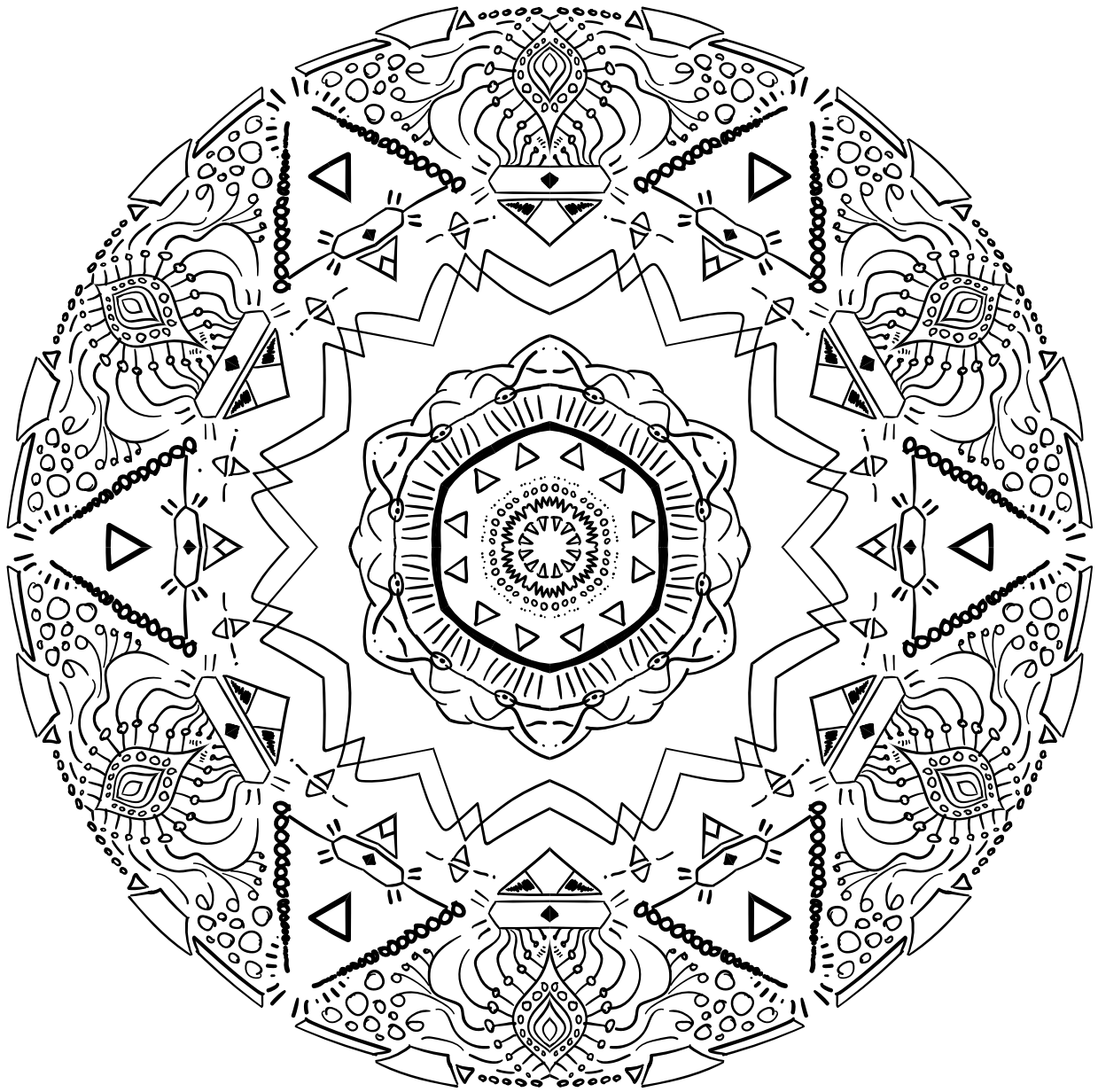


FAITH- INTEGRATED CRISIS RESPONSE MANUAL

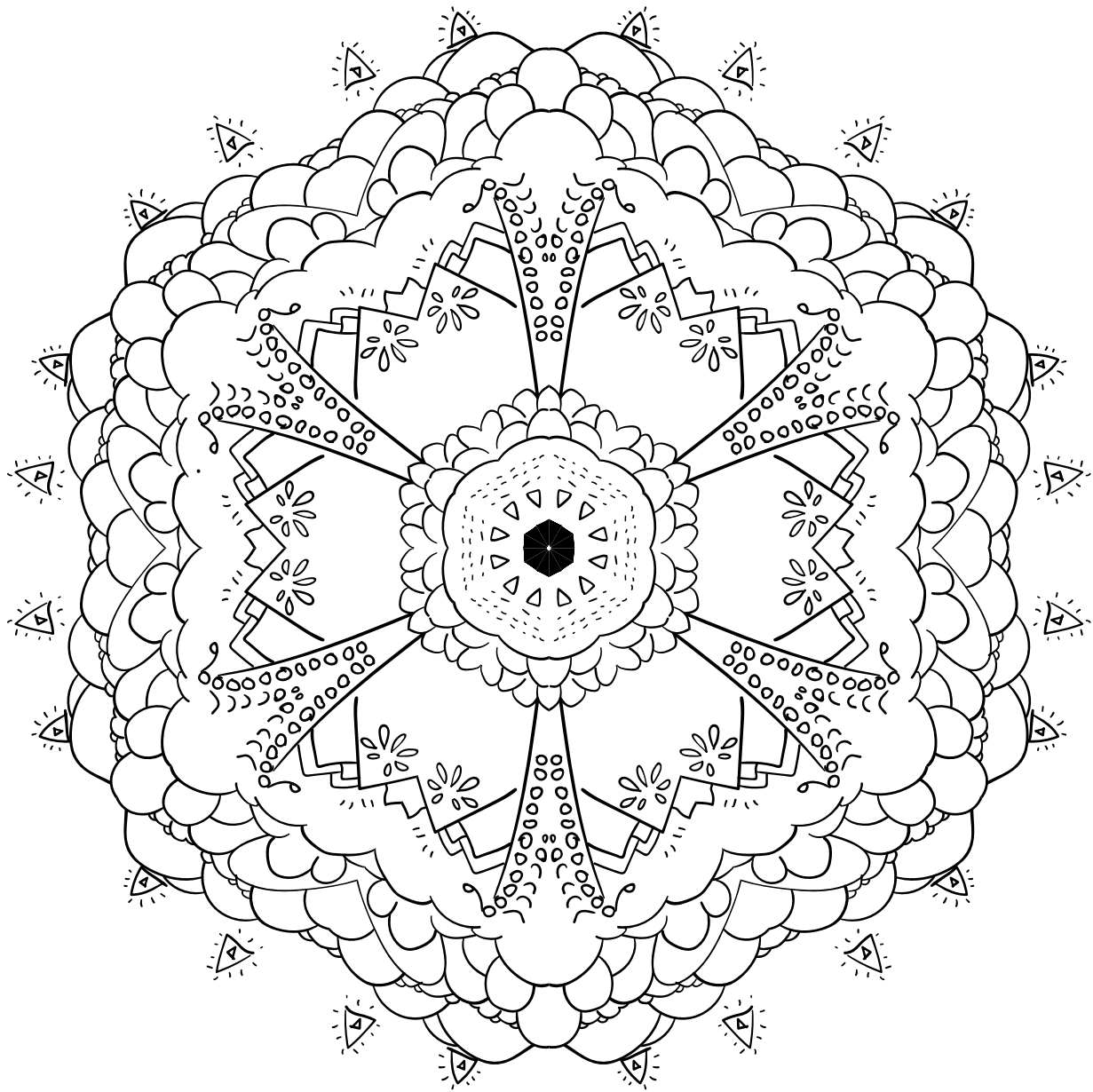




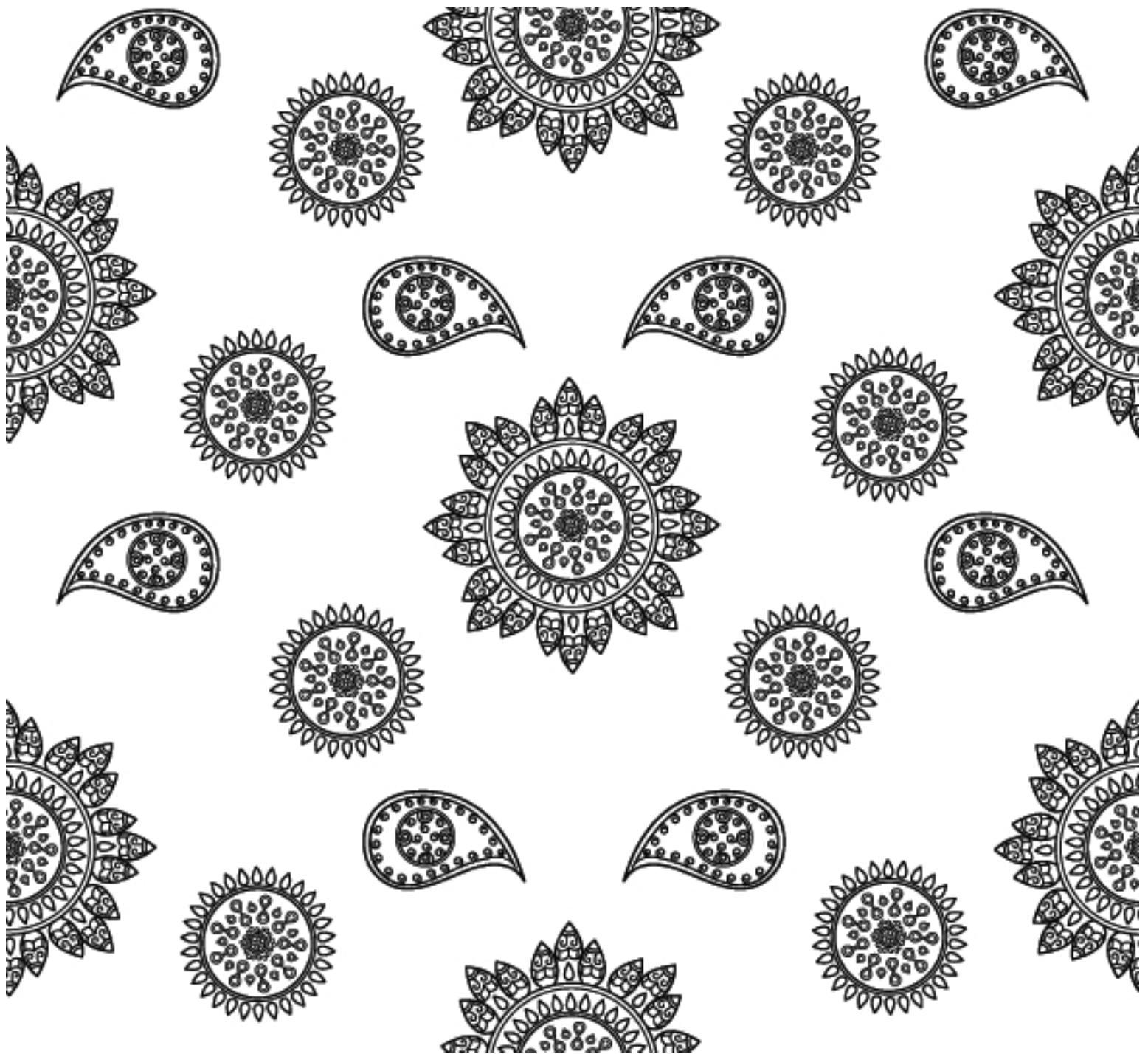
The Christos Archetype, DBT Skills & Trauma-Informed Care

For First Responders, Crisis Workers, and Peer Support Specialists

Developed through the lived experience, insight, and transformational framework of Jennie



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1. INTRODUCTION — THE NEED FOR FAITH-INTEGRATED CRISIS RESPONSE

- Many individuals in crisis — particularly trauma survivors — interpret their internal experiences through spiritual language. To crisis responders, this may appear:
- unfamiliar
- metaphorical
- emotionally charged

- mystical or metaphysical
- Yet for the person in distress, these frameworks represent **identity, survival, and meaning**.
- This manual equips responders to:
- reduce harm and avoid misinterpretation
- de-escalate with cultural humility and compassion
- honor the person's belief system without reinforcing unsafe behaviors
- stabilize individuals without dismissing their spiritual worldview
- Jennie's Christos Archetype offers a trauma-informed approach to understanding spiritual distress without pathologizing the individual.

2. THE CHRISTOS ARCHETYPE: A TRANSFORMATIONAL FRAMEWORK

The Christos Archetype is not a religious doctrine.

It is a **psychospiritual model** grounded in:

- inner awakening
- trauma integration
- shadow work
- self-compassion
- embodiment
- reclaiming one's highest identity

Individuals may describe experiences like:

- "God is speaking to me."
- "Darkness is testing me."
- "I'm called to save my family."
- "My spirit is battling."

These expressions often point to:

- grief
- overwhelm
- trauma activation
- dissociation
- moral injury

The Christos framework helps responders honor meaning while guiding the person back to regulation.

3. SPIRITUAL DISTRESS VS. MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Spiritual Distress often presents as:

- symbolic communication
- purpose-driven insight
- emotional intensity
- metaphorical interpretations

Mental Health Crisis may include:

- disorganization
- impaired functioning
- inability to self-care
- elevated risk or unsafe behavior

Many trauma survivors experience both simultaneously.
Responders must differentiate without shaming or escalating.

4. HOW TRAUMA SHAPES SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION

Trauma transforms:

- perception
- breath patterns
- meaning-making
- memory
- self-concept
- belief systems

For many — especially African American women with generational trauma — the experience of psychological injury is understood spiritually.

A person may say:

“Darkness is trying to break me.”

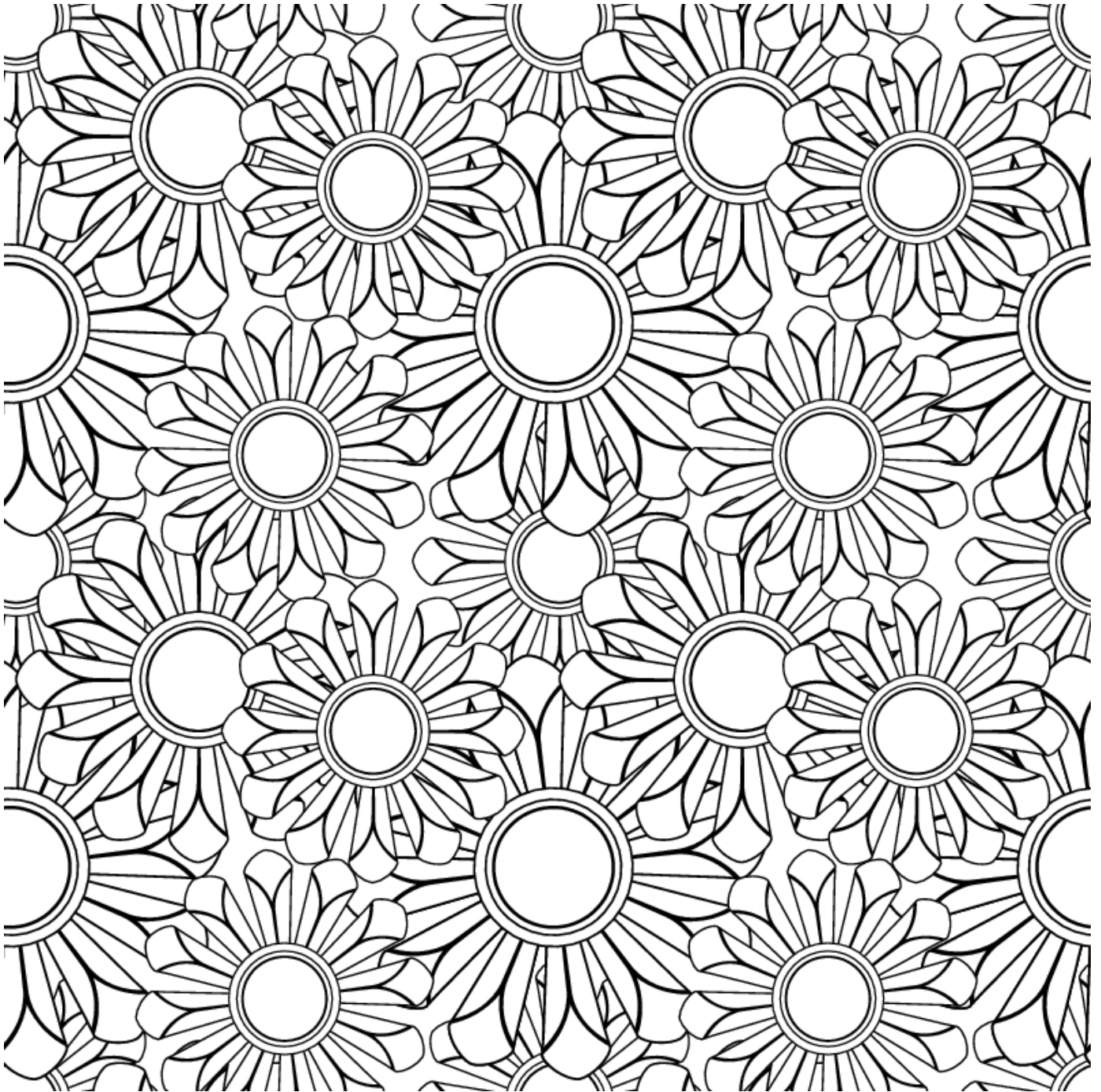
Clinically, this may reflect:

- hyperarousal
- fear
- emotional depletion
- somatic flashbacks

Spiritually, it reflects:

- identity struggle
- desire for cleansing and clarity
- a transformative internal battle

Both are real. Responders must hold both truths simultaneously.



5. SHADOW ARCHETYPES: UNDERSTANDING THE INNER “DEVILS”

In Jennie’s model, terms like “darkness,” “Lucifer,” or “devils” symbolize:

- trauma wounds
- inner critics
- survival responses
- abandoned parts of the self
- past selves trapped in pain

The individual is battling **internal conflict**, not an external enemy.

Understanding this reduces fear and supports de-escalation.

6. WHY TRAUMA SURVIVORS USE SPIRITUAL OR SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE

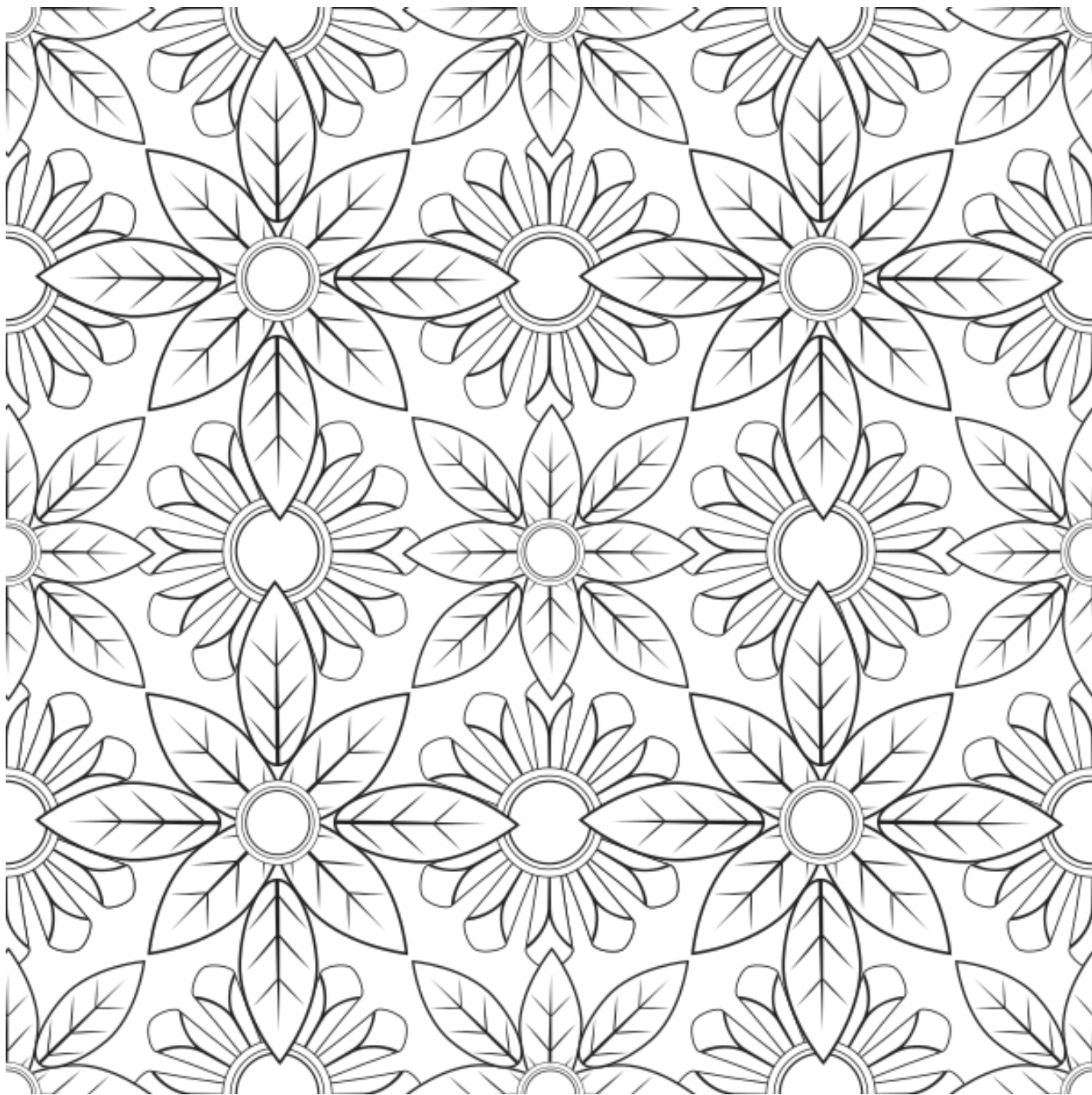
Common expressions include:

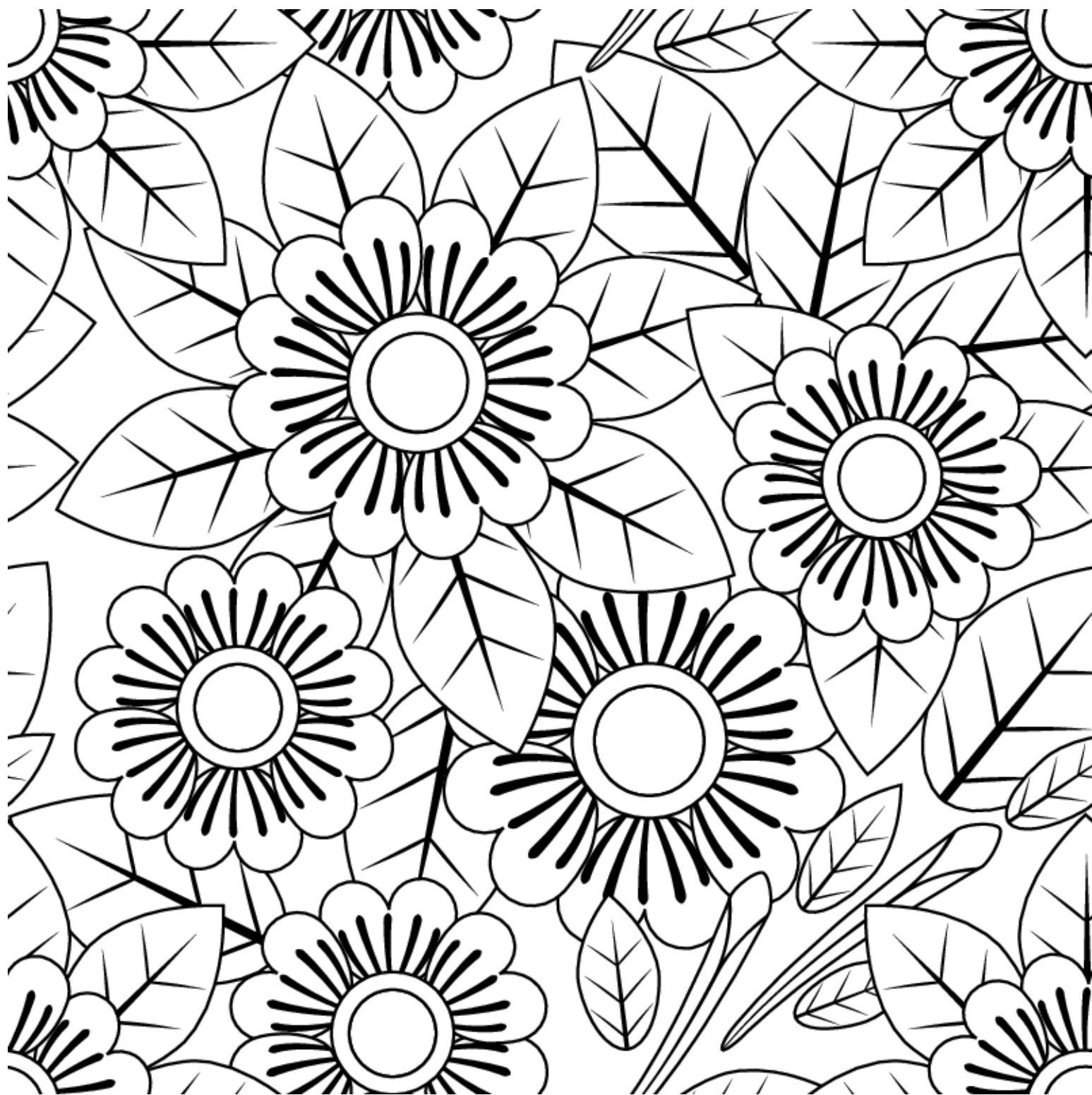
- “God is testing me.”
- “I’m fighting demons.”
- “My ancestors are guiding me.”
- “I’m on a mission.”

Translated, these often mean:

- “I’m overwhelmed.”
- “I’m afraid.”
- “I feel alone.”
- “I need grounding.”
- “My identity feels unstable.”

Symbolic language is not delusion — it is a **cultural and survival-based communication style**.





7. DBT SKILLS FOR RESPONDERS (FAITH-INTEGRATED)

STOP →

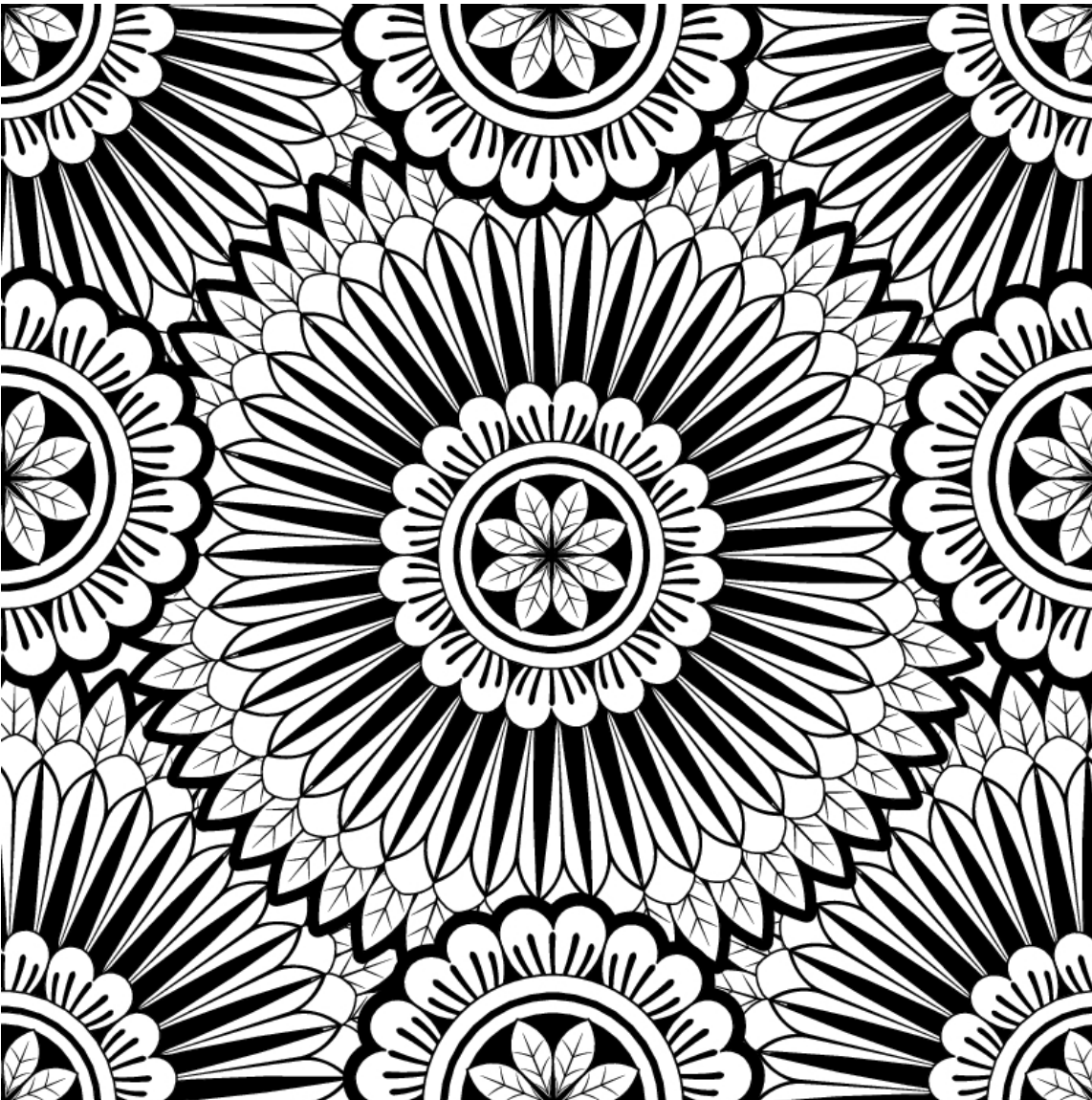
Stillness, Trust, Observe, Proceed slowly.

TIP Skills →

Cooling the spirit through breath, posture, water, and temperature reset.

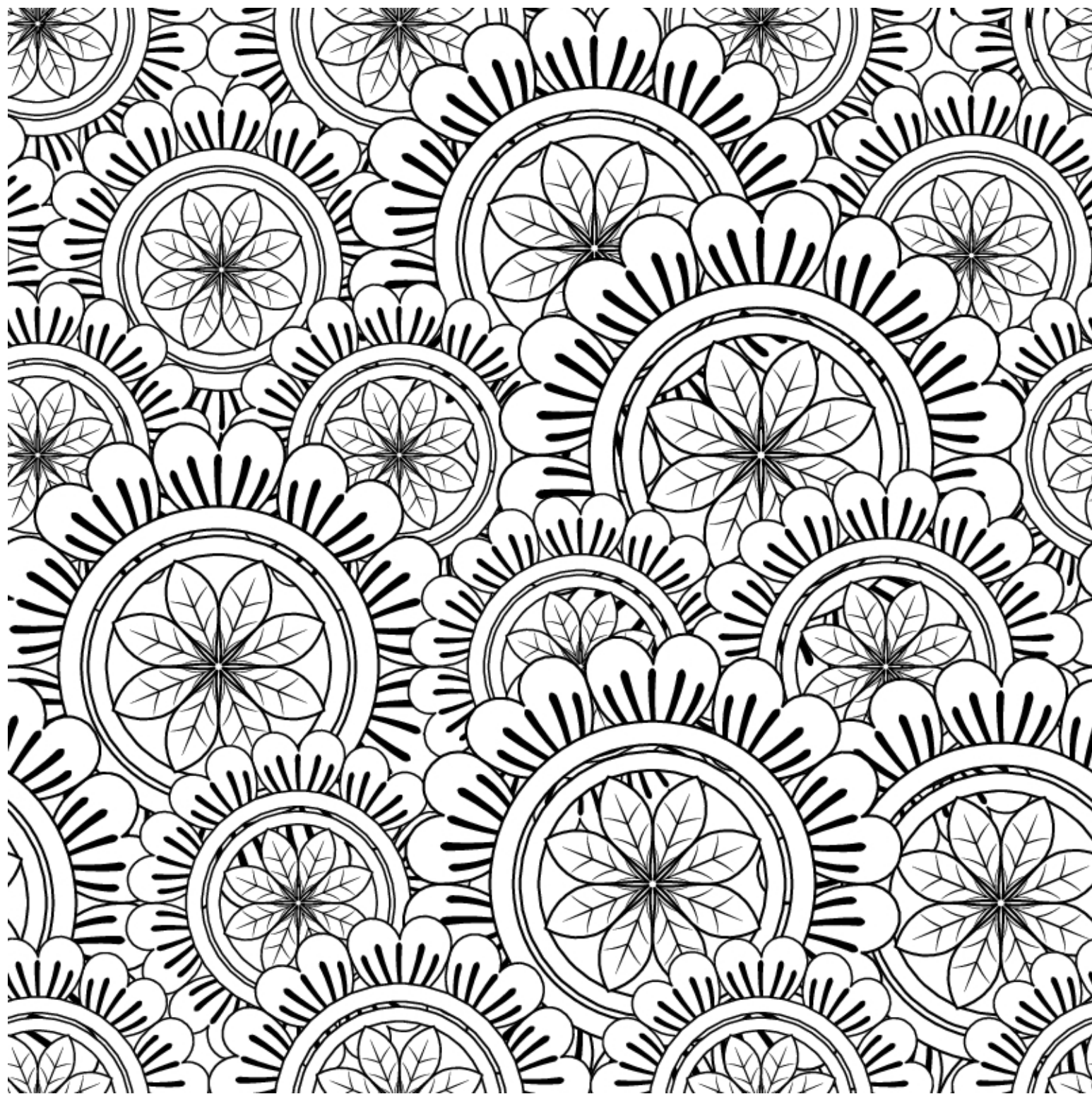
Wise Mind →

“The place where intuition, clarity, and God’s voice meet.”



DEARMAN →

A respectful, structured communication method aligned with truth, dignity, and the Christos value of compassion.



8. DE-ESCALATION THROUGH BREATH, PRESENCE & GROUNDING

In the Christos framework, breath is sacred.

Responders can use:

- four-corner breathing
- slow guided exhale
- somatic anchoring
- grounding through the senses
- calm, stabilizing presence

These practices regulate physiology without challenging spiritual belief systems.

9. SOMATIC INDICATORS OF SPIRITUAL OVERWHELM

Look for:

- trembling or shaking
- rapid breathing
- pacing
- withdrawal or freezing
- fixed or distant gaze
- sudden emotional flooding

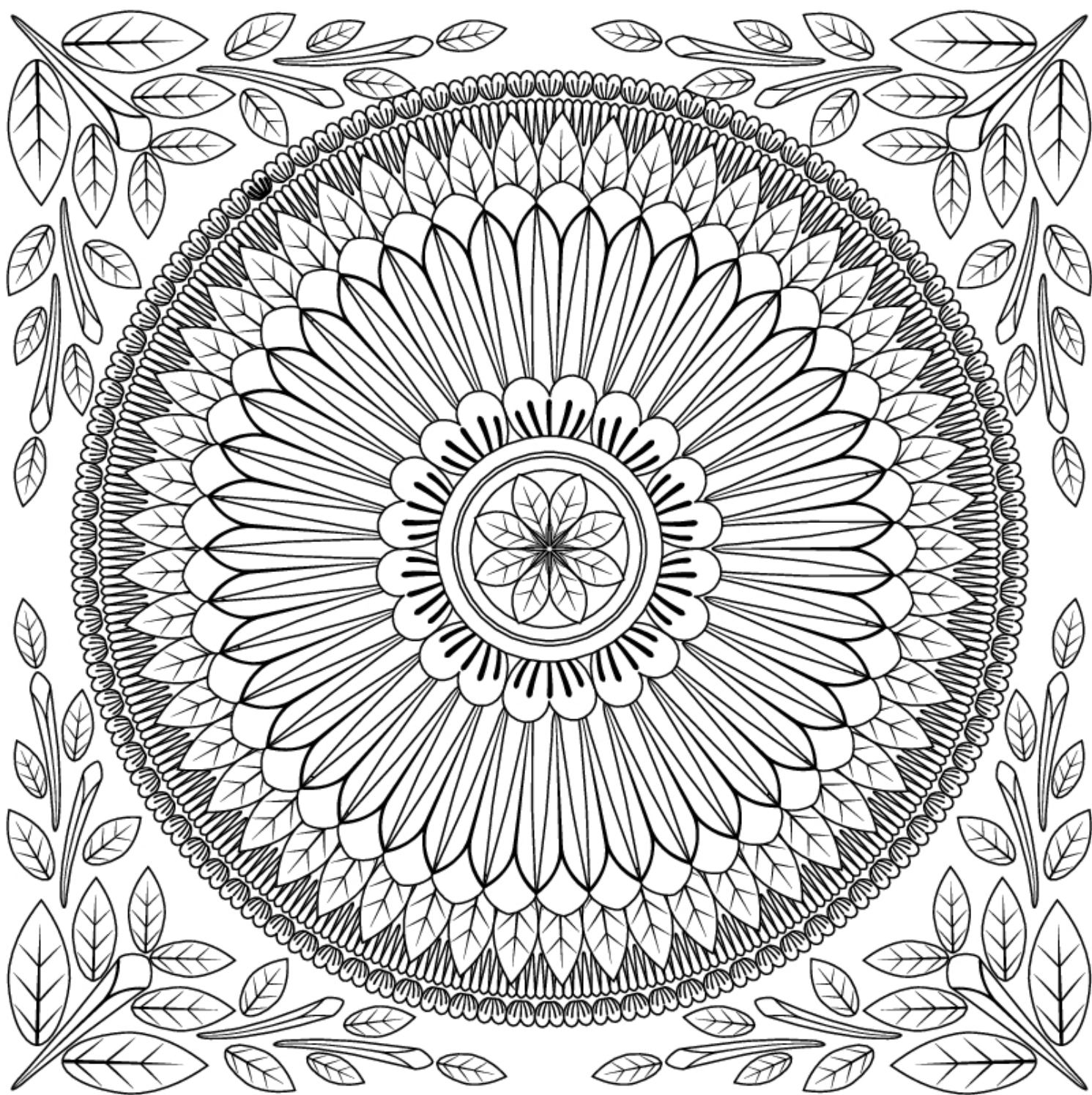
These signs reflect internal conflict rather than aggression.

10. CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE CRISIS CARE FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN

Critical factors include:

- generational trauma and resilience
- role expectations of strength and leadership
- spiritual responsibility within family systems
- historical mistrust of institutions
- the need for dignity, partnership, and autonomy

Cultural humility is essential for safety and rapport.



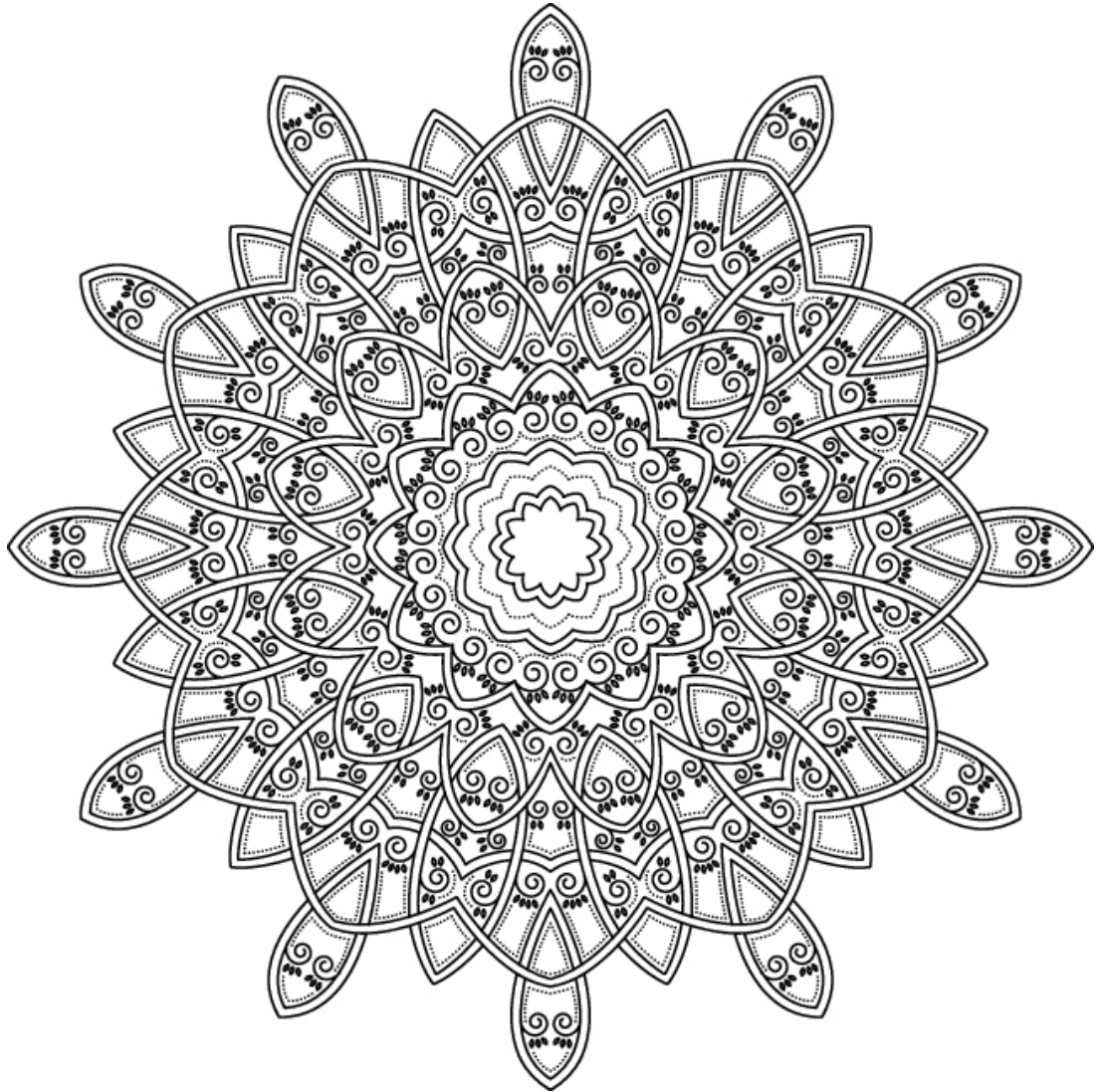
11. CASE EXAMPLE — JENNIE'S EXPERIENCE

Jennie has navigated:

- spiritual overwhelm and symbolic visions
- exhaustion and hypervigilance
- grief-driven activation
- relational and environmental triggers

Yet she consistently:

- seeks grounding
- uses DBT skills
- contacts her care team
- prioritizes safety
- integrates meaning
- transforms pain into purpose



Her experience

demonstrates **high-functioning spiritual distress**, not instability.

12. FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNICATION SCRIPTS

Helpful Statements

- “I hear the spiritual meaning in what you’re sharing.”
- “You don’t have to battle this alone.”
- “Your experience matters — let’s slow this moment together.”
- “Your breath is your strength right now.”
- “What does the darkness represent for you?”

Statements to Avoid

- “That isn’t real.”

- “You’re hallucinating.”
- “Calm down.”
- “You’re scaring people.”

13. THEMES OF DARKNESS, LIGHT, PURPOSE & CALLING

Common interpretations:

Darkness → pain, fear, depletion

Light → hope, identity, clarity

Calling → feeling over-responsible

Purpose → transformation and survival

Responders validate without intensifying the experience.

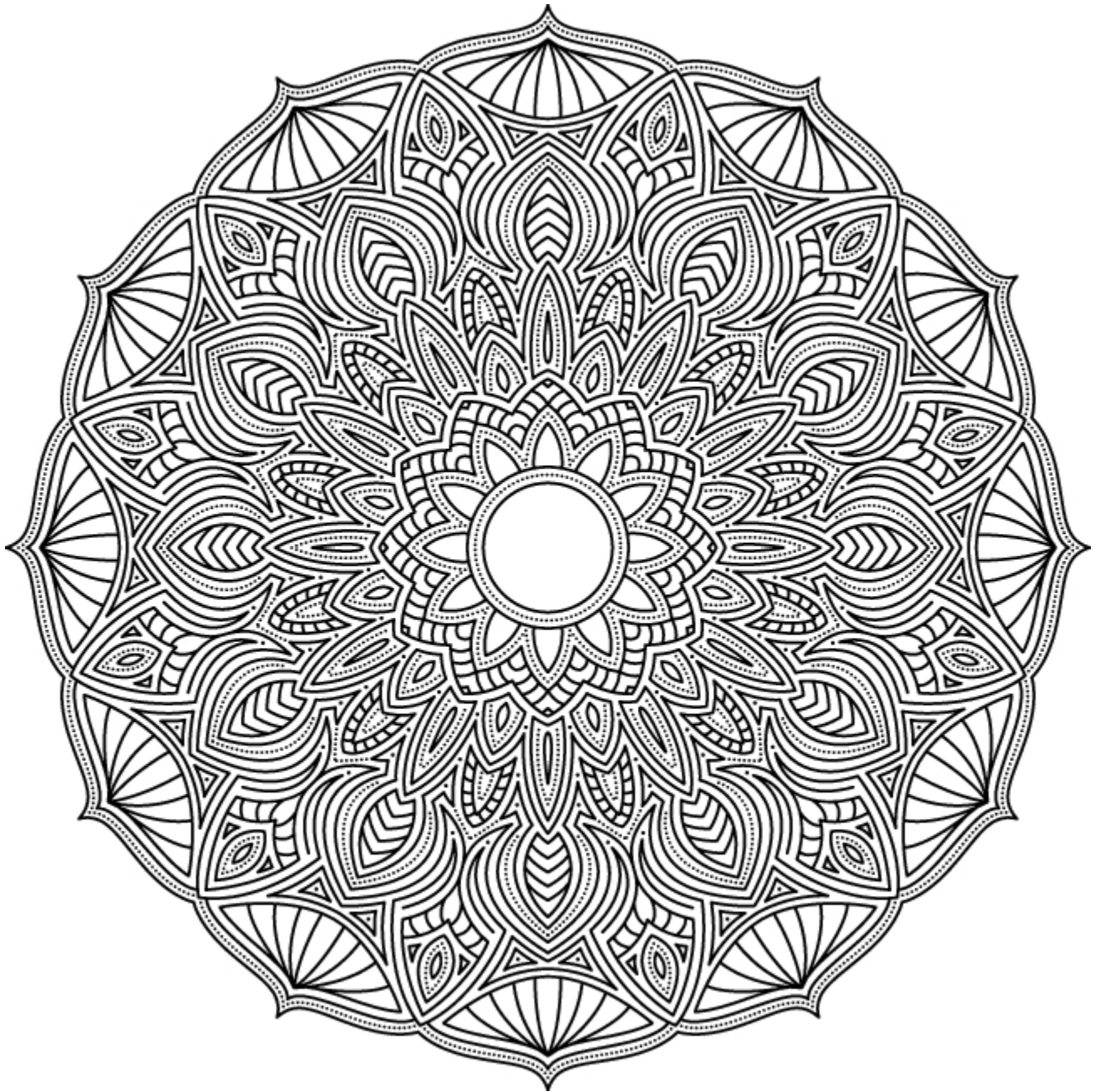
14. GRIEF AS A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Loss can activate:

- spiritual insight
- symbolic dreams
- identity shifts
- emotional overwhelm

Responders may hear references to ancestors, the Lucifer archetype, spiritual warfare, or divine purpose.

Normalize without endorsing unsafe interpretations.

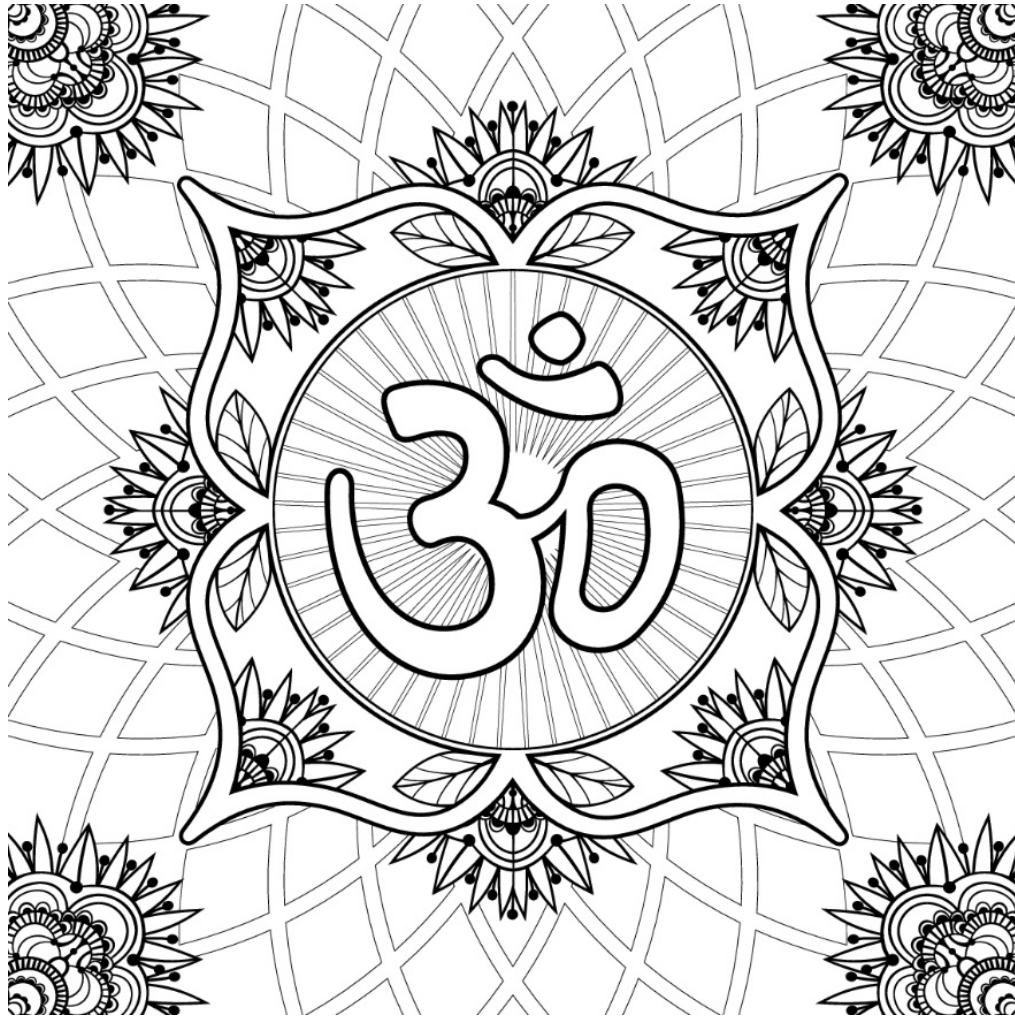


15. SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WHO BELIEVE THEY ARE CALLED BY GOD

Grounding questions:

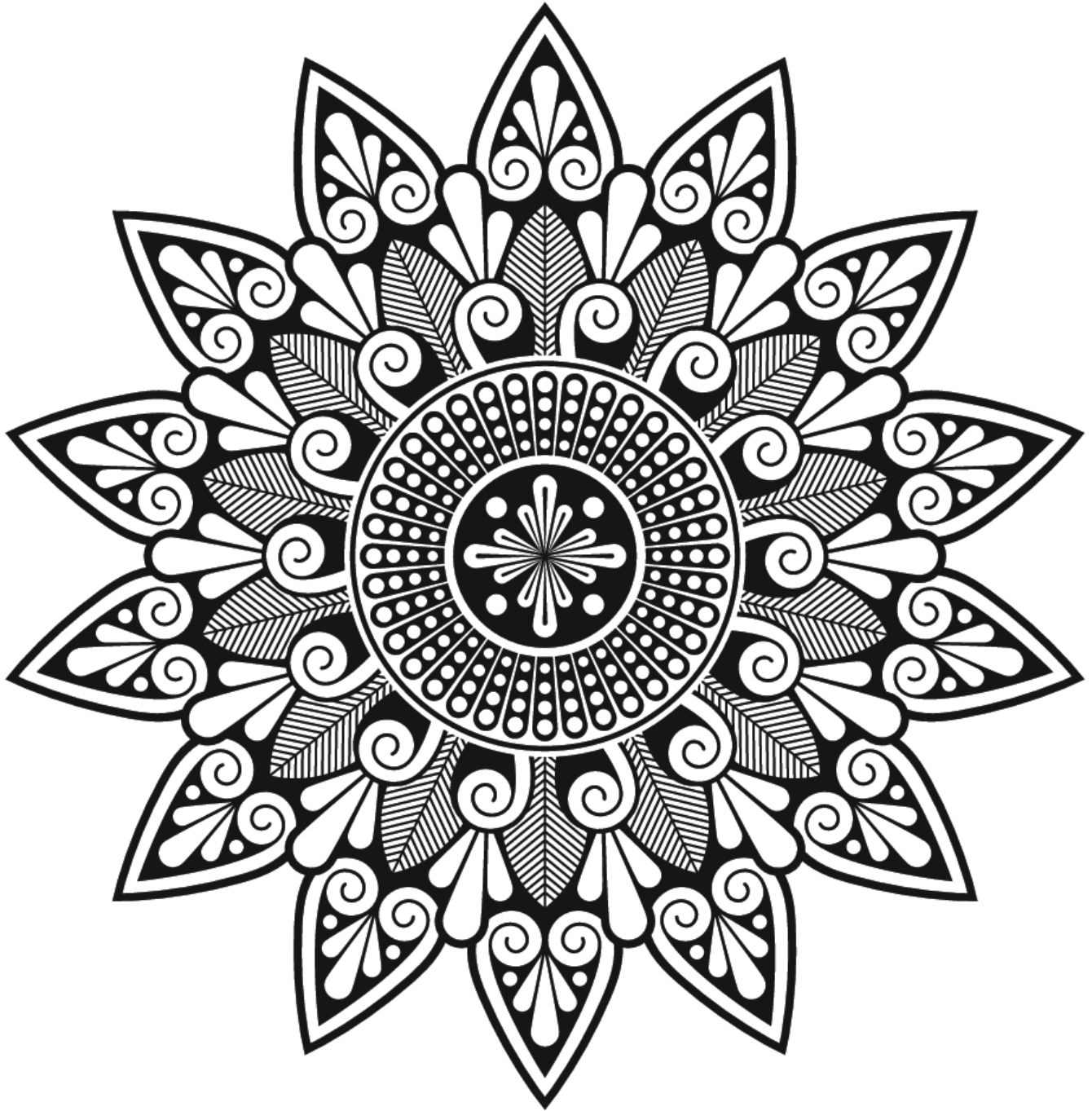
- “What does that calling feel like in your body?”
 - “How can we keep you safe while honoring that message?”
 - “Is this calling asking you to act, or simply to listen?”
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16. WHEN TO REFER FOR HIGHER-LEVEL SUPPORT



Immediate referral if the individual shows:

- intent or plan for self-harm
- inability to care for basic needs
- harm-oriented command hallucinations
- severe disorganization or disconnection
- concerning physical symptoms



17. LONG-TERM HEALING IN THE CHRISTOS MODEL

Core outcomes include:

- shadow integration

- emotional regulation
- reclaimed identity
- somatic grounding
- clarity of purpose
- internal peace

This model reframes crisis as a **pathway to transformation**, not a label.

