

Doctrine
for Everybody

**The Doctrine
of Christ**

November

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**What does it mean that
Jesus emptied Himself**

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**GOD AND
MAN**

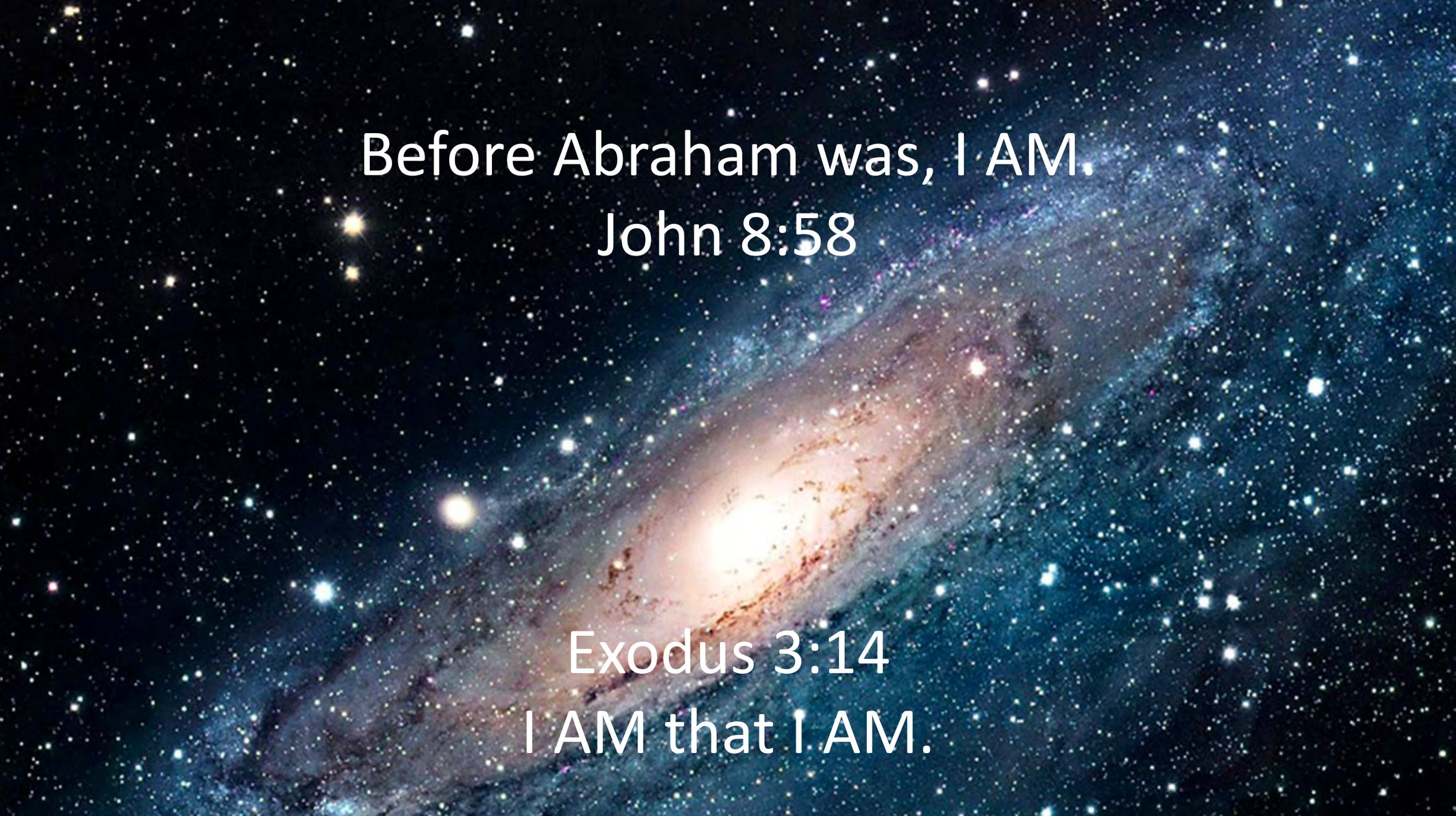
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**SINLESS LIVING
OF JESUS**

The Son of God:
Alive before He was born.





Before Abraham was, I AM.
John 8:58

Exodus 3:14
I AM that I AM.

5 Errors About Jesus

Sabellianism (Modalism)



One God, different Modes

Arianism



Homoiousios (similar to God) ≠
homousios (same God stuff)

Apollinarianism



Human Body + Human Spirit + God Soul

Nestorianism



Human Person (Jesus) + Divine Person (Christ)

Monophysitism (Eutychianism)



Mixed Natures = Jesus Christ

Chalcedon 451 AD

We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; *consubstantial [coessential] with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood*; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in *two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably*; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather *the property of each nature being preserved* and concurring in *one Person* and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God, the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the prophets from the beginning [have declared] concerning him, and the Lord Jesus Christ himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has been handed down to us.

2 Questions that MUST be asked

When the eternal Son became a man, did he stop being God?

Does the Son give up some qualities of God to be a man?

Philippians 2:6-11

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⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

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The word “became nothing” is emptied. It comes from the word about pouring out. But does it say he poured out his God attributes?

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GOD

eternity

free

wise

holy

know

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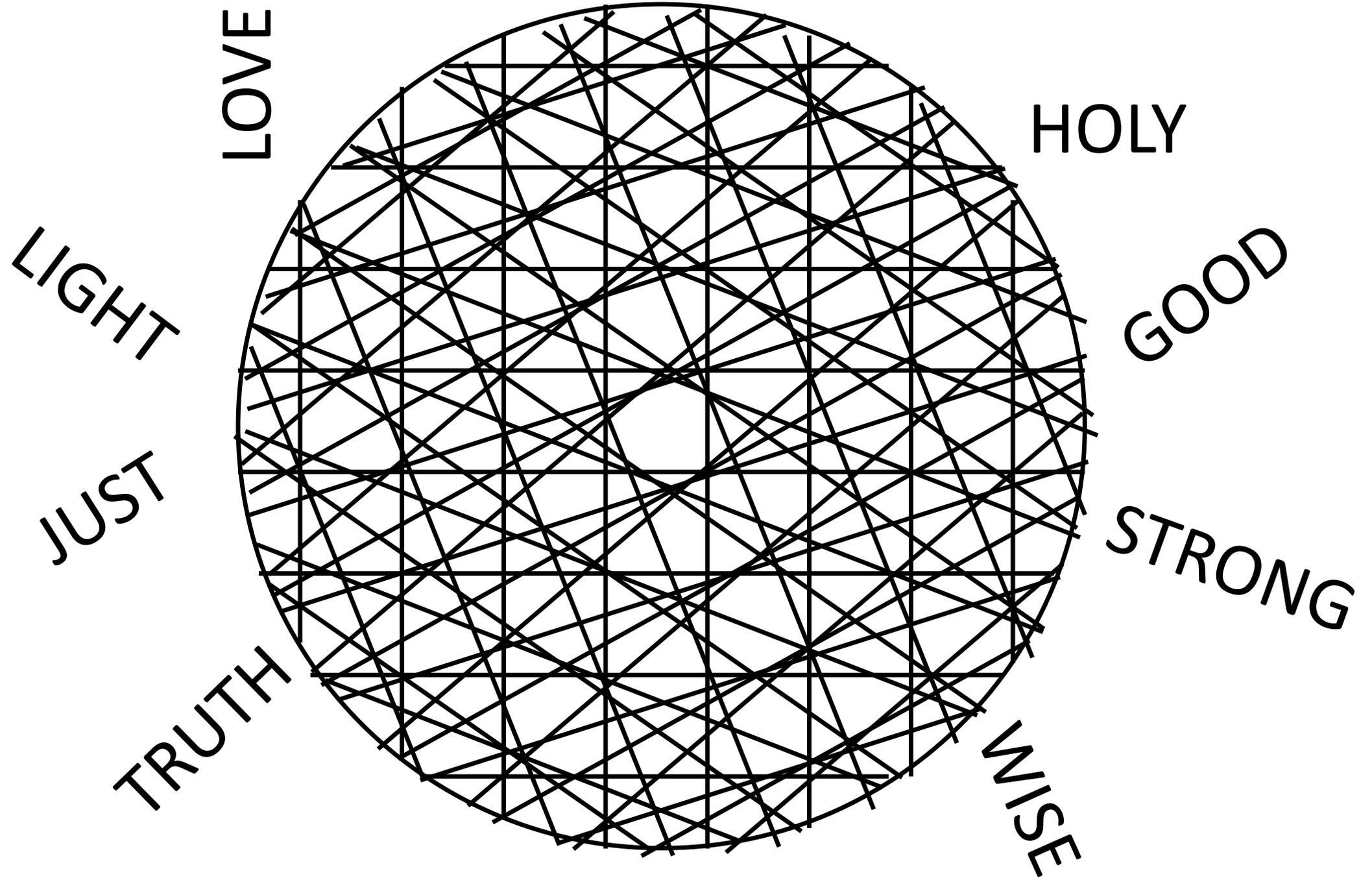
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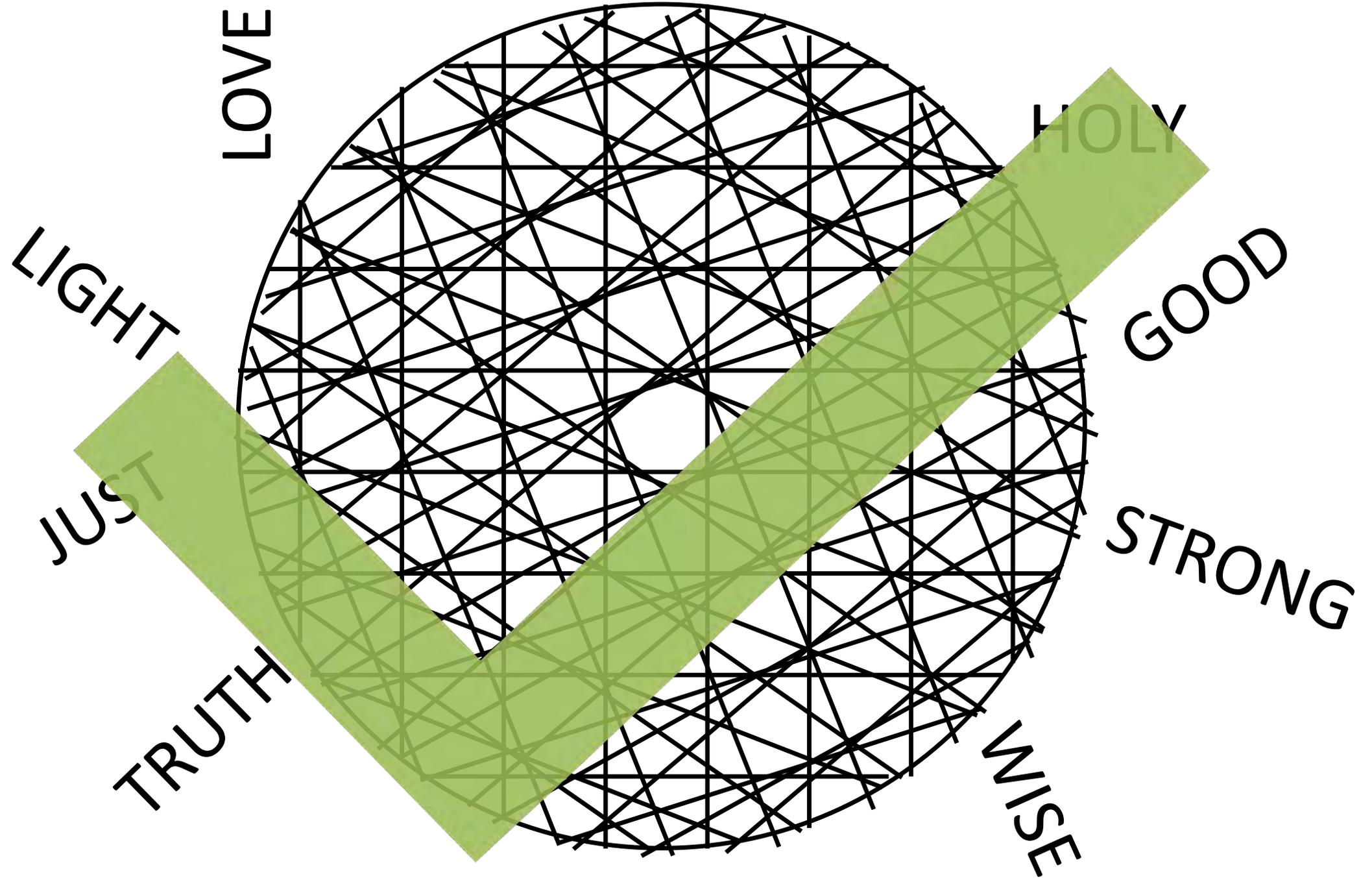
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Poured Himself — NOT his Attributes!

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Emptied by Taking On

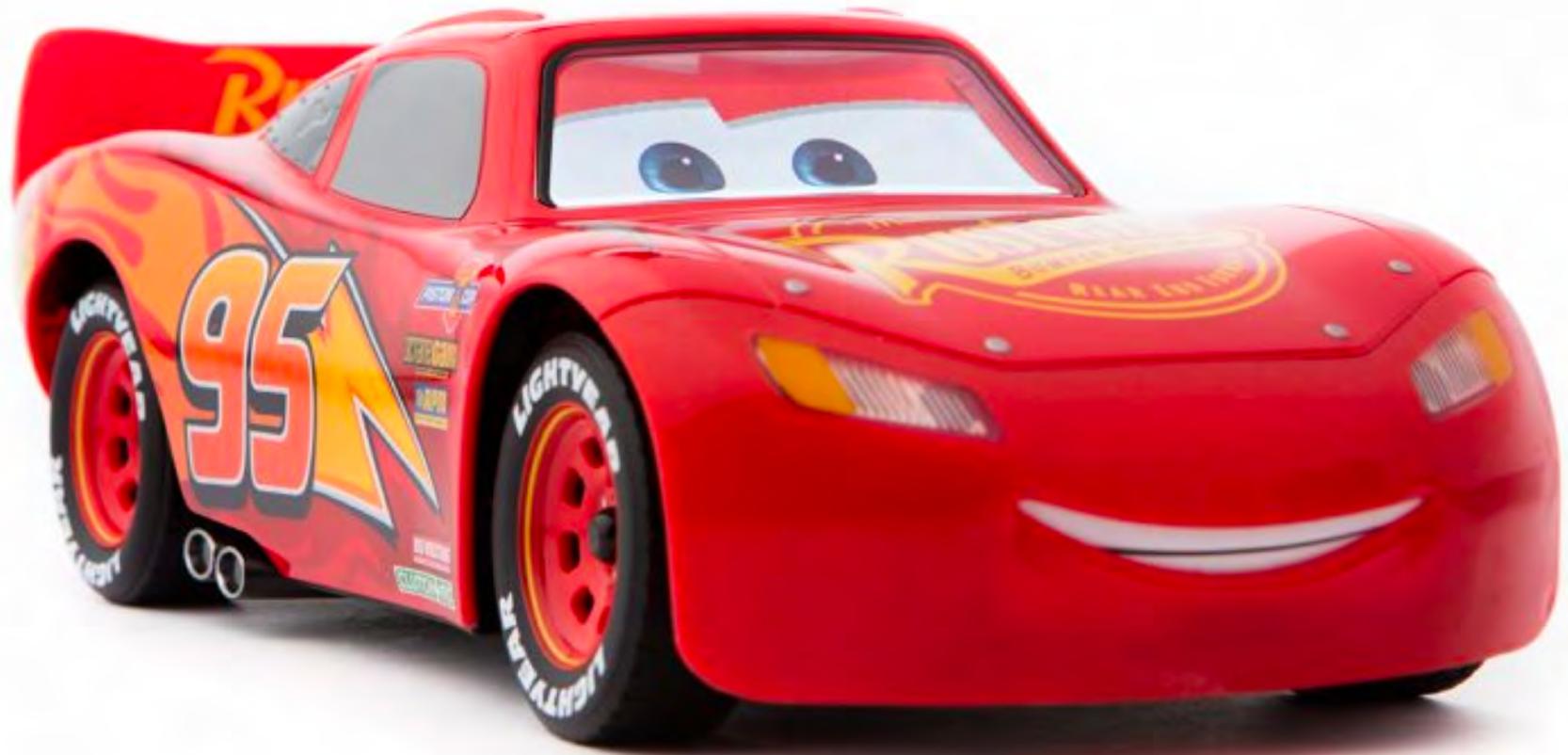
subtraction by addition

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A close-up photograph of a round chocolate cake. The cake is covered in dark chocolate frosting, featuring decorative swirls around the perimeter and a textured pattern on the top surface. The sides of the cake are also decorated with frosting and sprinkled with small, light-colored nuts. On top of the cake, a cluster of several small, silver anchovies is placed. The cake sits on a white plate. In the background, a white bowl containing a light-colored liquid and a floral-patterned plate are partially visible.

Glorious cake covered by anchovies



Glorious car and paint is all there—
just under the mud





All of His glory and attributes are there



but covered by human life and accepted servant limits

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