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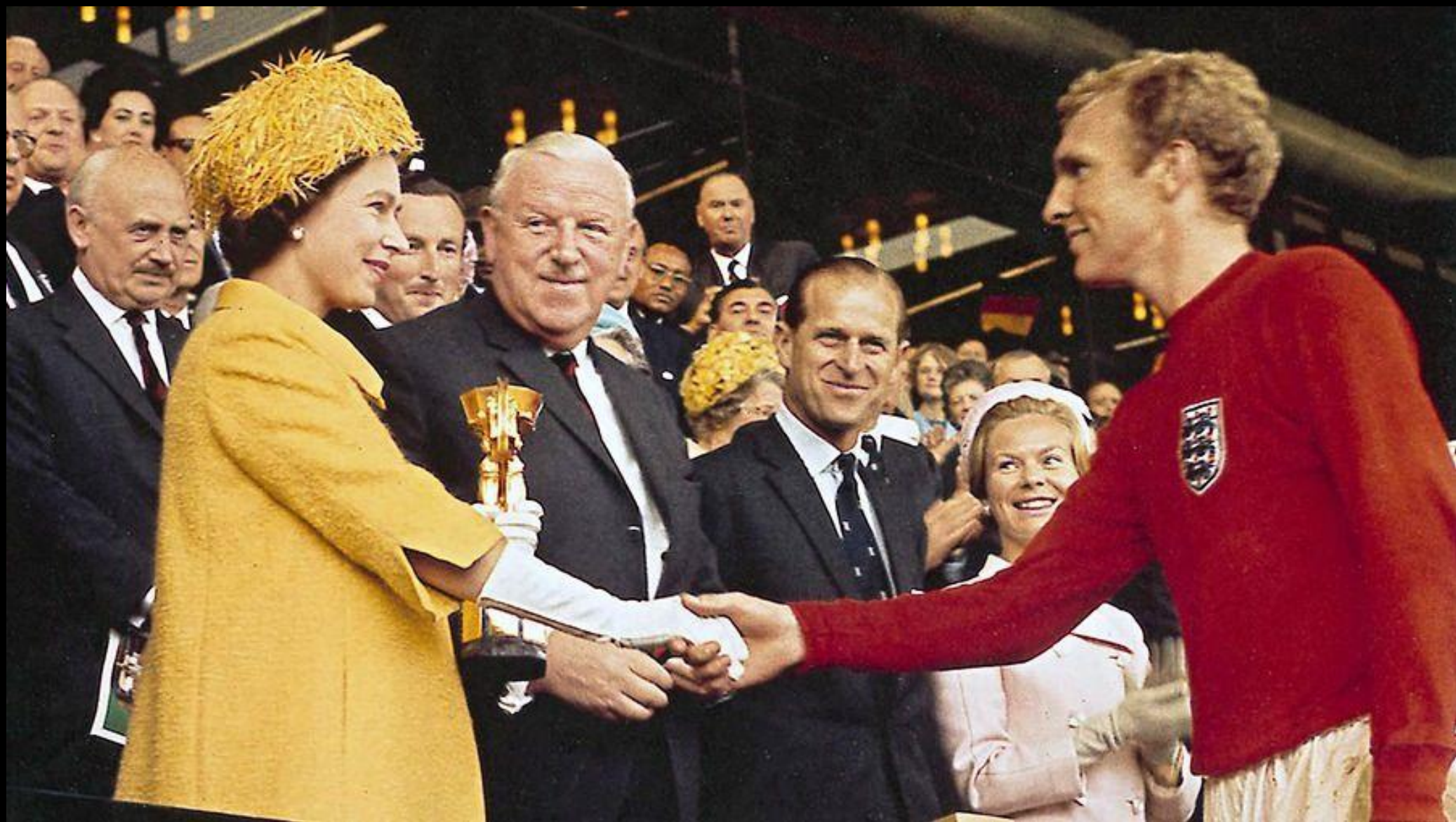


















“The ball was at least one meter over the line. Full stop.”

(Geoff Hurst, as quoted in the article *Hurst: It Was at Least One Metre over The Line* on FIFA.com, June 29, 2016)



“Having listened to all the arguments over the decades and watched the replay hundreds of times on TV, I have to admit that it looks as though the ball didn’t cross the line. But until someone proves otherwise, I’m happy to go along with [the referees].”

(From Geoff Hurst’s autobiography *1966 and All That*)



“Was it a goal? Did the ball cross the line?
Those two questions have haunted me for
most of my adult life.”

(From Geoff Hurst's autobiography *1966 and All That*)



“You want to believe more than your life’s worth that the ball crossed the line. And so that belief has been strongly with me until today.”


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REASONABLE DOUBT

Psalm 77 (ESV): “I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. **2** In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. **3** When I remember God, I moan; when I meditate, my spirit faints. **4** You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. **5** I consider the days of old, the years long ago. **6** I said, ‘Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart.’ Then my spirit made a diligent search: **7** ‘Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable?...”

REASONABLE DOUBT

“...8 Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?’ 10 Then I said, ‘I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High.’ 11 I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. 12 I will ponder all your work and meditate on your mighty deeds. 13 Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? 14 You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples....”

REASONABLE DOUBT

“...**15** You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. **16** When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled. **17** The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side. **18** The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. **19** Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. **20** You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.”

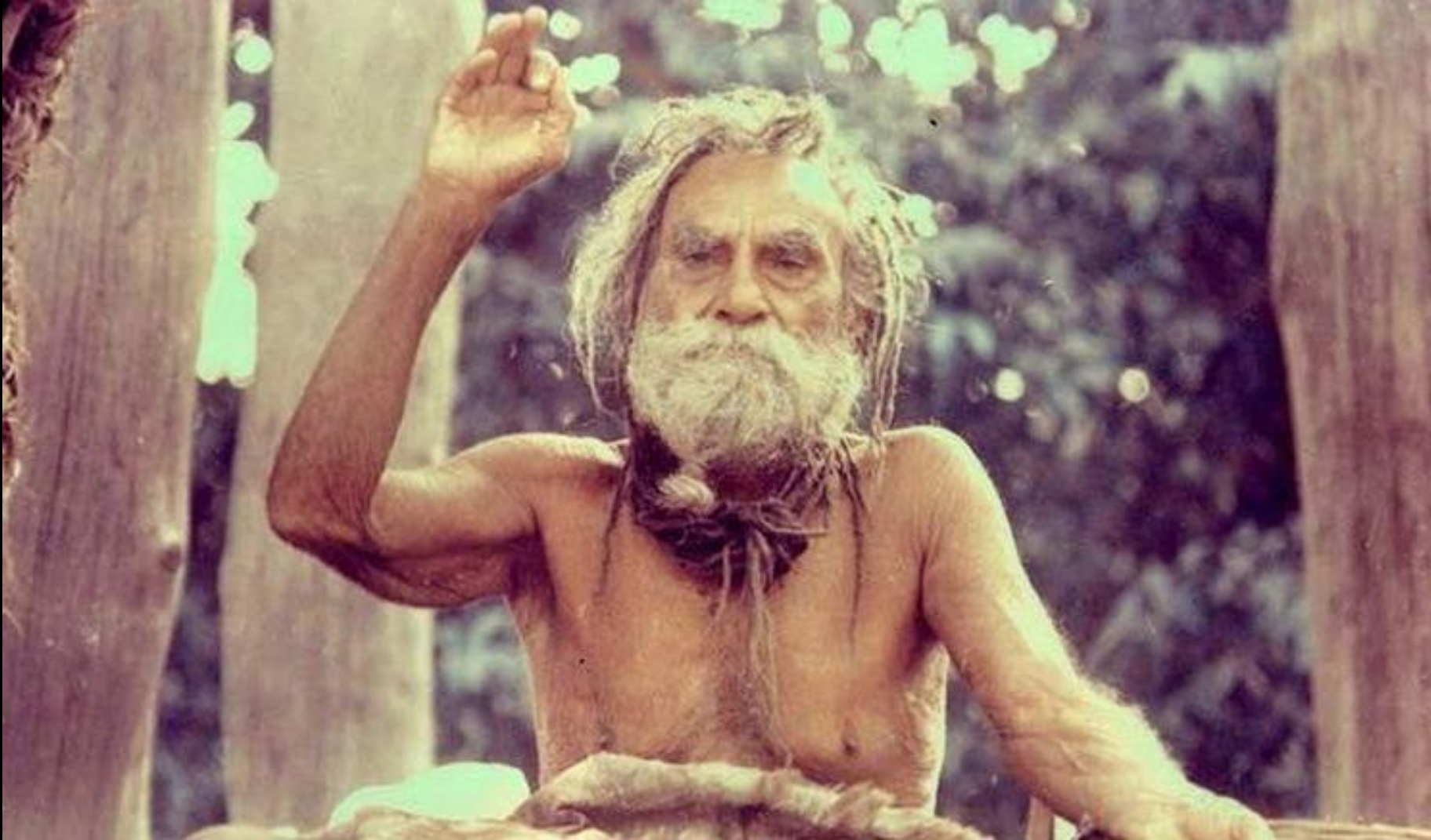
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Exodus 14:10-11 (ESV): “When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. **11** They said to Moses, ‘Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?’”

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Exodus 14:31 (ESV): “Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.”

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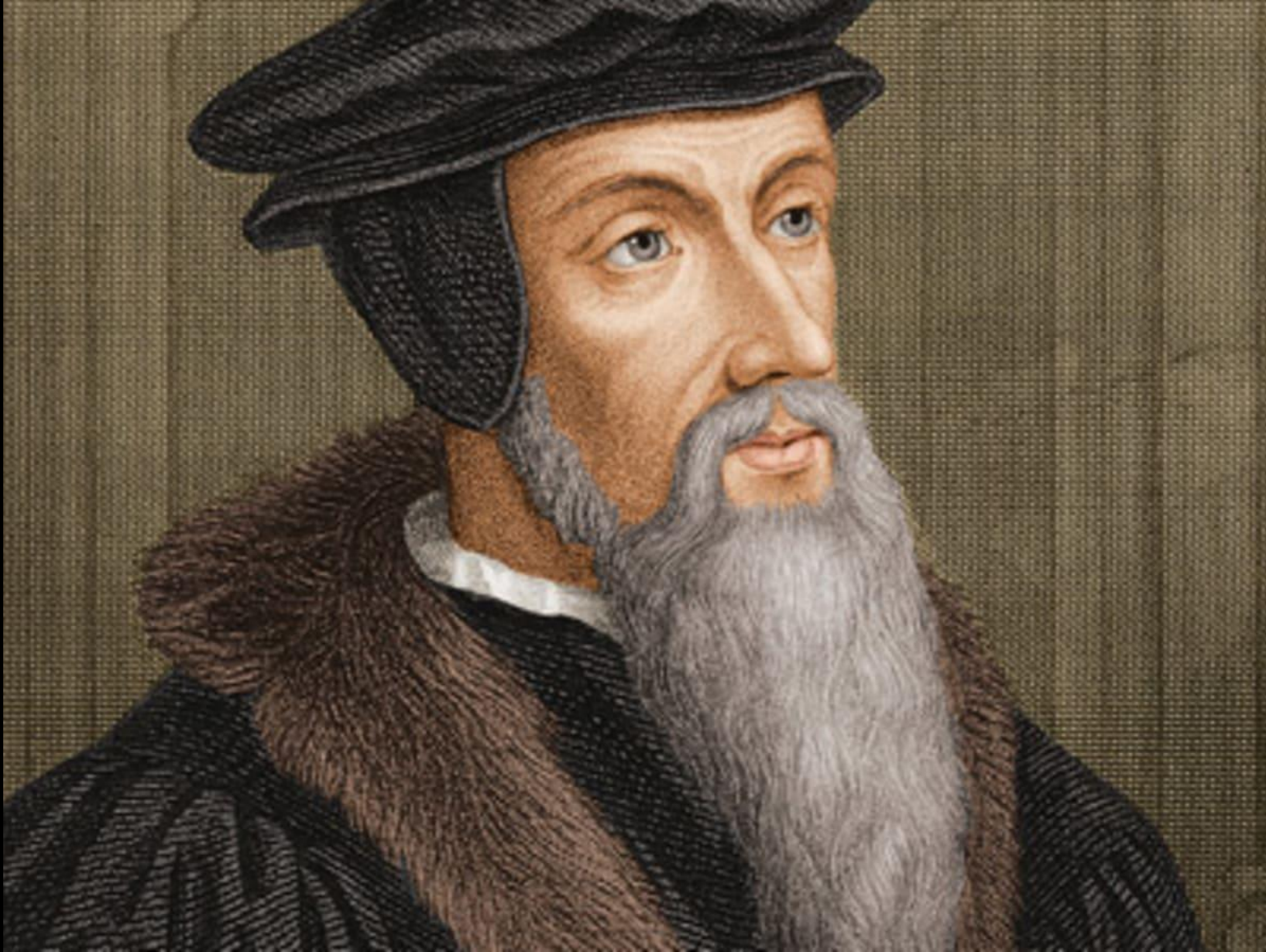
MAIN POINT

THERE'S BENEFIT IN THE DOUBT.

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Jude 22 (ESV): “Have mercy on those who doubt.”

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“When we stress that faith ought to be certain and secure, we do not have in mind a certainty without doubt, or a security with any anxiety. Rather, we affirm that believers have a perpetual struggle with their own lack of faith, and are far from possessing a peaceful conscience, never interrupted by any disturbance. On the other hand, we want to deny that they may fall out of or depart from, their confidence in the divine mercy, no matter how much they may be troubled.”

(From John Calvin's *Institutes of Christian Religion*)

REASONABLE DOUBT

Mark 9:21-26 (ESV): “[The man said,] ‘If you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.’ **23** And Jesus said to him, “‘If you can”! All things are possible for one who believes.’ **24** Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’ **25** And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, ‘You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.’ **26** And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out.”

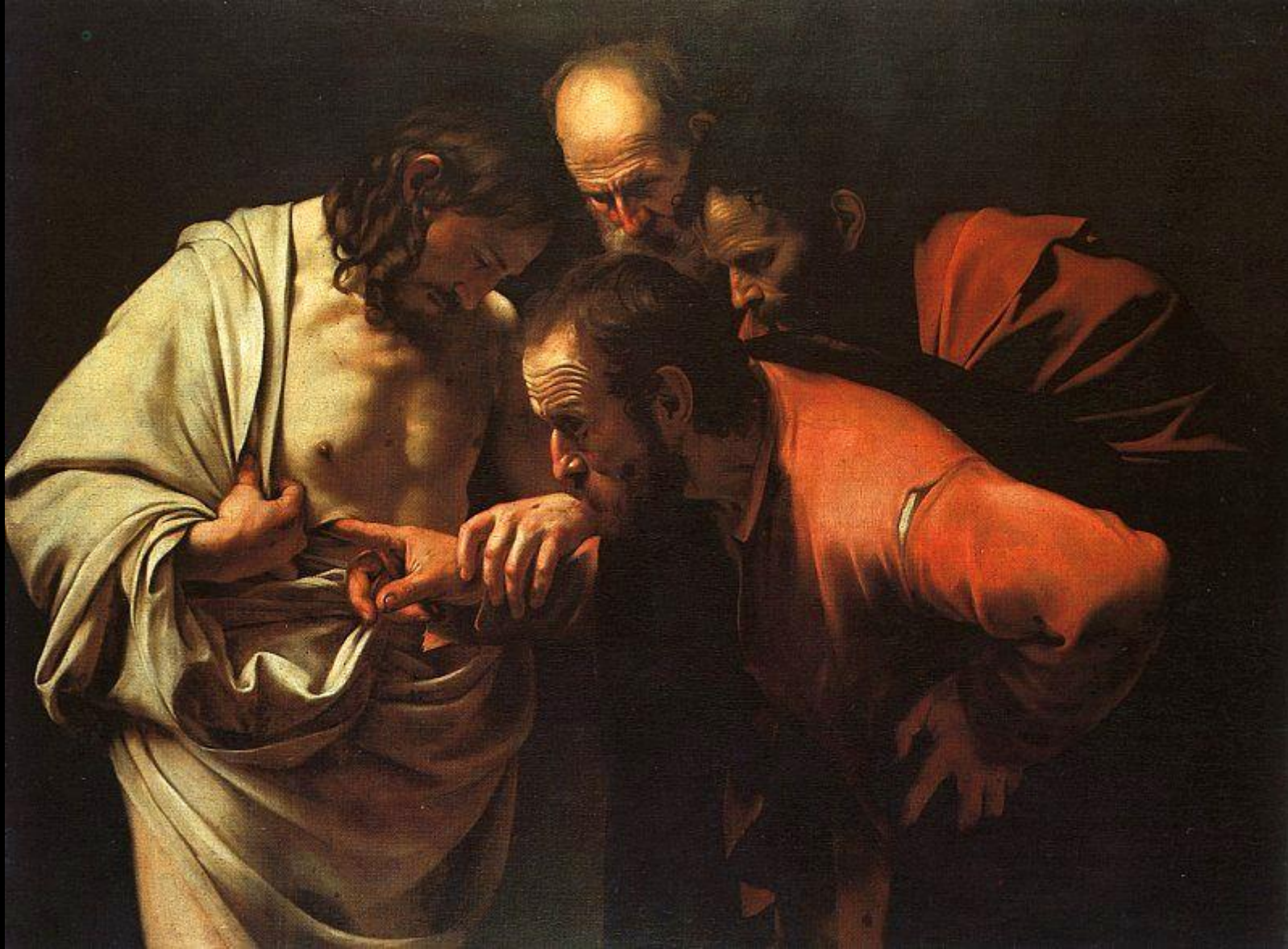
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Luke 17:5-6 (ESV): “The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ 6 And the Lord said, ‘If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey

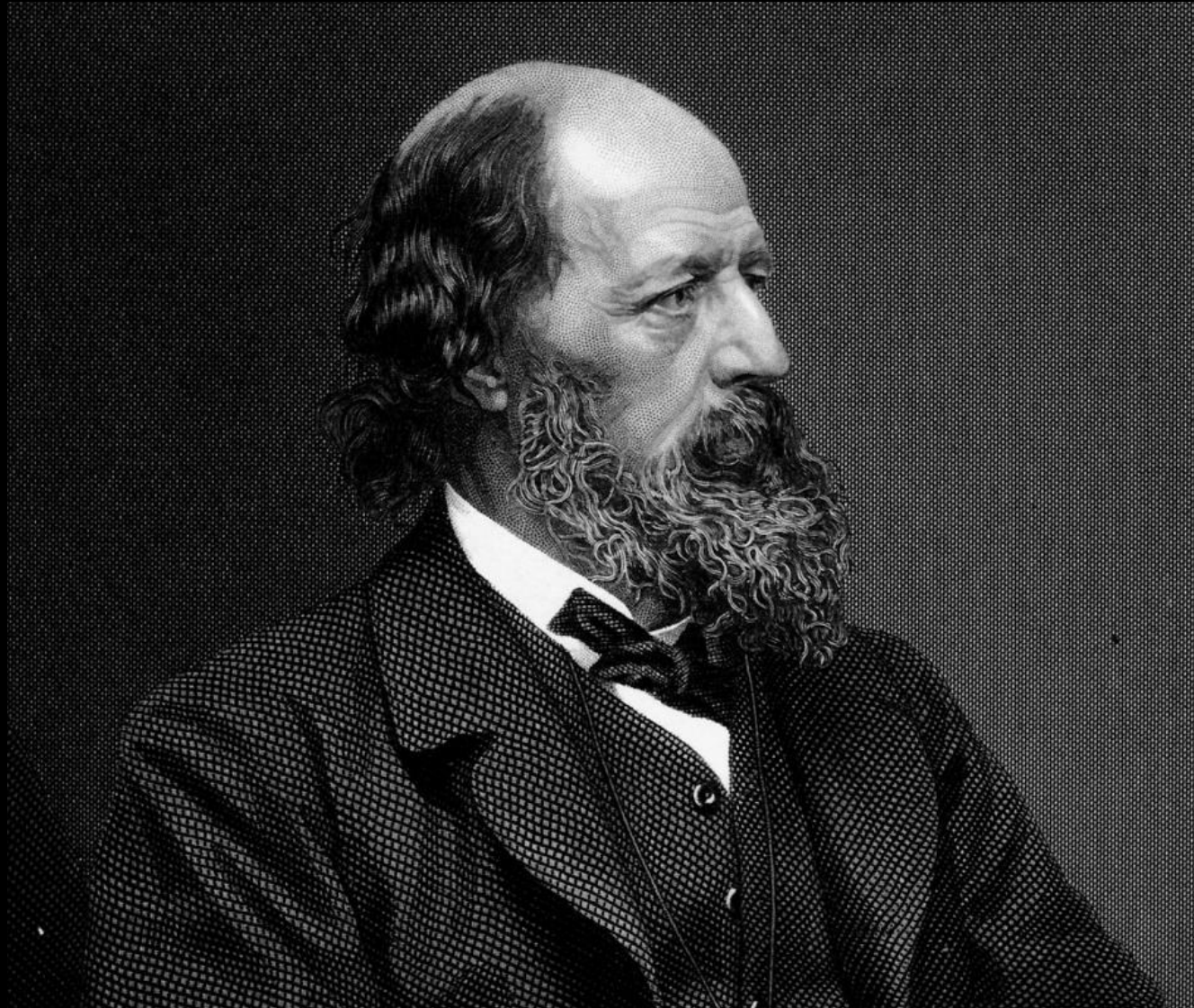
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“For nothing worthy proving can be proven,
Nor yet disproven: wherefore thou be wise,
Cleave ever to the sunnier side of doubt.”

(From Alfred Tennyson's poem *The Ancient Sage*)



REASONABLE DOUBT

“There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds.”

(From Alfred Tennyson's poem *In Memoriam A.H.H.*)




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APPLICATION

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Matthew 7:7-8 (ESV): “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

REASONABLE DOUBT

Jeremiah 29:13-14 (ESV): “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. **14** I will be found by you, declares the LORD.”

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