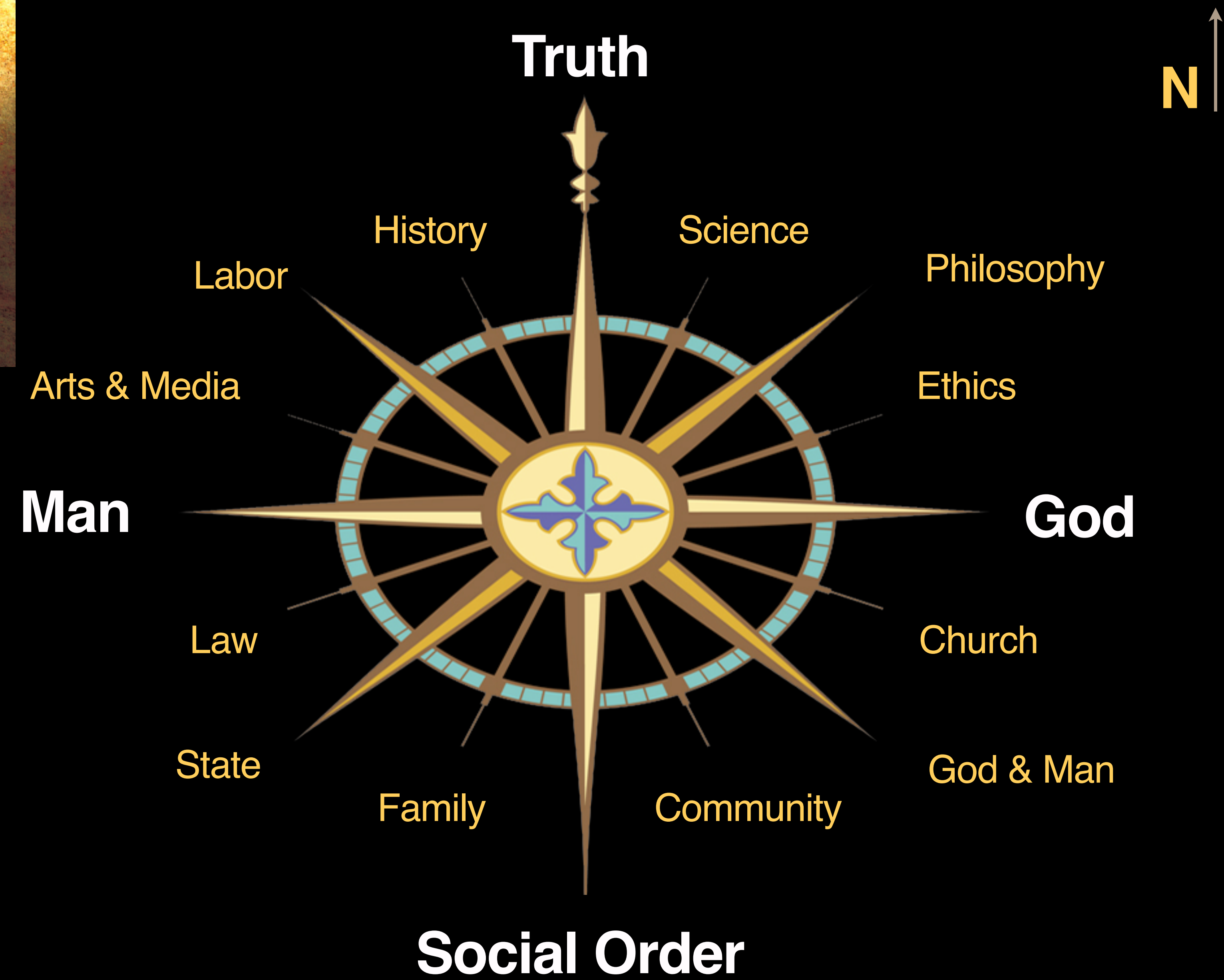


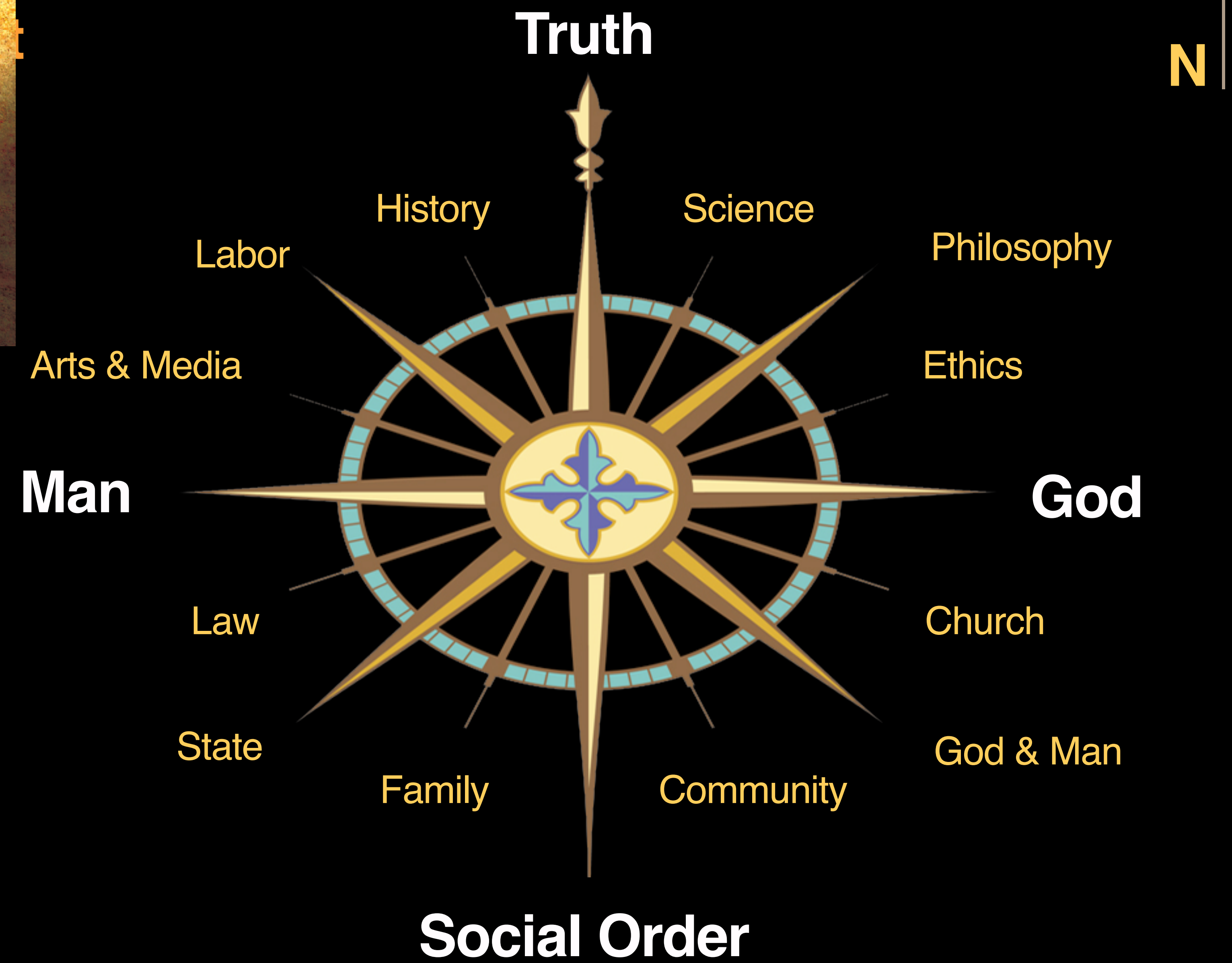
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For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; Colossians 1:9



- ♦ Veritology - what is truth?
- ♦ Theology - who is God?
- ♦ Anthropology - who is man?
- ♦ Philosophy & Ethics
- ♦ Science
- ♦ History
- ♦ Social Order



The Engagement Project

the Divine Meta-Narrative



What is our place in the Larger Story?

Worldview

What is it?

Formal

A comprehensive set of truth claims that purports to paint a picture of reality.

Personal

The set of individual truth claims that you have embraced so deeply that you believe they reflect what is really real, and therefore they drive what you think, how you act, and what you feel.

Professed

The beliefs that are professed, but may not reflect what is truly believed because one hopes to gain something from professing them.

Biblical Worldview Postulate:

[a key/critical truth claim I hope to prove]



the primary work of the Kingdom has been
entrusted to the common, every-day Christian family

“[The sons of Issachar] **understood** the times in which they lived and **knew** what Israel should **do**.”

-1 Chronicles 12:32

“**understood**” = **בִּינָה** / **binah**

Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

-Matthew 16:3

Understanding Our Times...

Do we **understand** our times?

Do we **know** what we should **do**?

And our place in the Meta-Narrative?

DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN

wisdom
truth and grace

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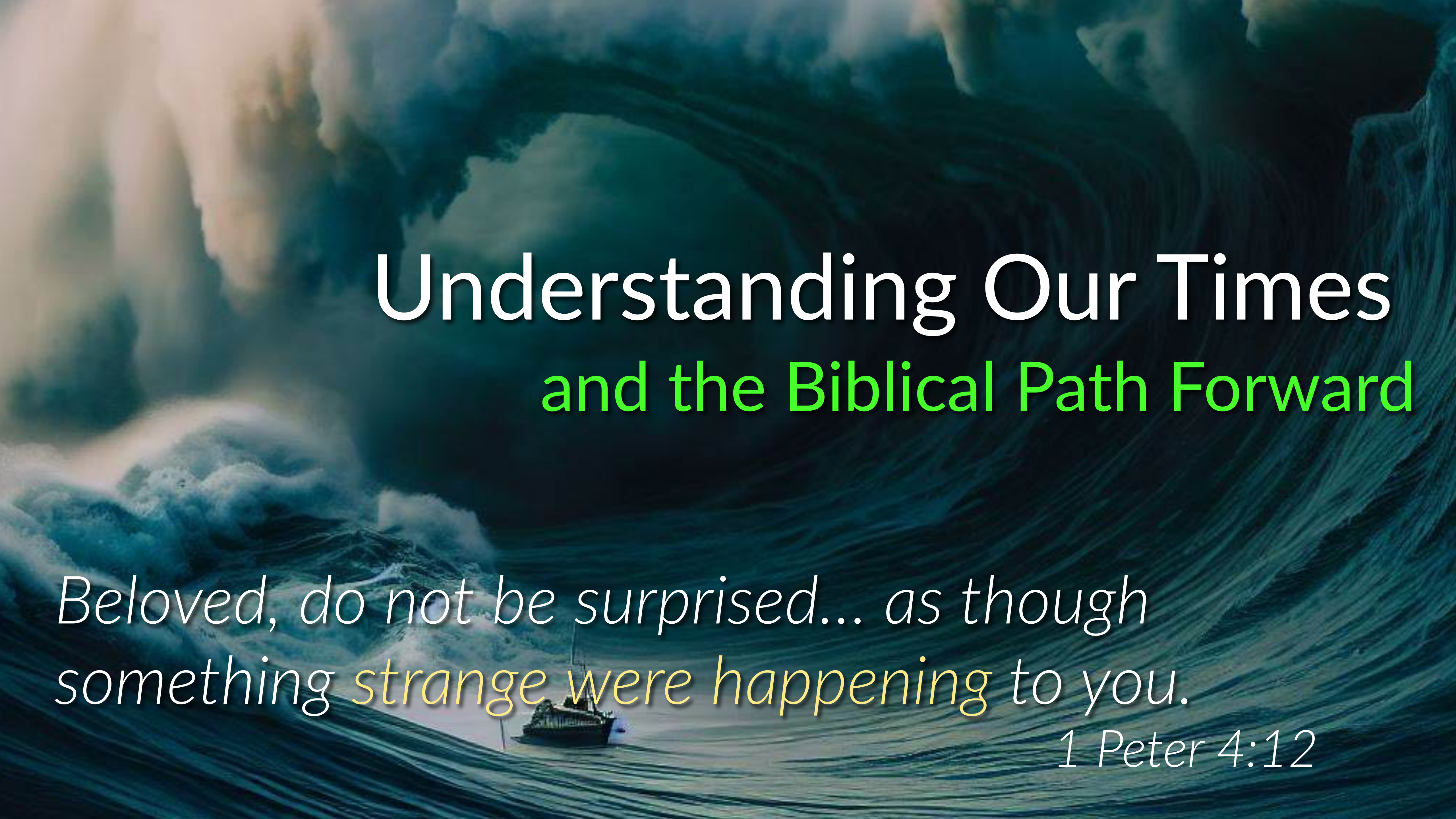
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DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN

The Perfect Storm





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*Beloved, do not be surprised... as though
something strange were happening to you.*

1 Peter 4:12



The Perfect Cultural Storm

7 Signs Aligning In Our Times

—All converging upon Western Culture

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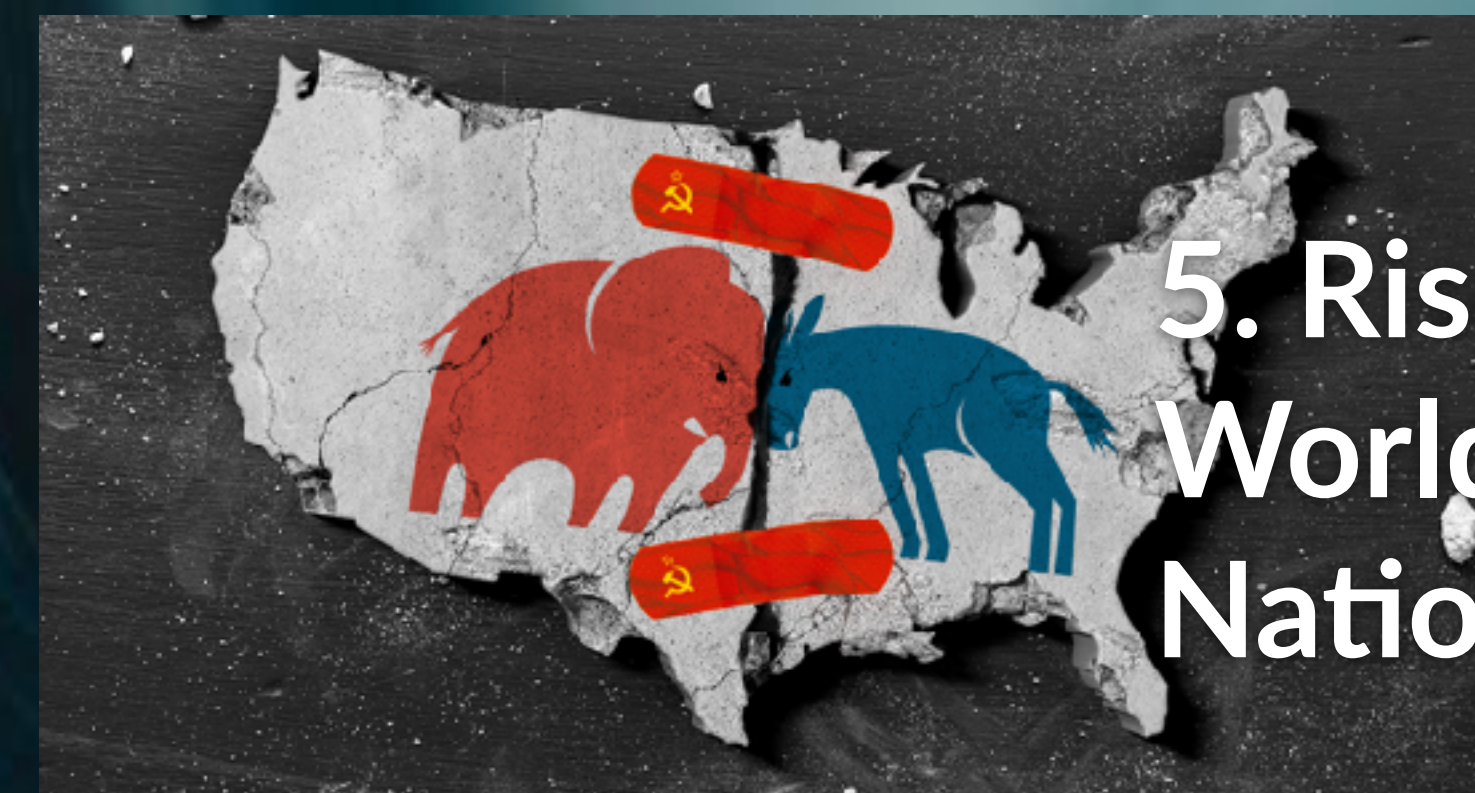
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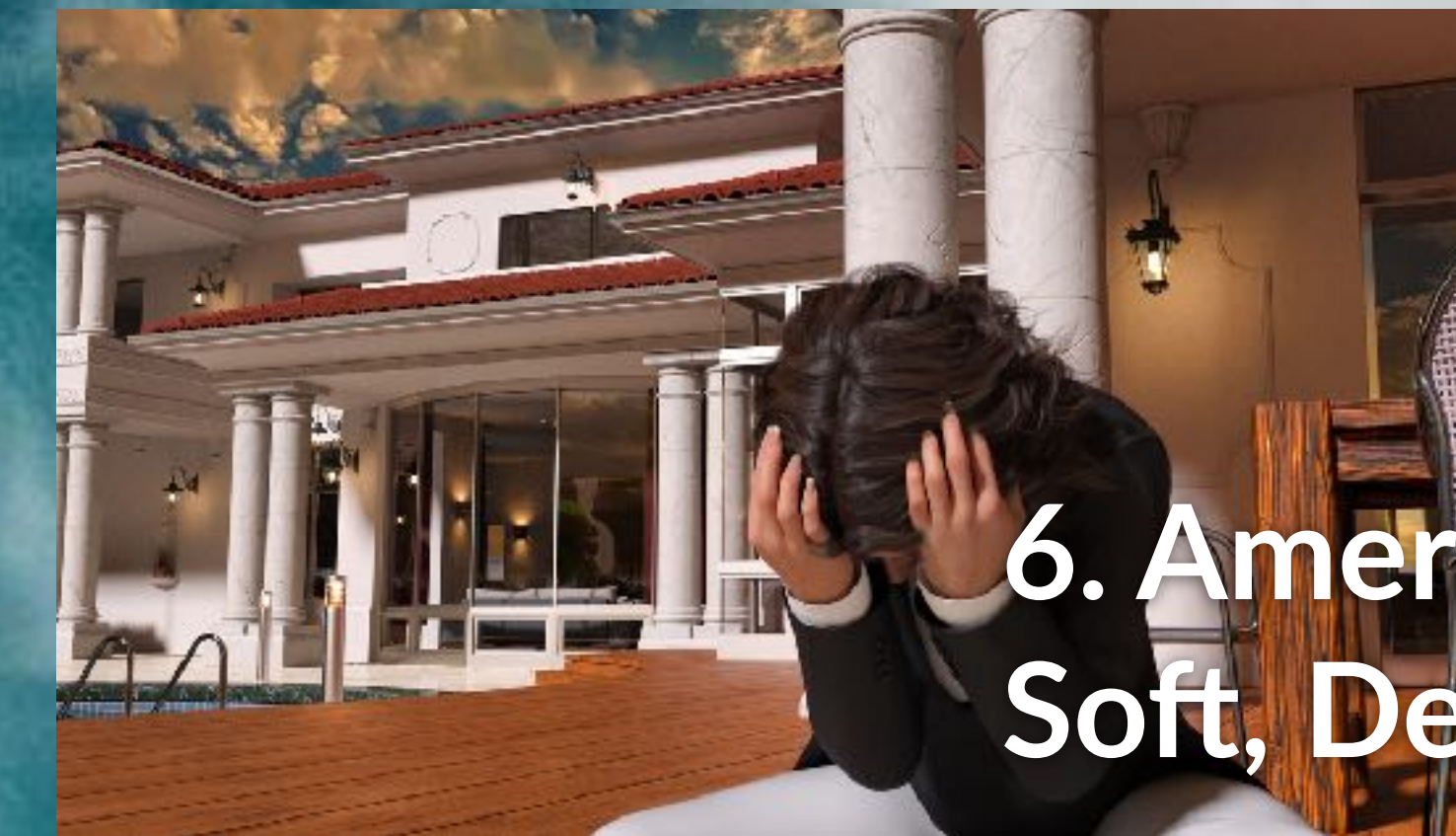
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The regression in Proverbs

The regression in Romans

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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 Proverbs

scoffer

Scoffer is the name of the **arrogant, haughty** man who acts with **arrogant pride**. Proverbs 21:24

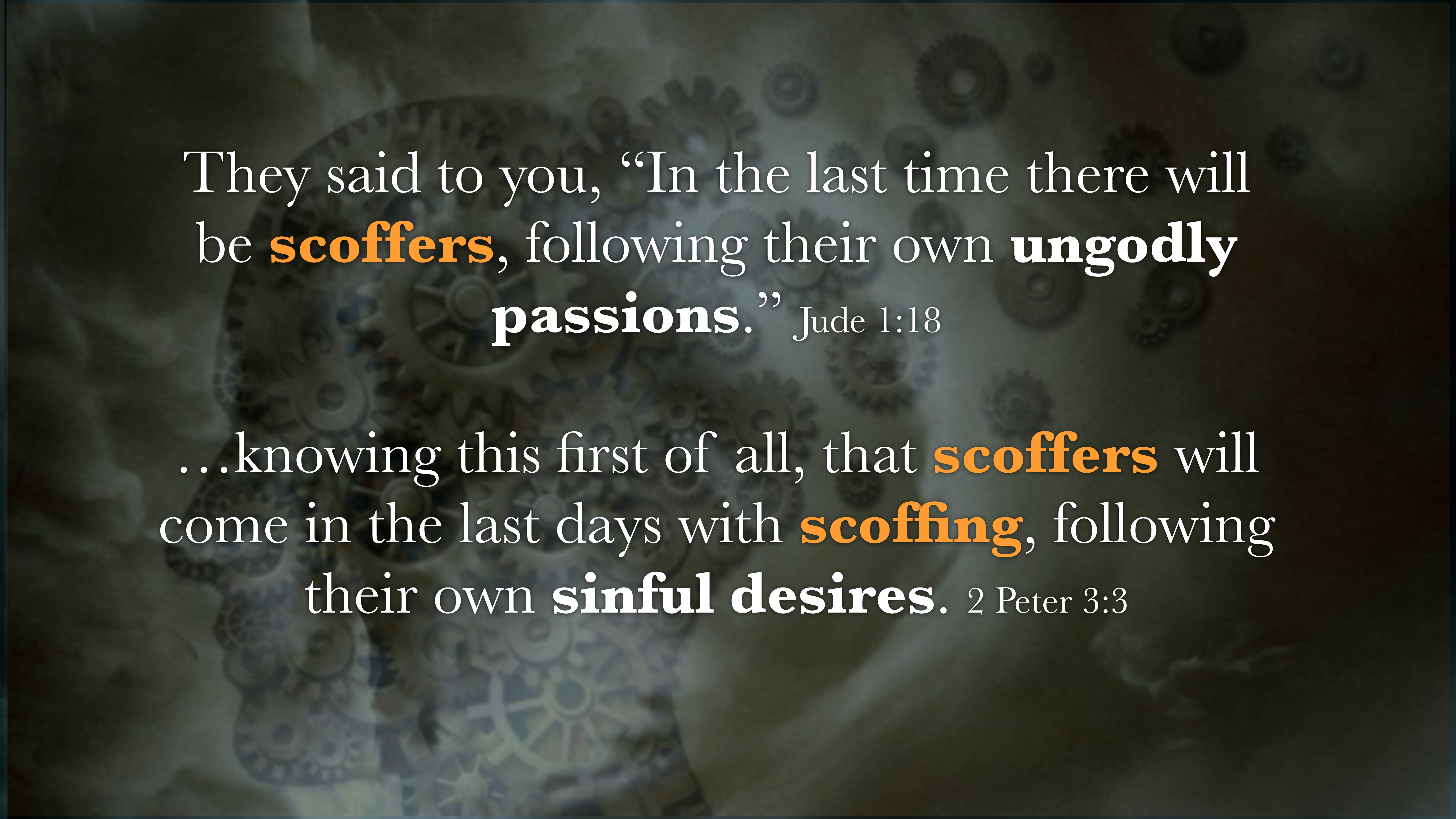
Drive out a **scoffer**, and **strife** will go out, and **quarreling** and **abuse** will cease. Proverbs 22:10

...the **scoffer** is an **abomination** to mankind. Proverbs 24:9

Scoffers set a **city aflame**, but the **wise** turn away wrath. Proverbs 29:8



scoffer



They said to you, “In the last time there will be **scoffers**, following their own **ungodly passions.**” Jude 1:18

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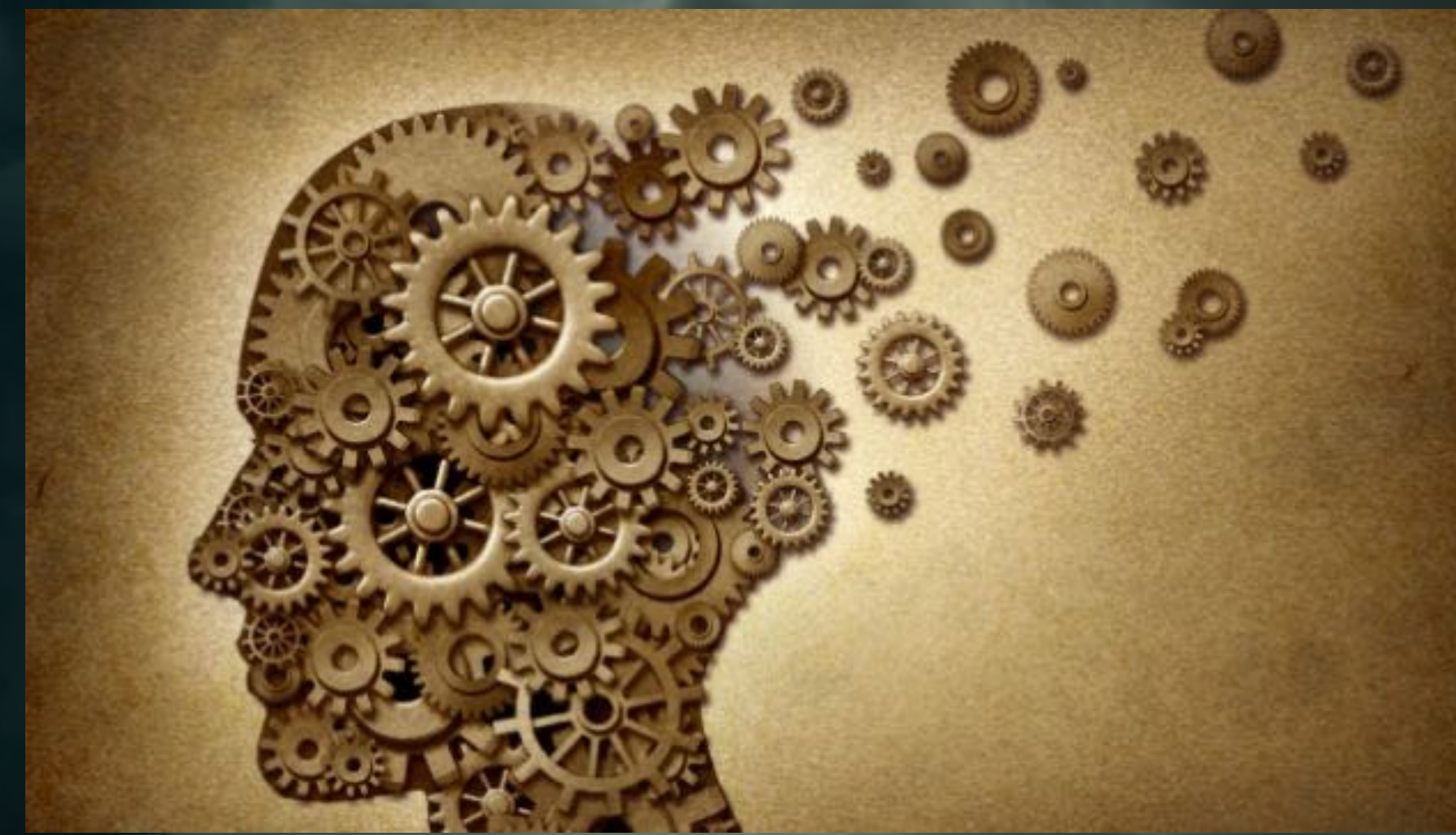
...they cannot rest until they do **evil**; they are robbed of sleep til they **make someone stumble**. Proverbs 4:16

remember, we are seeking wisdom here, not reasons to cast stones

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The regression in Romans

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man** and birds and animals and creeping things...*

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
- claiming to be wise, they become fools
- exchanged to glory of the immortal God for **images resembling mortal man**

“Therefore God gave them over to”:

The regression in Romans

“Therefore God gave them over to”:

1. sexual impurity

Romans 1:24-25

2. shameful lusts

Romans 1:26

3. *depraved* minds

Romans 1:28

The regression in Romans

depraved

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

the mind in which there is no longer

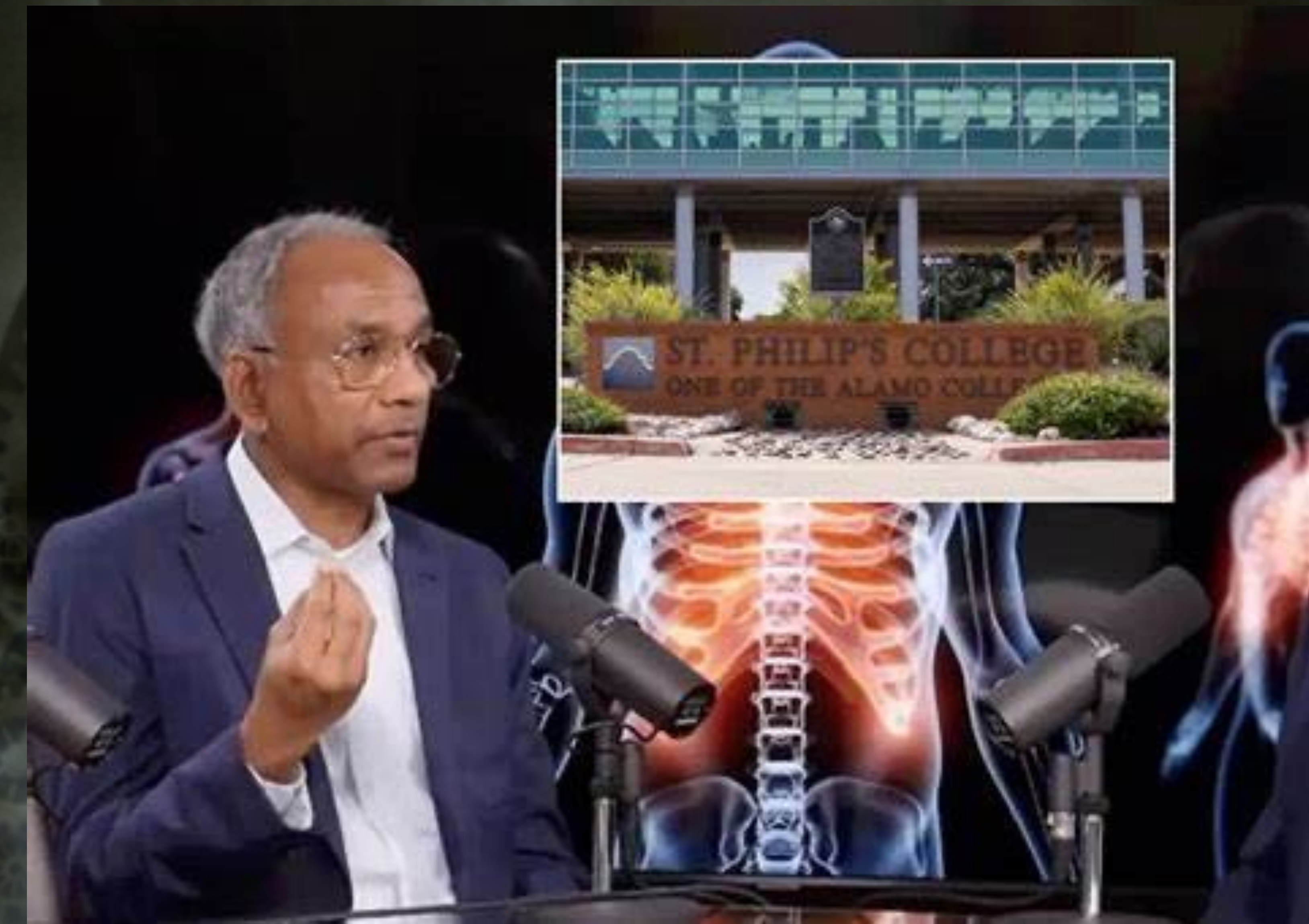
- logic
- rationality
- “common sense”
- capacity to connect cause & effect

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 Depraved Mind and The Irrational Scoffer

**remember, we are seeking wisdom here, not
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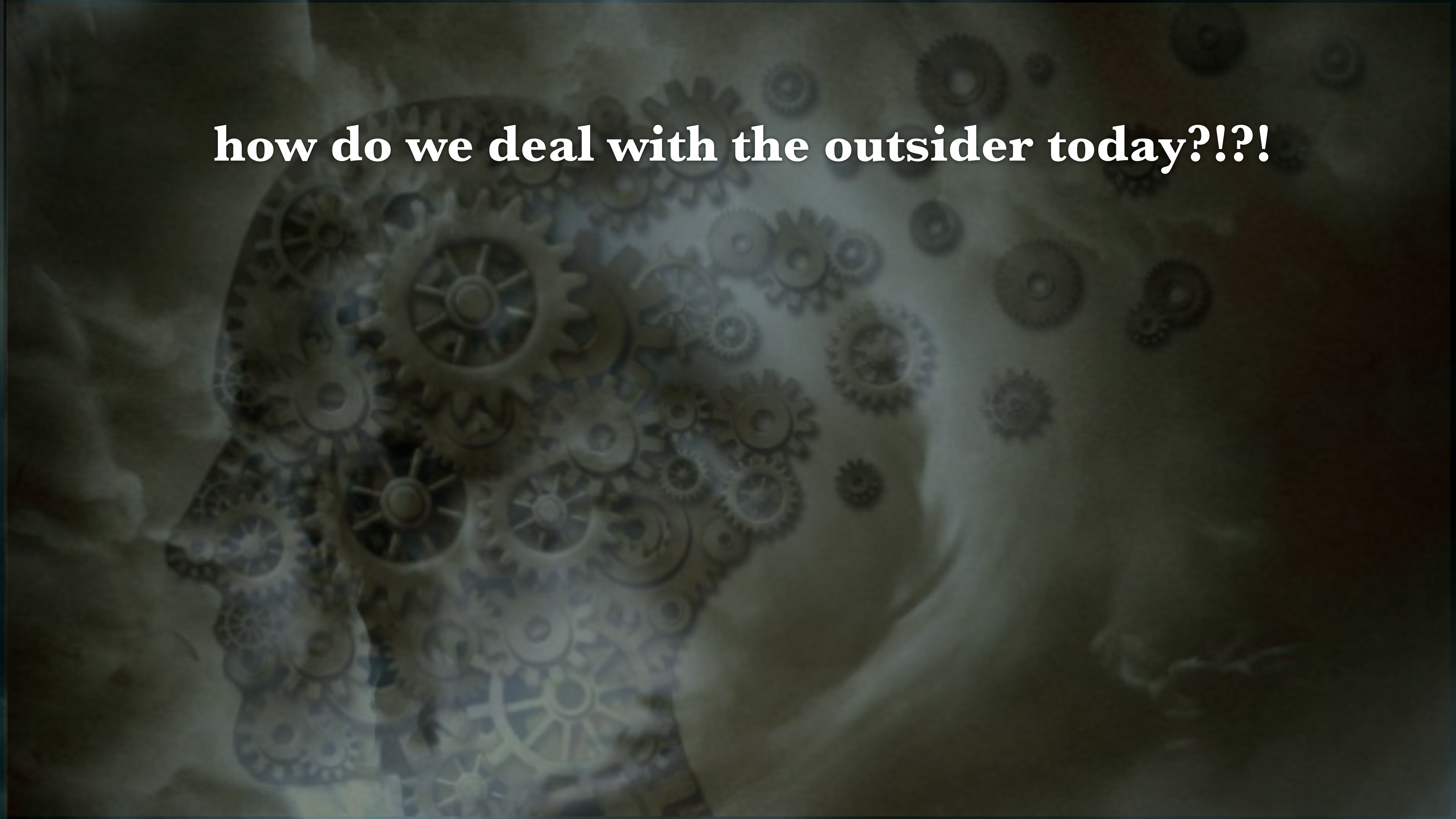
**Dr. Johnson Varkey fired for teaching that sex is
determined by XY Chromosomes**

Being Wise in the Day of the Irrational Scoffer

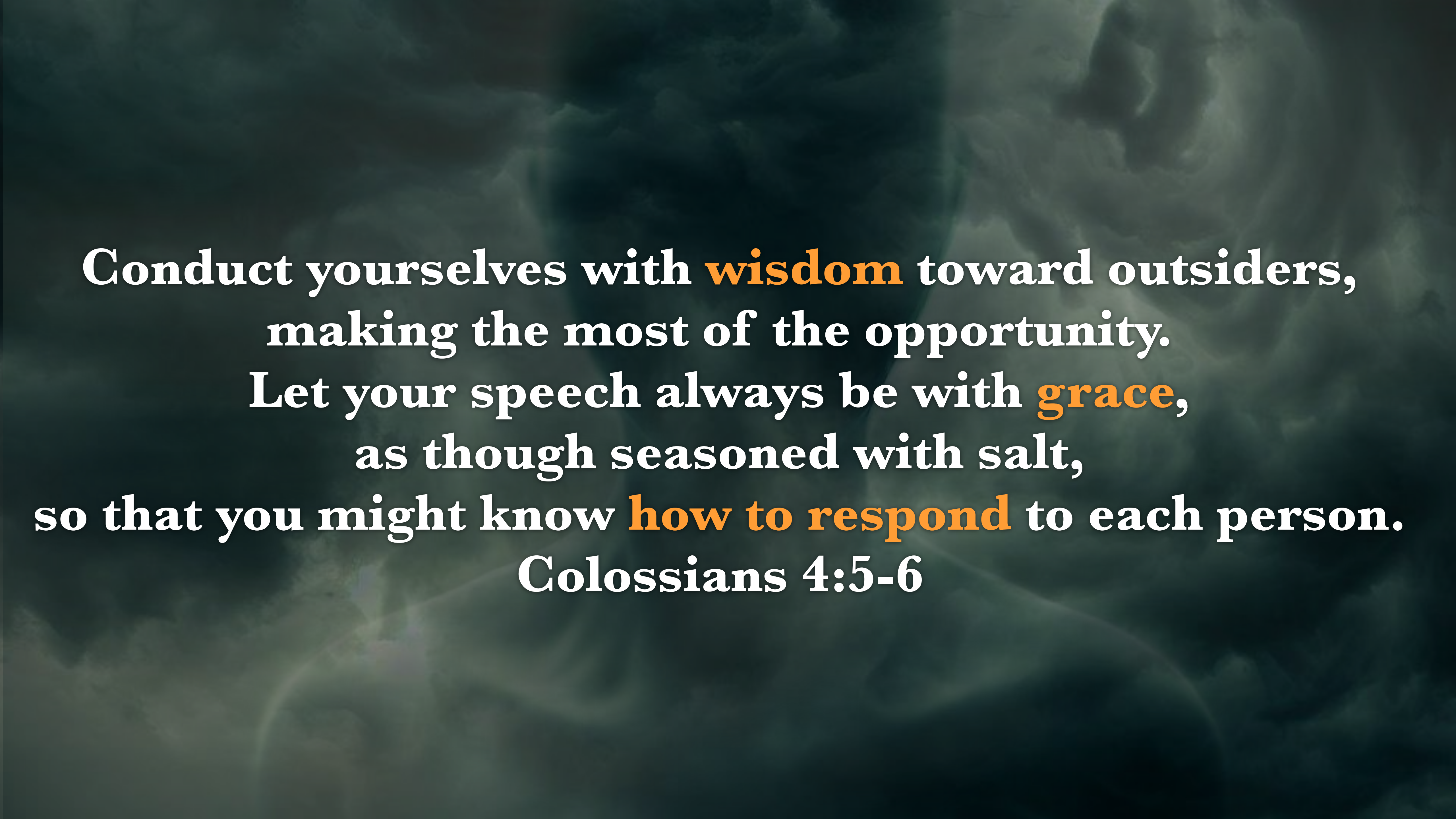
**all of our apologetics are based upon the hearer
having a rational mind**

**we become frustrated because of the lack of
“common sense” or “no one listens” or “people
are crazy”**

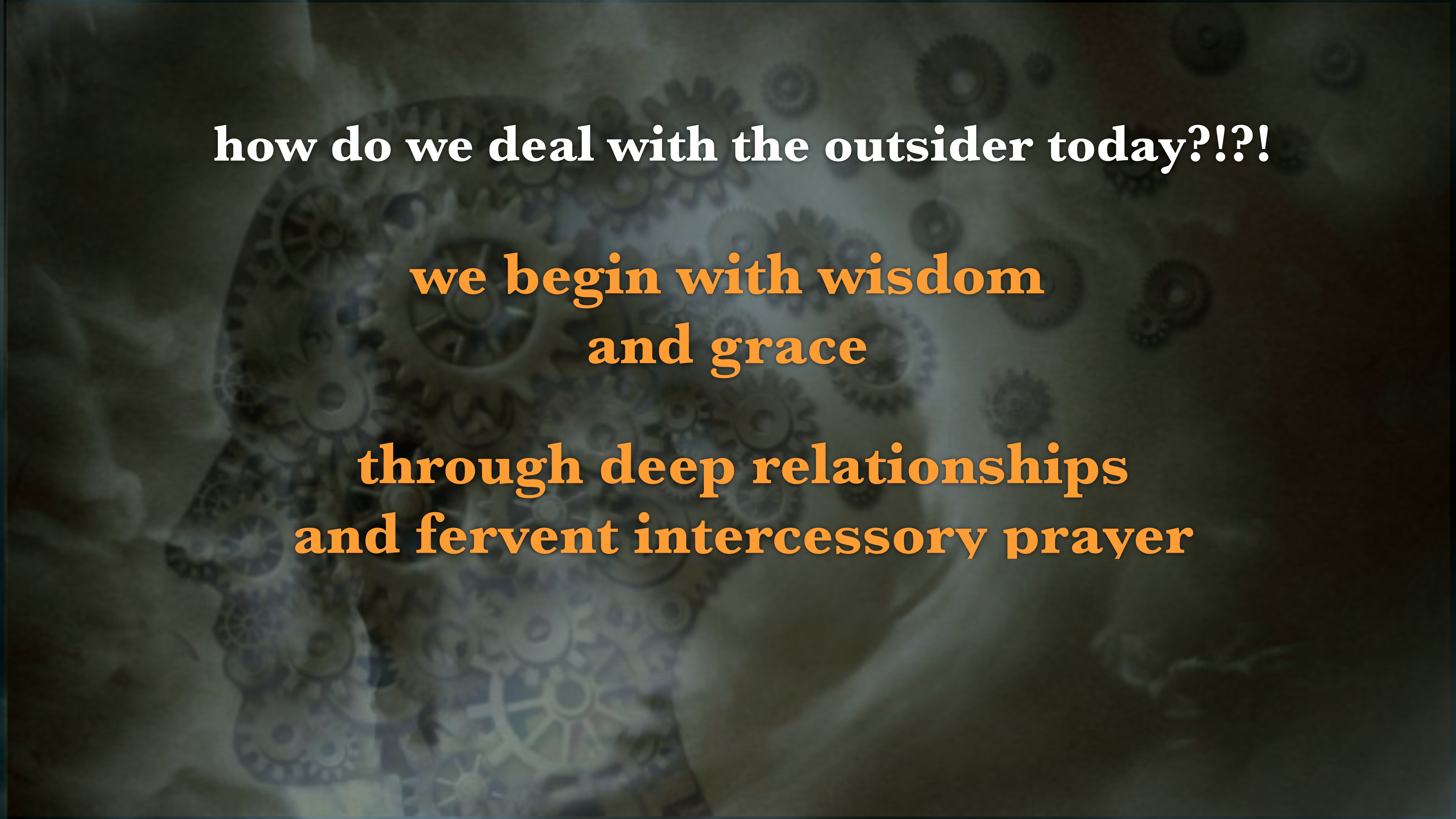
**we try to force rational arguments into an
irrational mind**



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

A dark, moody image of a stormy sky with swirling clouds and a hint of light breaking through on the left side.

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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

A dark background featuring a silhouette of a human head in profile, facing left. The interior of the head is filled with a complex arrangement of interlocking gears of various sizes, suggesting thought, intellect, or mechanical processes.

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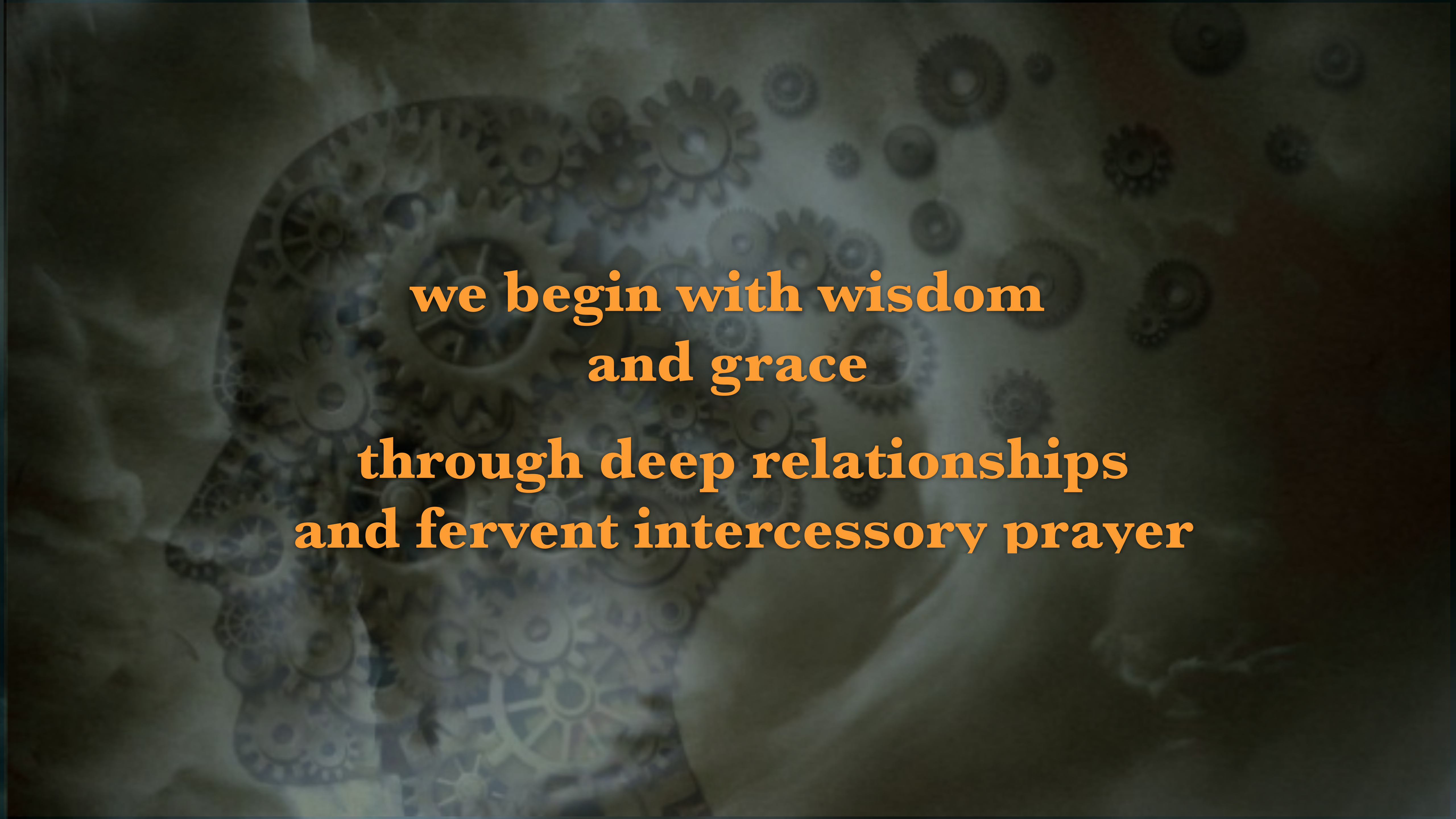
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and grace**

**through deep relationships
and fervent intercessory prayer**



the Biblical Path Forward

the Royal Law



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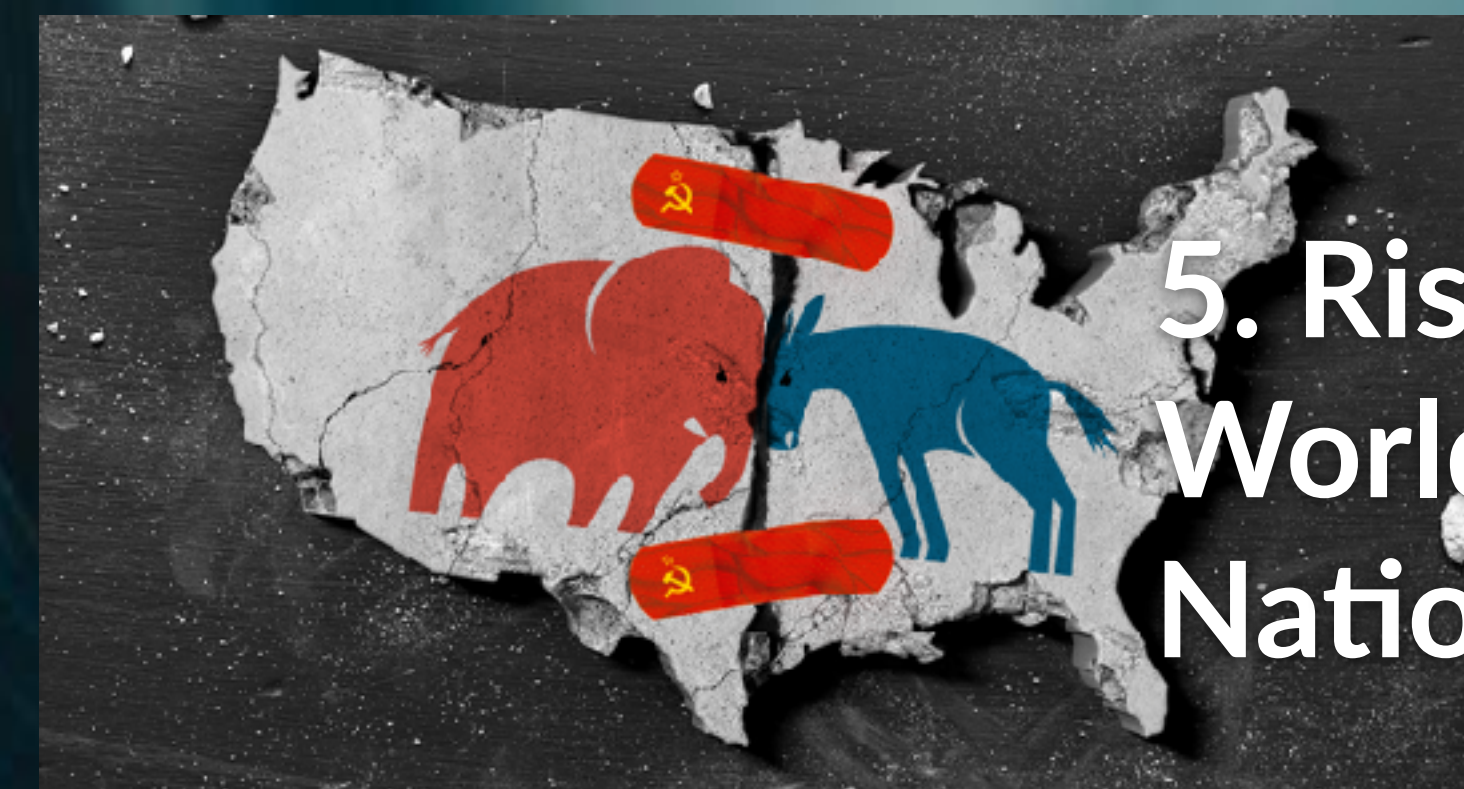
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the Real Pandemic

the Real Pandemic

a growing **obsession**
with **ourselves**

which has given way to

the Rise of Homo Deus

For where **jealousy** and **selfish ambition** exist, there will
be **disorder** and **every vile** practice. James 3:16

the Rise of Homo Deus

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'deus' Latin for 'god'
'homo' Latin for 'man'

man begins to act as if he is a god

the Real Pandemic
obsessed with ourself

the Rise of Homo Deus

man begins to act as if he is a god

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:
acting as a judge,
“determining” good and evil

this is God’s authority and right alone

Satan wants to make good and evil backwards
...and make you believe that you can determine
what is good and what is evil

the Rise of Homo Deus

man begins to act as if he is a god

follow your heart... be true to your inner self

the individual heart becomes unassailable...
speaking divine proclamations

and if you disagree, it will be considered blasphemy
and you will be shunned, punished, cancelled

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



Satan's lie: (the Death Star)

It's all about you
be true to your inner self

*here you will find happiness and pleasure,
significance and contentment,
pleasure and all the desires of your heart*

it is all a lie, a scam

the lie's consequences:

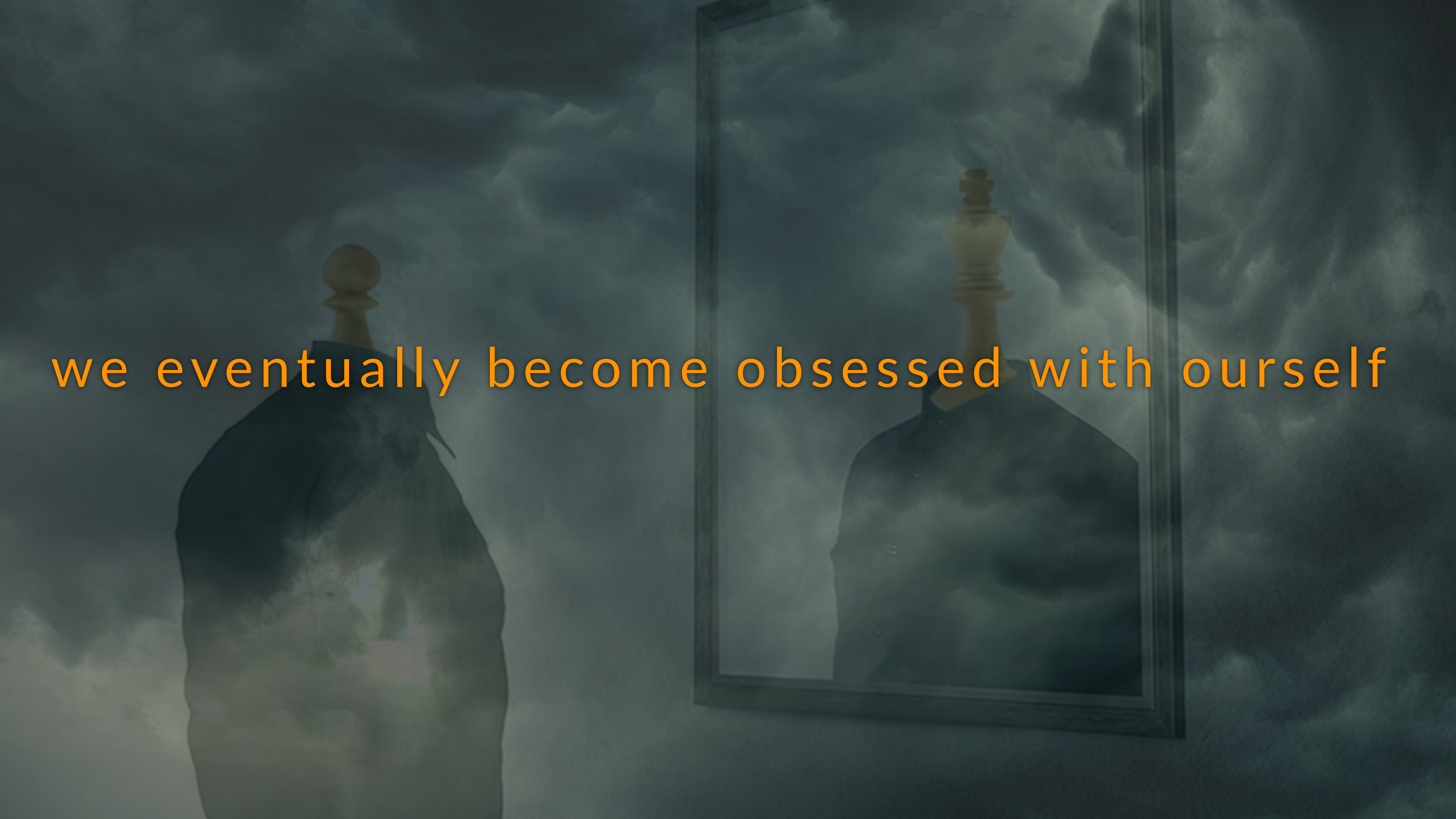
we eventually become obsessed with ourself

- obsessed with our own significance & pleasure
- **we become manipulators**
- we become subject to negative emotions
- **we become isolated**

fruitless

violent

self-destructive



we eventually become obsessed with ourself

A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in expressing his own heart. Proverbs 18:2

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire;
He rages against all wise judgment. Proverbs 18:1

Cultural Consequences

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akatatasia

chaos

the death trap of deep selfishness



How Then Shall the Remnant Live?

How Then Shall **We** Live?

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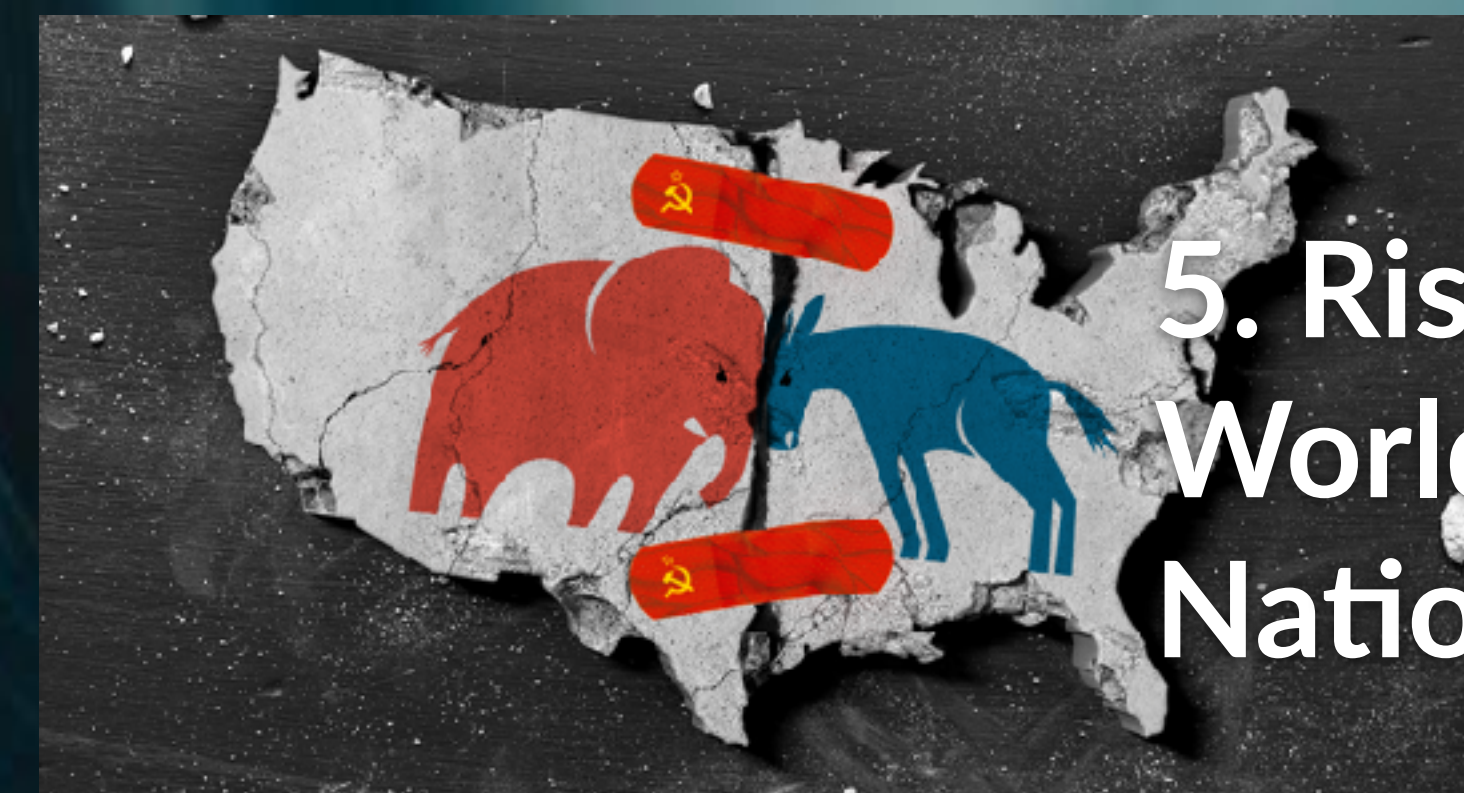
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A close-up of Simba and Nala from The Lion King. Simba is on the right, looking slightly to the left with a serious expression. Nala is on the left, looking towards the camera. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

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& Virtuous Female...

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A close-up of Scar from The Lion King. He is a male lion with a dark mane, looking directly at the camera with a menacing expression. The background is a fiery, orange and red color.

...and the Rise of
Malevolent Compassion



“One cannot determine male or female based upon skeletal evidence.”

“Men can menstruate & have babies.”

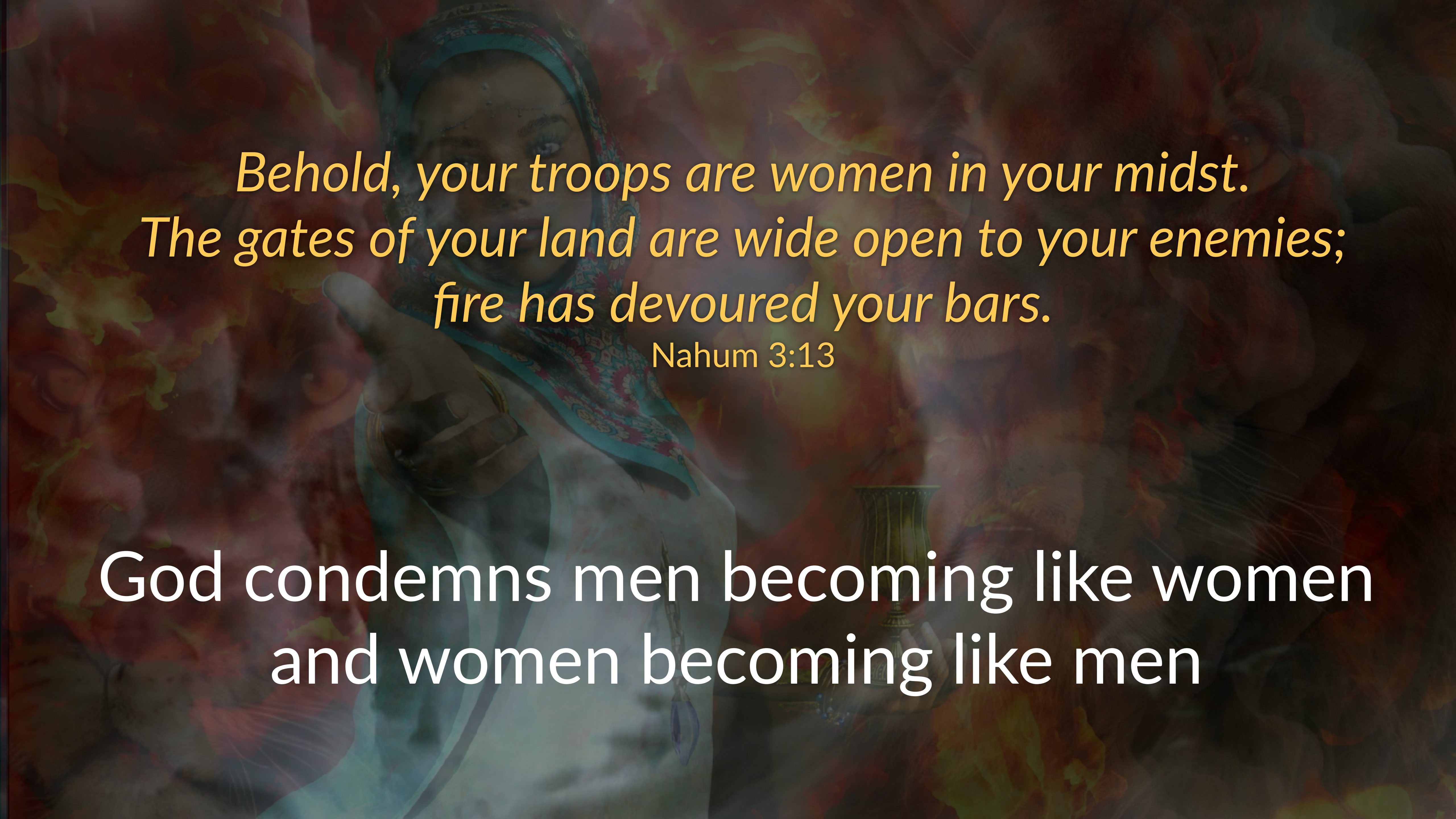
“I can be a woman today, a man tomorrow and something in-between the next day.”

I can't define what a woman is.



Downfall of Ninevah

(similar with Babylon and Egypt)



*Behold, your troops are women in your midst.
The gates of your land are wide open to your enemies;
fire has devoured your bars.*

Nahum 3:13

God condemns men becoming like women
and women becoming like men

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when men and culture
become feminine...

(and vice versa)

there are deep consequences

The Essential Nature of Man

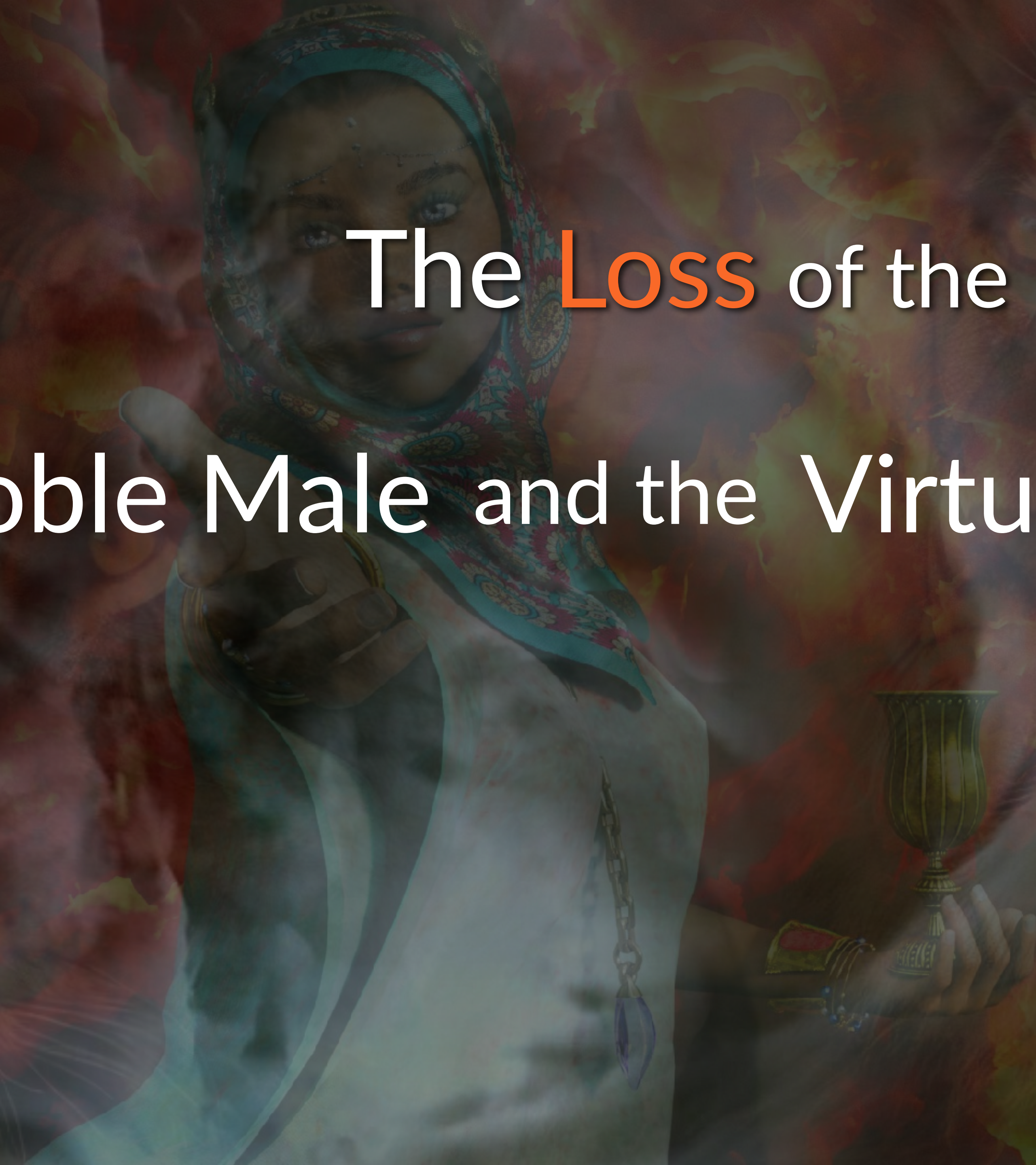
*So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

Genesis 1:27

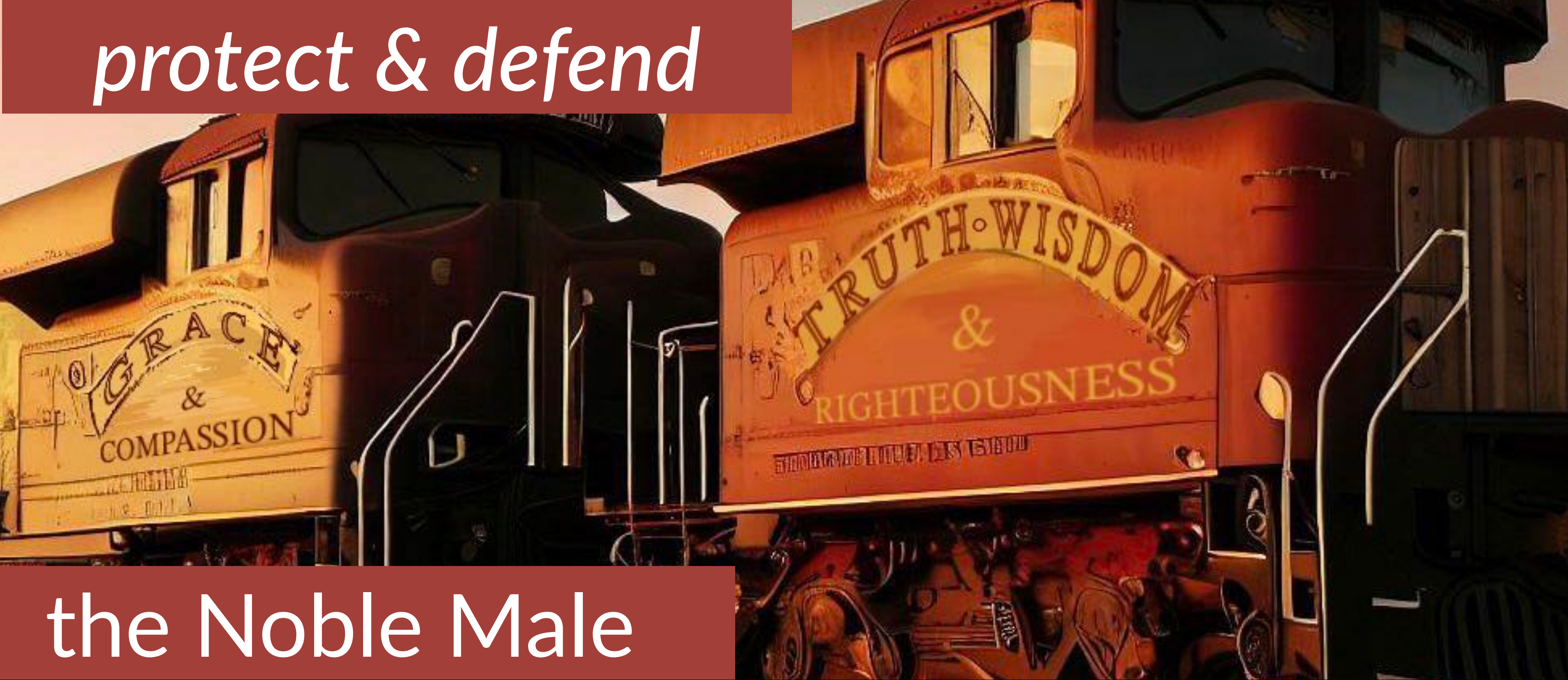
he created the Noble Male and the Virtuous Female

The **Loss** of the

Noble Male and the Virtuous Female



protect & defend



the Noble Male

led by:

1st - Truth, Wisdom &
Righteousness

2nd - Grace & Compassion

What happens when a culture rejects the absolute Truth of God?

nurture & comfort



the Virtuous Female

led by:

1st - Grace & Compassion

2nd - Truth, Wisdom &
Righteousness



becomes beast-like, tyrant
Hamas, ISIS, gangs, abuses women
absorbed in selfish pursuits, mostly oppressive



the brutish male becomes dominant
she increasingly becomes property
grace and compassion are
considered a "weakness"

society declares to the female: to survive in this culture you must become subservient



cares only for himself

absorbed in selfish pursuits, sports, video games...

society declares to the male: to be significant in this culture you must become more feminine—evidencing more unbridled compassion



she increasingly takes the lead in family & society

noble maleness is viewed as “toxic”
“unbridled compassion becomes the prime ethic

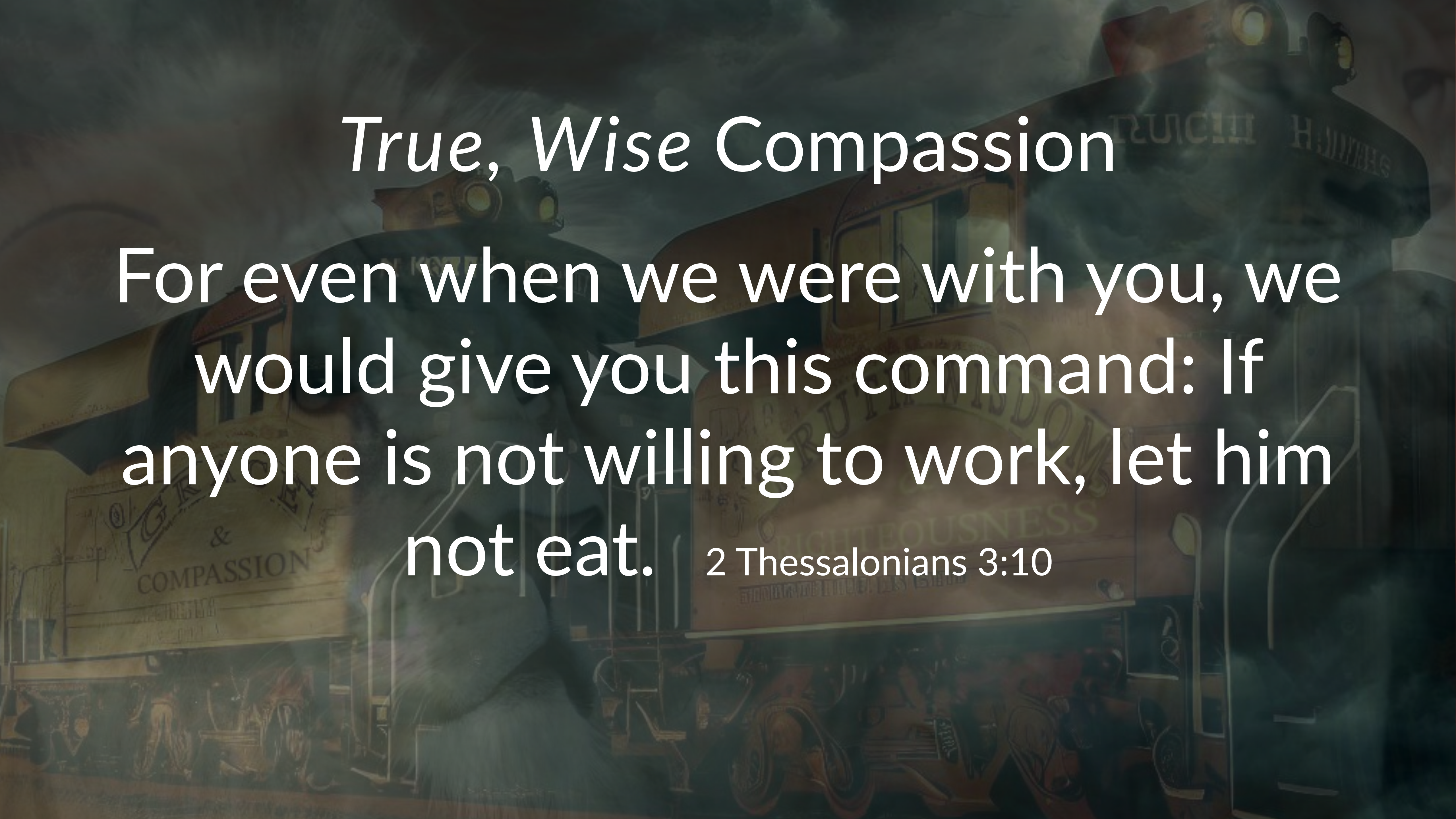
A steam locomotive is shown from a low angle, moving towards the viewer. The front of the locomotive is dark, with the words 'GRACE & COMPASSION' painted in a stylized font. The side of the locomotive is light-colored, with the words 'WISDOM & RIGHTEOUSNESS' painted on it. The locomotive is emitting a large plume of dark smoke from its smokestack. The background is a dark, cloudy sky.

the rise of unbridled compassion

Malevolent compassion

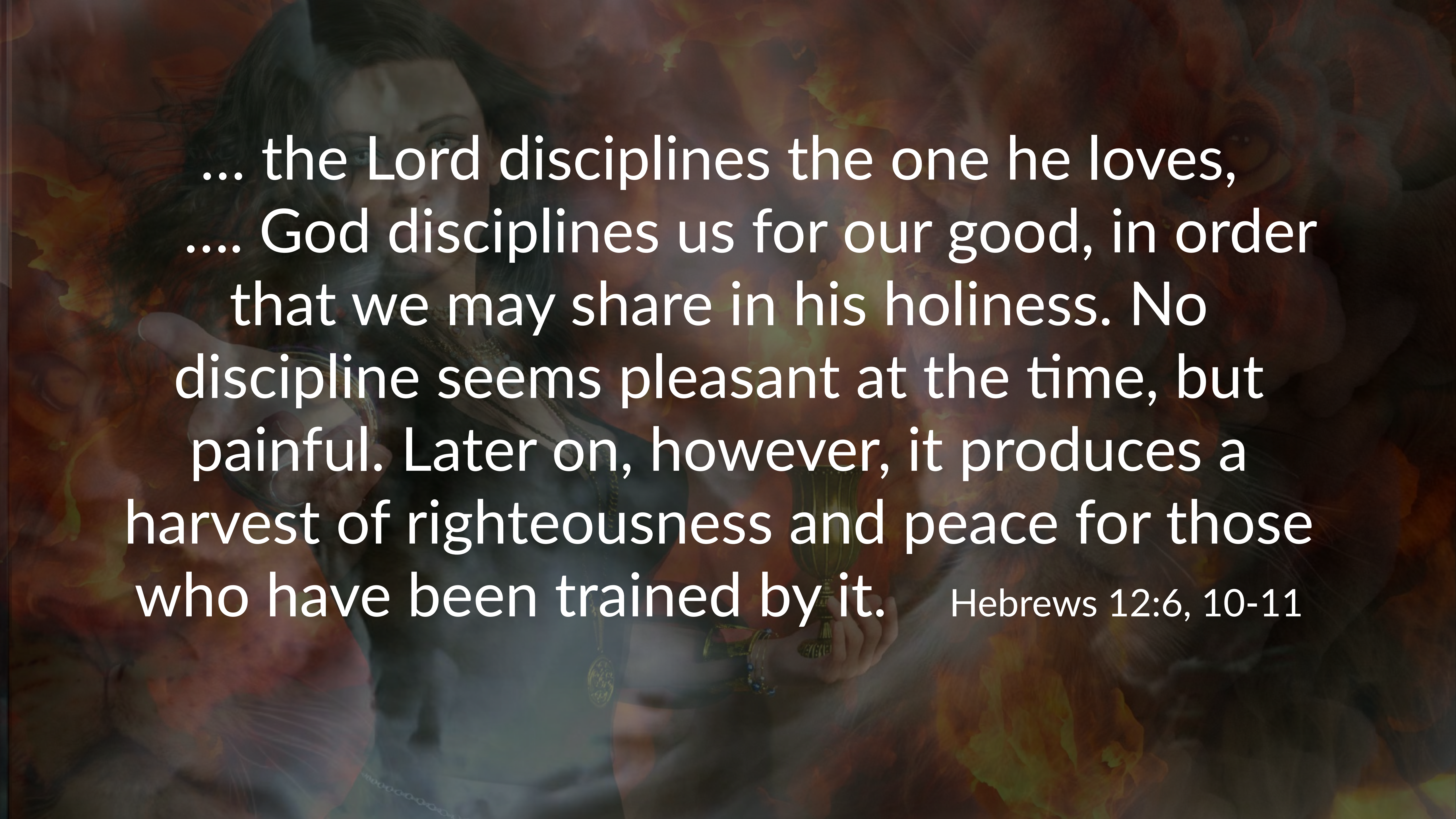
A woman with long, dark, wavy hair and blue eyes is looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a black dress and has several gold and silver jewelry items, including a necklace, bracelets, and a ring. She is pointing her right hand forward. The background is a large, intense fire with bright orange and yellow flames. The woman's expression is serious and determined.

We wrongfully think that all
“compassion” is right and good. It is not.
In fact, it can become evil, ruinous.



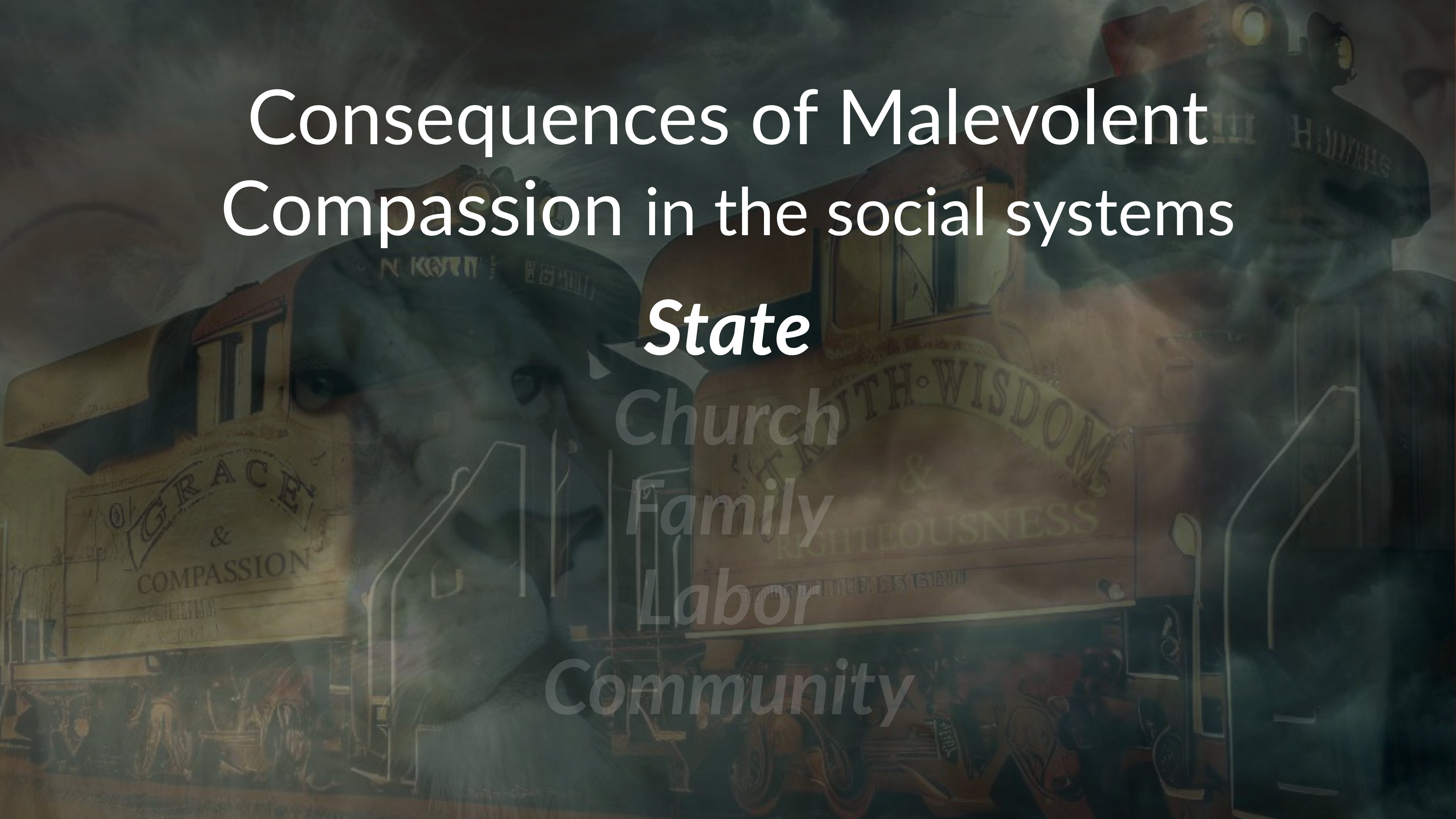
True, Wise Compassion
For even when we were with you, we
would give you this command: If
anyone is not willing to work, let him
not eat.

2 Thessalonians 3:10



... the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
.... God disciplines us for our good, in order
that we may share in his holiness. No
discipline seems pleasant at the time, but
painful. Later on, however, it produces a
harvest of righteousness and peace for those
who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:6, 10-11



Consequences of Malevolent Compassion in the social systems

State
Church
Family
Labor
Community



Malevolent Compassion distorts our common sense and sound wisdom

border security

minimum wage laws

defunding police

crash of 2008

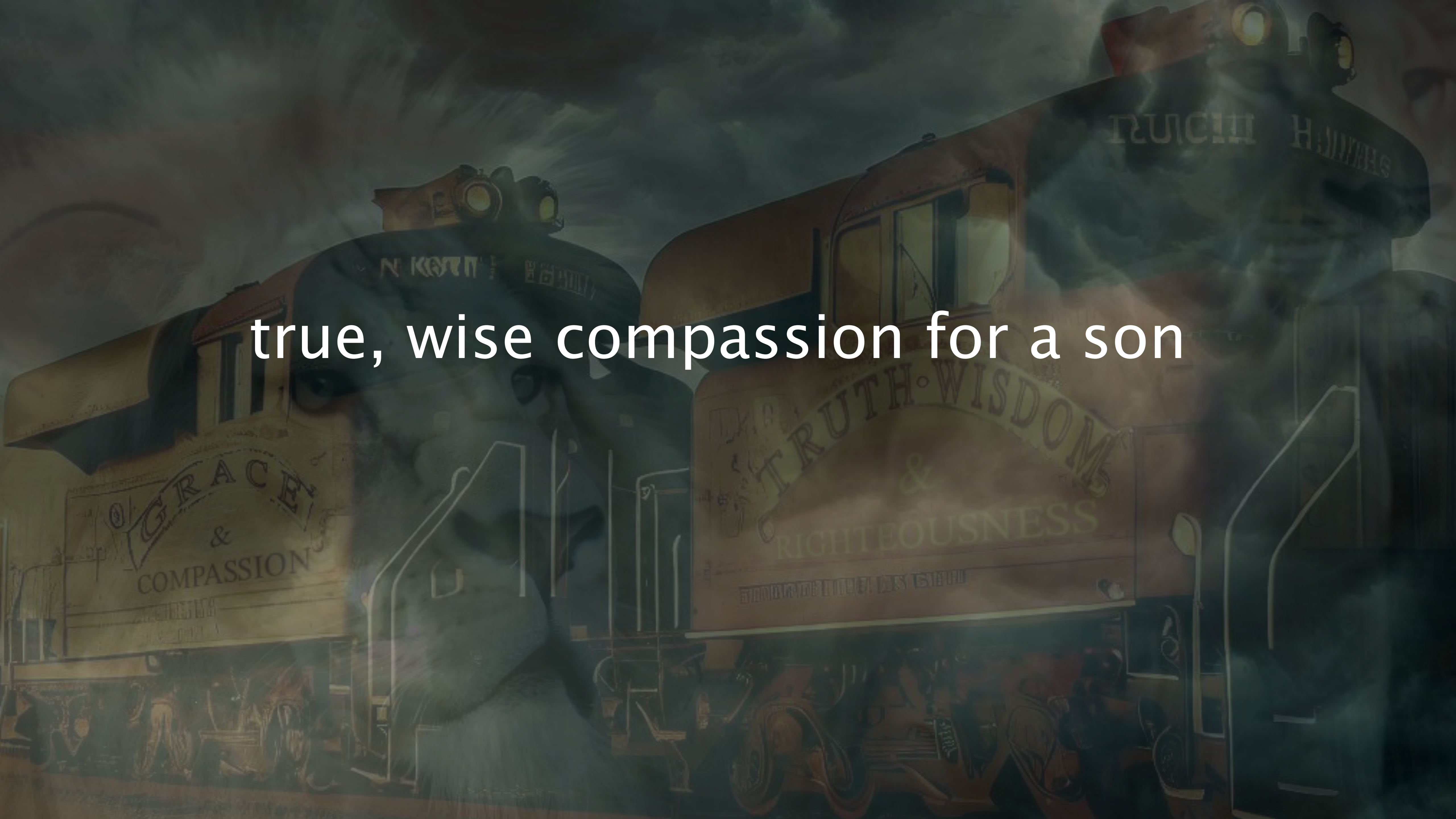
welfare programs

paid not to work

soft on crime laws

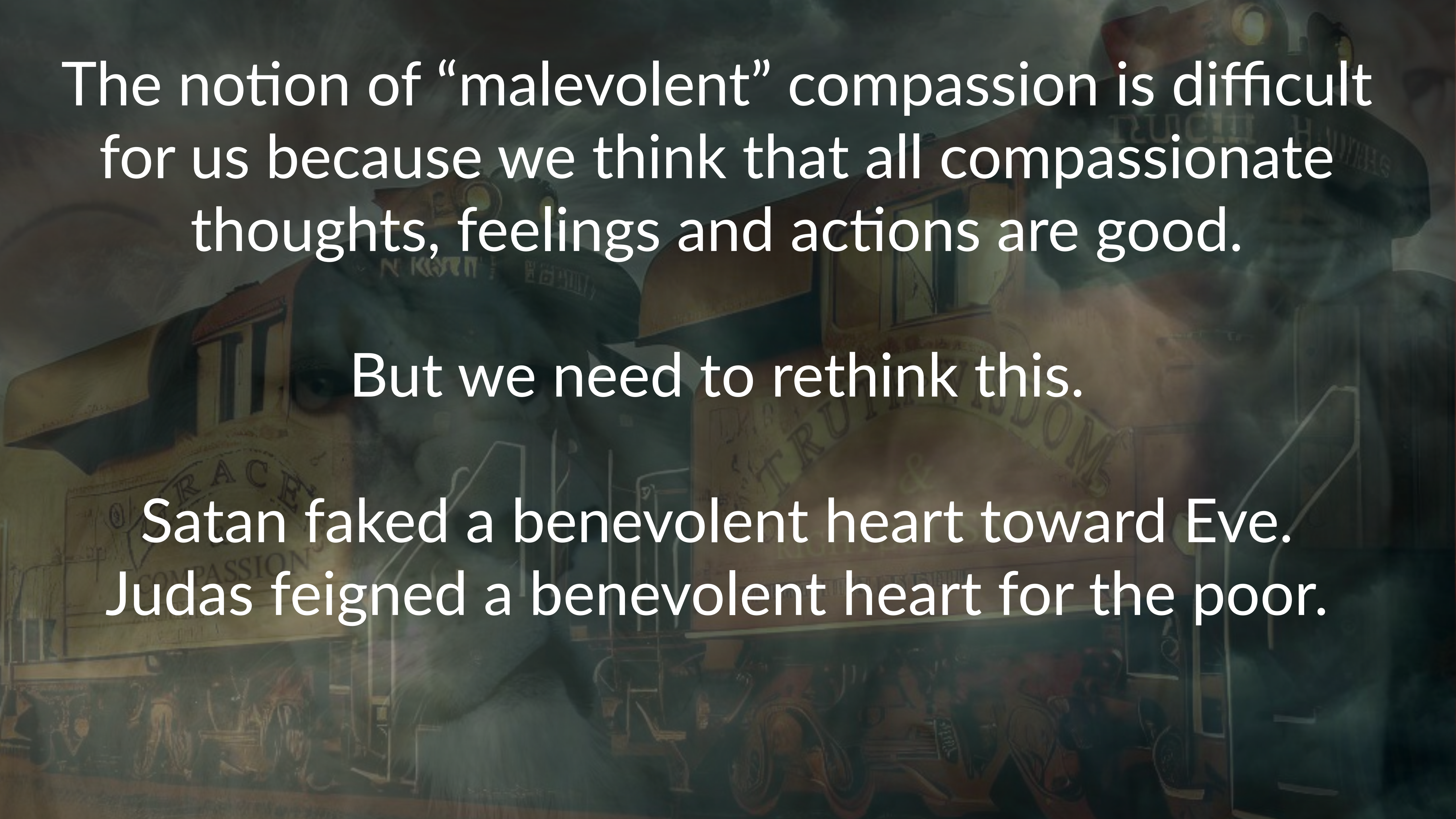
needles for addicts

transforming the military into a humanitarian service



true, wise compassion for a son

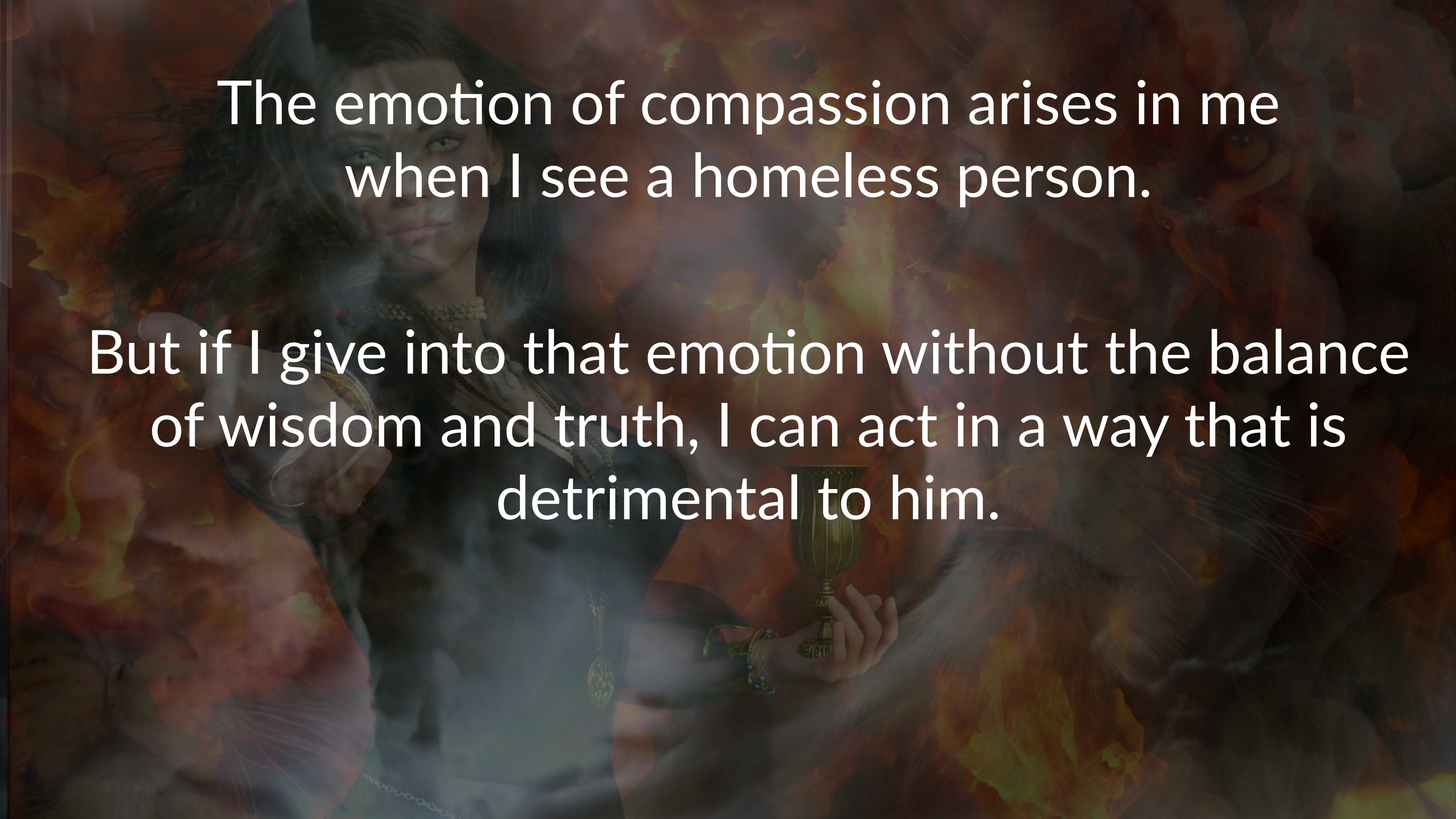




The notion of “malevolent” compassion is difficult for us because we think that all compassionate thoughts, feelings and actions are good.

But we need to rethink this.

Satan faked a benevolent heart toward Eve.
Judas feigned a benevolent heart for the poor.

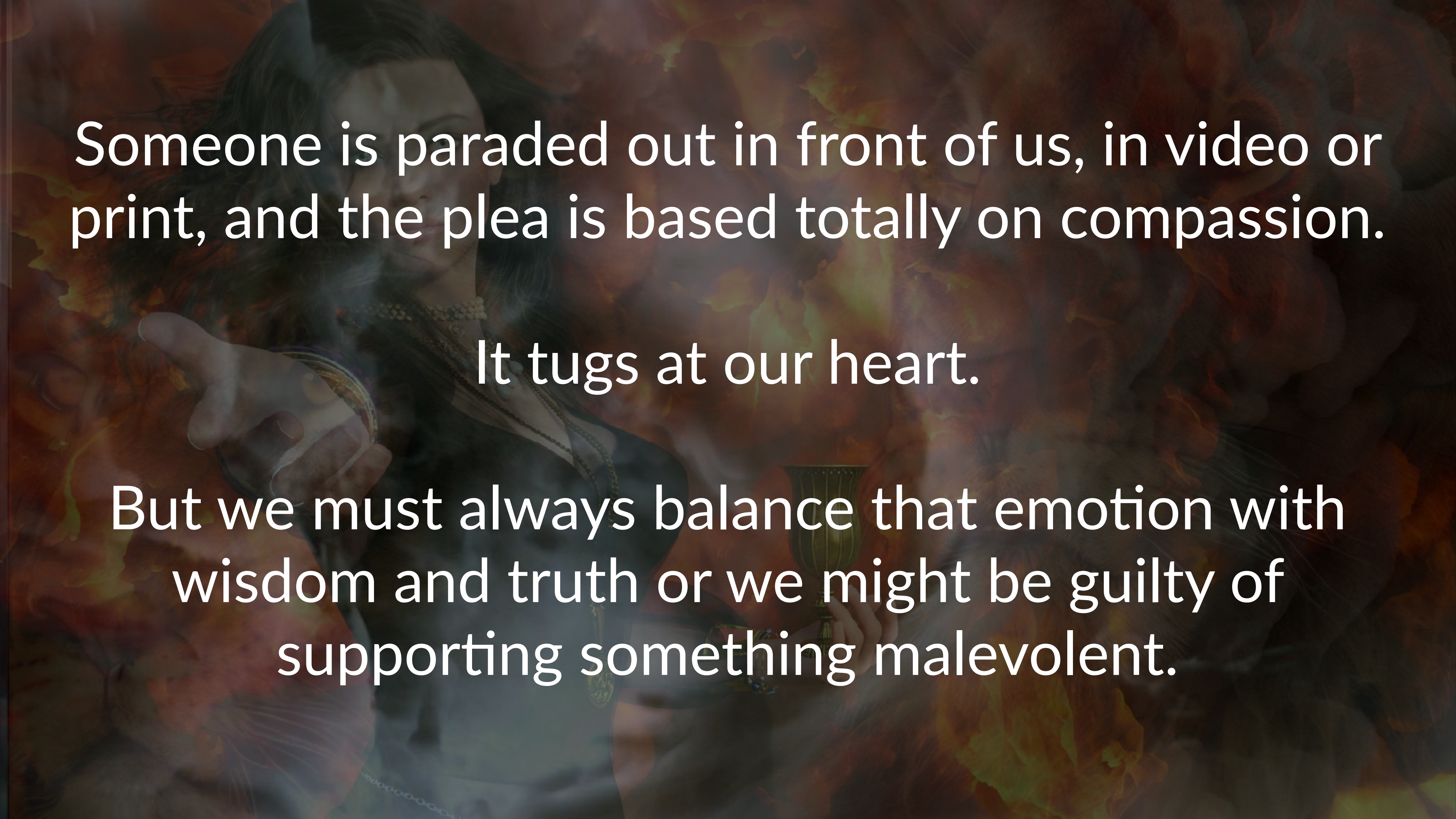


The emotion of compassion arises in me when I see a homeless person.

But if I give into that emotion without the balance of wisdom and truth, I can act in a way that is detrimental to him.



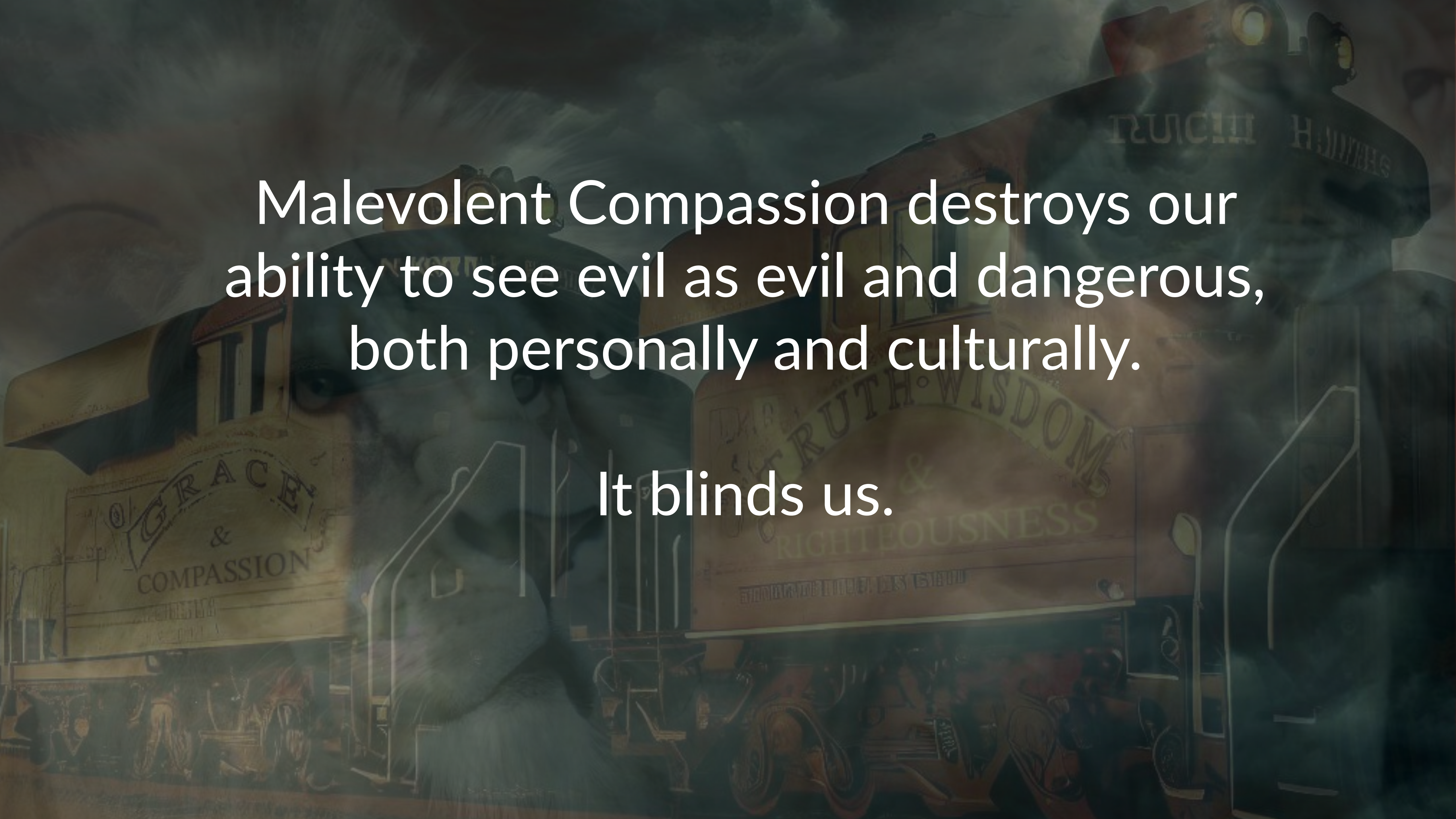
We are inundated with this ploy constantly.



Someone is paraded out in front of us, in video or print, and the plea is based totally on compassion.

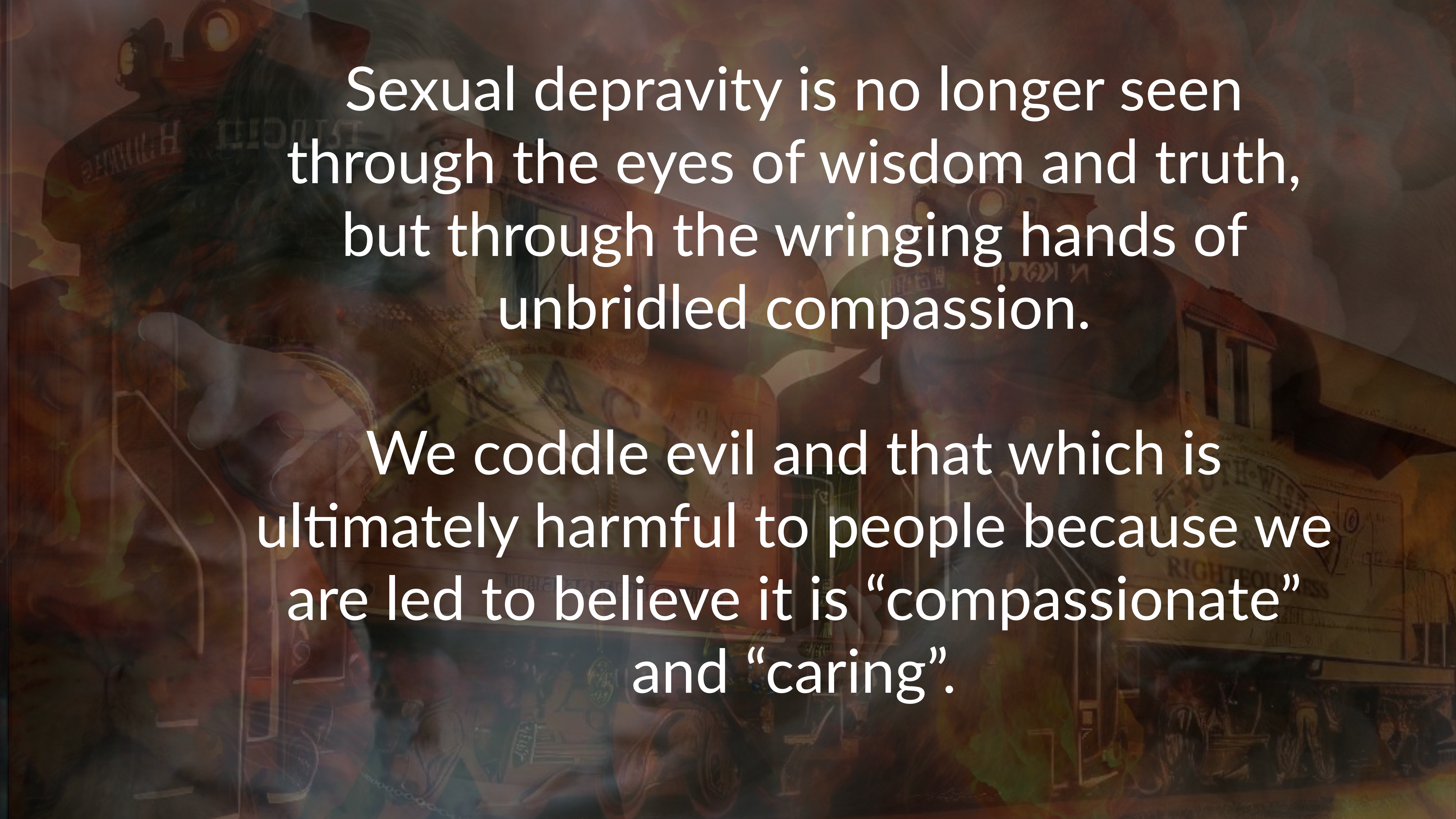
It tugs at our heart.

But we must always balance that emotion with wisdom and truth or we might be guilty of supporting something malevolent.



Malevolent Compassion destroys our
ability to see evil as evil and dangerous,
both personally and culturally.

It blinds us.



Sexual depravity is no longer seen
through the eyes of wisdom and truth,
but through the wringing hands of
unbridled compassion.

We coddle evil and that which is
ultimately harmful to people because we
are led to believe it is “compassionate”
and “caring”.



Malevolent Compassion...



...is the modern
day harlot

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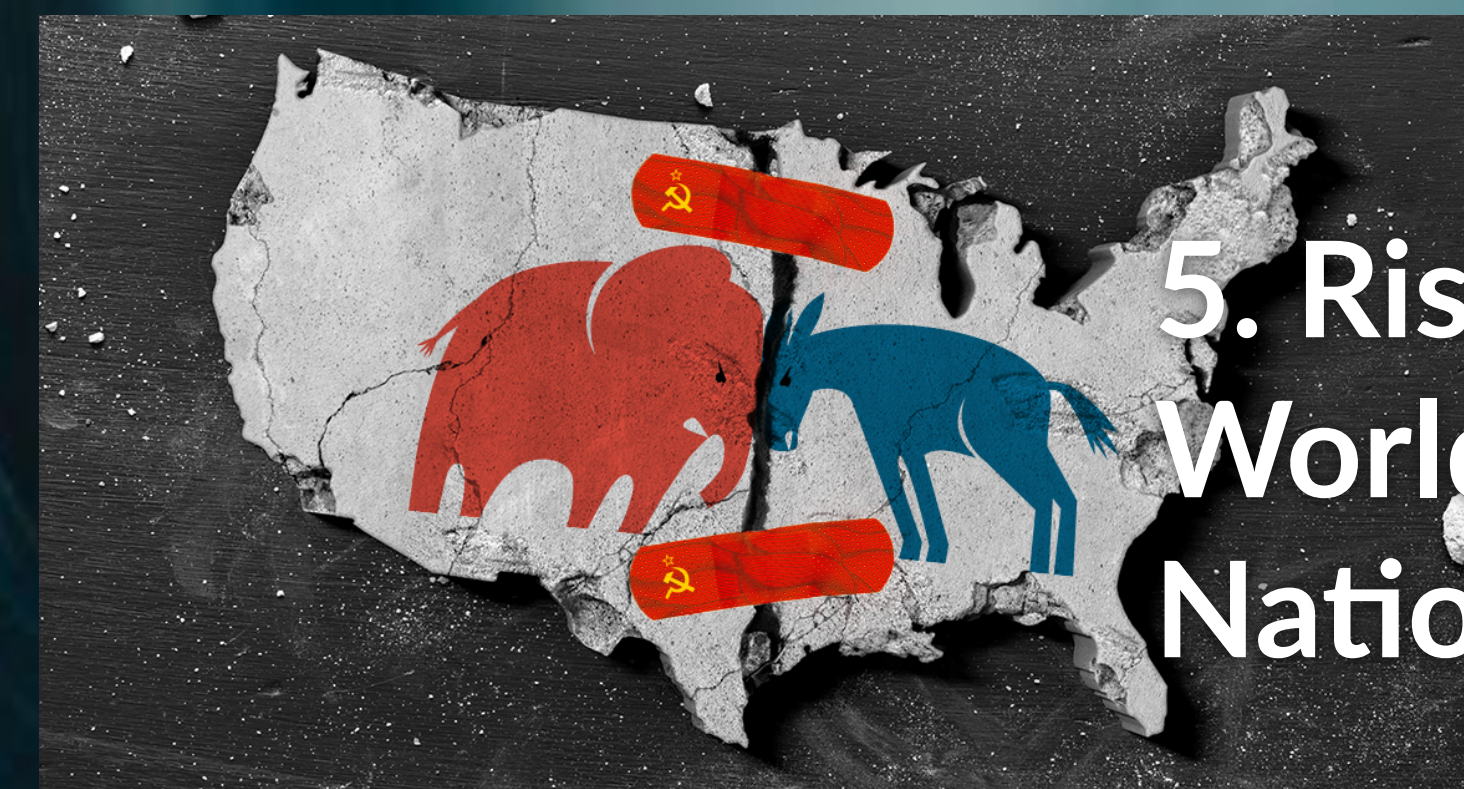
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Triune nature of God



authority
submission
roles

God's Modus Operandi

God's design for social order



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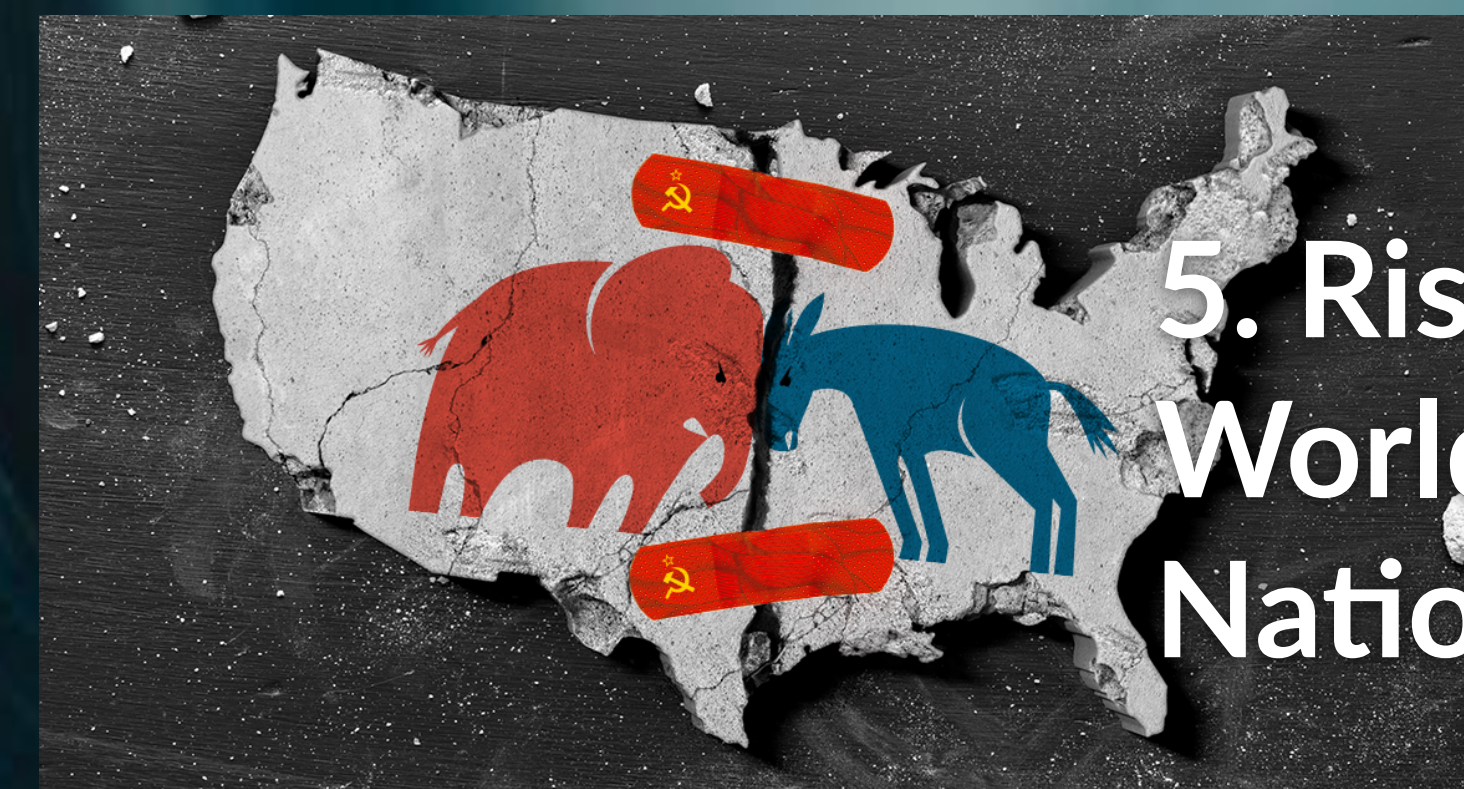
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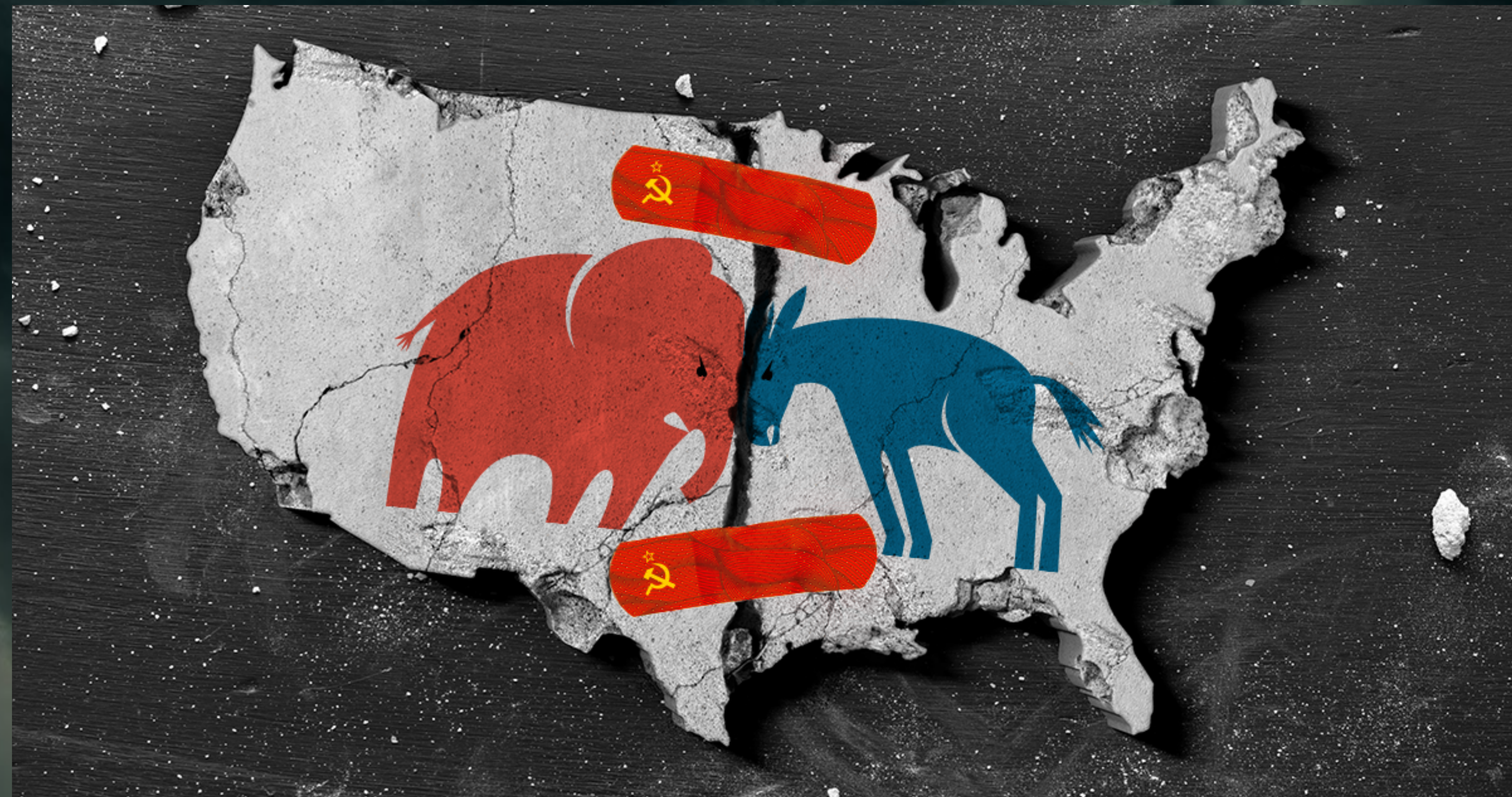
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