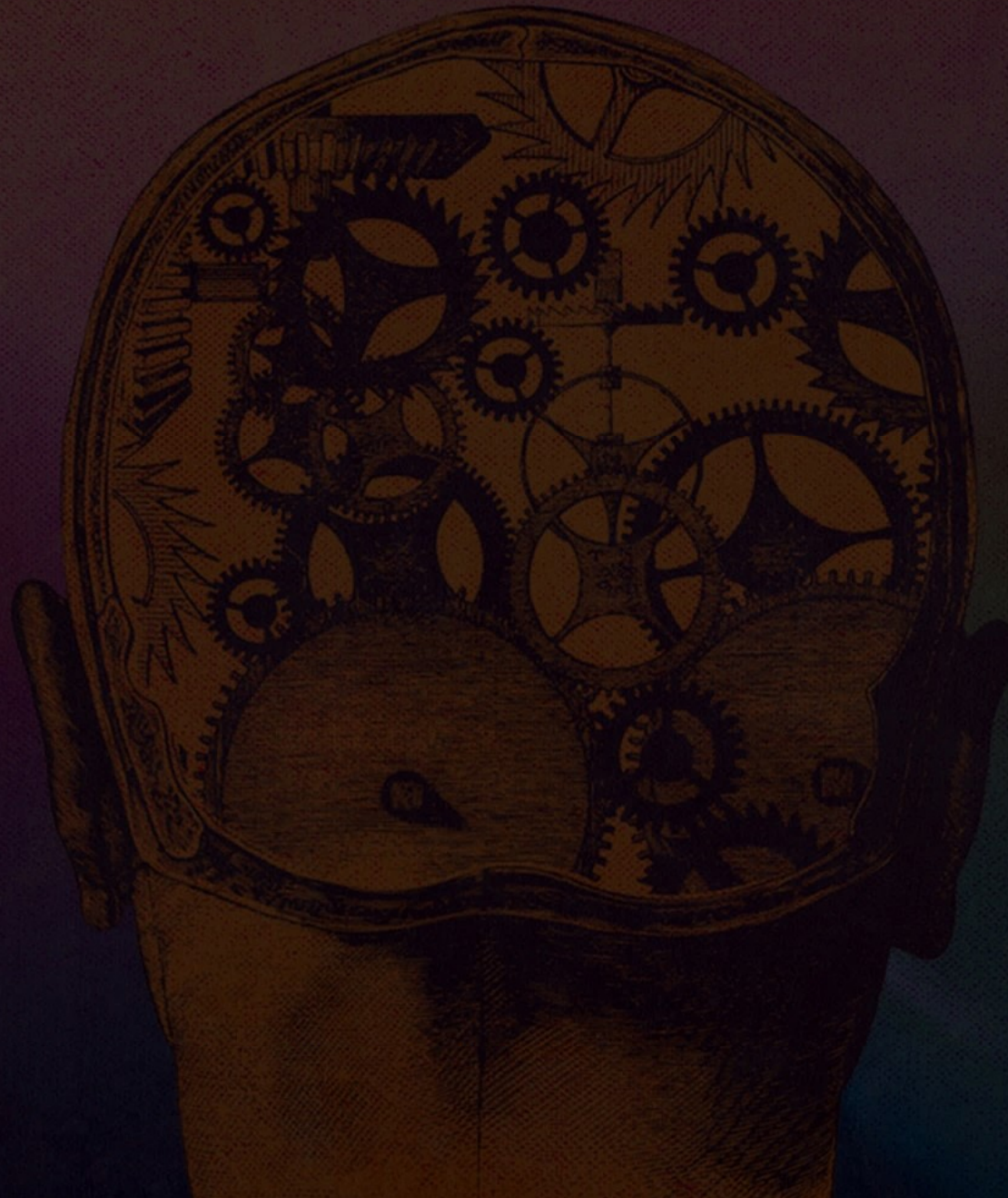




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James 2:1-13

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“For the LORD your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.”

Deuteronomy 10:17

“Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.” Acts 10:34

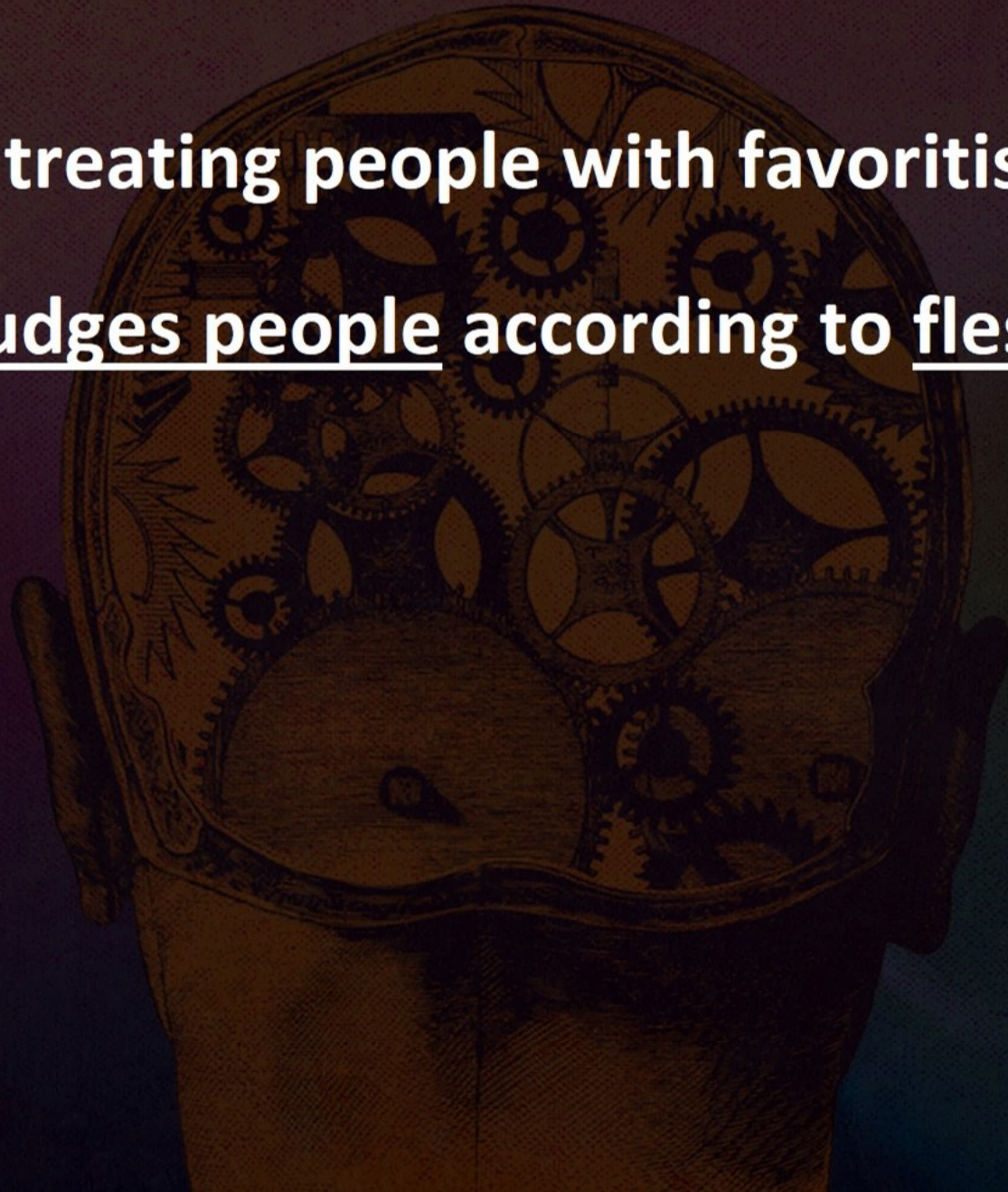
“These *things* also *belong* to the wise: *It is* not good to show partiality in judgment.” Proverbs 24:23

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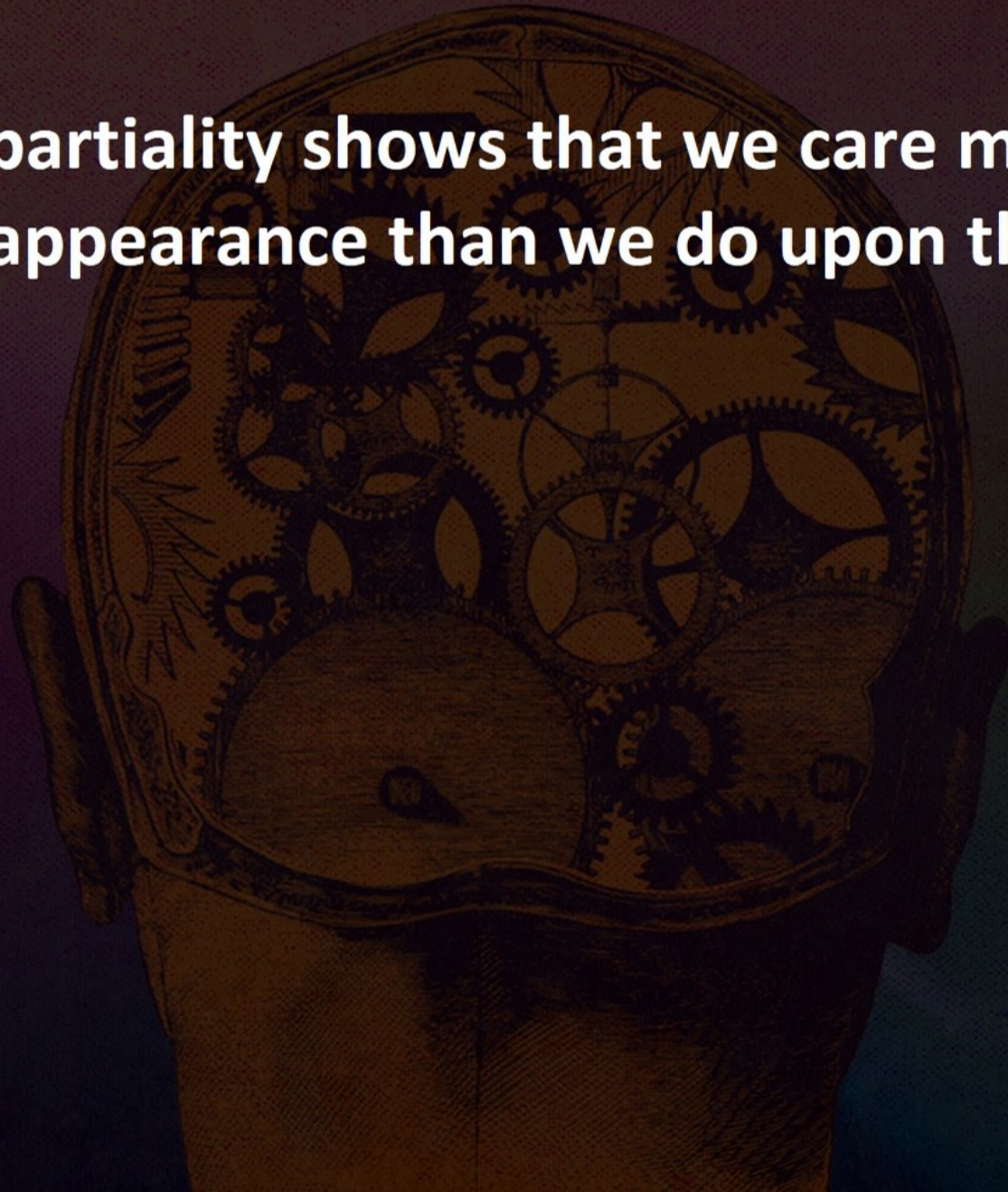
“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.” John 7:24

“You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man’s presence, for the judgment *is* God’s. The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.” Deuteronomy 1:17

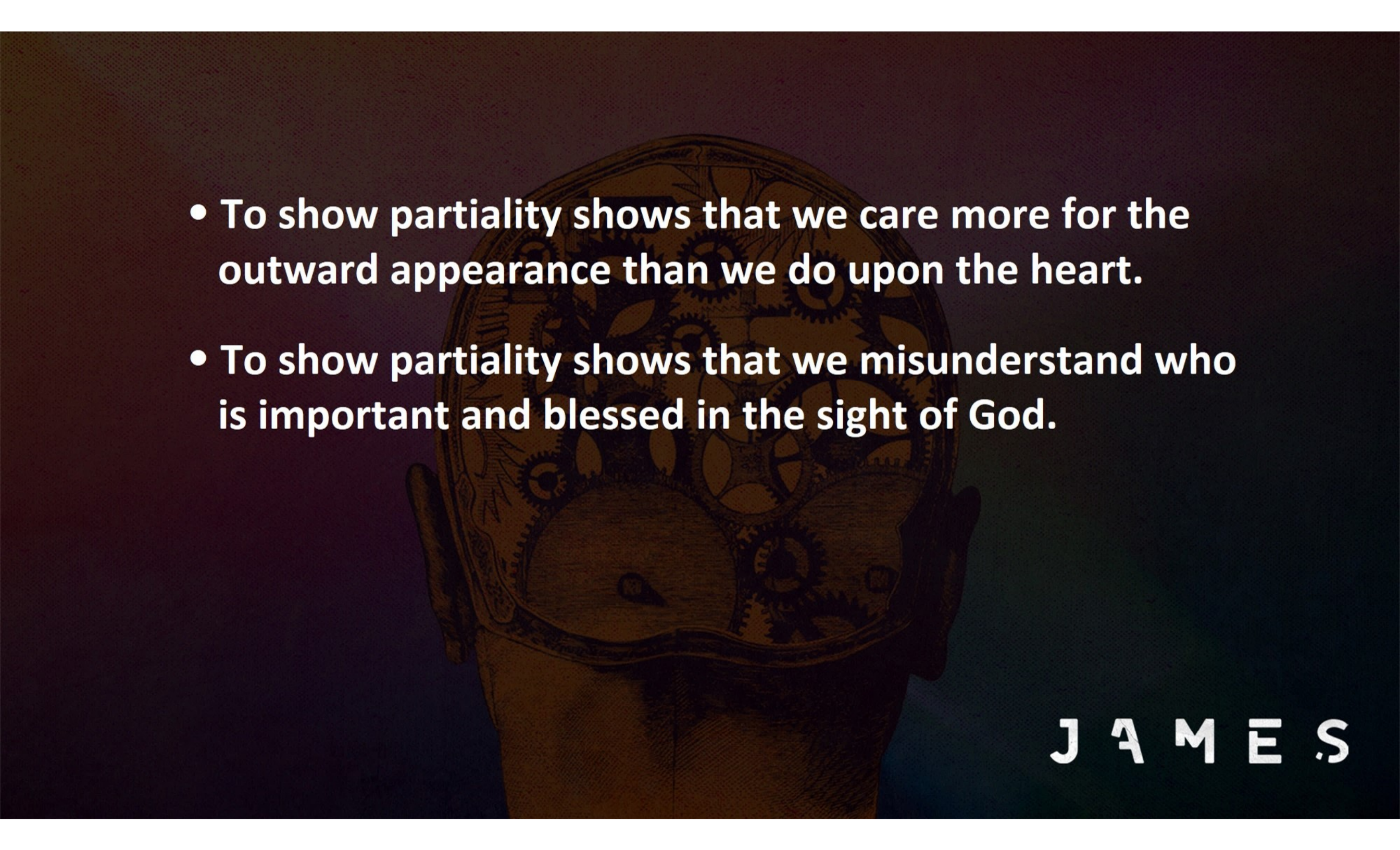
“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’ 1 Samuel 16:7

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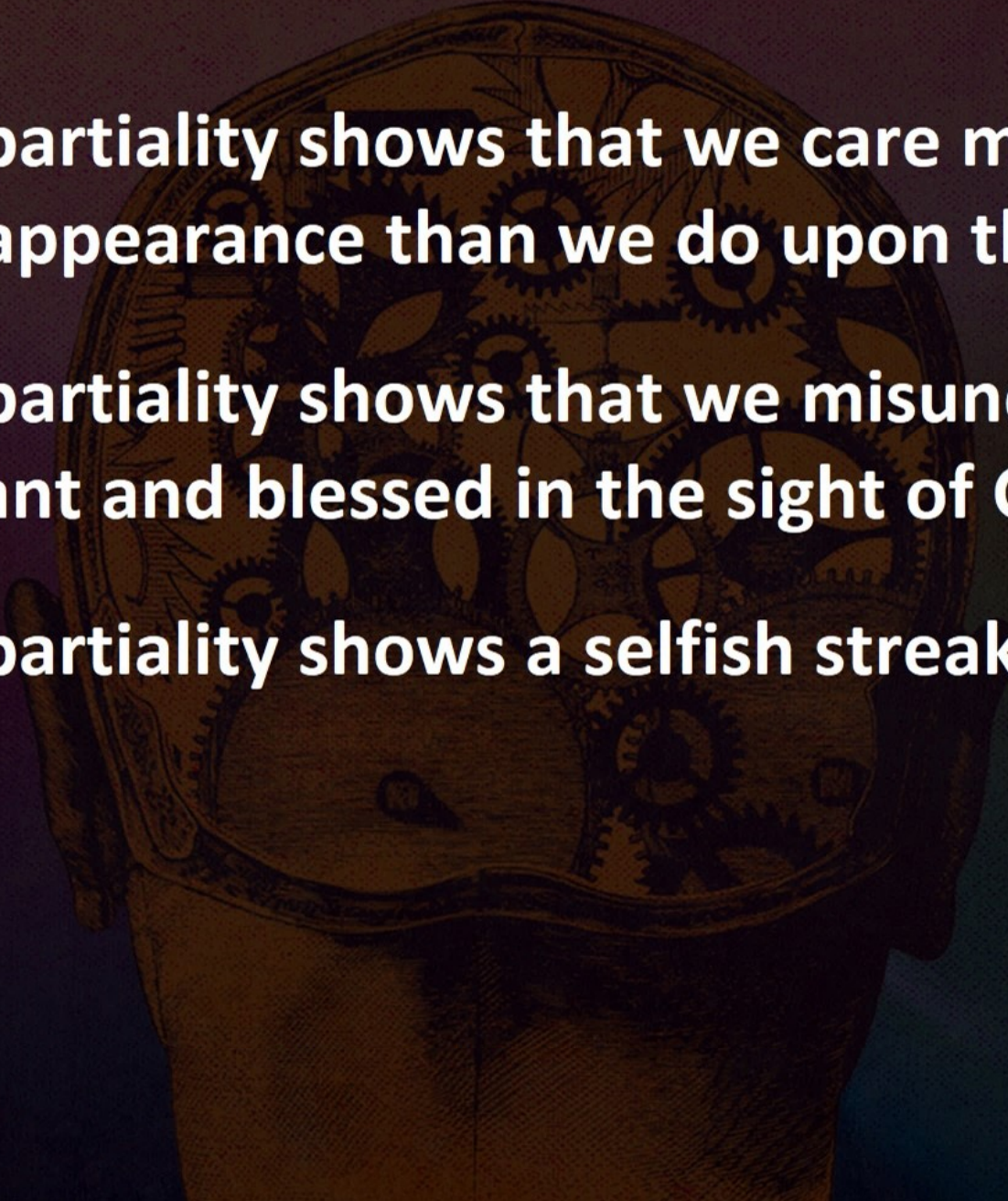
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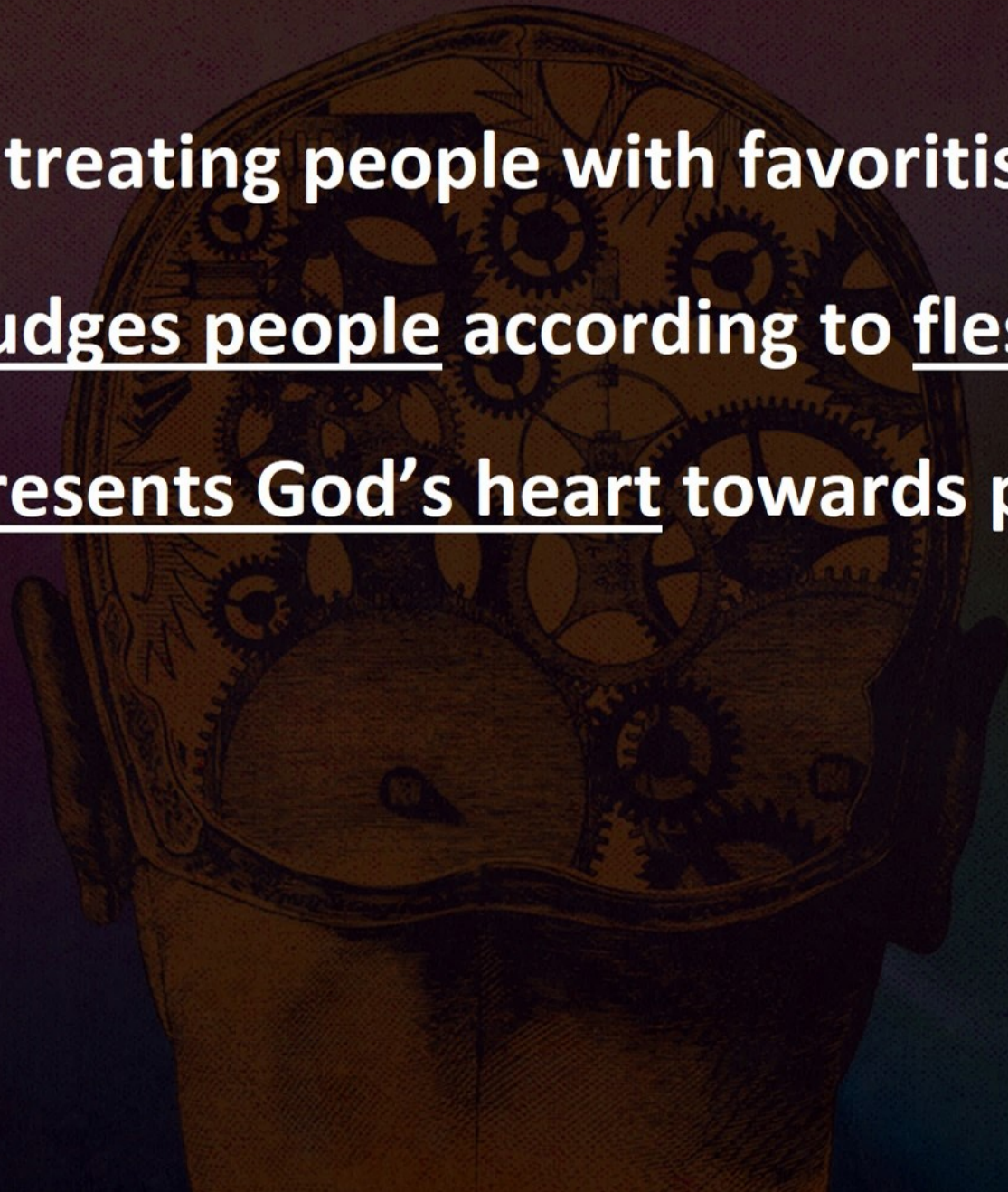
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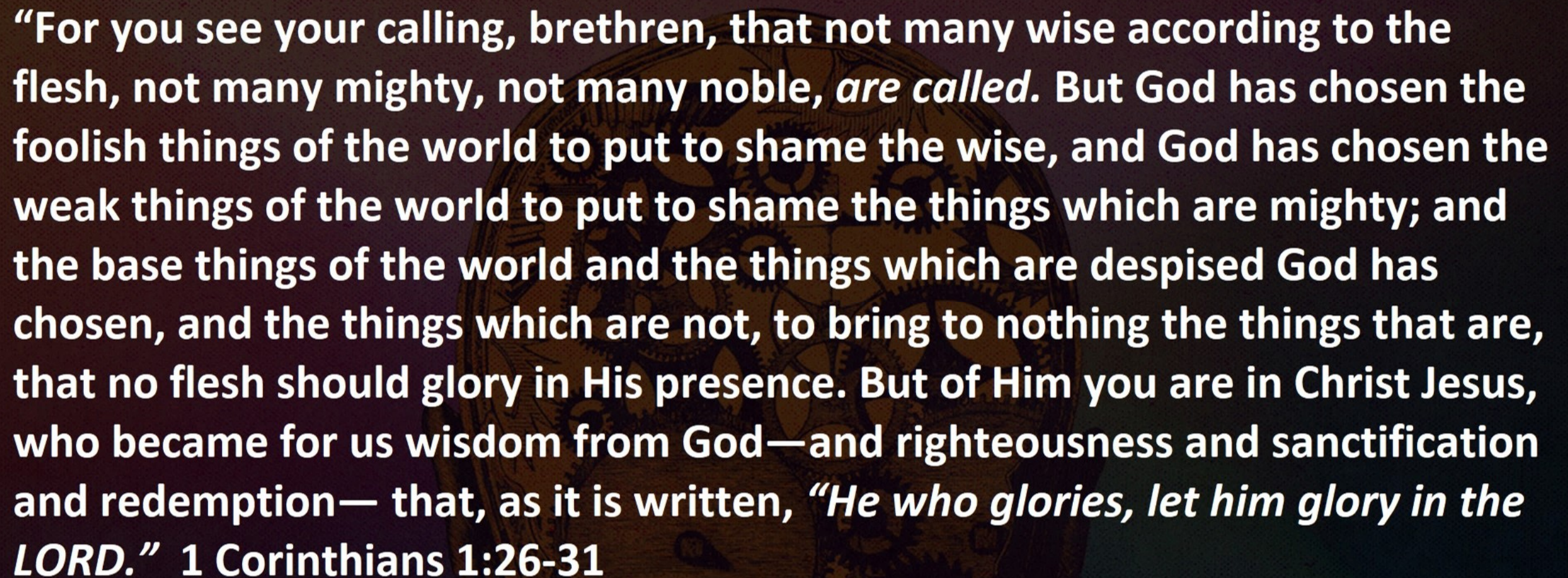
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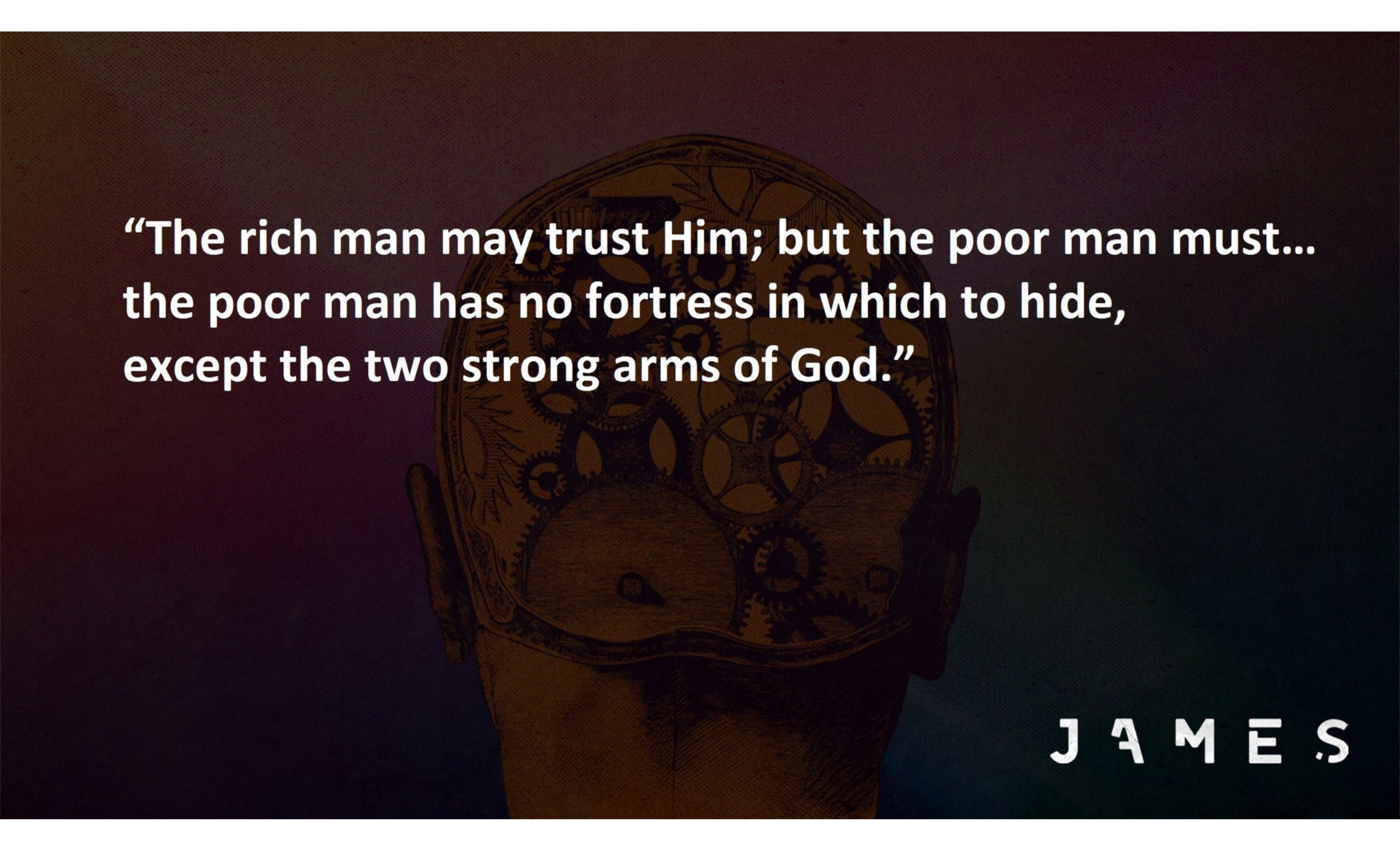
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“For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— that, as it is written, *“He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”* 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

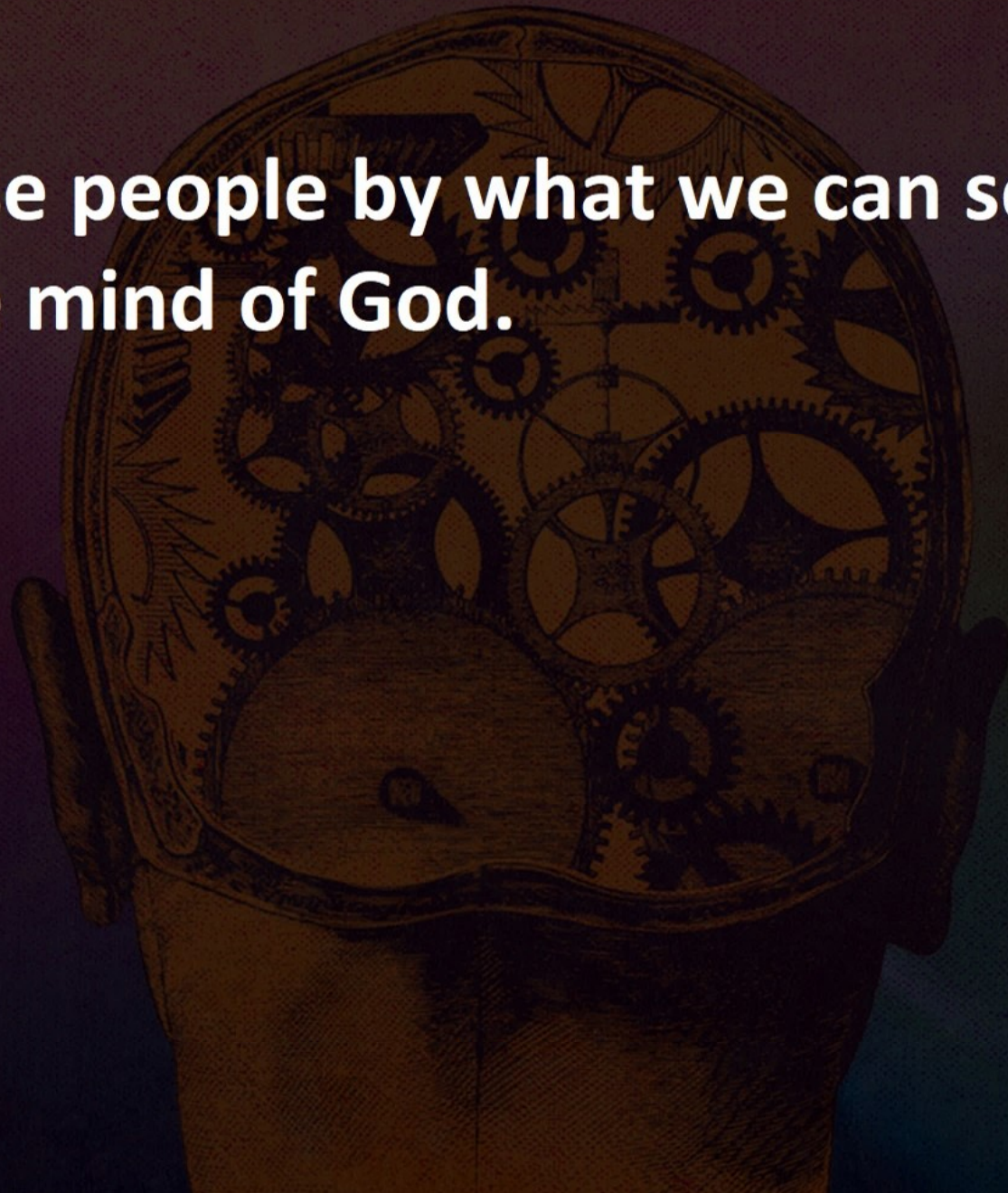
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**“The rich man may trust Him; but the poor man must...
the poor man has no fortress in which to hide,
except the two strong arms of God.”**

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When we choose people by what we can see on the surface,
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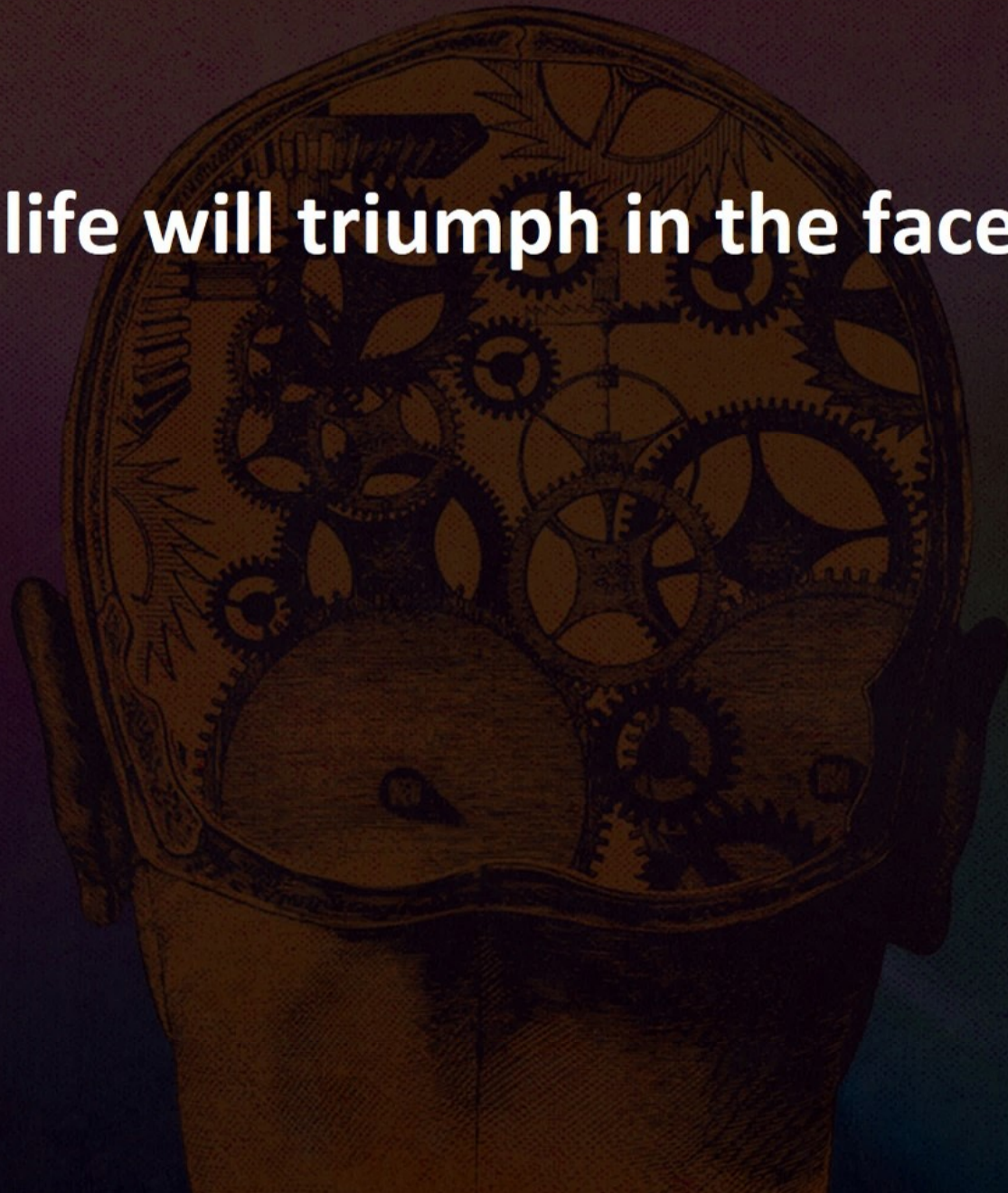
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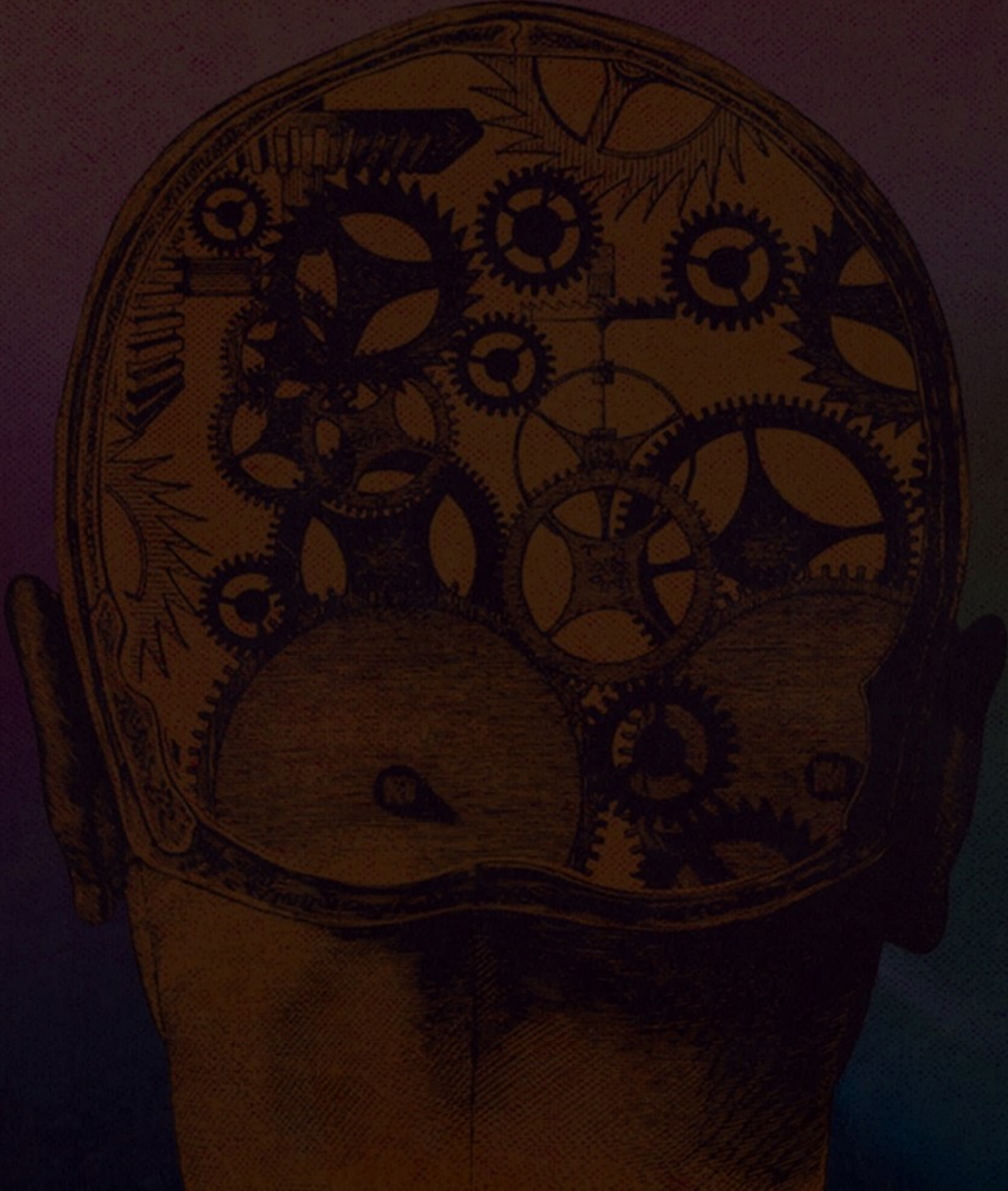
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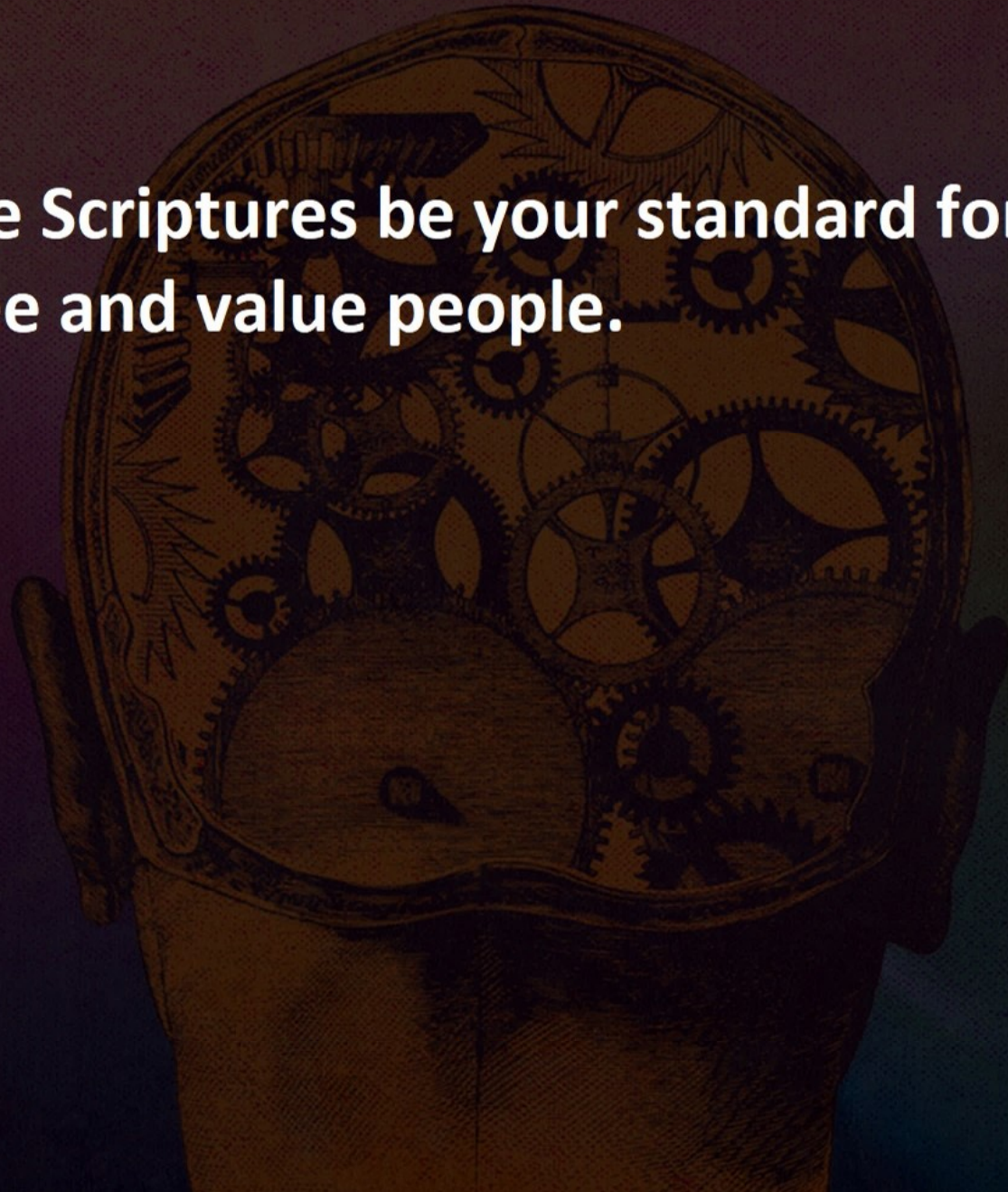
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