Serve Your True Self

To Thine Own Self Be True

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Our Focus

- Identify the true self that spiritual devotees should serve, specifying proven methods and principles for doing so.
- Elaborate the role of service, sacrifice, and action within the spiritual path, and how it encourages and empowers our best qualities.
- Define, clarify, and emphasize the primacy of self-mastery over spiritual beliefs, groups, and/or gurus.

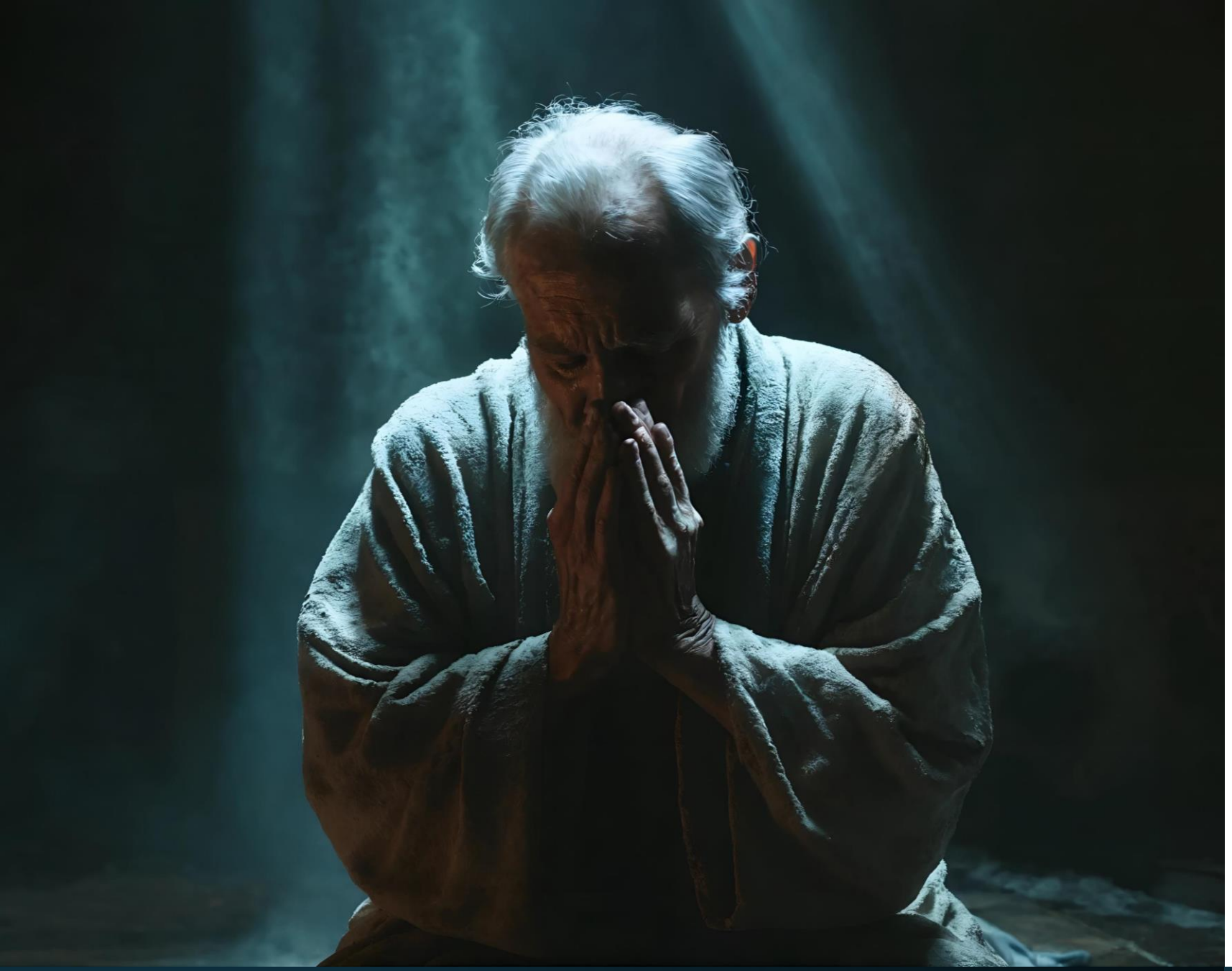
Who is the True Master?

To Be or Not to Be?

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.
—Matthew 6:24

The one who has no master has
Satan as his imam.

—Abu Yazid al-Bistami



Service

- Late Old English *serfise* (religious devotion or form of liturgy)
- Old French *servise* or Latin *servitium* “slavery,” from *servus* “slave.”
- Mid 19th century implication: “be of service to, provide with a service.”

—Oxford Language Dictionary

Sacrifice

- Middle English: from Old French, Latin *sacrificium*
- Related to *sacrificus* “sacrificial.”
- From *sacer* ”holy.”

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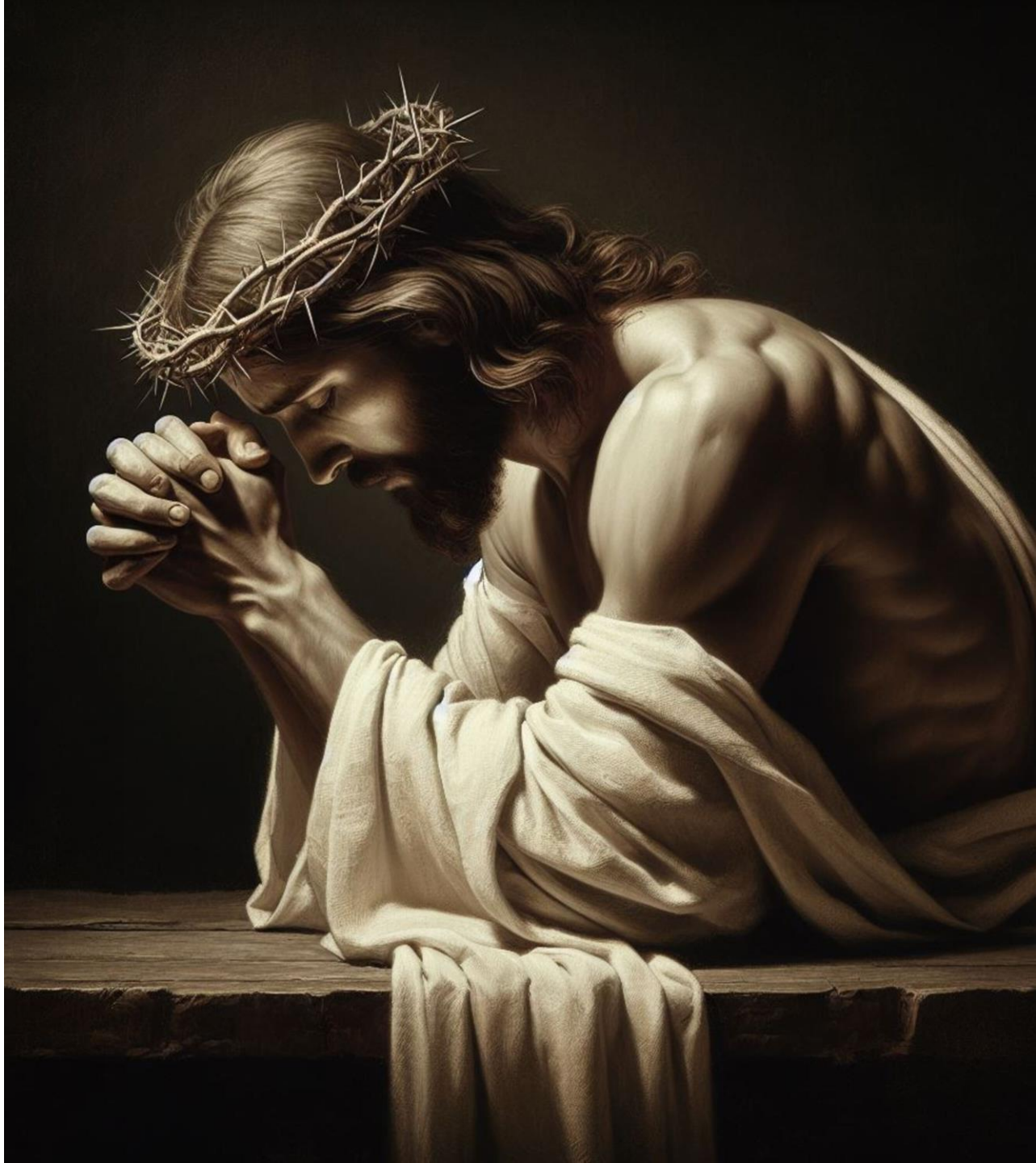
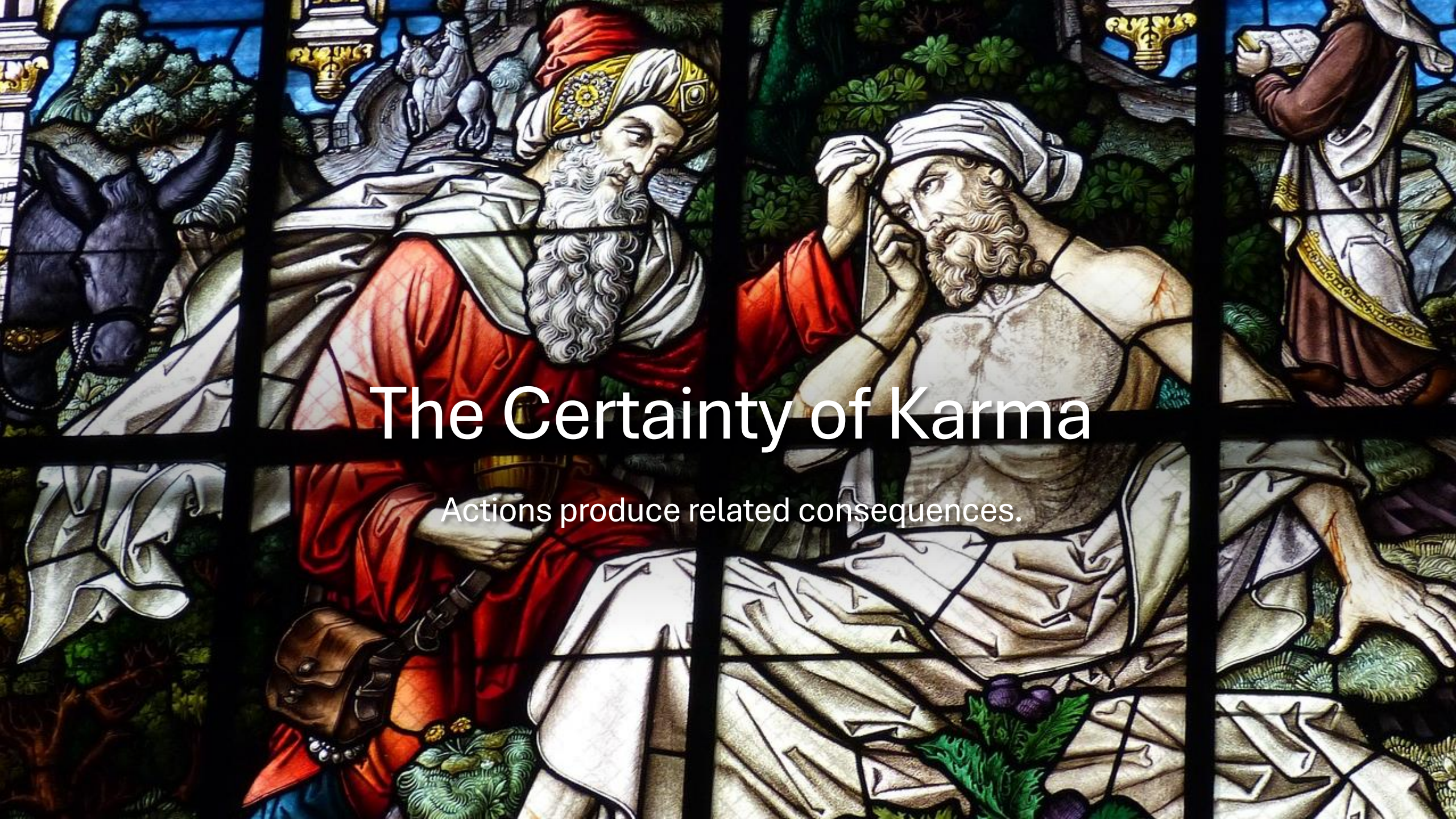


Karma(कर्म):
“Cause and Effect.”

Karman (कर्मन्):

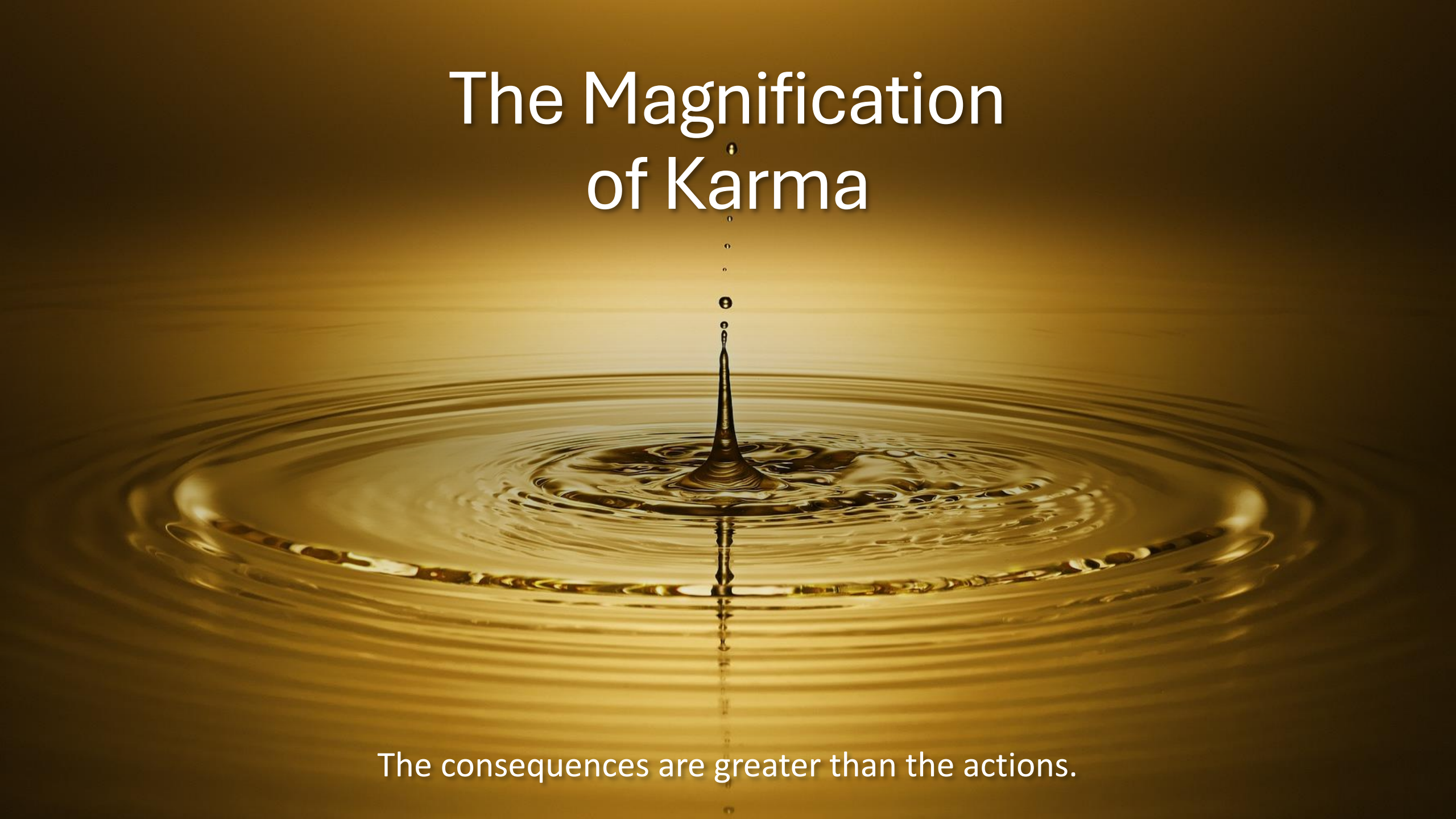
“action and consequence.”



The Certainty of Karma

Actions produce related consequences.

The Magnification of Karma



The consequences are greater than the actions.

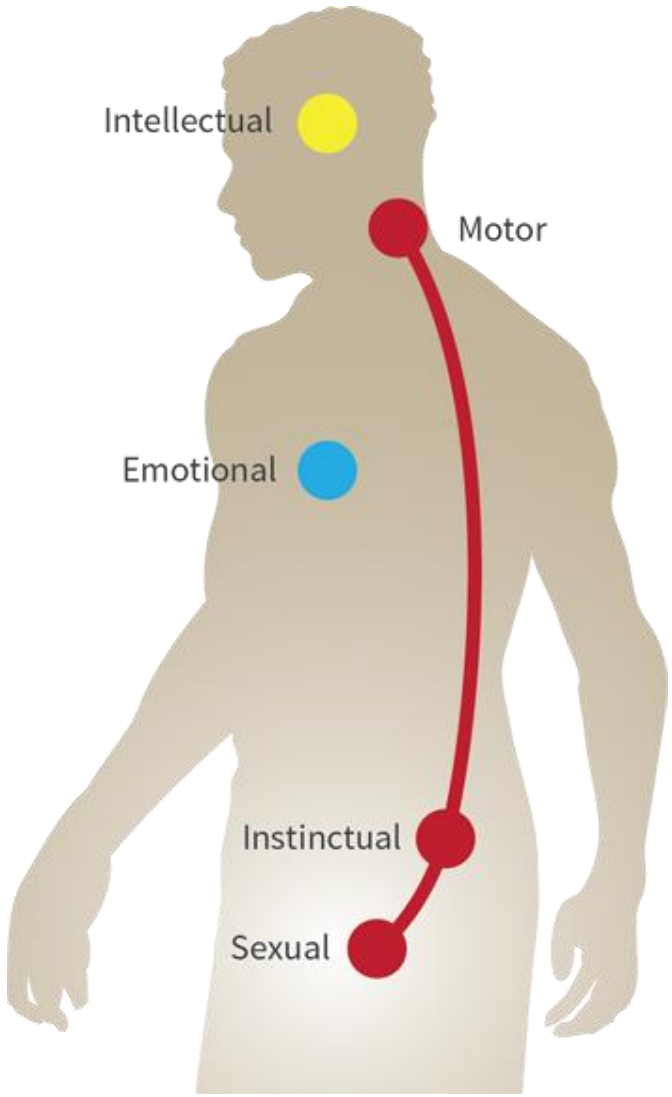
The Compensation of Karma

You cannot receive the consequence
without committing its corresponding action.

The Permanence of Karma

Once an action is performed, the consequence cannot be erased.

The Transcendence
of Karma
A superior action overcomes an inferior one.



Serve Your True Self to Serve Humanity

Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

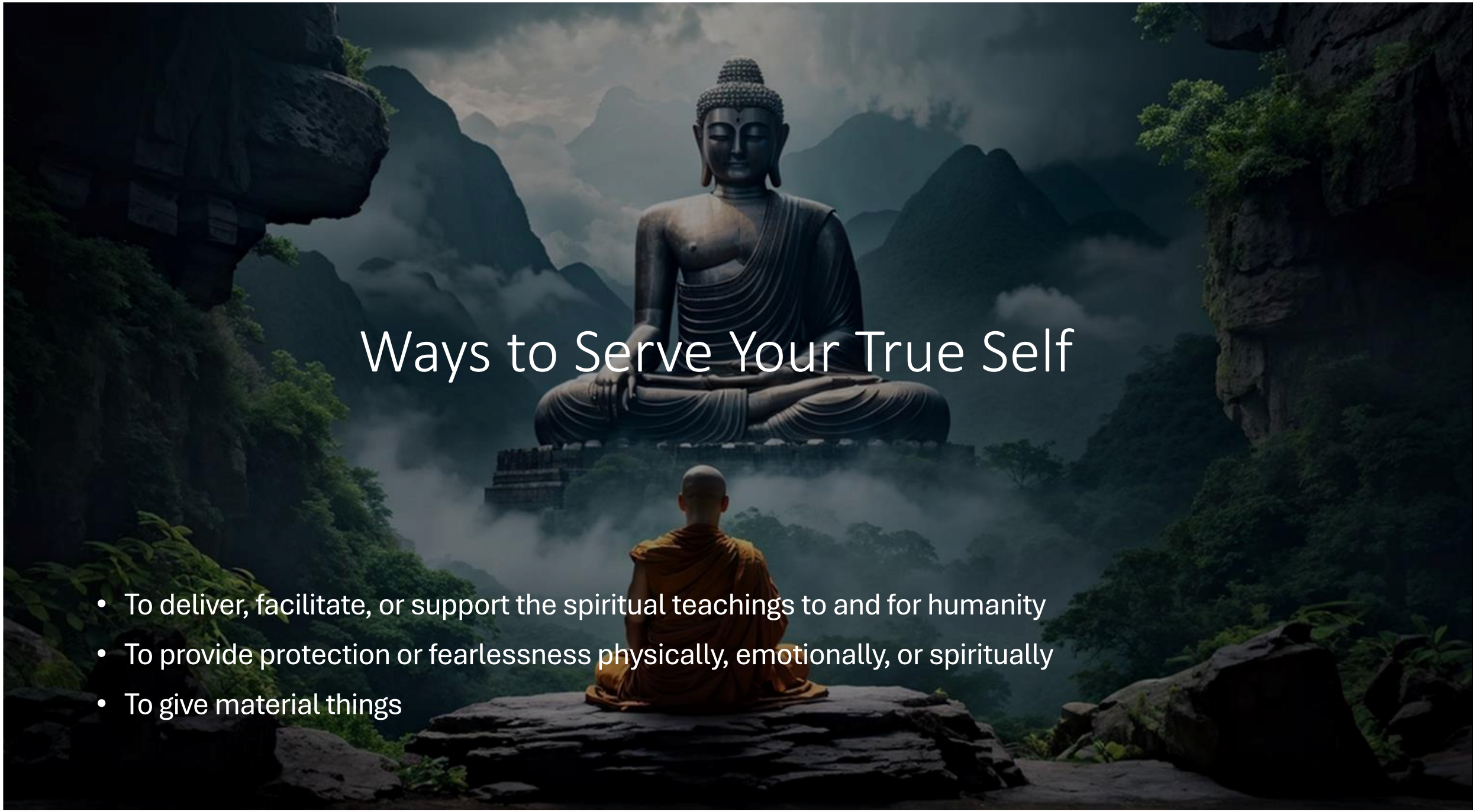
Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

—Matthew 22:46-40



Ways to Serve Your True Self

- To deliver, facilitate, or support the spiritual teachings to and for humanity
- To provide protection or fearlessness physically, emotionally, or spiritually
- To give material things

Bhavachakra, the Wheel of Becoming