

STORY & STORYTELLING



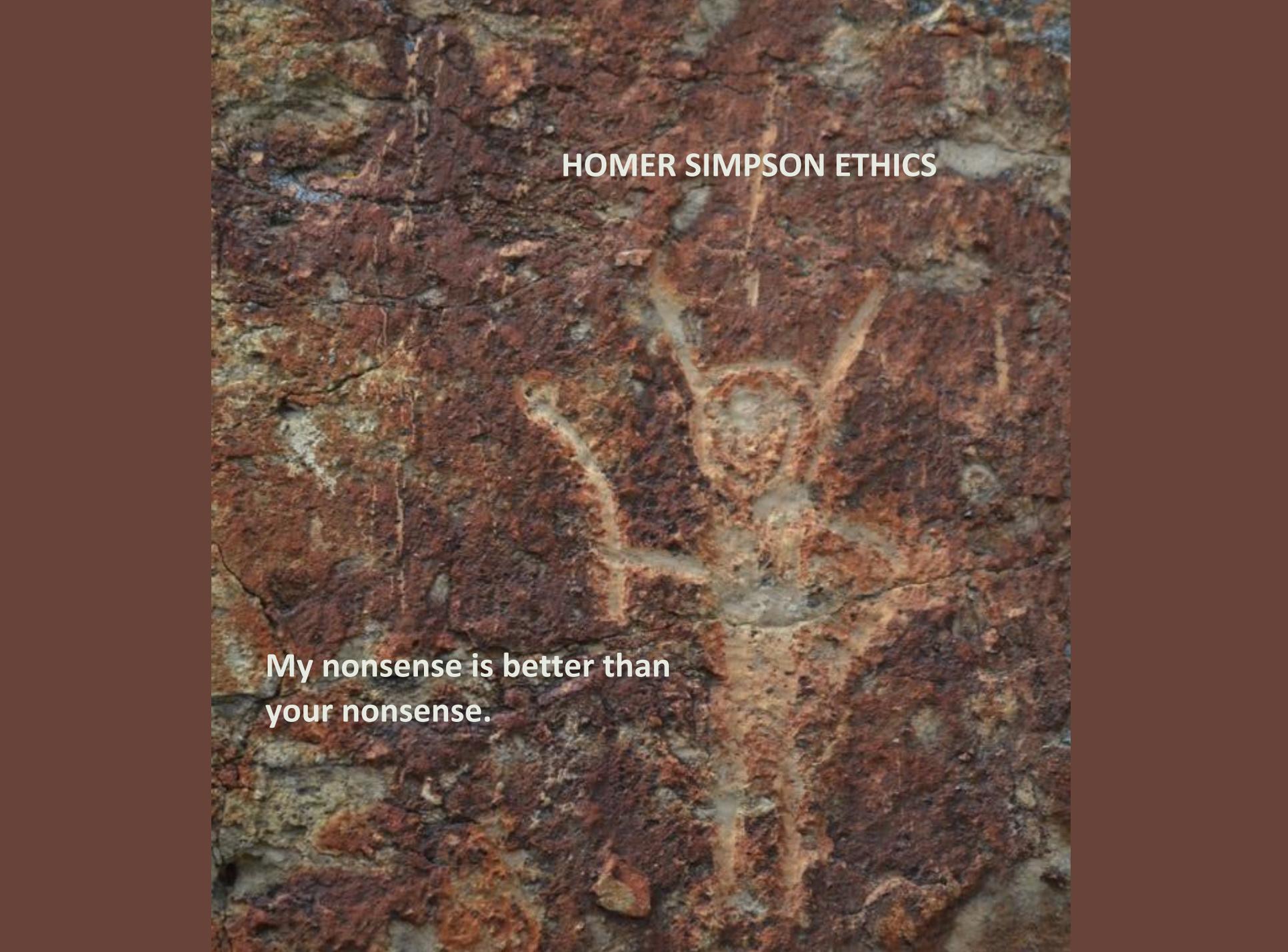
“Transformation is unleashed by having the right story for the right occasion.”
Lewis Mehl-Madrona, Lakota and Cherokee psychiatrist

HUMOR & HUMILITY



“Among the Sufis and the Native Americans I find the image of the fool as the persona of holiness.”

Thomas Moore



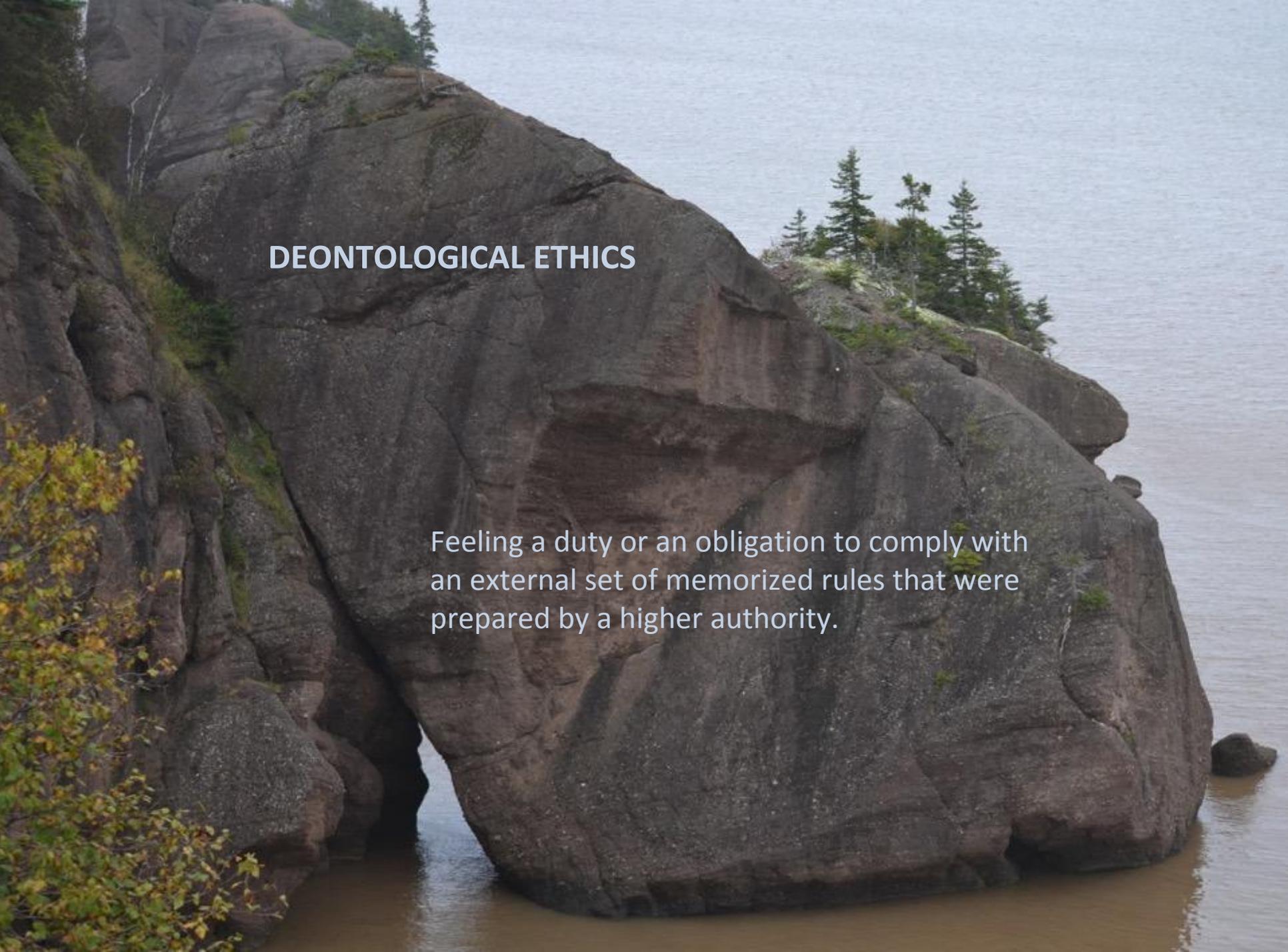
HOMER SIMPSON ETHICS

**My nonsense is better than
your nonsense.**

A close-up photograph of a tree trunk, showing the intricate, concentric growth rings of the wood. The wood is a rich, dark brown color with a textured, slightly weathered appearance. The rings are clearly visible, curving around the trunk. The lighting is soft, highlighting the natural grain and texture of the wood.

CAR TALK ETHICS

If you don't think too good, try not
to think too much.

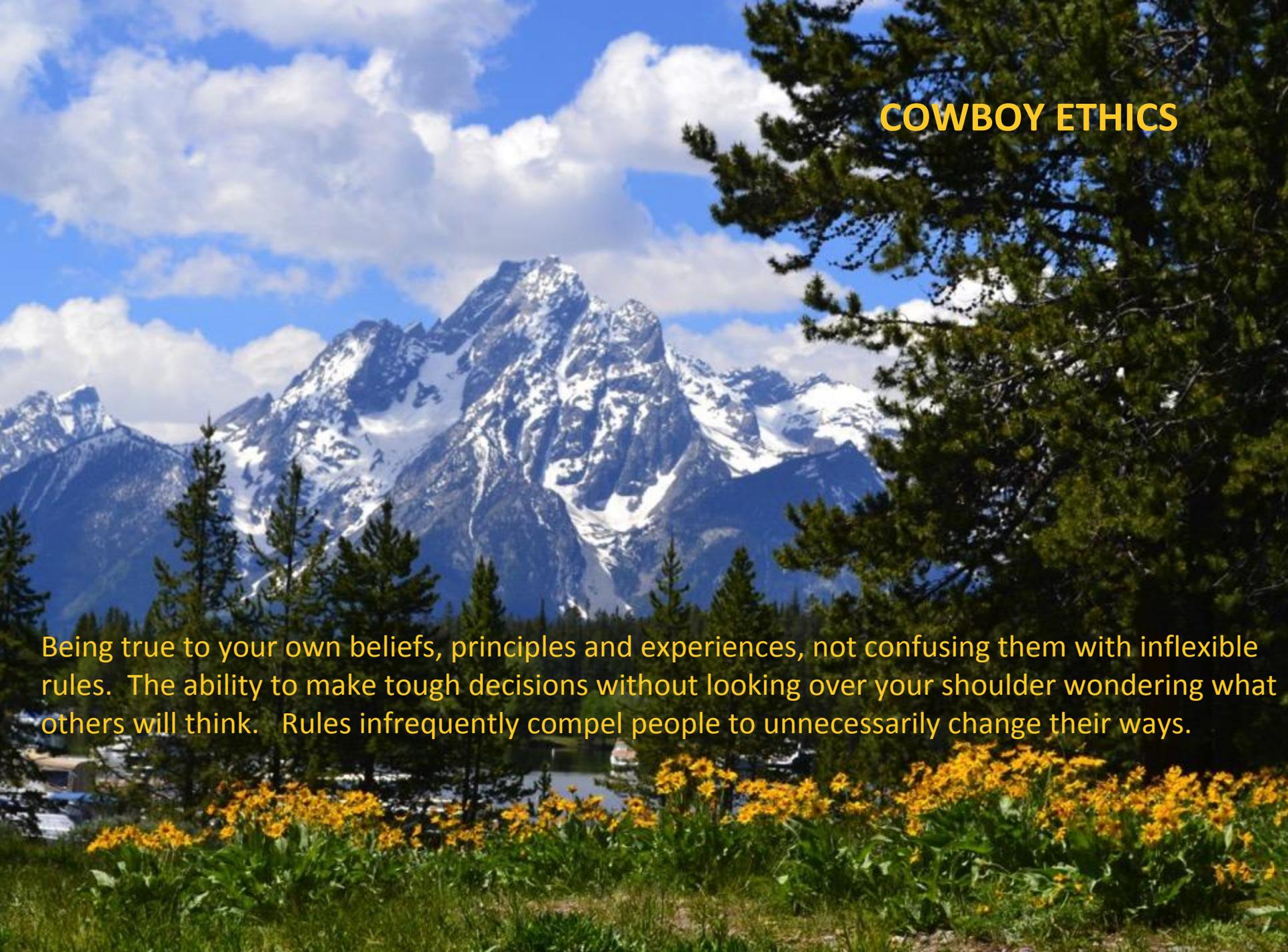
A large, dark, textured rock formation dominates the foreground, partially submerged in a body of water. The rock has a rough, layered appearance with some small plants growing on its surface. In the background, there are several evergreen trees on a rocky outcrop, and the water extends to the horizon under a pale sky. The overall scene is a natural, rugged landscape.

DEONTOLOGICAL ETHICS

Feeling a duty or an obligation to comply with an external set of memorized rules that were prepared by a higher authority.

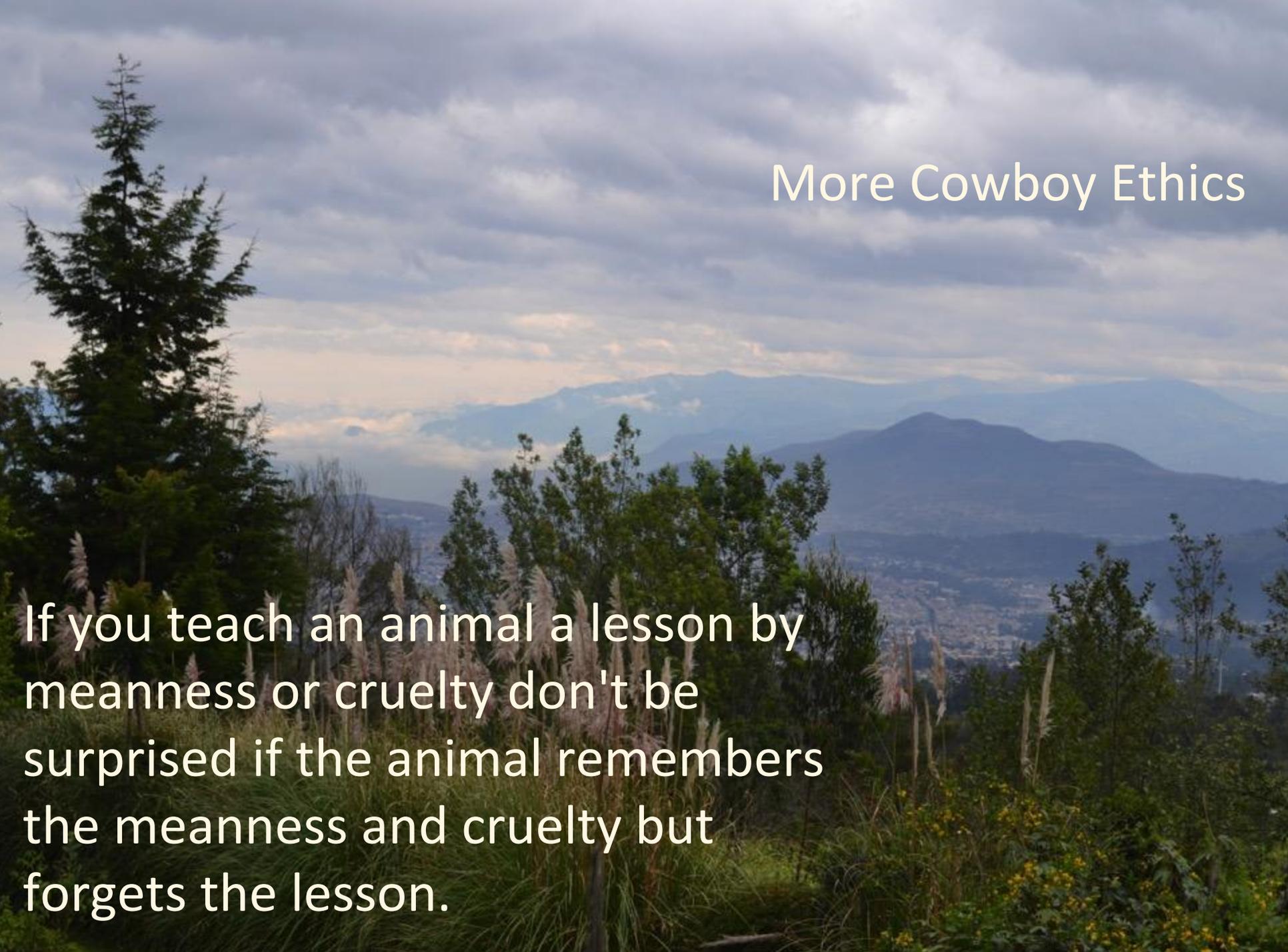
CONSEQUENTIALISM

A pragmatic code of ethics which asserts that the morality of an action should be judged solely by its consequences — a good outcome.



COWBOY ETHICS

Being true to your own beliefs, principles and experiences, not confusing them with inflexible rules. The ability to make tough decisions without looking over your shoulder wondering what others will think. Rules infrequently compel people to unnecessarily change their ways.

A scenic landscape featuring a range of blue mountains in the distance under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, there are green trees and tall grasses. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

More Cowboy Ethics

If you teach an animal a lesson by meanness or cruelty don't be surprised if the animal remembers the meanness and cruelty but forgets the lesson.

INDIGENOUS ETHICS

A sacred posture toward all life, all beings, all of creation – the community of life. We are all equal, all connected, all brothers -- *mitakayue oyasin*. There is no separation between the technical and spiritual approaches to healing. Heal in balance and harmony.



The Ethics of Ritual & Ceremony

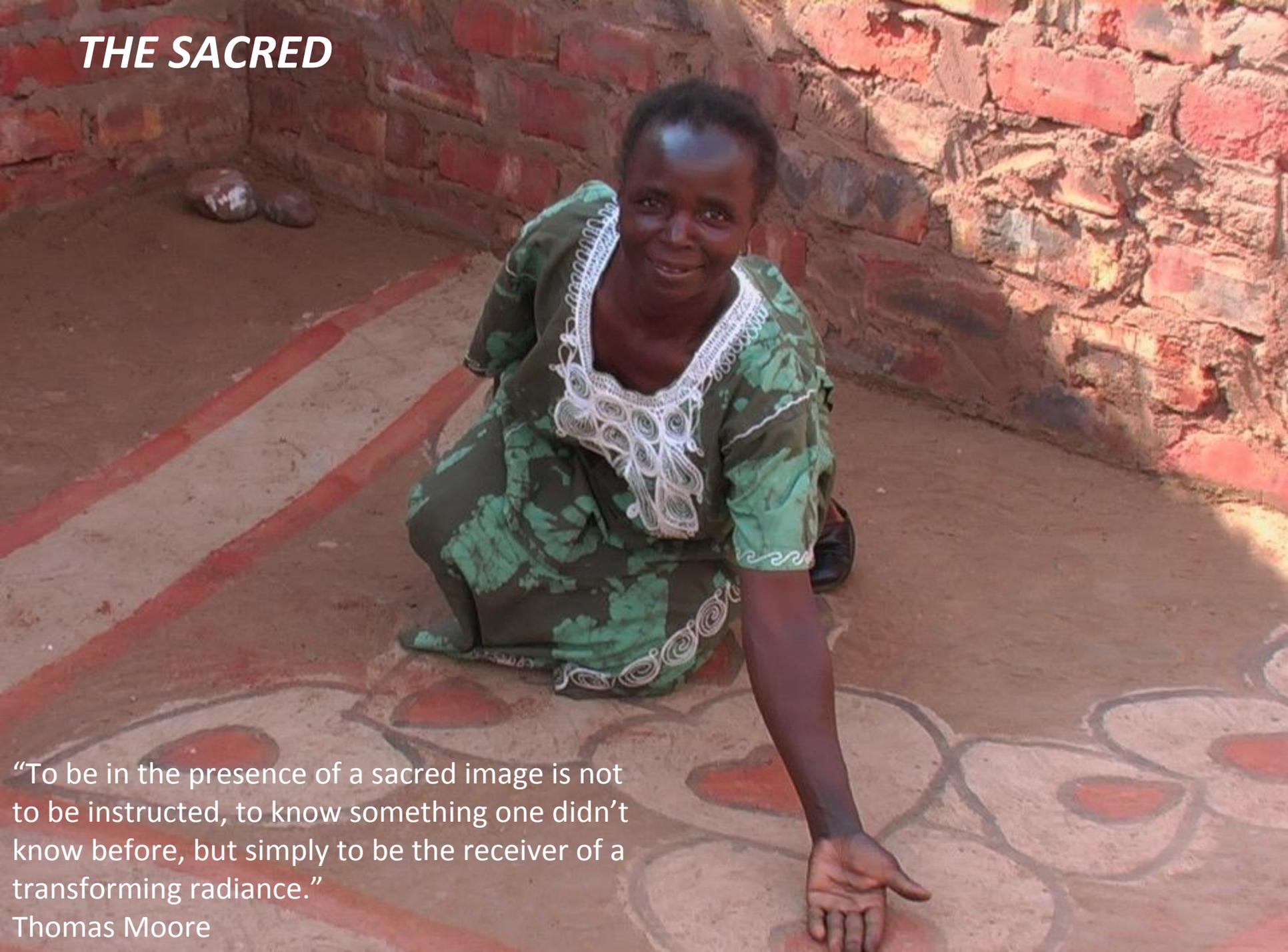
SPIRIT WORLD



“The latest science leads us to a worldview not unlike that held by the earliest civilizations, in which every material object in Nature was thought to possess a spirit.”

Bruce Lipton in *The Biology of Belief*

THE SACRED

A woman with dark skin and short hair is kneeling on a light-colored floor. She is wearing a green dress with a white lace collar and cuffs. The floor has red and white painted designs, including a large circular pattern with a red center. The background is a brick wall with red and brown bricks. The lighting is bright, suggesting an outdoor or well-lit indoor space.

“To be in the presence of a sacred image is not to be instructed, to know something one didn’t know before, but simply to be the receiver of a transforming radiance.”

Thomas Moore

HARMONY



“Wear the world like a loose blanket.”
Blackwolf Jones



What is medicine?

LOVE & COMPASSION



“Love cures people – both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.”
Karl Menninger

COMMUNITY



“In a shamanic way of seeing the world, the number of a [healing] group’s members multiplied by itself determines its power.”

Jose Stevens

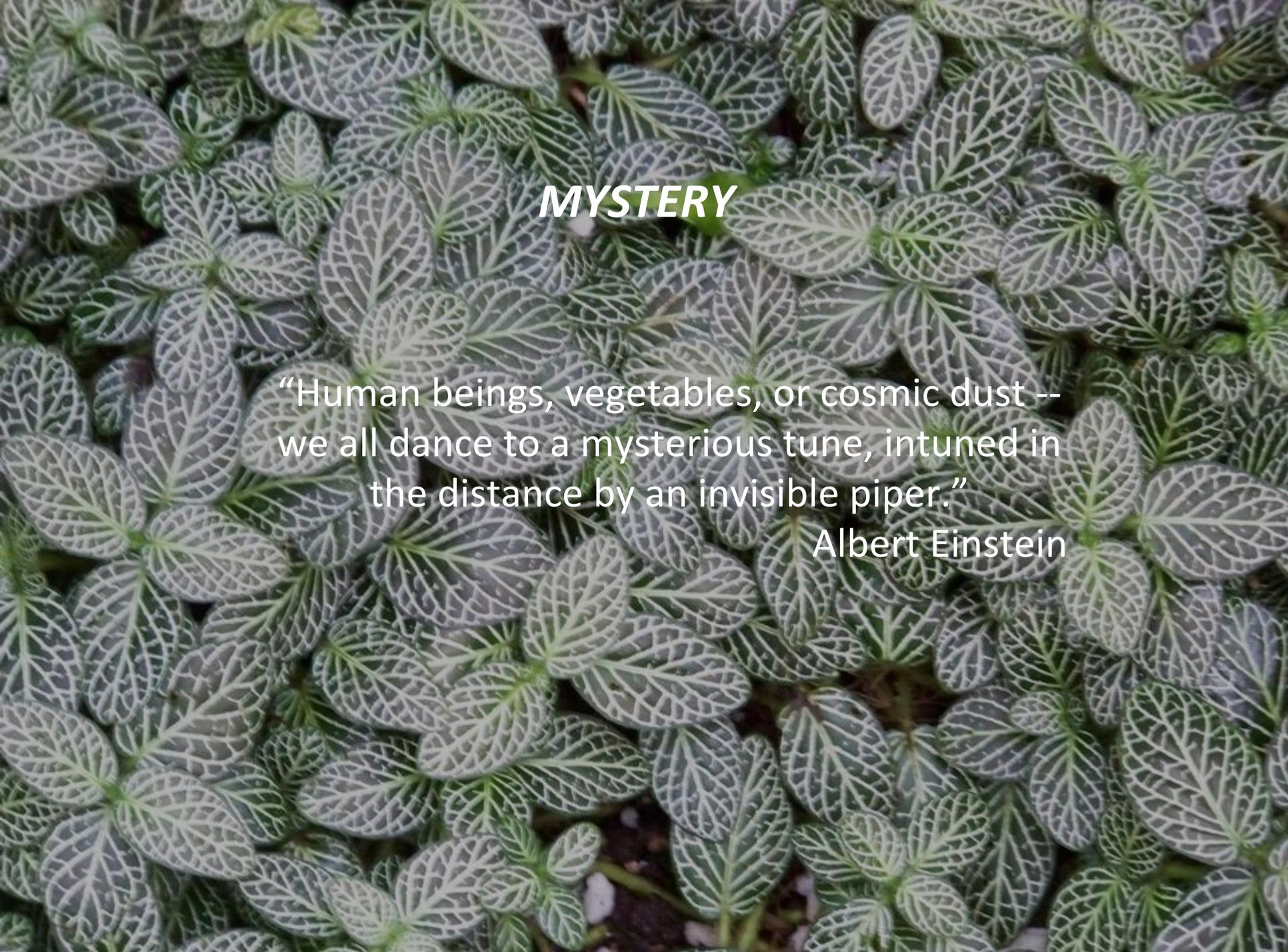


What does community look like?

LANGUAGING



“To noun, noun, noun
me is to no, no, no me...”
Rupert Ross in
Returning to the Teachings



MYSTERY

“Human beings, vegetables, or cosmic dust --
we all dance to a mysterious tune, intuned in
the distance by an invisible piper.”

Albert Einstein

BELIEF AND SUGGESTIBILITY

“Miracles do not happen in contradiction to nature,
but only in contradiction to which is known in nature.”

Saint Augustine



SACRED MAGIC

“Water is only cold if you think it is cold.”
Morris Sage, Inuit

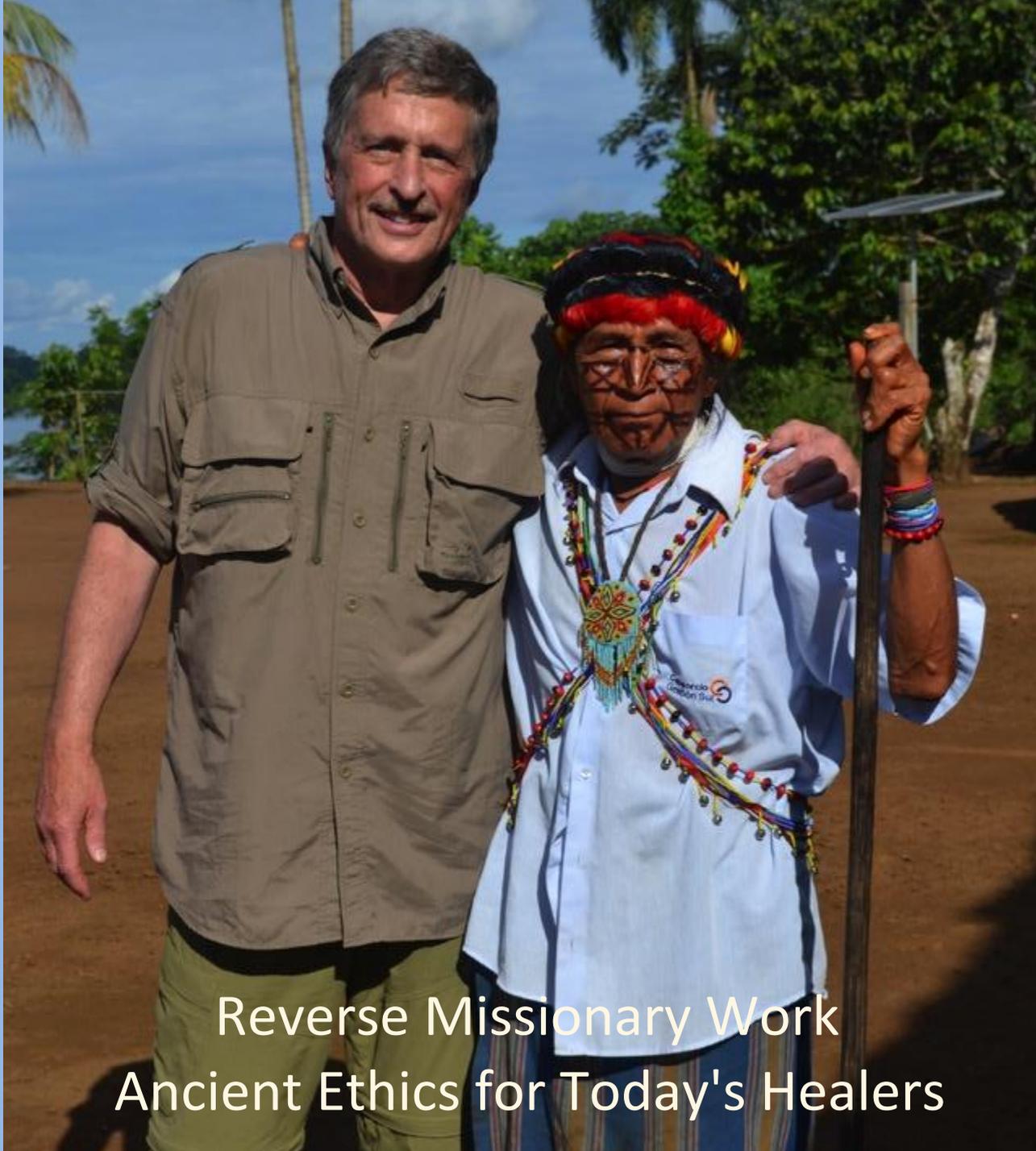




ENERGY MOVEMENT

“Anytime you have two conductive objects and they make contact – such as your feet and the bare ground – electrons will flow from where they are abundant to the place where there are fewer of them.”

Clint Ober in *Earthing*



Reverse Missionary Work
Ancient Ethics for Today's Healers

ANCIENT WAYS



“Discoveries that we are making today are, in fact, reincarnational expressions of older spiritual knowledge which originated in ancient yet advanced civilizations.”

Richard Gerber, M.D. in *Vibrational Medicine*

Ethical challenges in the Amazon

