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*—All converging upon Western Culture*

*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.*

*1 Peter 4:12*



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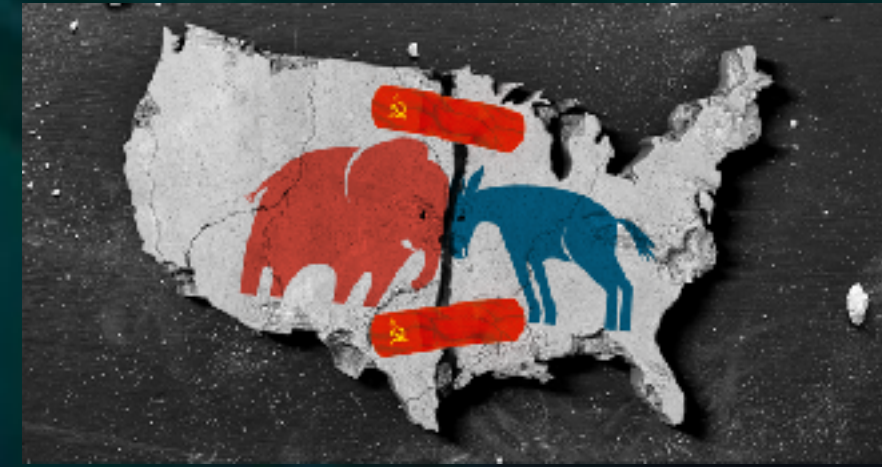
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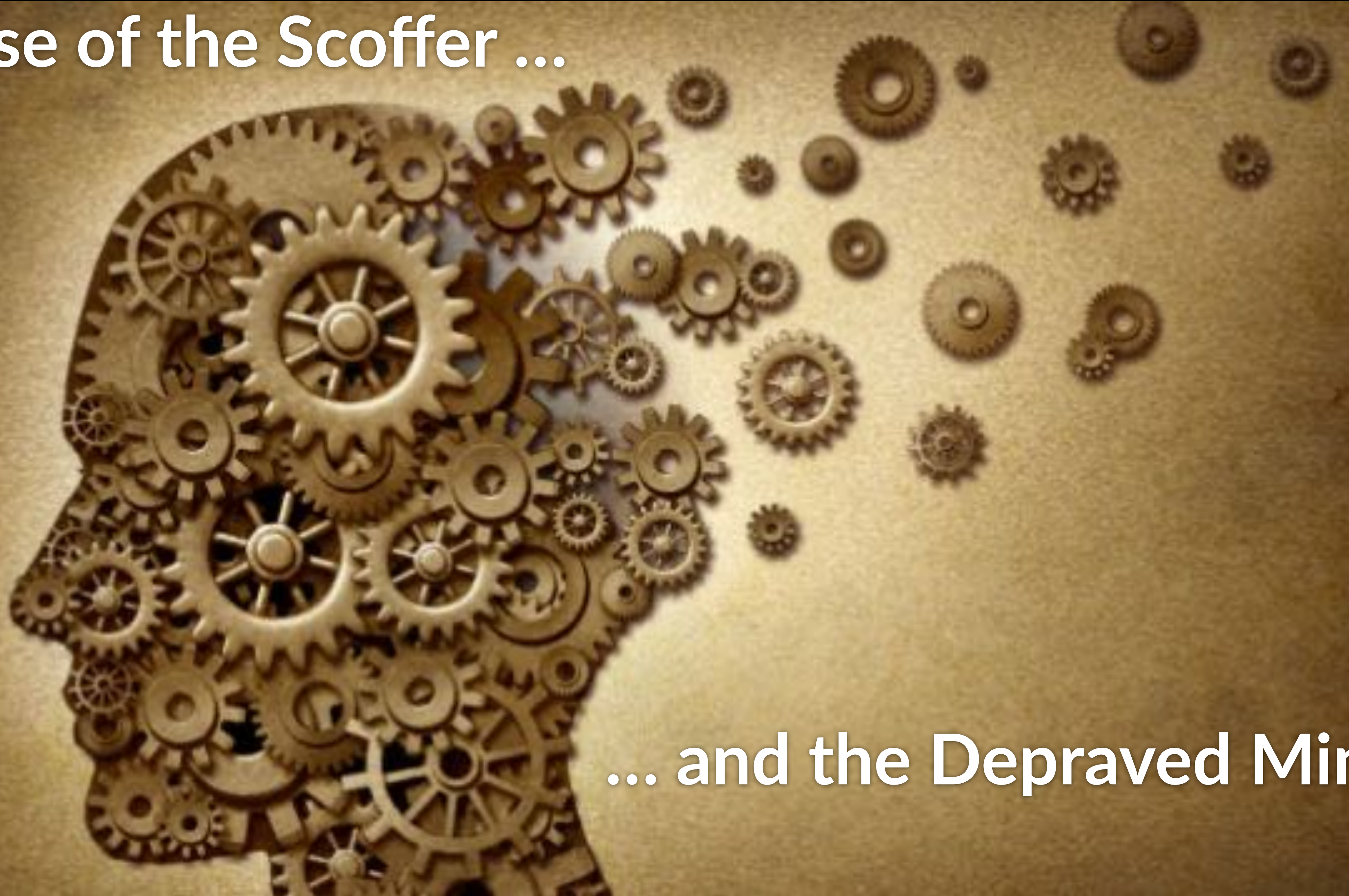


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# The regression in Proverbs

- the *simple* - “I’m ok; you’re ok”
- the *fool* - there is no God: evil good; good evil
- the *scoffer* - the fool militant

“How long, O *simple* ones, will you love being *simple*?  
How long will *scoffers* delight in their scoffing and  
*fools* hate knowledge?”

Proverbs 1:22

# The regression in Romans

**God's wrath is revealed from heaven to those who:**

- suppress the truth (though it is plain)
- do not glorify God, nor thank Him
- thinking becomes futile; hearts darkened; become fools

**“Therefore God gave them over to”:**

- sexual impurity
- shameful lusts
- *depraved* minds



# the Scoffer and the Depraved Mind

“depraved” : *adokimon* (a-dok'-ee-mon)  
“unqualified”

the mind in which there is no longer

- logic
- rationality

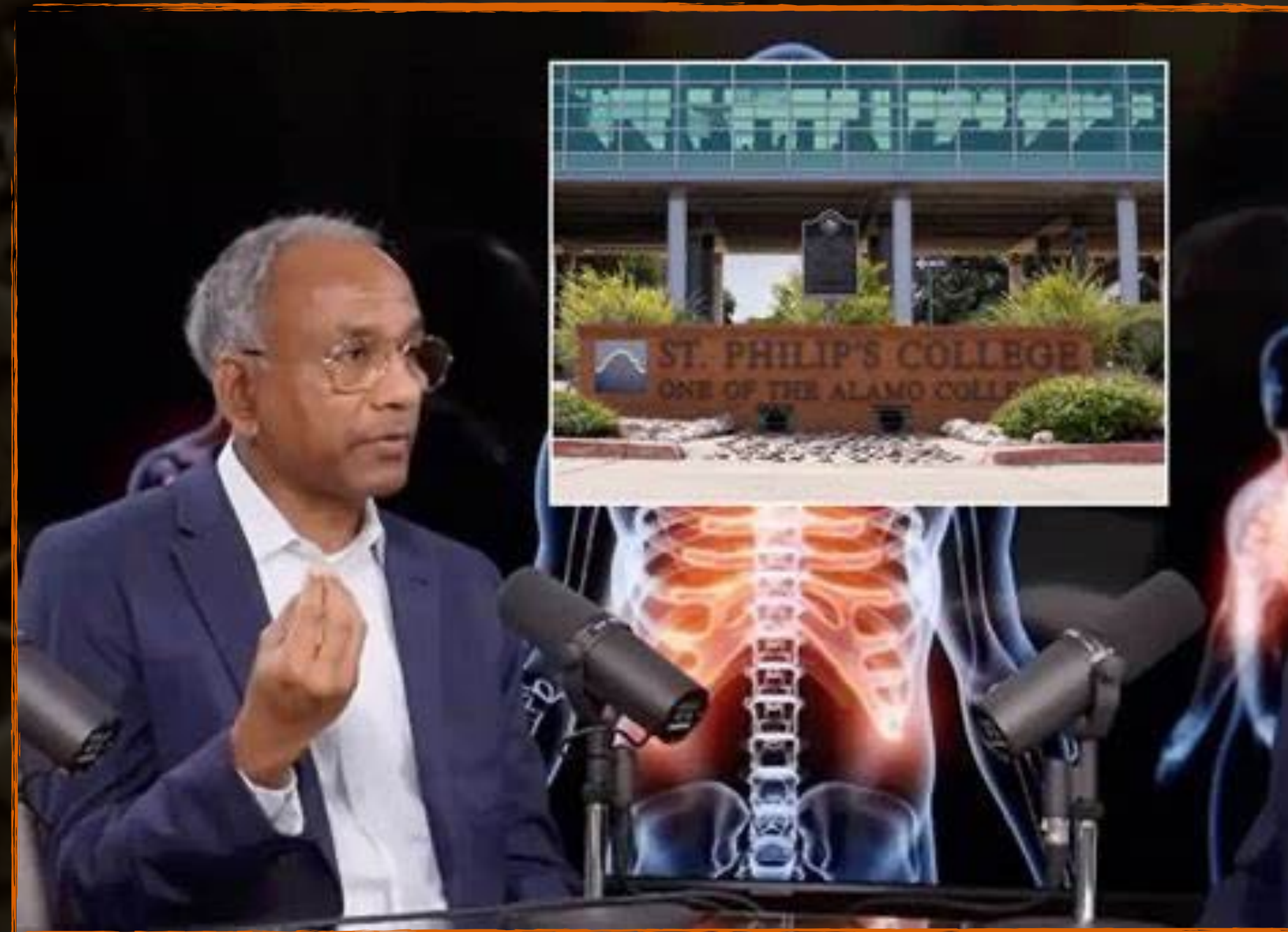
“When Nebuchanezer came to his senses...”

when the **scoffer** is aligned with the **depraved**  
**mind...**

we get the  
**irrational, militant scoffer**

**someone who is devoid of rational, common sense, who is  
militant, arrogant, causing strife and divisions and setting  
cities aflame**

# The Irrational, Militant Scoffer



**Dr. Johnson Varkey fired for teaching that sex is determined by XY Chromosomes**

# **Being Wise in the Day of the Irrational Scoffer**

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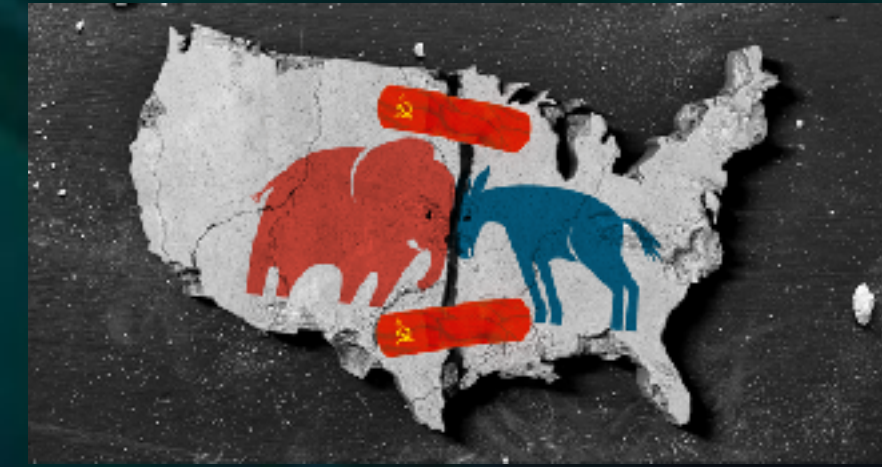
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But the serpent said to the woman,  
"You will not surely die. For God  
knows that when you eat of it your  
eyes will be opened, and

**you will be like God,**  
**knowing** [yada] good and evil."

Genesis 3:4-5

'yada' here could mean that one  
becomes as a judge, "determining"  
good and evil

becoming a "god" to declare what is good  
and evil

this is God's authority and right alone

Satan is referred to as "god" of this world:  
he wants to make good and evil backwards

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How you are fallen from heaven,  
O Lucifer [*Day Star*], son of the morning!  
How you are cut down to the ground,  
You who weakened the nations!  
For you have said in your heart:  
‘I will ascend into heaven,  
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;  
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation  
On the farthest sides of the north;  
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,  
***I will be like the Most High.***’

Isaiah 14:12-14

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I am the way the truth and the life...  
Not Jesus... me  
I am.  
Not God...  
Me.



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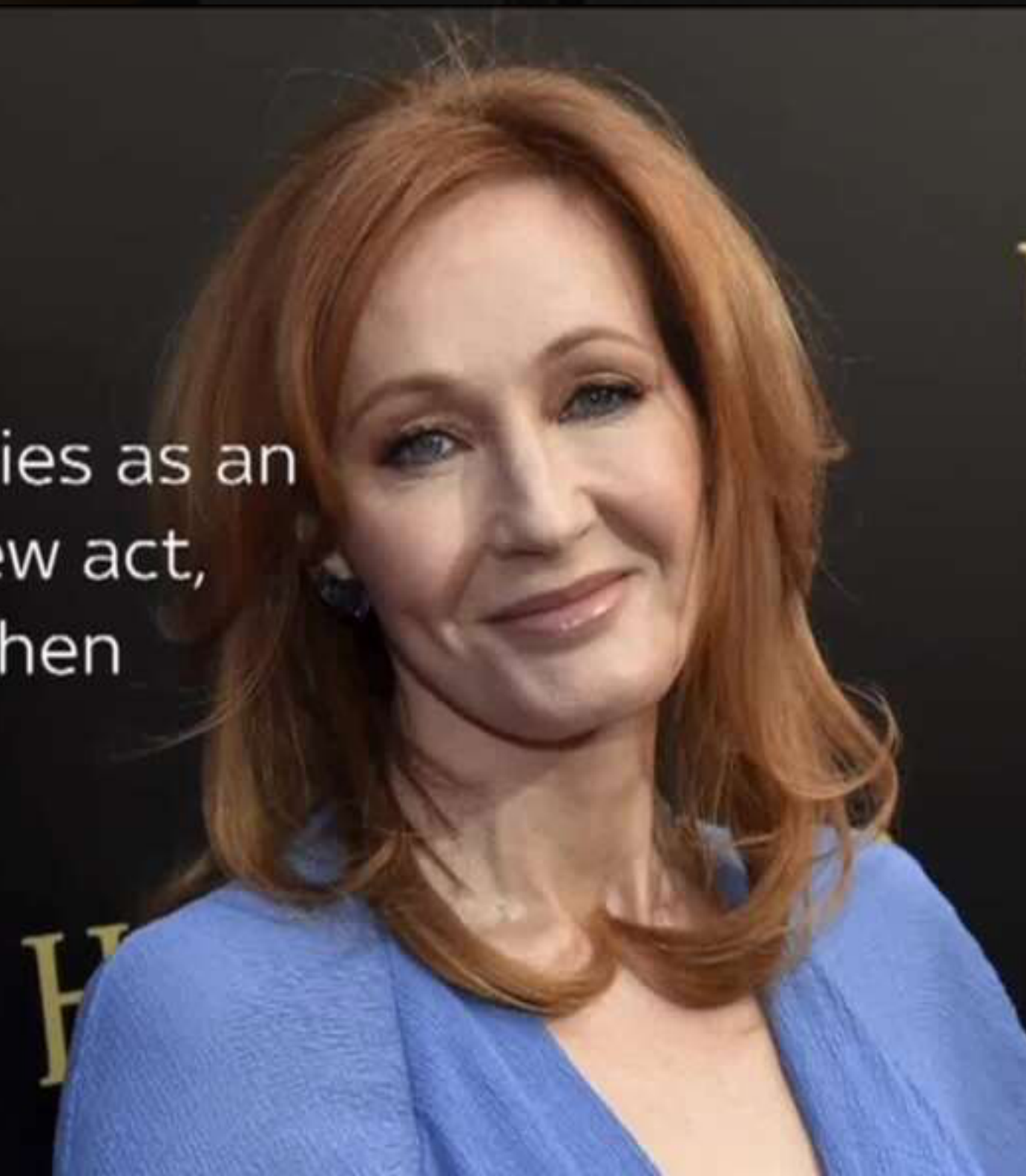
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### SCOTLAND HATE CRIME

"I'm currently out of the country, but if what I've written here qualifies as an offence under the terms of the new act, I look forward to being arrested when I return to the birthplace of the Scottish Enlightenment."

Author  
J.K. Rowling



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  - we become manipulators
  - we become subject to negative emotions
  - we become more and more isolated
  - we become less and less fruitful
  - we become angry and violent
  - we become self-destructive

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**Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. Romans 1:32**

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# the Rise of Meo-Christianity

we simply apply the “all about me” to our Christianity...

the music on Sunday  
the fellowship  
the teaching  
the Christian albums and movies...  
they are all about me... all for me

The most important thing I want people to hear is about my journey.  
I write diligently about it in my blogs and posts on social media and  
hope every “follows” me

# Cultural Consequences

A dark, low-key photograph of a chess king piece on a wooden stand next to a mirror reflecting the piece. The scene is dimly lit, with the king piece and its reflection being the primary light sources. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.



# Cultural Consequences

A man who **isolates** himself seeks his **own desire**;  
He **rages** against all **wise judgment**.

Proverbs 18:1

A fool has no delight in **understanding**,  
But in **expressing** his **own heart**.

Proverbs 18:2

# Cultural Consequences

For men will be **lovers of themselves**, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, **without self-control**, brutal, **despisers of good**, traitors, headstrong, haughty, **lovers of pleasure** rather than lovers of God, having a **form of godliness** but denying its power.

2 Timothy 3:2-5

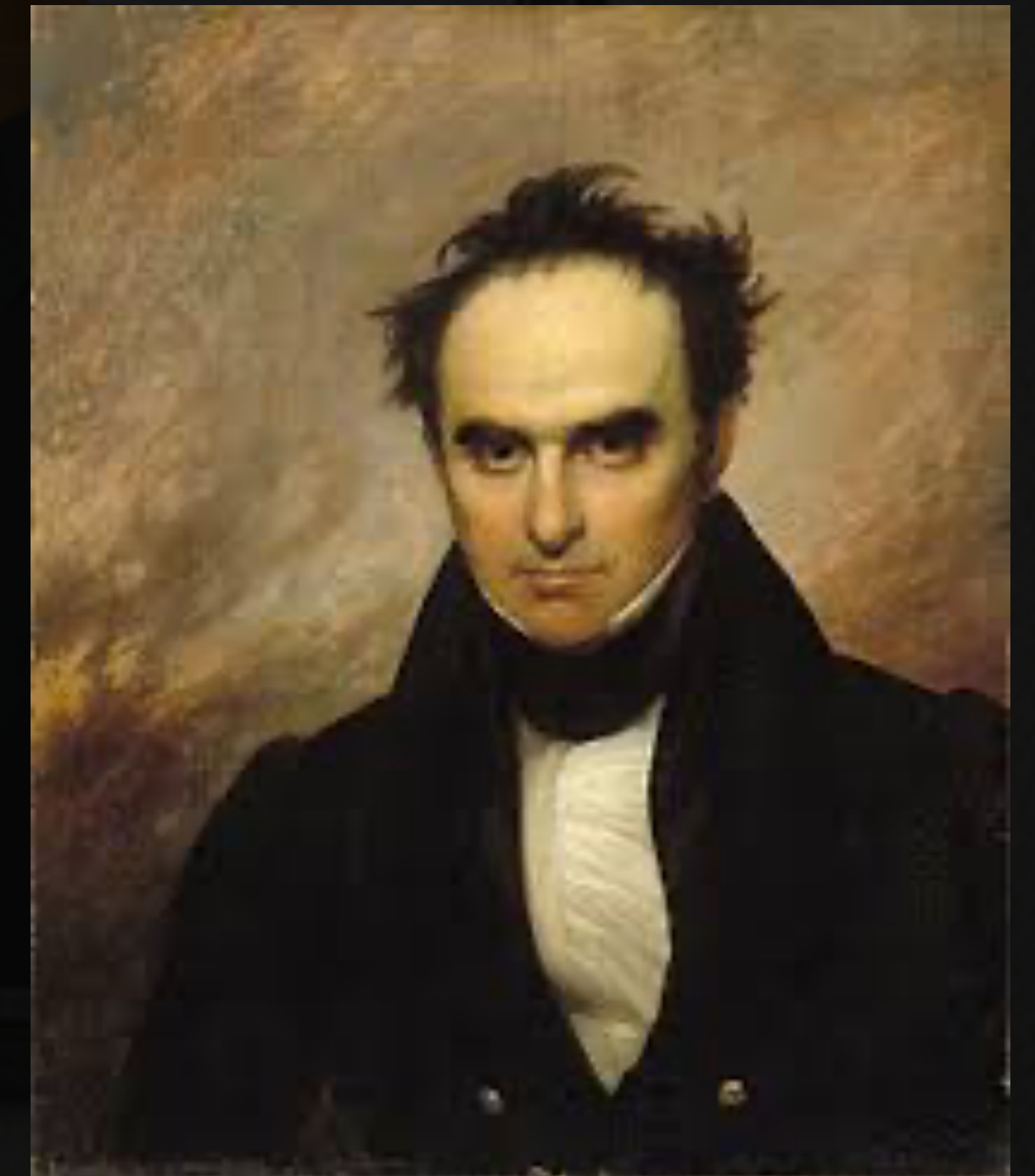
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For where **jealousy** and **selfish ambition** exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

James 3:16

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When the public mind becomes vitiated and corrupt,  
laws are a nullity and constitutions are but  
waste paper.



Daniel Webster

the death trap of selfishness



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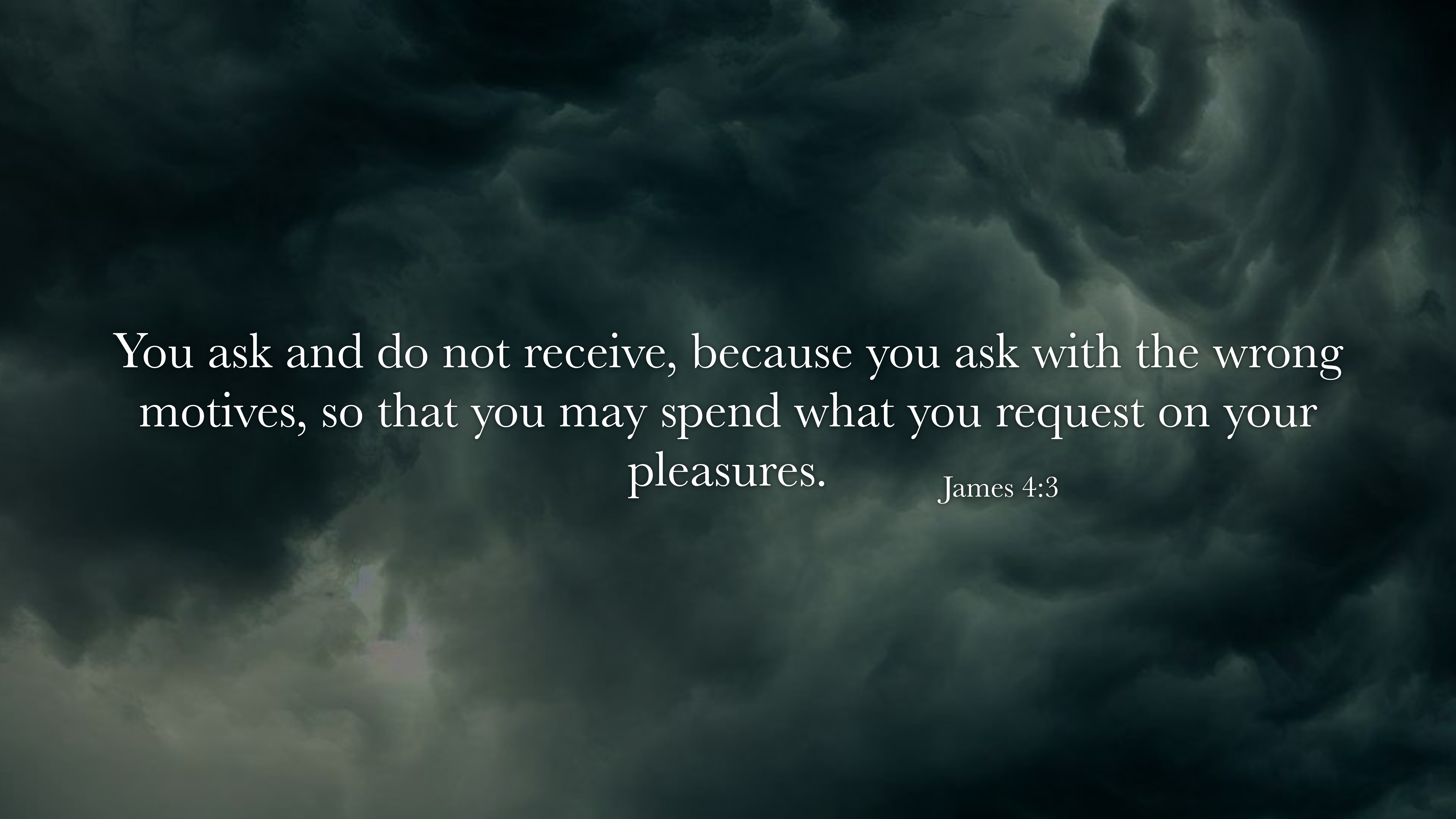
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Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him *deny himself* and take up his cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

Do *nothing from selfishness or empty conceit*, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4



You ask and do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives, so that you may spend what you request on your pleasures.

James 4:3



# Preeminent Need for Wisdom

Sons of Issachar

“...understood the times in which they lived and knew what Israel should do

Conduct yourselves with **wisdom** toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you might know how to respond to each person.

Colossians 4:5-6

# Being wise in the day of irrational, scoffing gods

- all of our apologetics are based upon the hearer having a rational mind
- we become frustrated because of the lack of “common sense” or “no one listens” or “people are crazy”
- we try to fit rational arguments into an irrational mind
- and we do so without diligent, fervent, persistent prayer

how do we deal with the outsider today?!?!?

with **truth and wisdom and grace**

# “I Once Was Lost”

- ◆ Over 2,000 students interviewed that had come to Christ
- ◆ Each one progressed through five thresholds
- ◆ 1st: Entered into a **trusted relationship** with a Christian
- ◆ 2nd: Began to ask sincere questions

# How Then Shall the Remnant Live?

we will engage with wisdom...

through trusted relationships in the context of diligent, persistent prayer

we will walk not as those without hope...

meditate on the nature of God and His works

remind yourself continually that the wicked will not prevail

we will stand firm for truth and righteousness

though the cost is great (Daniel and his friends)

we will still yield fruit in old age

# Wisdom Toward Outsiders

Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.

1 Corinthians 10:24

The most critical element in true agape love is **sacrifice**.

Without it, there is no true agape love.

And without true agape love, Paul says we are but a noisy gong or clanging symbol.

No one sacrifices for another when they believe it is all about them.

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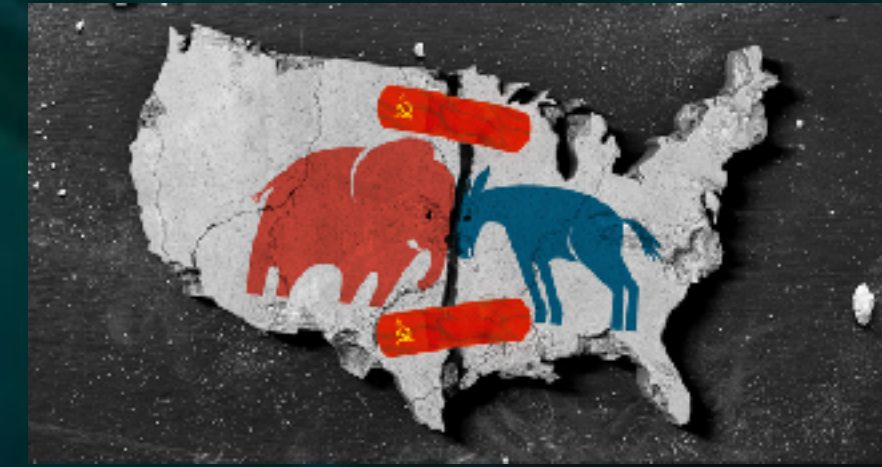
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