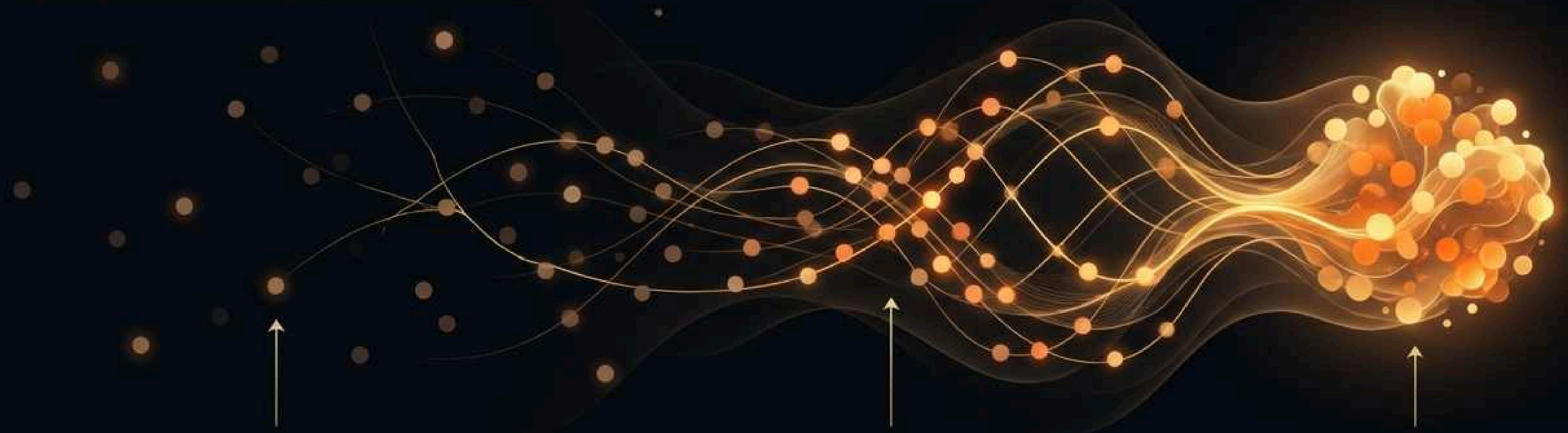
Faithfulness to One’s Own Perception

On trust, attachment, and the limits of what can be known.

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The Indefinable Beginning

Closeness rarely begins with proof, but with resonance.



Step 1: A casual attention

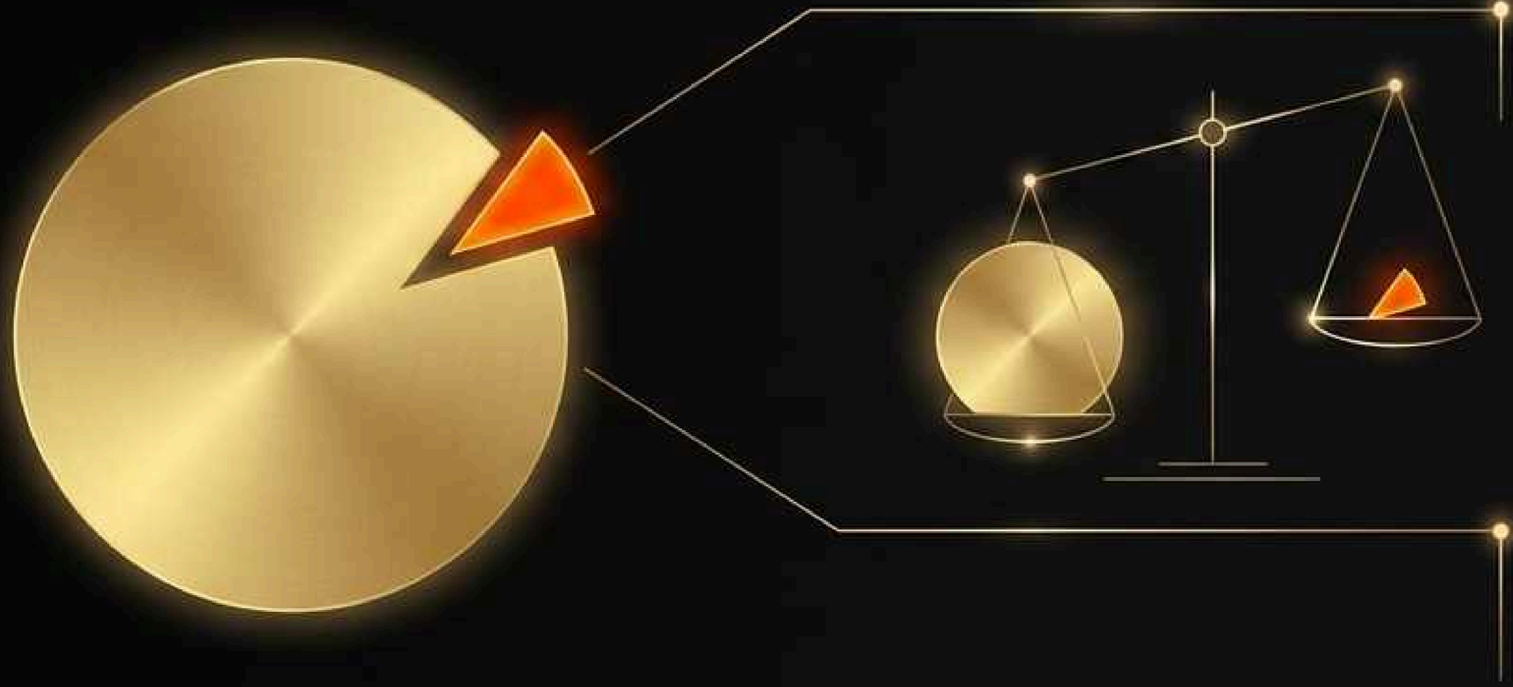
Step 2: Intimacy arises without being asked

Step 3: A world known only to two people

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The Crack in the Familiar

The whole seems larger
than the small discrepancy.

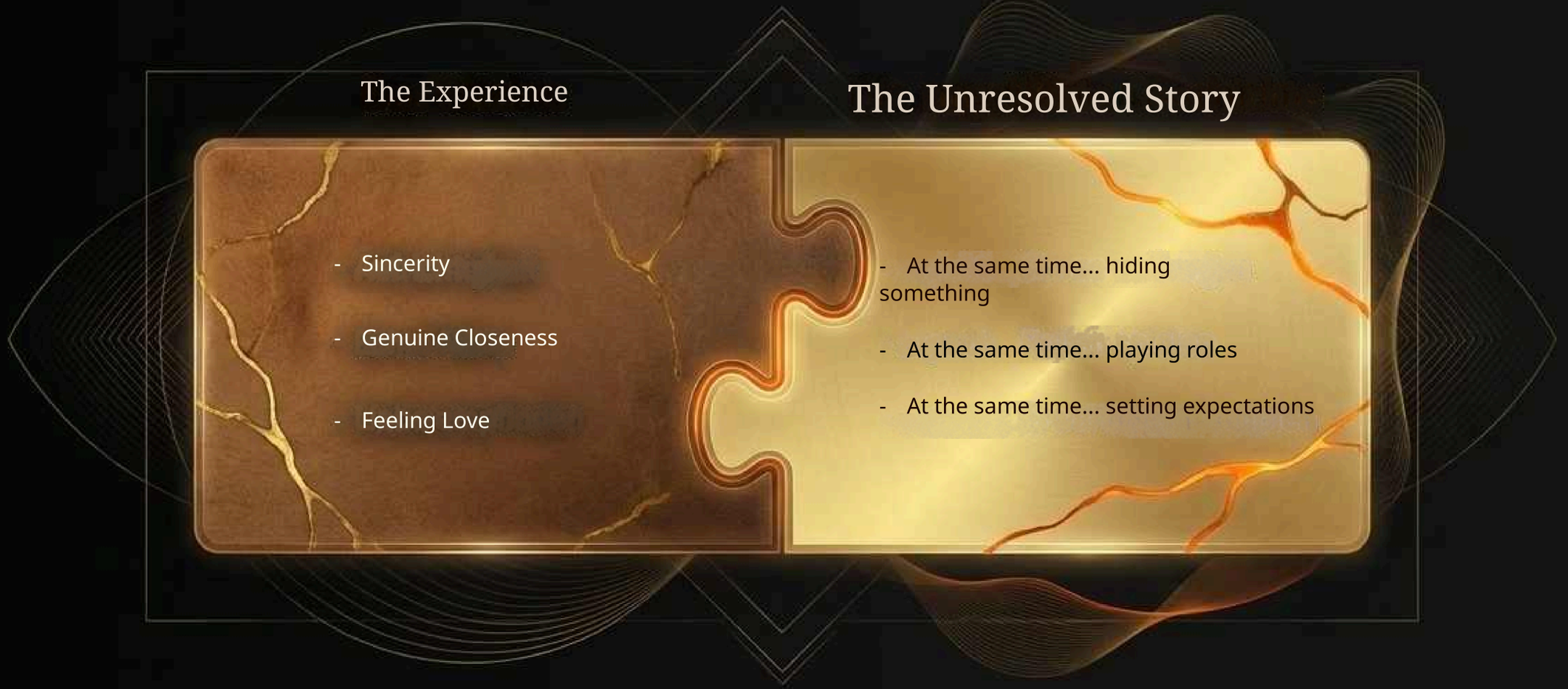


The Shift:
A detail remains unresolved. An answer doesn’t match the question.

The Work of the Mind:
The new is imperceptibly woven into the familiar, so that both can coexist.

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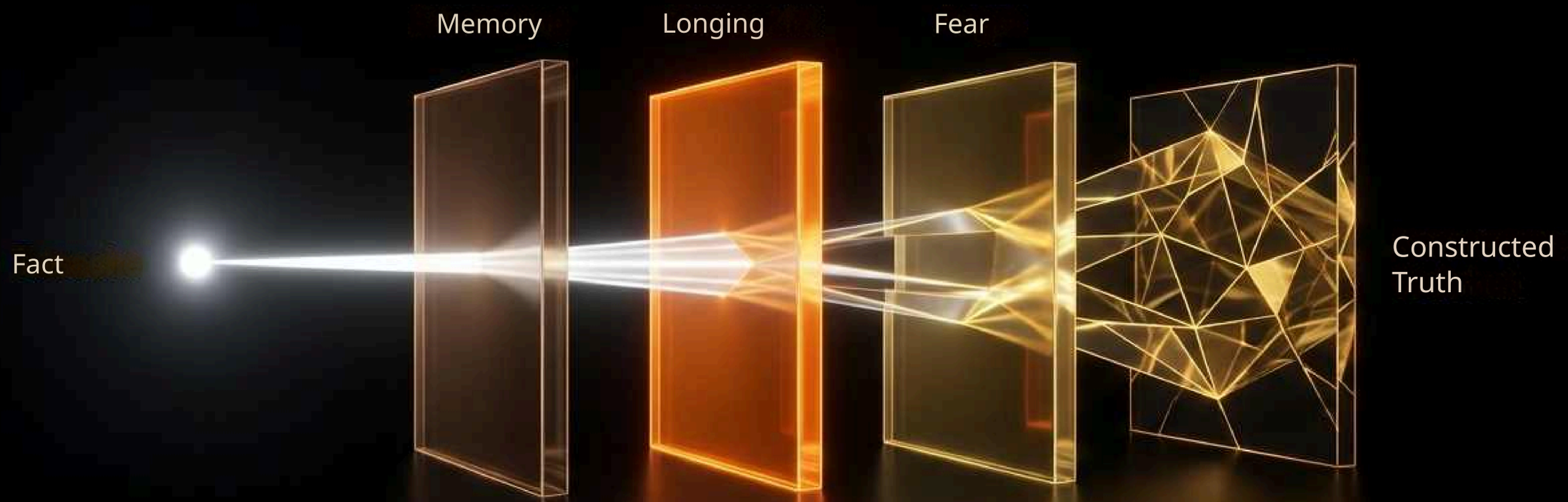
The Dilemma of Right and Wrong



A simple distinction between right and wrong isn’t enough. Life rarely offers such clarity.

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Māyā: The Veil of Perception



Māyā is not a “false world.” It is the realization that we see through our hopes and attachments.

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The Anatomy of Entanglement

THE IMAGE OF THE HAND



Phase 1: Tenderness.
The hand gently encloses,

to protect.
Phase 2: Loss of Security.

The grip tightens; what is held becomes less secure.
Phase 3: Compulsion.
The hand fears what will happen if it opens.

Letting go is not a decision against someone.
It begins with the simple act of opening the hand.

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The Limits of Knowledge



The Open

Outside: This remains open.
(Not knowing as an attitude).

The Verifiable

Inside: This I know.
This I have experienced.

What Is Believed

Center: This is what I have believed.
This seems contradictory.

Liberation from the “inner courtroom”: Renouncing the definitive answer.

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Synthesis: Perception vs. Judgment

Perception

"Something doesn't feel right."

⊙ “I can’t verify this story.”

"I can't follow this path anymore."

Characteristic: Requires no harshness; protects one’s own standards.

Judgment

"I know you're deceiving me."

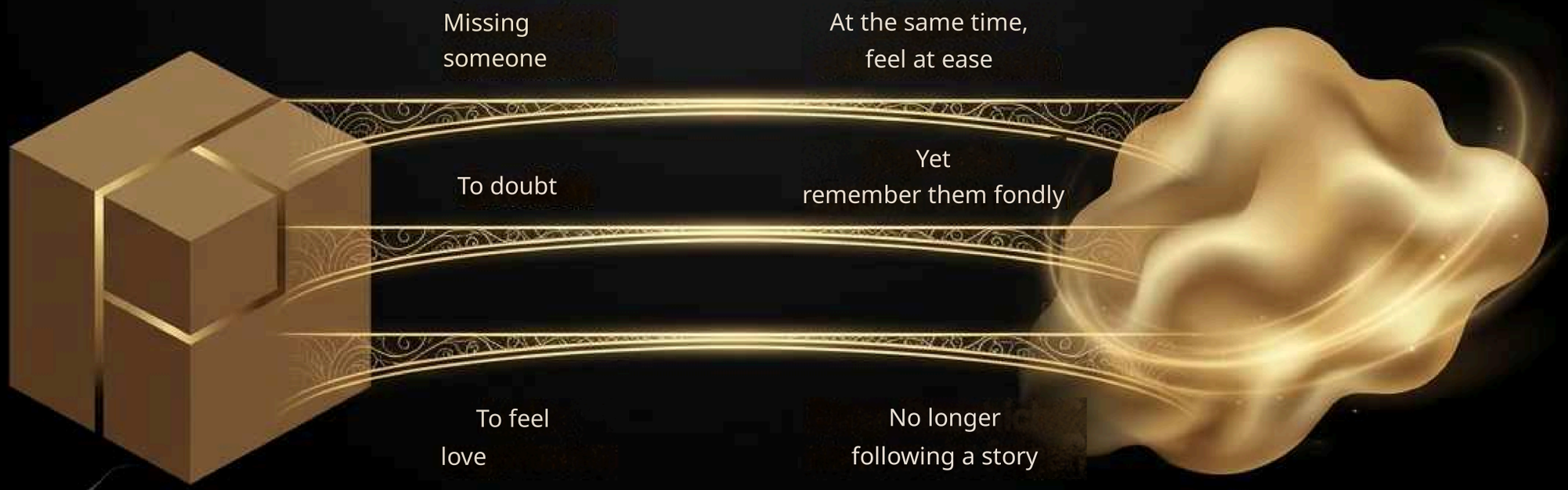
"Your story is completely false."

"Your entire approach is worthless."

Characteristic: Demands proof, leads to entanglement.

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Enduring paradoxes

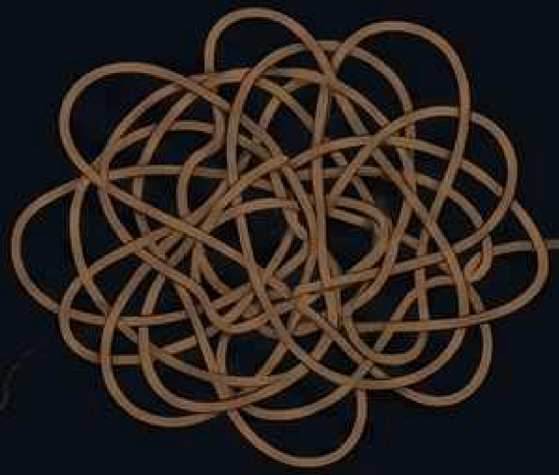


The soul understands such dualities better than our minds do. The contradiction begins only when we demand to be allowed to feel just one of them.

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"This Far" – The Saving Boundary

The Inner Duty



- Loyalty out of habit
- Compassion as a responsibility
- The fear of becoming guilty by withdrawing

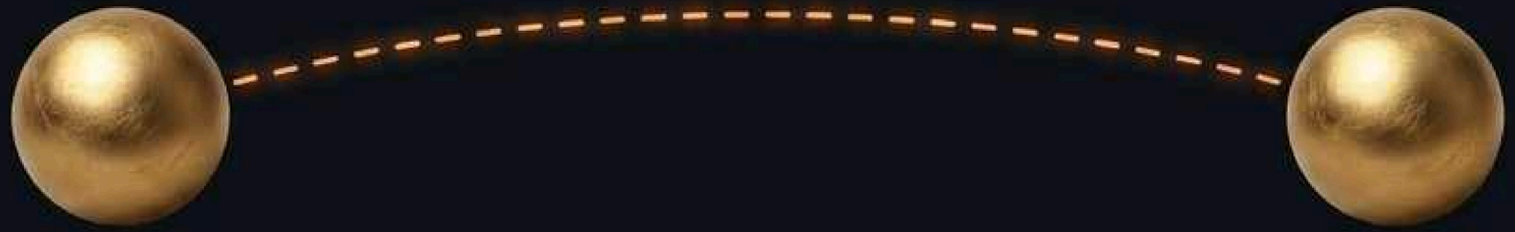
The Free Attitude



- “I’ll meet you with an open mind, as long as I don’t have to abandon myself in the process.”
- Gratitude does not require obedience.
- Past devotion does not oblige one to future self-sacrifice.

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Closeness without a shared space



Emotional Reality

- Language and companionship
- Conversations that last through the night
- Profound, but not conclusive.

Verifiable reality

- Biographical facts
- Financial claims
- Unverified, but not necessarily false.

One does not prove the other.
A new culture of trust leaves open questions unanswered.

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The New Architecture of Trust



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What Remains in the End

No longer:
“Who was right?”
(The Unresolved Case)



Instead:
"What did I understand?"
(The Integrated Experience)

- That closeness is precious.
- That doubt is not a betrayal of the heart.
- That a “no” does not erase the past.

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I trust again.
But I no longer lose myself in it.

Faithfulness to my own perception.

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