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THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

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Christmas: Incarnation
Epiphany: Revelation

CYCLE OF LIFE

GOD for us

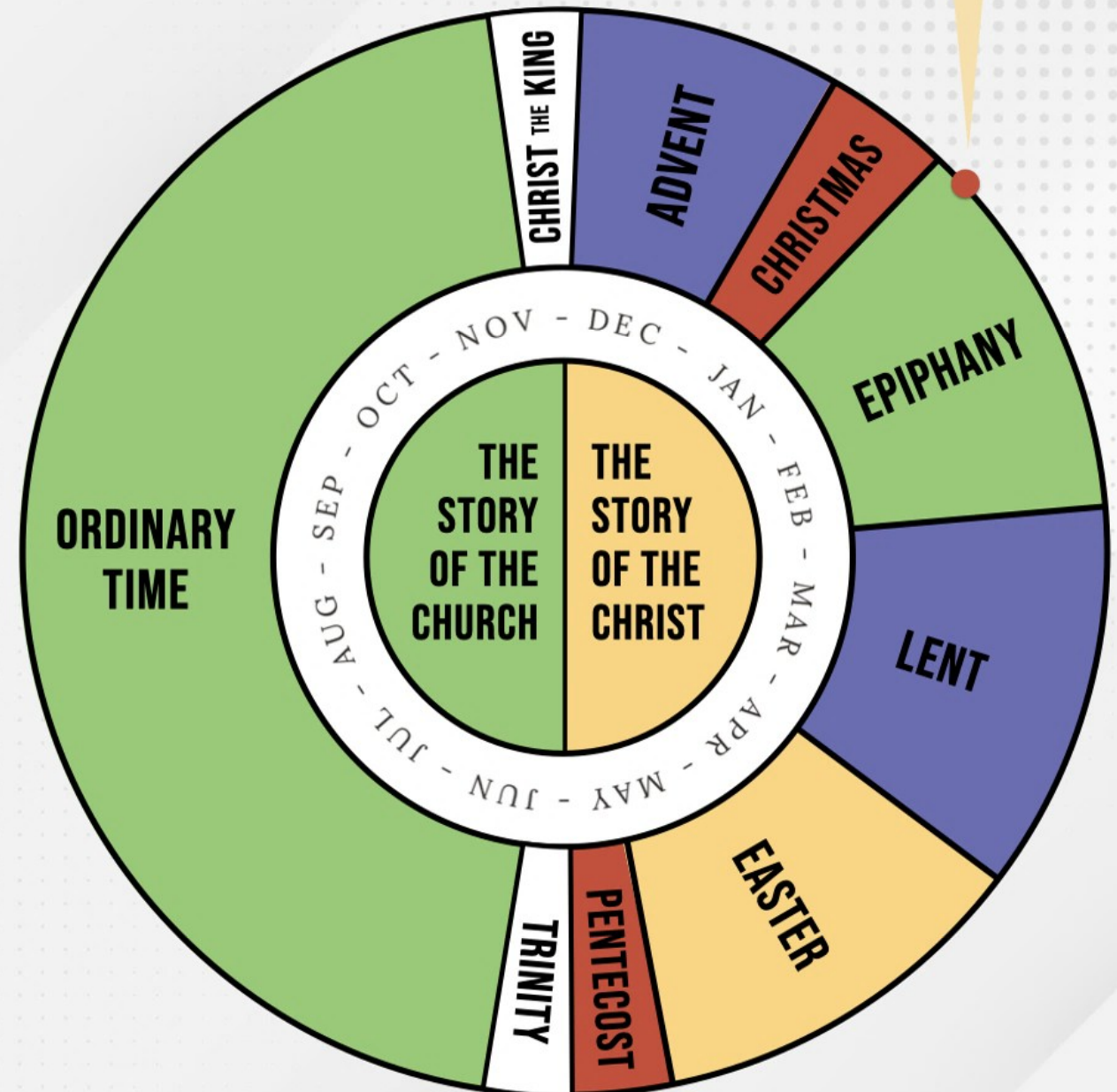
Lent: Crucifixion
Easter: Resurrection
Pentecost: Ascension

CYCLE OF LOVE

GOD in us

Trinity: Magnification
Ordinary Time: Mission
Christ the King: Conclusion

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NEXT WEEK'S
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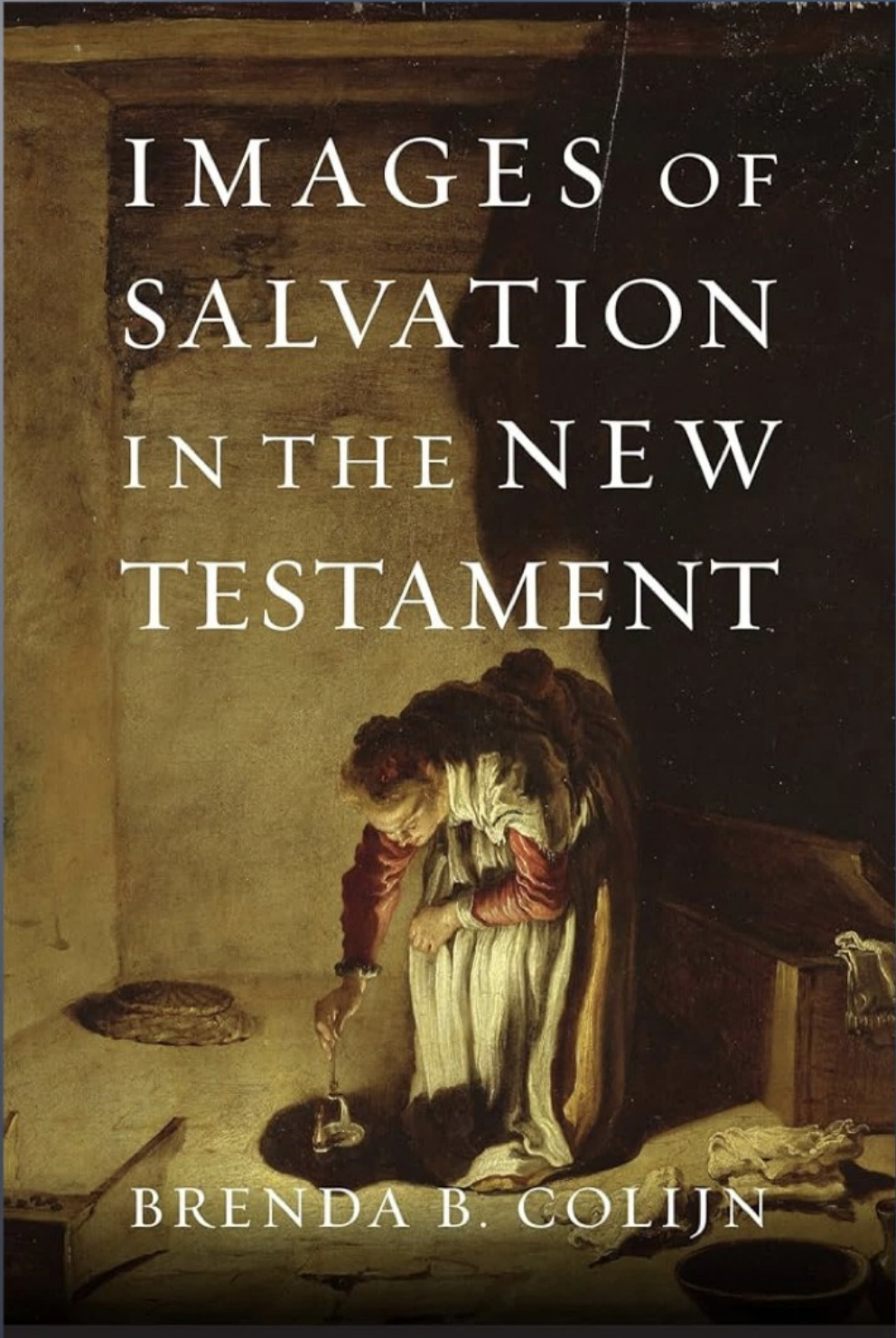
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JOHN 20:30-31

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IMAGES OF SALVATION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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“Salvation is God's solution to the human predicament. Different images of salvation describe this predicament in different ways. If the problem is covenant breaking, the solution is the new covenant. If the problem is rebellion against God, the solution is the kingdom of God. The solution to death, which entered the world because of sin, is life. But the life God provides is not ordinary life, which is enmeshed in sin and ends in death. It is life of an entirely different kind: abundant life or eternal life.”

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John the Baptist, “I have seen and testify that this is God’s Son.” **(John 1:34)**


The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah.” **(John 1:41)**

Philip, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” **(John 1:45)**

Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” **(John 1:49)**

JOHN 1:50

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that."

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JOHN 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They have no more wine."

JOHN 2:1-11

“Woman, why do you involve me?”
Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants,
“Do whatever He tells you.”

JOHN 2:1-11

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.

JOHN 2:1-11

Then He told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”


They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

JOHN 2:1-11

Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”


JOHN 2:1-11

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which He revealed his glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

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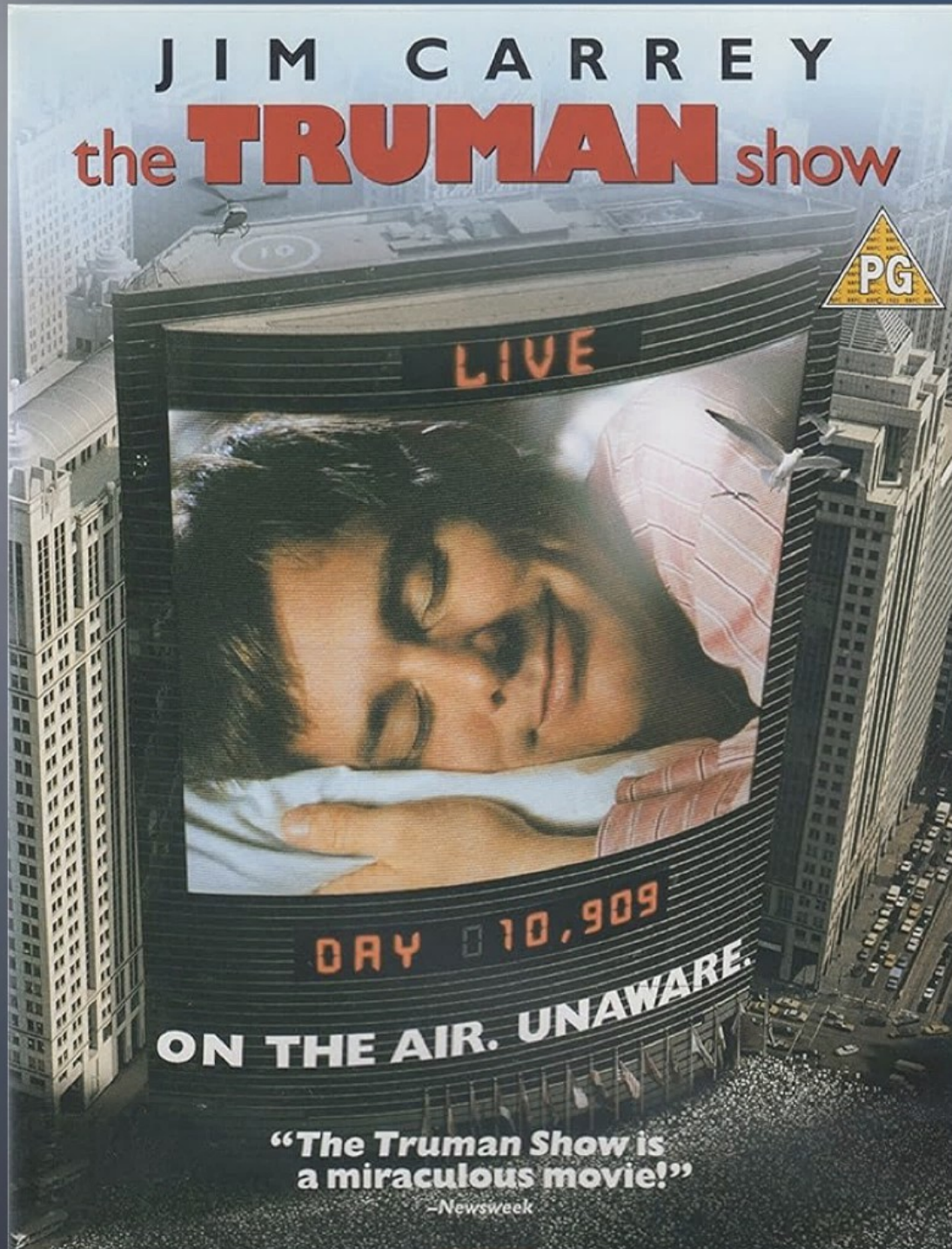
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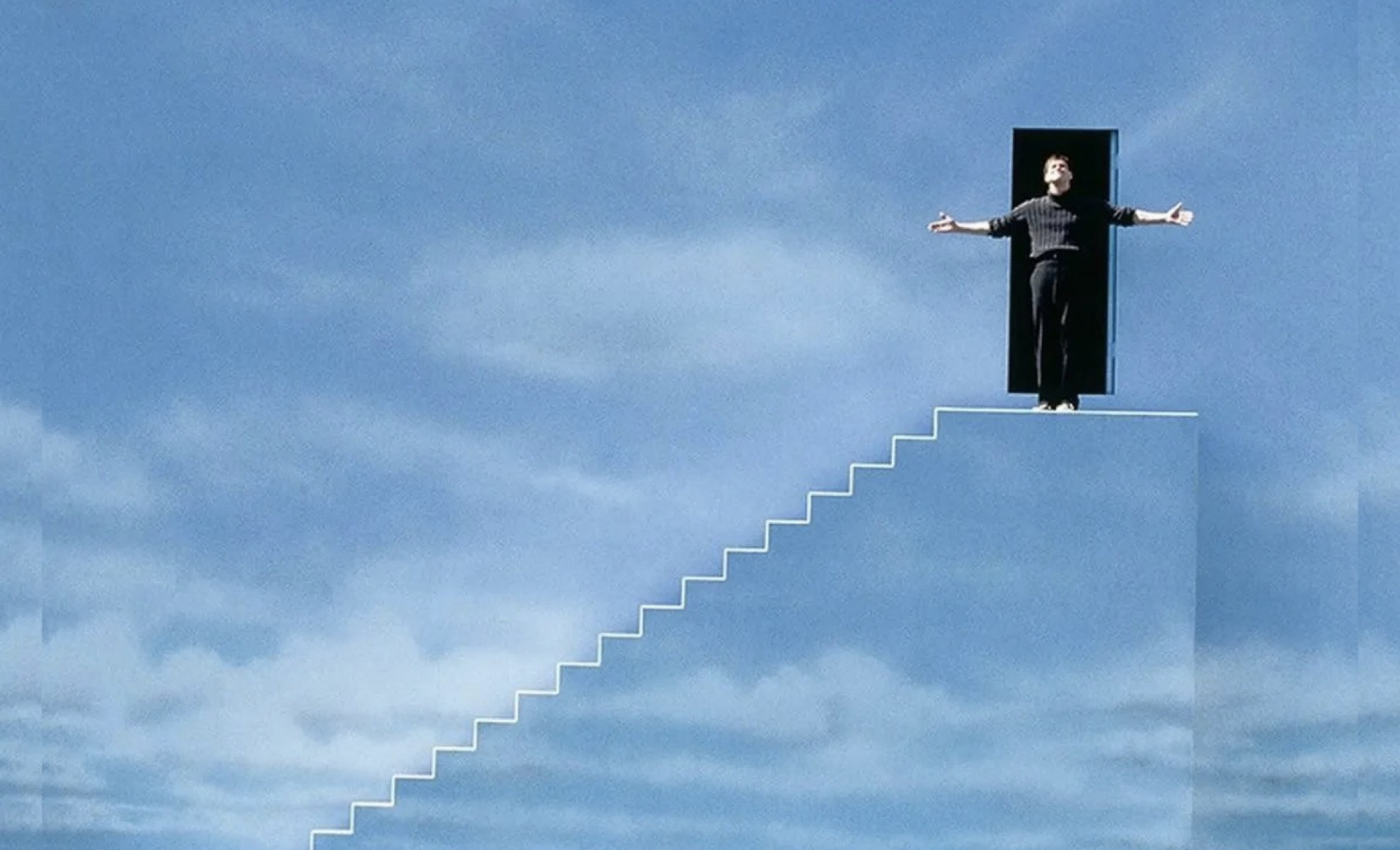
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