



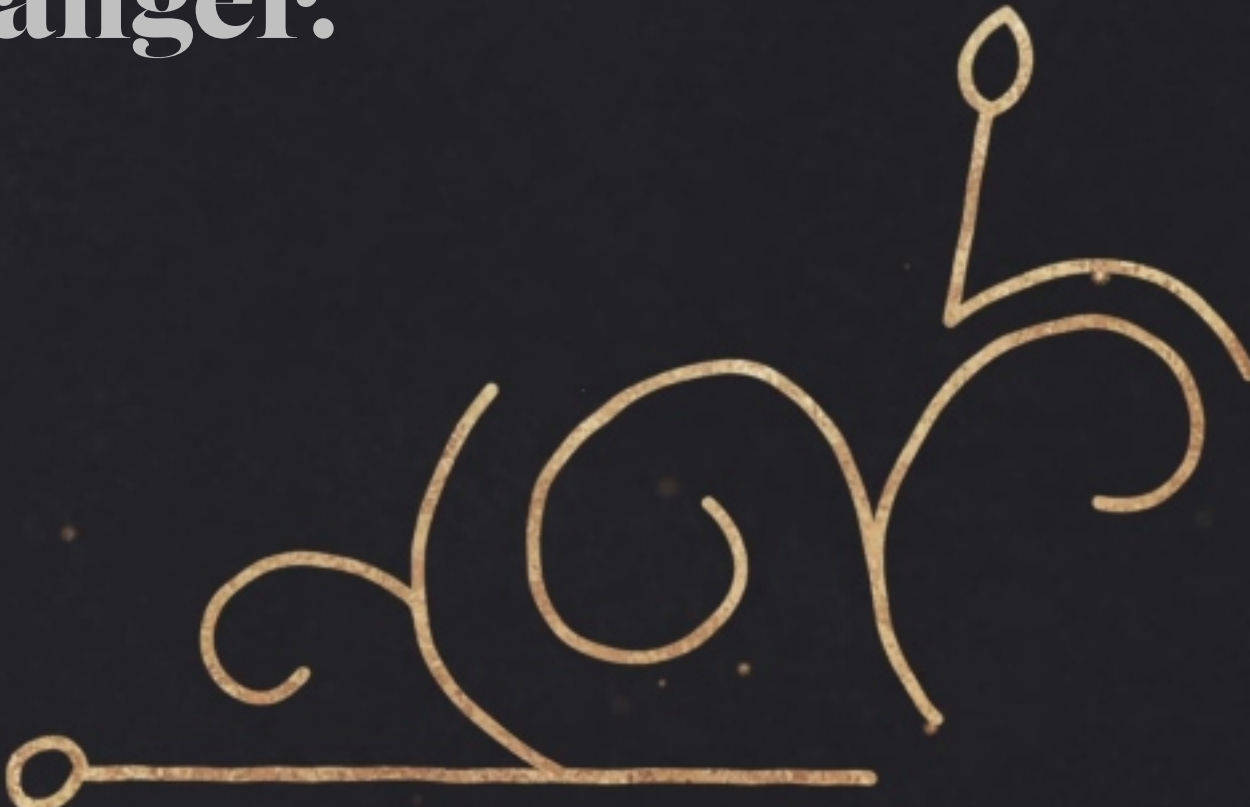

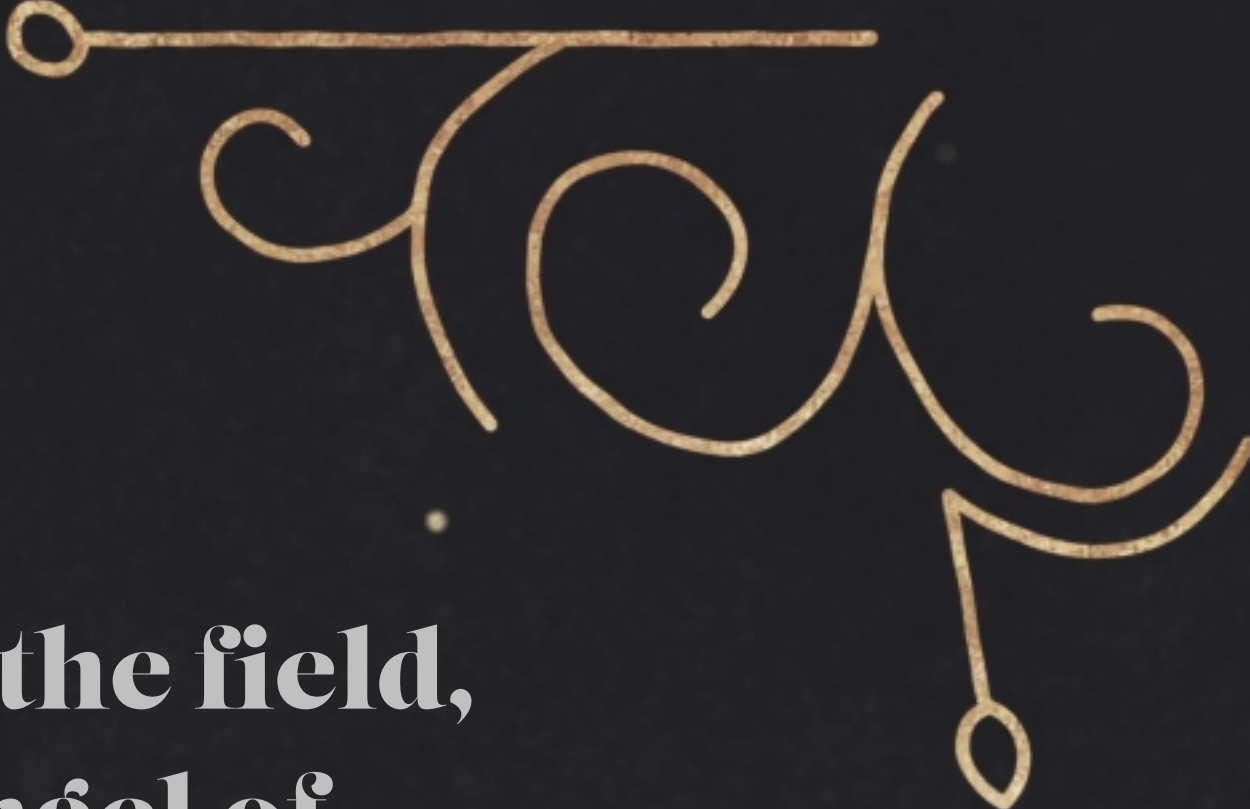
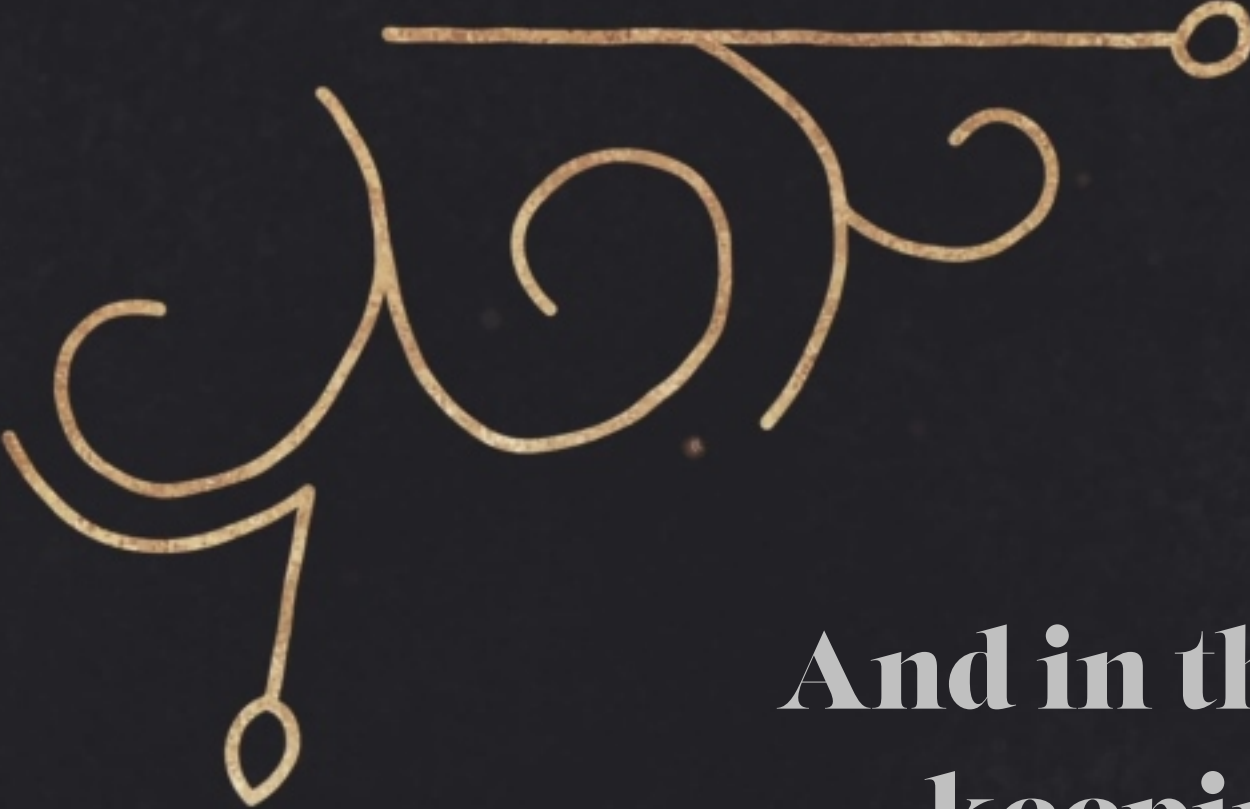
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A Savior**





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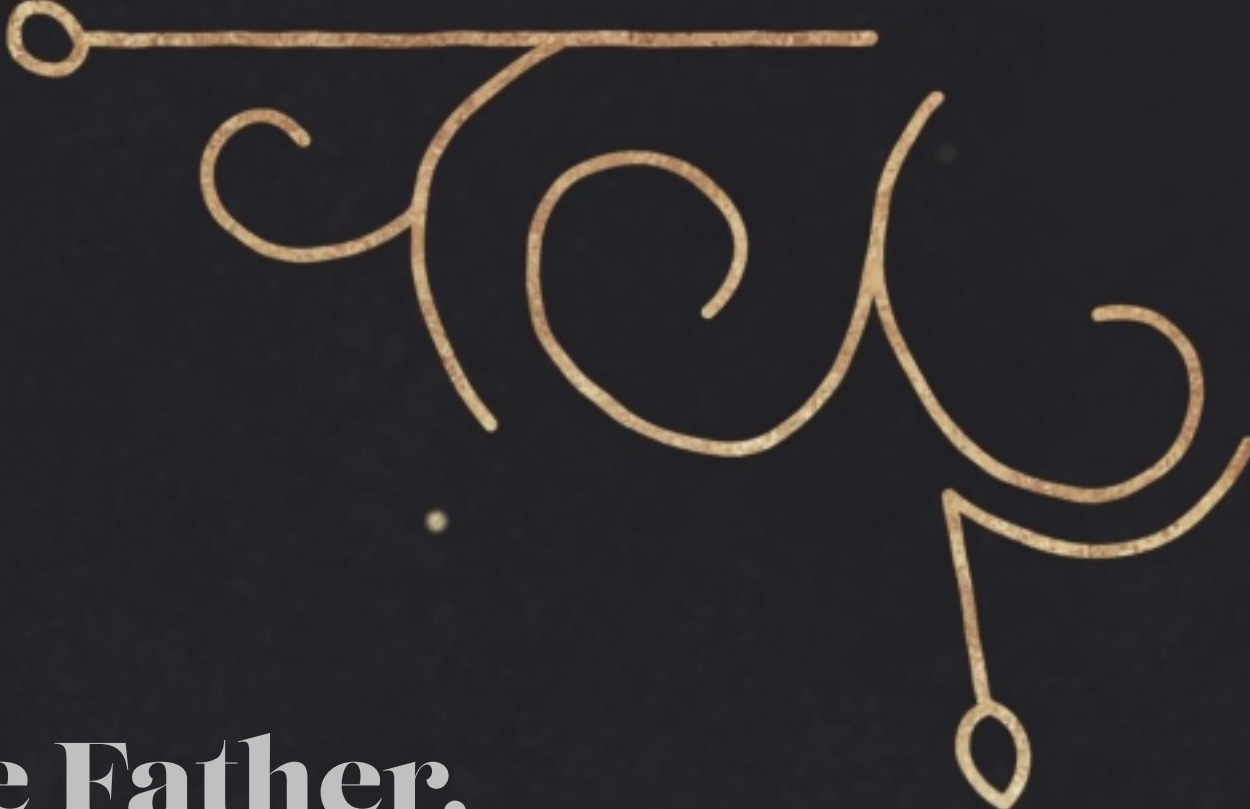



Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

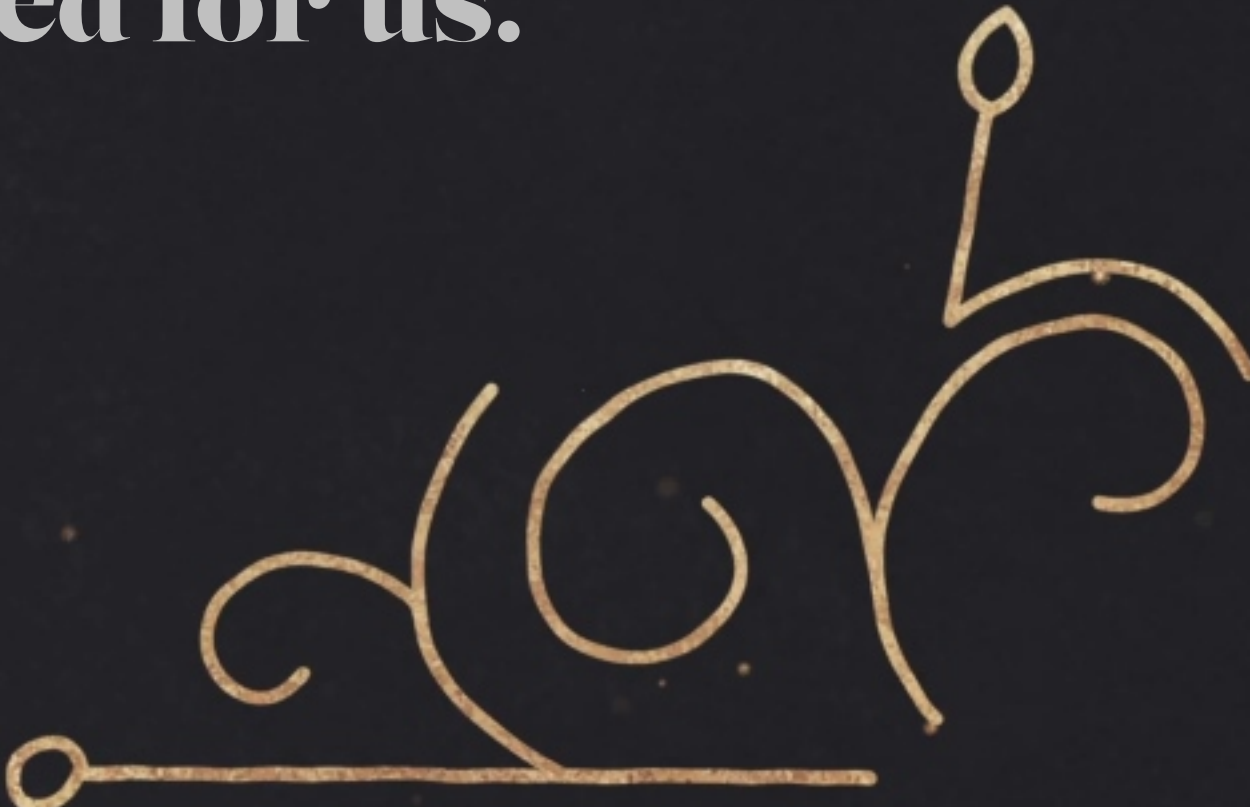
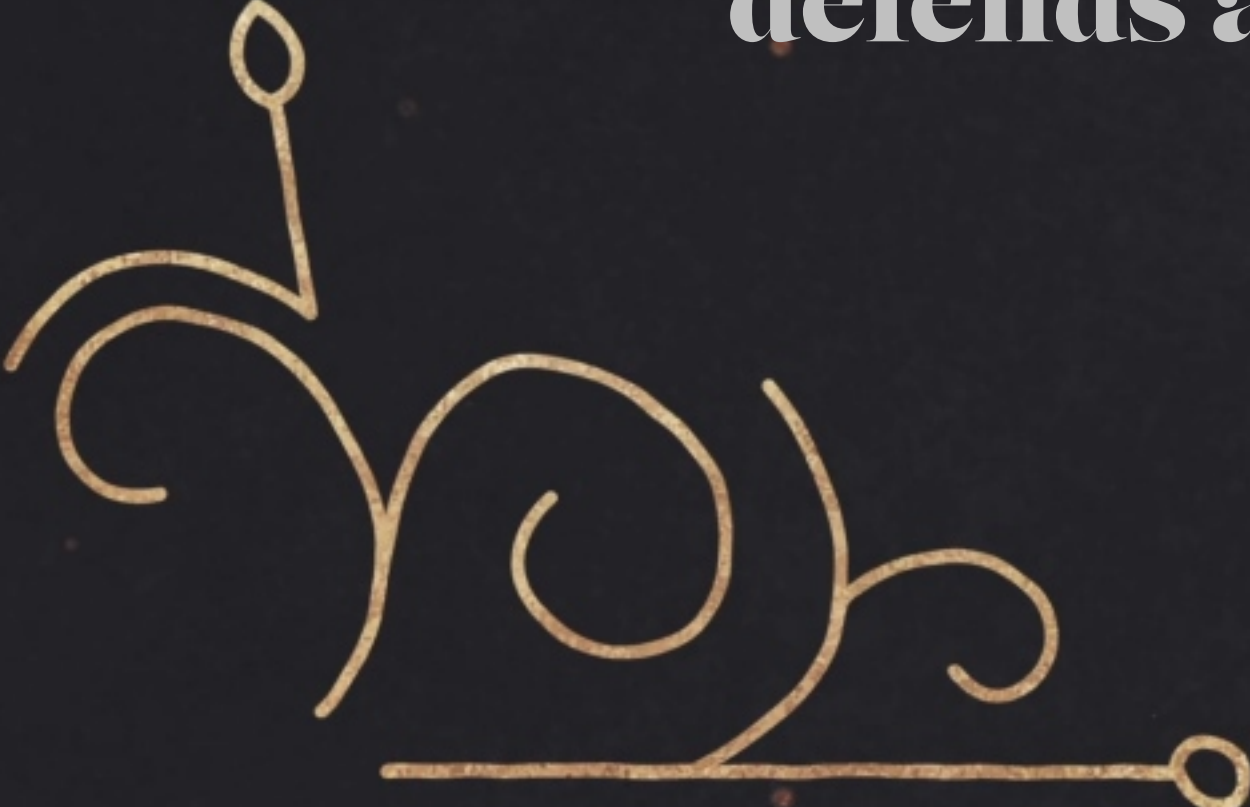


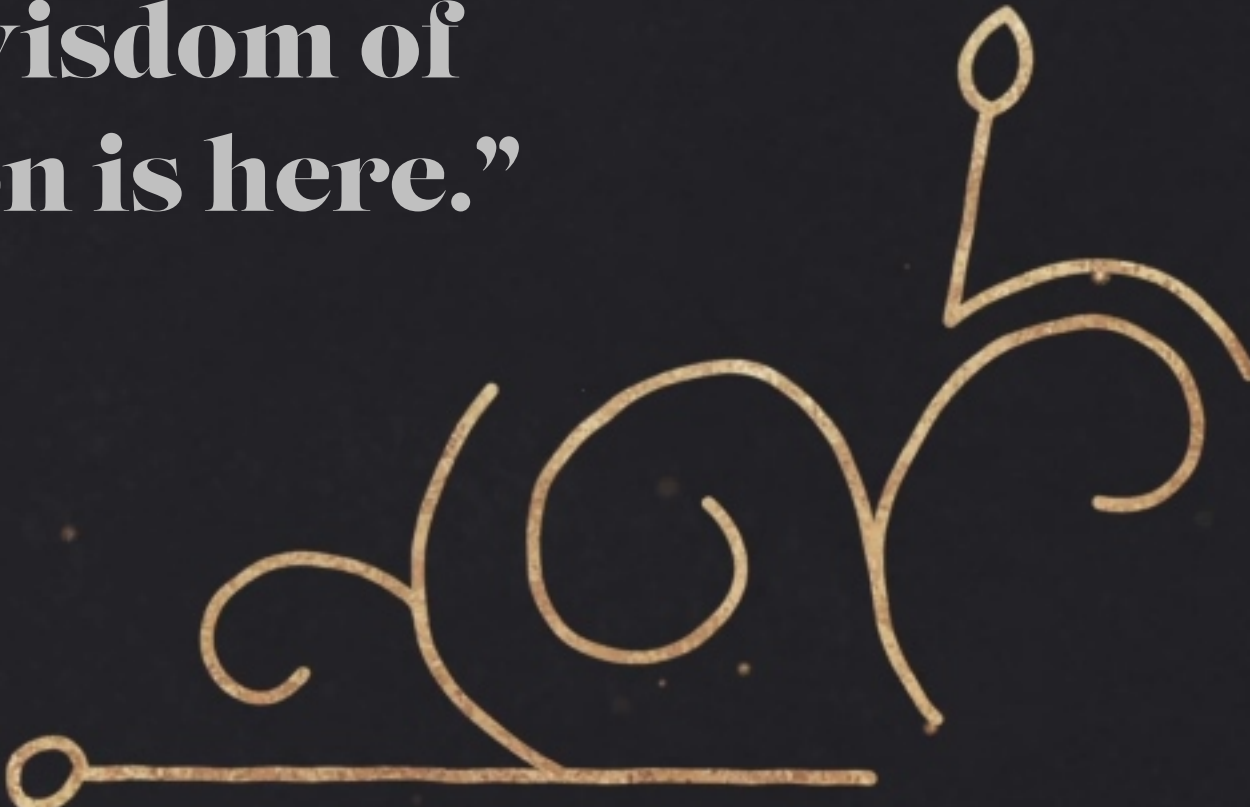

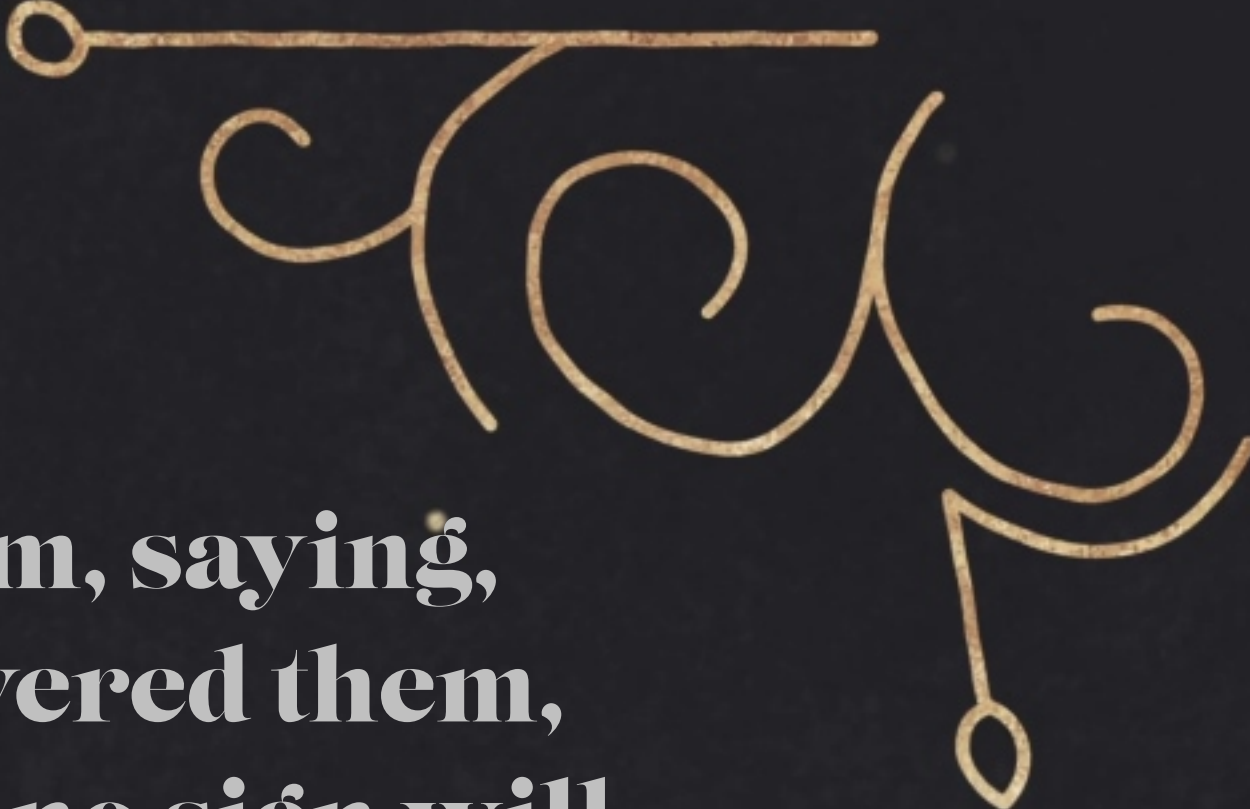
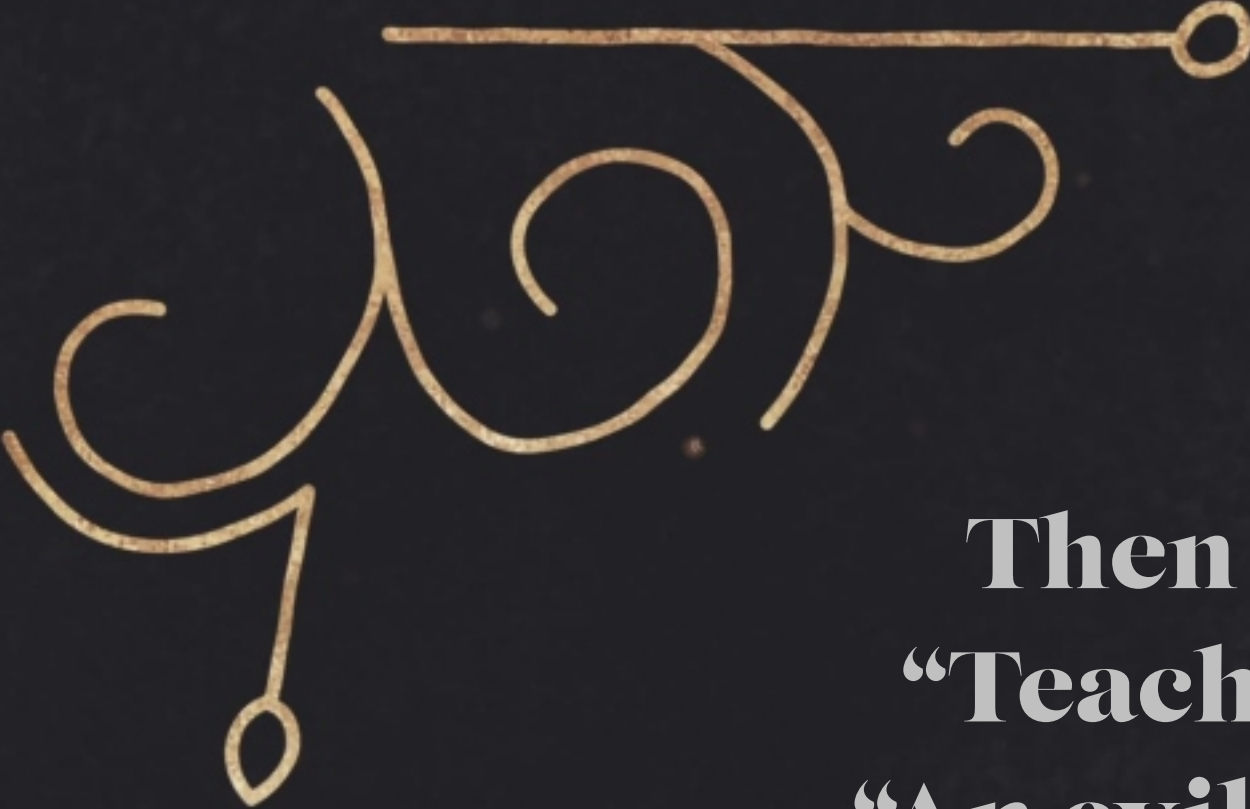
**– Heidelberg Catechism
Question 31**





Answer: Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.







Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.”

— Matthew 12:38-42



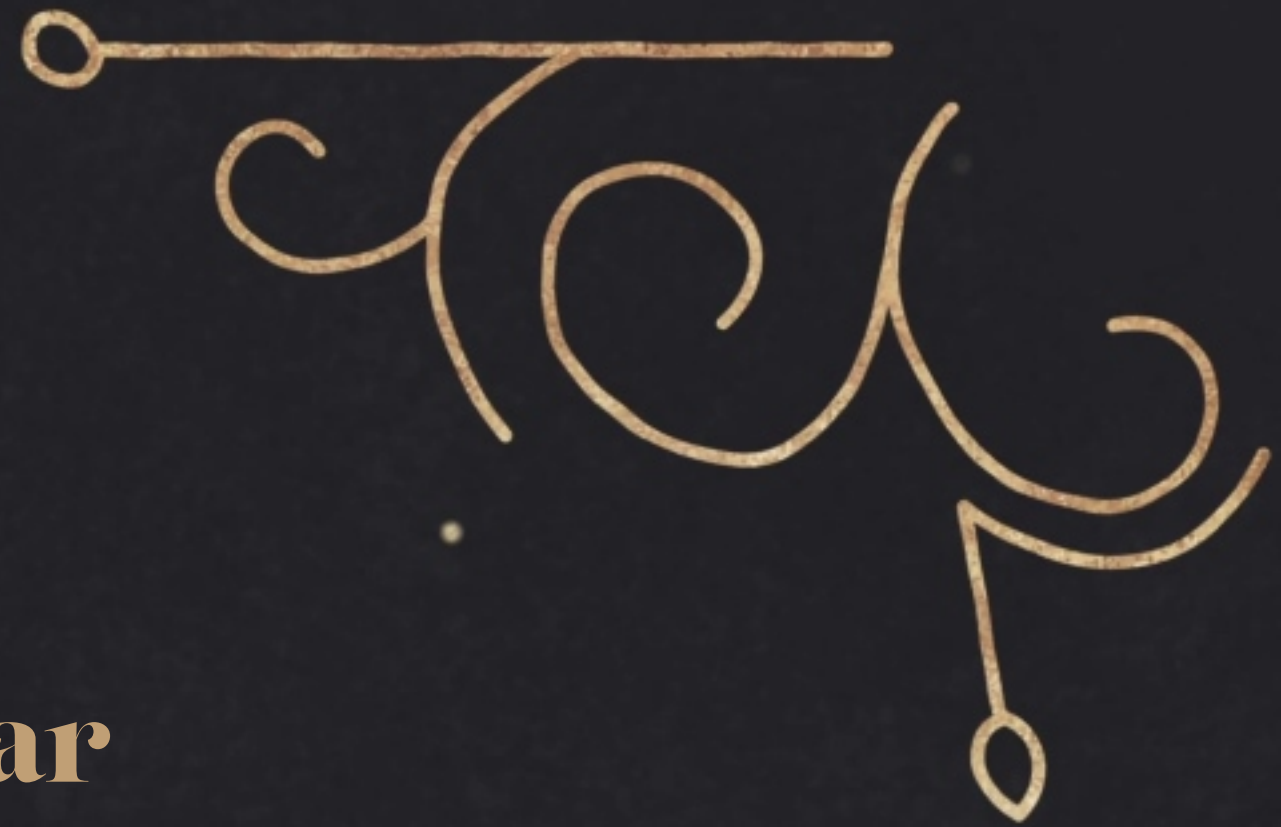
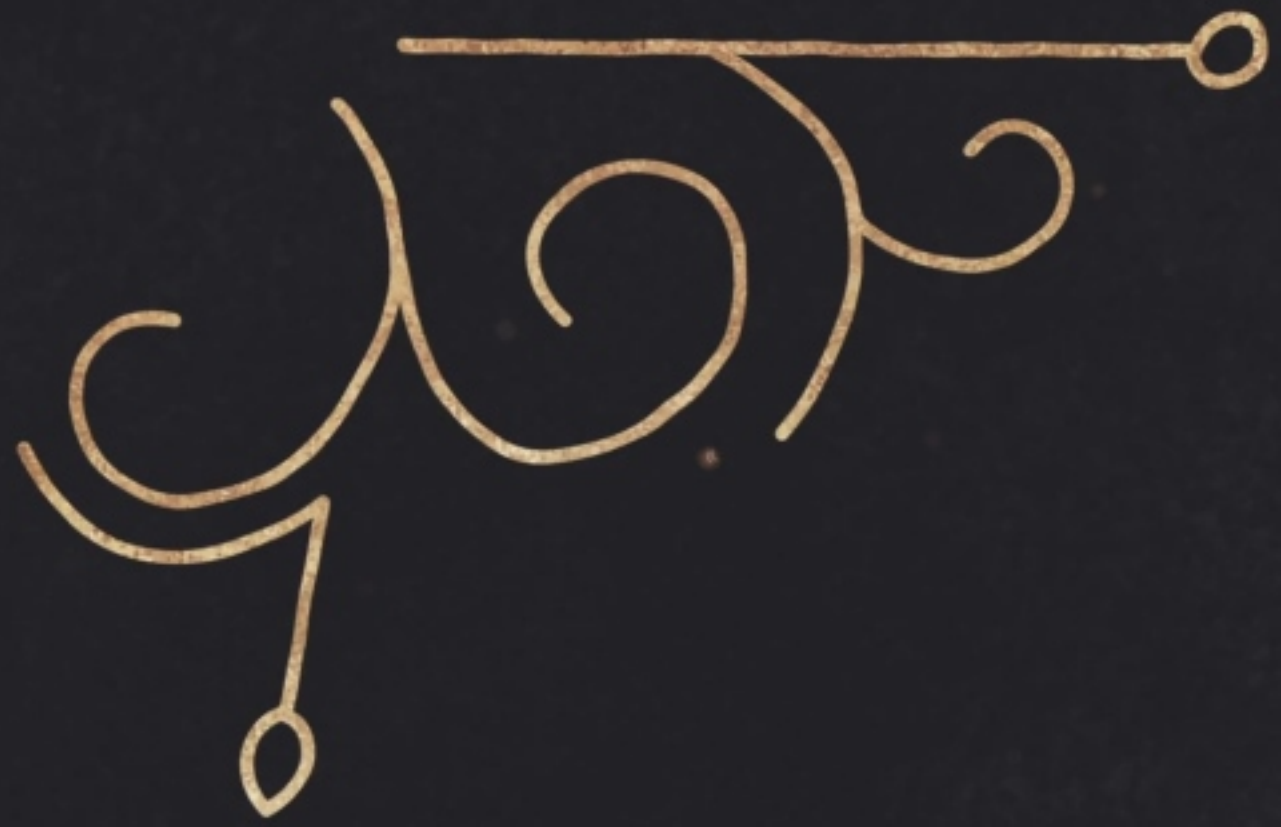
And the LORD God **commanded** the man, saying,
“You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of
the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat..”



The LORD God took the man and put him in
the garden of Eden to **work** it and **keep** it.



And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and
subdue it, and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the
birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



Hezekiah **Prophet**

Priest Saul Moses Abiathar

Malachi Hosea Aaron Elijah **King**

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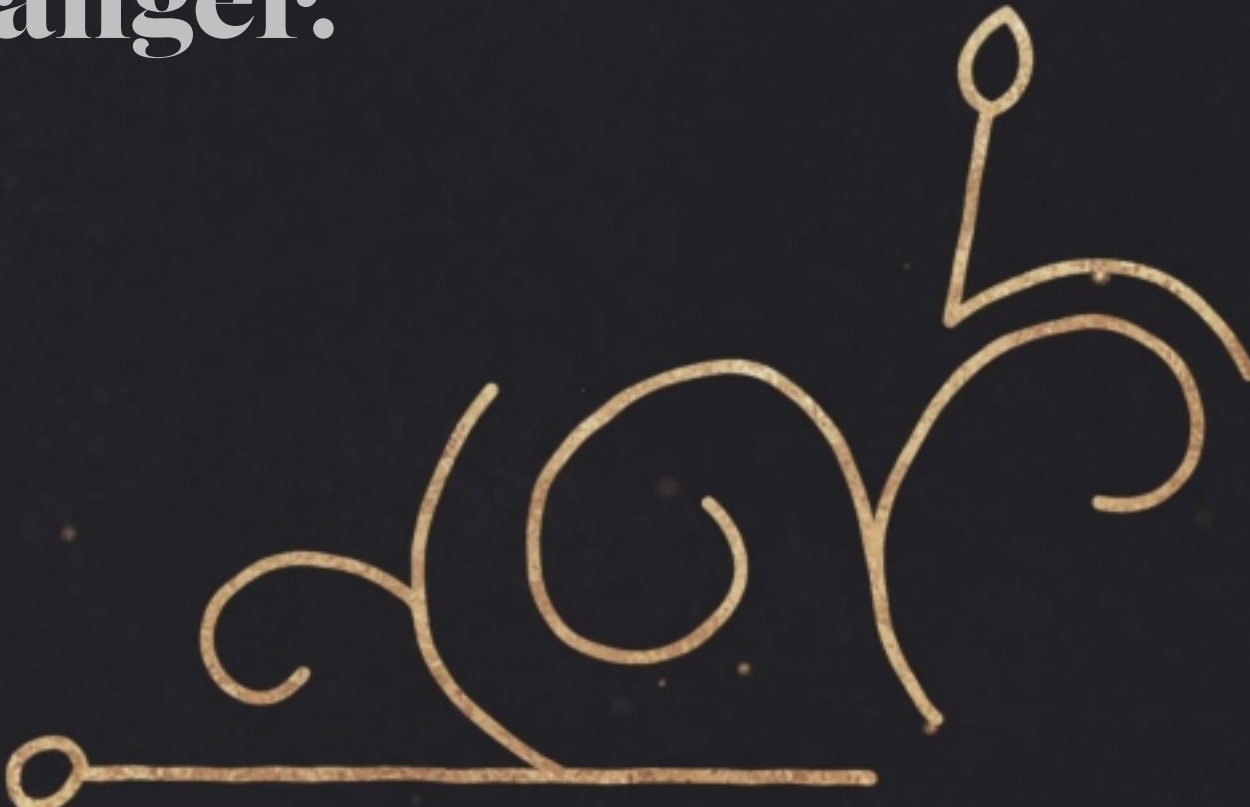

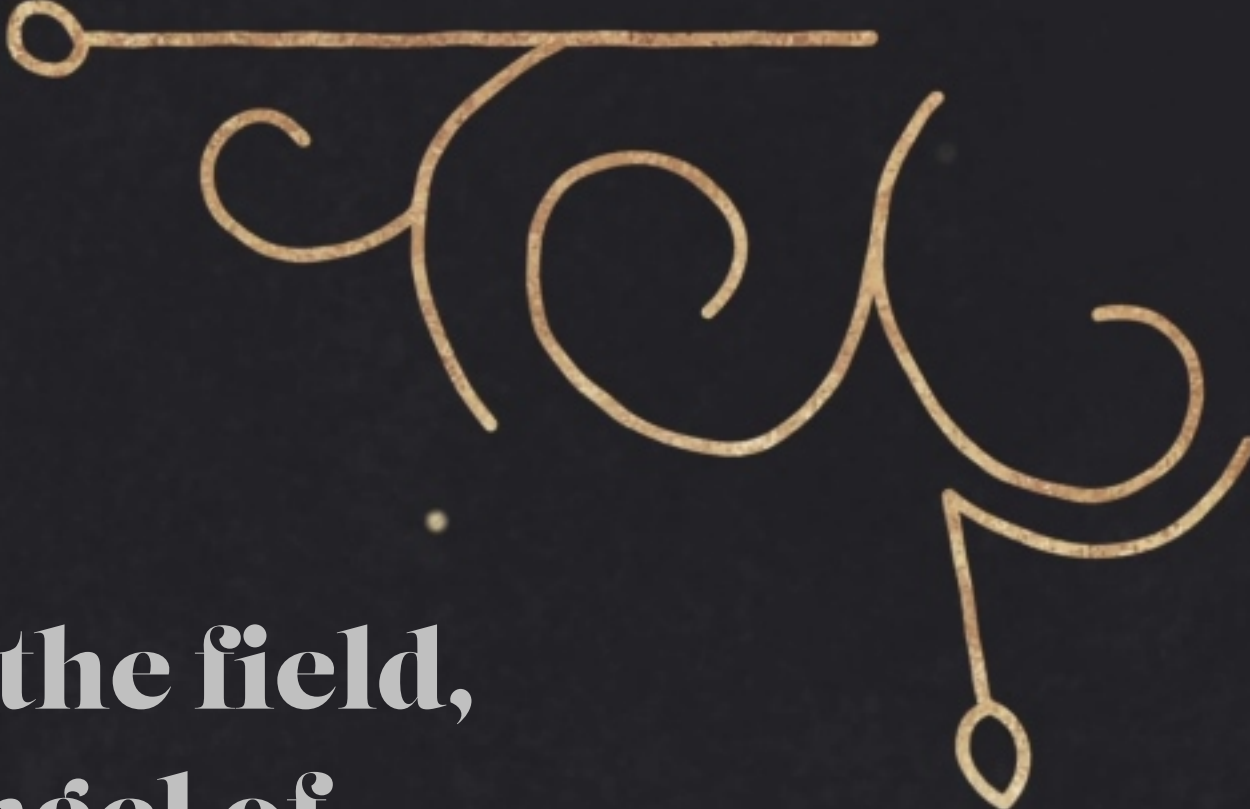
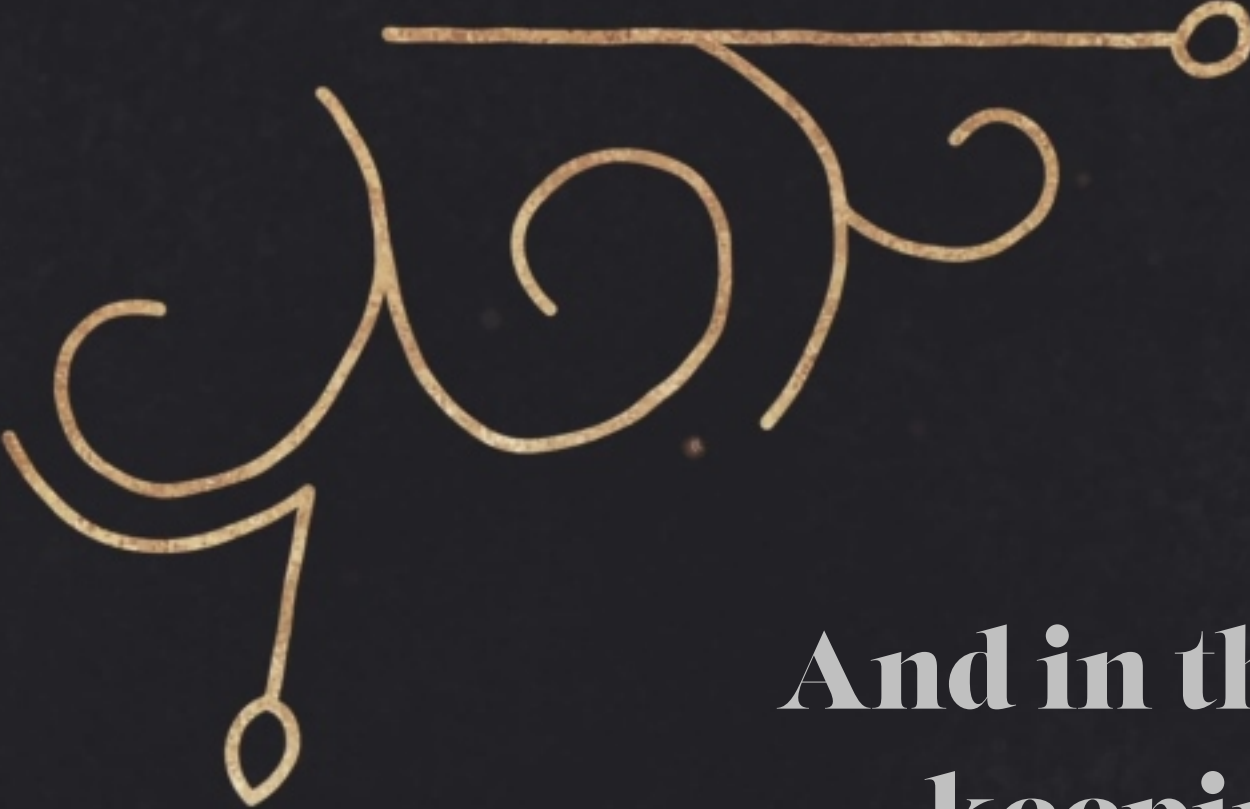
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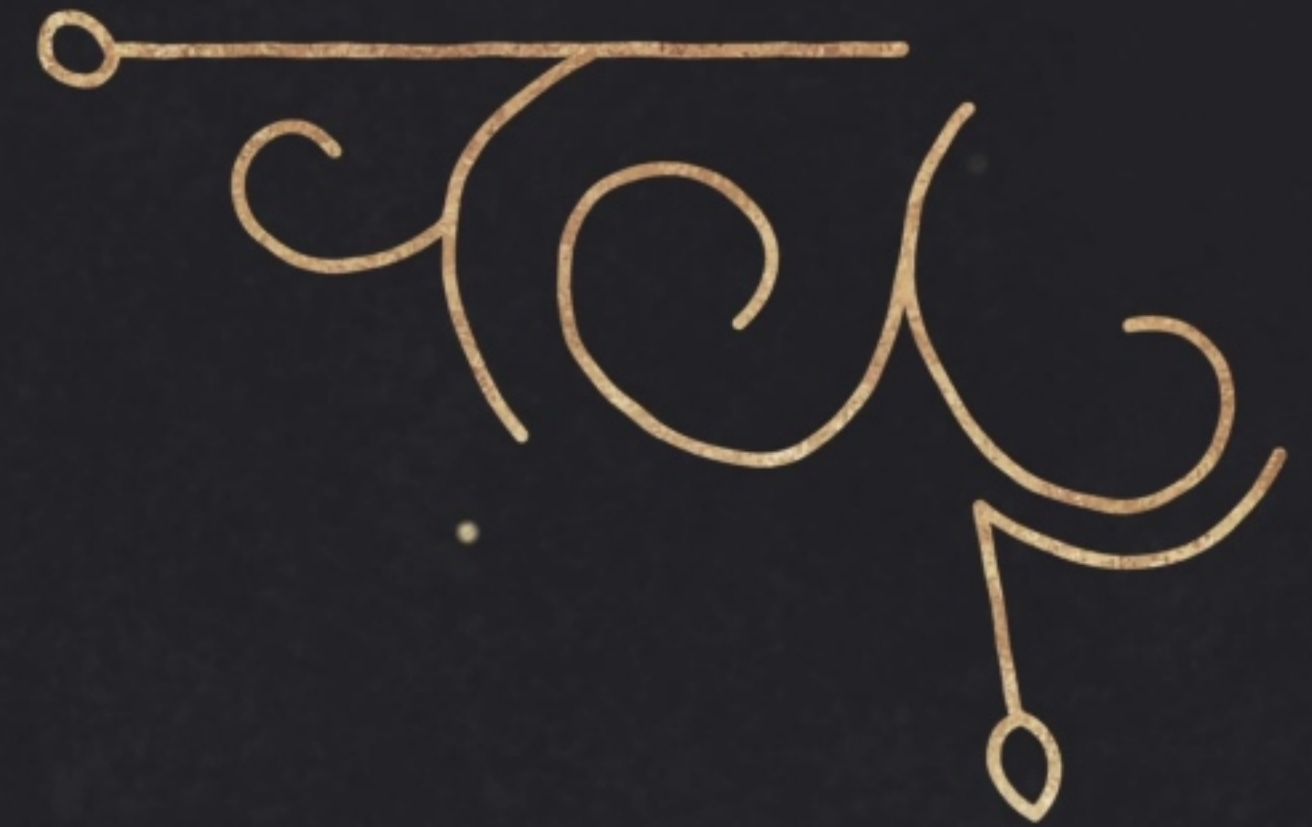
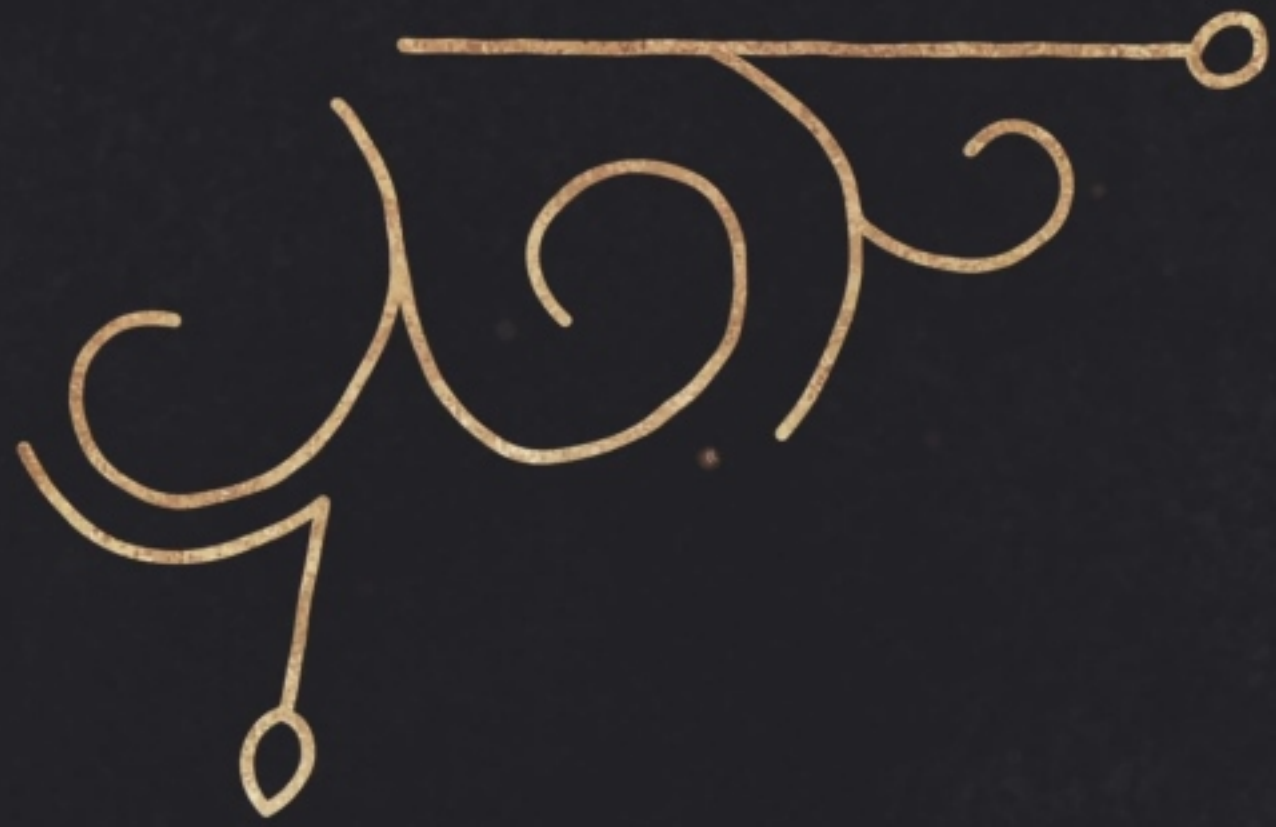
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King Asa





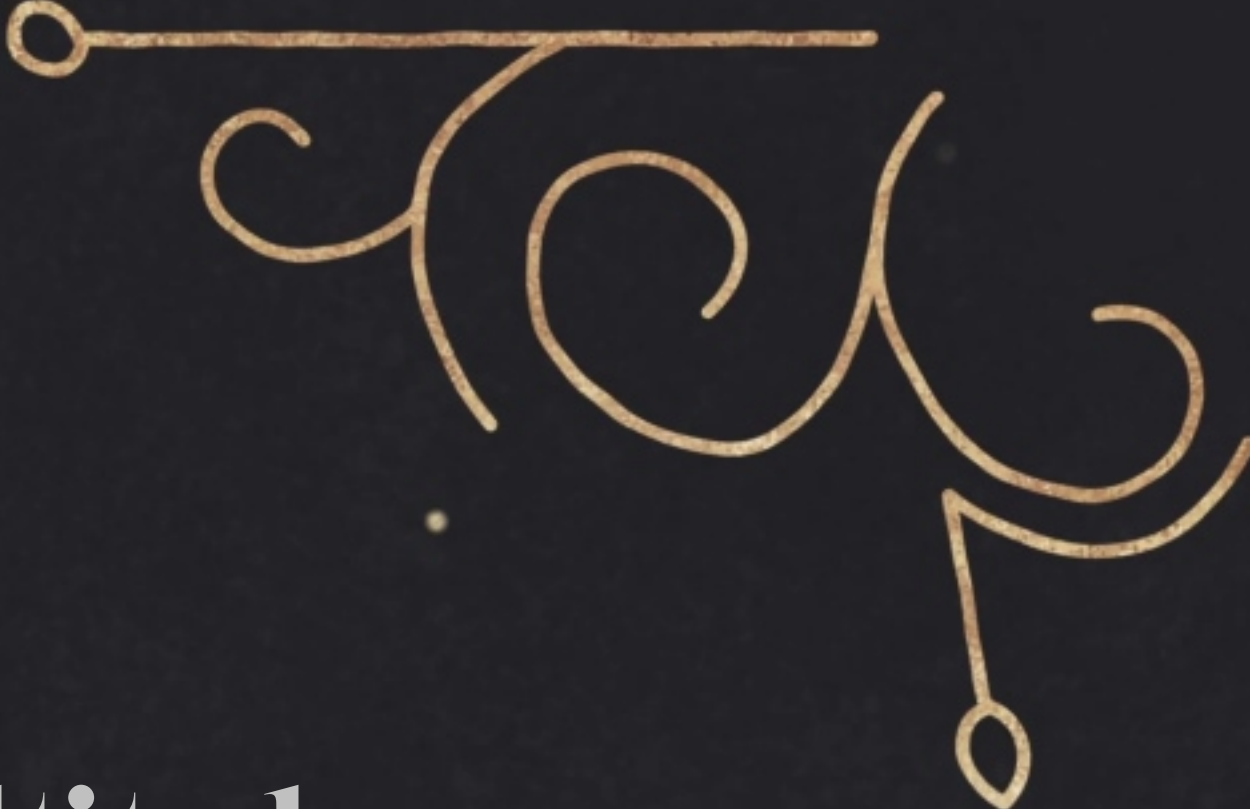
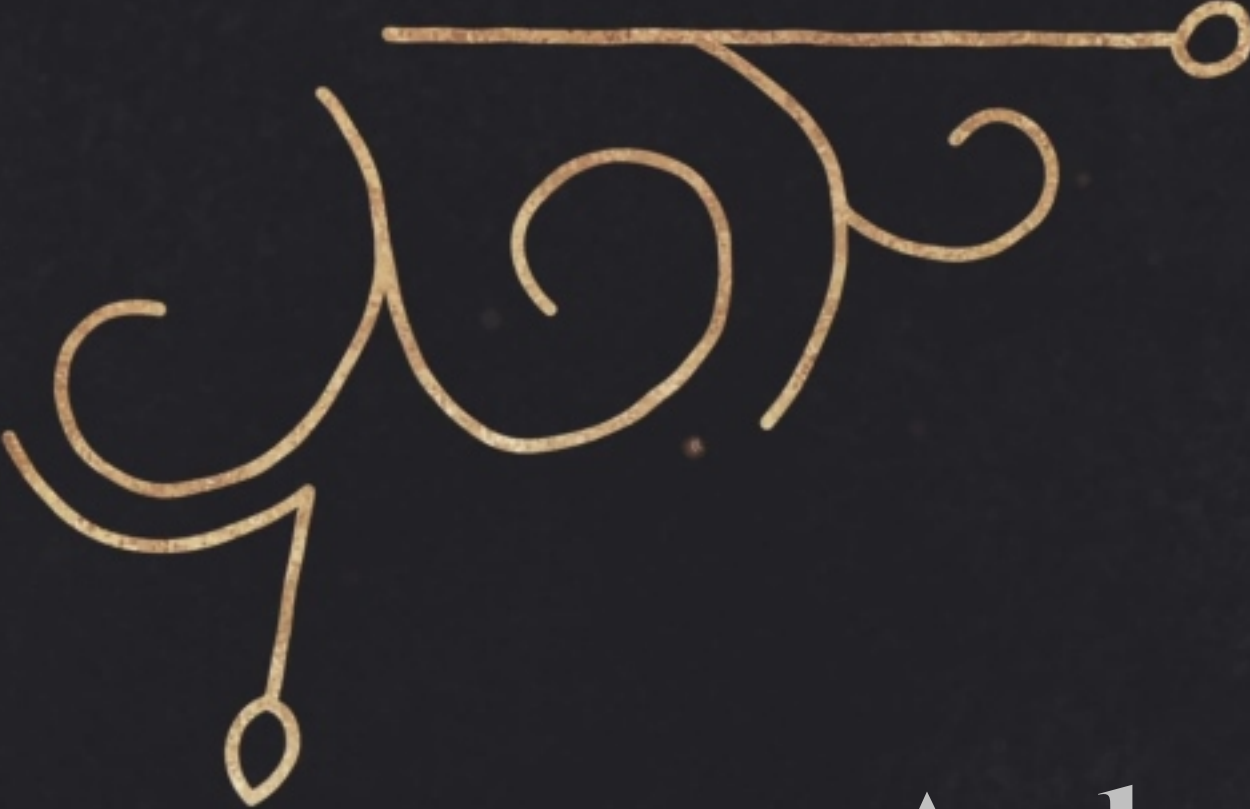
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**The True and Better
Prophet, Priest, and King**





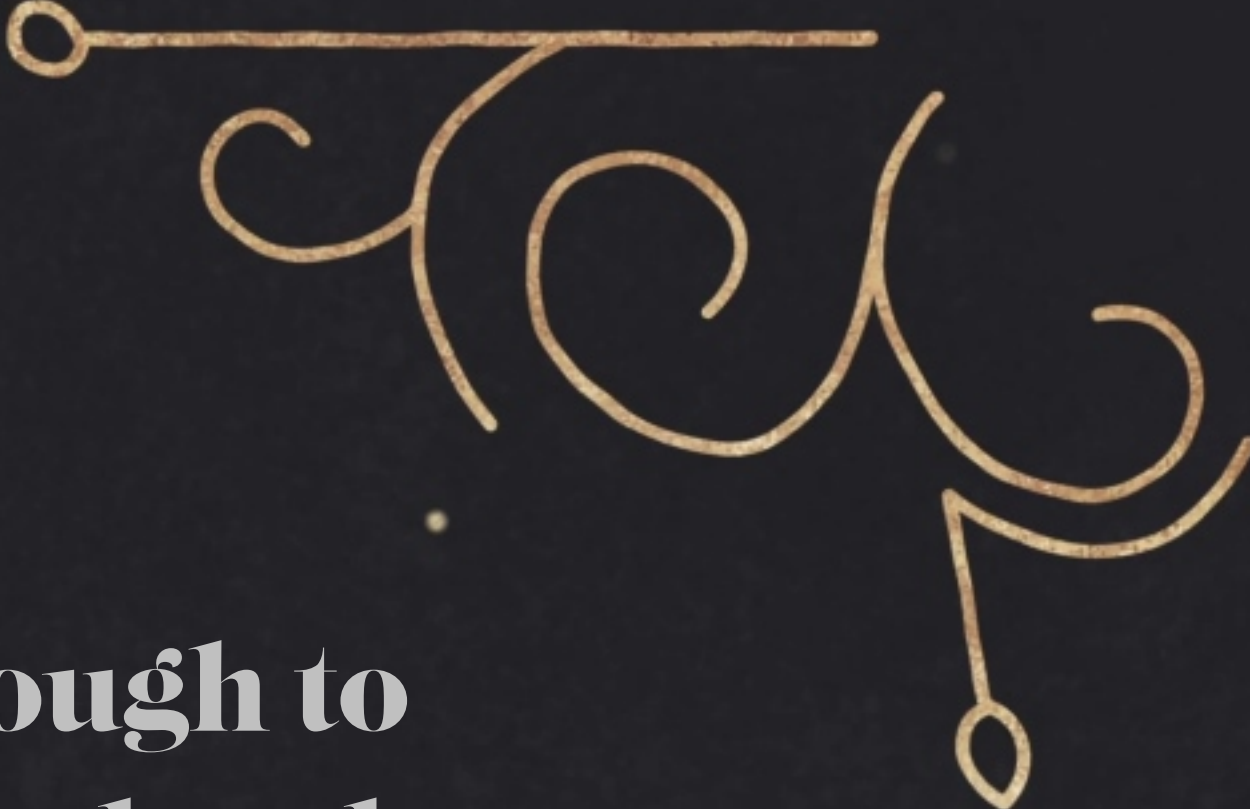
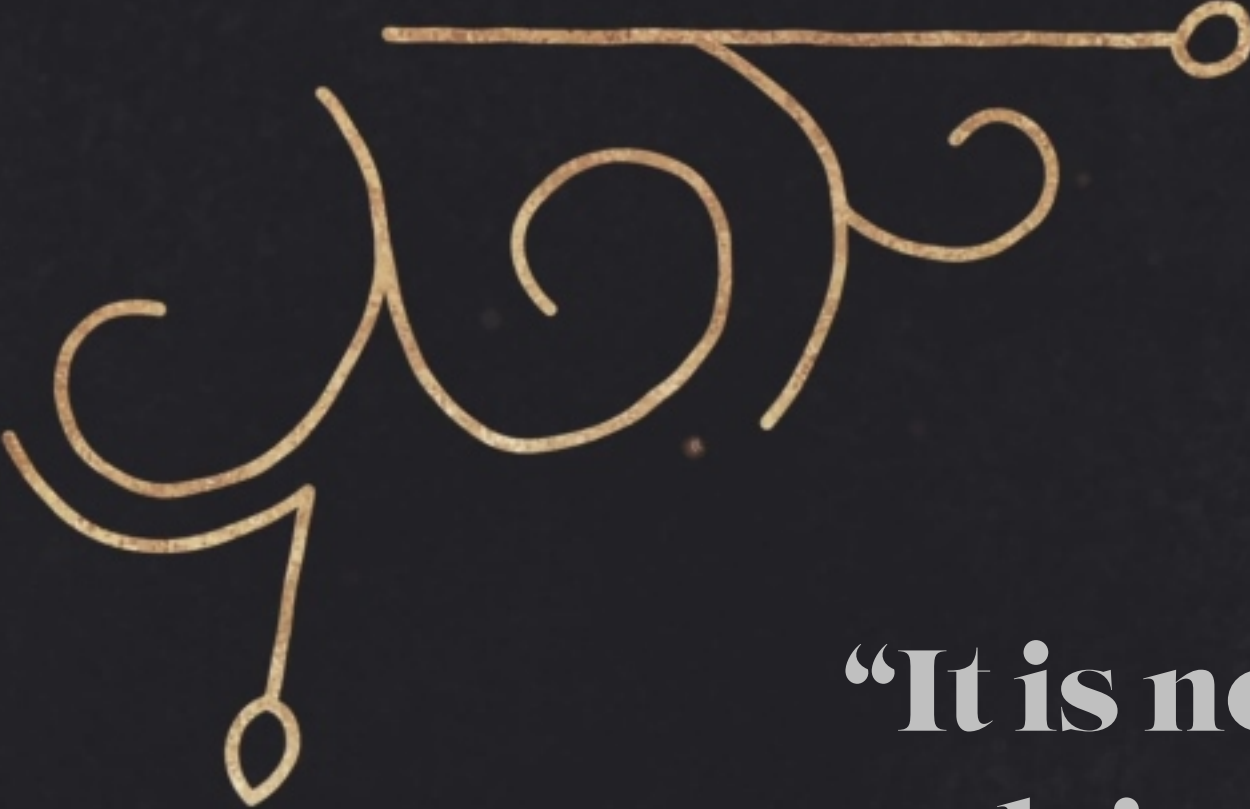
**And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host praising God and saying,**





**“Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”**

– Luke 2:13-14





“It is not enough to hear about Jesus. It is not enough to peek in the manger and say, ‘Oh, how nice. What a lovely scene. It gives me such good feelings.’ The truth is, even if Christ were born in Bethlehem a thousand times but not within you, you would be eternally lost. The Christ who was born into the world must be born in your heart. Religious sentiment, even at Christmastime, without the living Christ is a yellow brick road to darkness.”



– Kent Hughes



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