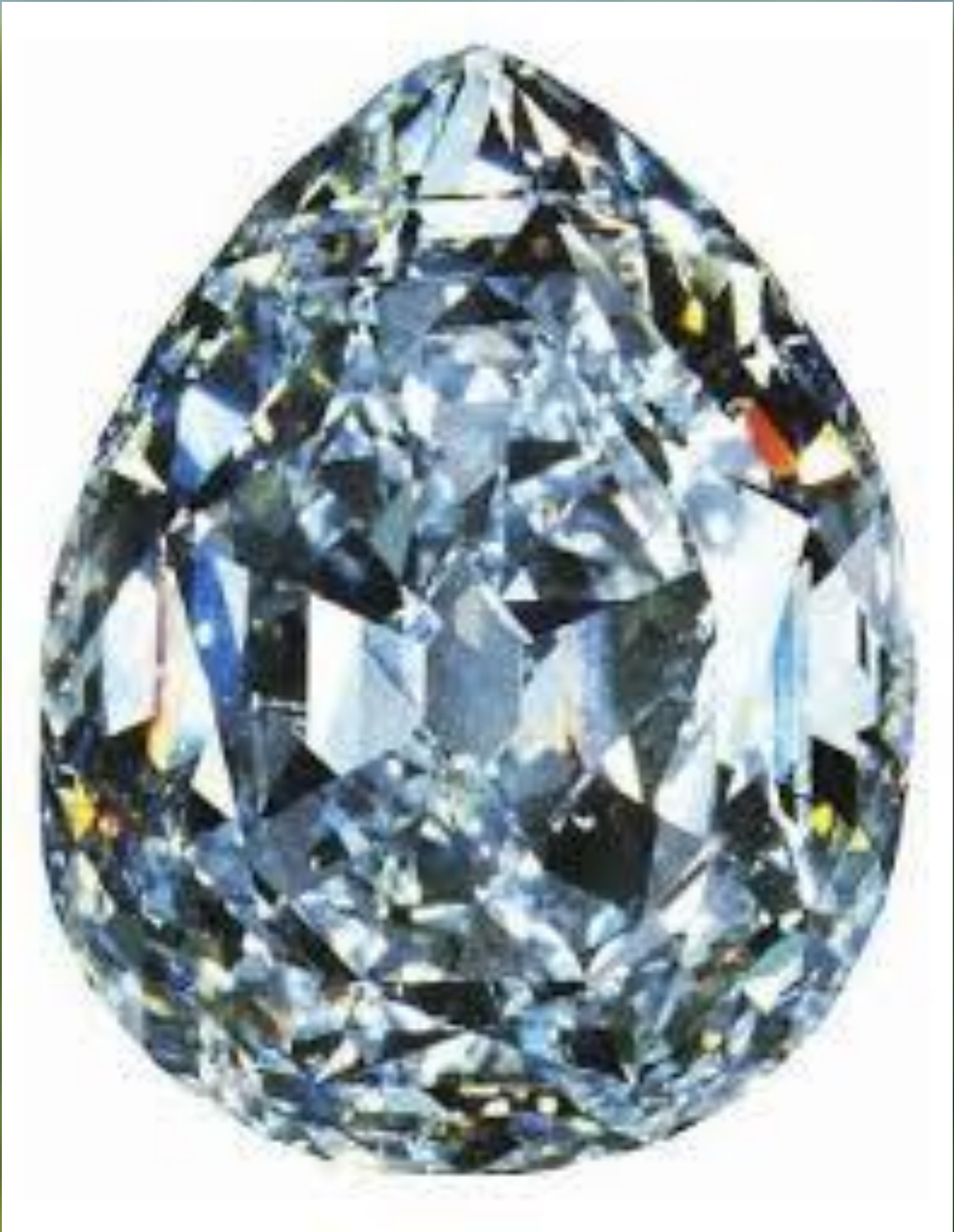


The Road Less Traveled









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Luke 15:1-2

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."...

Luke 15:3-4

3 Then Jesus told them this parable:

4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?"

How do we know if our life matters to God?

Because Jesus came for us.

Isaiah 53:6

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way . . ."

Luke 15:5-6

And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home...

How do we know if our life matters to God?

Because He carries us.

Isaiah 40:11

***"He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arm
and carries them close to his
heart..."***

Isaiah 46:3-4

“Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.”





Luke 15:6-7 Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ ***I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.***

Luke 15:8-9 8 Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

How do we know if our life matters to God?

We know this because He celebrates over us in our repentance and spiritual rebirth.

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