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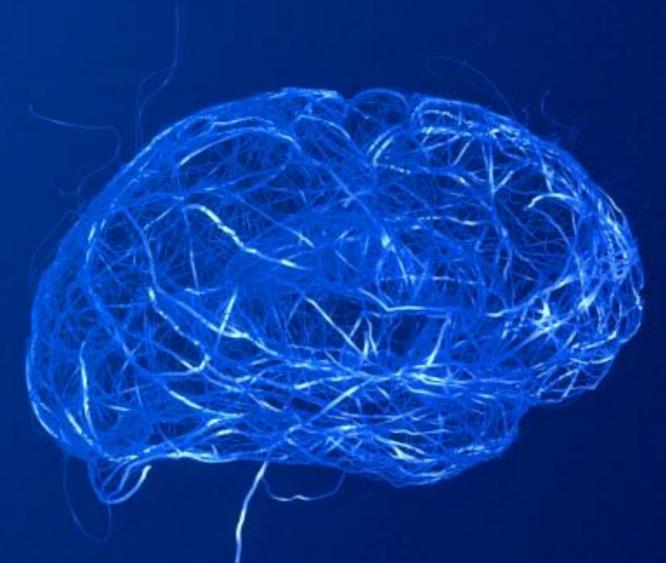


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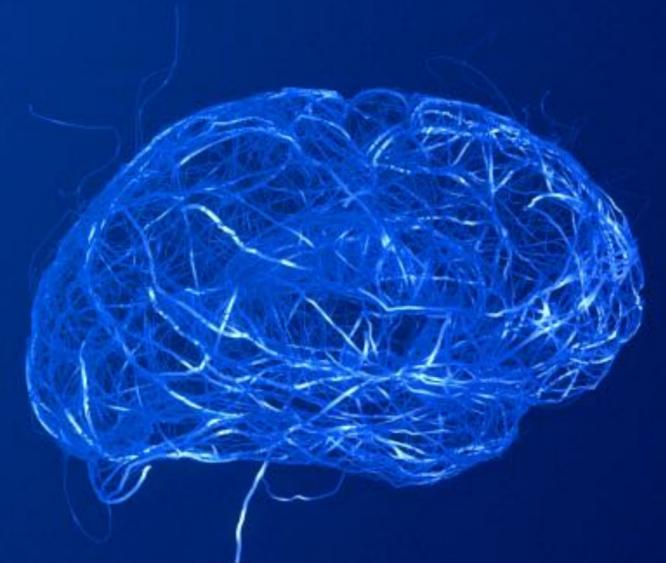
What is hope?

Desire, plus expectation

**Christian Hope Can
Transform Any Moment**

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“No one lives contented”

Horace

**“In contentment, I still feel the need
of some imperishable bliss.”**

Wallace Stevens

**“When you take away the life-lie of
anyone, they lose all their
happiness”**

Henrik Ibsen

“The thing about ‘fame’ is that we are people who love to be loved by strangers. We can’t get enough... You want more, more, more. The only number you have is ‘more’... a lot of [celebrities] are like that... I can name out of all of [Hollywood], 10 really happy ones.”

Pat O’Brien

HuffPost, December 2017

“Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise.”

C.S. Lewis
Mere Christianity

Stepping outside of time



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Escaping death



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The final triumph of good over

evil



MARVEL STUDIOS

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ENDGAME



WHOSE RELIGION
IS CHRISTIANITY?

The Gospel beyond the West



LAMIN SANNEH



“Africans sensed in their hearts that Jesus did not mock their respect for the sacred or their clamor for an invincible Savior, so they beat their sacred drums for him until the stars skipped and danced in the skies. After that dance the stars weren’t little anymore. Christianity helped Africans to become renewed Africans, not remade Europeans.”

Lamin Sanneh

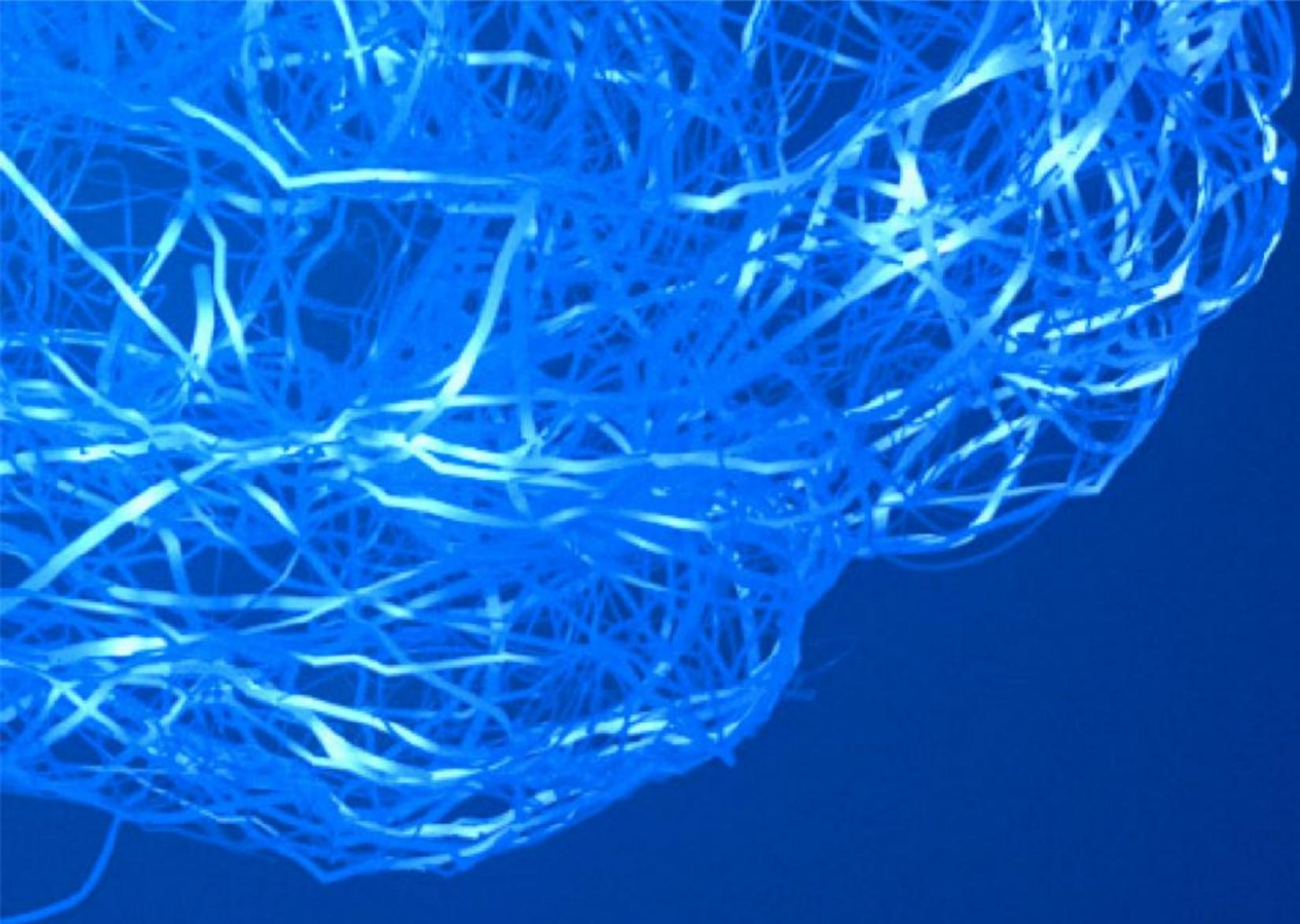
Whose Religion is Christianity?



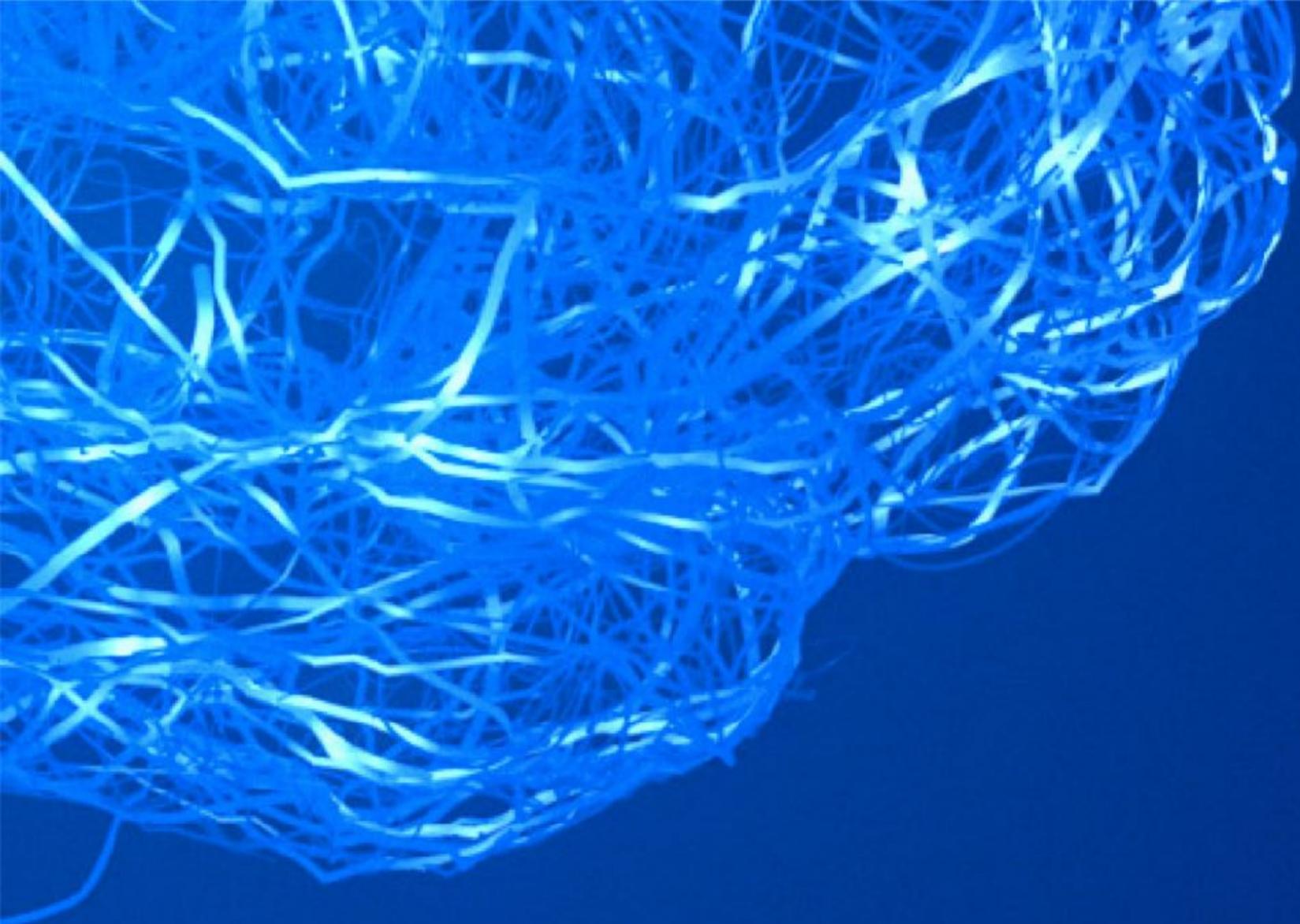
**So what are we going
to do about *“it”*?**

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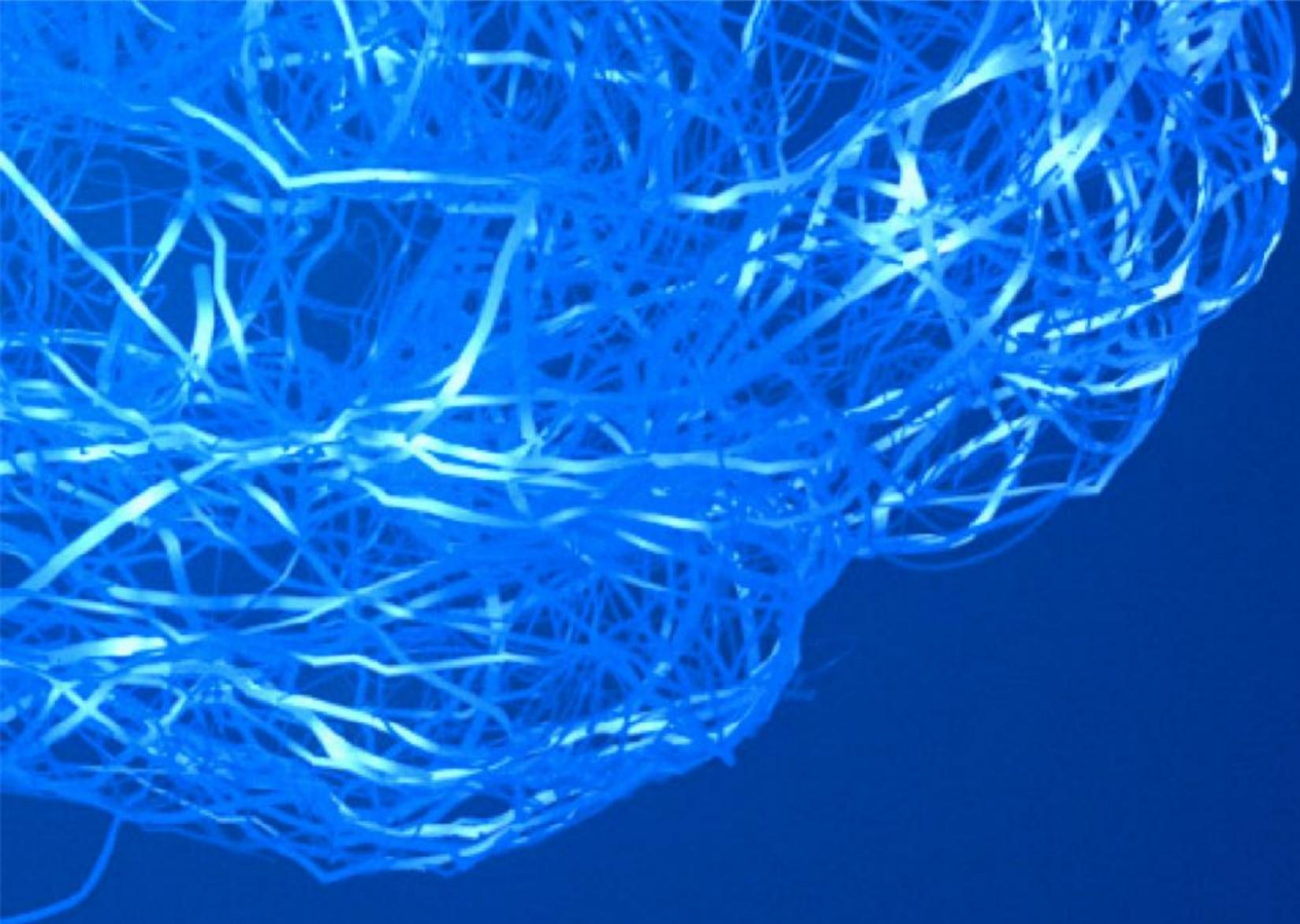




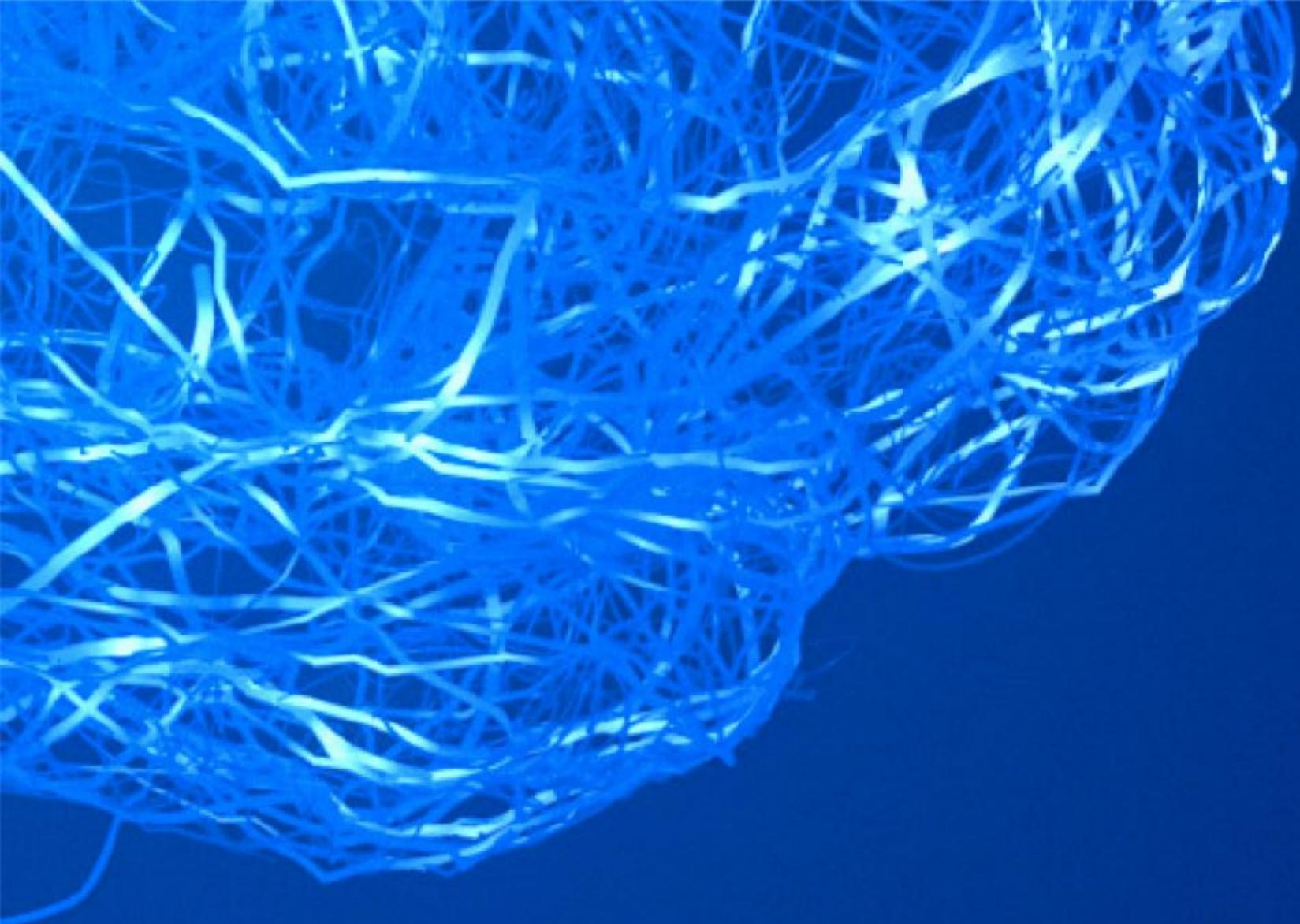
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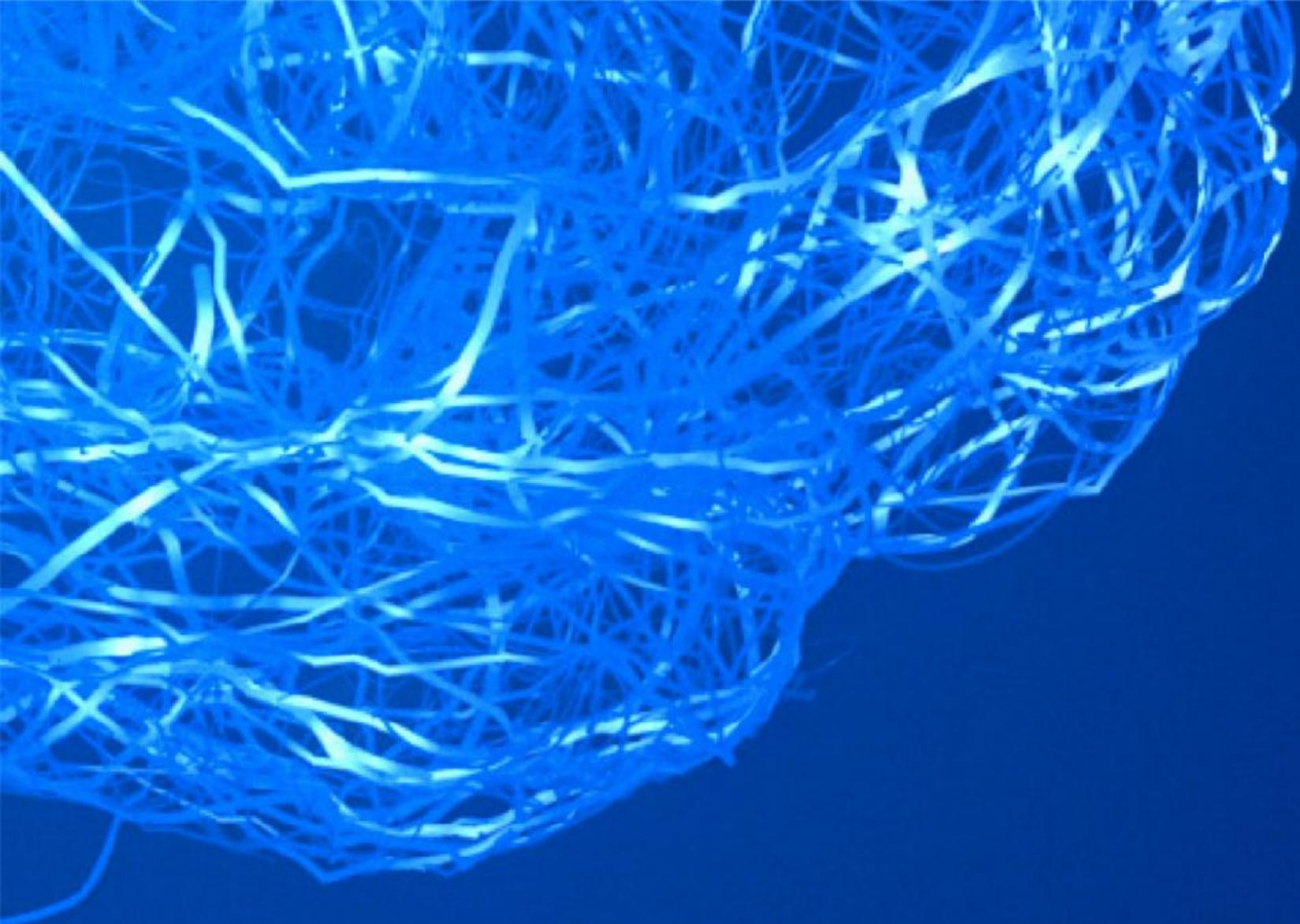
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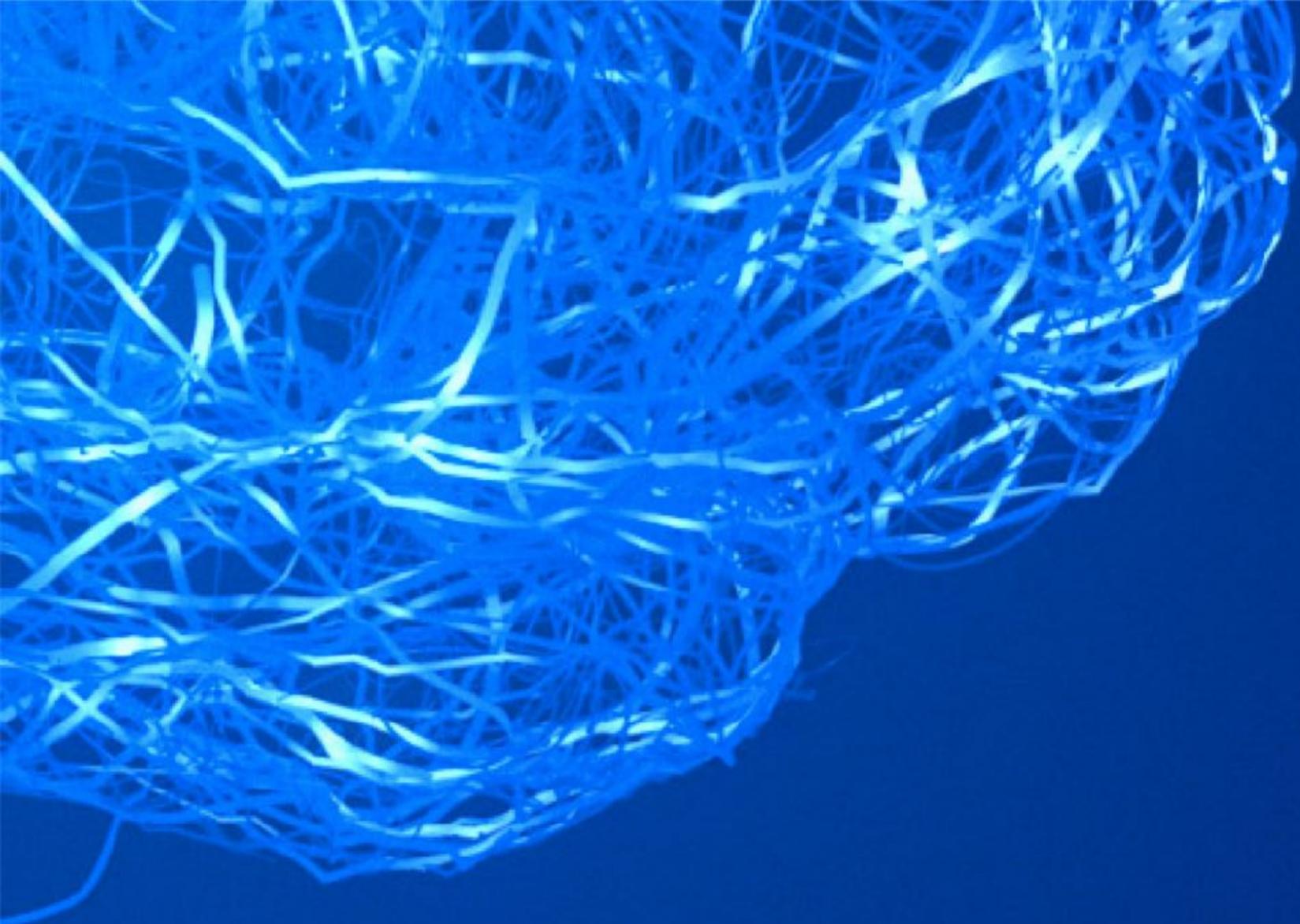
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Despairers

“When something would go wrong, I’m like, why is this happening? The voice in my head would answer: ‘Well, of course it was happening...that’s just how your life goes, you don’t get to enjoy these things.’”

Drew Robinson

“San Francisco Giants outfielder Drew Robinson’s Remarkable Second Act”



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Letting Go-ers

**“You must train yourself to let go of
everything you fear to lose.”**

Yoda

Revenge of the Sith

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“We have found this man to be a troublemaker, stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect and even tried to desecrate the temple; so we seized him. By examining him yourself you will be able to learn the truth about all these charges we are bringing against him.”

Acts 24 : 5 - 8

I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, and I have the same hope in God...that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

Acts 24 : 14 - 16

‘Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. [People] feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex.

If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.”

C.S. Lewis

“Do fish complain of the sea for being wet? Or if they did, would that fact itself not strongly suggest that they had not always been, or would not always be, purely aquatic creatures? Then, if we complain of time...what does that suggest? It suggests that we have not always been or will not always be purely temporal creatures. It suggests that we were created for eternity.” ...

Sheldon Vanauken

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“Not only are we harried by time, we seem unable, despite a thousand generations, even to get used to it. We are always amazed by it--how fast it goes, how slowly it goes, how much of it is gone. Where, we cry, has the time gone? We aren't adapted to it, not at home in it. If that is so, it may appear as a proof, or at least a powerful suggestion, that eternity exists and is our home.”

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“But this story is supreme; and it is true. Art has been verified. God is the Lord, of angels, and of men- and of elves. Legend and History have met and fused.”

JRR Tolkien
On Fairy Stories