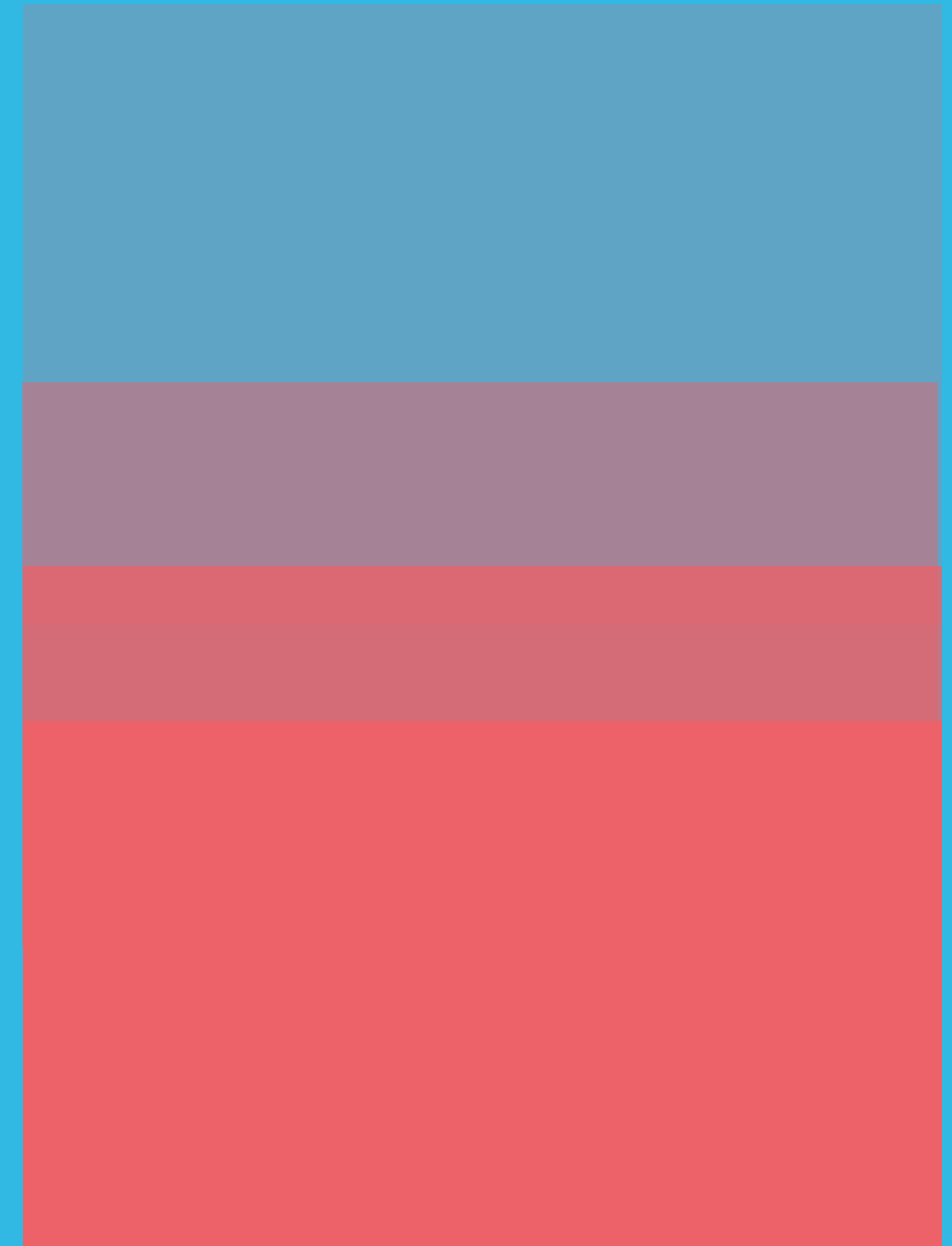


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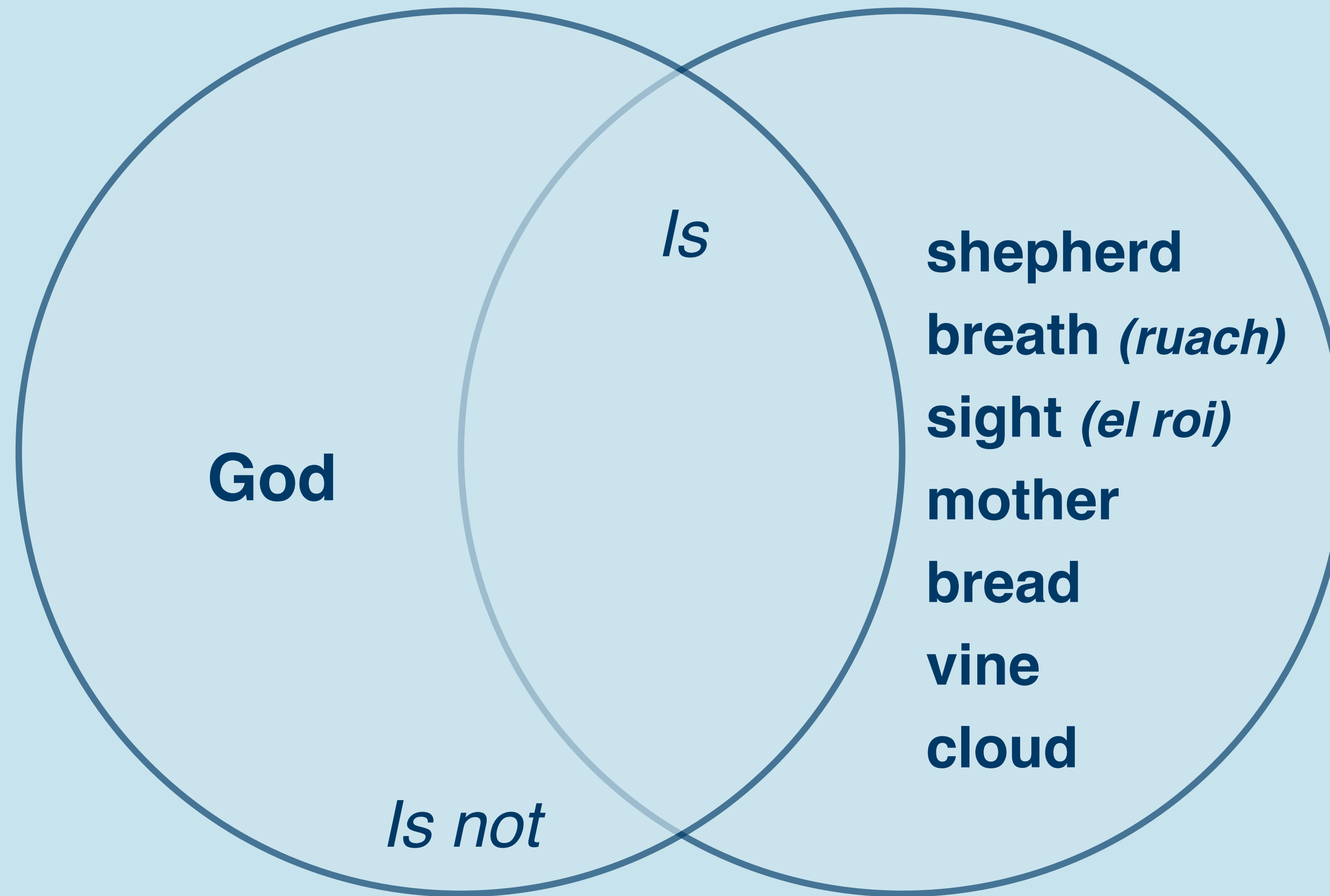


# Metaphors for God



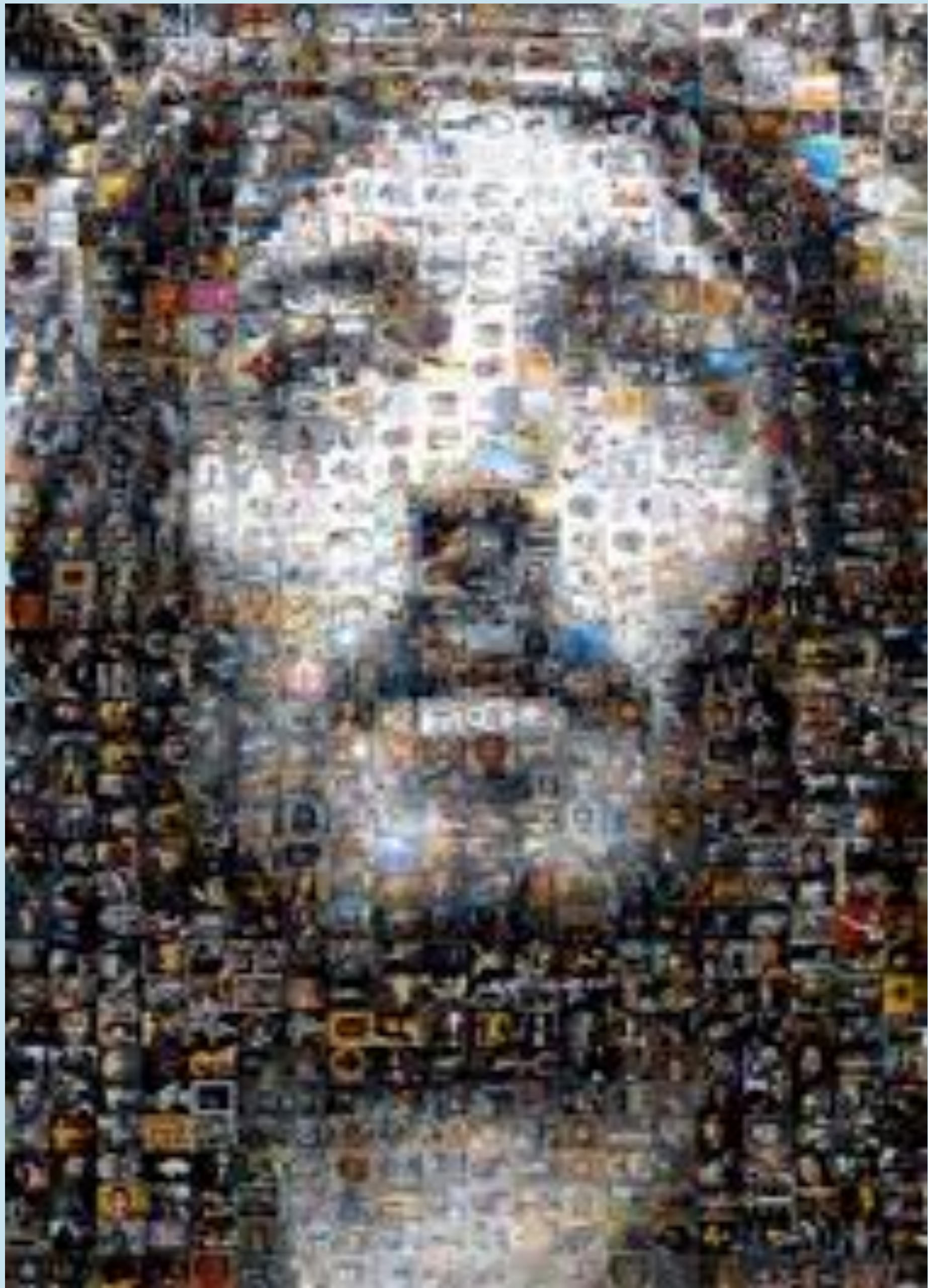
# **God as Mother**

Psalm 131 & Luke 13:31-35



How do we speak about God?  
Metaphors overlap domains of knowledge





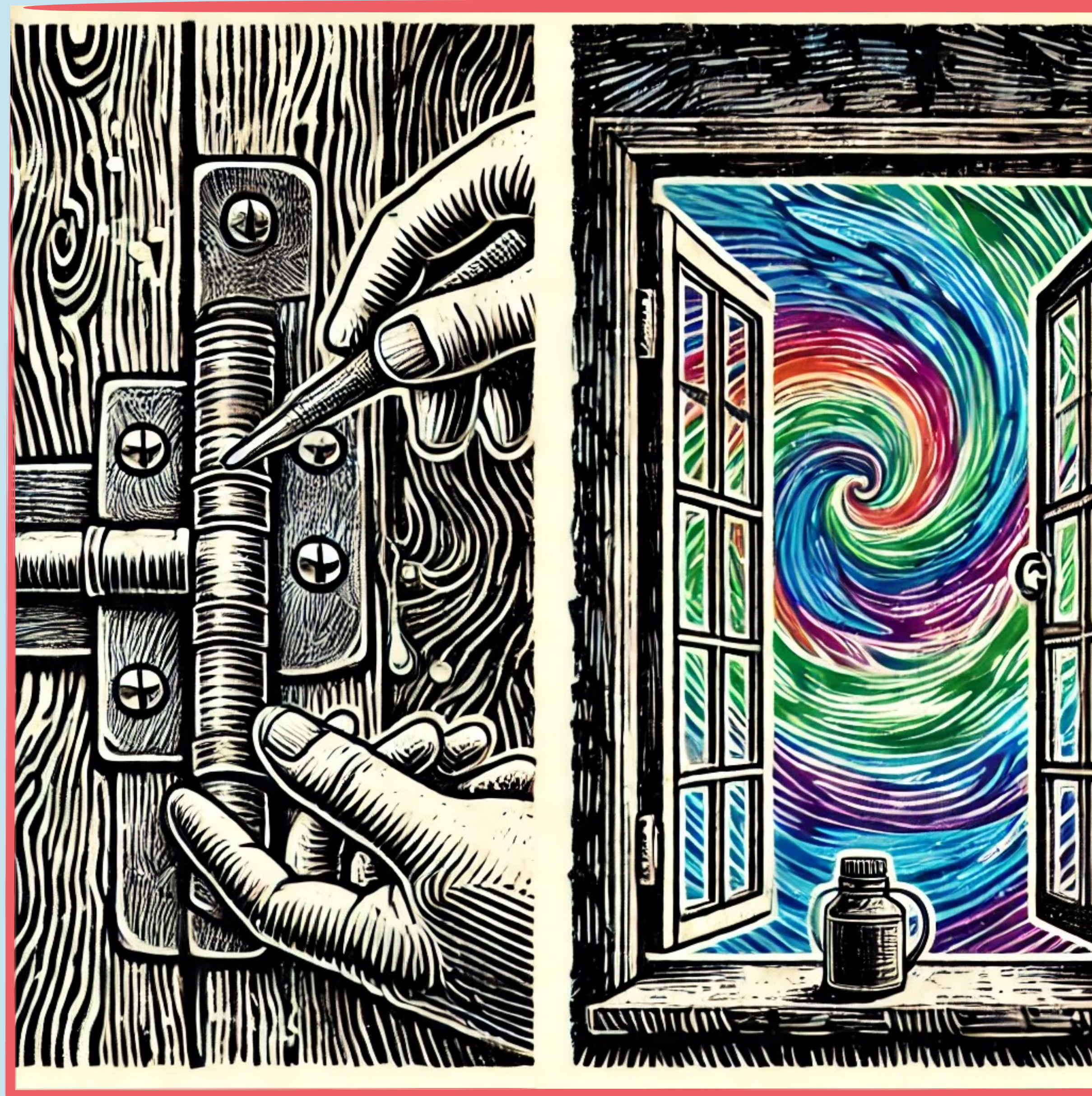




Metaphors  
are windows  
that help us  
access God in  
everyday life



Sometimes  
the hinges  
(i.e. metaphors)  
get fused and  
need oiling





Oh Lord, my heart is not proud,  
nor my look haughty;  
I do not concern myself with great matters  
or to what is beyond me;  
but I have stilled and quieted my soul  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
like a weaned child am I in my mind.

O Israel, wait for the Lord  
now and forever.

- Psalm 131

31 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

32 He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ 33 In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!



34 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, *as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings*, and you were not willing. 35 Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

- Luke 13:31-35



## **Visio Divina**

Slow our seeing to sink into the metaphors  
of Psalm 131 & Luke 13:31-35