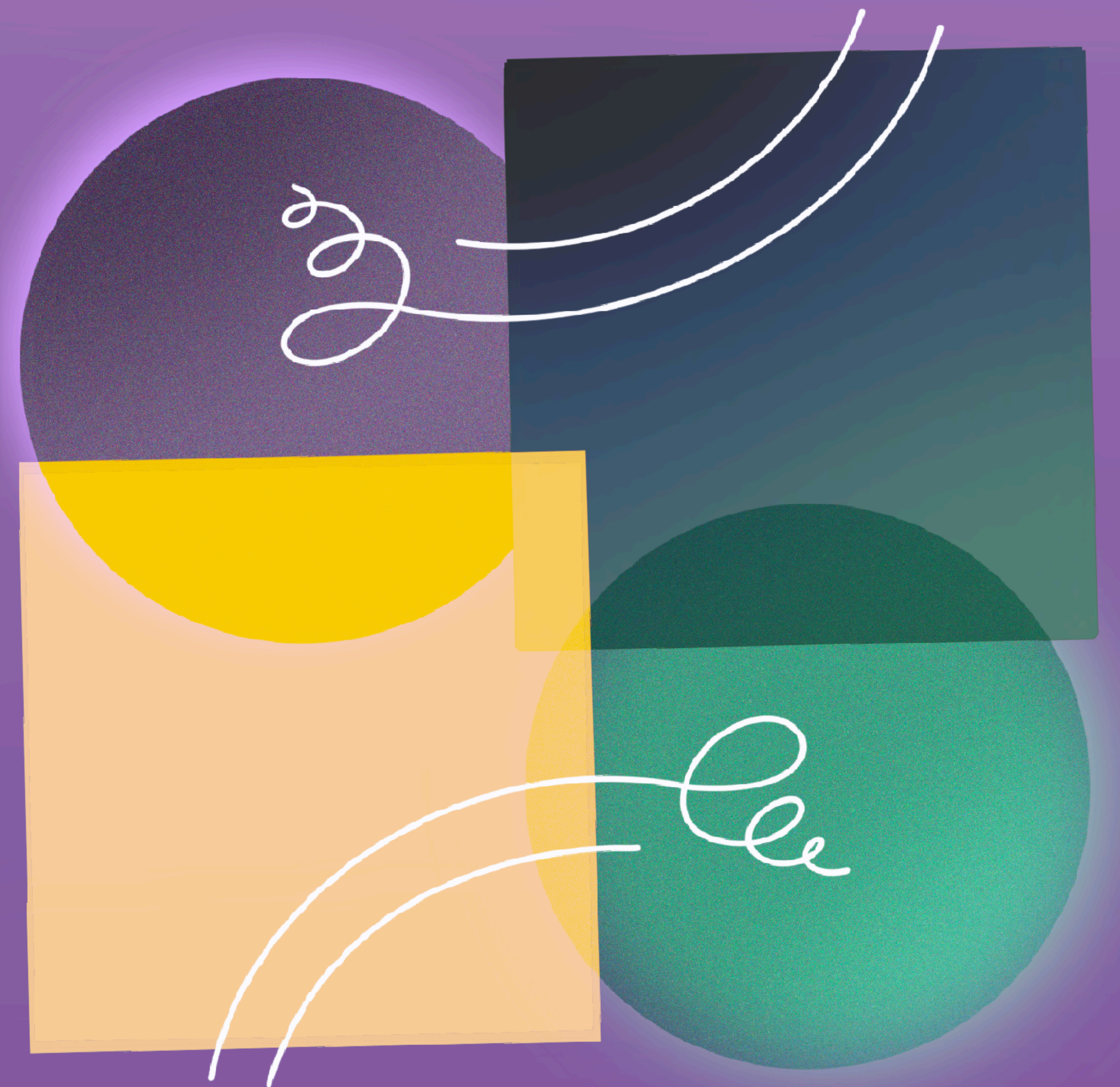


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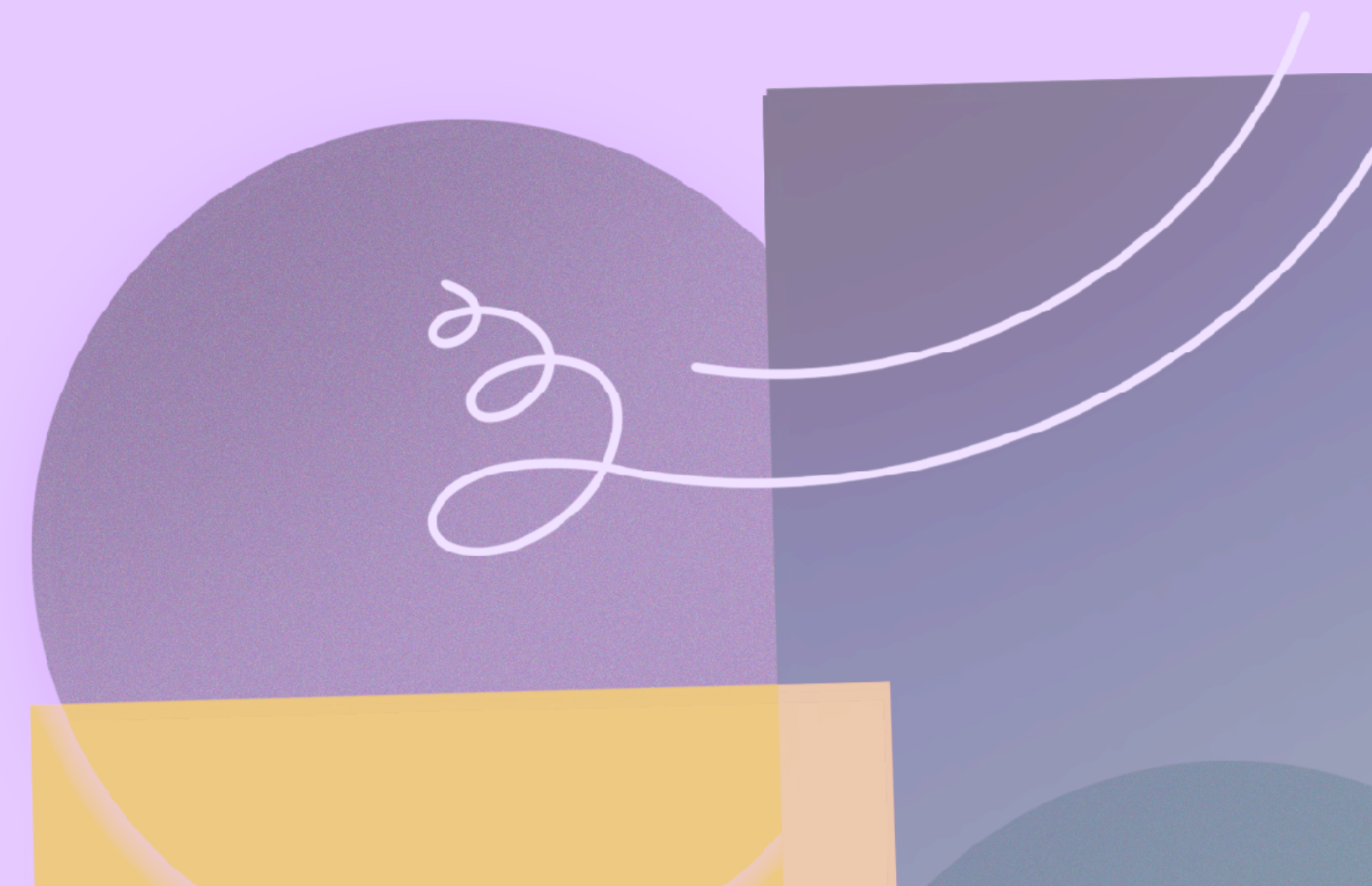
The Cross:

Reimagining Death

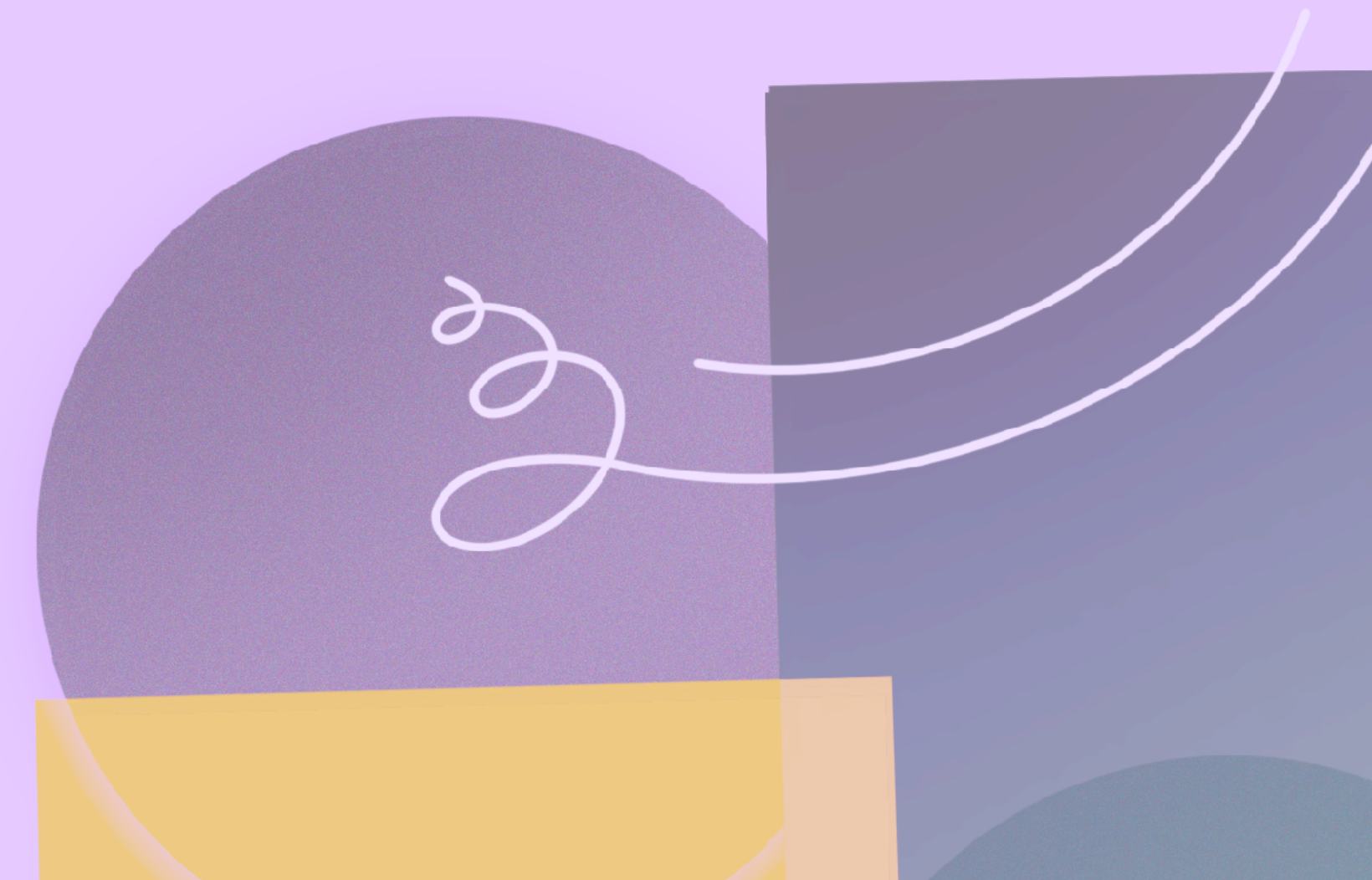


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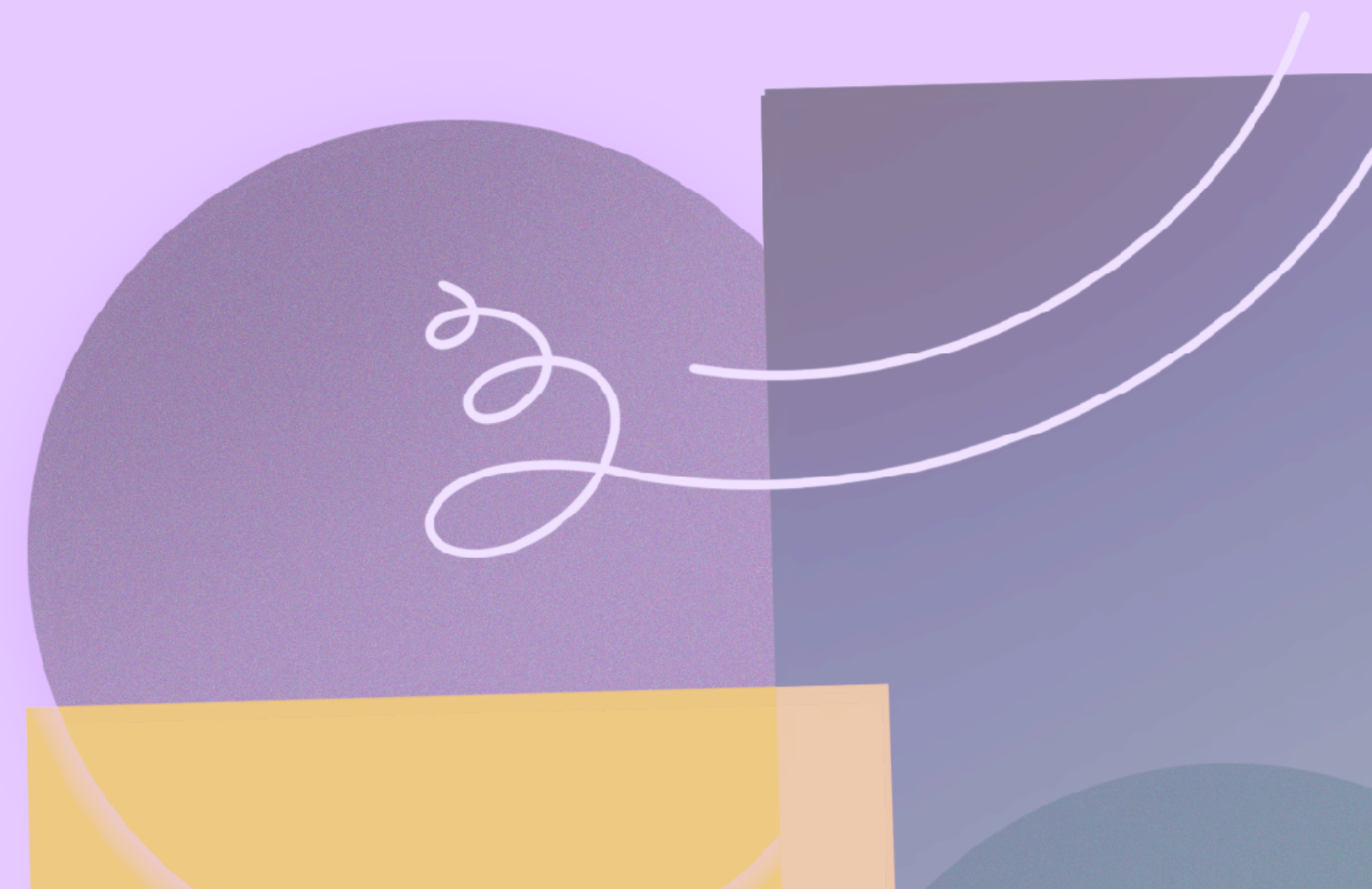
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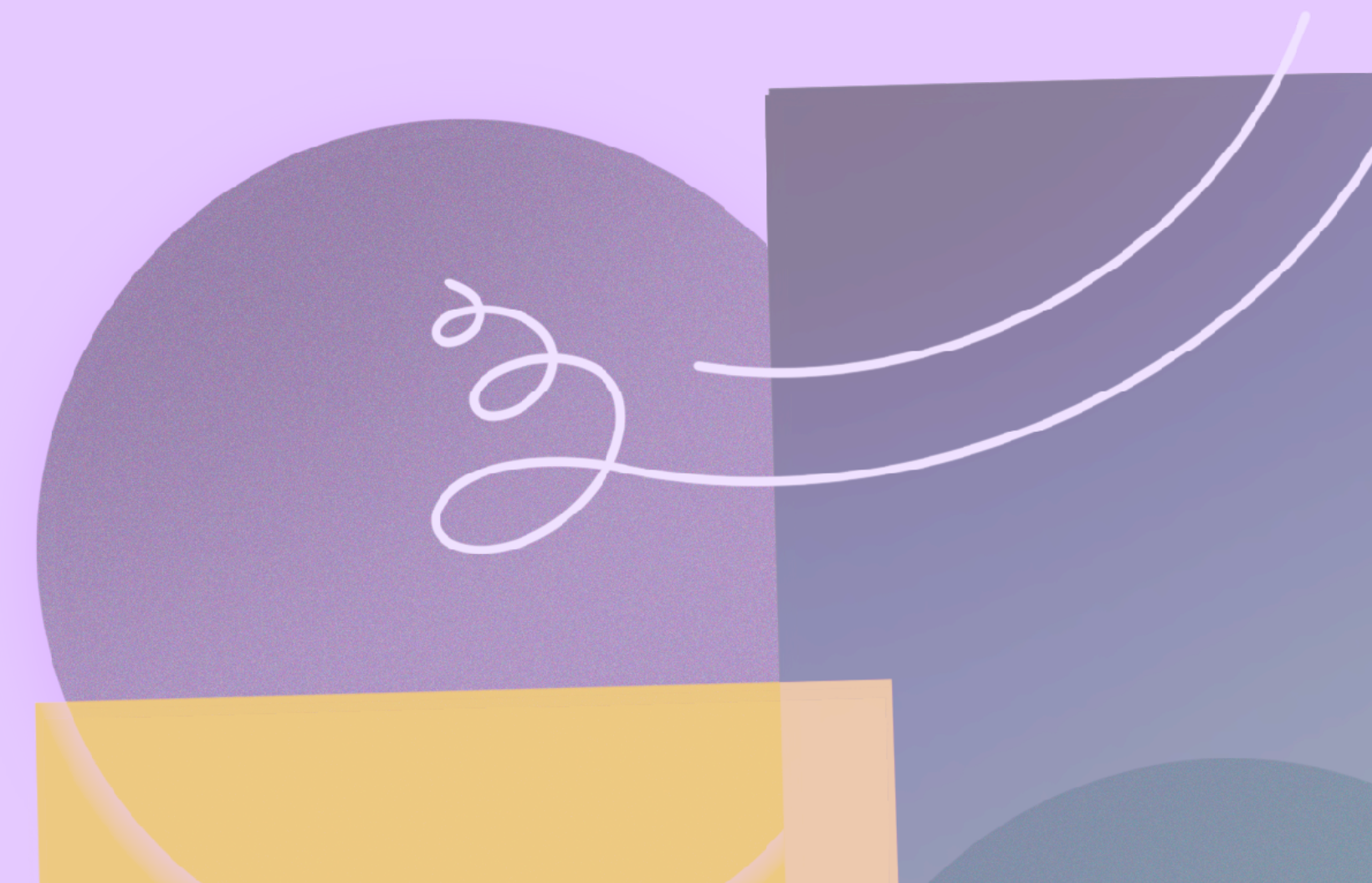
The Cross as Suffering? Is this Good News?



Violence happens when we hold coercive power over others to control an outcome.

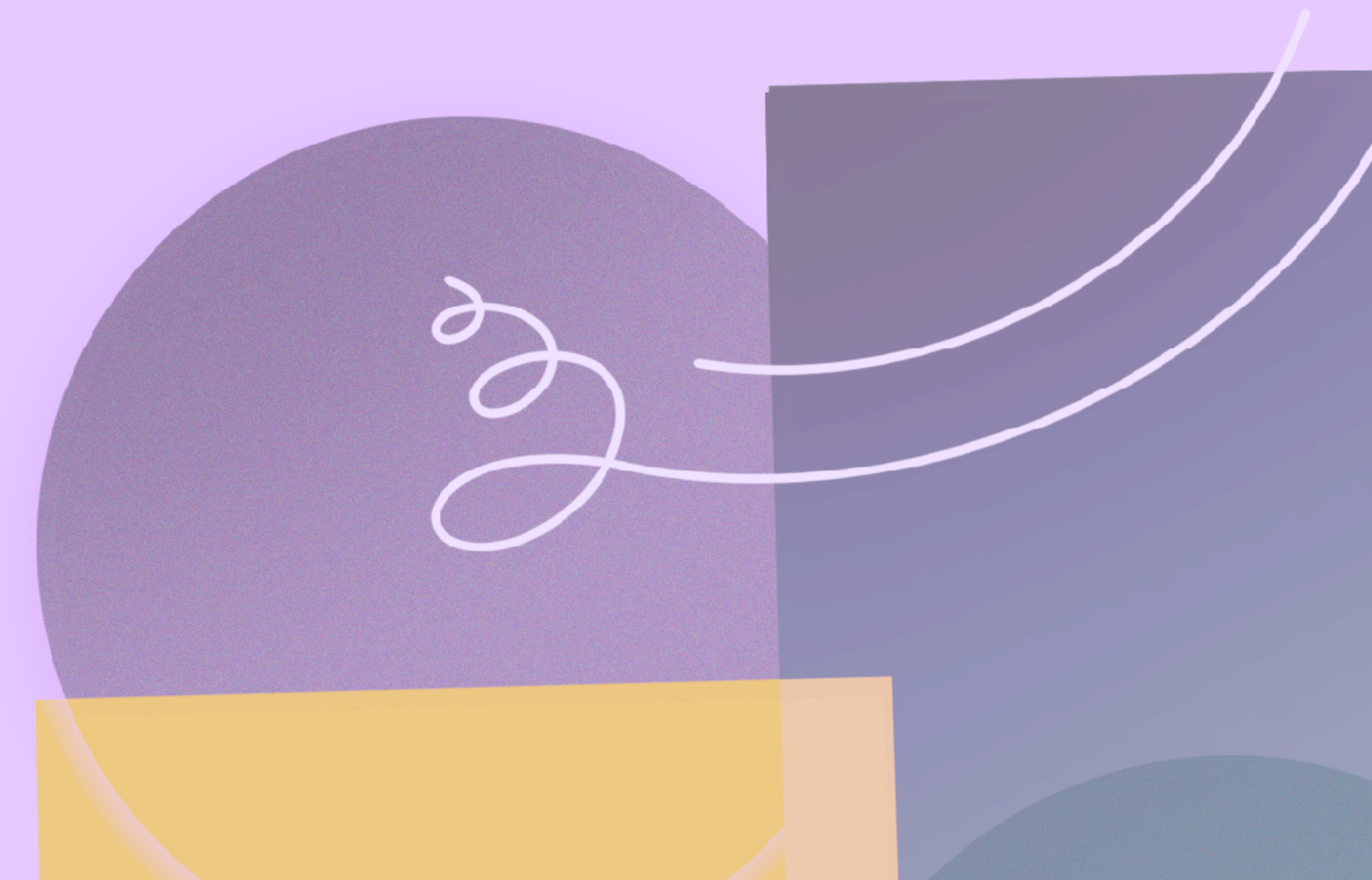


The lie of coercive power: When we take control, we can end the suffering.

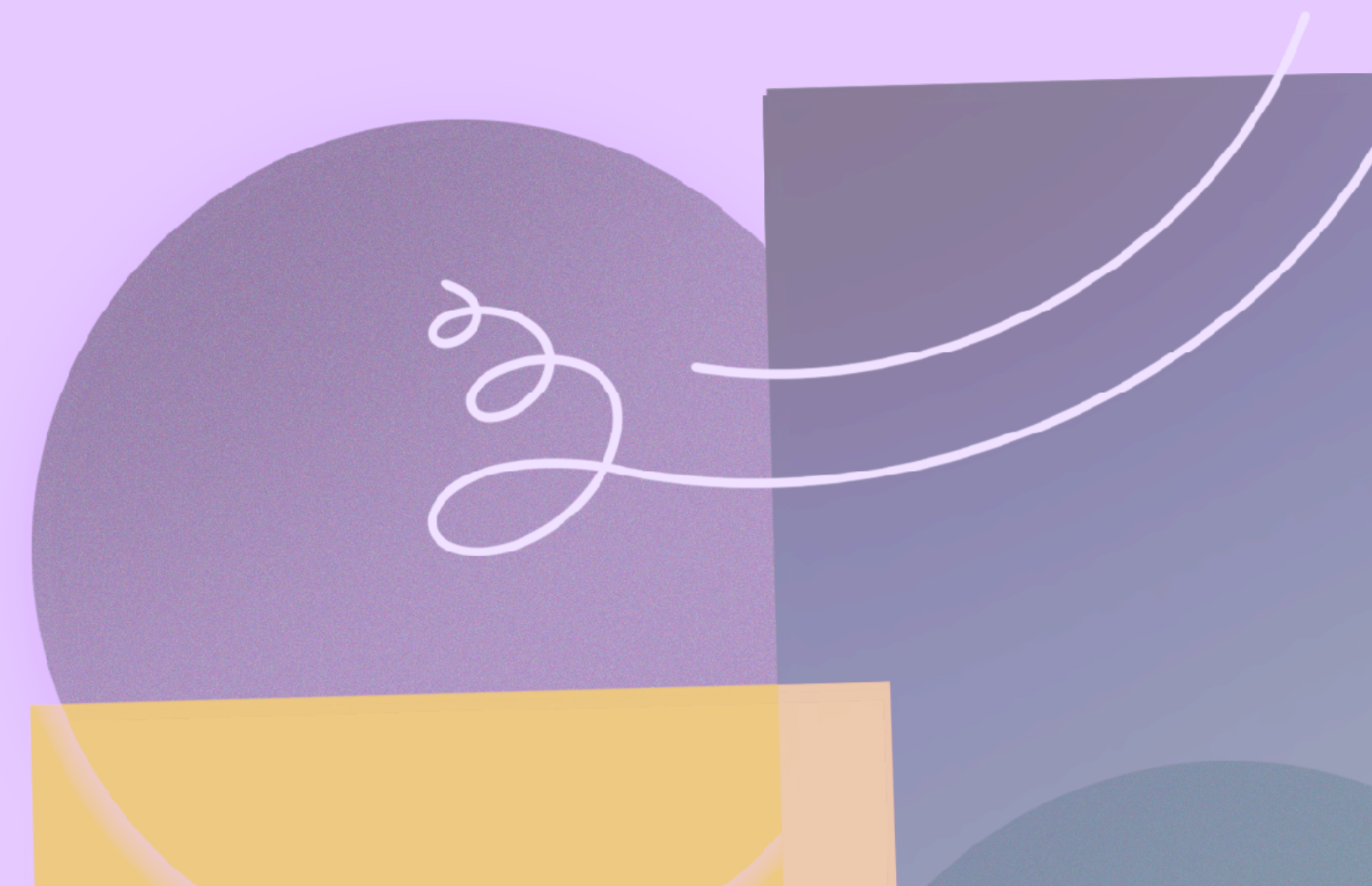


“God knew from all eternity that when God sent the Messiah, the greatest empire the world had ever known would execute him. Why did God send the Messiah at that time? .. It was to reveal the savage heart of civilization.”

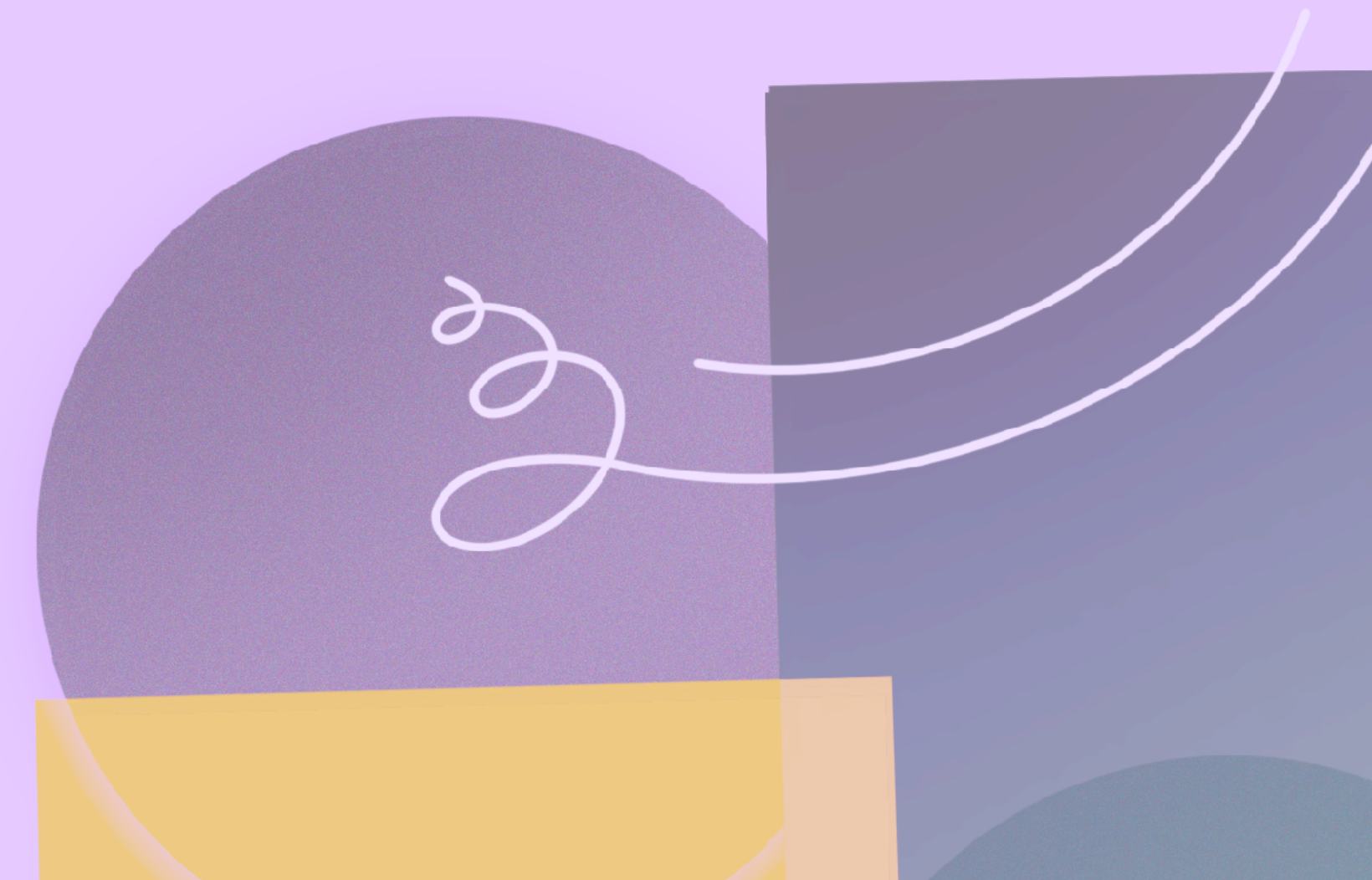
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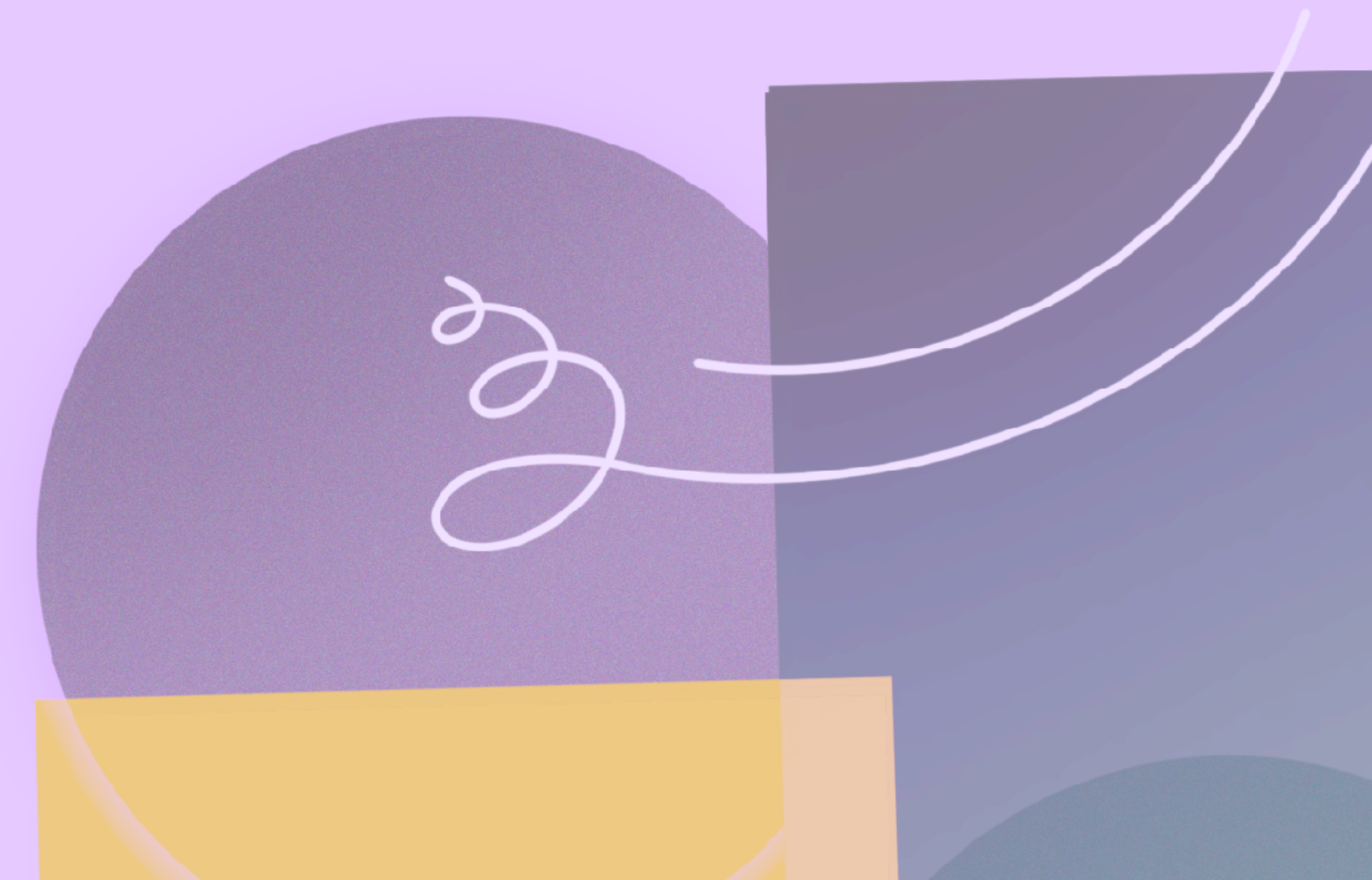
What is the cross?
The cross is a mirror for humanity.



**“Father, if you are willing,
take this cup from me;
yet not my will,
but yours be done.”
(v. 42)**



What is the cross?
The cross is a window into who God is:
A God who refuses to succumb to
violence.



God is in the business of renewing all things, and God invites us to participate.

