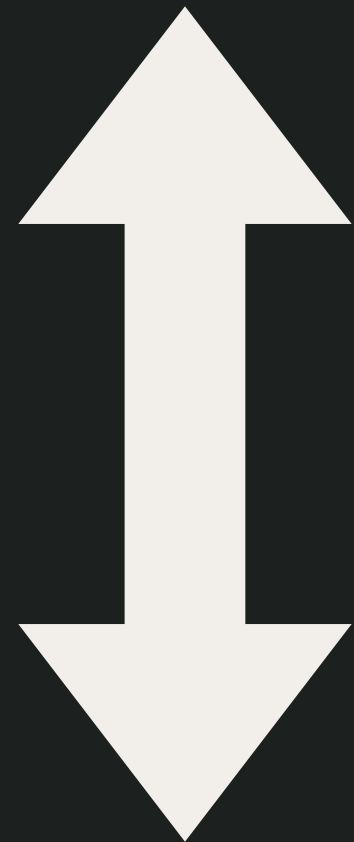
**What is the best way to
think about all these
dualisms and dualities in
John's Gospel?**

Heaven



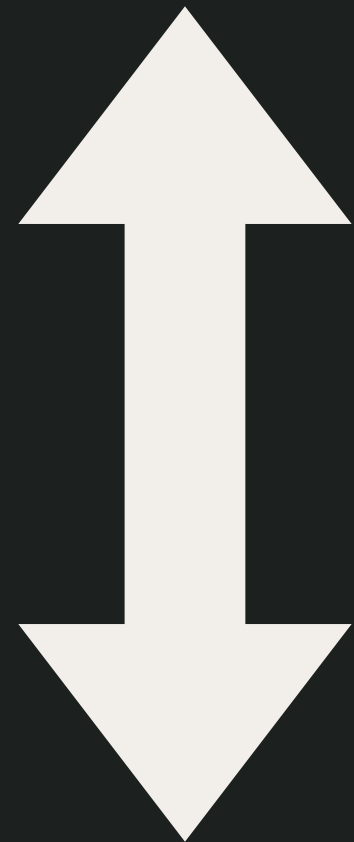
Earth

Heaven
Above



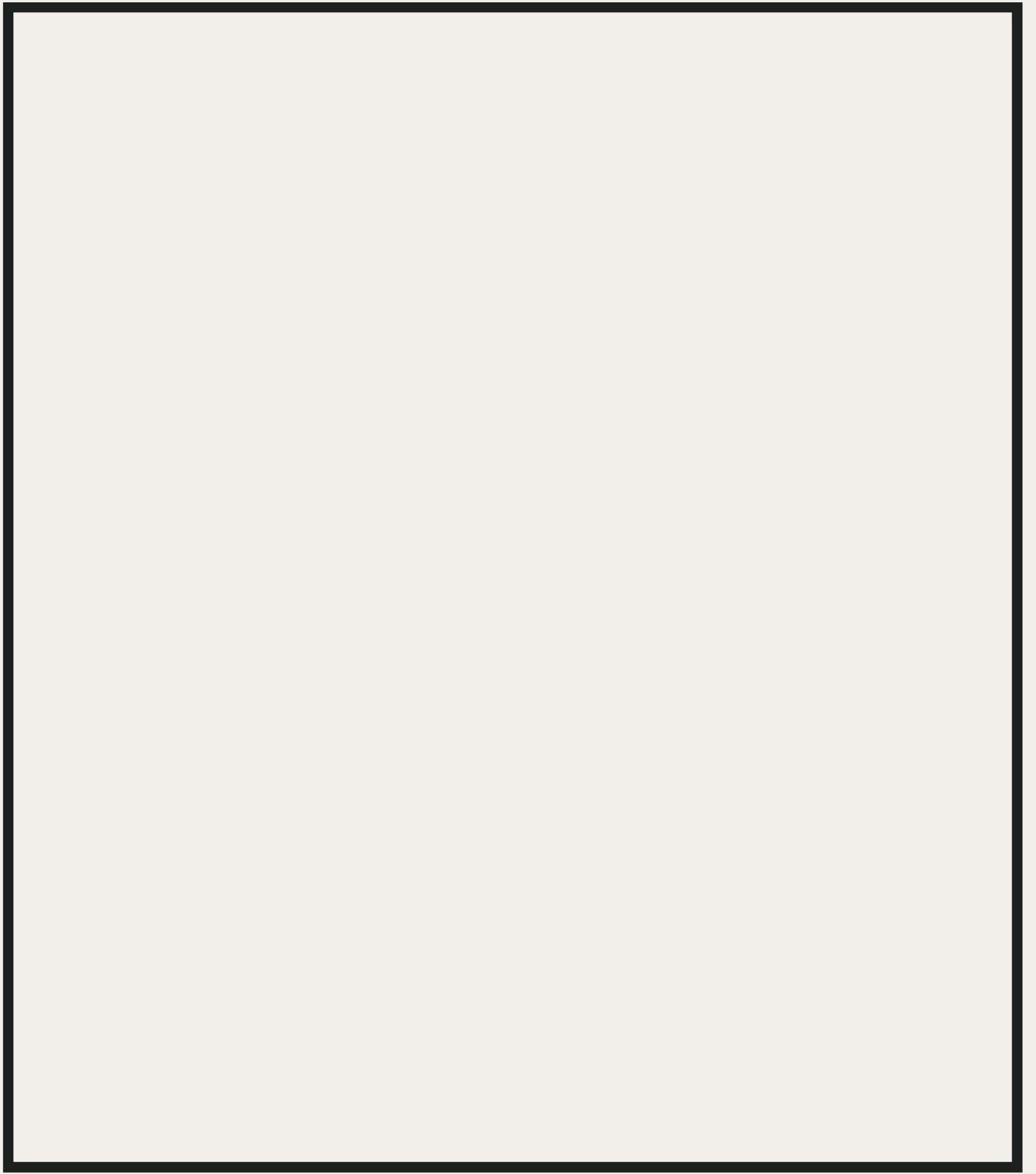
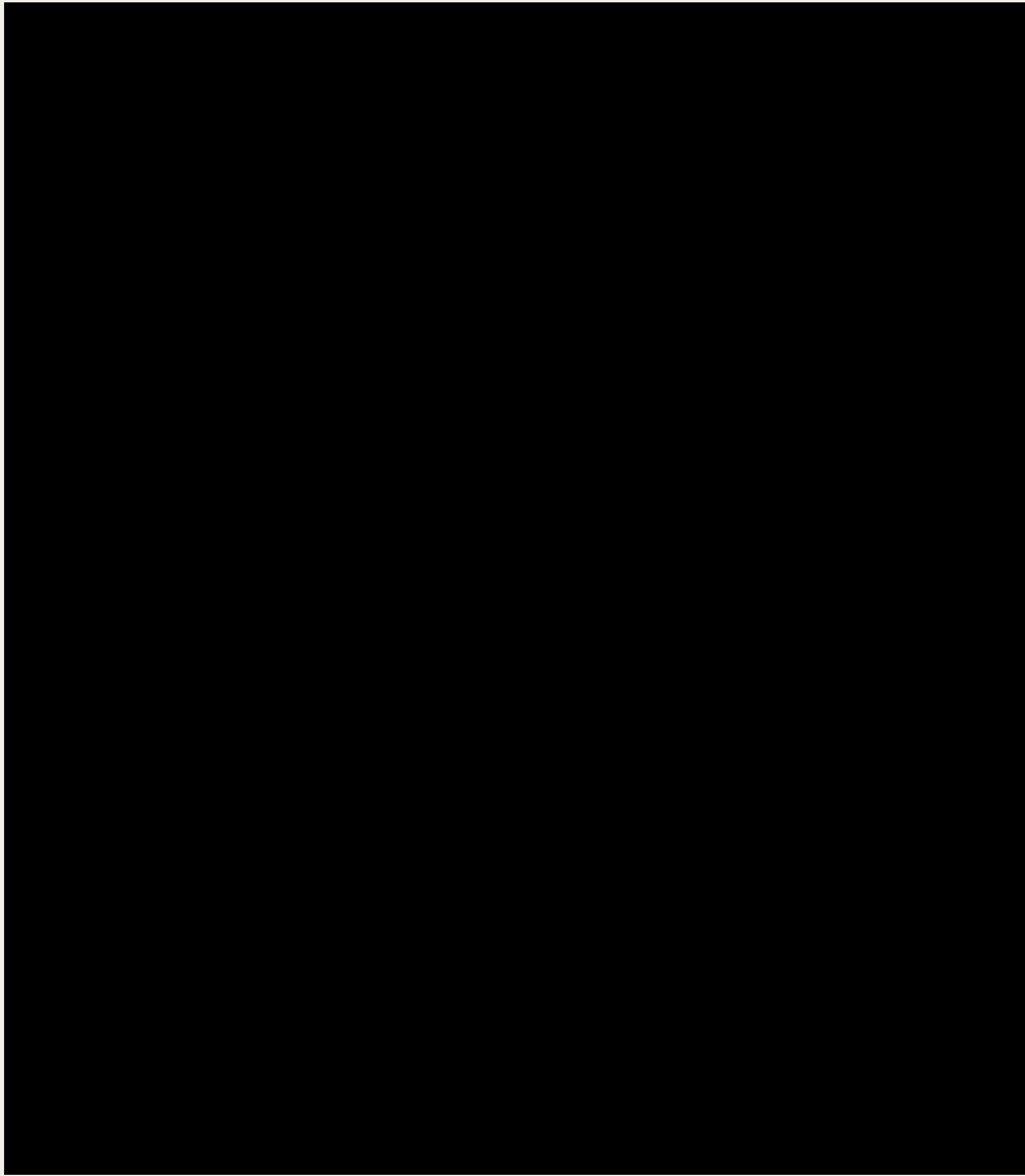
Below
Earth

Above Heaven Spirit

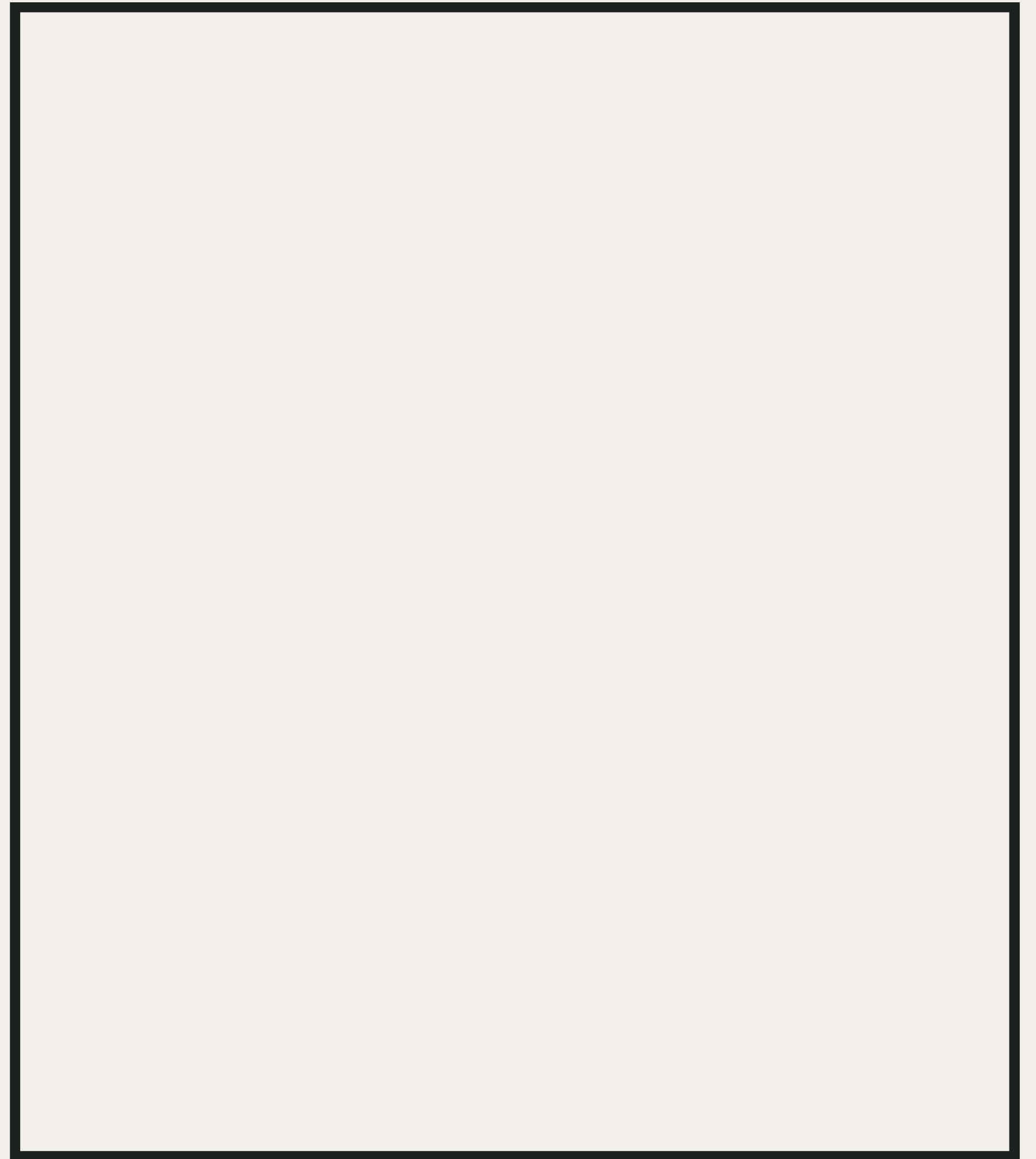


Below Earth Flesh

Above Heaven Spirit
Below Earth Flesh

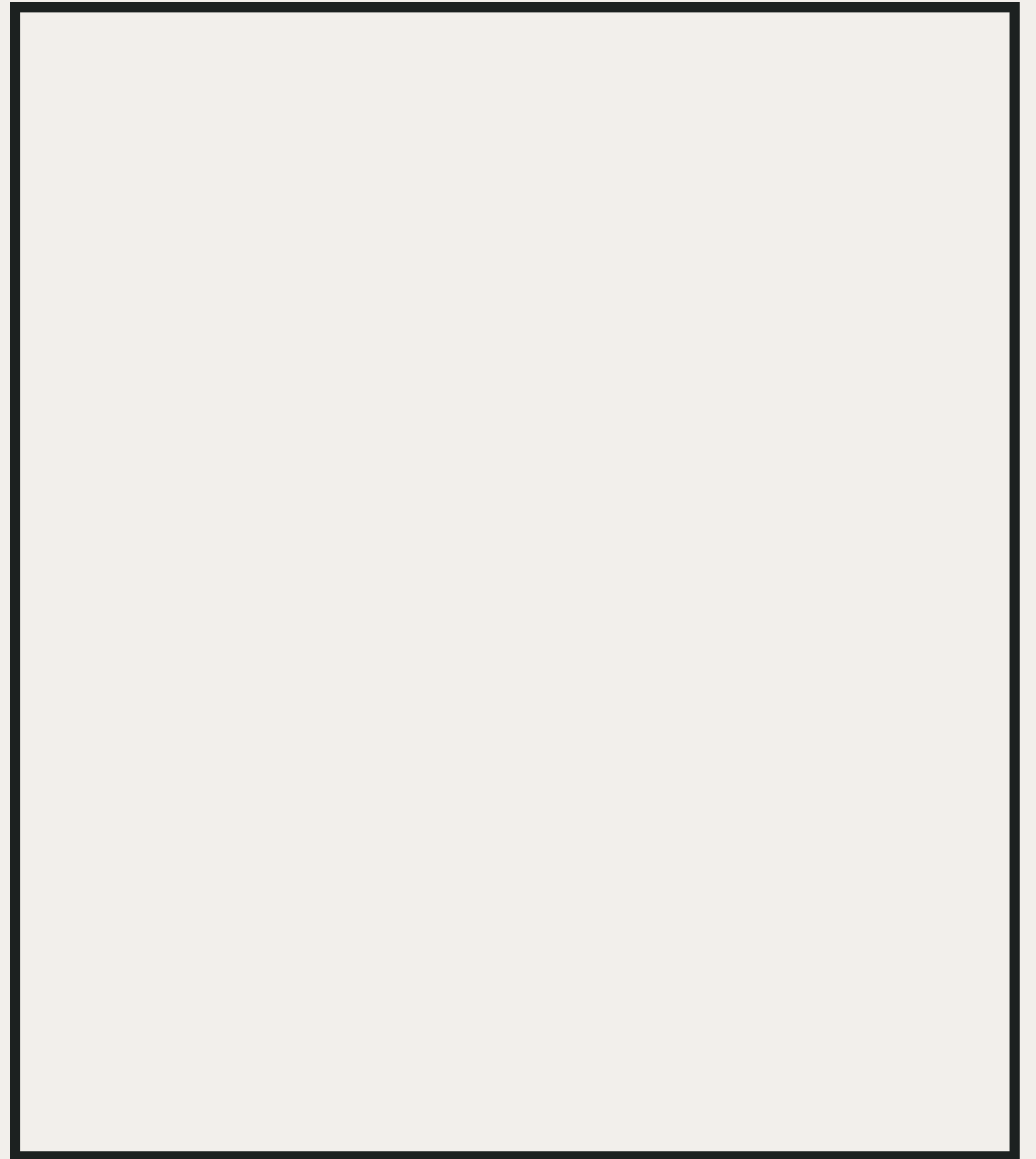


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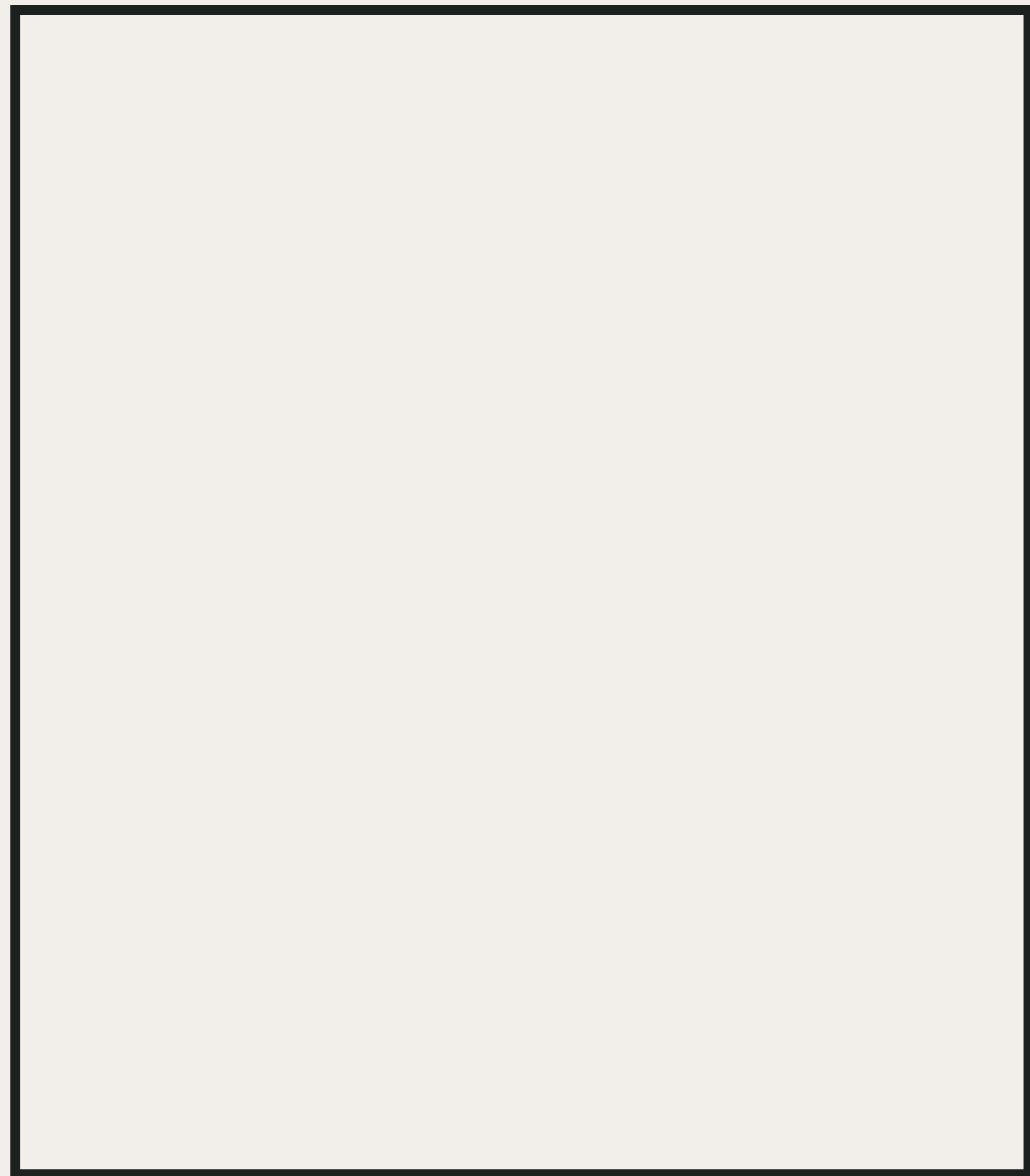
Devil



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Father of Lies

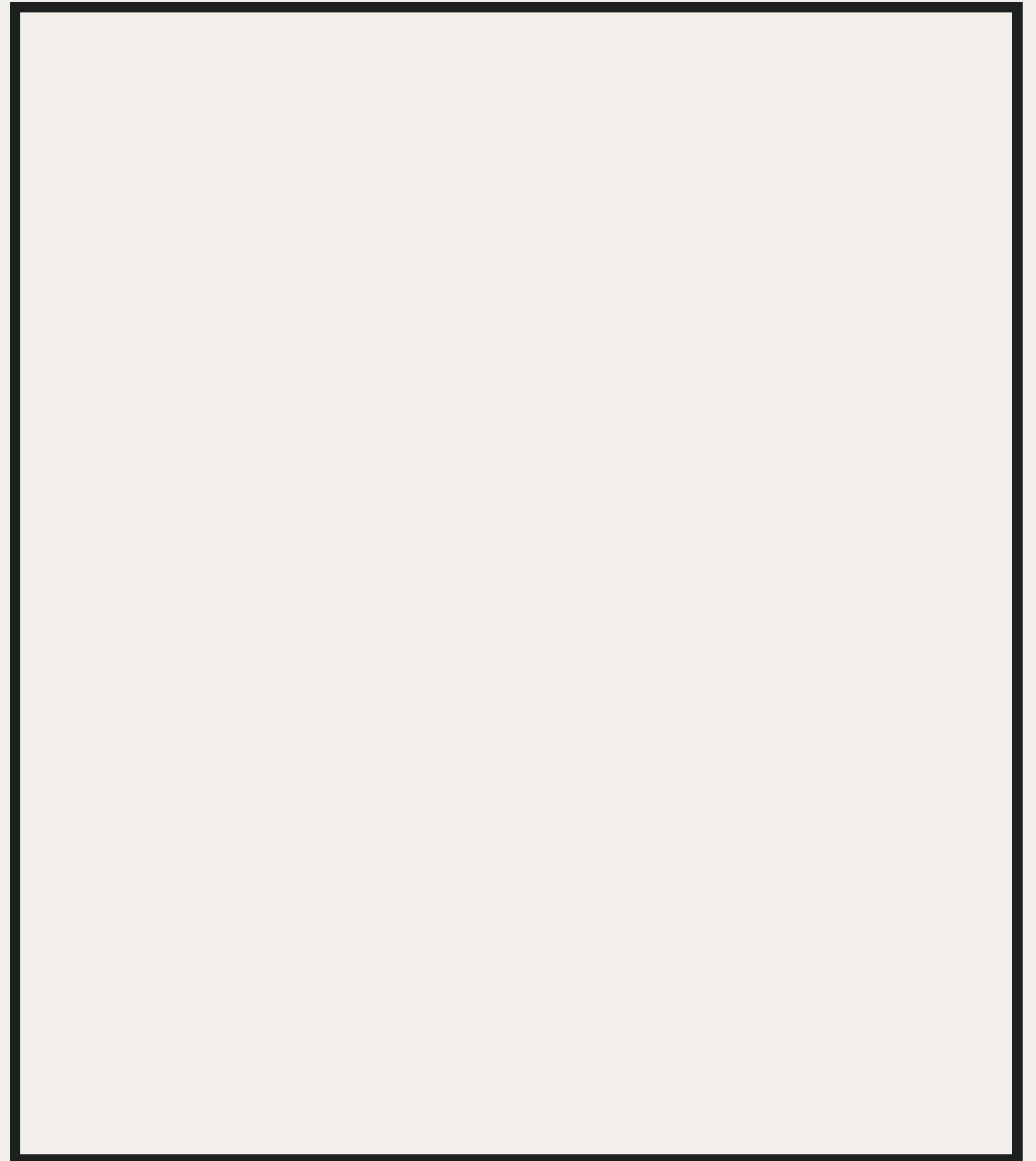


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Slavery



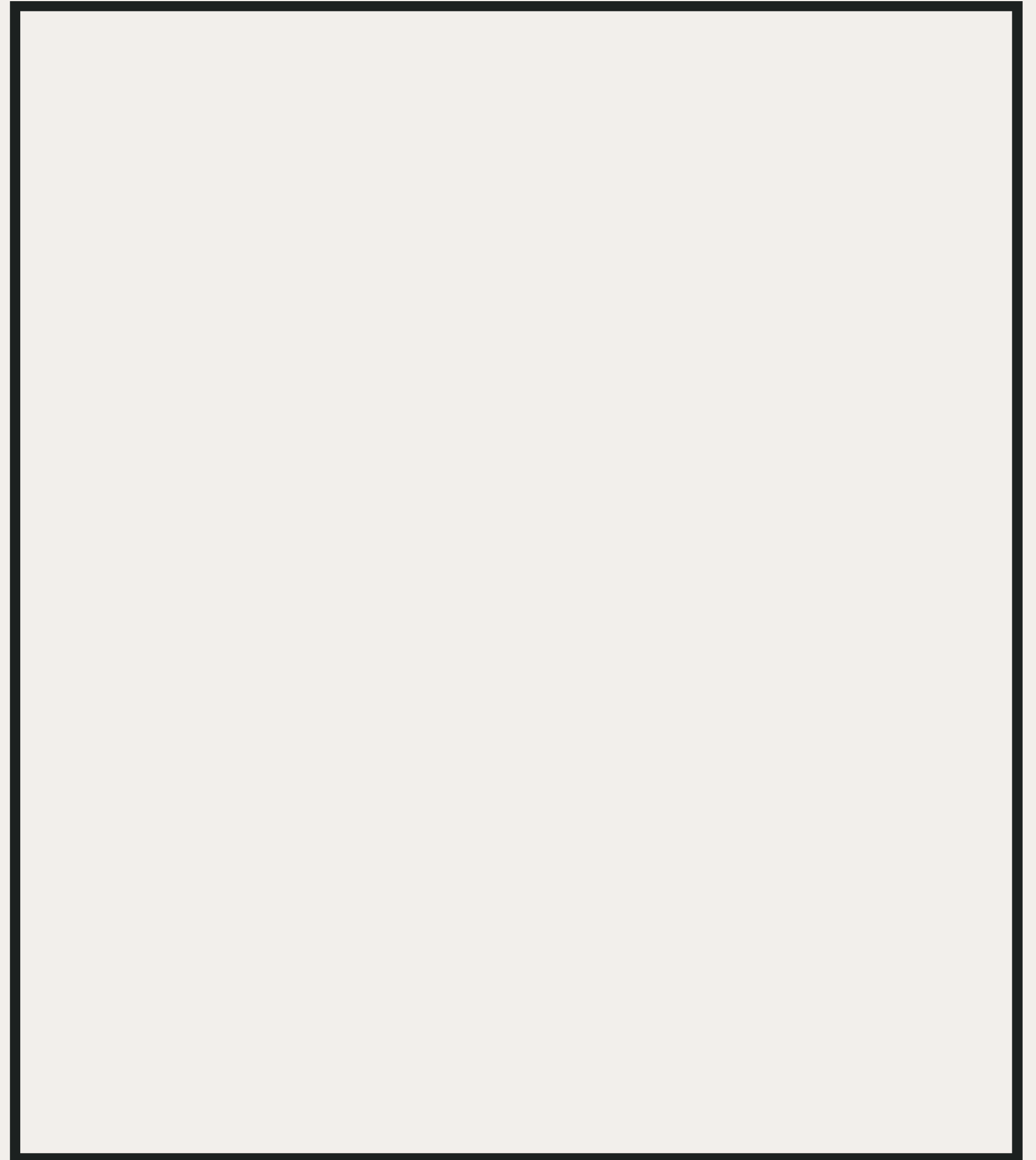
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