

Imago Dei
Part IV; June 13, 2010

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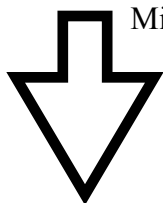
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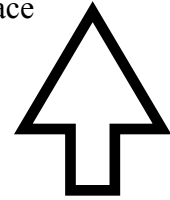
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The slippery slope of spiritual regression:



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Act quickly on what you discover!

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The more we tend to forget!
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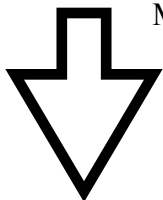
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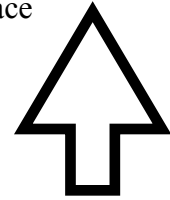
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