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LESSLIE NEWBIGIN

“The most obvious fact that distinguishes our culture from all that have preceded it is that it is—in its public philosophy—atheistic.”



THE ATHEISM STARING US IN
THE FACE TODAY



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Types of Atheists

I. Protest Atheists

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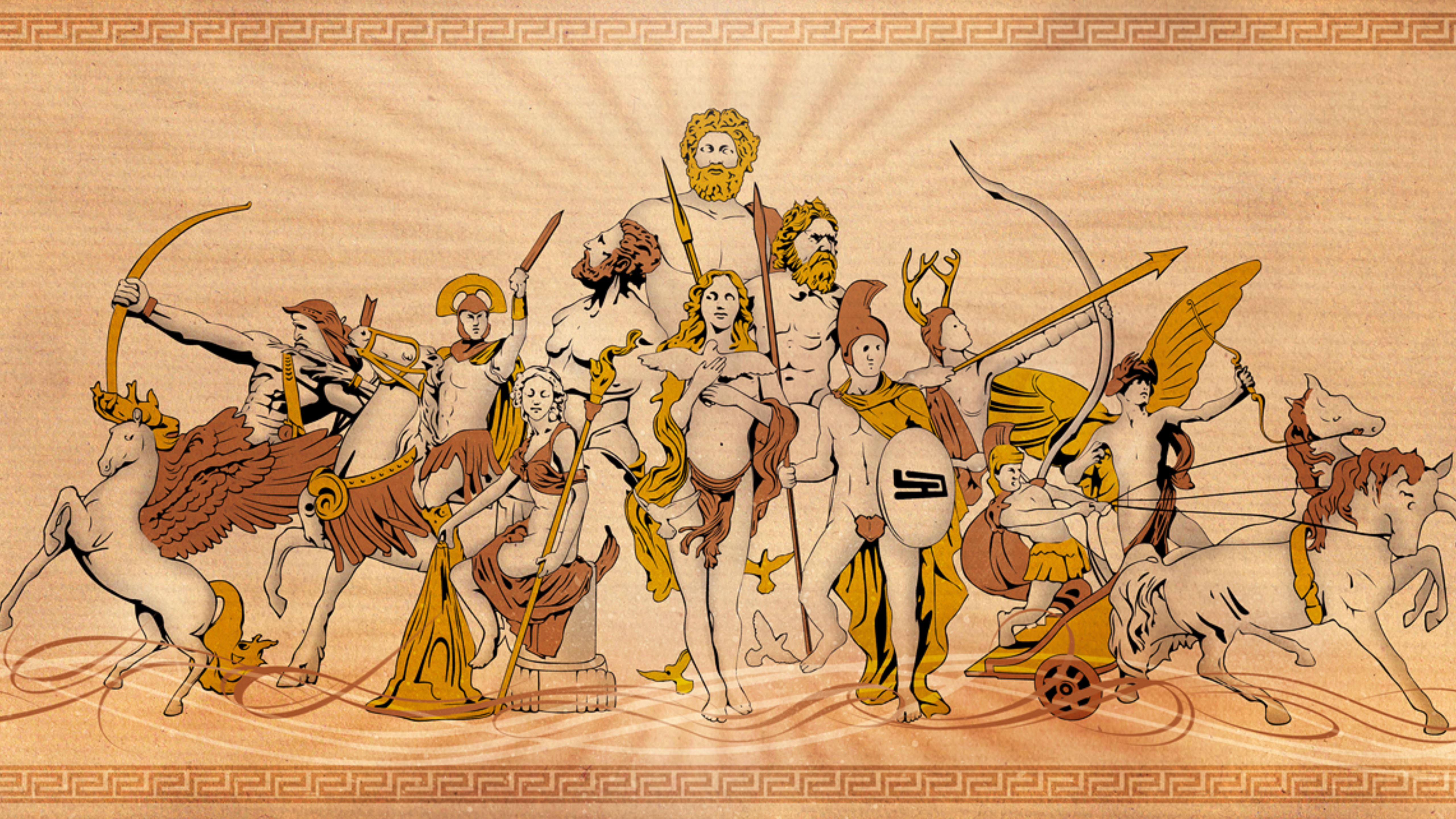
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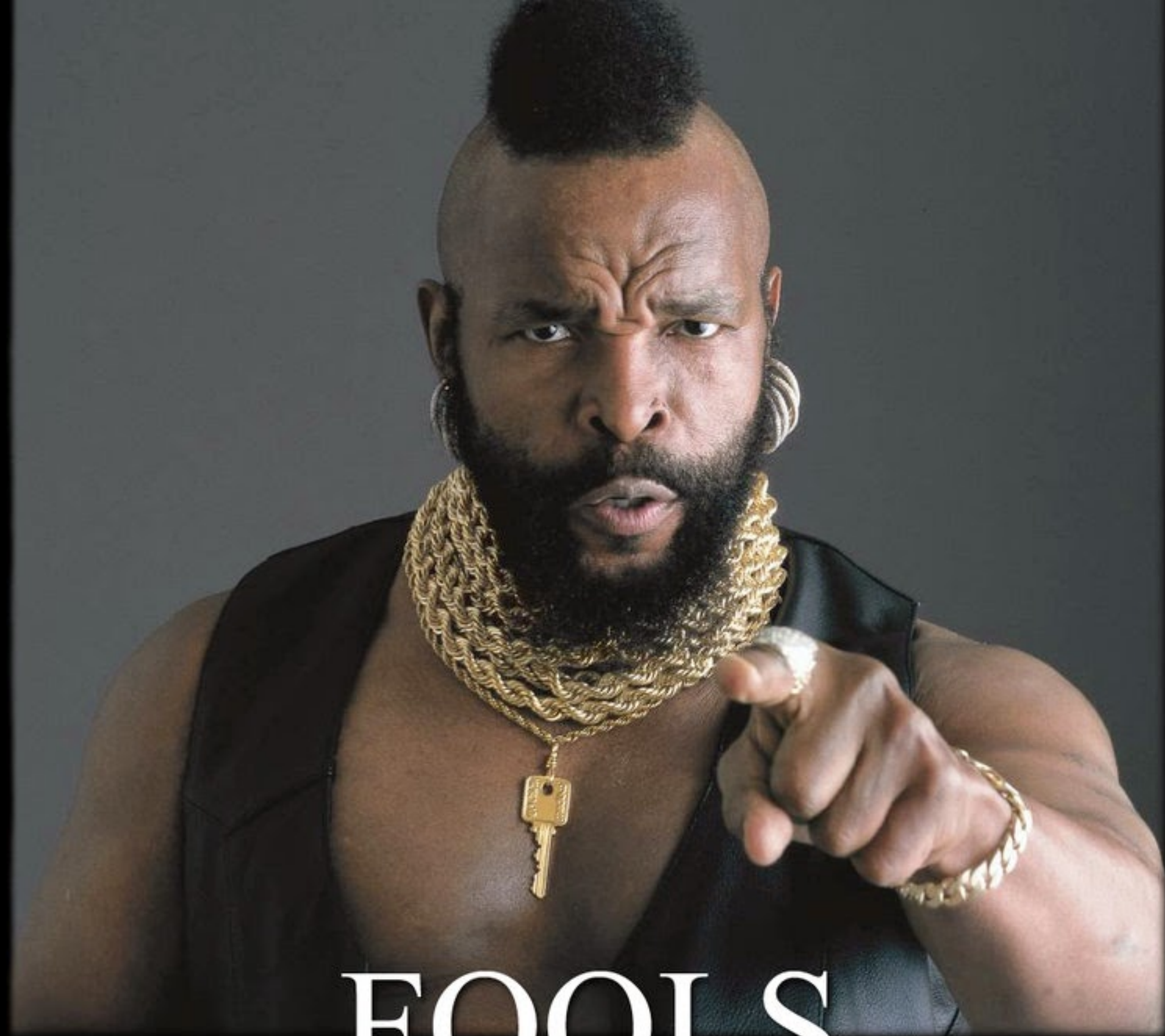
1. Protest Atheists
2. Ideological Atheists





Psalm 14

The Fool says in his heart,
“God does not exist.”



FOOLS
I pity them

Psalm 14

1 The fool says in his heart, “God does not exist.”

They are corrupt; they do vile deeds.

There is no one who does good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is one who is wise, one who seeks God.

3 All have turned away;
all alike have become corrupt.

There is no one who does good,
not even one.

There is no one righteous, not even one. There is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become useless. There is no one who does what is good, not even one.

ROMANS 3:10-12

Psalm 14

4 Will evildoers never understand?

They consume My people as they consume bread; they do not call on the Lord.

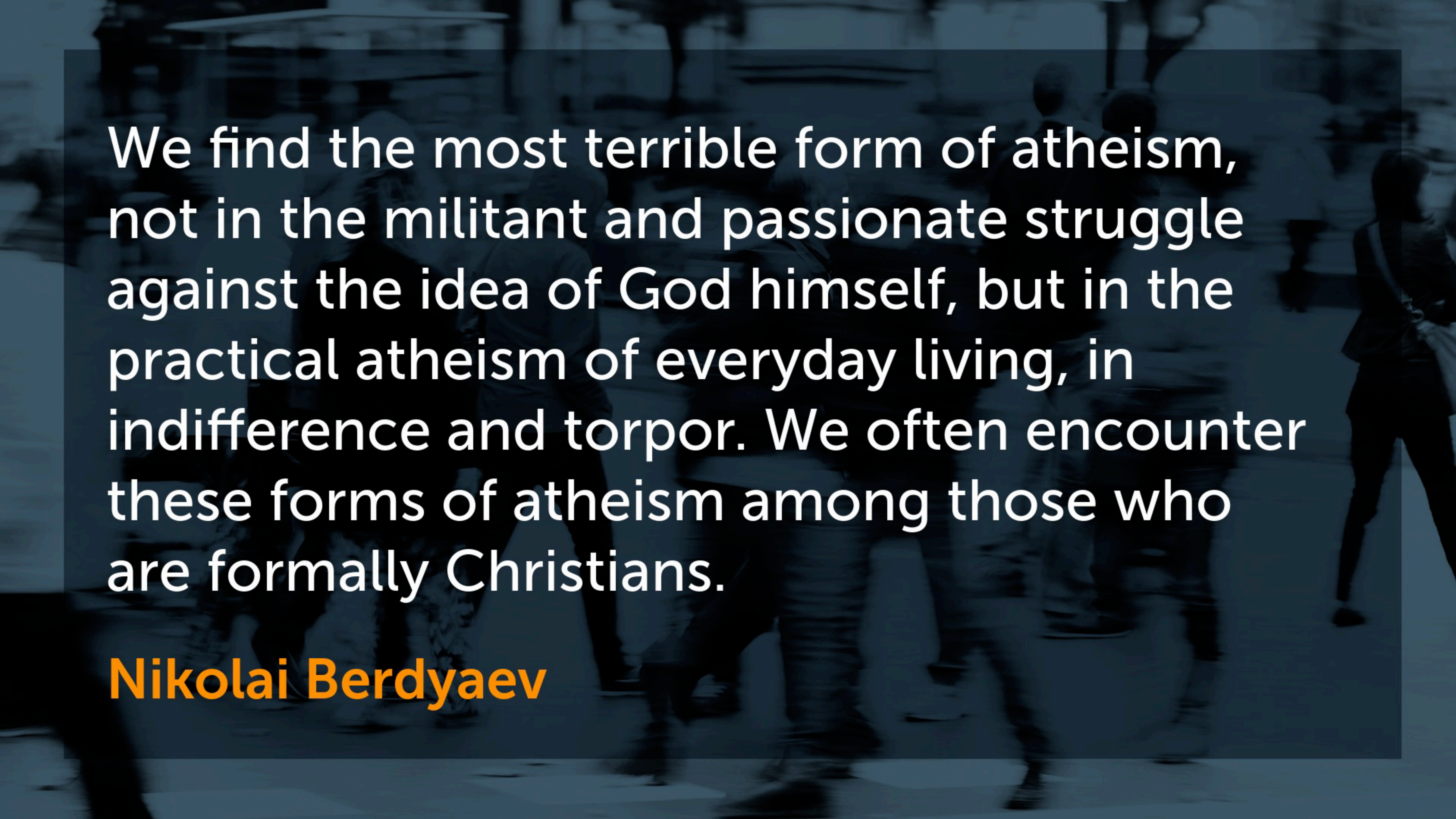
5 Then they will be filled with terror,
for God is with those who are righteous.

6 You sinners frustrate the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is his refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of His people, Jacob
will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

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1. Protest Atheists
2. Ideological Atheists
3. Practical Atheists



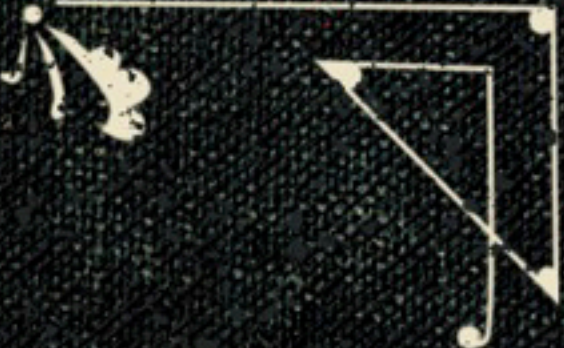

We find the most terrible form of atheism, not in the militant and passionate struggle against the idea of God himself, but in the practical atheism of everyday living, in indifference and torpor. We often encounter these forms of atheism among those who are formally Christians.

Nikolai Berdyaev

*“Practical Atheism does not
BELIEVE there is no God;
PRACTICAL atheism **LIVES**
as if there is no God.”*

Questions to Ask the Man in the Mirror

1. Do I PRAY regularly?
2. Do I READ & APPLY the Bible consistently?
3. Do I walk by SIGHT or by faith?
4. Do I live in WORRY?
5. Do I see life as STEWARDSHIP?
6. Do I live DIFFERENTLY Monday through Saturday?



Doing things in secret that
you are ashamed for others to
know is practical atheism.
God's knowing doesn't count?



John Piper

A portrait of Benjamin Warfield, a man with a full white beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a tie. The background is dark. The name "Benjamin Warfield" is written in white text in the upper right corner.

Benjamin
Warfield

Formal atheism denies God;
practical atheism is guilty of
the possibly even more
astounding sin - of forgetting
the God it confesses.

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Warning Against Neglecting Salvation

2 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since ^athe message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and ^bevery transgression or disobedience received a just ^cretribution, ^{3d}how shall we escape if we ^eneglect such a great salvation? It was ^fdeclared at first by the Lord, and it was ^gattested to us ^hby those who heard, ^{4g}while God also bore witness ⁱby signs and wonders and various miracles and by ^jgifts of the Holy Spirit ^kdistributed according to his will.

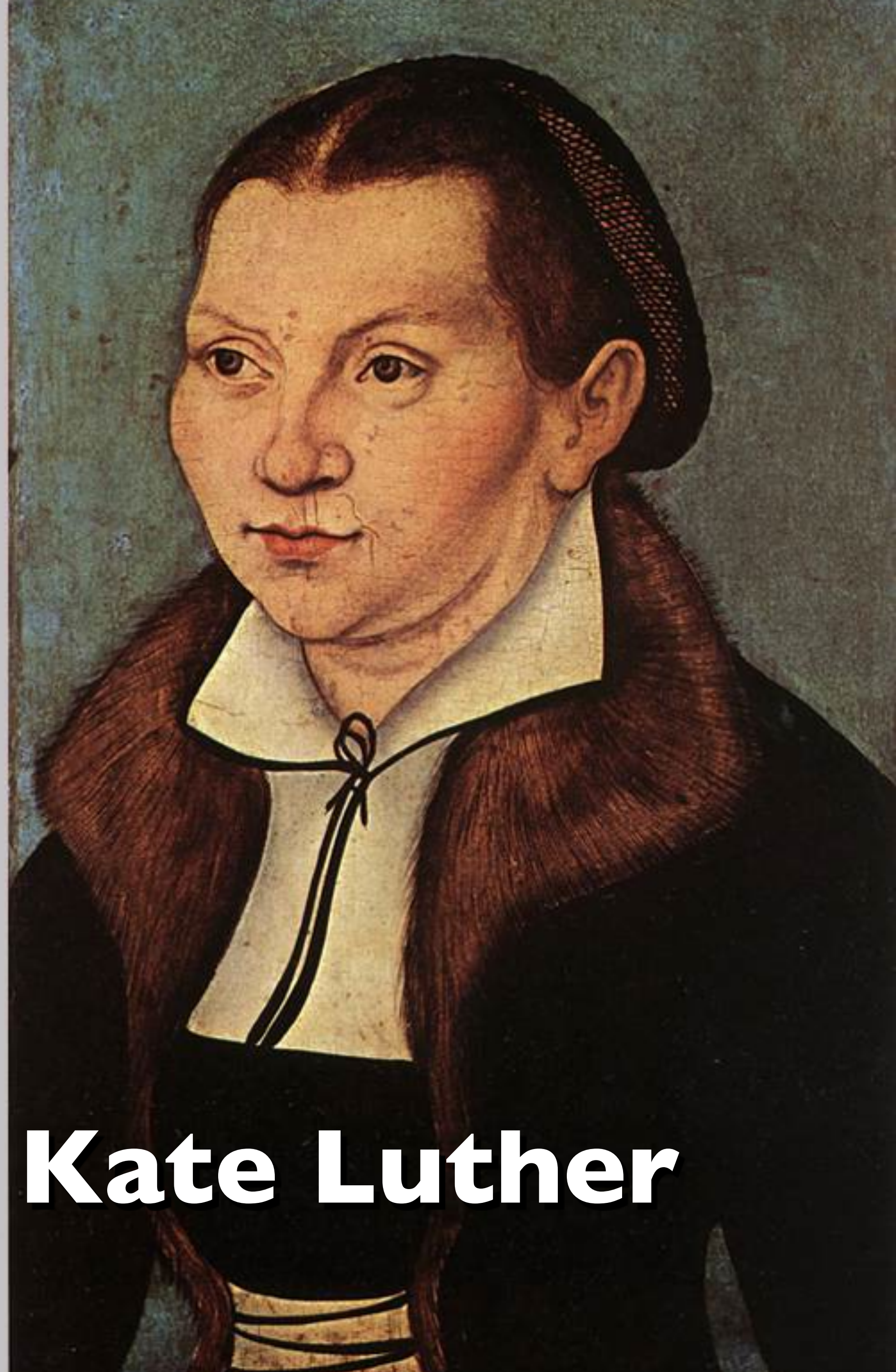
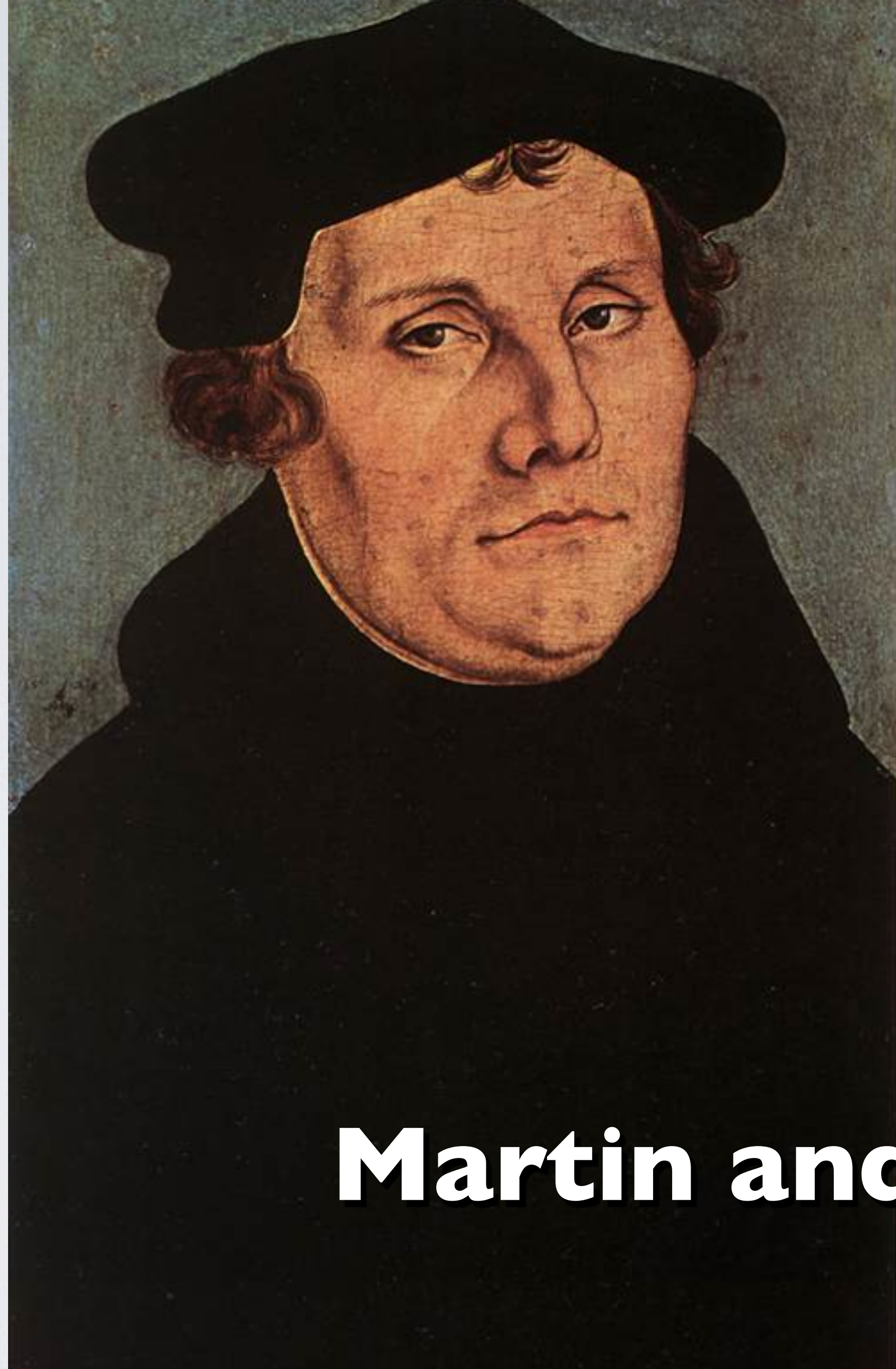
The Founder of Salvation

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world ^lto come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

^m“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?
7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,¹

MATTHEW 6:33

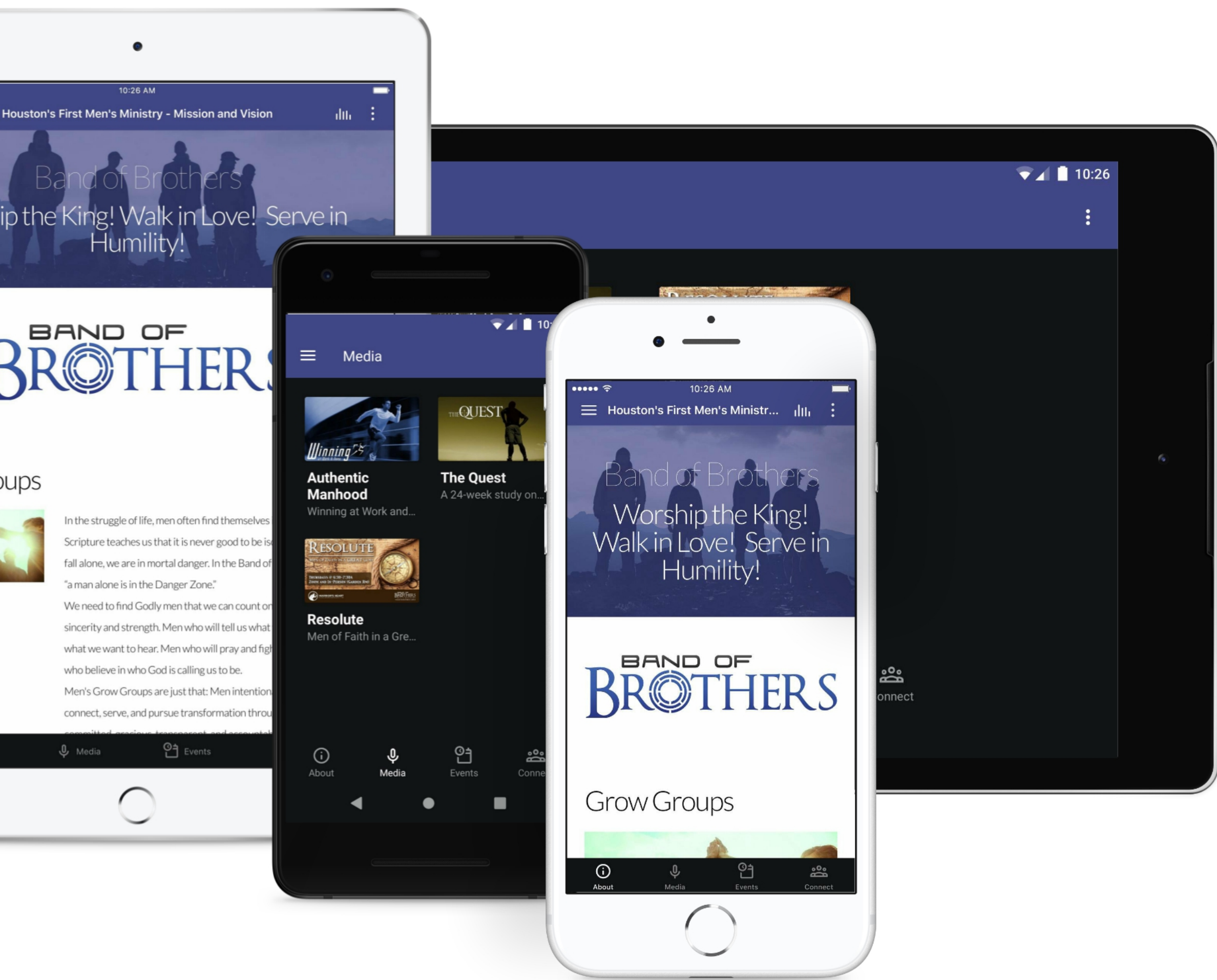
But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.



Martin and Kate Luther

TABLE QUESTIONS

- What does it look like to “seek God” today?
- What are the biggest barriers for you in seeking Him?
- If “there is no one who does good” (see verse 3), then where does hope lie for us?
- “Our beliefs are the deepest things about us. Our beliefs shape our behavior; therefore our beliefs are the most practical things about us.” G.K. Chesterton
 - How can we see impact of beliefs lived out in our culture today?
 - How can we demonstrate to the World a different kind of Christianity and faith?
 - How can we begin to love God with our mind?
- What do you think it means for God to be a “refuge”? How has God been a refuge for you in the past? In what areas of life do you need Him to be a refuge for you today?
- Take a moment and think about your life. What changes, if any, do you need to make? If you are comfortable share that with the men around your table and ask for prayer.



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