



## **6. America - Addicted & Soft, Dependent & Lost**

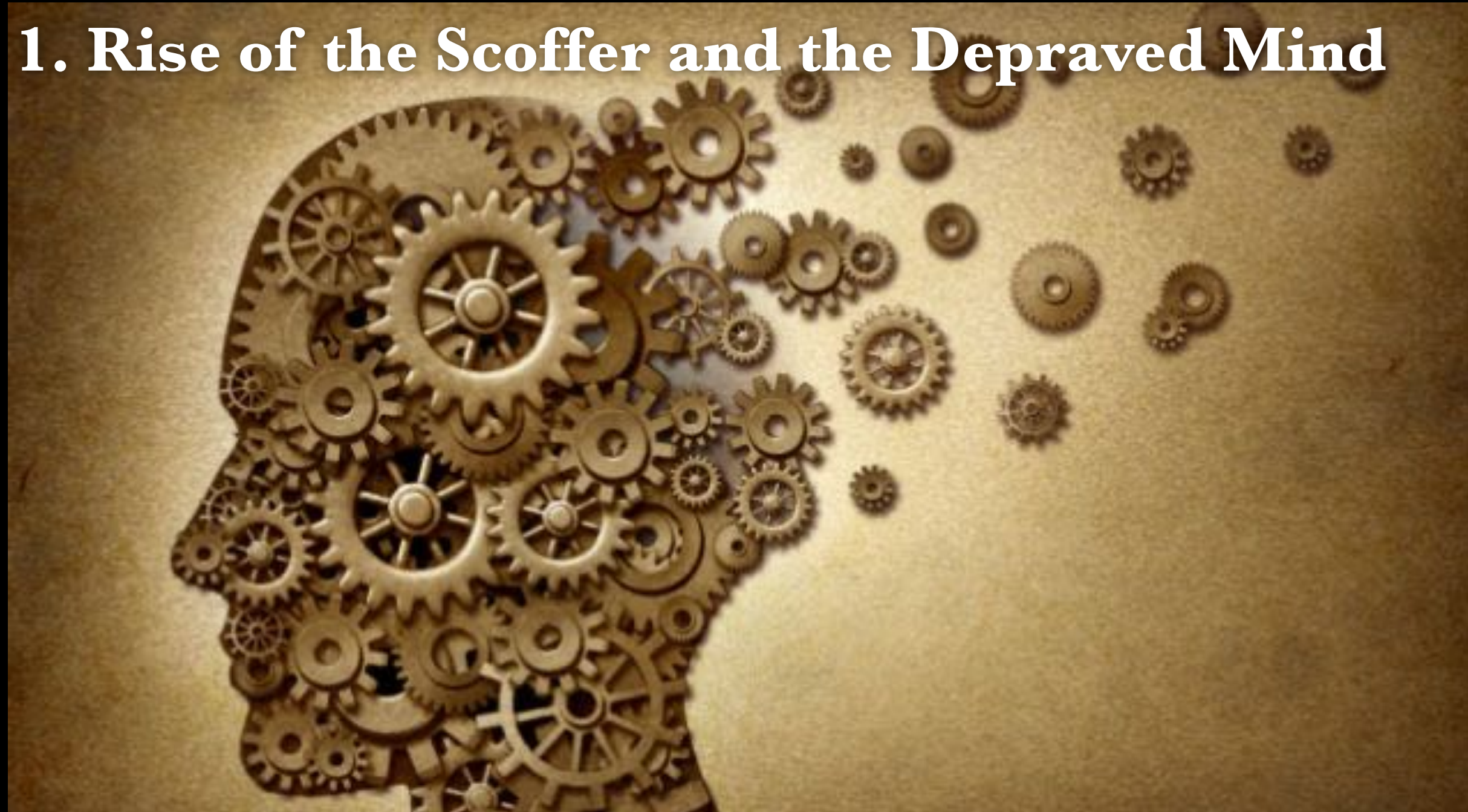
# The Perfect Storm

## 7 Threats In Our Times

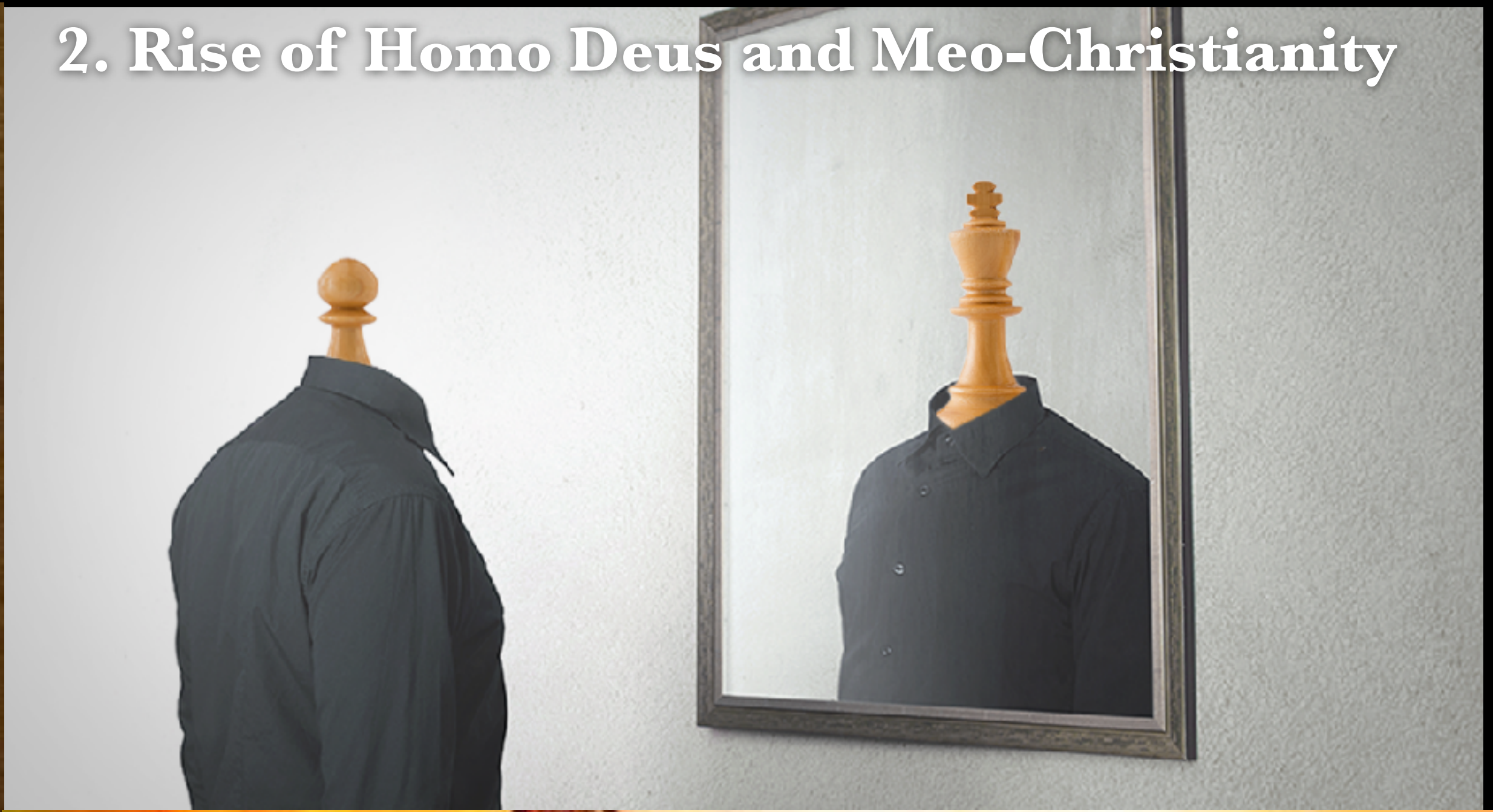
—All converging upon Western Culture



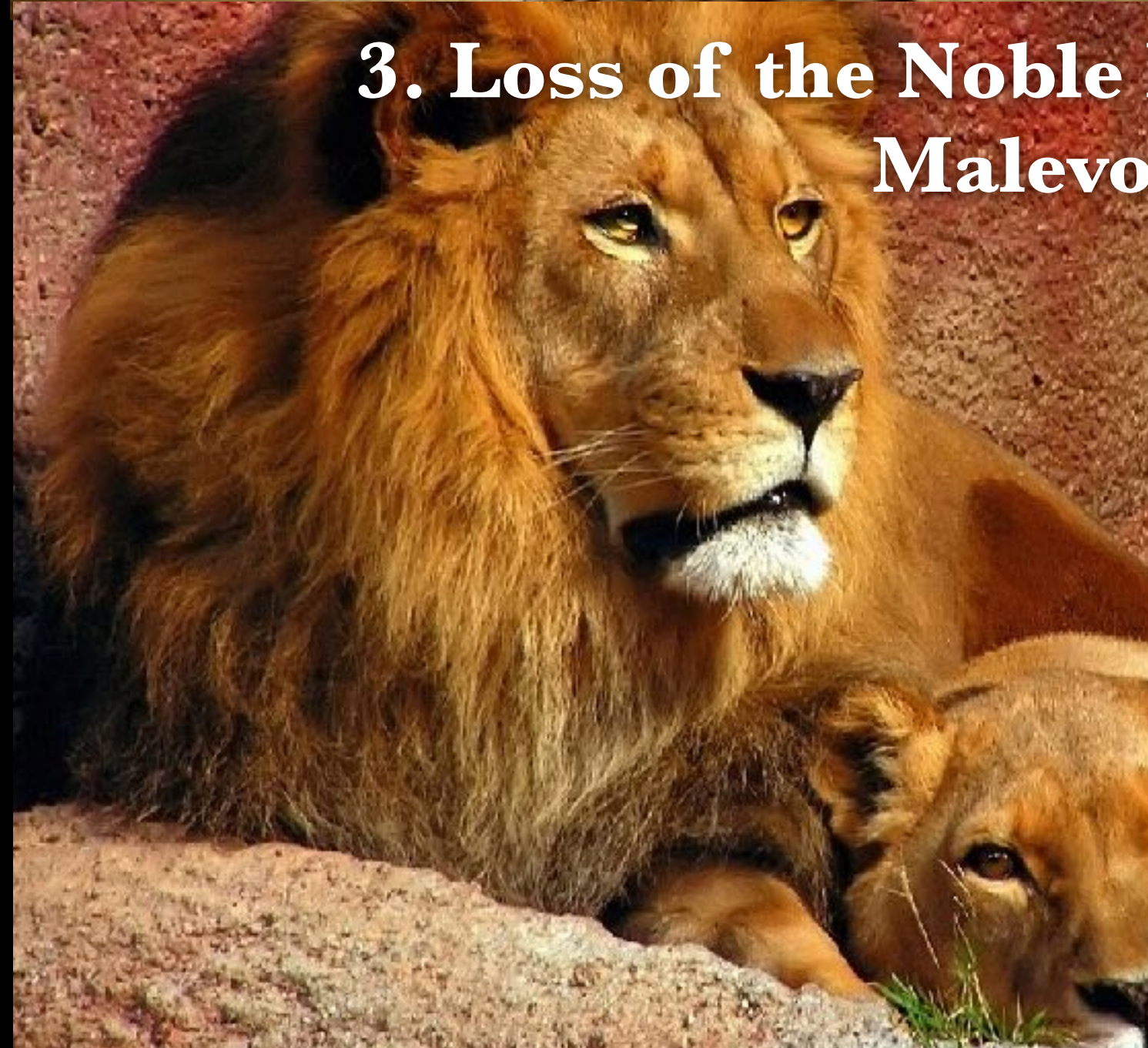
## 1. Rise of the Scoffer and the Depraved Mind



## 2. Rise of Homo Deus and Meo-Christianity



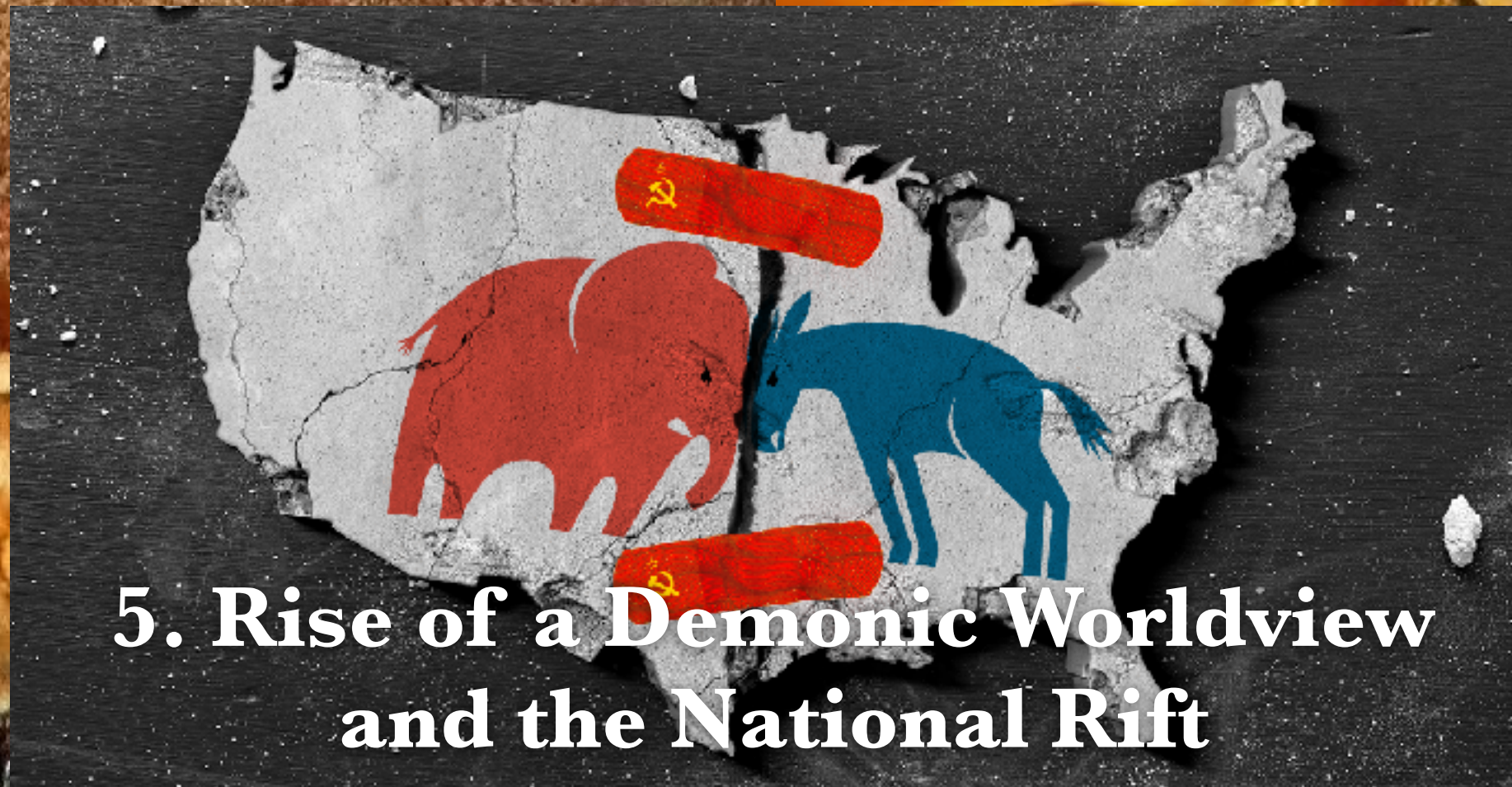
## 3. Loss of the Noble Male and Rise of Malevolent Compassion



## #4. The Consolidation of Massive Earthly Power



## 5. Rise of a Demonic Worldview and the National Rift





*Where there is no vision, the people perish [or are unrestrained] ... Proverbs 29:18*

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# God's Character

*One*

*Socially complex*

*Relational*

*Unity & Diversity*

**Modus Operandi**

America

*Addicted*

*Soft*

*Dependent*

*Lost*

# *Addicted*

*The compulsion to repetitively involve oneself with a **substance** or **activity** that is overall unhealthy.*

# America Addicted

*1 in 16: alcohol use disorder*

*22% of males use illegal drugs / 17% female*

*9%: marijuana*

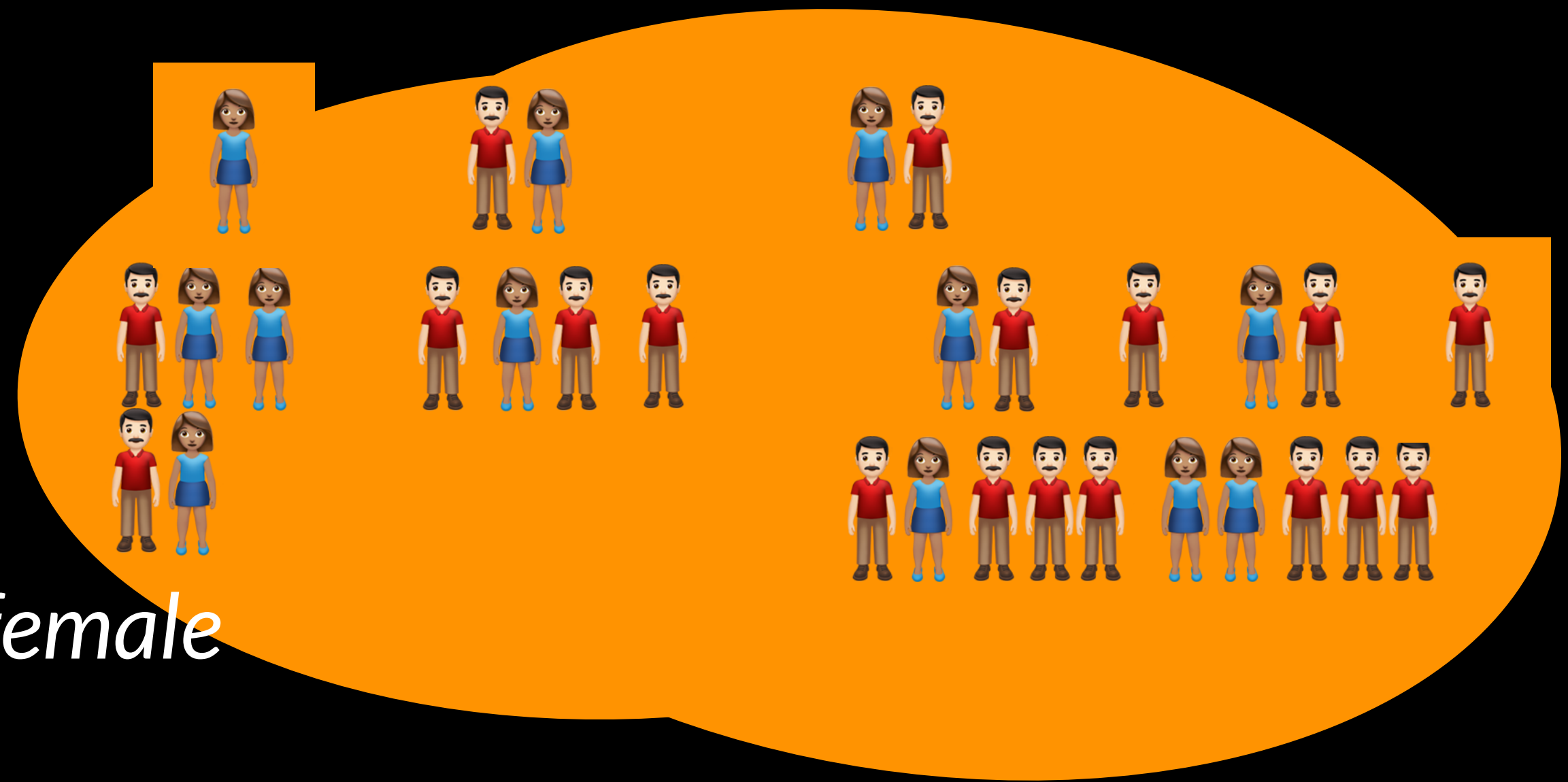
*7%: opioids*

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*3%: heroin*

*9%: prescription stimulants*

*10% of adults have drug use disorder at some time in their liife*



America

# Addicted

College students: *35% overall: use illegal drugs*

*33%: marijuana*

*13%: cocaine*

*13%: hallucinogens*

*10%: ecstasy*

## *Marijuana*

*NIDA—Marijuana damages its users, including:*

*increased infertility*

*decreased testosterone in males*

*increased testosterone in females*

*Studies increasingly show marijuana lowers dopamine, decreasing motivation*

*932,000 drug overdose deaths since 2000*

*2020: 68,630 people died from opioid overdose*

America *Addicted*

Sweets

# Addicted

*The compulsion to repetitively involve oneself with a substance or **activity** that is overall unhealthy.*

*Video games*

*Social media*

*Entertainment/pornography*

*Teenagers: 9 hours/day screen entertainment/activity*

*Adults: 6 hours/day screen entertainment/activity*

America *Addicted*

Loss of fruitfulness

America

*Soft*

*Pioneer mother*

*Debilitated and require counseling if someone fails to use our personal pronoun*

*Couple who cleared their land to build a farm*

*Now we demand paid vacation & sick time, maternal and paternal leave, shorter work days, etc. or we sit home and take unemployment and don't work at all.*

*we are pampered, coddled, over-indulged, overweight, weak-willed and easy pickings  
for an overthrow*

America

*Dependent*



# *Dependent*

*the Nanny State*

*the Nanny Church*

*the Nanny family*

America

*Lost*

# Losing sight of the Larger Story

*Shrinks us into our own little story*

*We lose our identity, our source of absolute Truth*

*We become rootless, tossed to and fro by things that go viral; by headlines; by Tweets; by YouTube videos; by entertainments stars who become the culture's cleric*

*And we lose any true, transcendent source of significance*

America *Lost*

*the desperate search and hunger for significance*

*Solomon sought for it in all kinds of ways*

*knowledge*

*pleasure and possessions*

*slaves who catered to his every whim*

*denying himself nothing*

*amusement, comfort, and gratification*

*All of it was meaningless*

# dear Remnant!

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time  
we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that  
through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement  
they provide we might have **hope**. Romans 15:4

## The Lord's Vision

The Lord's servant **must gently instruct** his opponents...“in the hope that God will **grant them** repentance leading them to a knowledge of the **truth**, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them **captive** to do his will.”

*2 Timothy 2:24-26*

## The Lord's Vision

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 will know how you should respond to **each person**.

*Colossians 4:5-6*