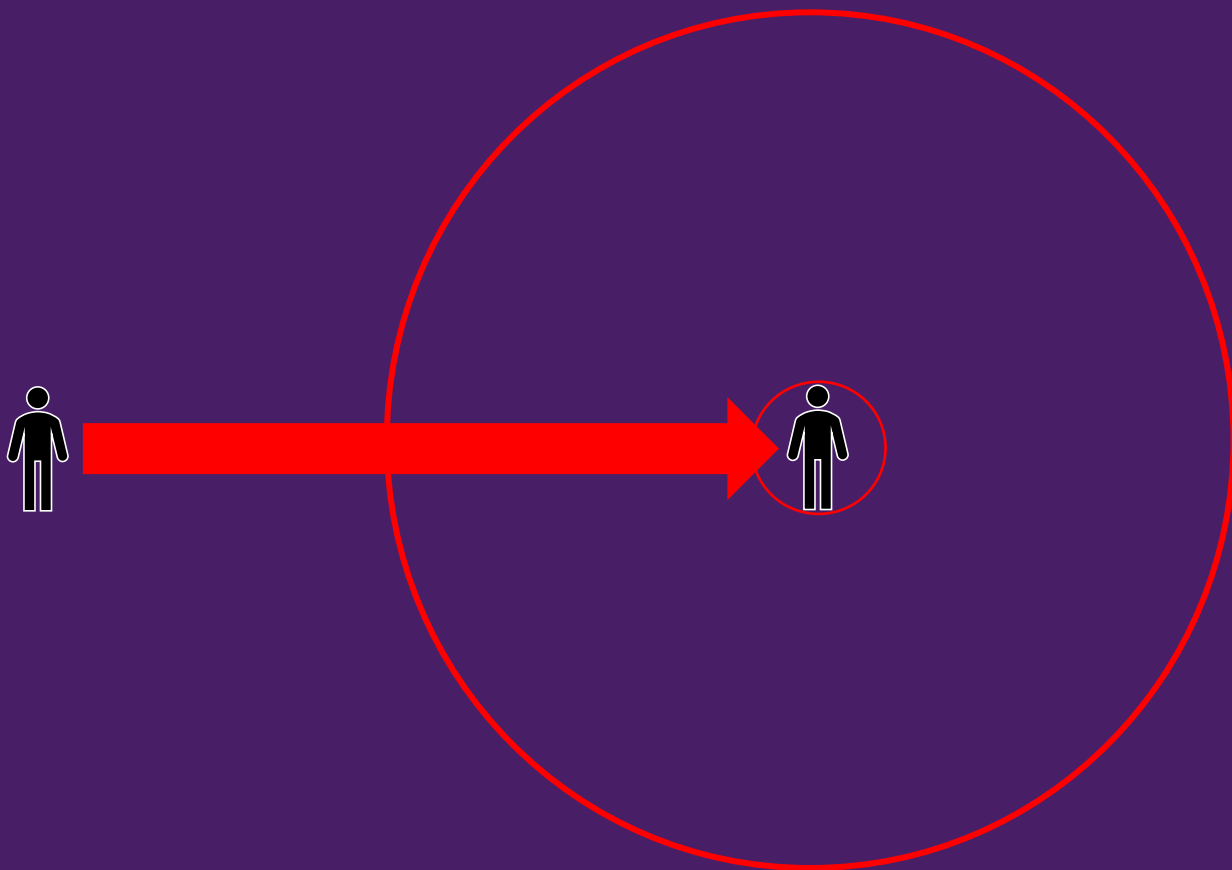


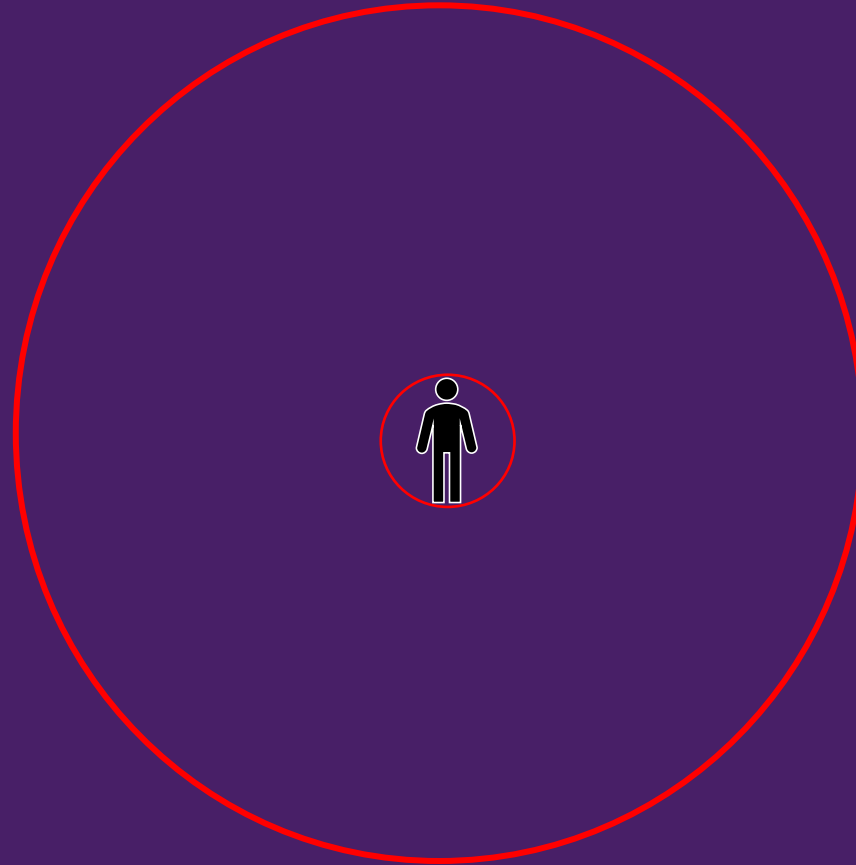
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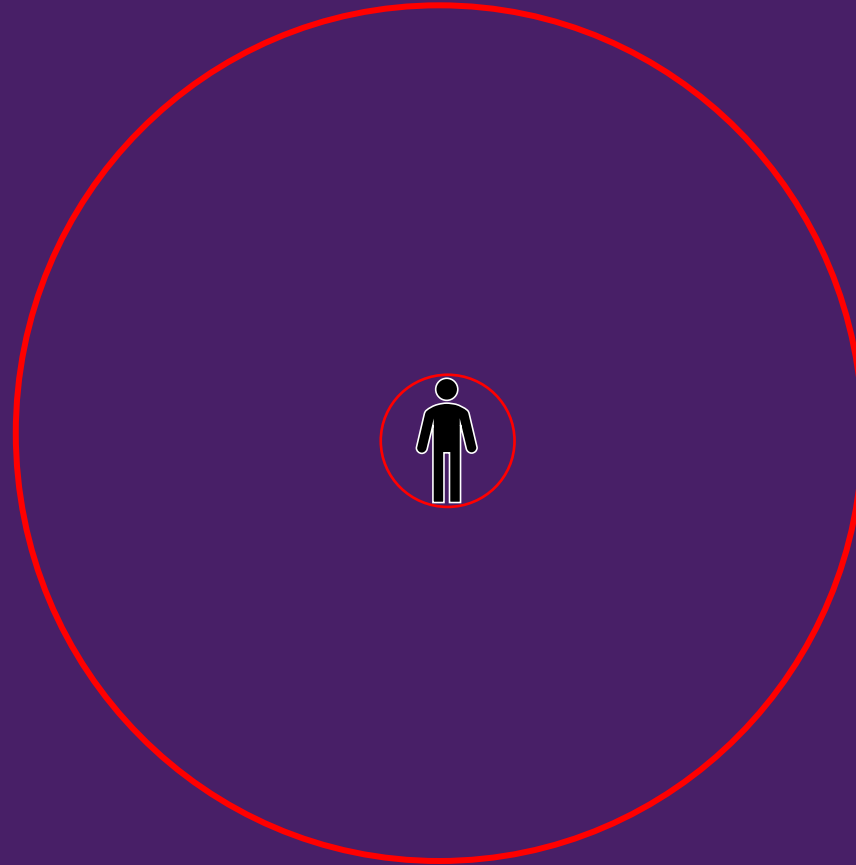


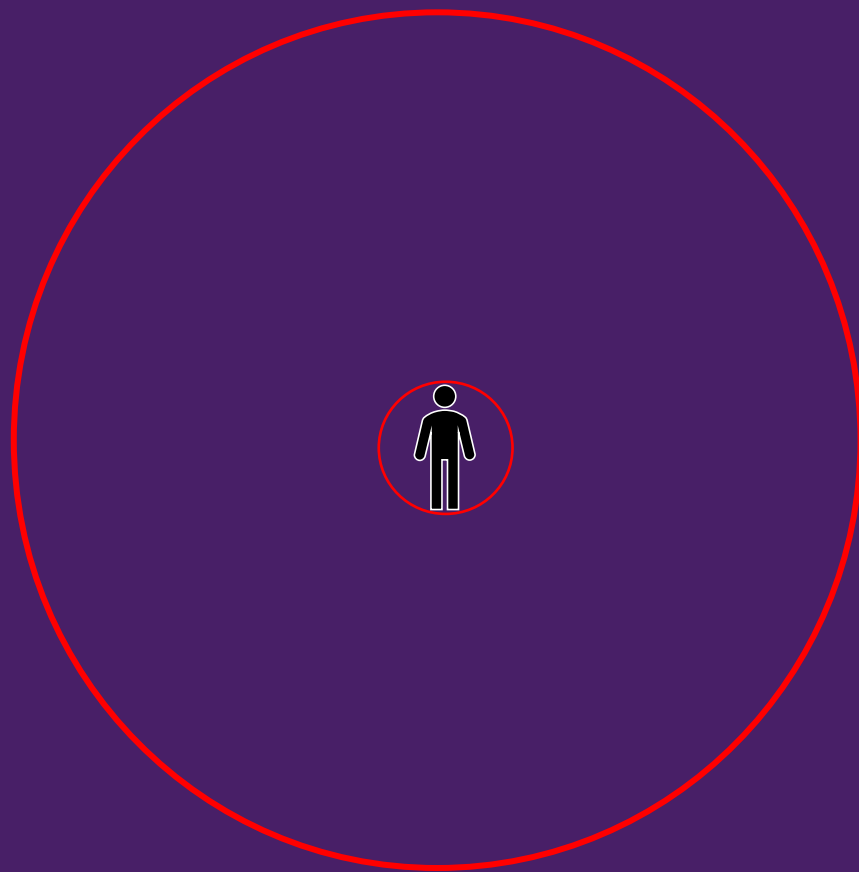


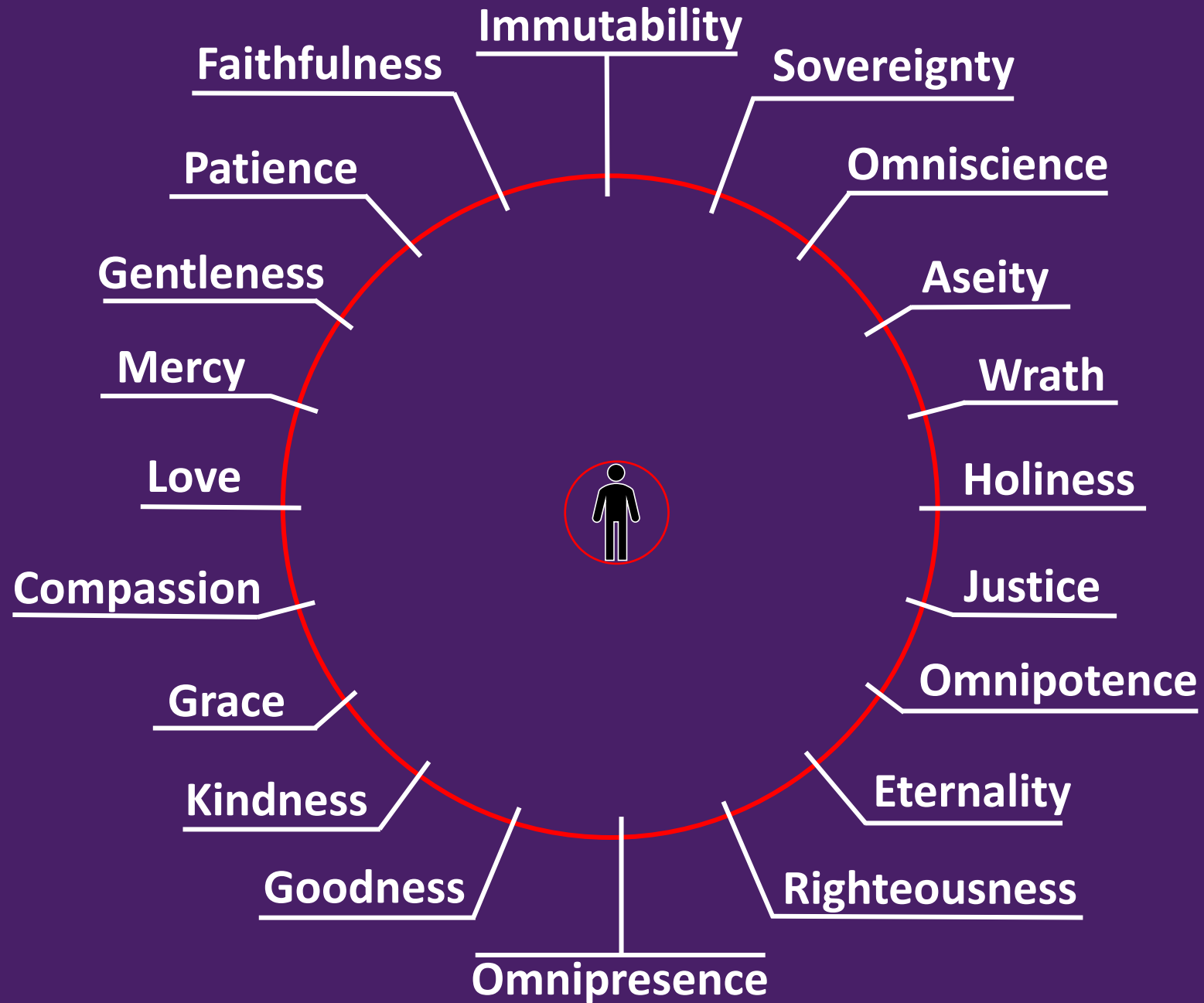
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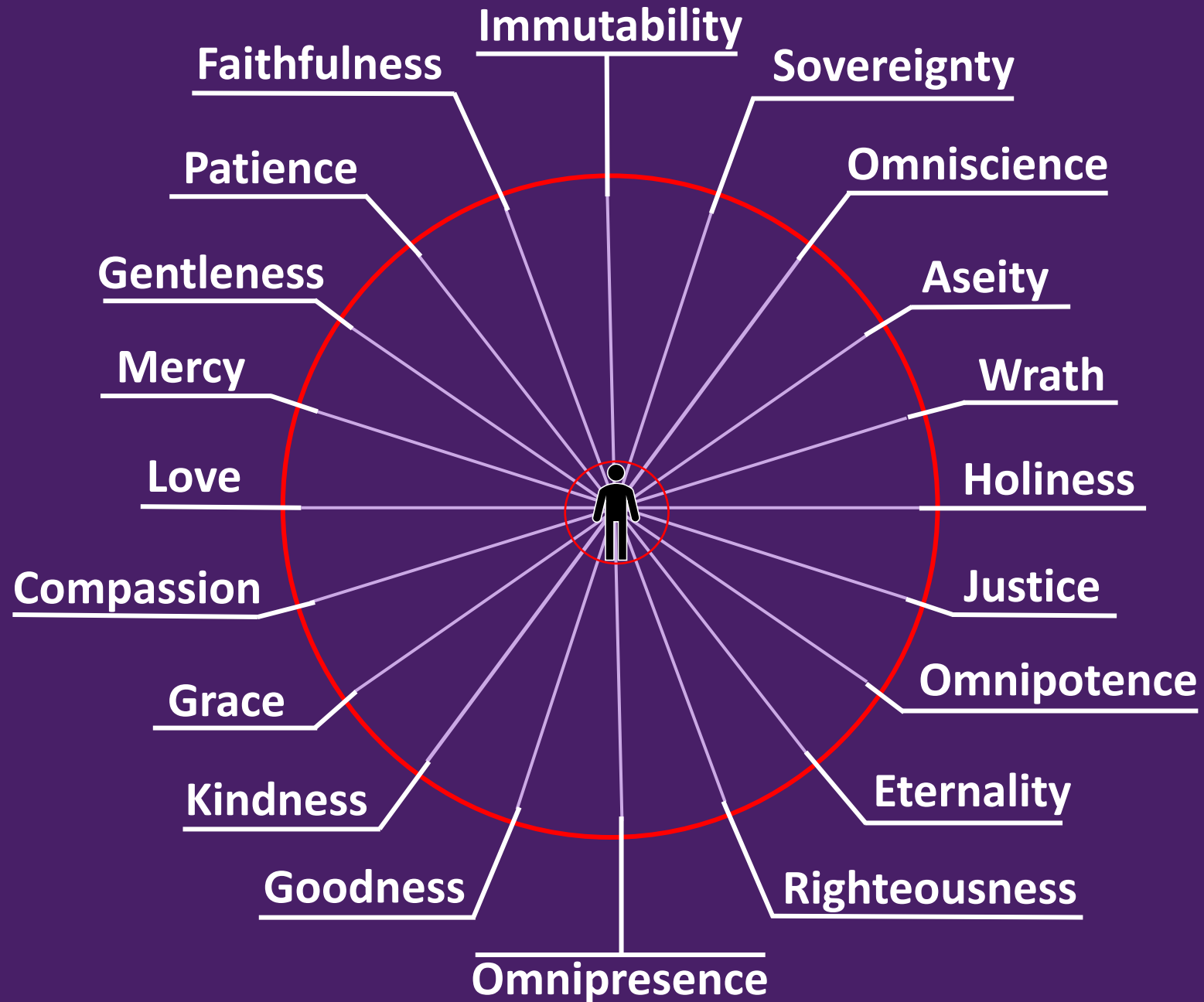


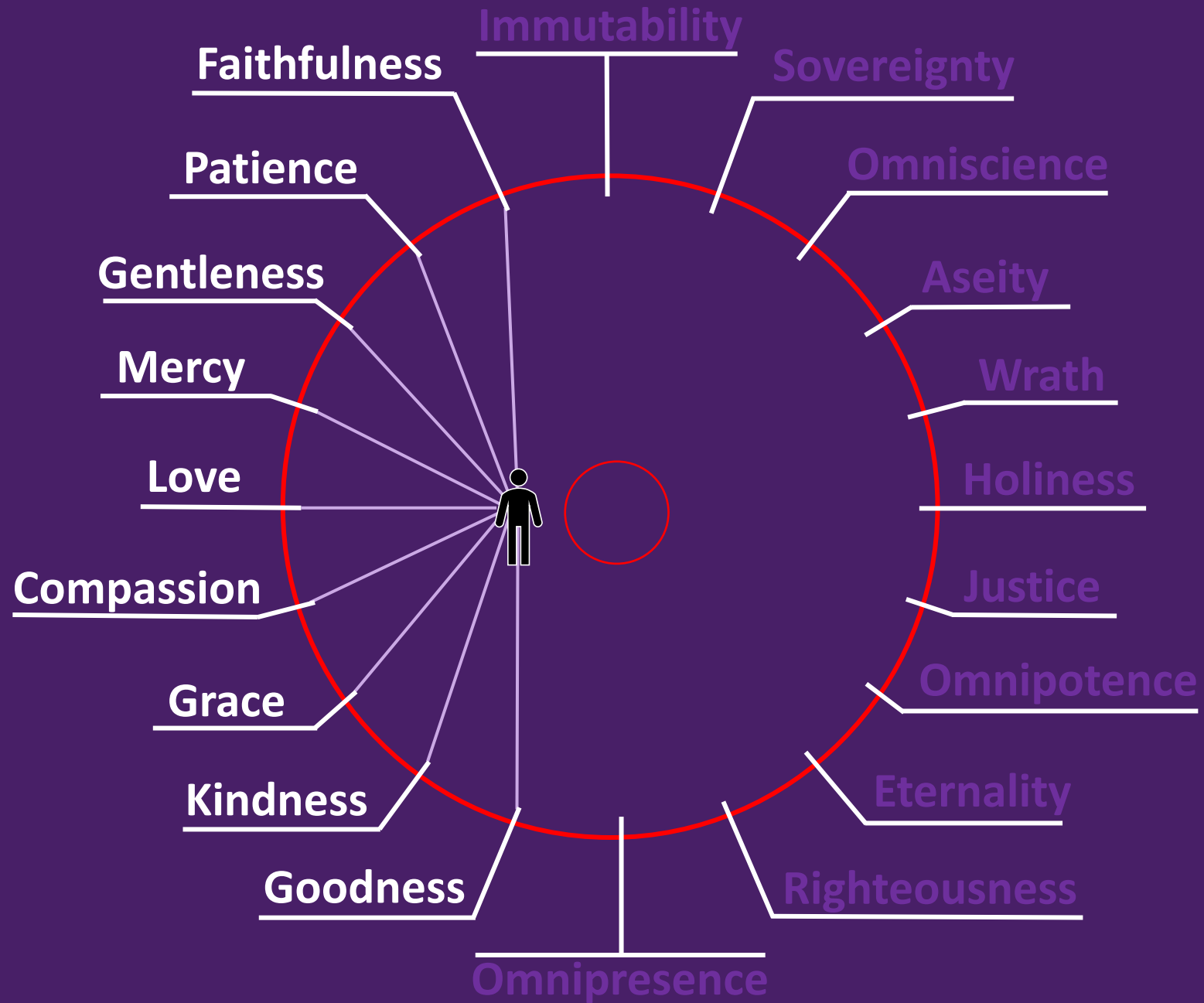
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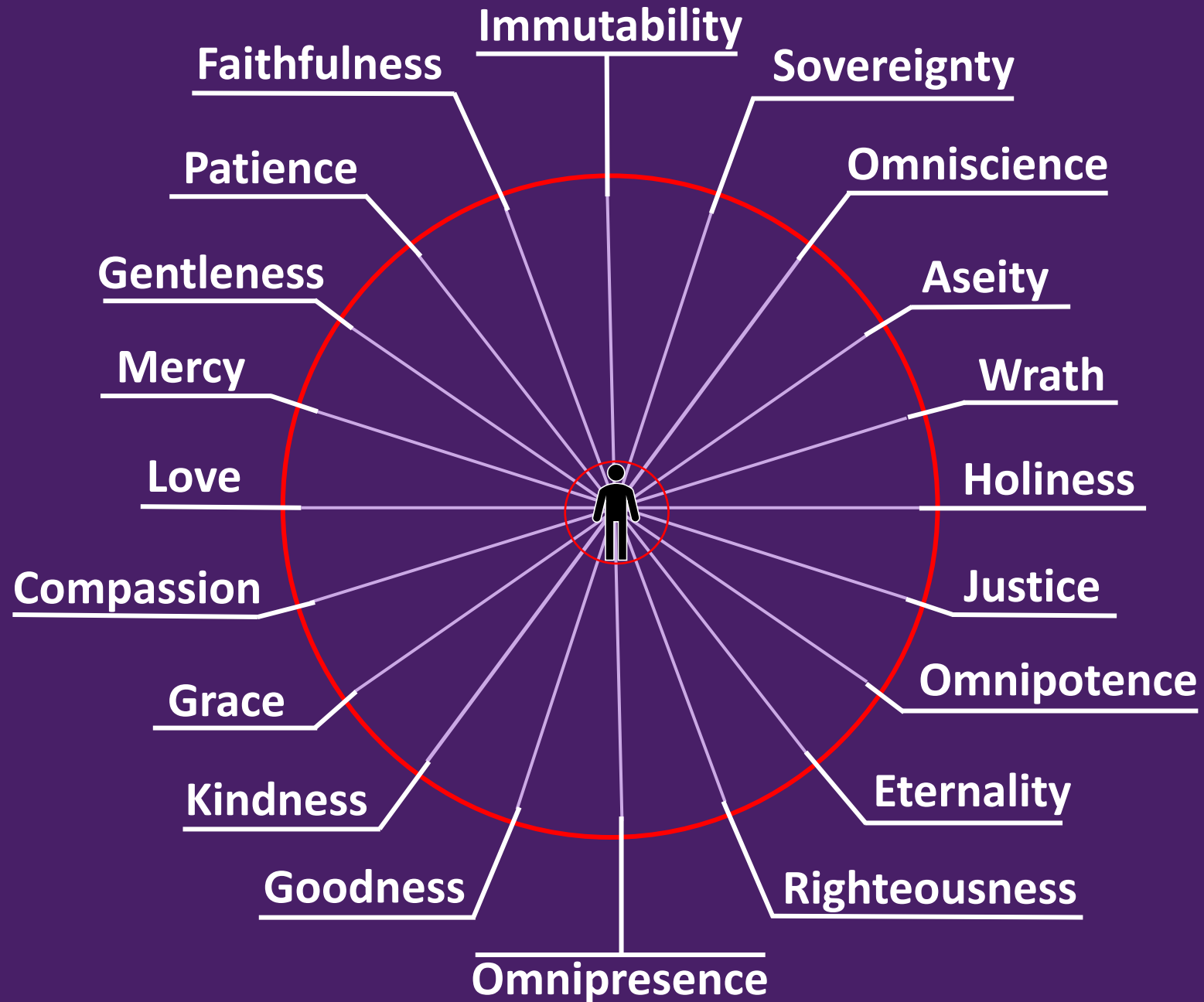


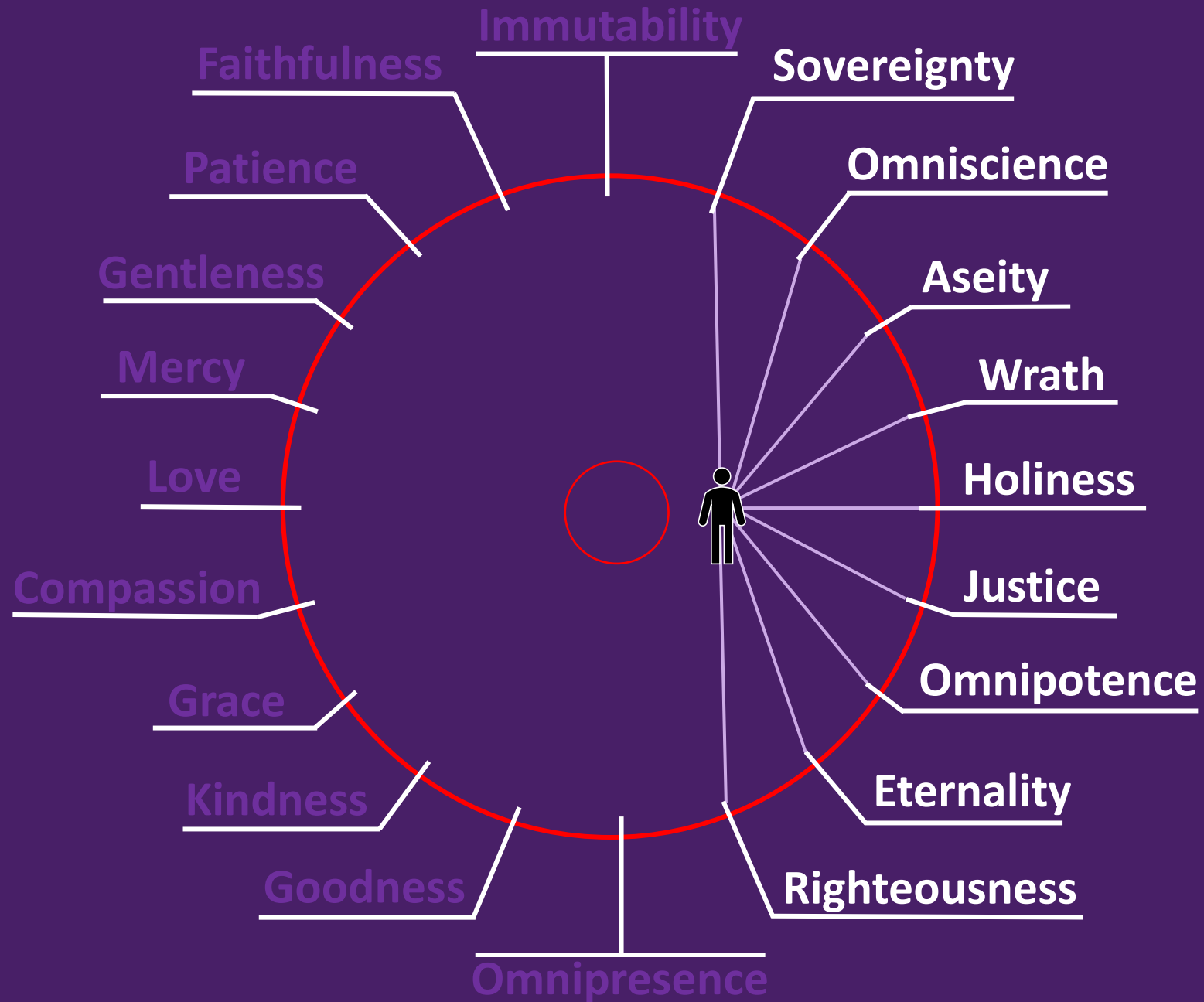


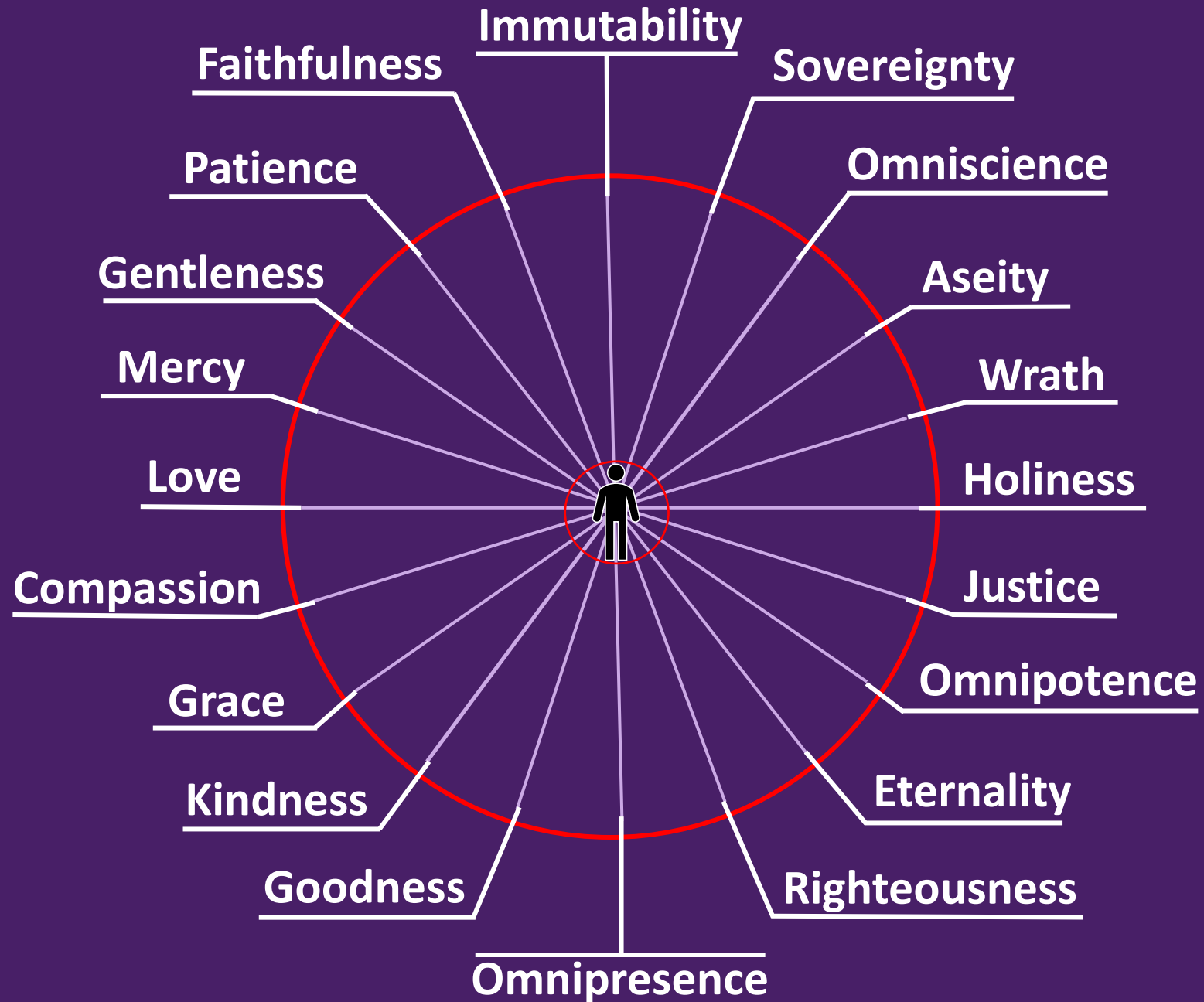




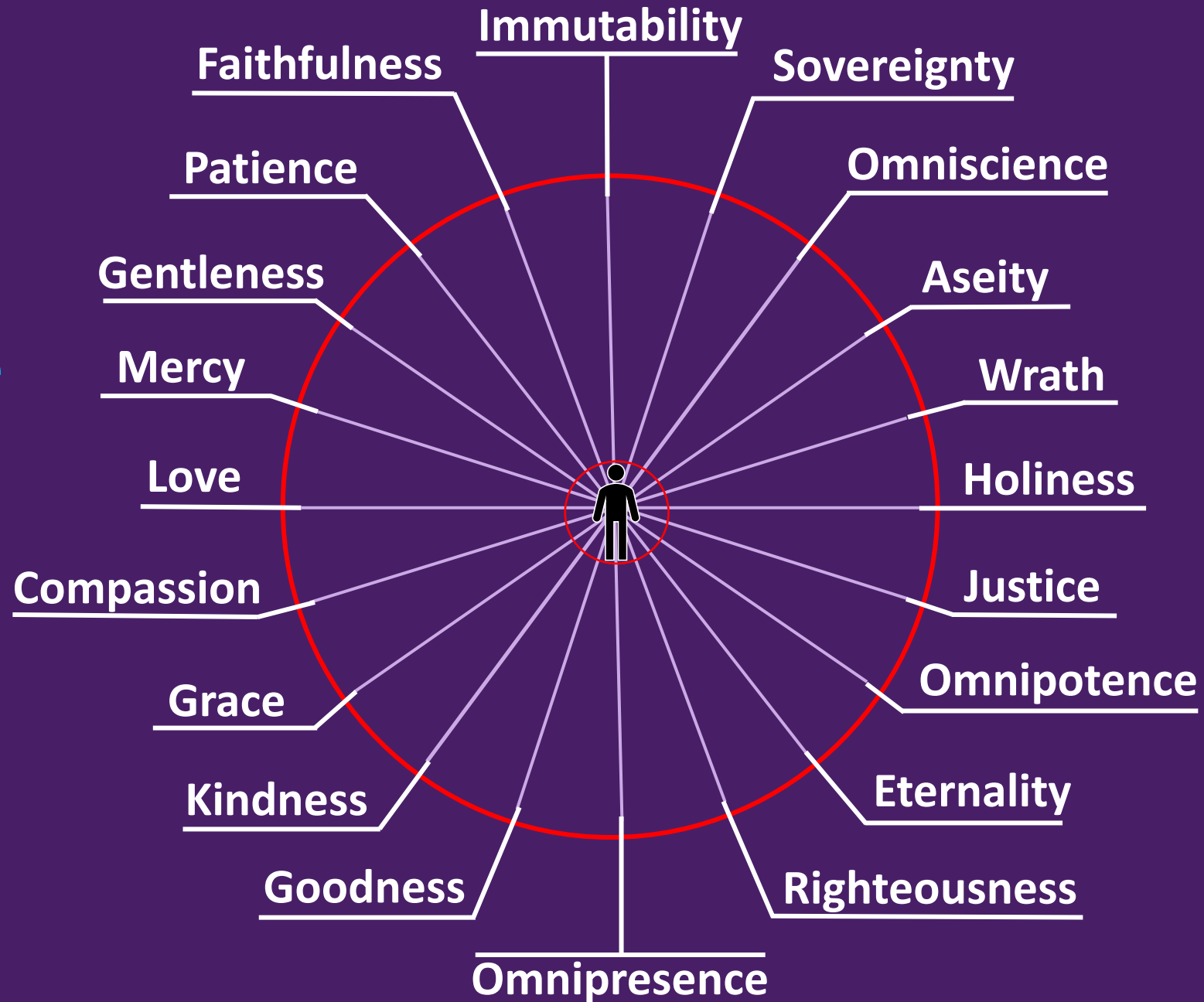




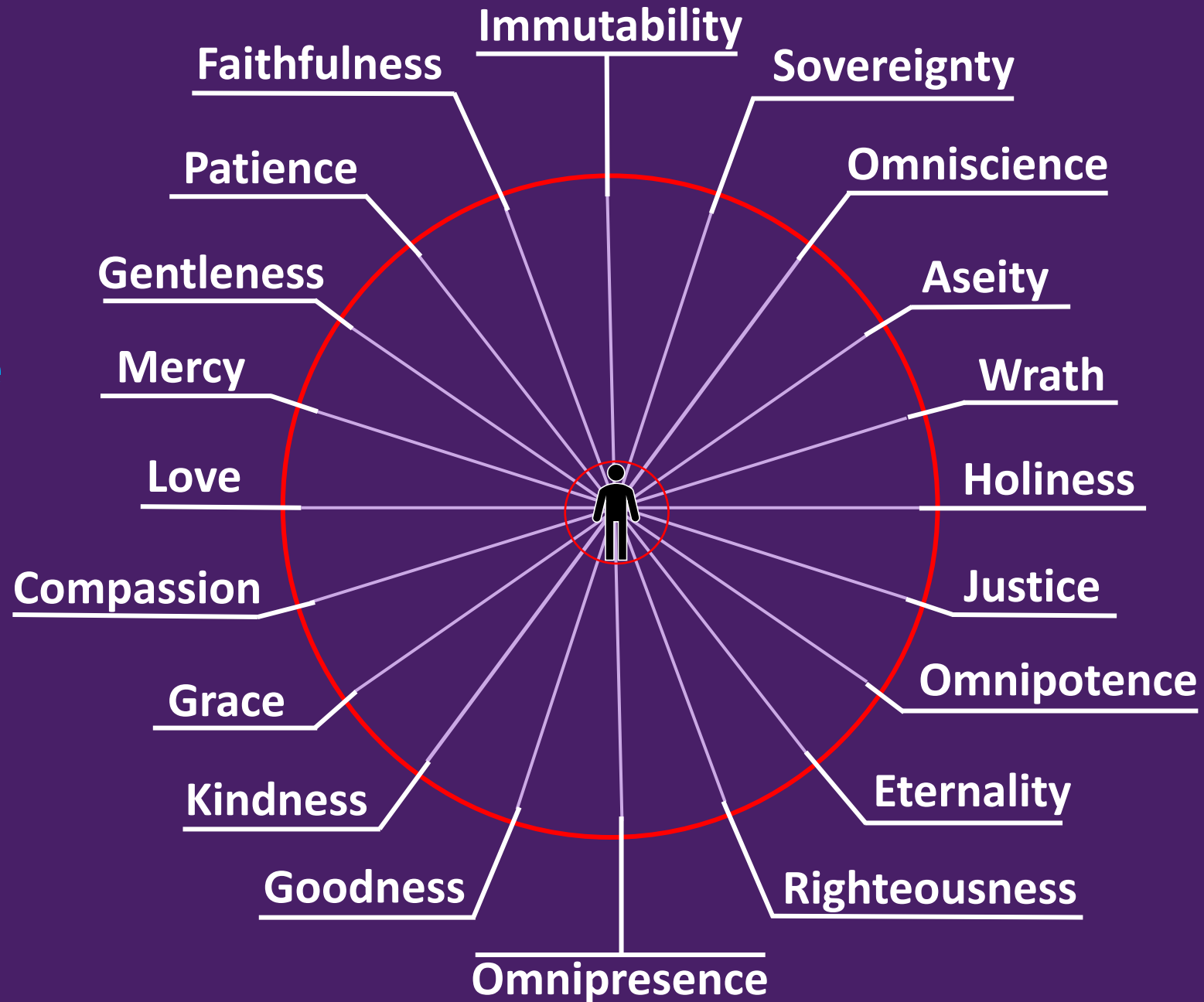




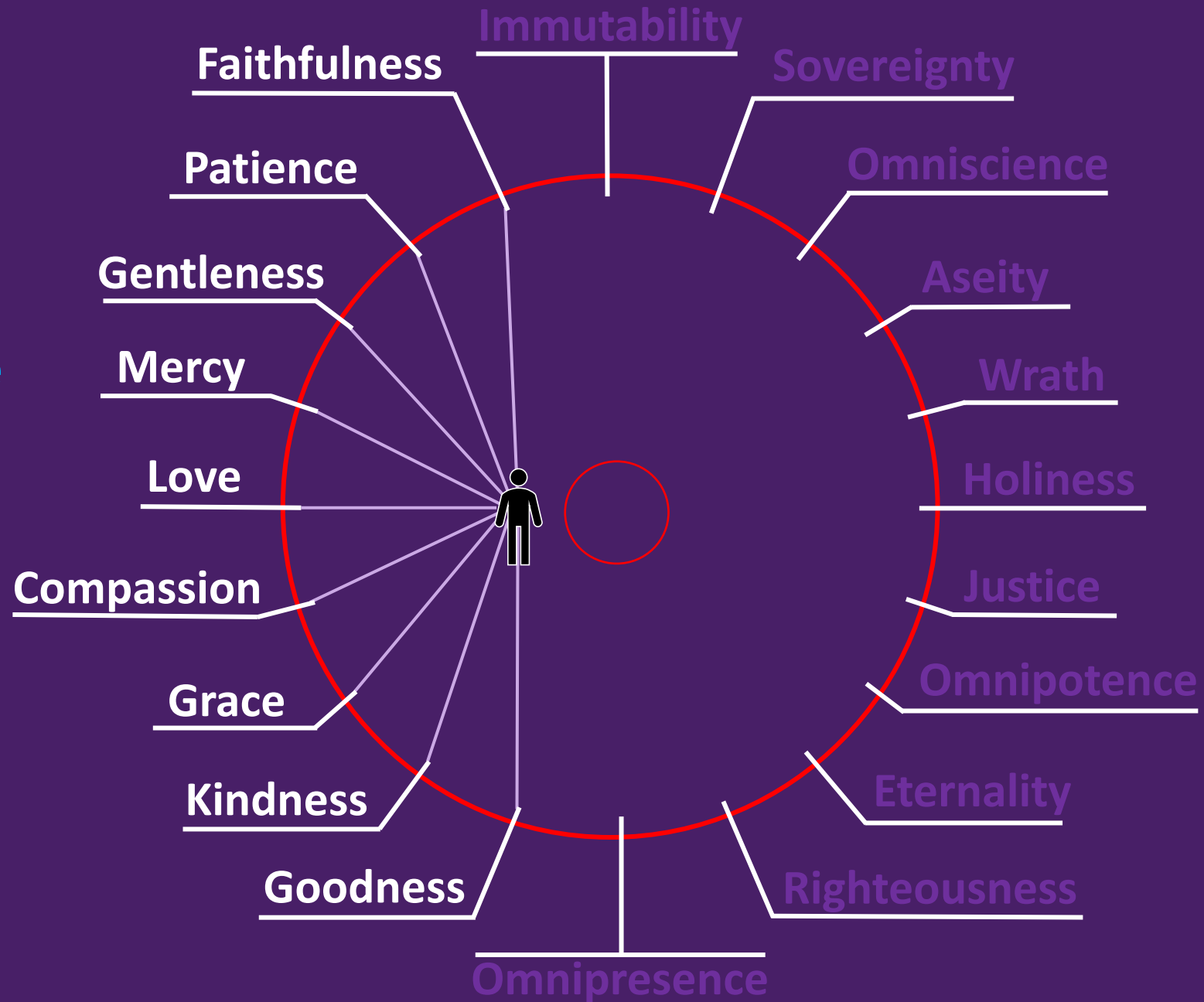
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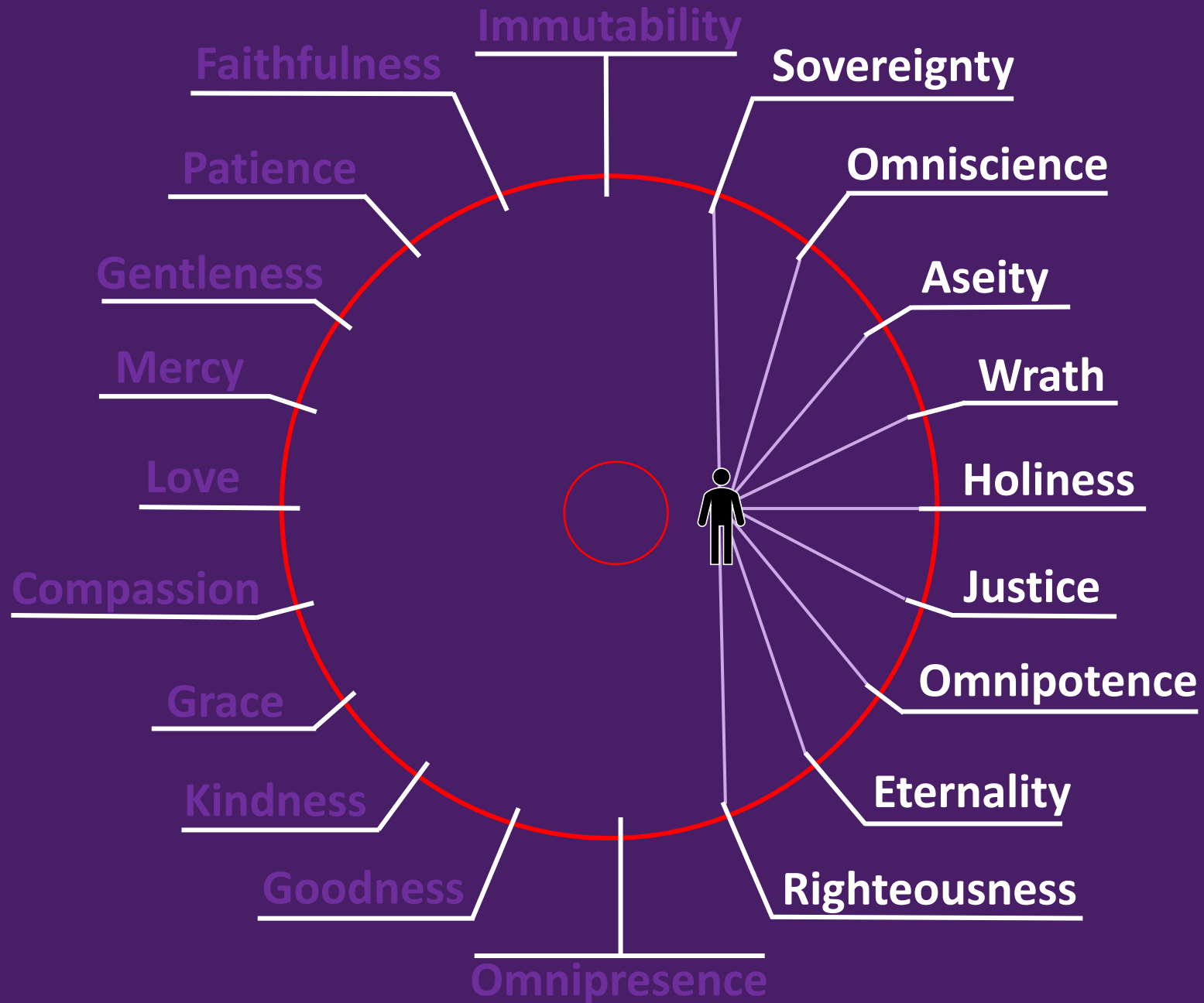
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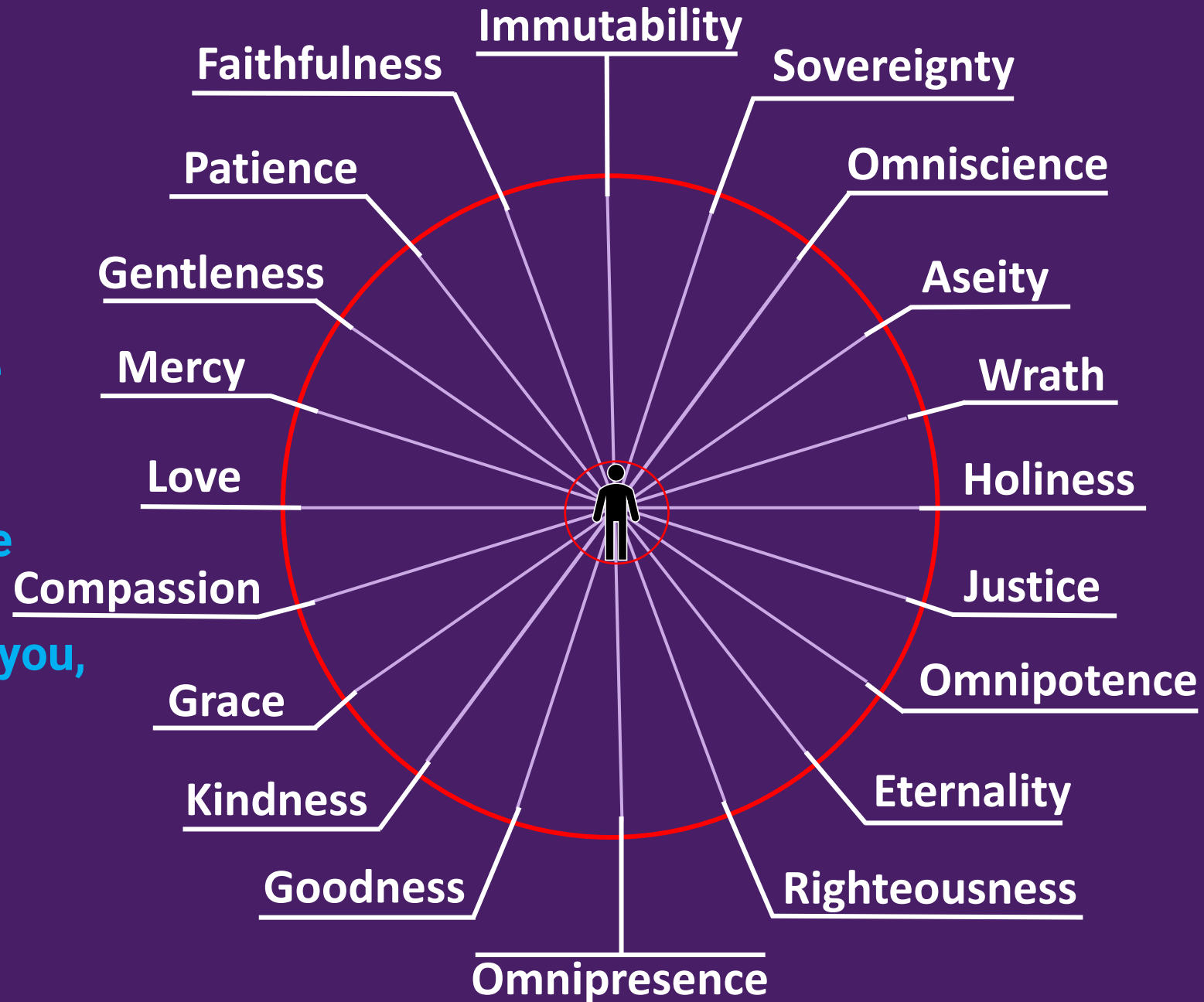
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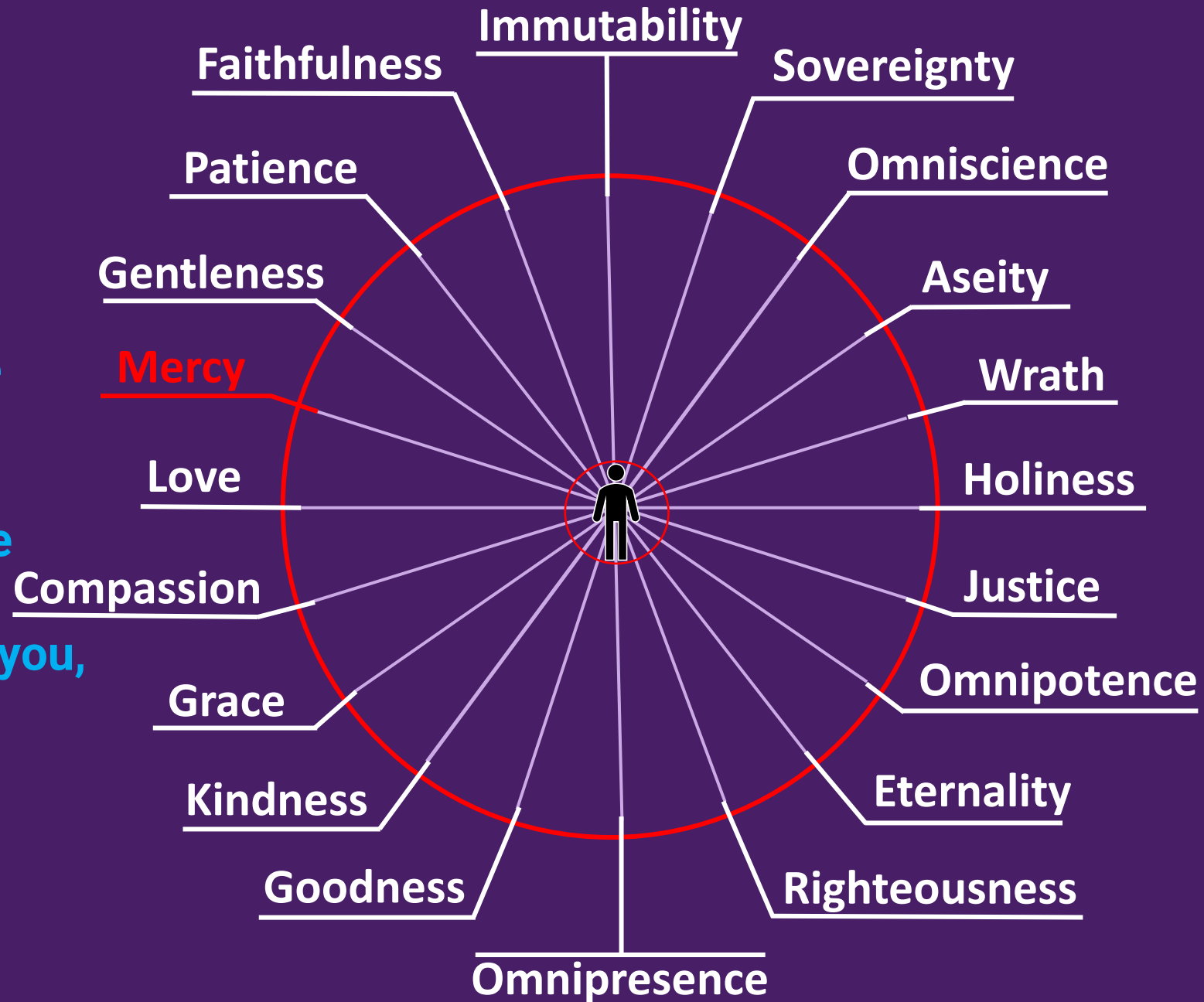
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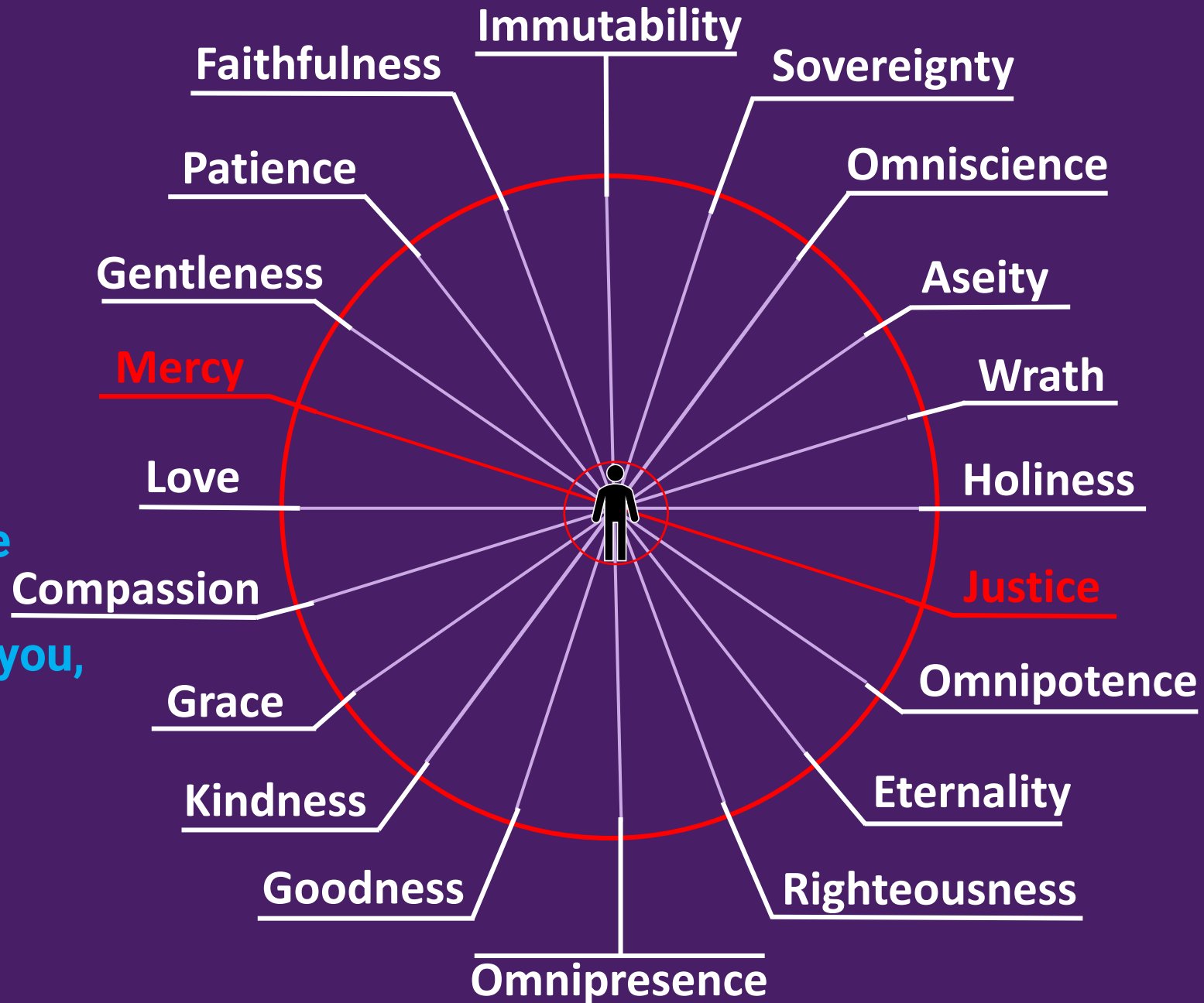
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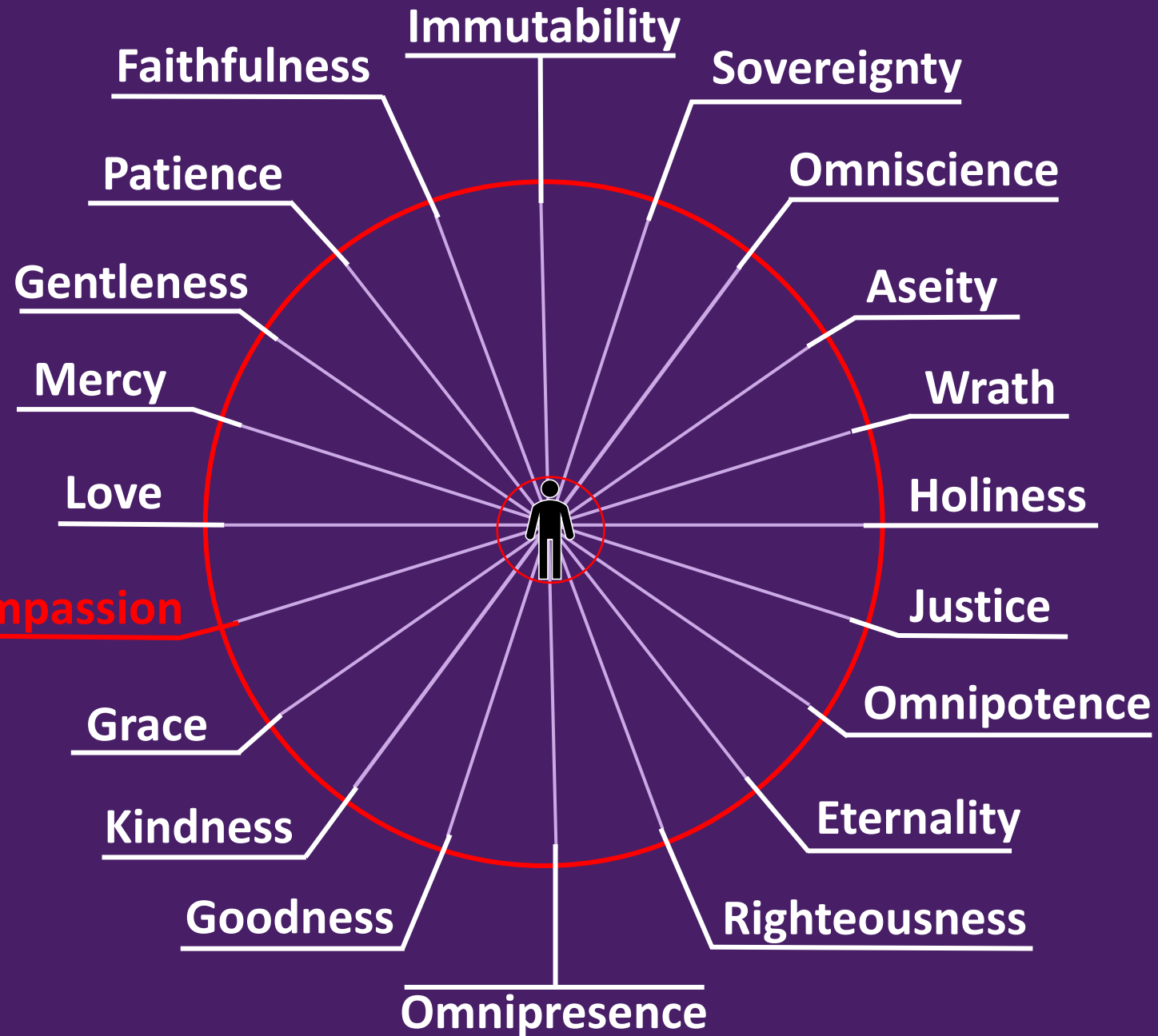


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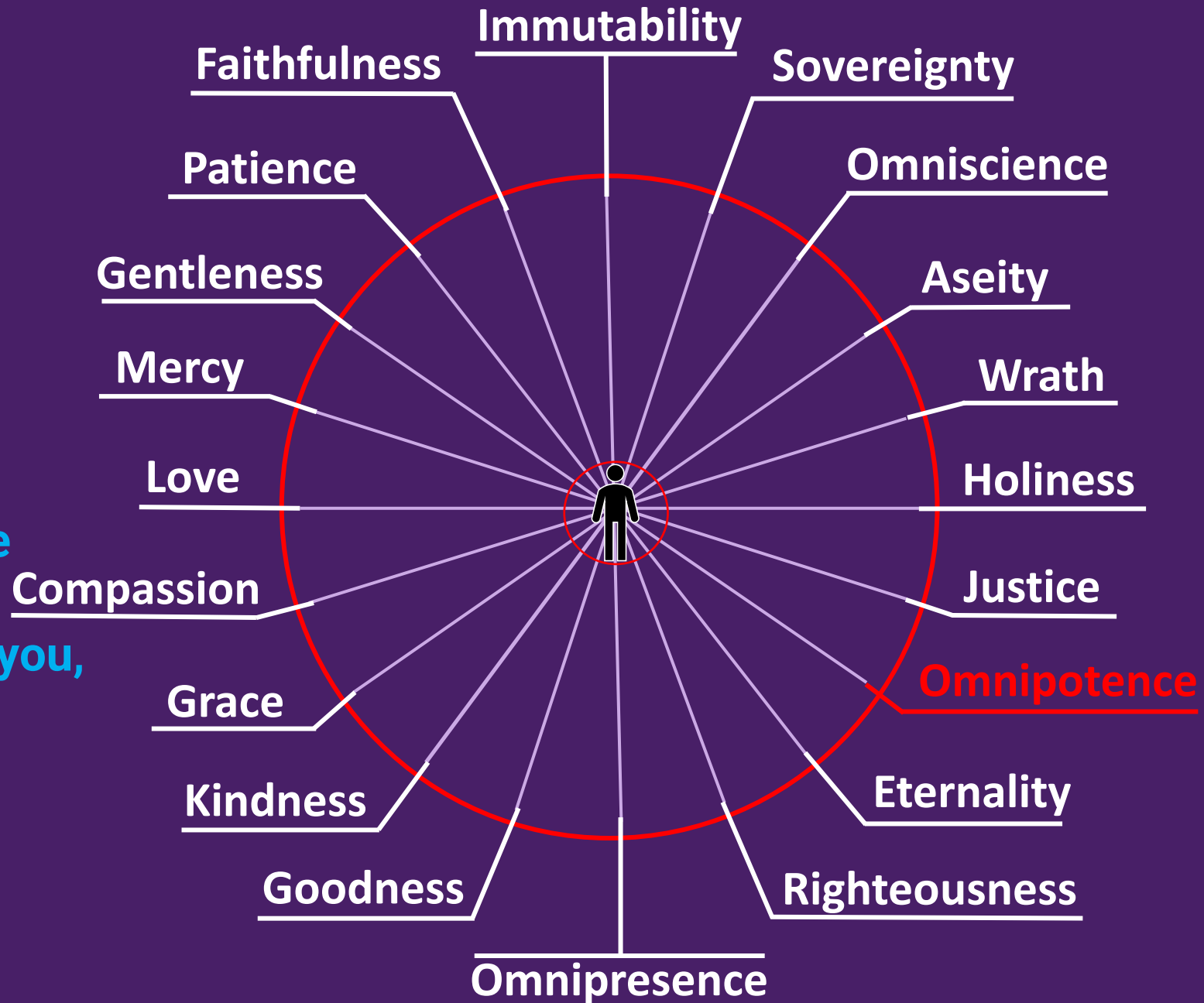
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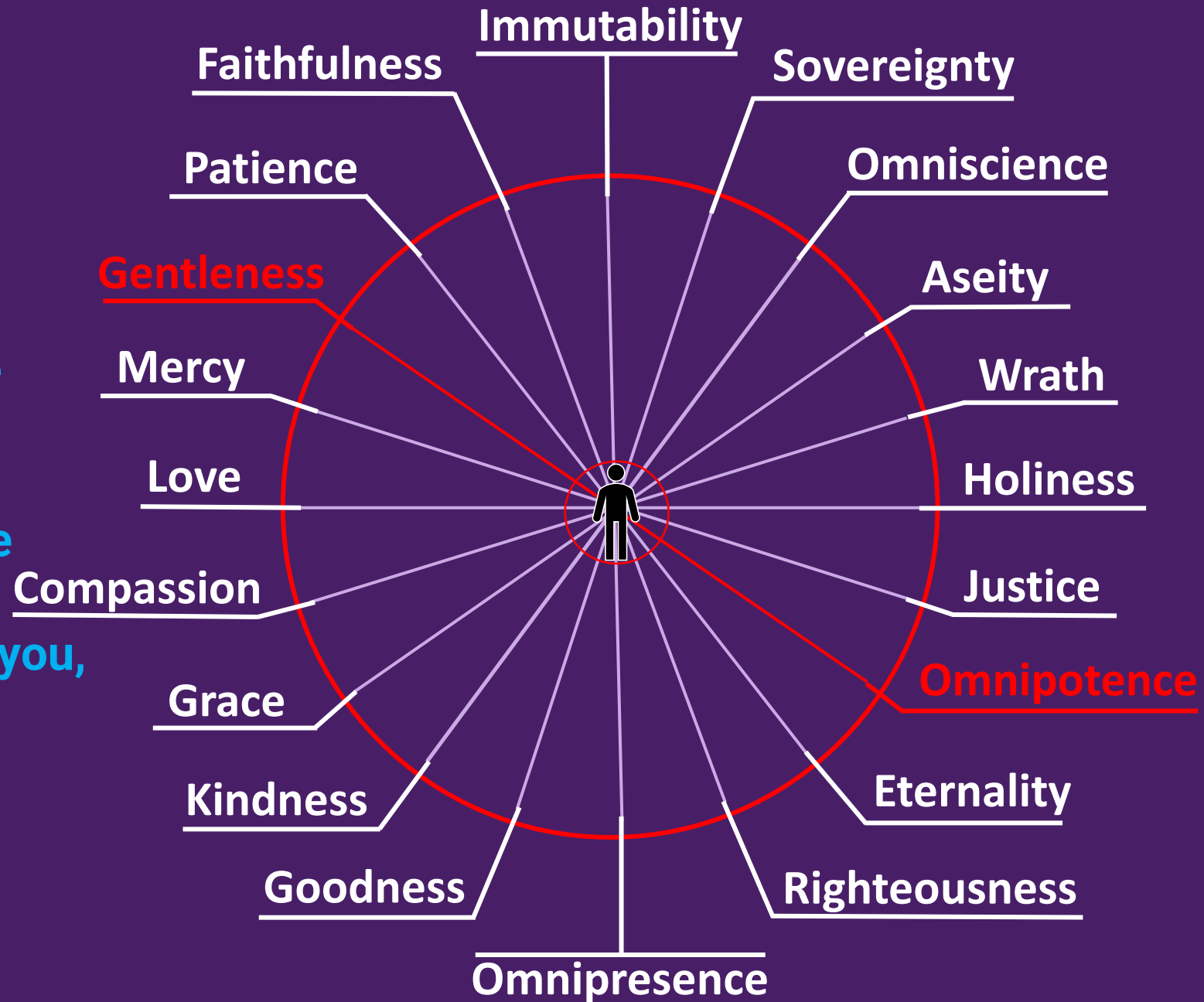
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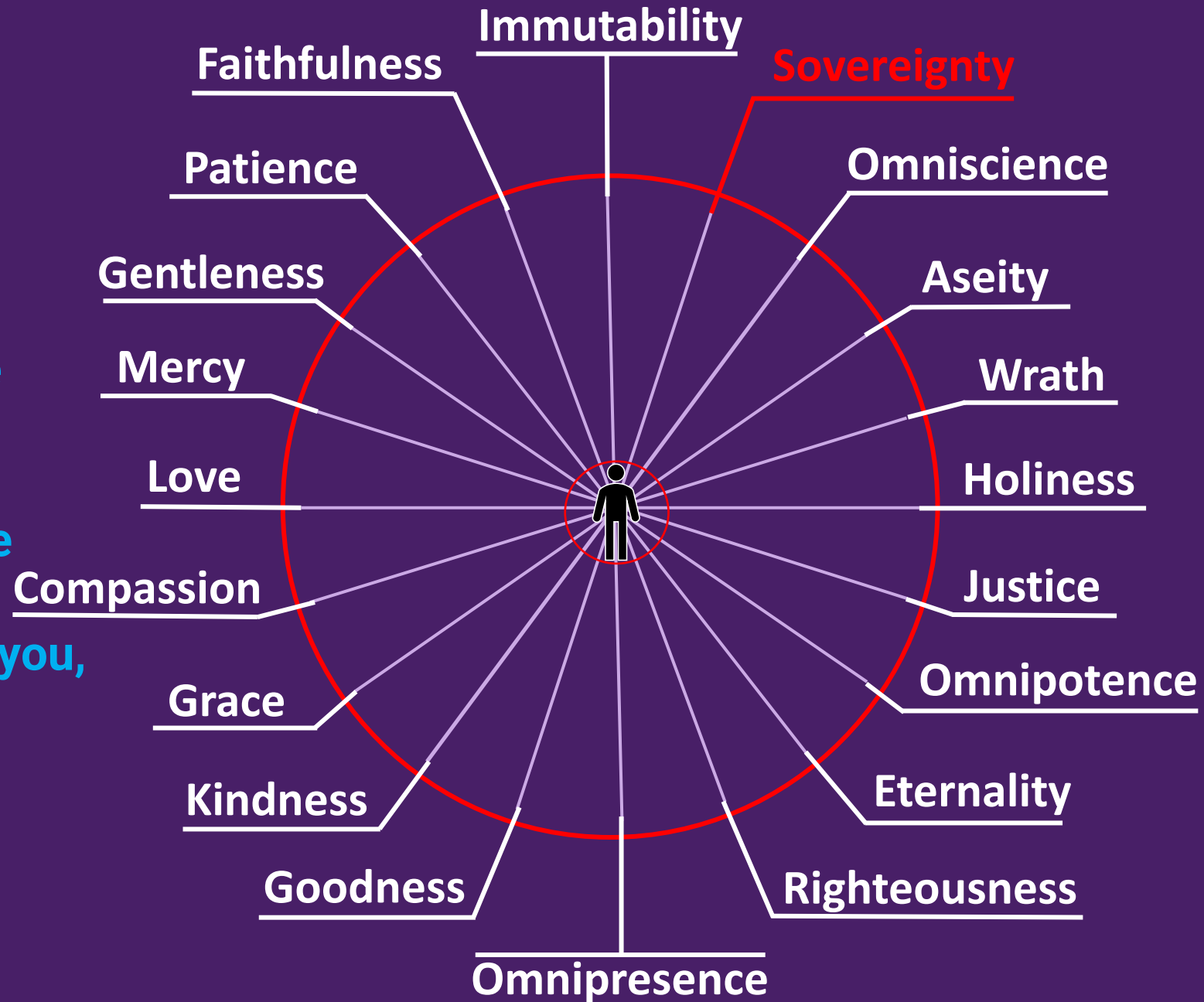
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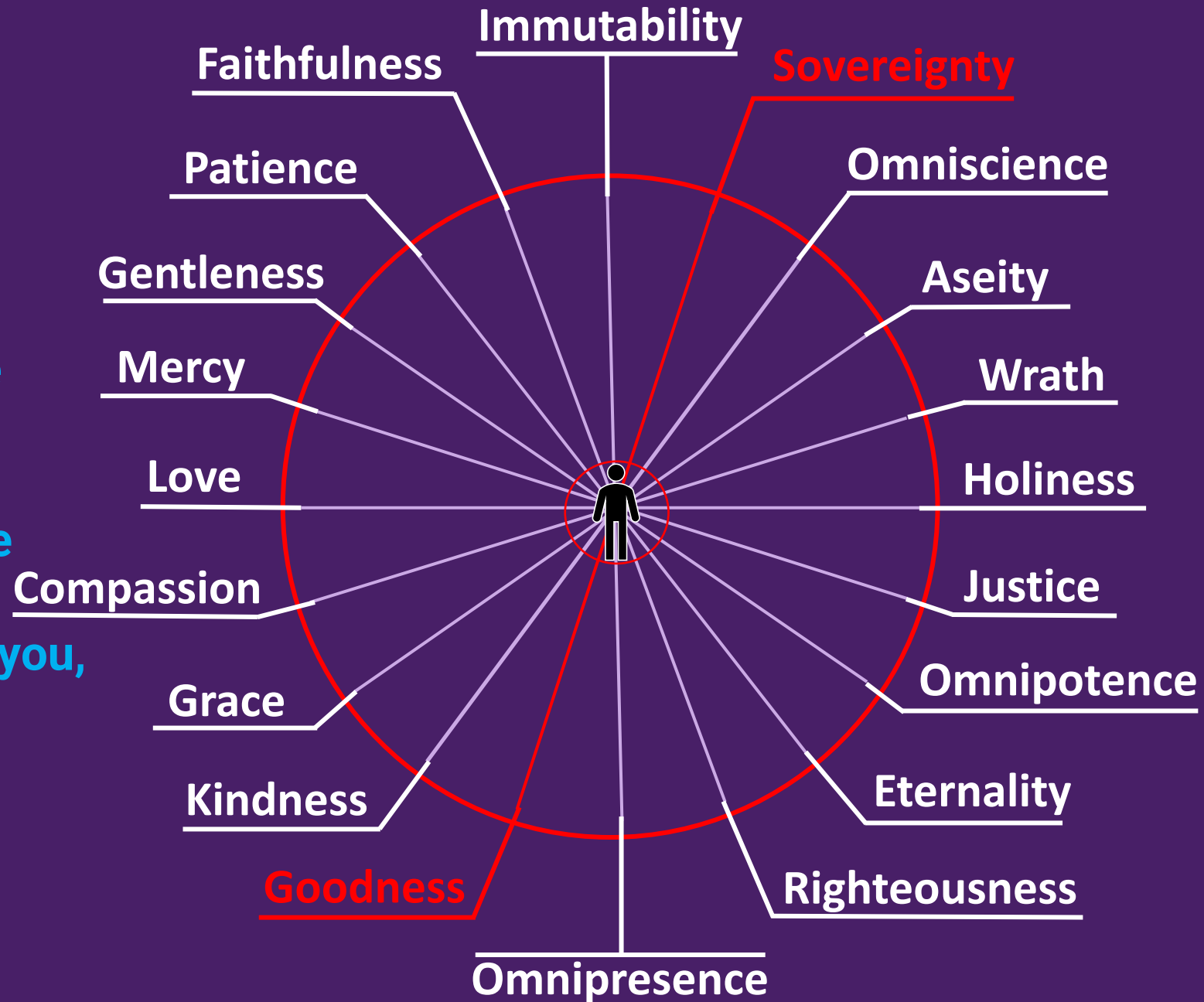
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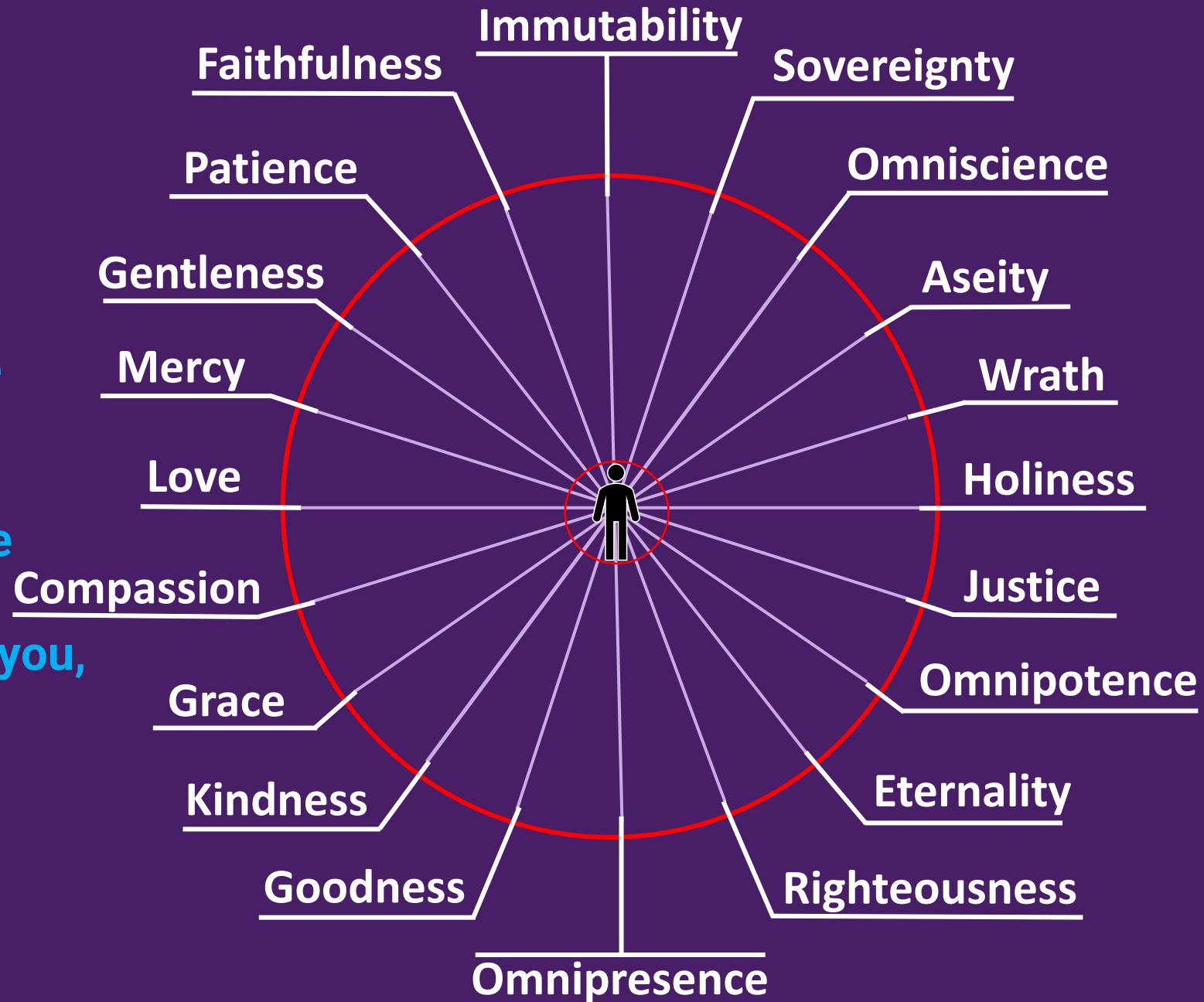
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8 So the king of Israel called an officer and said,
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2 Chronicles 18

9 Dressed in royal attire, the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat on their thrones at the threshing floor by the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

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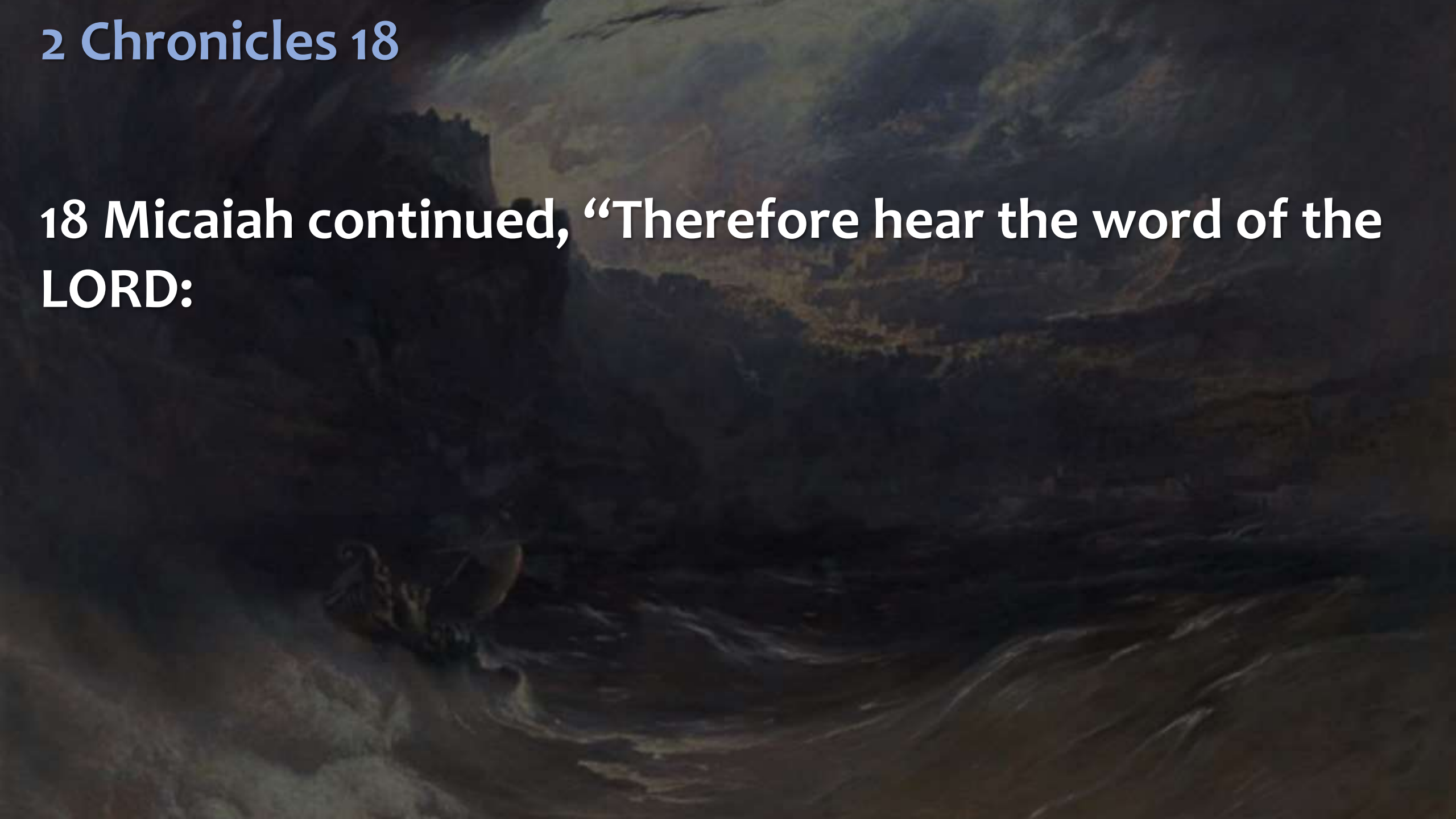
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2 Thessalonians 2

9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,

10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

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2 Chronicles 18

25 Then the king of Israel declared, “Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king’s son, 26 and tell them

‘Thus says the king: Put this man in prison and feed him sparingly with bread and water until I return safely.’ ”

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Then he added, “Take heed, all you people!”

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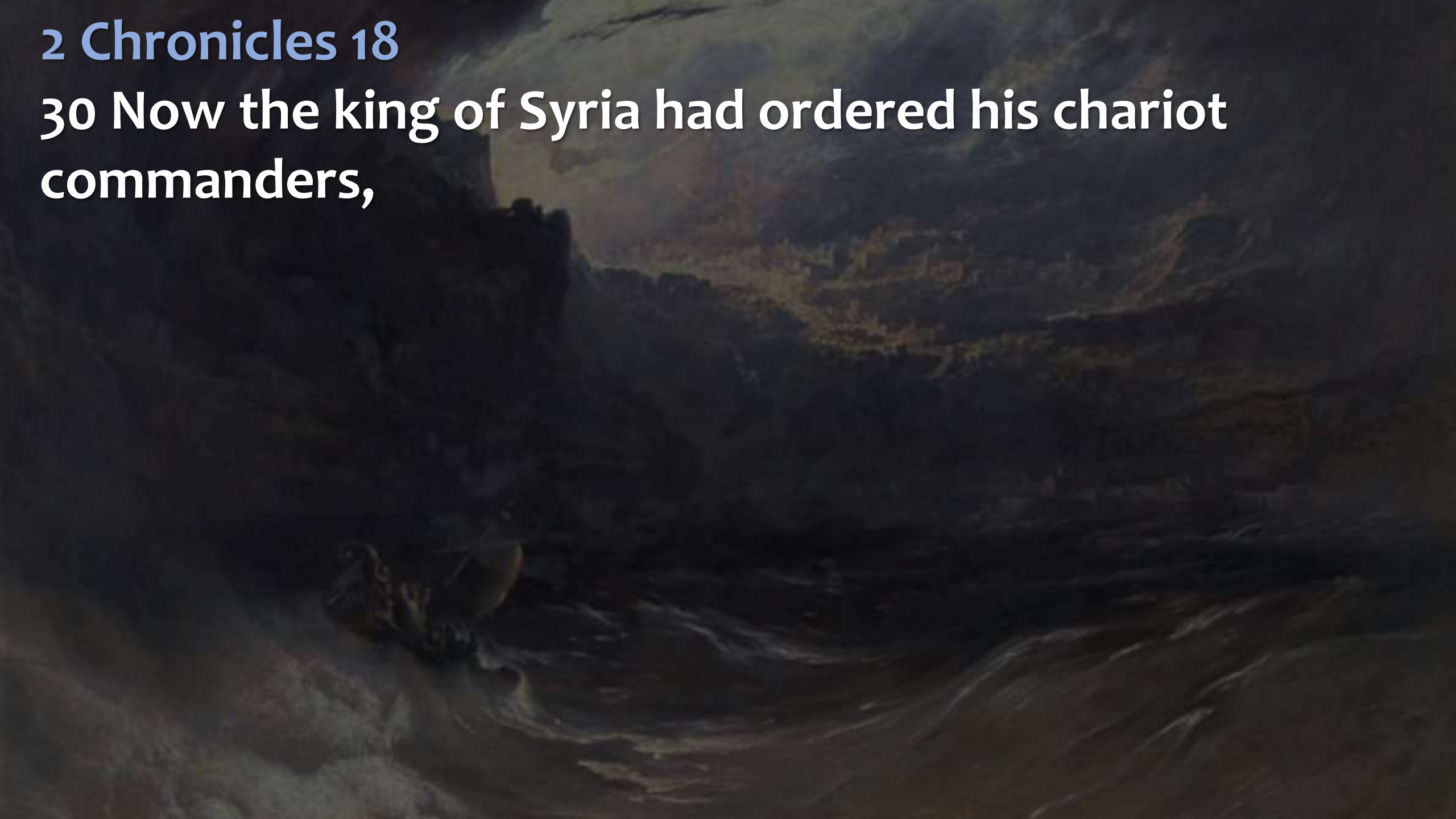
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30 Now the king of Syria had ordered his chariot commanders, “Do not fight with anyone, small or great, but only with the king of Israel alone.”

31 When the chariot commanders saw Jehoshaphat, they said, “This is the king of Israel,” so they turned to fight against him.

But Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him. God drew them away from him.

32 When the chariot commanders saw that he was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him.

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33 However, a certain man drew his bow at random, and he struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor.

**So the king said to the driver of his chariot,
“Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am severely wounded!”**

34 The battle raged throughout that day, and the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot facing the Syrians until the evening. Then at sunset he died.

Two things to think about:

God truly is sovereign over the schemes of the enemy.

- He uses them for His purposes.

- 1 Sam. 16:14; 1 Sam. 19:9; Job 1 & 2; Matt. 4:1; Luke 22:21;
Luke 22:31-34; 2 Cor. 12:7-9; 2 Thess. 2:6-12; Rev. 12:7-9; Rev. 13:7-8;
Rev. 20:1-10

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- Job 12:16 ... the deceived and the deceiver are His.

- Ezek. 14:1-11; Deut. 29:4; Matt. 11:25; Matt. 13:10-17; John 12:37-41;
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