

# Why I'm NOT ...



Mormon

Atheist



Agnostic



Hindu



Muslim



Buddhist



Jewish/  
Christian



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the mantra  
“OM”





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# *My Sweet Lord*





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Or



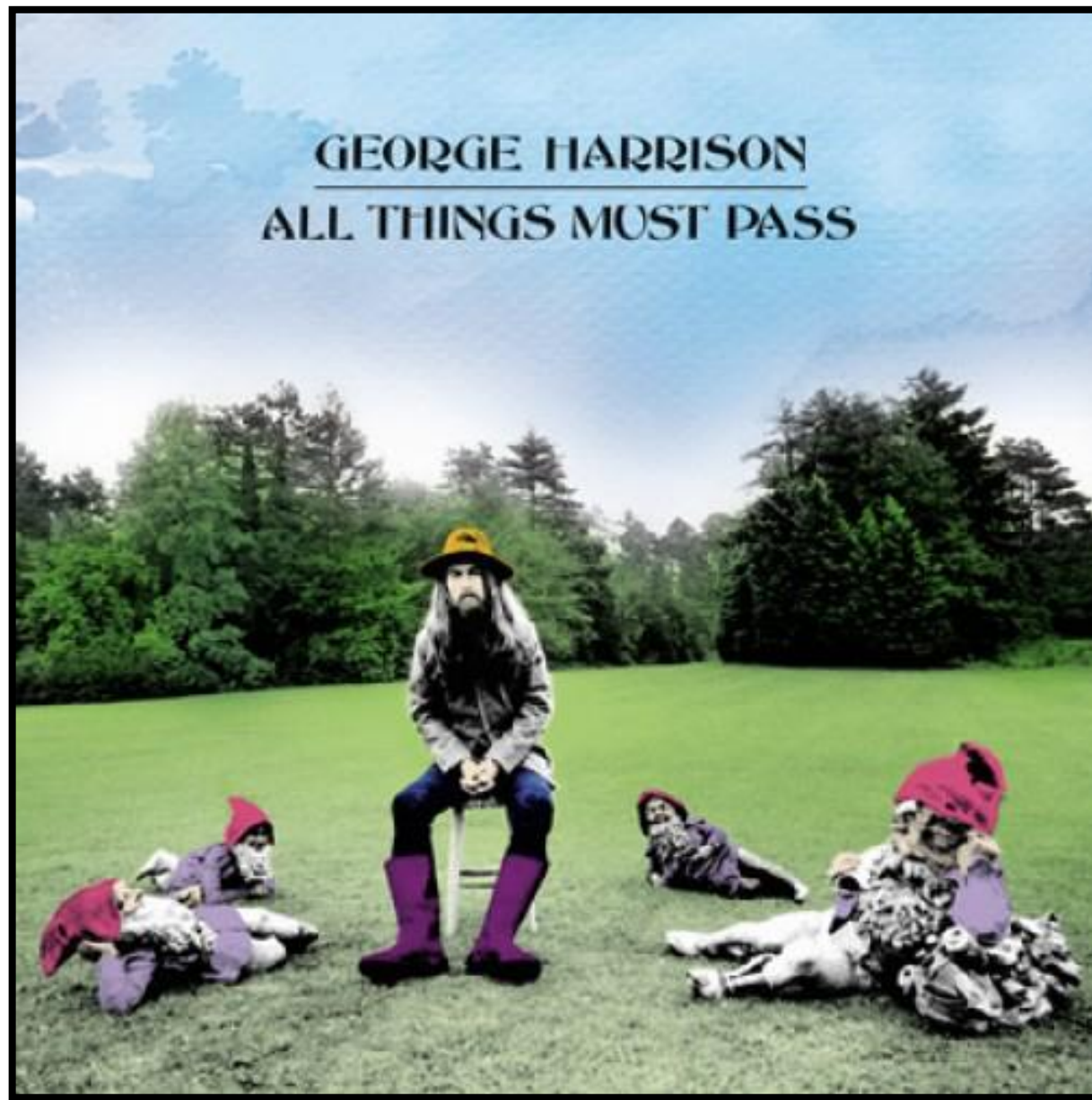




*My Sweet Lord*

Or

*He's So Fine*





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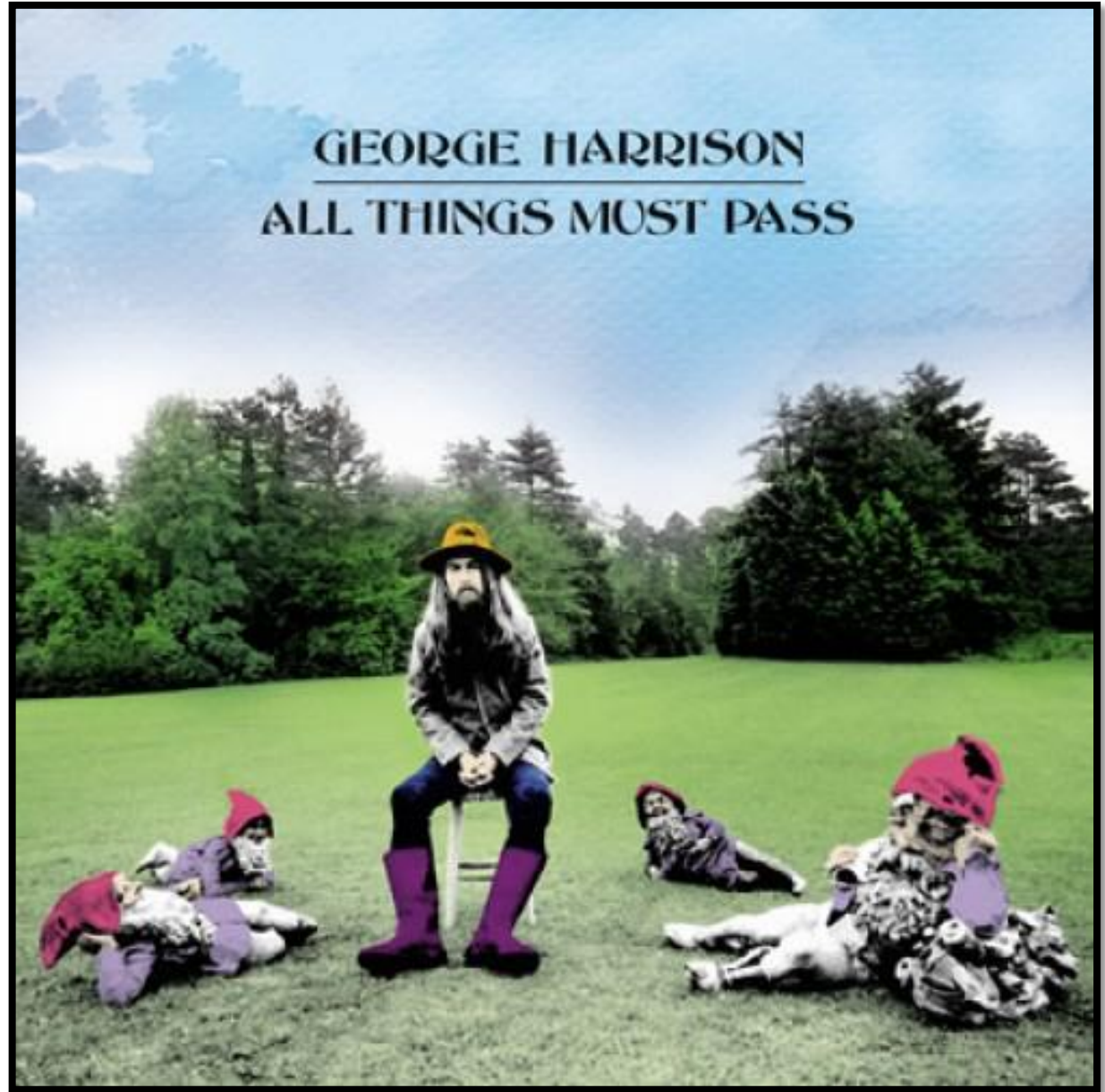
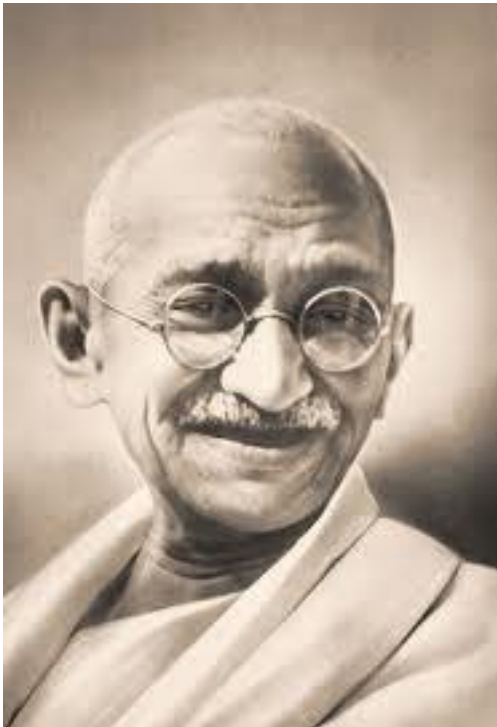
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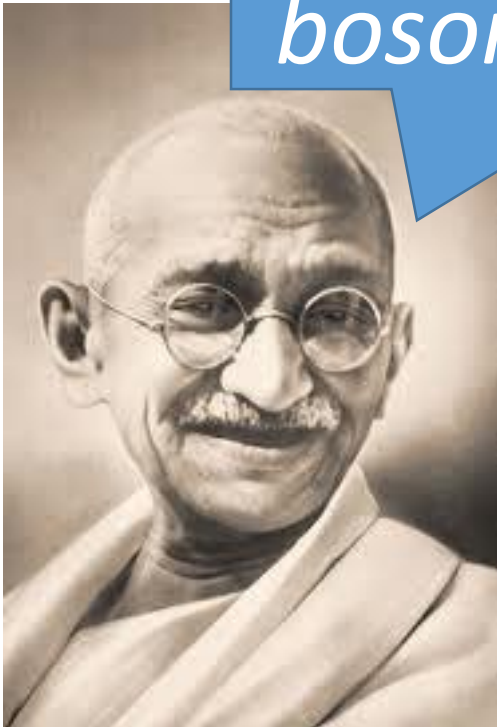




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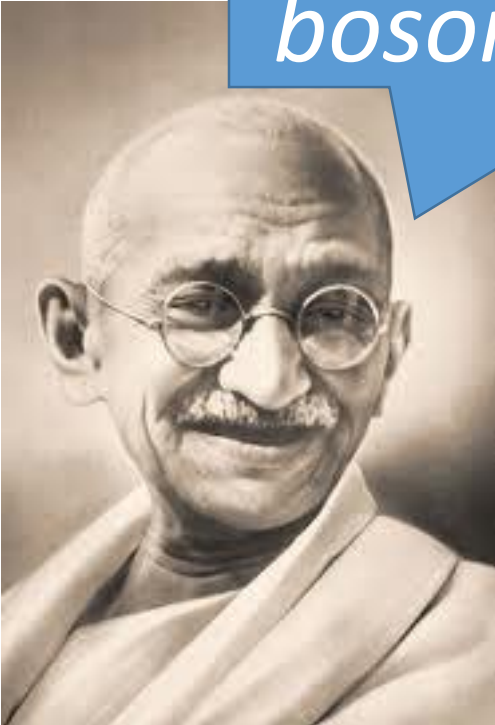
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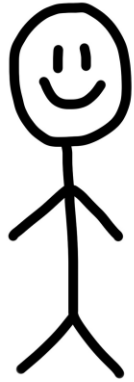








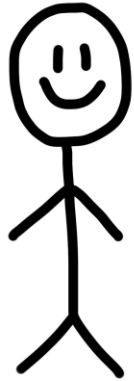
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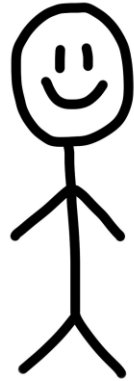
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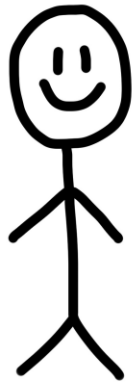
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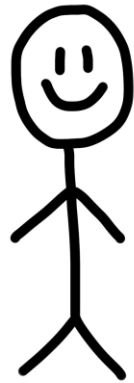
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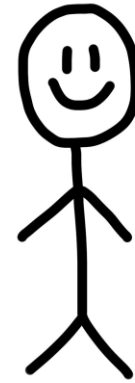
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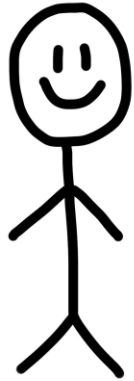
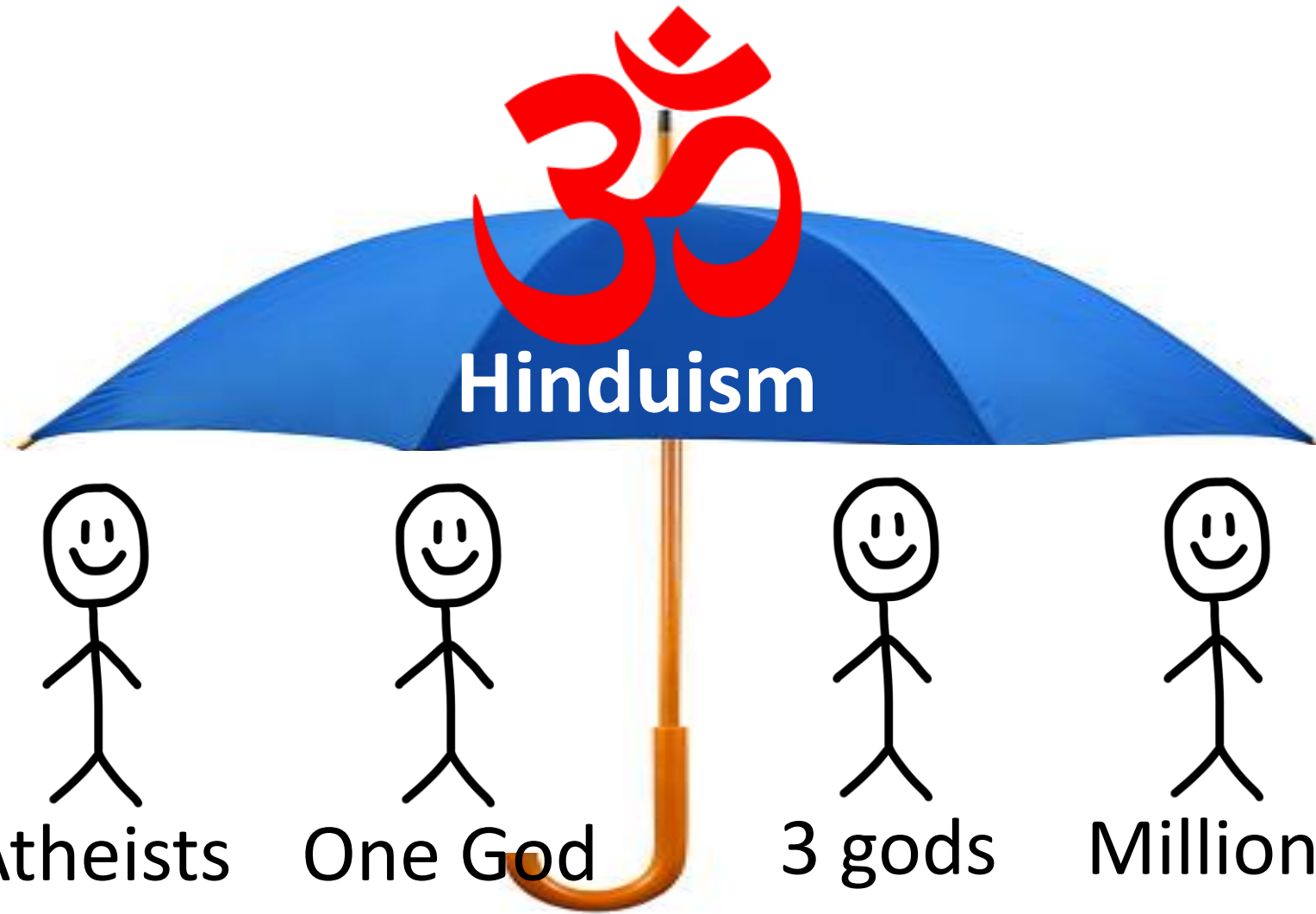


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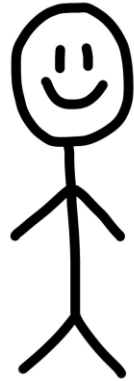




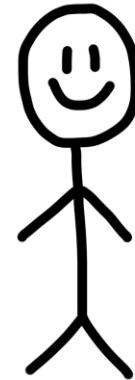
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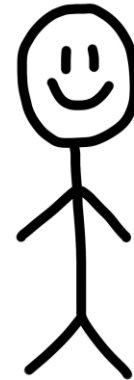
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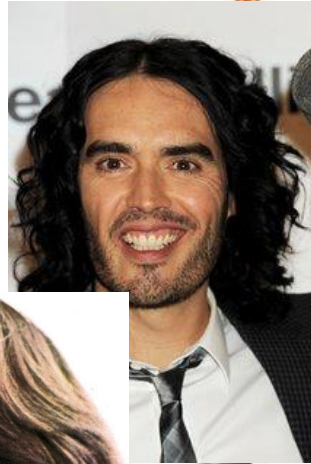
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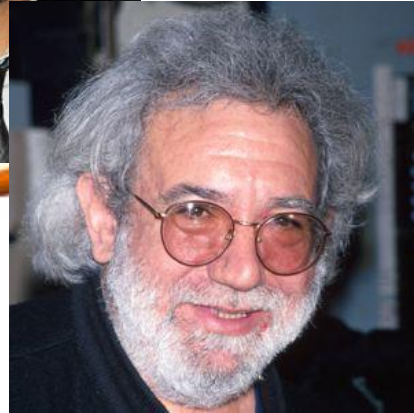
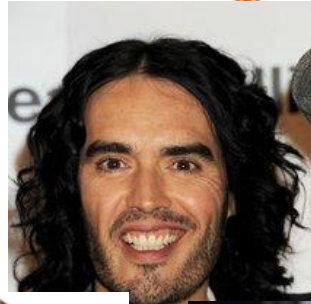


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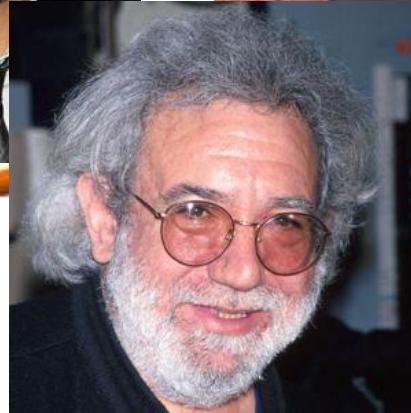
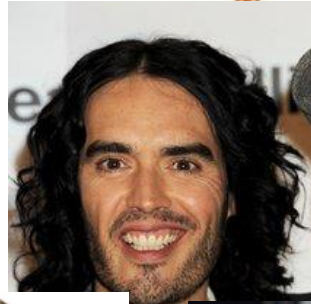


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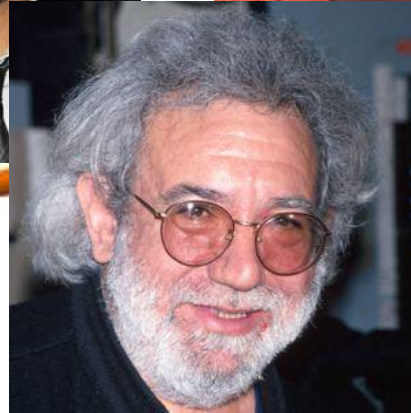
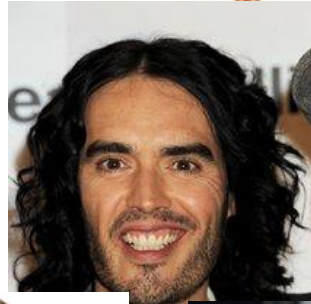
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Iraq

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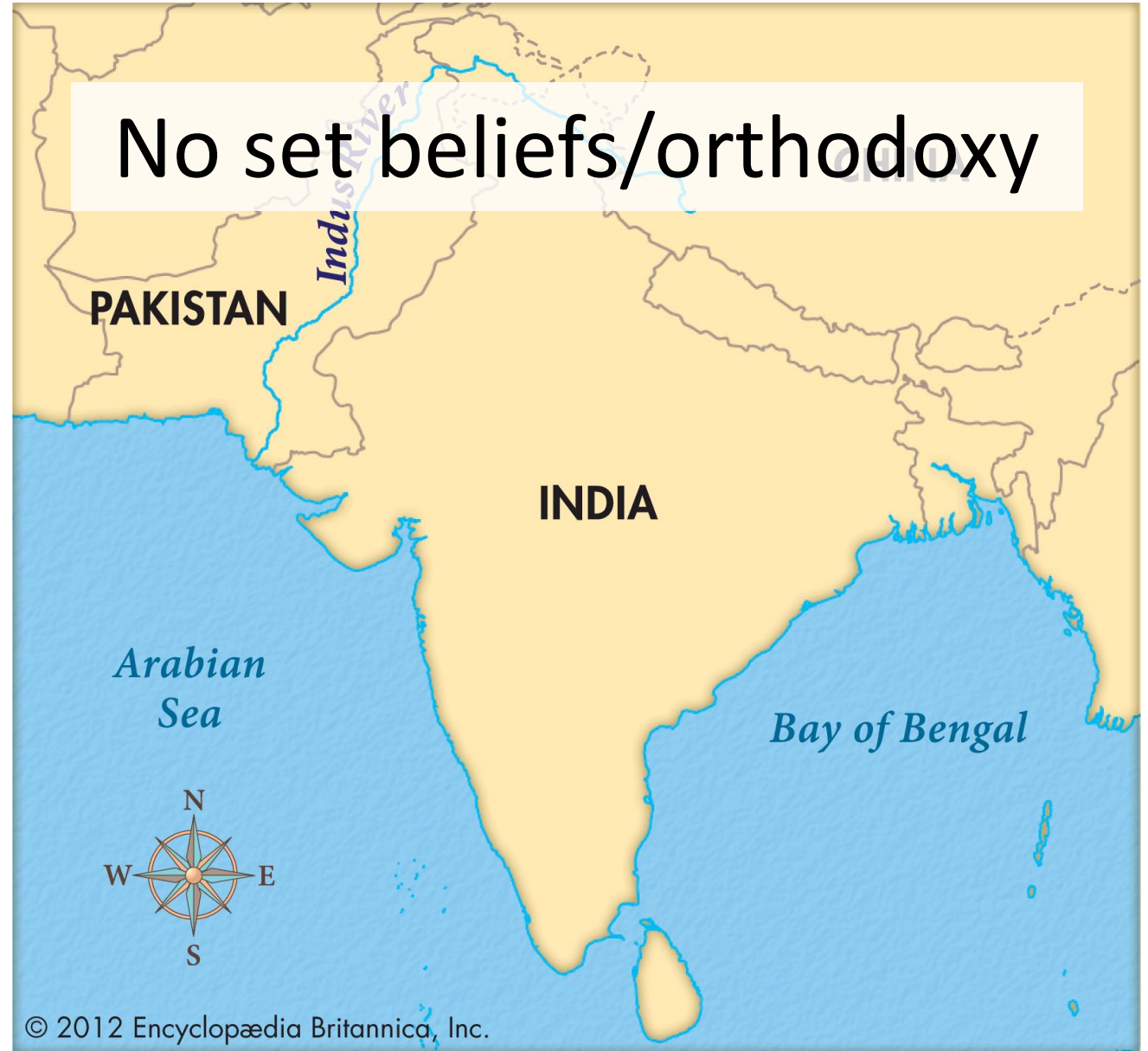
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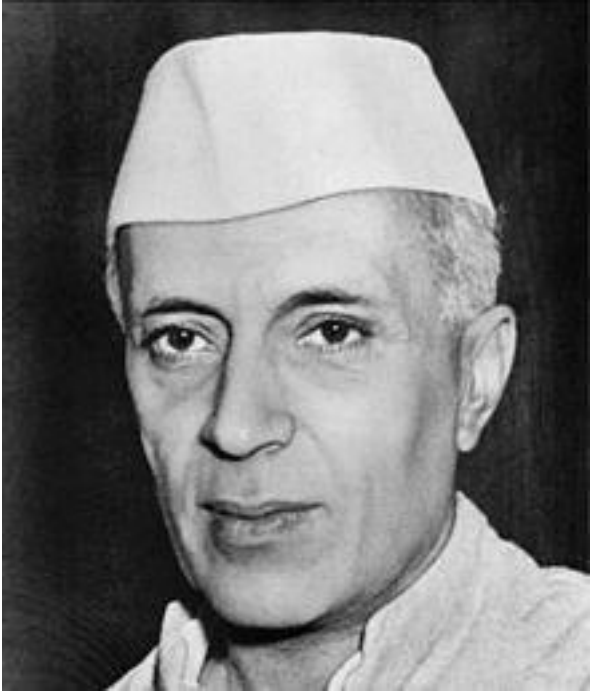


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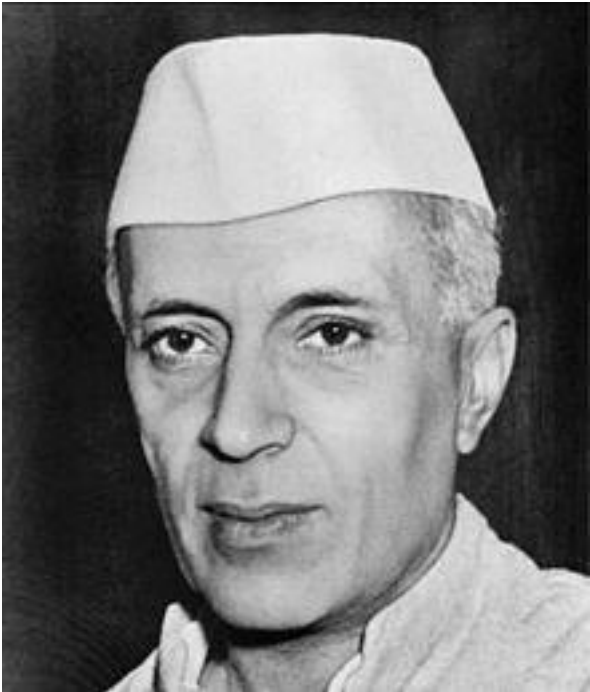
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Hinduism, as a faith, is vague, amorphous, many-sided, all things to all men. It is hardly possible to define it, or indeed to say definitely whether it is a religion or not, in the usual sense of the word. In its present form, and even in the past, it embraces many beliefs and practices, from the highest to the lowest, often opposed to or contradicting each other.





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*Dharma:*

Truth, order, law, duty, and even religion. It references the way things are as well as the way things should be.



Dr. Max Muller

I ventured to tell this gathering what I have found to be the one basic note, the single chord of all these holy books ... the one basic note or chord that runs through all of them is salvation by works. They all teach that salvation must be bought and that your own works and merits must be the purchase price. Our own Bible, *our* sacred book from the East, is from start to finish a protest against this doctrine.





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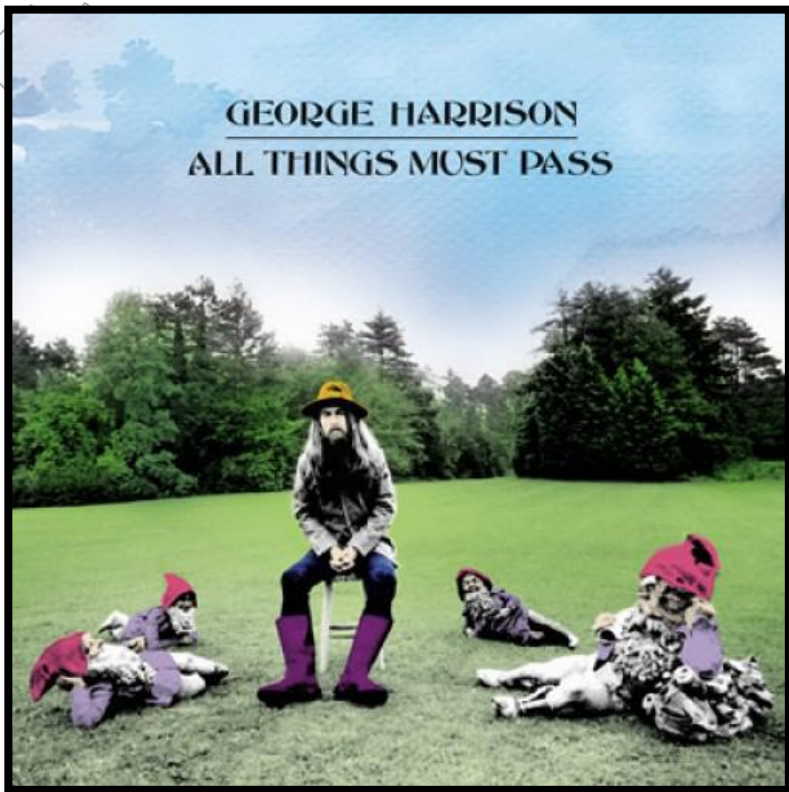






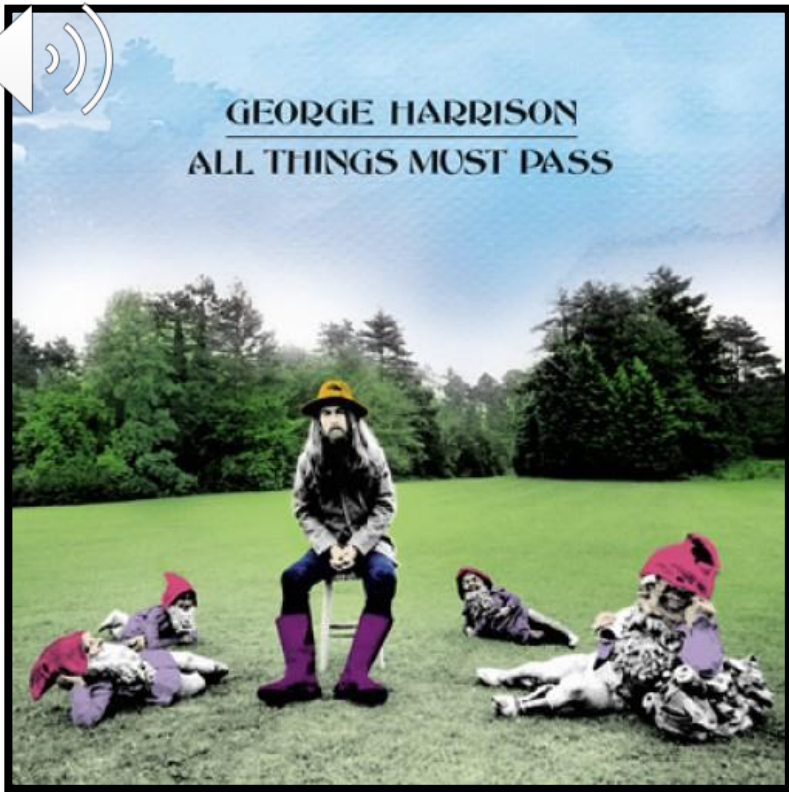
GEORGE HARRISON  
ALL THINGS MUST PASS





Hm, my Lord (hare krishna)  
My, my, my Lord (hare krishna)  
Oh hm, my sweet Lord (krishna, krishna)  
Oh-uuh-uh (hare hare)  
Now, I really want to see you (hare rama)  
Really want to be with you (hare rama)





Hm, hm (Gurur Brahma)  
Hm, hm (Gurur Vishnu)  
Hm, hm (Gurur Devo  
Maheshwara)  
(Devo Maheshwara = Shiva)



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*Salvation = Eventual  
absorption into the absolute  
or universal soul*



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do good things  
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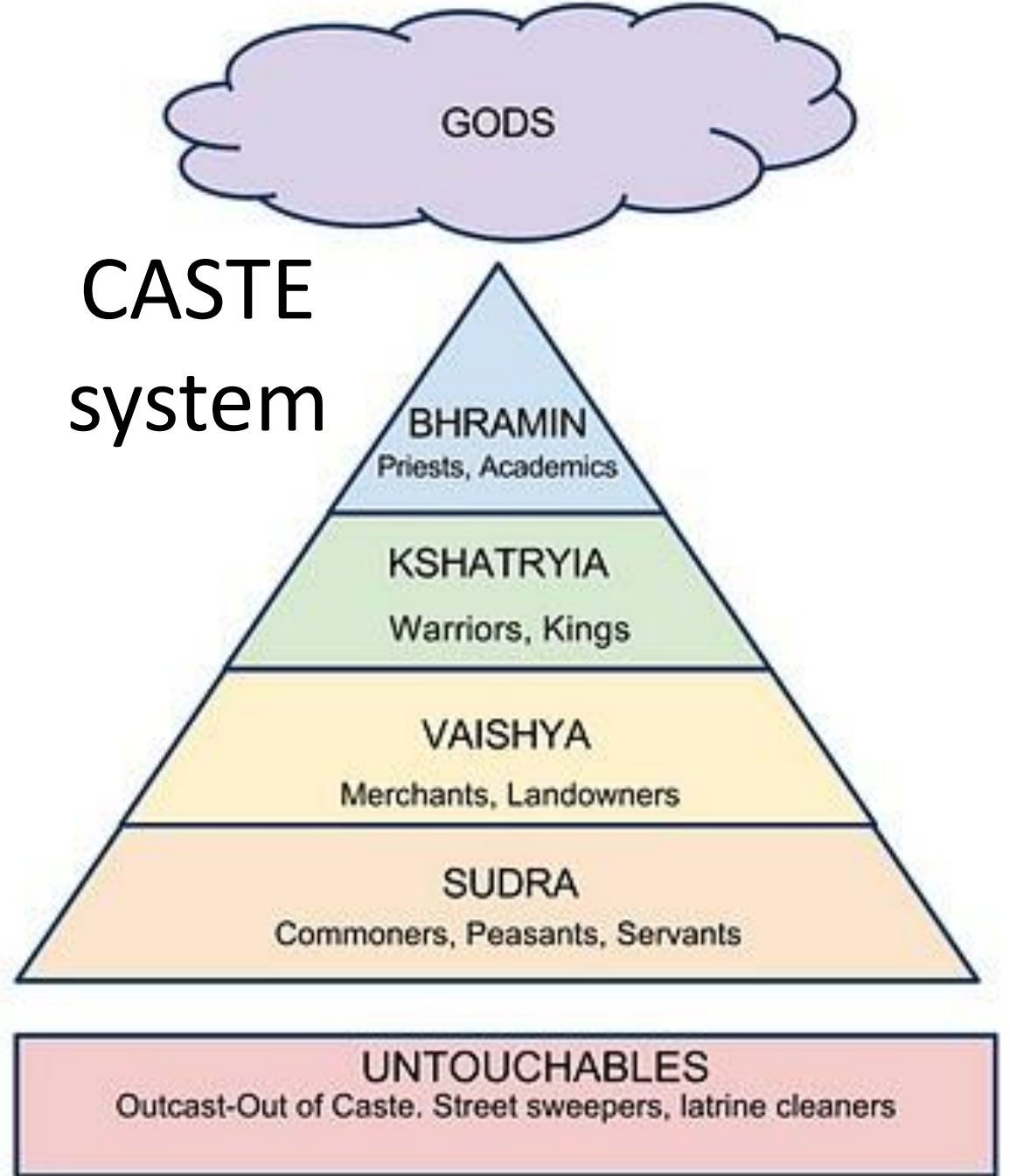




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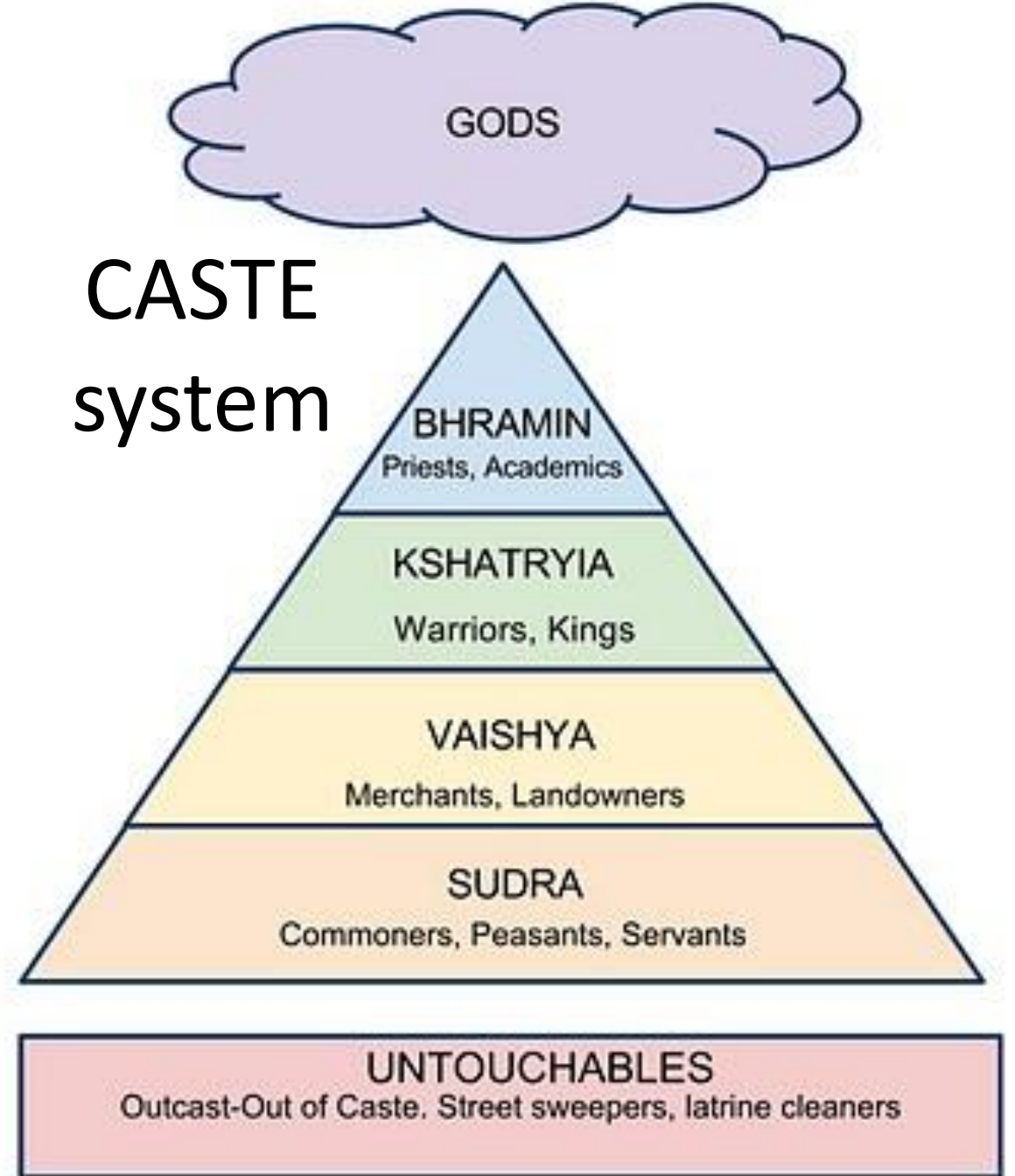






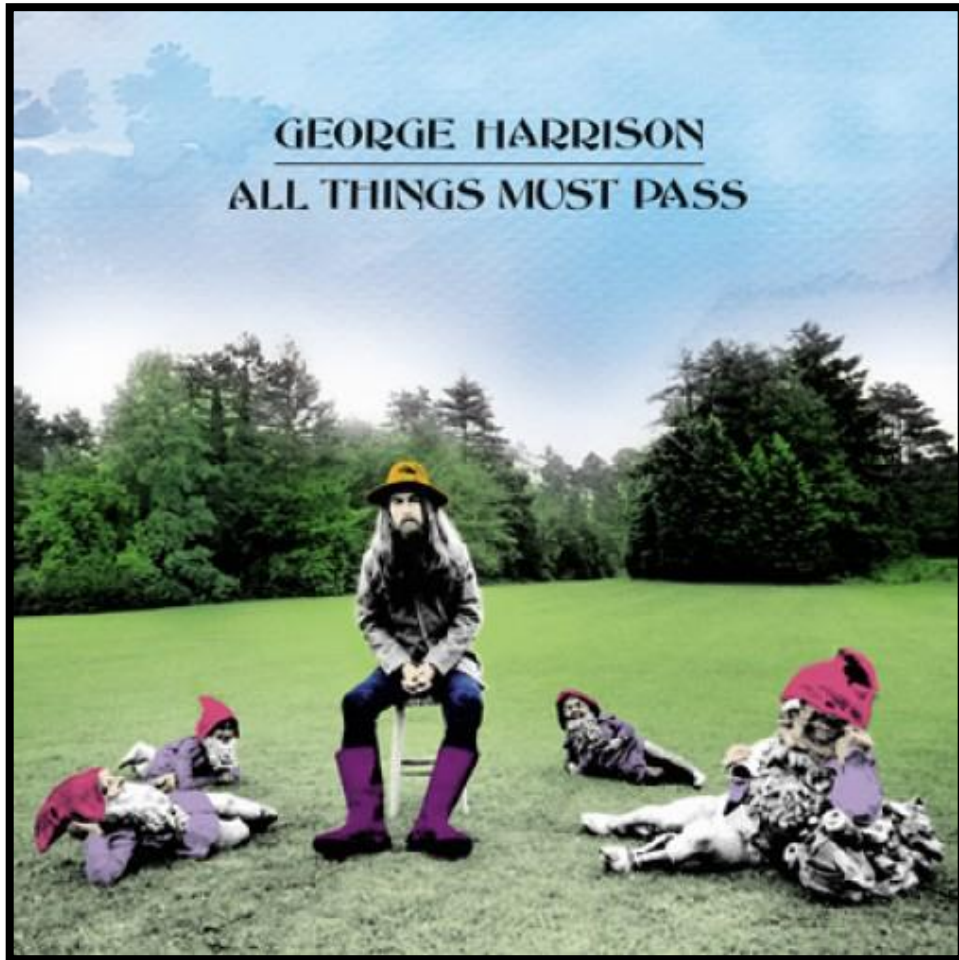
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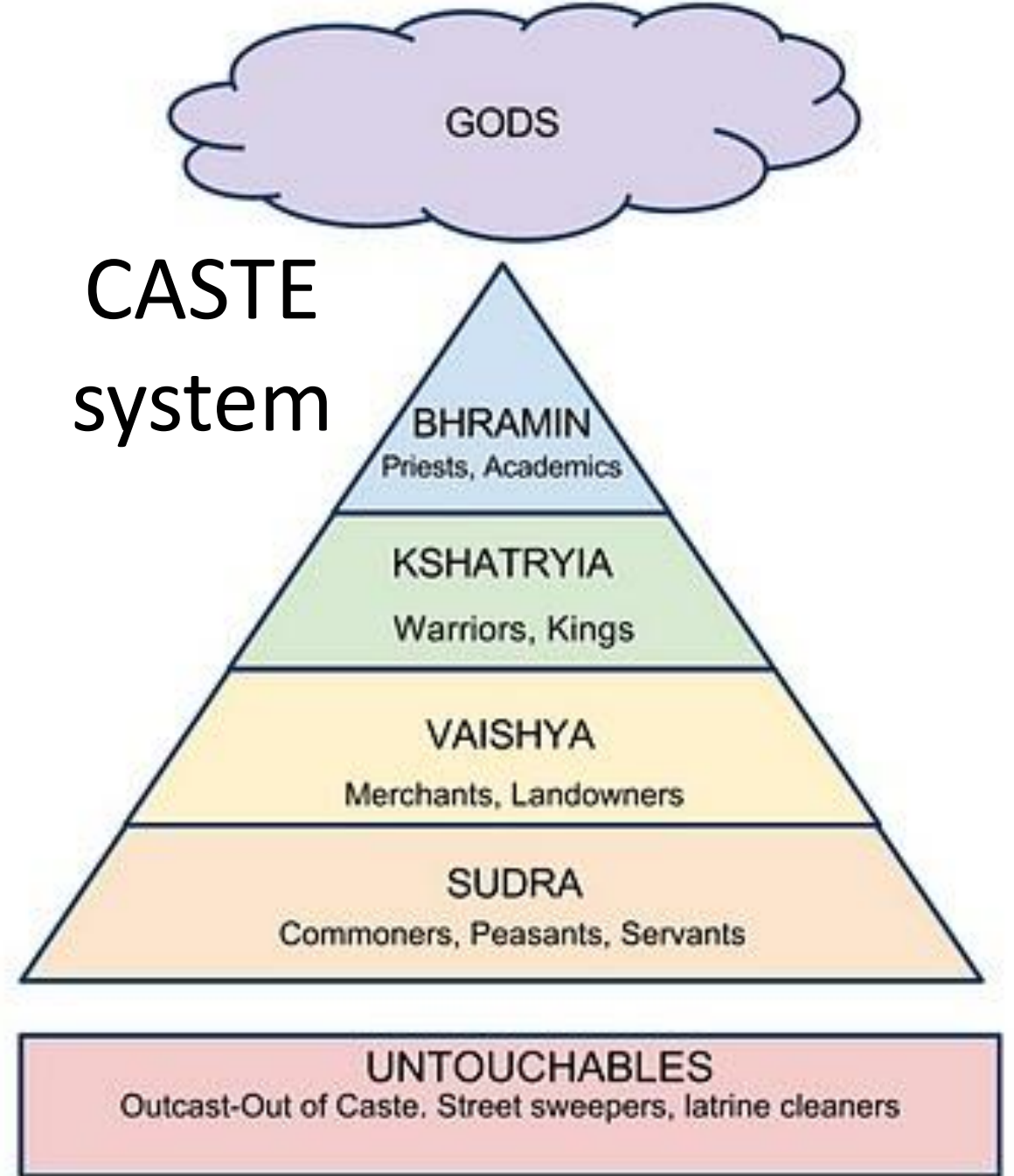




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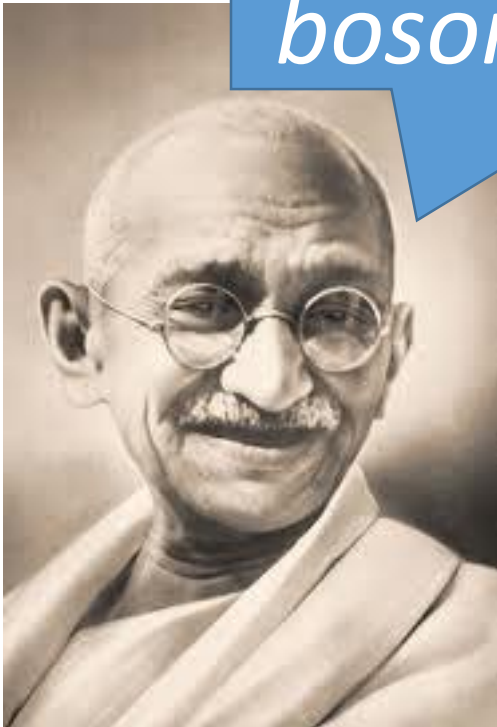
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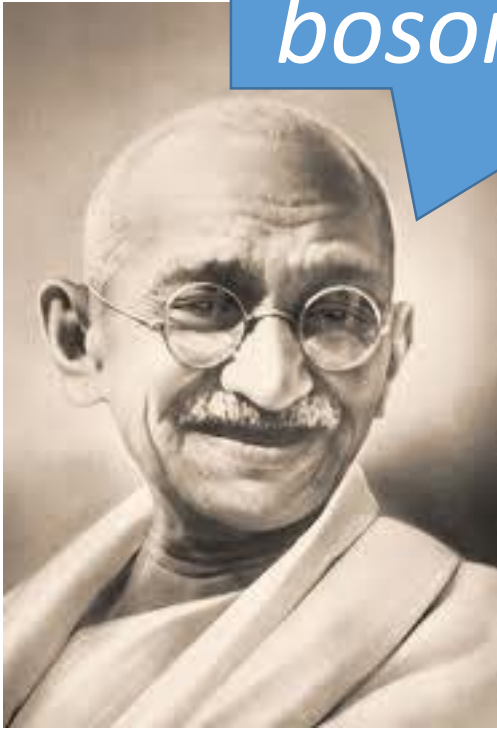
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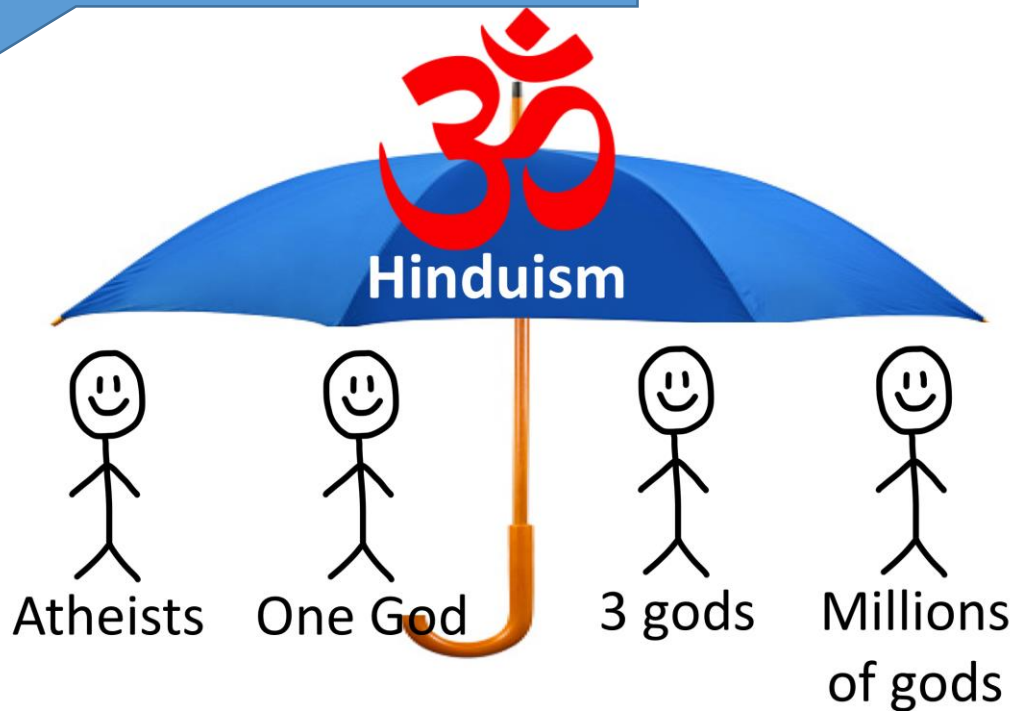
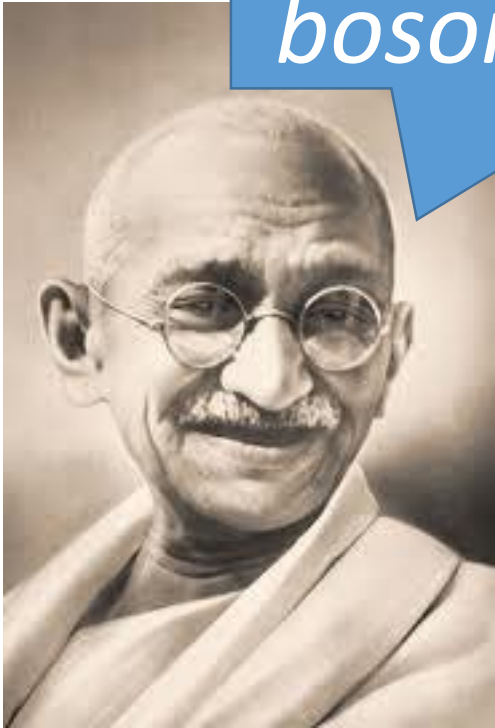
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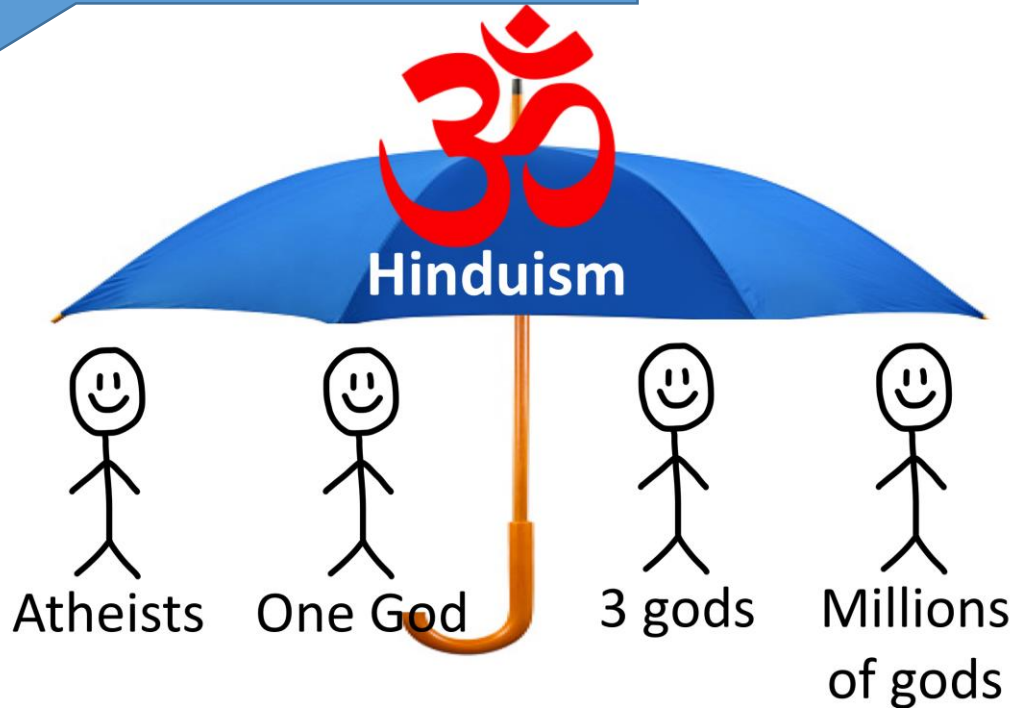
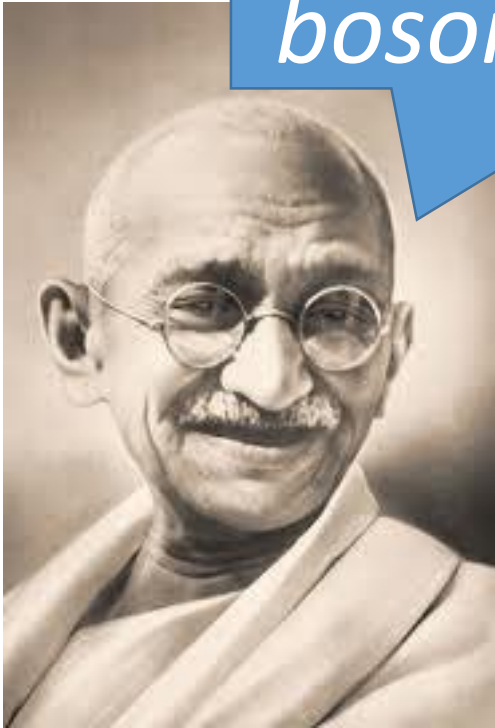
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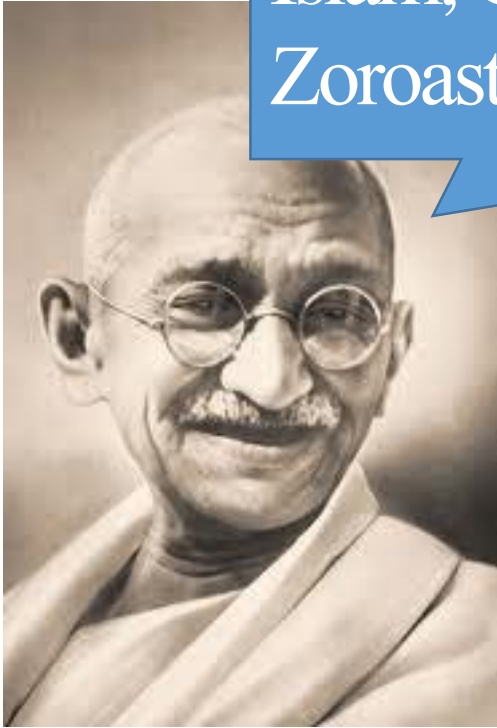
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**Christianity**  
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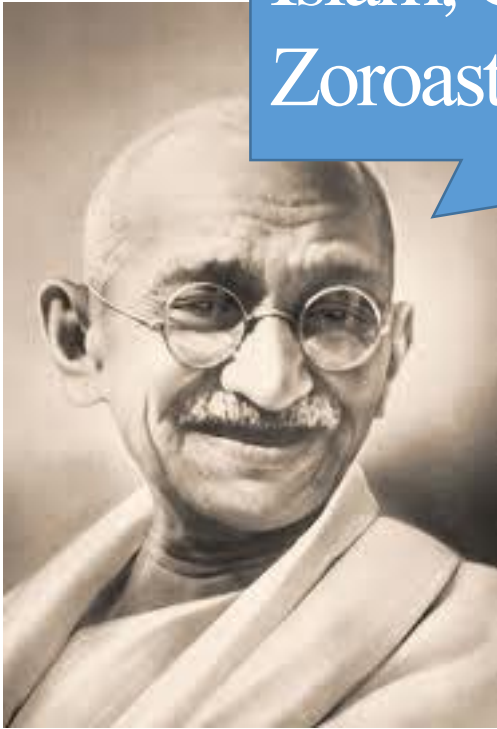
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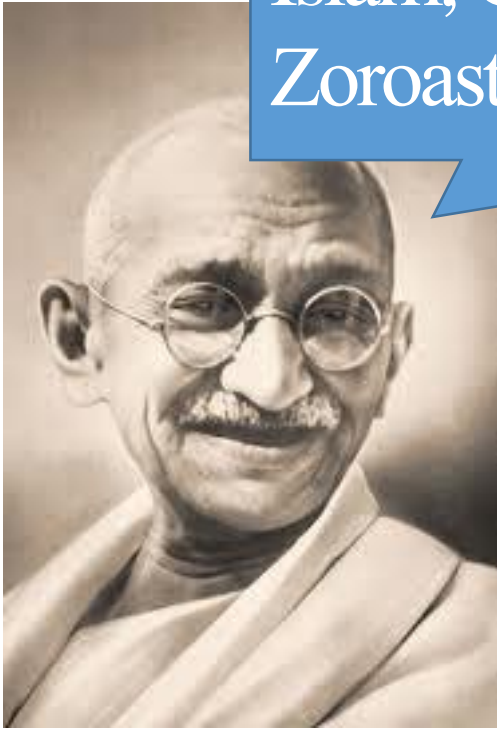
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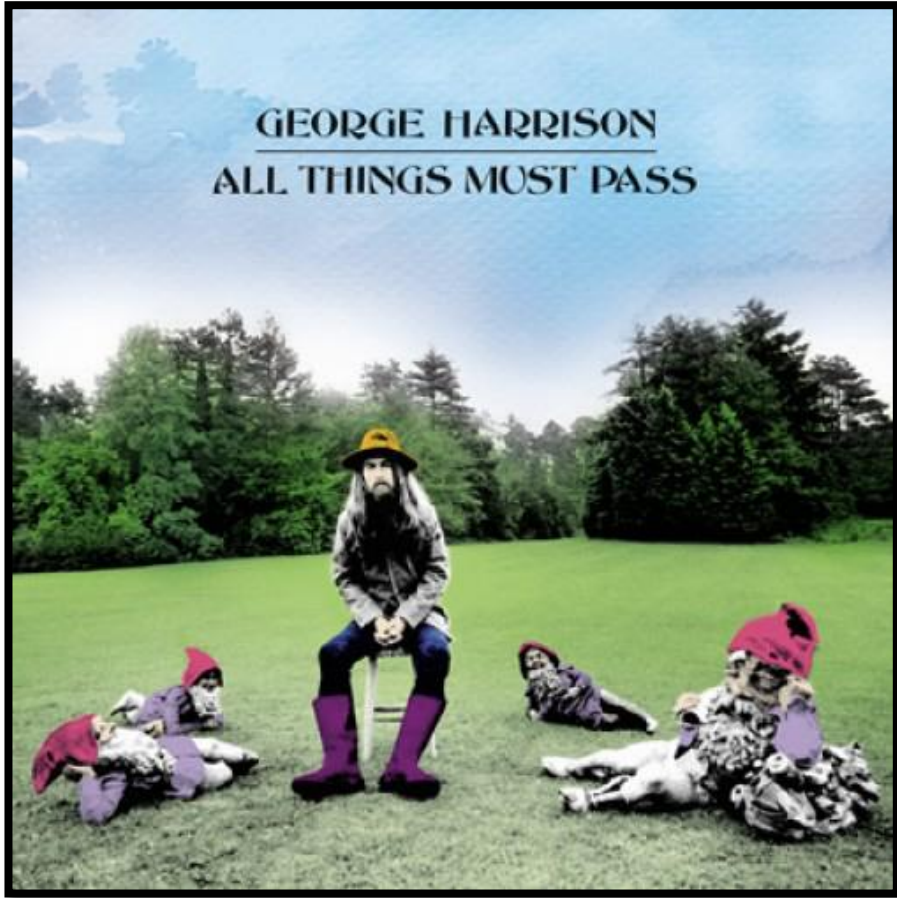
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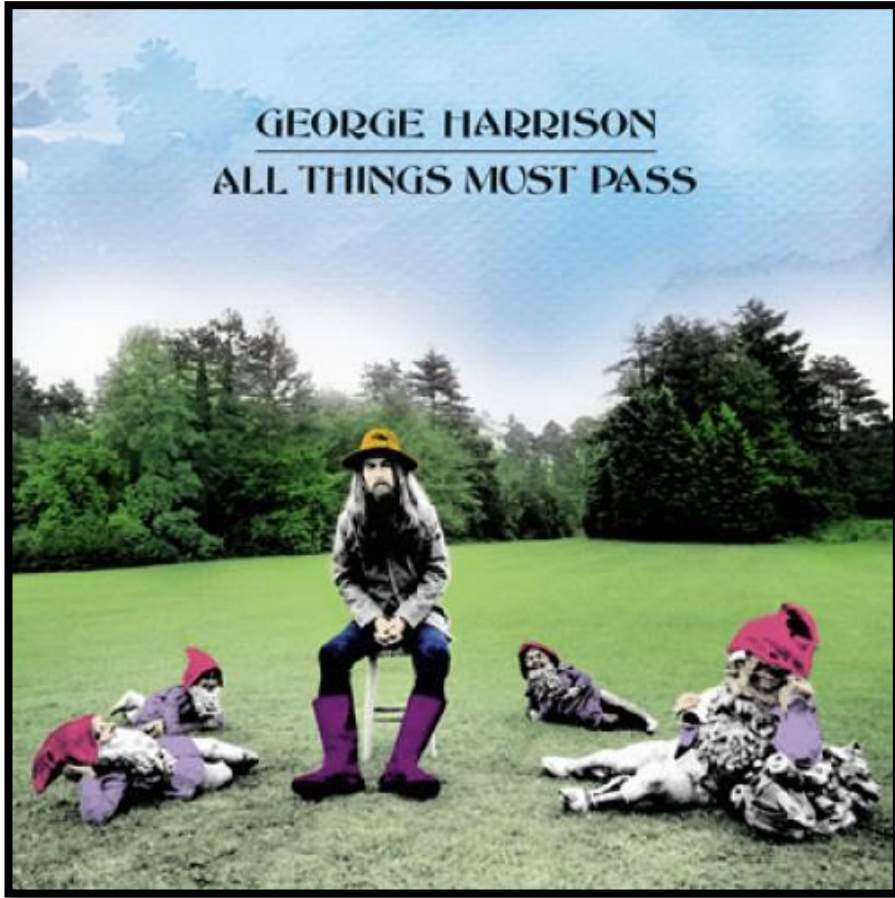
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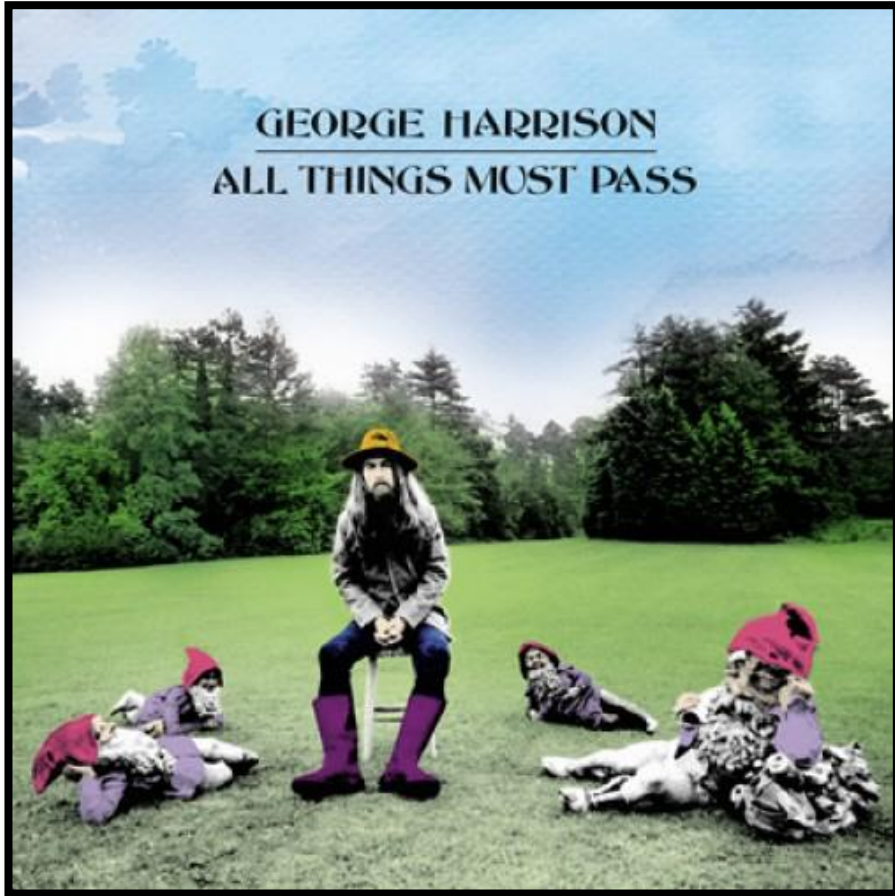
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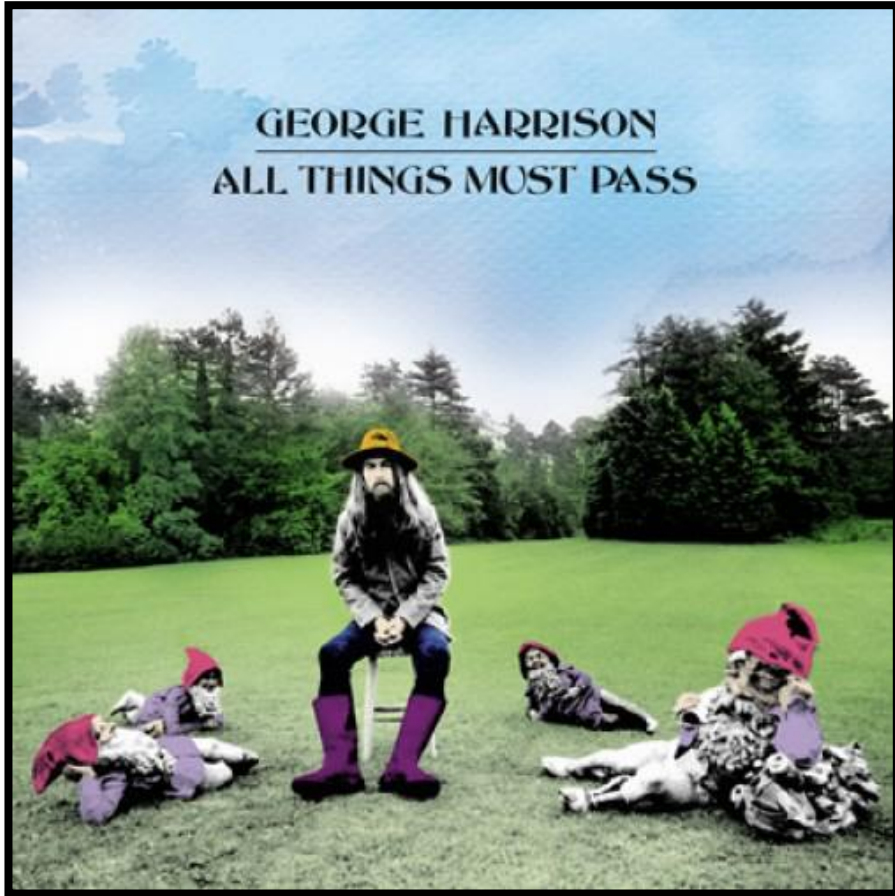


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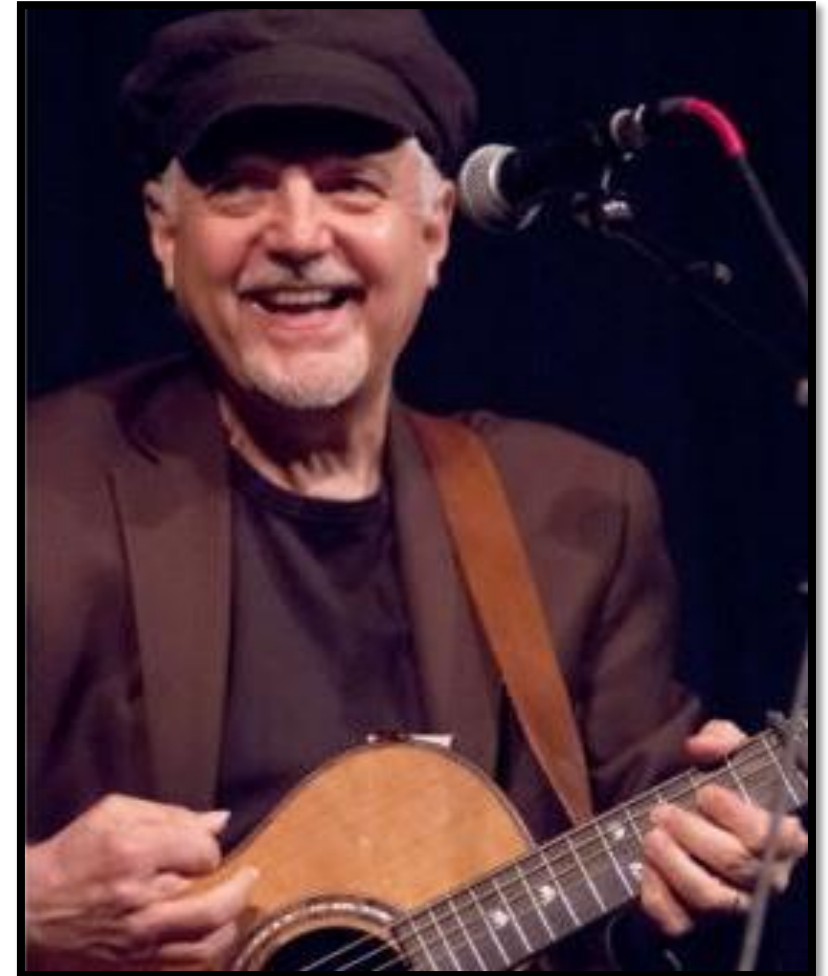


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**I want to know God  
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*“I am the way, and the truth,  
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**I want on the road to truth**



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**I will worship my Redeemer!**

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