

HYPOCHONDRIACS AWAKE!

Hypochondriasis or hypochondria (sometimes referred to as health phobia or health anxiety) refers to excessive preoccupation or worry about having a serious illness. This debilitating condition is the result of an inaccurate perception of the body's condition despite the absence of an actual medical condition. Hypochondriacs become unduly alarmed about any physical symptoms they detect, no matter how minor the symptom may be. They are convinced that they have or are about to be diagnosed with a serious illness. Even sounds produced by organs in the body, such as those made by the intestines, seem like symptoms of a very serious illness to patients dealing with hypochondriasis. Many hypochondriacs focus on a particular symptom as the catalyst of their worrying, such as gastro-intestinal problems, palpitations, or muscle fatigue.

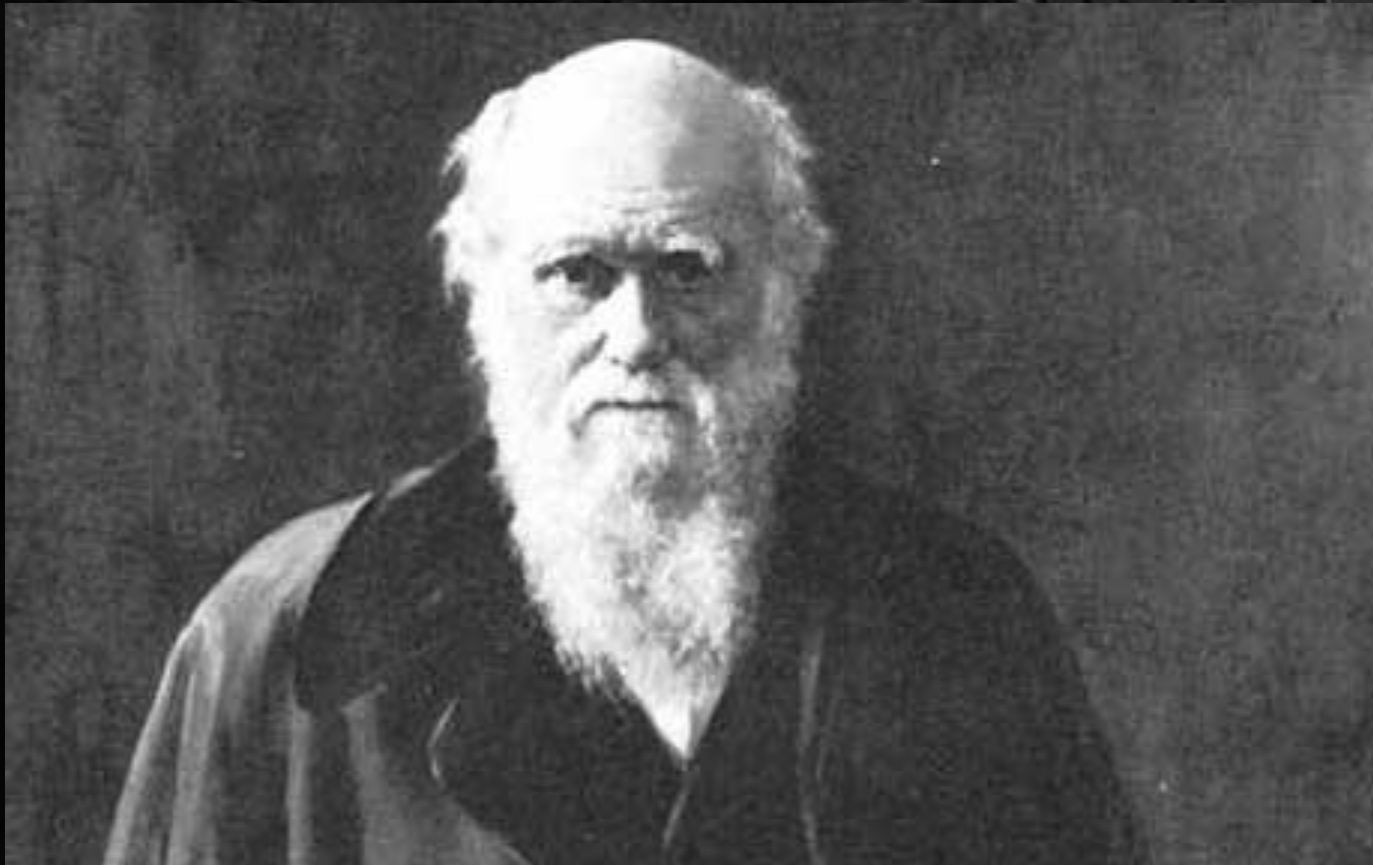
FAMOUS HYPOCHONDRIACS – ADOLF HITLER



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WHEN JESUS AND DEATH MEET

The Death of Death Idolatry

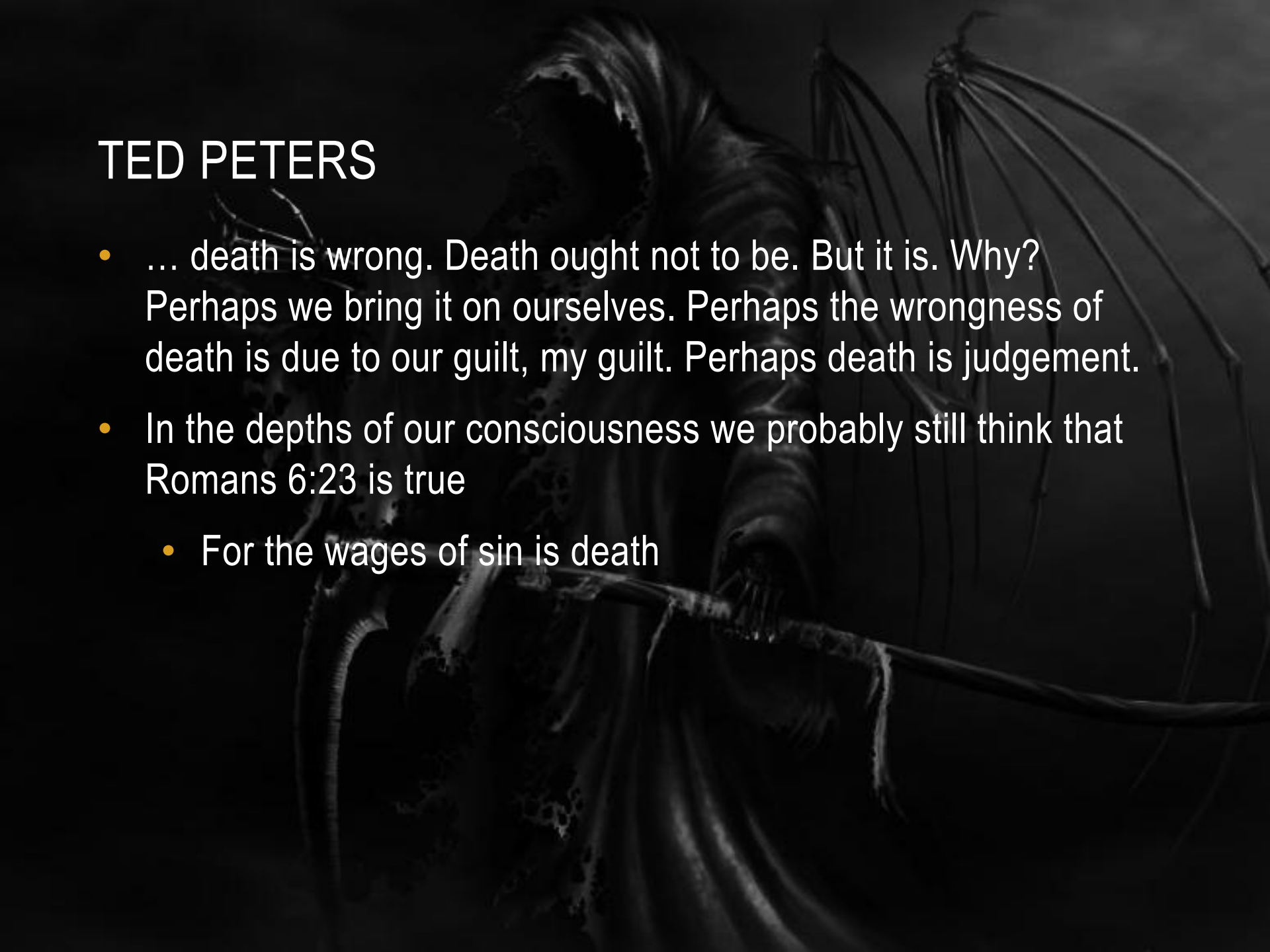
HEBREWS 2:14-15

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,
he himself likewise partook of the same things,
that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of
death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of
death were subject to lifelong slavery.

1. WE LOAD THE DEVIL'S GUN

- ... that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil ...
- Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8
 - Why does the Devil have the power of death?
 - The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 1 Co 15:56
 - By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:19

TED PETERS



- ... death is wrong. Death ought not to be. But it is. Why? Perhaps we bring it on ourselves. Perhaps the wrongness of death is due to our guilt, my guilt. Perhaps death is judgement.
- In the depths of our consciousness we probably still think that Romans 6:23 is true
 - For the wages of sin is death

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haunting awareness of possible death at any moment reminds us of our limits, of our finitude.

In the event that we try to transcend those limits by wishing for infinite existence, we respond to the threat of death with fear and frustration and perhaps even rage. If we find we cannot accept our own death with grace, we may embark on a path of self-delusion, painting a picture of ourselves as immortal. In this delusionary state, beset by rising frustration and rage, we may seek to create our own immortality by stealing life from others. Whether through such trivial habits as harboring resentments and gossiping about our boss or through such dramatic action as military aggression wherein we capture the wealth and prestige of defeated nations, we try to steal the lifeblood of others in a misguided attempt to escape the anxiety caused by the prospect of our own nonbeing. Whether by ourselves as individuals or together as a communal group, we kill — figuratively or literally — in the vain hope that someone else's death will sustain our life. Anxiety, in short, is the sting of death afflicting the living.

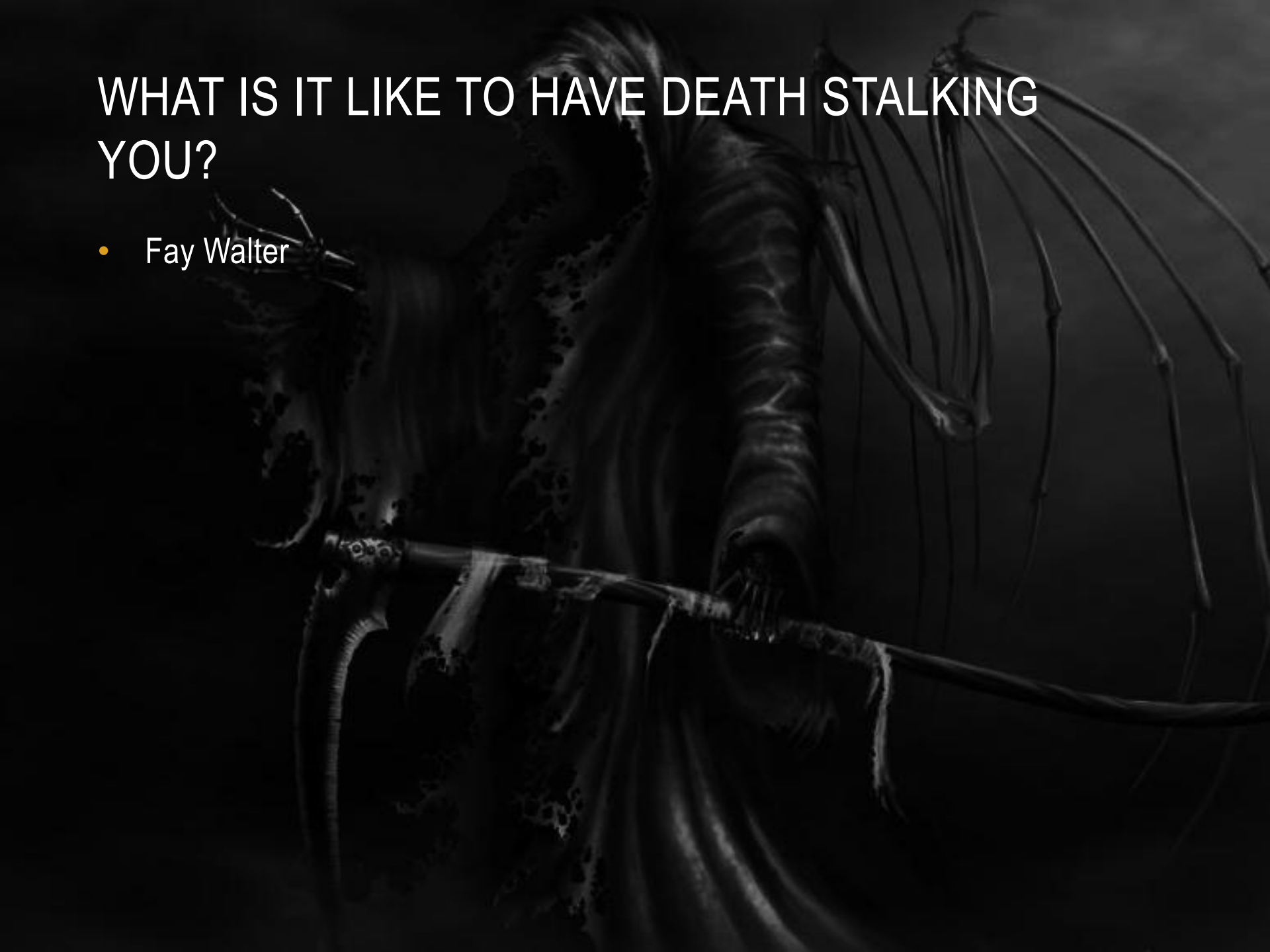
SLAVERY TO FEAR OF DEATH=DEATH IDOLATRY?

- Desire immortality
- Love life
- Trust in health and medics
- Fear sickness and death
- Obey diets, exercise regime
- Long for healthy life
- Value objects that seem to provide immortality (marketing)
- Pursue things that extend my life
- Hope in medicine
- Serve my fear of death
- Sacrifice to avoid death – food and drink



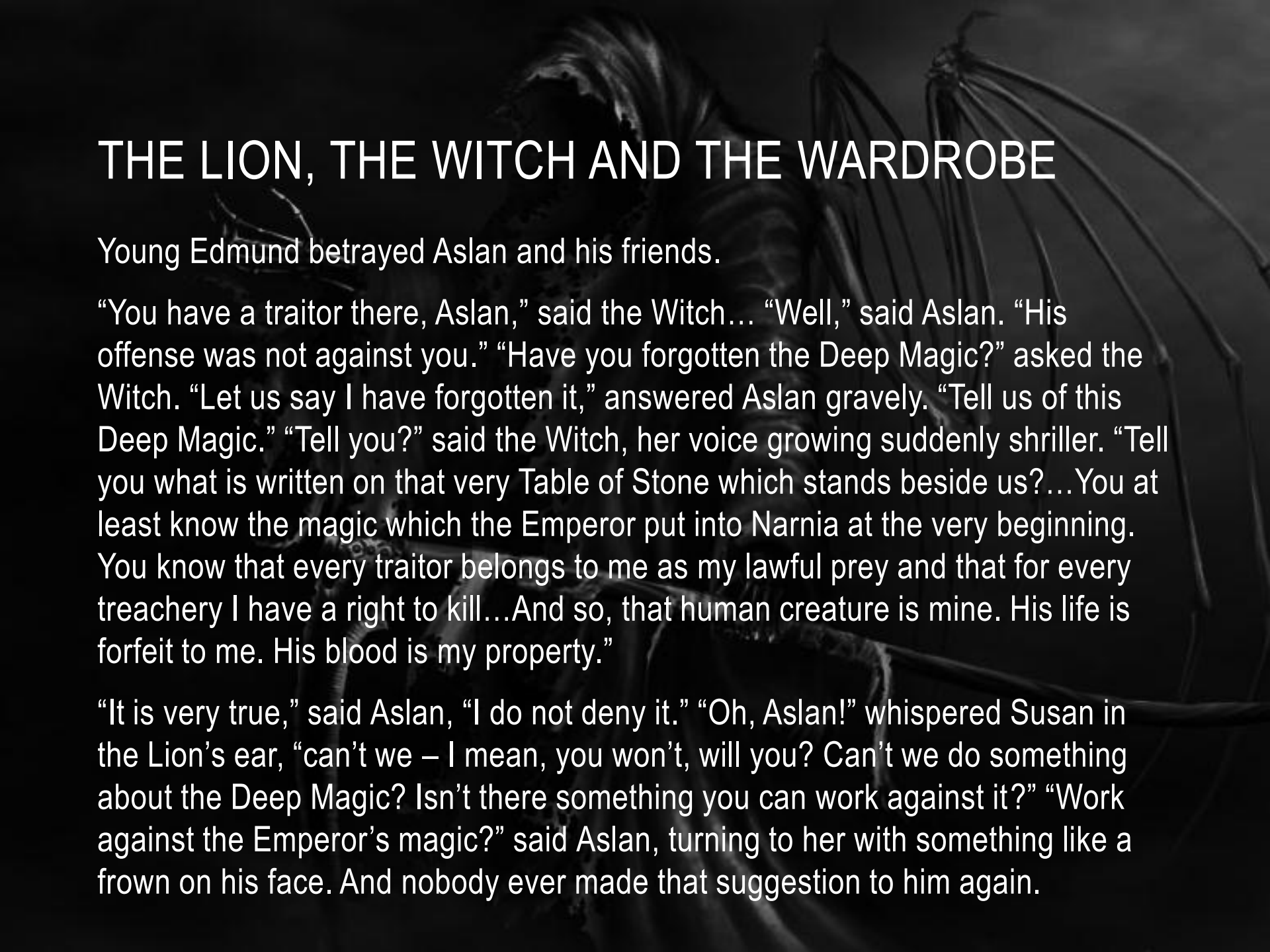
WHAT IS IT LIKE TO HAVE DEATH STALKING YOU?

- Fay Walter



2. IT WAS NECESSARY THAT JESUS BECOME ONE OF US SO HE COULD KILL DEATH

- Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things
 - Our brother killed death
 - His weapon was death
 - Penal substitutionary atonement
 - The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe and the deep magic

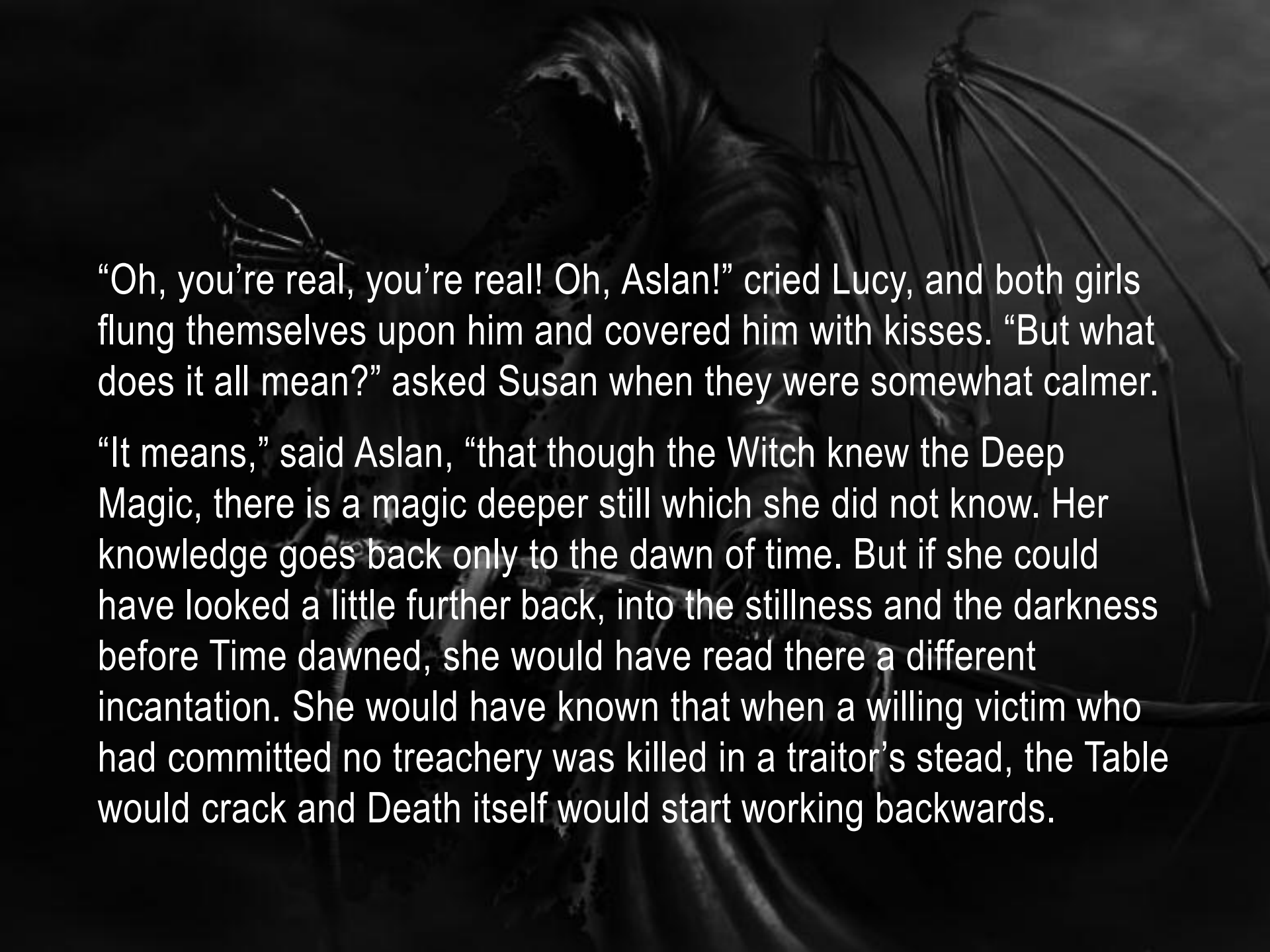


THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Young Edmund betrayed Aslan and his friends.

“You have a traitor there, Aslan,” said the Witch... “Well,” said Aslan. “His offense was not against you.” “Have you forgotten the Deep Magic?” asked the Witch. “Let us say I have forgotten it,” answered Aslan gravely. “Tell us of this Deep Magic.” “Tell you?” said the Witch, her voice growing suddenly shriller. “Tell you what is written on that very Table of Stone which stands beside us?... You at least know the magic which the Emperor put into Narnia at the very beginning. You know that every traitor belongs to me as my lawful prey and that for every treachery I have a right to kill... And so, that human creature is mine. His life is forfeit to me. His blood is my property.”

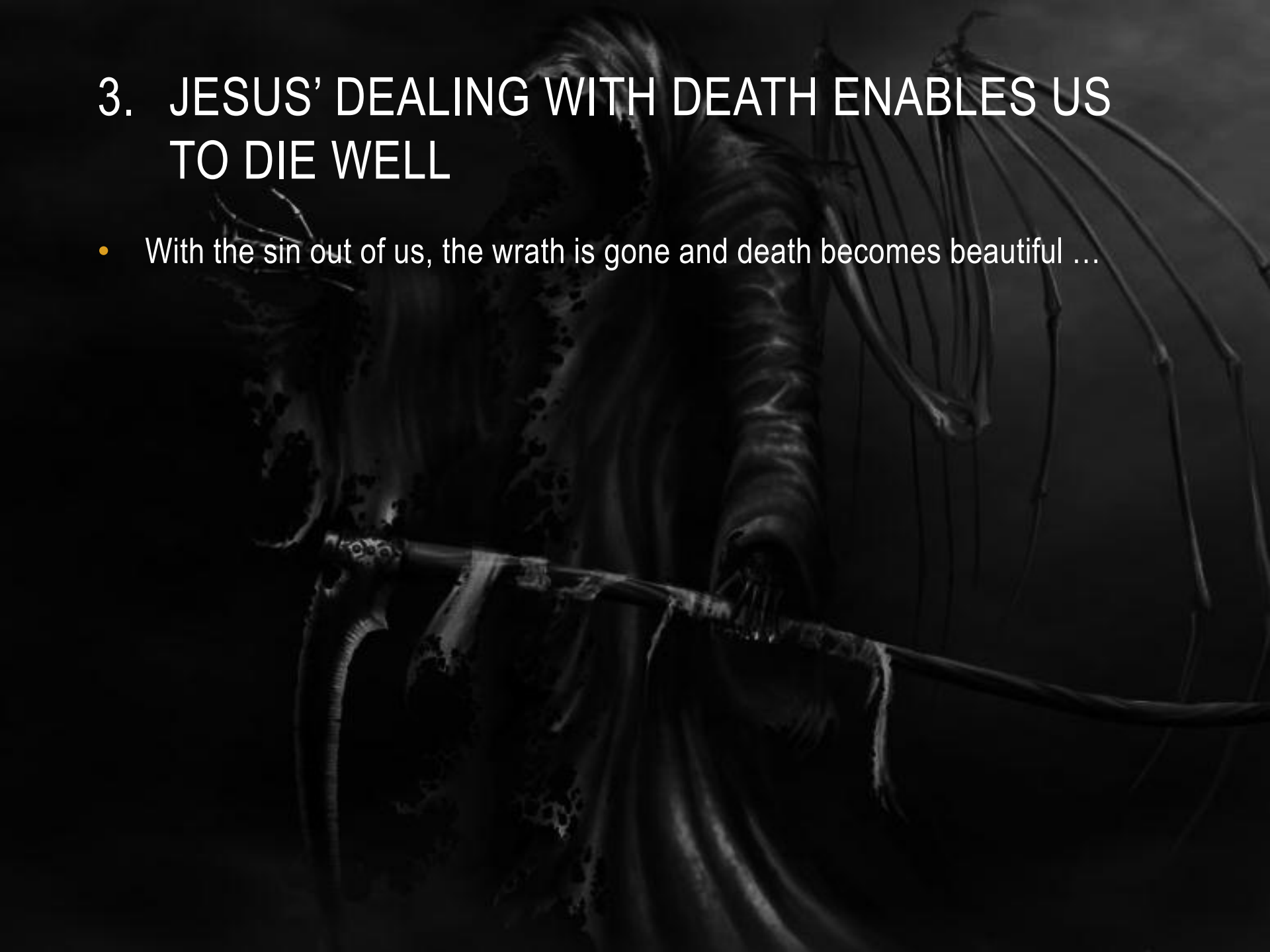
“It is very true,” said Aslan, “I do not deny it.” “Oh, Aslan!” whispered Susan in the Lion’s ear, “can’t we – I mean, you won’t, will you? Can’t we do something about the Deep Magic? Isn’t there something you can work against it?” “Work against the Emperor’s magic?” said Aslan, turning to her with something like a frown on his face. And nobody ever made that suggestion to him again.



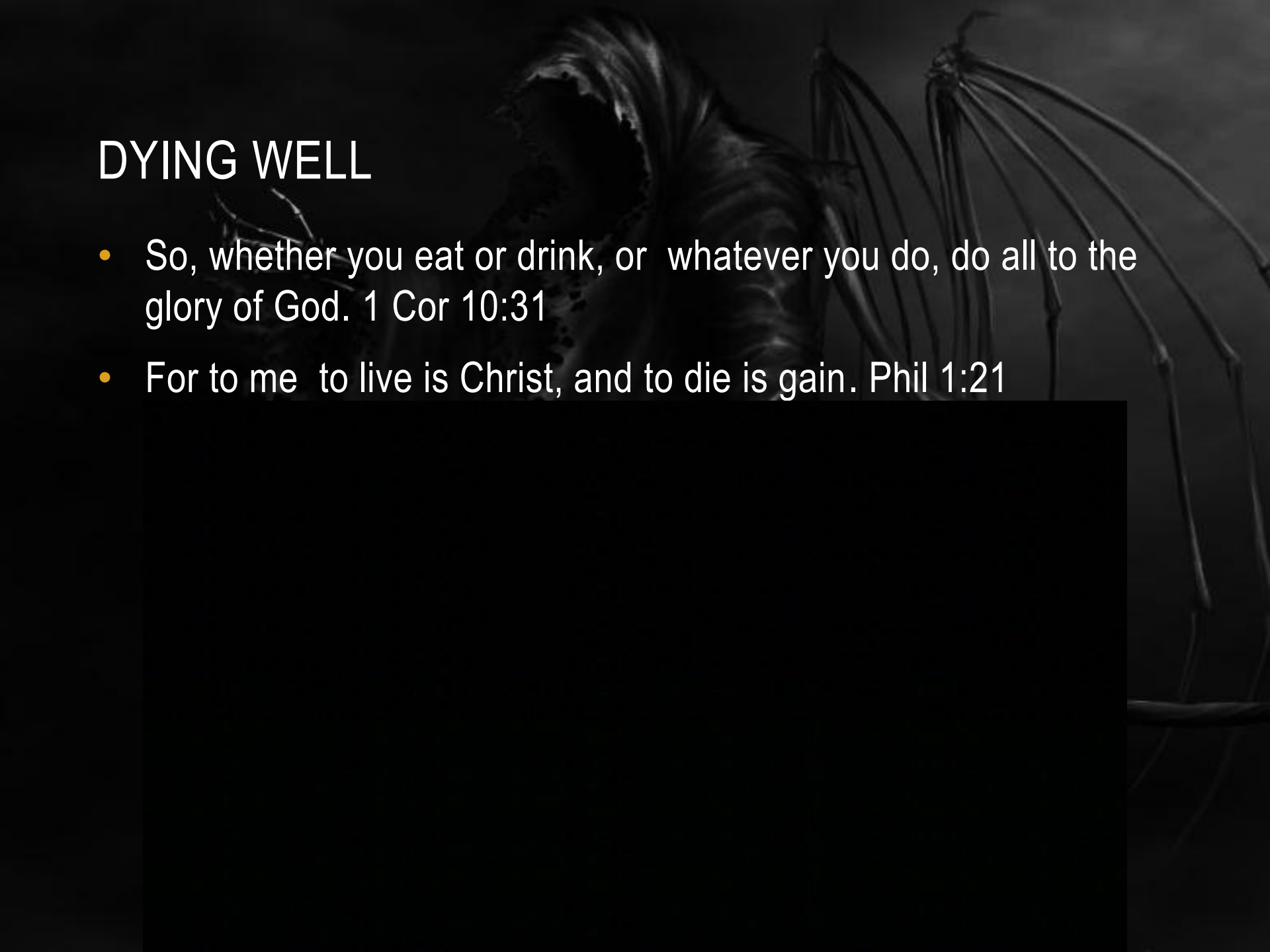
“Oh, you’re real, you’re real! Oh, Aslan!” cried Lucy, and both girls flung themselves upon him and covered him with kisses. “But what does it all mean?” asked Susan when they were somewhat calmer. “It means,” said Aslan, “that though the Witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still which she did not know. Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and the darkness before Time dawned, she would have read there a different incantation. She would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor’s stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backwards.

3. JESUS' DEALING WITH DEATH ENABLES US TO DIE WELL

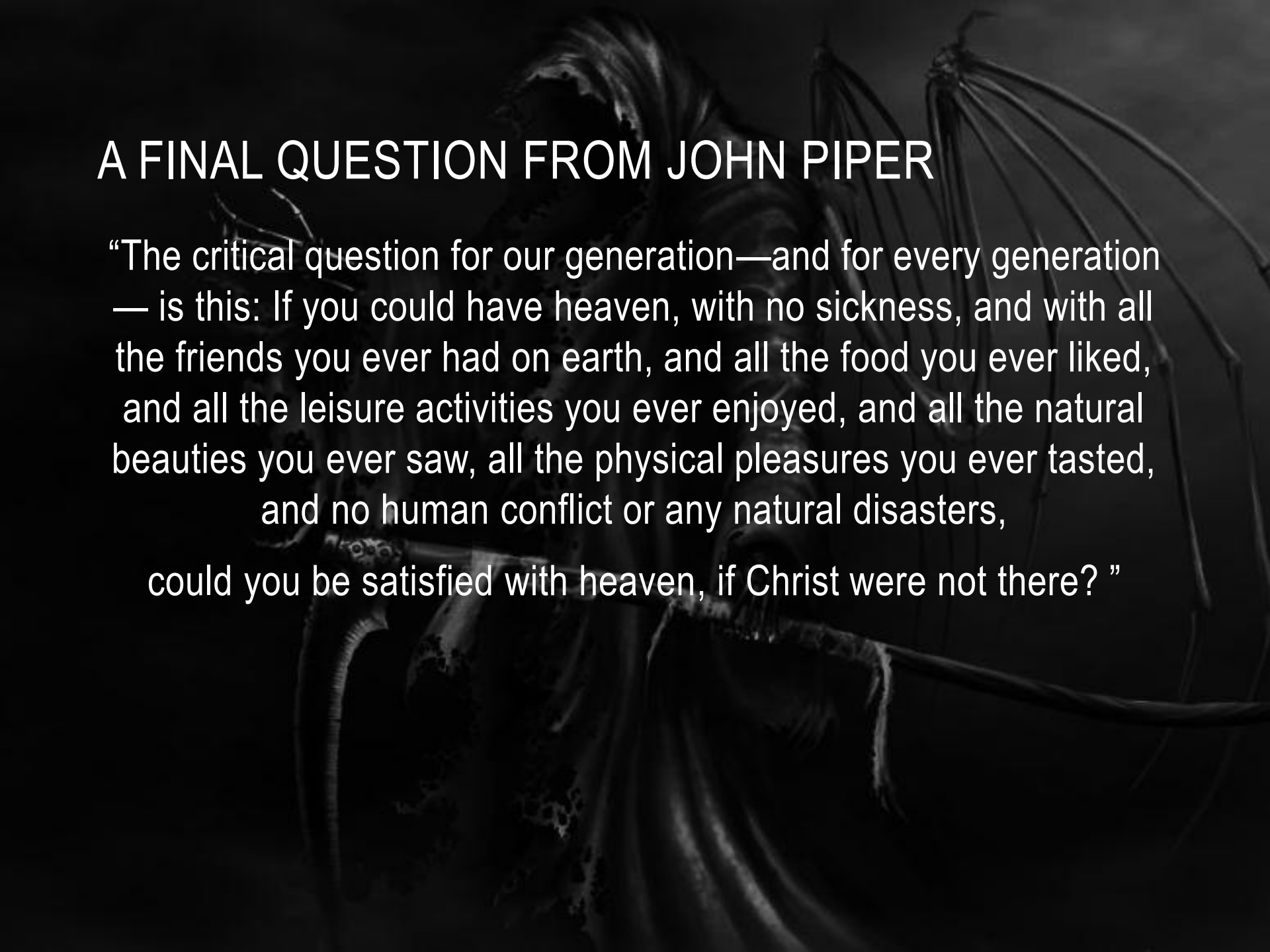
- With the sin out of us, the wrath is gone and death becomes beautiful ...



DYING WELL



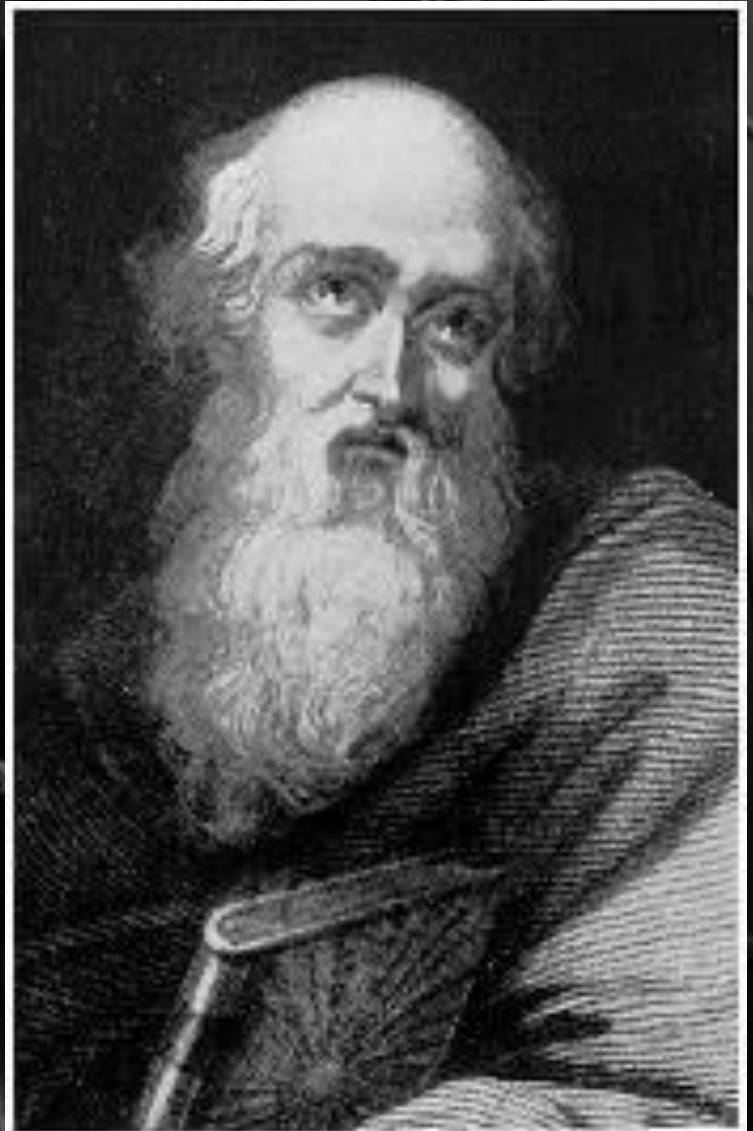
- So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor 10:31
- For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Phil 1:21



A FINAL QUESTION FROM JOHN PIPER

“The critical question for our generation—and for every generation — is this: If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ were not there? ”

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