

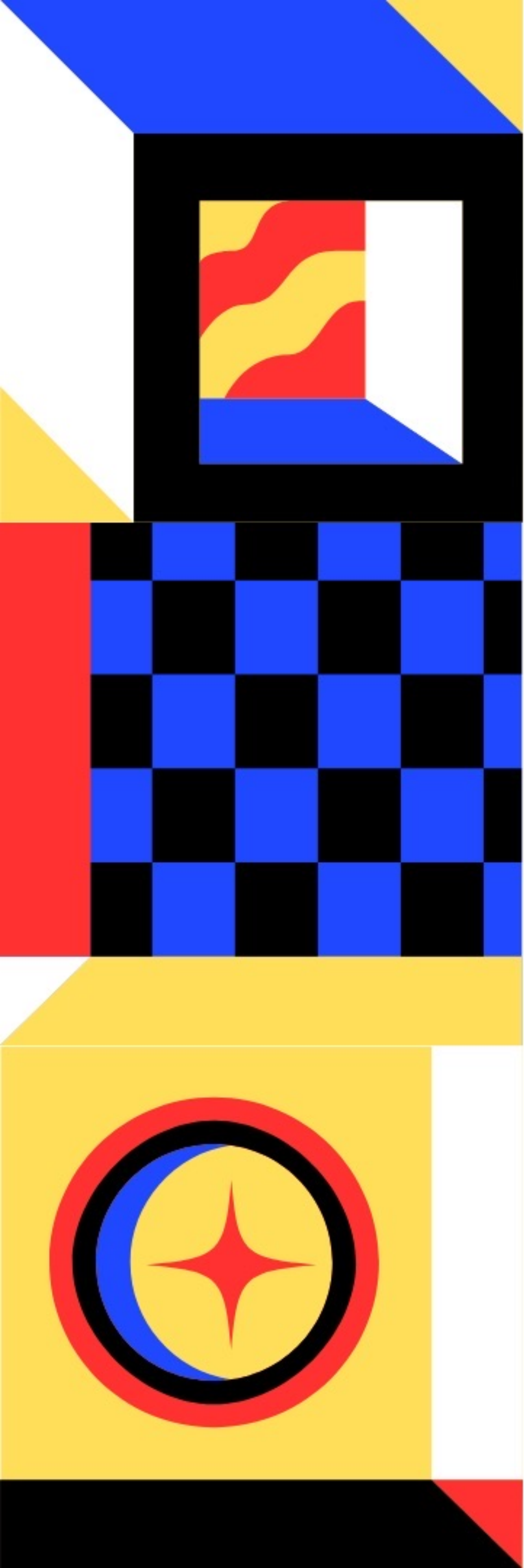
The background of the entire poster is composed of various abstract geometric shapes, including squares, rectangles, and hexagons, arranged in a complex, interlocking pattern. The primary colors used are blue, red, yellow, and black, with white used for negative space and some internal patterns. Some shapes contain smaller geometric motifs, such as concentric circles, a four-leaf clover, a star, and a cross.

Meaning | Satisfaction | Freedom | Self | Identity | Hope | Morality | Justice

MAKING SENSE OF GOD

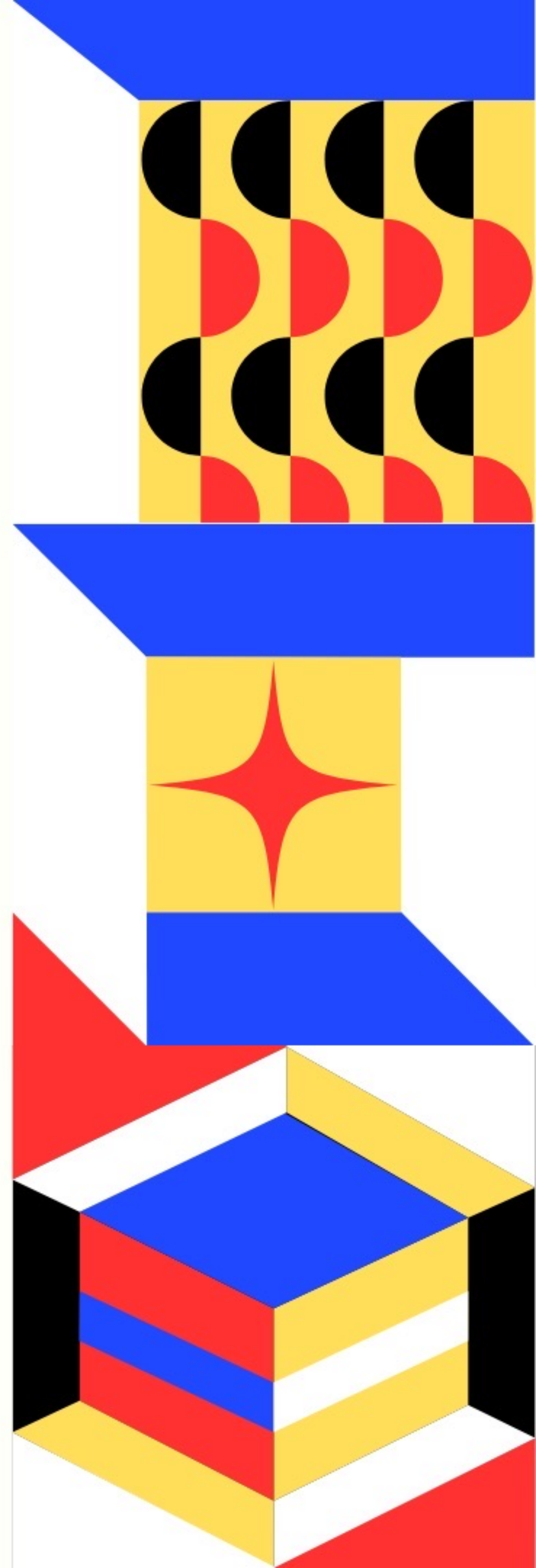
Kevin Timmons | Scott Sears | 7:15 pm | Wednesdays | July 8 – August 5



The left side of the slide features a vertical column of abstract geometric patterns. From top to bottom: a blue and yellow triangle; a black square containing a white rectangle with red and yellow wavy lines; a blue and black checkerboard pattern; and a yellow square with a red circle containing a blue crescent and a red four-pointed star.

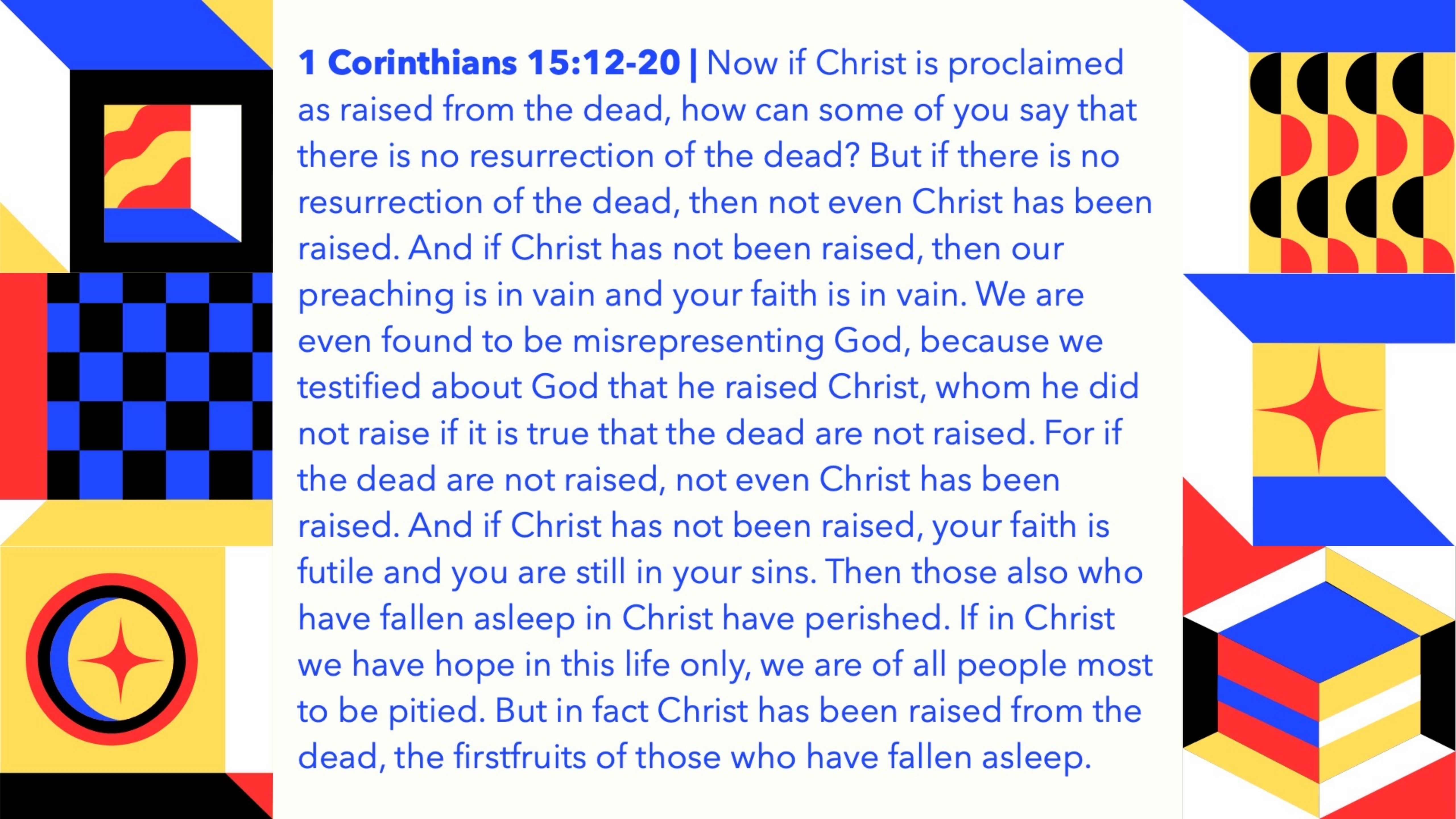
Recap

- Faith - everybody lives by it
- Meaning - received not created
- Satisfaction - exists but not of this world
- Freedom - the right constraints
- Morality - only if there's a God
- Justice - everyone made in the image of God
- Self - not traditional, not modern
- Identity - who you are in God's sight

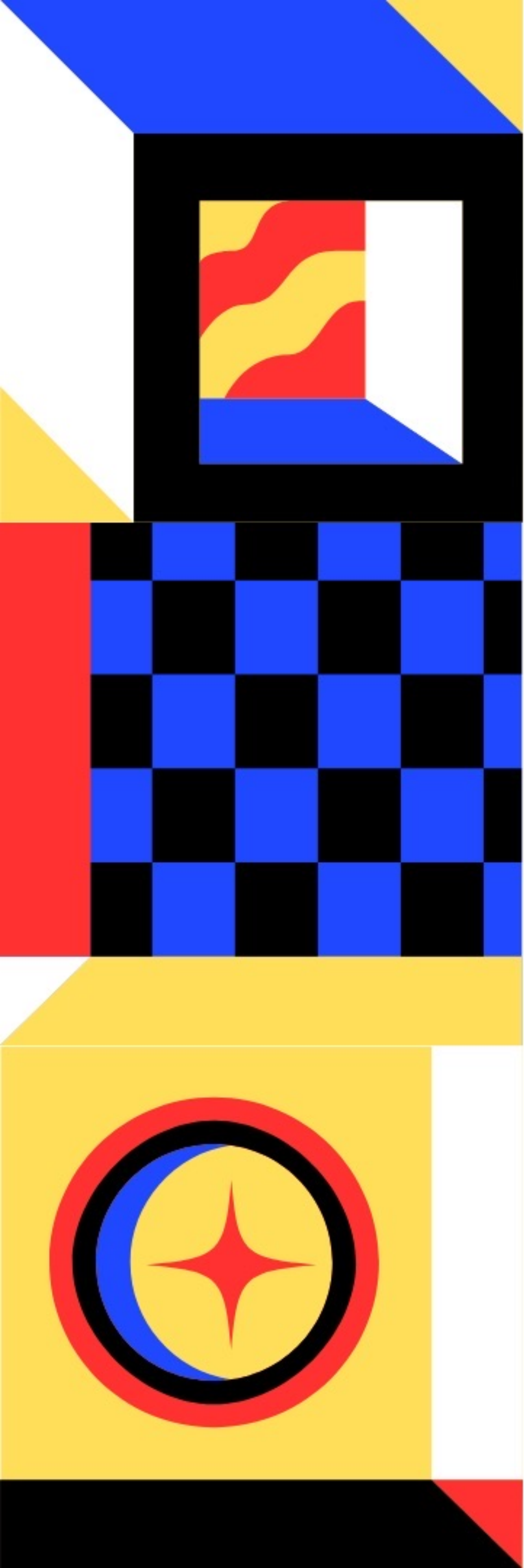




Resurrection

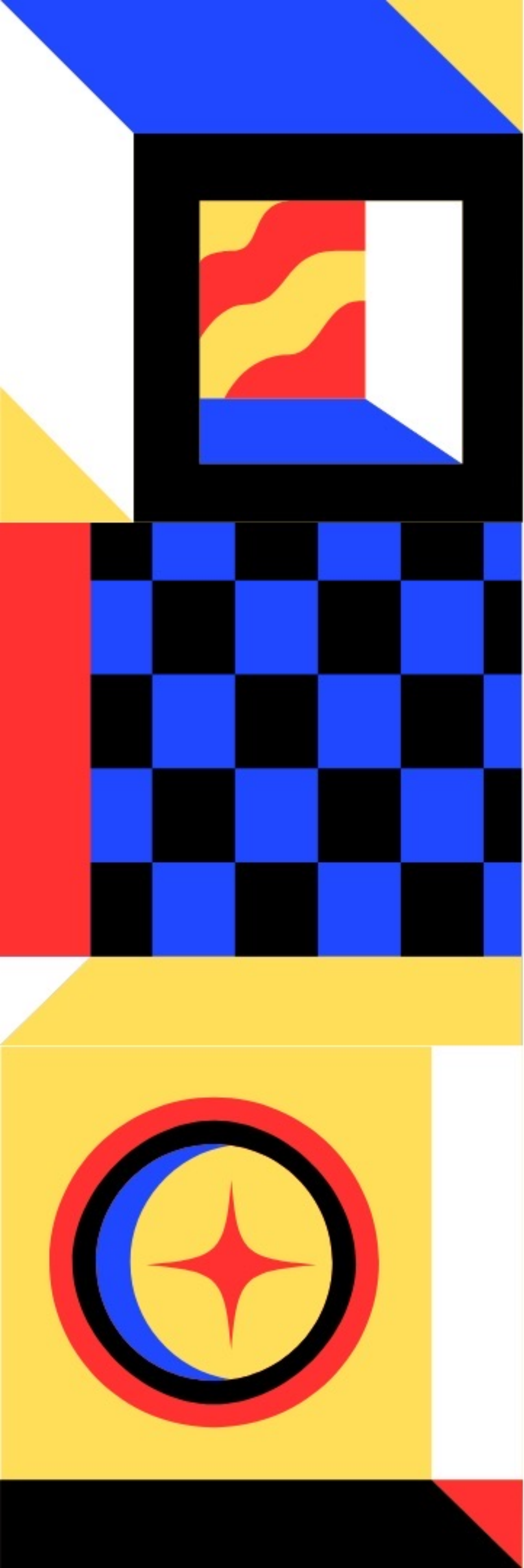


1 Corinthians 15:12-20 | Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.



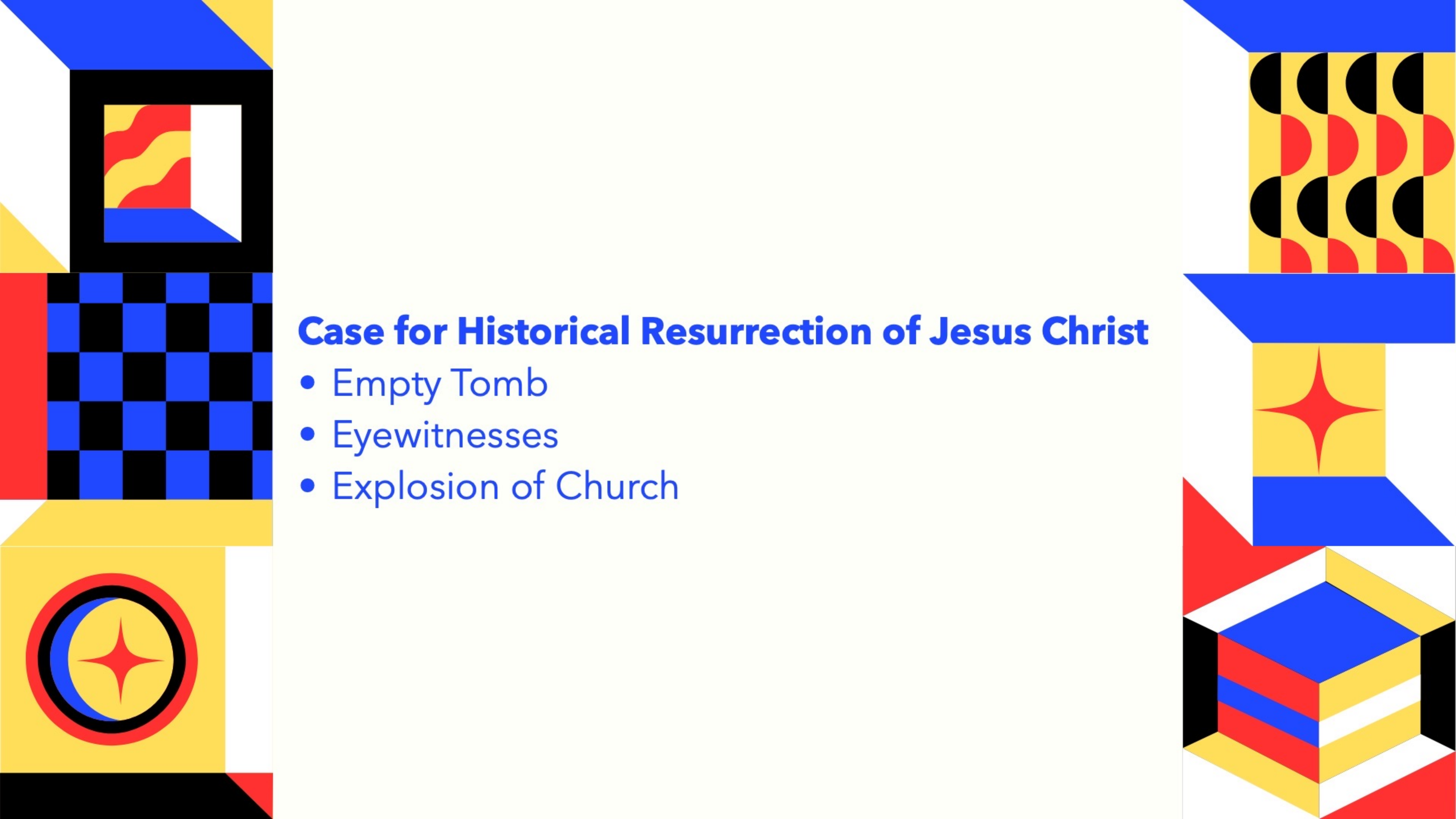
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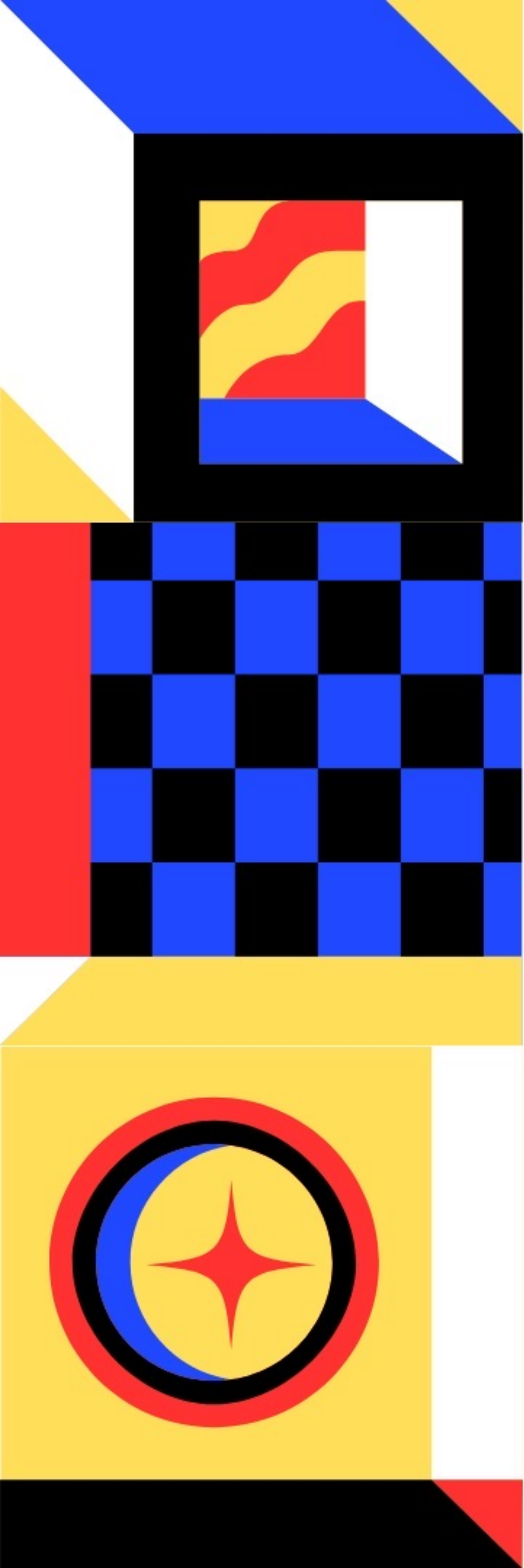
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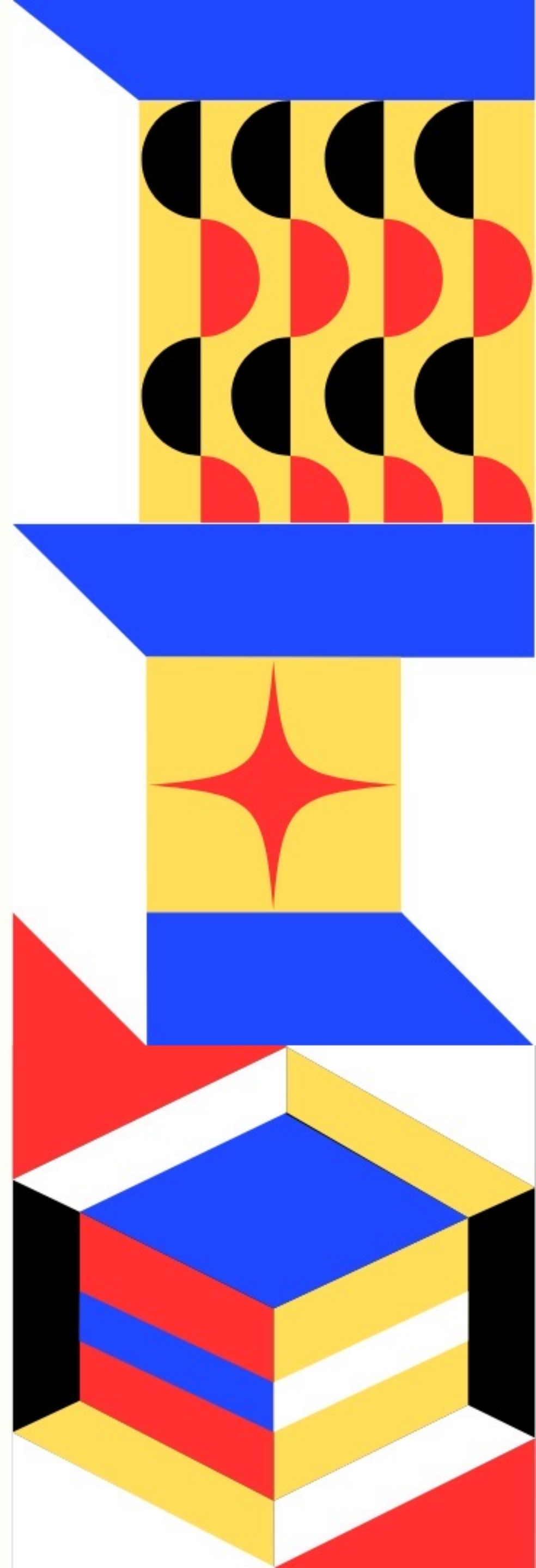
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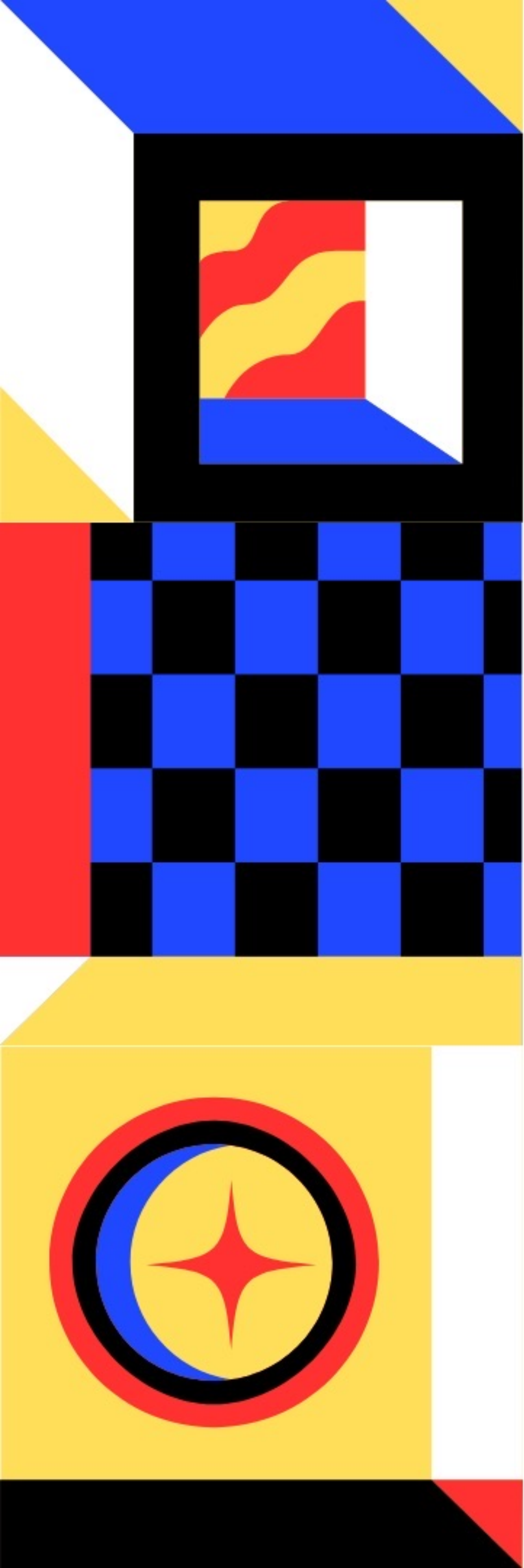
- Empty Tomb
- Eyewitnesses
- Explosion of Church



Resurrection Theology

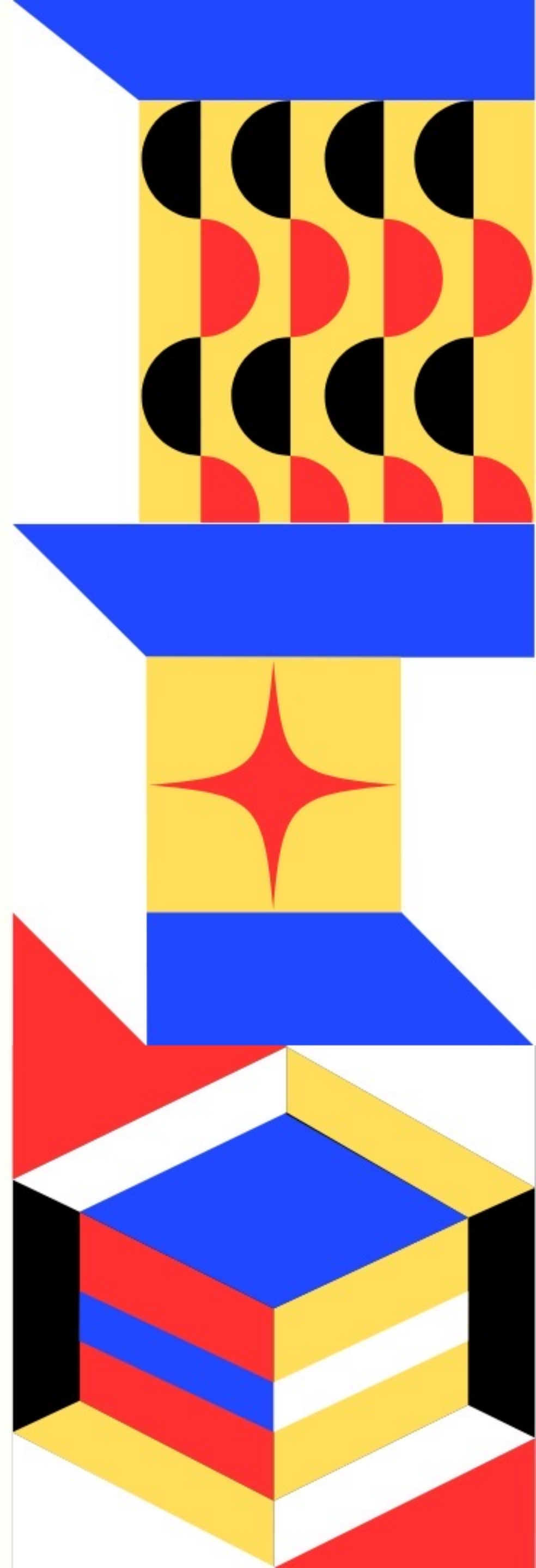
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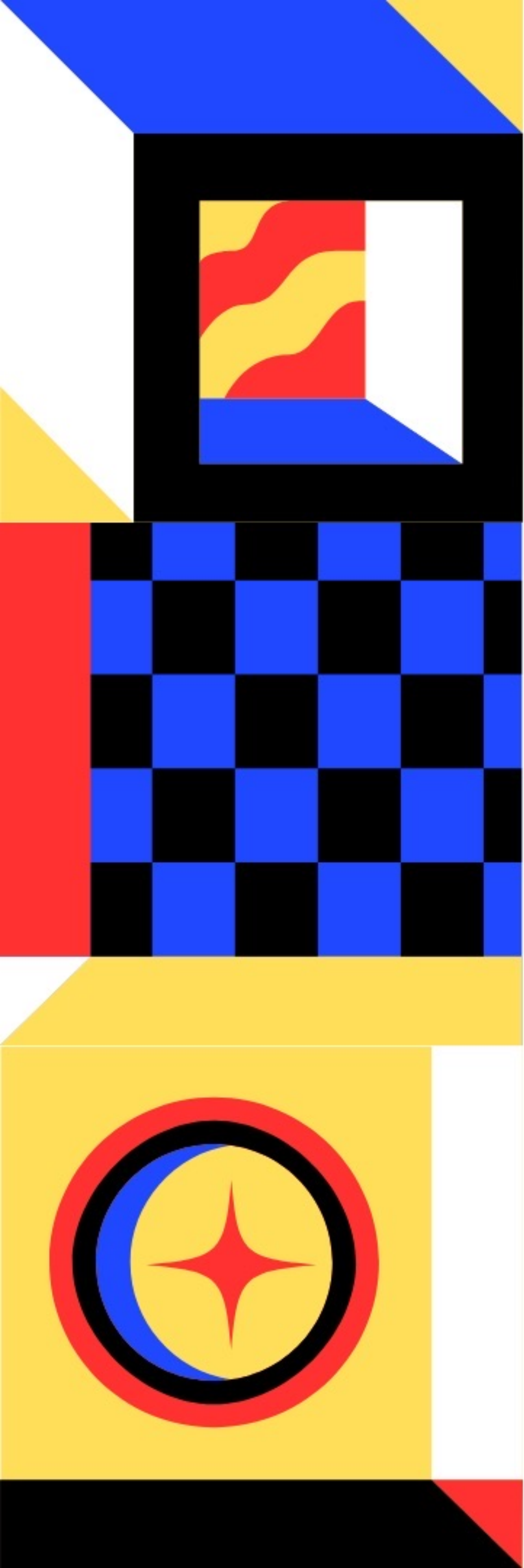




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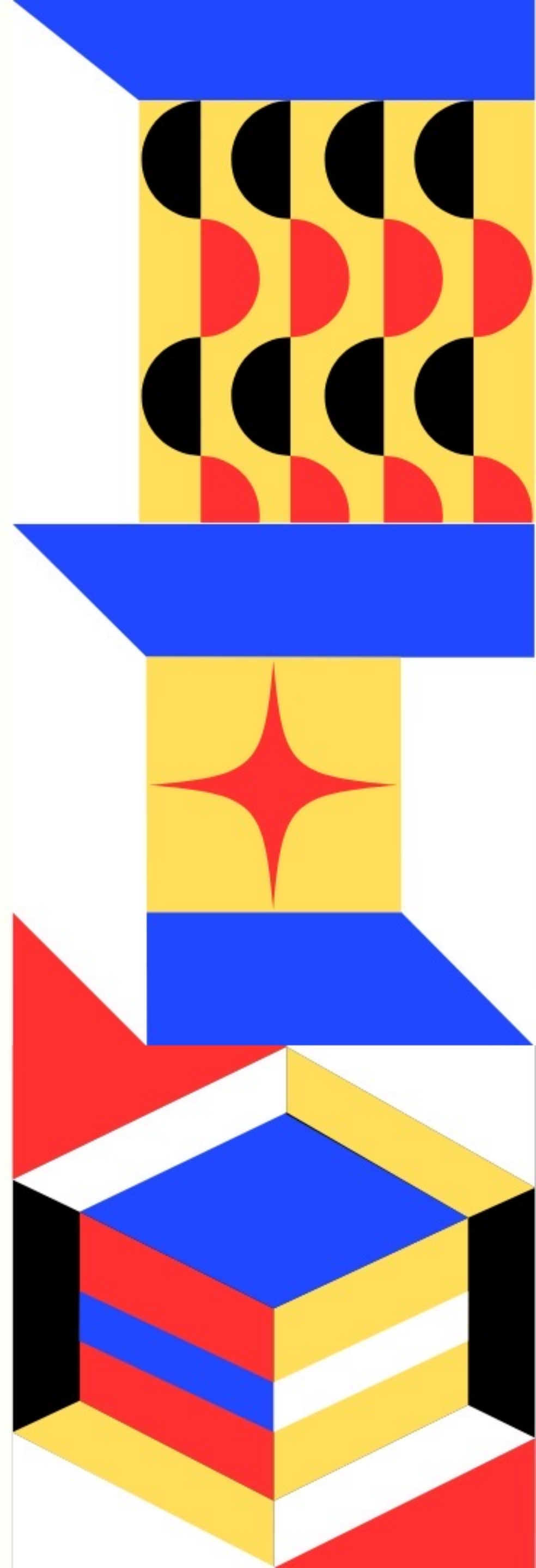
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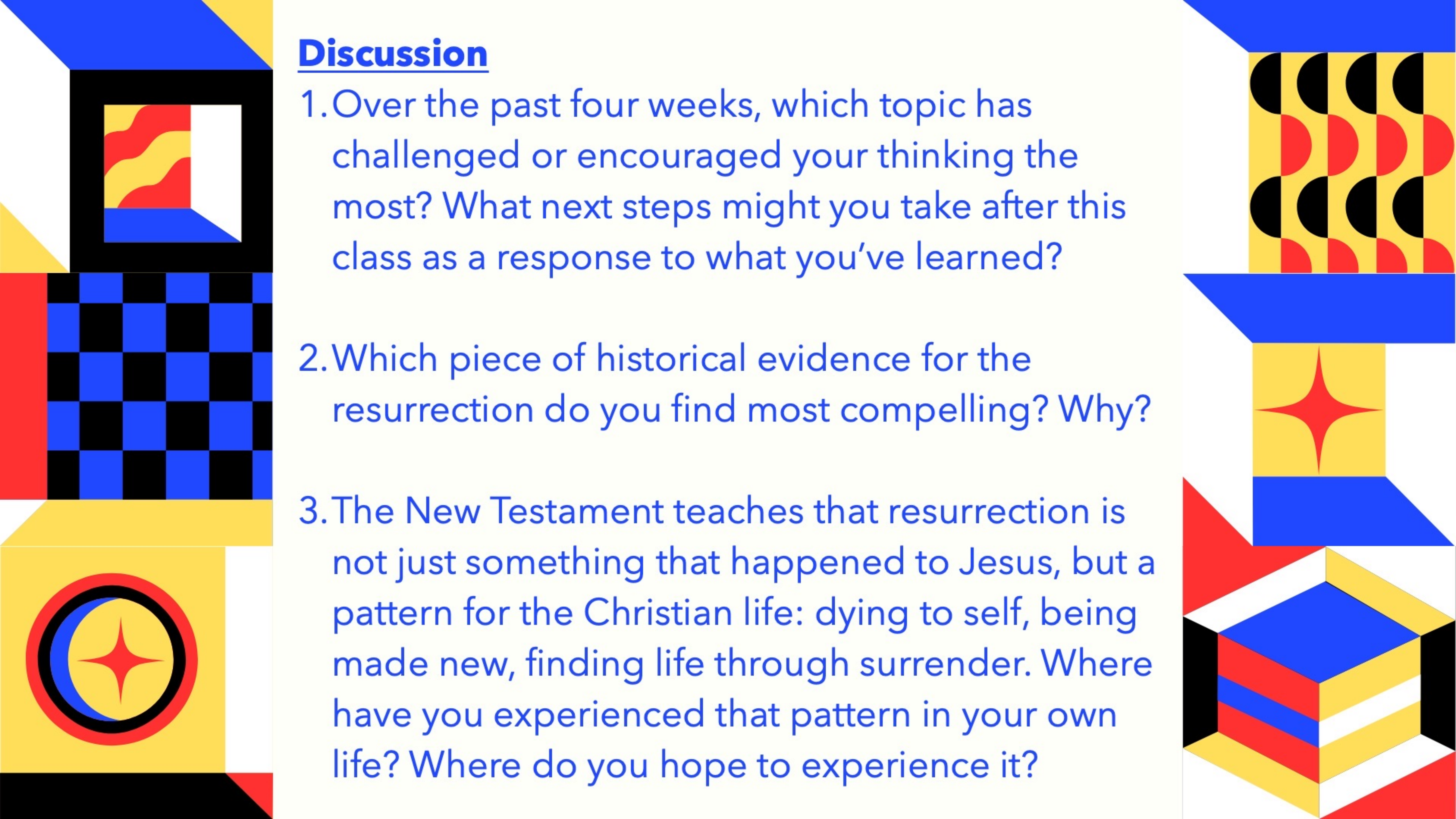




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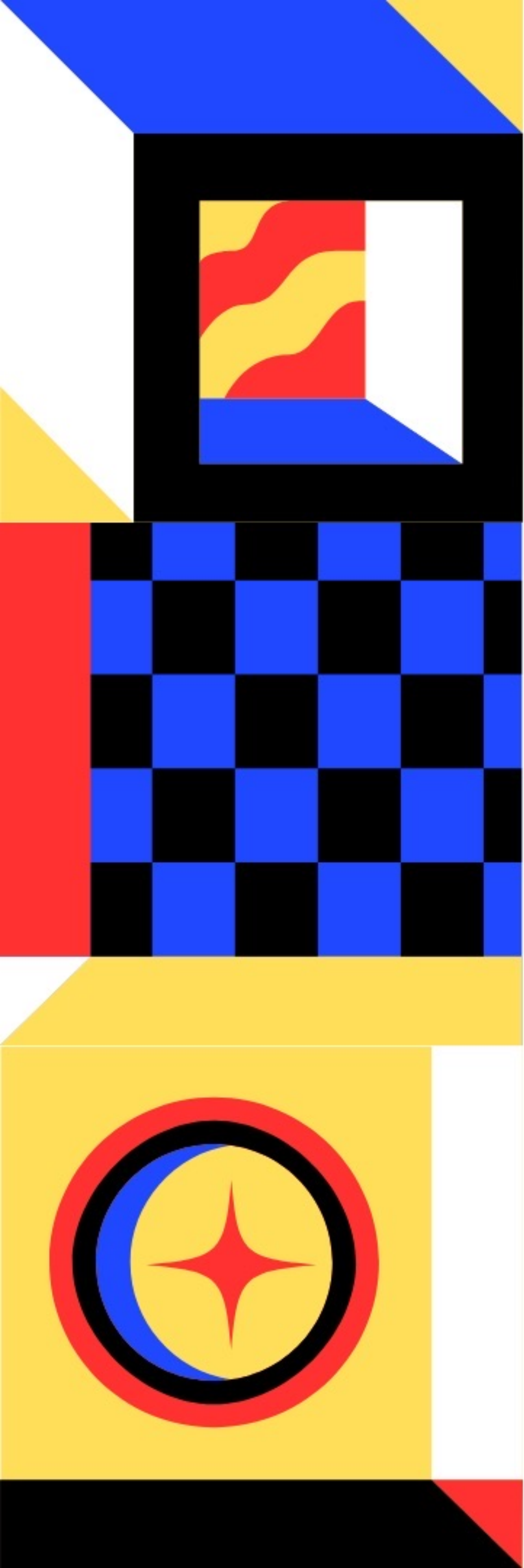
- Must die
- Upside Down Kingdom
- If resurrection is true...



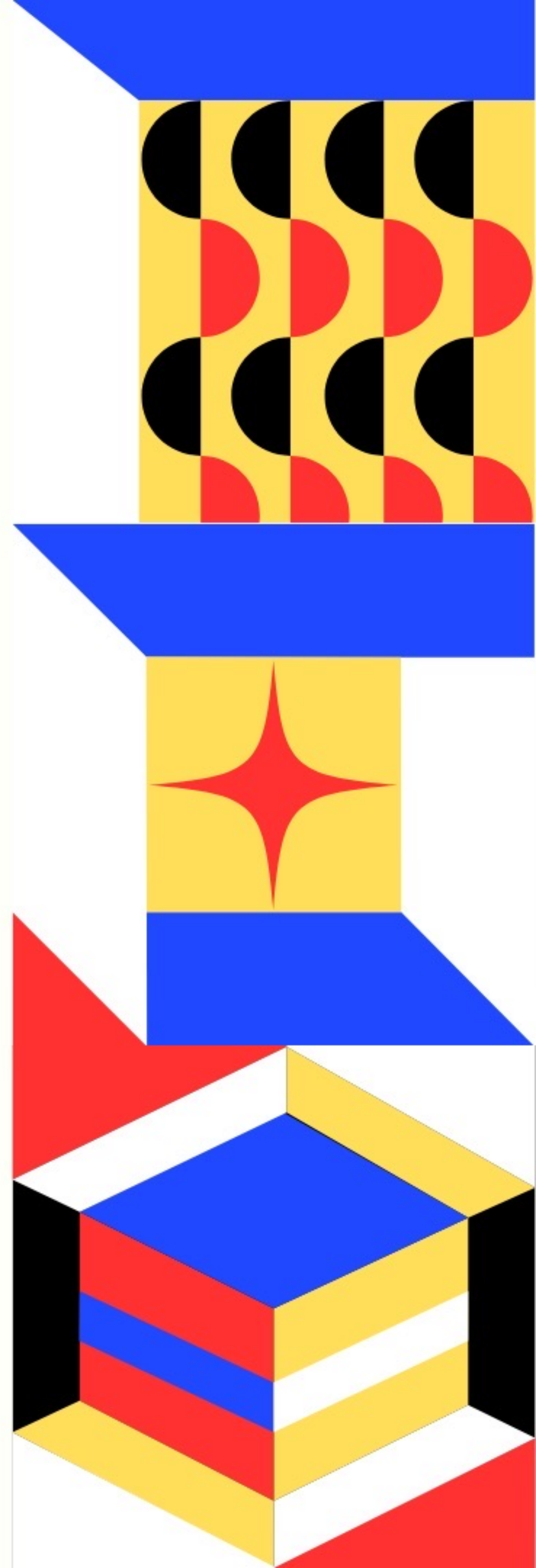


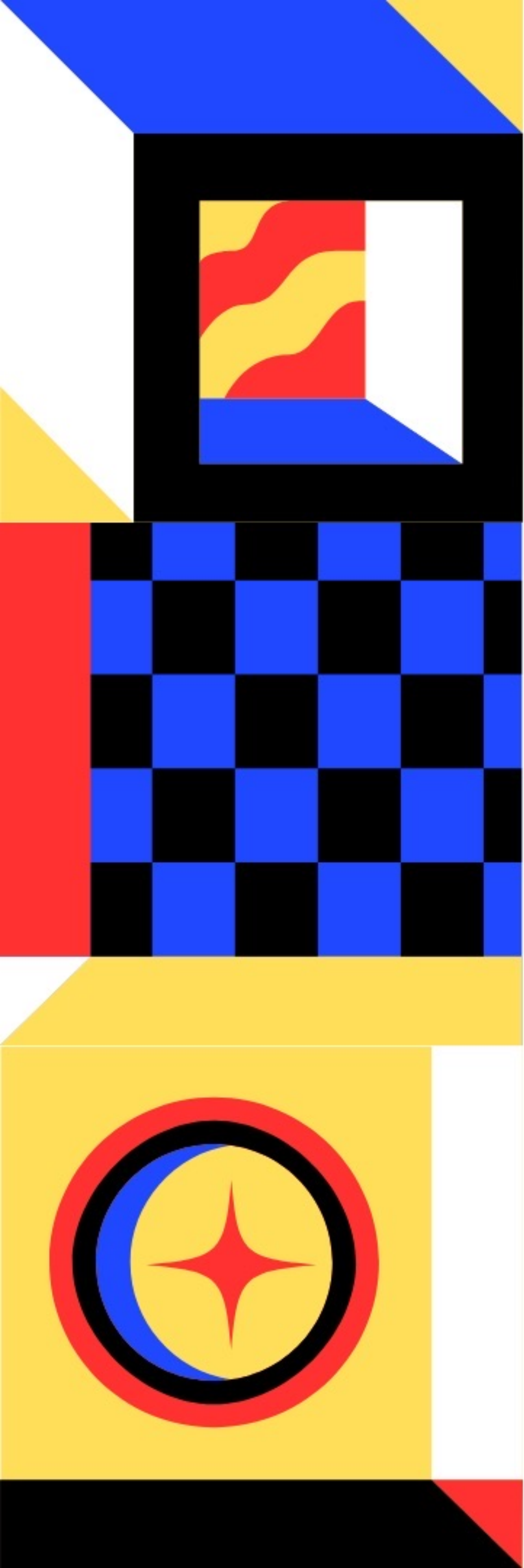
Discussion

1. Over the past four weeks, which topic has challenged or encouraged your thinking the most? What next steps might you take after this class as a response to what you've learned?
2. Which piece of historical evidence for the resurrection do you find most compelling? Why?
3. The New Testament teaches that resurrection is not just something that happened to Jesus, but a pattern for the Christian life: dying to self, being made new, finding life through surrender. Where have you experienced that pattern in your own life? Where do you hope to experience it?



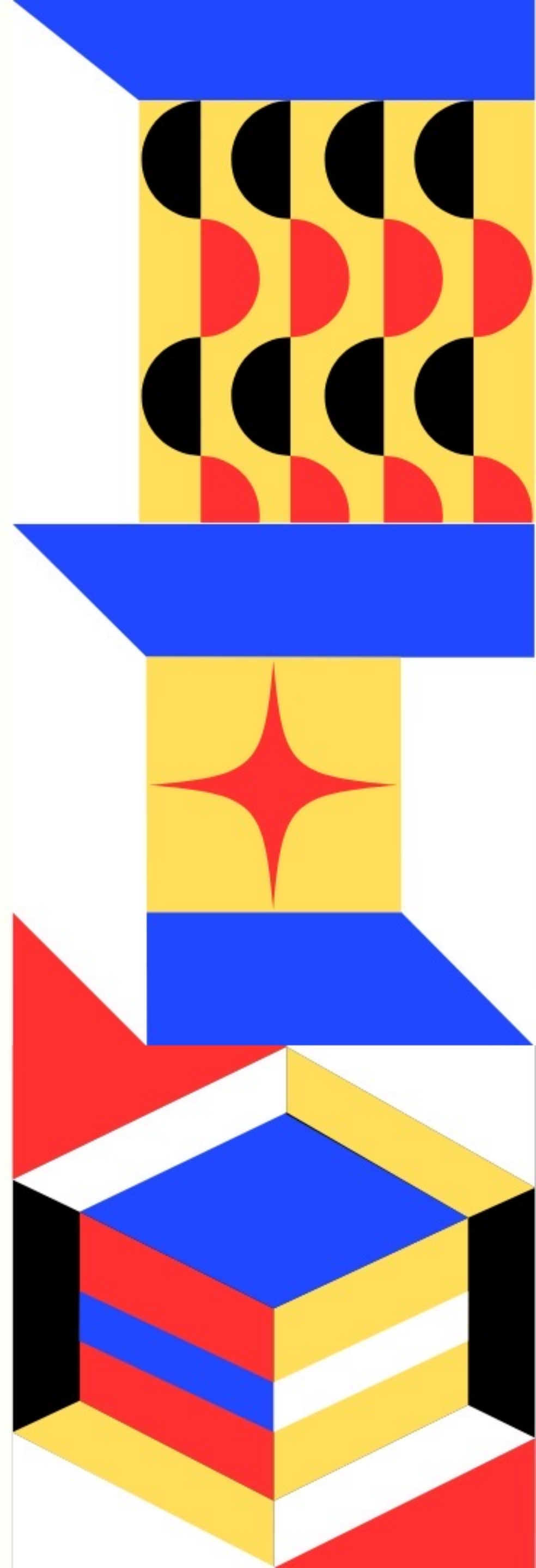
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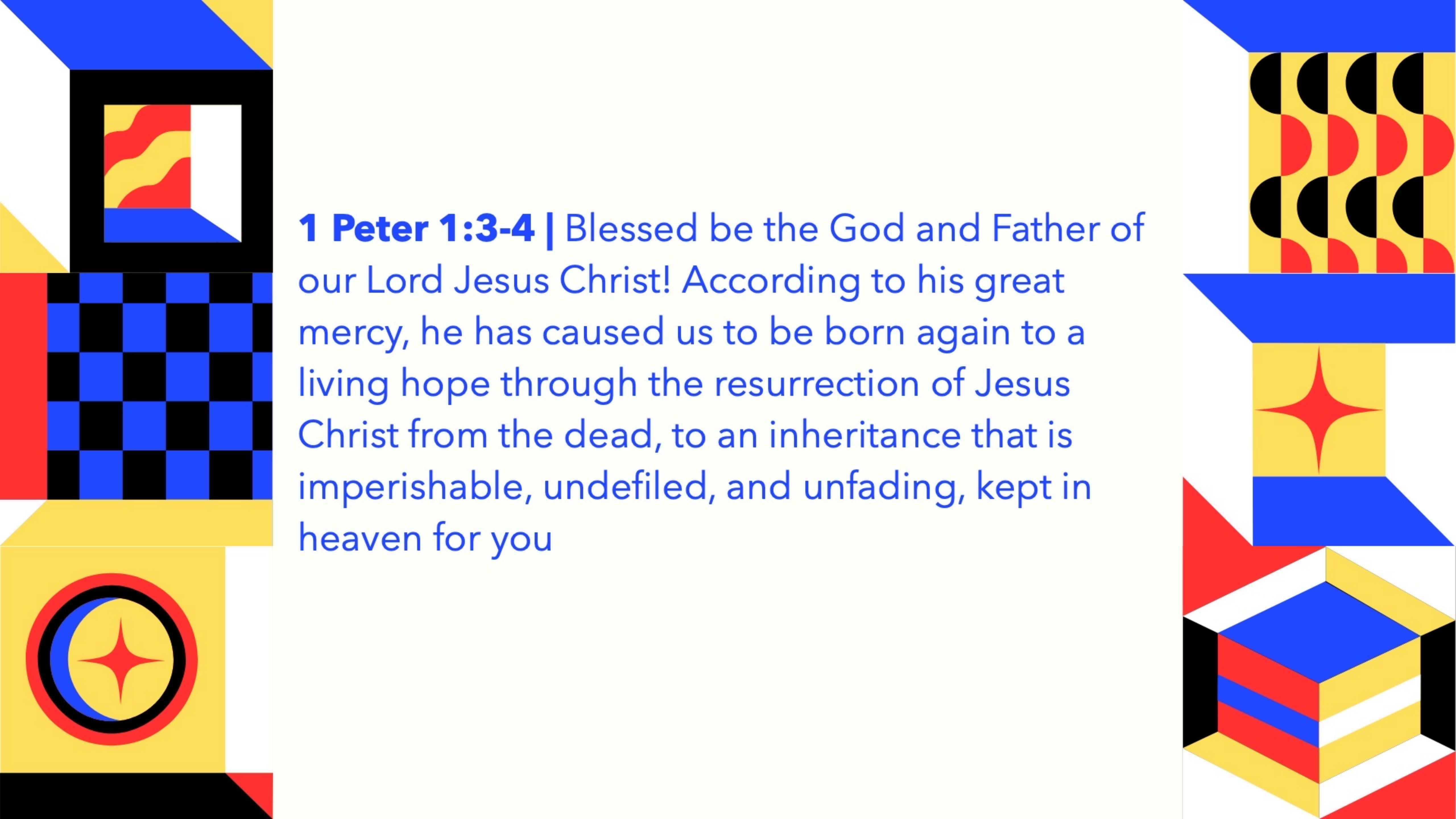




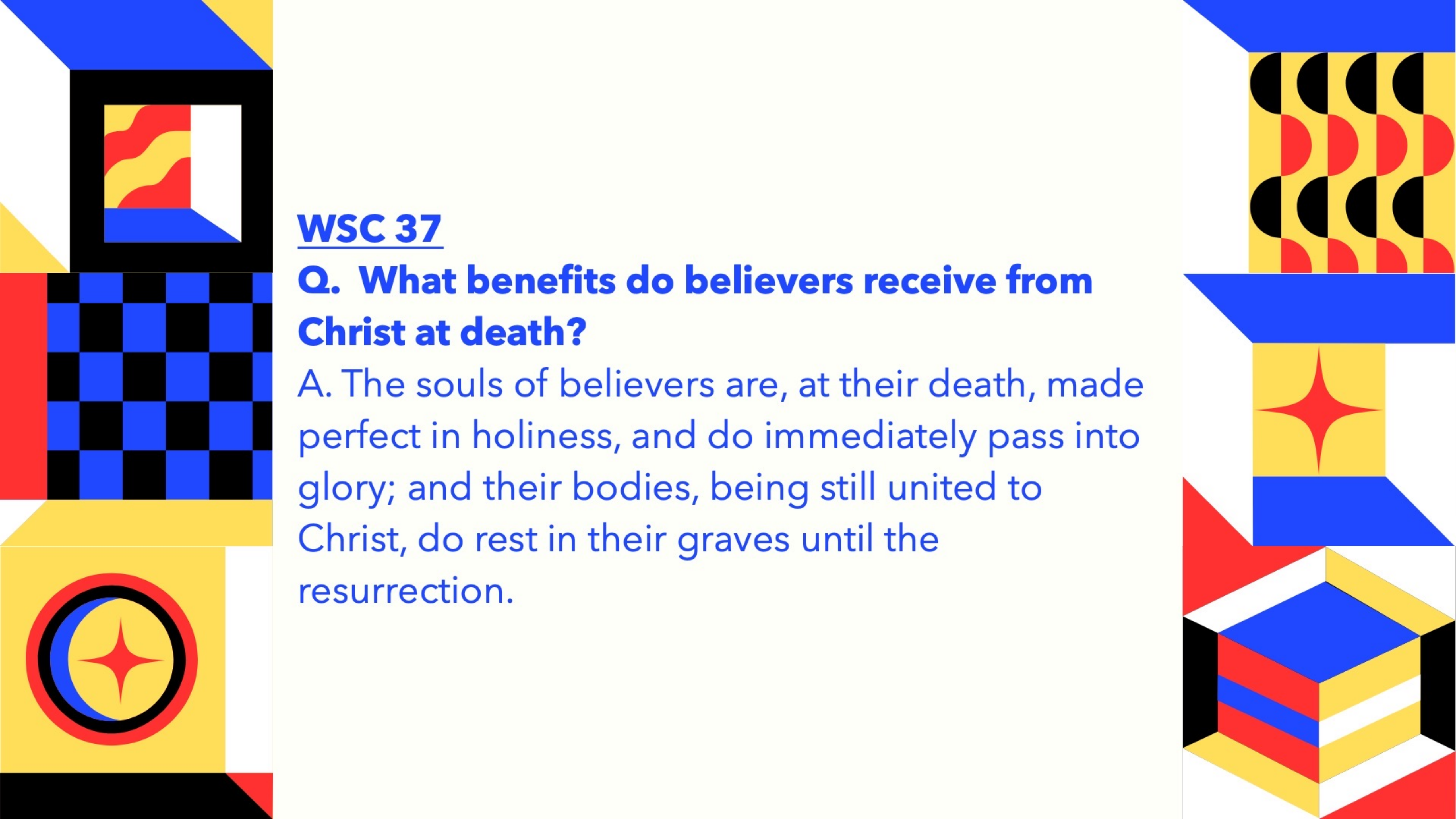
Dealing with Death

- Secularism: Circle of Life
- Eastern: Return to All Soul of Universe
- Judaism / Islam: Paradise or Heaven





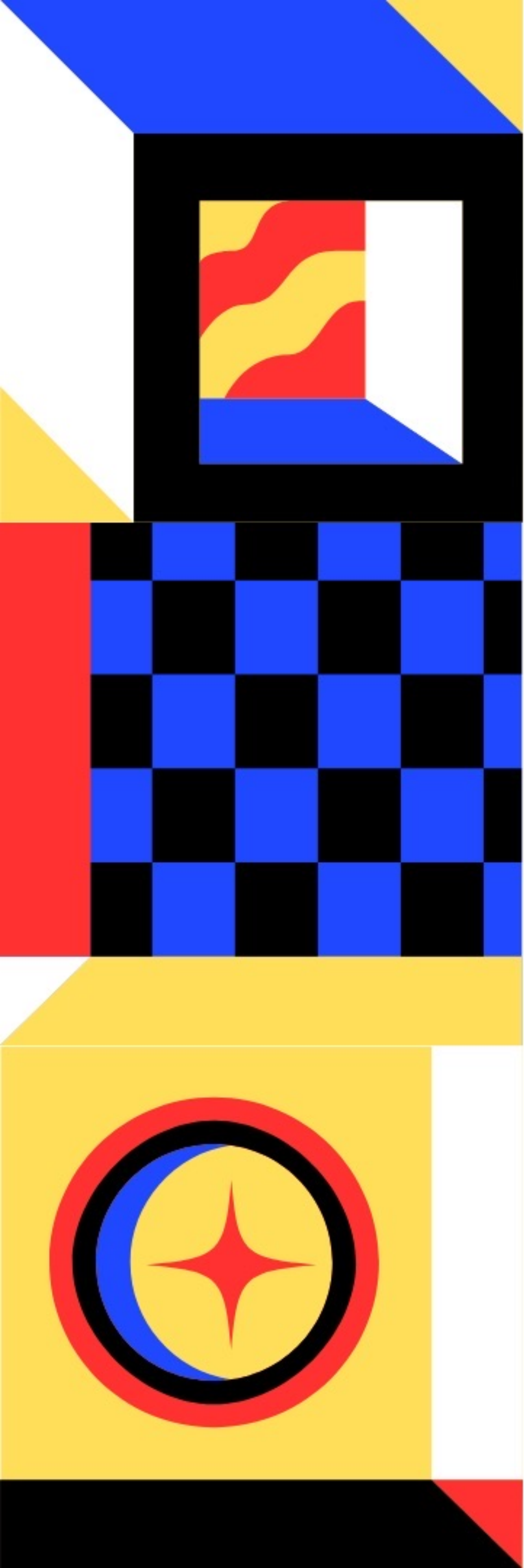
1 Peter 1:3-4 | Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you



WSC 37

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are, at their death, made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the resurrection.

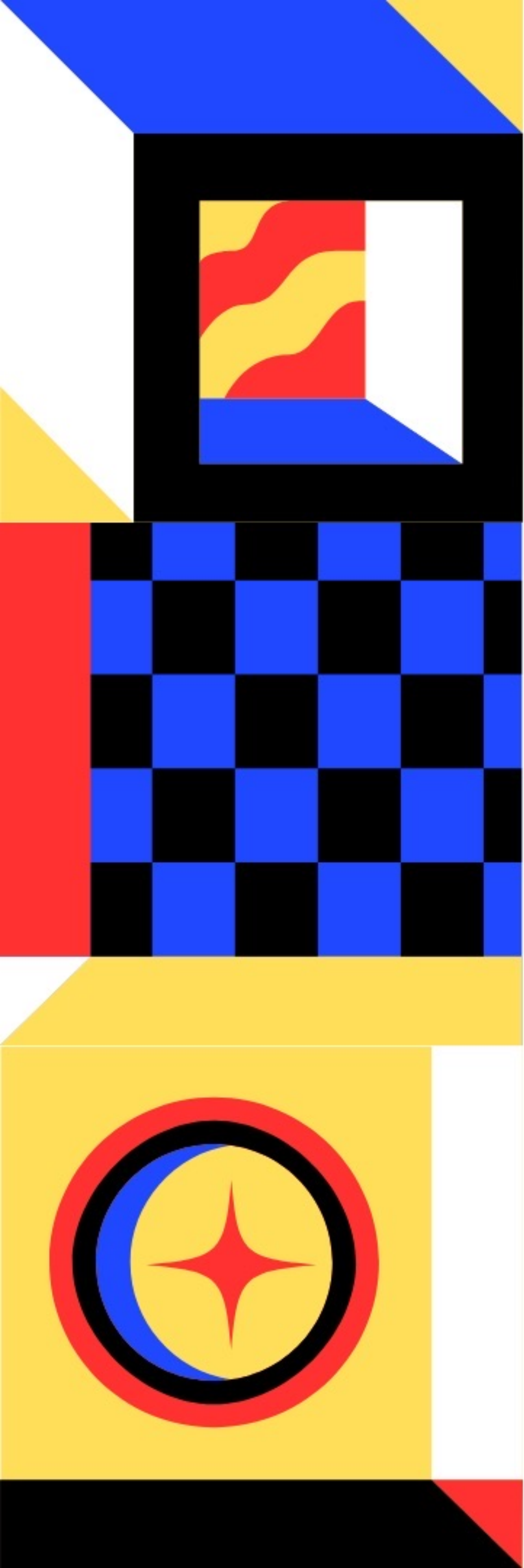


WSC 38

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

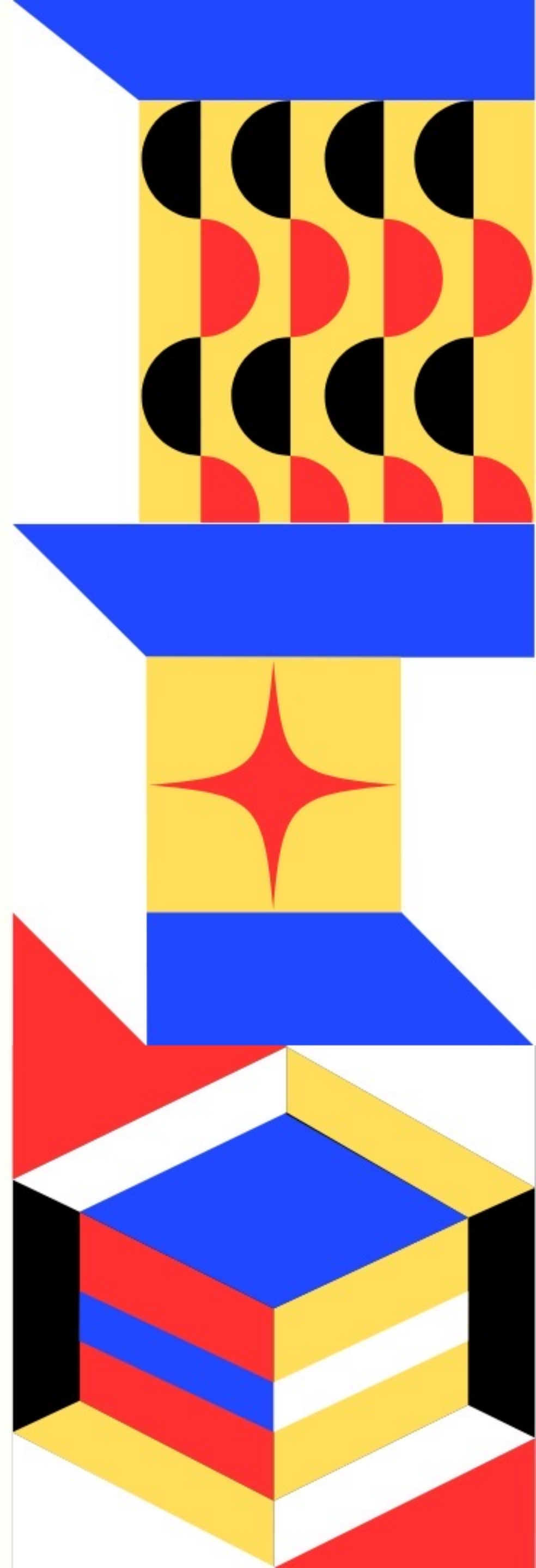
A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up to glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

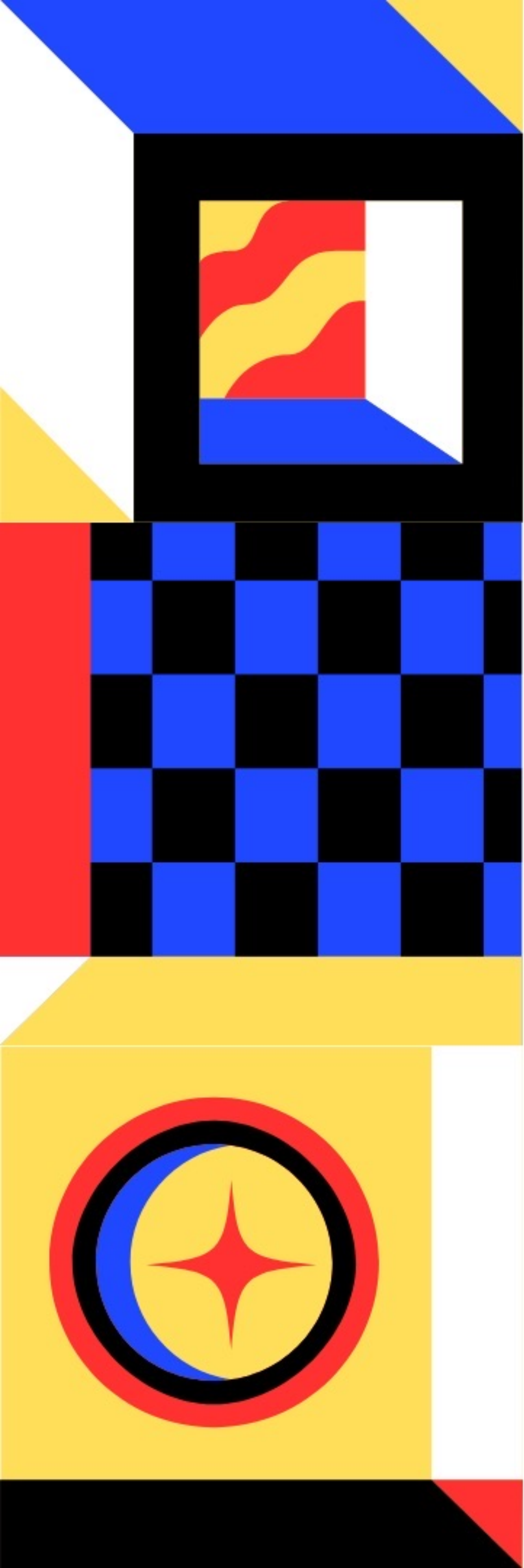




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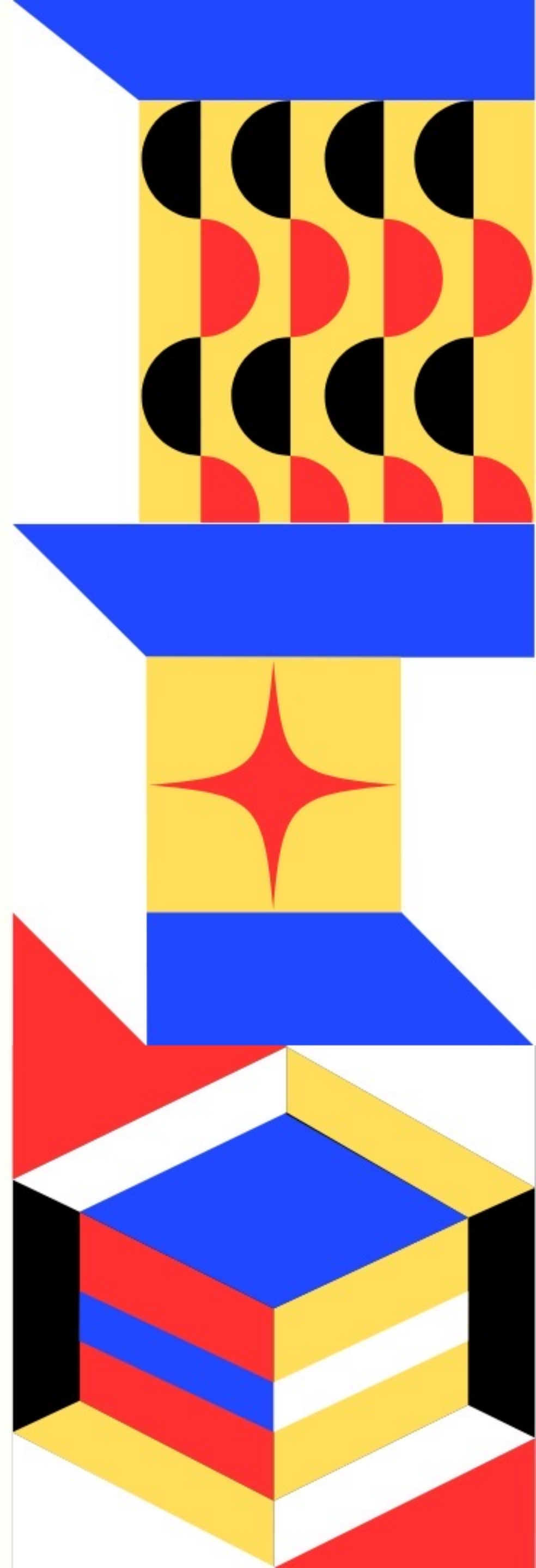
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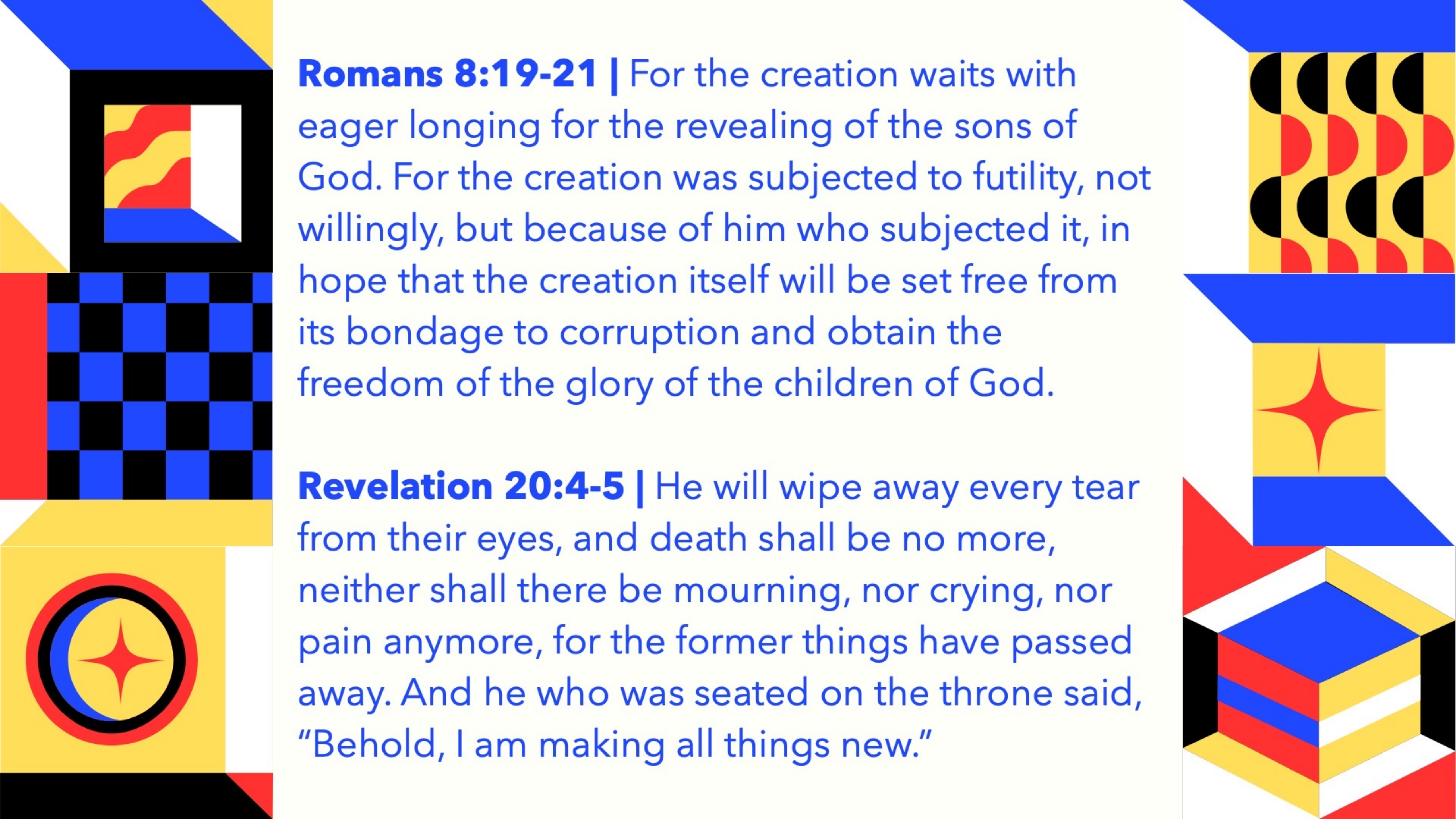




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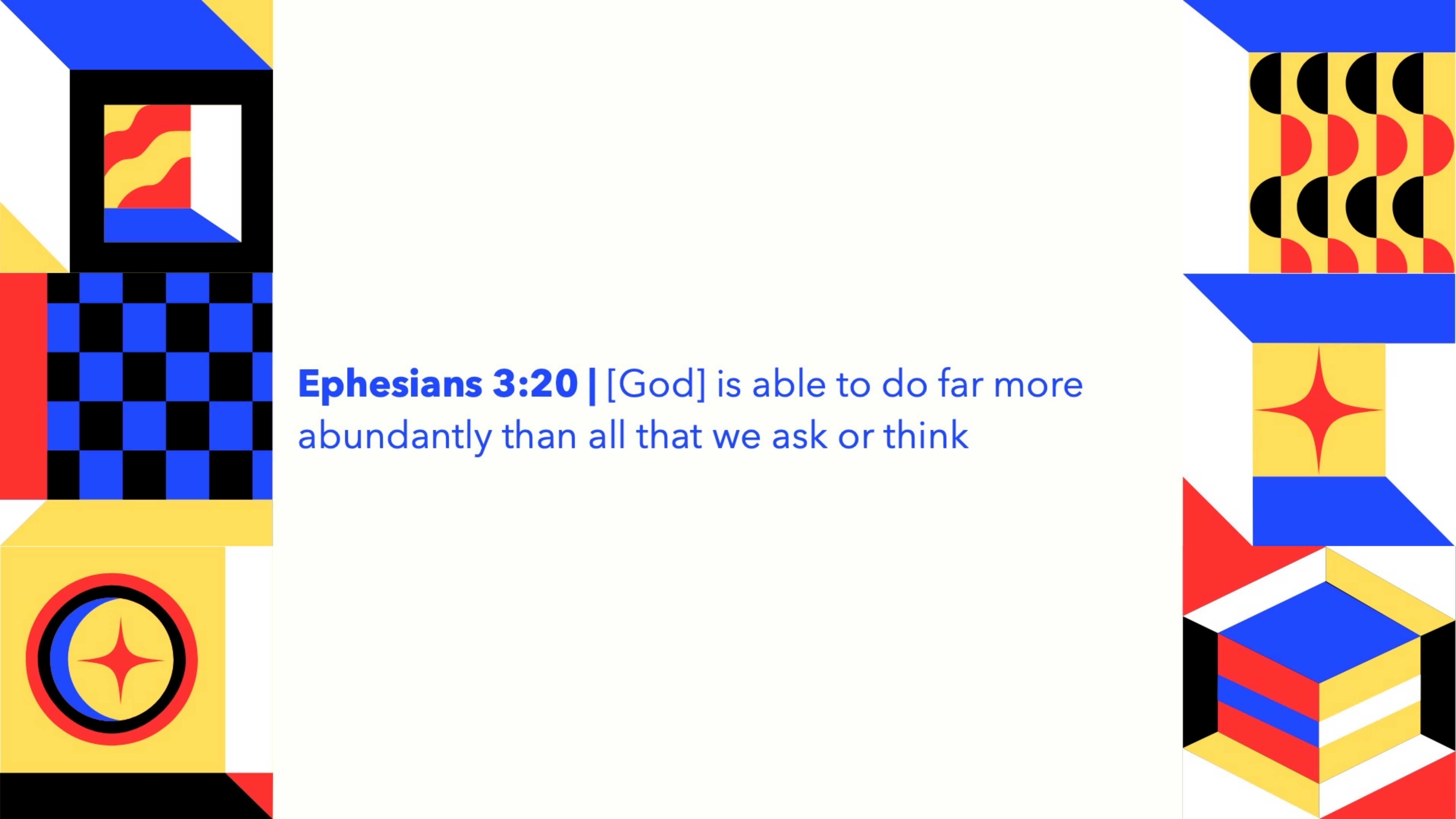
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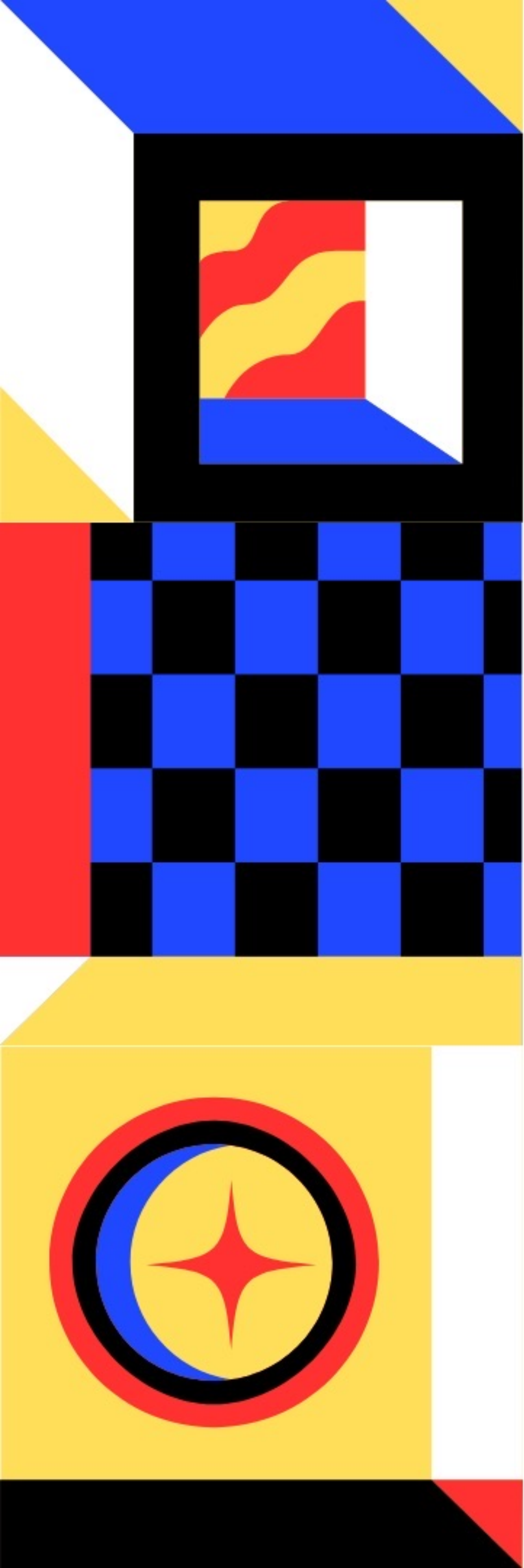


Romans 8:19-21 | For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Revelation 20:4-5 | He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

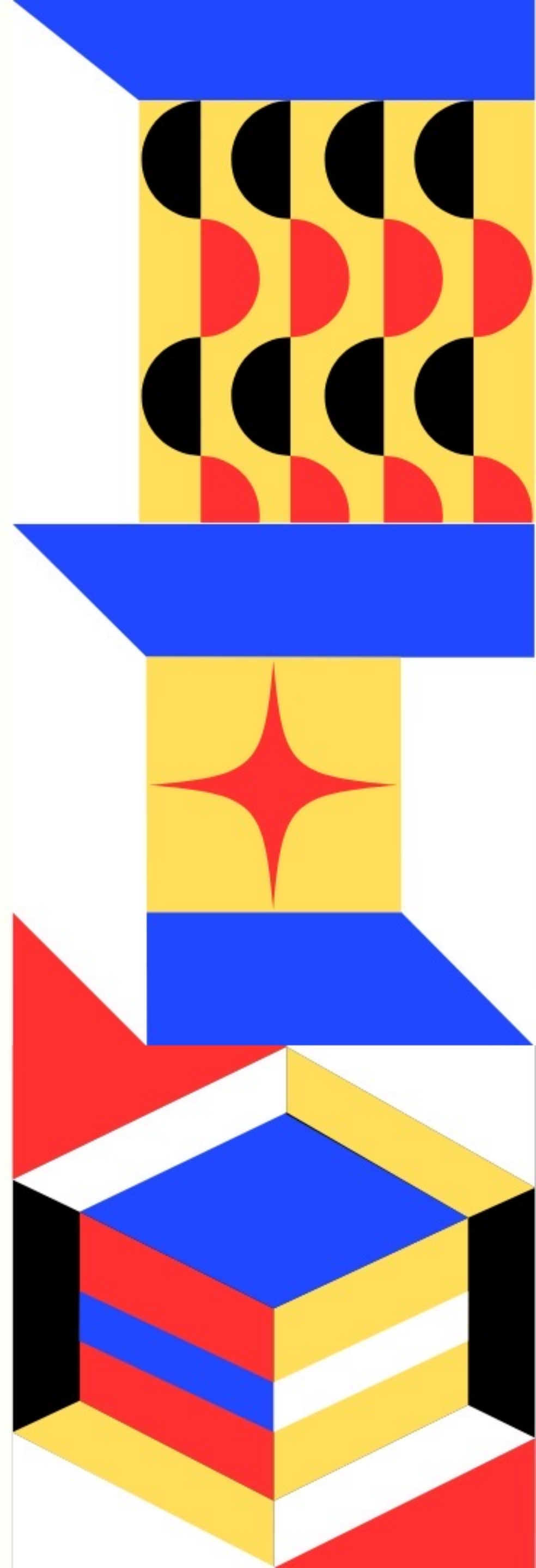


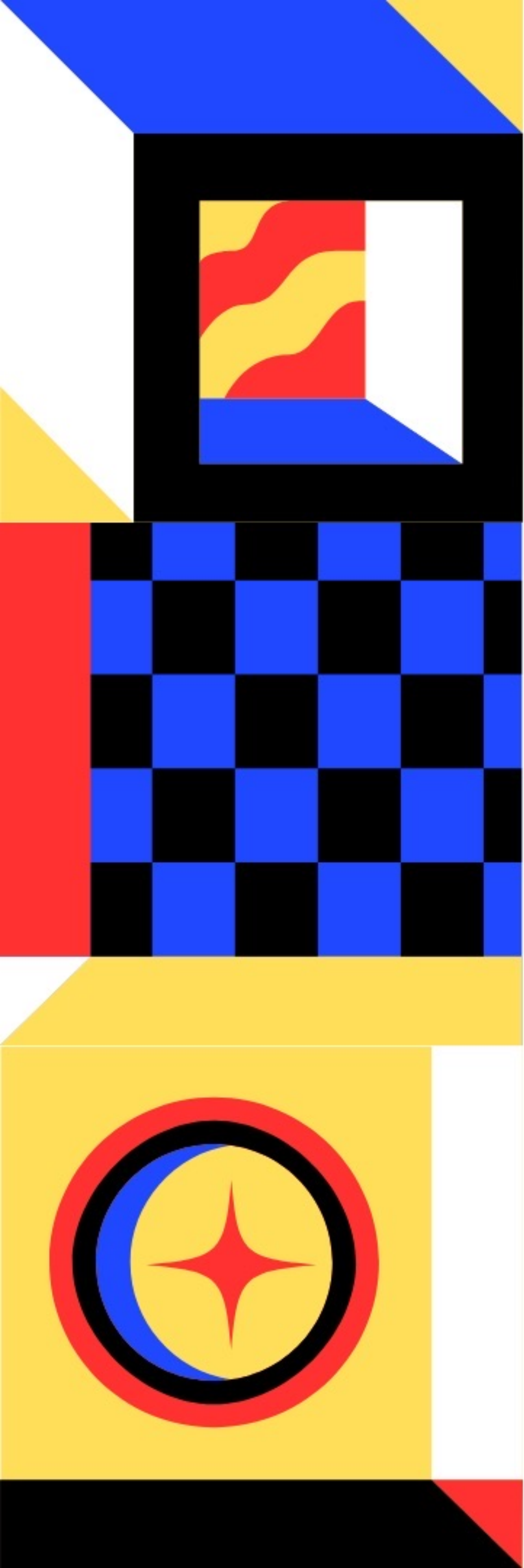
Ephesians 3:20 | [God] is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think



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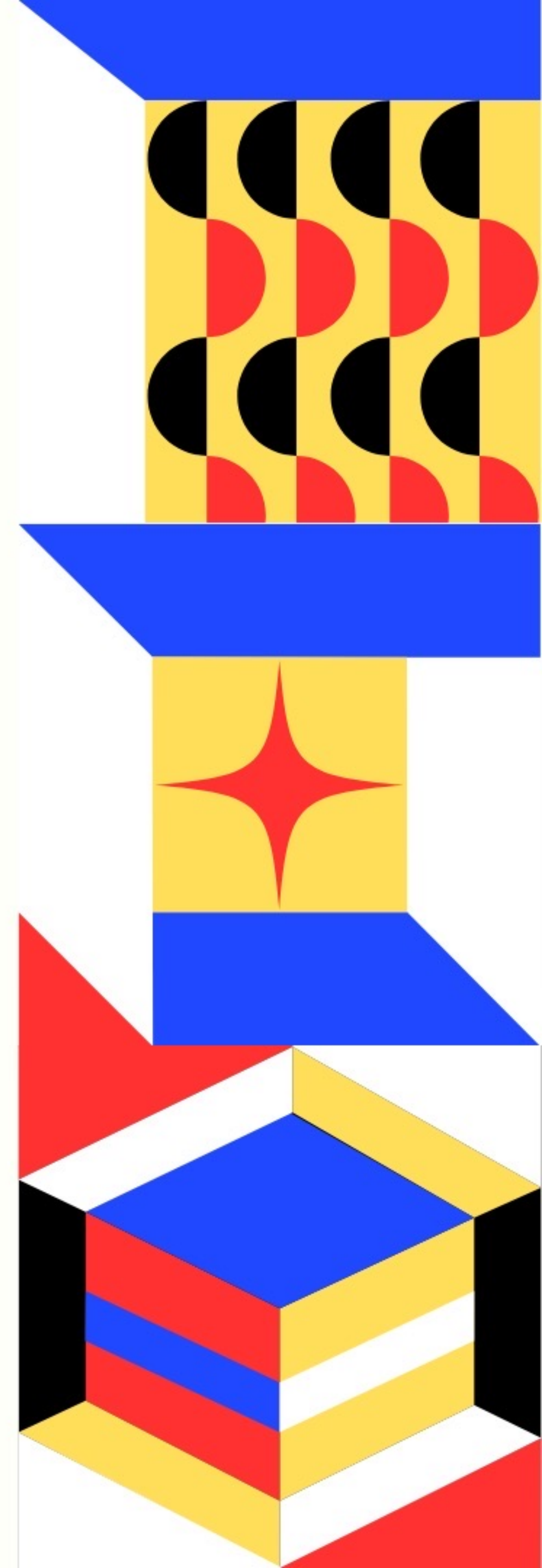
- Personal
- Restorational
- Assured

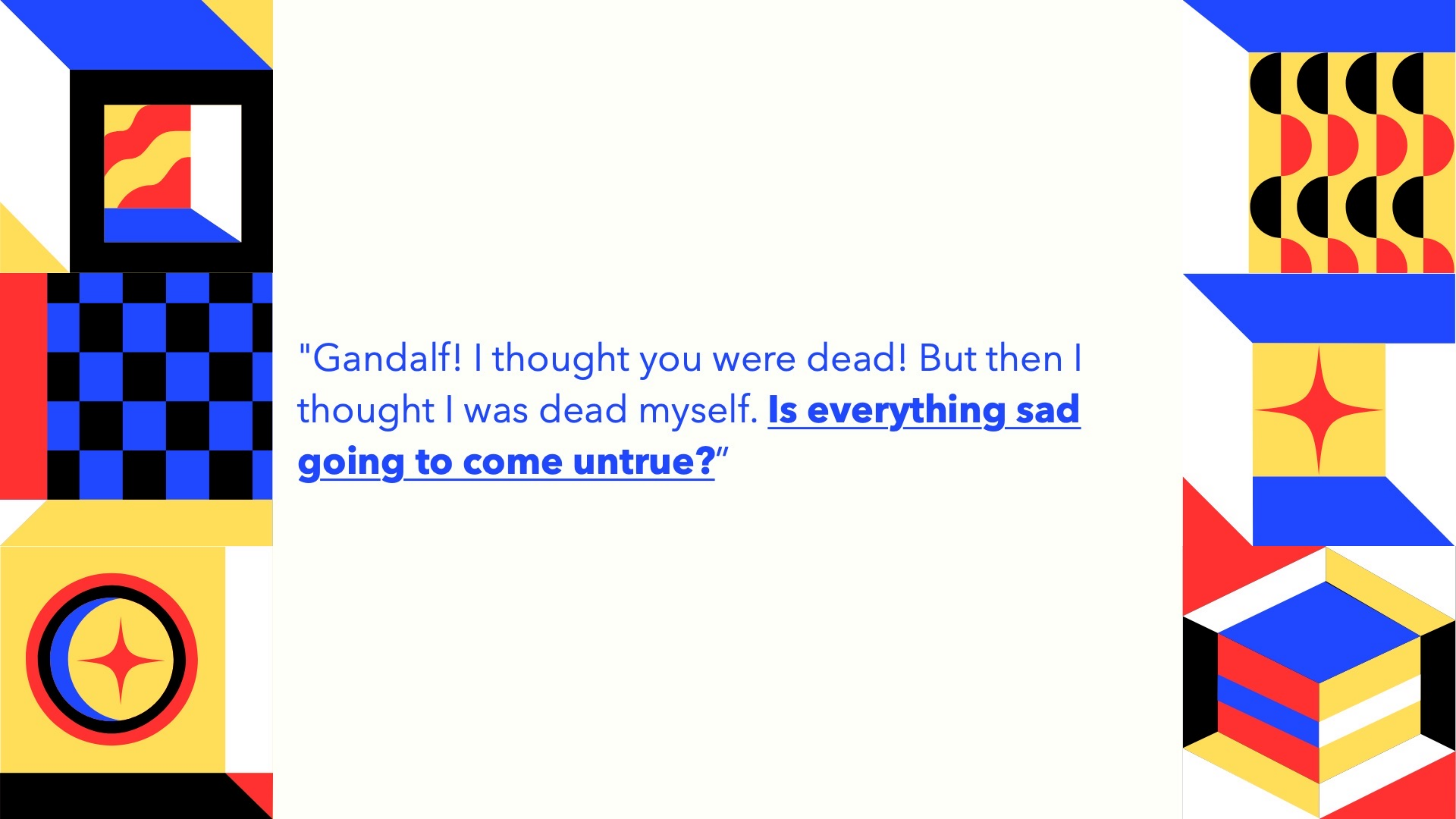




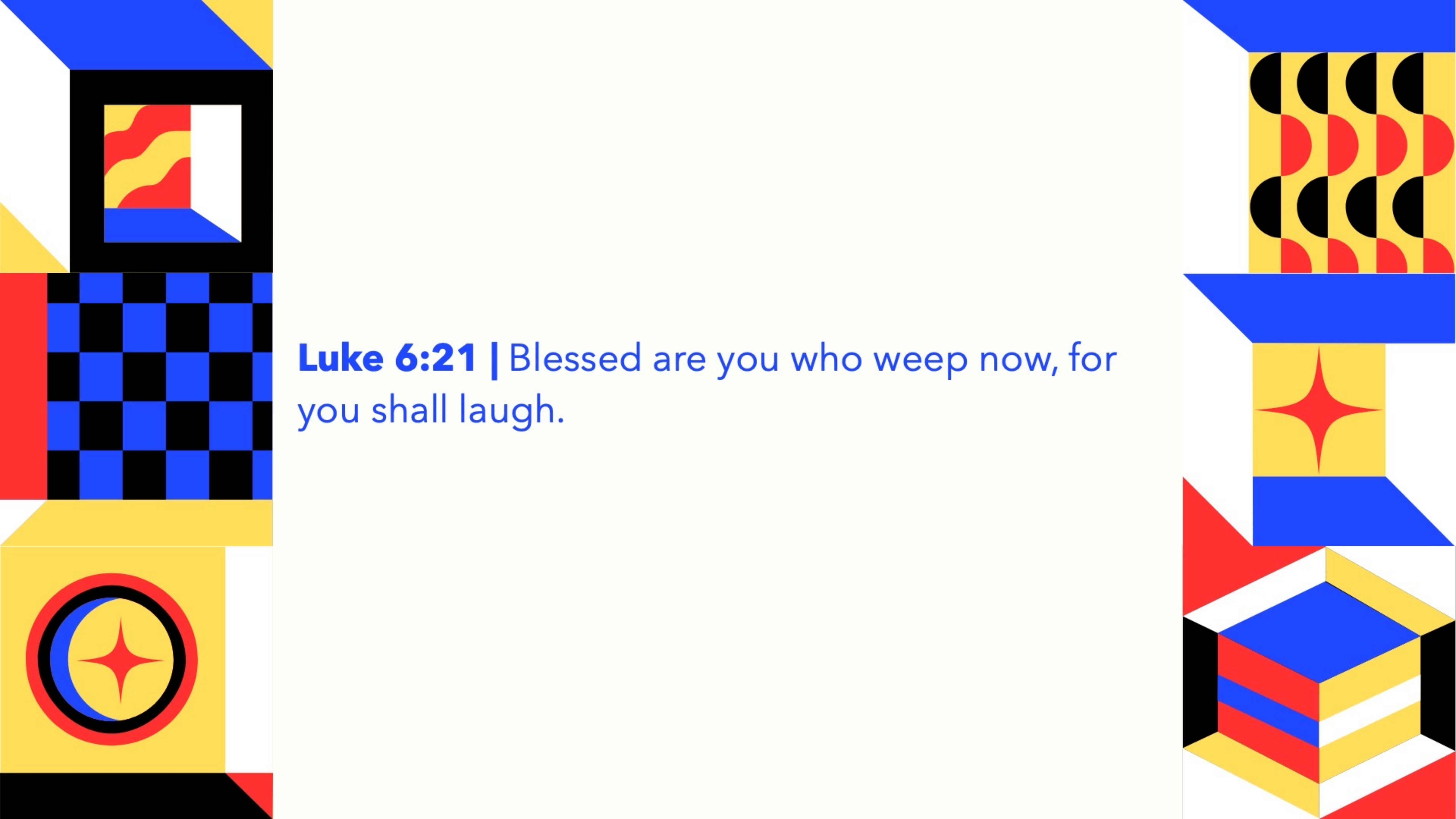
Romans 8:1 | There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

1 John 5:13 | I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

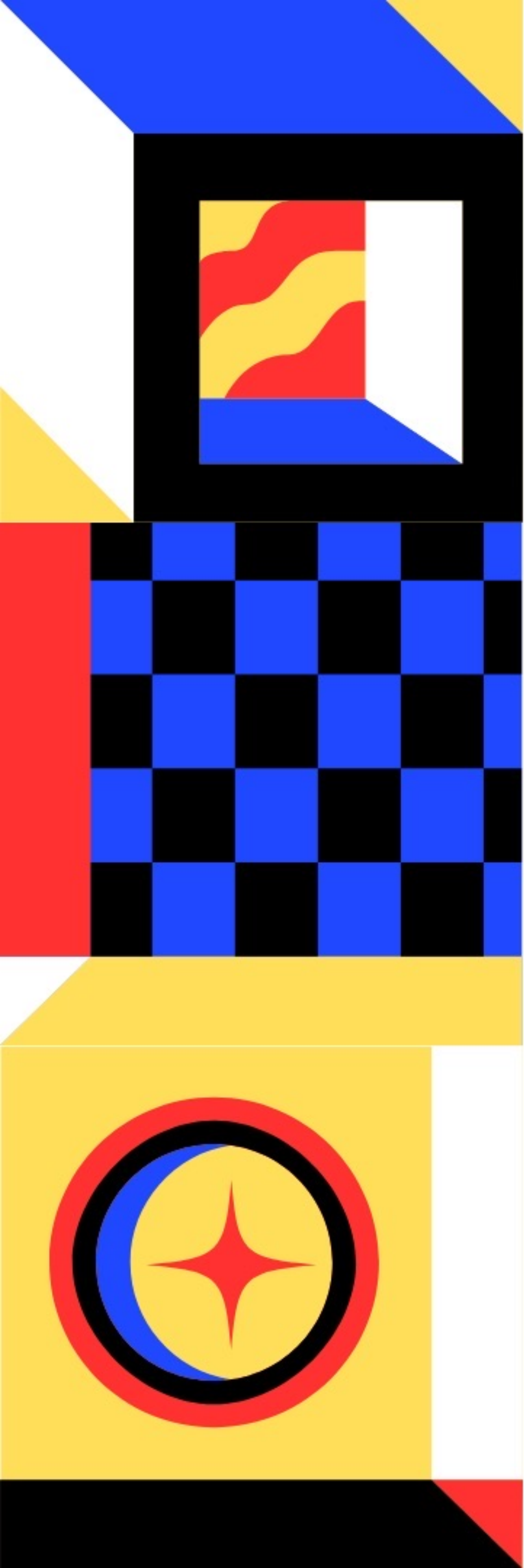


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"Gandalf! I thought you were dead! But then I thought I was dead myself. Is everything sad going to come untrue?"



Luke 6:21 | Blessed are you who weep now, for
you shall laugh.



"And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only ever been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before." – **The Last Battle by C.S. Lewis**



Discussion

1. When you think about the future of our culture, world, and society, what gives you the greatest sense of anxiety?
2. The lecture suggests that the Christian hope is not simply "going to heaven when you die," but the resurrection of our bodies and the restoration of all creation. Why is the promise of a renewed creation better news than simply escaping this world?
3. If everything sad is going to come untrue, how would it change the way you face disappointment, suffering, anxiety, or even death today?