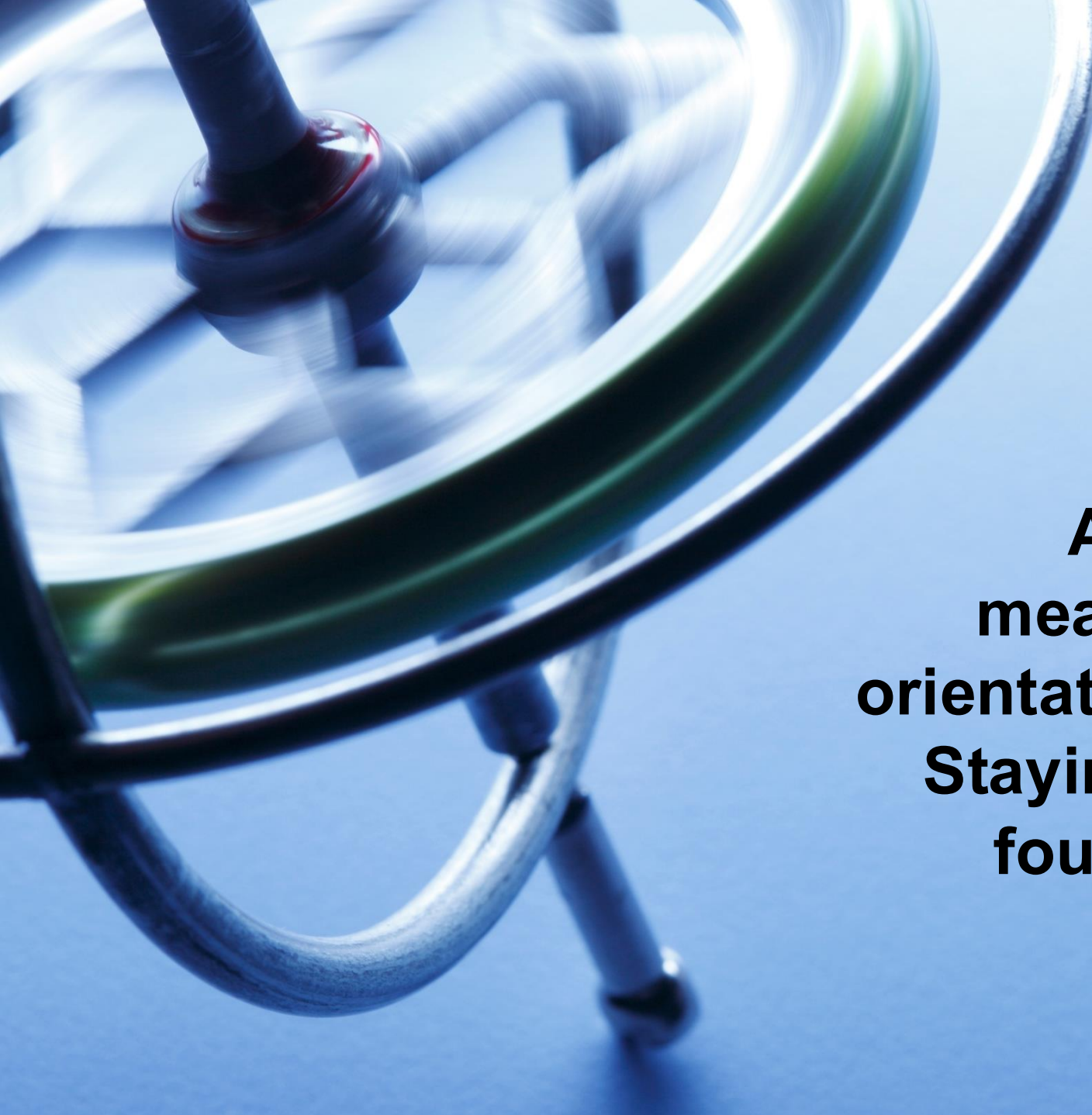




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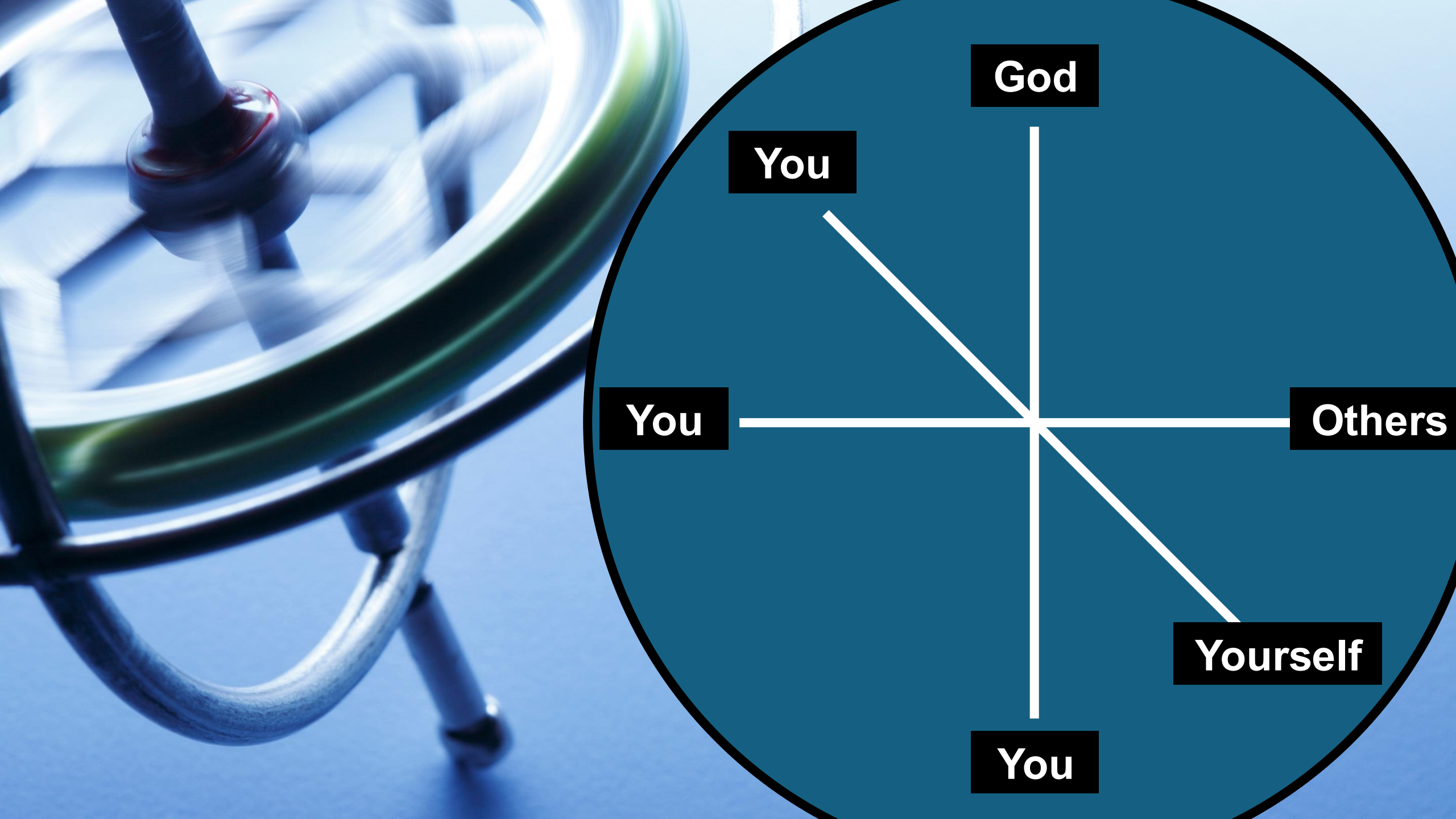


Gyroscope

**An instrument that
measures and maintains
orientation and angular velocity.
Staying steady even when a
foundation is unsteady.**



What is it that
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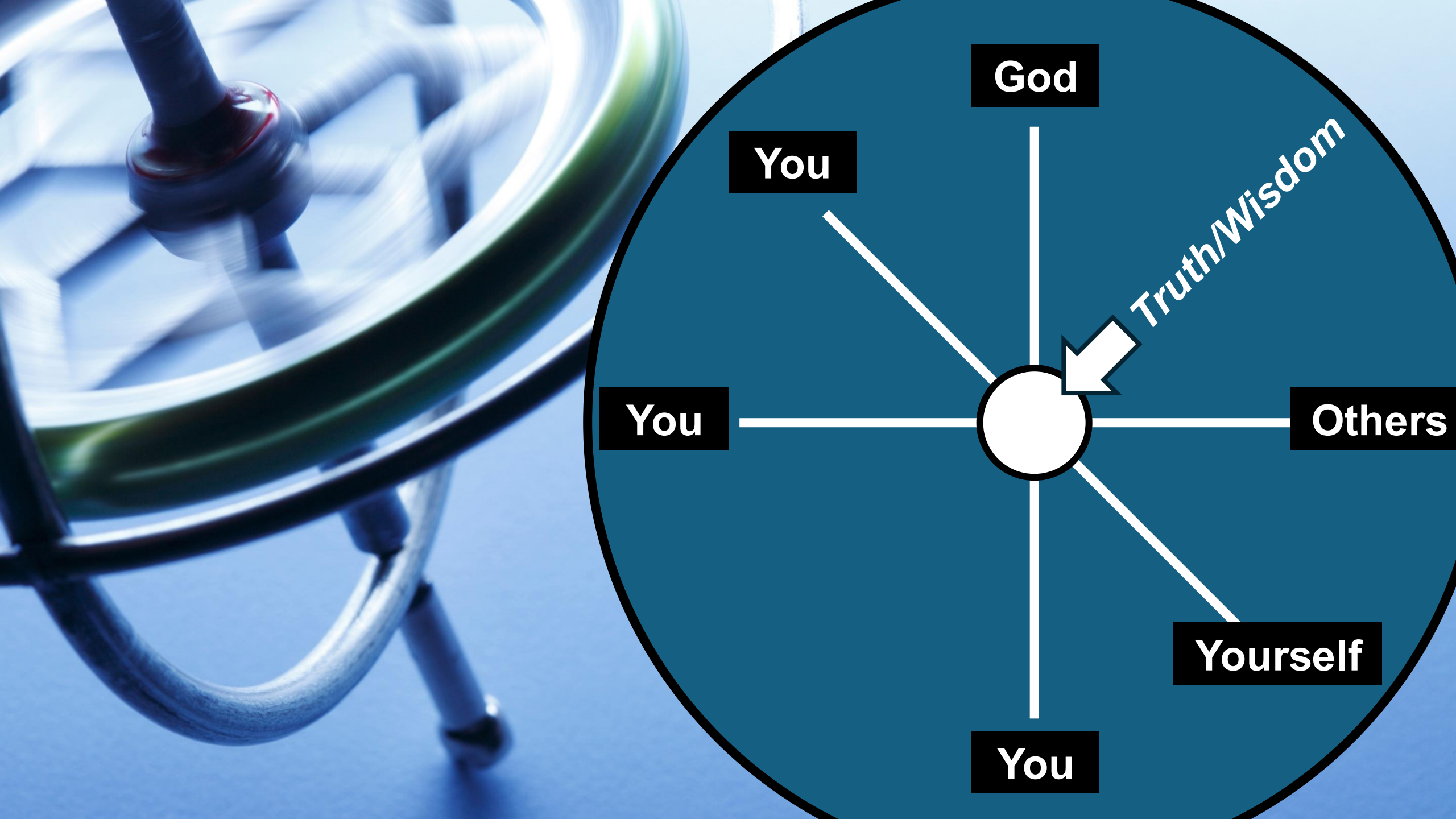
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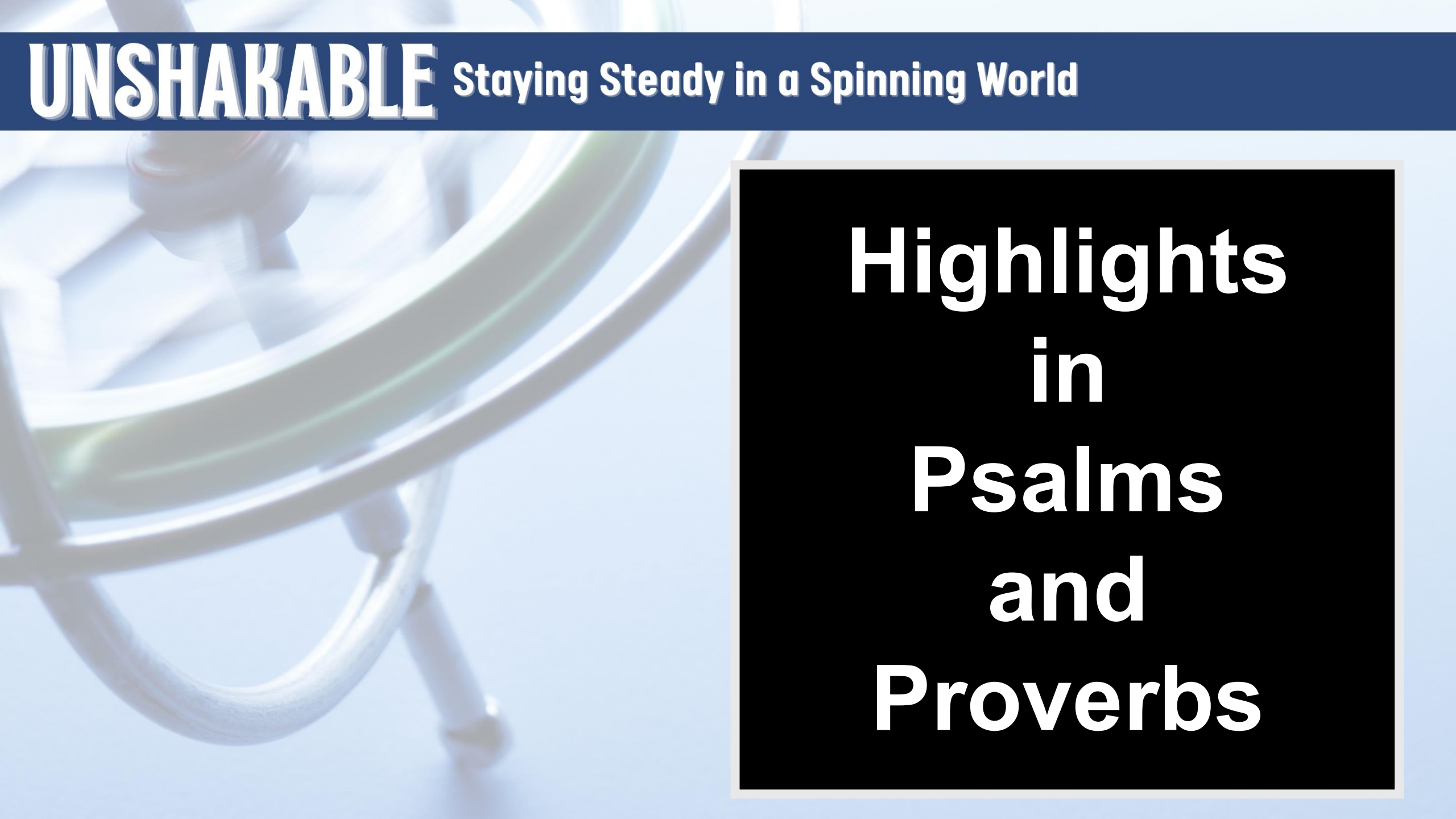
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Highlights in Psalms and Proverbs



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Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

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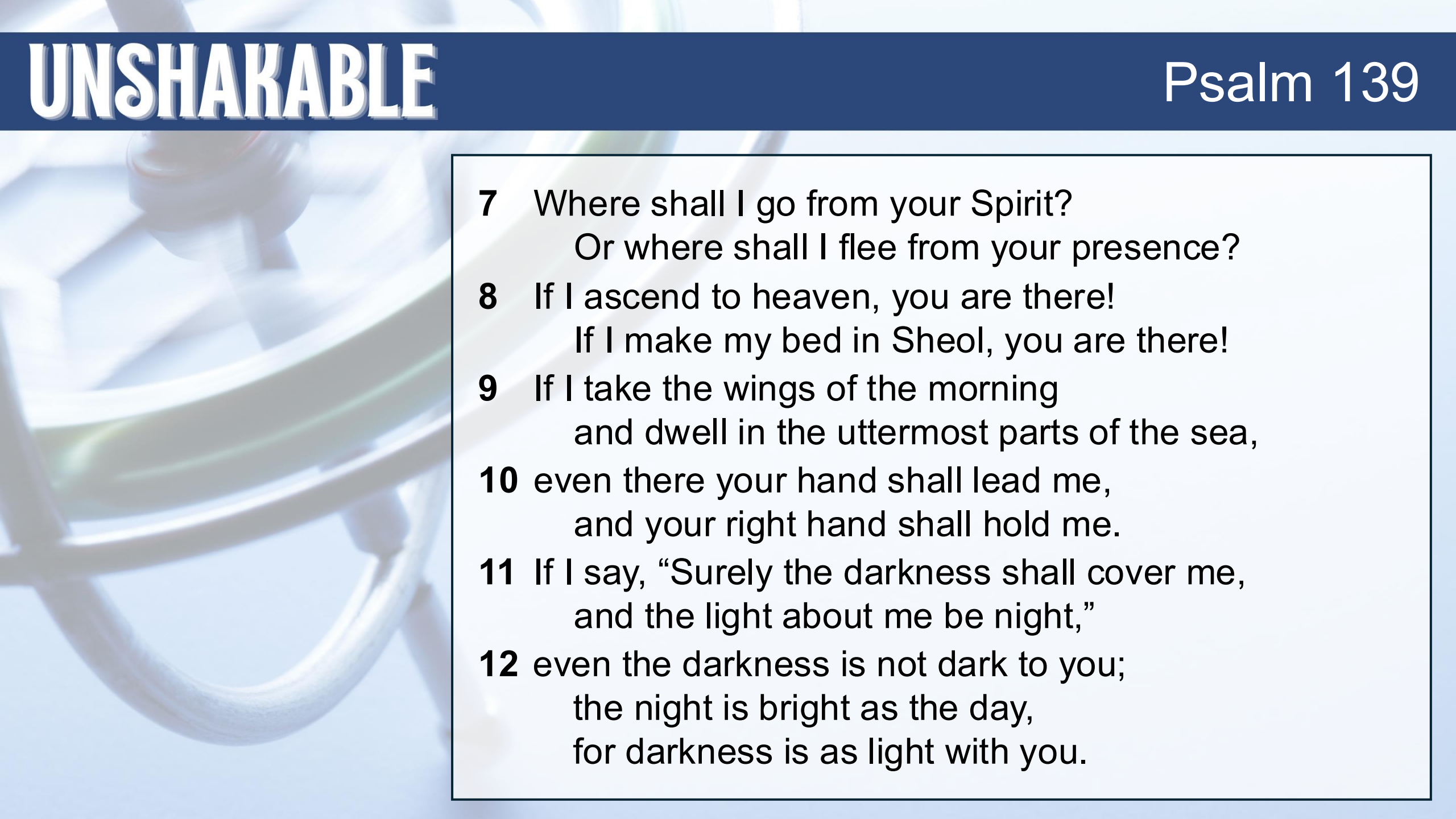
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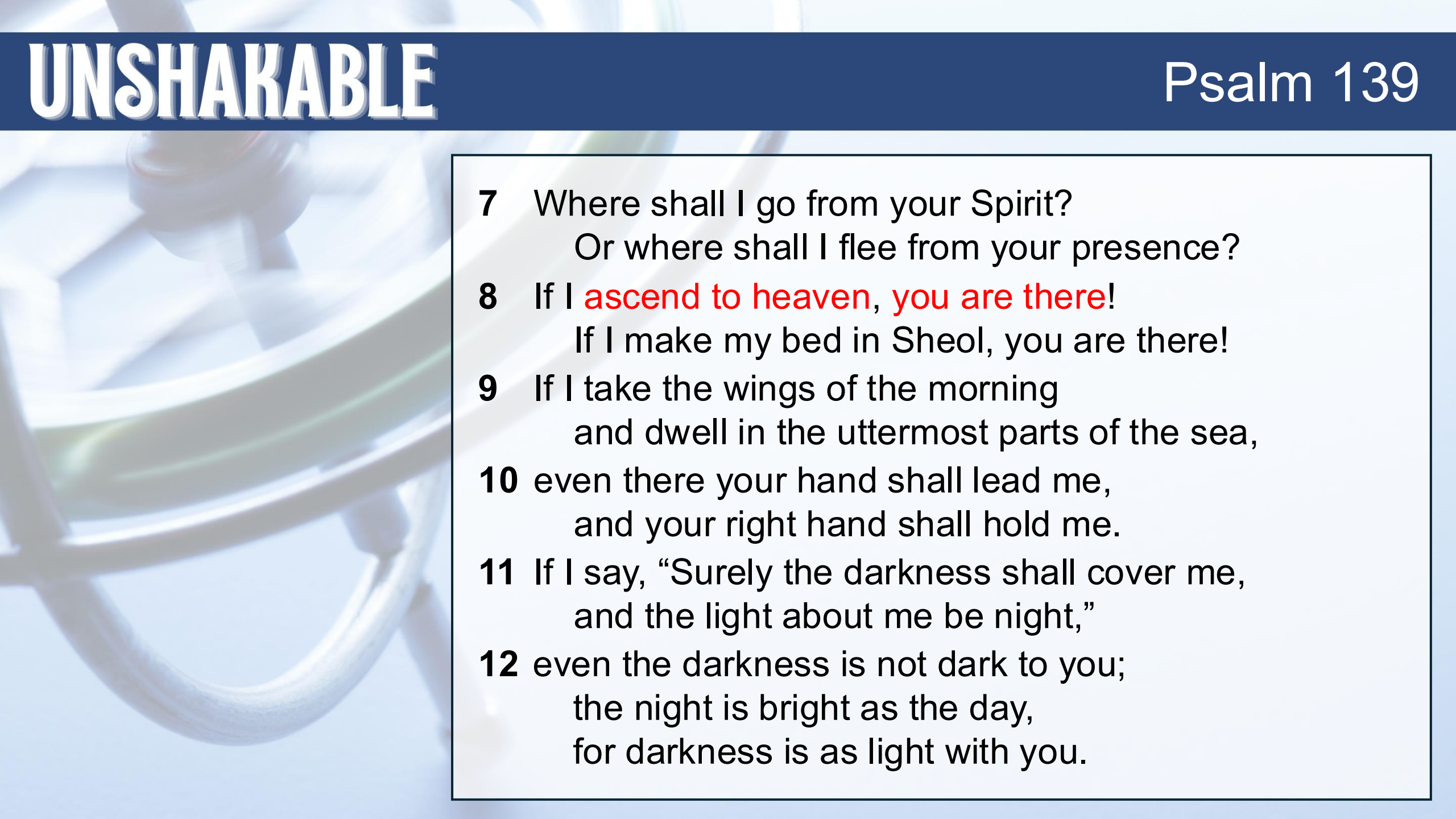
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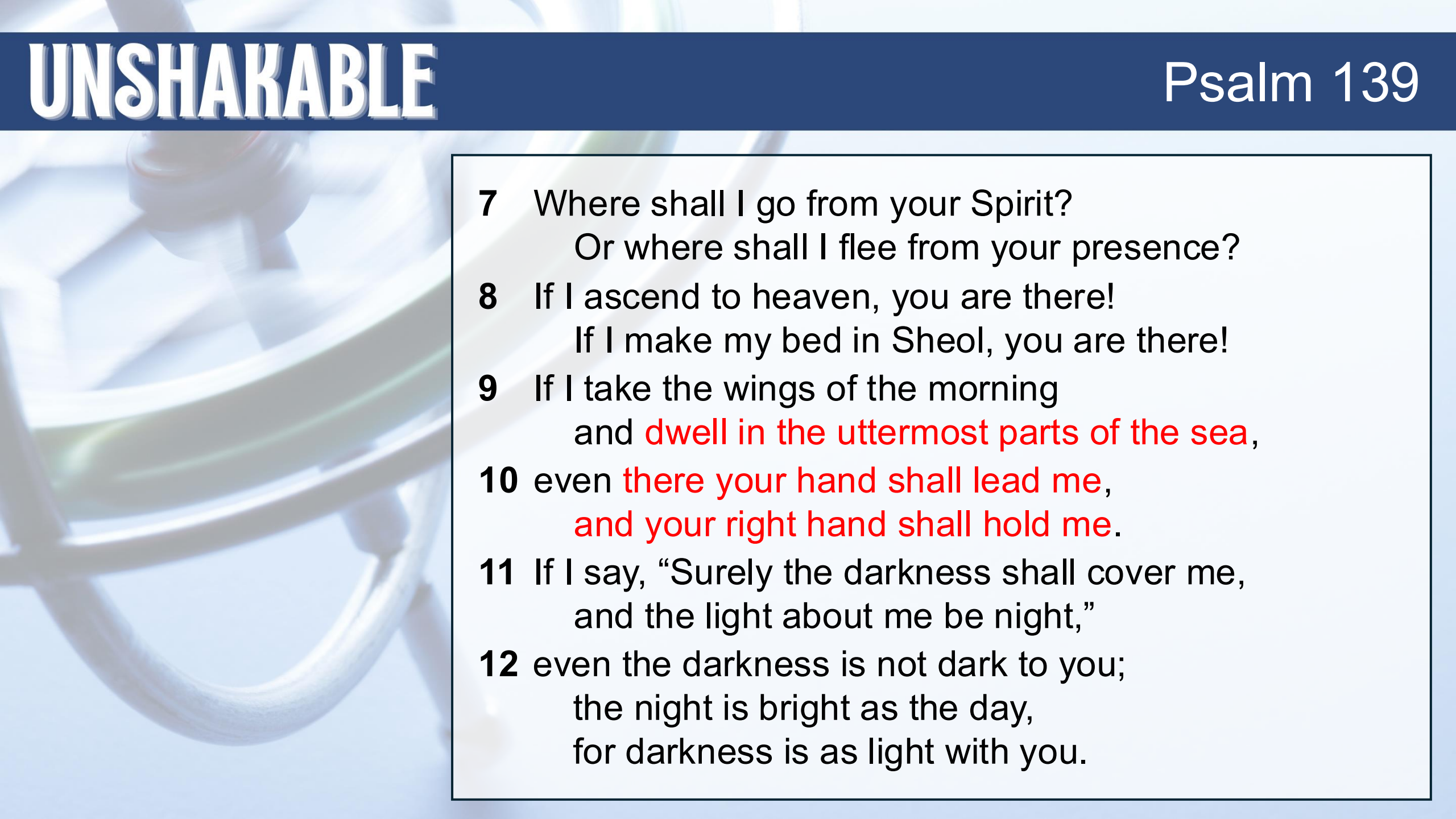
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12 The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

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22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction

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- 43** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
- 44** But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
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