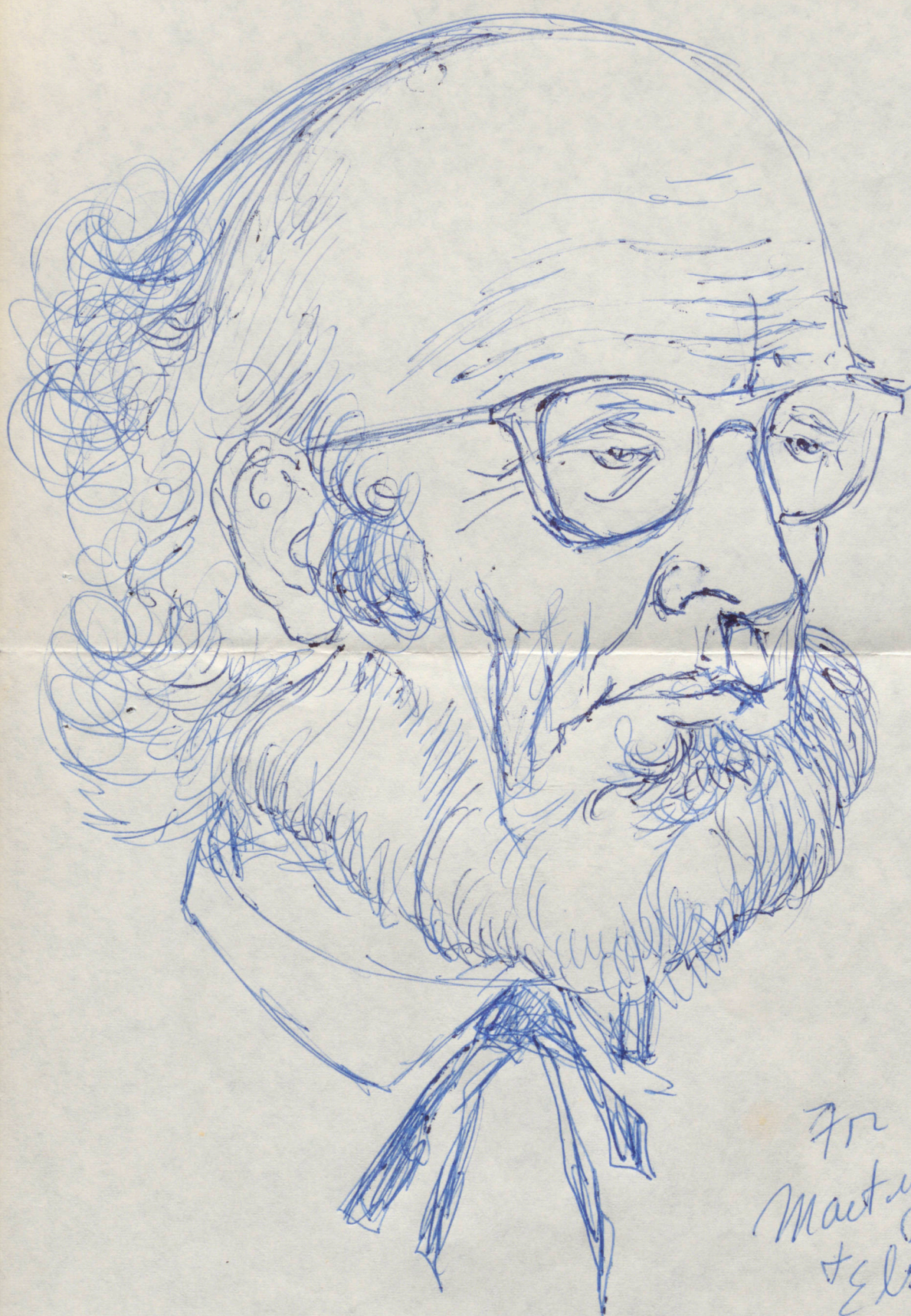




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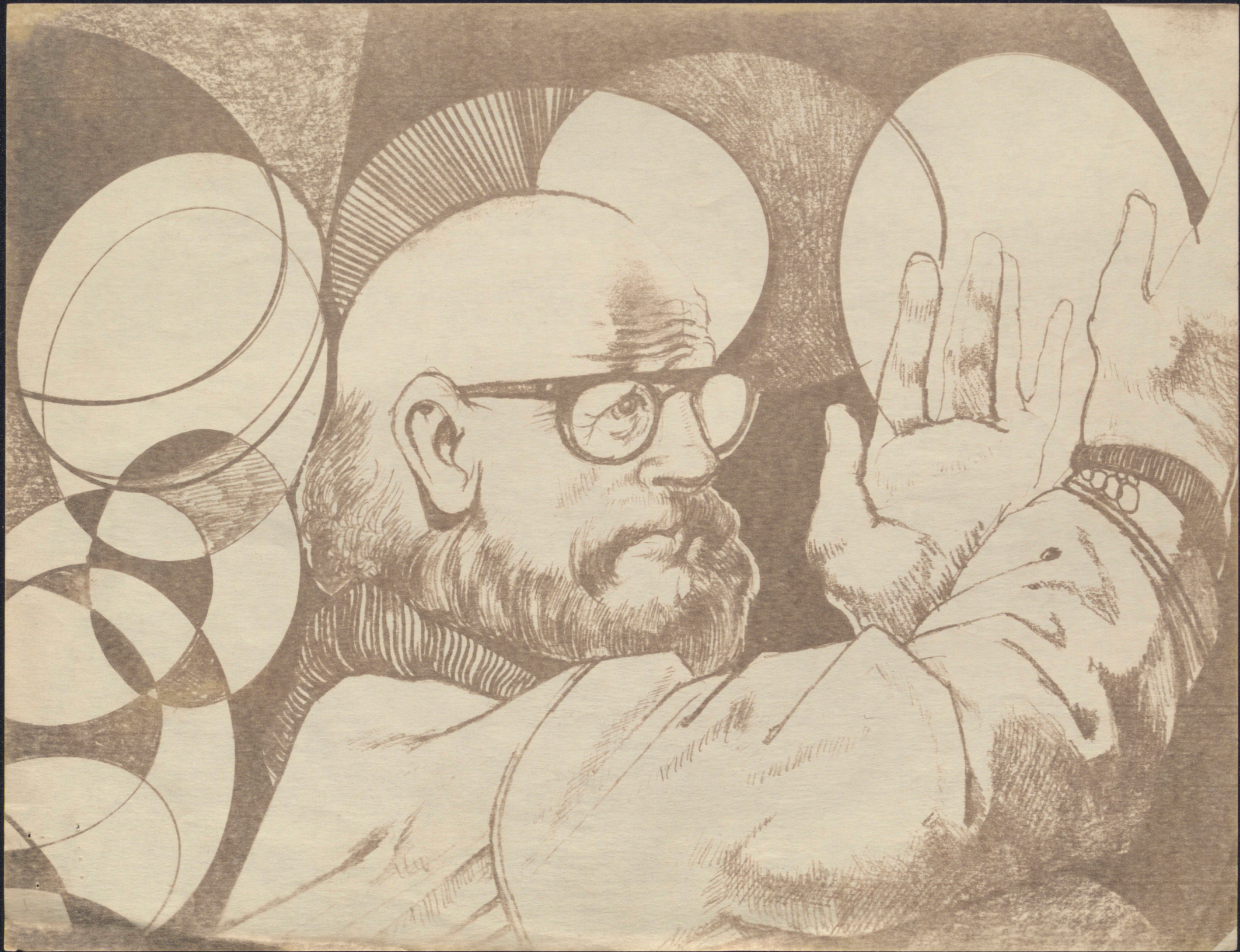




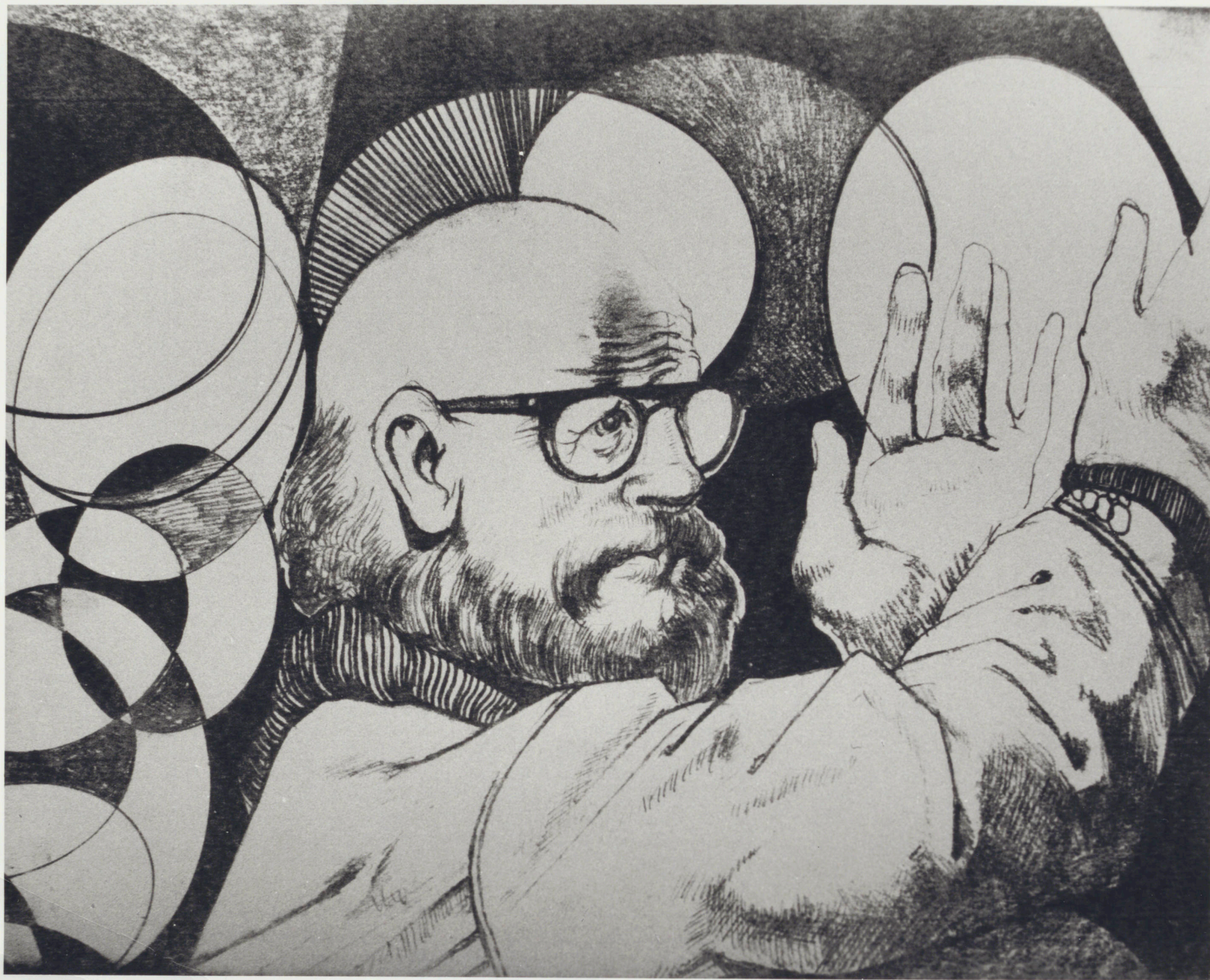
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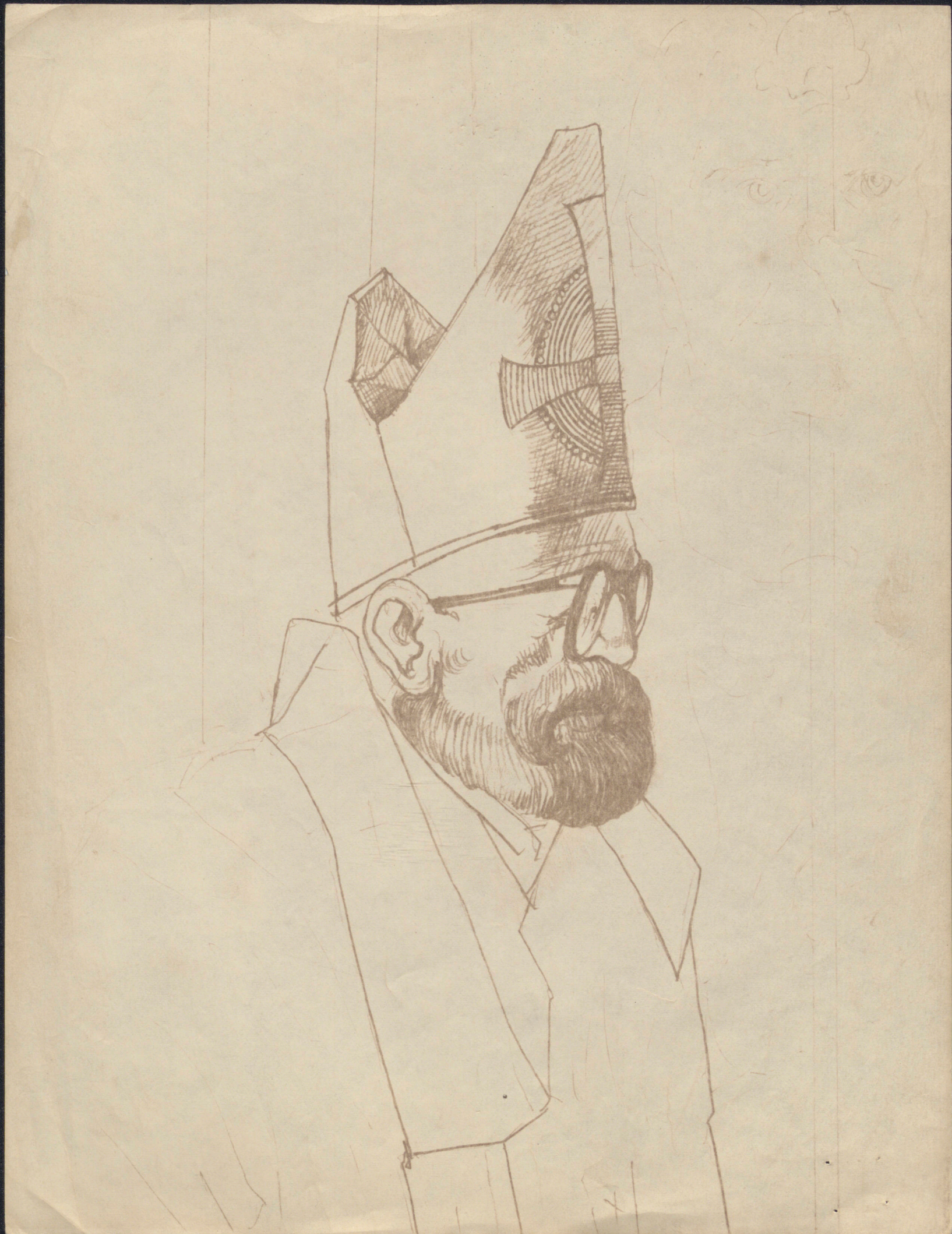


























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(Dr. Bibfeldt) inappropriately ordained as an Archbishop into the Catholic Church - a faith which proclaims the same theological concepts and principles that obtain in the theological world whereupon (in spite of that fact) it was decided by an ecclesiastical tribunal committee that he should be indicted and placed on trial for the purpose of not specifically proclaiming in his writings the exclusive theological posture of Catholicism as a denominational, theological entity and he was therefore indicted for mis-representation as a consequence of the administrative ecclesiastical error, was accused in the trial as a heretic and was removed by an ecclesiastical action of the Catholic Church (excommunicated from an honor bestowed upon him which was an Archbishoprick). The result of this misadventure with the Catholic Church and Dr. Franz Bibfeldt created a rebellious spirit in a man who was misunderstood and was in point of fact an inspired prophet. His subsequent work in the form of his writings created a new spirit in the concept and understanding of the meaning and the power of the Christian principle as it obtains in the very complicated technological world which seems to have lost the nature, the spirit and the meaning of God and the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. The structure of his messages to the world were in point of fact universal which is to say what Catholic really means. He was a man of God devoted entirely to the prophetic message of the meaning and the reality of what God means to man and how man relates himself to God and the close spiritual relationship. Dr. Franz Bibfeldt has been a misunderstood prophet in our time. He cared enough to come himself.

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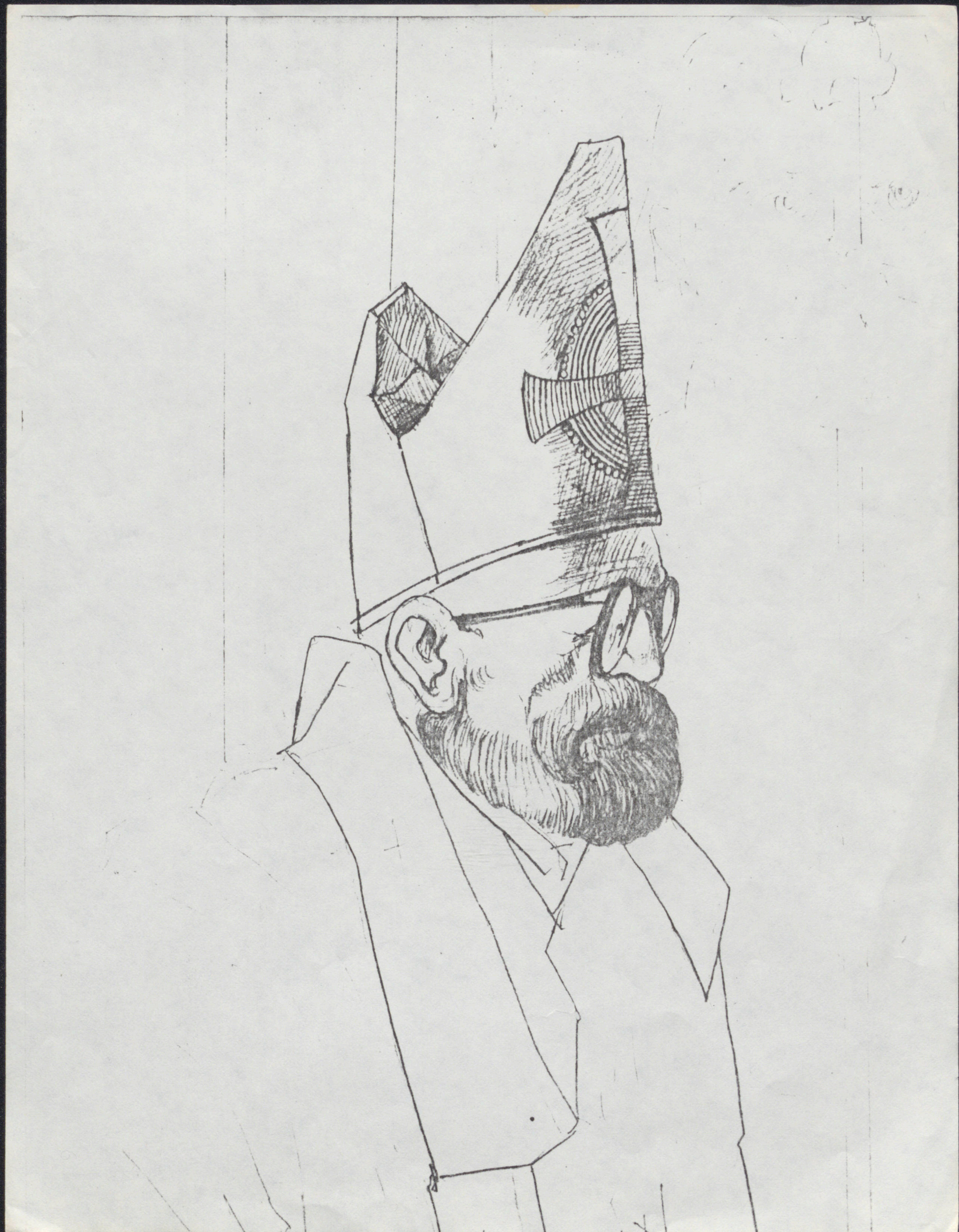
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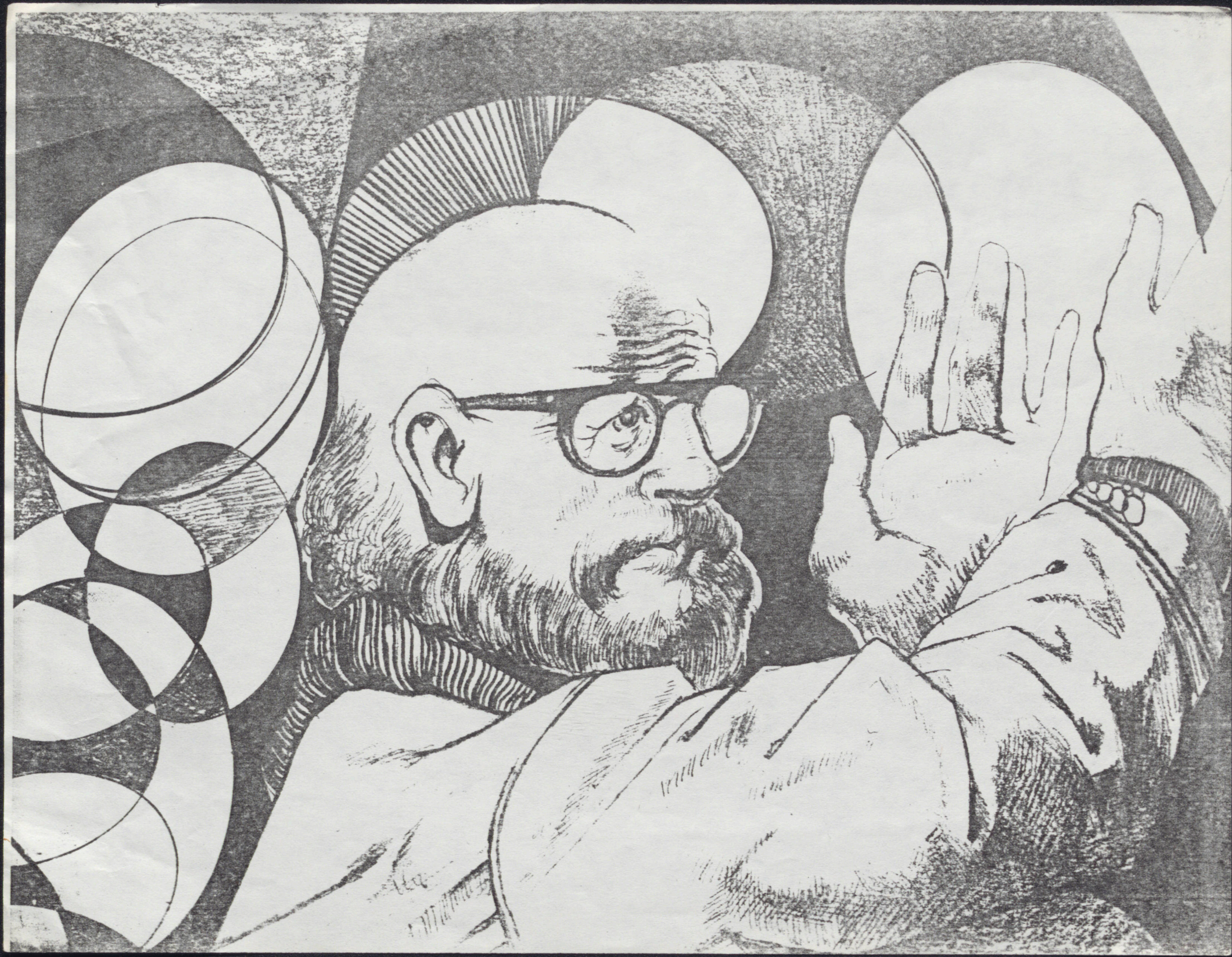
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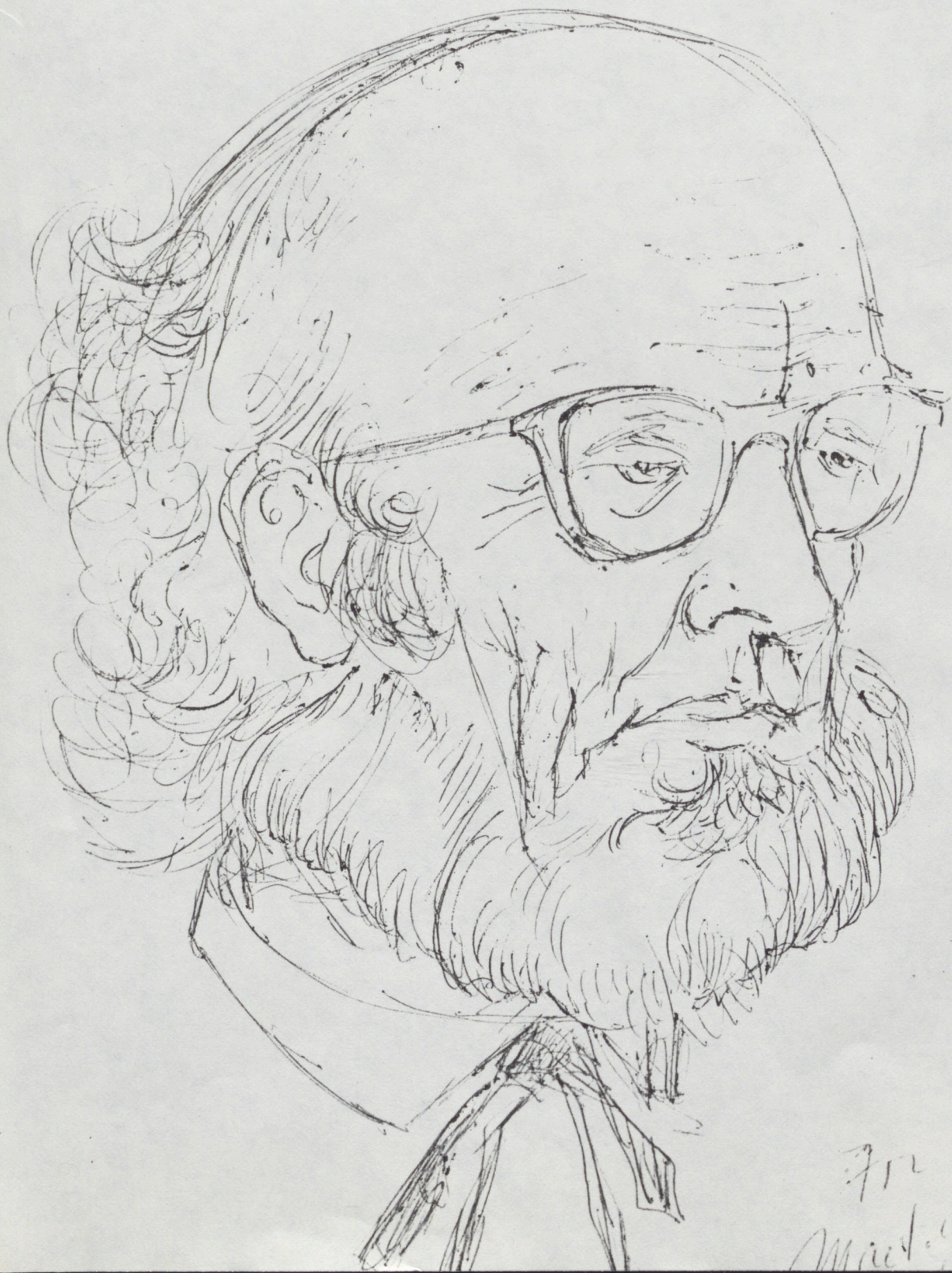












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