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Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



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Supernatural refers to phenomena or entities that are beyond the laws of nature.^[1] The term is derived from Medieval Latin *supernaturalis*, from Latin *super-* (above, beyond, or outside of) + *natura* (nature)^[1] Though the corollary term "nature", has had multiple meanings since the ancient world, the term "supernatural" emerged in the Middle Ages^[2] and did not exist in the ancient world.^[3]

The supernatural is featured in folklore and religious contexts,^[4] but can also feature as an explanation in more secular contexts, as in the cases of superstitions or belief in the paranormal.^[5] The term is a physical entities, such as angels, demons, gods, and spirits. It also includes claimed abilities embodied in or provided by such beings, including magic, telekinesis, levitation, precognition, and extrasensory perception.

Etymology and history of the concept [edit]

Occurring as both an adjective and a noun, antecedents of the modern English compound *supernatural* enter the language from two sources: via Middle French (*supernaturel*) and directly from the Middle French's term's ancestor, post-Classical Latin (*supernaturalis*). Post-classical Latin *supernaturalis* first occurs in the 6th century, composed of the Latin prefix *super-* and *nātūrālis* (see *nature*). The earliest known appearance of the word in the English language occurs in a Middle English translation of Catherine of Siena's *Dialogue (orchard of Syon)*, around 1425; *Pei haue not panne þe supernaturel lyzt ne þe lizt of kunnyng, bycause þei vndirstoden it not*.^[6]

The semantic value of the term has shifted over the history of its use. Originally the term referred exclusively to Christian understandings of the world. For example, as an adjective, the term can mean "belonging to a realm or system that transcends nature, as that of divine, magical, or ghostly beings; attributed to or thought



Saint Peter Attempting to Walk on Water (1766), painting by François Boucher

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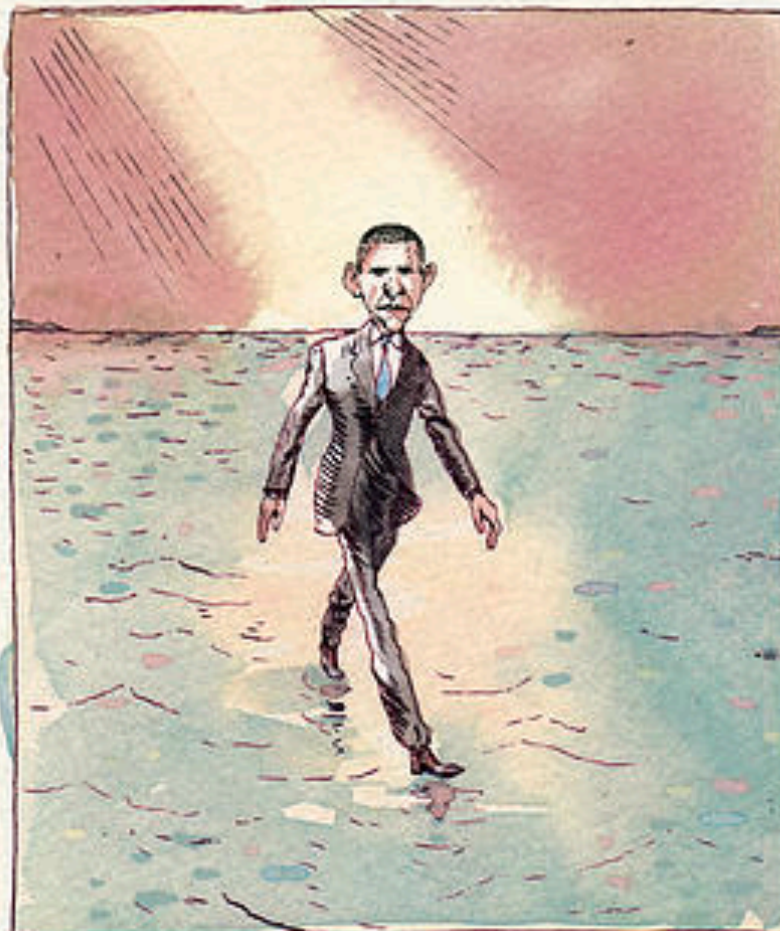




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Jesus Walks on Water

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HEBREW = I AM

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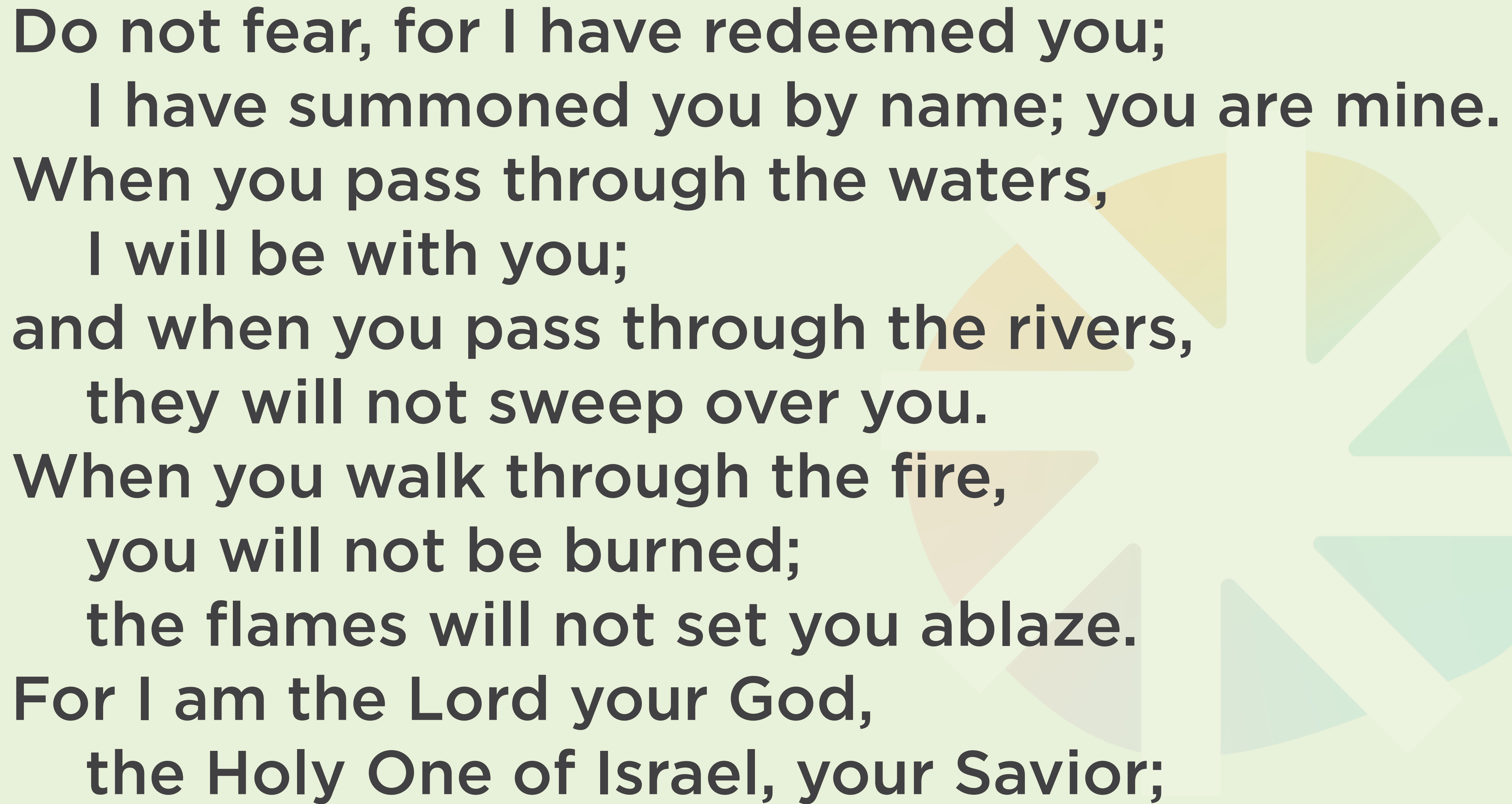
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**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;**

Isaiah 43:1b-3a

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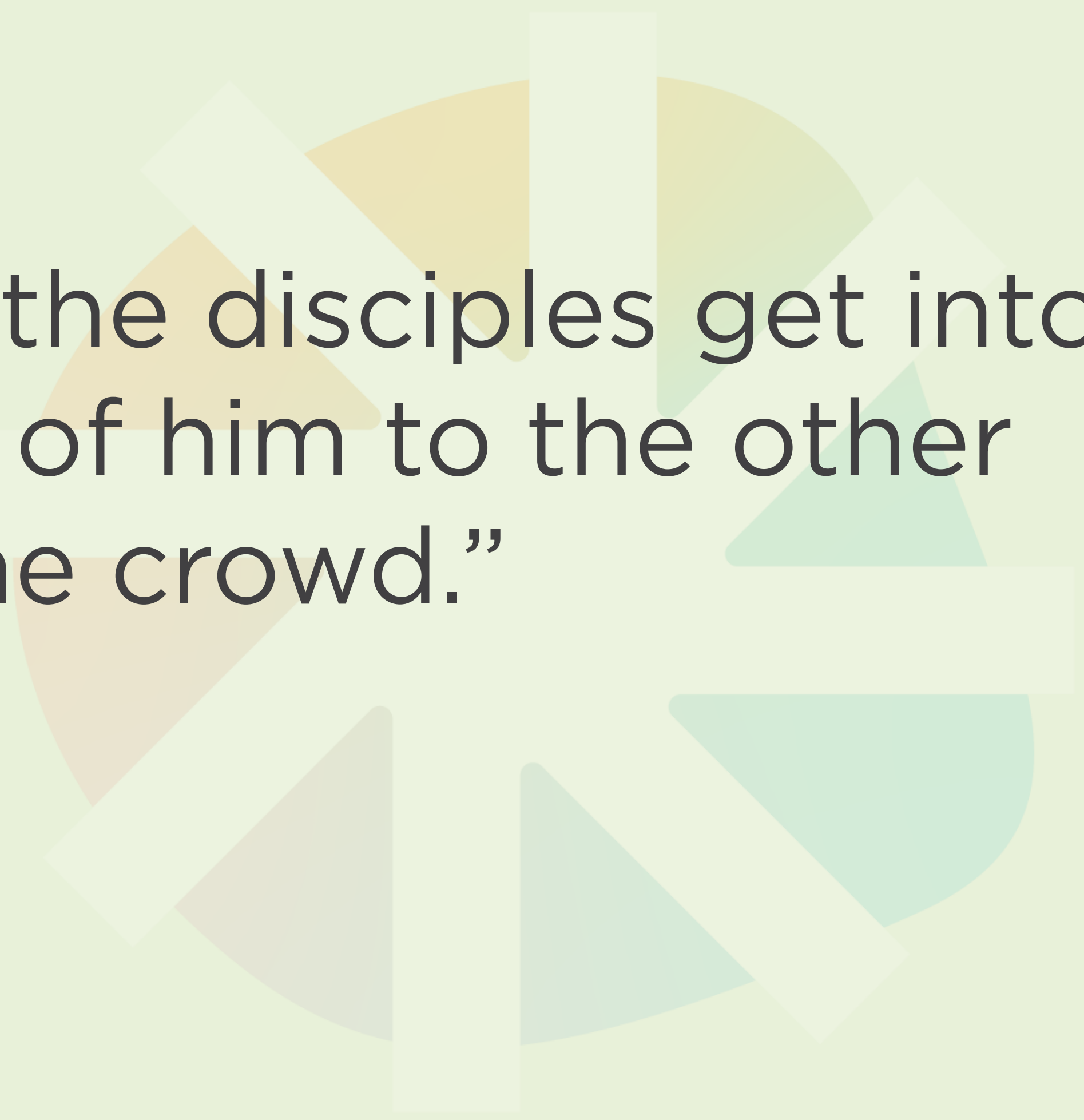
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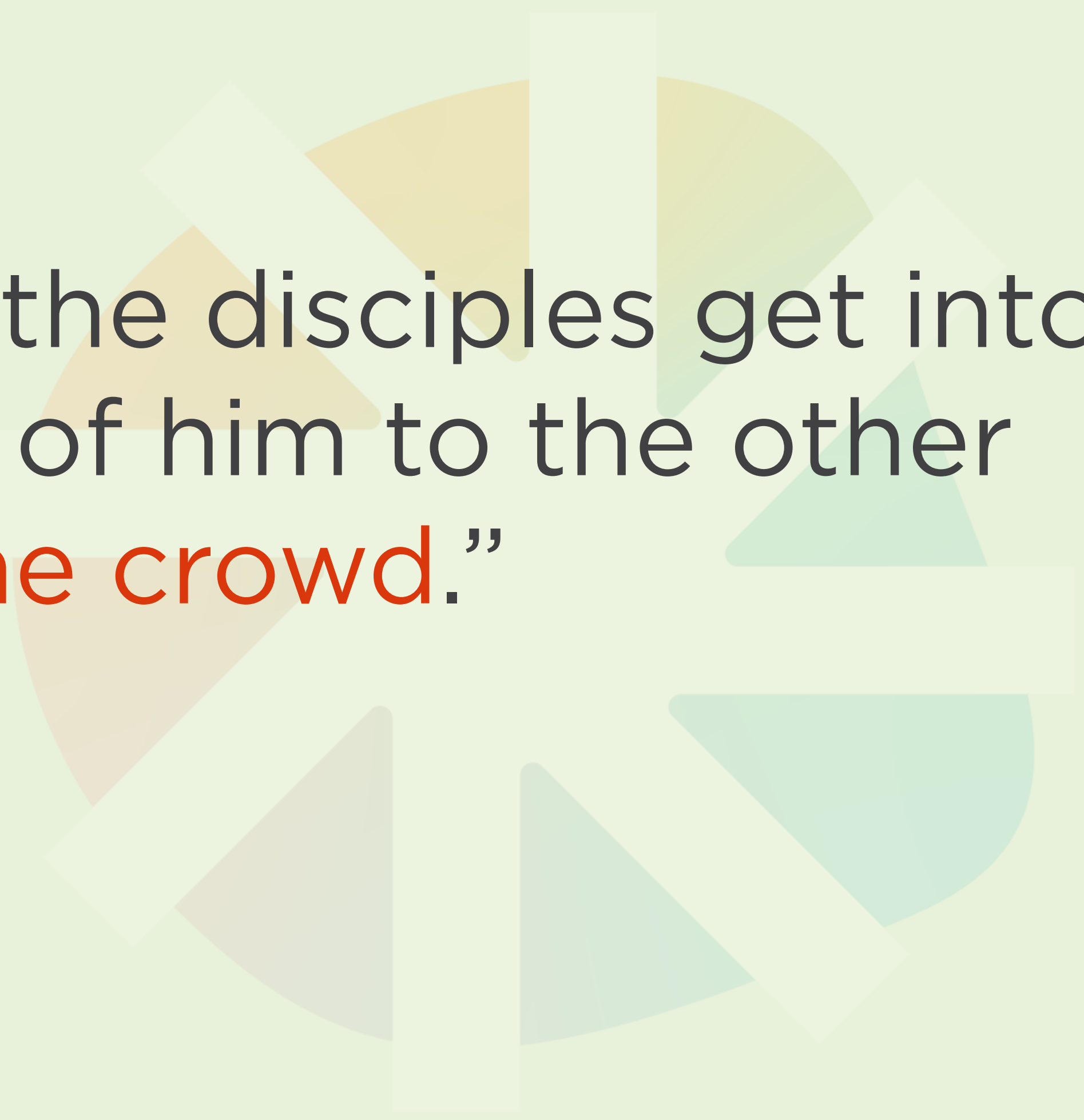
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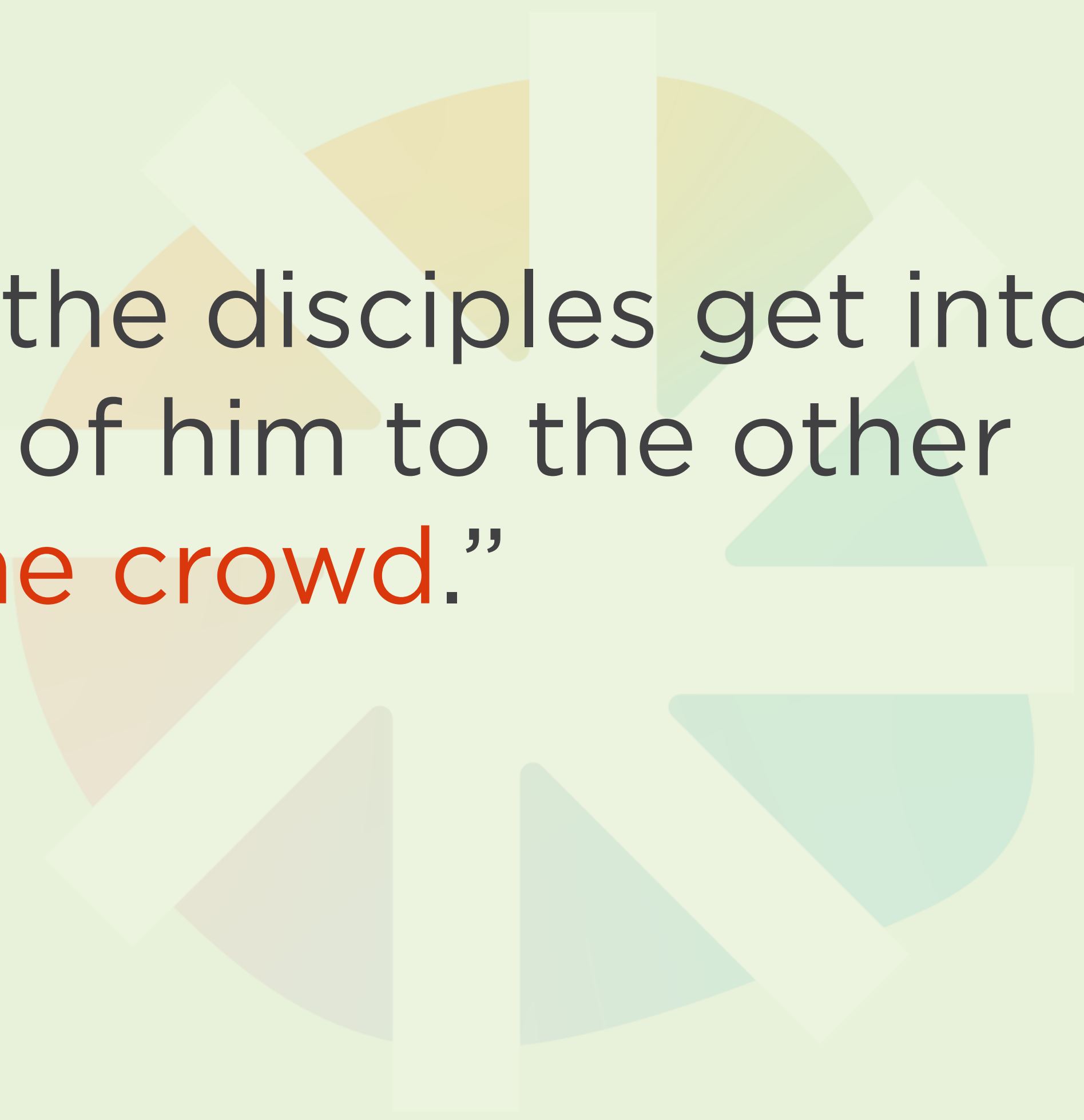


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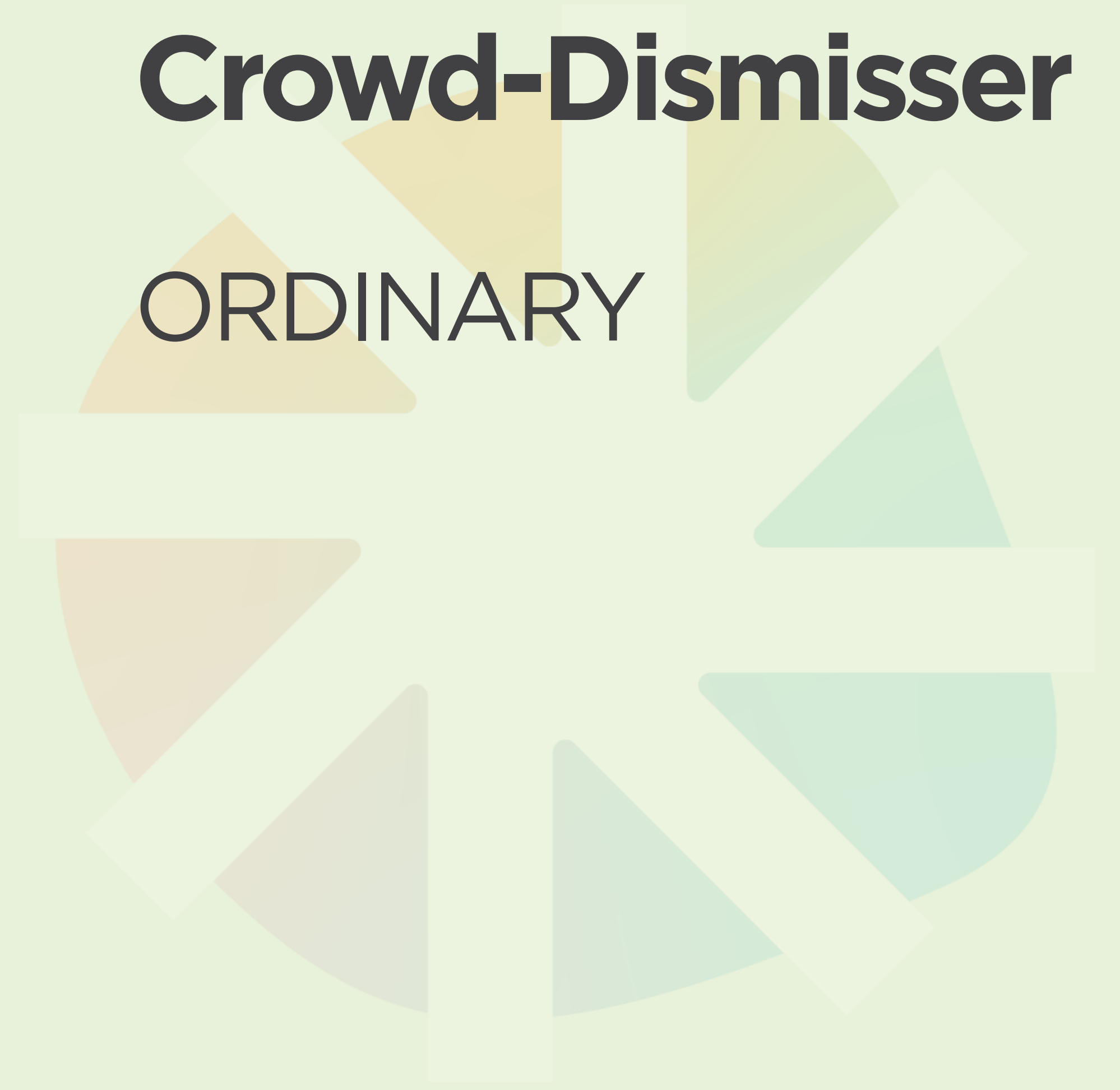
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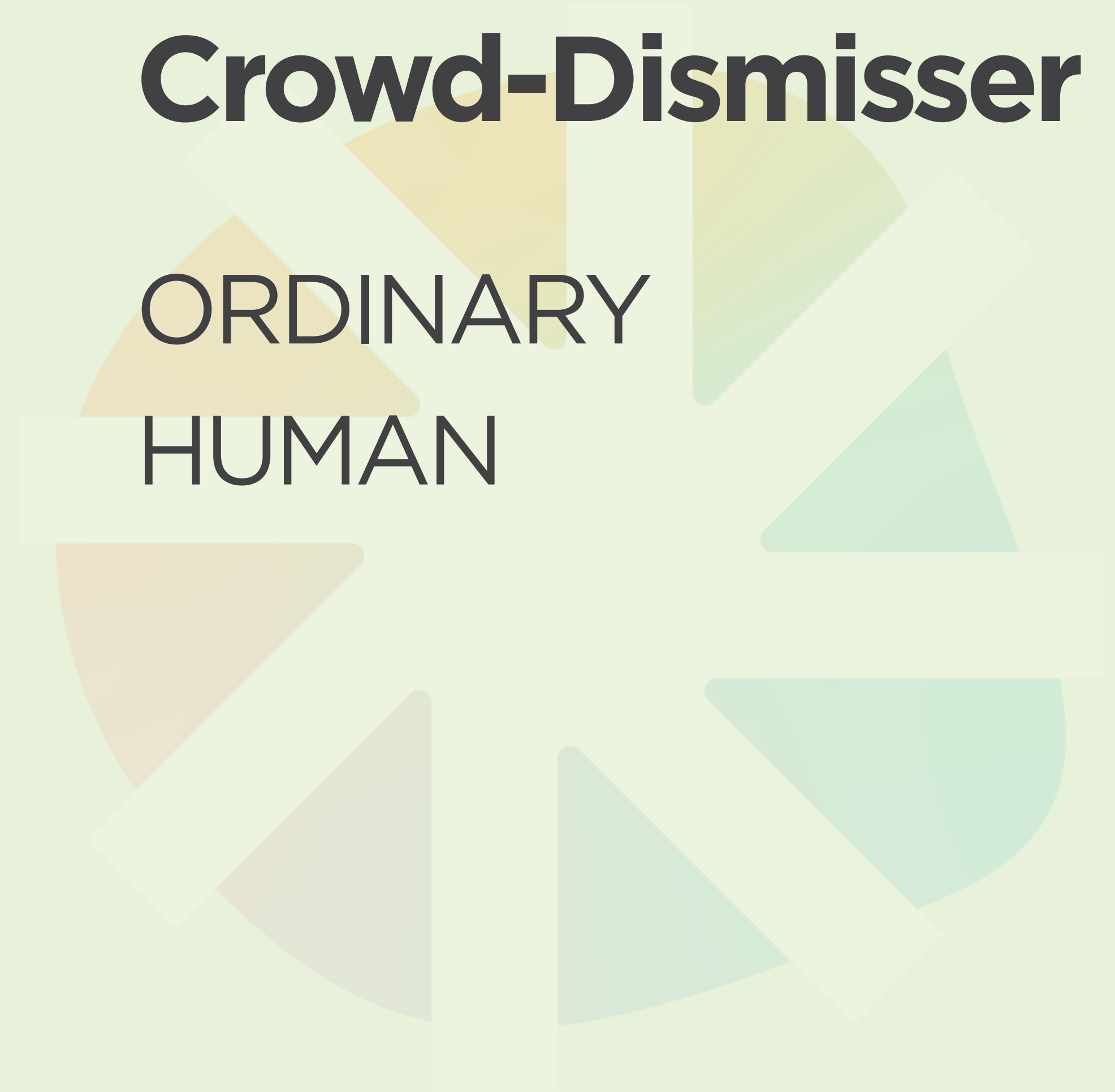
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