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THE WORD SPOKEN BY THE WORD

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Jesus the Worshipped King

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Matthew 15:1-20

Our traditions can lead to:

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Our traditions can lead to:

A misguided perspective

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” He answered them, “And why do you break the

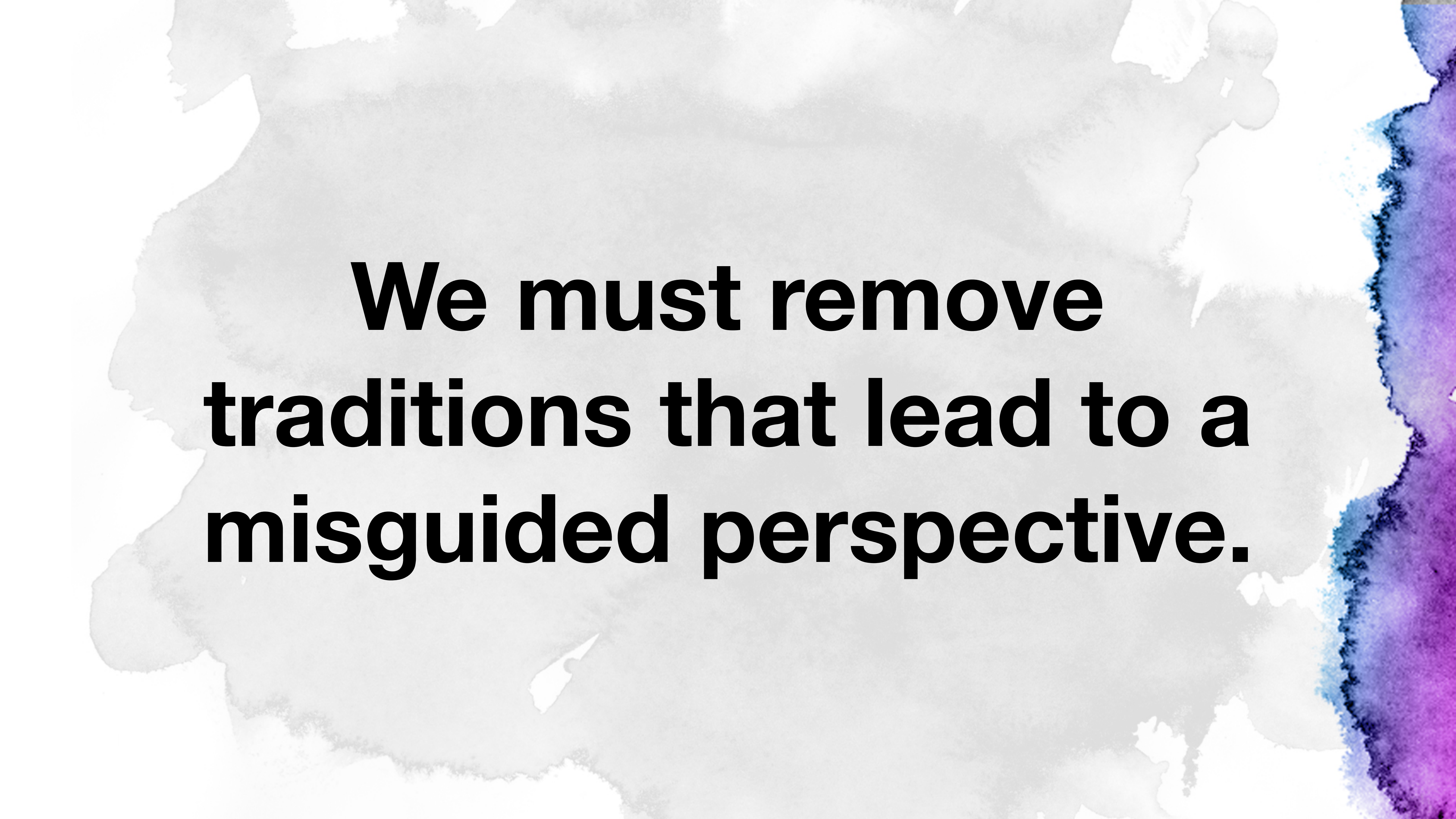
Matthew 15:1-6

commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, "What you would have

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gained from me is given to God,” he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.

Matthew 15:1-6

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**We must remove
traditions that lead to a
misguided perspective.**



WHO'S YOUR
ONE?

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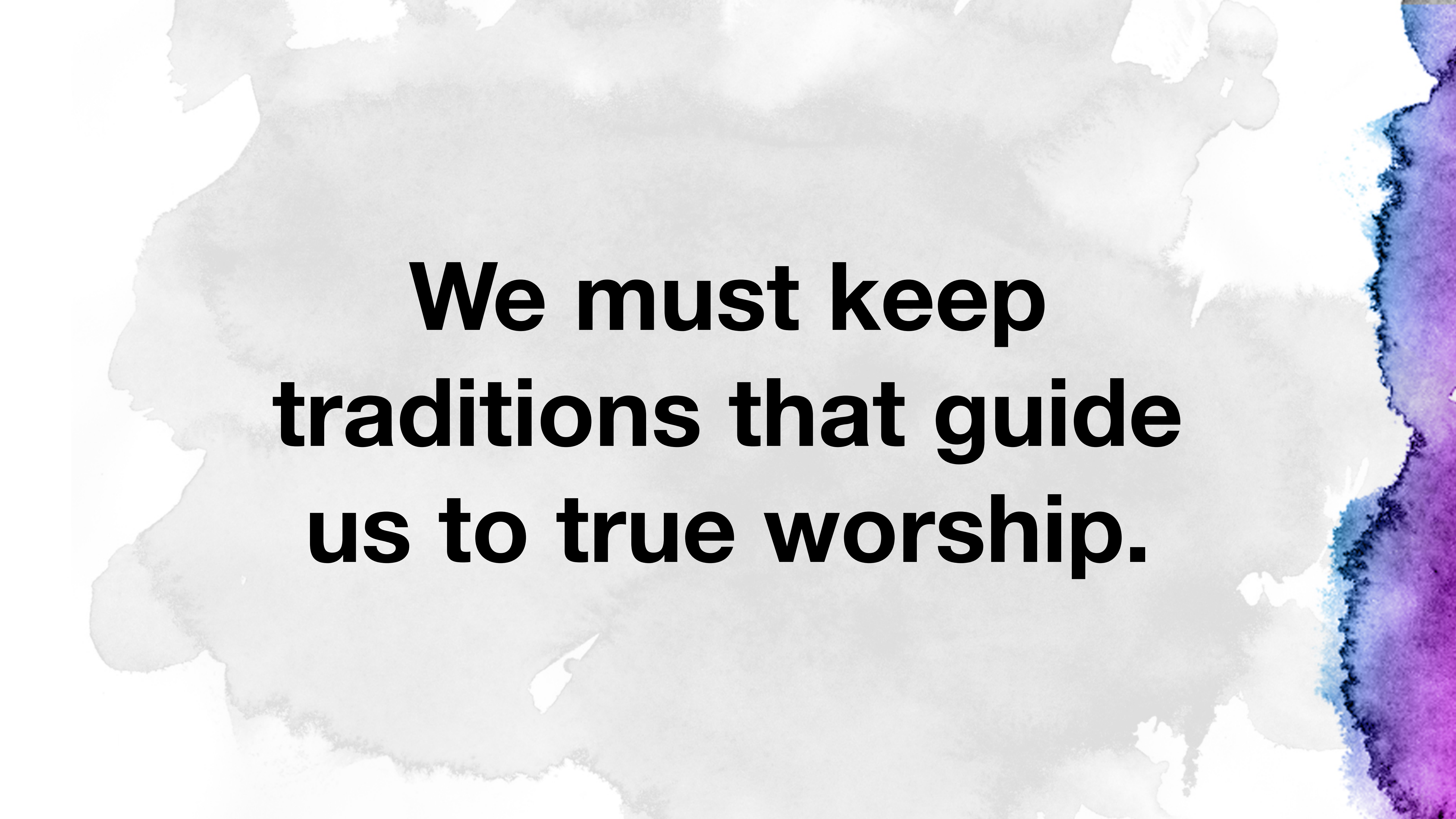
Our traditions can lead to:

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You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

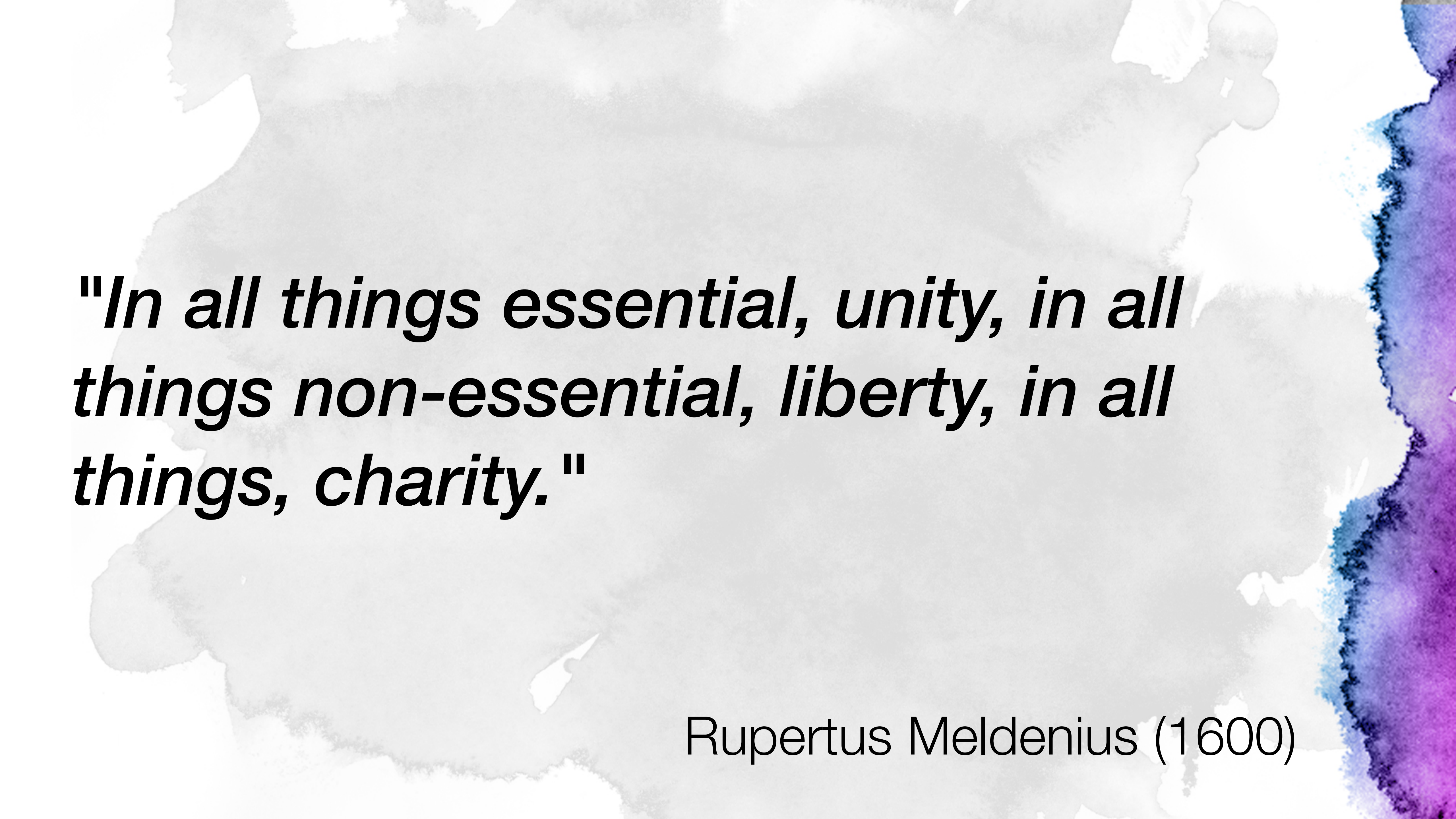
Matthew 15:7-9



**We must keep
traditions that guide
us to true worship.**

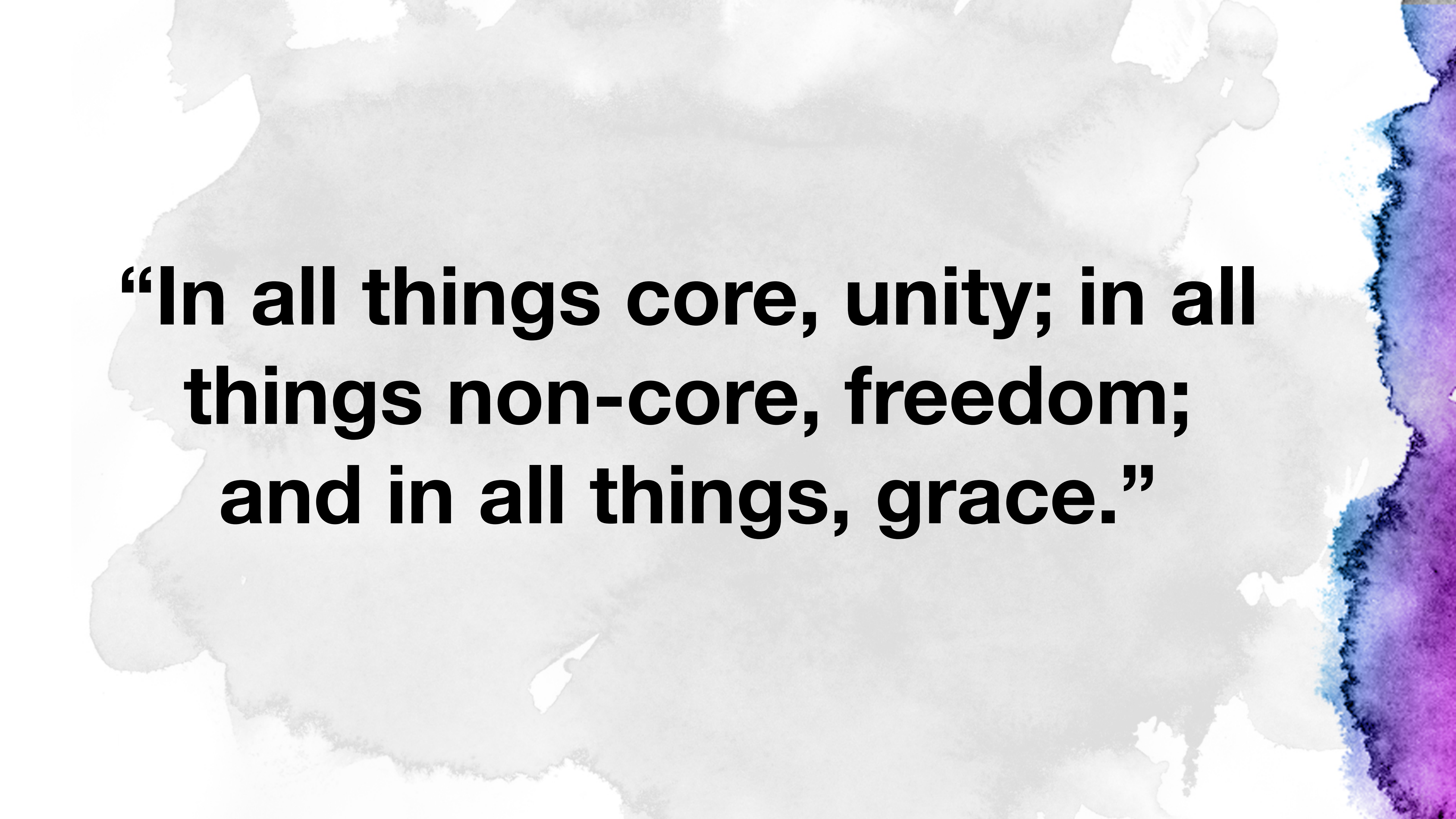
"Tradition is the living faith of the dead, traditionalism is the dead faith of the living. And, I suppose I should add, it is traditionalism that gives tradition such a bad name."

Jaroslav Pelikan



"In all things essential, unity, in all things non-essential, liberty, in all things, charity."

Rupertus Meldenius (1600)



“In all things core, unity; in all things non-core, freedom; and in all things, grace.”

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Our traditions can lead to:

a misguided perspective

a misplaced priority

a misdirected purpose

And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.” Then the disciples came and said to him,

Matthew 15:10-12

***“Do you know that the Pharisees
were offended when they heard this
saying?”***

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He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up."

Matthew 15:13

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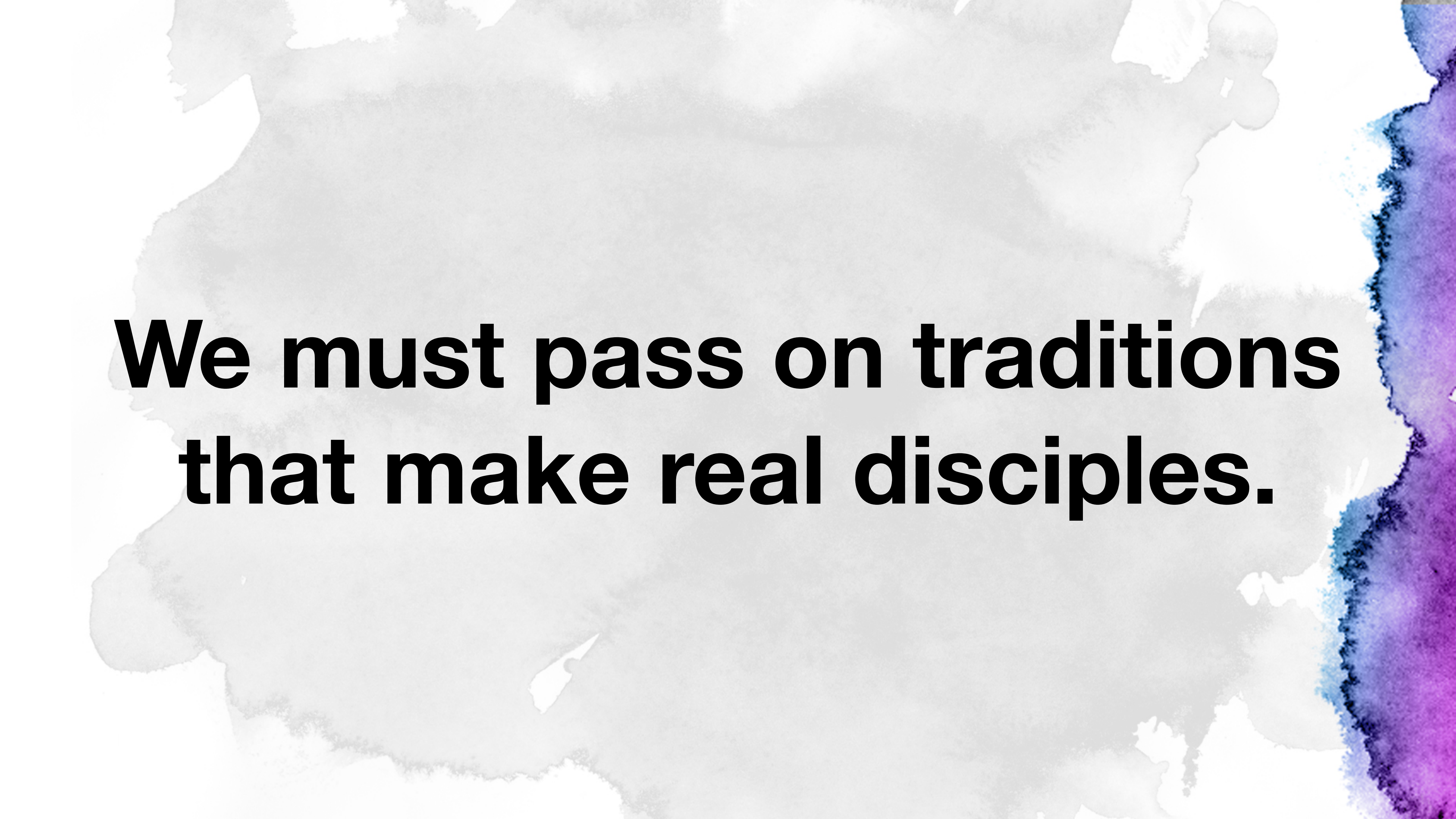
**Do our traditions
encourage longevity?**

"Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

Matthew 15:14

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**Do our traditions
pass down truth?**

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**We must pass on traditions
that make real disciples.**

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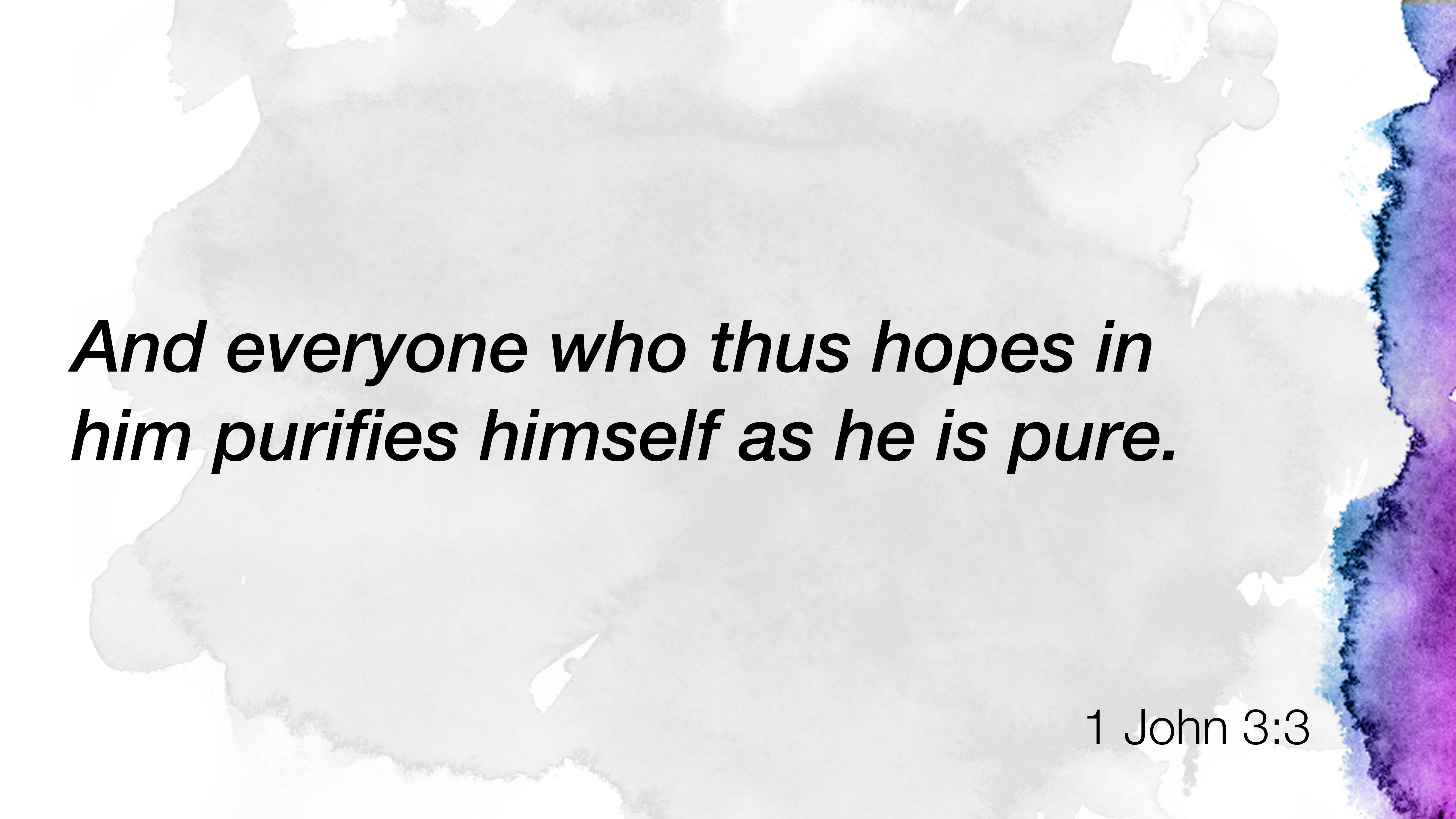
a mistaken purity

But Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.” And he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? But what comes out of the

Matthew 15:15-20

mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

Matthew 15:15-20

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***And everyone who thus hopes in
him purifies himself as he is pure.***

1 John 3:3

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**Do our traditions pass
down hope?**

"...therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

Isaiah 29:14

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

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